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## Fun in the Snow Day

Keep Sunday, Jan. 21, open on your calendar for the 2nd Annual Fun in the Snow Day at Sleepy Hollow State Park. It's a family-oriented day filled with activities ranging from dog sled demonstration, cross country skiing, wiener roast, ice fishing and snow shoeing. In conjunction with the Fun in the Snow Day, the first Michigan Ski for Light competition for blind cross country skiers will be held at Sleepy Hollow State Park too.

## O-E school board seat

The Ovid-Elsie Board of Education has appointed Burt Case of Ovid to the O-E board, filling the vacancy of Richard DePond, who resigned to take a seat on the county board of Commissioners. Case's term will run until the June elections.

## Site switched

The sites of the Fowler-Pewamo-Westphalia varsity basketball games have been changed. The games scheduled for Jan. 12 at Fowler will be played at P-W, and the game scheduled for Feb. 20 at P-W will be switched to the Eagles' gym. It is hoped that game will be played in Fowler's new facility.

## Chamber president

State Chamber of Commerce president James Barrett will be the special guest speaker at the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Somewhere Else restaurant will be the location for the meeting. Time is from noon to 1:30 p.m., members and non-members are urged and invited to attend. Cost is \$3 per person to pay for the lunch. Reservations must be made through the St. Johns Chamber office by calling Roberta Magell at 224-7248, by Jan. 12.

## Chess league

Anyone interested in participating in a winter chess league should contact St. Johns city hall to sign up.

## Health clinic

The St. Johns Public Health Clinic will be held Thursday at the Congregational Church, 100 Maple St. Immunizations are available from 9-11 a.m. and blood pressure screening from 1-2 p.m. For more information call the Mid-Michigan Health Department at 224-7772.

## Westphalia Township survey

Westphalia Township residents are welcome to view the 1977-78 survey of local government finances which is available at the Walter Keilen residence in Westphalia instead of 3251 W. M-21, St. Johns as stated in last week's paper.

# Extra road salt saves the day



By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

### Clinton County

Clinton County was out of salt before winter had really sunk its teeth into Clinton County roads. It took awhile but Clinton County received four more loads of salt in this week. Road crews are still mixing sand with the salt.

Jay Hebner, road commission superintendent said last week he wasn't sure when they would get more salt, the precious commodity which helps free roads of ice. So far the county had used the 1,100 tons allotted to them from the highway department. Just before Clinton County got within 90 percent of its quota the salt companies cut the state off from the salt. Hebner stated an agreement has since been set-up between the state and salt companies.

"Of course, even salt isn't going to help in this kind of weather," Hebner was referring to below freezing temperatures. "The salt will melt through the ice, but then it freezes right over again."

The road commission has been under constant attack with regards to the condition of Clinton County roads. The road commission is working with a \$1,655,000 budget which is obtained through the gas and weight taxes. It also receives a subsidy from the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. This is to work on township roads and not for maintenance such as snow removal.

"We have to make that do," Hebner said. "Once we're out... we're out."

He noted they have cut down on the manpower and tried to balance the men with the money they have. When someone retires they don't replace him. The road commission crew consists of 35 which is the same as Eaton County. However, Hebner cites this as being low.

"Ingham County has three times as much money and three times as many men," Hebner said. "Their roads look better and it makes us look bad."

"We get criticized a lot," he said. "But every year we're at the bottom of the barrel... we're not here to save money."

Snow plowing, removal, and the salting of the roads is not constructive as far as Hebner is concerned. Nothing can be seen and it is like money going "down the creek."

A night man on duty from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. keeps a constant check on the roads. If a storm begins, he calls in more men to keep the state trunklines open. In the morning the lesser trucks are on the road by 7 a.m.

"We worked steady all last weekend," Heber said. "In fact, we've been going steady almost every night."

Over the New Year's weekend the road crews put in 301 hours of overtime amounting \$3,025 in wages. New Year's Day alone there were 105 overtime hours logged for \$2,596 in wages.

The road commission receives calls daily from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department advising the crews of bad roads, icy spots, road conditions and problem areas. Sometimes the communication and cooperation just hasn't been there, however.

"We get a lot of silly calls from the sheriff's department," Hebner said. "We run the road commission, not the sheriff's department and we've more or less told them so."

Sheriff Tony Hufnagel, agreed sometimes they do call in requests which could be regarded as silly. But he also added many of the requests are from other departments or private citizens.

Both Hufnagel and Tom Aranow, DeWitt Township chief, commented their men were in the field and knew what the weather conditions were like and what kind of shape the roads

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# Cost of special education has superintendents concerned

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### Clinton County

What happens when the state mandates certain education programs, says it will pay for 75 per cent of the programs' costs, and then slowly backs down on its offer to share the expenses?

The answer is: local taxpayers end up paying for a larger share than they originally bargained for. And, another answer would be: local school superintendents get fed up with the situation and decide to do something about it.

Clinton County school superintendents from St. Johns, Ovid-Elsie, Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia, Bath and DeWitt, as well as Intermediate Superintendent Larry A. Schwartzkopf, are in the midst of gathering information to take to lawmakers and

Michigan's head superintendent, Dr. John Porter, to prove their point.

"We want to show our representatives that our costs have increased significantly while the state aid reimbursement has decreased at about the same rate," said Schwartzkopf.

Back in 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act required the mentally and physically handicapped be provided special educations. The act also stipulated that the state would reimburse the schools providing these extra services 75 percent of the costs incurred.

Through the years, however, the 75 percent reimbursement has dwindled until it has hit the 40 to 45 percent mark for this school year in Clinton County, according to Schwartzkopf.

Following is a breakdown of special education funding in Clinton County:

As costs go up, the number of students served remains relatively constant:

| Year | No. of students |
|------|-----------------|
| 75   | 863             |
| 76   | 947             |
| 77   | 968             |
| 78   | 957             |

Facts and figures have not been completely gathered, but Schwartzkopf plans to have them ready by the end of January when he and the six other Clinton superintendents hope to meet with Dr. Porter, followed by a session with State Senator Richard Allen, Representative Alan Cropsy and a representative of the governor.

The Clinton County Intermediate School District receives 1.5 million from area taxpayers. Of the 58 intermediate districts throughout Michigan, Clinton County's ranks 53rd in state equalized evaluation and yet it ranks 31st in student population.

Schwartzkopf says the big difference between the state equalized evaluation (low tax base) and the student population leads to a problem of making the dollars stretch to provide services.

"We want the state to fund the law they passed in 1971," said Swartzkopf.

## To the championships

Shelly Kruger and her partner Christopher Bushell practice one more time the routine they hope will help them capture the Mid-

western Championships in Colorado Springs. See story on page 16. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

# Rezoning disputed

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### St. Johns

What will become of the old County Road Commission building? Is it to become an industrial plant, remain a municipal center, or stagnate for want of a new owner?

The answer will depend upon the rezoning of the property at 701 W. State St., St. Johns. The road commission is seeking a change in the zoning from municipal center (MC) to high performance industrial, in an attempt to sell the building to a prospective buyer.

However, 40 residents in that area of the city signed a petition saying they did not want the building to be zoned for high performance industrial use. The petition was presented to city commissioners Monday night.

The city's planning commission recommended that the building be rezoned. The city commission moved Monday night to have city attorney Paul Maples draw up a rezoning ordinance.

According to acting city clerk Richard Colletta, Maples is expected to have the ordinance drawn up for the Jan. 22 meeting, at which time the first reading of the ordinance will be aired and a date for a public meeting will be set.

It will be at the public hearing that citizens opposing the rezoning, as well as supporter of the rezoning, will square off. City commissioners have the final vote.

Because 20 percent of the residents in the road commission building vicinity signed a petition to oppose the rezoning, under the city's charter, the commission will be required to pass the rezoning by a two-third margin, as opposed to a majority. In other words, four of five commissioners must approve the rezoning, as opposed to

three of five, if the petition hadn't been presented. Please see page 15



## Cold beauty

Mother Nature created a land of glistening ice and crunching snow as temper-

atures dropped way below the zero mark lately. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

# Special ed, voc center in the wind

### Clinton County

One of the reasons Clinton County Intermediate Superintendent Larry Schwartzkopf is looking closely at special education funding is that he has an idea—an idea to build a combination vocational training and special education center.

"We won't try to fool the people," says Schwartzkopf. It will cost a little more money. But, he substantiates his idea with a few pressing facts.

First, this year alone it will cost the intermediate district about \$325,000 to transport 54 students to Lansing for special education courses which are not

offered in Clinton County. The intermediate district also has to pay outside tuition for these students.

Secondly, Lansing has said it won't serve Clinton County severely mentally impaired or the severely multiple impaired by 1984. "We can't do it without a facility," says Schwartzkopf.

The intermediate head hopes to get some federal dollars to build the facility which will answer his problem of the special education facility shortage, as well as a need in the county for a vocational center. Putting the two together, he says will enable the intermediate district to operate the facility at a better cost savings.

# Drug policy amended

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

### DeWitt

Drug and alcohol use among students is a problem. DeWitt School Board members adopted a suspension policy meeting Monday night which is not only punitive but also constructive.

During the past year, two students have been suspended for being under the influence of alcohol and four students for marijuana use at DeWitt

High School. The punishment for these offenses is nine week's suspension.

Losing nine weeks of school, which is almost a semester, could be very damaging to a student's scholastic record. Board members and administrators realized this fact and went about setting up a new policy.

Under the new guidelines, a student can continue with his studies after school. If he satisfactorily completes the course he can receive credit, but no

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# Murder suspect surrenders

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

It took over a year but police officials finally got their man—at least one of them.

Eleazar "Longie" Orozco, a former Lansing man, turned himself in to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents in Milwaukee after being sought on a fugitive flight warrant issued by Clinton County prosecuting attorney Jon Newman.

Orozco was sought in connection with the November 1977 slaying of a Texas man in Bath Township.

"This was really unexpected," Newman said. "We had no idea he would turn himself when he did."

Tomas Hernandez, 32, was found murdered in a wooded area of Clinton County's Rose Lake. Orozco and Gonzalo Jimenez Delacruz were wanted in connection with murder following information received from an

informant.

The break through in the case came in June of last year when detective sergeants Richard May of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and Robert Kowalski of Michigan State Police, interviewed Francisco M. Sepulveda at the Milwaukee County Jail in Wisconsin, where he is being charged with the robbery and murder of a bar owner. Sepulveda told officers Orozco and Delacruz told him they obtained some marijuana by "ripping a guy off and leaving him in the snow."

Orozco waived extradition and will be brought back to Clinton county for trial in the murder of Hernandez. Newman says he expects the trial to be held sometime this summer.

"The FBI had put a lot of pressure on," May said. "He knew they were looking for him."

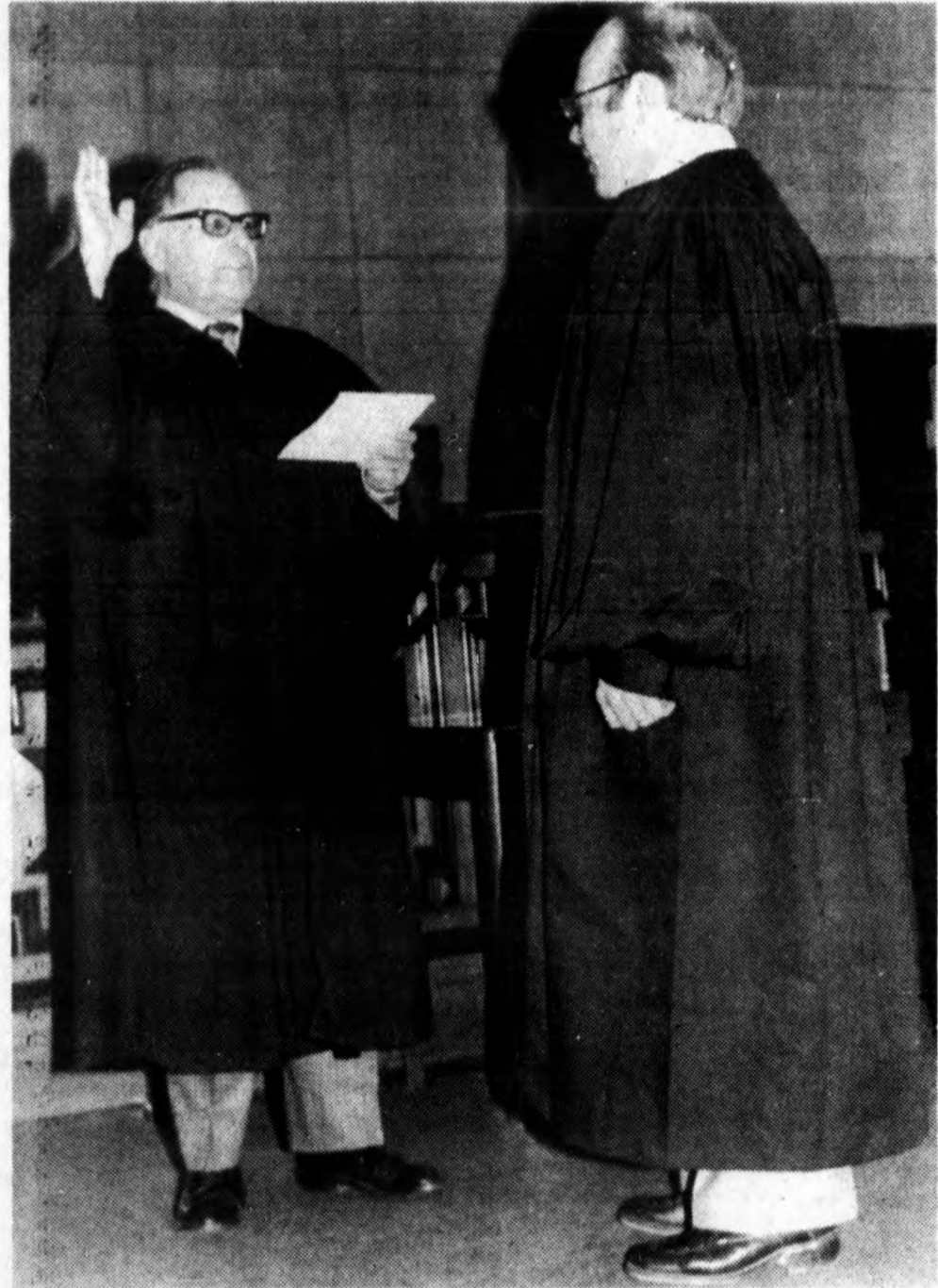
Police officials are expected to return Orozco to Clinton County within the week.

"We're still looking for Delacruz," May said. "He wasn't with 'Longie' at the time of the arrest."

Police are continuing their search for Delacruz, 33. He is a Mexican-American from

Crystal City, Texas, stands 5'9" and weighs 150 pounds.

Any citizen having information to the whereabouts of Delacruz or information about the murder should contact the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, MSP, or Newman's office.



## Swearing in

Randy Tahvonen was sworn in as 29th Judicial Circuit Court judge on Jan. 2 by former Circuit court Judge Leo Corkin. Tahvonen and Timothy Green were elected in November to the two circuit court posts; Green did not go through the formal swearing in ceremony. They will be sharing responsibilities in both Grafton and Clinton counties. Because the Grafton Courthouse was partially ruined by fire last month, the judges will conduct court in the commissioner's room under the district court room. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Ice causes 20 accidents

Clinton County

Icy roads through Clinton County caused an estimated 20 accidents during the past week according to sheriff's deputy reports. Three of the accidents involved serious injuries.

Janice K. Jameson, Laingsburg, lost control of the auto she was driving on Round Lake Road causing her to spin out and strike a car driven by Calvin F. Mason of Perry. Jameson was seriously injured in the mishap which happened on Jan. 2 at 6:22 p.m. She was transported to Sparrow Hospital.

Cars driven by David L. Clare, Mt. Pleasant, and Carol A. Keys, 1272 W. Colony, St. Johns collided when the Keys auto turned into the path of the Clare vehicle on Jan. 2 at 11:20 a.m. David Clare, Joseph Clare,

and Keys were all injured in the accident and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital. The incident happened on US-27 near Colony Road.

Darryl A. Causley, 16, Everett was seriously injured when a car driven by Jerry L. Lucas, Alma went out of control and collided with a vehicle driven by Leonard P. Jennings, also of Alma on US-27 near Price Road. The Lucas auto spun out of control on the ice on Jan. 4 at 10:28 p.m.

Causley was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment.

George T. Sorter, 30, 1213 W. Ionia St., Lansing, was arrested and lodged in the Clinton County jail for passing bad checks in the area. He had just been released from the Ingham County jail for the same offense. He is presently out on bond.

## B & E's reported

DeWitt Twp.

Three breaking and enterings occurred in DeWitt Township according to Thomas Aranow, police chief.

A safe containing \$2,000 was taken from the Ron Isham Soft Water Company on North East Street sometime Jan. 1. This is the second breaking and entering reported at that location in the past six months.

A second breaking and entering occurred on North East Street in the township, this time at Bauer and Parks Welling Company. The office was ransacked on Jan. 5 and it is undetermined at this time if anything had been taken.

John Lauer of DeWitt Road reported to police \$550 worth of stereo equipment was taken from his home sometime between Dec. 28 and Jan. 2.

Chief Aranow reported there were 20 accidents during the past week due to the icy road conditions. Several rear-end collisions occurred along with several motorists slipping off the highway.



DeWyane Duskin

## United Way staffer locates in St Johns

C. DeWyane Duskin has joined the staff of United Way of Michigan as field representative with the Campaign & Field Service Department working out of the Lansing office of this state organization. He will be covering the eastern and northeastern sections of the Lower Peninsula.

Prior to joining UWM, Duskin was an officer with The Salvation Army, having served in that capacity for the past eight years; his most recent post was officer in charge at Alma. A native of Nebraska, Duskin resides in St. Johns with his wife Micheline and his son Jacques. Duskin has been active in many civic organizations, such as Rotary Club for four years with perfect attendance. United Way of Michigan represents 23 state and national human service organizations, along with serving and working with 106 United Way's across the state of Michigan. During the past campaign year over \$83 million were raised to help thousands of individuals.

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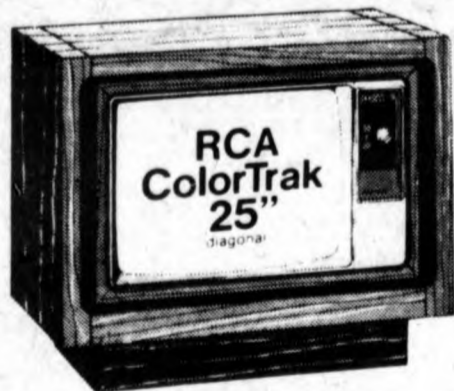
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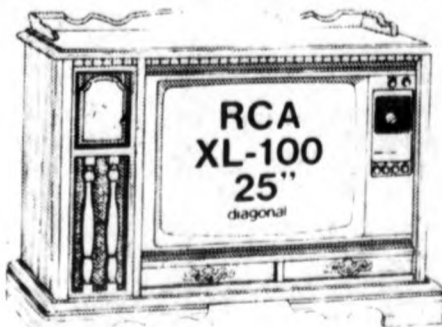
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## Budget sees lean 1979

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

DeWitt Township

DeWitt Charter Township has gone through a lot of changes during the past year. But in one way nothing has changed the need for more money to operate the township still remains a major issue.

Recently the township adopted its 1979 budget. It was completed just prior to the start of 1979. This too is a change as budgets normally were not adopted until after the annual meeting held the first week in April. When the township voted to go charter in hopes to deter further annexation by the city of Lansing it gave up the tradition of an annual meeting.

There was four months worth of money left in the 1978-79 budget due to the change in operations. The townships general fund operating monies total \$561,371 for 1979. Of this amount \$61,600 is carried over from the previous budget.

"We're working with an austere budget," Alta Catherine Reed, supervisor said. "And we're going to be watching it very closely."

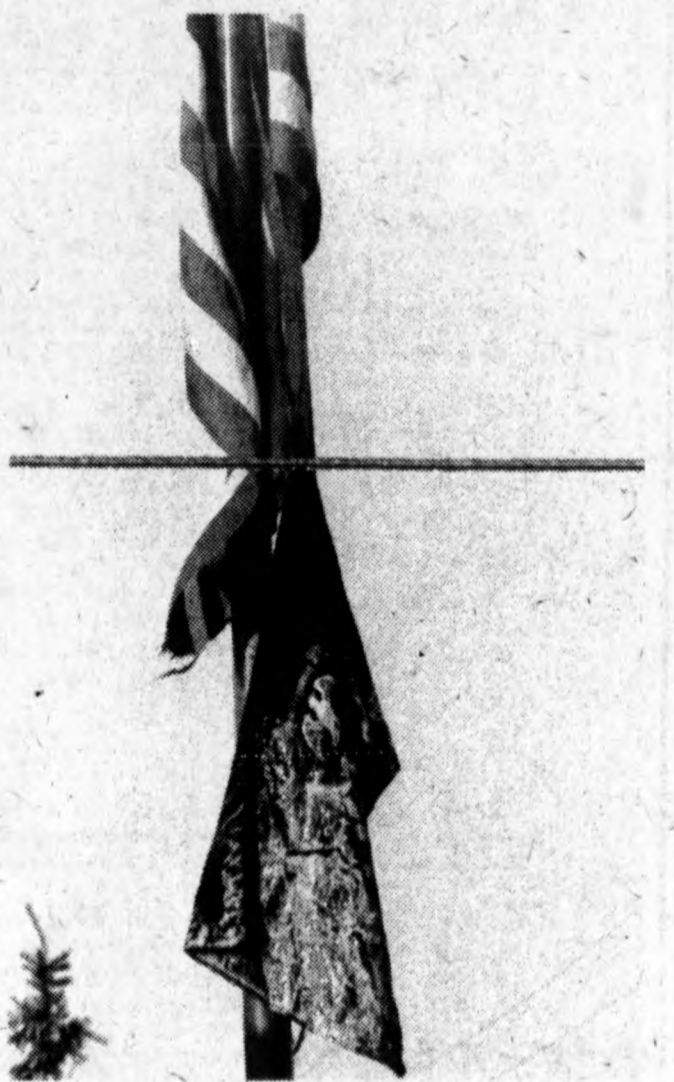
The township did not plan for any CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) reimbursements for 1979 because of the uncertainty of the program. Most of the CETA employees are in the police department.

Mrs. Reed noted nothing was budgeted for roads in the township: except some chloride for the gravel areas.

Very few increases were seen in the new operating budget. The trustees salaries went from \$5,200 to

\$5,508 yearly with the supervisor's salary going from \$15,880 to \$16,832. The treasurer's salary went from \$11,910 to \$12,624 as did the clerk's salary.

Capital expenditures are expected to decrease by \$3,000 in 1979. The revenue sharing fund is \$51,906. The police budget was set at \$345,675.



## Frozen patriotism

This photo looks like a composite from a winter and a summer picture of the flag in front of the city offices in St. Johns. But, it was taken last week. Ice didn't seem to plague the American flag, but the Michigan flag flying directly below it took a dousing. The line across the picture is a utility wire. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

# Bath applies for housing grant

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

**Bath** Township wants money for housing improvements and they want it bad.

In fact, they are already getting ready to submit a pre-application for 1980 funds before 1979 finishes its first month. A pre-application must be submitted before Jan.

15 in order for Bath to be considered for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. Margaret Anderson, Bath HUD coordinator, said, the township is applying for \$500,000 which will be used

for housing rehabilitation, demolition, relocation, park development and street paving. The township has received HUD funds for four consecutive years, totaling

\$706,000. Most of this money has been spent for housing rehabilitation.

"HUD goes by your past performance a lot," Ms. Anderson said. "we've received great reports and usually complied with the necessary regulations."

Ms. Anderson is not really sure what the reasoning is behind the early pre-application deadline for 1980. Normally the pre-applications are not due until March. She did mention, however, HUD might be trying to eliminate some communities which aren't ready with their plans. She found out about the deadline in early December.

"The (HUD) have so many applications to go through," she said. "Maybe they are trying to save some time."

Last year Bath applied for \$600,000. HUD okayed \$300,000 which has not been released yet by officials. Once the money is released, according to Ms. Anderson, work begins. Of this \$300,000, some will be used to make a parking lot which will be located at the corner of Clark and Webster Roads.

Bath Township received some good news last week when the Department of Natural Resources awarded them \$5,600 for acquisition of beach property. They will receive a matching amount from HUD. The money will be used to buy property on Park Lake which will be made into a beach-picnic area.

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## First a page in Senate

Stanley Powell's association with the Michigan legislature dates back to 1913 when he was a page in the Michigan Senate. The Republican veteran of the House looks at the handbook for pages that he used when he was in high school. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

# Stanley Powell has already retired twice

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### Clinton County

Stanley Powell has already retired twice, once in 1964 from the Michigan Farm Bureau, and again in 1978 from the Michigan legislature. At 80 years old, he's still not ready to call it quits, though.

The 16-year Republican veteran of the Michigan House of Representatives has represented portions of Clinton County for the past 14 years as 88th District Representative. He also puts in two years in the House back in 1931 and 1932.

The 88th District includes precincts 1 and 3 of Bath Township, Bengal, Bingham, Dallas, DeWitt, Duplain, Essex, Greenbush, Lebanon, Olive, Ovid, Riley and Westphalia townships, as well as the cities of DeWitt and St. Johns. Alan Cropsey of DeWitt is Powell's successor in the legislature.

Former Representative Powell started in politics at a young age. When he was 15, he was appointed a page in the Michigan Senate while his father served as a state senator. He held that position in 1913, 14, 15 and 16.

Then, his first year out of Michigan Agriculture College (now Michigan State University) he became a legislative observer, reporter, contact man, spokesman and lobbyist for the Michigan Farm Bureau. It gave him the contacts he needed to get his foot in the door.

Powell didn't waste much time, either. He ran for the House of Representatives in 1930 and got elected to a two-year term. But, that stint with politics didn't last long, as FDR and his "New Deal" came along after the Depression and won a lot of seats in the Michigan legislature for the Democrats. Powell was one to lose his seat in the landslide.

"It was really a God-send," says Powell about his 1932 defeat for re-election. "But, I didn't feel that way at the time." Back in 1931, he was paid \$3 a day at a legislator and he had to pay his own board. Once a year, he was paid 10 cents a mile for a round trip between his home in Ionia and Lansing.

Being ousted out of the legislature may have been bitter at the time, but it enabled Powell to make a living doing something else.

He followed his interest in farming. He and his wife, Eleanor, still live in the same farmhouse that Stanley was born in. Ingleside, the family farm since 1842, was a source of inspiration for Powell's column, "Notes from Ingleside Farm" which appeared in the "Michigan Farmer" from 1927 to 1966.

Stanley defines his nature as "conservative, rural oriented, conscientious and not flamboyant." He prides

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# Fire boundaries disputed

By Tom Nowak  
Staff Writer

### DeWitt

Representatives of DeWitt Township and the City of DeWitt will be meeting today (Jan. 9) to try to resolve questions on the fire protection contract between the two municipalities.

The differences stem from a resolution passed by the DeWitt Township board last July 24, which said the township wished to regain responsibility for fire protection of some areas contracted out to the city.

But the city was not willing to give it up. In August the city council agreed to suspend service to the County Meadows subdivision south of the city, but continued to provide fire protection to the rest of the territory in the original contract.

Yet the township had notified the Clinton County Sheriff's dispatcher the boundaries had been changed and the sheriff's department has been calling the township for fires in the disputed area.

The biggest unresolved question was what the city should do if it hears of a fire in the area claimed by the township. Some firemen felt that they should leave the area to the township, but Daniel Matson, DeWitt city attorney, said the city may be held liable for fires within the area of the original contract.

He recommended the city department respond to any need in the old contract area, but added that it would probably be safe to ignore a fire if the city was not dispatched. The city will continue to assist the township if these crews need city aid.

Ed Fancher, chief of the DeWitt Township fire department, would not comment until after the Tuesday meeting.

The contract, drawn up in March of 1976, originally called for the DeWitt city fire department to cover the area bounded by Cutler Road on the north, Wood Road on the East, Airport Road on the west and running between Herbison and Clark

Roads on the south. The township resolution reclaimed all that territory south of the Looking Glass River. Land north of the river is agreed to be the city's responsibility.

The disagreement between the municipalities has left city firemen upset and local officials confused. At last Monday's meeting of the DeWitt City Council, firemen and councilmen accused the township of violating its contract.

According to Matson, the contract could not be broken except by mutual agreement. The city and township agreed that Country Meadows should go to the township, but the city never agreed to let the rest go.

He said the contract could be broken unilaterally if one party gave sufficient notice. Notice would have to be submitted by Jan. 31 for the change to go into effect at the end of the year. The city argues that no such notice was given.

"Our and the firemen's number-one concern is for people's lives and property," said David Spencer, city councilman and member of the fire board. DeWitt city administrative aide James Spalding agreed, saying the intent of the city is to maintain the highest level of protection to the disputed areas.

But both admitted there are economic implications for the city, the township and residents of the areas in question.

Spalding said the City of DeWitt had already invested in new equipment in anticipation of servicing an expanded area. He said those costs have not been amortized to other units served by the city. Also, he predicted that the savings to the township may not be as great as it may expect.

"If, for example, it costs \$10 to service a certain area," Spalding said, "if you cut the area in half, it doesn't mean the costs will be cut in half. The township may not realize the savings it expects."

Also, Spencer said, any reduction in the number of runs the city volunteers make may affect the city's eligibility for state and federal grants.

Finally, city officials argue that a reduction in fire DeWitt's responsibility would mean higher insurance rates for affected

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# Editorial Page

## What do wheat, deer and an industrial plant remind you of?

In last week's edition, we printed the new Clinton County official seal which was adopted recently by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. It looks like this:



The county seal is a design which supposedly depicts that area. Someone receiving a letter with the county seal stamped on it should be able to look at the seal and form certain images in his or her mind about the area from where the letter came.

What area would you think of if you saw this seal?

In my mind, I imagine a county with abundant wheat fields, golden from the sun and ready to be harvested. And, in a clearing near the forest located on the other side of the road from the wheat field, I envision a six-point buck staring triumphantly at me. Behind him are several other deer.

Continuing on that same road, I would come to a city with an industrial plant with tall smokestacks. There are lots of cars parked outside the plant, indicating the large number of people employed at the industrial facility.

I get the impression that Clinton County is a land of wheat fields, lots of deer and significant industry by looking at the newly adopted county seal. But, that is not the same impression I get when I look around me.

First of all, wheat is not the most important cash crop in Clinton County.

During the past couple of years, wheat prices have been so low that farmers are opting to put other crops in its place.

According to Jim Pelham, Clinton County cooperative extension director, about 35,000 acres of wheat were planted last year. But, when you compare that figure with the 77,000 acres of corn planted, you get a different picture of Clinton County. Corn becomes a more representative symbol of cash crops, as there is more corn harvested in Clinton County than any other food.

There are some who would recommend two sprigs of mint on the county seal, as mint once made St. Johns famous. Even today, it is difficult to forget the smell of mint in the air when traveling north of St. Johns during the mint harvest. Certainly, there are those who recall this fragrance and associate the smell only with Clinton County.

Still on the agriculture theme, it might have been more appropriate to have put a registered Holstein on the county seal as Elsie has the world's largest registered Holstein herd. Moreover, Pelham said more than half of the agriculture income in this county comes from dairy cows. Possibly the corn or the mint could have been put on the left side of the seal and the head of a dairy cow on the right side of the seal.

But, then what would happen to the deer head?

The Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division said that while there is a large number of deer in the county, it is not especially noted for its deer population.

Figures for 1977 (the latest figures available) showed that there were 1.8 deer shot by hunters per square mile in Clinton County. This compares favorably with Upper Peninsula counties Delta and Dickinson, and is more than Chippewa and Ontonagon. But, when you compare the 1.8 deer in Clinton County with the 6 deer killed per square mile in Clare and Gladwin counties, the significance of deer in the county diminishes.

There are 232 people who might think of deer when they pass through Clinton



By Patrice Hornak

County, however. Those people killed deer with their cars during 1977.

Concerning the industrial plant with the double smokestacks, this symbol doesn't exactly ring a bell in my mind. Probably the only symbol which would ring that imaginary bell would be an outline of the courthouse, or possibly a drawing of the top of the courthouse.

This symbol has been used by the Clinton County Historical Society in promotion of their annual home tour which has drawn thousands from around the state to St. Johns, the county seat. There are many more people who would associate an outline of the cupola with Clinton County than they would associate that industrial plant drawing with this area.

Graphically, the official seal is attractive to the eye. Probably much work went into the design and drawing of the seal. Gerald Shepard, county treasurer, and Ernie Carter, former county clerk, should be commended for their idea of an official seal and Forrest Bass Jr. of Park Lake should be commended for his design. I only wish it depicted Clinton County in a truer sense.



almanack

Only winners write laws

By Richard L. Milliman

As certainly as darkness follows dusk, the beginning of a new year on the calendar inevitably means also the beginning of a new legislative year, in state capitols across the country as well as in Washington.

And with the emergence of a new legislative year the importance of the lobbyist comes to the fore again.

The American lobbyist: Ogre and manipulator, or indispensable and integral part of the legislative system? The lobbyist has been described in both ways—and in many, many other terms, too.

A writer named Peter H. Ottmar recently described his version of the lobbyist in an article in The Wall Street Journal. The Ottmar thesis is especially interesting because Mr. Ottmar has worked as a legislative assistant to several members of the Congress, and looks at the lobbyist in a somewhat different manner than those outside the legislative system.

"An effective lobbyist is not necessarily your media stereotype who wines and dines the influential and massages assorted power brokers," Mr. Ottmar writes.

"Unquestionably, a certain amount of lavish entertainment and even more exotic forms of gentle persuasion go on, but it can safely be said that moonlight and love songs are definitely out of date in this business.

"The effective lobbyist may be an affable glad-hander, but he must be a source of reliable and timely information to be successful. A good lobbyist can provide technical expertise as well as political savvy to a congressman and his staff. The successful lobbyist will identify emerging coalitions and know how to indulge the inevitable trademarking that characterizes the political process. A lobbyist who has proven helpful to a member can become a confidant and a valuable proponent of the member's political aspirations."

Mr. Ottmar claims that the three "most successful special

interest groups" he has encountered in 10 years of work on the political scene are the "labor, environmental, and gun lobbies."

Although much hoohah sounds about the power of business lobbies, Mr. Ottmar writes, they haven't held a candle to the power of the labor, nature and gun lobbies.

Ottmar claims that congressmen are too busy to be personally informed on every field demanding their attention:

"A member of Congress must vote on literally thousands of pieces of legislation every year. No one human being could possibly absorb all the relevant information necessary to vote intelligently on every piece of legislation that comes before him. Typically, a Congressman is left with two sources of information: his legislative staff and lobbyists."

Mr. Ottmar also turns to the essence of existence for any member of any legislative body anywhere—the ability to get elected.

"Above all," he writes, "a member must be able to understand the political realities of his district. Every constituency expects and demands certain things of its Representative. A successful politician does not operate in a vacuum. Just as a businessman markets his products to the needs and expectations of the consumer, the politician must market himself to his constituency.

"All lobbying activities must be considered within the context of the needs and expectations of the member's constituency. Otherwise, the politician becomes a loser, and losers don't legislate."

Repeat those last three words: Losers don't legislate. That helps explain decisions rendered by lawmakers everywhere. Remember that truism during the coming months when you attempt to unravel why your favorite lawmaker, in the state or federal capitol, voted the way he/she did.

Losers don't legislate.

## SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

### Meals on Wheels

An idea is born! Someone goes ahead with it and something worthwhile happens. This is how Meals on Wheels got started.

About six years ago, Maxine Parmelee, who is now retired after working as dietician for the Clinton Memorial Hospital, saw a real need.

There were many people leaving the hospital, who for one reason or another, were not able to get around at home enough to prepare their own meals. She had heard of other communities providing Meals on Wheels, so she presented this idea to the Hospital Auxiliary board. After much discussion the Auxiliary decided to back this venture financially. A committee was formed, making Pauline Warren the chairperson.

Maxine and Pauline heard that Charlotte had a program of this kind so they visited with them and brought back materials and many ideas. They also visited Lansing and Owosso hospitals, which also had programs like this and finally arrived at what they thought was a proper program for St. Johns.

The Auxiliary sponsored this program and bought insulated carriers for the meals to be kept hot. They also paid for the insurance for the volunteers who deliver these meals. The cost of this insurance has gone from \$40 to \$200. Katy Aylesworth is now the chairperson for the board of directors which consists of five people.

The meals are delivered by volunteers, some of whom give quite a few hours a week to this program and others act as substitutes only. Each month a different volunteer is in charge and must see that someone is at the hospital every day about 11:30 a.m. to deliver these hot meals.

The hospital staff of the dietary kitchen prepare these meals and have them ready in individual containers and are ready to be put in the insulated carriers for the volunteer to pick up. The volunteers use their own cars to

deliver to each person. I have helped with this delivery and people meet you at the door very anxious to get their meal, with a smile on their face (unless you are late). They are ready for their hot meal.

These meals are available to anyone, not just seniors, who can't provide meals for themselves. Many people subscribe to the meals for a short time only, until they are able to carry on for themselves, and there are a few who have had meals delivered to them for quite a long time. It depends on the need.

These meals are available to the St. Johns people within the city, although sometimes they have gone a short distance beyond this. There is a hope that sometime in the future they can expand this program to outlying communities. There would have to be enough volunteers to pick up and deliver these meals to these people, however.

Meals are delivered seven days a week, two meals each day. This includes a hot meal at noon and at that time, if a night meal is needed, a lunch type meal is also included. Both are delivered at noon.

The cost of these meals is \$1.55 for the hot meal and \$1 for the lunch-type evening meal. When you have special diets such as diabetic, salt free, etc.,



By Ruth Delo

the cost is 15 cents extra for each meal. They will collect once a week for the meals and you will know when this will be ahead of time.

At the present time, there are 18 people receiving meals. Some of these only want the noon meal and some need both the noon and night meal. The hospital charges only for the cost of the food, not the preparation, so these meals are a low cost to a client.

If you are interested in this program, call the Clinton Memorial Hospital, at 224-6881, and ask for Diane Charlebois, the dietician. She will discuss the situation with you, including any special diets you might have.

This is indeed a very worthwhile program and I am sure there are many people who should be using this service. Take advantage of it if you need it. Just call the hospital. So—until next time.

### Chamber says thanks

On behalf of the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our appreciation to the merchants of St. Johns for purchasing and installing the beautiful Christmas lights that adorned our downtown trees this past holiday season. Also, a warm thank you to the St. Johns Jaycees and Jaycettes for their contributions to the Christmas programs that did so much for the children of our community.

Thanks again,  
Bill Patton  
President  
St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce

## Welcome, Review

DeWitt/Bath  
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### Fire boundaries cause confusion



Skating high  
Shelly Kruger and her partner Christopher Ruffell practice and enjoy time on the skating rink in St. Johns.

DeWitt girl skating to championship

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When you give birth to a baby, you send out announcements. When you put on an addition to your house, you mention it in your Christmas cards. When you gain a son-in-law or daughter-in-law through marriage, you put the news in the newspaper.

Well, it's past Christmas card season; I've never seen announcements for this type of birth; and the only other avenue (readily accessible) is the newspaper.

Announcing... the birth of a newspaper... the DeWitt/Bath Review. It came out yesterday, Jan. 9, and is the offspring of a proud Clinton County News staff.

We at the County News are excited about The Review. Reactions of DeWitt officials, residents and advertisers have been encouraging, enthusiastic. Editor Sue Kiley has been ecstatic about the idea which was conceived about a year ago, but only put into motion two weeks ago.

To The Review, we say, "Welcome to Clinton County."

PERSONALITY PROFILE

White baker's hat, apron retired

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

St. Johns

Wally Pierce has turned in his white baker's hat and apron. He has said good-bye to getting up at 4 a.m. and working round the clock making cakes, cookies, and pastries. With the selling of Pierce's Bakery ends the career of another craftsman.

"Baking is a dying art," Pierce commented shortly after announcing the sale of the St. Johns business. "There are a lot of mix bakers around, but very few of us who still make things from scratch using real eggs, butter, and flour."

Pierce and his wife, Barbara, bought the main street business in 1959 from his father, who began the bakery in 1940. At five-years-old Wally was already putting his fingers in the dough so to speak. He made the boxes for the cakes, kept the flour bins full and packed cookies.

Pierce still remembers the jams and jellies he made as a child. In fact, they were the first creations he made as he began his career as a baker.

Work began at 4 a.m. every morning with the making of donuts. Next on the daily schedule came preparing the fried rolls, breads, cakes, pies, and special orders. At 6 a.m. Mrs. Pierce would come in and begin decorating the cakes and filling cases with the goodies her husband had prepared earlier in the morning.

The Pierces both worked in the bakery during their high school years. Barb needed a job and Wally knew he wanted to take over the bakery business from his father. At the time, Mrs. Pierce had no idea the part-time job would end up being a marriage and seeing her as part owner of the business.

After graduating from high school, Pierce went to Dunwoody, Minnesota to attend a baker's institute. Eleven days after returning to St. Johns he was drafted into the service for two years. Following his hitch in the Army he bought the family business.

During the 40 years the Pierces were in business they estimate making hundreds of wedding cakes, one of their

specialities. One weekend Mrs. Pierce counted decorating 28 cakes.

"She never knew it but I clocked her one time," Pierce said. "Barb decorated a four-tier wedding cake in 22 minutes flat."

Both commented making their daughter Marcia's six-tier, seven-foot, heart shaped wedding cake was their hardest venture in the baking business. Pierce designed and built the metal stands himself for the cake which could serve over 1,000 people.

"Sure, you have to go to school to learn some of the trade," Pierce said. "But for the most part it's a lot of trial 'n error and experience."

The most rewarding part of Wally's job was seeing his accomplishments at the end of the day. He liked making new delicacies naming date haystacks and salt rising bread as two of his more popular experiments.

"I've never had too many failures," he said with a grin. "Well, there haven't been any major ones, anyway."

There have been times when the panic button has been pushed during their tenure as bakers. Wally and Barb remember one Saturday not too many years ago. It seems they had four wedding cakes going in four directions all due to be delivered at about the same time. The cakes were all mixed up and arrived at four different churches which they didn't realize until they were back home again. The cakes eventually made the right churches.

"You just don't go out a hire a baker," Pierce commented. "They are few and far between...it's a special skill and there just aren't many of us left."

During their years of marriage Pierce has never baked anything at home. That is Barb's department. He noted he is used to making several hundred dozen items at a time.

"I wouldn't know where to begin if I only had to make a couple dozen cookies," he said.

White's Bakery of Owosso bought the Pierce business. They began operations on Monday.

The Pierces have no immediate plans for the future but Wally concluded, "You can be sure whatever I do it will have to do with baking in one way or another."



Wally and Barbara Pierce

Looking ahead

MORNING STAR—Chapter of Ovid will meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9.

HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION—Clinton County Holstein Association annual meeting is set for St. Peter's Lutheran Church, at 8990 Church Rd., St. Johns, on Saturday, Jan. 13. A family style Swiss steak dinner will be served at noon and three directors will be elected for a three-year term.

MORNING MUSICALS—will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Woodbury on Jan. 11. Mrs. Margaret Paige will speak about music and English poetry.

FAMILY STYLE—Fish Supper will be served Friday, Jan. 12 by Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take out dinners are available at reduced prices. To find Wacousta, go five miles west of Airport Road on Grand River Avenue to Wacousta Road. Then, north 2 1/2 miles. Our lines are down and there is no long wait.

DEWITT MERRY MIXERS—will be dancing Jan. 13 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the DeWitt Middle School on Herbison Rd. Two callers are Jim Park on squares and Cathy Ervin on Rounds. Guests are very welcome. Refreshments furnished. \$3 a couple.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS—an organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents will meet Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Ingham Community Mental Health Center, 407 W. Greenlawn, Lansing.

TICKER CLUB—will meet in the Clinton Memorial Hospital conference room Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Ticker Club is an educational, social club for people who have had heart attacks. Family members are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 224-6881, ext. 293 or 283.



ST. JOHNS WOMEN'S CLUB—benefit card party at Giesecke home Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1:15 p.m.

DANCE will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the VFW Hall in St. Johns. It is a benefit fund raiser for the Clinton County Sheriff's department Posse. This dance is in place of the Country and Western Show they normally put on. Tickets are \$6 per couple and available from any Possee member.

HEART BALL—The annual Hospital Auxiliary Heart Ball will be Saturday, Feb. 3 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Highland Hills Country Club. Tickets are available from auxiliary members or Mrs. Walt Cole, 224-7523. Tickets are \$12.50 a person.

EXPECTANT PARENTS—4 week series, breathing and relaxation classes starting Thursday, Jan. 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Clinton Memorial Hospital. For more information call 224-7147 or 224-4373. Next 10-week series starts March 1.

County board receives committee assignments

Clinton County

The 1979 Clinton County Board of Commissioners received their committee assignments at the organizational meeting held Jan. 2.

Chairman Roger Overway reappointed Walter Nobis as chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Also appointed to that committee were Richard Hawks, Harold Martin, Robert VanDriesen, Earl Lancaster and Glenn Webster as alternate.

Hawks was reappointed as chairman of the Physical Resources Committee. Webster, Richard Depond and William Gnodtke are the other committee members.

Harold Martin was named chairman of the Building and

Grounds Committee, replacing Duane Chamberlain, who did not seek re-election. He will be joined by Robert Wood, Gnodtke and DePond.

Robert VanDriesen is the new chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. Webster, Wood and Max Calder are the other members.

Earl Lancaster was reappointed to head the Human Services Committee. He will be joined by Wood, Calder and Martin. VanDriesen, Martin and Gnodtke will serve on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and Hawks will serve on the Department of Public Works.

Webster, DePond and Lancaster will work with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, while Calder will serve on the Tri-County Mental Health committee.

Serving on the Tri-County Manpower Consortium will be Overway and Donald Gilson. Richard Hawks will be on the Capitol Area Regional Transportation Study Technical Committee, with John Rod the alternate. Wood will serve on the Criminal Justice coordinating council.

Wood also will sit on the Health Services Agency, while Lancaster and Martin will be on the Tri-County Aging Consortium. Calder

was appointed on the Capitol Area Community Services, VanDriesen to the Capitol Area Council of Governments, and Nobis and Lancaster to the Collective Bargaining Committee.

Earn honors

William Kohls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kohls, and Scott Rehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Rehmann, both of St. Johns, have been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood Institute.

★ Road commission

were in on a particular day. "We had some real problems over the New Year's weekend," Aranow said. "We kept making phone calls because all the roads were hazardous and slippery. The only time we got a response was when a truck couldn't get over the rise on US-27...they were here within 20 minutes."

Aranow said it is frustrating sometimes when they don't get help when it is requested. He added, however, relations with the road commission seem to be on the upbeat.

Hebner said when a calls comes in for salt on an icy road someone goes out to the location to inspect the area first. This lets the road crews know what kind of equipment to send.

How come there is such a difference in road conditions between county lines? Hebner says it's just due to the different times road crews are out.

"Clinton County has just been given a bad name," Hebner defended. "it's way out of proportion."

Being a bedroom community to Lansing has also hindered snow removal and general road maintenance according to the road superintendent. In a lot of the subdivisions, the roads only have rural monies to work with and Hebner says, "that hurts."

When the snow starts falling four trucks are dispersed, one in each direction. He said it was better for motorists to stay behind the snow plows. "Normally when they get out in front of us they get stuck," he said.

Hufnagel defended the road commission to a certain extent recently. He said the sheriff's department is aware of what the road crews are up against with the many miles of roads, pressure from the public and breakdowns.

"I will admit sometimes my people gave the road commission some silly calls, but we've got that straightened out," Hufnagel said. "We realize they can't possibly cover the 1,300 miles of roads."

If the road commission does not have enough money to work with it can by law, ask for millage. If the people are upset with the quality of the roads, they in turn can shell out more money to get the kind of service they want.

Snow provides extra vacation



By Betsy Johnson St. Johns High School students came back for two

out of three days last week, with an extra day of vacation due to bad road conditions.

The past few days have been spent catching up all the loose ends left when Christmas vacation started two days early, again because of bad weather. The Christmas issue of the "Torch" went on sale—358 days early—and the Student Council is planning a post-Christmas candy cane sale.

Students dressed in their best Monday for "Picture Day". Yearbook staff photographers roamed the halls taking pictures of those who looked the nicest.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS of the Clinton County Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Construction Board of Appeals.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 267 of 1976 known as the open meetings act, the Clinton County Zoning Commission, Zoning Appeal Board and Construction Board of Appeals takes this opportunity to notify the residents of Clinton County that the above referenced Boards will gather for regularly scheduled meetings in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street in the conference room, St. Johns, Michigan at 8:00 p.m. on the following dates during 1979.

CLINTON COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION: 3rd Thursday of Month

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Date, Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals. Dates range from January 18, 1979 to December 20, 1979.

CLINTON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: 3rd Monday of Month

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CLINTON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS: 3rd Tuesday of Month

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Date, Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals. Dates range from January 16, 1979 to December 18, 1979.

Any change or addition to this schedule will be posted along side this notice at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Copies of this notice and minutes of any meeting hereafter held can be obtained at the address listed below.

Clinton County Service Center
Department of Development Control
306 East Elm Street
St. Johns, Mi. 48879
J. Anthony Nelson, Administrator

# Society This Week

## Chloe's column

### USE COMMON SENSE WHEN 'WINTERIZING' CHILD

The all too familiar sneezes and sniffles are invading the schools again this year, but don't blame the cold weather if your child comes down with one of the common maladies.

Instead, remember that classrooms are a good place for close contact with infected classmates. This is why your child may catch more colds during the fall, winter and spring months. Common sense is the key to protecting your child from illness during the colder seasons.

For a healthy home, keep the thermostat low, the house coolish. This will help occupants develop more resistance to sickness, as well as save energy.

Added humidity is another component of good health. In the winter, when the home heating system tends to dry the air, you can use a

humidifier or a bathtub of water, left overnight, to provide extra moisture. Additional humidity can come from a window raised just a crack for fresh air intake.

Children generally have better body circulation than adults, so they're no more prone than adults to frost-

bite, but they should dress sensibly to play outdoors in winter. And, in very cold weather, parents should limit the time children spend outdoors to avoid overexposure.

Children who eat a well-balanced diet need not vary their basic eating habits for cold weather health. They may not be as hungry, of

course, if their physical activity decreases along with the temperature outdoors.

To help offset your child's chances of getting sick, make sure his or her immunization record is up to date. And, to minimize contagion of the classroom, don't send a sick child to school.

## Marriage licenses

Kenneth Brian Nichols, 31, 14085 Howe Road, Portland; Sharon Joll LaRue, 27, 14085 Howe Road, Portland.

Moses Douglas Sirmons, 36, 409 W. Geneva Drive, DeWitt; Gayle Victoria Winger, 34, 409 W. Geneva Drive, DeWitt.

David Verlin Goad, 22, 417 Adelaide, Maple Rapids; Pamela Jean Jeske, 20, 417 Adelaide, Maple Rapids.

David Lawrence Ott, 20, 607 Meadowlawn, Lansing; Linda Carol Hendershott, 20,

607 Meadowlawn, Lansing; David Corydon Scars, 31, 6383 Park Lake Rd., Bath; Darlene Dawn Detzler, 20, 6383 Park Lake Rd., Bath; David Earl Koeppen, 20, General Delivery, Perrinton; Suzan Ruth Smith, 21, 204 Oak St., Middleton.

Arnold William Schimberg, Jr., 25, 812 W. Sheridan Rd., Lansing; Susan Gaye Benevidez, 33, 812 W. Sheridan Rd., Lansing.

Dale William Rolliman, 42, 1315 Nevada Street, Toledo, OH; Donna Joyce Pendergraft, 27, 1315 Nevada Street, Toledo, OH.

Earl LaVern Newman, 29, 7330 Cutler Road, DeWitt; Constance Sue Horton, 26, 7330 Cutler Road, DeWitt; Todd Alan Robertson, 29, 409 E. Herbison Rd., DeWitt; Jeaneen Elizabeth Peltier, 27, 409 E. Herbison Rd., DeWitt.

## Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Goldman of St. Johns announce the engagement of their daughter Lori to Carl Kresge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kresge of Perrinton.

Lori, a graduate of St. Johns High School and Carl, a graduate of Fulton High School are attending Grand Rapids Baptist College.

No wedding date has been set.



Lori Goldman



Rhonda Schaar Duane Hengesbach

## They're engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schaar, 318 Westphalia St., Westphalia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Lynn Schaar, to Duane Jon Hengesbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hengesbach of 509 S. Westphalia St., Westphalia.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and is

now employed by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and is employed by General Motors Parts Division.

The couple has set a June 23 wedding date.

## Erfourth promoted

Linda M. Erfourth, daughter of Mrs. Illa B. Erfourth of 105 S. Park, Ovid, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Lieutenant Erfourth, selected through competitive

examination for attendance at the school, now goes to Tyndall AFB, Fla., for training and duty as an air weapons controller.

The lieutenant, a 1973 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, Elsie, received a B.S. degree in 1977 from Eastern Michigan University.

## Engaged

Mrs. Jane McKeone of DeWitt announces the engagement of her daughter, Tamela, to Steven Gregg, son of Mrs. Louis Cole of Bluffton, Ind., and Mr. Patrick Gregg of Munising. The bride is a 1976 graduate of Munising High School and is employed by the State of Michigan.

The groom is also a 1976 graduate of Munising High School and received an AAS degree in Heavy Equipment Service from Ferris State College in 1978. He is employed at Cummins Michigan Inc. in Dearborn.

The couple is planning a Sept. 8 wedding.



Tamela McKeone

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## new arrivals

A boy, Kevin James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Butch Foersch of St. Johns Jan. 1, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lbs 10 1/4 oz. Grandparents are Joseph & Eva Bohil of St. Johns and Gail & Lorene Foersch of Fowler. The mother is the former Bernadette Bohil.

A son, Dane Michael on Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Shirley Collard.

A boy, Kristopher Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kris Mabie of 6498 E. Colony Rd., Elsie on Dec. 25, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 5lbs. 15oz. The baby has three brothers. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winford Mabie of St. Johns and Joan and Dale R. Hamlin of Holt. The mother is the former Cheryl D. Hamlin.

A boy, John C. III, was born to John and Linda Fitch of 100 N. Emmons St., St. Johns Jan. 2, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lbs. 7oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Fitch of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woodworth of Grand Ledge. The mother is the former Linda Woodworth.

A girl, Teresa Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Smith of Westphalia Dec. 30, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8lbs. 6 1/4 oz. The baby has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lehman. The mother is the former JoAnn Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Porter, 14946 Turner, DeWitt became the parents

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# Obituaries

## Outstanding ag teacher dies



**Albert Ackley**

Mr. Ackley taught agriculture at Ovid High School and Ovid-Elsie High School from 1935 until he retired in 1970. While teaching agriculture, he received several awards for himself as well as his Future Farmers of America chapter in Ovid.

He was born in Marshall Sept. 7, 1905 to George and Nellie (Balcom) Ackley. He attended school in Marshall and graduated from Marshall High School in 1923. In 1927 he graduated from Michigan State College and also did graduate work there.

On Aug. 18, 1930, he married Eleanor Wilson in East Lansing. During his life, he resided in Marshall, Hartland, Iron River and moved to Ovid in 1935. He was a member of the United Church of Ovid.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Hosner of Wicksburg and Mrs. Joan Coppinger of Kalamazoo; a son, Douglas Ackley of Ovid.

Funeral services will be held at the United Church of Ovid Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. Rev. Gilbert Meaton and Rev. Robert Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established and envelopes are available at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home.

## Margaret Crumbaugh

Mrs. Margaret M. Crumbaugh, 69, of Ashley passed away Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1979 at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing.

She was born Nov. 23, 1909 in Wells County, Ind. to Joseph and Cora (Minnick) Wolfgang. She married Harold Crumbaugh Jan. 14, 1928 and he survives his wife.

Also surviving are three sons, Delbert of Ashley, Richard of Ashley and Gerald of St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Sue Berg of St. Johns; a brother, Murl Wolfgang of Flint; a sister, Mrs. Alice Clapp of Flint; four half brothers, Everett Wolfgang of Flint and Benjamin Wolfgang, Roy Wolfgang and Seymour Wolfgang, all of Breckenridge; and a half sister, Mrs. Joan Story of Wheeler.

Eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Barden Funeral Home in Ithaca. Rev. John Ritter of Ashley Methodist Church officiated and burial was in North Star Cemetery.

Fowler July 4, 1889 to Lawrence and Catherine (Walker) George. She married William Weber who preceded his wife in death.

Surviving are four daughters and six sons: Mrs. Helen Dorothy Melvin of Ionia, Mrs. Rita Sondag of Portland, Rita Sondag of Portland, Mrs. Joan Hoppes of Portland, Herman, Robert and Urban Weber, all of Fowler, James Weber of Ada, George Weber of Portland and Lawrence Weber of Ionia.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Dora Weber and Mrs. Laura Schafer, both of Fowler; 52 grandchildren; and 53 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Weber was a member of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the Christian Mothers organization.

Whittemore, St. Johns passed away Jan. 2, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Friday, Jan. 5, at noon. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. A rosary was offered at 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the Osgood Funeral Home.

Miss Wacker was born in Westphalia Nov. 5, 1899 to Francis and Louise (Schmitt) Wacker. She came to St. Johns in 1958 from Fowler. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are a brother, Alfred Wacker of St. Johns; two sisters, Matilda Wacker and Mrs. Olivia Andrews, both of St. Johns; and several nieces and nephews.

## Merlin Hutchison

Merlin F. Hutchison, 76, of 417 N. Scott, DeWitt, passed away Jan. 5, 1979.

He was born in Indiana Jan. 23, 1902 to Dallas and Lulu (Maish) Hutchison. On July 24, 1926, he married Gladys Fry in Lansing and she survives her husband.

Also surviving are a son, Ben D. Hutchison of DeWitt; two sisters, Mrs. Elenore Boice of DeWitt and Mrs. Lenora Olson of Ovid; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Hutchison owned and operated Hutchison's Wood and Floor Services for 48 years in Lansing.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. at the DeWitt Area Chapel. Burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns. Rev. Murl Eastman officiated.

Urban J. Hengesbach, 14645 Lehman Rd., Rte. 2, Portland, passed away at the age of 72 on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1979.

He was born Nov. 1, 1906 in Westphalia, son of William and Margaret (Sonta) Hengesbach.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; four sons, John of Portland, Robert and Leon of Westphalia, and Marvin of Vermontville; a son, Julius passed away in 1955; a daughter, Mrs. Rosella Lonier of Lansing; six grand-

children; three brothers, Anthony and Sylvester of Westphalia and Father Julius Hengesbach of Niles; and two sisters, Mrs. Antonette Koenigsnecht of Fowler and Mrs. Loretta Rademacher of Fowler.

Rosary services were held Monday, Jan. 8 at 3 and 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Westphalia. A funeral mass was offered at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at St. Mary's with Father James Schmitt officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Hengesbach was a retired farmer, a member of St. Joseph's Society and St. Mary's Church. Funeral arrangements were by Neller Funeral Home in Portland.

## Urban Hengesbach

Get ready for a major state livestock event. Michigan 4-H livestock Expo, Aug. 20-23 will be held on campus at MSU.

There will be livestock and showmanship classes, judging, and communications competition. Scholarships and trips for the winners will be awarded. Contact a 4-H leader or county 4-H youth agent for details.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Beef projects must be started by Feb. 1 to qualify for the Expo.

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# Winners named



By Laurie Johnson

Results of Fowler High's Student council Door Decorating contest were determined last Tuesday.

The Accounting II class took first place with their picture and humorous poetic caption.

A "Kiddie" show was also sponsored by the student council during the holidays.

Seniors are planning a trip destination for Spring. So far choices include New York City and the Bahama Islands.

Information such as transportation, accommodations, and cost (per student) was given out concerning both destinations.

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## Catherine Weber

A long-time resident of Fowler, Mrs. Catherine T. Weber, 89, of 140 Henderson, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 1979 in Ovid Convalescent Manor.

Funeral Services were held at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church Monday, Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. A rosary was offered daily at 3 and 8 p.m. at the Goerge Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home.

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## Dorothy Wacker

Miss Dorothy Louise Wacker, 79, of 110 S.

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# Clinton County Extension office announces 2 staff additions

**St. Johns**  
The Clinton County Extension Service has recently filled two positions on the staff.

Diane Kay Efting was named the new 4-H program assistant, effective Dec. 28, while Debra Brunger is the new assistant home economist.

Miss Efting's major responsibilities will include the areas of horses and livestock and working with teen and adult developmental committees. She will also be responsible for such projects as dairy, dog training, poultry and rabbits, Share-the-fun, tractor safety, meats, livestock and horse judging. She will also organize 4-H trips and work with other 4-H camps.

She is a recent graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in poultry science and a special interest in animal husbandry. While at MSU, she was a member of the university's livestock,

horse and meats' judging teams, in addition to MSU's Block and Bridle, Rodeo and Poultry Science clubs.

Miss Efting has also worked as a summer program assistant in Berrien and Van Buren counties, where she was 4-H and nutrition day camp director and livestock judging coach, respectively.

Diane was raised in Van Buren County, where she was an active 4-H member for nine years in addition to three years as a leader. Horses and ponies, livestock, poultry and personal appearance were her major 4-H interests.

She also participated in county organizations such as teen leader, horse judging teams, Van Buren County Horse Council, Livestock Producers and Leaders' Association. Among her honors were being a state horse show delegate, a citizenship short course participant and Dansforth "I Dare You" recipient.

Miss Efting is replacing Dana Sue Kirk, who is now employed by Production Credit Association.

Ms. Brunger will be spending half of her time with family living and the rest with the 4-H program. She has had a variety of work experiences, most recently working with senior citizens in Lansing and volunteer work with the parent aide program of Clinton County and the proposed Family Guidance Center for Clinton County.

A native of Berrien County, Ms. Brunger is a March, 1978 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in community services from the College of Human Ecology. She spent her student field placement in Clinton County with the Cooperative Extension Service. While attending MSU, she received MHEAA scholarships and the Mildred Erickson Fellowship.

Her 4-H responsibilities will include personal appearance, foods, crafts and

coordinating the Detroit trip. Her family living responsibilities will be varied, including working with the parenting classes of the Family Guidance Center, coordinating the Remodeled Basement Tour and working on the Lunch 'n Learn series.

She and her husband, Douglas, have two children, J. Aaron and Rachel. Her husband is employed with the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association and also farms.



## New faces

New faces in the Clinton County Cooperative Extension office are (from left) Debra Brunger and Diane Efting. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## AAM Notes

By Sue Heinlen

Our first meeting of the new year was held Monday, Jan. 2 at the VFW Hall in St. Johns with a small group in attendance.

Discussed was the Washington, D.C. tractorcade, which is scheduled for the end of this month, when Congress reconvenes.

President Carter was welcomed home for the Christmas holiday by a group of angry AAM farmers. The farmers had the streets to Carter's house blocked off so he had to come in the back way. Some highway patrol tried to move the tractors, but the farmers were able to keep the street blocked. This was considered a victory for AAM because for once Carter had to take the back door, not farmers.

On route to the Plains, Ga. rally, four young AAM members lost their lives in a plane crash. The group ranged in age from 20 to 23 years, and were all from the Quilan, Mo. area. A mass funeral was held for the four that were killed on Dec. 24. There were about 1,500 people present. In honor of the boys, four 4-wheeled drive tractors were draped in black and were present at the school gym where the funeral was held. Also tractors were parked in fields close to the cemetery.

Harold Lietzke spoke to the group about the progress of gasahol. In late December, a group of farmers formed a corporation to be known as Michigan Agri-Fuels Inc. A feasibility study is to take place now considering if, how, where, etc. a gasahol plant is to be built here in Michigan.

Progress is being made nationwide on the plans for the Washington tractorcade. Donations are going very well locally. There seems to be many campers etc. available to make the trip, however we would like to see a few more tractors going



## Receives award

Janet Becker presents Larry Phinney his Christmas present from Clinton County's American Agriculture Movement chapter. The gift was a winter weather suit for Phinney to wear in the tractorcade to Washington, D.C. later this month. Photo by Sue Heinlen.

from here. Bing Barks is the Clinton County "wagon-master" for the tractorcade, which as far as we know now will leave St. Johns Jan. 23, or thereabout.

Any donations are still most welcome for anything, food, fuel, etc. This is a big undertaking and donations make the load a little lighter

for those who are going. After all they are representing all of us.

Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 15 at the VFW hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the group leaves for Washington, so plan to attend.

## Holstein association to hear China visitor

St. Johns

Alan K. Parker, president of Daedalus Enterprises, Inc. of Ann Arbor who just returned from a trip to the People's Republic of China, will be the guest speaker at the Clinton County Holstein Association annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 13.

Parker graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1954 and was born and raised on a farm in Clinton County. He also is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

The meeting is slated at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 8990 Church Rd., St. Johns. A family style swiss steak dinner will be served at noon.

Tickets are available at \$4.50 apiece from the following Holstein Association directors or from the Clinton County Cooperative Extension office: George Hazle, president; Mike Borton, vice-president; Dean Ormsby, secretary-treasurer; Ervin Marten; Dennis Thelen; Duane Green; Douglas Witt; Donald Swaggart; and James

Jorac. Anyone interested in Holstein cattle is invited to attend the meeting. Non-members are welcome.

The District VI annual meeting has been set for Thursday, Jan. 25, at Smith Hall in St. Johns with a 7:30 p.m. social hour and 8 p.m. business meeting. Featured speaker will be Douglas Maddox, California Holstein breeder.

The state annual meeting will be at Long's Convention Center in Lansing Feb. 13 and 14.

## Extension Calendar

- Jan. 11-12 Swine Short Course at MSU
- Jan. 12-13 4-H Horse Judging and Management Conference, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- Jan. 13 Annual county Holstein meeting
- Jan. 15 4-H Council
- Jan. 16 M.A.E.H. Area Council, Central National Bank, 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 16 4-H photography leaders meeting, 7:30 p.m., extension office

## ★ Fire boundaries

township residents. Doug Twiss of the Willard-Reed Agency, the city's insurance agent, said insurance rates in Country Meadows were sure to climb.

Roger Overway, of the DeWitt State Farm Insurance office, agreed. He said a \$100,000 home in Country Meadows will pay extra \$104 for fire insurance if it is served by the township rather than the city.

The reason, they said, is that the distance from the township fire department to Country Meadows is great enough so that the risk of serious damage in case of fire is greater.

In spite of the economic issues, however, city officials say money is not their prime consideration. "If township feels they can take care of that area," Spalding said, "That's their prerogative to do it." "My concern is about the people living in that area," he said, "what is going to happen to them and the protection they get."

Again, the city feels it has been doing a good job protecting

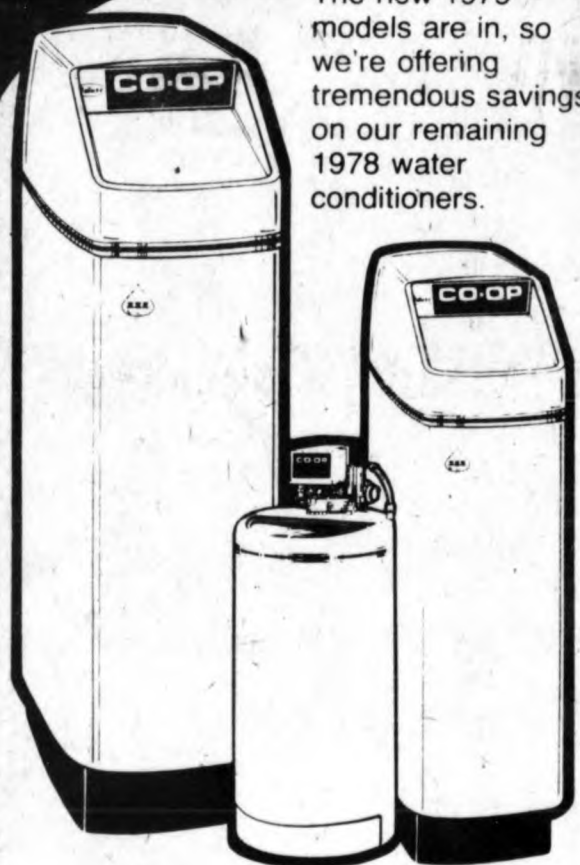
the residents. From Jan. 1 to June 17 of last year, the DeWitt city department answered 41 alarms in the area. The city had an average response time of 4.65 minutes, Spalding said—4.65 minutes from the time the call was received until a piece of manned equipment was on the scene.

Spalding also said that in a recent fire in the disputed area, the city crew easily beat the township crew to the scene. What was unusual, Spalding said, was that the township was called by the sheriff's dispatcher and the city was not. He said the city was monitoring the radio and went out when it heard of the fire.

The biggest obstacle to a settlement appears not to be over response times, costs or contracts, but wounded pride. Both the township and the city fire departments feel they can take care of the territory, and both resent any usurpation of authority.

"It's an emotional issue," said Sharon Pierce, city clerk, "and it's not going to be cut and dried."

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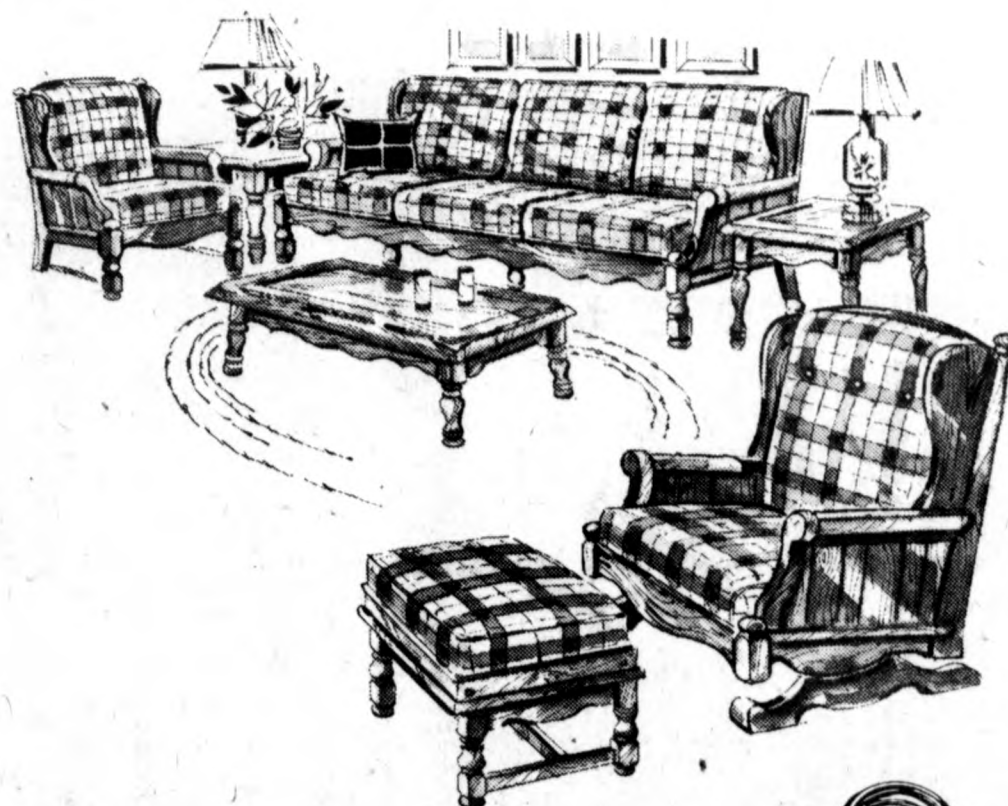
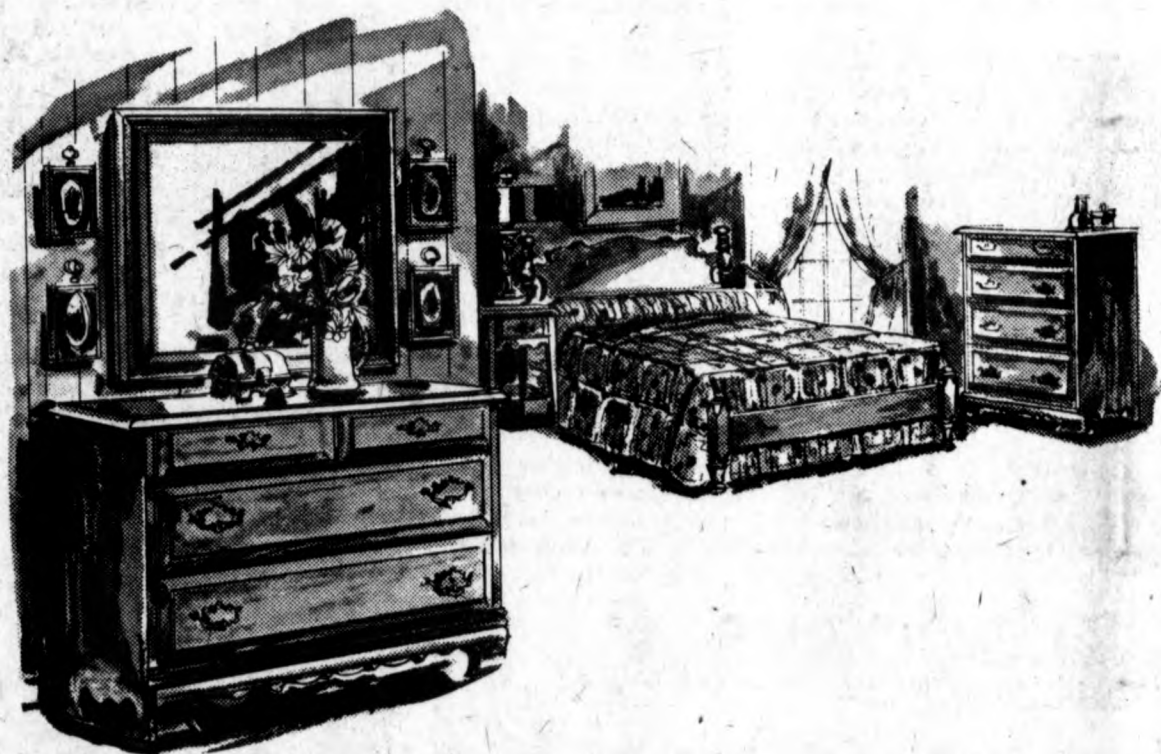
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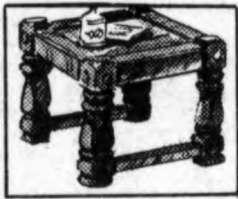
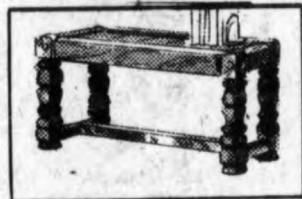
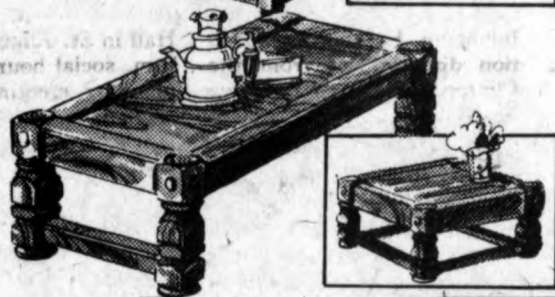
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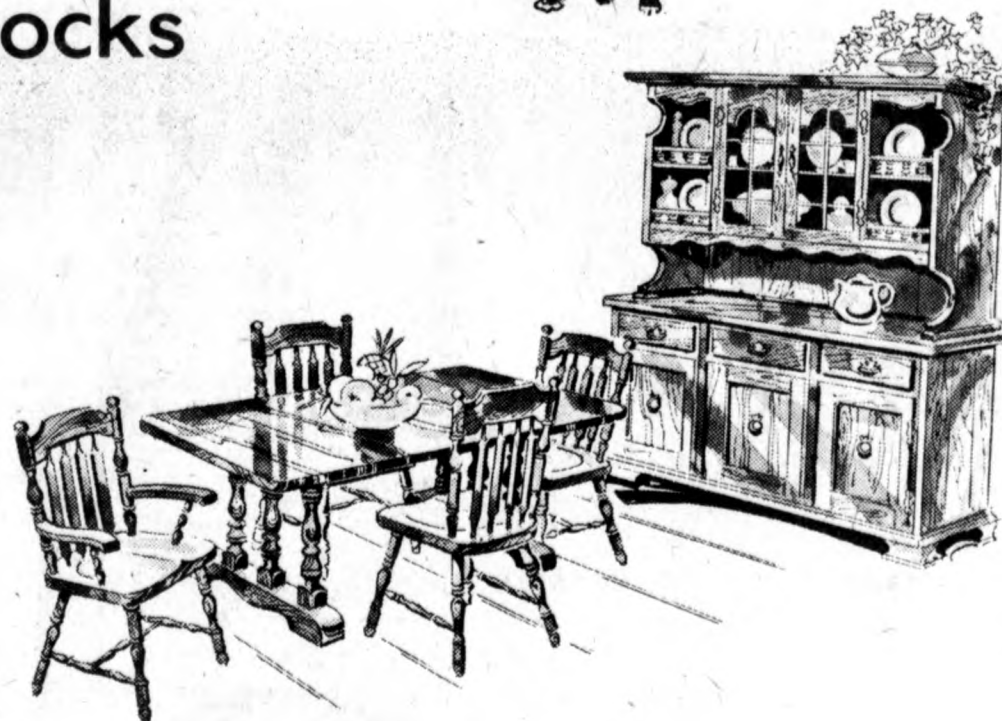
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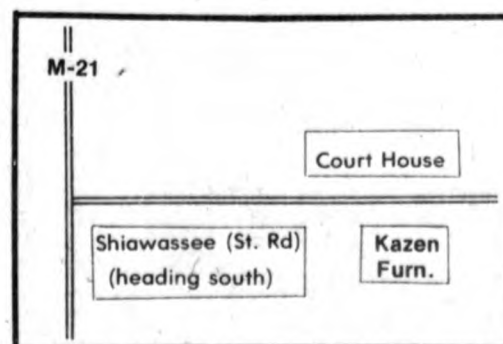


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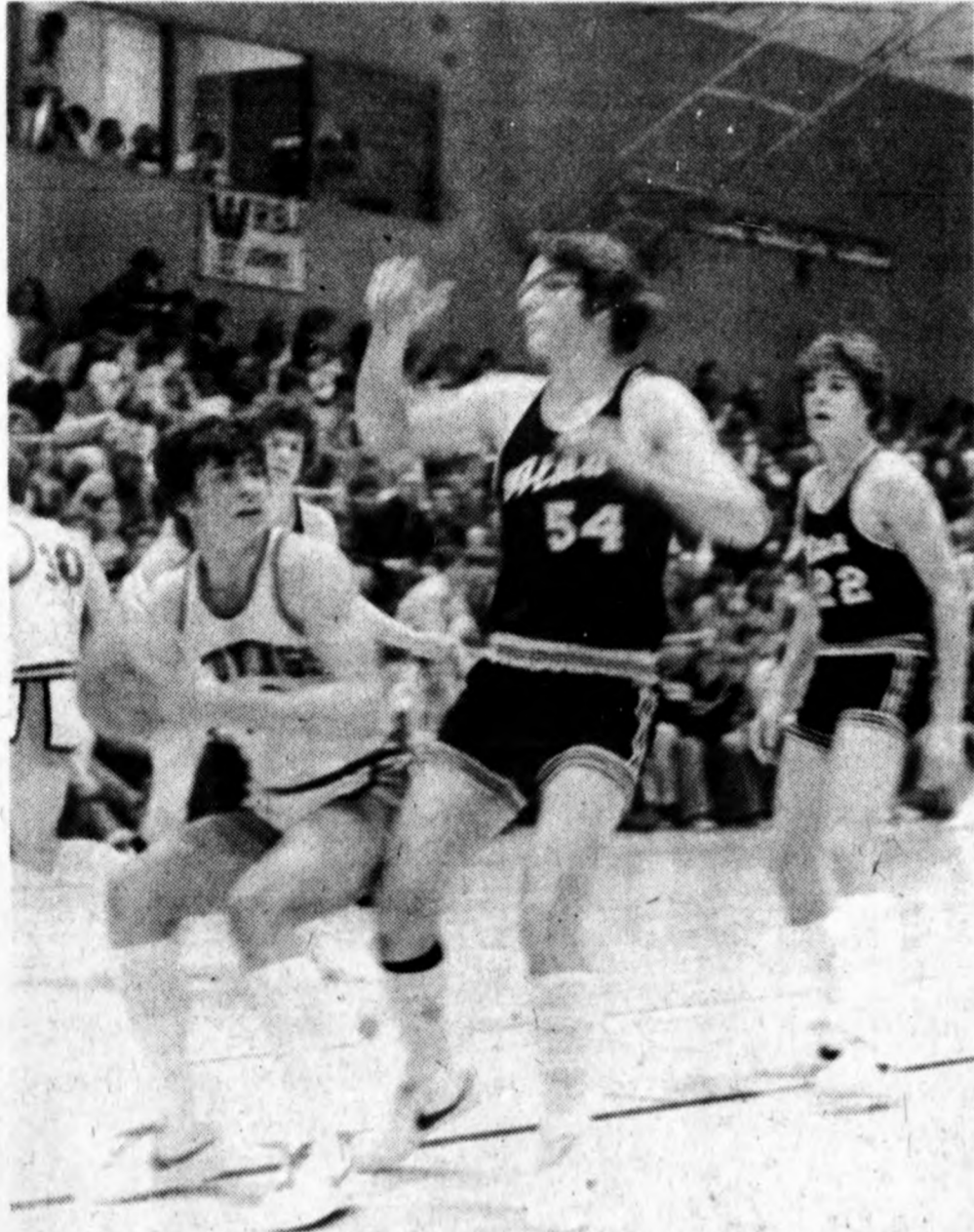
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## Redwings hold off Alma in overtime, 67-65

By Tom Nowak  
Sports Writer

### St. Johns

A state-ranked basketball team, semifinalist in Class B a year ago with four starters back, faced an inexperienced squad in a high-pressure situation. So which team held up better under the tension? Surprise.

St. Johns (the inexperienced team) held off a last minute rally by Alma to send the game into overtime, then overcame a two-point deficit to upset the eighth-ranked Panthers Friday, 67-65.

"We had a chance to quit when they came back at the end of the fourth period," Coach Bob Tissot said, "and

we had a chance to quit when they had the lead in overtime. Alma had been through tight games before, they've been under more pressure than we have. But we held together and came out on top."

St. Johns came out on top in other departments besides the score. The smaller Redwings outrebounded Alma 31-29, and they did it on hustle and positioning. Alma shot 47 percent from the floor, but the Redwings even managed to better that. St. Johns was 28 of 49 for 57 percent.

"This shows we can play well, that we can play with a lot of people when we go at it

hard," Tissot said. "It was our most consistent all-around game, but we still can play better."

The first quarter was even all the way, with neither team grabbing more than a three-point lead. Alma was up by one at the buzzer.

The Panthers began to pull away in the second quarter. They opened a six point lead with four minutes gone, and stretched it to eight points with less than a minute left.

But St. Johns then had what may have been its most important rally of the night. Jim Dedyne hit two free throws with 48 seconds left, then scored again after picking up a loose ball. Finally Shel Parker stole the

ball and scored with 13 seconds left. So instead of a eight-point Alma lead, St. Johns was down by two at the half.

Tissot said his squad played its finest ball of the season in the third quarter. The Redwings were 10 of 12 from the floor, and had as much as a six-point lead, and took a four-point lead into the fourth quarter.

A steal and basket by Bob Sutherland with three minutes gone in the period gave St. Johns its biggest lead of the night, eight points. But full-court pressure by Alma began to take its toll, and with 1:39 in regulation Mike Ward threw one in from 25 feet to tie the

game. Craig Goff, a senior seeing his first action of the year after being out with an injury, hit a 10-footer to put St. Johns back ahead. Ward hit another long shot to tie the game, St. Johns turned the ball over, and with 30 seconds left Alma was going for the last shot. But Rich Myer's shot was off the mark, Tom Stackhouse's tip was no good and the game went into overtime.

Mark Ward scored first to give Alma the lead, but Sutherland hit from the corner to tie the game. Goff then rebounded an Alma shot, went down court, took a pass from Stafford and

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## Marauders beat All Saints

The Ovid-Elsie basketball team had itself a big weekend, beating Bay City All Saints and Chesaning on the road.

Friday the Marauders whipped Chesaning 76-52 in Mid-Michigan B action, then Saturday beat All Saints in Bay City for the first time in

the 10-year series, 88-70.

Leading the Marauder effort against Bay City--"Our best game of the year by far," according to coach Bob Foreback--was senior center Ed Kaminski. He scored 46 points for a O-E record, easily surpassing the previous mark of 38 held by Cal Woodard and Randy Bowles.

Kaminski was 20 of 29 from the field for 67 percent and had 23 rebound. But he wasn't alone in his heroics. Mike Hudecek, for example, had 11 points, was 50 percent from the field and 10 rebounds. Dirk Besko had 10 assists, while Ray Bowles

had 10 points.

O-E held the upper hand throughout most of the game, taking a two-point lead after one quarter and a seven-point lead at the half.

The Marauders eventually moved to a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter. All Saints cut it down to nine, but every time the Cougars appeared to be making a move O-E slowed them with a score.

"After we got the big lead we began to get the shakes," Foreback said. "The kids didn't know if they could hold on, but they came through."

The Marauders were 36 for

68 from the floor for 53 percent. All Saints had 91 shots but only hit 32. Foreback said O-E defense forced the Cougars to take a lot of low percentage shots from the outside. O-E had 49 rebounds, Bay City 30.

Friday's effort against Chesaning was lackluster compared to the All Saints game, Foreback said. Partially because the Marauders may have been looking ahead to the all Saints game.

But O-E was still in command all of the way, with an eight point lead in the first quarter and a 19-point lead by the end of three. Kaminski was the high

scorer with 24. Dan Fabus had 14, Besko 12 and Hudecek 10. Kaminski had 21 rebounds and Besko had five assists.

The Marauders dominated the shooting and rebounding. O-E was 34 for 77 for 44 percent from the floor, while Chesaning was 24 for 79 for 30 percent. O-E had 46-27 rebounding advantage.

O-E was ranked sixth in Tuesday's Free Press, While All Saints, which had been ranked the week before, fell from the listings.

Friday the Marauders meet an upset-minded St. Johns team at O-E, then host second-place Swan Valley Tuesday.

### A good fake

Mike Stafford of St. Johns tried to fool Alma's Doug Fryer and draw the foul. Stafford had 20 points in St. Johns' 67-65 win over the Panthers. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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## Boys' gym team sets record

### St. Johns

The St. Johns boy's gymnastic team set a team scoring record Saturday as they rolled past Hillsdale, 116.97-72.32.

The point total was the highest a St. Johns team has scored in a dual meet. The Redwings swept the top three places in four of six events, and senior Bart Acino was the winner in all six.

Acino took the all-around title with 41.50 points, while Mike Brockmyre accounted for another 26.80. Acino and Brockmyre are the Redwing co-captains.

In the floor exercise, Acino led with 8.05. Ron Worth of Hillsdale was second, and Russ Schlarf was third, for St. Johns. Acino was first on the still rings with 7.75, Brockmyre was

second and Mike Reed of Hillsdale was third.

The rest of the places belonged to St. Johns. Acino had 5.05 on the pommel horse to take first, while Steve O'Neill was second and Dave Ebert third. Acino had 8.65 to take the vault, with Dan Seperic second and Calvin Rice third.

Acino scored 5.9 to win the parallel bars, with Brock-

myre second and Jeff Rice third, and Acino took the horizontal bar with 6.1 points. Lance Gardner was second and Kurt Stork third.

St. Johns is 1-0 in dual action and 1-0 in the Mid-Michigan gymnastics League. The Redwings travel to East Lansing for another league meet Saturday afternoon and ate at Grand Blanc Jan. 17.

## Sea Lions split pair of duals

### by Don Keim

The St. Johns Sea Lions took part in two dual meets Saturday. A portion of the squad went to Ann Arbor, the other portion took on Ovid-Elsie here in St. Johns. The Sea Lions lost their meet of the year to Ann Arbor and won against Ovid-Elsie. Their record for the year now stands at 5-1. Winners at the Ann Arbor meet are as follows:

**Boy-8 and under**  
25 yard Backstroke: Tobb Keim  
25 yard Breaststroke: Kevin Bauer  
25 yard Butterfly: Bruce Goins  
100 yard Medley Relay: Todd Keim  
Kevin Bauer  
Bruce Goins  
Jim Cain  
100-yard individual Medley: Kevin Bauer  
1:35.2 (New Record)

### Girls-8 and under

25-yard Backstroke: Chris Welch

**100-yard Individual Medley:**  
Kim Bauer  
100-yard Medley Relay: Chris Armstrong  
Kendra Bailey  
Kim Bauer  
Chris Welch

**Boy-9 and 10**  
50-yard Breaststroke: Mike Martindale  
200-yard Freestyle: Rick Runions

**Girls-9 and 10**  
50-yard Breaststroke: Missy O'Connell  
42.4 (New Record)  
100-yard Individual Medley: Missy O'Connell  
1:22.0 (New Record)

**New Record**  
100-yard Freestyle: Shawn Veasey  
1:19.3

### Boys-13 and 14

**New Record**  
100-yard Breaststroke: Chad Munger  
1:16.9  
200-yard Individual Medley: Chad Munger  
2:40.4

**Girls-13 and 14**  
100-yard Backstroke: Gloria Stratton  
1:14.6 (New Record)

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## P-W smothers Bellevue

**Bellevue**  
Pewamo-Westphalia prepared itself for a showdown with Fulton by crushing Bellevue in Central Michigan Athletic Conference action, Friday, 67-32.

Once again it was the P-W defense which led the effort, allowing Bellevue to score 10 points in only one period. The Pirates have now allowed just 41 points a game. Only one opponent has

scored more than 45 points--Ovid-Elsie, the sixth-ranked team in Class B, with 65. P-W had only one man in double figures, but only one player did not score. Mike Belen led with 14, while Warren Hengesbach and Dan Miller had eight apiece.

P-W also had a 49-27 rebounding advantage. Tim Spence had 14. Hengesbach had 10 and Belen had 10.

Coach Joe Ghiardi said his defense would be getting an acid test. After the Jan. 9 game with Fulton.

Pirates host Fowler Friday and travel to state-rated Olivet Jan 19.

"Tuesday night (against Fulton) is the night to see if we have as good defense as I think we have," Ghiardi said.

So far P-W is on top of the CMAC with a 4-0 record and 51 overall.

# Fulton runs down St Stephens

**Middleton**  
Constant full-court pressure by the Fulton defense combined with the Pirate's fast-break offense wore down the Saginaw St. Stephens squad and gave the Pirates a 68-61 win Friday.

The Pirates fell behind once in the first half and once in the second half, but came back both times to retake the lead. No lead was more than four points until the final three minutes of the game. With three minutes left

and a five-point Fulton lead, the Pirates slowed the offense and went to a spread offense to use up time.

Saginaw then stole the ball and scored to cut the lead to three points. Larry Leiby was then fouled, and he scored two free throws to up the lead to five. St. Stephens came no closer.

Jeff Cooper led the Pirates effort with 26 points and 13 rebounds, team high in both departments. Jeff Stephens

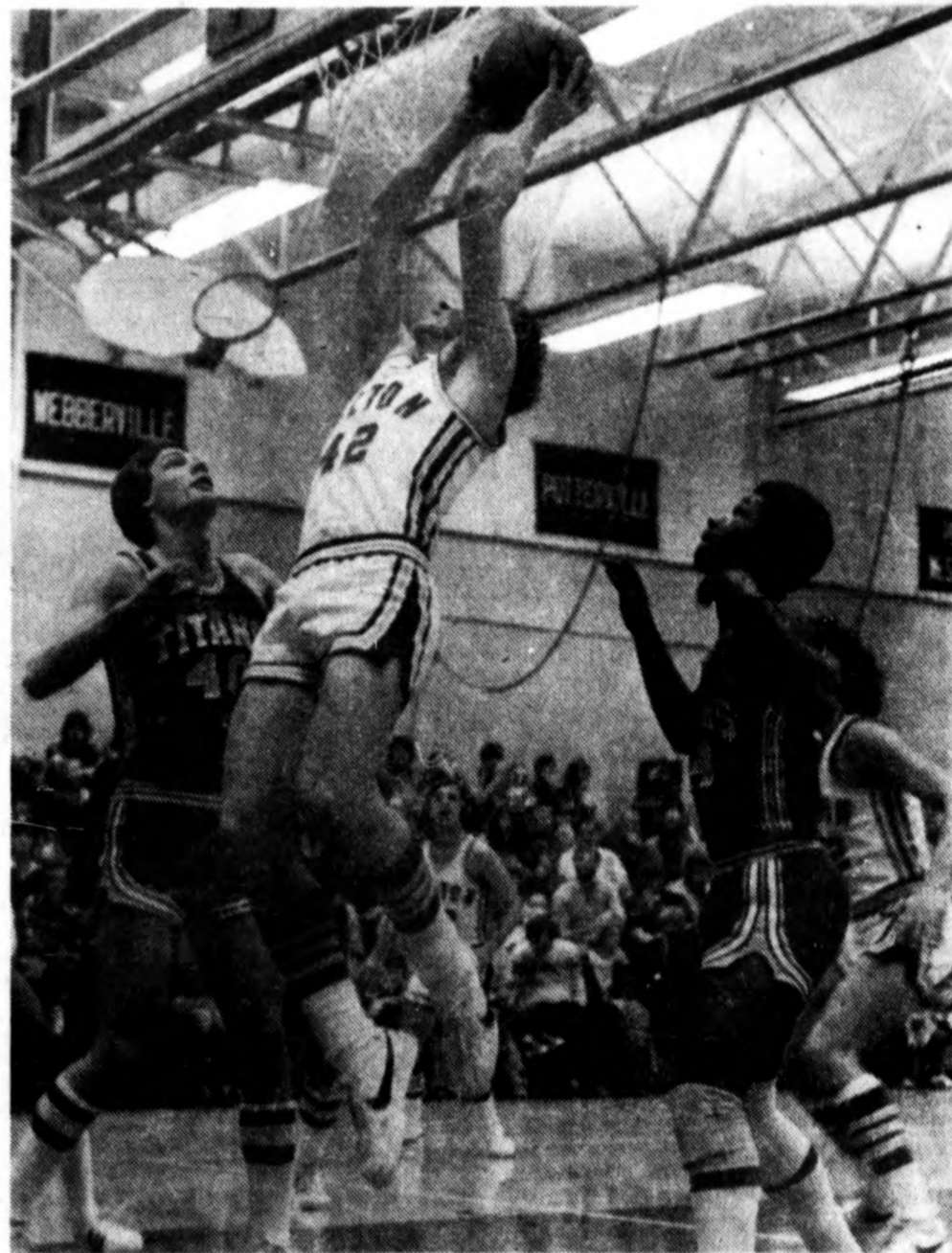
was the only other Pirate in double figures, hitting for 11 points. Gary Moore had eight rebounds.

Fulton had a 38-33 rebounding advantage over the

Titans.

Coach Kim Lathwell, who called the game Fulton's best of the season, credited Mark Skaryd, Brad Winsor, and Dan Blemaster with good performances off the bench.

Saginaw dropped to 3-4 overall, while the Pirates upped their overall record to 4-1. Fulton returns to CMAC Central Michigan Athletic Conference action Friday night, entertaining Bellevue.



**Leaping high**

Jeff Cooper of Fulton scored 26 points and had 13 rebounds in the Pirates' 68-61 win over Saginaw St. Stephen. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Board strength lifts Eagles to narrow win

**Fowler**  
Strong rebounding performances by Tim Luttig and Mark Schrauben helped Fowler overcome 37 turnovers and take a 60-57 win over Potterville Friday night. The Central Michigan Athletic Conference victory left the Eagles with a 4-1 mark overall, 3-1 in the conference.

Fowler took a five-point lead after one quarter and a 32-25 halftime lead, but the

Vikings narrowed that gap to one point with one period to play. The Eagles outscored Potterville by a basket in the final period to take the win.

Fowler had 26 field goals to 25 for Potterville, but the disturbing statistic was that the Eagles had only 55 shots to 72 for Potterville.

"We should be able to get about 20 more shots than that," Eagle coach Charlie Trierweiler said. "I'd attribute that to turnovers. We had

a bundle of them."

But the turnovers were at least partially offset by the outstanding rebounding of Luttig and Schrauben. The pair each took down 17, while the Eagles out rebounded Potterville 55-40.

Luttig also had an outstanding game scoring, hitting for 21 points, 19 in the first half. Trierweiler said the Eagles couldn't get the ball to him in the second half.

Schrauben had 11 points and Terry Thelen had 10.

From the floor, Dan Braun played well, getting four assists and helping out at guard. Schrauben, Doug Koenigsnecht and Neil Hufnagel had three assists each. Schrauben had three steals and six blocked shots.

Floyd Buck led Potterville with 18 points. Steve Van Loton had 16 and Bob Stanfield had 15.

Fowler is at Pewamo-Westphalia Friday in a game that was moved from the Fowler gym.

## Swimmers 2nd at Waverly

**Waverly**  
The St. Johns boys' swimming team finished second out of a field of 12 Saturday at the Waverly Relays, in what may be the best finish ever by a Class B team in the meet.

medley relay team of Tim Grost, Rod Lounds, Kirk Goins and Steve Baxter. Its time of 1:45.1 was a school record, the fastest in the mid-Michigan area and one of the fastest in the state. The previous time was listed as one of the top six in the state by the Detroit News, and the Waverly time was two seconds better.

St. Johns also got a second place out of its diving relay team of Scott Davison and Jeff Howe, along with several third place finishes. The Redwings were in the top six of all events but one. "I thought this would be an excellent team," Makaruskas said of his squad, "and this is the first real evidence of that."

St. Johns hosts Waverly Thursday and is at Grand Ledge Tuesday.

The Redwings had 157 points, one ahead of East Lansing and 13 behind the champions from Eastern High School. Coach Jim Makaruskas said he knew of no Class B team that ever finished higher than third at the meet.

St. Johns shocked the field by taking an early lead. The Redwings, aided by an Eastern disqualification, held the lead through the sixth event and hung close from then on.

The Redwings had one relay champion, the 200-yard

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scored to put St. Johns back ahead.

Seconds later the situation was reversed, as Stafford took a pass from Goff to score and give the Redwings a four-point lead.

Alma scored 13 seconds later, and had a couple of opportunities to tie the game with long jump shots. The last chance came with 10 seconds left when Dedyne missed the front end of a bonus situation. Mark Ward rebounded and let loose a shot from midcourt that wasn't close, and the upset was final.

Dedyne played his best game of the all-around season, scoring 24 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Mike Stafford had a 20-point game with nine rebounds. Goff and Sutherland had four rebounds each, while Todd Bakita had five assists and Sutherland had seven.

Tissot managed to get in a good word about everybody—Dedyne, Stafford,

Sutherland, Bakita, Goff, Mark Purtil all won his praise, as did the players sitting on the bench.

"At different times," he said, "key people came through. Everybody who played contributed something important. Even the kids on the bench were important when we were rallying."

The schedule isn't getting any easier for St. Johns. They must meet league-leading Ovid-Elsie at O-E Friday, then host Bullock Creek Tuesday.

"This could be a key week," Tissot said. "If we come out of the week holding our own and playing strong basketball, we could be a spoiler for some people counting on winning some titles."

## Sports schedule

### Varsity basketball

**Jan. 12**  
St. Johns at Ovid-Elsie  
Dansville at Bath  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Fowler  
Bellevue at Fulton  
Howell at DeWitt

**Jan. 16**  
Bullock Creek at St. Johns  
Swan Valley at Ovid-Elsie  
DeWitt at Bath

### Wrestling

**Jan. 11**  
Alma at St. Johns  
Ovid-Elsie at Chesaning  
Leslie at Bath

Michigan School for the Blind at Pewamo-Westphalia  
Fulton at Olivet  
Mason at DeWitt

**Jan. 13**  
St. Johns at Durand Invitational  
Ovid-Elsie at Mason Invitational  
Bath at Maple Valley Invitational  
Fulton Invitational  
DeWitt at Shepherd Invitational  
O-E junior varsity at Alma Invitational

**Jan. 16**  
St. Johns at Mason  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Ionia

### Volleyball

**Jan. 10**  
Dansville at Bath

**Jan. 11**  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Fulton

**Jan. 15**  
Fowler at Fulton

### Swimming

**Jan. 11**  
Waverly at St. Johns  
DeWitt at Haslett

**Jan. 15**  
Ovid-Elsie at Mt. Morris

**Jan. 16**  
St. Johns at Grand Ledge

### Boys' gymnastics

**Jan. 13**  
St. Johns at Hillsdale

**Jan. 17**  
St. Johns at Grand Blanc

### Girls' gymnastics

**Jan. 10**  
Ionia at St. Johns

**Jan. 13**  
St. Johns at East Lansing

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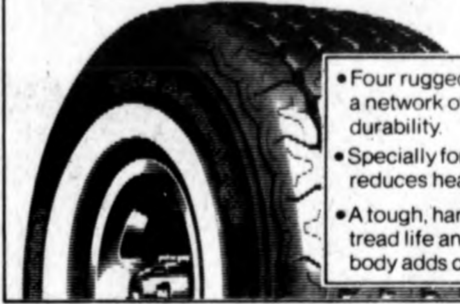


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# LCC gets past DeWitt

By Mark Szalajeski  
Correspondent

**Lansing**

The DeWitt Panthers fell to third place in the Capital Circuit by dropping a 60-53 decision to the Lansing Catholic Central Cougars on Friday night at LCC.

The Cougars showed signs of turning the game into a rout in the first quarter, dominating play and taking a

24-14 lead at the end of the period. However, the Cougars have a tendency to blow big leads, and DeWitt took advantage of that to cut the lead to four, 34-30, by halftime. Gene Carroll had eight points during the second quarter to lead the Panther surge.

DeWitt continued chipping away in the third quarter and even took a short-lived lead, 44-42, on a Mike Ferland

jumper late in the period, but LCC countered with five quick points to regain the lead and hold on to it.

The Panthers challenged but could never quite get over the hump in the fourth quarter and when time ran out, LCC had sole possession of second place in the Capital Circuit with a 60-53 win.

Gene Carroll turned in a stellar performance in DeWitt's losing cause, firing

in a game high of 26 points. DeWitt was again plagued by fouls, as it outscored the Cougars 46-44 from the field, but LCC connected with 16 of 24 free throws while DeWitt sank seven of 10.

The Panthers go to Corunna tonight for a non-conference game and host Howell Friday night in a battle for third place in the circuit.

# Panthers win dual meet

**New Lothrop**

After knocking off Capital Circuit rival Okemos in a dual meet Thursday, the DeWitt wrestlers finished in a tie for fifth in the New Lothrop Invitational Saturday.

Coach Randy Smith said the Panthers wrestled well to pick up their first dual win of the season.

"It was a meet they really wanted," Smith said, "and it showed."

At 98 pounds, Doug Peiffer pinned Don Dike at 5:36. Paul DeSmith took a 10-0 decision over Kumar

Nallsuaini at 105, and Tim Simon won at 112 pounds by default.

Mark Keener, at 119, pinned Devin Lipsey in 21 seconds, and Nick LaFave took a 7-6 decision over the Chiefs' John Anderson. Mike Myszak pinned Mark Wolledge of Okemos in 5:09, while Stu Lewis pinned Dave Fligel of Okemos in 35 seconds in the 138-pound match.

Okemos picked up its first win of the night at 145 pounds, as Mike Holman took a 4-2 decision from Troy Foland. Steve Richmond

remained unbeaten in duals with a 3-2 decision over Ed Guenther of Okemos, but Jeff MacGuinness of the Panthers was pinned by John Scarrlett at 1:27. John Hummel won the 178-pound match with a first-period pin over John McKinley, and DeWitt forfeited 191 and heavyweight.

Saturday the Panthers entered their toughest tournament of the year and finished in a tie with Chesaning for fifth place.

Flint Northern won the tournament with 132½ points. New Lothrop had

120, Durand 115, St. Louis 106, DeWitt and Chesaning 105, Corunna 64 and St. Charles 6.

Smith said the Panthers placed 10 of their 11 wrestlers. "We didn't have any champions," he said, "but that shows we have depth."

DeWitt had three runners-up. DeSmith was the first, taking second at 105. He pinned Ron Root of St. Charles in 1:28, edged Rob Tennant of St. Louis, 7-6, but was pinned in the finals by Bruce Schnieder of New Lothrop in 3:32 in a match that was closer than the results indicate. DeSmith is 10-4.

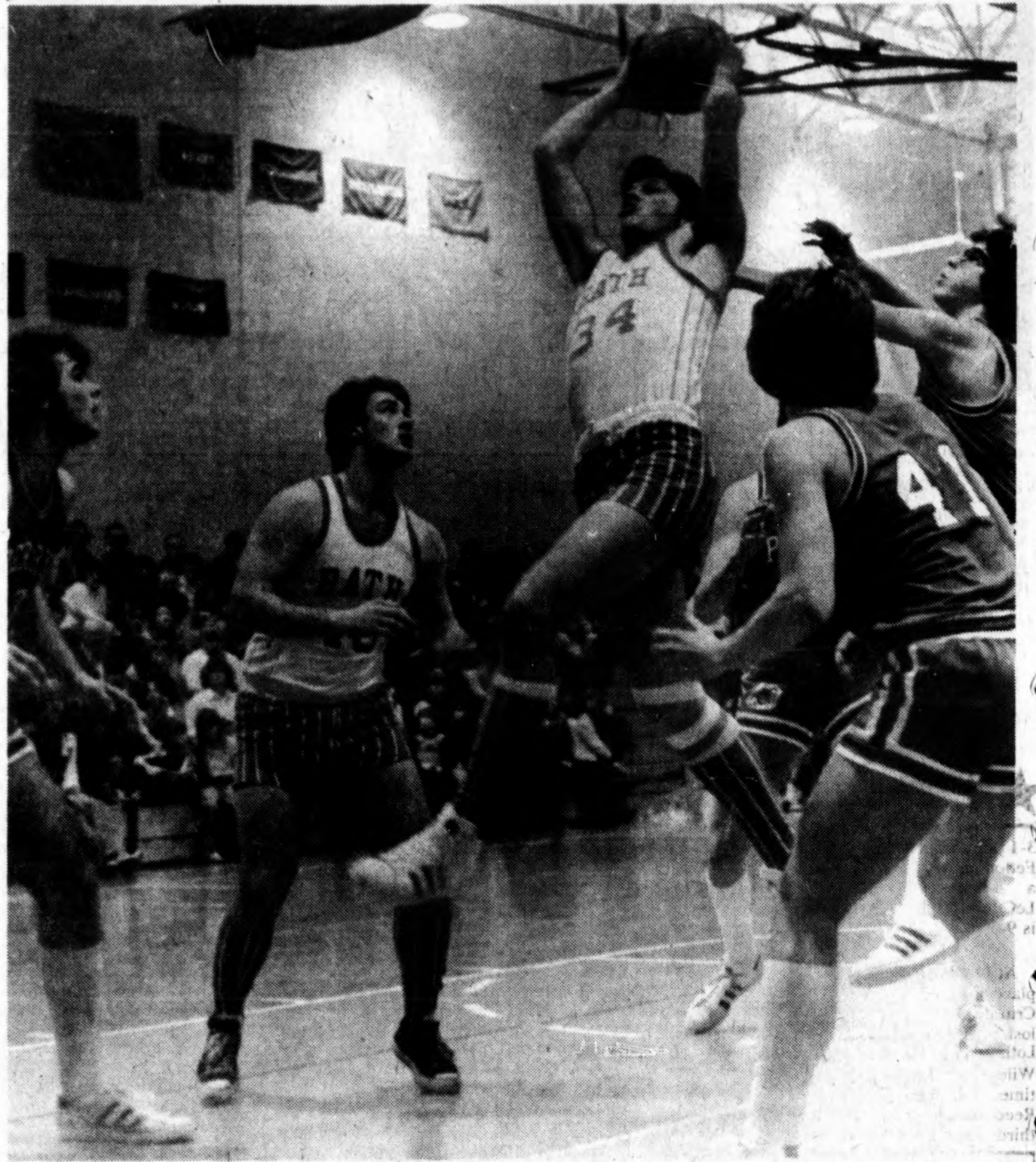
Keener was second at 119 pounds. He pinned Scott Bussinger of St. Charles and took a 7-2 decision over Roderick Jetter of Flint Northern, but lost a 3-2 decision to Ted Erdman of New Lothrop in the last seconds. He is now 13-2.

Lewis was second at 138 pounds. He had a 50-second pin over Pat Smith of St. Louis and a 7-0 win over Lawrence Pumford of Chesaning, but dropped a 4-3 decision to Flint Northern's Ken Miles at the buzzer. Lewis is also 13-2.

Peiffer finished third at 98 pounds. He was pinned by Chris Root of Durand in 4:58, but wasn't scored on again. He won over Mike Fleming of Flint Northern, 4-0, over Mike Andres of Corunna, 5-0, and over Root, 5-0. Peiffer, 11-6, was leading Root all of the way in the first match before he got caught.

Myszak also finished third. He was pinned by Lonnie Buggs of Flint, then took a

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## Reach back

Chris Foote of Bath reaches way back to take down and offensive rebound against Perry Friday night. The Bees dropped the

Ingham County League contest, 60-57. (Photo by H. William Lewis)

## Bath edged by Perry, 60-57

**Bath**  
An icy third quarter spelled defeat for the Bath basketball team, as the Bees dropped a 60-57 Ingham County League game to Perry Friday night.

Bath held a one-point lead after one quarter and was even at the half, but the Ramblers took a 13-3 advantage in the third period and had a 10-point lead, 44-34, going into the last eight minutes.

The Bees dominated the final quarter, but not by enough. Bath had a 23-16 advantage but could not match the Ramblers.

Kirk Ordiway led the Fighting Bees with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Kurt Conley had 12 points, Les Vietzke 10 and Richard Brown seven.

Bruce Pfeifle and Mike Colby shared scoring honors for Perry with 18 points.

Bath was the dominant team on the boards, taking 48 rebounds for 27 for Perry. In addition to Ordiway's 12, Brown and Conley had 11 each.

Chris Gutzki and Lietzke each had three assists to lead the Bath floor game. Both

teams had 25 turnovers. Bath had a good night from the floor, hitting 26 fields goals for a 41 percent rate. Perry scored only 22 field goals.

Yet the Ramblers had a big edge on the free throw line. Bath committed 19 fouls to 10 for Perry, and the Bees only made five on 10 free throws. Perry hit 16 of 25, more than making up for their deficit from the field.

The Bath junior varsity won a 73-61 decision over Perry.

The loss dropped the Bees' varsity to 2-2 in the ICL, part of a four-way tie for third place with Perry, Dansville and Pinckney. Bath is 2-4 overall, while Perry moved to 6-2.

Tonight the Bees hope to avenge an early-season non-conference defeat, as they travel to Haslett. The Vikings, now 2-5 overall, edged the Bees 62-58 in December.

Bath gets a chance to knock one of its ICL rivals out of that tie on Friday, as the Bees host Dansville. The Aggies, 4-2 overall, were 60-50 winners over Williamston Friday night.

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# Girls take 1st gym win

**St. Johns**  
The St. Johns girls' gymnastics team opened its season by sweeping every place on its way to a 78.70-38.05 win over Mason.

The Redwings took the first three places in all four events, and Coach Sue Cerny

said the strongest events were the vault and the floor exercise.

In the vault, Denise Cerny picked up one of her three first-places with a score of 7.50. Freshman Darlene Cerny was second with 7.40 and Michelle Rehmann was third with 7.15.

In the floor exercise, Darlene Cerny won with 7.0. Denise Cerny was next with 6.90 and Sharon Law followed with 6.25.

Denise Cerny took the balance beam with a score of 6.85. Darlene Cerny was second with 5.70 and fresh-

man Dawn Bakita next with 4.75.

On the uneven parallel bars, Denise Cerny won with 6.5. Darlene Cerny was second at 4.8 and Cindy Steavens third at 3.9.

The Redwing girls host Ionia tonight and go to East Lansing Saturday.

# Pirates have 3 champions

**Ravenna**  
The Fulton wrestlers returned from Saturday's Ravenna Invitational with three individual champions, eight place winners and a fourth-place team finish.

Jonison easily won the

11-team event with 228½ points. Hamilton had 178½, Whitehall 140½ and Fulton 136½. Oakridge was fifth with 75½.

Jim Todd of Fulton was the 119-pound champion, taking

an 8-2 decision over Mark

Bleckley of Jenison. Rick Robbe took the 126-pound title with a 13-4 win over Craig Gravelin of Coopersville, and Tim Price won the 138-pound title with a 10-4 decision over Gordy Polieuin

of Jenison.

Tim Williams was the runner-up at 155, losing by a pin to Jon Cooper of Oakridge in the finals. Mitch Price was second at heavy-weight, dropping a 5-0 decision to Greg Stoel of Hamilton.

Jon Pell was fourth at 98, Tim Shook fourth at 145 and Jeff McVannel sixth at 165.

Fulton is at Olivet Thursday in Central Michigan Athletic Conference action, then hosts the Fulton Invitational Saturday. The Pirates will be joined by Dansville, St. Charles, Clare, Central Montcalm, Ithaca, Stockbridge and Carson City. Wrestling begins at about 10:30 and will continue straight through the day.

# ★ Sea Lions

100-yard Breaststroke: Shawn Meyer, 1:19.1 (New Record)  
100-yard Butterfly: Kim Goins  
100-yard Freestyle:

Shawn Meyer 59.8 (New Record)  
200-yard Freestyle: Gloria Stratton, 2:25.3 (New Record)  
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Shawn Meyer  
Kim Goins  
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**Boys-9 and 10**  
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# Redwing wrestlers lose

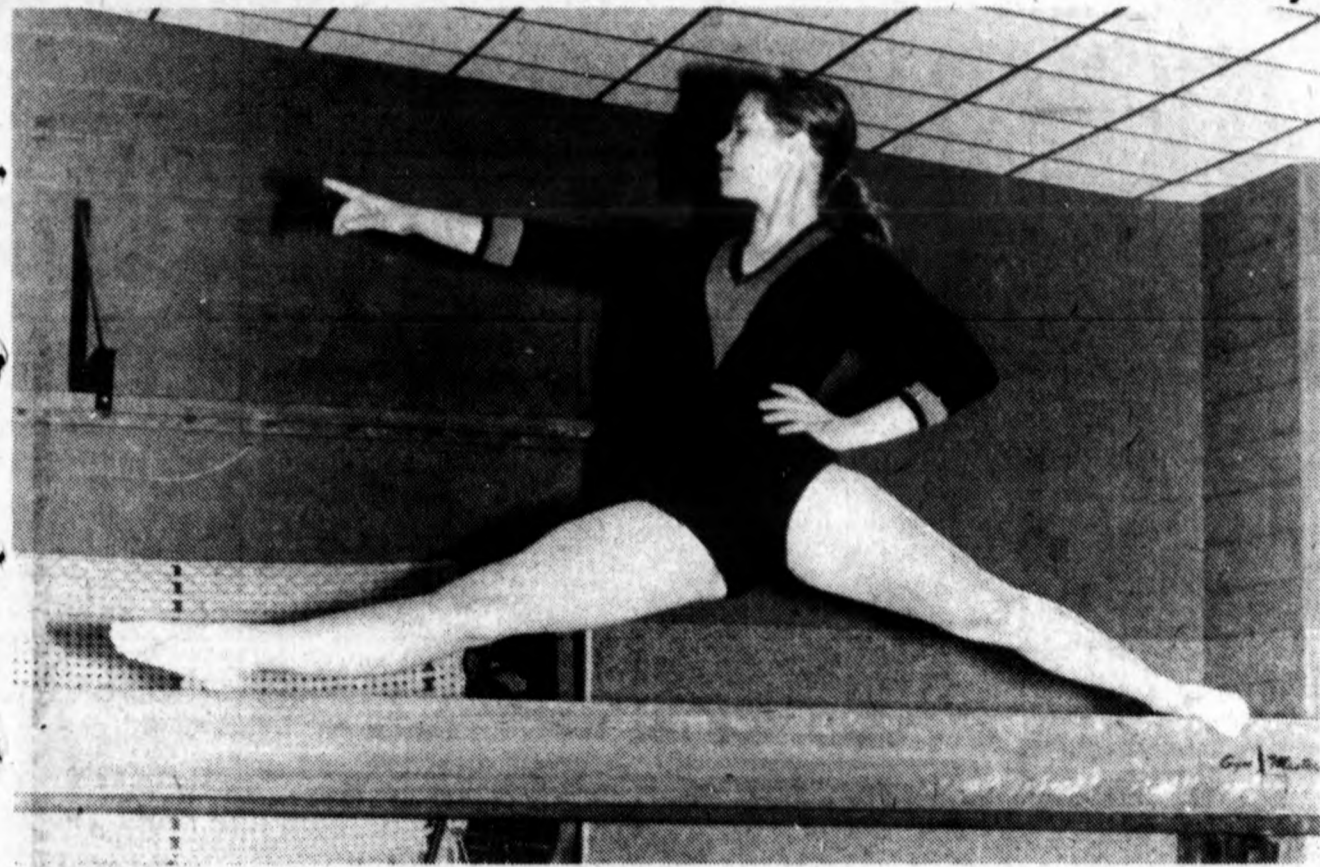
by Marcia Lusk Correspondent

**St. Johns**  
The St. Johns wrestlers were defeated by Chesaning Thursday night 44-18, while the Redwing junior varsity lost 33-30.

The only pin for St. Johns came from Don Healy at 98 pounds. Taking decisions were Jerry Peters, 105, and Garret Hayes, 126. Paul Pioszak took a forfeit at 112. The Redwings will face Alma at home Thursday, then go to the Durand Invitational Saturday. Tuesday they travel to Mason.

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Effort with grace

Denise Cerny took three of the four first places in St. Johns' opening girls' gymnastics meet of the season, an easy win over Mason. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

# ★ DeWitt wrestlers

3-1 decision over Sever Federspiel of Chesaning and a 4-0 win over Rick LeCureaux of Corunna. He is 9-3.

At 145, Foland was a third-place finisher. He beat Rob Crumly of Corunna 9-5, then lost to Lonnie Keith of New Lothrop 5-3. He beat Monty Wilcox of Durand in overtime, 8-3, then beat Roger Reed of Chesaning 2-1 for third place. Reed had beaten

Foland twice before. Simon was fourth at 112, scoring pins against Shawn Dolson of Durand and Joe Daniels of Corunna. Also finishing fourth were LaFave, who won a pair of decisions, Richmond, who also had two decisions, and John Hummel, who won one decision. MacGuinness lost

twice and did not place.

DeWitt is facing a tough week. The Panthers host Mason Thursday in league action, and the Bulldogs are rated in Class B. Further, the Mason strengths are in the same weights as the DeWitt strengths, so Smith expects a lot of close matches.

Saturday's tournament at Shepherd is going to be as tough; if not tougher, than the New Lothrop meet. Six of the eight teams will be rated in the top 10 of Class C, including the eighth-rated Panthers. Other ranked teams will be Haslett, Shelby, Shepherd, Lakeview and New Lothrop.

# Bowling report

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**Junior varsity scores**  
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LCC 74, DeWitt 55  
Chesaning 54, O-E 46

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Seedy's 3-5  
Hide-Away 3-5  
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Roadhouse 2-6  
200's & 500's  
Al Egres 213-584

Betty Martin 213-580  
Hal Wilkes 562  
Elmer Feldpausch 213-543  
Tom Martin 203-531  
Jack Anderson 528  
Carol Egres 522  
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Hair Raisers 1-3  
Go Getters 1-3  
Strike Binders 1-3  
Eager Beavers 0-4  
Alley Stompers 0-4  
**Splits**  
Iola Adair 4-5  
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Gary Lambert 6-7-10  
Shari Schulze 6-7-10

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# ★ Powell

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Capitol Building. "It housed not only the legislative area and the office of the governor, but the Supreme Court chambers and the area for the justices and their staff, the state law library and the offices of many state officials," he says.

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**CITY OF ST. JOHNS**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

January 24, 1979

To be held on the City Commission Chambers at 121 E. Walker Street at 7:30 p.m. (enter through the Police Department entrance on Spring Street)

**PURPOSE:** To hear a request from Hub Tire Center for a variance of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance would allow the erection of an additional free standing sign of seventy-two (72) square feet. The Zoning Ordinance allow only one free standing sign with a maximum of fifty square feet of surface area.

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# Legal Notices

# ★ Rezoning

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### LEGAL NOTICE

County of Clinton, Notice of Public Hearing on proposed zoning amendments and Special Use Permits.

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on January 18, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following amendments or special use permits as they pertain to OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

**CASE NO. ZC-15-78 GREEN-BUSH TOWNSHIP-Special Use Permit**

At this hearing the following described property which generally lies 600 feet south of the intersections of Scott and Colony Roads will be considered as the site for the issuance of a special use permit for the operation of a gravel pit by Mr. Larry Karber, 917 Church Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

**GR 48B - N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T8N-R2W exc. 40 rods N&S by 40 rods E&W in NW corner thereof.**

**CASE ZC-14-78 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP-Map Amendment**

A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Stanley Loomis, 403 East Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to rezone the following described parcel of property from R-1A, One Family Rural Residential to A-1, Agriculture.

**WA 285 - S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T8N-R3W, exc. 40 rods E&W by 20 rods N&S in SW corner thereof; also beg. 20 rods N of SW corner thereof, th. 50 feet E&W by 67.51 ft N&S, 74.02 acres**

**CASE ZC-16-78 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP-Special Use Permit**

An application for a special use permit has been filed by American Excavator, 13256 Lawson Road, Grand Ledge, Michigan, pursuant to Article 7 of OR-1-78 the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, to renew a special use permit for the extraction of sand and gravel from the following described parcel of property.

**WA 460-S. 60 acres of NW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T8N-R3W exc. commencing 828 ft. N. of SW corner thereof, th. N. 155 ft. along the center of Wacousta Road, th. E. 375', S. 155', W. 375' to beginning, 58.67 acres**

**CASE ZC-17-78 BINGHAM TOWNSHIP-Map Amendment**

A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. William Jackson, P.O. Box 246, St. Johns, Michigan on behalf of Mr. Mike Zigler to rezone the following described parcel from A-1, Agriculture to

M-1, Limited Industrial in order to permit the construction of a warehouse.

A parcel of land located in the Township of Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan described as: Commencing 132 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Sec. 5, T7N-R2W, th. N. 625', th. W. 300'; th. S. 625', th. E. 300 ft. to place of beginning.

**CASE ZC-18-78 BINGHAM TOWNSHIP-Map Amendment**

A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Harry Patterson, 1299 E. M-21, St. Johns, Michigan in order to permit the expansion of his existing farm implement business located on M-21. The petitioner proposes rezoning from R-1A, One Family Rural Residential to B-2, General Business on the following described parcel of property:

**Beginning 33.18 rods East of the SW corner of Section 10, T7N-R2W, th. N. 22.9 rods, S. 22.9 rods, W. 25.64 rods to beg. 37.**

**CASE ZC-18A-78 BINGHAM TOWNSHIP-Map Amendment**

A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Harry Patterson, 1299 E. M-21, St. Johns, Michigan to rezone the following described parcel of property from R-1A, One Family Rural Residential to M-1, Limited Industrial to permit the construction of a warehouse and assembly building for grain dryers:

**BI 99A - Beginning 50' N. and 33.18 rods E of the SW corner, Sec. 10, T7N-R2W, th. N. 22.9 rods, E. 47.64 rods, N. 22 rods, S. 40 rods, E. 172 ft., S. to road r/w E. to beginning, exception: Beginning 50 feet N. of the SW corner, Sec. 10, T7N-R2W, th. N. 246', E. 172', S. 246', W. 172'.**

**CASE ZC-19-78 BATH TOWNSHIP-Map Amendment**

A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Otto Balzer, Coleman Road to rezone the following described parcel of property from R-1A, Agriculture to R-1B, One Family Low Density Residential in order to permit the construction of a subdivision.

**Com. at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 36, T8N-R1W, Bath Township, Clinton County, MI; th. N 00 deg 42'44" E 917.04 ft. along the N-S 1/4 line of said Sec. 36; th. S 88 deg 45' 00" E. 952.51 ft; th. S. 81 deg 49' 28" E. 568.27 ft; th. S 88 deg 45' 00" E 641.00 ft; th. N.**

**00deg 43' 56" E 354.90 ft; th. S. 88 deg 45' 00" E. 500 feet to a pt. on the E. line of said Sec. 36; th. S 00 deg 43' 56" W. 1203.41 feet alg. said East line of Sec. 36 to the SE corner of said Section 36; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 333 ft. alg. the S. line of sd Sec. 36; th. N 00 deg 43' 56" E 290 ft; th. N. 88 deg 45' 00" W 339.35 ft; th. S. 01 deg 08' 13" W 72.19 ft; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 199.38 ft; th. S. 01 deg 12' 40" W 217.80 ft. to a point on the South line of said Sec. 36; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 66 ft. alg. said South line of Sec. 36; th. N 01 deg 12' 40" E 217.80 ft; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 393.87 ft; th. S. 01 deg 12' 40" W 217.80 ft. to a point on the South line of said Sec. 36; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 66.00 feet along said south line of Sec. 36; th. N 01deg 12' 40" E 217.80 ft; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 132 ft; th. N. 01 deg 16' 08" E 99.20 ft; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 194.35 ft; th. S. 01 deg 15' 00" W 317 ft. to a pt. on the south line of said Sec. 36; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 152 ft along said south line Sec. 36; th. N. 01 deg 15' 00" E 217.80 ft; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 194.35 ft; th. S. 01 deg 15' 00" W 217.80 ft. to a point on the South line of said Sec. 36; th. N 88 deg 45' 00" W 514.30 feet along said south line of Sec. 36 to the point of beginning.**

The above described lands contain 49.14 acres and are subject to the right of the public over the easterly 33.00 feet of Peacock Road, the Northerly 33.00 feet of Coleman Road and all other easements and restrictions of record, if any.

The amendments and Special Use Permits applications and the County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for public inspection in the office of the Zoning Administrator, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan. Please call 224-6761, ext 221 for further information.

A field trip will commence from the Zoning Office on January 10, 1979 at 9:00 A.M. Interested persons can attend.

J. Anthony Nelson, Zoning Administrator 52-1 2-1

### LEGAL NOTICE

**CLINTON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on January 16, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan.

**THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING CASES:**

**CASE AB-42-78 INTERPRETATION:** The Department of

Development Control has requested an interpretation of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance OR-1-78 pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.4.4 of said ordinance. The Board is requested to classify the use niteclub or lounge to determine if it is a permitted or prohibited use in conformance with the purpose and intent of the B-2 General Business District.

**CASE AB-43-78 Victor TOWNSHIP:** Applicant: Mrs. Sondra Rittenburg, 5887 Hickory Hills, Laingsburg, Michigan.

**Legal Description:** VI 287-Com. 82 ft. S of NW corner Lot 1, on W. sd. Lot 3, Hickory Hill Subd., th W 1/2 with lots 48, 49, 50 and 51 to 48 feet E. of W. line of E 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 29, T6N-R1W, th. S. to N. line of Lot 51, th. E 1/2 alg. N. line of Lots 51, 50, 49, 48 and 47 to 20 ft. S. of SW cor. of Lot 5, th. N. to beg.

**Purpose:** The applicant requests to construct an unattached accessory building (garage) in a B-1, Local Business Zone District.

If approved the board will stipulate what dimensional requirements shall be abided by to include maximum allowable square footage, sideyard requirements, rearward requirements and setback.

**CASE AB-44-78 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP:** Applicant: Mr. John Waldron, 12498 Wacousta Road, Eagle, Michigan 48822.

**Legal Description:** WA 91A-Com. at a point 10 rods S of 1/4 post between 7 and 8 T8N-R3W, th. W. 23 rods, S 12 rods., E. 23 rods, N. 12 rods, to place of beg. being in NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T8N-R3W

**Zone District:** R-1A, One Family Rural Residential

**Purpose:** The applicant requests authorization to construct a 32x48 (1,536 sq. ft.) pole barn larger than that allowed in Article 5, Section 5.3.1.(A)(1)(a) of the R-1A District. Said district limits unattached accessory buildings to 900 square feet.

**CASE AB-45-78 EAGLE TOWNSHIP**

**Applicant:** Mr. Carl Barnes, 10105 Howe Road, Eagle, Michigan 48822

**Legal Description:** N. 70 acres of E 1/2 of NE 1/2, Sec. 12, T5N-R4W

**Purpose:** The applicant requests authorization to construct a pole barn 78' from the center of Howe Road. The minimum allowed by the Clinton County Zoning Ord-

nance is 83' from the center of the road.

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

The applications and the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for public inspection in the office of the County Zoning Administrator, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call the Department of Development Control, at 224-6761, Ext. 221 for further information.

J. Anthony Nelson, Zoning Administrator 2-1

State of Michigan The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Alfred Furry, Deceased. File No. 20007

**TAKE NOTICE:** On Wednesday, March 28, 1979, at 10:00 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Ray H. Wirth, Jr., Administrator, 5545 W. Hibbard Road, Owosso, Michigan 48867, prior to said hearing. Dated: January 3, 1979 Attorney for Petitioner: Robert H. Wood MAPLES & WOOD 306 N. Clinton Ave. P.O. Box 37 St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Petitioner: Ray H. Wirth, Jr. 5545 W. Hibbard Road Owosso, Michigan 48867 2-1

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# ★ Drug policy

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grade. This does not affect the student's gradepoint average. The student is allowed to pick up assignments, take tests and write papers. The catch is, he will be doing it on his own time, away from the rest of the student population. "Because the student made a mistake we don't want it to be a burden on the teacher either," Fred Goers, high school principal said. Students will not be able to obtain credit after school for classes such as

physical education and automotive repair. To compensate for this, an alternative program was established where the student must involve himself in some kind of community service program, like Alcoholics Anonymous or volunteering at a substance abuse clinic. "This program is only on a one time basis," Raymond Spear, superintendent said. "If they don't learn the lesson the first time, they won't be given this opportunity again."

## NOTICE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS January 24, 1979

To be held in the City Commission Chambers at 121 E. Walker Street at 7:30 p.m. 9enter through the Police Department entrance on Spring Street)

**PURPOSE:** To hear a request from Norm Rademacher for a variance of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance would allow the conversion of a single family residence into two dwelling units with 3720 square feet per dwelling unit. The Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum of 4,000 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit in this (R-3) zone.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 206 N. Prospect  
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Richard L. Coletta  
Zoning Administrator

## RESOLUTION OF SOUTHERN CLINTON COUNTY SANITARY SEWER AUTHORITY

**RE:** Meeting dates  
At the regular meeting of the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority held on Thursday, December 14, 1978 the following resolution was offered by Commissioner Thomas Woodruff and supported by Commissioner Gerald Kirchen

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority will meet on the following dates at the following places for the year of 1979 at 7:30-p.m.:

- Location: Bath Charter Township for January 11, 1979
- February 6, 1979 - Annual Meeting
- February 8, 1979
- March 8, 1979
- Location: Watertown Charter Township for April 12, 1979
- May 10, 1979
- June 14, 1979
- Location: DeWitt Charter Township for July 12, 1979
- August 9, 1979
- September 13, 1979
- Location: City of DeWitt for October 11, 1979
- November 8, 1979
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The Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids at 3536 South US-27, St. Johns, Michigan until 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 5, 1979 for the following items.

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# The Back Page

## DeWitt girl skates to championship

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

**DeWitt**

From the moment the silver blade of Shelly Kruger's skate touches the ice she loses her 15-year-old identity. Just minutes before her youthfulness is evident by the way she dresses, talks, even giggles. Once on the ice, however, she is a young woman filled with a different kind of style, poise and maturity she hopes will help her make the Olympics.

Shelly's mom was a roller skater and wanted her young daughter to have some kind of outside interest. Ice skating seemed as good as any, so at age eight she began group lessons.

"I liked it a lot," Ms. Kruger said as she took a breather from her rigorous workout. "I must have been about nine when I started taking private lessons."

The only time she could get ice time at the Michigan State University rink during her early years was from midnight to 2 a.m. on the weekends. She said she never really minded the early hours of practicing though.

It paid off for her as Shelly has qualified for the Midwestern Figure Skating Championships at Colorado Springs in the junior pairs division. Competition began Sunday and will continue through Jan. 13.

Shelly and her male partner, Christopher Bushell of Okemos, left Lansing with hopes of placing in the top three which would qualify them for the Nationals. The Midwestern Championships are made up of three regional areas comprised of 21 states.

The difference between figure skating and other sports according to Gene Heffron, Shelly's professional coach is skaters only have one chance to perform well.

"If the skaters have a bad day," Heffron said. "It's back to the drawing board for another year."

This is the second time Shelly and Christopher have gone to Midwestern Championships. Two years ago they competed in the novice pair division, but only placed fifth.

Ms. Kruger practices four hours a day during the week.

Saturday she is only at the Lansing Ice Arena for two hours, but she makes it to the rink by 8 a.m. on Sunday for the usual four-hour routine.

"I don't mind practices except for Sunday," she said. "Then it's really a drag."

The DeWitt High School sophomore doesn't have any time after school to be with her friends because she is always at practice. She normally gets home at 6:30 p.m., in time to eat dinner and then do her homework.

A lot of her friends at school do not fully comprehend what she does and how skating is the most important aspect of her life presently.

"They always ask if I'm going to the Olympics," the petite blonde said as she nervously twisted her fingers. "How am I supposed to answer a question like that?"

She noted it will be easier to make the Olympics as a pair team rather than in singles' competition. The main reason is there are far fewer competitors.

"You're not as scared either," she explained. "Because you're out on the ice with someone else."

Before she competes Shelly finds it impossible to eat or concentrate on anything. She says all she can think about is doing well, which sometimes works to a disadvantage.

"The opportunity and ability is there for Shelly and Christopher," Heffron commented just prior to the Colorado Springs trip. "So far they haven't been able to put it together when they've had to. If they relax and enjoy themselves without being so concerned about what they are doing...they'll do alright."

If the Kruger-Bushell team can forget everything else once the music starts they have an excellent chance of placing in the Nationals, their coach feels. Heffron says they are striving for a nice, steady program set to some very dynamic music.

The pair will present a short program consisting of six moves which every team is required to do lasting 90 seconds. The second program, comprised of four minutes is left up to the creativity and ingenuity of the team and coach.

"I'm going to let their skating speak for them," Heffron

said about the team's chances. "All they had to do is skate the way they normally do."

Mental errors play a big part in just how well Shelly and Christopher will compete. According to their coach very rarely will they make a big mistake...but it's the silly, little mistakes which will really cost.

"You have to know exactly what the other person is doing all the time," Ms. Kruger said.

Falling is a part of learning according to the young skater. Her partner lifts the 5'2", 106 pound frame easily over his head as they turn in a circle, but there have been times when it wasn't quite that easy.

"Yeah, Chris has dropped me a couple of times," she said grinning. "But he usually saves me so I'm not afraid anymore."

Heffron's wife, Sandy, is also a part of the skating team. She handles the public relations and also acts as friend and mother. She has watched their progress for many years and

noted the pair was unique because they were both good single skaters.

Heffron knows what competition, both winning and losing is all about. He was a star in his own right in the late 60's representing the United States in world competition in dance.

Bushell takes a big brother attitude towards his partner. Shelly in turn has a hard time not bossing him around out on the ice.

"We fight all the time," Ms. Kruger said. "Now he says I'm suppose to be on a diet because if I gain any weight he'll never lift me over his head."

Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leonardson of DeWitt and Wayne Kruger of Williamston.

As the team went out on the ice one more time to practice the short program, Heffron commented, "The kids want it badly enough...they just can't want it so bad that it will interfere with their skating."

## New group forming for people who live alone in St. Johns

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

**St. Johns**

There's no name for this proposed program, but by the time St. Johns residents get involved in it, there will be a name, a date, a time and a place.

What is this program with no title?

Local organizers got the idea from the Owosso "Widow to Widow" program, a program to unite widows for socializing, informational seminars, excursions and a buddy sys-

tem.

But, according to Ilah Briggs and Olive Purtil of St. Johns who are hoping to form such an organization by spring time, their program won't be exclusively for widows. They want to include widowers, divorcees and single people...anyone who lives alone.

"After we get organized, we may have a contest to come up with a name," says Ilah. But for now, the name isn't the most important factor.

Osgood's Funeral Homes Inc. has agreed to sponsor the organization. An initial

meeting to set the groundwork last week provided some suggestions for types of programs which could offer club members tips when living alone. Ideas ranged from legal, financial, home maintenance, auto maintenance, hobbies and small engine repair to Social Security benefits, loneliness, health problems and trips to points of interest.

But the real reason for forming such an organization that boasts of no dues or expenses, is to get people together. "We all need to get out," says Mrs. Briggs.

"A lot of people need to be prodded to get out," says Mrs. Purtil, but she says most enjoy themselves once they are with other people.

Also helping to organize this program with no name are: Dorothy Phinney, Fred Rewerts, Hugh Banninga and Marion Beltinger.

Persons interested in the program may contact Mrs. Briggs at 224-2498 or Mrs. Purtil at 224-7029. When the first meeting has been set, an announcement will be made in the Clinton County News.



**What's for lunch?**

Clinton Memorial Hospital dietician Diane Charlebois (right) looks over the shoulder of Charlene Wurn (center), a cook at the hospital, and Donna Flanner, aide, who are preparing a hot lunch for a Meals on Wheels participant. What was for lunch? Does mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage rolls and Harvard beets sound good? (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Director sought

**Clinton County**  
A director of special education is being sought by the Clinton County Intermediate School District (CCISD), following the resignation of former special ed director Dr. Gerald M. Nester.

Dr. Nester left the intermediate district to accept a consultant position with the State Department of Education Special Education Services Division, effective Jan. 1. He had been with the CCISD for the past 3 1/2 years. Intermediate Superintendent Larry A. Schwartzkopf said he hopes to find a replacement for Dr. Nester in the fairly near future, but said, "We don't want to fill the job with the first warm body." No cut off date for applications has been set.

Meanwhile, Schwartzkopf has taken on the special education responsibilities until the position is filled. His training is in that area.

The intermediate district hired Leon Kleinjans in the latter part of November as business manager, replacing Iva Mae Warner who retired in June. Kleinjans was formerly with the certified public accountant firm of Biggs, Hall and Nausserman.

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