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BAKITA NAMED TO NEW POST

3 millage ballots offered voters

Story hour

Children aged five through eight are invited to attend a story hour in Bement Public Library, St. Johns, beginning at 1 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon until Aug. 9. Children should meet downstairs in the library.

Health clinic

Mid-Michigan District Health Department will sponsor an immunization clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Congregational Church in St. Johns. A blood-pressure clinic is slated from 1 to 2 p.m.

PROFILE

Name a place in the world and Faye Hansen has probably been there. Or if she hasn't she plans on it sooner or later. See Personality Profile on Page 7.

Get licenses

Bikes in St. Johns will soon be impounded if they aren't licensed according to Lyle French, police chief. Officers will be checking bikes for licenses on the bikes and will impound those without them. A \$3 fee will be charged to get the bike back plus the owner will have to buy a license.

Beginnings

The earliest beginnings of St. Johns will be the subject of this week's mini-tour presented by the Clinton County Historical Society on page 6A.

Job future

What are the best jobs of the future? What are the worst? According to "Money" magazine, the 10 jobs with the most promise and best salaries through 1985 include: doctors, veterinarians, systems analysts, dentists, geologists, actuaries, personnel administrators, city managers, engineers and pharmacists. The 10 worst jobs include: schoolteachers, librarians, Protestant clergymen, foresters, newspaper reporters, hotel managers, college professors, military officers, biologists and lawyers.

Correction

The Catholic Order of Foresters defeated the Knights of Columbus in the Fourth of July tug-of-war contest in Westphalia, not the other way as listed in last week's Clinton County News. The County News regrets this error.

First alternate

Julie Dakers, St. Johns' delegate to Girls' State, was chosen first alternate to Girls' National to be held later this month in Washington, D.C. If one of the delegates can not attend, Julie will be joining the Michigan delegation.

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Taxpayers in St. Johns will have three options when they go to the polls Sept. 11 to vote on school millage.

Three separate ballots will be voted upon, including a renewal of 17.75 mills; an additional one-half mill specified for maintenance; and an additional one-half mill. All are two-year proposals.

The village resolution was set Wednesday, July 6, at a special reorganizational meeting of the St. Johns Board of Education. The board considered three possible dates for the millage election, namely Aug. 21 and 28 and the Sept. 11 date.

Under a new law, school millage levies have to be set by Sept. 14, though extensions may be granted by state legislative action. Last Year, school

boards had until October to set their millage levies.

St. Johns voters defeated a two-year, one-mill increase in June by 245 votes. One-half of the mill increase was specified for maintenance.

Ron Huard, a relative newcomer to the St. Johns Board of Education, was elected president of the school governing body July 6. His predecessor, Neil Barnhart, was elected vice president; Lee Ormston was elected secretary and Alden Livingston was returned as treasurer.

The board voted to retain the second Wednesday of each month as the regular monthly board meeting date. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. from November to April and at 8 p.m. from May to October, or when daylight savings time is in effect.

Also at the July 6 meeting, the board approved Superintendent Donald Burns' recommendation to appoint

Steve Bakita as curriculum director for the district's K-12 instructional program.

Bakita, who now serves as athletic director and administrative assistant to the superintendent, will work with local educators to select and adopt new programs, courses, textbooks and instructional materials; keep the staff and community informed of current programs tried in the St. Johns school system and other systems; assist in selection of professional personnel; coordinate in-service programs for teachers; coordinate federal aid programs; and be in charge of district testing.

In addition to these duties, he will also command several athletic-oriented duties such as selecting and evaluating coaches, hiring officials, establishing eligibility, approving requisitions for athletic equipment, and approving all fund-raising events connected with the athletic program.

The board decided not to name someone athletic director. Rather, several teachers are being considered to supervise activities at night and be paid on an hourly basis.

Bakita's salary will remain the same as when he was athletic director and administrative assistant.

Also at the July 6 meeting: —the board voted to enter into a three-year agreement with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to aid with teacher contract negotiations, arbitration cases, grievance consultation and in-service training for board members and administrators regarding contract and grievance procedures.

—the board accepted with regret the resignation of Ethel Huot, principal of Swegles and Theresa Merrill Elementary Schools and a long-time educator.

—Paul Maples was appointed to the negotiations team to replace Bill Richards.

—a request from Norbert Rehmann to purchase 10 feet of school property on Sikkles Street was denied.

Boards elect 1978-79 officers

Fowler, Ovid-Elsie and Pewamo-Westphalia Boards of Education recently held reorganizational meetings to elect officers for the 1978-79 school year.

Ovid-Elsie returned its full slate of officers from last year. Frank Rivest, Albert Pontack, Larry Martin and Merle Green were re-elected as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Ovid-Elsie's board will meet the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. as its regularly scheduled meeting. Special meetings will be held the fourth Monday at 8 p.m. This is the same schedule as in the past.

Pewamo-Westphalia elected Joseph

Arens as president of the Board of Education, replacing Carl Kramer. Louis Pline, Thomas Droste and Anthony Thelen were returned as vice-president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Re-elected president of the Fowler board was Gerald Pohl. Dr. Lars Anderson was elected vice-president; Gerald Wieber was named secretary; and Floyd Messer was elected treasurer at the July 5 meeting.

Fowler will hold their monthly board meetings as in the past, the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:30 p.m. during daylight savings time 8 p.m. during the remainder of the year.

Conserve energy! Turn off the lights when you leave the room or you may have no lights at all!



Energy cartoon proves a winner for DeWitt youth

Timmy McCoy of 12178 Forest Hill Rd., DeWitt, was selected from 2,800 entrants as a winner in the statewide 4-H Energy Cartoon Contest.

Timmy, son of Douglas and Jarilyn McCoy, was among the 102 winning entrants selected from third through sixth graders in 45 Michigan counties.

"The results of the contest were astounding," says Joanne Thurber, Michigan State University 4-H Human Ecology Specialist and contest coordinator. "We wanted to see how young children viewed the energy situation and at the same time get them thinking about conserving it. Some of the youngsters showed a remarkable understanding of a complex problem," Thurber noted.

The entries ranged from a single, four-inch drawing encouraging people to lower their thermostats to a three-foot by 12-foot mural drawn by a class of seven to nine-year-old students.

The mural contains solar heated homes, a river's energy harnessed and used, new designs for homes, and new and old forms of gardening.

Thirty youngsters from six counties judged the contest entries and selected the winner. Each judge evaluated entries from his own grade level. For example, judges who were in the third grade chose the winning third grade entries.

All entrants received an energy sticker. In addition, the 102 contest winners received an energy T-shirt and had their cartoons displayed in Lansing during the Sun Day celebration and again during the 4-H Energy Days '78 program, in MSU's Spartan Stadium.

Winning cartoons will ultimately be compiled in a publication and used by school teachers and 4-H leaders to teach youngsters about energy, says Thurber.

Ebert gets city budget; wants city to pay lawyer fees

St. Johns Judge Leo Corkin of 29th Judicial Circuit Court in St. Johns will have to decide if former St. Johns Mayor Roy Ebert will receive \$500 plus attorney fees in Ebert's quest for a hand-written line item 1978-79 City of St. Johns budget.

Last May Ebert asked the city for the hand-written budget, but was informed he could not have it because the city was negotiating with the Department of Public Works and Police Departments and figures contained in the budget might hinder negotiations with these two bargaining units.

However, Ebert believed he had a right to the budget under the Freedom of Information law and engaged Lansing attorney H.J. Starr to help him obtain the St. Johns budget.

July 10 was set as a court date, but on June 27 St. Johns City Attorney Paul Maples was directed to offer Ebert the hand-written budget minus the pages referring to the DPW and the police department.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, the city should have written Ebert a letter, offering an explanation why the budget was denied.

"When a request is denied, the public body must provide the requester with a

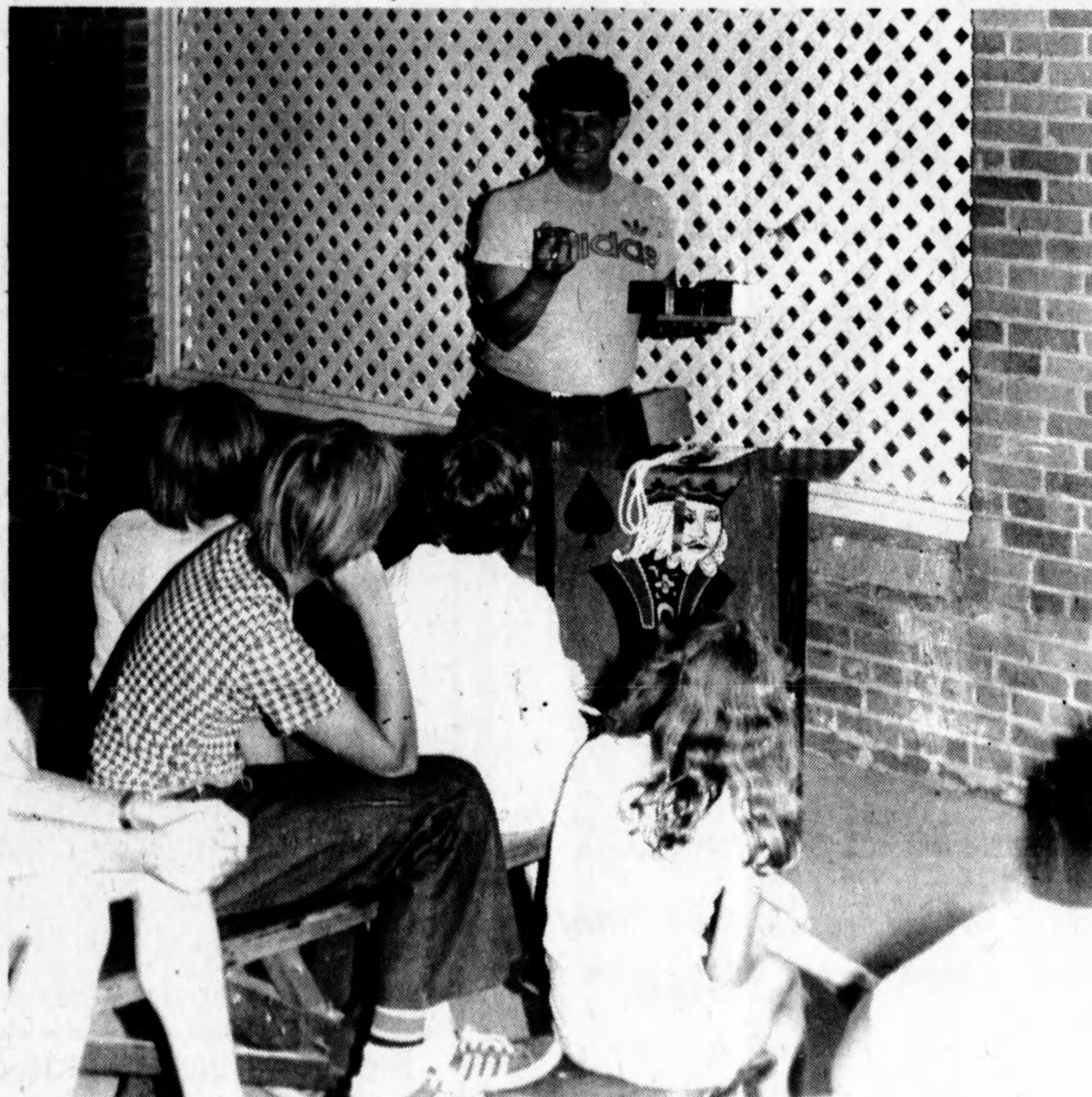
full explanation of the reasons for the denial and the requester's right to seek judicial review. Notification of the right to judicial review must include notification of the right to receive attorney's fees and collect damages," says the Act. This, according to Ebert, was not done.

Both the City and Ebert's attorney will submit briefs and then Judge Corkin will make his decision whether Ebert will be awarded the full \$500 plus attorney fees.

If the circuit court finds St. Johns has arbitrarily and capriciously violated the Freedom of Information Act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, it may, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, award punitive damages of \$500 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record, according to the Freedom of information act.

If awarded \$500, Ebert said he would donate the money to charity or community activities.

Ebert's summer taxes went up \$175, a 26.77 per cent increase over his 1977 taxes. His equalized valuation on his home went up \$775 and his assessed valuation stayed the same.



Presto!

Ron Dietz, a local magician, kept a group of youngsters spellbound Monday night at one of the weekly family picnics

sponsored by the Community Resource volunteers. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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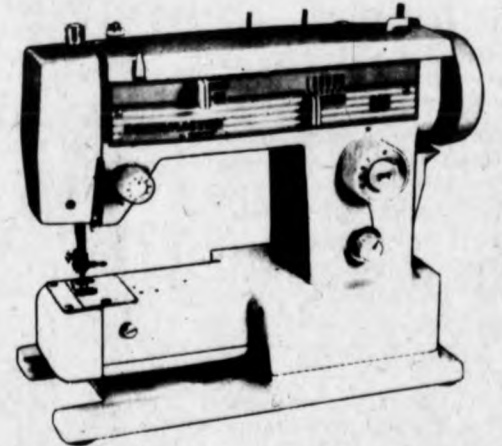
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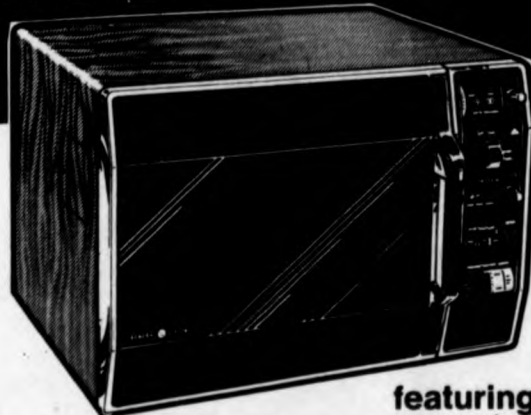
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St. Johns

A quantity of change was taken from the Tastee-Freez in St. Johns July 5 as a result of a breaking and entering reported to St. Johns Police.

A Riverview woman was seriously injured in an accident occurring at the intersection of Sturgis Street and US-27, July 7 at 4:54 p.m. Marie Maloy was injured when cars driven by Theresa Beals, of Ithaca and Mari-Anne Price of Flat Rock collided.

According to police reports the Beals auto was northbound on US-27 and was attempting to make a left hand turn on Sturgis. The Price auto was southbound on US-27 traveling with the green light. Upon impact, one of the autos slid into a third vehicle driven by Tracy Campbell of N. Spring Street, St. Johns.

Another passenger in the Price auto was injured. Both Maloy and Christine Fox of Trenton were taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment.

A car-deer accident was also handled by St. Johns police officers who investigated 13 auto mishaps happening during the week of July 3.

St. Johns officers also

handled: one vandalism; one larceny from an auto; one dog bite; cited one person for having open intoxicants; one person was cited for being a

disorderly person; one person was arrested for drunk driving; and three persons were cited for driving with licenses sus-

pending. Nineteen quarts of oil were taken from the Boron Station at the intersection of US-27 and State Street July 10.

Gypsy forces way into local home

St. Johns

An elderly St. Johns woman was threatened in her home by a woman posing as a gypsy. This is the second time in less than a month

3 arrested

Three persons were arrested by DeWitt City police during the week of July 3.

Brian Newport, 18, DeWitt, was arrested by police for allegedly stealing a motorcycle.

Robert Washburn and a juvenile both from East Jordan, were also arrested for allegedly stealing an auto from Ashley.

gypsies have been reported in the area.

According to St. Johns police, a gypsy knocked on the door of Mrs. Edith Rice of 205 N. Lansing, attempting to sell handkerchiefs. Mrs. Rice told the woman she did not want to buy anything.

The gypsy proceeded to ask Mrs. Rice for a glass of water which Mrs. Rice refused. The woman apparently went around the house and entered through the back door of the home. The woman talked to Mrs. Rice for about 15 minutes.

Mrs. Rice began yelling and was subsequently choked, knocked down, and then threatened by the gypsy

who said she would kill Mrs. Rice if she didn't keep quiet.

After pushing Mrs. Rice into a chair, the gypsy fled the residence.

Lyle French, St. Johns police chief, warns St. Johns residents not to let these people into their homes under any condition. He added anyone seeing them or approached by gypsies should contact the police immediately.

If anyone observes the vehicle in which gypsies are traveling (normally they have out of state license plates) they should also contact the police.



New doctor

New to the Clinton Memorial Hospital staff is Dr. Jeffery Twigg, M.D. who has recently moved to St. Johns with his family. With him are his wife, Marilyn, and two daughters, 11-year-old Kyla and eight-year-old Heather. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Dr Twigg joins Clinton Memorial staff

St. Johns

Jeffrey A. Twigg, M.D. is the new full-time physician in the Emergency Room at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

The Twiggs have moved to St. Johns from Illinois where Dr. Twigg served his internship at Christ Hospital, Oaklawn. He is a graduate of University of Illinois and Rush Medical College, Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Dr. Twigg and his wife, Marilyn, have two daughters, Kyla, who is 11 and Heather, age 8.

The family spent the month

of June camping in Michigan and getting acquainted with their new state. Mrs. Twigg said, "We looked at locations all over the country before

Named R.A.

Alma

Keith D. Haske of St. Johns has been appointed a resident assistant at Alma College for the 1978-79 academic year.

Alma's resident assistants are carefully selected upper-class students assigned to college residence hall corri-

dors to advise students, communicate and interpret college policies and provide general supervision. Haske, who will serve in Mitchell Hall, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haske of 1100 Hampshire, St. Johns.



A bit too big

Michael Leavitt of 2909 W. Townsend Road will have to grow into this bike his father won at Kids Day during the St. Johns Fourth of July celebration. Winning the girls' bike was Michelle Summers. Jason Moore and Jennie Esch drew the winning tickets and each received a silver dollar. Ann Harter of 512 S. Lansing won the 1,150-pound steer from Beef-O-Mint Farms. Erica Beechler drew the winning ticket. Smoke detectors were won by Virgil Yantz of 3680 W. Pratt and Doug Dershem of Paxton Road. Chad Zolecki and Roylyna Rynard drew the winning tickets. All received silver dollars. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

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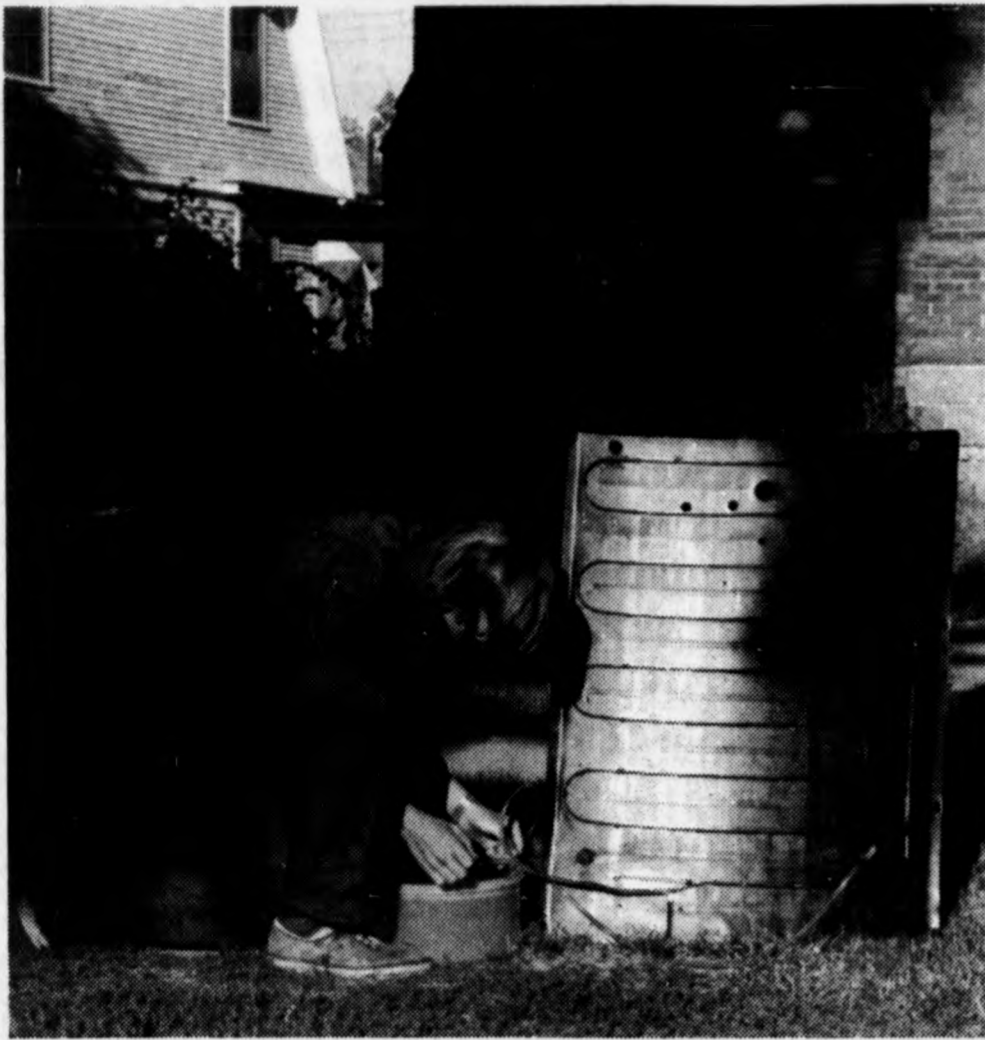


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Using solar energy

Dale Young, 1556 W. Taft, works on a solar water heater he put together himself. Dale will be helping other prospective solar engineers construct heaters at Kids' Energy Day, to be held rain or shine Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the parking lot near Smith Hall.

Other activities include displays of solar electric cells, an electricity-generating bicycle, an energy consumption simulator and a solar hot dog roast. While the program is designed for youngsters, many of the displays and programs will also be of interest to adults. (Photo by Tom Nowak; logo by Community Resource Volunteers)

Leavitt elected commander

Clinton County Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) of Clinton County Chapter 64 elected Kenneth M. Leavitt as their new Commander. The new officers assume duties in July.

Other officers elected were Paul J. Vitek, Sr. Vice; Thomas M. Rickman, Jr. Vice; Merle Carpenter, Treasurer; Carl G. Light, adjutant; Membership and Welfare, Lyle Silvernail; Americanism, Dave McKay; Executive Commit-

teeman, Carl G. Light; Alternate; Paul J. Vitek; Timothy M. Green, Judge Advocate; Merle Carpenter, Legislation; John Davison, Chaplain; Carl G. Light Service Officer.

The D.A.V. help disabled veterans, receive benefits from Veterans' Administration, such as Compensation and Hospitalization.

The local chapter of D.A.V. 66 meets the first Friday of each month, at 302 E. State, St. Johns, at 8:30.

MSP promotes local trooper

East Lansing

A St. Johns native has recently been promoted in the Michigan State Police, Col. Gerald L. Hough announced.

Lt. Kelley M. Stinebower, 36, of the emergency services division at headquarters, has been promoted to V-level lieutenant rank and transferred to the intradepartmental affairs section of the director's office.

Stinebower was born in St. Johns and graduated from high school in Elsie, later earning a bachelor of science

degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 1976. He is married.

He enlisted in the department in February, 1965, serving first at the Erie and Bridgewater posts. In 1970 he was promoted to detective at Detroit, serving the detective division there and at East Lansing, where he earned a detective sergeant promotion in 1973. He was advanced to lieutenant rank last year with the emergency services division at headquarters.



Girl Scouts find fun

Over 100 girls participated in the annual Girl Scout Day Camp held the last week in June. The Juniors, Cadets, and Fly Ups, played games, swam, learned outdoor cooking, crafts, put up tents, and even camped out a few nights. The theme of this year's Day Camp held at Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club was "Crazy Socks." Mothers of the girls acted as counselors for the five day camp. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Rev Banninga resigns

St. Johns

Rev. Hugh Banninga of St. Johns Episcopal Church resigned June 15 after serving 14 years as rector.

During this time he became involved in many community and service organizations in St. Johns. Among those were portraying Zeke the clown; working for Muscular Dystrophy; helping organize the Big Brother-Big Sister

program; along with being involved in Cub and Boy Scouts and 4-H programs.

Banninga served on the advisory board of Economic Opportunity and helped bring the first low income senior citizen housing project to the area.

He received the Jaycees distinguished service award, is past president of the Lions Club, has been chairman and treasurer of the St. Johns

Ministerial Association and was active in the sister city relationship between St. Johns and the British Honduras. He also served as a substitute teacher in the St. Johns School District.

Because of his involvement with the community, Rev. Banninga hopes to remain in the St. Johns area if employment and housing are available.

Tennis courts take different look

St. Johns

Sickles Street tennis courts will be screened with trees and shrubs, as approved by the St. Johns City Commission at their Monday

night meeting, July 10.

Also at that meeting, a low bid of \$15.60 was approved from Spartan Asphalt Company of Holt for street paving. A complete list of streets to be paved will be released later.

St. Johns will also investigate the possibility of recovering some of its \$22,600 in outstanding costs realized from the Jan. 26 snow storm. Money may come from the state Disaster Contingency Fund.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Act 338 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton has designated the following described project area to the City of St. Johns for its approval in connection with a proposed MEDICAL-DENTAL OFFICE PROJECT:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Commencing at the NE corner of Outlot "K" of the original plat of the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan; Thence South 233.00 feet along the West line of Swegles Street to the true point of beginning; thence South 175.00 feet along said West line, thence West 170.00 feet, thence South 120.00 feet to the North line of Elm Street (33 feet North of the centerline thereof), thence West 210.00 feet along said North line, thence North 135.00 feet, thence East 75.00 feet, thence North 160.00 feet, thence East 305.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The City Commission will meet at 7:45 o'clock p.m. Monday, the 24th day of July 1978, at the Municipal Building located at 121 East Walk, St. Johns, Michigan, and will conduct a public hearing on the advisability of approving by resolution the aforesaid project area designation.

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

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

F. Bruce Wood
City Clerk

Ethel Huot retires from Swegles School



Ethel Huot

St. Johns
Ethel L. Huot, principal of Swegles Street School and Teresa Merrill Elementary School, told the St. Johns School Board that she was resigning after over 29 years with the school district.

Mrs. Huot, who has been with public schools in Michigan for over 46 years, has been principal of Swegles Street School since it was dedicated in 1951. She has been an elementary principal for a total of 36 years.

She taught in the rural schools for six years, and was Head Start Coordinator for Clinton County for eight years. Mrs. Huot has served in many capacities on Region Michigan Education Association and County Region committees, and has worked on classroom television science programs with Michigan State University. She has given 10 years to Scouting and 4-H.

Mrs. Huot said she is leaving with "deep feelings of mixed emotions that create a feeling of sadness... entrusting those precious charges, the community and those super, loyal teachers to be guided by someone else and especially to leave Swegles Street School, where I have been building principal for 26 years."

"I am leaving with a positive feeling of assurance that our excellent school system will continue to take the lead in promoting the type of education that our boys and girls need," she said.

"Thanks to our St. Johns Public Schools and its staff of faithful teachers, the administration, the principals, the SJEA, and the Board of Education. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be one of the staff and administrative members of this wonderful school community," she said.



Ovid show and sale

Oil paintings, wood carvings, antiques and more are expected at the Fourth Annual Ovid Arts and Crafts and Antique Show Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14 in the Veteran's Memorial Building in Ovid. Exhibiting will be (from left) Larry Bakke who works with wood, Sue Monroe who paints with oils, and

Jan Birney who will have a collection of antiques. Jan and Charlotte Terpstra have helped to organize this show which will feature 20 exhibitors. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Worship in the park July 16

St. Johns
Two St. Johns churches are planning a Sunday at the Park.

First United Methodist and First Congregational families and guests will meet on the lawn at the band shell at 10 a.m. A potluck-picnic will follow in the park and

then there will be games for everyone including a ball game.

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Ledge Craft Lane, off of River Street.
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Reunion held

The Historical Society will be sponsoring an antique show and sale in the Masonic Temple adjacent to the art fair on the island.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kuhns, 2690 N. U.S.-27 on July 4th.

Walling. There were 44 guests present, some from Roscommon, Orleans, Lansing and St. Johns.

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For more information, contact Lynda Trinklein, chairman of Island Art Fair

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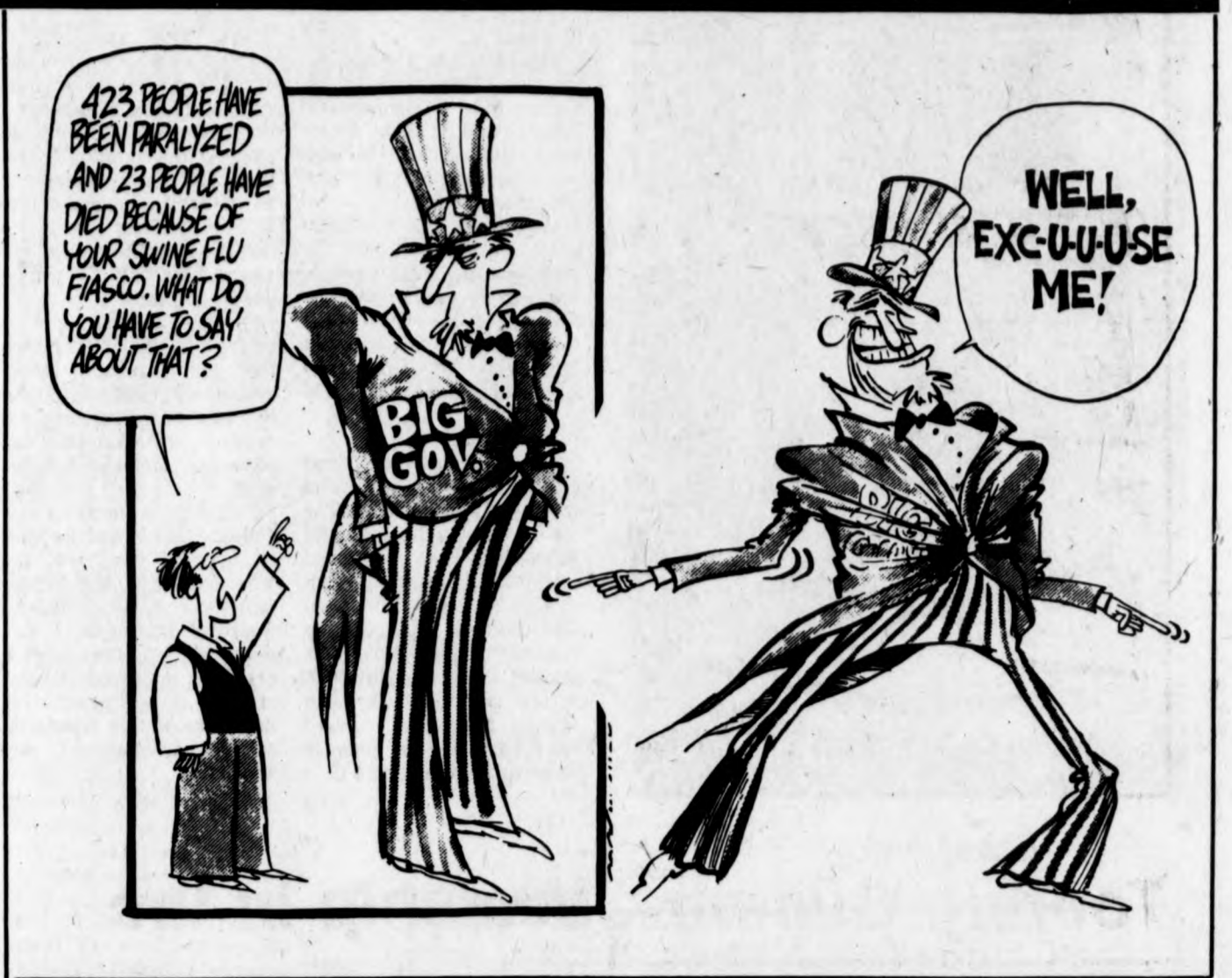
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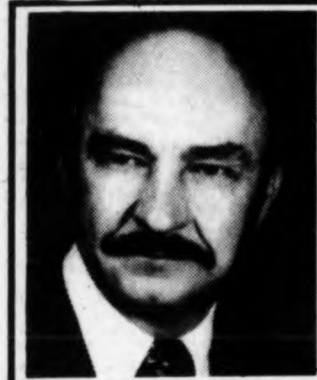
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Mr. Curtis pointed out my error, and I appreciate it. Teachers can serve on school boards where they live if they teach in another district, Curtis pointed out, and added that he favors teachers on school boards under those conditions.

"In many cases, practicing teachers can be very useful on a Board of Education, in acting as a check on the accuracy of information provided to the board by the hired administration," Curtis wrote. "Frequently school board members are not familiar with practices and policies followed elsewhere and such information is very useful in enabling the Board to gain a perspective which otherwise would not be presented to them."

Curtis, agreed that serving on a school board in the same district where the teacher is employed would be a conflict of interest.

I have no argument with Curtis' conclusions, and I thank him for drawing my error to my attention, so that I could correct it with other readers.

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The same column also caused my other reader to race to his typewriter, in a somewhat different vein. Donald W. Burns, superintendent of schools in St. Johns, agrees that school board jobs are tough to fill is "both unfortunate and true," as the Almanack concluded.

"The competent, respected board member who understands the importance of good schools soon discovers that most decisions affecting the school curriculum, the teaching staff, and the general operation of the school has been made for him," Supt. Burns wrote.

"Other governmental bodies and agencies are eroding the local decision-making authority. Local boards of education and administrators are being forced to implement major direction-setting mandates without the prerogative of rejection or modification to meet a local situation.

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"Thus your statement — 'That leaves the school board's job primarily one of selling millage campaigns and bond issues' — unfortunately is an accurate conclusion."

Again, I thank Supt. Burns for taking the time and trouble to share his views with me, and I'm happy to pass them on to my other reader.



PERSONALITY PROFILE

Love of books and travel lead DeWitt librarian to far corners

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt City
Faye Hansen's love for books and reading came at an early age. She remembers attending the tiny country schoolhouse where the library contained about 50 books. "I read them all at least a dozen times," the DeWitt librarian recalled. "And then there was the second hand set of Bobsey Twin books I wore out."

Mrs. Hansen began her vocation as a librarian 20 years ago when her youngest child was in the fourth grade. During those two decades she has seen many changes going from one small room to a DeWitt Township branch of the library. Becoming a librarian did not come the conventional way, either. Faye went to night school and also took some correspondence courses through Utah State University. "The unusual aspect of the correspondence school was they would send me the tests and then I would go into the superintendent's office, take the tests, and then he would send them back in," she said.

One of the reasons she took the DeWitt Library post was because she would be able to travel, something she has done extensively. Mrs. Hansen has traveled everywhere from Greece to Scotland to Hong Kong to Russia and she has done it all alone for the most part.

Faye has had some exciting experiences while on the road. She related one trip to Greece where the bus tipped over and she was one of 40 people seriously injured in the accident. It was the only time she had ever traveled with relatives. A cousin was killed in the wreck and her 80-year-old aunt was also injured quite badly.

"After that trip I was afraid I could never get on a bus again," she said. "I knew I had to, though, if I was ever going to travel." She got on a Michigan State University bus a few

months later and admitted she was scared to death at first but has since erased the fear from her mind.

Her first trip was to England, Scotland and Wales in 1965. She found the trip was much more rewarding and eventful by touring with the British instead of Americans. "This way you get to see and do more than the average tourist," she explained.

Mrs. Hansen noted there are some definite advantages to traveling alone. She said that on one of her trips a waitress invited her to her home for tea. The airlines went on strike, so the waitress invited Faye to stay with the family until the strike was over.

In 1969 she went to Russia when it was still quite difficult to get into the country. She saw everything from the ballet to an opera. No one spoke English at the time, so she would walk to a site of interest and then show the taxi cab driver her hotel key so she could get back.

"I really have a different impression of Russia since I've been there," she said. "It's not as bad as what you are led to believe."

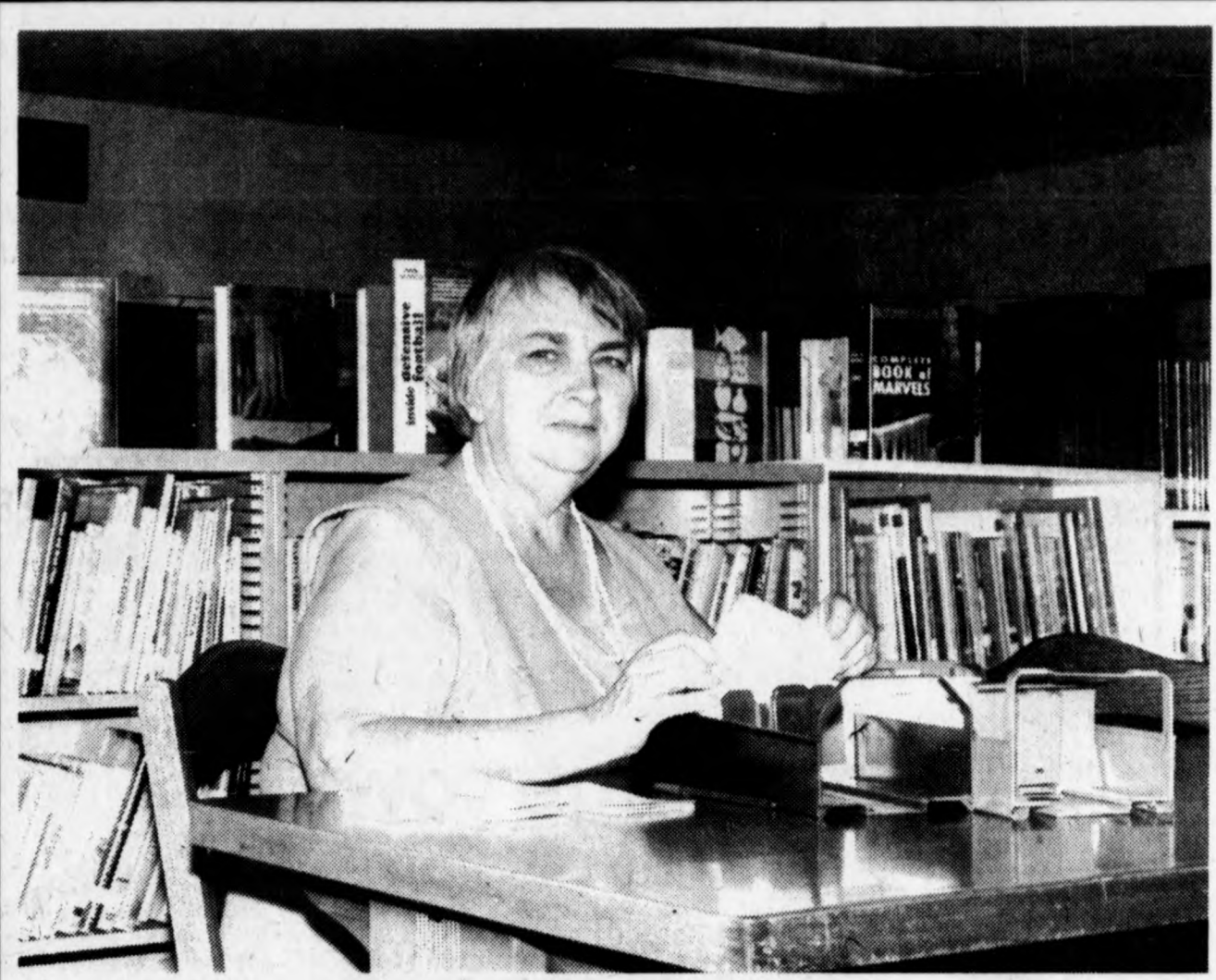
Mrs. Hansen noted she usually studies and researches the country she is going to visit so she knows what she wants to see and doesn't waste a lot of time.

"Half the fun is planning and making the most out of it," she said. "My husband told me if I make the money I can spend it anyway I want...so I spent New Year's Eve in Hawaii."

There are still a few places she would like to go, such as Hungary. And then there are still other places, like Scotland and Australia, she has visited numerous times.

Faye has made friends all over the world and she has the Christmas cards to prove it.

Faye and her husband, Leo, have five children and 14 grandchildren.



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Touring Clinton County . .

St. Johns named for John Swegles

By Jean Martin
Clinton County Historical Society

When it became apparent where the depot for the proposed Detroit, Grand Haven, and Milwaukee Rail-

road was going to be located, speculators from Detroit immediately authorized John Swegles as their agent. He proceeded to purchase for the corporation some of Clinton County's swampiest land and there he platted the new village.

The first frame house built within the prospective village is now located at (1) 106 Spring. Because it was built in 1854 before the village was surveyed, it originally sat east of and near the middle of the first block of Clinton Avenue. It was initially intended to board surveyors and laborers and was called the Whittemore House.

The earliest stores were built on the east side of Clinton Avenue and on East Walker Street. These included a tavern called the Gardener House, later the Clinton House, a general store run by John Swegles, and a sawmill. Trees still flourished on the rest of Clinton Avenue.

In the summer of 1854, five residents of the village sat on a log in (2) Walker Street considering the question of naming the village. After much discussion they finally agreed to call it St. Johns in honor of John Swegles.

Over the years, fires destroyed all the frame

stores. Gradually these blocks were replaced with brick buildings. In 1860 a fire, originating in the second story of John Hicks' store, consumed the entire west side of Clinton Avenue between Walker and Higham Streets. The (3) MacKinnon Store building was built upon that block in 1876. Originally a grocery, it is said that under the sidewalk near the building is an old storeroom where butter and eggs were kept.

Railroad Street marked the northern boundary of the original village. The two-story wood house at (4) 103 W. Steel was built beyond the village limits in 1857. From this location residents could no doubt see the thick, black smoke that arose from the stumps on Clinton Avenue. These were burned every evening in the summer to keep the mosquitoes at bay.

The location of the one-story Victorian home at (5)

710 N. Clinton, built before 1868, indicates the far-reaching growth which took place in the village within the first two decades.

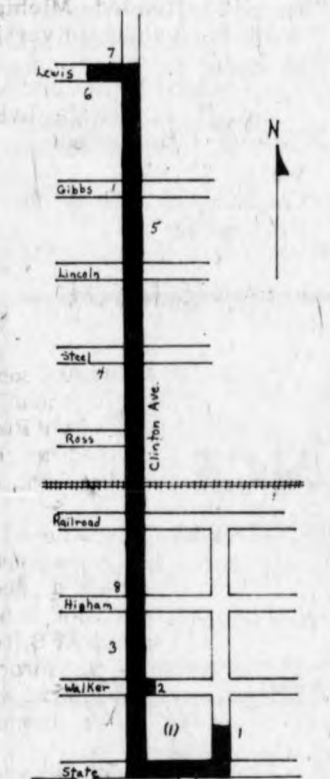
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Sometime before 1880, Steel built a grander home at (7) 901 N. Clinton. In 1887 he built the (8) Steel Hotel on the northwest corner of Clinton and Higham at a cost of \$65,000. The fire which destroyed the landmark on March 28, 1975 was only the latest in the long series of major fires which began in 1858 when John Swegles grist mill was destroyed.

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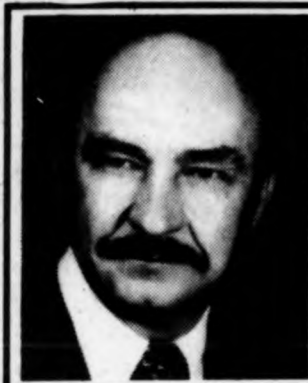
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Up popped Kirk L. Curtis, executive director of the Jackson County Education Association, taking The Almanack to task — properly so. Teachers cannot serve on school boards in the district where they teach. The Michigan Attorney General has ruled that such service would be a conflict of interest; the ruling cites something called "the compatibility of public offices."

Mr. Curtis pointed out my error, and I appreciate it. Teachers can serve on school boards where they live if they teach in another district, Curtis pointed out, and added that he favors teachers on school boards under those conditions.

"In many cases, practicing teachers can be very useful on a Board of Education, in acting as a check on the accuracy of information provided to the board by the hired administration," Curtis wrote. "Frequently school board members are not familiar with practices and policies followed elsewhere and such information is very useful in enabling the Board to gain a perspective which otherwise would not be presented to them."

Curtis, agreed that serving on a school board in the same district where the teacher is employed would be a conflict of interest.

I have no argument with Curtis' conclusions, and I thank him for drawing my error to my attention, so that I could correct it with other readers.

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The same column also caused my other reader to race to his typewriter, in a somewhat different vein. Donald W. Burns, superintendent of schools in St. Johns, agrees that school board jobs are tough to fill is "both unfortunate and true," as the Almanack concluded.

"The competent, respected board member who understands the importance of good schools soon discovers that most decisions affecting the school curriculum, the teaching staff, and the general operation of the school has been made for him," Supt. Burns wrote.

"Other governmental bodies and agencies are eroding the local decision-making authority. Local boards of education and administrators are being forced to implement major direction-setting mandates without the prerogative of rejection or modification to meet a local situation.

"Local customs and practices are being bypassed by the U.S. Congress, Supreme Court, the state legislature, public employee unions, etc., which have little concern or sensitivity for local situations. These governmental bodies have the right to function, but not at the expense of local control and decision-making.

"Thus your statement — 'That leaves the school board's job primarily one of selling millage campaigns and bond issues' — unfortunately is an accurate conclusion."

Again, I thank Supt. Burns for taking the time and trouble to share his views with me, and I'm happy to pass them on to my other reader.



PERSONALITY PROFILE

Love of books and travel lead DeWitt librarian to far corners

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt City

Faye Hansen's love for books and reading came at an early age. She remembers attending the tiny country schoolhouse where the library contained about 50 books. "I read them all at least a dozen times," the DeWitt librarian recalled. "And then there was the second hand set of Bobsey Twin books I wore out."

Mrs. Hansen began her vocation as a librarian 20 years ago when her youngest child was in the fourth grade. During those two decades she has seen many changes going from one small room to a DeWitt Township branch of the library.

Becoming a librarian did not come the conventional way, either. Faye went to night school and also took some correspondence courses through Utah State University. "The unusual aspect of the correspondence school was they would send me the tests and then I would go into the superintendent's office, take the tests, and then he would send them back in," she said.

One of the reasons she took the DeWitt Library post was because she would be able to travel, something she has done extensively. Mrs. Hansen has traveled everywhere from Greece to Scotland to Hong Kong to Russia and she has done it all alone for the most part.

Faye has had some exciting experiences while on the road. She related one trip to Greece where the bus tipped over and she was one of 40 people seriously injured in the accident. It was the only time she had ever traveled with relatives. A cousin was killed in the wreck and her 80-year-old aunt was also injured quite badly.

"After that trip I was afraid I could never get on a bus again," she said. "I knew I had to, though, if I was ever going to travel." She got on a Michigan State University bus a few

months later and admitted she was scared to death at first but has since erased the fear from her mind.

Her first trip was to England, Scotland and Wales in 1965. She found the trip was much more rewarding and eventful by touring with the British instead of Americans. "This way you get to see and do more than the average tourist," she explained.

Mrs. Hansen noted there are some definite advantages to traveling alone. She said that on one of her trips a waitress invited her to her home for tea. The airlines went on strike, so the waitress invited Faye to stay with the family until the strike was over.

In 1969 she went to Russia when it was still quite difficult to get into the country. She saw everything from the ballet to an opera. No one spoke English at the time, so she would walk to a site of interest and then show the taxi cab driver her hotel key so she could get back.

"I really have a different impression of Russia since I've been there," she said. "It's not as bad as what you are led to believe."

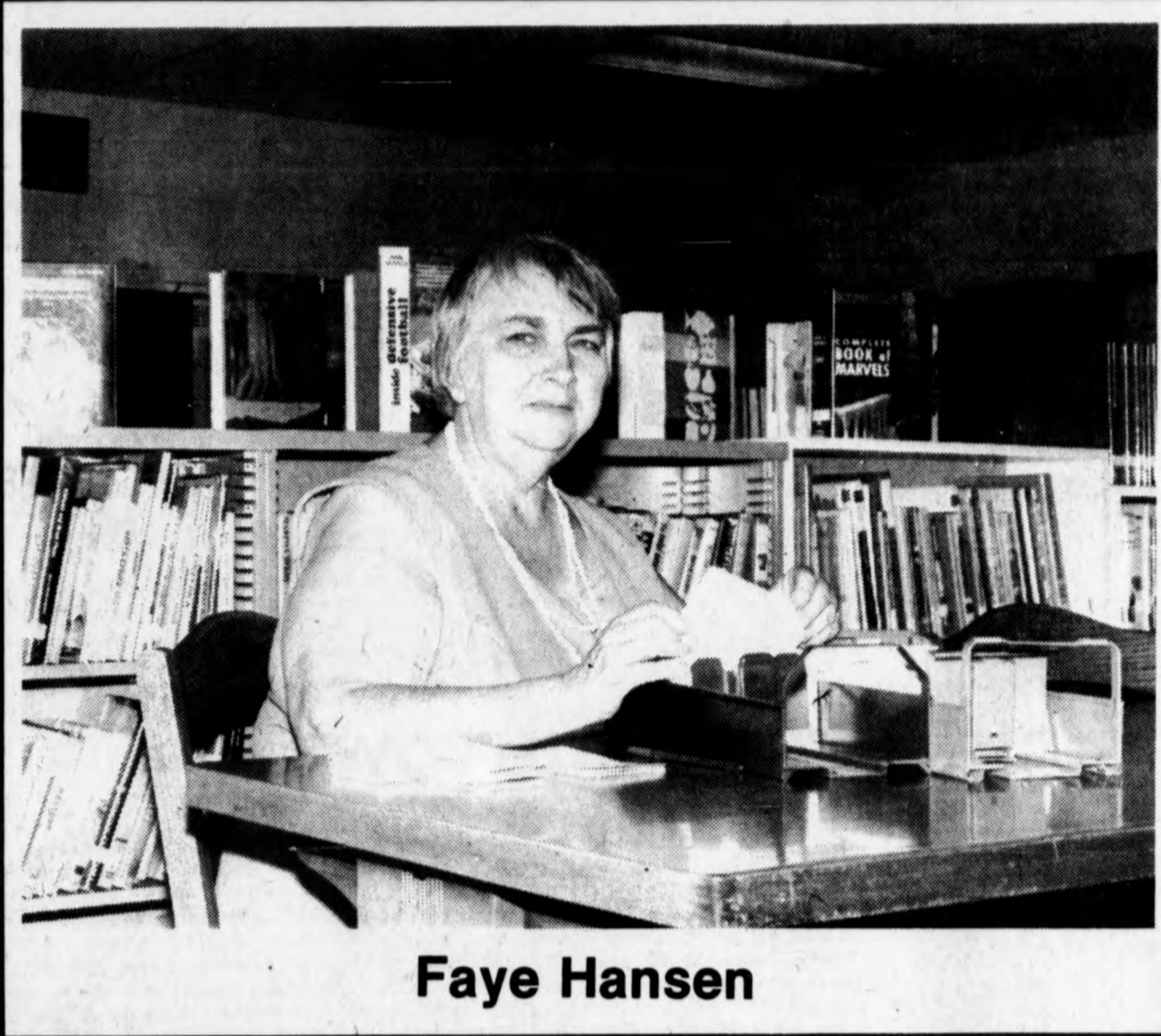
Mrs. Hansen noted she usually studies and researches the country she is going to visit so she knows what she wants to see and doesn't waste a lot of time.

"Half the fun is planning and making the most out of it," she said. "My husband told me if I make the money I can spend it anyway I want...so I spent New Year's Eve in Hawaii."

There are still a few places she would like to go, such as Hungary. And then there are still other places, like Scotland and Australia, she has visited numerous times.

Faye has made friends all over the world and she has the Christmas cards to prove it.

Faye and her husband, Leo, have five children and 14 grandchildren.



Faye Hansen

Touring Clinton County . .

St. Johns named for John Swegles

By Jean Martin
Clinton County Historical Society

When it became apparent where the depot for the proposed Detroit, Grand Haven, and Milwaukee Rail-

road was going to be located, speculators from Detroit immediately authorized John Swegles as their agent. He proceeded to purchase for the corporation some of Clinton County's swampiest land and there he platted the new village.

The first frame house built within the prospective village is now located at (1) 106 Spring. Because it was built in 1854 before the village was surveyed, it originally sat east of and near the middle of the first block of Clinton Avenue. It was initially intended to board surveyors and laborers and was called the Whittemore House.

The earliest stores were built on the east side of Clinton Avenue and on East Walker Street. These included a tavern called the Gardener House, later the Clinton House, a general store run by John Swegles, and a sawmill. Trees still flourished on the rest of Clinton Avenue.

In the summer of 1854, five residents of the village sat on a log in (2) Walker Street considering the question of naming the village. After much discussion they finally agreed to call it St. Johns in honor of John Swegles.

Over the years, fires destroyed all the frame

stores. Gradually these blocks were replaced with brick buildings. In 1860 a fire, originating in the second story of John Hicks' store, consumed the entire west side of Clinton Avenue between Walker and Higham Streets. The (3) MacKinnon store building was built upon that block in 1876. Originally a grocery, it is said that under the sidewalk near the building is an old storeroom where butter and eggs were kept.

Railroad Street marked the northern boundary of the original village. The two-story wood house at (4) 103 W. Steel was built beyond the village limits in 1857. From this location residents could no doubt see the thick, black smoke that arose from the stumps on Clinton Avenue. These were burned every evening in the summer to keep the mosquitoes at bay.

The location of the one-story Victorian home at (5)

710 N. Clinton, built before 1868, indicates the far-reaching growth which took place in the village within the first two decades.

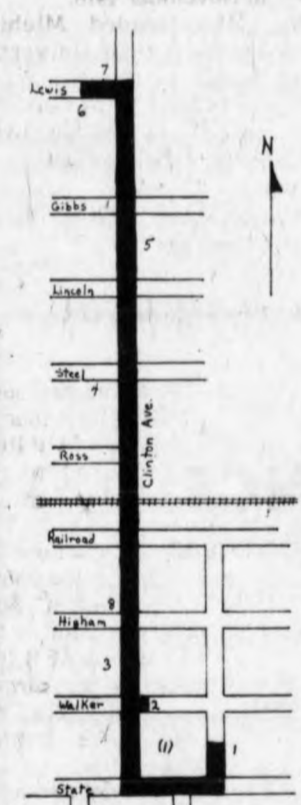
When in 1859 Robert M. Steel was contracted to lay the track and bridges for the railroad from Owosso to Grand Haven, he built his first house in St. Johns. Originally a two-story home, the extensively remodeled house at (6) 109 Lewis stood upon several hundred acres of farmland that Steel owned.

Sometime before 1880, Steel built a grander home at (7) 901 N. Clinton. In 1887 he built the (8) Steel Hotel on the northwest corner of Clinton and Higham at a cost of \$65,000. The fire which destroyed the landmark on March 28, 1975 was only the latest in the long series of major fires which began in 1858 when John Swegles grist mill was destroyed.

Honored at SIU

Carbondale, Ill. Ginger L. Simpson, 1009 Church St., has been named to the spring semester Dean's List at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Dean's List honors are

given to students who maintain superior grade point averages according to criteria set by each of the university's major schools and colleges. Minimum standards range from 3.25 to 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.



The lumber for St. Johns' first frame house had to be hauled in from the sawmill at the

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Snyder, Wilson wed in Ashley



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Wilson

Bethel Mennonite Church in Ashley was the site of the double ring wedding ceremony uniting Patricia Ann Snyder and Wayne Alan Wilson, May 6 at 2 p.m.

Rev. Larry Howland and Rev. Jim Martin presided over the ceremony which took place at an altar decorated with two candelabras adorned with white bows and green ferns.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snyder of 3725 E. Wilson Rd., Ashley and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Wilson of 4440 W. Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns.

"Take My Hand," "Aubrey," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Follow Me" were played by organist Carolyn Slagell during the ceremony.

The bride approached the altar wearing a traditional chantilly lace wedding gown featuring a square neckline accented with matching ruffles, fitted sleeves with a ruffled cuff, an empire waist and A-line skirt trimmed with matching lace ruffles. Cascading side panels fell into a chapel-length train.

A bridal picture hat with fingertip veil of silk illusion complemented her attire. The hat was trimmed in matching lace and seed pearls and was garnished with a white silk flower at the back. She carried a long-stemmed white rose and a white lace fan.

Attending the bride was Karen Denovich, sister of the bride from Elsie who was matron of honor; Marcia Snyder, sister-in-law of the bride from Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Rhonda Cooper, sister of the groom from Alma.

The attendants wore floor-length pastel gowns of peach, light yellow and light

green. Each wore a white hat with ribbon to match her gown and each carried a long-stemmed rose.

For her daughter's wedding, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of light blue knit and the groom's mother chose a light pink floor-length gown. Both

wore corsages of carnations with baby's breath.

Attending the groom as best man was Jerry Denovich of Elsie. Groomsmen were David Snyder of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Thomas Cooper of Alma. Ushers were Ted Loznak and Ken Andrews, both friends of

the groom, and Steve Wilson, brother of the groom.

A reception for 175 guests in the church fellowship room followed the ceremony. Helping to serve were Mrs. Sybil Glowacki, aunt of the groom; Mrs. Carolyn Ely, aunt of the bride; Corena Daggy, Laura Matson and

Pam Spicer, all friends of the bride.

Special guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Antes, grandparents of the groom; and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Snyder and Mrs. Lois Woodbury,

grandparents of the bride. Following a wedding trip to northern Michigan, the couple is now residing at 8005 N. Scott Road, St. Johns.

The bride is a student at St. Johns High School and the groom graduated from SJHS in 1975.

Nantais, Smith exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. William A. Smith

Leanne Marie Nantais and William Arthur Smith exchanged their wedding vows at a Nuptial Mass Saturday, May 27, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford. The ceremony took place at 5 p.m.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Nantais of Redford, wore a floor-length polyester white gown featuring bodice and sleeves accented with lace and flowers. The gown featured a train trimmed with white flowers and the bride wore a floor-length veil edged with white flowers. She carried a crescent-shaped bouquet of white daisy mums sprinkled with baby's breath.

Ms. Yvonne M. Nantais, the bride's sister and maid-of-honor, wore a floor-length pale yellow halter dress and sheer cape. Yvonne wore a spray of yellow silk flowers in her hair and carried a bouquet of white daisy mums and baby's breath. The bridesmaids, Mrs. Jilleen Valentine Aspatore, a close friend of the bride, and Mrs. Patrice M. Moore, the bride's sister, wore floor length halter gowns and capes of mint green and coral, respectively, with matching silk flowers in their hair, and carried bouquets of yellow and white daisy mums.

The mother of the bride, Mrs. Robert Nantais, wore a floor-length polyester rose dress with long sleeves and a side V-scoop neckline accented at the neck with a rose choker attached to the

dress at the shoulders. Mrs. Donald J. Smith, mother of the groom, wore a floor-length pale pink crepe dress with long chiffon sleeves. The dress was gathered at the waist with a diamond brooch. Both wore pink orchid corsages.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Smith, French Rd., St. Johns, had Cayle H. Beagle as his best man. The groom's brother, Elliott J. Smith, and Allan R. Marr, friends of the bride and groom, made up the wedding party. The men in the wedding party wore black Seville tuxedos as did the father of the bride and the groom.

Patrick Moore, the bride's brother-in-law, and John

Aspatore, a close friend of the bride, served as ushers. Each of the men wore a white carnation boutonniere.

Special guests at the wedding were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Edna Miller of Dearborn, and the bride's godmother, Mrs. James Poppelreiter who flew in from Florida to attend the wedding.

The wedding was followed by a reception and dinner at Vladimir's in Farmington.

Mrs. Smith received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from M.S.U. and is currently employed at LCC. The groom received his associate degree from LCC and is employed by General Telephone in St. Johns.

Marriage licenses

Nyles H. Ferden, 20, 1210 S. U.S.-27, St. Johns; April May Lowell, 18, 7025 W. Jason Rd., St. Johns.

George T. Spade II, 18, 8319 N. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns; Harriet McGuire, 19, 5100 Ridge Rd., Elsie.

Dennis Alvin Ridge, 36, 11424 Wood Rd., DeWitt; Sheila Jean Hoeve, 31, 11424 Wood Rd., DeWitt.

Lyman Cady Aldrich Jr., 25, 4250 N. 4th Ave, Evansville, Ind.; Nancy Elizabeth Jordan, 22, R 2 W. Townsend Rd, Fowler.

David Altric Davison, 26, Route 1 Bauer Rd, Eagle; Julie Anne Miller, 20, Route 1 Bauer Rd., Eagle.

Ronald Franklin Henning, 50, 11722 Norris Road, DeWitt; Phyllis June Davis, 34, 11590 Norris Road, DeWitt.

Dallas H. Roger, 31, 891 E. Webb Road, DeWitt; Susan E. Noble, 20, 819 E. Webb Road, DeWitt.

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Double ring rite unites couple

Evelyn Elizabeth Andrews and Gerald Joseph McPhillips, Jr. exchanged vows in a double ring wedding ceremony performed by Father Lawrence M. Pashak in St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Lansing April 28 at 7 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrews of 4503 E. Pratt Rd., St. Johns and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. McPhillips, Sr. of 1113 E. Thomas L. Parkway, Lansing.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was escorted down the aisle wearing a gown of satin overlaid with chiffon, featuring sleeves and bodice of lace and pearls. The train was trimmed with wide chantilly lace and the Juliet headpiece secured a waist-length veil edge with matching lace.

The bride carried a bouquet of yellow roses, yellow carnations and baby's breath. The bouquet complemented the altar flowers of yellow carnations and greens placed on the candelabras.

Music during the service was played by Carl Parks who accompanied soloists Alice Semrau and Pam Davis.

Attending the bride was Denise Marecek of Sheridan who was the matron of honor, and bridesmaids Deb Argersinger of St. Johns, Janice Bancroft of St. Johns and Linda Harrison of Lansing, all friends of the bride.

The matron of honor wore a mint green V-neck gown and attendants wore mint green gowns that tied at the neck. Each carried a single long-stemmed yellow rose and each wore a bow in her hair with ribbons and rosebuds attached.

Area happenings

July 14—Ovid-Elsie band will sponsor a car wash in Elsie near the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A bake sale will also be held in front of Darling's Hardware.

July 15—Ovid-Elsie band will sponsor a car wash in Ovid at Moore's Car Lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be a bake sale sponsored at Monroe's Hardware.

They're engaged

Winter-Lerg

A Sept. 9, 1978 wedding date has been set for Alison Ann Winter and Eric James Lerg.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Frank and Phyllis Winter of 8163 US-27, DeWitt and a graduate of St. Johns High School. She is presently employed by Michigan State University.



The prospective bridegroom is the son of Richard and Helen Lerg of Rte. 1, Lake City and a graduate of Lake City High School. He is employed by Krogers.

Johns High School. She is presently employed by Michigan State University.

A girl, Minday Lynn, was born June 27 at St. Lawrence Hospital at 1:50 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Powelson of Rte. 2, Grove Road, St. Johns. The mother is the former Diane Hayner.

has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Fred and Mary Harris and Jack and Helen Saller. The mother is the former Patricia Harris.

A boy, Scott John, was born June 28 at 10:47 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bernath of Rte. 1, Grand Road, Eagle. The mother is the former Heien Hospodar.

A boy, Forrest Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thurston of St. Johns, June 29, 1978, at St. Lawrence Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Thurston and Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Davis. The mother is the former Lisa Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montry of 500 W. Higham St., St. Johns are the proud parents of a baby boy, Robert John, born June 18, 1978 at Carson City Hospital weighing 9 1/2 pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rudy of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. John Montry of St. Johns. The mother is the former Brenda Rudy.

A boy, Rick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David L. Nielsen of 2265 W. Parks, St. Johns June 30 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Nielsen of Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Andrews of St. Johns. The mother is the former Janet Andrews.

A boy, Jason Jack, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Saller of 7457 Hollister Rd. June 25, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 9lbs. 15oz. The baby



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graduate of St. Johns High School and the prospective bridegroom is a 1975 graduate of Chesaning High School. He is employed by G.B. Industrial of Owosso and he also farms.

An Aug. 19, 1978 wedding date has been set.

Library Corner

By Jean Bartholomew

We at Bement Public Library have some very exciting news to share with you. As of June 21, the new Capital Area Cooperative is a reality. This is a joining of the Central Michigan Library System (all branches of the Ingham County Library, Charlotte, Dimondale, Laingsburg, Milliken, Portland, Potterville, Jackson District, Sunfield, Vermontville and St. Johns) and the Capital Area Library Federation (Lansing Public Library, East Lansing and Grand Ledge.)

With this number of libraries, our film collection is tremendous. The new catalog is in with some amazing choices. So, if you need summer entertainment or planning an organization program for next year, get your orders in early. Anyone on the staff will be pleased to help you.

The interloan will be expanded and we hope to make full use of Jackson's technical collection as well as other member libraries.

Along with these goodies, our patrons will have an open door policy with all cooperative libraries. All of this to serve you better and to make using the library a full experience.

The summer reading program is moving right along. It's still not too late to register. Read your 15 books and make a book report by Aug. 31. If nothing else, think of eating and drinking in the library at the awards party in October.

At this writing, I'm looking forward to story hour each Wednesday at 1 p.m. through the second week of August. Those of you that are not old enough to participate in the Reading Club, join us for story hour. Registration will be held at the first two sessions.

Partial list of new books:
The Two, Wallace
Complete Book of Illustrates Yoga,
Vishnudevanada
Charlie Brown's 2nd Super Book of Questions
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Obituaries

Ruby Pennell

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby B. Pennell, 82, of 210 E. Main St., DeWitt who passed away July 9, 1978 at Provincial House-White Hills in Lansing after a short illness, were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel in DeWitt Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. LaVern A. Bre officiated and interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Mrs. Pennell was born in Montcalm County July 3, 1896 to Charles and Carrie (Jury) Cross. She married John R. Pennell in Lansing in 1922.

In 1920 Mrs. Pennell came to the Lansing-DeWitt area and to be employed by Capitol Savings and Loan. She had retired as senior vice-president of Capitol

Savings and Loan after being employed there since 1920. Surviving are her husband, John; a brother, Orla W. Cross of Stanton; and several nieces and nephews.

Edith Jacobus

Mrs. Edith C. Jacobus, 84, of 207 N. Ottawa St., St. Johns, passed away Thursday, June 29, 1978 at Jackson nursing home.

Funeral services were held at St. Johns Lutheran Church Monday, July 3 at 2 p.m. Rev. Eldor F. Bickel officiated and interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

She was born in Jackson May 1, 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paul. She resided in the Detroit area most of her life, marrying Alwin E.

Jacobus in Detroit June 30, 1917.

Mrs. Jacobus was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church and a former member of Faith Lutheran Church in Detroit. She is survived by a son, Howard W. Jacobus of St. Johns and three grandsons.

Mary Legal

Mrs. Mary Legal, 78, of 11780 Herbison Rd., Eagle, passed away July 7, 1978 at a Lansing hospital.

She was a long time Grand Ledge and Eagle area resident, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ledge, St. Michael's Altar Society, and Our Lady of Fatima Guild. She was also a member of the North Eagle Cemetery Society.

She is survived by her husband, George; a son, Jim of Grand Ledge; four daughters, Mrs. Lena Adams of Eagle, Mrs. Rose Holland of Grand Ledge, Mrs. Matilda Kollman of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Jean Tomlinson of Eagle; 19 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Lena Trowbridge of Lyons; and several nieces and nephews.

A rosary service was

offered Sunday evening, July 9 at 7 p.m. at the Peters & Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Mass of the Christian burial was Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic church. Celebrant of the Mass was Monsignor Michael Mleko. Interment was in North Eagle Cemetery.

Karen Fornusek

ELSIE

Funeral services for Karen Marie Fornusek, seven-month-old daughter of Edward and Joanne (Ward) Fornusek of 11466 S. Mason Road, Bannister were held at St. Cyril Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Max Kregio officiating.

Burial was made in Ford Cemetery, Elsie with Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements, Monday morning.

The infant died Thursday at Sparrow Hospital, after a very brief illness. Karen Marie was born Nov. 21, 1977, in Owosso.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Edward Joseph; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fornusek, Sr., of Bannister and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ward of Cornwell, N.Y.; and great grandmothers, Mrs. Josephine Hrncharik of Corunna and Mrs. Florence Ward and Mrs. Mary Blaine, both of Cornwell N.Y.

Cynthia Boyles becomes bride of Ronald Presocki in Charlotte

St. Mary's Catholic church of Charlotte was the scene of the 7 p.m. May 19 wedding of Cynthia Jean Boyles and Ronald John Presocki. The nuptial mass and the double ring ceremony was performed by Father John Hayes.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyles of Charlotte and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Presocki of St. Johns.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and wore a gown of white Qiana and Venice lace. The bodice had a scoop neckline and bishop sleeves. The skirt and chapel train were of soft flowing Qiana. The bridal veil was fingertip length, lightly accented with Venice lace.

She carried a bouquet of blue tipped white roses and

baby's breath surrounded by lace and long blue ribbons. She also carried a lace covered prayer book that her mother carried on her wedding day.

Susie Boyles, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Nancy Presocki, sister of the groom from St. Johns, and Mrs. Gary Campbell of Charlotte. The maid of honor wore a knit gown of cotton blue and carried white daisies. The bridesmaids wore light blue gowns and carried blue and white daisies. They wore picture hats of natural straw encircled with daisies at the crown.

The flowergirl was Andrea Czubak, cousin of the groom, from East Lansing. The ring bearer was Joe Lutes, cousin of the bride from Alton, Ill.

The groom wore a white tuxedo and tie with a pale blue shirt.

The best man was Tom Komperda of Alma. The groomsmen were Ron Hoskins of Williamston and Gary Campbell of Charlotte.

They wore navy blue tuxes, with navy blue vests and bow ties with pale blue shirts.

The ushers were John and Robert Boyles, brothers of the bride, and Brian Davis of St. Johns, a friend of the groom. They wore the same style of tuxedos with white shirts.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length gown of yellow chiffon and carried a satin clutch purse with a corsage of white roses attached.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length gown of green chiffon and wore a corsage of white roses.

A reception and dance followed in the church hall. Those who assisted at the reception were Mrs. Dan Mascho, sister of the groom from Lyons, Ann Mikesell and Lori Shrontz.

Special guests were the bride's grandmothers, Mrs. John Drexelius of Alton, Ill. and Mrs. Forrest Boyles of East Alton, Ill.

Following a honeymoon at Niagara Falls, the bride and groom are making their home in Lansing.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Presocki

Engaged



Cynthia Keener

The engagement has been announced between Cynthia Garnet Keener, daughter of Mrs. Laura Keener and the late Ernest Keener of DeWitt and David Carlton Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Calvin Wade, Sr. of Rte. 4, Burlington, N.C.

The wedding will take place Aug. 5 in Grove Bible Church, St. Johns, at 3 p.m.

5 attend camp

Twin Lake

Attending Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan, for the second summer session are five students from the St. Johns area.

Area students who attend

Blue Lake from July 11 to 23 include:

—Gretchen Banninga of 406 E. Walker St., St. Johns, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Banninga.

—Leigh Becker, of 601 Ottawa St., St. Johns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Becker.

—Lorraine Shinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Swift of 410 Meadowview Dr., St. Johns.

—Eunice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin of 209 N. Ottawa St., St. Johns.

—Ellen Witteveen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Witteveen of 305 E. Walker St., St. Johns.

Birth

Elsie

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Halstead, Jr. of St. Johns announce the birth of a baby daughter, Marcy Tennille on Thursday, June 30 at the Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. The infant weighed 8 lbs., 5 1/2 oz., and was 21 1/4 inches long. The mother was formerly Lora Thornton of Elsie. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kiger of Elsie and the late Earl Thornton.

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Clinton County Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 2, 1978

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held May 2, 1978.

The Board met Tuesday, May 2, 1978, with Robert Zeeb absent.

Voted to approve the minutes as corrected.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Voted to support the Transportation Funding Resolution from Charlevoix County and send a copy to our representatives.

Voted to concur with the Burial Grounds-PBB Contaminated Cattle Resolution from Ogemaw County, and send a copy to our representatives.

Voted to concur with the Essential Insurance Reform Act Resolution from Shiawassee County and send a copy to our representatives.

Voted to appoint Webster to serve as a representative on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission 208 Water Quality Process Board.

Soil survey report (soil mapping) was presented by James Squires.

Voted to approve Commissioners expense accounts for the month of April.

Voted to approve Farm applications for Curtis Dagget, Bruce Paine, Mary Wadell, Charles Wadell, Stanley Thelen and Michael Hogan.

Voted to approve audited bills in the amount of \$53,866.77 for the month of April.

Voted to pay the cost of drains that are less than \$100 from the Revolving Drain Fund, and reimburse from the 1978 Contingency Fund.

Voted that the EDC be allowed to pay per diem for ex-officio members, provided that County funds are not used.

Voted that the County Cyclolal funds be used for sidewalk and building repair in the amount of \$2,149.

Voted to approve the use of available C.E.T.A. VI WP funds in the amount of approximately \$30,000 for remaining Phase II projects on the priority list, excluding no's 17, 18, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Voted to approve the Summer Youth Recreation Program funds in the amount of \$2,031 to be disbursed between the City of St. Johns, Bath Township, S-H, O-E Schools, DeWitt Township and Waterston Township.

Voted to reappoint Virginia Zeeb and appoint Max Brown to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, for three years.

Voted to approve Resolution No. 14-1978 approving public hearing to be held May 23, 1978 at 2:00 P.M. for O'Shaughnessy Automobile Dealership.

Hawke reporting for the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority, advised that the bids were opened and estimates exceeded the construction costs estimates by 14%. Therefore, according to the addendum that was adopted, it has to go back to each municipality for written approval.

Voted and carried to appoint James Sanderson to serve on the Elias Brothers and Egan Ford Projects of the Economic Development Corporation.

Voted to appoint Leon Thelen and Attorney James Parks to be Board representatives at the May 8 State Equalization Hearing.

Voted to approve the Special Use Permit for Allen Cropley on behalf of South Riley School, to construct an addition to the existing school.

Voted to approve the rezoning in Greenbush Township (Eureka) as set forth by the Zoning Commission.

Voted to approve a Special Use Permit for Searles Construction Co. for sand and gravel operation.

Voted to approve the rezoning from M-1, Light Industry to A-1 Agriculture for Searles Construction Co.

Meeting adjourned.

Enid L. White
Enid L. White, Clerk
County of Clinton

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held May 23, 1978.

The Board met Tuesday, May 23, 1978 at 1:00 P.M. with all members present.

Chairman Overway introduced Enid L. White, new County Clerk.

Voted to approve the minutes as amended.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Voted and carried to refer to the Clinton County Planning: "Pre-Application for Comprehensive Planning for Rural Development: Area Development Assistance Planning Grants".

Yearly report for Community Mental Health was presented.

Public Hearing for Resolution No. 19-1978 - Concerning Project Plan for Retail Shopping Facility was opened. Voted and carried to approve Project Plan for Retail Shopping Facility.

Certificate of appreciation was presented to Ernest E. Carter for his 20 years as a dedicated public servant.

Voted to approve Farm Land applications for Linus Pohl, Lawrence Sturgis, Neil Feldpausch, Marvin Howe and David Smith. No action was taken on Ronald Outhbert application.

Voted and carried to support the F-3 alignment re: U.S. 27 Re-alignment.

Voted and carried to support the Parks Road interchange business route Re: U.S. 27 Re-alignment.

Voted and carried to approve the proposed revision of the Agreement and Charter of the Lansing Tri-County Manpower Consortium.

Voted and carried to approve the purchase of courtroom benches for District Court.

Chairman Overway, his wife and Commissioner Hawke will exchange with the Chairman from Allegan County for Government Exchange Day, Friday, May 26, 1978.

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Residents of the City of DeWitt are invited to a public information meeting on the proposed improvements to the West Lake Geneva Area of the City for the purpose of receiving comments and views of interested persons. The hearing will be held on July 19, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium of the DeWitt High School, DeWitt, Michigan.

The Meeting is for the purpose of presenting alternatives presently being considered by the City Council for the construction of sanitary sewers and street improvements in the area bounded by the Looking Glass River on the North and West, Herbison Road on the South, and Lake Geneva on the East.

After a presentation is made by the consulting engineers, Capitol Consultants, Inc., and by the financial consultant, Mr. Raymond Stauder of Stauder, Barch, & Associates of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, the meeting will be opened for the city residents' input. Questions, comments, and views will then be received from those attending.

A preliminary report is presently being prepared to provide some background information and facts relating to this proposed project. It will be available at the City Clerk's office, 414 E. Main Street, on July 12, 1978. These will be available to the public in order that each person can be informed and better prepared to discuss this at the meeting.

Written comments are invited and anyone having any questions is invited to attend.

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If you wait until late fall as we often can and still get beautiful tulips, don't, as that's not good. And not THAT deep either.

Maybe your neighbor has one blooming. If so, take a look and a sniff. Vera LeClear used to fix a Fourth

of July church arrangement of these lilies, blue delphinium and red roses. That is another reason my Madonna lilies give me such joy as she gave me the bulb...she was Pansy and I was Petunia.

The language of flowers is really something. They speak in joy and in sorrow just by being there. That's why we should give flowers while people are living instead of ALWAYS afterwards. If you have a flower garden it's a good way to get double the pleasure by taking flowers to people. And this is a fact! One flower is often more distinguishable and beautiful than a mass rammed into a vase...so I don't hesitate if there is only one. (There must be a verse about that somewhere.)

Another beautiful thing about flowers is that WE don't have to be the one with the lame back and dirty hands and feet, to enjoy them. If your neighbor has them the chances of your being able to see them better than he is greater. Sometimes I have to go outside to

see what is blooming. When we go for a drive as we often do for the purpose of looking at different flowers, gardens or shrubs then we take an alternate route coming home. Pete doesn't mind as he is interested in the progress of crops, weed control and how tiling is working. He's convinced that tiling pays in many ways. (Another story.)

There are many places that I like to drive by so I can enjoy the speciality of that lawn or landscape. Pride in a home shows and is a real joy to behold! I think this hobby is called "landscape beholding".

The two horticulture groups that I coach (Ovid-Elise FFA and 4-H) are compiling a list of the various rare or unusual shrubs and where found...so if you see a carload of inquisitive-looking people driving slowly and staring, please forgive us.

The world IS an open oyster and there is a wealth of information and learning in every roadside, park and encounter.



Attending a five-day Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Albion College were (seated, from left) Cheryl Conklin and Dede Wilson (standing, from left) Eldina Marriage, Debbie Platte and Stan Thelen. The seminar was sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureau Organizations throughout Michigan.

Extension calendar

- July 12 Meat judging, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- July 12 Cooperative Extension moves to new offices across parking lot to the east.
- July 14 Kids Energy Day, Fairgrounds, St. Johns
- July 17 4-H Council meeting 8 p.m.
- July 18 4-H Flower Workshop, Smith Hall, St. Johns, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

July 18 Dairy Judging, 8 p.m.—Stan Whitlock

July 19 Livestock judging practice

July 19 Deadline for Fair entries

July 19-20 District Holstein Show at St. Johns

July 21 4-H softball play-offs begin

July 22 4-H Day at Tiger Stadium

July 22 State Guernsey Sale—St. Johns

July 25 Farm Safety Week

July 26 Cooperative Extension Open House 2:30-7:30 p.m. Public invited to view new offices

July 28 State Holstein Show—Centreville

July 29 4-H Sheep Tour

July 29 4-H County Garden Tour

Aug. 1 Central Genetics at County Service Center Bldg., 8 p.m.

August 3 Fair superintendents meeting at Smith Hall, 8 p.m.

Aug. 10 No-till Twilight Tour in Clinton County

August 10 Entries due for Dairy Days

August 14, 15, 16 Clinton 4-H Fair

August 17 State Farm Management Tour—Ottawa County

Japanese youth to visit Clinton

A Japanese child will have a chance to experience American family life this summer in Clinton County through the Japanese LABO—4-H teen exchange.

The LABO—4-H Exchange, initiated in Michigan in 1974, is jointly coordinated by the LABO International Exchange Foundation, and the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. The Japanese child visiting Clinton County will be hosted by the Carl Falor family.

The youngster, a member of Japan's unique language education LABO Party program, is among 69 Japanese youth who will arrive in Michigan July 22 for a month long stay with Michigan 4-H families.

"The Labo Party Program is designed to create through language an awakening of international understanding and awareness among Japanese children," explains Theresa Dow, Clinton County Extension 4-H—Youth Agent. The program is administered by 3,500 tutors through the LABO—Teaching Information Center in Tokyo, and currently involves more than

60,000 youngsters. Starting at an early age, the children listen to tape recorded English and Japanese stories and then dramatize the characters in English.

Japanese youth visiting Michigan have been paired with 4-H members of the same age and sex. The two youngsters become close companions, working and playing together. Host families are encouraged not to change their daily routines, because the "heart" of the LABO program focuses on the Japanese youth experiencing life as it really is in the American home.

"Many of the children may experience such tasks as vacuuming, dishwashing or gardening for the first time," points out Theresa. In Japan, the youngsters are expected to spend most of their time in school or studying, and they very rarely help with household chores.

"We are excited about the opportunities for these youth of two different cultures to establish close relationships during the next month. Hopefully, some of our 4-H hosts will visit their LABO friend's home in Japan next summer," adds Theresa.

Farming still has future

Robert A. Darr, president of Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, recently announced that computer records show that 16 per cent of loans are to young farmers. Census figures show 14 per cent of farmers are under 35 years of age. He said a national study was made up of 100 top young farmers. On an average, these young people were 33 years of age, had two years of college, had been farming for 11 years, had a net worth of \$190,000, assets of \$600,000, and on an average, they had started just 11 years earlier with only \$11,000 in resources.



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Jim's Column

By Jim Pelham

WHAT IS A GOOD FARMER?
It takes a good businessman to be a good farmer, and probably our best farmers would end up being best in about any kind of occupation they would choose.

Farm profits over a period of years have not been great compared to other industries. If it weren't for inflation on their properties that have resulted in substantial equity in investment, farming would be the least profitable business anybody could think of. And, it's pretty hard to live on increased net worth!

Still, there is a lot of difference in neighboring farmer's income and it's not a bad idea to compare one with the other to see how they do things.

There was a time when city observers especially measured the success of a farmer by the amount of new and shiny equipment sitting in the yard or by general appearances that are inherent in a good farm, rather than a good farmer.

But when analyzed closely, we find good farmers on both good and poor land—although there is a real advantage to getting established on productive soil.

Neighboring farmers have a lot in common, including the same kind of weather, markets and source of supplies. Similar lines of machinery are usual and as you watch them with their daily work they generally

grow the same crops and follow most of the same cultural practices, such as plowing, fitting, planting, spraying and harvesting. Still, there is an awfully big difference in the results of their very similar labors.

Eleven big differences are listed that are common to crops and livestock farms. Nobody is perfect, and, as an example, our M.S.U. Tel-farm records show good and excellent dairymen have a real strong tendency to be rather average or even below average crop producers.

Just for fun, a producer might answer the following questions as honestly as he can. If he can say, "yes," to eight out of 11, he is a lot better than average. If he can say, "yes," to all of them, he will be about the nearest thing to perfect anyone has seen in 1978 years!

1. I expect my creditor to invest in me rather than gamble on me, and I will have records to show what I can do.

2. I am convinced a good job of plowing completes a major share of my fitting as well.

3. I take a lot of pains in planting to make sure seed is evenly distributed and planted into moist soil.

4. To conserve moisture and maintain structure, I plant as soon after plowing as possible and work the ground only enough to smooth it. It doesn't bother me that it doesn't look as smooth and fine as a garden.

5. I select herbicides largely on the basis of the weeds to be controlled,

rather than price.

6. I am through with corn planting and well into hay harvesting while several of my neighbors are still planting corn.

7. I am seldom—the first, but never the last, to go for a new practice in a big way.

8. I make major equipment repairs during the winter or other non-busy times.

9. I rely on good management and research-backed materials, rather than miracle products in fertilizing, maintaining soil structure, and preserving forages and grains.

10. I take an active part in educational and research meetings and in organizations representing the best interest of farmers, but am not so over-committed as to jeopardize my own operation.

11. I am convinced a part of success is in having a good living for my family, and take at least a one-week vacation each year.

There are hundreds of other comparisons, but the point to be made is that most farmers do things quite similarly—but it's the little differences that make the difference between profit and loss.

It should be noted the group of farmers that are having the hardest time making ends meet are the ones who have invested heavily most recently. There is almost no chance for profit at today's farm product prices if current prices also were paid for land, equipment and the supplies needed for production.

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Clinton County Sports

Lassie League is for learning

By Sue Parker
County News Correspondent

St. Johns

Girls 8 to 14 are swinging their bats and fielding ground balls in the new Lassie League softball program initiated by the Recreation Department in St. Johns this summer.

The 11 to 14 year-olds play Monday and Thursdays at 10:30, while the 8 to 10

year-olds play at 9:00 and 10:30 on the same days.

An unusual part of the program is that the girls not only receive instructions from their coaches, but from the umpires also. The umpire behind the plate may be giving the batter tips, while the base umpire advises the infield on where to make the play.

"The main purpose of our program is to teach the girls

how to play ball," says program head Judy Parsons. Ms. Parsons says that around 100 girls are learning the basic rules of softball while playing.

Sportsmanship is stressed during the games and Ms. Parsons says she is very pleased with the players' conduct. At the year's end one player on each of the nine teams will receive a ribbon for best sportsmanship.

Another important thing to the girls, says Ms. Parsons, is that everyone plays. "In the last few years, the program was organized so

late that it was difficult to get enough coaches," she says. "And with around 20 girls on a team, it was almost impossible for the coaches to play everyone."

This year the Recreation Department sent out applications in May to the elementary and junior high schools in the area. Ms. Parsons began phoning mothers of the applicants to find coaches and was very happy with the results.

"The coaches have been really great," she says. "Some of them have never even played, but they're really working at it and seem to be doing a great job."

Ms. Parsons says the girls show a lot of potential. "Either they have played with their older brothers and sisters or been in the program before, but basically they know what to do."

Later in July, the girls will compete with softball teams from Fowler. "Fowler has a program very similar to ours and it should be a lot of fun for the girls," Ms. Parsons said.

When the season ends, the girls will each be awarded a ribbon for participation and one player on each team will be chosen by her coaches to receive the award for most improved player.



Fowler Boosters champions

McDonalds of St. Johns won the Fowler Boosters Tournament, defeating Schafer's Bar 9-8 in the finals. Front (l-r): Denny Moore, Ron Waggoner, sponsor Bruce Amos, Ken Eldridge, and Cesar Medina. Back: Joe Keilen, Mike Guthrie, Gary Moon, Bob Randolph, Doug Woodhams, Tom Bullard, Jeff Leydorf and Gary Eisler. Missing is Ken Frayer.

Recreation Round-up

By Steve Meiner
St. Johns City Recreation Director

Don't get excited about the softball listings! There were no games during the week of the Fourth so no team moved ahead of you in the standings.

One reminder is that Talent Week is coming up on July 18 during Playground hours. It doesn't matter if you've graduated from 'playground', everyone is invited to display his talents. I know the Playground hours are inconvenient for most of us "oldsters" but maybe if you work the second shift you can make it. We want to see some senior citizens also. If my grandpa were here, I'm sure he'd play his harmonica for us. So stop by the pavilion by the band shell on Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday we would like to have a Gong Show in the afternoon so we would like any repeated acts or fresh new talents to be sure to show for that time. If no talent shows, we would have to call on our staff to fill in, and believe me you wouldn't want that!!

Tennis lesson sign-ups are also resuming at the tennis courts. People who have taken the first session may continue with advanced lessons while new students may sign up also.

Lessons are weekday mornings from Monday through Thursday. For information or to sign up call 224-3213 or contact Richard Eddinger at the tennis courts weekday mornings.

Patterson winner at Crystal Raceway

crystal

Saturday evening was Crystal Raceway's Mid-Season Championship night, with 35-lap feature races in the limited sportsman and super stock classes.

Leading super stock points holder Ed Damer of Lansing won the super stock Mid-Season Championship. Second-place points man Lance Norris of Nunica led the race until the 32nd lap, when he got tangled up in turn three with Don Daggett and Paul Liebing as he attempted to lap them. All three cars finished the race. Norris ended up in 5th place, behind Lyle Chick of Maple Rapids, Don Daggett and Paul Liebing.

Limited sportsman driver

Kris Patterson of St. Johns couldn't have cut his feature victory much closer. His right rear axle broke half a lap after he took the checkered flag to become Mid-Season Champion. Bud Playter finished second and Ritt Newland took third. Patterson set a new limited sportsman track record of 17.65 in his early model Camaro during time trials.

In the super stock pursuit, Don Daggett passed his only remaining competitor when he bumped Bob Neiman and passed as Neiman spun out.

Jim Arnst worked his way through traffic to challenge front runner Roger Wing in the limited sportsman semi-feature, but Wing stayed in

front as the two battled their way through the checkered flag. Bill Hopkins won the limited sportsman pursuit.

Super stock heat winners were Ron Possehn, Ed Damer, Don Daggett and Wilke with Mike Robinson taking the dash. Limited sportsman winners were Tyler Haase, Dana Dennis and Larry Smith in heats and Roger Wing in the dash.

The racing program was highlighted by last week's rained out fireworks program.

Crystal Raceway will run full three-class program this Saturday with races at 8 p.m. on July 22 Tri-Sac sprint cars will come to Crystal Raceway.

Carlton's wins tournament

Cadillac

Representatives of the Mid-Michigan Women's Fast Pitch softball teams finished one-two in the Cadillac Invitational Fast Pitch Tournament held Saturday and Sunday.

Carlton RV Sales from DeWitt took top honors, while the Snyder Oilers had to come up through the losers' bracket, winning four games Sunday afternoon and evening, before bowing to Carlton's in the finals 4-0.

Ten teams—two from Petoskey, two from Cadillac and one each from Bay City, Livonia, Flint, Lansing,

DeWitt and Fowler—started play at 9 a.m. Saturday. The final game, after a one-hour rain delay, finished at 10:15 p.m. Sunday.

League action continues Thursday evening at Fink Field in Fowler, with Carlton's and Style-Rite sch-

eduled for 6:30 and Snyder's and the Lasers at 8 p.m.

Then Saturday Snyder's will host Daly's Restaurant of Livonia at 6 p.m. at Fink Field.

The two teams split a pair of games in last weekend's tournament.

Football films at Bath

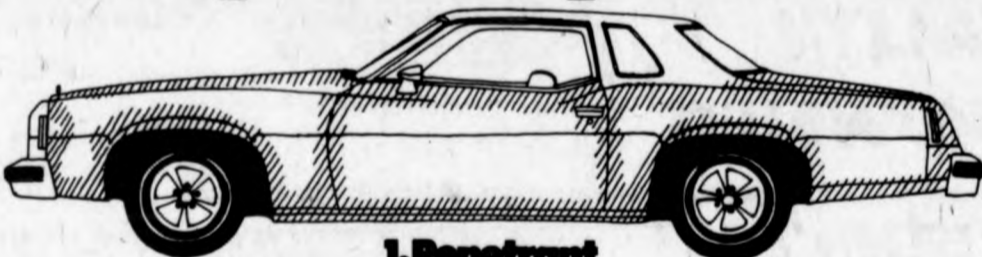
Bath

To help get everyone in the mood for the approaching football season, highlight films of NFL and perhaps some college football teams will be shown Tuesday nights

at Bath High School.

The showings began Tuesday and will continue until Aug. 8, and begin at 7 p.m. No admission will be charged.

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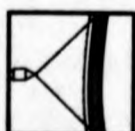
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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Acts 183 of 1943 and 156 of 1951, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has adopted Ordinance No. OR-1-78 which is a new Ordinance and deviates from the previous Ordinance, the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance in the manner generally described below:

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

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

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

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

All parcels of property five (5) acres or under containing less than 300 feet of public road frontage will require a survey, or mortgage certificate or proof of equitable title prior to the issuance of a building permit.

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

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

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

Charts, graphs and drawings have been added when necessary to clarify a section.

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

Definitions have been expanded.

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

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

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

Ordinance No. OR-1-78 becomes effective the day following its approval by the Department of Natural Resources. Copies of this Ordinance are available for purchase or inspection in the Department of Development Control, Clinton County Service Center, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call 224-6761, Extension 221 or 222 for further information.

Roger A. Overway, Chairman
Clinton County Board of Commissioners

Enid L. White, County Clerk,
Clinton County, Michigan

DATE: July 5, 1978
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animals closer to the south property line than permitted by Section 5.65 of the ordinance.

Secondly, the application requests a variation of section 5.65(6) which if approved, would allow the housing of 4 animals on a 7.38 acre parcel. In like manner, the applicant requests a variation of Section 5.65(b) which requires fencing to be 100 feet from residential dwellings.

Legal Description: Ba 72C-1-Beg. 1295 feet north of SE corner of Section 6, T5N-R1W, th. W. 951 ft., N. 356.6 ft., E. 951 ft., th. S. to Pt. of be. 7.38 m / l.

AB-18-78-Greenbush Township

An application for a dimensional variance has been filed by Mr. Thomas Blunt, Eureka, Michigan to permit the construction of a 24x27 square foot pole barn which does not meet the dimensional requirements of Section 5.16(5) of the Ordinance. (7) Rearyard Requirement of the R-1C, One-Family Medium Density Residential District of the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance as amended.

Legal Description: Lots 4, 5 and 8 of Block 5, Village of Eureka, Michigan

AB-19-78-Eagle Township

An application for a dimensional variance has been filed by Mr. Robert Morrill, Grand Lodge, Michigan in order to permit the construction of a single family dwelling on a lot of record which has a 40' access drive which does not meet the 20' requirements of Sec. 6.2 of the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance as amended.

Legal Description: That part of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 6, T5N-R4W Eagle Twp, Clinton County, Michigan beg. 1334.0 ft. East of a point on the N. S. 1/4 in which is 50 deg. 26'40" W. 154 rods from the N 1/4 corner of said Sec. 6; th. E. 885 ft. to the Looking Glass River; th. N. 1/2 along the river on four successive courses as follows: N. 16 deg. 11'50" E. 372.7 ft.; N. 9 deg. 44'05" W. 185.3 ft.; th. N. 16 deg. 27'40" W. 259.7 ft.; th. N. 8 deg. 09'00" W. 319.3 ft. to South line of a 40 acre parcel in the NE cor. of sd. NE 1/4, as recorded in L85-P206 of Clinton County Records; th. leaving the river and running west 829.7 ft. to the SW corner of sd. 40 acre parcel; th. S. 0 deg. 29'36" / with the east section line 1105.6 ft. to the POB; cont. 23.67 acres m / l including land to the water's edge; also driveway rights running west to Monroe Road over the adjoining 16 ft. of the premises adjoining on the west.

Jack Nelson
Zoning Administrator
28-1

State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Gertrude A. Doak, deceased, File 19958

TAKE NOTICE: On July 5, 1978 in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, on the Petition of Jack H. Doak, administrator of the estate was granted to him.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Jack H. Doak at 1241 Chadwick Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before September 20, 1978 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is further given that the heirs at law of the deceased will be determined on September 20, 1978 at 9:30 a.m. and the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: July 7, 1978
RANDY L. TAHVONEN, P.C.
Attorney for Petitioner
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Phone: (517) 224-3228
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State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton; Estate of Merle F. Burns, Testamentary, File No. 18622

TAKE NOTICE: On August 3, 1978 at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of American Bank & Trust Company, trustee, for allowance of its third annual account.

Dated: July 7, 1978
RANDY L. TAHVONEN, P.C.
Attorney for Trustee
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Phone: (517) 224-3228
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State of Michigan

In the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, VALERIE KAY O'CONNOR Plaintiff vs. THOMAS ANTHONY O'CONNOR Defendant. ORDER TO ANSWER FILE No. 78-6137 GCR. 120-5

On April 4, 1978, an action was filed by Plaintiff, in this Court to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, THOMAS ANTHONY O'CONNOR, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before OCTOBER 4, 1978. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgement of 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 be paid by Clinton, County.

Hon. Leo W. Corkin
Shirley L. Smith
Deputy Clerk
Date of Order:
June 28, 1978
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State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Susan M. Ellerbrock, a / k / a Aleena M. Ellerbrock, deceased, File No. 19898

TAKE NOTICE: On August 2, 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 Final Account of the

Administratrix in the above estate, and thereupon said estate will be assigned to the persons of record entitled thereto.

Dated: July 5, 1978
Attorney for Petitioner:
Jay M. Terbush, Jr.
201-03 Miner Building
Owosso, Mich. 48867
Phone 725-5656
Petitioner:
Burdella P. Sexton
9101 Woodworth Road
Ovid, Michigan 48866
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State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Marina Hatta, Deceased, File No. 19920

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, August 2, 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, Executor, for License to Sell Real Estate of said Deceased. Persons interested in said Estate are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such License should not be granted.

Dated: July 5, 1978
Attorney for Petitioner:
Maples & Wood-Paul A. Maples
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone: (517) 224-3238
Petitioner:
Michael Hatta
500 South Baker Street
St. Johns, Michigan
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Theil wins Owosso feature

Owosso Dave Theil won the 40-lap feature for late model stock cars Saturday in the Mid-Season Championship Events held at Owosso Speedway.

The event was co-sponsored by Owosso Speedway and the Shiawassee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the society furnished door prizes

courtesy of local merchants and trophies for the drivers.

Theil won the feature easily, but the real race was for second place, with four drivers in a position to take the runner-up spot going into the final lap. Al Shepard won second, followed by Dave Mulder, Al Kukla and Warren Badegro.

In the preliminary events, the dash was won by Kukla.

Mike DeFrenn won the first heat, Badegro the second and Don Ward the third. Mulder won the pursuit, and DeFrenn won the semi-feature.

In street stock action, Rick Gokee was the winner in the 25-lap feature. Following him were Mark Sloan, Jack Schaffer, Steve Poniatowski and Dave Thompson.

In the street stock preliminaries, Sloan won the dash and Carl Strickland won the first heat. Larry Gallimore won the second and Ed Conklin won the third. Mike Kurka won the fourth heat and Strickland won the semi-feature.

Friday night a record number of entries—over 190, ages 7 to 37—competed in Moto-cross racing at the speedway. The only local winner was Kurt Tullar of Elsie in the 100 class.

The next moto-cross pro-

gram is scheduled for July 21, with registration at 4 p.m. and racing starting at 7 p.m.

This Friday Owosso Speedway will host the USAC midget racers, a throwback to earlier days at the speedway, when the midgets ran at Owosso often.

Not only will they be returning, but they will be driven by some of the best drivers in the country. The field will be led by 1977 USAC Midget champion Mel Kenyon of Indiana. Joining him will be "Sleepy" Tripp, Robin Miller, Scott Riechert, Larry Rice, Tony Betten-

houser and other top names. Time trials will begin at 6:30, with the first race scheduled for 8 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale at the track, located six miles west of Owosso. Tickets may be reserved by calling 834-2249 during regular business hours.

Rehmann's wins Fowler tournament

Fowler The Rehmann's women's softball team placed first in the Third Annual Becker Furniture Invitational Softball Tournament held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Fowler.

defeated in the 20-team double elimination tournament. Bunky's Bar from Ionia was second and Gold Star Lanes out of Williamston was third.

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Legal news

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE for more than thirty days in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Barry Donald Waite, a single man, mortgagor, to Kelly Mortgage and Investment Company, a Michigan Corporation, mortgagee, dated June 2, 1972 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan on June 7, 1972 and November 23, 1972 respectively, in Mortgage Liber 265, Page 647, and in Liber 268, Page 503 respectively, Clinton County Records; which mortgage was subsequently assigned to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a New York Corporation by assignment dated June 7, 1972, recorded June 19, 1972 in Liber 265, Page 884; which mortgage was further assigned to Kelly Mortgage and Investment Company by assignment dated May 23, 1978, recorded June 23, 1978 in Liber 299, Page 357, Clinton County Records.

On which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-eight and 51/100 Dollars (\$17,238.51) including principal and interest computed to the date hereof, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid, due on said mortgage with seven per cent (7 per cent) interest, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, at public auction to the highest bidder at the north main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton is held) on the 15th day of August, 1978 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, local time of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 33 Nelson Subdivision, thence West 22 feet for a point of beginning; thence West 75.5 feet; thence North 297 feet; thence East 75.5 feet; thence

South 297 feet to the point of beginning, Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan. The length of the period of redemption from such sale, in accordance with Section 27A, 3240, Michigan Statutes Annotated, will be six (6) months from the date of such sale. Dated: July 6, 1978. Attorneys for Mortgagee: RUBENSTEIN PRUCHNICKI ANCH CHITTLE 1026 Mohl Foundation Building Flint, Michigan 48502 Mortgagee: Kelly Mortgage and Investment Company P.O. Box 336 G-3306 Corunna Rd. Flint MI 48502

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by HAROLD D. HORNBECK and MARILYN J. HORNBECK, husband and wife, of 8960 Wildcat Road, Ovid, Michigan, as Mortgagors to CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a national banking corporation, with its principal offices situated in St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated April 6, 1973, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on April 10, 1973, in Liber 270, pages 486-489.

Mortgagee having elected, under the terms of said mortgage to declare by the entire principal and accrued interest thereon due, which election it does hereby exercise, pursuant to which there is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage on the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 100/100 (\$22,661.00) DOLLARS and no civil suit or action or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of July, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. in the forenoon, at the North Main entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within the said County) said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes and/or insurance on said premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned, with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said

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mortgage, and all legal costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which premises are described as follows:

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There being more than two-thirds (2/3) of the original indebtedness still due and owing, the mortgagors, their successors and assigns, or any person lawfully claiming for or under them shall, within SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of the aforesaid foreclosure sale, be entitled to redeem the entire premises sold, by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or to the Register of Deeds, in whose office the deed is deposited for benefit of such purchaser, the sum which was bid therefore, with interest from the time of the aforesaid foreclosure sale, plus the mortgage plus any other sums required to be paid by law.

DATED: June 26, 1978 RANDY L. TAHVONEN, P.C. Attorney for Mortgagee 103 East State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Mortgagee: Clinton National Bank & Trust Company 26-5

LEGAL NOTICE

CLINTON COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, on July 20, 1978 at 8:00 P.M.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case No. ZC-8-78-Bath Township

PURPOSE: An application for a Special Use Permit has been filed by Mr. Jim Sober, 15771 Park Lake Road, East Lansing, Michigan, to permit the construction of a commercial recreational facility, pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 5.66(17) Special Open Space Uses of the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance. The use, if permitted, would permit the construction of 4 softball diamonds, picnic area and concession stand on the following described parcel of land:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: West 30.79 acres of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 7, T5N-R1W; exc. pc. of id. in NW cor. 200 ft. N&S by 194 ft. E&W.

Case No. ZC-4-78 - Watertown Township

CLINTON COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, on July 20, 1978 at 8:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: Propose to rezone from B-1, Local Business to B-2, General Business and an application for Special Use Permit to operate a drive-in theater.

PURPOSE: The submission of the General Site Plan by Watertown Development Corporation for Zoning Commission approval in order to comply with provision No. 3 of the Special Use Permit granted August 2, 1977 by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Case No. ZC-3-77(A) - Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)

PURPOSE: Propose to rezone 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 1/4 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 a/c. said Drain 818.2 ft. 1/4 pt. of beg. except N. 59 ft. E. of Drain thereof to CP.

Bi 42A-1 - The N. 200 ft. of full Beg. on c / l of US-27 2075.3 ft. N. of SW corner of Sec. 4, T7N-R2W, th. NE 1/4 a/c. center Moore and Perrin Drain 818.2 ft. W. 591.5 ft. to center US-27, th. S. a/c. US-27 to beg., exc. the N. 200 ft. thereof 1.3

Bi 42A-1 - The N. 200 ft. of full Beg. on c / l of US-27 2075.3 ft. N. of SW corner of Sec. 4, T7N-R2W, th. NE 1/4 a/c. center Moore and Perrin Drain 818.2 ft. W. 591.5 ft. to center US-27, th. S. a/c. US-27 to beg., exc. the N. 200 ft. thereof 1.3

ZC-3-77(C) - Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)

PURPOSE: Propose to rezone 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. 1012.5 ft. S. 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. line said US-27, N. 124 ft. to beginning.

ZC-3-77(C) - Bingham Township (Tabled from May 19, 1977)

PURPOSE: Propose to rezone 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. a/c. W. r / w of US-27 452.8 ft. to cen of Moore and Perrin Drain, th. fol Drain N 85 deg 23' W. 194 ft. S. 50 deg. 55' W. 229.4 ft. S. 22 deg. 31' W. 314.2 ft. S. 87 deg. 40' E. 486.9 ft. to beg. S

Interested persons are requested to attend and voice their opinions with respect thereto.

Additional information may be obtained from the Department of Development Control, 306 E. Elm St., St. Johns, MI, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

A field trip will commence at the Department of Development Control on Wednesday, July 12, 1978 at 9:00 A.M.

J. Anthony Nelson, Zoning Administrator 26-1-28-1



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City of St. Johns Ordinance No. 298 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V - ZONING AND PLANNING, CHAPTER 51, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS; THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS: That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Zoning Map of the City of St. Johns, forming a part thereof, shall be amended in the following respects: Section 1. That the premises hereinafter described shall be rezoned from its present GC, General Commercial, to I-1, Industrial. Section 2. That the description of the affected zoning reclassification is as follows: The West 110 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 8, Original Plat, City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan Section 3. The City Commission has referred this rezoning action to the St. Johns Planning Commission, which Planning Commission, as a result of its meeting held May 4, 1978, recommended a denial of this request. That the City Commission, by a two-thirds vote, pursuant to the St. Johns City Code, overruled the Planning Commission's recommendation for passage. Section 4. Except as herein provided, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns Code shall stand as first enacted or subsequently amended. Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its passage. PASSED, ORDAINED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 23rd DAY OF MAY, A.D., 1978. Adoption of the above Ordinance was moved by Commissioner Roesner and supported by Commissioner Hannah Yeas: Roesner, Starck, Arhart, Hannah, Brockmyre Nays: None The Ordinance was declared adopted.

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The Back Page

Landowners continue fight against power line

By Tom Nowak
staff writer

olive township

Like to or not, property owners in Olive Township realize that the proposed 760 kilovolt power lines will eventually come through their property. What the property owners are trying to get is the same thing Consumers Power says it wants to offer—a fair price for the right-of-way for the lines.

But the problem in determining a fair price is more complex than determining the market value of the land.

Property owners also say they are concerned about inconvenience in farming fields cut by the lines, possible safety hazards, sentimental attachment to the land and what they say are unfair tactics by Consumers Power in attempting to purchase the land for the right-of-ways.

At issue is a 760 kV power line running from a substation near Zeeland to another substation in Livingston County. The line does not run on a straight line through the county, but jogs north one mile just west of DeWitt.

This job is a basic point of contention for the Olive Township Property Owners Association. Property owners, unhappy about the line in the first place, are more unhappy about the line crossing their property just after it changes direction.

John Loughery, who purchases right-of-ways for Consumers, said at last week's county commission meeting that the job is necessary to avoid the city of DeWitt. He said that the line was not avoiding DeWitt because of danger to the city, but because a line going through the city would displace families, a more costly and troublesome prospect than dividing farm land. But affected landowners aren't accepting that story. Harold Lietzke, a member of the property owners association, said he would accept the power line if it crossed his property moving along a straight line. But he

said the job which takes the line across his property is unnecessary and uneconomical.

"A straight line is the shortest and cheapest route between two points," he said. "That's the cheapest way to go."

Lietzke said that at \$500,000 a mile to construct the power lines—a figure Consumers spokesman said was "not that far out of line"—the jog adds \$1 million in costs.

Lietzke said the real reason for the job is that a straight line would put the power line too near Capital City Airport and that pilots would protest.

"So they thought, 'Put it here, there's nobody here but some farmers,' They didn't pick on the right bunch of farmers," Lietzke said.

He said much of the problem was the way Consumers tried to obtain the right-of-ways. Lavern Lerg said that when he was first approached by Consumers, he felt the purchaser was trying to push the deal past him.

"They drove in here with the paper all ready to sign," he said. "They said they're going to put the line through and I have to give them the right-of-way. It was just a simple matter of signing here, and they'd give \$1,000 an acre for the right-of-way. But the more I talked to them, the madder I got."

Lerg did not sign, but some of his neighbors did. Lietzke said the utility "stole" that land, playing one property owner against another and even calling them "unpatriotic" if they didn't sell.

Robert Wischmeyer, a spokesman for Consumers Power, said such charges were "absolutely false."

"No two properties in Michigan have the same value or character," he said, "and we deal with each individually."

"We aren't playing them against each other, but if someone signs up, we do tell others that they have signed up. That's just using a selling technique, part of acquiring land."

Wischmeyer also denied a claim by Donald Seyfried, a dairy farmer, who said Consumers threatened to put the

lines down the middle of his property, rather than along the edge, if he didn't sign away the right-of-way.

According to Seyfried, the original plans would have had the power line coming down the middle of his property near his dairy barns. Consumers then agreed to move the lines further west if Seyfried would sign, but said they would go through as originally planned if he would not sign and the company was forced into court to gain the path.

Seyfried said he took the statement as a threat, but Wischmeyer said it was not.

"If he wouldn't give approval for the shifted line," Wischmeyer said, "we would go to court for route necessity. The route would then have to go back down the original route."

Wischmeyer said he was not sure if that was required in the eminent domain statute or in another law, but that it was legally required. The attorney for the property owners was not available for comment.

But Consumers did not deny that landowners were never notified by the company that their property would be needed until right-of-way purchasers approached them, with ready-to-sign contracts.

"Property owners probably had advance notice in that the word got around (through meetings held earlier), Wischmeyer said. "It is true that when the first direct contact was made, we had a contract at that time. But we feel they knew about the plans."

Lietzke said attitude was characteristic of Consumers' dealings with the farmers.

"Consumers treated us like we didn't need to know anything, like we wouldn't understand anyway," he said. "Farmers today are more sophisticated than that."

Landowners also question the necessity of the line. They point to the original timetable, which scheduled the completion of the surveying for July 1, 1979. The latest timetable now aims at

completing the surveying by July 1, 1983. Landowners say that setback reflects a shrinking demand for electricity and hence less need for the power line.

Consumers agrees that a decrease in the demand for electricity set back the date, but also said that the company had to be prepared for future needs. Such preparation, they argued at the last county commission meeting, kept Michigan residents well supplied with power last winter.

Wischmeyer said Consumers is willing to pay property owners the market value of the land. But Lietzke said he was offered \$1,000 an acre, while comparable farm land in that area is being offered for \$1,700 and \$2,000 an acre, sometimes more.

Lietzke said Consumers bought what they could for a low price, and offered

higher prices to those unwilling to sell.

"What they do is they first get the older people and others who don't realize what the line is going to do, those who aren't as well informed. Then they offer a better price to those who hold out. I don't think that's right."

Again, Wischmeyer said Consumers evaluates each parcel of land individually and sets a price appropriate to the particular parcel.

On top of all of that, the property owners question the safety of the lines, claiming there are possible hazards to those with pacemakers and to others living near the lines.

A letter on that subject from Daniel Jo Demlow, chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission, said that the latest research indicates no long-term adverse biological effects resulting from high voltage power lines.

But he also said research is going on in some areas. Some property owners say they fear that if the lines go through, they will be the guinea pigs for the research.

In spite of all the objections, it is almost certain that the lines will go through where Consumers Power wants them to go through. Even the property owners concede that the laws of eminent domain assure Consumers the right-of-ways.

At that same time, the property owners say they do not intend to give up their property until they receive just compensation.

"We're protective of this land," Lietzke said, "because we struggled through the bad times and stayed. We've earned this land the hard way and now Consumers wants to buy it cheap."



WVIC visits

WVIC disc jockey Dan "The Zapper" Stewart spoke to members of the Jobs Club Thursday afternoon at the Community Resource Volunteer office in St. Johns. WVIC will be

giving away this jeep to one of its listeners. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

DeWitt looking to update charter

DeWitt The DeWitt City Council Wednesday approved a resolution calling for the formation of a charter commission to review and update the city charter.

In doing so, the board accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Municipal Administration, which also recommended the continuation of the city administrator-assessor post until the charter review is complete.

The call for a charter commission was a result of a June 26 meeting of the Committee on Municipal Administration, which had intended to determine whether or not the present charter should be amended to include a city manager.

But according to Charles Bauer, chairman of that committee, the group decided that the present charter does not provide for a true city manager. Rather, he reported, the office could be

a "political football" forced to act on the whim of the council.

Bauer said the committee thought that to have an effective city manager, broad changes would have to be made in the present charter.

Roger Overway, who also sat on that committee, agreed that a broad review of the charter is needed.

"There are a number of things in the charter which no longer apply to the city," he said, "and a number of other things that would now apply."

The council voted to accept the report and have the city attorney look into procedures for forming a charter commission in the hopes of having charter commission elected in November. Councilwoman Barbara Towns cast the only dissenting vote.

The council also took preliminary steps towards the formation of a Downtown Development District. James Spalding, administrative aide,

told the council that a newly enacted law allows municipalities to form Downtown Development Districts, giving tax breaks to those building or improving downtown businesses.

Appointed to a committee to investigate the creation of such a district were Paul Tate, DeWitt Area Chapel; Keith Blizzard, DeWitt Pharmacy; Roger Overway, State Farm Insurance; Paul Yeager, a certified public accountant; and council members Karl Bohnhoff and Barbara Towns.

The council also set July 18 as the date for a public meeting on proposed street improvements to Wilson Street. The meeting is tentatively set for 7:30 p.m. at Scott School, and all property owners on Wilson Street will be receiving notice of the meeting in the mail.

At that time the proposed improvements, along with the costs of each, will be discussed.

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