



Allen on appropriations

State Senator Dick Allen (R-Ithaca) has been appointed to the prestigious Senate Appropriations Committee. The Senate and House Appropriations Committees bear the responsibility for determining how state tax dollars are to be allocated each fiscal year. Due to the heavy workload which members of the Appropriations Committee must manage, Allen will no longer serve on the senate standing committees on education and agriculture, tourist industry and consumer affairs. He hopes to work through the Senate Appropriations Committee a more equitable school aid formula.

Marriage Encounter

Marriage encounter couples will hold a zone 2 community night, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Social Hall in the basement of the school. For more information call Jerry and Elaine Brockmyre at 224-6127 or Dan and Becky Patrick at 321-2742.

Nash visits Wacousta

State Representative Ernie Nash (R-Dimondale) will be available Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Wacousta Methodist Church at 11 a.m. to help senior citizens, veteran and handicapped persons in his district file for property tax rebates and home heating credits. Persons wishing assistance with their property tax rebate forms should bring a statement of their income and a copy of their property taxes.



Snow days

How many snow days have area schools had this school year? Bath and DeWitt are even at 6 1/2. Fowler has had 11; Ovid-Elsie and Pewamo-Westphalia are tied at 10 1/2 and St. Johns has had nine as of Jan. 30.

St Johns tennis courts

Congressman Don Albosta has announced that the Department of Interior has awarded a \$12,793 grant to the City of St. Johns. The grant will be used for improvements near the Senior Citizens Park in St. Johns. Acting City Clerk Richard Coletta said the money would be used to improve the tennis courts, as well as other improvements in the park. The total project cost will be \$25,586, of which the city will pay half.

Correction

The Muscular Dystrophy Softball Tournament is run by Bob Sheren of St. Johns, with support from the Mid-State C.B. Club, and not the St. Johns Jaycees, as mentioned in last week's Clinton County News.

Great Books offer new dimension



Clowning around

Alice Hicks helps a young clown Neal Droste get ready for a day of clowning at the 4-H Family Day held Saturday in St. Johns. (Photo by Mike Peterson)

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County

A training course to prepare leaders for a Junior Great Books discussion class is scheduled here March 5 and 6. An introductory meeting is set at the Intermediate School District conference room on US-27 Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

Demonstrations will be given by Joi Tennant and Sue Goins who are now conducting pilot programs at Swegles and Central Schools in St. Johns.

The training program is being sponsored by the Clinton County Association for the Academically Talented. The group hopes to attract parents from all county schools who will be willing to take the training and lead a program at their own school. The training course March 5 and 6 at the Intermediate School District offices will consist of four 2 1/2 hour sessions running from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day.

"Anyone who wishes to contribute to the development of better reading and who has a love of children will be interested in exploring this program," Mrs. Tennant, president of the C.C.A.T. organization said. "Leaders do not necessarily have to be parents of the children involved," she stressed. "Anyone who enjoys reading themselves and who has a love of young people will fit into this program," she said.

"Even adults get pleasure from the stories used," Mrs. Goins said, "and the training is useful beyond leading a course."

The Junior Great Books program which teaches participants to read interpretively and think for themselves is highly acclaimed. Each discussion group operates with two leaders.

The Great Books Foundation carefully selects quality reading material that has high interest and more than on

meaning. Class discussion centers around the search for those meanings, why something happens in the story, why characters act the way they do, and what the author wants the reader to feel.

Interpretive reading is not stressed in most elementary reading programs being used in Clinton County, according to Mrs. Goins. The Junior Great Books course offers young readers another dimension. Kent County uses this course as part of their regular school program in teams of two teachers, she said. Here the pilot program has been set up for two volunteers to lead the group at one age level.

The Junior Great Books program has material for discussion groups starting with the second grade. The co-leaders get together for about two hours before each session to decide how they will lead the group. The questions they ask are to stimulate answers, but it is stressed that there are many right answers and no wrong answers. The leaders meet with the children, who have read the story once at home, for about forty five minutes either weekly or bi-weekly. Each grade level course takes about nine or ten sessions. "Volunteers who wish to share in this program make a commitment to receive the training and to co-lead a Junior Great Books group," Mrs. Tennant explained. It is open to any volunteer, teacher, librarian or school administrator who is committed to co-lead a Junior or Adult Great Books discussion group, (or to any teacher who is committed to conduct an in-curriculum Getting Into Books program).

"Registration fee for each trainee is \$24," Mrs. Tennant said. This is due Feb. 9. She suggested that participants might ask their school's parent group to help subsidize these fees.

No homework or advance preparation is needed for the course but attendance is required for the entire class period on both days. Space is limited to 40 participants. Interested persons can call Mrs. Goins at 224-6428 or Mrs. Tennant at 224-8159 in St. Johns, or Karen Dailey at 669-3850 in Bath.

Nursing home takes step

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Clinton County's nursing home facility, Clinton Area Care Center, took a step forward last Thursday as the project passed the Michigan Mid-South Health Systems (MMSHSA) project review board on a positive vote.

Seven review board members voted in favor of the project and one member cast one-fourth of his vote against the project and three-fourths of the votes for it. He clarified his vote explaining he felt there was further need of a financial feasibility study.

Rev. Keith Laidler presented the project calling for a 130-bed nursing home to be built on M-21, just west of St. Johns. The proposed 46,875 square foot building is estimated to cost \$1,785,000 on a 6.7 acre site purchased from the United Methodist Church of St. Johns.

Attending the review board meeting were members of the Clinton Area Care Center board of directors consisting of Jeanne Rand, president; Gladys Hetzel, vice president; Lester Jenkins, treasurer; Harold Benson, Father William Hunker, Rev. Laidler, Don Roesner, Carmen Tranchell and Harold Wellman.

Also attending the meeting were many township supervisors, St. Johns City Manager Randy Humphrey, hospital administrator Paul McNamara, Mid-Michigan District Health Department director Joseph Latoff, and the project consultants from Michigan Aftercare Development, Inc.

The nursing home project will go before the MMSHSA board Feb. 14 and if it passes, it will be voted upon by the state health department which will make the final decision if a certificate of need will be granted or not.

300 attend Family Day

By Sharon Randall
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Clinton County

The new theme for 4-H in Clinton County is "4-H, a family affair," and so it was Saturday for nearly 300 4-H members and their families and other community people.

They spent the day at St. Johns High School, participating in an impressive assortment of hands-on and demonstration workshops.

The new "4-H Family Day" offered "something for everyone," and participants could each choose two different classes from 28 subjects offered by 30 resource people.

Theresa Dow, Clinton County 4-H youth agent, said the day

was a big enough success to warrant a repeat next year.

People registered from all over the county, according to Miss Dow. They came from DeWitt, Bath, Laingsburg, Ovid-Elsie, Eagle, Wacousta, Pewamo, Westphalia, Maple Rapids and St. Johns.

The three most popular classes were disco dancing, karate and clowning. Other classes included three levels of photography, livestock judging, dairy, horse foot care, rabbits, leather, macrame, tube painting, decoupage, rope horses, personalizing your wardrobe and genealogy.

Jewett Career School did a session on modeling and pose and Capitol City Lumber taught a woodworking workshop. St. Johns Co-op ran the horse nutrition session and April Gill of Wildwood led a group in dry flower arrangements. Jerry and Sharon Reha directed a first aid class.

Stormy weather takes toll on school schedules

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

Call them "Act of God" days. Call them snow days. Call them a mini vacation from school. It doesn't really matter what they are called. The point is, there sure has been a lot of them this winter.

Under state law, school missed because of bad weather conditions does not have to be made up. Each school system has to offer 180 days of school. But, if an "Act of God" prevents

school from opening on a scheduled day, that day doesn't have to be re-scheduled.

Usually there are several days during the winter months that school is called off because of poor road conditions. But, this year Clinton County schools are using this year's quota of snow days as well as next year's.

Of the six school districts within Clinton County's border, St. Johns is the largest with 4,298 students and Fowler is the smallest with 781 students. Between these two school

districts, a total of 18 days of school

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Bridal Fair beckons the engaged

St. Johns

Nassau in the Bahamas sounds especially enticing during the winter months, and a lucky engaged couple will win a free honeymoon trip to the Bahamas when their names are chosen in a special drawing at the 2nd Annual Bridal Fair Sunday, Feb. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Smith Hall, St. Johns.

The honeymoon excursion will be offered through Anderson International Travel Agency in Lansing, one of 16 exhibitors at the Bridal Fair.

Last year over 200 people attended the first St. Johns Bridal Fair, and organizers of this year's event led by chairperson Sharon Ruby and co-chairperson Dan Rehmann, are hoping last year's attendance will be significantly topped. There is no admission charge.

To highlight the afternoon, a fashion show featuring bridal gowns and accessories from Forever Yours Bridal Boutique in Ovid and After 6 tuxedos from Rehmann's Clothing will begin at 4 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon, reception music will be provided for the enjoyment of those attending the bridal show by the Algie Watkins Band of Lansing. Punch will be served by Someplace Else Restaurant in St. Johns, and Sharon's Cakes and Supplies of St. Johns will have wedding cake to sample.

Other St. Johns merchants to present ideas to those soon to be wed include

Ann's Coiffures; the Briggs Company Real Estate; Clinton Home Center, Inc. offering decorating tips; Capitol Savings and Loan and Clinton National Bank and Trust with financial information; and Fitch Studio specializing in wedding photography and formal portraits.

Harr's Jewelry will show a collection of engagement rings, wedding bands; St. Johns Reminder will display wedding invitations and accessories; Woodbury's Flower Shop will offer help in selecting floral arrangements and corsages for a wedding; and Becker Furniture of Fowler will aid in the home furnishing department.

Master of ceremonies for the afternoon will be Sue Berg of St. Johns.



Top school official

Dr. Katz, deputy superintendent of schools, spoke at the Fowler Concerned Citizens For Better Education meeting Monday night. Topic

of his presentation was "State Board of Education rules and regulations for local school boards." (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Changing times reflected in hospital



Someone hold me

J C Fitch, III isn't sure if he likes having his picture taken or not. His tee shirt reads, "I was born at Clinton Memorial Hospital." (Photo by Sue Kiley)

St. Johns

There was a time when having a baby was an experience for a woman and her child to share. The father was considered a visitor. Times have changed.

Clinton Memorial Hospital's family-centered obstetrical care was recently enjoyed by John and Linda Fitch of St. Johns. Of course, John Charles Fitch III, at 7-pounds, 7-ounces, also seemed to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and all the attention from mom and dad. At Clinton Memorial, the obstetrical staff believes that having a baby is a FAMILY event. Fathers are special. They are not considered visitors and are welcome to be with the mother and new baby whenever it's convenient.

Newborns spend a lot of time in the mother's room so the two of them can get acquainted. Fathers are encouraged to put on a gown and help care for the baby to get acquainted, too.

By special arrangement

with the nursing staff, brothers and sisters are welcome to see the new arrival through the nursery window. They can visit with mom in the family lounge near the nursery.

The Fitches, owners of Fitch Photographic Studio in St. Johns, admit that little J.C. III may be one of the most photographed babies in town. J.C. and other babies born at Clinton Memorial are given an infant-size T-shirt which says, "I was born at Clinton Memorial Hospital" -- printed in blue for boys and pink for girls, of course.

Another feature of the hospital's family-centered care enjoyed by the Fitches was the candlelight steak dinner provided the evening before the mother and baby are discharged. The Clinton Memorial dietary department tries to make the dinner a very special event for all new parents.

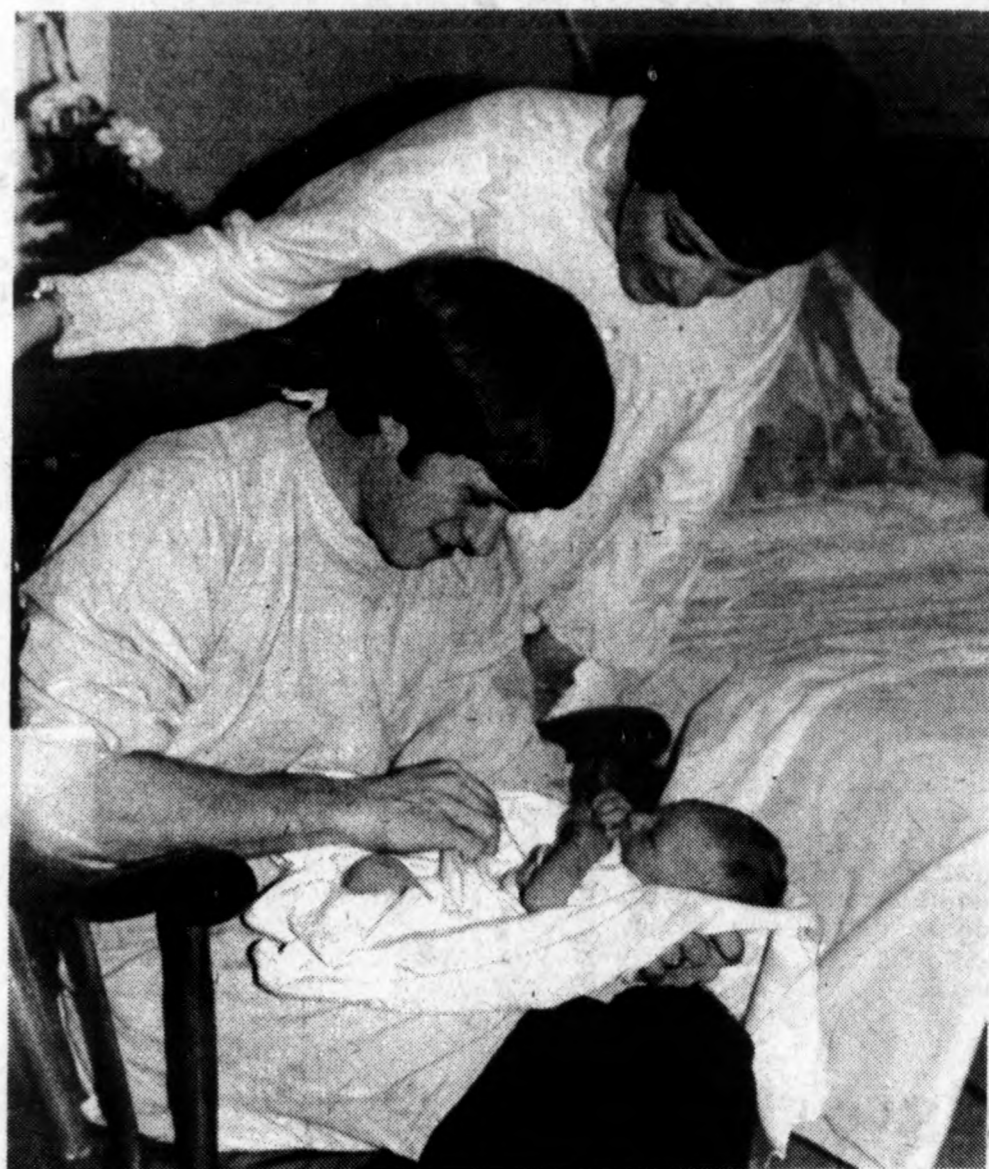
The Fitches ever enthusiastically recommend the Expectant classes they attended at Clinton Memorial. The classes are required if

the couple expects to request permission for the father to be present in the delivery room. Linda said, "I don't think I could have managed without John's help."

Perhaps someday John Charles Fitch, III will have the opportunity of seeing a baby brother or sister through the nursery window ... wouldn't that make a great picture!

Film for peace shown

"Testimony" a film about the workers' strike at J.P. Stevens, textile company, will be shown at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting at the E. Lansing Library, 950 Abbott Rd. Thursday February 8 at 8 p.m.



Family time

Linda Fitch looks at her new son, J C, while her husband John holds him. John was in the delivery room when their son was born. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Dr. Reiswig joins hospital

St. Johns

Stanley D. Reiswig, D.O., has joined the medical staff of Clinton Memorial Hospital. Dr. Reiswig is a specialist in anesthesiology.

He comes to Clinton Memorial from serving on the staffs of Northeast Ohio General Hospital in Madison, Ohio; Geneva Memorial Hospital, Geneva, Ohio and Warren Community Hospital, Warren, Ohio.

Dr. Reiswig served his residencies in anesthesiology at Flint Osteopathic Hospital, Flint, and at Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1967 and served his internship at Lakeside Hospital in Kansas City. He is a member of the Ohio Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Reiswig's wife, Lila, is also a physician and is serving a residency in thoracic surgery at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. The Reiswigs and their son have recently moved to the area.

Clinton Memorial Hospital Administrator Paul E. McNamara said, "Dr. Reiswig comes to us with very high recommendations. We are very fortunate in having him join our active medical staff."



Stanley Reiswig

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Hearing slated

The priority of health services to be implemented in Clinton County, as well as other Health Service Area 2 counties including Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson and Lenawee, will be the topic of a public hearing at the Michigan Mid-South Health Systems Agency, Inc. (MMSHA) office at 528 Mason Plaza, in Mason on Jan. 31.

The public hearing is set for 1 p.m. The plan is available for inspection at Bement Public Library in St. Johns. Written and verbal comments regarding the 1979-80 Annual Implementation Plan must be submitted before Jan. 31.



America and Me

Linda Goerge (right) placed first in the Fowler America and Me essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. She is the daughter of Tony and Clarita Goerge and is an eighth grader at Fowler Middle School. Placing second and third in the essay contest were Sam Johnson (middle), son of C.L. and Pat Johnson; and Jenny Johnson, foster daughter of Jerome and Arlene Thelen, both eighth graders at Fowler Middle School. Their teacher is Suzi Makarauskas. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

4 zoning requests approved; 2 nixed

By Tom Nowak
Staff Writer

St. Johns

Clinton County Board of commissioners Tuesday approved four zoning requests but turned down two more.

Approved with little discussion were requests by Stanley Loomis and Harry Patterson. Loomis asked that 40 acres in Watertown Township be rezoned from residential to agricultural so he can enter it under the Farmland Preservation Act.

Patterson asked that property east of St. Johns, now the site of a farm implement store, be zoned business from residential. Patterson wanted the change so he could expand the business.

Approved after more questioning was a special use permit for Larry Karber to dig a gravel pit near the corner of Colony and Scott Roads.

The permit was only granted after requiring Karber to post a \$20,000 bond. The commission said the bond was necessary to enforce the other conditions of the permit, which include fencing and reclamation.

Roger Overway, commission chairman, said he approved of the change provided the zoning department could enforce the provisions of the four-year permit. He said it did not enforce a stop-work order at the pit earlier.

"The permit can be enforced with the cooperation of the county prosecutor's office," said Jack Nelson, county zoning administrator.

The commission also approved another special use permit for a gravel pit. The pit, owned by American Excavators, is located just south of Grand River Avenue on Wacoosta Road.

This permit required a \$15,000 bond along with dust abatement, restoration and rehabilitation plan. No requirements for fencing were made. Nelson said the pit was fenced but the fence was in poor condition.

The commission turned down a request by Michael Zigler for rezoning of property north of St. Johns.

The land, which is between the VFW Hall and Albert Galloway's on the west side of US-27, is now zoned for business. Zigler

wanted to have the land rezoned to light industrial so he could build a warehouse for electrical supplies.

The project got preliminary approval after the Mid-Michigan District Health Department said the building did not need sanitary facilities. Zigler said no full-time employees would be at the warehouse.

But commissioners said they feared that rezoning the parcel for light industry could create problems later, since industrial development other than warehousing could take place.

The request was refused 6-5 and sent back to the zoning commission.

The commission also turned down a request by Otto Balzer for rezoning of property in the far southeastern corner of Bath Township. Balzer requested the change so he could establish a 50-lot subdivision on the corner of Peacock and Coleman Roads.

Balzer originally requested a 39-lot subdivision at a lower-density zoning. But a county road commission requirement that all subdivisions have curbs and



Milliman heads MPA

Richard Milliman, publisher of the Clinton County News, as well as 12 other Michigan weekly newspapers and two shopping guides, was installed as president of the Michigan Press Association at the conclusion of the MPA convention Saturday. (Photo by Bill Donahue)

Historical Society marks 5th anniversary

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County

February will mark the fifth anniversary of the Clinton County Historical Society which was started here in 1974 in anticipation of the nation's bicentennial and the recognition of a real need for preserving the history of this rural county.

Hila Bross called the meeting of history buffs that year in observance of National History Week. The first officers were Doug Carpenter, Bob Barnes, Faye Hansen, John Rumbaugh and Jan Seperic.

Over the past five years the society has become a vital organization here undertaking many projects designed to preserve, promote and recognize area history.

"Our crowning achievement is certainly the home tours," Betty Moore, publicity chairman said. "Through them we have

brought state-wide recognition to our county seat," she said. "As well as being our major money making event, the tours bring the community together," she said. "Hundreds of people work to assure their success." Mrs. Moore said the society plans a fourth tour this fall.

The society's most tangible success is the County Historical Museum, first housed in the Victorian cottage on Oakland Street and soon to be opened in the Paine-Gilliam-Scott House on Maple Street (the former Mid-Michigan District Health Department).

The new museum which will probably be opened for Michigan Week in May will be a "showplace" according to Mrs. Moore. John and Catherine Rumbaugh are directing a crew of volunteers in the building's complete renovation. Workers report to the new museum every Monday and Wednesday. Mrs. Moore said drop-

in help is always needed.

The group's first project was publishing a reprint of the History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties-1880. They also printed a tour book of the county, reprinted original old postcards and an 1864 map of the county that are all still available.

An essay contest for county students has been sponsored yearly since 1975. The 500 essays collected are going to be compiled by townships and will be ready when the new museum opens.

The society also promotes historical happenings such as the 1876 signs that were placed on many county homes. These are now being documented with pictures and descriptions by Jean Martin. The "St. Johns Bicycle Band" was sponsored by the society. Other activities include sending delegates to history and museum conferences and membership in national and state history organizations.


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Disco overwhelms St. Johns

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

St. Johns

Disco dancing is taking over the town and the husband of the young woman responsible says "she's created a monster."

Sue Berg, who by day is program director for the Michigan Dairy Council, has virtually turned the whole community into disco dancers.

Saturday she taught a workshop at the 4-H family day here and her 76 participants ranged in age from four years to "what ever it is when you leave the 'age optional' spot on the registration form blank," according to Theresa Dow, 4-H youth agent.

Sue Berg's disco started this fall when she agreed to teach a session in Adult Education. "The response was overwhelming," says director John Furry. "This is easily our most popular class

right now." Sue's fall sessions were filled with 68 people and 90 more were placed on a waiting list. Her three winter term adult sessions total 110 students.

As part of an after-school section for youngsters through Adult Education, Mrs. Berg has 35 fourth, fifth and sixth graders doing disco. Lynn Block, one of her students from the fall class, is teaching disco to 37 first, second and third graders.

Adult Education secretary, Vicki Waggoner, said the disco classes rival the long popular "Women's Swim and Trim" class. "The popular classes help pay for some of the classes that don't quite fill up," Mrs. Waggoner said. "In lots of subjects if we can hold a class once with only eight members; word of mouth alone makes it successful the next term," she explained. Mrs. Berg conducted a

disco day for the Community Resource Volunteers program last Monday, teaching fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Eureka and East Essex Elementary Schools. She will do a similar program at Riley and East Olive next week.

Eureka principal, Fidelis Cameron is shopping for a "Saturday Night Fever" record. "They loved it," Mrs. Cameron said, "and everyone participated. We

are going to have an afternoon dance soon." On top of all that, Mrs. Berg is teaching two private sessions. One is for advanced students from her fall class. Add another 60 people to the disco list. What all this means is that some days, besides working all day, she is dancing non-stop for four and six hours. "It looked alright on paper," she said, "and my enthusiasm is still

there, but—my body is getting a little tired.

Enthusiasm is what makes disco a popular dance, exercise. According to Mrs. Berg, it has no age barrier and is great fun for families to share. It offers rhythm, coordination and fun.

As a former teacher, Mrs. Berg has finally hit upon a subject that all her students love.



Food stamp run predicted

In an attempt to alleviate congestion at food stamp issuance sites, Michigan Department of Social Services officials have asked coupon recipients to delay redeeming their Authorization-to-Purchase (ATP) cards if possible in February.

The ATP cards are sent to most eligible recipients

during the first week of the month to enable them to pick up their allotment of food stamps.

"We're asking recipients to please wait a couple of days before redeeming the ATP cards for stamps to avoid long lines at the issuance sites," explained Dave Wigent, in charge of

corrective actions for the MDSS Office of Food Programs.

Wigent said the problem was anticipated by U.S. Postal Service officials who "feared run on post office issuance sites because of the elimination of the purchase requirement for food stamps.

DeWitt heard 'round the world

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt

A DeWitt man's voice is heard in China. An Alaskan housewife picks up on the conversation while an Iowa farmer listens intently. Four people in different parts of the world have become friends via the HAM radio.

Three years ago there were 16 HAM radio operators in Clinton County. Today the figure has more than doubled.

"There is no visual discrimination connected with HAM radios," Warren Cross, local enthusiast said. "People are all on an equal basis."

HAM radio operators are not to be confused with CBers. The HAMs are a more technical oriented group who must pass federal licensing before they are allowed on the airwaves.

Marion Stoner of Airport Road has been a HAM radio operator for 38 years. He took a hobby of electronics and made it into a profession. Cross, on the other

hand, was teaching electronics and turned what he was teaching into his hobby.

Marion's wife, Beverley is 20 years behind her husband as far as the radio goes. When they married she knew very little about being a HAM operator. She soon found if she couldn't beat it she was going to have to join it and she did.

It took her three times to pass the test given in Detroit, but she did. Now she spends a major portion of her day taking messages for people over the airwaves.

Mostly she takes messages for servicemen. It's nothing for her to handle 500 a month. At Christmas time they patched calls from the radio into the phones so servicemen could talk to their families. The closest call came from off the coast of Africa.

The purpose of the HAM radio operator is to promote public service, help with emergency communications and spread international goodwill.

There are five classes of licensing including the

novice, technician, general, advanced and extra. The difference between the classes is the number of words an operator can copy in a minute. The more words, the more privileges the operator has.

Every operator must know the Morse code before they can take the test. The code is never referred to as dot-dash but instead dit-dah or di-di-dit.

"It takes some concentration to do the Morse code," Cross said. "You have to practice just like when you learn to ride a bike."

HAMs were given airspace in the past because no one else wanted it according to the local members. The operators have a lot of good spectrums which others thought to be useless until recently.

Last year in the United States there were 348,679 amateur radio operators in the United States. In fact, they have their own version of a telephone book.

Eric Keck, 15-years-old, learned Morse code with a friend and then decided he'd like to become an oper-

ator. He took the class from Cross.

"I like the code a lot better than voice," said Keck. "Besides then I can send secret messages."

The Morse code is in English so it doesn't matter if the operator is communicating with a Russian, German, or someone from Japan. Everyone can understand.

From the moment the Stoners get up in the morning their set goes on. As Mrs. Stoner goes about her daily activities she keeps one ear tuned in on the radio. She has heard emergency calls and has helped out by calling police agencies or medical personnel.

Handicapped people and those confined to the home find the HAM radios a way to get out. Some stay on the air from morning until night. Others just listen.

Every 10 minutes the operator must identify himself with call letters such as K8VWY or K8ZJU. A log must also be kept of specific traffic.

A class is currently being taught by Cross on HAM radios through the DeWitt

High School community education program.



Dancing feet

"You're never too young for the disco," say these small dancers who are getting in on the action in after school classes through St. Johns Adult and Community Education. Their teacher, Lynn Block learned from the local disco champ, Sue Berg. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

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HAM operators

It takes awhile to learn how to operate a HAM radio but to Eric Keck, Marion Stoner, Warren Cross, and Beverley Stoner it was worth it to be able to talk around the world. Every call has to be logged. The Stoners have their radio shack in the basement of their home. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

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SJ cuts energy, fuel bills

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

How can you get more energy for less money? Ask Bob Keisel, systems engineer for St. Johns public schools.

"Ever since the fuel embargo, we've learned how to save energy. Don't spend money you don't have to," advises Keisel.

Since the days of "cheap energy" in 1971 and 1972, overall energy consumption in St. Johns schools has been decreased by 30 percent. Sometimes the fuel bill doesn't reflect those cost cutting measures, but then inflation has taken quite a bite of that savings, says Keisel.

Back in 1971, thermostats inside school buildings were set at 72 to 75 degrees all day and all night long, except the high school which turned down at night. Today, reducing temperatures in buildings when not in use is the biggest energy saving technique.

St. Johns began with an automatic shutdown control for ventilation fans in Riley, East Olive, and East Essex and Eureka schools. The state health code for schools require fresh air be pumped

in, but when students aren't in the building, the ventilation fans could be shut off.

After this, some of the temperature control systems in the older schools such as Central Elementary were improved. At Central, a night set-back temperature at 7 a.m. to warm the control turns down the heat and a warm-up control starts at 5 a.m. and shuts off at 7 a.m. to warm the building for use.

During the day, classroom temperatures are kept to a 68 to 70-degree maximum. During the night, when students aren't in the building, the temperature drops to 50 degrees. In most other schools, 55 is the night setting.

Besides turning the temperature down, St. Johns maintenance crews have installed new windows on Rodney B. Wilson Junior High, put storm windows on Swegles and Central school and replaced former one-pane windows at Perrin-Palmer with thermal pane glass.

Hot water boilers used to be set twice a year, at either 180 or 210 degrees, based on the coldest anticipated outside temperature. Now re-set controls on the hot water boilers have been installed and based upon the daily temperature outside, boilers

don't overheat the water to expend heat that isn't necessary.

St. Johns also has utilized a "solar heat compensator" which is actually just a thermometer in the sun saying how much heat is generated by the sun. If the sun shines and warms the buildings, the hot water boiler temperature can be reduced.

Keisel has also found that it is unnecessary to heat a building when the outside temperature is 56 degrees or warmer.

Lighting improvements have significantly cut down on the electricity bill. By going from incandescent to fluorescent lighting, the illumination has been increased while the charge has been declining. "We get more light for less money,"

says up Keisel.

For example, the Rodney B. Wilson gymnasium was relighted with \$2,700 worth of lights. However, Keisel estimates the school system will save over \$3,000 this year alone by switching the mode of lighting.

In addition, using more energy-efficient tubes in present fluorescent lighting units is saving money.

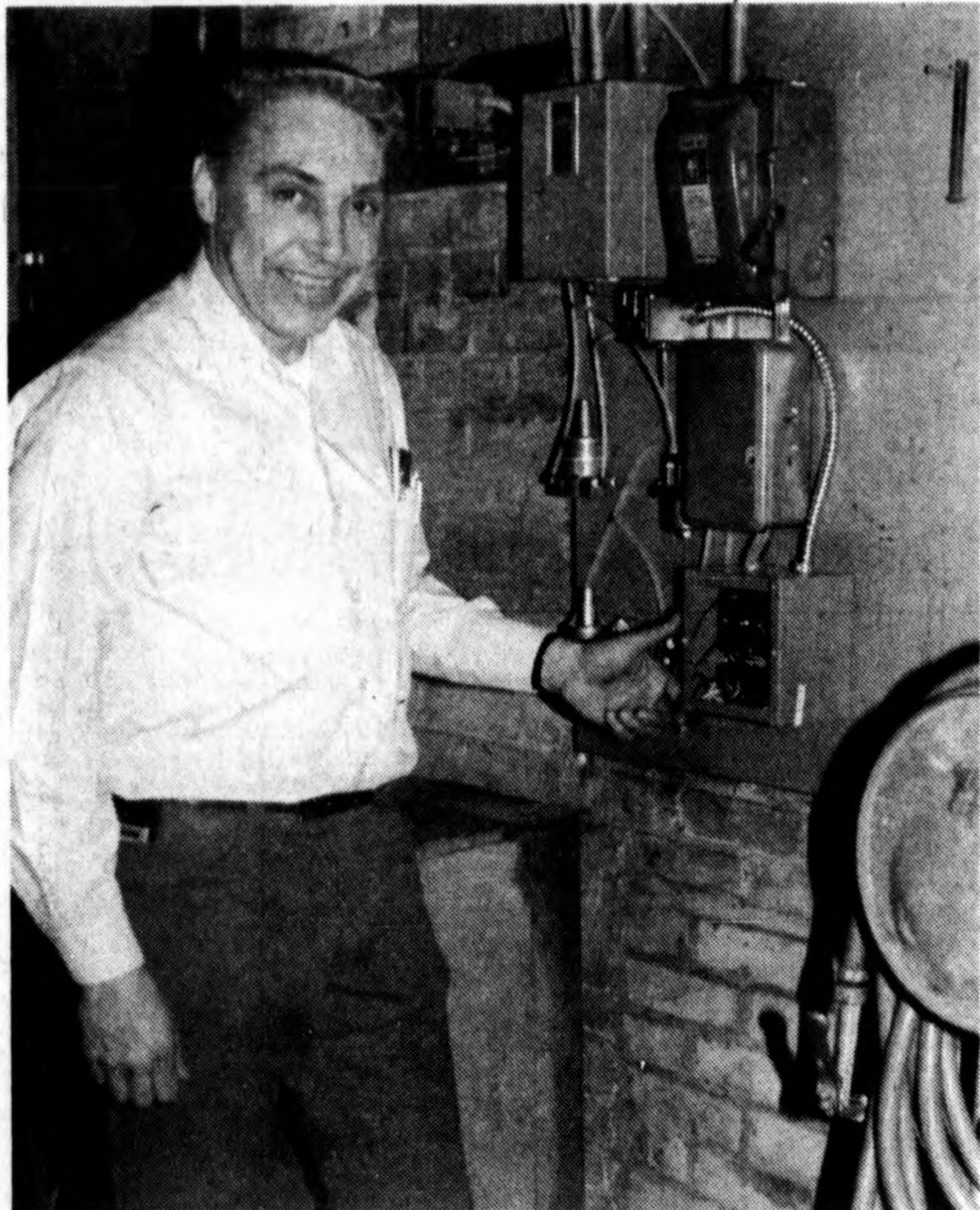
Presently, St. Johns has about 10,000 tubes in use, of which 2,000 get replaced on a yearly basis. Each new energy-efficient tube saves five watts, or about \$1 yearly for energy. When all 10,000 tubes have been changed over, the school system will be saving \$10,000 yearly compared to when the former fluorescent tubes were used.

Keisel has been studying the energy picture, keeping

close tabs with facts and figures to back up his endeavors, to prove that they are working.

In 1970, the school system was paying 1.9 cents a kilowatt hour for light. Now it is paying 6.8 cents, but the light bill hasn't multiplied by five. "You could see what would happen to us if we weren't instituting these measures, though," says Keisel.

What's next? If the federal government will come along with some money to try some more energy-saving techniques, then St. Johns might go for more expensive and elaborate methods to save energy. Thus far most of the work has cost relatively little, and the present staff has completed the work. But the "little" cost cutters are just about exhausted.



Heat saver

Bob Keisel, systems engineer for the St. Johns public schools, has installed a heat regulation system in Central School allowing the building to be turned down to 50 degrees at night, and then warmed up shortly before school day begins. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Couple found dead in Eagle

Eagle
A 21-year-old Detroit man and his 14-year-old girlfriend were found dead in a rest area on I-96 near Eagle Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Detective Sgt. Dale Welton of the Michigan State Police Lansing Post said that Consuello Murphy and his

girlfriend, Octavia Reynolds, both of Detroit, were found dead in their car about 10:30 a.m. by State Highway Department employee Delmer Brace. It is believed the two committed suicide. "The driver had put a hose from the exhaust pipe into the trunk," Welton said.

Autopsies conducted the same day at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns showed that the two died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Time of death is estimated to have been between 6 and 7 a.m.

According to Welton, the highway department employee saw the two parked in the rest area as early as 7:30 a.m. However, he didn't suspect anything was wrong until he came back later in the morning and saw that they were still there with the car running.

State police, along with paramedics from Grand Ledge, were summoned to the scene.

A trooper got there right away and broke the window out. He thought maybe they were alive...but they weren't," Welton said. "Paramedics were called but they couldn't do anything for them either."

Welton, who has met with family members of both the deceased, said that Murphy, who was in the Navy, had been dating Reynolds against the wishes of the girl's parents.

"The girl was 14 and not supposed to be going out with the guy," he explained. "Her mother didn't approve, and told both of them not to be together."

The couple left Detroit Monday, phoning their families around 1:30 p.m. to say they were going away together and that they shouldn't worry. Neither of them had seemed despondent, Welton said.

"They were in love with each other and weren't supposed to be together," Welton said, "but apparently they wanted to be."

3 get tickets

DeWitt City

Three persons were ticketed in two days for failing to stop for school buses in DeWitt City.

One person was cited Tuesday and reported in last week's paper. Thomas Zielaskowski, Tumbleweed Lane

and Chelli Kopsky, Westbrook Drive, both of DeWitt were ticketed on Wednesday for this offense.

DeWitt City police will continue following school buses and citing people for failing to stop while the red flashers are operating.

Society holds Depression Night

St. Johns

It will be "Depression Night" for the February meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society and members and guests will attend in clothing apropos to that period.

Dandys in pinstripe suits and fedora hats or the down-and-out in overalls and patched shoes will arrive at 8 p.m. for the Thursday Feb. 15 meeting at the St. Johns

Municipal Building. Costumes will depend upon memories or impressions of that era.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willyoung will have part of their extensive collection of depression glass on display and will give the program. Willyoung, from St. Johns, is past vice-president of the Michigan Depression Glass Association.

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S.K. Thingstad, Treasurer
Watertown Charter Township
12803 S. Wacousta Rd.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

St. Johns City Commission Minutes

January 8, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:36 p.m.

COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah
COMM. ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager, Richard L. Coletta, Acting City Clerk, Paul A. Maples, City Atty.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Starck to approve the Mins. of Dec. 11, 1978 and the Dec. 18, 1978 Special Meeting as amended.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the Warrants.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah to approve the Warrants.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart asked for additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were four additions.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre to approve the Agenda as amended.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Acting City Clerk presented the Tire Bids.
Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre to accept Hub Tire's bid of \$932.36 for four grader tires and installation.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The City Manager gave a brief background of the South Oakland Sewer.
The engineer submitted a report on costs.
The City Manager recommended that the City proceed to the next step and authorize the design engineering.
Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Manager be authorized to proceed with the Manager's Report which will include engineering design and cost estimates for the South Oakland St. Sanitary Sewer project.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Manager be authorized to conduct a study of the Zoning Ord. and to make recommendations to the City Comm. on alterations to the Zoning Ord. City policies and methods that would affect a better enforcement of the noxious weed and junk car and trash Ord.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Atty. be authorized to draw up a proposed amendment to the zoning Ord. that would rezone 806,902, 810, 904 and 908 S. Scott Road from Low Density Residential to General Comm. and that the Ord. include the looped water main as recommended by the eng. and that this water main be paid for by the developers.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Starck. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Atty. be authorized to draft an amendment to the Zoning Ord. that would rezone the Road Comm. property from Municipal Center to High Performance Industrial.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre. NAY: Hannah. Motion carried.

The City Manager presented a request for the Dec. payment on the Wastewater project.
Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Manager be authorized to make Contractor Payment #4 to Barton-Malow Co. in the amount of \$317,311.76 subject to the receipt of EPA funds and that the City Manager be authorized to make a payment to Hubbell, Roth & Clark Co. in the amount of \$17,439.93 subject to the receipt of EPA funds.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize approval of change order #4R and that the City Manager be authorized to make the final payment to D.A. Kloote Cont., Inc. in the amount of \$13,362.99 subject to receipt of EPA funds and also subject to review by the City Atty. and City Manager regarding all liens and a submittal of all necessary documentation.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the final payment to Charles J. Rogers Const. Co. and that the final change order #2, be tabled subject to receipt of the proper documentation of his declaration, his affidavit, and consent of surety concerning final payment, and also evidence that the liens pending and potential against his company be resolved to the City's satisfaction.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City approve Mr. Randolph's request and eliminate the City's 10% discount on Solid Waste, effective Jan. 1, 1979, until the City Manager can report to the City Comm. with an updated solid waste disposal study.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that a Public Hearing for Ord. #305 be set for Feb. 12, 1979.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart appointed himself to the Audit Comm. to take the place of Comm. Hannah while he is in Florida.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the Fire Hall Fund be withdrawn from the General Fund and placed in some other account, earmarked only for the Fire Hall.
Comm. Roesner and Comm. Brockmyre withdrew their motion.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Manager be authorized to study the Fire Hall fund and that he report back to the City Comm. at the next meeting.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. approve the implementation and enforcement program of Ord. #278 (Cross-connection) and that this program be submitted to the proper authorities at the State.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Manager be authorized to secure an engineer to prepare specs. and bids for the water tank maintenance program.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. approve the expenditure for the repair of the City's no. 6 well.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Manager be authorized to have Layne Northern install new bearings on #1 and 2 high service pumps and also install a new check valve on #2 high service pump.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Roesner that the tree removal project proceed as outlined by the D.P.W. Supt., Wendell Waggoner, for the amounts listed and to include removal of the stumps, in this project.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Manager or designee be authorized to pursue the tree planting program which would involve advertising the program, collecting the names of any persons interested in participating in the program by having trees planted in the parkway or on their property and that the location of all new trees be coordinated with the Police Dept and the Miss Dig program.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. respectfully accept the resignation of Lyle Huntoon, with regrets, and that the City Manager be authorized to send a letter of commendation and thanks to Lyle Huntoon.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Starck to table the Planning Comm. appointment until the next City Comm. Meeting.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the Land and Water Conservation fund grants be referred to the Park Board with the suggestion that the Park Board consider the const. of shuffle-board courts at the Senior Citizens park.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the Acting City Clerk be authorized to send a letter to the Liquor Control Comm. waiving any part of the license fee for the current year, for a liquor license transferred to St. Johns from Burt Township in Alger County.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the Industrial Development Committee.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Mayor Arehart that Comm. Hannah's request for excused leave absence from Jan. 10 thru March 10, 1979 be approved.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart called a Special Meeting for January 15, 1979, at 7:00 p.m.
Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Roesner to adjourn.
YEA: Arehart, Starck, Roesner, Brockmyre, Hannah. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

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Editorial Page

Don't tell me it's 83 degrees in Panama

In from the cold came a woman garbed in a dark heavy woolen coat bulging from a bulky sweater worn underneath, tall boots, a scarf wound round and round her head and across a good portion of her face. "Do you know that it's 83 degrees in Panama?" she spouted.

Why, no. That wasn't one of the thoughts in my head right then. I could only think of that cold piercing wind that seemed to draw my breath out and dry the skin on my cheeks. Winter does have its advantages.

For example:

—Cross country skiing would be a bit rough across the corn stubbles adjacent to my house if it weren't for snow.

—Christmas wouldn't be Christmas unless there was snow decorating the trees.

—I probably would have bought something unnecessary with the \$30 invested to have my car winterized—meaning it will now start (occasionally) when the thermometer drops below zero degrees.

—How would I ever see what the

latest styles in winter coats was if it wasn't cold?

—Everyone gets tired of working on that blasted garden. Cold weather sure offers a great excuse.

—My husband, the teacher, needs a few "Act of God" snow days to get the insulation and shelves up in the basement.

—Cold weather gives my grandmother something to write about when she sends me a letter.

—I needed incentive to work on that mending. That cold air sure shows you quickly where a seam needs reinforcement.

—Driving skills in winter increase. In what other season can you learn to drive sideways while going down US-27?

—In winter you can try a new hairdo and if it doesn't work, you have until June before you have to take your hat off.

—If it wasn't for winter, I wouldn't have read 10 books (or put on 10 pounds from inactivity.)

—Thank heaven for winter weather. Without it I wouldn't have written this column.



By Patrice Hornak



By Ruth Delo

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

Health habits for senior citizens

An important point in maintaining good health is the development of good health habits.

Most important is DIET. As we grow older, our dietary habits seem to become more deeply entrenched causing a deficiency in our diet. Most people get enough carbohydrates and fats in their meals, but protein is often inadequate. Meat, fish, dairy products and vegetables, such as beans, are good sources of protein.

Several glasses of milk a day can give all the vitamins needed except vitamin C which can be obtained by drinking a glass of orange juice or tomato juice. Vitamin tablets should not be necessary. Dietary excess can be even more harmful than dietary inadequacies.

We all are aware that being over weight shortens life. The over weight person is more likely to have high blood pressure. Heart disease, strokes and diabetes. Older people tend to be less active and burn fewer calories, so often there is an increase in weight.

Despite all that has been said, calorie reduction is the only proven way to reduce weight. Even dieting can be hazardous if they are deficient in essential food stuffs or combined improperly for such disorders such as diabetes or heart disease. For this reason a diet should be supervised closely by a physician and fad diets should be avoided.

A second good health habit is PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. Experiments prove that enforced inactivity results in deteriorated functions of many body parts. After inactivity, it takes months before normal functions are restored. As we get older and usually less active we undergo, to some degree, body changes. By normal physical activity these changes can be prevented.

If an older person is in good health, no harm should come from doing such things as playing golf, gardening working with tools and other activities of this nature.

Perhaps of equal value are the psychological benefits of physical activity. Tensions are relaxed, steam is let off and satisfaction is gained from personal accomplishments. Avoid exertion. The person who gets into trouble is the one who seldom exercises and then decides to do something like snow shoveling or chopping wood.

Physical exercise should always be associated with rest. A nap after lunch or some rest periods during the day, serve to recharge a person who would otherwise be chronically fatigued.

A third factor in good health habits is EXPOSURE to the elements. The older person tends to be more susceptible to cold weather. Their circulation is poorer, especially in the feet and this makes a person a more likely candidate for frost bite. Avoid prolonged exposure to cold and keep the feet warm and dry, when out in cold weather.

An older person has more of a problem adjusting to hot weather than does a younger person. They cannot dissipate body heat as readily and are more likely to suffer from heat exhaustion or heat strokes. This can be prevented by reducing physical activity during hot weather and avoiding excessive perspiration and prolonged exposure to the sun.

A fourth element in good health is the use of alcohol and tobacco. We have all read about the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco. The prolonged use of alcohol in excess can result in dietary deficiencies as well as changes in the function of the liver and nervous system. Smoking can cause a chronic cough, reduced lung function and heart disease, as everyone knows.

Risks involved with drinking and smoking can be reduced if moderation is practiced or if the habits are discontinued altogether.

A fifth health habit to point out is that of foot care. Of all the parts of the body, the feet seem to be the most common site for chronic and irritating disorders.

So—until next time.

Corns, bunions, painful joints, nail abnormalities, and other minor problems are plentiful in later years.

Minor infections should be treated immediately, especially in persons with diabetes or poor circulation, where the consequences can be serious.

A final health habit is mention is **Tooth Care**. Although it's preferable to hold on to one's own teeth as long as they're serviceable, dentures usually become necessary in later years.

If nothing is done and the ability to chew is lost, the diet often suffers. Meat and other foods requiring chewing are passed up and serious dietary deficiencies may result. Similarly, bowel disorders can often be traced to inadequately chewed food. When dentures are recommended, they should be considered as an investment which will pay continuing dividends.

Most people over 45 also have gum disease. This can usually be kept at a minimum by brushing the gums as well as the teeth. It's not the toothpaste that's important, it's the mechanical action of brushing. An annual dental checkup is very important.

This material was adopted from a presentation by Sister Mary Honora Kroger P.H.D., administrative assistant and associate professor of the Department of Community Health Science, MSU

In our area there are services available for senior citizens through the Mid-Michigan District Health Department Home health, blood pressure screening, hearing and vision screening, immunization, such as influenza are a few that are offered.

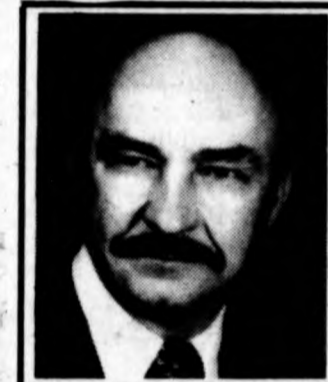
If you have any questions about these services as to when they are scheduled and where they are held or any other inquiries call the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, at 224-7772.

So—until next time.

the end of the earth. I probably clipped this from an old magazine. If someone has this old prophesy it would be interesting if they would publish it in the Clinton County News.

We have not had our roofs cave in from weight of snow. Like Mrs. Delo, I enjoy talking (gabbing) over the telephone, so I agree we have nothing to complain about.

One who likes to read prophesy, Mrs. Pearl Blank P.S. We have also been reading "Snowbound" by John Greenleaf Whittier.



Reforms aren't working right

By Richard L. Milliman

It's always interesting to listen to politicians talk about being in office—after they're out. Sometimes what they have to say seems to ring with a somewhat cleaner clarity than when they were holding office.

A current case in point might well be the recently published interviews with some of the record 98 persons who were in Congress last year, but aren't this year. Listen to some of their comments on the growing influence of pressure groups.

Former Sen. James Abourezk of South Dakota thinks pressure groups tend to stifle legislative controversy:

"Controversy means nothing but trouble. You have to spend all of your time defending yourself. So you try to operate as quietly as possible and offend as few powerful interest groups as possible."

Former Rep. Lloyd Meeds of Washington talks in much the same terms:

"You tend to be less willing to take on tough issues. I'm a little too liberal for the times. I started to change myself to fit the times, and I looked in the mirror and didn't like what I saw."

Former Sen. Dick Clark of Iowa, who ran into a buzzsaw of anti-abortion forces last fall, is somewhat bitter about pressure groups:

"Members of the Senate and Congress are increasingly dependent on groups of special interest. It's a very, very unhealthy situation."

Apparently attempts at congressional reform haven't helped much, but, in the opinion of another ex-legislator, have tended to increase the importance of pressure groups.

Former Rep. Charles Whalen of Ohio, describing the effects of recent congressional reforms aimed at promoting ethics and openness, was disappointed.

"In 1969, there were only 177 roll call votes. In 1978, it was more than 960. We didn't have to take roll call votes on amendments to bills before the reforms. Now that this is required, it has greatly increased the focus of the groups that are interested in one subject."

Apparently, in Mr. Whalen's opinion, the reforms designed to strengthen popular control of government and

weaken the influence of special interests have worked out in exact reverse.

The "immense cost" of winning office also is of general concern: both to losers and winners in congressional races. Again, the role of special interests increases in importance.

"You're going to end up one of two ways," according to Mr. Meeds. "You're either going to be obligated or ungracious. I don't like to be either of those things."

Other former lawmakers have spoken in similar terms. Former Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, who has been absent from the public scene for several years, recently cited the cost of electioneering as one of the great problems of public service.

Being in Congress can be an invigorating ego trip for members, who face the danger of permitting their genuine power to blind them to realities, according to Mr. Whalen, who used frequent trips back home to Ohio as a safety valve. Things are different in Ohio than in Washington, he noted:

"It's a humbling experience. You're on a high for four days of the week in Washington, then you go home and you're chewed out and cussed by your constituents. It brings you down to earth pretty fast."

It's obvious from the comments of these and other departing congressmen that the system is not perfect; anything concocted by humans and operated by them faces the same criticism.

The three basic problems cited here—undue influences of pressure groups, the immense costs of seeking office, and the Washington Syndrome that isolates Congress from reality—are all genuine problems, which discerning citizens should keep in mind as they analyze the performance of their congressmen and senators.

Former Sen. Abourezk perhaps has at least the germ of a solution for all three of these problems—more frequent turnover.

"What you really need," he says, "is to make sure people don't think of themselves as lifetime legislators. They should go to Congress to make a contribution, not a career."

Amen, Mr. Abourezk. And the same goes for state and local offices, too.

★ Stormy weather

have been missed, with St. Johns reporting eight and Fowler reporting 10.

According to Fowler Superintendent Roy Ellsworth, students in his school district usually miss seven or eight days due to bad weather conditions, with eight being the maximum in recent years.

Fowler teachers have a clause in their contract stipulating that the administration has the right to request teachers to make up snow days after seven days have been lost.

Last year there were eight snow days at Fowler, and teachers weren't requested to make up that extra day. But, Ellsworth said if this year's snow day total runs to "10, 12 or 15" then those extra days will be slipped into the school calendar.

"The big loss though, (during a snow day) is for the kids not having an opportunity to get an education," said Ellsworth.

When asked what he thought of rearranging the school calendar to allow for more snow days in the winter, as suggested last year by Ovid-Elsie Superintendent Donald Kenney, Ellsworth said, "I think there has to be

something, but it's going to be very difficult time."

One idea which appeared feasible to him was to start school a little earlier in the fall and continue later in June. He cited vacations of parents in the summer and the high cost of air conditioning during the hot weather as deterrents of summer education schedules.

St. Johns Administrative Assistant Gordon Vandemark, the person who decides whether or not school should be called off, said the effect of snow days is "hard to measure." There is loss of teaching time, interruptions, resched-

uling of activities. Sometimes you think there's a degree of accountability lost. Some people can't figure out why we're not going and others can't figure out why we are."

St. Johns teachers do not have a clause limiting the number of snow days.

Last spring Ovid-Elsie's superintendent proposed a school calendar from Aug. 15 to Dec. 21 for the first semester and from Feb. 6 to June 14 for the second semester. The calendar was based upon saving energy and providing greater safety, basically.

Utility bills estimated

Because of heavy snowfalls this month, many Consumers Power customers may receive estimated gas and electric bills this month and possibly even in February.

Deep snow means that many meters have become virtually inaccessible to the

company's meter readers.

Customers will be able to determine if they received an estimated bill since all estimates are clearly shown by the symbol E in the code column in the meter reading section of the bill. The estimate will automatically be adjusted at the next actual meter reading.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Likes Ruth Delo's column

Dear Editor: I read with interest the articles written by Ruth Delo about what she did with her time while shut in during the big snowstorm, so I thought it would be interesting to tell what I have done.

We have been thumbing through an old family album that belonged to our grandparents. The earliest birthdate recorded is 1831, although one birthdate would be much farther back. They all came originally from "York State" (New York State) and always referred to first, second or third times they were back east. Michigan was a western state

back yonder, yellow was "yeller," pillow was "piller," but us "young ones" always understood.

Another thing is an old prophesy written by Mother Shipley. It is called "Mother Shipley's prophesy." It is evidently was a poem. All I remember was "men through the air will go, men with carriages without horses will go." That is all I remember. She also prophesized the end of the earth. We all know the Bible states "no man knows." It was all in rhyme which I do not know. The prophesy had come true except

Personality Profile

He's a lawyer who protects small governments

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer
DeWitt Twp.

Dick Robinson says being a township lawyer is fun. His job however, is a far cry from his original ambition of being the chief trial lawyer of his present law firm. Instead he is handling cases concerning sewers and dumps with a trial actually becoming his last resort.

Robinson always knew he wanted to be a lawyer. He explained his parents never graduated from high school, so they placed a lot of emphasis on education. After graduating from Everett High School he began his college career at Western Michigan University.

Following his second year of college, Robinson grew restless. He wasn't doing well at school and decided to drop out for awhile. The idea of being a lawyer continued to stay in the back of his mind.

"I was a hobo for about a year, playing my banjo in Mexico and the United States," Robinson said as he sat back in his chair. "I guess I just needed some time to grow up."

He went to school and graduated from Michigan State University in 1965. He went to Wayne State's law school and was hired as a lawyer in 1968. Being out in the real world as a full-fledged lawyer was not what the young man had thought it would be, but then he added, "it never is."

"Law school doesn't train students to be what I would term lawyers," he said. "They teach you to analyze and think like a lawyer, but it has to go farther than this."

Robinson compares his role as a lawyer with putting a puzzle together. The attorney must gather documents and obtain witnesses, hoping to make his case clear. Putting those items together, a lawyer has a case.

"You have to have the skill to make a complicated case look simple," he said.

"A lawyer's job is not to win every case," Robinson said. "There are rules you have to follow. I'm not going to put a person on the stand who I know is going to lie just to win my case."

After being with the law firm for 11 years, Robinson finds township government to be the most accessible governmental agency. His job is to negotiate contracts, go to court either as a prosecutor or the defense, and keep the municipalities aware of changes in the law.

"I can find job satisfaction in just about everything," Robinson commented. "The best part is knowing you've helped someone."

Dick and his wife Karen have two children, Bill and Bonnie. The family enjoys snow skiing and will try their hands at sailboating this summer. Robinson is also a history buff, especially the Civil War era. "I collect history books," Robinson said. "You won't find any law books in my house, he added with a grin."

Having some very definite ideas on how the law system should be run he says judges should not be elected. "You don't elect surgeons, which is about the same thing."



Richard Robinson

Working moms use day care center

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt

Marvalee Buck needed a place for her children to stay while she worked as a substitute teacher. Sometimes it was a hard task finding the right person to stay with the children. She found other mothers to be in the same situation, so she began the DeWitt Child Care Center.

Presently she and her staff which includes three licensed teachers, run the center for two to six-year-olds. The school started officially in September and recently received a two-year license to operate.

Mrs. Buck found there were other needs not being met in the community so she has applied to start a program for seven and eight-year-olds after school. She is already thinking about programs for this summer also.

Having a degree in special education, Mrs. Buck finds this helps her relate to the young children she works with on a daily basis. She finds it enables her to spot problems such as perception early in a child's life.

The number of children averages about 17 daily. Every day a new group of children arrives at the school located in the First Baptist Church in DeWitt.

"The idea behind the day care center was to provide a service for the community," Mrs. Buck said. "The cooperative nursery fulfills one set of needs and our school fulfills those of the working mother."

There is a certain amount of free time and then there are also the structured programs at the center. Free play allows the child to express himself but in a constructive way. The staff offers the child choices and then he decides what he would like to do with his time.

"We put some special emphasis on music," the teacher said. "The kids just love it."

In relation to learning, the child is placed in groups according to his ability rather than age. The children work with perception, reading and writing. Sometimes a fair-year-old isn't ready to cope with work done by other kids his age so he stays with a younger group. The same holds true for a child who is more advanced.

The day starts with large group sessions when all children share what they did the night before, an experience they had over the weekend or something for show and tell.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on holidays.

"We've even had calls from moms who want to know if we would be open at 6 a.m.," Mrs. Buck said with a laugh. "That's just a little early."

According to the day care operator, parents have noted positive changes in their children not only in behavior but in taking an interest in cutting, colors and books.

"Babysitters are okay," Mrs. Buck said. "But there is no stimulus for the child, or socialization. Children grow from being with other children."

The children take songs home with them and are normally very excited to tell their parents what they learned in school that day. According to Mrs. Buck it takes the children a couple of days to get used to the idea of going to school and being around other kids.

"After they have adjusted to the idea, we've had some kids who don't want to go home," she said.

Discipline is always a problem when children are around, but the center tends to deal with it in a positive manner. The approach the staff uses is keeping the children involved in constructive activities.

"When a child has too much free time or not enough to keep him busy, that's when the problems start," she said.

There are basic rules the children learn from the very first day at the center. They know they must respect each other, put away the toys they take out to play with, remember table manners, say the blessing before meals and then excuse themselves.

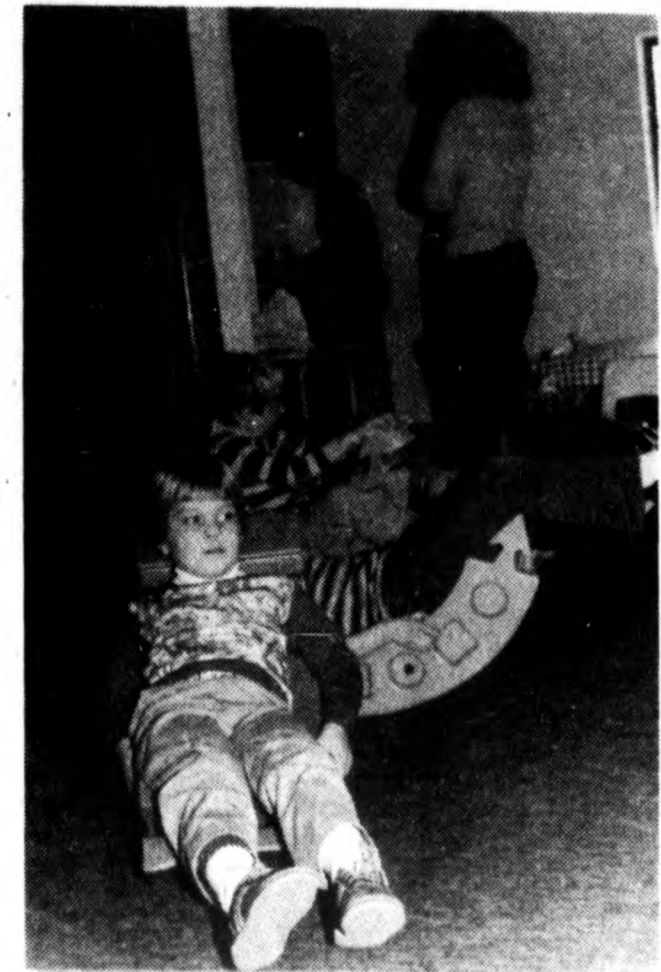
"We don't force the children to do any of these things," the teacher said. "However, we have had children sitting at the table for 45 minutes waiting for them to excuse themselves from the table."

DeWitt Public Schools provide the lunches for the day care center.

"I've found nursery school children make the transition to kindergarten a lot better than those children who didn't have the opportunity to attend," Mrs. Buck said.



Teacher Marvalee Buck gives one of her students a hug after having a snack just to let her know she's special. (Photos by Sue Kiley)



Sometimes going to a day care center can be tough work and students need a break. Playtime can turn into naptime for a few.

Looking ahead

SAILING, BOAT CLASSES—The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-14 in Lansing will be conducting sailing and motorboating classes on Tuesday evenings starting Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The classes are held at Dwight Rich Junior High in Lansing and will continue for 13 weeks. Some subjects covered are boat handling, trailering, rules of the road, piloting, weather and radiotelephone. Classes are free, however, there is an \$8 charge for books and materials.

NO-TILLAGE SEMINAR—A "Sixty to Success" seminar will be sponsored by St. Johns Co-op Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Someplace Else, St. Johns. No-tillage consultants and farm managers in this area will evaluate the profitability of no-tillage planting during the 60-minute meeting, including such topics are: equipment investment, land cost, rented ground, hired help, double-cropping, dry-weather stress, soil conditions and planting-harvest delays.

FISH SUPPER—A family-style fish supper will be served Friday, Feb. 9 by Wacousta Masonic Lodge #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 crowds are down and our waiting line is short.

ART AND ANTIQUE AUCTION—The Lansing Art Gallery will present its 4th annual Art and Antique Auction Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Lansing Hilton Inn. Both donated and consignment items are now being accepted at the Art Gallery. Deadline for entries is Feb. 5.

PANCAKE SUPPER—A pancake supper will be served to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 915 W. State St., St. Johns. Donation is \$2.50 for adults.

AN OPEN HOUSE is being planned for Feb. 7 by Community Services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 100 S. Ottawa in St. Johns. Several agencies will be represented. The public is welcome.

Lead an exploration—Become a Junior Great Books co-leader for your local school. Introductory meeting, Tues. Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at Clinton County Intermediate School conference room U.S.-27. Leader training, same place, March 5 and 6 from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



TRAVELOGUE—February's travelogue, co-sponsored by Business and Professional Women and the Rotary Club will be: Focus on Finland. The film will be shown at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the door. Those wishing to see the next three features, Feb. 1, March 1 and March 29 can buy a season ticket at half price: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

St. Joseph School is celebrating the national Catholic Schools Week from Feb. 4-9. The theme for the national celebration is "Next to the Family, the Catholic School." On Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 9:30-11:30 St. Joseph School is having an "open house" for parents of the school children and other interested persons. Registration for new students in grades second-sixth may take place during the week from 9-11 and 1-3. Registration for first year students will be in March.

SNOWMOBILE DRAG RACES—are slated for Feb. 4 at Fish Creek Sportsman's Club located four miles south of Carson City. Registration for the races will be from 9 a.m. to noon and the races will begin at 1 p.m. Call 584-6592 or 584-3784 for further information.

PLAY PRESENTED—The Arts Encounter Theatre Troupe is presenting its third show of the season, "If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home By Now" on Feb. 3 and 4 at 2 p.m. at 8 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 425 S. Grand, Lansing. Tickets are \$2.25 for general audiences and \$1 for students. For ticket information phone 372-4636.

MASSEY TAPES scheduled to be shown at the DeWitt High School Jan. 25 has been changed to Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the high school library. Residents are encouraged to attend the session so they can express their views on the subject.

Hospital Auxiliary delves into television replacement program

Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board met Jan. 17, with chairman Corky Paradise presiding. Twenty-five members and five guests attended.

A card was sent to Herbricks thanking them for the contribution of donuts for "Santa's Cellar Bazaar." A thank-you note was read from the Avon Nursing Home for the book markers sent at Christmas.

Katie Alysworth, Meals-on-Wheels chairman, reported that in 1977, 3,931 meals were delivered and in 1978, 6,458 meals were delivered. This service is growing rapidly.

Billie Pierson, co-chairman of the TV committee, reported that the committee members had worked 76

hours, making a net profit on TV rentals of \$490. She enumerated the materials that would be purchased, and the type of system to be installed. The cost of the entire system which includes the base system, new tower, colored sets and many other features will be \$47,403. The committee recommended that the hospital loan the money to the Auxiliary (interest free), to purchase the new system. The money will be repaid as soon as possible by revenues from TV rentals and other sources. The Auxiliary members voted to pay for the new TV system.

Helen Fitzpatrick, sewing committee chairman, reported sewing committee members had logged a total

of 155 hours, made 31 articles from new material and 38 articles from salvaged materials. They enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Thelma French.

Inge Grost reported new shades are needed for some rooms. She will find how many need replacing and will report at the February meeting.

Santa's Cellar Bazaar netted the Auxiliary \$1,155.

All plans for the Heart Ball Feb. 3 are finalized and it was reported that nearly all tickets had been sold. However, there may be some cancellations so anyone wishing tickets contact Mrs. Walter Cole.

Tray favors committee members distributed 300 Holiday book markers to the patients in Clinton Memorial Hospital and to the nursing homes.

Fifty puppets were taken to emergency. Sixteen Christmas baby stockings are left and there is material to make 15 more, to make 15 more.

The members voted to withdraw \$4,000 from the regular account and \$1,000 from the Special Care Account and pay this amount toward the debt for the Special Care Unit. This leaves an unpaid balance of \$10,000.

Society This Week



Steve Nelson Denise Ankney

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ankney of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise, to Steve Nelson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. David Nelson Jr. of Ithaca.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of DeWitt High

School and is a recent graduate of M.J. Murphy Beauty College. The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of Ithaca High School and is employed as body shop manager of Keelan Buick in St. Johns.

The couple is planning a March wedding.

new arrivals

A boy, Peter Willard, was born to Pastor and Mrs. Roger Heintz of 8964 Church Rd. Jan. 16, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8lbs 13 1/4ozs. The baby has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heintz of Fulda, Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peck of Arenzville, Illinois. The mother is the former Janice Peck

Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Spud) Heathman. The mother is the former Diane Petersen.

A boy, Derek Allen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cuthbert of 601 E. Higham, St. Johns Jan. 1, 1979 at St. Lawrence Hospital. He weighed 7lbs 11ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cuthbert and Mr. and Mrs. Frederic May. The mother is the former Debra May.

A boy, Richard Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heathman of 6132 S. Chandler Rd. Jan 16, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs 2 1/4ozs. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Petersen and

A boy, Jason Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marecek of St. Johns Jan. 20, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lbs 12ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hathaway and Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Marecek. The mother is the former Shelly Hathaway.

A boy, James Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Ritter of 606 N. Morton, St. Johns Jan. 19, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs and 6 1/2ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Ritter, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kieffer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rings. The mother is the former Pamela Rings.

A girl, Stephanie Lee, to Dr. and Mrs. John Cook Dec. 8, 1978. She weighed 9lbs. Dr. and Mrs. Cook are former St. Johns residents now residing in Kansas City, Mo. They have one other daughter, Mary.

Dr. and Mrs. Mark H. Monson, 1640 Sunnyside Ave, Lansing, Mi. are parents of a boy, John Arne on Jan. 2, 1979 at 11:20 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Grace Eileen Philpot.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Urban, 544 Norman, Lansing are parents of a girl, Katy Elizabeth on Jan. 4, 1979 at 12:41 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Christine Carrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor R. Upton, 6465 W. Maple Rapids Rd. St. Johns are parents of a girl, Sheila E. on Jan. 5, 1979 at 3:38 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Connie Stoneman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Hayner, 1539 Yallup Rd, St. Johns are parents of a girl, Shondra Lynn on Jan. 13, 1979 at 3:18 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Haila Sue Mey.



Deborah Bauman

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauman, 210 N. Traver, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Lynn to David Paul Horney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Horney, 2347 El Dorado, East Grand Rapids.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of St. Johns High

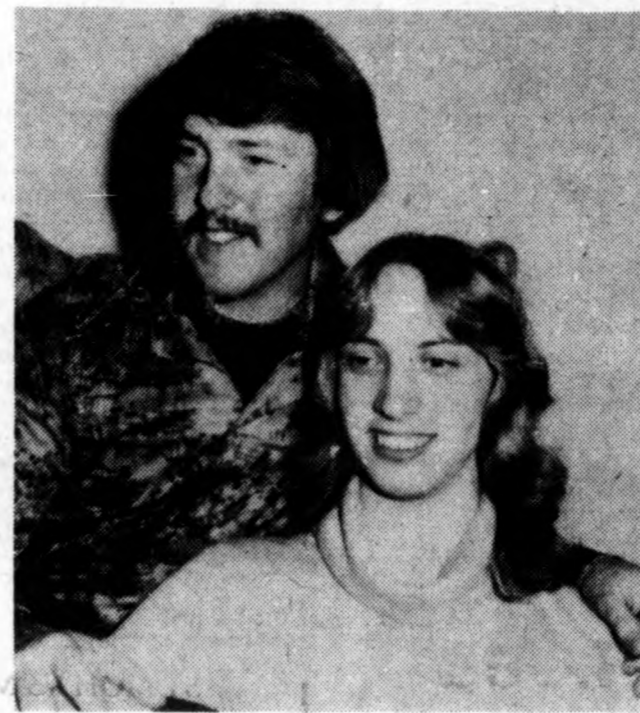
School and employed at Provincial Hospital. The prospective groom is a 1973 graduate of East Grand Rapids High School and is attending Michigan State University. He is employed at Motor Wheel.

The couple is planning a Feb. 24 wedding date.

They're engaged



Debbie Jackson



John Reeves

Sally Howe

Engaged

Pastor and Mrs. Frank Jackson of Durmmand, Montana announce the engagement of their daughter Debbie to Gary L. Van Sickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van Sickle of DeWitt.

The bride-elect is a 1976 high school graduate and attends Briarrest Bible

Institute, Caronport, Sask. Canada where she will graduate in April.

The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of Bath High School and attends Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music.

The couple plan a June 23 wedding in Lolo, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howe, 8160 US-27, DeWitt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Elizabeth, to John Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reeves Rt. 4, St. Johns.

The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Johns High School

and is employed by Michigan National Bank in Lansing. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Gerald Pontius Flooring.

The couple has set a wedding date of March 17, 1979.

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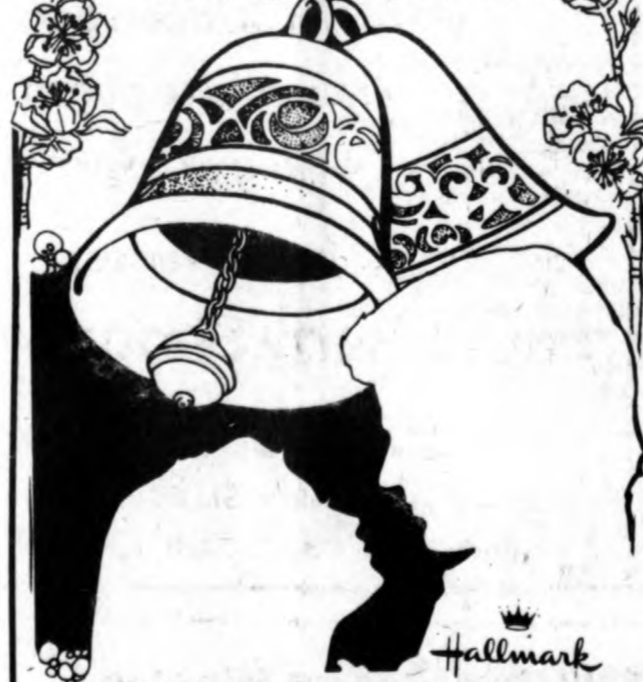


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Obituaries

Han Suidgeest

Funeral services for Han A. Suidgeest, 55, of 705 E. McConnell St., St. Johns who passed away Jan. 28, 1979 at his residence will be Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

A scripture service was held Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Suidgeest was born in the Netherlands May 31, 1923, the son of Johannes and Dorothy (Krachtwyk) Suidgeest. He came to the St. Johns area in 1953.

In 1964, he married Tiny VanAdrichem in the Netherlands. She survives her husband as do two sons, Teddy, age 10 and Marty age 8, both at home; two brothers in Canada; a sister in Minnesota; and three brothers and three sisters in the Netherlands.

Mr. Suidgeest was a truck delivery man for Carrier-Stevens Corporation.

Reverend Chauncey Green

Rev. Chauncey H. Green, former Methodist Church minister in Bath, Mulliken, Barryton, Central Lake, Morley, Eckford, Concord, Fulton, Atkins and Springport, and a resident of Ovid since 1946, passed away at the age of 84 Friday, Jan. 26, 1979 at the Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility after a long illness.

Rev. Green of 126 E. First St., Ovid, was born in Onondaga May 31, 1894 to John and Amy (Hudson) Green. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1915 and Albion College in 1932.

On Oct. 13, 1920, he married Nellie Spencer in Clinton County. She survives her husband as do two daughters, Mrs. Amy McKay of Traverse City and Mrs. Madge Craig of Ovid; a son, Benjamin Green of San Diego, Calif.; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Edith Bullard and Mrs. Gladys Farrand, both of California, and Mrs. Mable Russell of Adrian.

Rev. Green was a life member of Disabled American Veterans, a member of the Ovid Masonic Lodge 127 F and AM, and the Shepardsville Methodist Church.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War I. Funeral services were held

at the Shepardsville Methodist Church Monday, Jan. 29, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Garth Smith and Rev. Rod Kalajainen officiated and burial was in Duplain Cemetery. Memorial envelopes for Rev. Green are available at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home. A Masonic service was held at 8 p.m. Sunday evening at the Houghton Chapel.

Lynn Smith

Funeral services for Lynn K. Smith, 42, of 510 E. Cass St., St. Johns who passed away Saturday, Jan. 27, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital were held Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns.

Rev. David Lord of the First Congregational Church officiated and interment was in Wilsey Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born in Victor Township March 5, 1936 to Kenneth and Helen B. (Schoals) Smith. He attended Perrin Palmer School and graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School. He also attended Central Michigan University.

On Jan. 22, 1966, he married Connie Cavert in St. Johns. Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Arnold Light of the USS America in Virginia, and James Light at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas; his father, Kenneth Smith of St. Johns; two brothers, Don Smith and Wendell Smith, both of St. Johns; a sister, Jeanette Huffman of Roscommon; and two grandchildren.

He was a life-long resident of St. Johns; a Webelos leader; little league baseball manager; Masonic Lodge F and AM 105 member; president of AFSCME Local 794; commander of Edwin T. Stiles American Legion Post 153; a member of 40 and 8 in Clinton and Gratiot Voiture 868; and

Eastern Star Radiant Chapter 79. He was employed as a truck driver for the Clinton County Road Commission.

Charles Martin

Funeral services for Charles Roy Martin, 79, of 7124 E. Colony Rd., Elsie who passed away Jan. 22, 1979 at his residence were held at the Osgood Funeral Home Thursday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. Rev. Hugh Banning officiated and burial was in Eureka Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born in Clinton County July 9, 1899 to Charles and Dora (Ringer) Martin. He resided all his life in Clinton County, the last 8 1/2 years at the Elsie address.

His wife, Althea Skinner passed away in 1959. Surviving are four sons and three daughters: Albert Martin of St. Johns, Earl Martin of Dallas, Texas, Carl Martin of Owosso, Donald Martin of Rte. 1, Elsie, Mrs. Ruby Harrower of California, Mrs. Lorraine Kratzer of California and Mrs. Dora Behl of St. Johns. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren.

Mr. Martin was formerly employed by the Clinton County Road Commission.

Louise Cooper

-Mrs. Louise Irene Cooper, 74, of 4289 Ely Highway, Middleton, a former rural St. Johns resident, passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, 1979 at Gratiot Community Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. from the Dodge Funeral Home. Chaplain Don Warmoth officiated and burial was in Fulton Center Cemetery.

Mrs. Cooper was born in

Michigan April 24, 1904 to Charles and Flora (White) Rhynard. She was married to Hollis Cooper.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Jean Richards of Perrinton, Mrs. June Smith of Carson City and Mrs. Janet Abbott of Ithaca; two sons, Hollis Dee Cooper of Middleton and Dennis Cooper of Ithaca; 16 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a brother, Jasper Rhynard of Greenville.

John Walasky

John Walasky, 99, of 6583 Groswood Rd., Smith Creek, formerly of Pewamo, passed away Jan. 28, 1979 in Port Huron Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. Rev. Michael Ruhl will officiate and burial will be in East Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Walasky was born in Europe May 7, 1879 to Martin and Susan (Murat) Walasky. His wife Susan (Piar) Walasky passed away in September of 1954.

He was a former member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler and was a farmer in the Pewamo area. He moved to the United States in 1921 and he moved to Pewamo in 1926.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Andrew Walasky of Grand Rapids, George Walasky of Bellevue, John Wallace of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Helen Woidke of Madison Heights, Mrs. Sue Grew of Applegate and Mrs. Mary Flannigan of Port Huron.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Lloyd Parr

Lloyd D. Parr, 64, of 3343 Wardell Rd., Lansing passed away at Sparrow Hospital Jan. 22, 1979.

He practiced law in Lansing for over 40 years. He was past president of U of M Club, Lansing chapter; and member of board of directors of the Lansing Safety Council.

He is survived by his wife, Vera H. Parr; brothers Ward K. Parr of Traverse City and Raymond G. Parr, St. Johns; several nieces and nephews.

Private services were held Wednesday morning at the Greater Lansing Chapel of Estes-Leadley Funeral Home, with Rev. Peter Nieuwkoop officiating, with interment in Deep-dale Memorial Park, Lansing.

Bearers were: Peter Mason Jr., Norman Gaffney Jr., Dennis Esch, Rodger Bittner, Dale Patterson and James Parr. Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

Pearl Eno

Mrs. Pearl A. Eno, 87, of 1011 N. Dewey St., Owosso, passed away Jan. 23, 1979 in Owosso Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at the Osgood Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Albert Goddard officiated and burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Eno was born in Greenville No. 28, 1891 to Frank and Laura (Myers) Griesing.

Surviving are her husband, Louis; four daughters, Mrs. Lorene Bashore of Elsie, Mrs. Wilma Bensinger of St. Johns, Mrs. Maxine Snyder of Owosso, and Mrs.

Laura Jones of Laingsburg; two sons, Richard Whitaker of Owosso and Kermit Whitaker of Farwell; a sister, Mrs. Treva Oda of Ohio; 39 grandchildren; 85 great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren.

Three sons preceded her in death.

She was formerly employed with Redmans of Owosso.

Albert Northouse

Albert F. Northouse, 70, of 111 W. Front St., Ovid, passed away Jan. 24, 1979 at Provincial House in Lansing after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns Saturday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Gib Heaton of the United

Church of Ovid officiated. He was born in Belmont, Mich. Sept. 5, 1908 to Frank and Jennie (Bogart) Northouse. On May 27, 1932, he married Dena (Dee) Smit in Grand Rapids and she survives her husband.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Eleonore Shipley of Saginaw and Mrs. Mary McCalpin of Traverse City; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Heimstra and a brother, Edward Northouse, both of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren; three step-brothers, Alfred Lurtsema, Lawrence Lurtsema and Anthony Lurtsema, all of Grand Rapids; and a step-sister, Mrs. Peggy Dean, also of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Northouse was an interior decorator and a restaurant owner in Ovid. He was a member of F and AM 105 in St. Johns and gave over 20 years service in the St. Johns Volunteer

Fire Department. Since 1935, he had resided in the St. Johns area, moving here from Grand Rapids. He was a member of the Congregational Church.

Vivian Kunkle

Mrs. Vivian Elizabeth Kunkle, 68, Marysville, Ohio Passed away Jan. 23, 1979 at University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at Ingram Funeral Home in Marysville Friday, Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Hartford City, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Sarah McDonald Quinn, formerly of St. Johns now residing in Lansing with sons Billy, Micah, Joe and Tim McDonald and Robin Wayne McDonald, a grandson of St. Johns.

Students need American homes

Clinton County American host families are being sought for 500 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland for the 1979-80 school year.

The students, aged 16 and 17, will arrive in the United States in late August, attend the local high school and return home in late June of 1980. The students, all fluent in English, have been

screened by school representatives in Scandinavian and have pocket money and medical insurance.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in the program. Also, American students ages 16 to 18 wishing to spend a high school year with a Scandinavian family or participate in a five-week stay in the summer of 1979 are being sought.

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St. Johns City Commission Minutes
Special Meeting
January 15, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:15 p.m.
COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Starck - Comm. Brockmyre arrived at 7:25
COMM. ABSENT: Hannah (excused)
STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager, Richard L. Coletta, Acting City Clerk, Paul A. Maples, City Atty. - arrived at 7:40
Terry Hall, of Biggs, Hall and Hausserman presented the Audit.
This was discussed at length.
Mayor Arehart called a brief recess. The meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Manager be authorized to secure the services of an engineer to look into utility costs for a site that the Indus. Dev. Comm. is investigating.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Manager be authorized to hire a temporary employee to assist with the bookkeeping duties for a period of six months, at which time the position would be reviewed to determine if this position should be extended.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Manager be authorized to add maternity coverage to the City's disability insurance coverage.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Manager be authorized to contact Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Weir and ask that they submit a PD (proposal) to the City stating what work they would do for an annual retainer of \$10,000.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.
The Comm. interviewed Mr. Garl Watkins for the position of City Assessor and/or Clerk. They decided to interview Richard Coletta and Diane Edwards on Jan. 29, 1979.
Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck to adjourn.
YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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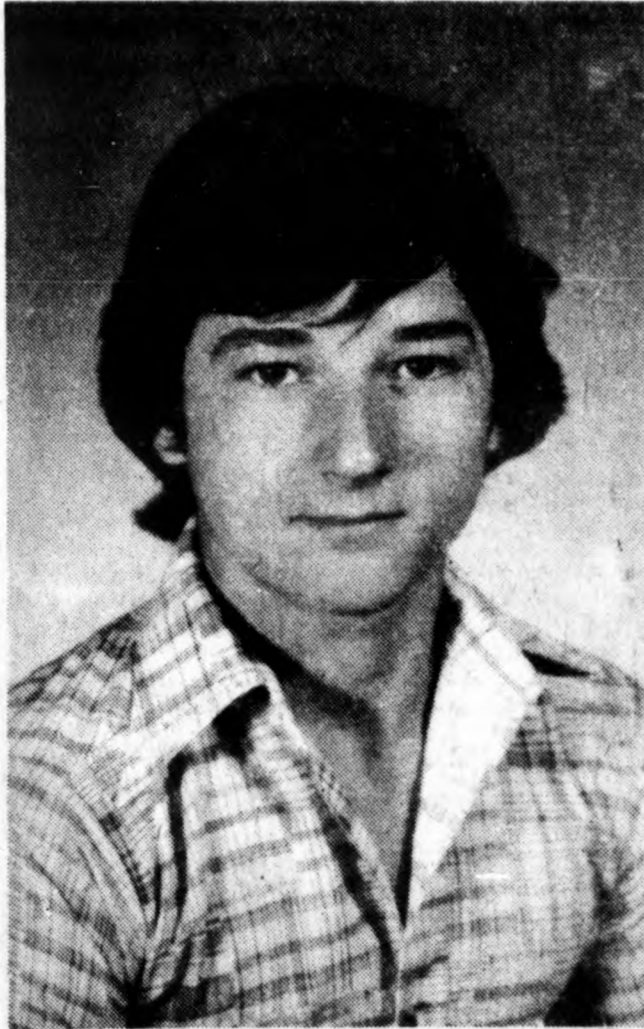
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Clinton County Sports

Acino sets all-round state gym record



State record holder

Bart Acino set a Michigan scoring record for an all-around performance last week with a 49.25 showing against Grand Blanc.

St. Johns

Bart Acino, St. Johns High School's top-flight gymnast, established himself as one of the top gymnasts in Michigan by setting a state record for the top all-around performance with a high score of 49.25.

For the past couple weeks, Acino has set individual all-around scoring records, but didn't attain the almost perfect score of 49.25 until St. Johns defeated league rival Grand Blanc Tuesday, Jan. 23, 133.66 to 84.50.

The Redwing team also bested its previous high team score by seven points against Grand Blanc. St. Johns is now 5-0 in its league defeating both Ionia and Notre Dame-Harper Woods last Friday at Ionia. Scores for that meet were: St.

Johns, 119.64; Ionia, 89.86 and Notre Dame, 103.96.

Event results for Friday's meet are:

--Floor exercise: 1st, Acino (SJ) 8.20; 2nd, Holscher (ND); 3rd, Woolworth (ND).
--Pommel horse: Acino (SJ) 6:30; Stalter (I); Wahl (ND).

--Still rings: Acino (SJ) 6.90; Brockmyre (SJ); Stalter (I).

--Vaulting: Acino (SJ) 8.75; Seperic (SJ); Holscher (ND).

--Parallel bars: Acino (SJ) 6.9; Rice (SJ); Woolworth (ND).

--High bar: Acino (SJ) 8:15; Woolworth (ND); Holscher (ND).

--Results for the Grand Blanc meet are:

--Floor exercise: 1st, Acino (SJ) 8.85; 2nd, Mike Brock-

myre (SJ) 8:25; 3rd, Balance (GB) 7.45.

--Pommel horse: Acino 6.4; Hoa Nguyen (SJ); Steve O'Neill (SJ).

--Still rings: Acino 8.3; Dan Seperic (SJ) and Brockmyre tied for 2nd and 3rd.

--Vault: Acino 8.75; Calvin Rice (SJ); 3rd place tie with Seperic and Lance Gardner (SJ).

--Parallel bars: Acino 8.3; Jeff Rice (SJ); Brockmyre.

--High bar: Acino 8.65; Gardner; Kurt Stork (SJ).

Saturday, Feb. 3, St. Johns High School will host their annual invitational gymnastics meet scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Six other teams will be competing for the championship. St. Johns will be defending their title and the team to beat.

Swan Valley downs Redwings

Saginaw

Missed opportunities by St. Johns and outstanding free throw shooting by Swan Valley combined to give the Vikings a 79-64 Mid-Michigan B win over the Redwings Friday.

Swan Valley shot 84 percent from the line, 27 of 32, compared to St. Johns' 14 of 19.

"Free throw shooting killed us," Coach Bob Tissot said. "They had a lot of two-shot fouls, and it seemed like they hit every one-and-one they ever had."

The Redwings were down by five after one quarter and fell further behind in the second period. Then they put together their biggest run of the game, cutting the lead to four by the half and coming out to score the first two points of the second half.

"We started with the momentum and I thought we were coming," Tissot said. "Then the score was 35-33, then the next time I

looked at the scoreboard we were down 47-33. They went on a rampage and we missed a lot of lay-ups, a lot of close-in shots."

Down by 14, the Redwings were forced to take chances on defense. St. Johns defenders became more aggressive and were called for more fouls. And the way Swan Valley was shooting, the Redwings dug themselves into a deeper and deeper hole.

Stafford was the top St. Johns scorer with 25 points, 14 in the first half. Jim Dedyne had 21 points, while Tod Ballinger had eight points and seven rebounds coming off the bench.

Two Vikings combined to cripple St. Johns. One was center Scott Stedry, who was the game's top scorer with 27 points.

"He just had one of those games," Tissot said. "He

got the ball in close, scored a couple early and got his confidence. Everything he put up was going in."

The other was Tom Kluck, who finished with 23 points. Kluck had made 14 consecutive free throws going into the game, but he missed his first of the night. He then sank his next 15.

St. Johns had a 33-22 rebounding advantage over the taller Swan Valley club, though Tissot suggested that the excellent Viking shooting may have had much to do with that.

"We played a fair game," Tissot said. "When we play just so-so, we're in trouble. We have to play good to win—a so-so game isn't good enough against a team like Swan Valley."

St. Johns, 5-6 overall and 5-4 in the MMB, is at home Friday for a league game against Corunna. Tuesday the Redwings are at Corunna.

Sea Lions beat Dewitt for 8th win

By Don Kelm

The Sea Lions went to DeWitt Saturday and came away with their eighth victory of the season against one loss.

This Saturday the Sea Lions have a lot going. Part of the squad will be taking

part in the Midland Invitational at Midland and the remainder will be traveling to Ovid-Elsie.

Winners against DeWitt are as follows:
Girls-8 and under
25-butterfly:
Kim Bauer

50-freestyle:
Chris Armstrong

100-freestyle relay:
Kim Bauer
Erin Masarik
Kendra Bailey
Chris Armstrong

Boys-8 and under
100-medley relay:
Mike Giesecke
Kevin Bauer
Bruce Goins
Jim Cain

25-freestyle:
Kevin Bauer

25-butterfly:
Kevin Schultze

25-backstroke:
Todd Keim

Girls-9 and 10
200-medley relay:
Liz Welch
Shawn Veasey
Diane Stratton
Jenny Giesecke

200-freestyle:
Liz Welch

100 individual medley:
Diane Stratton

50-freestyle:
Shawn Veasey

100-freestyle:
C. Rademacher

50-breaststroke:
Swan Veasey

Boys-9 and 10
200-medley relay:
Kelley Stevens
Spencer Baker
Mike Martindale
Steve Smith

100-individual medley:
Mike Martindale

50-breaststroke:
Mike Martindale

Girls-11 and 12
200-medley relay:
Jean Rewerts
Maggie Martindale
Patty Wisinski
Ann Moorgani

200-freestyle:
Jill Esch

100-individual medley:
Audra Peters

50-freestyle:
Maggie Martindale

50-backstroke:
Kif Bailey
Time: 36.1 (record)

Boys-11 and 12
200-medley relay:
Steve Welch
Brian O'Connor
Brian Goins
Carl Fedewa

200-freestyle relay:
Fred Fleming
Carl Fedewa
Steve Fedewa
Tony Silvernail

200-freestyle:
Tony Silvernail

50-freestyle:
Carl Fedewa

50-butterfly:
Brian Goins

50-breaststroke:
John Peterson

Girls-13 and 14
200-medley relay:
Gloria Stratton
Shawn Meyer,
Judy Fedewa
Kim Goins

200-freestyle:
Shawn Meyer

200-individual medley:
Judy Fedewa
Time: 2:33.3 (record)

50-freestyle:
Gloria Stratton

100-butterfly:
Kim Goins

100-freestyle:
Liza Peterson

500-freestyle:
Shawn Meyer
Time: 6:16.9 (record)

100-backstroke:
Gloria Stratton

100-breaststroke:
Judy Fedewa

100-freestyle relay:
Annette Faro
Liza Peterson
Marie Ruvolo
Lorann Lynam

Boys-13 and 14
200-medley relay:
Mike Homant
Chris Parsons
Chad Munger
John Houser

200-freestyle:
Tim Smith

50-freestyle:
Chad Munger
Time: 25.9 (record)

100-freestyle:
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Marauders, Pirates win league games

Westphalia
Pewamo-Westphalia and Ovid-Elsie both won league games Friday after meeting in a non-conference game on Jan. 23.

O-E won Tuesday's non-conference game, 83-67, then beat Bullock Creek 63-55 in a Mid-Michigan B game. Friday P-W disposed of Laingsburg, 75-56, in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference game.

O-E scored from all over the court to down the Pirates. Ed Kaminski was the inside threat, hitting for 27 points, while Ray Bowles scored 23 points, mostly from the out-

side. P-W had good games out of Mike Belen and Warren Hengesbach, but not enough to offset the O-E attack.

"They've got a good ball club," P-W coach Joe Ghiardi said. "They can score from anywhere on the floor."

Hengesbach had 22 points for P-W and Belen had 12. Hengesbach also had seven assists and six rebounds, tops for the Pirates in both departments.

O-E was aided by a 40-21

advantage in rebounding. Kaminski led the Marauders with 21, the only man in double figures.

Dirk Besko led the O-E floor game with 12 assists and six recoveries. Kaminski had five assists.

P-W benefited from balanced scoring in the game against Laingsburg Friday. Belen led with 19, Stan Fig-

gott had 15, Doug Schafer 14 and Hengesbach 12.

The Pirates also controlled the boards, taking 40 rebounds to 20 for the Wolf-

pack. Belen and Daryl Fedewa had 10 each and Schafer took down eight. "We were good in spots," Ghiardi said, "but we were not very consistent."

The best spot may have been the very beginning. O-E was ahead 18-6 in the first quarter and had a 34-10 lead at one time. The Pirates then lost their concentration but still maintained control.

"We beat them by 44 points the last time," Ghiardi said, "and it was hard to get excited about the

game." Hengesbach had seven assists and Schafer had six, while Piggott had five steals.

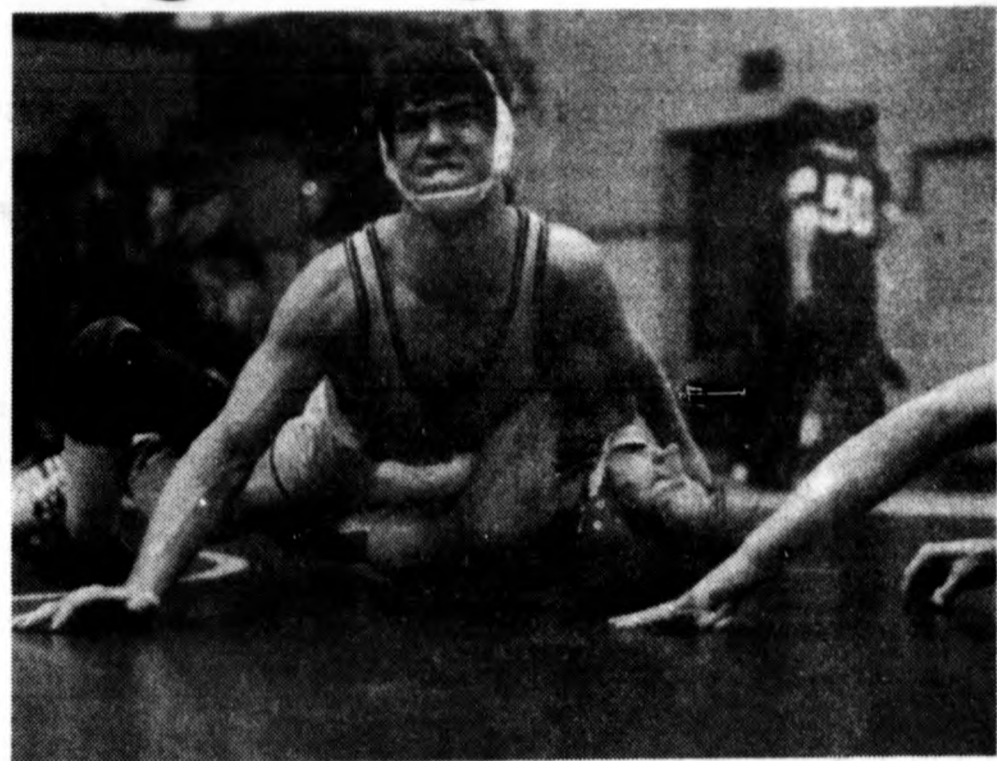
O-E took its 12th straight victory at Bullock Creek and kept its MMB record unblemished. The Marauders broke a 12-12 tie after one quarter and took a five-point lead by the half.

Kaminski was the top scorer, hitting for 33 points. Dirk Besko added 12.

O-E had a 41-34 rebounding edge, and again Kaminski was the leader. He took down 19, while Mike Hudecek had 13.

Besko led the O-E floor game with 10 assists, while Bowles have have assists and four steals.

O-E, 8-0 in the MMB and in the top 10 of all the major polls, is at home against Hemlock Friday and against Ithaca Tuesday. P-W, 7-3 overall and 6-1 in the CMAC, is at Ionia Friday and home Tuesday against Portland.



Such a strain

Bob Latz of O-E strains himself to pin Lee Williams of Lakewood. Latz finally got the pin, and O-E went on to win the dual match 47-24. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Fowler knocks off Fulton

Fowler

For Fowler High School, the past week brought a pair of victories. For Fulton, it brought a pair of heart-breaking losses.

On Jan. 23 the Eagles handed the Pirates a 71-70 upset loss, then Friday Fowler beat Portland St. Patrick 76-60. The Pirates, meanwhile, dropped a 63-61 overtime decision to Ionia.

Balance was the key to both of the Fowler wins. All five starters hit double figures against Fulton, and all played nearly the whole game, if not 32 minutes.

"I had five supermen out there," said Eagle coach Charlie Trierweiler.

Trierweiler said that good positioning and error-free play made the Fulton game his team's best effort of the

year.

Kim Lathwell, Fulton coach, was not so pleased. "We just didn't play and they were at the top of their game," he said.

"They didn't make many mistakes, and we did. Our lack of intensity on defense hurt us—we didn't play the type of defense we can. Fowler took the play away from us."

Mark Schrauben of Fowler led all scorers with 21 points. Other Fowler scorers were Doug Koenigskecht, 11; Neil Hufnagel, 12; Terry

Thelen, 14; and Tim Luttig, 13.

Mark Skaryd had 19 for Fulton, while Buzz Hanson had 14 and Tim Johnson 10.

Fowler had a narrow rebounding edge over the Pirates, with Thelen and Luttig leading the way with 10 each. Schrauben added

eight. Cooper had 11 for Fulton.

Koenigskecht had 10 assists and Schrauben pitched in with six for Fowler. Larry Leiby had six for Fulton while Skayrd and Cooper had four each.

Against St. Patrick, the Eagles jumped out to a 25-12 first-quarter lead and maintained control the rest of the way. Again, the Eagles had good balance. Hufnagel was the leader with 22, then Schrauben had 18, Luttig 12, Thelen 11 and Koenigskecht, 13.

Fowler had a 42-31 rebounding advantage, with Schrauben taking down 15 and Thelen and Luttig nine each. Koenigskecht had 10 assists and Hufnagel added five.

The Eagles were a weak two of five from the line, but were 37 of 66 from the floor for 56 percent. The Shamrocks were 37 percent from the field. Hufnagel was a torrid 11 of 12 for Fowler.

Portland was kept in the game by Stan Hengesbach, who finished with 26 points.

"We went to the basket real well," Trierweiler said. "We had 66 shots and 42 of them were from inside the free-throw lane."

The wins put Fowler at 5-2 in the CMAC and 7-2 overall. Fouts had a lot to do with the outcome of the Fulton-Ionia contest. Fulton was seven of 11 from the line, the Bulldogs 23 of 26. Lathwell said that was a result of the Fulton defensive strategy.

"We play a man-to-man all over the floor," Lathwell said. "We used a lot of pressure, and sometimes we commit some not real smart fouls. We average 19 or 20 fouls a game."

"In the games we've lost, we've never lost from the field, it's always been the free throw line. We may be going to more zone now."

Fouls or no fouls, Fulton was in the game all the way. With two minutes to go and the score 61-61, Ionia had the ball and decided to play for the last shot. The Bull-

dogs ran the clock to 11 seconds before calling a timeout and setting up a play. They missed the shot with no time remaining, however, and the game went into overtime.

Fulton controlled the opening tip, then ran the clock down to 12 seconds. Mark Skayrd took a 12-foot jump shot, the kind of shot he had been making all night and the kind of shot Lathwell was looking for—but he missed.

Ionia rebounded, and seconds later hit a 16-foot jump shot despite a good Fulton defensive effort. With a second left the Pirates called time, but couldn't make the long in-bounds pass.

"We played well enough to win," Lathwell said. "They're nothing I'm really displeased with. We didn't have many turnovers, we hustled, but it just didn't go."

"It was a heartbreaker. The kids are mad, but they're not down. They're just going to play harder."

Cooper led Fulton with 12 points and eight rebounds. Jeff Stevens had 10 points, Skaryd had 10 points and Johnson had eight rebounds.

O-E wrestlers take 2

Elsie

The Ovid-Elsie wrestling team won two of three matches Friday afternoon to finish second in a triple-dual match at O-E.

The Marauders defeated Lakewood in the first round, 47-24, and then beat Lansing Catholic, 54-20. But O-E fell to Durand in the final match of the day, 37-23.

O-E scored five pins to cruise past Lakewood. Neil Stambersky pinned Fred Ramirez at 3:51 of the 105-pound bout, while Dave Toth pinned Dave Wondergem at 1:56 of the 119-pound match.

Bob Latz scored a second-period fall over Lee Williams at 145 pounds, Jeff George took the 165-pound match with a pin against Jeff Hummel at 1:40, and at 191 pounds Richard Ackels took Greg Hummel in 1:38.

Rick Bancroft, 138 pounds, won a 14-1 decision over Joe Hummel, while Bill Luckhurst and Matt Black won forfeits.

Coach Jim Maidlow shifted his lineup for the LCC match, but the outcome was still one-sided, with O-E picking up three falls and five forfeits.

Luckhurst scored a fall, putting Robert Pfund away in the second period. Paul George, wrestling at 112, pinned Jim Gleamer at 5:47 and Black, wrestling at 126, pinned Scott Kummer in 3:17.

Terry Mitchell won a decision for O-E, beating Ed Wirth 7-4 in the 165-pound match. Stambersky, Toth, Bancroft, Latz and Ackels won forfeits.

Durand proved to be more than the Marauders could handle, as only five of O-E's

23 points came on the mat. Toth won a 5-2 decision over Jim Rosser at 119, and Ackels drew with Dale Hackney, 6-6. Wilson, Russell and Troy Herblet won forfeits.

In other matches, Durand

beat Lakewood 50-24, the Railroaders whipped LCC 45-12 and Lakewood beat the Cougars 39-20.

O-E, now 6-3 in dual meets, is at the Williamston Invitational Saturday.

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Girls gym team wins pair

St. Johns Darlene Cerny had the best week of her short varsity career to lead the St. Johns girls' gymnastics team to a pair of wins.

The Redwing freshman took three first places in each meet, as St. Johns beat Okemos 79.85-63.30 on Jan. 23, then took three more places Friday in an 84.00-77.65 victory over Mt. Pleasant.

St. Johns went against Mt. Pleasant without team captain Denise Cerny, who suffered a knee injury against Okemos, but still managed to take its fourth win of the season.

The Redwings swept the vault, with Darlene taking first with 7.85. Sharon Law and Michelle Rehmann tied for second with 7.4.

Darlene also took the bars, scoring 6.8. LeeAnne Lannen was second for the Oilers with 6.75, and Dawn Bakita took third for St. Johns with 6.15.

St. Johns took first in the floor exercise, with Darlene scoring 7.75. Lannen was second for Mt. Pleasant and Kristi Hoag, also of Mt. Pleasant, was third.

Lannen won the balance beam with 7.55. Darlene was second with 7.05 and Law third with 6.65.

Against Okemos, Darlene and the balance beam. To exercise, the parallel bars and the balance beam. To keep things in the family, her sister Denise won the vault before dislocating her knee. Denise could be back in action this week.

St. Johns again showed its depth, allowing Okemos only one spot in the top three in any event. That event was the floor exercise. Darlene was the winner with 6.9, while Dawn Bakita, another freshman, was second with 6.55. Okemos took the third spot.

On the bars, Darlene won with 6.80. Denise was right behind with 6.75, while

Cindy Steavens was third with 5.05. Darlene scored 6.95 to take the balance

beam, with Bakita next at 6.65 and Denise third at 6.45. Denise took the vault with

a score of 7.35. Darlene was next with 7.25, and Sharon Law was third at 7.05.

St. Johns, now 4-1, is at home against Perry Thursday.

Weather forces postponements

Once again, bad weather has forced cancellation or postponement of athletic events around the area.

The St. Johns-Swan Valley swim meet scheduled for last Thursday at Swan Valley has been rescheduled for Feb. 26, while the St. Johns freshman basketball game at Bullock Creek was shifted to last Saturday.

Makeup days have also been announced for events canceled earlier in the season. A swim meet at Grand Ledge scheduled for Jan. 16 will be held on March 6, while a freshman game against Ovid-Elsie was made up on Monday. A volleyball match with Ionia and a wrestling match with Ionia that were snowed out earlier in the month will not be re-

scheduled. The wrestling match against Bullock Creek at home originally set for Jan. 25 has yet to be rescheduled.

The varsity basketball game between Bath and Fowlerville at Bath has been moved to Feb. 20, while the wrestling match against Perry scheduled for last Thursday will be Feb. 6 at

3:30. DeWitt's wrestling match with Howell will be Feb. 8, and the swim meet has yet to be made up.

The Fulton-Pewamo-Westphalia wrestling match will be Feb. 7 and the Fulton-Bellevue volleyball contest will be Feb. 19. Fowler has rescheduled a volleyball match with Bellevue for Feb. 6.

Redwings swim past Harry Hill

St. Johns The St. Johns swimming team maintained its unblemished dual record with an easy win over Harry Hill Jan. 23.

The Redwings won 10 of the 11 events on their way to a 116-56 win over the Panthers. The top performance belonged to Kirk Goins, who set a school and pool record with a time of 5:04.6 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Rod Lounds was another record-setter, as his time of 1:05.2 in the 100-yard breaststroke was good for a varsity record.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Rick Mee, Keith Parsons, Ben Manning and Al Nelson was a winner, as was the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Goins, Eugene Pierce, Brent Mailand and Steve Baxter.

Other winners were Pierce, 200-yard freestyle; Baxter, 200-yard individual medley; Lounds, 50-yard freestyle; Jim Bertoldi, 100-yard butterfly; Mailand, 100-yard freestyle; and Tim

Grost, 100-yard backstroke. St. Johns faces its toughest tests of the year this week. Tuesday they swam

against Holt, and Thursday they host Corunna, the Michigan B League defending champion.

"If we get through this week without a loss," coach Jim Makarauskas said, "we'll be in good shape."

P-W volleyball team beats Carson City

Westphalia The Pewamo-Westphalia volleyball team won a non-league game Wednesday, defeating Carson City 15-7, 9-15, 15-11.

P-W used seven points by Dorothy Thelen and four by Judy Spitzley to take the first game, but then the Pirates let up in the second game and the Eagles evened the match.

Michelle Rademacher led the P-W rally in the third game. She scored eight points, seven in a row. Spitzley added several key spikes to the effort. For the night, the Pirates

had a service accuracy percentage of 78 percent 47 for 60.

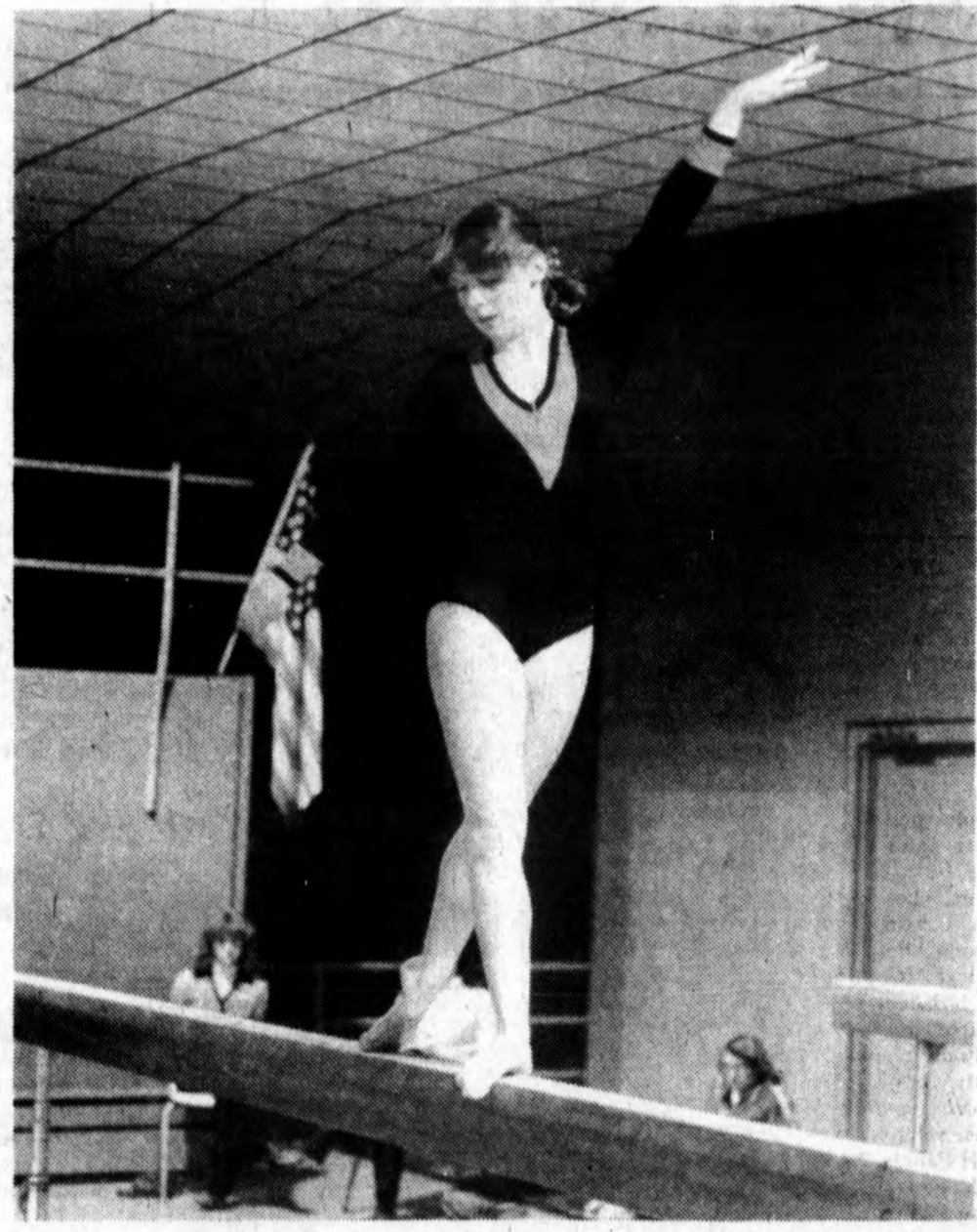
"That's not as high as I would like," coach Carol Bogard said. "If we plan on winning we need 85, 90 percent at least."

Bogard said the percentage has been helped by the good performances of players coming off the bench to serve.

"We're improving," Bogard said. "We're starting to set the ball up as we should—we've got to set the ball up to score. We're coming around." The Pirate junior varsity

took its fourth win without a loss, defeating Carson City 15-10, 15-8. Ann Schmitt served for 12 points in the two games.

The varsity is now 2-2, and hosts Bellevue Thursday in CMAC action.



Walking a fine line

Sharon Law of St. Johns took third place on the balance beam in the Redwings' win over Mt. Pleasant Friday night. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Experience counts for O-E

O-E dropped its season opener to Corunna on Jan. 22, 15-2, 16-14, but came back on Jan. 24 to beat Bullock Creek, 15-6, 15-7.

O-E coach Gina Mazzolini said the opening game against Corunna was a disaster, but that the Marauders' fortunes turned quickly.

"In the first game we didn't play at all," she said. "There was no communication, no movement, they were all afraid to do anything because they were afraid to make a mistake."

Marauders with seven good spikes. "They played very well," Mazzolini said. "We were moving and communicating and making the transition between offense and defense. We played with maturity and confidence."

Redwing girls win 2nd

St. Johns The St. Johns volleyball team won its second league match of the season, beating Swan Valley Wednesday 4-15, 15-1, 15-6.

The Redwings had a slow first game but roared back in the second. Marilyn Thelen served the first three points and Theresa Smith served the next 12, including three aces. Coach Beth Swears said team work and superior serving were the keys to the turnaround.

In the third game, Thelen served for five points. St. Johns is now 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference. The junior varsity lost to the Vikings in a hard-fought match, 15-10, 15-13. The JVs are now 1-1.

The improvement continued in the match against Bullock Creek, as O-E had little trouble disposing of the Lancers. Marriage had nine service points that night, while Denise McCue led the

O-E drops 4th meet

The Ovid-Elsie swim team dropped its fourth meet of the season, falling to Mason 113-59 in a non-conference meet Jan. 23.

Brad Behrens was the only Marauder winner, taking the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:14.1. Winning seconds were Brian Clock, 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke; Tod Bodary, 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle; Doug Hinca, 100-yard butterfly; and Randy Montague, Behrens, Hinca and Bodary, 200-yard medley relay.

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4-H spotlight

You may know Judy Vanek as your school bus driver, local authority on crafts or even swimming instructor, but what you may not realize, is that Judy is a very helpful and talented lady.

Judy, her husband Denny and family have resided at 5209 Cutler Rd. DeWitt for six years. In a short while, Judy and her family discovered many of Clinton County's activities. Denny, who is employed by F & G Vending Company in Lansing, is a 4-H leader and an asset to Judy's busy schedule. Denny Jr. is married and away from home, but Debbie and David are active in 4-H and family functions.

Judy is, beyond a doubt, a "people person" and her activities and hobbies accent this. Before moving to DeWitt, she was employed by a Lansing craft store. Carrying her ability and talent to Clinton County, Judy has become a valuable resource to 4-H crafts. In addition to her other interests, Judy has managed to squeeze out enough time to act as crafts resource person in 4-H Family Days, working in decoupage and coordinating macrame and dry flower arrangements.

Judy is also organizational leader in Proud Prancers 4-H Club. She believes that 4-H isn't just cows, cookin' and

Fair, but that 4-H is a year-round responsibility, involving learning and educational imagination and an intense interest in horses has provided her with a way to involve her club in learning and fun.

Use of old games and equipment are just a few of the learning tools that Judy employs. Her interest in horses isn't confined to her club alone. Judy and her family also care for their quarter horse, Arabian and ponies.

Judy is an active leader. Her summer program includes taking 4-H'ers to horse shows, nutrition and feeding programs. She also assists in judging and is introducing "Horse Bowl" to her club.

Still Judy's activities do not end. She and her family are members of the Presbyterian Church in DeWitt. The activities here seem as endless as the 4-H activities. She and her husband are officers and deacons in the church; they participate in the planning of the churches' social activities and special events.

Judy Vanek is a familiar face in Clinton County. Her enthusiasm and imagination spark excitement in others. Judy is a people person and an asset to club and community alike.



**Judy Vanek--
the people person**

February is horse month

By Diane Efting
Extension 4-H Program Assistant

Horses, horses, horses, everything in February is horses. This busy month kicks off with the regional horsebowl Feb. 3, in Hartland. Horsebowl is a program that the extension office hopes to introduce to Clinton County in the next year. It is based on the idea "College Bowl," where panels of four answer questions about horses. The state horsebowl is conducted at the Horse Jamboree in April. February 4 is the stallion exhibit at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Some of the outstanding breed stallions will be featured at this exhibition.

February 10 is the Horse Benefit Clinic conducted at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Demonstrations on proper lunging techniques, and a complete demonstration of dressage from level 1 through grand prix. The featured instructor is Karl Mikola formerly of the Spanish Riding School. The cost of this program is \$5.00

for adults and \$3.00 for youth.

February 16-17 and 17-18 is the 4-H teen leader horse conference at Kettunen Center. This program is designed for teens and new 4-H horse leaders to familiarize them with the responsibilities that accompany 4-H horse leadership. Cost of these workshops is \$6.

Ending up the month is the MSU Intercollegiate Rodeo. It is set for Feb. 23 at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 24 at 2 p.m., Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. There are ticket discounts for 4-H groups on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at \$2.50 each. For more information, contact the County Extension Office or call the MSU Rodeo, ticket office at 355-8400.

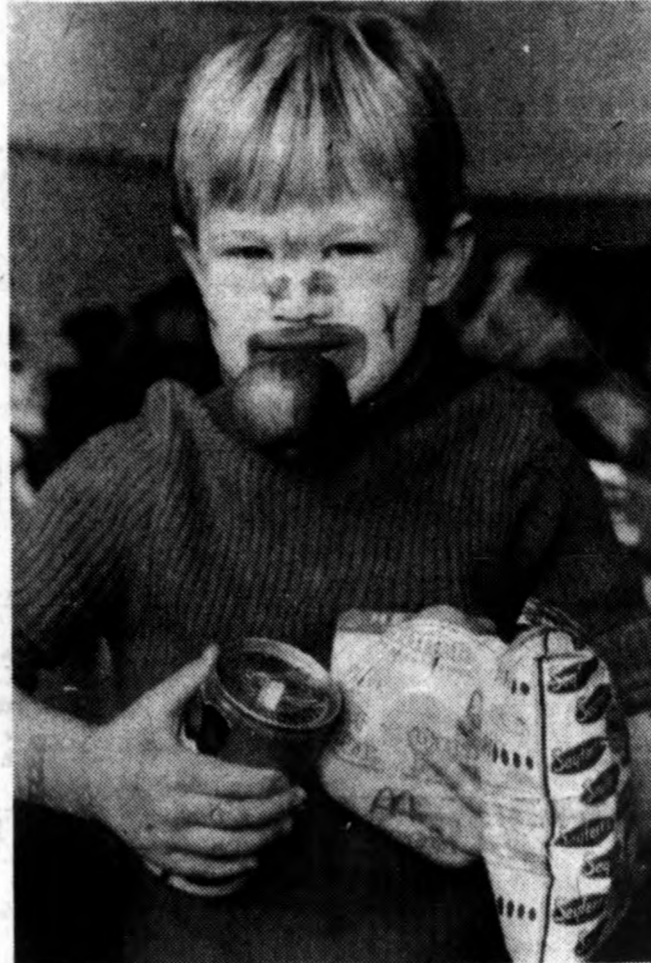
Any information needed concerning any of these activities will be supplied by the county 4-H Extension. With all these activities planned, it surely does seem that February is a busy month for horse people.



Karate power

"Ah-ha" and crack! Members of the Original Okinawa Club demonstrated karate to workshop participants at the 4-H Family

Day in St. Johns Saturday. Here a yellow-belt breaks two pine boards with his hand. (Photo by Sharon Randall)



Hungry clown

Where there's a will, there's a way. Or maybe where there's an appetite there's a way to carry one's lunch. This little clown had his own independent system for getting a big healthy lunch to the table at 4-H Family Fun Day. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

LaBar completes repair schooling

St. Johns

Michael LaBar of St. Johns has completed schooling in residential station repair.

Completion of the 10-day course enables the participant to detect, isolate and correct the residential service problems of the customer. The course

includes: pole climbing; troubleshooting malfunctioning lines; and repairing residential stations and drop lines.

LaBar, his wife Donna and their three children Scott, Courtney and Todd, reside at 609 N. Morton St., St. Johns.

Extension Calendar

Jan. 30 Barrow Show, Livestock Pavilion, MSU
Jan. 31 M.A.B.C. board meeting, conference room at County Extension Office
Feb. 1 Forage Production and Harvesting Program, presented by Harvestore with assistance from MSU Extension
Feb. 6, 13 Dairy Nutrition Program, Middleton Diner
Feb. 3 Soil Conservation District annual meeting, Ovid-Elsie High School
Feb. 6 M.A.E.H. Holiday

Workshop committee, 9:30 a.m., Central National Bank, St. Johns
Feb. 8 Management for Success begins
Feb. 13 Family Living Program, "Laundry Product Puzzle", Smith Hall-1 p.m.
Feb. 17 4-H Beef Tour
Feb. 21 Family Living Program Lunch 'n Learn "Steps into Saving and Spending" 11:35-12:10 and 12:15-12:50, County Services Building, St. Johns.

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Taxpayers bear 4.6 percent of federal budget

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Michigan taxpayers will be required to pay some \$24.5 billion in federal taxes as their share of the cost of President Carter's \$532 billion federal budget proposal for fiscal 1980, according to an estimate by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

This estimate is based on the state chamber's calculations that Michigan taxpayers bear 4.6 percent of all federal taxes, seventh highest among all states.

According to James Barrett, president of the State Chamber, "the \$24.5 billion share which would be borne by Michigan taxpayers to support the President's proposed budget is more than 2.5 times the estimated \$9.5 billion state budget for fiscal 1980, which begins Oct. 1."

Barrett said the state chamber estimates that of the \$24.5 billion Michigan sends to Washington, D.C., only about 80 percent—or 80 cents of each dollar—is returned to the state in the form of grants in aid to state and local governments, to

colleges and for direct federal expenditures (social security payments, salaries and wages of federal employees), among others.

Barrett pointed out that any change which Congress may make in this budget will reduce or increase the amount that Michigan taxpayers will have to bear, depending on whether Congress cuts or spends more.

Earns honors

Traverse City

Jeanne Snider of St. Johns has been named to the dean's honor list for the fall term 1978 at Northwestern Michigan College.

The dean's honor list recognizes outstanding academic achievement of full-time students who do unusually well in their studies.

Jeanne earned a 3.83 grade point average. She resides at 306 South Baker St., St. Johns.

St. Johns Planning Commission

February 1, 1979

—AGENDA—

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Previous Minutes January 4, 1979
3. Groat Rezoning Request
4. Norm Rademacher Special Use Permit
5. Rezoning Applications
6. Other Business, if any
7. Adjournment

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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage by Leland R. McElmurry and Evelyn F. McElmurry, his wife, as Mortgagors, to the First National Bank & Trust Company of Escanaba, Michigan, as Mortgagees, dated August 5, 1975, and recorded on the 8th day of August, 1975 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, at Liber 281 of Mortgages, pages 654-656, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing at the date of notice, for principal interest, the sum of EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 90/100THS (\$87,718.90) DOLLARS, as of December 18, 1978.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of February, 1979, at 3:00 o'clock, in the afternoon, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, Michigan, with the interest thereon at ten and one-half (10 1/2) percent per annum, and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, described as follows:

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY of Escanaba, Michigan
Dennis C. Valkanoff
Attorney for Mortgagee

Dated: December 18, 1978

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON, Estate of HERBERT C. BURRIS, deceased, File No. 20046.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 16, 1979, at 11:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Lucille M. Pike for the granting of administration to herself or some other suitable person and for a determination of her heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Donald T. Rose, 1401 East Michigan, Lansing, Michigan 48912 and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. April 25, 1979.

Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated January 24, 1979
JOHN E. WIEBER
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The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of CAROLYN LEE SHUTES, DECEASED, File No. 20044.

TAKE NOTICE: On December 13, 1979, in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of William H. Shutes and administration was granted to Edward Osenga, Jr. Creditors are notified that claims and proof thereof shall be filed with the Court on or before April 18, 1979. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: January 24, 1979
Petitioner
Edward Osenga, Jr.
2006 Hollyway Lansing, MI. 48910
Phone (517) 372-5960

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of CATHERINE POHL, DECEASED, File No. 20021.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 16, 1979, at 9:45 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Clinton County Probate Judge, a hearing will be held praying for the admission of the Last Will and Testament of Catherine Pohl to Probate and granting letters of administration to Norbert J. Pohl and Gerald J. Pohl, Co-Executors, and determining the heirs.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON, Estate of MILDRED KAREK, Deceased, File No. 20044.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, February 14, 1979, at 10:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Acting Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Frank J. Karek, Jr., praying for probate of said purported will, granting of administration to the Executor named, and for determination of heirs.

FURTHER, TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, April 25, 1979, at 10:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Acting Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on claims, at which time all creditors of said Deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy thereof upon Frank J. Karek, Jr., 9978 East Round Lake Road, Laingsburg, Michigan, 48848, prior to said hearing.

Dated: January 24, 1979
Petitioner
Frank J. Karek, Jr.
9978 East Round Lake Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone (517) 224-3238

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON, Estate of John Haffa, Jr. Deceased, File No. 20038.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, February 14, 1979, at 11:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Acting Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Michael Haffa, praying that administration of said Estate be granted to Michael Haffa, that the Court fix the amount of bond and that the heirs of the Deceased be determined.

FURTHER, TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, April 25, 1979, at 9:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Acting Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on claims, at which time all creditors of said Deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy thereof upon Michael Haffa, 500 South Baker Street, St. Johns, Michigan, 48879, prior to said hearing.

Dated: January 24, 1979
Petitioner
Michael Haffa
Attorney for Petitioner:
Maples & Wood - Paul A. Maples
500 South Baker Street
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★ Zoning

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gutters raised the development costs, so he went to 50

DeWitt wins 4 in volleyball

Winter weather hasn't kept DeWitt's volleyball team from competing during the past week, as the Panthers beat Sexton 15-8 and 15-11 Jan. 29; competed in a 60-team volleyball tournament in Battle Creek Saturday; and gave up a 15-6, 15-3 loss to Haslett Jan. 24.

Robin Churchill helped DeWitt Monday night with her "steady digs and serving performance" according to coach Tom Mauro. Teammate Jeanne Marriott was also cited for her spiking game against Sexton.

Most commissioners expressed sympathy for Balzer and said they supported his original plan. But one, Walter Nobis, objected because the subdivision would be far from any sanitary sewer system, contrary to a county planning policies.

DeWitt wins 4 in volleyball

DeWitt was one of 60 teams competing in the round robin volleyball tournament in Battle Creek hosted by Kellogg Community College. DeWitt played at Pennfield High School and placed second in its pool of five teams behind last year's Class A state champs, Flint Kearsley.

DeWitt posted wins over Grand Rapids Christian, Marshall and Centerville. Mick Haley, former women's Olympic volleyball coach, organized the tournament.

for the zoning charge, said the matter illustrated the problems developers have had when trying to build in the county.

"Everytime someone in the county wants to build a subdivision in the county they run up into all these problems," he said, "yet we say we don't like sprawl. I think those problems are the reasons we have sprawl."

Hawks said he knew of three developers who sold their land in small parcels after failing to get plans for subdivisions approved.

The project was sent back to the zoning commission by a 6-5 vote. The commission unanimously agreed to send a letter and representatives to the road commission to discuss the curb and gutter policy.

Richard Hawks, who voted

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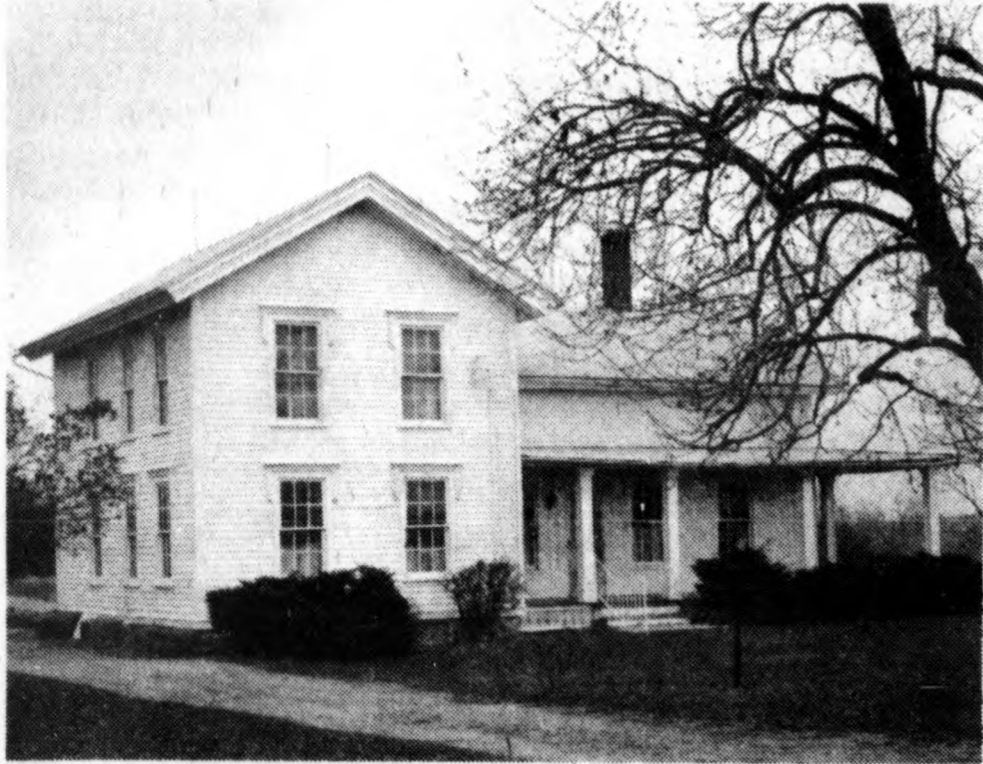
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The Back Page

TOURING CLINTON COUNTY

28 rural community post offices now extinct



Old Geary Post Office

By Jean Martin
Clinton County Historical Society

Between the early settlement of Clinton County and the advent of the rural free delivery system at the turn of the century there were no less than 28 rural community post offices in addition to the 11 which are still operating in the county.

In the early days, mail routes changed frequently and some offices like (1) Essex were opened and closed several times. The (2) Lowe Post Office opened in June, 1895 and closed the next October without having done any business at all. The last to close was (3) Ovid Center (Shepardsville) in 1935.

Many like (4) North Riley,

(5) Lebanon, and (6) Duplain were named for their townships. But in the case of offices like (7) Goss, (8) River Bend, (9) Ingersol (Daniels Station), (10) Lyons Mills and (11) Gardener's Corners, even the place names are no longer familiar.

At least four offices were located on the State Road from Lansing to St. Louis. The (12) Olive Post Office was established in 1848 and was located in the old "Half-Way House." Much later the (13) Merle Beach office was opened. It was located on the southeast corner of DeWitt and Pratt Roads.

Greenbush township was

served by the (14) Union Home Post Office located on the south side of Maple Rapids Road across from MacMasters Tavern. The (15) Keystone Post Office, presumably named in honor of President James Buchanan's home state, was located at French's Corners from 1857 until 1866. This same area was among the first to receive rural free delivery when a 27-mile route out of St. Johns was authorized in December, 1899.

The settlement of (16) Gunnisonville was well established by the time a post office was opened in Borden Hubbard's store in 1891. The

office closed in 1901; but the church, school and cemetery survive. This site as well as more than 200 others are mapped and documented in the Historical Society's publication "Historical Tours of Clinton County" available for \$2 from Herbruck's and Treasure Chest in the St. Johns and the DeWitt Public Library.

The Ray Velsor home on the northwest corner of Shepardsville and Alward Roads was the last site of the (17) Geary Post Office named for Kansas Governor John White Geary. The house was originally built by Ainsworth Reed, who was the third postmaster.

One of the longest-lived rural offices was the (18) Victor Post Office on Shepardsville and Price Roads. It opened in 1847 and didn't close until 1902. As was usually the case, this post office was a rather informal affair located in the postmaster's home.

One day when the weekly mail was received over the State Road between Owosso and Ionia the postmaster, Hugh Haggerty, mentioned to a neighbor that he had received a letter. After much searching around the cabin floor, behind the stove, and in the cupboard, the letter was finally delivered to the waiting addressee.

Does anyone want a load of snow?

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

There's no truth to the rumor that the St. Johns snow removal crews are hauling snow off the streets and putting it in area residents' driveways and sidewalks. The snow removal operation isn't that simple.

"I appreciate everybody being patient with us," said Wendell Waggoner, City Department of Public Works superintendent. "We come along after people have shoveled out and fill their driveways back up. We're not doing it to be mean. We're just getting the job done."

For the past two weeks, St. Johns has been hauling snow out to the city park, west of the new tennis courts in a five-acre plot. The pile is now between six and eight feet tall.

"That area's just about filled up," he said last week, pointing out that if the snow doesn't stop soon, the city will have to wedge a path back to the old landfill two miles north of the city, and haul the snow out there.

"I hope it quits. I'm getting sick of it," he said.

Waggoner said his crews' top priority is to clear the area around the fire hall, and then go down major streets, including Oakland and Sturgis Streets near the hospital. Third on the priority of snow removal, are the streets where doctors reside.

So big are the Great Lakes that they hold one-fourth of all the fresh water in the world—enough to cover the United States 12 feet deep.

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Spaniola named chairperson

State Representative Francis R. Spaniola has been appointed Chairperson of the House Committee on Senior Citizens and Retirement for the new Legislative session. He will continue as a member of the Committees on Education, Towns and Counties and Social Services and Youth and has a new appointment to the Public

Safety Committee.

Spaniola said he is pleased by his committee assignments. "There is a great deal that must be done to make life more comfortable for senior citizens. In addition, strong steps must be taken to address the escalating problems associated with public pension programs," he said.



Dance, dance, dance

Some of the Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players rehearse for a spoof on the 1950's, a part of the upcoming Pewamo-Westphalia Community Players Musical-Variety Show scheduled for Feb. 3 and 4, 8 p.m., in the Pewamo Elementary Gymnasium. Reservations are available by calling 593-2265 or

593-2097. PWCP announced the special \$1 senior citizen rate will also apply for this production. (Left to right) Cheryl Arens of Fowler, Steven Stump of Mt. Pleasant, Colleen Fedewa of Fowler, Gary Platte of Westphalia, Kathy Russell of Grand Ledge and Steven Kimball of Pewamo.

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Section B

The Clinton County News

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Anniversary Edition

Clinton County

Soil Conservation District

ANNUAL REPORT

January 31, 1979

Audited financial report

Clinton County Soil Conservation District
July 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

BALANCE ON HAND JULY 1, 1977 \$ 3,003.86

RECEIPTS:
District Administrative Funds (State of Michigan) 1,472.00
Conservation District Aide Funds (State of Michigan) 4,472.00
State and Regional Meeting Expense Funds 42.71
County Board of Commissioners 5,475.00
Sale of Tree and Shrub Planting Stock 9,755.75
Machinery Rentals 48.00
Annual Meeting Receipts 355.75
Newsletter 200.00
Marking Flags 2.00
Rental of Wallensak 20.00
CETA Funds 7,284.08
Refunds 47.67

TOTAL RECEIPTS 29,174.96

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS 32,178.82

DISBURSEMENTS:
Office Supplies and Service 307.14
Directors Mileage and Expense 735.45
Fees, Dues, Etc. 400.15
Equipment Purchased 343.01
Employees' Expense 17,559.90
Gross Salary 859.42
Social Security (District's Share) 848.47
Bond, Workmen's Compensation and other benefits

Trees 6,227.34
Annual Meetings 457.52
Publications 432.60
Educational Materials 73.00
Other 123.57

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 28,367.57

BALANCE OF CASH AVAILABLE - September 30, 1978 3,811.25

SCS accomplishments

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1978 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	This Year		To Date	
	Number	Acres	Number	Acres
New Cooperators	3	323	1174	179,599
Conservation Plans Prepared or Revised	3	795	1091	161,022
Soil Survey	Clinton County Completed			365,440
Minimum Tillage		2625		68,015
Critical Area Planting		28		280
Grassed Waterways		5		103
Tile Drainage		938,260 ft.		17,886,659 ft.
Field Windbreaks		6300 ft.		209,008 ft.
Ponds	10		204	
Tree Planting		179		1700
Woodland Management		46		2642

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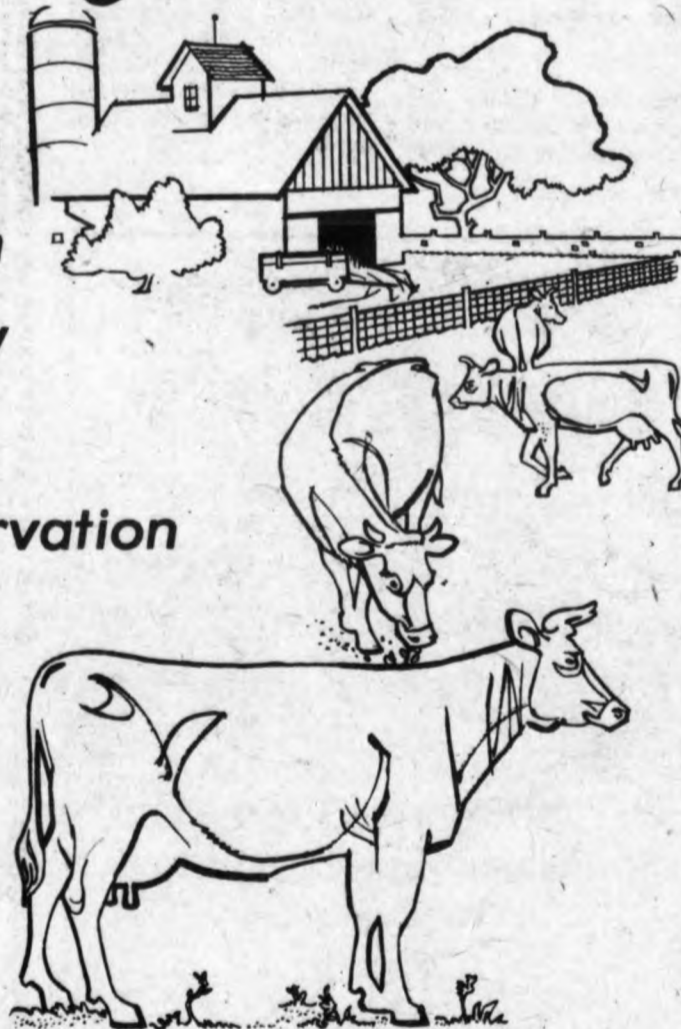
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Trees, shrubs available from SCS

By Ken Loudenbeck

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District again this year will make available for sale a variety of trees

and wildlife shrubs, states Ken Loudenbeck, chairman of the District Tree Program.

A limited supply of Norway Poplar will also be avail-

able. This tree is ideal for windbreaks. It is a fast growing tree and should grow at an average rate of three to five feet per year.

Windbreaks are a fuel-saving measure which can be planted around the outside of a home. A windbreak of trees and shrubs can be planted. An ideal pattern is have three rows of trees with shrubs on both sides. The entire planting should be along the windward sides and 100 to 150 feet from any part of the house. Beauty, bird cover, and the value will be increased by

a windbreak.

A fast growing tree, such as a Norway Poplar, and a slow growing tree, like a pine, could be planted together and when crowding occurs in a few years the fast-growing trees could be used for firewood. Planting a windbreak may seem like something that takes too long a time. Time does pass rather quickly, however, and in a few years the results will be felt and admired.

The Soil Conservation District will also have available Red Pine, Austrian Pine, White Pine, Scotch

Pine; White, Norway, and Colorado Blue Spruce for reforestation, hedgerows and windbreaks. Wildlife shrubs are appreciated by the wildlife that live on your property. Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive provide food, and cover, as well as beauty.

This year the SCD will provide a wildlife and yard packet. This packet contains 50 Honeysuckle, 50 Autumn Olive and 50 Blue Spruce. If you have a large lot or odd area, where you would like to make a better wildlife habitat this wildlife packet should be just

what the conservationist ordered.

The trees that are available will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in having custom tree planting done or would like to rent a tractor drawn tree planter, contact the Soil Conservation District office for additional information.

Order now so your trees will be ready for you in the spring. If you have any questions on how or what to plant on your land, see one of our conservationists at the office.

25h annual SCS meeting set for Feb 3

The 25th annual meeting of the Clinton Soil Conservation District will be held Feb. 3, 1979. The meeting will start with the traditional chicken dinner, followed by the district's business meeting. A slide program by Verlen Kruger on canoeing in Canada will be given.

Tickets for the dinner can be obtained from a district director, Stanley Baird, David Conklin, Kenneth Loudenbeck, Robert Moore, or Gerald Becker. Or from the office at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, 224-4318. You can call and reserve your tickets for the annual meeting. We need to know by Jan. 31, approximately how many dinners to have the cooks prepare.

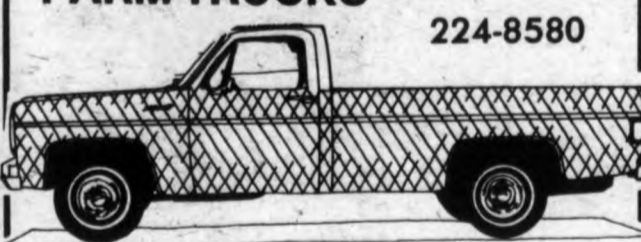
The Clinton County Soil Conservation District Board will present several awards

to landowners and individuals who have made contributions toward conservation in Clinton County. The awards to be given are: Conservation Farmer-of-the-Year, Conservation Contractor Award, Special Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, and a Stewardship Award. Also, five farmers will be recognized for their efforts of conservation on their farms.


One term as Director will be elected at this annual meeting. The three-year term of David Conklin expires at this time. The District Nominating Committee will conduct the election. Moninees for this director term are David Conklin of Olive Township and Daniel Thelen of Westphalia Township.

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SCS beginnings go back to 1953

By Robert More, Vice Chairman

In 1953 a number of conservation-minded farmers in Clinton County contacted the county agent and showed an interest in forming a soil conservation district in this county. Realizing that Clinton County had complex soils and land forms and drainage problems, the agriculture agent contacted the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee and applied to start proceedings to establish a soil conservation district in Clinton County.

On Jan. 25, 1954, a meeting was held in the municipal building in Clinton County and the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee explained to the land owners the workings of soil conservation districts and the procedures needed to establish one. Hearings were held in June of 1954 and on Aug. 12, 1954, a referendum was voted on by the people of Clinton County to establish a Soil Conservation District.

Directors were elected at this time and they were: Clarence Manning of Westphalia, George Baird of DeWitt, and Max Loudbeck of Maple Rapids. Two directors were appointed by the State Soil Conservation committee. They were Robert Moore of Elsie, and William Parker of Ovid. On Oct. 7, 1954, the Clinton Soil Conservation District officially became the 72nd district in Michigan.

In 1953, Ken McManus of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service was assigned to the Clinton Soil Conservation District and served in this capacity in Clinton County until 1960, when Ronald Church served as District Conservationist until 1962. He was followed by Lloyd Campbell who served as District Conservationist in Clinton County until 1977. Campbell retired and was replaced by James Squires, who is present District Conservationist.

The Soil Conservation District has also been served by several Soil Conservation Technicians. In 1957, Harry

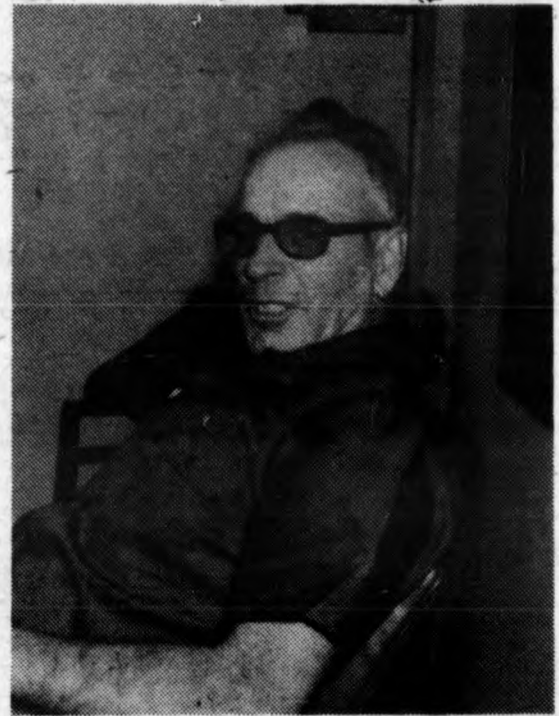
Harden served in this capacity and served the Clinton District intermittently until 1962. Also in 1959, Orville Beachler was hired as Soil Conservation Technician and presently serves the District in this capacity.

Other Soil Conservation Technicians who served over the last 25 years are Donald Lawless and Lowell Goff. Also among the people of the Soil Conservation Service who have served the Soil Conservation District are a number of trainees. They are as follows: Quentin J. Friedhoff, who is presently District Conservationist in Howell; another trainee, Donald Gibbs, who is presently a farmer near Onondaga in Ingham County; Joe Moralez, who is Soil Conservationist in Ionia; and Harry Jackson.

The Clinton Soil Conservation District has employed the following people as secretaries: Esther VanSickle, Dolores Bauer, Peggy Beard, Sue Remus, Sue Paksi, Barbara Rehm,

and Nancy Beachler.

In 1977 and 1978, David Miller served as District Aide. He is now employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Lansing and is also continuing his schooling. Eileen Gillespie was employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Lansing and is also continuing his schooling. Eileen Gillespie was employed as District Aide in 1978 and is presently serving in that position.



Robert Moore

Director to be selected at annual meeting

A director election will be held at the Feb. 3, 1979, annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ovid-Elsie School. A three-year term which is presently held by David Conklin will

expire this year. The nomination committee will conduct the election and presently has two candidates for the position which will be elected. The candidates for the election are David Conklin and Daniel H. Thelen.

David Conklin operates a dairy farm in Olive Township, and Daniel Thelen is a dairy farmer in Westphalia Township. Nominations for candidates will also be taken at the annual meeting.

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SCS initiated drain projects

The Clinton Soil Conservation District has sponsored many projects throughout the county. Among these projects which have been accomplished through the efforts of the Soil Conservation District is the Morris Drain Public Watershed project. The Morris Drain Watershed Project was completed in the early 1960s, and it is located in Westphalia and Eagle Townships.

The second watershed project which was completed in Clinton County with the assistance of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District was the Catlin Waters Watershed Project in Lebanon Township, north of Fowler. This project was completed in 1968 and 1969.

Another public watershed project which the Soil Conservation District has sponsored and initiated is the Maple River Watershed Project. The Maple River Watershed Project is in Gratiot, Clinton and Shiawassee counties. The total area drained is approximately 225,000 acres in the Upper Maple River Watershed, and some 50,000 acres in the Lower Maple River Watershed. In 1977 work was done in Gratiot County to open the existing channel by removing debris and sediment from the bottom of the existing channel.

In 1975 and 1976 Sleepy Hollow State Park was started with a flood retention dam. This dam provides permanent recreation waters of 450 acres, as well as swimming beaches and picnic areas. In the future, campsites will also be provided. This project was initiated and sponsored by the Clinton Soil Conservation District. The dam itself is located in

Ovid and Victor Townships.

Some of the other watershed projects which the Soil Conservation District has initiated but, because of local determination, were not constructed under the Federal Watershed Protection Law are: the Remy-Chandler Drain which is located in Bath and DeWitt Townships; the Stoney Creek Drain in Dallas, Bengal, and Bingham Townships; the Hayworth Creek Watershed, which is located in Essex and Greenbush Townships; and the Looking Glass River project, which is located in the southern part of Clinton County.

Another major accomplishment of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District was the initiating of a complete detailed soil survey of Clinton County. Field work was completed over a period

of years and final publication and printing of this document can contact the local Soil Conservation District Office.

Over the last 25 years many people have assisted the Soil Conservation District in accomplishing the goals which have been set forth by the people which they serve. Also many different people have served on the Soil Conservation District Board. The following is a list of board members during the past 25 years:

William Parker, Max Loudenbeck, Raymond Bradley, Robert Moore, George Baird, David Swanson, Clarence Manning, Loren Van Ostran, William Mayers, Keith Wright, Stanley Baird, Kenneth Loudenbeck, David Conklin and Gerald Becker.

Clinton County soil survey available

In March of 1978 the published soil survey became available. This soil survey includes detailed information on the soils of Clinton County and contains data on how this survey was made, descriptions of the soil, use and management of soils, formation and classification of soils and environmental

factors affecting soil use. The soil survey also contains data on wildlife, woodland, recreation, as well as aerial photos of the entire county with the soils outlined.

This soil survey information can be used by farmers, planners, realtors, engineers, loan corporations, health departments, utility companies, teachers, students, and developers—anyone who has a need to know about the soils on a given parcel of land. A soil survey is also used for local planning and zoning agencies to determine if the area is suitable for septic tank disposal fields, for estimating productivity of soils, and to help locate sites for commercial and residential development.

Data from the soil survey is helpful in making decisions concerning land use and land use changes. In Clinton County land use is changing at a rapid rate because of population and commercial growth. The data in the published soil survey for Clinton County is a useful tool in county planning. If you have a need to know the soils which you are working with, you can obtain a copy of this soil survey, free, from the Soil Conservation District office.

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Survey pinpoints major concerns

By Stanley Baird,
Chairman

During the summer of 1978 the Clinton Soil Conservation District surveyed the land users of the county to determine what are the major resource concerns within the county. As a result of the questionnaires, meetings and opinions received, it was made clear that there are 11 major concerns which must be dealt with.

drainage; flooding; production of food and fiber; disposal of agricultural waste; land use; loss of prime, unique and important farmlands; rural development; socio-political problem of conserving resources; soil erosion; loss of wildlife; and water management, quality and adequate supplies.

The Soil Conservation district has an interest in all of these items and is presently developing plans to help solve some of them. The SCD would like to work on

all of the major concerns, but one group can be everything to everyone or do everything for everyone. To solve problems such as these, it will take a combined effort from all governmental agencies, as well as each local citizen.

The information which was gathered in the past six months is now in usable form and priorities for the major concerns have been established. The district staff and directors have made additional studies to make sure that the concerns which were expressed by the people are in fact a real problem. The next step for the district will be to select those concerns which are district responsibilities, and ones which the SCD should take the leadership role, such as soil erosion and water management.

The most difficult part of problem solving is to make

sure that the implementation schedule is followed and that the goals are met. The SCD will be developing a five-year plan on how the major concerns will be addressed and will be asking not only other units of government to assist, but may ask you to do your share to see that the natural resources of our county are conserved for future use.

This five-year implementation plan will be the guide which the Soil Conservation District will use to acquire assistance to meet the goals set forth.

These goals will be to conserve the resources of the county, improve our environment and maintain the agricultural economic base. These goals are worth working to accomplish, and with the support of the local people I feel that your Soil Conservation District can do something about the 11

major concerns. The SCD may ask for your help. If you are interested in taking part and being a part of the solution instead of part

of the problem, visit our monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month and ask what you can do.



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Meeting features slide show

Part of the Clinton Soil Conservation District's annual meeting will be a slide presentation by Verlen Kruger on "The Ontario High Country."

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The third attempt resulted in the tragic loss of a buddy, when his canoe went over an unmarked falls.

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Crop residues can stop erosion

By Dave Conklin

"Crop residues on the soil surface is an effective way to stop wind erosion" stated Dave Conklin, treasurer of Clinton County Soil Conservation District. "Wind erosion in Michigan last spring was more serious than in the past because of larger fields, fewer fence rows, and more fall plowing," he continued.

Crop residues, corn stalks, and other parts of this year's crop left on the land surface effectively stop wind erosion by keeping the wind at the ground surface too slow to cause erosion. "It is no trick to control erosion, just don't bury crop residues with a plow," Conklin said.

It is important to keep winds a foot or more above the surface of the land to con-

trol wind erosion. Wind speed at the ground level is the critical wind erosion factor. Soil particles the size of a pinhead start moving

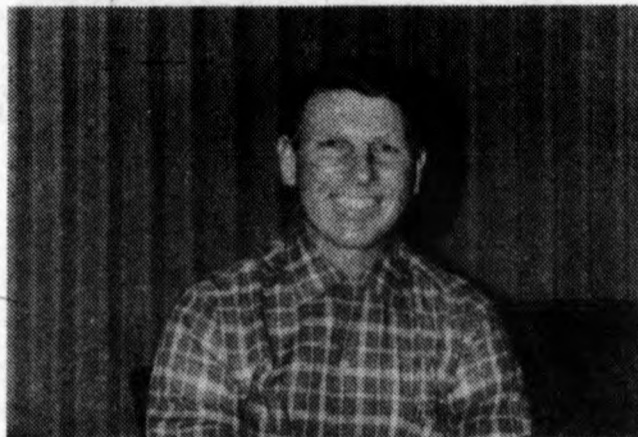
when the wind reaches eight miles per hour at the ground surface.

Conklin pointed out that the phrase "at the ground

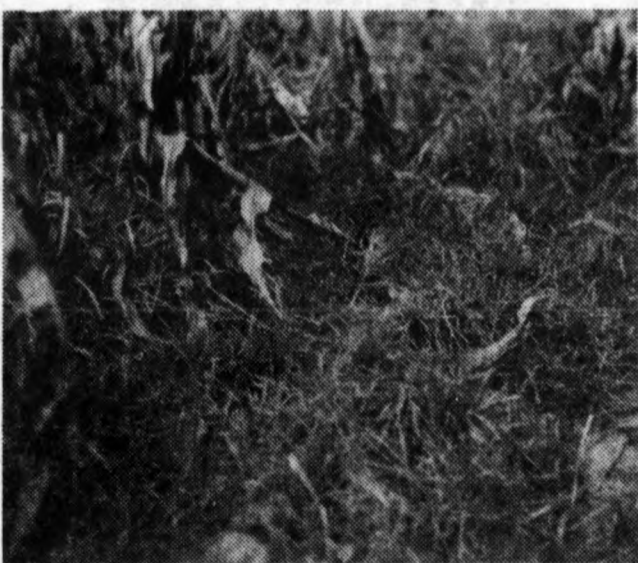
surface" is important because that is where wind erosion takes place. Winds a foot or more above the ground do not cause erosion

problems because they never touch the soil.


The effectiveness of crop residue in wind erosion con- Please turn to page 14B



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Conservation cheaper than erosion

By Gerald Becker

There are many problems facing the farmer of Clinton County. Those of low prices for products sold and high cost of items purchased is no doubt the main one. But what's the cost of erosion?

Some of these erosion problems can be put off. It's easy not to stop an erosion problem by not installing a conservation practice which will solve the problem and help keep valuable topsoil on land that is producing your income. Many times these problems will wait—or will they?

Farmers are paying for cleaning out of public and private drains, which will provide them with outlets for tile drainage as well as improve surface drainage and reduce flooding hazards.

Sediment which comes from eroding farmland slowly builds up and fills these drains, so again, they need to be cleaned out.

If landowners would reduce the sediment going into these ditches, the period of time between needed clean-outs would be longer and therefore reduce the maintenance cost, which will reduce your operating cost.

To reduce the sediment

and erosion, we must pay more attention to things we can do to prevent erosion from starting. Soil which is covered or protected from the wind and water does not erode as easy as open or unprotected soil. So the shorter the time period is when the soil is unprotected, the less erosion will occur.

Planting cover crops for example, not only adds organic matter to your soil, improves soil structure, can improve crop yields and decreases soil compaction problem, but can provide a cover which can aid in harvesting by giving your

equipment better traction. These are some benefits that are in addition to that of reducing wind and water erosion and conserving the soil which erodes and ends up in our open ditches.

On many farms there are places along drains which are eroding where surface water enters the main drainage ditch. The installation of waterways and erosion control structures to drop the runoff water from the field level to the ditch level is needed.

If all landusers would reduce erosion on their farms, the cost and need for



Gerald Becker

maintenance of open drainage ways would be less and reduce your cleanout cost.

Doesn't it make cents to reduce erosion of valuable topsoil which is the source from which your agricultural income flows?

Conservation practices are not just a nice thing which should be done if and when we get around to it.

Conservation practices can save you money by saving soil. Each year you spend money for fertilizers. Is it wise to let even a little of it go down the drain?

There are programs which aid landowners in solving these conservation problems, with financial as well as technical assistance. If you have erosion problems and would like assistance with your conservation problems, contact your Soil Conservation District so we can schedule a visit to your farm. We may be able to help you save money as well as soil.

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We must use our world wisely

By Eileen Gillespie
District Aide

Conservation means using our world wisely. The world, and our community, has in it many useful things called natural resources. Some of these are necessary to life itself. We could not live without sunshine to warm the earth, without air to breathe, or water to drink. We would all quickly

starve without plant and animal foods to eat.

We like to think of our world as a large and bountiful place. But actually the earth's area is small compared with the number of people on it. For there is an area less than the size of five city blocks for each of us. Approximately four blocks of these are covered by water because of the many oceans, rivers, and lakes. Only a little over the size of one

block is land. This is not much land to live on; when most of it is desert, unfit for any use. Only about three-quarters of an acre per person is good for growing crops.

When we realize how small each person's share of the world is, we begin to see the importance of conservation. We must remember that the world's gifts are not ours alone. We only borrow

them for a lifetime. Therefore we must conserve the world's resources for future generations. Their share of the world will be even smaller because of the growing population.

Whenever possible we must replace the resources we use. A good forester cuts trees only where other trees will be planted to replace them. The wise farmer returns to the soil those plant

foods that his crops take out of it.

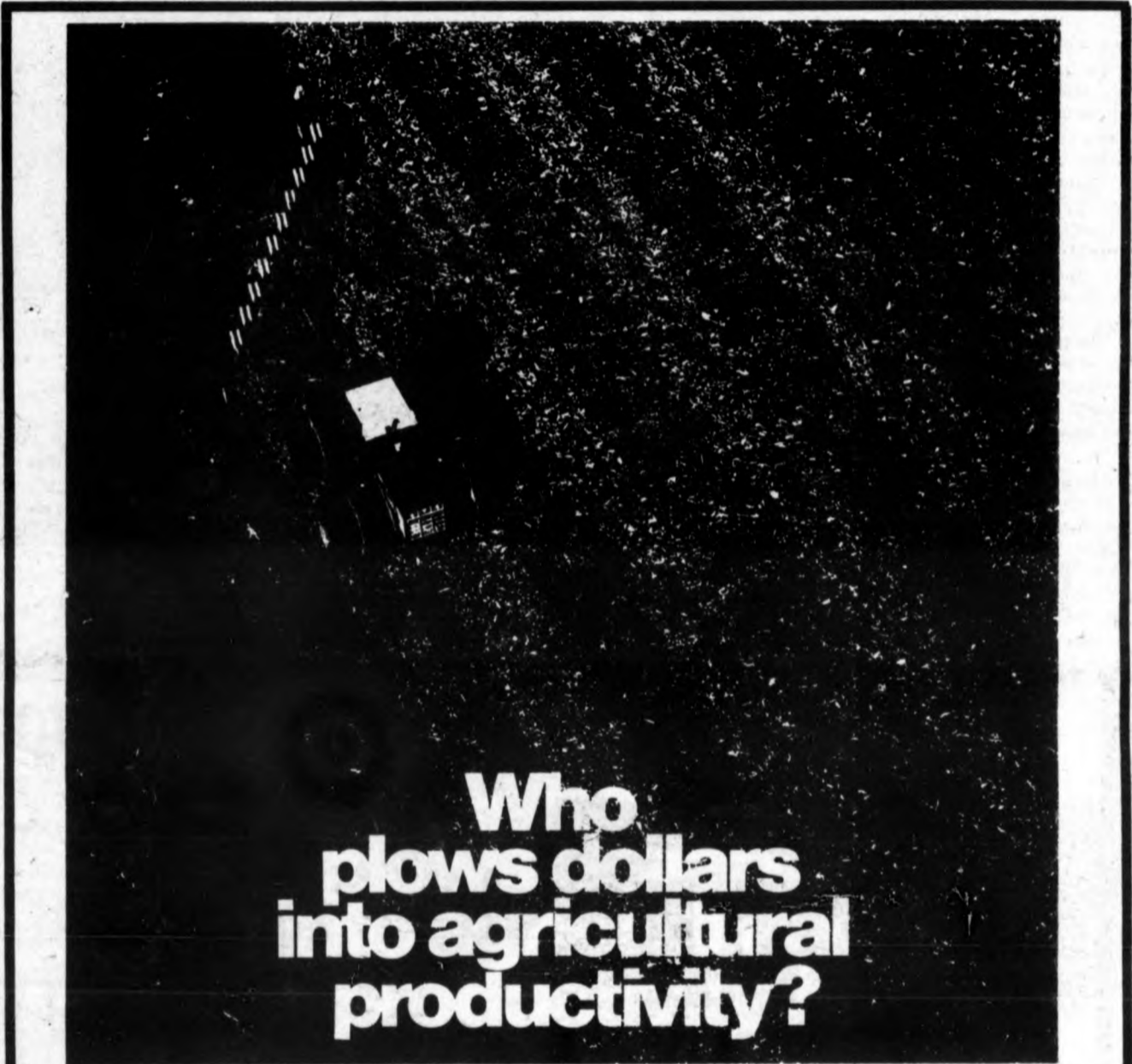
Conservation means the wise use of human resources as well as natural resources. Human preservation means developing healthful, happy, and useful lives. This requires the conservation of soil, water, and plant life. Using our world wisely is the first step to reaching this goal.

Conservation of soil and

water is everybody's business. Water is as plentiful on earth as it was in prehistoric times. Our problem is to help nature distribute it for man's best use. The soil is the earth's most abused resource. It is also one of the hardest to restore. Wise farming and the use of conservation practices can save the soil we have left, and bring new life to our lands....



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An example of soil conservation

By Orville Beachler
Soil Conservation
Technician

Walter Amick, who farms 400 acres in Section 16 of Essex Township, called the Soil Conservation Service office in the summer of 1977. Walter said he had an erosion problem which was eating away at a bank where surface water was entering the ditch. He wanted to know what could be done to correct the problem.

After inspecting the erosion site, I looked over the surrounding area to determine how many acres of surface water came into the ditch at the eroding site. The size of watershed is needed to design the right size of erosion control structure to handle all of the water that would be channeled through it.

The eroding area was surveyed to gather data needed to design the most practical erosion control structure. In this case two alternate plans that would satisfactorily solve the erosion problem

were developed. One was a concrete block structure and the other was a prefabricated aluminum toe wall structure.

Walter elected to install the aluminum structure

because it would take less labor to do. In the spring of 1978 he ordered the structure from Kaiser Aluminum Company.

He decided to install the

structure in August, and the Soil Conservation District staff surveyed for installation at the site during construction, to assure the footings and structure was installed as planned. Walter used his own equipment and he and his son, Bruce, installed the structure.

Walter and his son, did a very good job of shaping and seeding the fill around

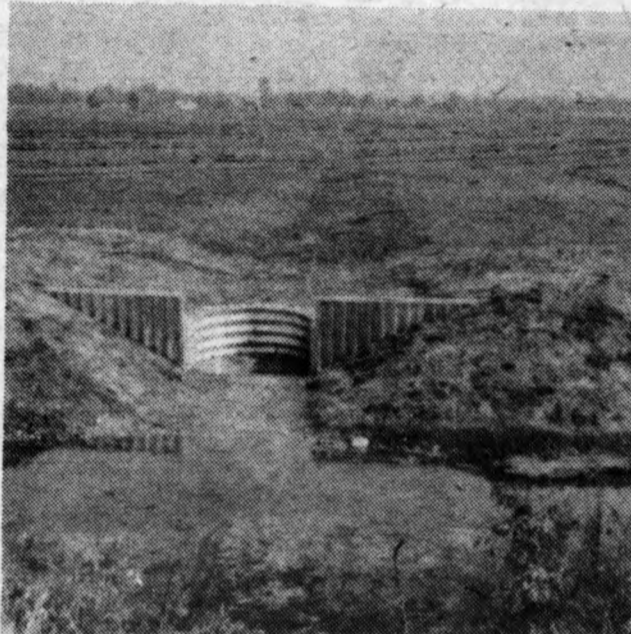
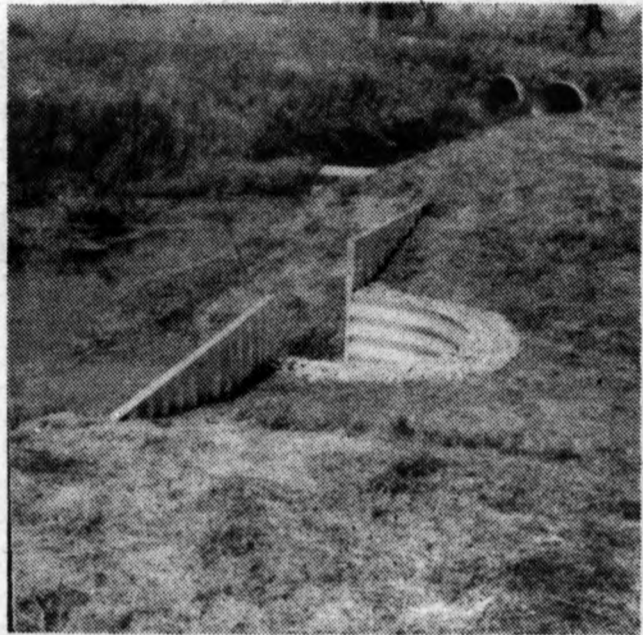
the structure. And they reshaped and seeded the waterway in front of the structure to assure that the erosion problem would be totally controlled. The accompanying picture shows the excellent job that was done by Walter in installing this aluminum structure.

We were proud enough of his work, that we have shown this structure to a good many

people this fall as a good example how to install a

conservation practice and solve an erosion problem that otherwise would have kept getting worse.

Do you have a gully that's running away with your farm, or one that you can't drive the combine through because it is too deep? Or maybe you would just like to improve your land and make it better than it was when you became steward of it? Perhaps the services of your Soil Conservation District can help you.



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Get away with stealing land

By Jim Squires, D.C.

Yes! that's right, you can steal your neighbors' land and be the envy of all your neighbors, still be respected and it's perfectly legal. There is a catch to it.

First of all, you must have a neighbor that does a lot of fall plowing and it sure helps if his land is up the hill, as well as up wind, from your farm. One of the most important things is to not discuss cover crops, wind-breaks, minimum tillage, no-till, or any of the normal soil saving practices with him. That way he won't know how or what you're up to. Remember, when you set out to steal something, it's best not to let anyone know about it. That way they keep it under lock and key.

Now I am about to let you in on why you should be doing this, and then how to do it. The main reason for stealing your neighbors' land is so you can improve your farm and in the process make more money.

Let's say for an example, your neighbor is having the

normal amount of water erosion. You can tell if the runoff water is more the color of soil than it is blue. The average erosion on much of the land in this county is about six tons per acre per year. If your neighbor has the normal wind erosion of about four tons per acre per year, you can tell because the snow banks are brown along the hedgerows and near the ditches.

Well! This totals up to 10 tons of soil loss per acre per year. Each ton of top-soil contains approximately \$4 worth of N-P&K and each ton of soil is 7/1000 of an inch thick. So each year if you can make his eroding soil stop on your farm, you can take from him \$40 worth of plant food and 1/15 of an inch of soil. Over a life time of farming this totals up to \$2,000 of N-P&K and 3 1/3 inches per acre. If you can capture 200 acres, this really adds up to as much as \$8,000 each year worth of N-P&K and 2,000 tons of his most productive soil. 2,000 tons of soil would fill 38,000 bushel baskets, and that's a

lot of soil. This information may vary depending on the soil types and the current cost of fertilizer. But it is worth thinking about. And that is why you should consider stealing your neighbors' land.

Now, here is how you can steal your neighbors' land and get away with it. It is really quite easy, and not all that expensive, considering what you gain. Over the next three to five years you install as many conservation practices as possible. Such things as leaving crop residue on the soil surface, planting cover crops, planting wind-breaks, or establishing a good crop rotation.

Do things that will cover the land and catch as much of your neighbors' soil as you can, and at the same time stop any soil loss you may have on your farm. Don't do all these things at once, someone may get suspicious. Other things that will also help are improved tillage methods, no-till perhaps, and so you won't lose your soil, maybe a waterway or an erosion control structure may be

needed.

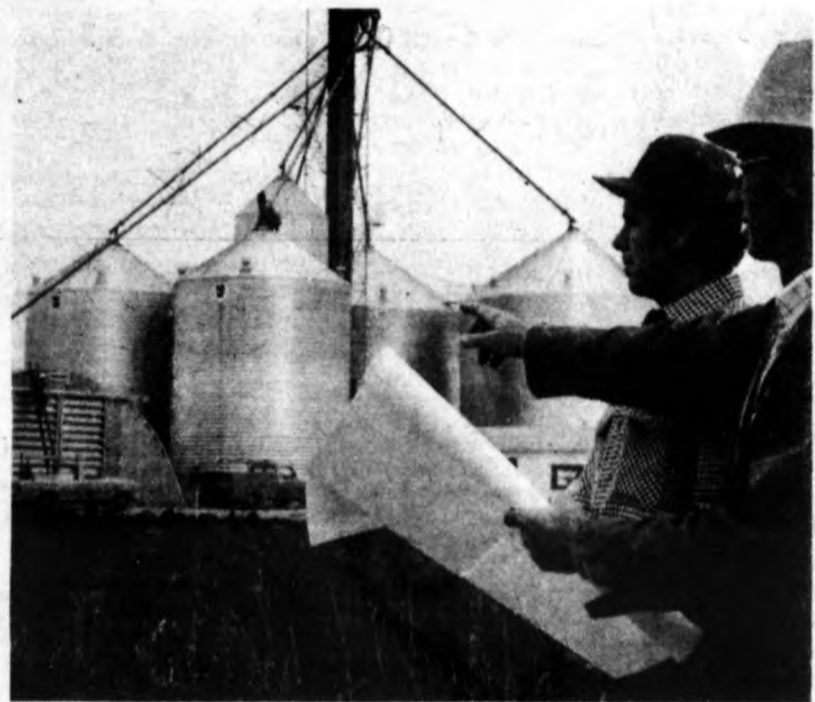
Now that you know why soil erosion is so important and how to solve the problem, it's time to draw up your plan of attack. The Soil

Conservation Service will help you with such a plan, and help you in laying out the needed practices.

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Many have served soil district

Ronald Church

Ronald Church joined the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, in St. Johns in 1960. He served as District Conservationist through 1961. Following this he was assigned to the St. Joseph, field office where he was the District Conservationist for eleven years.



In 1972 Ron became Project Coordinator with the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Project located at Grayling. He remained at this post until 1977.

Mr. Church is currently the Resource Conservationist with the State Soil Conservation Service in East Lansing.

Kenneth Mcmanus



Kenneth G. McManus is a native of Jackson, and a 1951 agriculture education graduate of Michigan State University.

Ken joined the soil con-

servation service in 1953 as a soil conservationist at Lapeer and St. Johns. He became district conservationist at St. Johns in 1954 and served in that position until May of 1960. His assistance to Michigan also included serving as an area conservationist at Jackson; and as a state resource conservationist August 1964-January 1966 and assistant state conservationist January 1966-November 1970 at East Lansing.

In 1970 Ken became deputy state conservationist for Iowa. He transferred to Fort Worth, Texas, in September 1973 and served as the assistant director of the south technical service center through December 1975.

Ken McManus is presently the state conservationist for Missouri, headquartered in Columbia.

Former secretaries

Esther VanSickle was employed by the Clinton County Soil Conservation District in 1958. She was the first secretary hired by the SCD. Her duties included general office work such as typing, filing, bookkeeper, selling trees, and payroll. She also prepared rough drawings of farm tiling plans, attended monthly SCD meetings, taking minutes, helped with the write up of the annual report and made signs for the yearly air tour.

Ms. VanSickle worked for the Soil Conservation District until December 1965. She now resides in the rural area of Perrinton.

Sue Paksi was also hired as a secretary for the SCD. She worked from 1968 to 1971. Barbara Rehm then began employment and continued until December 1977, when she left to accept a

position with the Michigan Apple Committee in Lansing. Nancy Beachler followed her in the secretarial opening, but left after six months to further her interests in other fields.

Eileen Gillespie is currently employed by the Soil Conservation District as District Aide. Her duties remain very similar to those mentioned above and include some additions such as typing all material relating to the District and District and Soil Conservation Service correspondence, serving as receptionist for the District and SCS Field Office, maintaining the bookkeeping and filing systems, arranging and attending all Board meetings, handling all funds for District projects and performing related duties assigned by the Soil Conservation District or the District Conservationist.

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Harry Harden



In 1954 Harry started work for the Soil Conservation Service in the Traverse City office. He transferred to Clinton County in 1956, and worked here until 1968, when he moved to the Gratiot County office where he worked as a Civil Engineer Technician for Clinton, Gratiot, and Isabella Counties. In 1970, Harry transferred to the SCS Area Office in Grand Rapids.

In the fall of 1970 he moved from the Soil Conservation Service to the ASCS as office manager, in Genesee County, and served there until the fall of 1973.

In April of 1976 he started in his present position as Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

James Squires



James Squires started with the Soil Conservation Service in 1960 at the Kent County field office as a Soil Conservation Technician. He moved to the Watershed and River-basin Planning staff in the East Lansing office in 1968 as a Civil Engineer Technician.

In 1974, Jim transferred to Oceana County as Soil Conservationist, then in 1975 moved to Crawford and Roscommon Counties as District Conservationist. In October of 1977 he assumed the position as District Conservationist in St. Johns.

Lloyd Campbell



It was 1952 when Lloyd Campbell first accepted a position as a soil conservationist and after two years in Mt. Clemons and five years in Bad Axe, he was transferred to St. Johns where he remained until his retirement in October 1977.

Orville Beachler

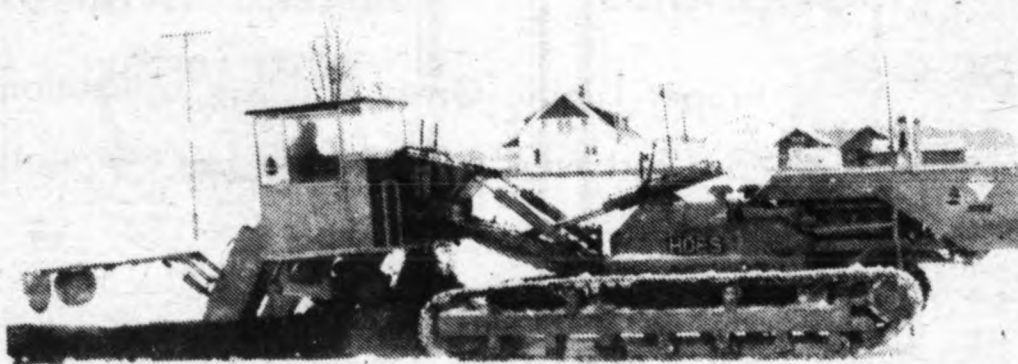
Orville Beachler started working with the Soil Conservation Service in 1959, at Evart, as Soil Conservation Technician. In 1960 he trans-

ferred to the St. Johns field office and has served here as Soil Conservation Technician for the past nineteen years.

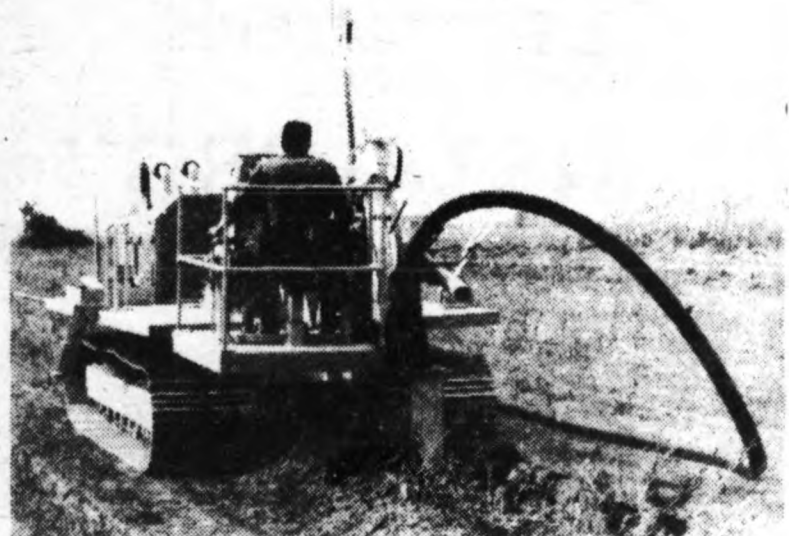
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Money available for conservation

Clinton County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service disbursed \$86,000 in cost-share assistance to farmers in the county for 1978. 72 percent of these funds went for permanent vegetative cover. This practice will remain on the land for a minimum of five years after the year of establishment. Other practices performed on the land included three windbreaks, 19 cropland protective covers, one permanent vegetative cover on critical area, one irrigation water conservation, two sediment retention erosion control structures, five sod waterways, five animal waste storage facilities, four forest tree plantations, four forest tree stand improvements, three permanent wildlife habitats, and eight sod in rotation practices.

Most of the practices offered in 1978 were cost-shared with farmers from 60

to 90 percent depending on priority. Cost-share levels for 1979 will be from 50 to 80 percent. This year long-term agreements will be offered. Long term agreement funds will be separate from the annual agreements and will constitute about 20 percent of our 1979 allocation.

There are a couple of significant changes for 1979. Last year a farmer was limited to \$2500 of cost-share payment. In 1979, he will be eligible to receive up to \$3500 in cost-share payments. Another significant change is that starting in

1979, we can make cost-share payments to farmers as soon as they complete the measures needed to solve their conservation problem. In the past, because of congressional appropriation, we had to wait until Oct. 1 to make payments to farmers. We believe both of these

changes will make the program more acceptable to farmers.

The top priority of the 1979 program is providing enduring solutions to these problems on farm land which may be a source of agricultural pollution on land affected by wind or water erosion.

The anti-pollution feature of the program is all important because pollution of lakes, streams, or rivers caused by farm run-off affects everyone who uses the stream, lake or river in any fashion, or lives beside it.

★ Crop

control depends on the amount. Conklin said most Michigan soils need 500 to 1,000 pounds on the surface for adequate wind protection and sandy or muck soils need more. To get an idea of how much 500 to 1,000 pounds of crop residue is, a 100 bushel corn crop has almost 6,000 pounds of residue or corn stalks per acre. Farmers do

not need all the crop residue left from corn or small grain but after soybeans or corn harvested for silage a cover crop is needed for adequate soil protection.

Conklin suggested an easy way to measure crop residue on a field. Simply mark off three plots, three feet by three feet, selected at ran-

dom; collect, dry and weigh the residue left on the surface. The weight in ounces multiplied by 100 is the pounds of crop residue per acre.

After crop residues have stopped wind erosion, the question is how to prepare the land for planting and still leave the crop residue on the soil surface. Instead of

plowing, Conklin recommends no-till farming, which leaves about 80 percent of the residue on the surface. He cautioned against use of a twisted point chisel plow that buries 40 to 75 percent of the crop residue or a tandem disking which buries 50 to 75 percent.

Some fields don't have enough crop residues after

harvest. In cases like this, establishment of a winter cover crop such as rye or oats is needed to provide enough residue for erosion control.

"It is the amount of residue left on the land at planting time that counts. Crop residues left on the surface control wind erosion and also reduce water erosion," Conklin concluded.



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Woodlots need to be managed

By Roger Hoeksema,
Area Forester
Rose Lake Field Office

According to Roger Hoeksema, DNR Forester, a woodlot can easily be compared to a garden. If it isn't growing the desirable plants to its fullest potential, it is only because of neglect.

Like a garden, a woodlot needs to be managed. It needs weeding, thinning and harvesting.

Managed woodlots also have the potential of multiple use. This means a given woodlot can provide more than one use to the owner. It can be used for timber production, wildlife habitat,

erosion control, and recreation. And the products of a managed woodlot are many—lumber, firewood, maple syrup, wildlife and nuts.

The emphasis, of course, is management. But what is management, where can assistance be obtained and what does management cost?

First of all, what is forest management? Forest management is applying the various techniques of tree planting, weed control, thinning, pruning and harvesting as needed to attain the

desired goal. Normally, the major goal is timber production or forest establishment. The other uses generally are benefits of proper forest management.

Proper forest management enables the owner to improve the woodlot and increase its value much faster than "Mother Nature's" schedule.

Many people have the misconception that woodlots change very little. Woodlots are dynamic, constantly changing and in need of periodic attention. Trees must be harvested to avoid

wasting a valuable resource and to give smaller trees a chance to grow. Trees need thinning to put growth on the best trees and pruning is necessary to improve tree quality.

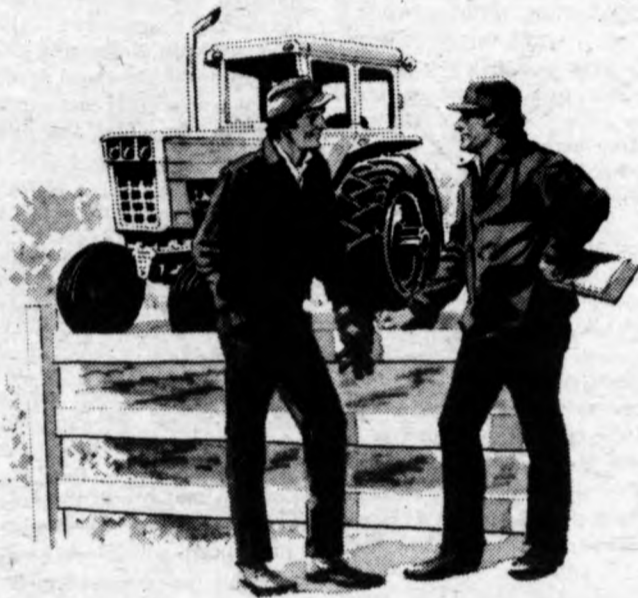
Where can forestry assistance be obtained? Assistance is only a telephone call away. The DNR forester in your area is located at Rose Lake. He can be reached at 517-641-6000 or 517-339-8638, or write to Area Forester, 8562 E. Stoll Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. He can assist you in tree planting, timber stand

improvement, pruning and timber harvesting.

And what does it cost to receive all of this assistance? Only your time. The forestry services are provided as a service to you—the woodlot owner.

So put your woodlot to work for you under sound forest management. You can improve your woodlot, learn a little about forestry, and be assured that you are doing your share to wisely manage one of our nation's vital resources.

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Harden explains drain operations

By Harry Harden

In 1976 March Ice Storm disaster created problems with many county drains. After assessing the damaged areas affecting the county drains within the county, the drain office worked closely with county commissioners and news media on public relations and applied to the Federal Disaster Administration for federal funds to clean debris from County drains.

A federal grant was received for approximately \$160,000 for disaster work, affecting over 30 miles, including the Maple River, Stoney Creek, Spaulding Extension, Steel & Walbridge, North Swagart, and Hayworth Extension Drains. The office supervised four contractors on clean-up projects October 1976 to February 1977. The drain office assisted with six townships and the City of St. Johns, in cleaning up another 14 miles of ice storm debris affecting the Spaulding Extension and Stoney Creek drains. Comparing our ice storm grant, Clinton County received over \$140,000 more than any neighboring county due to the thorough preliminary work accomplished by the drain office.

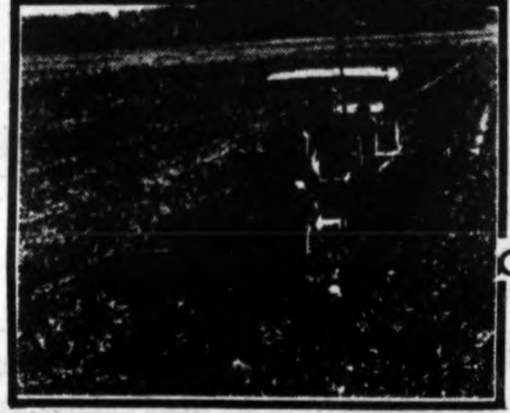
The drain office has promoted landowners to pay the

total cost under Clinton County Drain Commissioner's supervision of approximately 20 miles of drains, thus saving townships and county at large from drain assessments. We handled the Stoney Creek petition, assessment and contract letting affecting 1/3 of Clinton County, and saved the county several thousands of dollars by doing the new right-of-ways and processing 5,000 freeholders assessments. We spent several hours of overtime work on the additional request made by Attorney William Drillock for Stoney Creek vs. DNR, Attorney General File #78-2265. We reorganized all drain records from pocket folders into regular file folders for more appropriate ready information, thus saving the valuable drain records from further damage and putting them neatly in order for proposed micro-filing.

We worked closely with highways, municipalities, townships, developers, and etc. on much needed drain improvements, thus improving many drains and saving the county at large higher assessments. We instigated the clean up of the Maple River in the Village of Ovid, in the spring of 1978

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Grass waterways need care

By Mark F. Hansen

Grass waterways are the most natural way to control erosion, but even this method takes some management. Grass varieties must match soil types and conditions, fertilizers are needed to keep desired grasses healthy, and mowing or herbicides are necessary to prevent weeds from spreading into cropland.

In preparing a grass waterway, gullies should be graded to form a gentle, saucer-shaped depression. This will initially form a smooth seedbed for the grass, and later allow the farmer to cross the waterway with machinery. Apply mulch on the new seedbed and disc in or plow before seeding. After seeding, a cultipacker will firm the soil for better germination.

Alternate methods of establishment include seeding the waterway when grain is sown, or leaving the waterway unplowed when a good sod is already present. Areas of critical erosion may require laying sod rather than seeding, due to intense washing of soil and seed.

Grass varieties will vary with soil texture and drainage. Droughty soils can be seeded with creeping red fescue and domestic ryegrass. Bromegrass and ryegrass are recommended on well drained fertile soil, while bromegrass and tall fescue are best on soils less than well drained. On poorly drained soils, a combination of brome, ryegrass, and redtop; or tall fescue, ryegrass and redtop should be adequate. Seeding rates should be heavier than

normal.

If the waterway is to be mowed closely and managed as a "lawn", Kentucky blue grass should be seeded with ryegrass and creeping red fescue.

Sixty pounds of actual nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium is sufficient on the grass seeding. However, a blend of N, P, and K suited to the adjoining crop may be more convenient and economical to apply. Herbicides will also depend on the neighboring crop and, of

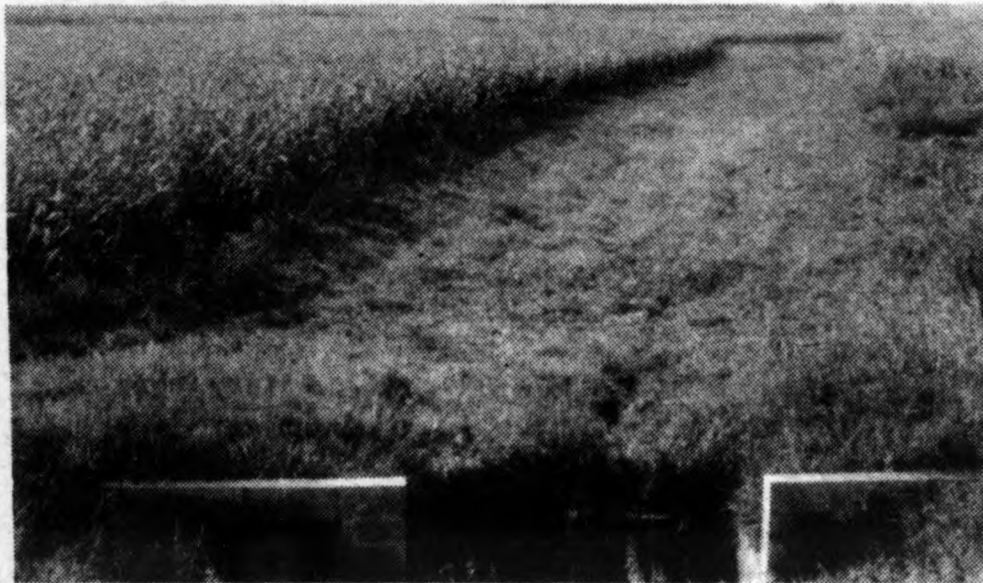
course, a broad spectrum grass herbicide will spell disaster if applied directly to the sod.

When designing a grass waterway, remember four important points. Waterways must (1) contain a thick sod in order to prevent erosion, (2) be wide enough to contain run-off water, (3) have gently sloping sides (8 to one slope) to allow machinery crossing, and (4) be inspected and maintained each year.

For further details on

grass waterways, pick up a copy of Extension Bulletin E-457, entitled "Pave Your Waterways With Grass", available at your

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Kenneth Wyrick (left) and Madison Wyrick (right) are Outstanding Farmers of the year according to the Soil Conservation Service. Ken Wyrick, Kenneth's son, also works on the farm and is in the center. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Wyrick brothers named farmers of the Year

Clinton County

Kenneth and Madison Wyrick of St. Johns have been named the Outstanding Farmers of the Year by the Soil Conservation Service.

They became cooperators in the Soil Conservation District in March, 1960 and a conservation plan was developed for their 490-acre farm in 1963.

During the following

years the brothers started following an excellent crop rotation system. They also used minimum tillage and crop residue management on the 431 acres of cropland on their farm.

They have installed 3,500 feet of open drainage ditches and seeded the ditch banks to prevent erosion.

That was the start of a drainage program which also included some 23,000 feet of tile drainage. The orchard on the farm has been permanently

seeded to prevent erosion.

The Wyrick brothers have used good woodland management in their 16-acre woodlot and have planted over one acre of trees on some of the steeper sloping land.

Kenneth and Madison are good examples of farmers who are concerned with the conservation of their land and they have done an excellent job in protecting the soil on their farm.



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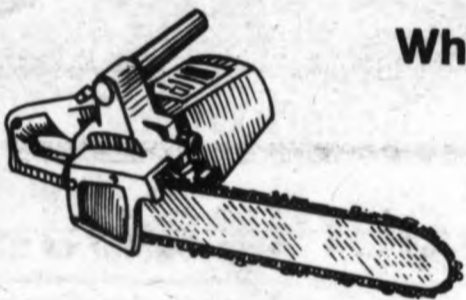
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This award, presented to Mr. Harry Harden, Clinton County drain commissioner, is a special award for the years of conservation service to Clinton County. In past years Harry has worked with farmers as a Soil Conservation Service employee. In more recent years as county drain commissioner, he has worked diligently to complete drainage projects throughout the county which will help landowners better utilize their lands. Mr. Harden is a steward of the soil and the Clinton Soil Conservation District acknowledges him with this Stewardship Award.

Conservation contractor award

James and John Burnham have supported the activities of the Soil Conservation District for many years. While working with landowners throughout the county, they continuously stress to landowners the importance of conservation practices and proper construction techniques. For the continuous support and service to the landowners of the county, the Clinton Soil Conservation District awards this Conservation Contractor of the Year award. This award will be given at the district's annual meeting.

Distinguished service award

Robert Moore has served as director of the Clinton Soil Conservation District for the past 25 years. Robert also serves on the State Soil Conservation Committee. He is a dedicated conservationist, both on the local level and on the state committee. For his 25 years of distinguished service this award will be presented.

Special recognition award

A certificate of appreciation will be awarded to David Miller. David worked for the Soil Conservation District for the past year as District Technician. This award is presented for his excellent service to the Soil Conservation District in aiding the district to obtain their goals of service to landowners of Clinton County.

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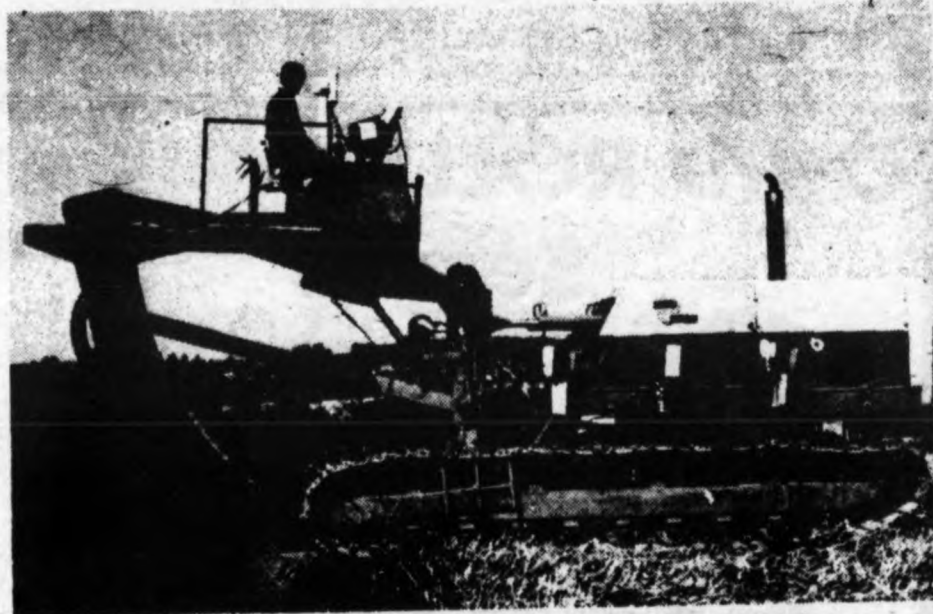
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By Stanley Baird,
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BROOK ACRES FARM

To William and Douglas Brook of Ovid Township, Brook Acres dairy farm had a basic conservation plan developed in 1978 and the progress toward completion of this plan is developing rapidly. An animal waste

system has been installed for the dairy herd and the planned crop rotation and crop residue management systems are being established. Doug Brook is the third generation to be recognized for conservation accomplishments by the Soil Conservation District.

DIAMOND CROWN FARMS
Carl Huhn

Diamond Crown Farms became cooperators of the Soil Conservation District in April of 1966 and a conservation plan was developed that fall. This 400-acre cash crop farm has received many conservation practices. In 1978, two erosion control structures and an acre of grass waterways were installed. In previous years Carl has installed tile drainage, critical area planting, windbreaks, farm pond, open drainage ditches and ditch bank seedings, minimum tillage, crop residue management, irrigation system, and uses water management practices for irrigated lands, as well as other soil erosion control measures.

THOMAS BENSON

Tom farms in Essex and Bingham townships in Clinton County. This beef and cash crop operation has seen some cropping improvements in the past years. Tom's efforts toward no-till farming have been outstanding. He has planted corn, hay, and small grain the no-till way in an effort to conserve soil and soil moisture. His interest and enthusiasm to learn more about newer methods of farming is the reason this award is given by the Soil Conservation District.

WALTER AMICK

Walter Amick farms 400 acres in Essex Township. This hay and cash crop farm has seen great improvement since Walter became a cooperator in April of 1974. Approximately 25 acres of land which had been idle has been turned into productive cropland. Some of the conservation practices which have been installed are:

grass waterways, erosion control structure, tile drainage, pond for irrigation and wildlife, permanent hayland seedings, and cropping systems with residue management included. This award for his conservation work

will be presented at the annual meeting, Feb. 3, 1979.

ROBERT E. REDMAN

Robert Redman of Bengal Township became the cooperator with the Soil Conservation District in May of

1970. Robert has installed an extensive drainage system and maintained ditch seeding and waterways on this 109 acre farm. He has followed a good cropping system using crop residues wisely.

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

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

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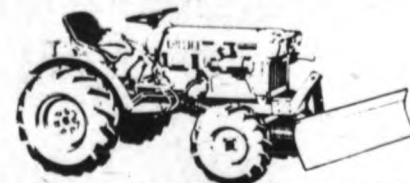
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test animal waste. The test will include: Total N, P205, K20, as well as a variety of other tests such as iron, manganese, boron, calcium, zinc, etc. The cost of these tests will depend on the number of elements that are tested for. Sample containers and additional testing information is available at the Soil Conservation office. The office staff will work with you to develop the proper management system of your animal waste. For more details contact the office.



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County farmland study complete

The County Planning Commission has completed a study of essential farmland in Clinton County. Published copies of the report will be available in March. The study evaluates each section of the county to determine the best areas for long term agricultural use. The following criteria were used:

1. Prime and unique soils.
2. Outlet drainage.
3. Parcel size.
4. Land cover (current use of land).
5. Farmland and Open Space Act enrollment.
6. Major operators.
7. Agrivestment.

8. Residential density (number of non-farm homes in the area).

The study indicates that the county needs about 220 square miles of land to maintain current levels of production at high level management. It concludes that approximately 40 percent of the county should be preserved for agricultural enterprise in order to maintain the county's agricultural economic base. Several methods of preserving the land are suggested in the study.

Dennis Dunnigan, county planning director, supports a program which limits the

number of non-farm residential building permits allowed based on the size of the original parcel. For example, an 80-acre parcel might be allowed not more than three building permits. This program would discourage the building of homes on essential farmland without preventing farmowners from selling of a limited number of lots of members of the family or for economic reasons. Dunnigan also recommends that a representative committee of farmers and farm group leaders be appointed to review the study and recommend the best program for the preservation of essential farmland.

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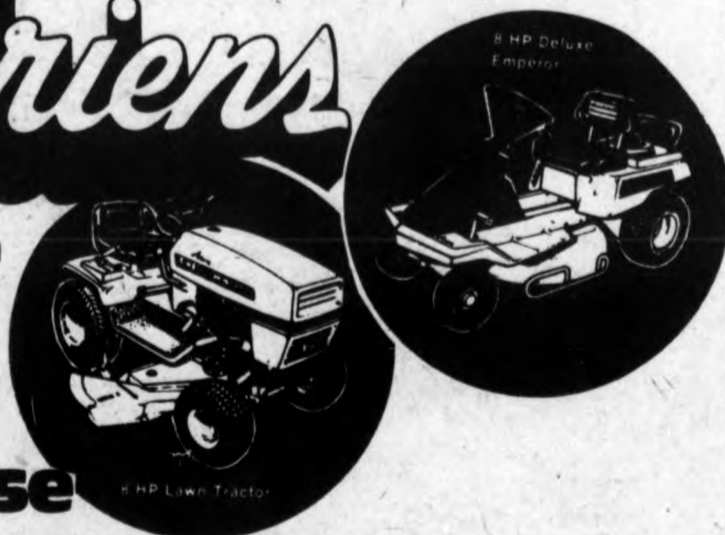


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