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White Cane Week

The St. Johns Lions Club would like to remind everyone that this is White Cane Week throughout the state. Lions from St. Johns will be located at various businesses on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, asking for contributions. All funds raised from this project go to services for the blind, such as free vision screening, Leader Dog School, Welcome Home for the Blind, and the Michigan Eye Bank. Please buy a White Cane this week and help the local Lions Club support these needed services.

DeWitt bloodmobile

DeWitt City Firemen Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a semi-annual bloodmobile Monday, May 15, at the DeWitt Memorial Building in downtown DeWitt from noon until 6 p.m.

Superwalk '78

Clinton County young and old will be walking in the March of Dimes Superwalk '78 beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30, at Smith Hall in St. Johns. The 16-mile course through rural St. Johns has been mapped out and Community Radio Watch will be monitoring intersections for the safety of walkers.

Open houses

Two county officers who are retiring will be honored at open houses Wednesday and Friday, April 26 and 28. An open house for Harry Witt, former drivers' license examiner is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and an open house for Ernie Carter, county clerk, is slated from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday. Both will be held in the courthouse.

Spring ahead

Area residents are reminded to set their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on April 29. We will be going to Eastern Standard Savings Time causing the loss of an hour but giving an extra hour of daylight in the evening.

PROFILE

Her identity not a secret



AnaBel Peck takes time out to talk about her life as column writer, "Farmer Pete's Wife."

Reward set

The Greenville Construction Company is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons involved in the four incidents of window breaking of the new Administration Building located behind the hospital. Anyone having any information regarding this matter is asked to contact Lyle French, St. Johns city police chief.

DeWitt Twp residents opposing apartments

DeWitt Township

A proposed rezoning of an eight-acre parcel of property in DeWitt Township which will permit the construction of multiple high apartments has local property owners up in arms.

The land, located almost directly northeast of the US-27 and 127 interchange, is bounded on the west side by a single-family residential subdivision. Directly north are other properties which have recently been the focus of

attention because of planned commercial developments which include a shopping center, bank, automobile dealership and multi-family living units.

Neighborhood sentiment has crystallized quickly in opposition to the rezoning, which changes the district from its present Residential Medium zoning to Multiple High status.

The DeWitt Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for 8

p.m., May 1, in the township hall but an "ad hoc" neighborhood association has already held one general meeting of its own.

Representatives of the citizen's group cite a number of reasons for their opposition but particularly have zeroed in on traffic and safety problems which will result from the increased density and on the lack of appropriate density gradations between existing neighborhood homes and the proposed apartment development.

"The maximum density under the multiple high zoning would allow construction on 12 living units per acre," said Gary Hornbacher, 13445 Tucker, a member of the "ad hoc" neighborhood association, "and there is nothing in the ordinance which gives us adequate safeguard against a developer who wants to construct 3-story apartment buildings on the rear property line which backs up to our neighborhood homes."

Under the proposed rezoning, the eight-acre parcel could have approximately 80 living units constructed on it. With limited access to US-27 because of its proximity to the 127 interchange and increased traffic loads on Herbison Road because of developments both north and west of the subdivision, residents are acutely concerned with problems they feel the added apartment traffic will generate.

"We recognize the fact that the land fronting US-27 is not attractive for the development of single family homes," said Terry Gill, 13445 Tucker Drive, "but we do not think that sound land use planning should permit construction of high rise apartments immediately adjacent to single-family homes. There must be a zoning alternative which will preserve our neighborhood environment and still permit development on the vacant land."

"We're quickly discovering that this isn't just a one-neighborhood issue," said Hornbacher. "DeWitt Township is an increasingly attractive place to build. The proximity of the proposed Dayton-Hudson shopping mall, the extension of the Logan Street corridor, and future highway developments with respect to I-69 and US-27 will have increasing effect on our area."

Echoing the township residents' concern, representatives of Lansing's Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA) attended the recent neighborhood meeting, stressing their concern for mutually compatible land development in the area.

DeWitt Township's zoning ordinance was updated in 1977 and members of the

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Tikes to ride trikes through mini-city

By Patrice Hornak Editor

Pewamo-Westphalia

Pewamo-Westphalia High School's parking lot will be transformed into a mini-city Saturday, April 29, when youngsters from the area learn bicycle and highway safety with the help of the SMASH Club and the Michigan State Police.

Students of Michigan Attaining Safer Highways, SMASH, is inviting children from Pewamo and Westphalia, kindergarten through third graders, to attend the two-hour safety program from 2 to 4 p.m.

Children will be asked to ride trikes furnished by the Michigan State Police through a mini-village. While

riding in the tot town, the children will be taught rules on bicycle and highway safety, according to Norma Fedewa, SMASH chairman of the safety program.

In addition to the tot town, children will also be invited to view two safety films, a skit regarding seat belts and a puppet show on safety.

Refreshments will be furnished, but there will be a 25 cent entrance fee.

SMASH, a first-year organization at Pewamo-Westphalia High School, is under the direction of Sheri Dible. The Student Council is also assisting the six members of SMASH in the tot town safety project.

In case of rain, the tot town will be located in the high school gymnasium.

United Way 'winners' in Clinton honored

Clinton County

Last Thursday was a day for the winners in Clinton County.

Some 14 companies and organizations from Clinton County plus an outstanding campaigner in the Clinton County division were among nearly 400 companies and organizations saluted April 20 at the Capital Area United Way's first annual meeting and awards luncheon.

"It's often that one iota more that makes the difference between being good and being great," said guest speaker Bob Devaney, athletic director at the University of Nebraska.

Those companies and organizations from Clinton County who were honored last Thursday were:

The employees of Keelean Buick-Pontiac-GMC, Inc. who received the gold award for leadership and the employees of Clinton National Bank & Trust who were presented the silver award for achievement.

Also honored were the employees of Burton Mixer & Mfg. Co., the employees of Capitol Savings & Loan, and the employees of Clinton County Intermediate School District. They each received the bronze award for merit.

The employees of St. Johns Public Schools, the employees of Federal Mogul Corp., the employees of F.C. Mason Co., the employees for Saylor-Beall Mfg. Co., the employees of Sealed Power Corp., the employees of Federal Land Bank Association, the employees of Allaby & Brewbaker, the employees of J.C. Penney Co., and the employees of Egan Ford Sales all received recognition certificates.

Anthony Kuntz was honored as the outstanding volunteer in the Clinton County Division. Kuntz was selected for his contribution to the education section and for assisting with the special gifts section as well as helping with key accounts in the government, commerce and area sections. He was praised as the "perfect utility player" in the Clinton County Division.

Awards for companies, organizations and individuals were for their performance during last fall's campaign. The Clinton County division of the Capital Area United Way raised \$46,540 last fall

for a 22 per cent increase over the previous year.

Overall, the Capital Area United Way raised nearly \$2.94 million last year which was a 17 per cent increase over monies collected the previous year. Local United Way leaders predicted last Thursday the Capital Area United Way would break the \$3 million barrier this year. Campaign dates are Oct. 3 to Nov. 9.



Job well done

1978 United Way Campaign Chairman Walter Campbell (right) congratulates Anthony Kuntz of St. Johns who was honored as the outstanding vol-

unteer in the Clinton County division at the awards luncheon last Thursday. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



Part of clan

Rosalie Nitzsche and son Michael pose with two of their friends Pixie and ElGato Negro in their DeWitt Township home. The Nitzsches are real animal

lovers and contend with the abandonment and abuse of them on a day to day basis. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Animal lover fights pet abandonment

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

DeWitt Twp.

Three little kittens sit patiently by the roadside waiting for the sound of a familiar voice to say it's time to go home. It's going to be a long, long wait for these tiny bundles and about 1,200 other abandoned animals yearly in Clinton County, however.

A bowl of milk, food and a warm shelter just aren't in store for these animals because nobody wants them. They are left out in the country in paper bags, tied to trees, or just dropped off to fend for themselves.

The bulk of the problem is with city people who either get tired of the animals, the pets have become too much of a problem, or have become too many (such as a litter of kittens), according to Rosaline Nitzsche of DeWitt Township, an animal lover who has seen too much of this abandonment in the last seven and a half years.

"I really have to question why people do this sort of thing," Mrs. Nitzsche said. "Otherwise people are kind, considerate and I'm sure very caring. I guess their attitude is the animal has a chance this way and someone will take care of it." She added, "I guess they also feel if they took the animal to the shelter or called animal control it would be doomed. But this isn't so."

Mrs. Nitzsche noted the problem with abandoned animals has been going since they moved to the DeWitt Township home, but she is also quite certain it was going on long before then, too.

The Nitzsche family first encountered the abandonment problem during the first few weeks they had lived in their new home. They were driving down the road and three little kittens were staring at their car from the roadside.

"We got the idea to stick the kittens in our stable," she said. "One of them we still have."

The second incident was during the first week of January when it was about minus 5 degrees outside. Rosaline found a dachshund staying by the roadside, but it would not come to any of them including a neighbor.

"She wouldn't let anyone touch her. She just huddled near the paper bag she was dropped off in," Mrs. Nitzsche commented. "Finally we called to the

dog and she jumped in the car."

In the beginning, the Nitzsches were able to place some of these animals with friends. Now almost eight years later, Rosaline commented, "After a while you just run out of friends to give them too."

Most of the animals which are left to fend for themselves are females and of mixed breed. Mrs. Nitzsche also feels a lot of the animals are coming from the same places because of the types of animals and their coloring.

For the most part the family keeps the kittens which seem to find their way to the home, but they are kept in the barn and the only luxury they know are food and shelter from the elements.

"I guess for them it is survival of the fittest," Rosaline said. "You can only afford so much and spread yourself so thin."

The Nitzsches also rehabilitate some of the cats so they will be able to take care of themselves. For the dogs which are left near their doorstep, a call goes out to the shelter or the Clinton County animal control officers.

"The people who do this type of thing seldom see the fright, bewilderment, injury and starvation these animals go through," she said. "If they saw what we did, I don't think they would do it."

The young woman explained one of two situations occur when an animal is abandoned. One is the animal is so delighted to see human beings after realizing they are not going home they come running to the sound of a human voice.

The second is far less pleasant. The animal becomes feral until disease finally takes over and goes rampant.

One of the dogs Rosaline kept was seen outside the home from the window. For the longest time the dog was hungry and tired but would not let anyone approach him. They tried to find a home for him but nobody wanted it. When the dog finally accepted her, Mrs. Nitzsche had a devoted friend. The dog would follow her wherever she went and would wait until she returned.

"He was a mixed breed and as you can see not very pretty," Rosaline said pointing to the animal. "But, we kept him anyway."

Her young son, Michael, has also developed a soft spot for the animals. Mrs. Nitzsche related a story where

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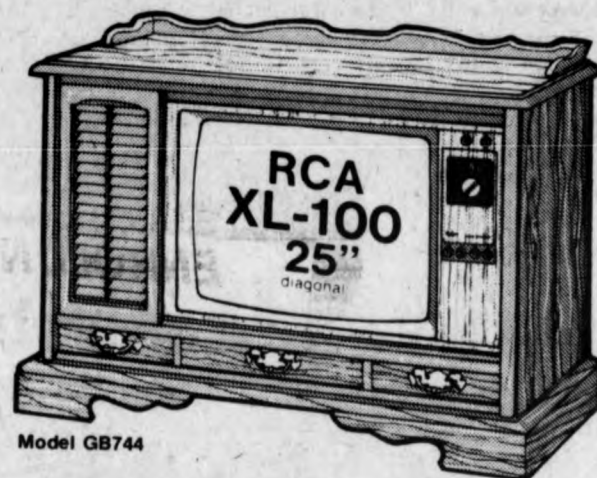


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Cropsey runs for Stanley Powell's seat

Alan Cropsey of DeWitt has announced his candidacy for state representative for the 88th district, a seat held presently by Rep. Stanley Powell. He will enter the Republican primary that will be held Aug. 8.

"Retiring state representative Stanley Powell has taken an admirable stand on many issues including his stand against pornography, the preservation of local government, the protection of the unborn, a better business climate, and the right of senior citizens to live in dignity," states Cropsey. "I would like the opportunity to carry on the good work that Rep. Powell has done in representing the people of the 88th district."

Cropsey takes a hard line on rising taxes.

"Taxes now take 42 percent of the national income and the percentage continues to grow year after year. I support the tax limitation petition drive now underway so that the industrial climate in Michigan will be improved and so the workingman and the small

businessman will have more job opportunities in the future."

Al Cropsey graduated from Dewitt High School where he served as President of the Student Body. In 1975, he graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. with a major in math education and a minor in science. He participated in sports and debate and was listed in the 1975 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges.

Since his graduation from college, Cropsey has been teaching at South Riley Bible School and attending classes at Cooley Law School. He has recently graduated from law school where he took several courses pertaining to state law, federal law, administrative law and legislation. His professional legal training will be invaluable help in the Michigan legislature.

The 88th district includes all of Clinton County, minus Eagle, Watertown, Victor, and part of Bath Townships.



Alan Cropsey

Kelsey to oppose Allen for 30th

Arthur T. Kelsey, 34-year old Sheriff of Eaton County, has announced that he is a candidate for the State Senate from the 30th District.

Kelsey, a resident of Eaton Rapids, is running on a Republican ticket and will oppose Senator Richard Allen in the primary.

"I am concerned about the plight of the mid-Michigan farmer and the small businessman in our area. I want to represent the people of the 30th District. While statewide problems must be addressed, I think its more important to work on our local issues at the present time," Kelsey said.

Calling crime one of the largest problems facing government today, Kelsey cited his law enforcement background saying, that if elected he would see that monies were directed to rural police and sheriff's departments and not just to the big cities like Detroit.

"The Legislature has forgotten that the rural areas also have a crime problem...not as big as the inner-city problem but nonetheless, a problem that must be brought under control before it gets any bigger," he said.

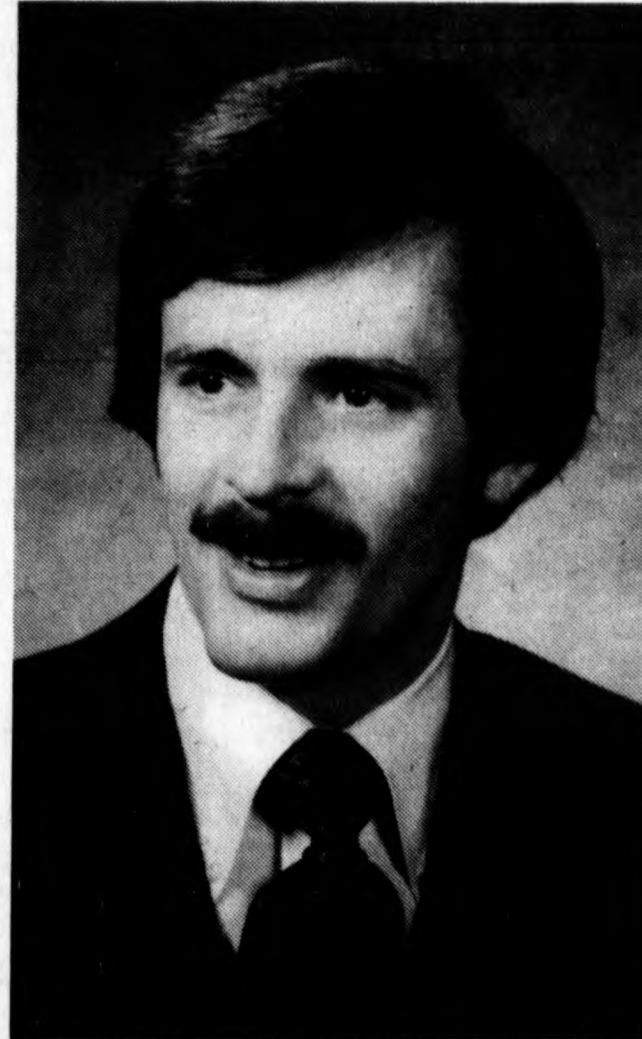
Kelsey is a Navy veteran and prior to being elected Eaton County Sheriff, he served eight years as a State policeman. He is married

and lives in Eaton Rapids.

In addition to his duties as the Eaton County Sheriff, Kelsey also serves as the

Vice Chairman of the Region 6 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, a member of the Legislative and Juvenile Justice Committee of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, and a trustee of the Central Michigan Law Enforcement Association.

He served as division chairman of the 1977 United Way campaign, is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rotary Club, Jaycees, Michigan Commanders Club, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and the Eaton County 4-H Agricultural Society.



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Hal Sawyer running for second term

Fifth District Congressman Hal Sawyer has announced that he will seek a second term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sawyer represents Dallas and Lebanon Townships in Clinton County.

At a recent press conference, the Rockford Republican said Americans today are worried about the state of the economy and related

"pocketbook expenses." Sawyer said if re-elected, he will continue to push for the constitutional amendment he's introduced to require a balanced federal budget in war or times of national emergency.

Sawyer, a trial lawyer and

Kent County Prosecutor before being elected to Congress two years ago, is a member of the House Judiciary and Veterans Affairs Committees. In addition, he serves on the Select Committees on Ethics and Assassinations.

Coming event

April 28—The Greater Lansing Smoking Withdrawal Clinic will hold a public meeting at 8 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital. Those who decide to join the Withdrawal Clinic the following Monday, May 1, will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four weeks. The clinic costs \$20 and includes a lifetime membership and continuing contact with the clinic. The information meeting April 28 is free and there is no obligation.

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Criminal-sexual charges sought

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt Twp.

One man is out on bond and the other is still in jail. The crimes were criminal sexual conduct (formerly called rape).

James E. Spalding, 38, of 14198 Turner St., Lansing, is out on \$10,000 bond set by Clinton County District Court Judge Fred Lewis for the alleged crime of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree.

Kenneth Grover Hunsicker, 37, of 522 W. Sheridan Rd., Lansing, is in the Clinton County Jail with bond set

by Judge Lewis at \$2,000 for the alleged crime of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree with a 10-year-old girl.

According to Michael Ferrence, DeWitt Township police chief, a Saranac woman went to the Spalding residence for a couple of drinks when Spalding allegedly restrained her and committed the crime of rape. This went on several times according to police reports between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. April 22.

Spalding passed out and the woman fled the home going to a neighbor's residence. DeWitt Township police and Clinton County Sheriff's department responded to the call. A

search warrant was issued and a weapon was discovered in the Spalding home.

Spalding is being charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct—first degree and one count of using a handgun while committing a felony.

A 10-year-old Lansing girl was allegedly sexually abused by Hunsicker on April 23 in DeWitt Township.

Chief Ferrence reported Hunsicker had asked the young girl to help him with a barbecue he was planning for the girl's family.

The little girl went with Hunsicker to his home where he allegedly proceeded to

make sexual advances towards her (known as criminal sexual conduct—second degree).

When the girls' parents arrived at the Hunsicker home, she told them what had happened. The police were then called to the scene.

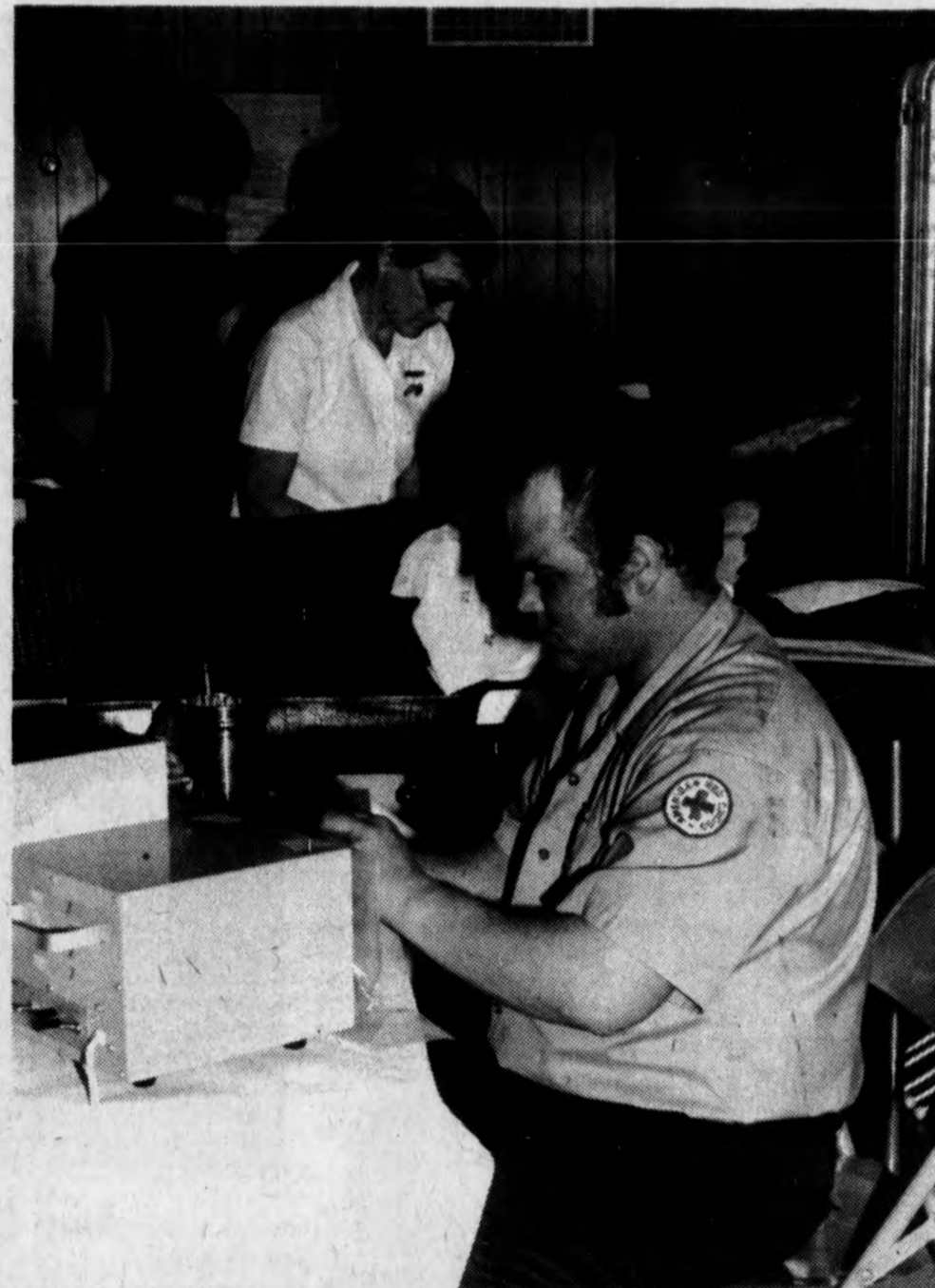
Also during the last week, Thomas Dyer, manager of the Stardust Bar on South US-27 was the victim of a stabbing when he attempted to stop a fight in the bar on April 21.

Dyer was taken to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing where he was treated and released with 24 stitches to the abdo-

men. Police are still looking for the assailant who fled the bar with friends after the stabbing occurred.

Chief Ferrence also reports that James A. Olson, 19, of Capital Trailer Park, was arrested for harboring a 15-year-old runaway from Sterling Heights. The girl has been turned over to her parents.

Patricia A. Smieska, of King Arthur's Trailer Court was taken to a Lansing Hospital after she was allegedly beaten in front of a trailer by Fredrick Hicks of Lancer Lane. This incident happened on April 22 at 2:15 a.m.



Giving for someone else

Sixty-six pints of blood were donated during the blood drive sponsored by the Westphalia Knights of Columbus last Wednesday, April 19, at the Westphalia Township Hall. Giving blood are (front to back) Adelene Martin, Connie Platte, Juliette Platte and Roman Arens. Arno Pickens, (foreground) dispatcher for the Lansing Red Cross, monitors the blood drive. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Sheriff's deputies handle complaints

Clinton County Only one injury accident was reported last week by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

Suzen K. Hogle, DeWitt, told deputies she fell asleep while traveling on S. Wacousta Road and near W. Grand River on April 20 at 3:30 a.m.

Hogle was injured and taken to St. Lawrence Hospital for treatment. The car was removed by wrecker.

Four other accidents also occurred on Clinton County roads during the week of April 17.

The detective bureau of the CCSD reports two cases of mailbox destruction, one

tire slashed, one window broken, and one front yard driven on with autos. Total damage in the five destruction of property cases was \$125.

One person was lodged in the Clinton County jail for larceny under \$100; another person for three counts, reckless driving, being a disorderly person and leaving the scene of an accident; one other person was arrested by deputies on a traffic warrant for speeding.

Other activities include: Charles R. Delaney, reported the breaking and entering of the Double D auction in Fowler sometime

between April 7 and 9. It is unsure at this time if anything was taken.

Harry Purves, Jr., reported the larceny of an auto while it was parked at the intersection of Hollister Road and M-21. Taken in the incident was a tire and rim.

Beck and Hyde on No. US-27 was broken into on April 16. Nothing was reported taken at this time.

I-Squad Sharon Delacruz, 405 Pilley, Lansing, was arrested on a warrant for larceny over \$100 stemming from an incident at the Stardust Bar which occurred June 24.

Iron burns bedspread

St. Johns

An electric iron caused \$32 worth of damage to a bedspread and sheet at the St. Johns Motel on US-27 according to St. Johns city police reports. Motel owners report a bath mat, towel and two wash clothes were also taken, valuing \$5.

Other activities handled by SJPD included several malicious destructions of property, three incidents of stolen bikes; one vandalism; two larcenies from autos; and one attempted larceny from an auto.

One person was also arrested for driving while under the influence of liquor and resisting arrest. One subject was apprehended

after he unlawfully drove injuries.

Firefighters were called out twice during the week, one was a truck fire on April 20 and the other was a house fire at 108 S. Baker on April 22 at 7:51 p.m.

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DeWitt man earns Silver Beaver Scout Award

DeWitt Arthur Magsig of DeWitt was the recent recipient of the Silver Beaver Award made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered volunteer Boy Scouters within the territory of the Tri-County area.

Okemos Council were honored with this award, though the Council has 3,000 volunteers. The awards were presented at the Council's annual Recognition Dinner at the National Guard Armory in Lansing.

Only five men of Chief

More than 350 volunteer leaders participated in the Recognition Dinner.

Employees pass insulation tests

St. Johns Superior Insulation Company received word recently that two of their employees passed their certification testing in the application of Aerolite Foam and three employees passed their re-certification tests.

The program consisted of classroom and field instruction plus on-the-job training.

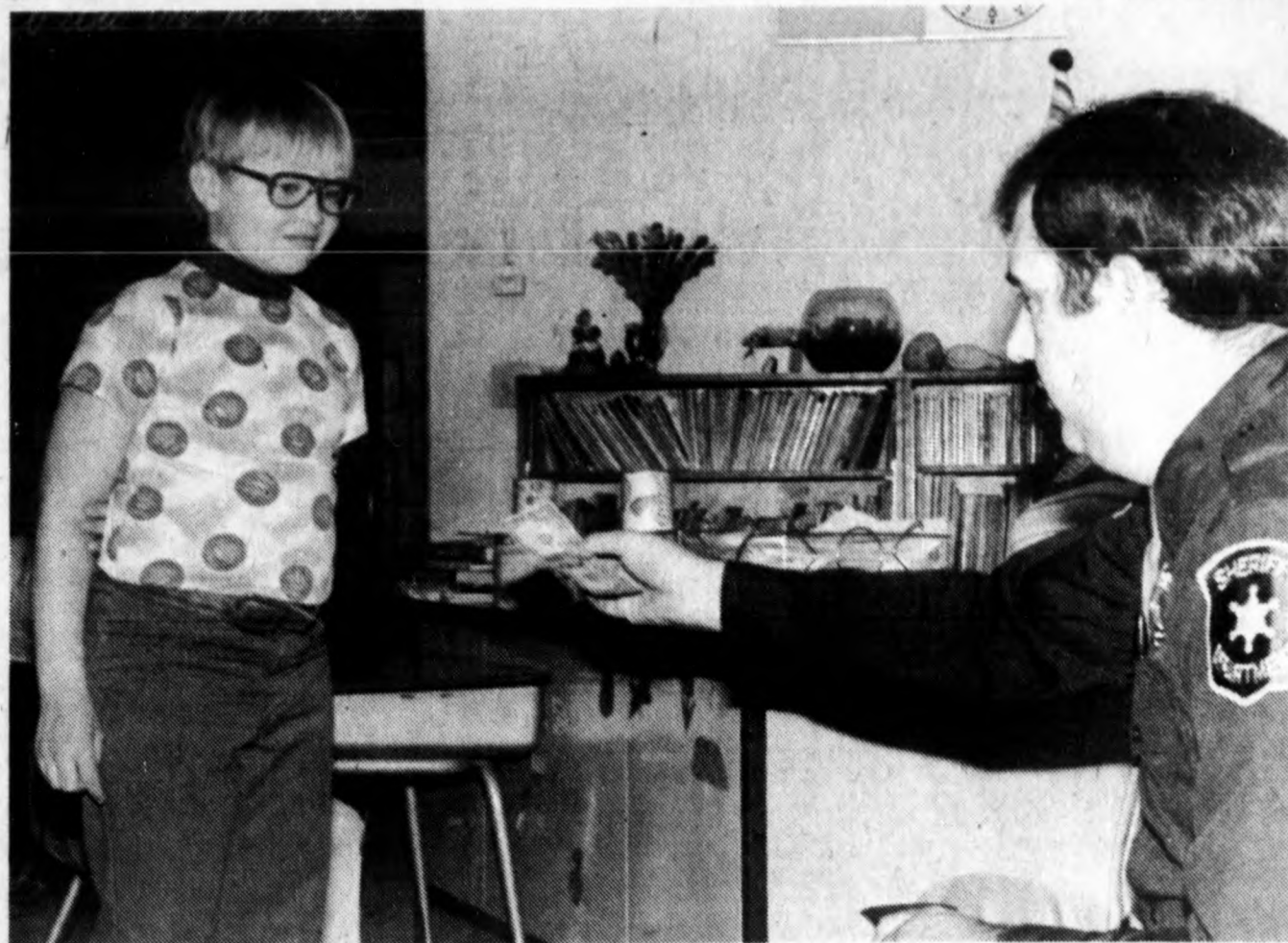
Those certified were Dale Zielke and Scott Mailand. The re-certification program was passed by Randy Bellant, Rick Bellant and Bill Bellant.

To remain actively certified, one must spend three days of classroom instruction and one day on job seminary every six months.

Bill Bellant, president of Superior Insulation, said he believes in the near future certification will be required by law and that will be an excellent opportunity to weed out the problems in the insulation industry.



Deputy Criswell tests elementary childrens memories by showing them a stranger and then turning the board around asking various questions about the picture. Even grown-ups have had trouble with this test. Children are also shown a film strip with "Timothy Mouse" as narrator and given a coloring book and sheriff's department guide. Officer Criswell also instructs the children on the proper way to handle phone calls when parents are away and what to do when they are alone. (Photo by Sue Kiley)



'Thanks, but no thanks'

"No way," Bryan Barks, tells John Criswell, crime prevention officer, who is posing as a stranger. Deputy Criswell is in the process of conducting educational programs in Clinton County Schools on "Strangers." The officer tried to use many tactics and placed the children in various situations to acquaint

them with what strangers might try to do. Here Deputy Criswell is telling the third grader at Riley Elementary that he sprained his ankle and needs some milk for a baby offering him some money. Criswell used every idea from kittens, to rides, to candy. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

DeWitt slates kindergarten round-up

DeWitt Kindergarten round-up for DeWitt children is slated for Tuesday, May 9, at David Scott Elementary School, 806 Wilson St., DeWitt in the kindergarten classrooms.

Children with last names beginning with letters A through L should attend from 9 a.m. to noon and children with last names beginning with letters M through Z are asked to attend from 1 to 4 p.m.

Parents are asked to bring their child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. They should also bring each child's birth certificate and record of their immunizations and childhood diseases.

At the round-up, each child will meet the kindergarten teachers, a public health nurse, speech teacher and the child will be given a short readiness test.

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Editorial Page

How much does that news story cost?

You can almost count all things you can get for free now days on one hand: air, anxiety, ulcers, neighborly advice and news.

Now, I don't mean to blow my own horn, but rather to clarify. Once in a while someone will come up to the office and wish to get in a news article. Possibly they are seeking publicity on a rummage sale at their church or recognition for a son who made the honors list at college. After they give us the information, they ask, "Now how much does that cost?"

News is free. It is our responsibility and pleasure to print the news. We don't charge for such information, instead, it is the advertisers on the bottom of the page who pay for that information, in reality.

In the case of wedding announcements, engagements or anniversary open houses, there is a charge to have an accompanying picture made into the halftone we use in the paper. Wedding pictures at \$3; engagement pictures

with one person cost \$2.50 and two persons cost \$3; and anniversaries up to 40 cost \$3. After the 40th anniversary, we offer that service for free.

It is best to bring in a black and white glossy picture, but we can convert color photographs into black and white halftones. Color photographs don't reproduce as well as black and whites, however.

Yes, news is basically free. It is the advertiser who makes it possible to bring you the news. The more advertisers we have, the more news we can offer.

Every week we have more news than we have news hole. So, if your story isn't particularly timely, we may have to wait for next week's paper, or possibly the next. Wish we could put in all of the news, but when the holes are filled, we just have to stop.

It always seems to surprise me when someone asks how much it will cost to have a news story in the paper. Because I work in the business, I tend to



By Patrice Hornak

take for granted that other people know how our "system" works. And, for this reason, I will keep explaining our no-cost for news stories. This is a county paper—for and about county people.



"ALL'S I DID WAS TAKE A WRONG TURN AT THE BOSTON MARATHON...!"



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why the uniform and cop car?

Dear Editor,
While shopping at Beck's Farm Market and Beck and Hyde Farmarina on Saturday April 22nd I was wondering why a Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy was working in uniform as a parking lot attendant. Disturbed may be a more accurate feeling. There was certainly no threat to life or property and therefore couldn't understand why he was there in uniform just to tell people not to park in front but that there was parking in the rear of the facility.
I asked one of the employees, who is in a management position with Becks, if the Deputy was furnished at tax payers expense. He stated that Becks had hired him on his off duty time; to direct traffic and that he was wearing his uniform, not in representing the county, but to have a show of authority.
If the law enforcement officer was

on a part time job then I think it was and is dead wrong to allow the uniform to be worn to that end. If he was on official duty as a law enforcement officer and his wages were being paid out of public funds; to supply a service to a private entity, as is mentioned before, then I believe that also to be dead wrong.

As my family and I walked back to our car I still was thinking that it was not right (in my estimation) for a County Deputy Sheriff to wear his uniform for a non related part time job. As we approached our car, I noticed that a Sheriff's patrol car was parked behind the buildings.

Mismanagement of public funds? I wonder.

Sincerely,
S.F. Fitzpatrick
St. Johns, Mich.

Fighting for independence

Small businesses, directly or indirectly, provide a livelihood for more than 100 million Americans. They account for 43 per cent of the Gross National Product, 48 per cent of the Gross Business Product (excluding farms and government), and 55 per cent of all private, non-farm employment.

In other words, small businesses are vital to the American economy. And they are something else. They are a testimony to the independent spirit that got this country started and has kept it going for the past 200 years.

But small businesses are in trouble today. Inflation is making their costs soar and their profits dwindle, and they are having a tough time competing with larger firms.

They are being buried in a mound of required state and federal paperwork that they don't have the time to do themselves or the money to get someone else to do. Unions have raised wages so high that they can't afford to hire more full-time employees, and since the federal government has raised the minimum wage again, many have even had to lay off part-time employees.

Legislation which is supposed to help

Watergate was thought to be a low point in conduct of the public trust, what with the resignation of a president and prison terms for many high ranking officials, and what-have-you.

But alas, things have not progressed all that far to the good. For example:

—In Washington, Korean wheeler-dealer Tongsun Park testifies that over a 10-year period he dispensed \$850,000 in "gifts" to 31 different congressmen.

—Also in Washington, Michigan Con-

gressman Charles Diggs is indicted on 35 counts, centered on the charge that he diverted \$101,000 in federal payroll funds for his personal use.

—In Michigan, in the same week, the Legislature wrestles with the question of what to do with a member who has been convicted of embezzling \$24,000 from a client; a long-serving state senator goes to court on charges of padding his state expense accounts; and the chairman of the senate judiciary committee, capping a long record of similar scrapes with the law, is

lodged in jail overnight before going to court on a drunk driving charge.

Public officials, of course, live in a goldfish bowl; however, we have a right to expect them to conduct themselves always in ways to diminish the opportunity to bring their public trust into question. It doesn't always work that way.

Fortunately for the system, most public officials are honorable persons, who don't get into any trouble and who steer a straight, honest and trustworthy public course.

But there are others; lately, it seems, we've had quite a run on legal, moral and ethical problems.

With conditions as cited above, is there any wonder why public officials are held in scant regard by the public? Why most mothers would faint dead away when they first learn their offspring are getting "involved in politics?"

What's the solution? Vigilance by the voter is the only cure for such conduct, although I would not bet against the possibility that the miscreants cited above all will be returned to office by their constituents.

We can hope; 1978 is an election year—and not a moment too soon, either.

Join me in shedding another tear, this one for the public treasury in Michigan, currently being raided—legally, I hasten to add—by candidates for governor.

Michigan law, seeking to assure that candidates for governor are beholden to no special interests, does out tax dollars to candidates who reach a certain plateau in small-gift fund-raising.

Lining up with palms extended are such as Sens. William Fitzgerald and Patrick McCollough, and Lawyer William Ralls, all Democratic candidates. Even Zolton Ferency, who runs for everything it seems, and has "slim chance to get elected to anything, is eligible for \$100,000 in taxpayer funds for his candidacy.

Who's paying for these candidates? All Michigan taxpayers foot the bills.

Is there no better public purpose for \$100,000 of taxpayer money than helping Zolton Ferency spread his political wings?

The campaign financing law is ridiculous; it should be repealed.

Top auto executives, who also live in a type of fishbowl in certain ways, are well-paid individuals. A recent listing, for example, showed Henry Ford II, chairman of the Ford Motor Co., drawing \$992,420 in salary and bonus, while Lee Iacocca, Ford President, was paid \$977,861. Two other Ford executives were also above the \$900,000 mark.

Thomas A. Murphy, General Motors chairman, drew \$975,000 in salary and bonus, and GM President E. M. Estes was paid \$910,000.

That's a lot of money, of course, and is one reason the price of cars is so high. It's comforting to realize, however, that the top men in the top industry in these parts are paid almost as much as the top basketball players in the country.

★ Apartments

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DeWitt group acknowledge that in many respects it's a good plan. But supported by residents from other neighborhoods in the township, they intend to press for changes which will make it impossible for future developers to construct high rise apartment buildings immediately adjacent to neighborhood homes.

If the Multiple High Zoning request is approved, members of the neighborhood group are already planning to petition for a public vote by DeWitt

Township residents on the question.

"By forcing this to a public vote," says Hornbacher, "we think that we can get substantial support from other township residents like us who are concerned with the way the existing green space in the township will be developed. But we are hopeful that our elected township officials will be responsive to our needs and reject the proposed zoning change. Then "we can work with them on alternative uses which are mutually compatible."

★ Animal lover

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three-year-old Michael found a kitten in a field. She watched him as he carried the kitten up the stairs to the home.

"It's okay, kittie, you can stay here with us. You can be my kittie... don't be scared, kittie." Michael is almost five now and, needless to say the family kept the cat.

Presently the family has a 19-year-old horse, two dogs, eight cats they know of, and two chickens. At one time they raised sheep, had ducks, goats, rabbits and gerbils.

While talking, one of the dogs would come near to be petted, and one of the cats found its way over to the table for some attention also. Birds could be seen flying in and out of the feeder from the home.

Rosaline has also encounteredbuse to animals, something which makes her sad. She related one instance where a cockapoo had been tied up to a tree with no food, or water, or protection from bigger dogs.

"The only thing I can think of is someone had dropped the dog off, it found its way home, and the owner didn't want it to happen again," Mrs. Nitzsche rationalized.

Another time a young man was found shooting a dog with a pellet gun apparently trying to kill him in the water. Mrs. Nitzsche approached the man and has filed a suit against him for cruelty to animals. It took over a year but a pre-trial is coming up on May 29 as he has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The family no longer has ducks because people would come out and shoot them or take them. The ducks were domesticated and Mrs. Nitzsche told of times when she had seen grown men chasing the ducks with broken bottles and clubs. Or worse yet, she saw parents sending their children out with stones to try and hit the ducks.

"We just don't have the ducks any more, because it is too much of a hassle," Rosaline emphasized. Other instances have included people trying to see how many turtles they could shoot with 22 caliber rifles.

Through the years—Rosaline estimates they have taken care of at least 100 cats and kittens, and 30 dogs as well as other peculiar assortments of animals.

"It's gotten so bad," she said, "that I've told my husband I don't know if I want to live here anymore, not when you have to deal with this type of thing on a day to day basis." She added, "It can be very depressing."

Rosaline's husband, Tom, does not share his family's love for animals, but he has put up with it and been supportive of the cause.

Solutions to the problem are many and varied. It's an age old problem and it's going to take more people like Rosaline Nitzsche to put an end to it.

The week of April 30 to May 6 has been designated as National Small Business Week. Politicians might consider observing it by working on some legislation which will give small business a boost—some meaningful tax relief, for example. Their constituents would observe it by supporting the small businesses in their neighborhoods.

Let's give small businesses a pat on the back. They deserve it.

PERSONALITY PROFILE

'Farmer Pete's Wife' talks about life as local country columnist

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Greenbush Twp.

The young mother rocked the baby in her arms, calming the young child's cry, but deep down AnaBel Peck was thinking of a way to raise money for a movie camera.

"It came to me right then," Mrs. Peck commented. "I would write a story about life on the farm. But, I wasn't going to use my real name and I wasn't going to tell my husband either."

Her reasoning behind this was if the story wasn't any good or newspapers didn't want it, no one would know, except her.

That was never the case, however. Soon the articles affectionately called, "Farmer Pete's Wife" became a household work in the surrounding area. The stories turned into a column for nine newspapers and became an established weekly feature.

"You have to remember," AnaBel said talking from her warm, cozy kitchen on County Line Road, "When you live on a farm, it comes first. You have to buy farm equipment, tile, seed and whatever else is needed. The extras come far down the line." She added, "I wanted that movie camera and I was going to find a way to get it."

The column started out with stories about cats and dogs, then worked into cats and kids, (Roy and AnaBel have two daughters and a son), and then into birds and recipes.

In the years Mrs. Peck wrote her column, she ended up with 4,000 stories and even had the distinction of writing for the Lapeer County Press, then known in journalistic circles as one of the best weekly newspapers in the country.

Mrs. Peck did get her movie camera and bought many of the little extra items for her family. Another one of the first treasures the columnist bought with her extra money was an encyclopedia for her oldest daughter.

"Kids are just so inquisitive and they ask 1,000 questions, so I thought this would be an easier way to get out of answering them," she said with a laugh.

The column was originally called "Farmer Peck's Wife," but because of difficulties with trade names, Peck became Pete.

"I always wanted to call a son Peter, but with our last name it didn't go too good," she said. "This was one way to get around it."

Curiosity was also a part of the beginning author's success. Everyone wanted to know who she was, where she lived, and what she looked like. From this, contests sprang to see who

could capture the likeness of "Farmer Pete's Wife."

Most people who read her column pictured Mrs. Peck as an older type woman. However, this was about as far from the truth as could be. She was just a young mother, just over five foot tall, and quite petite.

"I've kept all my articles and have a scrap book," she said as she leafed through the pages of one of the volumes. "It's like a diary of my life... I laugh a lot when I read them."

Her children didn't find being related to the well-read columnist as such a great honor when they were going to school, however. AnaBel remembered Marcella coming home from school extremely upset because all her teachers wanted to know if she was "Farmer Pete's Wife's" daughter.

It didn't take long for AnaBel Peck to become a star in her own right. It started with fan mail.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I started getting all this mail. They wanted autographs and everything... You know I answered them all too."

In her columns she also gave recipes for cookies, cakes, pies, and any other goodies which she thought others might like. She hasn't lost the knack for baking as her peanut butter, date, and ice box cookies are a popular item wherever she goes.

Another one of Mrs. Peck's loves is children and horticulture. Plants are in almost every room of the house and she can tell you everything you ever wanted to know about them.

Of course when you teach state horticulture teams for seven years you have to be a bit more knowledgeable than the average plant lover.

She has a horticulture cloth on her kitchen table which helps the children learn the over 200 seeds, plants and barks needed to make the team.

She has also been a 4-H leader for 32 years and involved in horticulture for 23 years.

"I make the children know all my house plants and everything in my yard," she said explaining the course of study. "I've just bought different varieties throughout the years and learned right along with the kids."

Prior to becoming wife, mother and columnist, AnaBel was a teacher in the country schools.

"I guess you could say my best attribute is being friendly," she said. "I've always felt it's what is inside that counts."

AnaBel Peck may have given up writing about her life for the time being, but people throughout the state will always remember "Farmer Pete's Wife."



Ana Bel Peck

Clinton County Board of Commissioners - Synopsis December 28, 1977

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held December 28, 1977.

The Board met Wednesday, December 28, 1977 with 10 members present.

Minutes of the December 6, 1977 meeting were approved.

Designated the County Emergency Services Director as the representative to the Energy Emergency Center.

Denied an increase in the 1978 budget of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Approved the Commissioners' expense accounts for the month of December.

Approved payment of bills as audited for the month of December in the amount of \$54,948.40.

Approved tentative schedule of meeting dates for the Board of Commissioners for 1978.

Reappointed Ronald Miller and Max Loudenbeck to the Zoning Appeal Board for three year terms.

Reterea the appointment to the Mental Health Board to the Human Services Committee for recommendation.

Appointed Herman Openlander to the Department of Public Works for a three year term.

Appointed Richard DePond, Bruce Wood and Victor Hopp to the Election Scheduling Committee for one year terms.

Voted to not allow per diem pay to ex-officio members of the Economic Development Corporation, County Commissioners excepted.

Voted to transfer \$54,200 from unanticipated Revenue to General Fund.

Voted to transfer \$54,200 from General Fund to Contingency Fund.

Approved following transfers: \$4,000 from Contingency Fund to Retirement & Social Security Account and \$50,300 from Contingency Fund to Insurance account.

Approved accrued 1977 accounts in the amount of \$124,426.93.

Voted to offer three options to the assessors' Association regarding computerization of tax rolls.

Established the position of Planning Director under the direct supervision of the Planning Commission and to compensate this position at the MO5 level.

Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
Roger A. Overway, Chairman

January 3, 1978

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held January 3, 1978.

The Board met Tuesday, January 3, 1978, with all members present.

Minutes of the December 28, 1977 meeting were approved after amending by adding \$1846.10 to the accrued 1977 accounts for a total of \$126,273.03.

Roger A. Overway was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year and Harold Martin was elected Vice-Chairman.

Amended the meeting schedule for the Board of Commissioners for 1978 by changing the November 7 (Election Day) meeting to November 6 and adopted same.

Tabled the Farm Land and Open Space Preservation Act applications of Melvin Stump and Richard and Josephine Parmenter.

Adopted the 1977 Board of Commissioner By-Laws and Rules of Procedure as amended in 1977 for the year 1978.

Voted to concur with the Chairman's reappointment of Board of Commissioner representatives to the various Boards.

Voted to appoint Margaret Thingstad to the Tri-County Community Mental Health Board.

Approved Chairman Overway's recommendations for appointments to the following Committees: Finance & Personnel, Criminal Justice, Physical Resources, Buildings & Grounds and Human Services.

Voted to have the County observe Martin Luther King day and delete Election Day as a holiday.

Voted to change personnel policy to reflect sick days and vacation time on a bi-weekly basis rather than on an annual basis.

Voted to have the Drain Tax-at-Large be a General Fund budget line item.

Voted to increase the Mid-Michigan Health Department budget for 1978 by \$1393 for a total of \$91,393.

Voted to add \$220 to the Historical Commission 1978 budget for a total of \$1220.

Voted to make journal entries to adjust the Tri-County Planning and Michigan Week appropriations to a zero balance; the Drain-at-Large appropriation to a zero balance and change a portion of the coding of check No. 3848 to the Public Improvement Fund and to be included in 1977 business.

Adopted Resolution No. 1-1978 designating depositories for County funds and designating signatures for said funds to be duly certified to said banks.

Voted to pay \$10,000 as a final settlement to United Appraisal Company.

Voted to return the balance remaining from the 1971-72 Building Authority in the amount of \$3,800 to the General Fund.

Adopted Resolution No. 2-1978 to Borrow against anticipated delinquent 1977 taxes.

Approved a Special Use Permit for Dale Martin, Greenbush Township, Section 36, to operate a commercial sand and gravel extraction operation.

Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
Roger A. Overway, Chairman

January 17, 1978

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held January 17, 1978.

The Board met Tuesday, January 17, 1978, with 10 members present.

Minutes of the January 3, 1978 meeting were approved.

Farm Land and Open Space Preservation Act applications of Richard Parmenter, Ovid Township, Melvin Stump, Dallas Township, Gerald Hubler, Westphalia Township, and Edward Weber, Dallas Township were approved.

Voted to direct the Zoning Department to set up a house numbering system.

Adopted Resolution No. 3-1978 re tax equalization procedures, copies to be sent to Legislators and County Equalization Directors.

Approved the County equalization factors as presented.

Approved the Clinton County Assessors Association agreement to accept the County's proposal of 75 per cent-25 per cent cost sharing on the computerization of tax rolls, provided there is 100 per cent participation of presently non-computerized taxing units in the County. Units will be billed annually.

Authorized the Building Authority to solicit bids for new furniture for the Clinton County Service Center provided it does not exceed a total of \$50,000 and that \$25,000 from the Public Improvement fund be reserved to supplement the \$25,000 provided by the Building Authority to pay for the furniture if necessary.

Approved a lease between Clinton County and General Services Administration on behalf of the Soil Conservation Service for 700 feet of office space in the new building and Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign the lease.

Approved the 1978 contract for the Cooperative Reimbursement Program and authorized Chairman and Clerk to sign it.

Authorized one additional deputy position in the Sheriff Department for 1978 only and funding for the position come from C.E.T.A. Title II; if funding is discontinued, funding will come from the General Fund until January 1, 1979.

Approved the use of approximately \$130,000 in unobligated C.E.T.A. Title VI Work Project funds.

Voted to allow \$6,105 of the \$15,506 C.E.T.A. II funds available to be used by the Bath Community Schools.

Adopted the priority list of C.E.T.A. Title VI Work Projects with the stipulation that if additional funds become available the list will be reviewed.

Adopted the following policy: "Effective February 1, 1978, all new employees of the County shall become a resident of the County within 90 days of their initial employment."

Voted to establish a special bond and interest account to make the bond interest payments on the new building. The County will have to appropriate \$91,100 per year for five years to make the payments.

Voted to pay compensatory time to County employees and Sheriff Deputies subject to it being in accordance with the FOP contract and recent Attorney General's opinion.

Voted to direct the Prosecuting Attorney to work with the County Drain Commissioner in any litigation regarding proposed injunction against work proceeding on the Stoney Creek Drain.

Voted to include in the County classification system a "Surveyor Assistant" which is to be placed at the PO2 salary grade (\$9,890-\$11,600).

Approved the Department of Administrative Services using its currently authorized vacant (C.E.T.A.) Research Assistant position for hiring an account clerk on a temporary basis (approximately 6 months).

Voted to send the Drain tax notices totaling \$3,137 to the appropriate agencies (Westphalia Township, Road Commission and Department of Social Services).

Voted to transfer \$2,000 from Contingency Fund to a new Tax Tribunal Property Tax Adjustment Fund.

Voted to take \$35,209 from the 1978 Contingency Fund to zero out the various departments who overspent their 1977 budgets. (Rescinded Feb. 21, 1978)

Approved the appointment of Thomas Fabus and John McNalley of DeWitt to serve on the Shop Rite project of the Economic Development Corporation.

Approved the appointment of Juanita O'Leary and Bernard Feldpausch of St. Johns to serve on the Elias Brothers project of the Economic Development Corporation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
Roger A. Overway, Chairman

Sanitarian position conflict draws opposition in Clinton

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Finance Committee will be looking for a way to fund a sanitarian's position recently created amidst controversy. Joseph Latoff, health department director, said the Finance Committee is meeting tonight, April 26, to work on the problem.

At last Wednesday's Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners voted to write a letter of protest after being temporarily assigned

a sanitarian who was recently rehired after being fired from his job as chief sanitarian for Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.

Latoff demoted Robert Barnes for alleged insubordination, not following orders and lying. Then, when funds grew short, Barnes was let go. However, he appealed his firing and won by a 4-2 decision of the Health Board composed of the county commissioners from Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties. Clinton Commissioners Robert Zeeb and Glenn Webster cast the two votes opposing the reinstatement of Barnes.

A new position not included in MMDHD's budget was created for Barnes. The funding of the position is to be discussed tonight.

Clinton Board of Commissioners learned of Latoff's decision to temporarily place Barnes in Clinton County as a sanitarian inspecting restaurants at their Board meeting April 19.

Besides drafting the letter to Latoff, the Commissioners also voted to look into the possibility of withdrawing from the Mid-Michigan Health Department and uniting the County's Mental Health and Health Departments. The matter was

referred to the Human Resources Committee.

In an interview Thursday morning, April 20, Latoff said Barnes had been assigned to Clinton County on a temporary basis because Clinton had the greatest demand for a sanitarian. He added, "Assignments are made on the basis of need."

He said Friday that Barnes would be assigned to Montcalm County this week to "cover additional work load in that county." The Montcalm assignment is not permanent, however, and Latoff said Barnes will be assigned to various areas as the need exists.

Bands in Review provides music

The 15th Annual Bands in Review, featuring the Ninth, Concert, and Symphonic Bands will be presented in Pocus Auditorium at St. Johns High School Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students and may be purchased from high school bandmen or at the ticket office the evening of the concert. One ticket is good for both Bands in Review concerts set for May 2 at the High School and May 9 at R.B.W.

Junior High School. Each of the bands has prepared a varied program representative of the music literature that has been studied during the concert season. This will include marches, contemporary music, show tunes, "pop" numbers and transcriptions from the classics.

This is also the evening that many awards are presented including the "Outstanding" Freshman and Concert Band Scholarships, Donald Tatroe Memorial Award, Service Award, and

the John Philip Sousa Award presented to a senior for musical excellence.

Guest conductor will be Gordon Vandemark, who is Administrative Assistant to the St. Johns Superintendent. He is a former vocal and instrumental music teacher in the Breckenridge and St. Johns school systems and is active in church music.

The St. Johns Music Department cordially invites you to attend this 15th Annual Bands in Review concert.

Back through the years

April 25, 1968
10 Years Ago

If any part of the rural school heritage disappears before the one-room schools, it will probably be the school bells atop the one-room schools. The Clinton County Sheriff's Department has received four reports since April 11 of school bells being stolen. The bells weigh 50 pounds or more, and so the thefts can be no easy task.

The FBI has apprehended the second suspect sought by St. Johns police in the Sept. 24, 1966, robbery of the Citigo gas station on South U.S.-27 in which the attendant was seriously stabbed. Clinton County Prosecutor Rolland Duguay said Leonard LaCasse, 34, was picked up in San Francisco, Calif., by the FBI April 9. Duguay was notified a week later.

Clinton County's traffic death toll for 1968 went down briefly last week, then resumed its position at nine fatalities when a 15-year-old Lansing youth died in a crash last Wednesday. The victim was Daniel D. Norcross, 15, of Lansing who died Thursday night.

April 24, 1958
20 Years Ago

One of the Easter rabbits was late in pulling up stakes in St. Johns. He didn't leave until yesterday. But she had good reasons, and she'll no doubt have help with her Easter duties next year. She gave birth to seven dark eyed rabbits on the west side of the post office building in St. Johns. She and her family moved out yesterday.

Harley Hefly's Standard service station, corner Spring and Higham St., was

broken into Friday night. An attempt was made to enter the safe; papers and other objects were scattered about the station; the coin container on the pop machine was damaged and must be replaced and a carton of cigarettes and some candy bars were taken.

Mrs. Ages J. Perry, 66, 404 W. Prospect St., St. Johns was hurt in an auto accident Friday morning on the corner of highway US-27 and Steel St. Mrs. Perry was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital and the Wednesday morning hospital report listed her condition as improving.

April 29 1948
30 Years Ago

Clinton County schools are splitting another quarterly payment from sales tax diversion revenues this

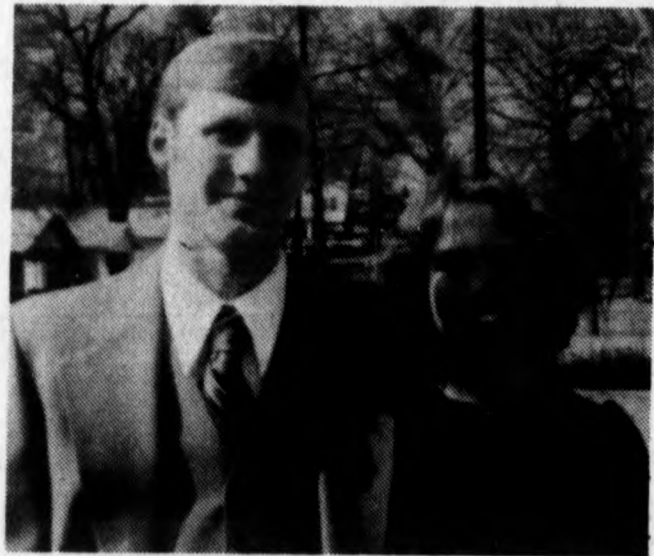
week. The allocation for the quarter ending March 31 amounts to \$41,920.56.

Mable Sinclair Russell, 36, of Valley Farms, was sentenced to from one to four years in the Detroit House of Correction after she was convicted on a charge of felonious assault by a jury in Circuit Court here last week.

An application for commutation of sentence of Roscoe J. Sloat, 50, of Ovid, who is serving a life sentence in Marquette Branch prison for first degree murder, was received by Governor Sigler last week.

Brunetta Mazzolini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Mazzolini, of 607 South Clinton Avenue, St. Johns, has been selected as one of the semi-finalists for the 1948 Atwater-Kent Auditions

Society This Week



Michael Chesney Debra Palmatier

They're engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Palmatier, 14148 Webster Rd., Bath, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra to Michael Chesney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Chesney, of Dallas, Texas.

Both are students at Tennessee Temple, Chattanooga, where the bride-elect is a freshman in Elementary Education and the prospective bridegroom is a sophomore in Bible and Psychology.

A July 28 wedding date is planned by the couple.

Couple makes home in St. Johns

Wedding vows were exchanged between the former Joyce A. Hrymecki and Henry A. Wagner at St. Johns Lutheran Church on March 27 at 11 a.m. Rev. Michael R. Ruhl, performed the ceremony before an altar decorated in fall white apple blossoms with white gardenias.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William Schoch, of Oakley and Francis Wagner and the late Mrs. Ann Wagner.

For her wedding the bride chose a long ivory chiffon gown with reembroidered pink lace around the neckline and long sleeves.

She carried a bouquet of baby pink roses and lily of the valley.

Mrs. Marguerite Wilhelm, of Wheeler was the bride's matron of honor and

Michelle A. Hrymecki, daughter of the bride served as junior bridesmaid.

Mrs. Wilhelm wore a navy blue pantsuit and carried a bouquet of light blue carnations and lily of the valley. The junior bridesmaid wore a long pink dress with white lace trimmed around the neckline, long sleeves and at the bottom of the dress. She carried a bouquet of light pink carnations and daisies.

The bride's mother wore a pink pantsuit and had a corsage of yellow roses and white carnations. The groom's grandmother wore a blue dress and corsage of pink roses and white carnations.

Nick Wagner, of Wheeler served as best man and the bride's son served as junior groomsman.

A dinner for the wedding

party and families was held at the Someplace Else restaurant in St. Johns.

Special guest of honor at the ceremony was the groom's grandmother,

Catherine Wagner of Wheeler.

The couple will be taking their honeymoon later this summer. They are making their new home at 4159 S. DeWitt Road, St. Johns.



Thomas Moore Carolyn Dunlap

They're engaged

Mrs. Miriam L. Dunlap, of Saginaw, and Donald R. Dunlap, Bay City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, to Thomas Gene Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kenneth Moore, 205 S. Morton, St. Johns.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Alma College and

Michigan State University. She is employed by Ashley Community Schools.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed at the F.C. Mason Co.

The couple is planning an Aug. 12 wedding date.



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Mr. and Mrs. Arvee Cole

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All friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Arvee Cole are invited to attend an open house given by their daughters, Shirley and Delores and their families in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It will be held Sunday,

May 7 at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Pompeii from 2 to 5 p.m.

Engaged

Fedewa-Platte

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Fedewa, Price Road, Westphalia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda to David Platte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Platte, Grange Road, Pewamo.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School. She is employed at Michigan National Bank of Lansing.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of P-W High School and is employed by the Michigan Health Department.

The couple is planning a Sept. 9 wedding.

On Nov. 19, 1977 at 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Church in Fowler was the setting for the ceremony where Dolores Goerge and Scott Hendershot were joined in marriage. Dolores, daughter of Alvin and Joyce Goerge, had met Scott, son of Ervin and Myrtle Hendershot from Parkers Prairie, Minn., in Tok, Alaska.

The couple faced the congregation throughout the Mass while vows were performed by Father Albert Schmitt, and the wedding party shared with them around the altar. The family and friends of the couple were greeted and escorted by the bride's cousins, Paul Millhisler and Duane Heeg.

Rust, white and gold mums blazed with color on the marble altars to greet the guests.

As the pews filled, Ginny Schafer and Annette Jandernoa set the mood and sang "The Wedding Song". Rosie VanElls struck up a march and the wedding party entered.

First came Teresa Johnson, college friend of the bride, and Paul Goerge, the bride's brother. Next, the

maid of honor and sister of the bride, Karen Goerge and Delroy Winchester, best man and half brother of the groom, entered. Finally Alvin and Joyce Goerge escorted their daughter down the aisle to the groom.

The girls wore long-sleeved, hand-made rust colored long dresses and carried bouquets of a dried arrangement of rust and gold with blue forget-me-nots. The men wore blue tuxedos with matching boutonnières. The bride wore a simple long sleeve knit gown with a matching fingertip veil. Mrs. Goerge chose a mint green full-length dress to wear and Mrs. Hendershot wore, a multicolor rust and brown full length dress.

Shirley and Marilyn Goerge, sisters of the bride, played a special part by doing the first and second readings. The ceremony concluded with fitting song of meditation "Treasures", sung by Annette Jandernoa.

After the Mass, a dinner and dance was held at the Holy Trinity Hall. Susie VanElls and Karen Lindow, friends of the bride, served

at the bride's table. The mother of the bride decorated the cake with rust roses and blue forget-me-nots to blend in with the color theme. Lynn O'Rourke and Marilyn Fisher, friends of the bride cut the wedding cake.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin, grandparents of the bride; and Mrs. Ervin Hendershot,

the Delroy Winchesters, Dennis Hendershot and Greg and Sandy Mickelson, all relatives of the groom, who came from Minnesota for the occasion. All danced and celebrated to the music of the Thelen orchestra.

Scott and Dolores Hendershot left for their home in Upper Michigan and plan on returning to Alaska for the summer.

Engaged



Patricia Droste

The engagement of Patricia M. Droste of North Grange Rd., Westphalia to Joel G. Witgen of North Wright Rd., Fowler, has been announced.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Droste and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Witgen.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia, and is presently employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Ionia.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Fowler High School, and is an employee of Oldsmobile of Lansing.

The couple is planning a July 15th wedding.

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Obituaries

Francis Pohl

Francis N. Pohl, 60, of 731 Starkweather Dr., Delta Township, died April 14, 1978, at a Lansing hospital.

He was born in October 1917 in Riley Township, Clinton County.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel and Michael, and one daughter, Mary Ann Tuzza, all of San Diego; four grandchildren; one brother, Leonard Pohl of Grand Ledge; and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Gross of Portland and Mrs. Genevieve Brown of Lansing.

Funeral mass was Monday morning, April 17, at St. Patrick's Church in Portland, with the Rev. Fr. Donald Weber officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia.

The Neller Funeral Home of Portland handled arrangements.

John Meehling

John A. Meehling, age 76, of Caseville, passed away April 13 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

He was born July 18, 1901 in Marion Springs, and was known in the Carland area by many. In 1918, he was united in marriage to Emma Schubring. She passed away in 1934. On June 26, 1937, he married Dorothy M. Hubbard of Elsie, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. Meehling is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one son, Elwood J. Meehling of Dundee; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Fisher of Alma and Mrs. Waldon Slick of Hemlock; 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

One daughter, Betty Jane, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m. from the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, Mich., with the Rev. Warren D. Pettis officiating. Graveside services were held April 17, at Montrose Cemetery, with several from the Carland area attending the funeral including, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming of Carland, Mr. Robert Peters of rural Carland, and the Bert Hubbard's families of rural Elsie and St. Johns.

Mr. Meehling was a former trustee and member of the board of review of Montrose Township, Genesee County. He lived in Caseville the past seven years and was a member of Caseville United Methodist Church.

Frederick Pasch

Funeral services for Frederick W.L. Pasch, 75, of 4174 Wacousta Rd., Fowler, who passed away Saturday, April

23, 1978 at his residence, were held Tuesday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler.

Rev. Herman Rossow officiated and interment was in Beech Cemetery. Visitation was the the George Chapel, Osgood Funeral Homes.

Mr. Pasch was born in Bengal Township, Clinton County, Oct. 6, 1902 to Frederick and Anna (Budzier) Pasch. He resided all of his life in the Fowler area.

On July 26, 1942, he married Eleanor Cedergren in Fowler. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler, he was a veteran of World War II, and he was a self-employed carpenter.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; a daughter, Mrs. Joan Bancroft of Cartersville, Ga.; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Anna Jackson of St. Johns; and four brothers, Otto Pasch of St. Johns, Herbert Pasch of Fowler, Herman Pasch of St. Johns and Edwin Pasch of California.

Kenneth Snyder

Kenneth C. Snyder, 66, of 609 E. Walker St., St. Johns, passed away, April 23, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

He was born at Huntington, Ind. Dec. 28, 1911 to Pearl C. and Ivah (Martin) Snyder. He came to St. Johns in 1921.

On April 11, 1936, he married Mary Dickenson in Indiana. She survives her husband as do two sons, James Snyder of DeWitt and Dale Snyder of Alma; two daughters, Mrs. Orlea Patrick of St. Louis and Mrs. Kyle Vanderlin of St. Johns; 17 grandchildren; a step-grandchild; six brothers, Garland Snyder of Winter Haven, Fla., Bud, Floyd and Ted Snyder, all of Grand Ledge, Robert Snyder of Owosso and Donald Snyder of St. Johns; and two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Smith of Winter Haven, Fla. and Mrs. Thelma Berlin of Alpena.

A son, Alan Snyder, preceded his father in death. Funeral services for Mr. Snyder who was a farmer were held Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. from the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns. Rev. Justin Shepard officiated and interment was in Duplain Cemetery.

Lena Chant

Mrs. Lena M. Chant, 67, of 1258 Townsend Rd., St. Johns passed away Friday, April 21, 1978 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, at the Osgood Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Robert Prange officiating. Interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Chant was born in Victor Township, Clinton

County, Feb. 23, 1911 to Leon J. and Daisy (Simmons) Hills. She married Robert Chant in St. Johns on March 4, 1930.

Since 1947, she had resided at the Townsend Road address. She was a member of the Methodist Church and an extension club.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; two daughters, Mrs. Maxine Myers of Fowler and Mrs. Marilyn Jacobs of Lansing; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Theo Allen of Williamston. A son, Richard Chant, preceded his mother in death in 1967.

Funeral services for Miss Maxine Ennis, 56, of 211 1/2 E. North St., Lansing, who passed away April 20, 1978 at her residence were held at the Osgood Funeral Homes, Inc. of St. Johns April 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Ray Shaw of the Free Methodist Church officiated and interment was in Eureka Cemetery.

Miss Ennis was born in Fowler Dec. 3, 1921 to John and Lucy (Bensinger) Ennis. She attended St. Johns public schools and graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School.

She moved from St. Johns to Lansing in 1950.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Keyes of St. Johns and Mrs. Arlene Barnes of St. Petersburg, Fla., and a brother, Max Ennis of San Francisco, Calif.

Frank Paprstein

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Mr. Paprstein passed away Wednesday at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns.

He was born Dec. 2, 1907 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Frank and Mary Paprstein. He had been a resident of the Elsie-Bannister area for 57 years. He was a World War II

veteran and a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister and the Bannister Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

He is survived by a brother Stanley of Harrison and two sisters; Christine Paprstein of Elsie and Mrs. Mary Lucas of Cleveland.

Emma Nemecek

Funeral services for Emma (Pilot) Nemecek, 80, were held Friday, April 21, 1978, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, with the Rev. Fr. Max Frego officiating. A rosary was recited Thursday evening at Carter Funeral Home in Elsie and burial was made in Ford Cemetery.

Mrs. Nemecek of Fostrain Manor, Flushing died Tuesday evening in the Hurley Medical Center in Flint. She resided in Durand for 19 years prior to moving to Flushing 10 years ago. She spent 28 years in the Bannister area before moving to Durand.

Mrs. Nemecek was born June 13, 1897 in Czechoslovakia to Joseph and Mary Verbensky. In 1921 she married Frank Pilot in Bannister. He died in 1947. In 1948 she married Frank Nemecek in Swartz Creek. He died in 1968.

Mrs. Nemecek is survived

by sons Ralph Pilot of Bannister and Alexander Pilot of Corunna; daughter, Mrs. Jennie Brown of Grand Blanc; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Surviving are a sister,

Mrs. Grace Grinde of St. Johns; a brother, Edwin O. Bratrud of Madison, Wis.; a niece, Mrs. Roslin Bratrud Martin of Palm Springs; three nephews, Robert Bratrud of California, Donald Grinde of Savannah, Ga. and Warren Grinde of Dermstadt, Germany; and many grandnieces and grandnephews. A brother, Adry Bratrud passed away in December of 1976.

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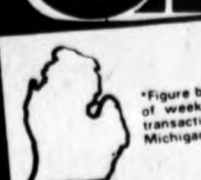


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Farmer Pete's Wife

We're glad to welcome back to the Farm Bureau page, Mrs. AnaBel Peck, Duplain township farmer's wife and Farm Bureau member. Mrs. Peck is well known by County News readers through her column "Farmer Pete's Wife" which appeared weekly for many years.

Farmer Pete's Wife
By AnaBel Peck

THAT was the easiest garden I ever had!

And it was also the most extensive, pretty and fragrant.

It was a lot of fun, too, with no trouble at all. I just grinned away through the entire ordeal while sitting in my favorite rocking chair.

This all started when the first colorful seed catalog arrived during a howling January snowstorm. That is a sight that can't be resisted. Grabbing a pencil my seed list began... this... and some of that... and that would be so nice... oh, this is good... and on and on. Of course, the list was far too long and unreasonable but it could be altered later.

(For now that was some garden!)

Well, the next day another

even brighter seed catalog arrived along with another big, deep, windy snow. Out came my pencil and a new list began. This time some shrubs and three ornamental trees hit a soft spot in my heart so they went on. (I could alter that later, also.)

By the time the third and fourth catalog came I was really into snowbank gardening. I just went ahead and decided to write down everything that I've always wanted... things that I couldn't previously afford to take care of or had room for.

In THIS garden everything was going to fit just fine.

And the best part: with the

snow deep on the ground there were no weed problems, no bugs, no diseases—just everything growing like those unbelievable seed catalogs showed.

At times, I almost had myself believing that this was for real. Anyway, it was very exciting to dream of such a flower and vegetable garden and the yard blazing away with landscaped splendor.

It wasn't all a dream tho. I did send for some things. The spring that I don't put in a garden, however small, will mean that I'm not Petunia Peck any more!

Frankenmuth tour set for May 2

St. Johns community bus will leave the Farm Bureau office at 8 a.m. next Tuesday, May 2, with a group of Farm Bureau women and their guests—destination Frankenmuth.

A tour of the city and a visit to Bronners will be

included in the morning schedule. Noon lunch at Zehnders will be followed by an afternoon of browsing in the various gift shops.

Cost of the tour is approximately \$8 which includes the bus trip and the noon meal. Reservations are filling up fast. Call the county office for further information at 224-3255.

FB members attend legislative seminar

by Bill Kissane

Eight members of Clinton Farm Bureau traveled to Washington, D.C. April 4-7 as part of a 132-member group of Michigan Farm Bureau members taking part in the annual legislative seminar.

Attending from Clinton County were Don Witt, Denis Rademacher, Tom Irrer, Larry Nobis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivest and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kissane.

Kissane was designated as "legislative leader" as was one person from each county participating. Special breakfast sessions were held with these legislative leaders attending. One morning was with the Michigan Republican congressional delegation and the following morning

with the Democratic congressional delegation from Michigan.

These breakfast meetings gave legislative leaders an opportunity to discuss a wide range of subjects with their congressmen. These Farm Bureau members spent nearly five hours of meeting time in question and answer session with A.F.B.F. and Michigan Farm Bureau staff.

All areas of concern were discussed including imports and exports of farm products, energy, inflation, and many others. The Michigan Farm Bureau Women's Committee has been sponsoring this legislative session for 15 years.

One of the main topics of

discussion was the current farm income situation. It received a great deal of attention since the conference Committee of the House and Senate was meeting the day the delegates arrived, discussing the emergency farm bill. It has never been the purpose of this seminar to work for or against one particular piece of legislation but rather to let the congressman know where

Farm Bureau stands on a wide range of issues.

The entire group attended a special briefing in the USDA building with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland. The secretary spent about 40 minutes with the group answering questions and explaining the various aspects of the 1977 farm act as well as discussing the alternatives being proposed and what each one would do

for and to the farmer. He made clear the administration's stand on the Dole Bill stating that the President would definitely veto it were it to be passed by both the House and Senate.

The group also spent some time touring the Washington area, including the USDA experiment station in Beltsville, Md. Plans are currently underway for next year's seminar.

New members given overview

A group of 45 persons including new Farm Bureau members, county board members and representatives from affiliated companies were present at a new member welcome dinner April 10.

The annual event gives new member an opportunity to meet county leaders, learn the benefits of belonging and

to receive a composite view of the organization's philosophy and purpose.

Bob Braden, Executive Director of the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the group explaining the resolution process and how the organization has developed because of various needs of the agricultural community.

He answered many questions and explained Farm Bureau's viewpoint on the free market system and how this policy is determined at the grass roots level at county Farm Bureau meetings. He traced the resolution process all the way to the American Farm Bureau level. He urged all members to become involved in the organization.

Clinton County reached its membership goal in early March and the Michigan Farm Bureau for the eleventh consecutive year has exceeded its membership goal. Indications are that nationally, the membership rolls will swell to over 3,000,000 members this year. There are 1,500 families enrolled in Clinton County as of this date.

FB hosts Affairs Day

Clinton County

A total of about 50 farmers and members of the county Board of Commissioners met together April 11 for the third annual Local Affairs Day.

Participating were Farm Bureau directors, community group discussion leaders and state, national and local legislative committee members along with the County Commissioners, the Prosecuting Attorney, Jon Newman and the director of energy in the county, Steve Sandstedt.

After attending the morning session of the County Commissioners, the group returned to the Farm Bureau office for a noon luncheon.



Young Farmers discuss farm credit

Clinton County

Mike Pettigrew, Young Farmer chairman, and the county Young Farmer group hosted two representatives from local lending institutions April 14 in an attempt to help the farmers become better informed on what bankers expect when issuing credit.

Larry Ackerson of Production Credit Association and Bob Purtil of Central National Bank discussed the subject at length answering many questions. They point out that the main factor that

determines a positive decision is the availability of good records and figures showing what the farmer has accomplished to date and what he expects to do in the future by expanding.

In early May the Young Farmer Committee will be attending county high schools to inform students of possible careers in agriculture. They will visit voc-ag classes in particular and discuss with student and with high school counselors the many varied fields in agriculture offering interest-

ing careers to students desiring agri-business or agri-service positions.

The May gym night is scheduled for the 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Riley Elementary School gym. All young farmers are invited. Call Mike Pettigrew for further details 224-4869.

Other Young Farmer activities yet to come are the Rural Urban Day in July and the county contests for Discussion Meet winner, Outstanding Young Farmer and Young Farm Woman.

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4-H Chatter

By Theresa Dow.
Extension 4-H Youth Agent

Pick up the pieces

By Denise Cerny
Roadside Clean-Up
Coordinator

The annual county-side litter clean-up, "Pick Up the Pieces", will be this Saturday, April 29. 4-H, Scout, and various other clubs and groups will be joining forces to pick up all the litter in Clinton County (ideally).

All participants are urged to bring plenty of friends

along to help the effort. As an incentive, McDonald's of St. Johns is supplying free hamburger cards to each participant. Every participant will also receive a ribbon, thanks to the Clinton County Road Commission staff.

In addition to being great exercise, the litter clean-up saves Clinton County taxpayers an estimated \$35,000 per year. For more information, contact the Clinton County Extension Office at 1003 S. Oakland, St. Johns or call 224-3288. Free trash bags (supplied by McDonald's) are available at the Extension Office for prospective picker-uppers.

All participating groups are asked to conclude their activities around 2 p.m., at which time they should meet in the St. Johns Park for a picnic and recreation (bring your own supplies).

CLUB NEWS
Double M met April 10 at the home of Lela Clark. They will be opening a tack shop, the "Hickory Hut" at Lela's home soon. They talked about three upcoming events that will be held at Lela Clark's: May 8, "Clinic on Grooming" at 7 p.m.; April 18, riding lessons start at 5 p.m. and horse workouts start June 14 at 9 a.m. The Annual Double M Horse Show is July 29. They discussed buying an electric timer with their club paying half the cost and other 4-H clubs putting up the rest. Talked about sponsors for shows, trophies, and judges for their show. Their next meeting is June 14 at Lela Clark's.

Elsie 4-H Corners met April 4, at the E.E. Knight School. They started out by talking about the Roadside Clean-Up April 29. For the

next meeting, which is May 2 at the E. E. Knight School, everyone bring a float theme about 4-H, a cover design for the fair book or the dairy poster.

Ovid Village Elves met April 11 at the United Church. At this meeting, they invited the Foxy Trotters to their meeting and made delicious banana splits. The Elves showed the Trotters their act for Share-the-Fun program. At the business meeting, a report was given on their bowling trip, a demonstration on how to start your garden early, a demonstration on how to make foam turtles, and a demonstration on how to make candles was given. For the Roadside Clean-Up, the Elves invited the Girl Scouts to help them. Their next meeting is May 9, at the United Church.



First Career Day

Mrs. Wendy Houthoofd, a nurse, was one of 33 professionals who spoke on their careers at the first Pewamo-Westphalia High School Career Day last Wednesday, April 19. Juniors and seniors attended four half-hour sessions with the professionals. Career Day was organized by Audrey Casari, counselor at P-W High. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

American Agriculture notes

By Sue Heinlen

The weekly Monday night meeting was held Monday, April 24, at the VFW hall in St. Johns.

There isn't a lot for me to report this week as again some of our group were gone, this time to Oklahoma City for a national meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to determine what our plans are to be from now on. The group made national news as "militant farmers." It's too bad these reporters don't know the biggest share of these people who are representing AAM and they are about the least militant

of any protest group this reporter has ever seen.

The group discussed the Stoney Creek problem as most of the group is affected by its outcome. There are to be meetings in May that will be open to the public, so we think there should be mass support of the continuation of the dredging of the creek. It is too bad to think that all the money that we as tax payers have already spent will be used to fight the DNR instead of doing what it was allocated to do, clean Stoney Creek.

It was mentioned that any member who does not

already received the American Agriculture News which is from Iredell, Tex. ought to send in the subscription and start getting Ag news from all over the county. It is a very informative paper and one that could be used to get much information that most papers don't give concerning agriculture.

We have been most fortunate to have the support from our local newspaper, as many areas haven't been covered as well as we have. Without the support of the editor, I wouldn't be doing this reporting and I hope we all know how good she has been to our group.

The new strike office hours started this week. They are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is going to be run by women while the men are getting busy in the fields. The office is located in the Sleepy Hollow Inn restaurant in Ovid. Phone 834-5563.

The group also discussed getting signed up for the government program. The deadline was to be May 1 however it was stated at the meeting that it has been extended to May 15. It is urged that all farmers get signed up before it's too late.

Our next meeting will be May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW hall on N. US-27 in St. Johns. We will be having a report on what happened in

Oklahoma City, and where we go from here. Plan to attend this as it should be very interesting. All farmers and their wives are welcome at all our meetings.

For all who bought the tractor tickets to win the \$30,000 tractor, it went to Clyde Adams of Keyes, Okla. He bought five tickets right after they went on sale from the Boise City strike office. He is cutting back his production and was one the early supporters of the AAM. He hasn't decided what kind of tractor to get yet.

"They say the job is a political graveyard," Ag Secretary Bergland said of his job recently. "That's all right with me as long as I think I can do something positive to help farmers. Otherwise there is not a single tidbit of reward in the job."

Hmmmm. Just got used to news that USDA scientists were testing cement dust as feed ingredient for cattle. Now comes word that dried chicken manure is promising source of nitrogen in rations of milking cows. In tests, it boosted milk production over urea or extra soybean meal and cost less, too.

Extension calendar

April 28 4-H Share the Fun Program, St. Johns High School, 7:30 p.m.

April 29 Clinton County Roadside Clean-Up Project

May 1-4-H Horse Leaders, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 2-Family Living Program, "How to say no and not feel guilty," Smith Hall, St. Johns, 1 p.m.

May 4-4-H Teen Club meeting, 7 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.

May 4-4-H Horse Leaders, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 6-Glass Collection, fairgrounds, St. Johns, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

May 8 4-H Horse Workshop, Lela Clark's, 7 p.m.

May 9 4-H Dairy Meeting, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 9 Ted Loudon, Animal Waste Disposal Authority in county

May 9 4-H softball leaders meeting, Central National Bank, 8 p.m.

May 15-Michigan Association Extension Home-makers Area Council, Central National Bank, 10 a.m.

May 18-M.A.E.H., Smith Hall, Kitchen Spring Cleaning, 9:30 a.m.

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Contestants were: Pack 73 Eureka, Mark Korienek, Ron Enyart, and Paul Thayer; Pack 76 Elsie, Steve Dennis, Kent Platner, and Carey Bohil; Pack 258 Portland, Chad Barker, Doug Barker and Mark Hamlin; and Pack 260 Wacousta, Brooks Byan, Jim Reverman, and Kurt Treund.

Other contestants were: Pack 267 Bath, Blain Terrant, Kurt Klimenko, and Barry Tilson; Pack 277 DeWitt, Danny Homer, and Bryce Warren; Pack 510, Brian Howell, Kevin Taylor, and Mike Andrens; Pack 512 St. Johns, Steven Eckert, Dale Good, and Danney Fleischer; Pack 515 Riley, Kevin Rumzel, Brian White, and Tim Acklay; Pack 516 East Olive, Eric Tish; Pack 520 East Essex, Jim Kisanane; and Pack 575 Ovid, Erick Chamberlain, Jim Hill and Joey Gazela.

Winners in the Pinewood Derby runoff races were:

first—Tim Ackley of Riley; second—Mark Korienek of Eureka and third—Steve Dennis of Elsie.

Winners in the Rocket Derby runoff were first—Steve Eckert of St. Johns; second—Joey Gazela of Ovid; and third—Erick Chamberlain of Ovid.

Each of the winners received a medallion and a trophy purchased with funds contributed by some automotive dealerships: Bill Fowler and Bill O'Shaughnessey in DeWitt, Bee's in St. Johns, and V.L. Moore and Son in Ovid.



Rocket Derby winners (from left) are: third place, Erick Chamberlain of Pack 575 of Ovid; second place, Joey Gazda of Pack 575 of Ovid; and first place, Steve Eckert of Pack 512 of St. Johns.

Speaks in St. Johns

Rodger Ward, Indy 500 winner and owner of Owosso Speedway, will speak to an auto racing class Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 139 at St. Johns High School as part of Community Resource Volunteers' enrichment program which began last week. Adults and children interested in this class may call 224-8285.

When you say 'no', do you feel guilty?

By Chloe A. Padgett
Extension Home Economist

"How to Say No and Not Feel Guilty," is the focus of upcoming Cooperative Extension Family Living events.

Designed to be an introduction to assertiveness, the programs will be offered in three locations: May 2-Smith Hall, St. Johns, 1 p.m.; May 2-Casino, Corunna, 7:30 p.m.; May 4-Wright Ave. School, Alma.

The meetings are open to all interested persons. There is no admission charge. Free babysitting will be available in St. Johns.

Assertive behavior is interpersonal behavior, in which a person stands up for her-his legitimate rights in such a way that the rights of others are not violated. It involves building a personal belief system in which one identifies and accepts basic interpersonal rights. Assertive skills can be developed and practiced.

These programs are designed as a follow-up to Time Management seminars, recently sponsored by Family Living Extension. For questions or to obtain more information, contact the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288.



Pinewood Derby winners included (from left) second place, Mark Korienek of Pack 73 of Eureka; first place, Tim Ackley of Pack 515, Riley; and third place, Steve Dennis of Pack 76, Elsie.

VFW Auxiliary elects officers

The ladies of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, Post 4113 of St. Johns, held their elections of officers recently.

Elected were President Rose Randolph; Sr. vice President Rose Wilson; Jr. vice President Joyce Beebe; Guard Thelma Joslen; Secretary Jean Palen; Treasurer Dee Stoner; Trustees Hazel Worrall,

Thelma Joslen and Joyce Beebe; Delegates, Eloise Hambleton, Della Thompson, Hazel Worrall, Rose Wilson and Jean Palen; and alternates Dee Stoner, Joyce Beebe, Judy Price, Thelma Joslen and Betty Parks.

Also, a 40-year pin was given to Della Thompson and a 45-year pin was given to Marie Newman.

President Rose and Eloise Hambleton reported that they took 50 shoe boxes and comforters to be used in the Grand Rapids Hospital at Grand Rapids.

Members are reminded to about the Poppy Sale to be May 18-20.

The next regular meeting will be May 2 at 8 p.m. at the post home on N. U.S.-27.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Longstaff of Carland recently returned from spending the winter in Florida; with them came their son, David, wife and two daughters.

David Longstaff had been stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Satellite Beach, Fla., where his parents had spent most of their winter months.

Wayne Morey of Carland,

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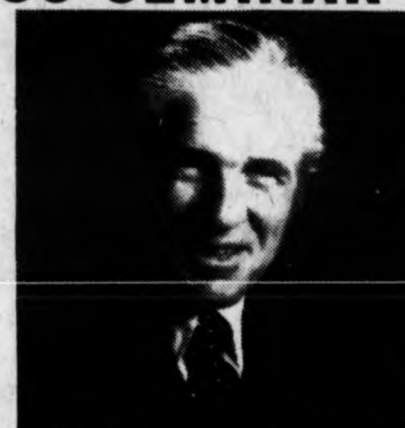
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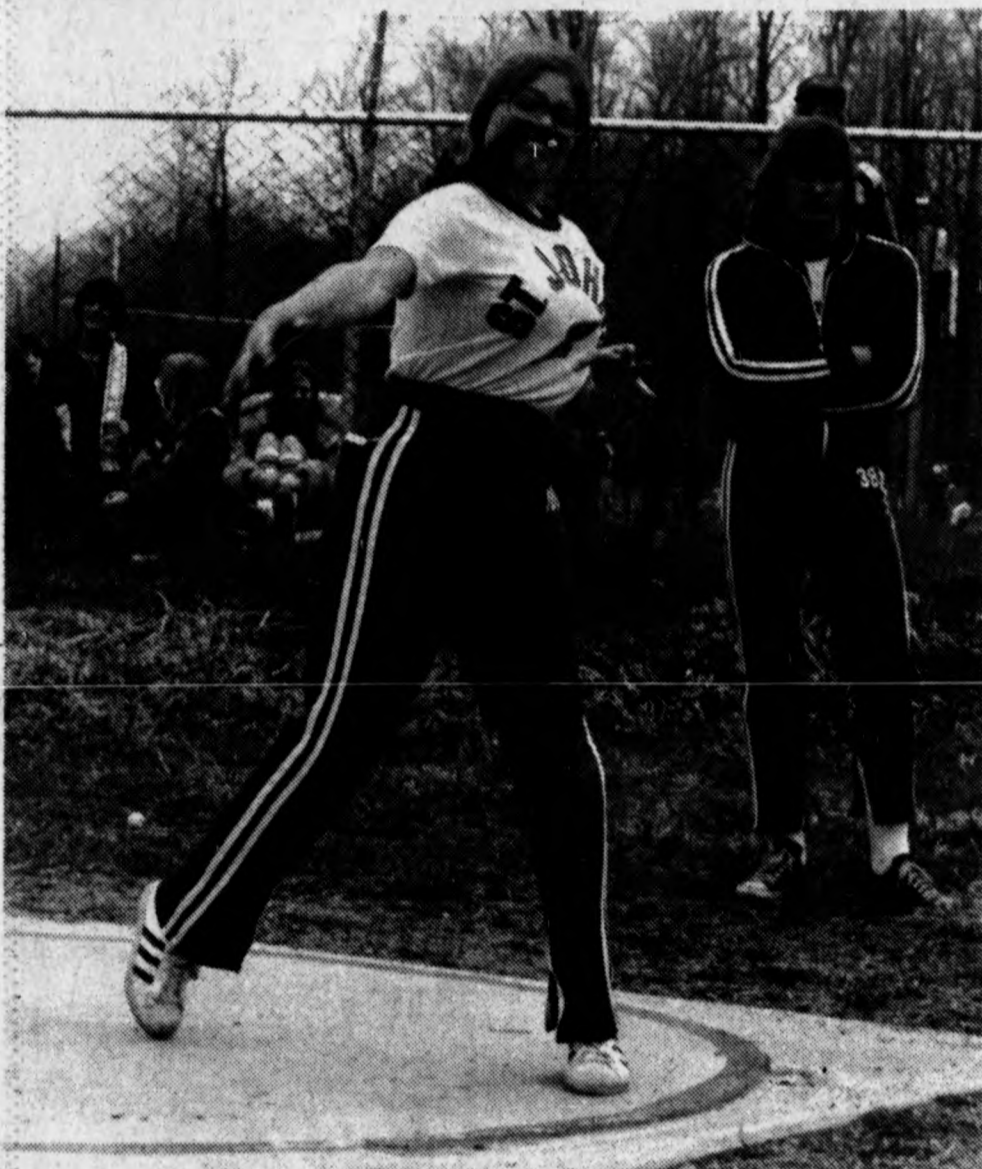
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Brenda Thelen is ready to let the discus fly in St. Johns' meet Wednesday against Hemlock. Both the Redwing girls' and boys scored easy wins that afternoon. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Redwing track teams take 3

By Marcia Lusk
Correspondent

St. Johns

St. Johns' track teams won three of four meets last week, as the Redwing girls defeated Ionia and Hemlock while the boys won their first meet of the season against Hemlock.

In the April 17 meet against Ionia, the girls won easily 88-47. St. Johns took all four places in the shotput, discus, two-mile run, 880 run, 440 dash and the mile run.

St. Johns also took firsts in the 100-yard dash and the mile relay, and tied for first in the high jump.

Against Hemlock the girls did even better, winning 107-29. Taking two individual first places were Connie Pattison in the shotput and discus and Brenda Bennett in the mile and two-mile runs.

Placing more than once were Ronda Osga, third in shot and discus; Donna Feldpausch, first in long jump, third in the 100-yard dash;

Elaine Miller, first in high jump, third in the 110-yard hurdles; Julie Bennett, fourth in the 880 and the mile; Jackie Peters, second in the two-mile and third in the mile; and Debbie Grennell, firsts in the 220 and second in the hurdles.

The Redwings won the 880 relay, the 440 relay and the mile relay.

The boys lost a close meet with Ionia 82-76. Winning two firsts were Brian Thelen in the discus and 880-yard run, Dave Fonger in the 100-yard dash and 220 and Todd Scott in the mile and two mile. Jeff Howe placed three times, winning the high jump and placing third in the 330-yard low hurdles and the 120-yard high hurdles. Placing twice was Steve Massey, who placed second in the 880 and mile.

The Redwing boys did better against Hemlock, winning 103-54. St. Johns was led by Howe, who won the high hurdles and the high jump.

Placing three times were Thelen, first in the 880 and second in the discus and 440 dash, and Mike Moore, second in the low hurdles and pole vault and third in the high hurdles.

Taking two places were Scott, second in the two-mile and fourth in the mile; Andy Spencer, third in the 220-yard dash and fourth in the 440; Massey, second in the 880 and the mile; and Fonger, first in the 220 and

second in the 100-yard dash. Each of the three Redwing Relay teams also won.

Today St. Johns will travel

to Swan Valley for another conference meet, and Friday the boys will be at the Ovid-Elsie Relays.

P-W softball team falls to Wolfpack

Westphalia

Robin Sawyer's pitching and overall good play of the Laingsburg softball team was too much for Pewamo-Westphalia Thursday as the pirates fell to the Wolfpack 12-2 in the CMAC opener.

Sawyer only allowed one hit, a single to Colleen Smith, in handing P-W its first loss of the season.

"I have all praise for Robin Sawyer and Laings-

burg." P-W Coach Bonnie Somero said. "They played excellent ball. Even if Sawyer wasn't on like that, they probably would have had us. Their infield was great, their outfield was great, they were good all around."

Tonight P-W goes to Carson City, then Thursday the Pirates travel to Fowler for a CMAC game. Monday P-W hosts Fulton.

Panther baseball splits opener

DeWitt

DeWitt's baseball team split its opening games of the season Saturday, beating Shepherd in the first game of a doubleheader 9-1 but dropping the nightcap 10-9.

Dale Challiss was the winning pitcher in the opener, going the first four innings, while Dave Noch went the final three. The two combined for five strikeouts and a pair of walks.

Challiss also had an outstanding offensive game, going two for two with a home run and five RBIs. Mark Moody was two for four with three RBIs and a triple, and Terry Mitchell was two for three with a double.

DeWitt was in command all the way, scoring three runs in the first and five in the second.

The second game was the reverse of that, as the Pan-

thers were down from the start and trailed 10-3 going into the bottom of the sixth. DeWitt closed the gap with a pair in the sixth and rallied in the seventh, but still fell a run short.

Dave Strouse was the top Panther hitter, as he went three for four with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs. Mitchell was three for four with a double and three RBIs, and Moody drove in two runs.

DeWitt had eight hits and five errors in the nightcap, while the Bluejays had ten hits and one error.

Friday DeWitt is at Okemos for a Capital Circuit doubleheader.

O-E Relays Friday

Elsie

Five county boys' track teams will be at Ovid-Elsie High School Friday to run in the Ovid-Elsie Relays.

St. Johns, Bath, Fulton and Bewamo-Westphalia will join the host school and 15 other schools in the competi-

tion, which will begin at 3 p.m.

Corunna, the Class B champion, will be back to defend its title, while Bath is the defending champion in the C-D class. O-E Coach John Oberlin predicts a close meet in each division, with

no clear team favorites but several outstanding individual athletes.

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Jeff Thelen takes a swing for Fowler during Monday's 3-2 loss to Bellevue. The boys' jayvee baseball team took an 11-1 victory, but the girls' softball team was defeated 10-0 Monday. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Durand
St. Johns used a strong team performance to narrowly win the championship of the Durand Invitational tournament Saturday. And in addition, the Redwings defeated Ionia 4-3 in a non-conference match the day before.

At Durand, the Redwings finished with 15 points to 14 for Lansing Hill, nine for Fenton and four for Durand.

Bryan Salminen, the Redwings' regular number-one singles player, was out with tonsillitis last week, Coach Al Werbish said, but his substitutes filled the gap admirably. Tim Halfman, who moved into the top singles spot, won first place at Durand, beating Kris LaGuire of Lansing Hill 6-3, 6-4, and Chris Vielhauer of Durand 7-5, 6-2.

Jim Vitous took third place in the second doubles flight, losing to H. McGinnis of Durand 6-2, 6-4 before beating Fenton's Mike Schenk 7-6, 6-4.

Jim Dedyne beat Jim Gatzka of Fenton in the first round 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, but had to settle for second place overall after losing to Dave Haak from Hill, 6-2, 6-3.

In the final singles spot Jeff Swears, who moved into singles spot because of Salminen's illness, came through with a first place finish. He beat Gary Jones of Fenton 6-3, 6-3, and Jim Bradley of Hill 6-3, 6-4.

St. Johns finished second in all three doubles flights. The number one team of Alan Gove and Kurt Stork beat Fenton's Mike Butts and Nick Bosway 6-4, 7-5 before falling to a Hill team in three sets.

The second doubles team of Ron Moon and Jon Salminen won its first match against Tim House and Corey Wooten of Durand 6-0, 6-4, but lost to Fenton's Dave Owocki and Jin Schenk in three sets.

The third flight doubles team for St. Johns, Rod Van Orsdol and Jeff Musolf, beat Craig Severance and Scott Hodges of Hill 6-3, 6-4, but lost to Mark Williams and

Chris Warner of Fenton 6-4, 6-4.

St. Johns had a rough draw, Coach Werbish said, drawing the strength of the Fenton team. But the Redwings beat that strength, winning six of seven first round matches.

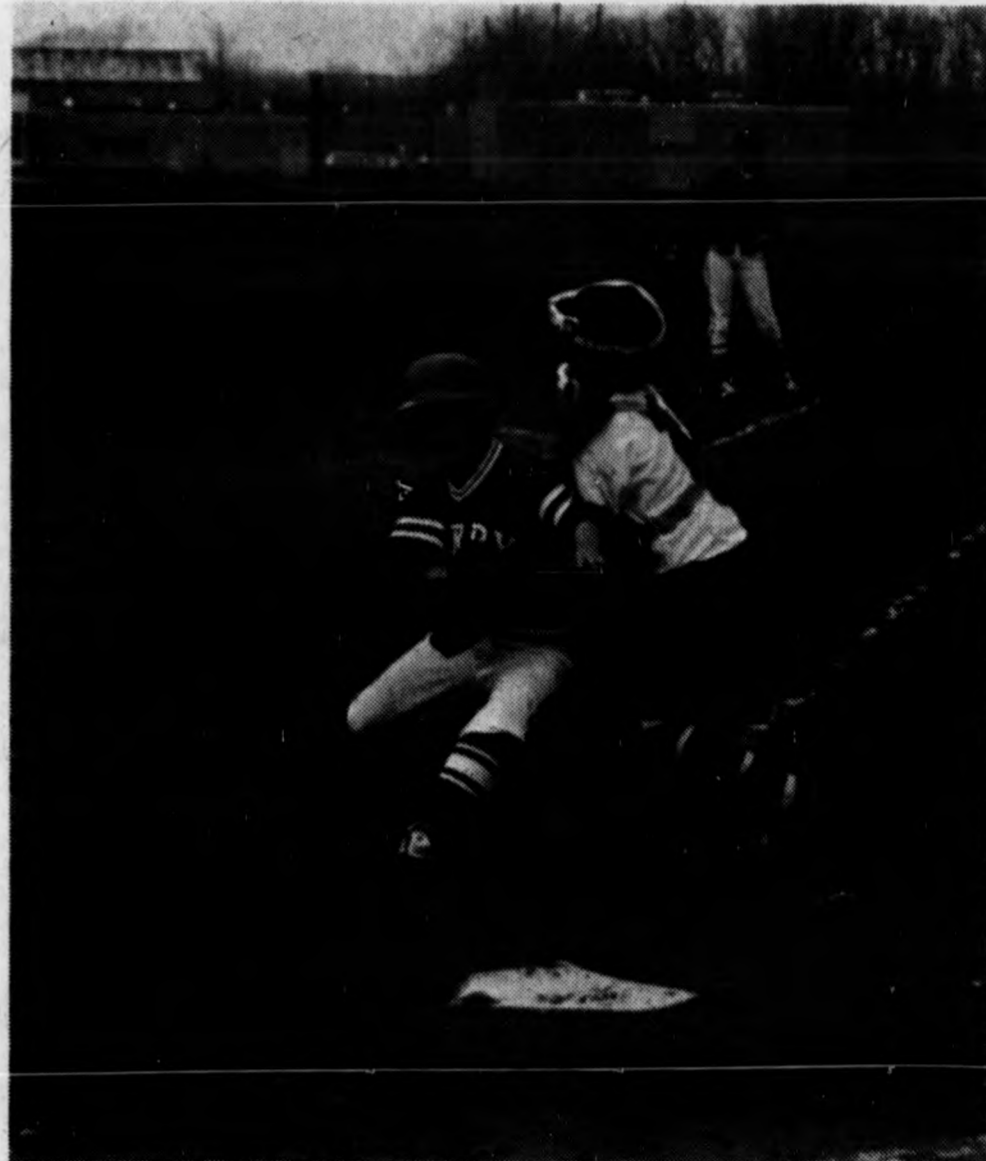
Against Ionia, Halfman lost the top singles match to Chris Kenyon 7-5, 6-2, while Vitous lost the second singles match 6-4, 6-4. Dedyne won the next match 6-2, 6-0, but Barnes lost in the fourth singles flight to Tom Burdo 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

But the Redwings swept the doubles matches to squeak past the Bulldogs. Gove and Swears beat Joe Adgate and Brad Hull 6-3, 6-2, and Moon and Salminen beat Larry Norton and Jerry Adams 6-2, 6-4.

In the final doubles match, Musolf and VanOrsdol beat Phil Reglin and Ed Colbert 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

St. Johns won the junior varsity match against Ionia 4-3. Winning singles matches for the Redwings were Jerry Curtis, Jeff Kemper and Jon Strombon, while the doubles team of Jerry Garceau and Scott VanBuren was also victorious.

Thursday St. Johns hosts Lansing Eastern, Friday Swan Valley visits, and Tuesday Bullock Creek comes to town.



Not a chance

There's no way this Perry runner can escape from Bath catcher Julie Cole, as Cole puts her out easily. The play slowed a Perry rally, but the Ramblers still came out on top, 10-8, in extra innings. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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De Witt tennis splits matches

By Mark Szalajeski
Correspondent

The DeWitt tennis team split two matches last week, losing to Okemos 7-0, then rolling over Ithaca, 7-0.

Against Okemos, one of the best teams in the state, DeWitt's number one singles player, Mike Ferland, and number two, Marty Lass, lost by identical 6-0, 6-0 scores. Number three singles man, Mark Mandrick fared somewhat better, bow-

ing 6-3, 6-2. Fourth singles player Dean Ward, although playing well, still was defeated 7-5, 6-2.

The DeWitt doubles team shared the same fate against the Chieftains. The number-one doubles team of Dennis Wisner and Steve Sadler lost 6-0, 6-3. Second doubles, Kurt Hofmeister and Randy Thornton, were defeated 6-2, 6-1, and Steve Platt and Mark Szalajeski, third doubles, dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision.

Although Okemos overwhelmed DeWitt early in the week, the Panthers recovered to outclass Ithaca in their meet on Friday. Mike Ferland dropped his first set but battled back to take a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 decision. That first set was the only set won by Ithaca all day.

Marty Lass and Mark

Mandrick both defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-2 and 7-6, 6-2, and Dean Ward dropped just one game in winning his watch 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles team did equally well, Dennis Wisner and Steve Sadler rolled over their opponents 6-0, 6-1. Kurt Hofmeister and Randy Thornton had little trouble disposing of their foes, 6-0, 6-3, and Steve Platt and Mark Szalajeski won their match 6-4, 6-2.

DeWitt will meet Ithaca again this season on May 15 at Ithaca. Fortunately, the Panthers will not face Okemos again until the Capital Circuit Championships, scheduled for May 17 at DeWitt.

DeWitt travels to Mason to take on the Bulldogs today and will be at home to play

Lansing Catholic Central on Friday.



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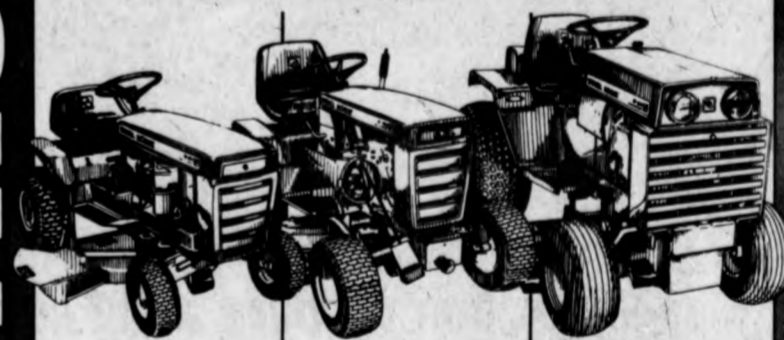
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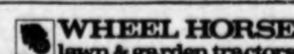


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O-E annihilates Ithaca nine

Ithaca
Once again, Ovid-Elsie's baseball team got a week's worth of strong pitching, and the Marauders won two of three games.
Saturday O-E swept a doubleheader from Ithaca 13-2 and 5-1, but Friday the Marauders lost a seventh-

inning lead and fell to Swan Valley 5-4 in their MMB opener.
Perry Salyer was the star of the first game of the doubleheader, allowing only three hits and three walks in seven innings while striking out eight. Salyer had a shut-out and one-hitter going until

the seventh, when Ithaca used a misjudged fly ball and a scratch single as part of two-run rally.
Salyer was also the offensive star of O-E, going three for four with two doubles, and two RBIs. Matt Fabus was three for four with a double, and Mark Byrnes

was two for three.
The game was close for the first three innings, with O-E holding a 1-0 lead. But the Marauders put together six hits and a walk in the fourth inning to score six runs and take charge of the game. O-E scored three runs in the sixth and seventh innings to wrap up the win.
O-E didn't get the big inning in the second game like it did in the first—the Marauders scored single runs in the first innings and in the final four innings.
But like the first game, the Marauders got a strong pitching performance, this time from sophomore John Micka. He scattered seven hits and struck out eight while not allowing a walk.
After O-E scored in the top of the first, the Yellow-jackets scored in the bottom of the inning. But Micka took

control after that, not allowing an Ithaca runner past second base.
O-E had seven hits scattered throughout the lineup, with Larry Knutson the only man to get two.
Marauder Coach Jack Nutter said he was happy with his team's defensive play. O-E had just one error in each of Saturday's games.
Swan Valley didn't field well against O-E, committing six errors and allowing four unearned runs. But as it turned out, the Vikings managed to overcome their mistakes with a last-ditch rally.
O-E scored two in the fourth. Mike Davis walked, Brian Byrnes singled and both advanced on Knutson's sacrifice. Then the Viking centerfielder dropped John Micka's fly ball, allowing two runs to score.
The Marauders got two

more in the next inning. Matt Fabus singled and went to third when Stan Minarik was safe on first on an error. One out later, a throwing error by the shortstop allowed both runners to score.
O-E had a one-run lead and one out in the bottom of the seventh when Byrnes, the losing pitcher, allowed his first walk of the game. He got the second out of the inning on a fielders choice, but then allowed another walk. Finally Paul Lichon doubled for Swan Valley, scoring both runners.
Byrnes went all the way for O-E, striking out nine and allowing two crucial walks along with nine hits. O-E had three hits. The Marauders committed two errors to the Vikings' six.
O-E is at Bullock Creek for a doubleheader Thursday, and hosts Hemlock Tuesday.

O-E beats Fulton, P-W and Fowler; loses to Corunna

Elsie
Ovid-Elsie's boys' track team took three out of four meets last week, beating Fulton 85-73, Pewamo-Westphalia 105½-52½, and Fowler 105-51.
But Wednesday the Marauders fell to defending MMB champion Corunna 96-62.
O-E had seven overall winners in the triple dual meet against P-W and Fulton. Mike Shank, Dave Lockwood, Matt Smith and Brett Welton won the 880 relay in 1:35.5, and Bill Kayanek,

Tim Martin, Welton and Jeff Winans won the mile relay in 3:43.
Winans also won the pole vault, reaching a height of 11-6. Welton took the 440 in 53.2. Dave Toth won the two-mile run in 10:34. Lockwood won the 220 in 24.3, and Kayanek won the 880-dash in 2:05.
Wednesday O-E only won five first against Corunna. The 880 relay team of Lockwood, Smith, Welton, and Joe McAninch won in 1:34.9, and the mile relay team of Smith, Kayanek, Welton and

Winans won in 3:38.
Toth won the two-mile again, this time in 10:33. Terry Salyer won the long jump with 18-10 and Rod Acre won the discus with a toss of 107-0.
Eight of O-E's top athletes didn't run against Fowler, resting for St. Louis the following day. But the Marauders still earned 10 firsts on their way to an easy win.
Acre was a double winner, throwing the shot 38-0 and the discus 113-0. John Torrey won the high jump at 5-6, while Jeff George cleared 11-0 in the pole vault.
Steve Weir took the 100-yard dash in 11.0, Dick Staple won the high hurdles in 19.0, and Jack Miller won the mile in 5:04.
O-E Picked up a pair of seconds at the St. Louis relays Saturday as the 880 and mile relay teams that ran against Corunna both placed second with times of 1:34.0 and 3:32.0.
Tonight O-E is at Bullock Creek, and Friday the Marauders host the 20-team Ovid-Elsie Relays. The program features 17 events, including individual events, and special relays. Corunna will be back to defend its Class B title, while Bath will be back to defend its Class C-D crown.
Competition begins at 3 p.m. Friday, and admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

O-E girls split

Elsie
Ovid-Elsie's girls' track team split a pair of meets last week, losing to Corunna 80½-55½ in an MMB meet Wednesday and beating Fowler 78-58 in a junior varsity meet.
The Marauders only had three first-place finishes against the Cavaliers. Lori Webster took the discus with a throw of 98-5, Jennifer Litomisky took the high jump with a leap of 4-8, and Shelley Bracey took the 220-yard dash with a time of 29.35.
Finishing second were Vicki Selke, 100-yard dash, 12.3; Litomisky, low hurdles, 17.8; Jody Hehrer, 440 dash, 1:04.9; and the 440 relay

team of Kristie Hose, Jan Walter, Selke and Bracey, 54.5.
Several fresh faces got into the scoring column against Fowler, with O-E winning eight first places. Colleen Reha won the shotput with a throw of 29-3½, Theresa Batora won the discus with 93-10, and Selke won the high jump at 4-6.
Selke also won the 220 with 29.85, while Hehrer won the 880 in 2:45. Robin Parker won the low hurdles in 17.4, while Deb Bancroft took the mile run in 6:28.2.
The 880 relay team of Jan Waterbury, Deb Fraker, Sheila Swarthout and Walter won in 2:01.



Not in time

Pewamo-Westphalia's Theresa Simon reaches up and catches this one, but Webberville already reached the plate in Monday's girls' softball game played at P-W. The Pirates lost the game, 9-6. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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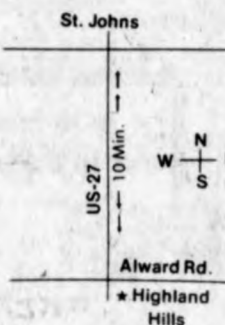
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Okemos 71½, DeWitt 64½
Bath 100, Potterville 35
St. Johns 88, Ionia 47
St. Johns 107, Hemlock 29
O-E JVs 78, Fowler 58
Corunna 80½, O-E 55½

BOYS' TRACK

O-E 85, Fulton 73
O-E 105½, P-W 52½
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<p>Baseball April 26 Carson City at P-W</p> <p>April 27 O-E at Bullock Creek Fowler at P-W Fulton at Bellevue St. Johns at Swan Valley (2)</p> <p>April 28 DeWitt at Mason (2)</p> <p>April 29 DeWitt at River Valley (2) Ashley at Fulton (2)</p>	<p>Softball April 26 Bath at Williamston</p> <p>April 27 Bullock Creek at Ovid-Elsie P-W at Fowler Bellevue at Fulton Eaton Rapids at DeWitt</p> <p>April 29 Bath at Stockbridge (2)</p> <p>May 1 Fulton at P-W Pinckney at Bath</p> <p>May 2 O-E at Hemlock DeWitt at Charlotte</p>
<p>Tennis April 26 DeWitt at Mason</p> <p>April 27 Lansing Eastern at St. Johns</p> <p>April 28 Lansing Catholic at DeWitt</p> <p>May 1 DeWitt at Durand</p> <p>May 2 Bullock Creek at St. Johns</p>	

Little League season begins

St. Johns Preparations for the 1978 St. Johns Little League season are now in full swing with tentative dates set for tryouts, picture night and season openers.

With the retirement this year of Jack Downing, who organized the Little League program 16 years ago, and Larry Plowman, who has also contributed much of his time for several years, this year's committee is looking for volunteer labor to help the program run smoothly.

Responsibility for Little League operation has been taken over by the Jaycees, under the leadership of Lee J. VanCamp, club president.

According to Van Camp, the most pressing need is for playing facility improvement. The committee has defined several areas needing attention.

Plans call for reworking the fields, improving parking areas, additional seating capacity, outfield improvement and fence repair. Work days have been set for April 29 and 30 to accomplish much of this work. Anyone interested is encouraged to

volunteer their time. Saturday or Sunday for these much-needed improvements.

The total cost of operating the Little League and Pony League for this year has been budgeted at \$4,500. Funds will be raised through the annual raffle, contributions from business, field rentals, concession stand profits and donations from the public. Those wishing to

donate can send their contributions to: St. Johns Little League, Box 14, St. Johns, Michigan 48879.

Tentative dates for Little League and Pony League Summer Activities are as follows:

Little League Tryouts—May 2 and 4; rain date—May 9 and 11.

Little League Draft—May 4 or 11.

Little League Picture Night—May 18. Pony League

pictures will be taken in June.

Draft—May 17; rain date—

Little League season opens May 22 and the Pony League season opens June 5. When finalized, both League Schedules will be printed in the Clinton County News.

Parents should take note that this year pictures will be taken by a professional photographer May 16. On the

same evening, raffle tickets will be distributed to all team managers and players.

Individuals with questions on this year's program are encouraged to contact any committee member. The 1978 committee includes Lee J. Van Camp (224-2070), John Berg (224-2036 or 224-6811), Roger Beebe (224-6072 or 224-6811), Bud Delavan (224-3414 or 224-2332), Jerry Mitchell (224-8546), or Dave Monstrey (224-4690).

In CMAC opener

Troub pitches Fulton to 6-3 win

Middleton Fulton, using the strong pitching arm of Randy Troub, defeated Fowler 6-3 Friday in the CMAC opener for both teams.

Troub had five strikeouts and had a shutout going until the top of the seventh, when the Eagles scored three times.

The Pirate offense was led by Terry Hnetyka, who had two hits and an RBI, John Kresge, also with two hits and an RBI, Jerry Winsor, a triple and an RBI, Jeff Stephens, two for three and an RBI, and Dan Blemaster, two for two.

Fowler was led by Dave Messer, two hits and a pair of RBIs, and Dan Braun, two hits.

In the Fowler-Ashley game, Messer led the Eagle attack with a single, a double and two RBIs. Neil Thelen was three for three and scored once, while Tim Koenigsnecht had a triple and two RBIs.

Jeff Thelen was the winning pitcher, going all seven innings, striking out four and walking four.

Fulton fell to Sacred Heart 7-5 when the Pirates were hurt by wild pitching in the early going. The Irish were treated to nine walks, eight in the first three innings, along with three Fulton errors. Fulton Coach Warren Kent said five of the seven Mt. Pleasant runs could be traced to either walks or

errors. Sacred Heart had four hits, the Pirates eight.

Jerry Winsor and Hnetyka each had two hits and two RBIs for Fulton that game. Xavier Rodriguez, a Fulton exchange student, went the first three innings for Fulton and picked up the loss.

The Pirates swept Saturday's doubleheader with St. Louis 6-1 and 5-3. In the first game, Gary Moore held the Sharks to just one hit while racking up seven strikeouts.

Meanwhile, the Pirates rapped the St. Louis pitching for eight hits. John Kresge had two hits and an RBI, while Jerry Winsor had a bases-empty home run and Jim Sali knocked in two runs

with a base hit.

Coach Kent played almost all juniors and sophomores in the second game, but the Pirates still came up with the win. Sophomore Mark Skayrd was three for four, and Larry Leiby, up from the junior varsity, was the winning pitcher.

The week's action left Fulton with a 4-3 record and a 1-0 CMAC mark. Fowler is 2-2 overall, 0-1 in the league.

Thursday Fowler is at P-W and Tuesday the Eagles host Lansing Christian in a doubleheader. Fulton is at Bellevue Thursday, at home against Ashley Saturday in a doubleheader, and at home against Pewamo-Westphalia Monday.

7th inning squeeze keys Redwing loss to BC

Midland A seventh-inning squeeze play by Bullock Creek pushed across the only run of the game and gave St. Johns a 1-0 setback in its season's opener Tuesday.

The loss was a heart-breaker for Redwing pitcher Dan Lee, who had a no-hitter going into the last inning. Lee finished with 14 strikeouts and just two walks and allowed just one hit.

Midland started the seventh-inning rally with a bloop single to right field. An error and a walk loaded the

bases, then the Lancers executed a perfect squeeze play to send home the winning run.

St. Johns only had one scoring chance, when the Redwings had a man on second and one out in the sixth. But Midland pitcher Kevin Krenzke struck out the next two men he faced to get out of the inning.

Bullock Creek also got fine pitching as Jeff Stone shut out St. Johns for the first five innings and Krenzke kept the Redwings in check the final two innings to get the win. St.

Johns managed only one hit, a single by Albert Ott.

Both defenses were sharp for the first outing of the season. Bullock Creek committed one error while St. Johns had two.

Redwing Coach John Wilcox said he was pleased with the play of Lee, who he said was "superb," and catcher Wayne Sperry, but said the Redwings needed work on their hitting.

Thursday St. Johns is at Swan Valley for a doubleheader, and Tuesday the Redwings host Corunna.

Fowler girls down Fulton

Maple Rapids Fowler scored three runs in the late innings and held off a seventh-inning Fulton rally to take a 4-2 softball victory Friday.

Fulton opened the scoring with a run in the top of the second, but Fowler countered it with a run in the third.

In the fifth inning Eagle catcher Kat Schmitt started a rally with a single, Patty Wirth was safe on an error by the second baseman. Then Shirley Hengesbach tripled, driving in what proved to be the winning runs.

Fulton made a run at the Eagles in the seventh, load-

ing the bases on two singles and an error, but center-fielder Pauline Kramer took in a fly ball and caught a runner off second base for a Fowler double play. An error by Becky Snyder loaded the bases, but Snyder atoned for that mistake by throwing out a Pirate runner trying to score to end the game.

The Pirates came up with eight hits and committed five errors, while Fowler had just five hits but only one error. Lori Thelen was the winning pitcher.

Fowler had an easier time on April 17, whipping Ashley 33-10. The Eagles had 36 hits that game, and were further

helped by six Ashley errors. Kramer was the top batter with a perfect seven for seven day, including three doubles and a triple. Cindy Weber was four for four with three doubles, and Kat Schmitt was five for six with three doubles and a triple.

Snyder was four for six and Lynette Thelen was five for six with a double. Weber also had six RBIs.

Betsy Weber was the winning pitcher.

Fowler, 1-0 in the CMAC and 3-2 overall, hosts Pewamo-Westphalia Thursday while Fulton hosts Bellevue Thursday and travels to P-W Monday.

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Pool winners

Women's first place winners in the Tri-County pool league was Mickey's Bar. Members of the team include: Chi Zeeb (with trophy) and Vicki Frechen (with cup) bottom row. Standing is Mary Hanson, Kay McNeal, Janet Nabbefeld and Sue Sims. (Pool photos by Sue Kiley)

Fulton beats P-W in track

Elsie Fulton beat Pewamo-Westphalia in boys' track 99-55 April 17 in a triple dual meet at Ovid-Elsie. P-W also lost to O-E 105½-52½, and O-E beat Fulton 85-73. Gary Schafer was the star for P-W, winning three firsts in each dual. He was a double winner in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.8 and in the 330-yard low hurdles with 43.0 Schafer also won the 220 dash against Fulton with 24.8 and the high jump against O-E with 5-10. Tim Spencer was the only other P-W double winner, throwing the discus 114-6½. He also won the shotput

against O-E with a throw of 39-4. The only other P-W first place came in the two-mile against Fulton, which was won by Trent Schafer in 10:37. First places for Fulton against P-W included Brian Betz, shotput, 39-5 and Randy Troub, high jump at 6-2½ and long jump at 19-1. P-W and Fulton will be at the Ovid-Elsie relays Friday, while Fulton will also host Bellevue and Portland St. Patrick tonight and go to the Chip Relays at Central Michigan University Saturday.



Pool winners

First place winners in the Men's division of the Tri-County pool league was also Mickey's Bar. Members of the team are Mickey Ludwick, Carl Barnes, Bud Barnes, Lee Pertler, Rex Juan, Steve Frechen, Harry Thompson, Nelson Keyes and Brian Zeeb.

Health clinic planned

The DeWitt Community Public Health Clinic will be held at the South DeWitt Church of Christ, 2931 Herberston Rd., DeWitt, April 27. Immunizations are from 4-6 p.m. and blood pressure

screening from 7-8 p.m. Call the Mid-Michigan District Health Department at 224-7772 for information about other services at the clinic.

Country Club season starts, meetings set

St. Johns Craig Miles, manager of the Clinton County Country Club, recently announced the opening of the club for the 1978 golf season. Many changes have been made, both in the club house and on the course to help make the summer of 1978 more enjoyable.

The number of club activities has also been increased this year. The men's organization meeting is slated for May 1 and May 3 for the ladies. There will be a two-man scramble scheduled for Sunday, May 14. Anyone desiring more information about the club activities or membership can call the club at 224-6287.

Bowling report

Top 16 Bowlers at Redwing Lanes		Holy Rollers		29-31	Coffee Cup	
Men		V I P		28-32	Ritter's Shell	78½-41½
Dan Martin	190	Ten Pins	28-32	22-38	Smalldon's Firewood	70-50
Rudy Masarik	186	State Farm 2	22-38	21-39	Carol Ann Shop	67-53
Lyle Floate	184	Old Timers	21-39	18-42	Jim's TV	69-51
Don Adair	183	State Farm 1	18-42	205	General Tire	61-59
Jon Talroe	182	Paul Hurst	205	202-549	Beck & Hyde	59-61
Ron Antes	181	Bernard Wawaszcyk	202-549	503	Buckeye Lounge	57-63
Tom Bullard	181	Mike LaBar	503	506	Searles Mobil Homes	54½-65½
Jim Lance	181	Jerry Brockmyre	506	526	Houghten Real Estate	59½-60½
Gene Dunkel	181	Jack Bachelor	509	505	Farmerettes	48½-71½
Tom Martin	181	Ed Purvis	509	520	Silvio's Lounge	51-69
Ed Martin	180	Lee Chanf	505	212-510	Lamberis Fabrics	45-75
Keith Barrett	179	George Higgins	520	201-543	Marlene Harris	509
Al Egres	179	Jerry Lott	212-510	202-202-569	Carol Egres	514
Rich Snyder	179	Ed Dickman	201-543			
Bruce Thelen	179	Dale Mitchell	202-202-569			
Ernie Lance	178					
Women		First Nighters (Final)		42-22		
Kay Penix	175	Snack Bar	42-22	46-18		
Karen Penix	168	Farmer's Pet. Co-op	42-22	39-25		
Marsha Snyder	167	Community Dodge	39-25	35-29		
Kathy Strahle	166	Lanternman Ins.	39-25	35-29		
Carol Egres	165	Jan's Hair Fashions	33-31	34½-29½		
Marge Hurst	165	Farmer Peets	29-35	33-31		
Judy Payne	165	Ann's Coiffures	28-36	33-31		
M. Alice Purvis	163	Brink's Machine Co.	27-37	33-31		
Rose Ritter	163	Giorgio's	27-37	33-31		
Karen Ladisky	161	Ken. Nat'l Bank	26-38	30½-33½		
Thelma Miller	161	Nick's Fr. Market	26-38	30-34		
Betty Martin	161	Capitol Savings	24-40	27-38		
Lela Clark	161			25-39		
Eileen Strickland	160	Vi Sharick	503	24-40		
Julia Silvestri	159					
Nancy Lott	158					
Shirts & Skirts		Tea Time		46-18		
Clinton Crop Service	32½-23½	Bill's Garage	46-18	35-29		
Guy's Sunoco	31-25	Buckeye Lounge	39-25	35-29		
Wilkes & Harger	30½-25½	S & H Farms	35-29	34½-29½		
St. Johns Furniture	29½-26½	Redwing Lanes	34½-29½	33-31		
Car-Dale Farms	29½-26½	Ken. Nat'l Bank	33-31	33-31		
Central National Bank	29-27	McDonalds	33-31	32-32		
Seedy's	28-28	Uncle John's	32-32	30½-33½		
St. Johns Hardwood	28-28	Clinton Area Amb.	30½-33½	30-34		
Roadhouse	26-30	Andy's IGA	30-34	27-38		
Blue Angels	25½-30½	Robert's Ceramics	27-38	25-39		
Central Mich. Lumber	25-31	Randolph's	25-39	24-40		
Holiday & Louth	21½-34½	M M M F	24-40			
200's & 500's		Nite Owls				
Jack Anderson	534	Hillside Beauty Shop	31½-16½			
Guy Snyder	534	Twin Oaks Golf	28-20			
George Smith	532	Keelean Buick	28-20			
Elmer Feldpausch	515	Wheel Inn	27-21			
Hal Wilkes	512	St. Johns Co-op	27-21			
Everett Martens	511	Drakes	27-21			
Al Egres	504	Jeanne's Beans	26-22			
Stan Hicks	503	F. C. Mason	23½-24½			
Carol Egres	203-556	Rivard's Nursing Home	17-31			
		B & J Upholstery	16-32			
Redwing Mixed	41-19	Marge Schirmer	513			
C T C Farms	40-20					
Community Electric	38-22					
Fearsome Four	35-25					
Night Hawks	31-29					
Four Plus One	29-31					
W H A's						

Kukla starts season right

Al Kukla, of St. Johns started the 1978 season with a warning to the Late Model Stock Car drivers that he was out to repeat his championship performance of 1977 when he set a new track record on opening day at the Owosso Speedway. Kukla, driving the Maple Rapids Lumber Mustang turned the quarter mile oval in 14.25 seconds to break the

old record of 14.55 seconds. In addition to his record breaking performance Kukla also took the checkered flag for the win in the 25 lap feature event. Following Kukla in the feature finish was Jim Lane, Roy Mason, Bill Williams, and Lloyd Bartholmew, all of Owosso. In the preliminary action

Dave Mulder of Ovid won the dash event ahead of Gene Issacson, Kukla, and Mason. Mulder repeated his winning style in the fast heat when he finished ahead of Williams, Mason, and Issacson. In the slow heat the winner was Steve Parisian of Williamston followed by Mike DeFrenn, Ray Gadd, and Dennis Bitner.

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7 Clinton students graduate from CMU



Clinton County
Seven Clinton County students were among 760 to be awarded degrees at Central Michigan University at the end of the fall session in December.

In all, 648 students received bachelor's degrees while 112 earned master's degrees.

Graduating from CMU were:

Debra Nixon of 247 Round Lake Rd., DeWitt who earned a bachelor of science degree in education with a major in home economics. She graduated cum laude.

Kathleen Spitzley of Box 273, Rte. 2, Fowler, earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts with a major in the interpersonal and public communications. She graduated magna cum laude.

Theresa Huard of 209 E. Walker St., St. Johns, earned a Bachelor of Science degree

in Education with a major in physical education.

Karen Knight of RR. 2, St. Johns received a bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in music.

Christie Ann Schafer of 13540 Main St., Westphalia, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in business education.

Mark Szyperki of 4180 Three Mile Rd., Westphalia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a music major.

Mary Jane Szyperki of Rte. 1, Grand River, Westphalia, earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She graduated cum laude.

To graduate cum laude, a student must have earned a total cumulative grade point average of 3.15 to 3.39. Magna cum laude graduates had a 3.40 to 3.59 grade point average. Summa cum laude

graduates had between a 3.60 and perfect 4.0 average.

Also among the December graduates at CMU were the

Clinton County News Editor and her husband, Patrice and Paul Hornak. Both received their master's degrees. Mrs. Hornak

earned a Master of Arts degree in journalism and her husband earned a Master of Science degree in Business Education.

MP post office starts stamp collectors' club

The United States Postal Service has developed a new Philatelic Program known as the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club. The program is designed to reach all fourth, fifth, and sixth grade children.

Larry Fussman, Supt. of Postal operations of the Mt. Pleasant, post office, has been appointed by the MSC director as the Project

Leader in the central Michigan area. His goal is to make contact with all schools in the area presenting the program. He will offer interesting data and information leading to the printing of Commemorative stamps.

Fussman has a film strip pointing out the educational value to the student when he pursues this interesting hobby. He will offer sugges-

tions on collecting stamps at no cost at all or inexpensive methods of stamp collecting. Fussman will assist, along with each teacher, those classes of children who desire to belong to the club. program are in the process of being sent to each school in the area. Fussman is also available at the post office of phone him at 773-3653.

Microwave winner

Mrs. Marvin Simon (right) was the winner of a microwave oven at the recent drawing sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia. The drawing was preceded by a microwave cooking demonstration by Dick Cook TV dealership of Westphalia. Mrs. Gerald Piggott, regent of Daughters of Isabella, (left) and Dick Cook present the microwave to Mrs. Simon. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

DeWitt VFW Auxiliary honors post entrants

DeWitt
On Thursday, April 20, the DeWitt V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary No. 671 held a dessert for its Poster Contest entrants and their parents. The annual contest is held for the fourth and fifth graders at Fuersteneau School in DeWitt.

This year, there were 20 entrants. Each of the students received a citation for participation. The third place winner, Rosalyn

Ferris, received a medal; John Felzke, second place winner, also received a medal. Patti Bond, the first place winner, received a trophy. Patti's poster now goes on to be judged in state competition.

Also attending the dessert was Don Powell, school principal, and Mrs. Mary Wright, art teacher.

After the presentations, cake and punch (or coffee) were served.

Performs in women's festival

Mt. Pleasant
Michelle Lenon, a Central Michigan University sophomore from St. Johns, participated in an interpretive reading as part of Women's Art Festival held at CMU in

April.

The festival, sponsored by CMU's Women's Studies Committee, featured exhibits, interpretive readings and music.

Auditions scheduled

Lansing
Open Auditions for lead, dance and choral roles for the Lansing Community College summer musical, "No, No Nanette," will be held Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 in room 114, A.O.F. Building, 315 N.

Grand Ave.
Try-outs for dancers will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.; for leads and chorus, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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Two chosen for Girls State

St. Johns and Elsie Two Clinton County girls have been selected to attend the 38th session of Girls' State.

Ovid-Elsie High School will be represented by Kathleen Baese, daughter of Merle and Carol Baese of 8366 Island Rd., Elsie. She is being sent through the con-

tributing organization of the Elsie Women's Literary Club and sponsored by the Edwin T. Stiles American Legion Auxiliary of St. Johns. Her alternate is Kim Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark of Elsie.

Julie Dakers, daughters of Karlis and Janet Dakers of

503 Lambert Dr., St. Johns, has been chosen by the St. Johns American Legion Auxiliary as their representative to Girls State. She is a junior at St. Johns High School and was chosen from a field of four.

Girls State was established by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1941. The 1978 Girls State slated from June 10 to 18 at Olivet College in

Olivet, will be designed as a practical experience in the problems of self-government as operated in Michigan.

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is threefold: to emphasize the importance of government in modern life, to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government, and to enlarge an understanding of governmental process.

Area happenings

April 28—The Maple Twirlers Square Dancers welcome all western square dancers to their, After Taxes Hard Times Dance at the Maple Rapids School gym.

May 1—At 6 p.m. the Clinton County chapter of M.A.R.S.P. will have a potluck dinner at Eureka Elementary School. Spouses are invited.

May 7—The Women's Auxiliary of Eaton Rapids Community Hospital is sponsoring a home hour from 1 to 5 p.m. Proceeds will be applied to the "Preserve Eaton Rapids Community Hospital" pledge the Auxiliary made in September. Four homes will be shown and tickets will be \$3. No children under 12, please.

Legion Auxiliary completes reports

St. Johns

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153 of St. Johns met Tuesday, April 18, at the home of Ruth Conklin in Elsie.

Secretary Kay Mishler reported that most of the Committee reports for the yearly programs had been completed and sent to the proper District Chairmen. Hours of Unit members for field service work, home service and community service work were requested, as well as postage stamps for the Children and Youth Program to complete those reports.

Poppy posters for the Elsie American Legion Post were judged for District competition. Poppy Days will be May 18, 19 and 20. All money

collected is used only for aiding the veteran and his family. If any Unit member can help sell poppies on those dates, please contact Anita Lynam. Poppy sellers are needed!

President Anita Lynam introduced the guests, Eighth District President Alice Huntly and Eighth District Secretary Valerie Pinnell of Saginaw Unit 439. Each was presented with a gift from that Unit.

Next regular meeting of Unit 153 will be May 16 at 8 p.m. at the home of Etta Smith. Election of officers will be held. Chaplain Ginger Bacon close the meeting with a "Prayer for Peace." A dessert salad was served by hostesses Ruth Conklin and Jean Dunham.

Hospital Auxiliary sponsors annual style show, party

St. Johns

Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board met April 19 at the Congregational Church.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. They are:

Chairman—Mrs. John Paradise, 1st Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Myron Humphrey, 2nd Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Edward Mikula, Recording Secretary—Mrs. Gerald Wilcox, Treasurer—Mrs. Jack Bertoldi, and Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Raymond Coger.

Dot Coger, Corresponding Secretary, presented two notifications. Because of other commitments, Alice Bond wished to tender her resignation as a member of the Auxiliary Board and because of health problems, Adelaide Mikula requested that her name not be placed in nomination for Chairman. Both requests were granted by the Board.

The television committee members amassed 38 working hours. The net profit for the past month was \$337.46.

Sewing committee chairman, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, reported that the members had

worked 104 hours making 31 articles from salvaged material, 21 articles from new material, and two smocks for volunteers.

Mrs. Montague's committee made 71 puppets, 50 were sent to emergency for children confined there.

Miss Pauline Reed will be leaving the community so will not continue to be an Auxiliary Board member. Throughout her membership years she has been actively engaged in making articles for sale in the gift shop. She has already helped the Auxiliary prepare for the holiday season by making 300 book marks and 75 Christmas gift tags. She will be greatly missed and the members wish her much future happiness.

Plans are being finalized for the annual Style Show and Card Party to be held May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Johns High School Cafeteria. Articles from the gift shop will also be on sale. Tickets are \$3 each and this includes a year's membership to the Auxiliary (membership tickets only are \$1). Tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

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TO: THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, CLINTON AND SHIAWASSEE COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual School Election for the School District will be held on Monday, June 12, 1978:

The law prohibits the Inspectors of Election from receiving the vote of any person residing in a registration School District whose name is not registered as an elector in the City or Township in which such person resides.

The last day on which a qualified elector may register with the appropriate City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which the elector resides in order to be eligible to vote at the Annual School Election is

5:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 1978

Any person who desires to register should contact his or her City or Township Clerk to determine when the Clerk's office is open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School District.

Dated: 3-28-78

Pamela Gnodtke Secretary of the Board of Education

Elsie news

Engagement
The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Morin of Gilchrist, Texas announce the wedding of their daughter, Elinor Lackey to James Horn of Crystal Beach, Texas on April 28. The groom, a former Elsie resident, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Horn of Elsie.

Ladies' Night
Among the hundreds of guests at the Spring Ladies' Night of the Bay City Consistory in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Wednesday evening, April 19 were 12 area couples. They were: Leslie Sturgis, Bob Kelley, Ron Porubsky, Sid Keys, Cayle Sloat, Jim Litomisky, Dale C. Levey, Hubert Sills, Bob Kridner, Blaine Lentz, Roger Weyersburg and Murray Cole. They were all accompanied by their wives. The swiss steak dinner was followed by an evening of professional entertainment featuring a television come-

back and several acts by magician, singers and music and dance acts.

Gulf vacation
The "Big Snowstorm" this week forced thousands of people to take their vacations in the South along the Atlantic and Gulf beaches for fishing, swimming, boating and golfing.

During the past dozen years several Elsie area golfers have enjoyed a week's vacation at Gulf Hills Inn and Country Club not only to play the 18-hole championship course at Gulf Hills but also several others in the area of Ocean Springs and Biloxi, Miss.

The changes in the weather conditions hit in the South as well as the North but the bright sun and warm breezes were ready for the golfers. The usual array of colorful hibiscus, azaleas and flowering shrubs were somewhat delayed in blooming but the last few days

found them out in their glory.

One social event, Hospitality Night for the 200 guests registered, was given by the management. Organ music was provided and an opportunity to get acquainted at a reception and dinner.

Joe Bartek, Gus Patrick, and Sid Keys were among those who have attended nearly every year. Others in the Elsie group presented this year were Mrs. Herb Betts, Mrs. Sid Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Carter, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Slagh, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Irving of Fenton, and Ed and Jim Bengel of Westphalia, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoshield.

Surprise party
A surprise birthday and retirement luncheon was held for Mrs. Wilma Geiger at the Owosso Medical Group on Wednesday. She has been an employee there for 13

years.

Mrs. Geiger of Elsie was surprised with a noon potluck luncheon, given by the employees. She plans to spend her retirement with her husband, Clifford, at their vacation home at Higgins Lake. The couple has six children.

Mrs. Geiger was presented a group gift and numerous cards.

Trading Post
The Spring Trading Post sponsored by the Woman's Literary Club this month was a busy operation while it was open recently with Mrs. Christine Kenney, Mrs. Nancy Hehrer, Mrs. Sue Smith and Mrs. Mary Jean Huguélet in charge as co-chairmen.

All members served as managers, cashiers, sales clerks and in various other ways. It was reported by president, Mrs. Daleta Pon-

tack as well organized and financially successful as any of the previous Posts.

The Trading Post, held at the American Legion Hall, has operated every spring and fall since 1949. The money raised through this effort is used toward scholarships, charity and community projects.

Literary Club
The Woman's Literary Club held its annual election recently and re-elected the following officers: president, Mrs. Daleta Pontack; vice president, Mrs. Marguerite Kelley; secretary, Mrs. Wilma Cole; and treasurer, Mrs. Alice Bloomer.

The next meeting will be "Welcome Ladies" at the Fellowship Hall of Elsie United Methodist Church Tuesday evening, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Thelma Rule as general chairman. Special guests will be older women of the Elsie area.



Cancer crusade begins

Ernie Jones, 1978 Michigan Division Crusade Chairman, chats with Richard H. Amstutz, Clinton County Unit Crusade Chairman for 1978 during the American Cancer Society's Crusade Kick-off meeting held recently in Lansing. Jones, international chairman of D'Arcy-McManus advertising agency in Bloomfield, will oversee the Society's annual educational and fundraising campaign this month. Clinton County's unit has over 700 Volunteers working in the Crusade to wipe out cancer.

Davis honored

Sue Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of St. Johns, has been appointed to the Dean's List on Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. for the winter quarter of the 1977-78 school year.

A senior at Concordia, Sue is a member of Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor and is preparing for a career in elementary

education.

The appointment to the Dean's List is an academic honor which recognizes that a student has attained a grade point average of 3.625 or better on a four point scale while carrying an academic work load of twelve or more hours. The student must also maintain good disciplinary standing to be considered for the honor.

Obituaries

Vanessa Moore

ELSIE—Vanessa Grace Moore, daughter of Bruce and Linda (Bennett) Moore of Glendale, Arizona was born April 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, Phoenix, and

passed away April 14, 1978. Survivors besides the parents are a sister, Melissa, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of Bannister and Dr. and Mrs. George W. Bennett of Elsie.

Gerald Phinney

Gerald W. Phinney, 65, of 5224 Chandler Rd., Rte. 5, passed away Monday, April 24, 1978, at his residence after a long illness.

Township all of his life, residing at the Chandler Road address for the past 41 years.

On April 22, 1937, he married Dorothy Dietrich in Owosso. He was a farmer by trade.

Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns Wednesday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Darrold Boyd of Price United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in South Birmingham Cemetery.

Surviving besides his wife, Dorothy, are a son, James Phinney of Mt. Home Air Force Base; two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Pearsalt of DeWitt and Miss Ruth Phinney of Dearborn; six grandchildren; a brother, Arnold Phinney of rural St. Johns; and a sister, Ms. Doris Phinney of South Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Phinney was born in Clinton County Jan. 31, 1913 to Albert and Pearl (Treadwell) Phinney. He attended a country school. He was a resident of Olive



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WATERTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Synopsis of regular meeting. All board members present except James Doll, who was excused. County Commissioner present also.

Pledge of Allegiance given to our Flag. Agenda accepted.

Minutes of February and March accepted, and Treasurer's report of February and March accepted. Bills ordered paid.

Parks and Recreation report given. One policy established was that parks will be open this summer from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Grant monies did come through in order to build a pavilion and acquire a strip of land for Heritage Park.

Report given by County Commissioner. Public Comment. Several questions asked about fire protection and sewers.

Motion made that we have only one constable run for the coming election.

Three Planning Commission members appointed for a 3 year term, namely Don Garlock, Helen Reck and Vaughn Montgomery.

Two members appointed to set in on the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority, those being Eugene Beyer, three years, and James Lonier, one year.

Supervisor stated that both the Grand Ledge Fire Department and Clinton County Sheriff's Department are stressing that citizens put their house numbers on their houses or mailboxes to facilitate finding these houses when calls are placed with either agency. Meeting adjourned.

Mildred McDonough, Clerk
Herman Openlander, Supervisor

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Faces in the Forces

Leo Youngs

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AHTNC)—Pvt. Leo H. L. Youngs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Youngs, Route 1, Fowler, recently received a Parachutist Badge upon completion of the three-week airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

During the first week of training, students undergo a rigorous physical training program and receive instruction in the theory of parachuting. The second week they receive practical training by jumping from 34-foot and 250-foot towers. The final week includes five static-line parachute jumps.

Youngs entered the Army in December of last year. The private graduated from Fulton High School in Middleton, Mich.

Lee Black

Airman Lee E. Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. Black of 2000 W. Stoll Road, DeWitt, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Black will now receive specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field. The airman is a 1978 graduate of J. W. Sexton High School in Lansing.

Allan Wilcox

Navy Interior Communications Electrician Fireman Allan G. Wilcox, son of Wayne R. Wilcox of 1847 Clark Road, DeWitt, recently returned from an extended deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

He is serving as a crew member aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal, homeported in Norfolk, Va. While deployed, his ship operated as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

During the six-month cruise, Guadalcanal participated in various training exercises, including the major NATO exercises "Display Determination" in Europe and the combined naval exercises "National Week XXIV" and "Sardinia '78" in the Mediterranean. Shipmates visited Italy, Spain and France. During

deployment, Guadalcanal also participated in a search and rescue of five sailors stranded off the coast of Italy.

Guadalcanal is 592 feet long, displaces 18,300 tons and carries a crew of 528 officers and enlisted men. She is designed to transport assault forces for amphibious operations. She normally embarks a Marine battalion landing team and Marine helicopter squadron during a deployment.

Wilcox joined the Navy in June 1975.

airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Eversole will now receive specialized training in the avionics system field. The airman is a 1973 graduate of Everett High School, Lansing.

Julia Eversole

Airman Julia D. Eversole, daughter of Mrs. Juliadean Seger of 3190 Old Hickory Tr., DeWitt, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the

Ronald Miller

Marine Lance Corporal Ronald E. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Vulph of 2265 West Park Road, St. Johns, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in April of 1976.



Seniors speak out

Approximately 90 persons including a majority of senior citizens presented their views on how federal dollars should be spent last Thursday at the DeWitt Memorial Building. Wally Watt of Wacousta moderated the morning's session. Concerns expressed by those present were transportation, legal aid, house maintenance help, nutrition program, adult placement in foster homes, and conditions in nursing homes and foster homes. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Raceway opens

Dave and Dianna Parker, former St. Johns residents, will open Crystal Raceway for the 1978 season Saturday.

The three-class racing program on Saturday nights promises competitive racing with drivers from the Clinton County area and around the state competing.

The programs will include super stocks, limited sportsman and street stocks. Street stocks are stock automobiles with safety alterations, while the limited sportsman class features a safe, quality race car within the budget of most racing teams. The super stock class features a more exotic racing machine.

Besides the regular program, Crystal Raceway also is planning sprint car races, mini-champs and a demolition derby-dance night.

The Parkers both have a strong racing background. Dave has been a racing mechanic and driver for 11 years, has won the 1971 and 1972 season championships at Mt. Pleasant Speedway, and he has also raced at Crystal Raceway for the last few summers.

Dianna handled the business aspects of the Parker racing effort in recent years, while Dianna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Salter, will be working with them.

As a former driver, Parker has emphasized concern for driver safety and has beefed up track safety rules for 1978. Also, Crystal Raceway is one of the first tracks in Michigan to implement a mandatory muffler rule for all classes.

Rules for the 1978 season may be obtained by the Parkers at 5857 Harter Rd., Holt, 48852.

Coming events

May 13—DeWitt Merry Mixers square dance club invites area residents to dance with them from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at DeWitt Middle School on Herbison Road. Refreshments are furnished. Cost is \$3 a couple.

Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Tour is scheduled to get under way at 11 a.m. with a brunch served at Jerry Hights Waterfront Inn at Federal and M-55 in Houghton Lake. There will be a slide show of wildflowers followed by a nature hike.

May 13—The third annual

CLINTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 1978 in the Board of Commissioner's room, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan. The following cases will be acted upon at 11:00 a.m.

ZC-20-76 Riley Township

An application for a special use permit has been filed by Mr. Allen Cropsey on behalf of the South Riley Bible Church to permit the expansion of the existing school through the installation of a 24 X 40 modular unit.

ZC-1-78 Greenbush Township, Eureka

A petition for rezoning has been filed by the Clinton County Planning Commission on behalf of the residents of Greenbush Township to rezone the unincorporated Village of Eureka from B-1, Local Business to a comprehensive package of districts designed to fit the existing uses in the community.

ZC-3-78 Ovid Township

Rezoning M-1, Limited Industrial to A-1, Agriculture. An application for a special use permit and petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Bill Searles on behalf of Searles Construction Company to permit the operation of a gravel extracting operation on the north side of M-21, 1/2 mile west of Hollister Road.

Jack A. Nelson
Zoning Administrator



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<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Grade A Large Eggs</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">59¢</p> <p>doz.</p>	 <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Layer Bacon</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">\$ 1.19</p> <p>lb.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Good Beef Sides</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">89¢</p> <p>lb.</p>
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RUMMAGE SALE—Wacousta Methodist Church on Herbison Rd. in Wacousta Thursday, April 27, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 28th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 17-1-p-25

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The regular Greenbush Township board meetings will be held the 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 1, 1978. 17-1-p-29

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Card of Thanks 30

The K of C of St. Johns wishes to thank all the businesses that participated in their circus fund raising program. Chairman, Ed Schmitt.

17-1-p-30

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards and gifts for our 60th wedding anniversary. A special thanks to our children for taking us out to dinner, and to all who helped make our 60th wedding anniversary a day to remember.

Harry & Dorothy Heathman
17-1-p-30

The family of Robert Houseman wishes to thank Dr. Garapetian, Dr. Chun, all second floor nurses, nurses aides for the care given him during his stay. George Eberhard for services and Osgood Funeral Home for kindness shown.

17-1-p-30

We wish to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors who attended our 50th anniversary on April 16th. The cards, flowers and remembrances were much appreciated. A special thanks to our children and their families for making this day a lovely occasion. Clare and Ella Dilts.

17-1-p-30

Memorial 31

In memory of our mother and grandmother Elenora Flegler who passed away 3 years ago April 28. To your grave we often wander. Flowers replaced with tender care. And we feel your presence near us. As we sadly linger there. Children & grandchildren.

17-1-p-31

Personal 34

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TINA KIEFFER & DIANE WESTERN.

17-1-p-34

Legal news

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Alice M. Adams, File No. 19882.
TAKE NOTICE: On July 12, 1978, at 10:30 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 the petition of Donald Dunham, Administrator of the Estate being granted to Donald Dunham.
Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Donald Dunham at 15476 Webster Rd., Bath, MI 48804 and proof thereof, with copies of claims filed with the Court on or before July 12, 1978. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated: April 18, 1978
Attorney for petitioner:
Richard T. O'Neill
817 Center St.
Lansing, Mich. 48906
Phone (517) 374-7712
Petitioner
Donald Dunham
15476 Webster Rd.
Bath, MI 48804

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State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Ruth Ann Smith, Deceased, File No. 19737.
TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, May 11, 1978, at 10:00 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Stanley Smith, Administrator, praying for allowance of his final account.
Dated: April 19, 1978
Attorney for Petitioner:
Maples & Wood—Paul A. Maples
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
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Petitioner:
Stanley Smith
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Legal News

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 paid by Plaintiff, County.

HONORABLE:
Timothy M. Green
Probate Judge acting
Circuit Judge

Dolores Hiller
Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
CLINTON COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan on May 18, 1978 at 8:00 p.m.

The following cases will be heard by the Zoning Commission:
ZC-5-78—Watertown Township
Rezoning from A-1, Agriculture to M-1, Limited Industrial to permit the construction of warehousing and utilization of the existing building for contractor's office building.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: WA 533-All that part of the lands lying south of the highway known as New M-16 and described as the E. 15.50 rods of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, T3N-R3W, Clinton County, Michigan lying north of the center of the turnpike road (old M-16).

ZC-3-77 (A) Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)
Rezoning from B-1, Local Business to B-2, General Business and an application for special use permit to operate a drive-in theater.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: B1 36-Beg. 585.4 ft. S. of int'n of US-27 (before widening) and W 1/2 post of Sec. 4, T7N-R2W, th. S. 726.2 ft., E. 135 ft., S. 39 deg 31' E 261.4 ft., S. 79.2 ft., E. 365 ft., N. 1598.9 ft. W. 68.5 ft. to center of Moore and Perrin Drain, SW 1/4 of sec. 4, Drain 818.2 ft. to pt. of beg., except N. 59 ft. E. of Drain thereof to CP.

Bi 42A-Beg. on c/l of US-27 2075.3 ft. N. of SW corner of Sec. 4, T7N-R2W, th. NE 1/4 of center Moore and Perrin Drain 818.2 ft. W. 591.5 ft. to center US-27, th. S. alg. US-27 to beg. 2.7

ZC-3-77—Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)
Rezoning from B-1, Local Business to B-2, General Business and an application for special use permit to service livestock trailers.
Legal Description: Beg. 1136.5 ft S and 50 ft W of E 1/4 post, Sec. 5, T7N-R2W, th. W. 350 ft., S. 154 ft., E. 350 ft., N. 154 ft. to beg. Beg. 102.2 ft. W. of E 1/4 post and 50 ft. W. of sd 1/4 post, Sec. 5, T7N-R2W, th. W. 350 ft., S. 124 ft. / / US-27, E. to W. ln. sd US-27, N. 124 ft. to beg.

ZC-3-77(C)—Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)
Rezoning from B-1, Local Business to B-2, General Business
Legal Description: Part of E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 5, T7N-R2W desc. as the S. 200 ft. of a parcel beg., 1012.5 ft. S. and 50 ft. W. of E 1/4 post of Sec. 5, th. N. 1 deg 00' E alg. W. r/w of US 27, 452.8' to cen. of Moore and Perrin Drain, th. fol. Drain N. 85 deg 22' W 194 ft., S. 50 deg 55' W. 229.4 ft., S. 22 deg 31' W. 314.2' S. 87 deg 40' E. 486.9 ft. to beg.

ZC-4-78—Watertown Township—Landfill (Tabled from March 14, 1978)
The submission of the General Site Plan by Watertown Development Corporation for Zoning Commission approval in order to comply with Provision Number 3 of the Special Use Permit granted on August 2, 1977 by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Interested persons are requested to attend and voice their opinions in respect thereto.
Additional information may be obtained from the Department of Development Control, 100 S. Ottawa Street, St. Johns, Michigan Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A field trip will commence from the Department of Development Control on May 10, 1978 at 9:00 a.m.

Jack A. Nelson
Zoning Administrator
17-1-19-1

NOTICE
The Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation is calling a public hearing to discuss the US-27 alignment alternatives in Bingham and Greenbush Townships, Clinton County. This hearing will be held on:
Thursday, June 14, 1978
St. Johns Senior High School
501 Sicksles Street
St. Johns, Michigan
8:00 p.m.
The purpose of this hearing is to provide the opportunity for a public discussion of alignment alternatives for US-27 in Bingham and Greenbush Townships in Clinton County, Michigan.
A description of the alignment alternatives, maps and other pertinent information will be available beginning May 1, 1978, at the following locations:
CLINTON COUNTY County Clerk's Office
County Planning Office
County Extension Office
Bement Public Library
City Clerk's Office, St. Johns
In addition, this information may be examined at the following locations:
Wilbur Smith and Associates
Suite 102 Oakland Center
809 Center Street
Lansing, Michigan 48906
Bureau of Transportation Planning
Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation
Third Floor—State Highway Building
425 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan
Lansing Public Library
401 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan
As comments are received from interested federal, state and local governmental units, as well as local groups and individuals, they will be available at the same locations listed above.
This meeting is held in accordance with Section 11C of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 Section 128 of Title 23, U.S. Code. Testimony will be taken from interested citizens regarding the social, environmental and economic impact of the proposed alternatives. Written statements and exhibits in place of, or in addition to, Oral Statements made at the public hearing or requests for copies of the supplement to the draft environmental impact statement for this project should be addressed to:
Robert R. Henry
Wilbur Smith and Associates
Suite 102 Oakland Center
809 Center Street
Lansing, Michigan 48906
Telephone: (517) 485-6500
Jack E. Morgan
Public Involvement Section
Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation
State Highway Building
425 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Telephone: toll free
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE OF HEARING File No. 19909
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRON L. WOODRUFF, DECEASED
TAKE NOTICE: That the Last Will and Testament of said deceased has been admitted to probate and Ronald L. Woodruff, of 3260 East M-21, Route 6, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 has been appointed Executor of said Estate.
Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate must be presented to Ronald L. Woodruff, 3260 East M-21, Route 6, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 on or before 9:30 a.m. on July 12, 1978, at which time a hearing on claims will be held in the probate courtroom in the City of St. Johns before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate. Notice is further given that the heirs at law of the deceased will be determined at said hearing.
Notice is further given that the estate will thereupon be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated: April 18, 1978
Attorney for Executor:
Harold B. Reed
Harold B. Reed (P19294)
Attorney for Executor
305 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Telephone 517-224-7484
Ronald L. Woodruff
3260 East M-21, Rt. 6, St. Johns, MI 48879

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Homer B. Dolan and Bernice Dolan, husband and wife, of 2901 Watson Road, RR 1, St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan 48879 to Farm Bureau Services, Inc., 7373 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan dated May 5, 1976, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on May 5, 1976, in Liber 285 of Mortgages.
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Martha Hatta, Deceased, File No. 19920.
TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, May 11, 1978, at 11:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Michael Hatta, praying for probate of a purported Will and First Codicil thereto, granting of administration to the Executor named, and for determination of heirs.
FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, July 19, 1978, at 9:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon.

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The Back Page

Errors in budget force second meeting

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt Twp.

Annual meetings are an American tradition. This is where township resi-

dents have the right to make motions, second an issue, and really become a part of their local government.

DeWitt Township residents had not one but two opportunities to be a part of their governmental process.

The first Annual Meeting in the township was held on April 1. Because of several errors in the printed budget, a motion was made by a resident to adjourn the meeting until April 22.

Judy M. Hazelo, township clerk explained the situation. "Nobody had proofed the copies from the printers and there were numerous areas where there were mistakes." She continued, "Jack Kzeski, (trustee) mentioned during the meeting we were asking the people to approve a budget that wasn't correct."

A total budget of \$391,421 was adopted by the board and citizenry of the township at the April 22 meeting for 1978-79. The actual budget for 1977-78 was \$419,180.

DeWitt Township has been in financial trouble for the past few years and had to cut out funding for some programs last year. The library received no funds from the Board and there was no money for roads appropriated last year.

A breakdown of the general fund expenditures for 1978-79 went as follows: trustee salaries, \$5,200; supervisor's salary, \$15,880; clerk's salary, \$11,910; library, \$3,000; and capital expenditures, \$13,000. Again, nothing was allotted for street maintenance for 1978-79.

General fund revenues approved

were a carry over of \$9,406; current taxes, \$50,741; delinquent taxes, \$8,227; CETA, \$11,087; and State Revenue Sharing, \$240,453.

Other budgets including police, fire, cemetery, zoning, and communications were also adopted at the Annual Meeting held last Saturday.

It was noted the Township has 11 CETA workers, two in zoning, three in parks, five in the police department, and one computer operator.

Ferrence resigns

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt Twp.

DeWitt Township Police Chief, Michael Ferrence shocked Board of Trustees Monday night by submitting his resignation.

Ferrence assumed the position of police chief on Dec. 15, 1976. He took the job over from acting chief, William Swartz, who was temporarily filling in after the resignation of William Nash. Ferrence has accepted a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). His final working day is May 5.

The township force also has lost two officers in the past couple of weeks. Presently the township is seeking to fill the post of sergeant. The board has indicated they will fill this post first and then attempt to find a replacement for

the resigning chief.

As of May 1, Ferrence will have completed 10 years of law enforcement. Prior to taking the DeWitt Township post he worked for the Grosse Pointe Woods department assuming several line service posts including public safety officer and investigator-detective.

"It was an offer I couldn't refuse," Ferrence said Tuesday morning. "It's going to be a real challenge."

The young chief will be attending the training school for 16 weeks in Virginia and will later be assigned to a field office some place in the United States.

"It was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make," he said. "I'm not leaving Clinton County with any negative feelings...they are all fine people."

Fulton High names top students

Fulton

Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the 1978 graduating class at Fulton High School have been named, with Brenda Davis selected as Valedictorian and John Kresge receiving Salutatorian honors.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis, and she is graduating with a 3.979 grade point average.

Brenda has taken part in many school activities including band, FHA, Ski Club, Student Council, cheerleading for five years, and she is president of her class this year. She plans to enter secretarial work upon graduation from high school.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kresge, having earned a 3.930 grade point average.

During high school, John has taken part in basketball during ninth and tenth grades, baseball, and is a member of the Band and Math Clubs.

He plans on attending Grand Rapids Baptist College upon graduation, with no particular career in mind at the present.

Citizens group presents school suggestions to school board

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

After studying the elementary, junior high and senior high school programs for two months, the St. Johns Citizens Advisory Committee presented a list of 41 recommendations, almost half which were non-budgetary, to the St. Johns Board of Education recently.

Recommendations reflected a desire to return to the basic reading, writing and arithmetic in the high school program and a beefed up program for elementary students.

The CAC met with the Board of Education last Tuesday evening. After presentation of the recommendations,

Board members Leonard Puetz, Lee Ormston and Ron Huard volunteered to review the non-budgetary recommendations and report to the Board.

Senior high school recommendations included the addition of a mathematics and an English teacher, raising admission costs at athletic events to cover school athletic expenses, cutting the vocational education director to half time, replacing teachers with aides at lunch hour to save money, and shifting the shared-time program to Clinton County Intermediate School District.

Non-budgetary recommendations from the senior high group included a study to see if non-students using the gymnasium were covering expense with the current \$5 per person rental; ensuring all students participating in

extra-curricular activities maintain a C average in their courses (they can not fail three classes); and restrictions be placed on any new, additional, non-academic course in the high school.

Junior High recommendations included the addition of a counselor, making repairs and improvements in the physical plant, instituting a physical education program for all sixth graders, have teachers work within their major or minor areas of study, and improve library reference material.

The elementary committee presented the greatest number of recommendations which range from eliminating combination classes at East Essex Elementary to hiring music and physical education teachers to reinstating elementary field trips.

The committee also felt full-time principals in all elementary schools are not required and a teaching principal is preferred in those schools. Fifth and sixth grade athletics were not reinstated, but the committee did wish new dictionaries be purchased and the new science program be instituted.

General recommendations made by the committee as a whole included:

—a tougher negotiating posture by the Board, whereby the Board would seek increased productivity for all employees, a longer work day for teachers and a change from step and percentage increases for employees to flat rate increases.

—additional emphasis be placed on teaching the English language properly.

—institute an annual teacher evaluation program; improved community relations; and establishing a foundation for acceptance of bequests and gifts to the school system.

Millage elections looming in June

Clinton County

Fowler, Fulton and Ovid-Elsie school districts will be seeking millage renewals this June and Pewamo-Westphalia voters will be asked for a renewal of 18.5 mills on one ballot and an additional one-half mill for maintenance and repair of the school, particularly the high school roof, on a separate ballot.

St. Johns Board of Education meets

this evening, April 26, to decide whether it will seek a renewal or a millage increase in the annual June election set for the 12th in all areas.

Voters in both the Bath and DeWitt school districts will not be voting on millage issues, as Bath approved a three-year millage pact that will expire in 1980 and DeWitt passed a 5-year millage appropriation which runs out in 1981.

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Section B

April 26, 1978

Dairy story is tale of success in Clinton

By Jim Pelham
Extension Director

Obviously, dairy cows have become much more efficient units of production and though fewer farms are in business, we are producing more milk than ever before. I did not go into detail as to how giant strides in increasing production per cow were accomplished.

There is no one answer to this great agricultural success story, but two changes probably account for well over 85 per cent of the improvement. A new concept in building design was most significant in making it possible for producers to handle much larger herds with shorter chore time.

Loose housing where cows

were free to move about, but with stalls built the right length to insure manure falling into easily scraped aisles cut down tremendously on chore time. Probably even more important was the advent of milking parlors in about 1953 and continuous improvement on them ever since.

With automatic take-off equipment, one man can milk eight cows with about the same speed he formerly milked two cows with modern machines 20 years ago. To add to this, the dairymen is less tired because in a modern milking parlor he virtually never has to stoop during the milking process.

In simplest terms, production factors were improved—improved genetics and bet-

ter feeding—with many minor improvements in dairy herd management.

Thirty-seven years ago, Ace Baltzer, the first manager of Michigan Artificial Breeders, visited the Vocational Agricultural Department of the tiny school I was attending in my first year of high school to explain to our agricultural class and a handful of adult farmers the entirely new concept of artificial breeding.

He explained his observation that the offspring of certain bulls inherited a genetic capability to produce more milk than those of other bulls with similar pedigrees. Farmers general knowledge that this was true priced the best bulls out of reach of all except a few

well-to-breeders. His knowledge had brought him to the fact that by collecting semen and diluting it with milk and eggs would make it possible to breed perhaps 100 cows from a single service.

Since that time all kinds of improvements have been made in the system, including different dilutents to extend semen life and spread the number of cows that could be bred at least three times further than his greatest hopes.

Gradually, over a period of years, procedures were learned to freeze and store semen for an indefinite period so a bull that has been dead for 10 or 15 years, and yes, conceivably one hundred years, could still be

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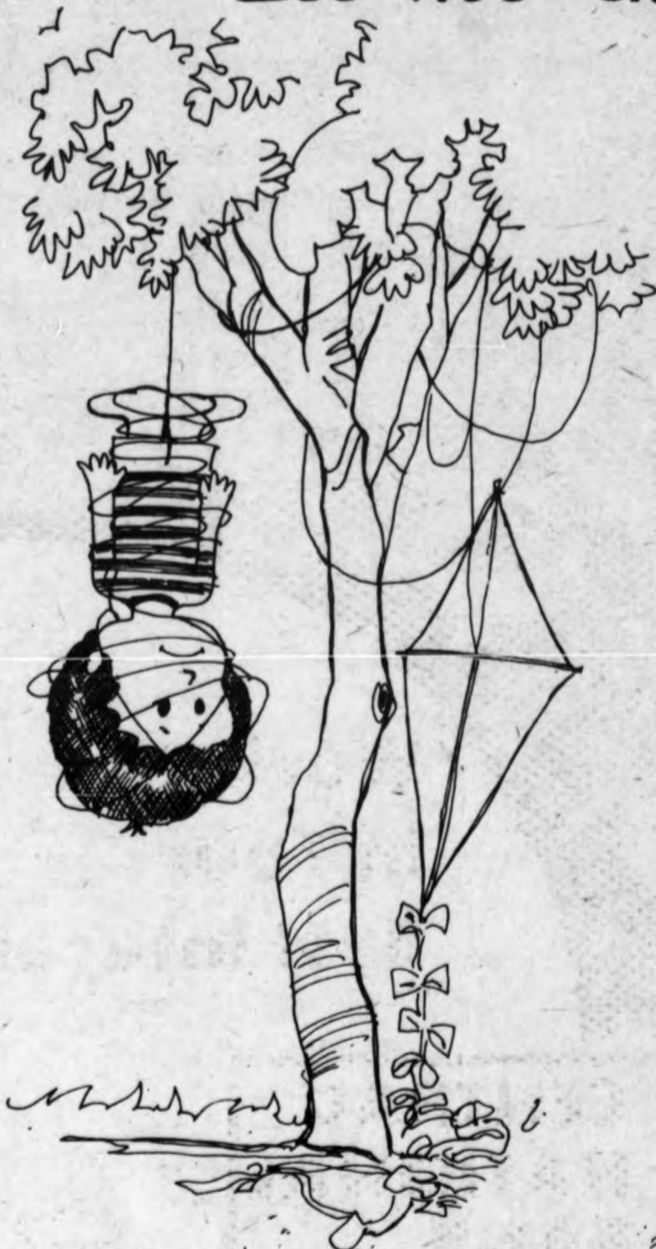
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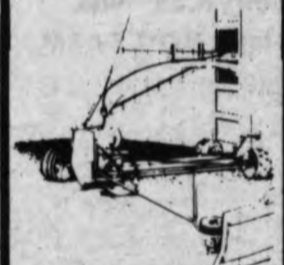
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used to produce offspring.

Many techniques have been changed and the computer has been helpful in determining more and more accurately the kinds of daughters we might expect from a specific bull. This was our Number One aim—to improve production.

The cows genetic makeup had to be improved to make it possible for her to produce more milk and to improve her udder quality and other type characteristics so she as an individual could maintain a lifetime of high production.

Most holsteins in those days had a condition referred to as pendulous udders which hung so close to the ground the high producer had to be babied constantly to keep her from getting injured that would allow mastitis to destroy her productive capability. These and many other conditions have been completely changed by the use of artificial insemination.

The second big change that had to be made was to feed the cows better. It's been a long educational trial for Extension and others interested in milk production to train farmers to produce high-quality forages and feed properly balanced rations to their dairy cows.

A recent development in feeding has been especially helpful in pushing production up dynamically in Clinton County during the last couple of years. The advent of the mixer feeder wagon with scales that let us know exactly what mix of feed the cow is getting, and then blending it to prevent her from picking and choosing, increased production another step. Agricultural experts knew mixer wagons were a great improvement, but no one ever guessed just how great!

As we look into the future, what is coming next to improve the efficiency of the dairy cow? Certainly our techniques for selecting bulls is still improving, but it is

reaching a plateau. The greatest uncertainty in our breeding program today is the brood cow's genetic capability.

Long ago we learned that just because she was a high producer we could not be sure her daughters would inherit that genetic capability, although the performance of the cow, her daughters and sisters, gave us considerable support in making breeding decisions. In contrast to a bull siring several thousand daughters

in a lifetime, it has been rare for a cow to produce more than a half dozen heifer calves whose production capacity could be compared before the cow left the herd.

Eventually, however, we have learned that some cows are capable of rather consistently producing superior quality daughters and that is where a new concept is becoming popular.

The new process is to breed a cow with known superiority with a large quantity of semen from an

outstanding bull and administer hormones to cause multiple ovulation; then to collect the several fertilized eggs from that cow and transplant them to ordinary heifers who will end up mothering a calf which she isn't even related to!

Animal Embryos, Inc., brings ovule transplants to Michigan. The facilities are located on Patterson Road near Middleville. The process is not nearly as simple as I have made it sound and it is very expen-

sive; but another breakthrough into greater genetic capabilities for dairy cows.

January was the fifth straight month U.S. meat production was below corresponding month year earlier. Main factor was beef, which fell short of previous-year levels for seventh straight month.

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Feed, grain and wheat program sign-up extended to May 15

Michigan farmers will now have additional time to enroll in the 1978 Wheat and Feed Grain Set-Aside Program. The sign-up period has been extended from May 1 through May 15. This announcement was released by Vernon L. Kretschmer, Chairperson of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. The ASCS is responsible for administering this program.

The enrollment period was extended because, from the

sign-up to date, it was apparent that farmers were not yet familiar with all of the provisions of the program and particularly the additional benefits from the changes announced on March 29. These changes authorized additional diversion of cropland and provided payments under the feed grain program and permitted wheat program participants a payment for grazing or harvesting as hay, green chop, or silage, a percentage of their planted

wheat acreage.

Application for enrollment in the 1978 Wheat and Feed

Grain Set-Aside Program will now be accepted in all county ASCS offices through May 15, 1978.

What is the price of perfection

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about farm safety—almost as much fun as they had with OSHA's ruling for a toilet in every field.

Of all the editorial observations news media have made regarding OSHA and the farmers reactions to some of the "help" it has offered to make the farm a safer place in which to work, one of the most astute has to be from the Omaha

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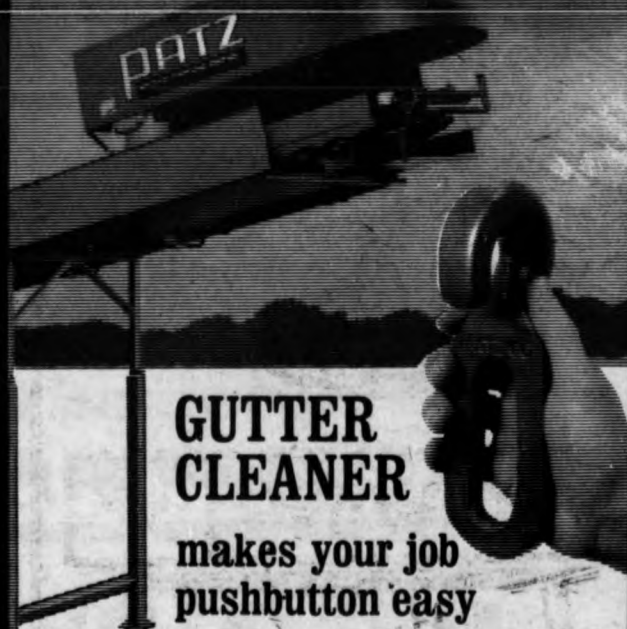


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Cattle, hog producers should watch inputs

Cattle and hogs are currently doing surprisingly well but producers need to watch their inputs to help maximize the profit potentials during the coming months.

This is particularly important for hog producers, as the current market pattern could be a little bearish before the year is out, says Dr. John Ferris, Michigan State University Extension Agricultural Economist.

Cattle
Prices moved up sharply in the first two weeks of February due to a bullish inventory report and a reduced nonfed slaughter. Choice steers at Omaha increased from \$43 to \$46, while yearlings feeders moved up the the \$50 level as did futures for the next 12 months. Feeder calves moved into the low to mid-\$50's during this time.

The Feb. 1 Cattle on Feed Report tempered the prevailing optimism, but not much. Placements in seven states during January were 20 per cent over year-ago levels. Marketings in January and the total inventory as of Feb. 1 were up 9 per cent.

Market strength stems from reduced slaughter weights and a lower nonfed kill. Cattle feeders are urged to continue keeping current with market weights to help insure a profitable year.

Based on feed and feeder costs this past fall, it is estimated that cattle feeders

will need approximately \$40 per hundred weight (cwt.) for finished cattle to cover the costs of feed and the feeder. During the past four feeding seasons, the average price on Choice steers accomplished little more than recovering these costs.

Prior to that, as 25 per cent margin over that level was the norm, and if the normal relationship prevails this year, a \$50 cattle market would be necessary.

While this may not be the average for the first six months of 1978, the market may reach the \$50 level in the last half of the year. Choice steers should hold around the \$46 level until mid-year and then may move up to the high \$40's by fall.

Hogs
Part of the reason prices have been good is that slaughter levels have been running below year-ago levels but it is not an unexpected pattern for late 1977 and early 1978.

The 1977 late-spring crop was down three per cent and the retention of gilts now underway could easily account for the five per cent decline seen in recent months. The longer this slaughter lags behind last year's level, however, the more it is suspected that last summer's pig crop was over-estimated. The December Pig Crop Report indicated a seven-per cent increase in the 1977 summer pig crop.

The sharp rise in futures

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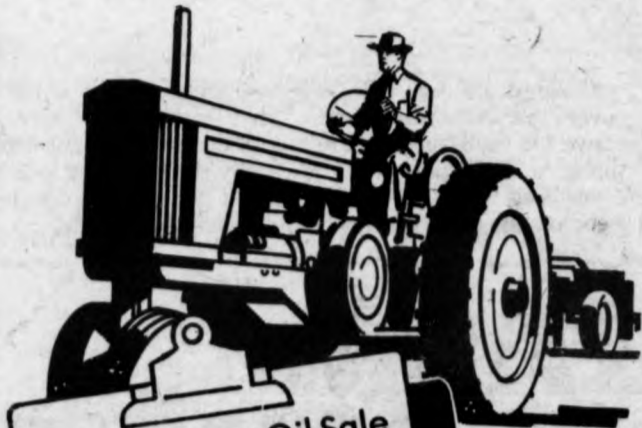




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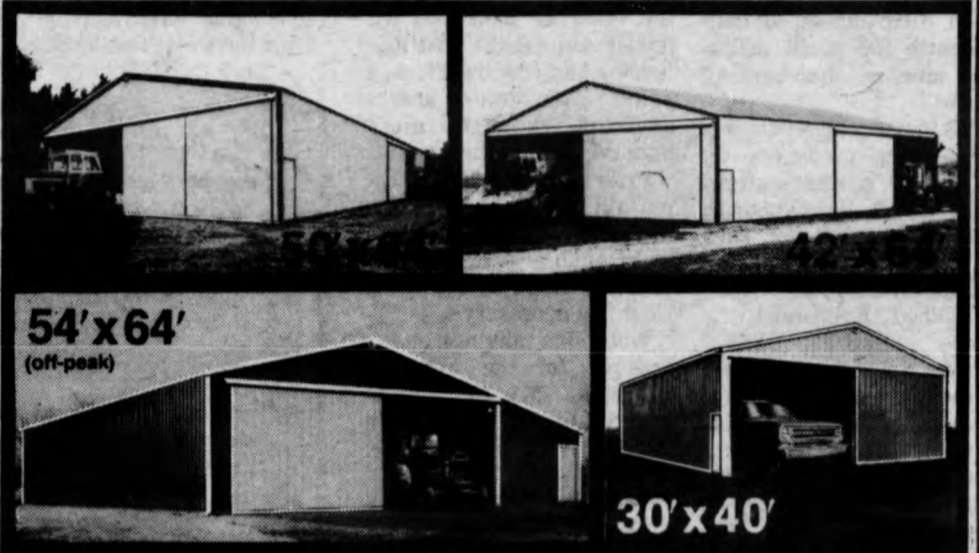
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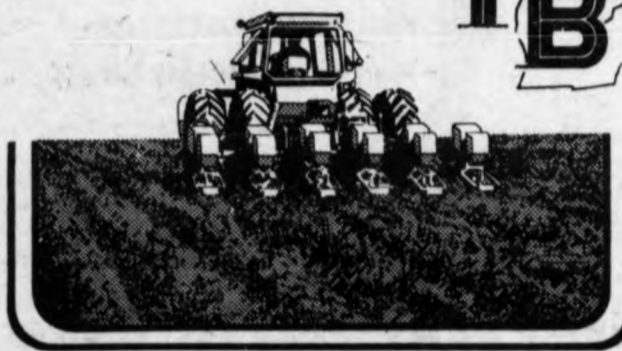
United States farmers spent almost 89 billion dollars in 1976 to raise crops, livestock and poultry. That is a nationwide average of over \$32,000 per farm.

Don Fedewa, statistician in charge of the Michigan Crop Reporting Service, noted that production expenditure information is a major ingredient in determining

net farm income and is used as a guide in computing the parity index and other factors about the farmer's position in the national economy.

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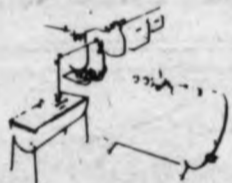
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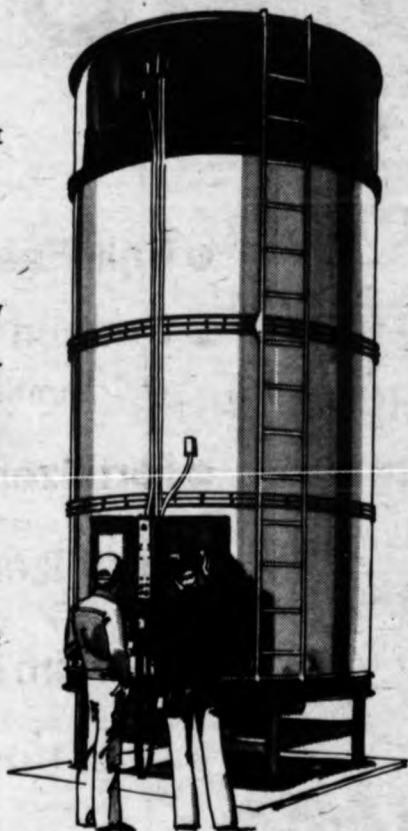
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this year. "The bronze birch borer adult is a small, dark, metallic beetle," says Jim Lieberr, Michigan State University entomologist. "The

adults emerge from infested trees in early June and lay their eggs. When the larvae hatch, they bore into twigs and branches and feed there. It is this boring that causes the damage."

To be sure the wilting is caused by the bronze birch borer, examine the wilted branches. Rusty or reddish brown trails on the bark just below the wilted part are

sure signs the pest is present.

One the larvae are under the bark, you cannot touch them with insecticides, Lieberr points out, so your best chance to control the pest is in June when the adult beetles emerge.

Begin controlling the bronze birch borer by pruning out dead limbs and branches in May. Burn or

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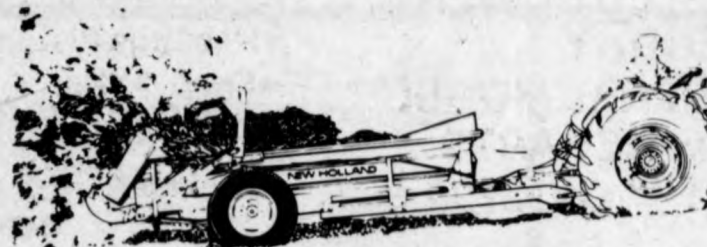
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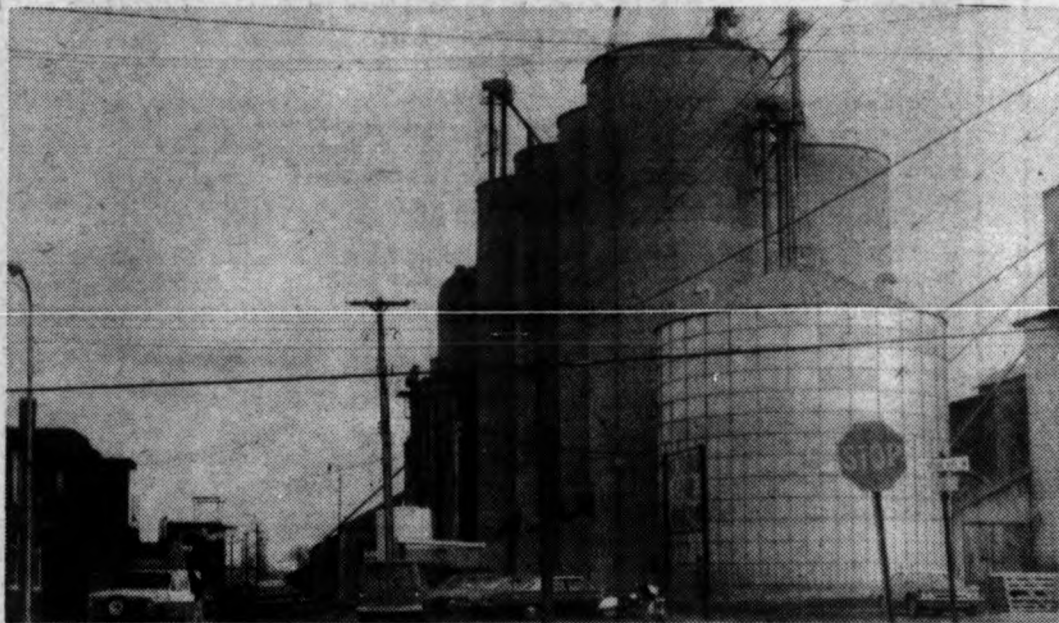
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in farming outnumbered the rest of the U.S. population by better than three to one. Now, non-farm people outnumber those on the farm by more than 27 to one.

More than half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were linked to agriculture. Early leaders, like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, were as much farmers as molders of a new nation.

While hardy farm pioneer families were still enduring risks and hardships to expand frontiers and carve a growing country from the wilderness, their numbers were being surpassed forever by a burgeoning urban population.

Doing more and more

But what farmers lost in numbers they more than made up in terms of individual productivity. Total farm productivity has more than doubled just since 1940.

Once grain harvesting was a tedious manual task on the farm. Now, a farmer's modern combine harvests enough wheat in nine seconds to make 70 loaves of bread.

Such efficiency, which benefits all consumers, requires a tremendous investment by each farmer. The combine—just one farm machine—can cost more than an entire urban home with furnishings and car.

The overall value of American farmers' investment in their capability to produce your food and fiber exceeds \$730 billion. Their debt is about one-sixth of that total.

About three-fourths of this total investment lies in the land itself. Farm land values have more than doubled in just the past five years. While boosting the equity of existing farmers, higher land values make it increasingly difficult for young farmers to begin operations, which can require an initial outlay of a quarter-million dollars or more.

Using the land

It takes a lot of land to produce food and fibre—about 18 times more in area than we need for living, working and transportation throughout the U.S.

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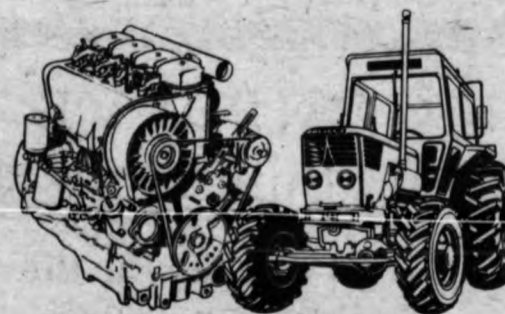


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Cultivated cropland alone extends across one-third of a billion acres, ranging from the compact acreage of the Northeast to the sprawling grain fields of the Plains. Just growing the food and fibre on such land involves as many people as are employed in the transportation, steel and automobile industries combined.

Long before ecology became a national byword, farm people have not only worked but have improved this land to expand production from this renewable resource so basic to life itself.

10 other jobs

Spreading out from farms is a business and industrial network that comprises the nation's largest and most basic enterprise. Behind each person directly engaged in farming are nearly 10 other people who depend on him for their very livelihood.

One out of ever four jobs in the U.S., some 24 million

people, are employed in some phase of agriculture or related industries. With their families, a total of 82 million Americans depend on farming.

Farmers spend \$80 billion a year on materials and services for production. This expenditure creates millions of jobs in steel, rubber, automotive and machinery industries, plus seed, feed, fuel, fertilizer and similar supportive services for agriculture.

Also depending on the farmer are the millions more in the overall food network, including those in grading, storing, processing, packaging, transporting, selling and even preparing food.

Farmers are consumers, too

Like everyone else, farmers and their families are consumers and taxpayers.

While working to produce the food and fibre everyone needs, the farm family has its needs, too. In all, the nation's farmers have \$20 billion in personal income from farm sources and an almost equal amount from nonfarm sources to spend on a variety of consumer items, taxes and investments.

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Their purchases at super markets, department stores, specialty shops, car dealerships and many other stores support these businesses and the people they employ.

Altogether, farm families pay a total tax bill of \$8.5 billion on real estate, personal property, federal and state income and purchases. This helps support many government services which benefit urban and rural residents, alike.

Farmers haven't escaped the pinch of inflation, either. Overall, their average costs of commodities, interest, taxes and farm wage rates have more than doubled in the past decade.

Each time food is purchased, remember:

The farmer gets less for growing and raising food than those who handle it between his fields and its retail sale to consumers.

For example:

A Great Plains wheat farmer who buys a loaf of bread finds the consumer prices is some eight times greater than what he received for the wheat that went into the loaf. Just the labor cost of getting the loaf from the bakery to the retail store is more than he received from the wheat.

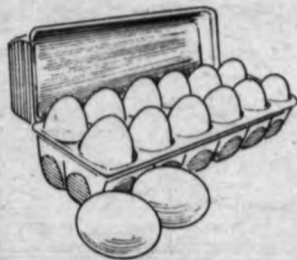
A Northeast dairy farmer who buys a cone of ice cream finds its cost is some five times greater than what he received for the milk. Out of a 25-cent cone, the farmer gets 5.5 cents. In 1960 when a cone was a nickel, the farmer received half.

The average share the farmer received from each dollar spent on food in 1977 was 39 cents, with the remainder going to the "marketing spread"—the cost added between the farm and the retail point of sale to the consumer.

Out of every dollar spent on certain foods, here's how it was divided in 1977:

FOOD ITEM	FARM	MARKETING
Cornflakes	9 cents	91 cents
White Bread	12 (wheat)	88
Potatoes	28	72
Lettuce	30	70
Orange Juice	31	69
Margarine	35	65
Beef	59	41
Eggs	65	35

But the farmer received none of the food price hike last year. Actually, the farm share of food expenditures decreased. All of the increase was due to higher marketing costs and higher prices for imported foods, particularly coffee.



Food prices continued to climb last year, up about 6 per cent over 1976. But food remained a consumer bargain, taking less than 13 per cent of disposable income for food eaten at home and a total 16.8 per cent, including restaurant meals.

What about the future?

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Based on their past performance and present commitment, American farmers have continued to demonstrate they are willing to assume their share in meeting the needs of the future.

But they have primary concerns:

—The ever rising investment it requires not only to enter

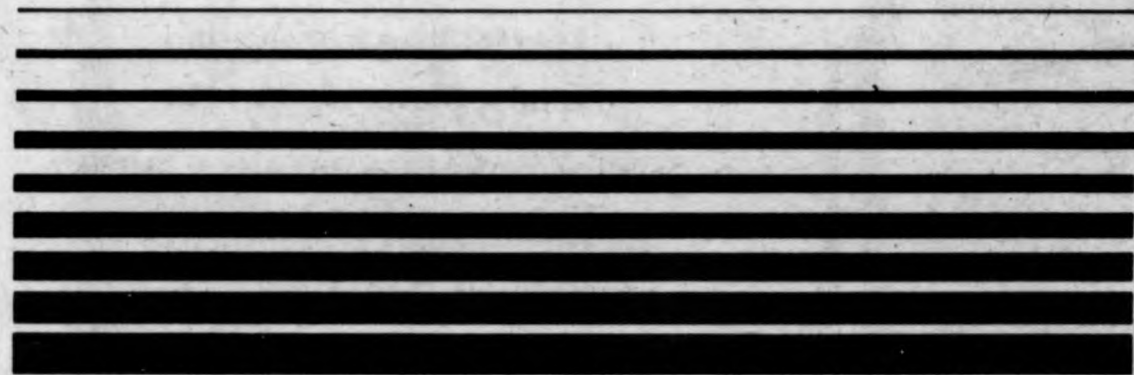
but continue farming.

—Since American agriculture is still 95 per cent family-operated, assurance that future generations can continue this vital business.

—The effect of widening marketing spreads on foods products after they leave the farm.

—Free access to markets, both domestic and overseas.
—Encroachment by regulatory agencies on how they operate their farms.

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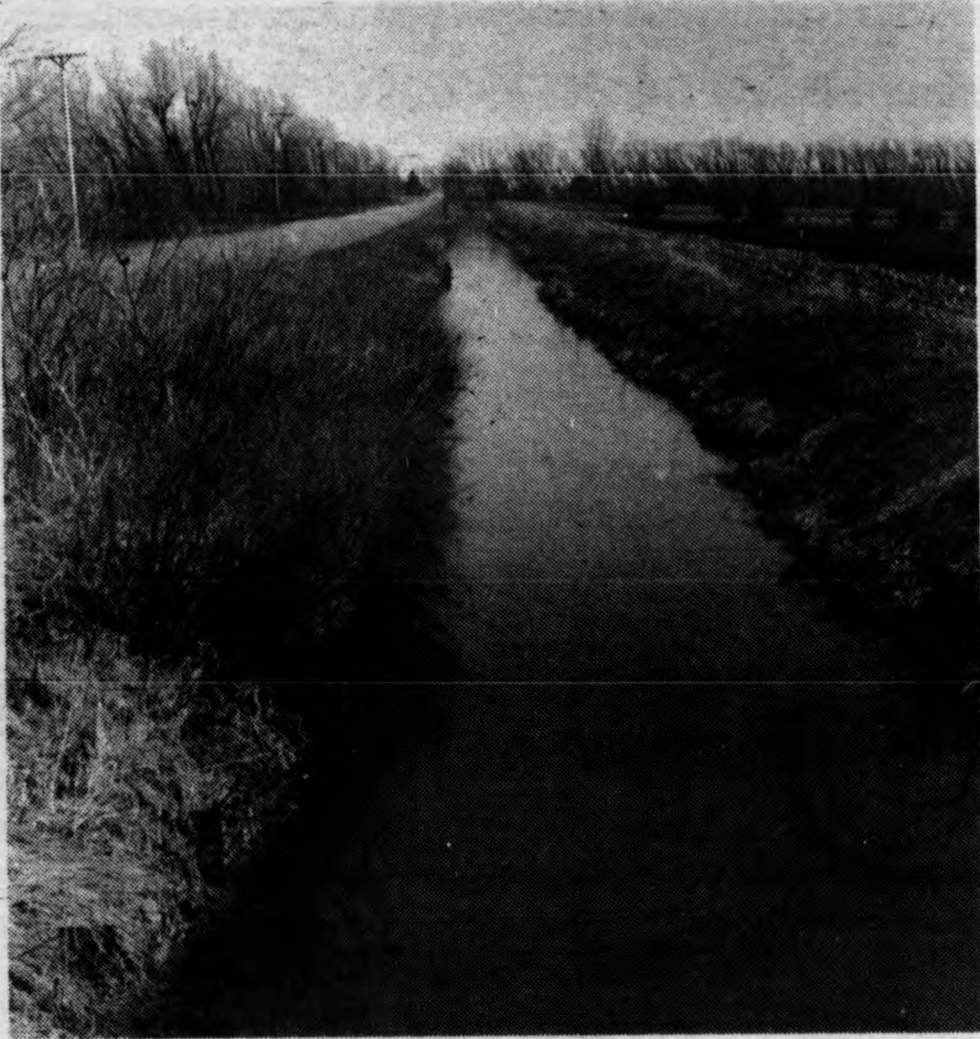
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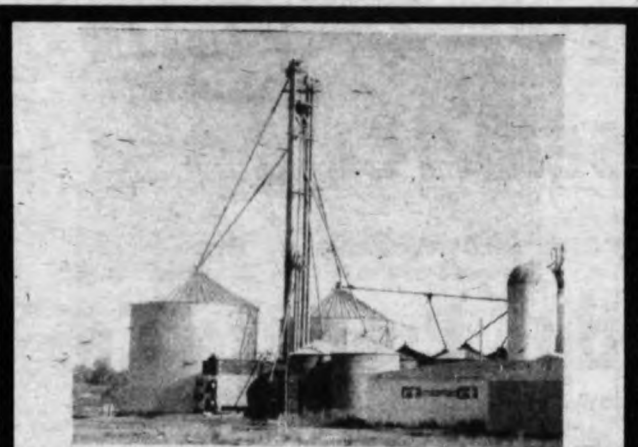
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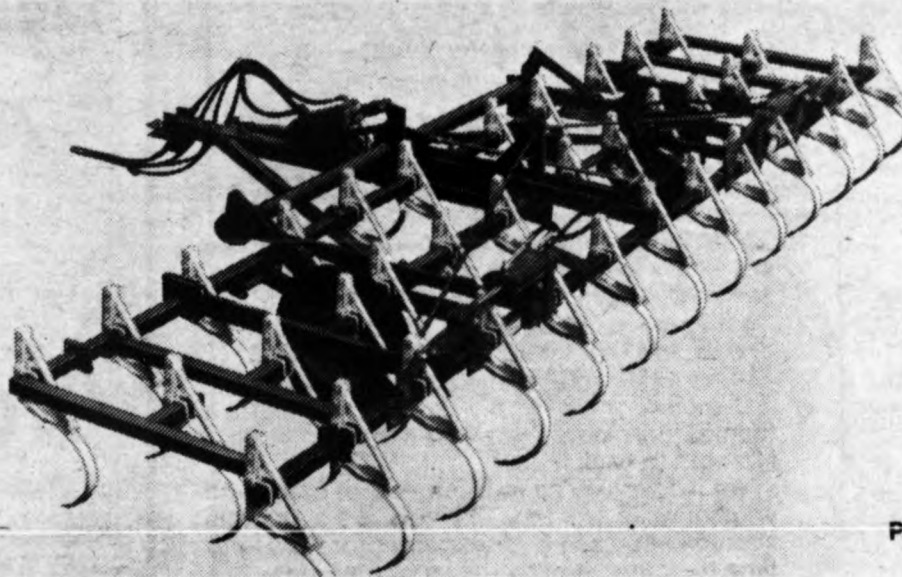
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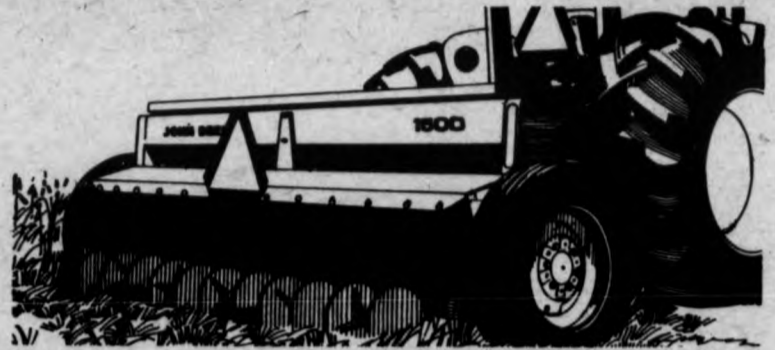
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would not, however, be expected to fall the full 20 per cent because consumer incomes are increasing and beef prices at retail should be higher. Just the same, it will be surprising if hog prices hold to the \$40 level a year from now.



New Extension office

The new county building located across from Clinton Memorial Hospital on Elm Street is nearing completion. The Clinton County Extension office will be moving to this building, along with other offices, when it is finished. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

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Outlook for corn, soybeans not too good

The current outlook for corn and soybeans is not too good but a turnaround could be in the making during the coming months, says Dr. George K. Dike, Michigan

State University agricultural economist.

Corn
There could be well over a billion bushels of feed grains by Sept. 30, which is very

bearish.

But a large volume under loan and-or headed for the grain reserve program could result in "free market" ending stocks at a level low

enough to encourage industry users to be concerned about inventory maintenance. This may bid price upward enough to attract farm-held corn stocks out of loan positions. However, weather conditions during the coming season will reinforce or temper this possibility.

A small crop coupled with strong participation in the reserve program could draw stocks to pipeline levels in the 1978 marketing year. Rationing available supplies could push prices toward \$2.50 per bushel to trigger some reserves withdrawal. But, a bumper crop could soften harvest prices to the \$1.70 to \$1.80 range for a U.S. farm average.

Soybeans

The new farm law does say that the Secretary of Agriculture must commence a loan and purchase for the 1978-1981 soybean crop. Developments will undoubtedly have wide publicity and the local ASCS offices will have details of the program. Nearly half the

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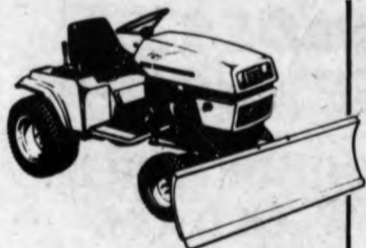
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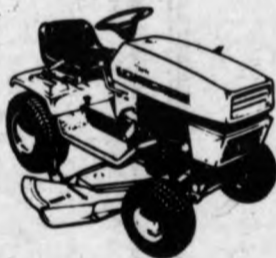
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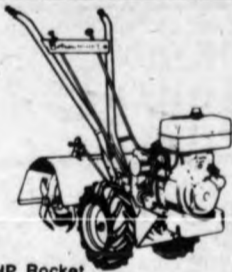
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Does it ring a bell?

Straight-talk about politicians: "Whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together." Ring a bell? Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels, 1726.

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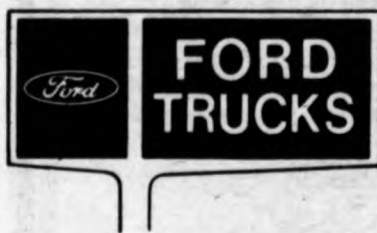
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**Lime pelleted alfalfa
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Michigan State University agronomists are not recommending lime pelleted alfalfa seed on Michigan soils having a pH high enough for good alfalfa production.

MSU tests at East Lansing in 1976 and 1977 on Conover loam, (pH 6.8) showed that lime-coated seed had no effect on yield of alfalfa at seed rates of 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 pounds per acre.

"If any differences favoring lime coating had existed, they would have been evident at low seed rates of 1, 2, or 4 pounds per acre, but none were obtained," says Dr. M. B. Tesar, MSU crops scientist.

The alfalfa was seeded May 13, 1976, on a field treated with Eptam to control broad-leaved weeds. The field was fertilized with 300 pounds of 0-14-42 per acre before seeding and the same amount after the final cutting. In spring of 1977, it was topdressed with 700 pounds of 0-14-42 per acre. Two cuttings of alfalfa were taken in the first year, and two have already been taken in 1977. Tesar reports.

He says that at least two seed companies promoting lime coating claim a saving in seed cost because the coating helps establish a better stand.

"Our tests in 1976 and 1977 did not support these claims when the alfalfa was grown on a soil of high pH (6.8) as recommended," Tesar says.

He adds that results at Cornell University in New York show similar results—no difference due to lime pelleting. "Since four years

of other tests show alfalfa seeded at 12 pounds per acre yielded more than when seeded at eight pounds per acre, using lime-pelleted seed may actually result in lower yields in the third or fourth year since one-third of

the lime-pelleted seed is lime," Tesar points out.

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1977 soybean survey points at seed selection

In 1977, a soybean survey was taken throughout 19 lower peninsula counties with 120 Michigan farmers responding. This survey, coordinated by Zane Helsel,

Gary Schultz, and Lynn S. Robertson, Michigan State University specialist in crops, weed control, and soils respectively, mentioned various aspects of

soybean production.

One of these topics warned farmers to be especially cautious this year in buying seed. The following is an excerpt from that survey:

The fall of 1977 was characterized by above average rainfall and resulted in an increase in the incidence of soybean diseases, particularly pod and stem blight. This disease affects seed germination. Samples of seed for certification arriving at the Michigan Crop Improvement Association have ranged from 95-35 per cent germination.

There is an obvious need for care in seed selection this year. Certified seed must be at least 80 per cent germination. Certified seed also assures the buyer of high genetic purity and very low levels of weed seeds and other foreign matter.

More than 75 per cent of the individuals growing soybeans inoculated their seed. Less than 2 per cent treated seed with fungicide. Inoculation is recommended when growing soybeans in a field that has never been planted to soybeans before or where soybeans have not been grown for three to four years or more.

However, pre-innoculant seed is adequate if application was within six months and seed storage conditions were cool and dry. Inoculant should be "soybean type" only. Inoculant for alfalfa or dry beans is not the

same and will not produce nodules on the soybean.

Seed treatment with a fungicide this year is probably a necessity because fungicides can decrease the severity of pod and stem blight's effects on soybean germination. Fungicides recommended in Michigan are Captan, Thiram, and Chloronil. Fungicides are a good insurance against some problems but may only be economical when diseases are present.

Questions have arisen about the compatibility of fungicide and innoculant. There are apparently no harmful effects of fungicides

to the innoculant. Fungicide should, however, be applied as early as possible prior to the growing season whereas innoculant ideally should be added over the top of the fungicide just prior to seeding.

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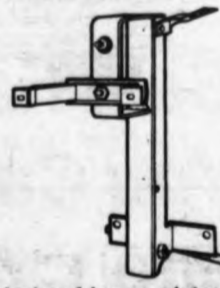
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freezing injury. The real limiting factor on early growth, however, is soil temperature.

"Seeds of these crops will not germinate if they're planted in soil that's 50 degrees F or cooler," he says. "Transplants set into cold soil will just sit there—their roots won't grow. So, even if you protect the tops of the plants against cold, planting early without

warming the soil won't give you the head start you want."

The best way to warm the garden soil is with clear polyethylene sheets. But for the home garden, black plastic is usually recommended. Price explains that, though clear plastic does a better job of warming the soil, black plastic suppresses weed growth by cutting weeds off from the sun.

Either sort of plastic minimizes ground rot problems by keeping fruits up off the ground and slows the evaporation of moisture from garden soil.

For best luck with black plastic mulch, work up the soil in April, incorporating any necessary fertilizer, and then wait until the soil is just right for planting—neither

wet and gooey nor powdery dry. Then dig trenches as far apart as the plastic is wide. Spread the plastic on the soil with the edges in the trenches and fill the trenches with soil to hold it down.

"Two or three weeks under plastic will raise the soil temperature so that warm-season crops can be planted

through slits in the plastic," Price says. "Be sure to select or grow healthy, compact transplants. Older, larger plants are slower to get over the shock of transplanting and get back to the business of growing."

Condition plants to life outdoors before setting them in the garden, Price advises. For a few days before planting, expose them to cool temperatures and sunlight and reduce watering and fertilizing to toughen them up. Once they're in the garden, frost protection becomes important.

Paper hot caps, plastic gallon milk jugs with the tops cut off, small baskets and cardboard boxes can all be used to protect tender young plants against frost. Heat buildup under plastic coverings may damage protected plants, however. Hot caps do not pose a heat problem and so may be left on plants during the day, but plastic or opaque covers like cardboard boxes must be taken off during the day so plants don't overheat or suffer from lack of sunlight.

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Beauty inspires her, children interrupt her, mud perturbs her, machinery puzzles her, phone calls delay her, but it takes her husband to stop her.

When he calls, "Come help me..." put the cows in, get the tractor started, bale the hay or fetch a part, a farmer's wife knows it's her duty to leave dishes in the sink, wash on the line and the kitchen floor half-scrubbed, and go to his aid.

But it is also her privilege to work side-by-side with her man...to share in his labor and love, dreams and disappointments, problems and plans, and pride in a job well done. She usually knows where he is and what he's doing, and tries to guess when he'll be in for dinner.

A farmer's wife has a variety of occupations. She is at one time or another a seamstress, secretary, hired man, social chairman, teacher, nutritionist, errand girl, interior decorator, nursemaid (occasionally to kittens or baby pigs, as well as to her family), housekeeper, baby sitter, cook, dish-

washer and always wife and mother.

A farmer's wife needs to take time for herself, to watch a sunset, walk in the woods, read a good book, laugh with her children, whisper a prayer.

And in spite of the trials that come to a farm family...sickness and injury, severe storms and crop failures, debt and discouragement...she is thankful, too, for the many blessings of life on a farm...the variety of changing seasons, the closeness of her family, the sight of a wobbly, newborn calf, the helpfulness of a neighbor, the dazzling whiteness of acres of snow, the smell of new mown hay.

A farmer's wife loves growing things...a growing garden that means beauty at her doorstep, growing crops that mean a continuation of her way of life and growing children that mean a continuation of life itself.

And when it's been "one of those days," and she has run all over the back forty helping her husband get the cattle out of the corn, the farmer's wife feels it's worth it all when he says, "Thanks, honey...I don't know what I'd do without you."

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Pesticide law in effect

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If you haven't bought chemicals in the last few weeks, you probably weren't aware that the restricted-use pesticide law went into effect on April 10.

Now if a person wishes to buy a chemical which is labeled as a "restricted-use" pesticide, he'll have to present a plastic card which proves that he has passed a

Pesticide Safety Exam and has been certified by the State of Michigan to buy and apply those types of materials.

Almost 200 Clinton County farmers have taken the test, but that still leaves the majority of Clinton's farmers and fruit growers unprotected.

Sources at Michigan Department of Agriculture

(MDA) say that in October of 1978, a new list of chemicals will be added to the present restricted list of 52 chemicals. At the present time, pesticides such as paraquat, mocap, methyl parathion, and some formulations of furadan and dyfonate are included along with many less common chemicals. The October 1978 list has not been published as yet, but is said to be much longer than the one now in effect.

This new pesticide law also prohibits the application of restricted-use chemicals whether or not the farmer or fruit grower had purchased his chemicals before April 10.

Commercial applicators and dealers also have to be certified in order to buy, sell, or apply restricted-use pesticides.

Certification tests have been held monthly since September of 1977, with the majority of the applicants taking the test in the past four months. Testing is over in Clinton County until next fall, so anyone who wishes to take the test will have to go to Lansing to take it.

There has not been much objection to the pesticide law, since it stresses pesticide safety.

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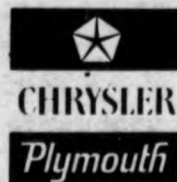
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