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Lincoln Dinner

Lieutenant Governor James Brickley will be the guest of honor at the Clinton County Lincoln Appreciation Dinner set for Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium. Tickets for the annual Republican gathering are \$10 per person and may be obtained by calling Charlie Creamer, Clinton County Republican Committee chairperson, at 224-7695.

Space Encounters

Space Encounters of a Realistic Kind is the theme for an astronomy and travel enrichment class being sponsored this month on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Youngsters meet at St. Johns High School in the parking lot. Bring binoculars if they are available.

Entries due

Friday, April 6 is last day young people have for turning in their entry blanks for exhibits in the Clinton County Youth Talent contest, sponsored by the St. Johns Rotary Club. Entry forms go to school principals or 4-H leaders. The public showing will be April 25-27.

Bike season

Bike season is here. St. Johns Police Chief Lyle French reminds bikers to obtain a license at the police department. This is to help protect the bike owner from theft. French also cautions motorists to be alert to bikers on the side of the road.

300 mile trip

Balloons went up and balloons came down all across the United States last week. Students in Clinton County elementary schools launched their names and addresses hoping to find penpals in far off places. The same thing happened in Roanoke, Ill., just north of Peoria and one of the balloons launched there ended up in a field on the corner of French and DeWitt Roads. Tim Motz, a junior at St. Johns High School, found a balloon released by a student of the Sowers Elementary School. Tim's mother said the balloon traveled 300 miles in one day.

Ticker Club

The emotional aspects of dealing with a heart attack will be the topic discussed at the TICKER CLUB meeting on Tuesday, April 10. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of Clinton Memorial Hospital at 7:30 p.m. The TICKER CLUB is an educational, social club for people who have had heart attacks. Membership is open to anyone and is not limited to patients treated at Clinton Memorial Hospital. There are no dues and participation by the patients' family members is encouraged. For more information, call 224-6881, Ext. 293 or 283.



Sweet beginning

Gene Livingston shows the youngsters how the trees are tapped, with the sap running into the bucket. See related

story on the spring ritual of making maple syrup on page 15. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

O-E radio requests more power

By Tom Nowak
Staff Writer
Elsie

Ovid-Elsie's student radio station will be reaching a greater audience than ever before if a request for additional power is approved.

Radio station WOES, 91.3 FM, has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for an increase in power from 10 to 554 watts. The request was submitted to the FCC in January and final action is not expected for another six months.

The station now has a range of eight

to 10 miles. If the increase in power is approved the range will be 20 to 25 miles to the north, south and east. However, a directional antenna will keep the signal to the west about the same as it is now. St. Johns will generally be out of range.

George Bishop, faculty adviser for

WOES, said the reason for the request was a change in FCC regulations. Under a law which went into effect Jan. 1, the FCC is pushing stations to go to a minimum of 100 watts of power. That regulation is intended to eliminate the 10-watt stations and free some on the frequencies on the FM band.

"But in going to 100 watts," Bishop said, "we found that it would cost as much as if we increased to 554 watts. That's the top limit with our existing tower."

The increase in power would cost about \$15,000, Bishop said. He said the school is applying for a grant from the department of Commerce while it would supply some money from its capital outlay fund.

WOES cannot accept advertising, though individuals and businesses can underwrite broadcasts.

Bishop said that not only would the increased power send the broadcasts to a wider audience, it would strengthen the signal areas in pocket areas now within range but which receive a weak signal.

The directional antenna is required so WOES FM not interfere with a Grand Rapids FM station, Bishop said.

Bishop said the increased power would not cause any changes in the broadcast hours, though the hours

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Rochester Colony featured on home tour

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Rochester Colony

Clinton County Historical Society's Home Tour will again take visitors to the country, this year to visit historic Rochester Colony, site of the county's first organized settlement.

In Duplain Township, six miles northeast of St. Johns the area was settled in 1836 by pioneers from around Rochester, New York. Home tours visitors will be able to visit an early church, 143 years old, a school built more than 100 years ago and the homes of Don and Jeanne Temple and Royal and Eathel Risley.

Other highlights there during the fall tour, Sept. 15, will include a country luncheon and a tailgate market. One of the nicest community parks in the county is there and some tour goers might like to pack a picnic.

A State historical marker gives the Colony credit for being the first settlement in Clinton County. Early settlers named their village Mapleton but changed it to Duplain after a conflict with another Michigan post office.

The rural tour became popular with last year's showing which took visitors to homes in Greenbush Township. This year the tour will include homes in St. Johns and the Rochester Colony sites.

According to Jeanne Temple, coordinator of the Colony showing, there are many sites to view from the outside in the historic area. A log cabin remains on Watson road, used by the Clifford Saxtons as a garage. Beautiful Greek Revival homes are nestled into the countryside around the Colony area. The nearby Duplain cemetery

contains many old and historic graves.

It is not so hard to imagine what the land here along the Maple River looked like in 1836. A letter from one of the men who found it said it was "first best."

W.G. Russell and Joseph Sever came to Michigan looking for land for members of the Rochester Colony Association, 16 men who wanted to go west. What they found on the Maple River pleased them and they wrote back; "the water privileges are good and the land first best". They told of timbered land covered with beech, maple, hickory, oak, bass, butternut and black-walnut, "as handsome as you ever saw and well watered with springs."

They warned, however, that "the country around this place is new and if any family should leave Rochester for this they had better bring everything they want for family use."

The New York people hoped that a canal would be built to connect the Maple and Shiawassee Rivers and that eventually the railroad would come by the village.

By the 1850's they had an established community with mills, stores and up to four physicians. There was a casket and furniture factory, two churches and a blacksmith. A school was established here early, one of the first in the county, with Bathsheba Sever, daughter of an original association member, as teacher.

The canal was never to materialize and the railroad went south through Shepardsville and north to Elsie. Businessmen started moving out to be near the railroad and eventually the Colony became only a residential area, cemented by its two churches.

DeWitt schools taking census

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer
DeWitt City

DeWitt Public School officials are in the process of conducting a community census. The interviews will begin April 17 and are expected to be completed by April 30, according to Superintendent Ray Spear.

Every home will be contacted to collect basic information on the size of DeWitt families, ages of the children and the schools they are attending. The census also hopes to address the needs of special education and handicapped children.

"One of the problems we have," Spear said "is being able to identify the exact population in the school district because the DeWitt School District includes four governmental units."

The last census was taken in 1970. It is not only outdated but was done by governmental agencies not school districts.

"We want to be able to determine the number of pre-schoolers we have for the future needs of the district," the superintendent said.

The census takers will obtain information of the number of school age children in a housing complex and the number of new children in the area.

"We need a rough idea of where we are and where we are going to be," Spear said.

The big question the school district hopes to obtain is how many children from Watertown Township, DeWitt Township, St. Johns, and DeWitt City attend the DeWitt Public Schools.

"The information is strictly confidential and will only be used to enhance the overall development of the school district," he said.

The census will be a door to door campaign with the Booster's Club taking on the project. These people will be paid for their time according to Spear.

The census takers will be wearing badges for identification.

Financial woes plague special ed programs

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County

Obviously at loose ends, the Clinton County Intermediate School Board faced about 100 anxious spectators, mostly parents of special education students and teachers and specialists from the ISD staff, last night.

The special meeting originally was called as a work session with the six area superintendents who turned down the invitation stating that it was not their desire or role as local superintendents to meet with the ISD board as a formal group.

The audience that packed the conference room at the ISD office came for answers to rumors that had been circulating concerning the special education program but went away after two hours with more questions.

Issues centered around three areas: special transportation, decentralization of the special education program and the possibility that Intermediate Superintendent Larry Schwartzkopf's job was in jeopardy.

Area superintendents are looking at decentralization and changes in special transportation as ways to cut down costs. The intermediate board assured the concerned public that they are behind Schwartzkopf and have no intention of dismissing him. However a movement at the state level threatens to consolidate intermediate

school districts, cutting their number in half.

The antagonist is clearly the money shortage and concerns and rumors have risen as the six area schools look at their rising special education costs and search for answers.

The cost crunch is forcing superintendents of the separate districts to look at where their dollars are going in all areas and special education

costs have risen as state legislation mandates more programs while cutting back on financial aid.

Special and handicapped education is complex and varied with many different categories of students. The program involves children from all over the county who are transported by special vehicles. Some children are taken into Lansing each day to

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Work begins on SJ city budget

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

A \$3,173,444 preliminary proposed St. Johns City budget for 1979-80 was introduced by the city administration at a special meeting of the St. Johns City Commission Monday night and work on the budget now begins for the city commission before final adoption by June.

The proposed tentative budget will be studied by commissioners during April and then a public hearing will be slated

for May.

The proposed budget to which will be used for the fiscal year beginning July 1, represents a \$368,308 increase over last year's budget.

City Manager Randy Humphrey assured commissioners that the proposed budget would be within the dictates of the newly enacted Headlee Act. However, if the state places a factor on Clinton County, a rollback will be requested.

A committee formed to study the water and sewer rates in the city was recommended by the city manager because a majority of the new wastewater treatment system will be on line in October. Cost of operating the new system is only an estimate at this point and the commission will have to base its budget on this estimate.

The city administration is also looking to Sept. 30 when the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program ends. St. Johns has five CETA workers and is hoping to keep a police officer and an employee in the water

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Taxpayers get refund

St. Johns

St. Johns taxpayers will be getting a refund on their 1978 winter property taxes. The average rebate will be around \$1.90, but as Commissioner John Hannah said, "It isn't the price; it's the thought (that counts)."

The refund of one-tenth of a mill will be mailed to St. Johns city taxpayers within the next three weeks, according to City Treasurer Eugene Simon.

A one-tenth of mill levy error on the county portion of the tax statement necessitated the reimbursement, reported by city hall Monday. Reimbursement is the method prescribed by the State Taxation Statute when an overpayment occurs.



Tour plans begin

The 1979 Home Tour plans are being made by members of the Clinton County Historical Society. Chairman Henrietta Teare, right, confers with Jeanne Temple who is organizing the tour in

Rochester Colony. The Colony will be the rural part of this year's tour Sept. 15. Homes are still being sought in St. Johns. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

DeWitt woman killed in auto mishap

Clinton County
A 31-year-old DeWitt woman, Sally Slocum of Rte. 2, Forest Hill Rd., was killed in an automobile accident early Friday morning at the intersection of N. Grand River and Grove Road.

Ms. Slocum's vehicle was traveling east bound on Grand River when it was struck broadside by a pickup driven by Mike Braun, 25, of

Grand Ledge. Ms. Slocum was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by medical examiners from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. Braun was taken to St. Lawrence Hospital where he underwent surgery.

This was the second fatal accident occurring on Clinton County roads during 1979.

Clinton County Sheriff's Department also investigated an accident on March 25 at 5:30 p.m. when cars driven by Carolyn Sands of Eagle and David Mulder of Lansing collided on Grand River near Francis Road.

Betty Potter of Dansville, a passenger in the Mulder auto, was slightly injured and sought her own treatment.

A false kidnapping report was filed by a Maple Rapids juvenile who has since been petitioned into probate court.

The youth arrived at his home at 3 a.m. March 26 and told his parents he had been kidnapped at 9 p.m. the previous evening. Officer Dean Moon of the Maple Rapids Police Department asked the Clinton County

Sheriff's Department for assistance and together they questioned the boy for six hours.

The boy told police he was taken to a cemetery and tied to a tombstone. Four individuals did the kidnapping and the juvenile said he left an article of clothing at the cemetery.

Deputies went through four cemeteries and did not

locate any evidence. Later the boy admitted to having gone on a drinking spree and lying to police. The boy will appear in probate court Thursday.

In another incident, deputies apprehended two men, Greg Whitfor, 18, and Joe Essenberg, 19, both of Lansing and have charged the duo with breaking and entering.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department was alerted to a breaking and entering in progress at 8:15 a.m. March 21 at the Idlewild Trailer Court on S. US-27. Deputies Tim Williams and Bill French spotted two suspects and chased them across a corn field. St. Johns Police Department also assisted in the apprehension.

Material goods were already removed from the

residence, but all merchandise has been recovered, according to the sheriff's department.

Clinton County residents are advised to keep their dogs under control, following reports of dogs chasing deer.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department said it will shoot dogs on sight if the dogs are chasing deer. Farmers and police have this prerogative under the law.

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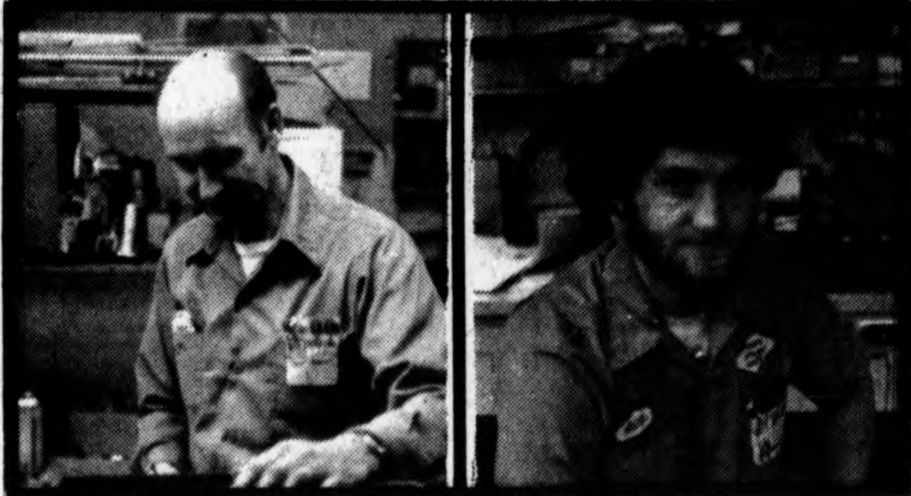
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Bath may sue school building contractors

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Bath The Board of Education here is considering bringing suit against contractors of their three-year-old high school building to make up for costs that have had to go into repairs and replacements this year.

Discussion at the monthly meeting last week centered around this possibility. School lawyers are being consulted and a list is being prepared of the defects.

Four main areas are covered in the complaint, buckling of a wall, rusting of metal door frames, deficiencies in the heating system, replacement of the hot water heater and damage in tile flooring.

The school has already taken steps to make repairs and replacements from \$4,000—\$6,000 on the water heating and water heating systems. Working on the metal door frames will probably be about \$5,000.

School lawyers advised that the school had no responsibility in the medical bills for Shawn Fisher who was hurt in a physical education class last year. Board member Norman Brown said the district should investigate how it determines what equipment is necessary in any given sport. "We have to make sure we know what is our responsibility and what is not," he said.

Superintendent Max Brown said he would look into the possibility of insuring the student body for school related injuries. At present parents have the opportunity to buy a school insurance policy for \$1 at the start of each school year. Principals said only 20-30 percent took advantage of it.

Board member Brown reported on the buildings and grounds committee and was granted board approval to

have Chuck Gutzki replace Jim Snay who resigned from the committee.

Mrs. Karen Dailey gave board members an update on the Junior Great Books program parent volunteers and teachers are planning to institute in grades 3, 4, 5 and 8 next fall.

Seven Bath people received training in the Junior Great Books program at a recent session set up at the Clinton County Intermediate School District office by the Clinton County Academically Talented Association.

The program will be supplemental for children who choose to participate. They must be reading at grade level or above, Mrs. Dailey said. Children will be able to leave their classroom at a time best for them and their teacher. The interpretative reading program lasts about 12—15 weeks in each grade, with children meeting leaders for about 45 minutes to one hour a week.

Mrs. Dailey said children will be learning to think for themselves, read more clearly, sort out knowledge, listen more attentively and gain comprehension.

Also discussed was use of the trampolines at the middle and high schools because of an increase in insurance costs. Formerly covered as part of the general insurance the equipment is now listed as a special item and will cost an additional \$1,500 for each school. Brown told the board that the equipment is used for physical education classes. Principals are to report back.

Brown received board approval to pay substitute teachers \$40 a day if they teach more than 15 consecutive days in the same position. He said substitute teachers in this situation are required to do much more than a regular substitute. Planning, correcting papers, lesson plans and grades all become their responsibilities. "In order to attract the people we would like for these positions we should pay more," Brown said.



Eureka Carnival capers

Winners of the poster drawing contest held at the Eureka Elementary School to help promote the May 5 carnival were: (back row l to r) Carrie Gillespie, Scott Bellgar, Scott Jones, Jeff Beebe, and Pam Argersinger; (middle row) Darci Krumm, Lisa Beck,

Wendy Olger, and Sue Glowski; (front row) Jennifer Mesh, Rich LaBar and Mark Korienek. A drawing will be held at the carnival which will run from 4 to 8 p.m. at the school. (Photo by Sue Kiley)



Energy interest

Custodians from the six schools of the Clinton Intermediate School District (St. Johns, DeWitt, Bath, Ovid-Elsie, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia) listen intently to the "common sense approach to saving energy" of Ray Grover, head of the secondary complexes from Grand Rapids schools.

Grover, a former custodian, presented information on efficient heating system operation and general building operation and maintenance to reduce utility bills. The workshop was held Wednesday, March 28 at the Intermediate School District building in St. Johns. (Photo by Bill Donahue)

Reckless driver arrested

Bath Township

A man was arrested for reckless driving on March 30 after he crossed a double yellow line, at a high rate of speed cruised past a school bus with its flashers on, and led police on a chase which ended at Herbison and Chandler Roads.

Arrested was Kirk Ordway, 19, of 16400 Upton Rd.,

East Lansing. He was lodged in Clinton County jail. Bath Township police investigated the incident.

Also during the past week, Bath Township police apprehended a juvenile a couple hours after he allegedly broke into the Harvey Sutter home at 7769 Stoll Rd. on March 28.

The juvenile has been

petitioned into probate court. Stolen was mostly whiskey.

Larry Cross of 6110 E. Clark Rd., Bath reported \$200 in cash taken from his home on March 30. Also stolen was a walkie-talkie

radio. It has not been determined how the vandal entered the home.

Richard Gilby of Rte. 1, Richard Lane reported a mini bike stole on March 30.

Yard destroyed

DeWitt

Four times in the past week the Charles DeYoung lawn on Jefferson Street has been the object of malicious destruction, as reported to DeWitt City police.

DeWitt officers also have been called to the high school twice to investigate the malicious destruction of property, the last time to plastic globes worth \$75.

Also during the past week in DeWitt:

--A DeWitt resident reported that a DeWitt car wash garage door blew down and dented the resident's vehicle.

--Tim Therrien of Lake Lansing Road was arrested for passing stolen checks. He was caught unlawfully driving away an auto from O'Shaughnessey Chevrolet.

VA benefits

Clinton County

Veterans Administration expenditures in fiscal year 1978 in Michigan were up \$3-million over 1977. For direct benefit payments and hospital and regional office operating costs, the VA spent \$564,156,491 in the state.

In Clinton County the VA spent \$2,097,349 in

1978. Direct payments to veterans and dependents for compensation and pension amounted to \$1,456,853.

In Clinton County veterans taking G.I. Bill training or vocational rehabilitation received \$496,057.

Payments of insurance and indemnities locally amounted to \$144,439.

Fake gun has police concerned

What was a young juvenile doing with a replica gun in his pocket when he walked into a bank on March 28? DeWitt Township officers are trying to determine his intent.

DeWitt Township police received a call from a citizen around 4 p.m. last Wednesday, saying that a man walked into Clinton National Bank and Trust's Valley Farms branch with a handgun.

DeWitt police were dispatched to the bank, though

the bank alarm had not been sounded. They saw the juvenile exit the bank with a large caliber handgun and saw him put the gun in his pocket.

About one block away, the juvenile was apprehended and the officers learned that the handgun was a replica B.B. gun.

In a separate incident, a juvenile was petitioned into probate court for misusing a firearm.

On March 28 around 2 p.m., Thomas Bailey of 2163

W. Cutler Rd. was struck by a .22 caliber bullet when he was working in his barn. The bullet penetrated the barn wall and struck Bailey in the arm. He sought his own treatment. The juvenile was using the barn for target practice.

Also last week, DeWitt Township police investigated the theft of a substantial number of auto parts on new vehicles parked on the Bill Fowler Ford property on US-27. Grill work, head lamps and tail gates were

reported stolen.

Richard Curtis of Long Boulevard, Lansing was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting and obstructing a police officer after an incident at 1:45 a.m. on March 30.

DeWitt Township officers made a traffic stop on Curtis and he refused to cooperate before a crowd gathered at the Red Rail. One officer sustained minor bruises in the incident. Curtis was lodged in the Clinton County jail.

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School lawn ripped



Youth winners

Two St. Johns High School students received special awards at the Lansing Youth Talent Contest last week and have laid plans to enter the local Youth Talent exhibit this month. Peter Witteveen received a \$25 savings bond for his "Best in Classification" photograph of the family dog and, Cheryl Conklin received a similar prize for her five-piece suit in clothing construction. Cheryl's suit, which she models here, won her a \$50 savings bond in the local contest last year. She plans to enter another sewing project in St. Johns this month. Both young people are active in the band and orchestra at SJHS. Cheryl has been a 4-H member for nine years. Peter's prize photo was taken with the camera he bought from the money he saved from his job as a State Journal paper boy. He now works part-time in the darkroom at Fitch Photographic Studio. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

St. Johns
Destruction hit St. Johns High School's front lawn this weekend. However, some of the culprits were caught through actions of the St. Johns Police Department.

Around the circle drive of the high school located on Sickles Street the lawn was torn up and shrubs knocked over by cars.

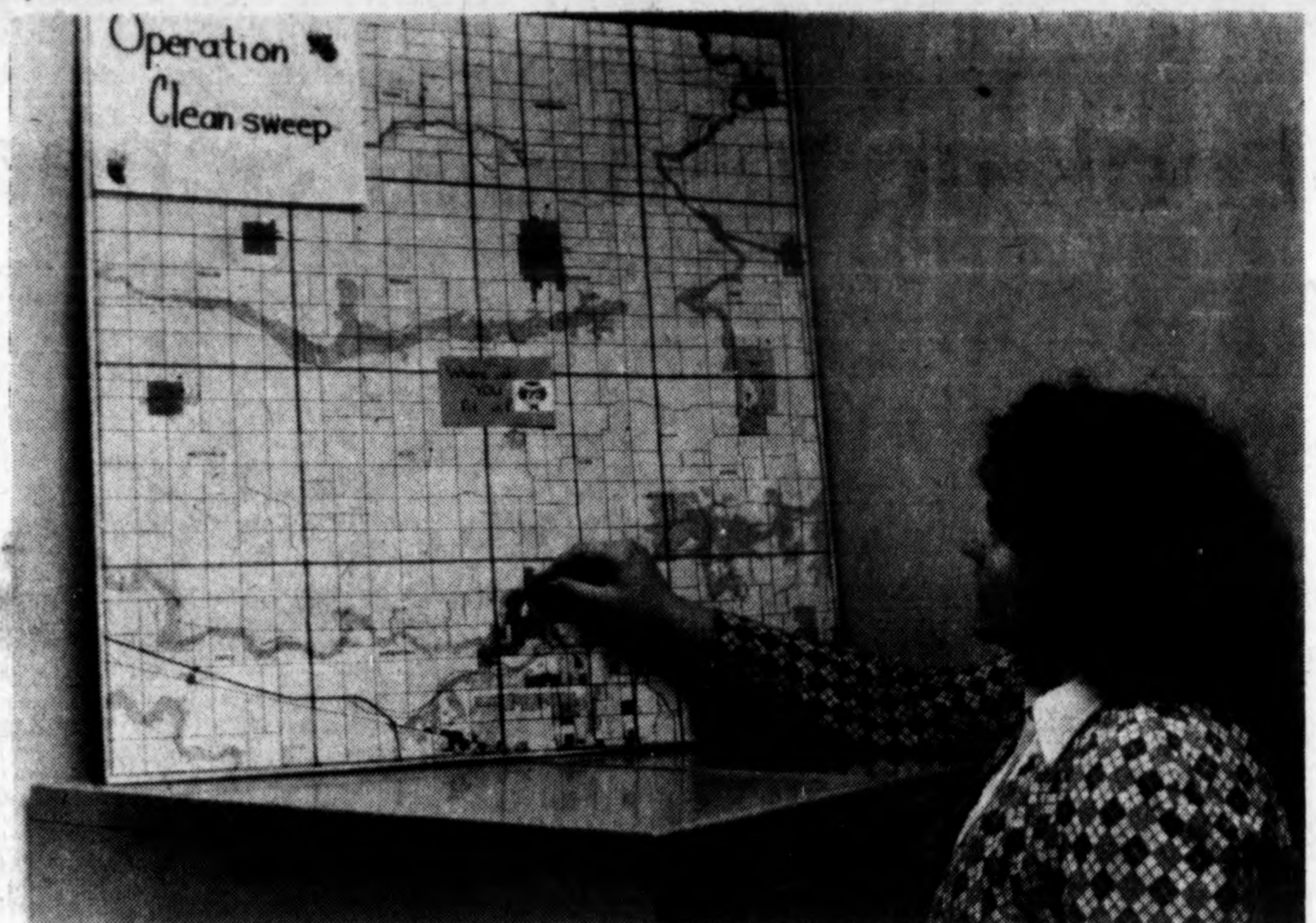
Arrested were Ron North-up, 18 and James Loznak, 17, after two separate incidents of destruction. Both the vehicles also contained beer in the car. Several minors were also involved in the incidents and cited for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and being a minor in possession.

Both men are out on bond and will appear in court Friday.

"This happens every spring," Police Chief Lyle French said. "Not only at the high school, but Smith Hall and area lawns."

French reported another case of lawn destruction at 1010 E. Cass St. over the weekend.

"I hope the people involved are fined and have to pay for the damages or repair what they destroyed," French said.



Operation Clean Sweep

Now that we've banned the throw away container, we can clean up Michigan once and for all. Operation Clean Sweep, a statewide movement to pick up every roadside in Michigan, runs April 13-May 13. Clinton county's co-ordinator of the project, Theresa Dow, has the county mapped out and is sending out a plea to county citizens to help with the clean-up. "We are really pushing to

hit every single road," Miss Dow said. Service clubs, 4-H groups and Scout troops are being contacted for support. Families too can sign up to do an area near their home by calling the County Extension for an assignment. Bags will be furnished and 30 dump trucks spotted through out the county. Clinton's 1,139 miles of road will be covered in Clean Sweep Saturday, May 12. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

Service improved

Current growth in the Fowler-Pewamo communities along with ongoing work to improve existing telephone service has resulted in the installation of 4 miles of buried cable in the Fowler-Pewamo telephone exchange, according to Norm Krievins, division manager for General Telephone.

Krievins added that the \$47,000 investment will allow the company to meet requests for new service as well as improve existing local service.

Currently the Fowler-Pewamo exchange serves 1,068 customers, and "this work will enable General Telephone to keep pace with the current growth that is averaging 25 new customers per year."

Youth summer camp bypassed

Though St. Johns Board of Education members agreed that the proposed youth residential summer camp program was a good one and the "efforts and concept are noble", they agreed that they just couldn't monetarily support the idea at this time.

Uncertainty about next year's budget, out of which the money to operate the summer camp would have

come, cast a shadow over the program.

The board met with elementary counselors Terry Cornwell and Bud Delavan who developed the camp idea last Wednesday at noon in a special session of the board.

The camp would have benefited 30 to 40 area youngsters who have a difficult time in school.

The counselors told the

board that they are hoping to receive a county-wide grant to fund the program. State money will be sought, pending the approval of the probate judge, Department of Social Services and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Also at the Wednesday special meeting, the board approved the payment of \$8,529 to remodel the girls'

shower room at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School.

Also, the resignation of teachers Karen Foy, a second year teacher at the junior high, and Blain Waldron, first year teacher vocational education teacher at the high school, were accepted.

Also, the contract of Tom McGrain, school controller, was approved.

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Disaster funds received

LANSING--Nine local governmental units in Clinton County will likely receive \$47,701 from the state police's disaster fund as part of extra money approved by the House of Representatives recently, State Representative Alan Cropsey, reported today.

The House passed and sent to the Michigan Senate a supplemental appropriation bill that gave the fund \$2.3 million in extra monies for the current fiscal year.

"The extra funds are necessary because of the number of outstanding claims on the fund from communities across the state," Representative Cropsey explained.

The fund currently has a balance of \$650,000, but the number of claims approved for payment totals more than \$2.4 million. When all the claims are paid, the fund will have a balance of about \$500,000.

The disaster contingency fund is used to assist communities which suffer unanticipated costs due to natural disasters such as floods, severe snowstorms, or tornadoes.

"Though this supplemental appropriations bill must first be approved by the Senate and the Governor before the communities will receive the funds due them, I

am nonetheless pleased that the Legislature is on the road to approving payment for these claims," Cropsey added.

Nearly all of the money in the appropriation will go to communities for payment of outstanding claims requested following the blizzard of January 1978.

Representative Cropsey said the communities in

Clinton County whose claims will be paid from the amount approved in the bill are:

Clinton County	\$20,000.00
Township of Bath	1,820.71
City of DeWitt	6,423.48
Township of DeWitt	3,215.69
Village of Elsie	3,049.86
Village of Fowler	702.95
Village of Maple Rds.	862.80
City of St. Johns	10,650.00
Village of Westphalia	976.01
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Looking for a job? Schools can help the young



By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer
Clinton County

Do you need a job?
Students between the ages of 14 and 21 years of age from seven school districts could be involved in a summer work program if they meet the qualifications. Karen Reiff, coordinator for the work program which is connected with the Clinton County Intermediate School District explained this in only an extension of the youth program held throughout the year.

"This is a CETA program," she said. "Conceivably this could involve over 100 people."

The program began last year so it's not entirely new to the district. Those wishing to participate do not have to be in school either. Work programs begin June 18 and run through Aug. 10.

"There are no vacations when you take one of these jobs," said Terri Finos, planner. "You are committed for the entire eight weeks."

The seven districts involved include Fulton, St. Johns, Fowler, Ovid-Elsie, Pewamo-Westphalia, DeWitt and Bath.

Applications are to be completed by April 13. They can be picked up by prospective employees at the guidance offices at O-E, Fulton, St. Johns, and P-W. Fowler, DeWitt and Bath students can pick up applications at the high school offices.

"This is an orientation to the world of work," Ms. Reiff said.

Applicants must have a social security number and meet guidelines established for family income. Applications are also available at the CCISD and the Manpower Office on State Street in St. Johns.

The idea behind the summer job placement is to teach young adults responsibility and to give them prior work experience before applying for a job.

Last year students were placed in recreation programs, maintenance jobs, as secretaries, child care, nursery school workers, keeping stats for coaches, sports announcers, and working in the schools.

"We want to teach these kids how to be responsible for their own actions," Ms. Reiff said. "We also want to get more out of the job than a

paycheck." The students will be placed in non-profit agencies or within the schools. If a non-profit organization needs help and can provide supervision for the student, they should contact either Ms. Reiff or Ms. Finos at the intermediate office.

"We are very careful in the jobs we choose for 14-year-olds," Ms. Finos said. "Many students have never worked before so that is why the supervision is so

important." During the summer the students will be restricted to working 30 hours per week. During the school year they can only work 10 hours. Each student will be paid \$42.29 per hour.

"Who knows, maybe they might end up getting a job out of this work experience," Ms. Reiff said. "If they do a good job at least they have a foot in the door."

Want to be a cop?

Fowler High School students were given an opportunity to explore the world of working during an afternoon Careers Day on Thursday, March 29. Speaking about careers in the law enforcement field were (standing, from left) Tim Williams and Dan Jorae from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, and Michigan State Police trooper Mark Barrows from the Ithaca post. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Fowler students look toward future careers

Fowler High School students chose between 21 different career seminars last Thursday, March 29, as part of the Careers Day sponsored by the school every other year.

Students each had an opportunity to attend three seminars lasting 40 minutes apiece, followed by a 20-minute reception to talk with various speakers in the cafeteria.

Speaking on their career, or how to decide upon a career were the following:

Judy Hammelbauer from the Jewitt Career School who spoke on airline careers and modeling; accountant Fritz Kellerman; Gene Trotter from the agriculture technology department at MSU who spoke on agriculture and conservation.

James Glass, commercial artist; Tom Wiseman from Clinton Memorial Hospital on clerical careers; James Bolthouse from Ferris State College on "Choosing a Major"; Mark Swinhart from Michigan National Bank on data processing and banking; and Dale McClure from the Ohio Diesel Technological Institute on diesel mechanics.

Engineer Chuck Stachel from Federal Mogul; Lee Langlois from Solid State Electronics; Linda Knapp from Merrill Fashion Institute who spoke on fashion and interior design; and James Gard from Saylor Beall Manufacturing, on "Finding and Getting a Job."

Al and Joe from AJ's Market on "Going into Business"; Rodney Eisler on

heavy equipment operation; Jim Scott from Lansing Community College and Kathy Banks, R.N., on hospital and nursing careers; and Jim Ashley from Oldsmobile on industrial and apprenticeship careers.

Trooper Mark Barrows from the Michigan State Police and deputies Tim Williams and Dan Jorae from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department on law enforcement; Patrice Hornak from the Clinton County News on journalism careers; and Don Clack from Federal Mogul on local industry opportunities.

Donna Roeber, Jane Bassos and Kathy McFarlane on psychology, social work and special education careers; and Dick Rottinghaus from the Michigan Trucking Association on truck driving careers.



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Get your Tootsie Roll

Ralph Dara, Grand Knight of the St. Johns Knights of Columbus Council No. 3281, buys a Tootsie Roll from Anthony Kuntz, chairman of the local candy sale to assist the mentally retarded. The drive will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday and local knights will be easily recognized on street corners all over town. Last year local KCs donated \$2,200 to the Clinton County Intermediate School District, and Hillcred Center at Howell, while the state organization raised \$483,000. Eighty percent of the income is retained for local use. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Editorial Page

A few 'thanks' are in order before the page is turned

Plans are already being formulated for this fall's United Way campaign, but before the final page is turned on the last year's campaign, a few knowledgeable are in order.

The 1979 campaign which was initiated in the fall to earn money for the many and varied programs supported by the United Way reached its \$53,000 goal in Clinton County as reported last week by 1979 chairman Bill Richards.

Now, raising \$53,000 was no small task. In several areas, however, the hand of generosity dipped deep into the pocket and pulled out large contributions for the benefit of all.

Within the Clinton County United Way effort there were several divisions: industry, government, commerce, professional, education and the outlying area.

Industry contributions accounted for \$27,489 of the total \$53,000 goal—a whopping 51.9 percent of the total!

David Dodd from Federal Mogul was chairperson of the industry division campaign. He and his team did an outstanding job, and deserve the recognition of all Clinton County residents.

First of all, the people who work in industry gave almost \$2,500 more than their goal of \$25,000.

Secondly, they continue to improve upon their previous year's records. For instance, in 1977 industry gave \$18,700; in 1978, industry gave \$23,711; and this year they gave \$27,489.

Besides the total amount of money given to the United Way, the industry division also can hold its head high for the number of people who contributed to the drive.

A total of 15 industries gave to the United Way, ranging from one employee at one of the industrial plants to 625 employees at another plant. One hundred percent, or 10 people at Burton Mixer gave to the United Way a total of \$449.

Ninety-four percent of the employees at F.C. Mason contributed a total of \$329; 66 percent at the Michigan Milk Producers plant in Ovid contributed over \$843. Saylor-Beall donated \$886, with 43 percent contributing.

The two largest area industries, Federal Mogul and Sealed Power donated \$13,995 and \$6,729, respectively. Sixty-five percent of the employees at Federal Mogul pledged, with the average gift being \$22.27. The percentage of employees giving to the United Way at Sealed Power was at 70 percent, with the average gift being \$24.14.

Numerous gifts were over \$100. One woman working in the shop at Sealed Power gave \$260, or \$5 a week out of her paycheck. The payroll deduction plan was a major factor in the industry division success.

Even in the village of Elsie, far from many of the services offered in Lansing, ITT Hancock Industries came through with strong support. A total of \$3,335 was collected, with



By Patrice Hornak

the average gift being \$24.66. Fifty-six percent of the employees there pledged.

Besides these bright spots in the industrial division, one more bright spot in the 1979 campaign must not go unnoticed. Clinton National Bank and Trust and employees contributed \$8,800. Sixty percent felt the services of United Way needed their support. This is admirable.

Thanks to you, it's working...for all of us.

...HAPPY NEWS...

NEWFOUNDLAND - BABY HARP SEALS, ARMED WITH RIFLES AND MORTARS, REPULSED AN ATTACK BY 4,000 CANADIAN FISHERMEN EARLY TODAY. THE SEALS CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED OR WOUNDED 2,870 OF THE CLUB-WIELDING ATTACKERS.

CLEARWATER, FLA. - PETE ROSE HAS ANNOUNCED HE IS RETURNING TO CINCINNATI. ROSE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "HEY, MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING!"

PHILADELPHIA - THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION IN CEREMONIES AT INDEPENDENCE HALL TODAY. PRESIDENT ANN LANDERS AND FIRST GENTLEMAN PHIL DONAHUE OFFICIATED.

GUEST EDITORIAL

1905 -- 1979

Sherwood R Russell, M D

By Ink White
Former Publisher of the Clinton County News

I loved Sherwood Russell as did many Clinton area people whose lives he touched during his nearly 45 years as a physician and surgeon in this community. It is thoughtful of the editors of The County News to suggest this week that I put into words a few of my recollections of this tremendously and vigorous productive man who died so unexpectedly on March 19.

I was privileged to be casually acquainted with Sherwood during his years as a young resident surgeon at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. I entered school as an undergraduate in 1931 and was fortunate to find student employment to defray college costs as a member of the night clerical staff at the hospital where Sherwood was in surgical training.

He had graduated from the U of M medical school with honors in 1930 and was chosen as one of a select group of skillful and knowledgeable medical interns to train under the tutelage of the late Dr. Fred A. Collier famed surgical chief at the Ann Arbor institution.

Sherwood and I left Ann Arbor the same year—1934. He came to St. Johns to establish his practice and I went to Gladwin, Mich., to begin my newspaper career. When I came to St. Johns as publisher of The Clinton County News in 1945, he was just returning from his World War II service as director of a U.S. Army base hospital in London, England.

That earlier casual Ann Arbor acquaintance grew into a warm and

sometimes stormy friendship that continued until his death. What a truly magnificent guy he was—and what a delightful study in contrasts! He could cuss you out one instant and then be the soul of kindness and mercy the next.

He had a short fuse, as I'm sure many of his colleagues and co-workers were quick to discover. He was a perfectionist himself and it was his nature to be impatient with incompetence, mediocrity or carelessness in others. If your performance measured up to his standards you never lacked for his loyalty and respect.

Dr. Russell's deserved reputation as a surgeon and medical practitioner drew patients to his office from miles around and surgical referrals from less experienced physicians in neighboring towns. For many years his presence here was responsible for the growth and success of Clinton Memorial Hospital which has only recently opened when he came to the community.

He was a workaholic in the true sense of the word. In his prime, he was on call literally around the clock. His practice was not confined to surgery. He was family physician and confidant to thousands and he was among the last of that now non-existent breed who willingly made house calls, day or night.

His fees for services were notoriously low and all too frequently he purposefully neglected to send a bill to those who had befriended him or his family or those whom he considered to be in straitened circumstances.

It was no wonder that he seriously resented and rebelled against the growing intrusion of government into medical practice and hospital admin-

istration. Like many surviving World War II veterans, he had his fill of government regulation and inefficiency in war-time and he was not about to submit to it in times of relative peace. He was contemptuous of bureaucrats and he could be intransigent when it came to their attempted enforcement of what he deemed to be foolish and arbitrary rules.

It was in this area that the warm friendship to which I earlier referred occasionally developed its stormy periods. I was involved for many years as an elected trustee and member of the governing board at Clinton Memorial Hospital. In these capacities I sometimes found myself necessarily at odds with Dr. Russell and other members of the medical staff. These honest disagreements were unpleasant for him and for me, but they were always resolved amicably and without rancor.

At no time during the brief existence of those occasional controversies was there the slightest relaxation of his genuine professional interest in the health of me and my family. I knew he hated my guts at times, but I was certain he would have been the first on hand to administer to me properly if my innards gave me trouble.

I know I repeat only the experience of so many hundreds of others when I testify to the comfort and confidence Sherwood inspired among his patients. He served in the true tradition of the Great Healer of mankind.

This is an affectionate farewell to you, Sherwood, on behalf of the many who are so grateful you lived and served among us. God bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon those of your loving family who survive. Amen.



'Big John' riding high

By Richard L. Milliman

Don't look now, but Big John Connally—the Texas sidewinder who looks and sounds more like a president than anyone since Warren G. Harding—seems to be edging ahead in the early phases of the Republican White House sweepstakes.

That comes from a recent sampling of midwest Republican leaders gathered for a pep rally at Indianapolis. The midwest, in the past has been pretty strong Reagan territory, after all, this was the original home base of the former California governor.

Big John came on strong at the Indianapolis gathering, and Reagan didn't appear at all. Connally gave the GOP midwesterners his standard stem-winder, calling for the nation to move vigorously to cope with its problems at home and even more aggressively to restore its prestige abroad. His listeners loved it; they usually do.

Other would-be presidents also spoke—such as Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and Robert Dole of Kansas, Reps. Philip Crane of Illinois and Jack Kemp of New York, and Connally's fellow Texan, a Connecticut transplant, George Bush, all-around Republican handyman. Of course, that's not the entire list of GOP hopefuls, but those are the ones who went to Indiana.

According to the newspaper reports I reviewed, about 250 Republican state chairman, national committee members, county chairmen and other party leaders from 13 midwest states responded to a survey at the Indianapolis convention, attended by about 600 party wheelhorses.

Connally came in first on all scores.

Who is your choice for the 1980 nomination? Connally was a solid first with 74 votes, Reagan had 54, Bush 33, Barker 31, Crane 30, Dole 17 and Kemp 4.

Who has the best chance of winning in 1980? Connally first with 97, followed by Reagan 68, Baker 41, Bush 37, Crane 17, Dole 10, Kemp 5.

Who is closest to your beliefs on issues? Connally again first with 61, with Bush 55, Crane 48, Dole 39, Reagan 32, Baker 20, Kemp 15.

Who is the best speaker? Connally way out in front with 157, with Reagan leading the rest of the pack at 35 and the rest strung out behind.

These results, of course, were highly colored by Connally's charisma among the Republicans at the scene; but a recent Gallup poll also showed the effusive Texan galloping forward among the party faithful nationally.

And just as an exercise, I invite you to ask your hometown Republican friends how Connally stacks up in the crowded Republican presidential field. I was surprised with my own recent unscientific poll, which showed Big John much stronger than I had expected among my own acquaintances. Try it.

Spring of 1979 is very early to reliably forecast the 1980 nomination or election. Presidential politics is so unsettled. President Carter, for example, can go up or down in public esteem like a roller coaster depending on the Mideast, Southeast Asia, South Africa, the economy, the price of gasoline, the unemployment rate, the Lance-peanut probing, and dozens of other unpredictable events. And as Mr. Carter's esteem goes up or down, so does the relative strength of his would-be successor—including, we should never forget, those within his own party, such as Gov. Jerry Brown and Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Yes, presidential politics is a fascinating business. At this stage, anybody can be expert. And as long as the would-be experts don't take themselves too seriously, it can be kind of fun, too.

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Some closing Nuts and Jolts from Hod Shewell:

- Hoover promised two cars in every garage, and Carter's going to see they stay there.
- Disco dancing is like arthritis...it shows up in all the joints.
- President Truman said that "the buck stops here." With today's inflation, he'd have to make that at least two dollars.
- A TV special is something that replaces the shows you want to see.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kibbee resident replies

To Editor, Clinton County News

As an interested citizen I would like to compliment the Clinton County News and especially their reporter for a fair and honest report on the city commission meeting regarding the rezoning of Kibbee, Sturgis and US-27.

It is a sad state of affairs, when in such a fine town as we have, that a "majority" of taxpayers are ignored and a "minority" allowed to do just as they please. Do we, as citizens, not have a right or a say, in what affects us and our property? No one forced anybody to buy property in a residential area so

why must we who live here have to see this rezoning passed?

Petitions and opinions of involved citizens presented to the city commission should be granted full and fair consideration and when the time comes that these people are ignored and allowed only to "blow off steam" while the commission proceeds to vote for the minority, it's time for all the citizens of St. Johns to take notice.

An involved citizen,
Margaret Stachel
609 S. Kibbee
St. Johns

Battle Cry of Peace

Battle Cry of Peace

There's a clarion call to battle
There's another war to wage
With new leaders to enlist us
All our talents to engage;
This cry to men and nations
That good will on earth not cease
Join the new Resort to Reason
Join the Battle Cry of Peace
Far too long we've manned the sidelines
Boasted of our mighty brawn
Searching for a clue to action
Hoping for the promised dawn
Now that hope finds new foundation
Grant us yet another lease
Give the cause your fullest blessing,
Join the Battle Cry of Peace.

Many failures will beset us,
Many efforts go astray.
'Ere the formula's discovered
Leading to the better way;
Still the goal shines in the distance
And our faith can now increase
There is room for every worker
Join the Battle Cry of Peace

Father who reigneth in Heaven Above
Lead us again in pathways of love,
Free us from War's mad glamor
and rage.
Give us a cause that is worthy our age
God of all nations men of all creeds
Speak for the millions in their hour
of need;

Long we have waited a day of surcease
Unite us again in the Battle for Peace.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
It's been some time since I have "paid my dues" to your good paper. The enclosed effort relates to the effort our country is making to serve in the role of peace-maker. I hope you will find it has merit.

Very truly yours,
Warren Dobson
16343 Wood Rd.
Lansing

Personality Profile

Small town chief likes job in DeWitt

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer
DeWitt

Wendall Meyers is a soft spoken man who holds a very responsible job in DeWitt City. He is the police chief.

Meyers became a police officer in 1962 with the Alma Police Department. He got the urge for police work while he was in the shore patrol for the United State Navy.

He worked for the Alma department for seven years. During this time he attended the Saginaw Valley Law Enforcement Officer's Association School which was held in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The school last three years.

In the Navy, Meyers became involved with helping evacuate and save people from the earthquakes in the Orient. For three to five days he helped work on getting the sick to hospitals, burying the dead, and cleaning up the area. It was then he thought police work might be for him.

"After seven years of working as a police officer, Meyers thought he would change professions and try electrical work.

"That didn't last very long," Meyers said. "It just wasn't very challenging and I found I liked police work a lot better."

Meyers hired on at the DeWitt department as a part-time officer on Oct. 31, 1972. He worked in this capacity for six months and then became the chief of police.

"Here I am involved with all phases of police work from actual patrol to administration," he said. "I found out quick I couldn't enforce the laws the way I did in Alma."

Meyers explained people in a small town such as DeWitt take things much more seriously than bigger areas. He said he had to gauge himself to the size of the department and the city.

"One thing about a small town is you get a lot better cooperation," the chief said. "You have a closer relationship with the people and you can find out what is happening a lot sooner. That's the part I like.

Chief Meyers finds he has more time to do community orientated services for the people than at a bigger department. If he and his staff are not working on criminal cases then their attention turns to working with the schools. These services range from setting up drug programs at the school, to bike safety programs, to working with the senior citizens.

"We have the time to do these things and the officers enjoy it," he explained. "We do it because we like working with people."

Although he is the chief of police in a small town, he does recall some exciting times. One was while he was still in Alma. A call came in from the Gratiot Community Hospital that a mental patient was on the grounds with a deer rifle.

"We apprehended the guy and nobody got hurt," Meyers remembers. "I think I was more scared then than being thrown through bar windows trying to break up a fight."

Meyers is originally from St. Johns. He and his wife Hazel have three children, Gary, who is in Denver, Bill who lives in Lansing and Rhonda who is still in grade school.

"I plan to stay in police work until I retire," he said.



Wendall Meyers

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

A doll's world

This is the story of Mrs. Loui Fritz. She lives at 14540 Boichot Road, DeWitt. She is one of the nicest 80-year-olds that I have ever met. I called on her for an interview and in less than an hour I felt like I had known her for many years.

She was born in a country home near Bannister, Fenmore area, where she lived until 1920 when she married. She and her husband lived at Chapin for the next seven years. They then moved to rural Lansing where they lived for the next 50 years. This is where she now lives.

They had five children, three boys and two girls. All are married and Loui now has 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. With great pride she says two more great-grandchildren are expected in May.

Her mother died when she was 13 years old and being the oldest of four children, you know what kind of responsibilities she had. By the time she was married she was a very capable person.

Loui played the violin, so as her children grew up they all became musical. She formed a group with the children and it became known as "Ma Fritz and her young-uns." They had a violin, accordion, mandolin, bass fiddle, banjo, guitar and bass. One of the boys acted as comedian, with some playing more than one instrument. They played what was then known as "hillbilly" music.

This group became pretty well-known during their time. They played at colleges, churches, banquets and other places. They had three appearances on the Chicago radio station WLS. They also played over WHO

the Lowell Showboat, riding down the river. They played together for about 16 years.

During World War II, every time a group of young men left Lansing on the train, they were served breakfast and "Ma Fritz and her Young-uns" played for them. The Red Cross took the group to Battle Creek, where they played for the armed services. I can see her with that sparkle in her eye, leading her group.

When she was a little girl she loved dolls, as many girls do. Instead of giving her a new doll every Christmas, her mother would make a new wardrobe for the doll she had. The girls were taught to take good care of the doll they had, to make it last a long time.

Several years after her mother died Loui was looking through the things in her mother's old trunk. Among the things she found was a pattern to make doll bodies like her mother used to make. It was a pattern cut from an old newspaper.

In February, 1967, Loui lost most of her hearing. She now wears a hearing aid so she can carry on a conversation quite well. She decided to make the most of her life even if she couldn't hear. That's when she started making, repairing and dressing dolls.

She never has had them for sale, she either keeps them or gives them away. She is so very busy making dolls and dressing them for her family. For the "heads" of each doll, of course, she either buys them going to sales, or has them given to her. She has sewed all of her life and when she finished dressing a doll, it had buttons, button holes, many petticoats, lace and very much detail. Just beautiful.

She had about 80 dolls. She did have them on display in a small house behind her home, but after her husband passed away she redid that small house and packed away quite a few dolls. The ones she has in her house are the nicest ones. She had made more than 100 dolls.

She has had her dolls on display at fairs and other exhibits, and has given talks and shown some of her dolls to various groups. She has dolls from Mexico City, Saudi Arabia, Jerusalem, Vietnam, Rome, the island of Martinique, Virgin Islands, Amsterdam, Greece and Canada. She has not visited all of those places but people have brought the dolls to her.

Her dolls are really important to her. Each doll has a name with a tag with her name pinned to each doll's dress. Oh yes, she has boy doll which she reluctantly



By Ruth Delo

will show you.

This hasn't consumed all of her life. She was the correspondent for the Gunnisonville area for the Republican-News for about 20 years. She and her husband were very active in the Gunnisonville United Methodist Church, but she has now given up most of that.

She is now writing a book. She has titled it "Sorting Yesterday's Story of Your Life." She has written it up to the present time.

She is quite a visitor. One day she answered the telephone and talked for about half an hour. Her son asked "Who was that?" She answered, "I don't know, it was a wrong number."

All seniors reserve April 24. Details later. So....until next time....



Loui Fritz

Fowler news

Mr. and Mrs. Reinold Goerge and Miss Cecilia Thelen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Goerge and family of Grand Ledge for Mr. Goerge's birthday, April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vance and Kenneth Vance of Ann Arbor and Bertha Vance were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emma Vance to celebrate Bertha's birthday.

Mrs. Lula Boak was a guest for Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak of St. Johns. In the afternoon they called on Lucy Decker at the Rivard Nursing home. In the evening, guests at the Cecil Boak home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak.

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Couple exchanges vows



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dumond

Larry Dale Dumond and Sue Ann Broughton were united in marriage on March 17 at 5 p.m. at the Flint Baptist Temple with the Rev. James Lordheed officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dale Dumond of Carland and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Broughton of Flint.

The bride wore a white taffeta gown with silk organza featuring long sheer sleeves and a high neckline with a full cathedral train and net veil. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father.

She carried a bouquet of colonial cascade with white roses, blue forget-me-nots and baby's breath.

The new Mrs. Dumond chose her aunt, Patti King, from Saginaw as her maid of honor. Sherry Smith of Flint was her bridesmaid and Brand Dumond, daughter of the groom acted as flower girl.

The attendants wore blue crepe gowns with matching flowers in their hair and carried baskets of flowers.

The groom chose Bob Cox of Otisville as his best man and Larry Prikasky of Swartz Creek as groomsman.

The mother of the bride wore a sleeveless peach color floor length gown with matching lace jacket.

The mother of the groom wore a floor length yellow gown and each mother was

presented with a corsage. Ushers for the occasion were Jim Broughton and Dan Broughton brothers of the groom. A reception for 300 guests

followed the wedding ceremony in the American Legion Hall in Grand Blanc. Mr. and Mrs. David Dumond acted as host and hostess. The groom's mother Mrs.

Donna Dumond baked and decorated the cake.

Following a Los Vegas honeymoon, the couple will reside in Flint. Both are employed with Fisher Body.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Husted

Open house set

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Husted, St. Johns request the pleasure of your company at a buffet reception in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents' marriage Sunday, April 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the home of David Husted of 709 N. Mead St. St. Johns.

Kris Shafley honored at shower

Miss Kris Shafley, St. Johns was honored at a bridal shower given by Mrs.

Arthur Curtis, Miss Rhonda Curtis, Mrs. Barbara Warren, Mrs. George Fowler,

and Mrs. Pam Fowler. The kitchen shower was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Curtis of Carland.

Fostering abused child studied

St. Johns
A course titled "Fostering the Battered and Abused Child" will be offered in the Clinton County area beginning April 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the juvenile court building located at 1003 S. Oakland St., St. Johns.

Instructor of the eight-week course will be Terry Cornwell, elementary counselor in the St. Johns public school district.

"Fostering the Battered and Abused Child" will give foster parents, and other interested citizens insights into how children react to the trauma of severe physical abuse and the emotional problems often accompanied by such treatment.

Foster parents will learn ways to work with the child, helping the child to overcome physical and emotional scars of being an abused or battered child. The course will also touch on abuse and neglect on the part of parents.

Class fees for the course are \$29. However, foster parents will be admitted to the course free. Students can receive credit for the course through Lansing Community College.

Persons interested in signing up for "Fostering the Battered and Abused Child" may contact Carolyn Delavan, foster care supervisor in Clinton County, at 224-6761, extension 237.

Anniversary set

DeWitt
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sickles of Shavey Rd. will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 14.

A reception will be held at the DeWitt Memorial Building from 7 p.m. to midnight.

It will be hosted by their children Michael and Michelle Spagnuolo, Michael and Melanie Krohn, Marcene and Michael Sickles and grandson Christopher Spagnuolo.

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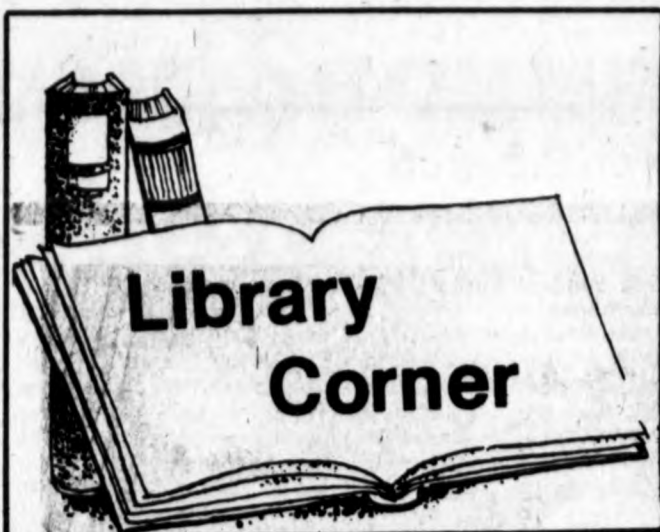
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Library Corner

By Jean Bartholomew

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 1st-7th

This is the International Year of the Child, so our Library Week displays will focus on children's books. Some old, some new, some exciting and some nonsense. We all need a touch of each in our lives.

Monday through Thursday of that week we will have a read-aloud at 4 p.m. in the Children's Corner.

McDonald's will be cooperating with Bement Public Library to celebrate the week with balloons and a registration for prizes. Each patron taking out a book during the week is eligible to sign up at the desk. Do make a point of visiting us, not only to see the Ronald McDonald balloon blower during this special time, but to browse our collection of if-we-don't-have-it-we'll-try-and-get-it.

The library would like to publicly thank the Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 459 of Riley and East Olive for their donation of "Joy to Nature". A truly lovely book about the outdoors. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and I'm sure many people will thoroughly enjoy using it.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Burgis' Cub Scouts with us for a library tour and registration. We hope to see you again soon and often.

Last, but not least, Mrs. Dietz' Girl Scouts have been wearing Library Badges for the past few weeks. They are delightful young ladies, a credit to their leader and the Girl Scout organization. As volunteer pages they are doing a tremendous job with the book stacks and all of us sincerely thank you.

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- Matarse Circle, Ludlum
 - The Sixth Commandment, Sanders
 - Mary Ann and Bill, Cookson
 - The Tumbling Book, Wiley
 - Adventure, Deal
 - Easy Expert in American Antiques, March
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Donna Simon

Receives degree

Donna Simon graduated from Lansing Community College March 23 with a degree in practical nursing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Simon, Pewamo.

Miss Simon is a 1977 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School.

Donna Ladiski becomes wife of Jim Plowman

Donna M. Ladiski became the wife of James H. Plowman on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Lowe United Methodist

Church, St. Johns. Rev. Terry MacArthur officiated at the 2 p.m. double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ladiski, Watson Rd., Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Plowman, W. Marshall Rd., St. Johns.

The groom's mother wore a turquoise floor length gown of polyester knit. Her corsage was a white cabbage rose with blue rose buds and baby's breath.

The bride chose an Ivory Victorian inspired gown of whispering chiffon and lace lined with satin ribbon, a deeply flounced capelet bodice fully lined with acetate taffeta. Long sheer sleeves with wide cuffs accented the gown. She wore a matching Camelot headpiece with pearls and veiling. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of red sweetheart roses, red carnations trimmed with ivory baby's breath and lace.

The altar was decorated with two lit candles with an open Bible and bouquets of red roses and red carnations with ivory baby's breath.

Matron of honor was Kathy Barrett, St. Johns and best man was Max Barrett also of St. Johns.

After the wedding the wedding party and parents of the couple had dinner at the Dutch House of Beef.

The matron of honor wore a long, light blue empire waist style gown with a flowered cape. She carried two long stemmed red roses and carnations with ivory baby's breath tied with a long, red ribbon.

On Sunday, March 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. a buffet reception was given by the groom's parents with over 100 persons attending. Acting as host and hostess was the groom's brother-in-law, Mary and Bill Bisho.

The bride is a 1977 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and is employed at Federal Mogul.

Making, cutting and serving the three tiered wedding and groom's cake as well as making the flowers was Marbeth Hynes.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Atlas-Dans Corporation in Lansing.

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Hospital auxiliary saddened by death of Dr Russell

St. Johns

Thirty-four members were in attendance at the meeting of the Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board on March 15. Corky Paradise was in charge of the meeting. The members were sad-

dened by the death of Dr. Russell. The auxiliary represents Clinton Memorial Hospital, which for years has been the heart of Dr. Russell's activities. His many services and acts of kindness will always be remembered. The members

wish to extend their deepest sympathy to his family.

Two activities are being sponsored by the auxiliary. A tour to Meadow Brook Hall is set for April 4. Participants will see the former Dodge mansion, Meadow Brook

Hall, and will stop at a mall for a shopping spree. For reservations, contact Irene Zeeb or Barbara MacKinnon. The annual Style Show and Card Party will be May 2. Ticket price is \$3. This includes a year's membership to the auxiliary. Tickets are available from any auxiliary member.

A new member, Karlena Barber, was added to the auxiliary board.

Television rentals netted the auxiliary \$254.78. The new televisions are expected to be in operation by March 31.

Vira Montague reported that 260 puppets had been taken to emergency and 67 to the children on the second floor. The sewing committee members have worked 101 hours, made 34 articles from salvaged material and 57 new articles. Many new Easter articles will be for sale in the gift shop.

Donna Carter, chairperson, reported that tray favors for St. Patrick's Day had been made by the students of the St. Joseph School. The Easter favors will be made by the students at the Teresa Merrill Elementary School.

The SouthWest District of Michigan Hospital Auxiliaries will meet April 24 at the Country Club in Coldwater. There will be a panel on "Drug Abuse". It is hoped some members will attend.

Couple engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rademacher, Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda to Francis Spitzley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spitzley, Portland.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Fowler High School and is employed at Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

The prospective groom is a 1972 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and is employed by Oldsmobile.

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Obituaries

Eldon Wood

Funeral services for Eldon L. Wood, 46, of 1004 Turner St., DeWitt, who passed away March 27, 1979 at his residence were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel March 29 at 2:30 p.m. Father Stotenbur officiated. The body was cremated.

Mr. Wood was born in Gratiot County on Oct. 18, 1932 to Bernard and Mable (Anderson) Wood. He resided most of his life in DeWitt.

On March 3, 1953, he married Lorraine Amaral in Colorado Springs, Colo. She survives her husband as do two daughters, Lehua Beaman and Mrs. Leilani Cornell; five sons, Eldon Jr., Ronald, Ricky, Steven and Andrew; two sisters, June Langford and Anita Cogswell; two grandchildren, Kalei Beaman and Tracy Cornell; his father, Bernard Wood; and his grandmother, Bessie Berry.

Mr. Wood was a former Fisher Body inspector. He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Sandie Meyers

Sandie L. Meyers, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyers of 2003 W. Cutler Rd., DeWitt, passed away April 1, 1979.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Eastlawn Memory Gardens. Rev. Lavern Bretz will officiate. Funeral arrangements are by the DeWitt Area Chapel.

Sandie Meyers was born Dec. 8, 1978 in Lansing.

Surviving besides her parents are a twin sister, Mandie Lynn; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Tolliver of Bath and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meyers of Bath; great grandparents Mrs. Laura Carter of Indian River, Charles Dumont of Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wisner of Lansing.

Herman Pohl

Mr. J. Herman Pohl, former co-owner of Pohl Brothers Chevrolet in St. Johns and a lifelong resident

of Fowler and St. Johns, passed away March 28, 1979 at Lansing General Hospital.

Pohl, age 85, resided at 511 S. Oakland St., St. Johns.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m. Father William Hanked officiated and burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Osgood Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

A rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and the Knights of Columbus recited the rosary also on Friday evening.

He was born in Fowler Dec. 6, 1893 to Peter and Anna (Fedewa) Pohl. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 3281, American Legion Post 153 and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

His wife, Genevieve Fox, passed away in 1966. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Karen Knight of Marquette; three brothers, George of St. Johns, Omer of Albion and Norman of Detroit; three sisters, Mrs. Collette Face of California and Mrs. Leone Martin

and Mrs. Armella Feldpausch, both of Fowler; three grandchildren; and a niece, Mrs. Judy DeGroot of Haslett who lived with the Pohl family for many years.

A brother, Henry, preceded him in death.

Maureen Young

Mrs. Maureen F. Young, 36, of 9507 Krepps Rd., Laingsburg passed away March 26, 1979 at a Lansing hospital.

She was born in St. Johns Dec. 12, 1942 to Joseph and Dorothy (Hall) Ley. In 1961 she graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School and on July 29, 1961 she married Randall Young in St. Johns.

She had resided the past years in the DeWitt area and was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She was employed by the Lansing School District.

Surviving are her husband Randall; two daughters, Tammy and Shelli; two sons, Kevin and Scott, all at home;

two brothers, Dennis and Douglass Ley of St. Johns; her mother, Dorothy Ley of St. Johns; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Young of Laingsburg; and her grandmother, Ruth Flynn of Laingsburg.

Funeral services were held at St. Jude's Catholic Church March 29 at 10:30 a.m. Father David Stotenbur officiated and burial was in Wisley Cemetery.

A rosary was offered at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the DeWitt Area Chapel.

James Bond

Funeral services for James L. Bond, 50, of 1515 S. Lansing St., St. Johns who passed away April 1, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital will be held Wednesday, April 4 at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Father Louis Martin and Rev. David Lord will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Rest Cemetery. A prayer service was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Osgood Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Bond was born in St. Johns on Oct. 29, 1928 to Vern and Clara (Hoover) Bond. He graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1947 and resided all his life in the St. Johns area.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the American Legion Post 153, the Federation of the Blind and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Yvonne Harris whom he married May 6, 1978; a daughter, Mrs. LuAnn Smith of Owosso; two sons, Michael Bond of Seattle Washington and James L. Bond at home; three step-daughters, Cristell Foster of Holt, Mrs. Lori Vallance of St. Johns and Camilla Foster at home; and three step-sons, Rick Foster of East Lansing, Steven Foster of St. Johns and James Foster at home.

Also surviving are five grandchildren; his father, Vern Bond of Bannister; four sisters, Mrs. Rosa Bowen and Mrs. Betty Veith, both of Laingsburg and Mrs. Margaret Higgins and Mrs. Joan Sutfin, both of St. Johns; and two brothers, Wilbur Bond of Lapeer and John D. Bond of St. Johns.

The deceased was employed by Oldsmobile as an inspector.

Mary Wonch

Funeral services for Mary E. Wonch, 72, of 11560 Colby Lake Road, Laingsburg were held Saturday at the DeWitt Area Chapel. Donald Kirkland officiated.

Mrs. Wonch passed away March 29, 1979 at her home.

She lived in the Laingsburg area for seven years, moving there from DeWitt.

Mrs. Wonch was born Aug. 1, 1906 in Ohio,

daughter of Munson and Martha Rudolph Monroe. She married Chester E. Wonch, April 6, 1946.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Corabelle Arrington of Laingsburg and Elsie Smith of Lansing; a son, James Wonch of Coldwater; a brother, Justice Monroe of Lansing, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Archie Nesbit

Funeral services for Archie E. Nesbit, 76, of 6550 Collins Rd., Henderson, who passed away Saturday, March 31, 1979 at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility, were held Tuesday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at the Houghton Chapel, Osgood Funeral Home.

Rev. Edward Schweikert officiated and burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Nesbit was born in Owosso on Feb. 16, 1903 to Robert and Rose (Flint) Nesbit. He attended Daggett School.

Most of his life he resided in Saginaw County, having lived at the Henderson address since 1968.

On July 5, 1958, he married Cora Buxton in Saginaw County. She survives her husband as do two sons, Archie Jr. and Richard, both of St. Charles; two step-sons, Fred Enos of Elsie and Frank Enos of Arkansas; a step-daughter, Mrs. Glenna Mankey-Conway of Arkansas; 19 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a brother, Lloyd Nesbit of Durand.

Mr. Nesbit was a farmer and foundry worker, having retired in 1968 from Ray Cliff Foundry. He was a member of the First Church of God in Owosso.

David Whittaker

David E. Whittaker, 22, of 4010 S. Watson Rd., St. Johns, passed away March 31, 1979 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Memorial services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m. with Father Louis Martin officiating. The body was cremated at East Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial may be made to the children of David Whittaker in care of Harry Whittaker, 4010 S. Watson Rd., St. Johns, Mich. 48879.

David Whittaker was born in Detroit Dec. 8, 1956, the son of Harry and Edna (Eichbauer) Whittaker. He attended school in the Redford school system, but graduated from St. Johns High School in 1975.

He resided in St. Johns since 1973. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served from 1975 to 1976. He was employed as a construction worker by Ron Veil Pole Barns.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Langlois) Whittaker whom he married Oct. 31, 1975 in Detroit; two daughters, Andrea age three and Melanie age two; a son, Christopher, age two; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittaker of St. Johns; four brothers, Larry and Dwight Whittaker both of St. Johns, James Whittaker of Union Lake and Gerald Whittaker of Livonia; a sister, Mrs. Mary Joan Veil of Leslie; and his grandmother, Mrs. Helene Lyon of St. Johns.

The tidal glacier Columbia, near the port of Valdez, Alaska, is 3,800 feet thick in places and so big that Washington, D.C. could comfortably fit on it.

The Corps of Engineers dredges about 240 million cubic yards of sediment from the Mississippi River every year—enough to cover Delaware with a layer more than an inch thick, reports the National Geographic Society.

Ivah Bancroft

Ivah L. Bancroft, 80, of 164 W. Oak St., Elsie, died Sunday, April 1, 1979 at her home.

She was born March 3, 1899 in Essex Township, the daughter of J. Lewis and Lulu Cox. She lived most of her life in Greenbush Township but resided in Elsie for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Bancroft married Walter Bancroft on March 7, 1920 in Shepardsville. She was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church and the Esther Circle.

She is survived by her husband, Walter; two daughters, Mrs. Lyle (Joyce) Plowman of Escanaba and

Mrs. Merle (Carol) Baese of Elsie; two sons, Doyle and Norman Bancroft of St. Johns; two sisters, Mrs. Carl (Doris) Shinaberry and Mrs. Derrill (Laura) Shinaberry of St. Johns; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dale in May of 1978.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 4 at 1 p.m. at the Elsie United Methodist Church. Burial was at Lowe Cemetery, with the Rev. David Miles officiating. Funeral service arrangements were by the Carter Funeral Home of Elsie.

★ Budget

department on its payroll after the federal funds run out.

A program to improve city and urban streets in St. Johns is also included in the proposed budget.

"We think it's a good one," Humphrey told the commission about the budget.

In comparison to last year's budget, the general operation budget for legislative, administration, municipal building, capital improvements, police and fire departments, Department of Public Works, recreation, parks, insurance and retirement is expected to increase from \$952,305 to \$1,052,392 under the tentative budget.

An increase of \$148,017 from \$1,339,589 to \$1,487,606, is proposed in the following departments: mobile equipment, major and local streets, revenue sharing, library, bond retirement, garbage, parking meters and special assessments.

The water and sewer budget is projected to climb \$120,204, from \$513,242 to \$633,446.


All proposed figures will be studied and revised during the next two months.

Honor society induction

Big Rapids
Laura Jean Hurst of St. Johns was among more than 100 students inducted into the Ferris State College chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshman honor society.

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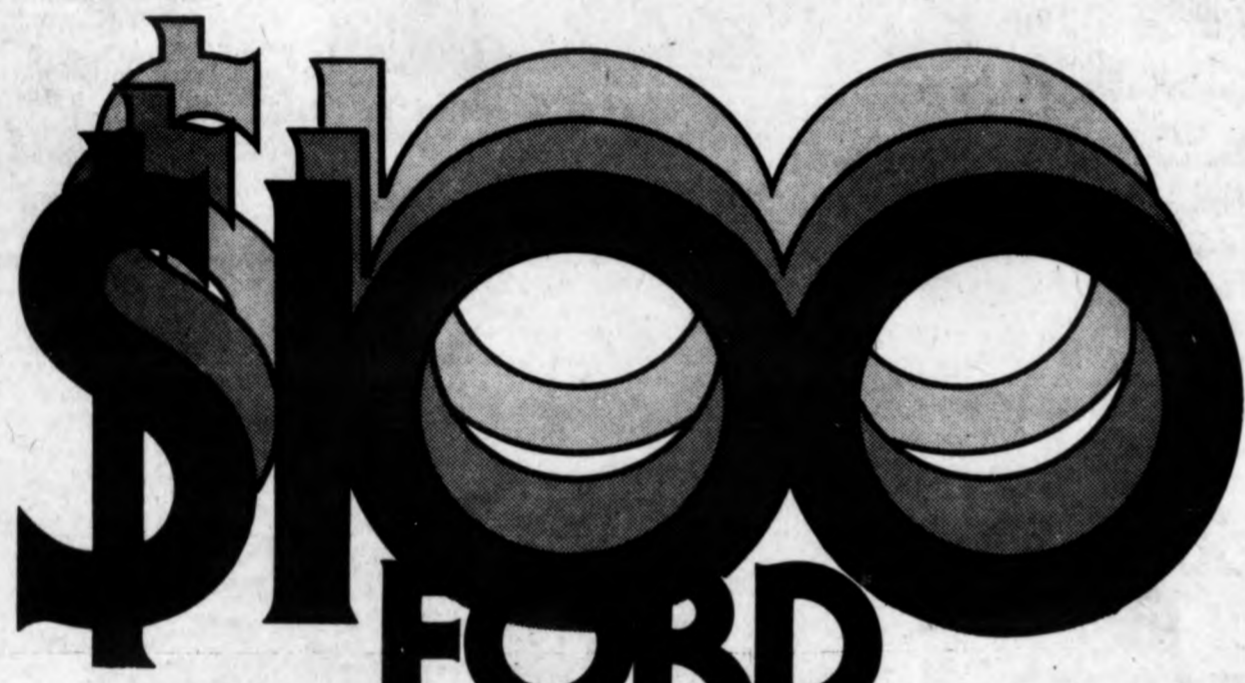
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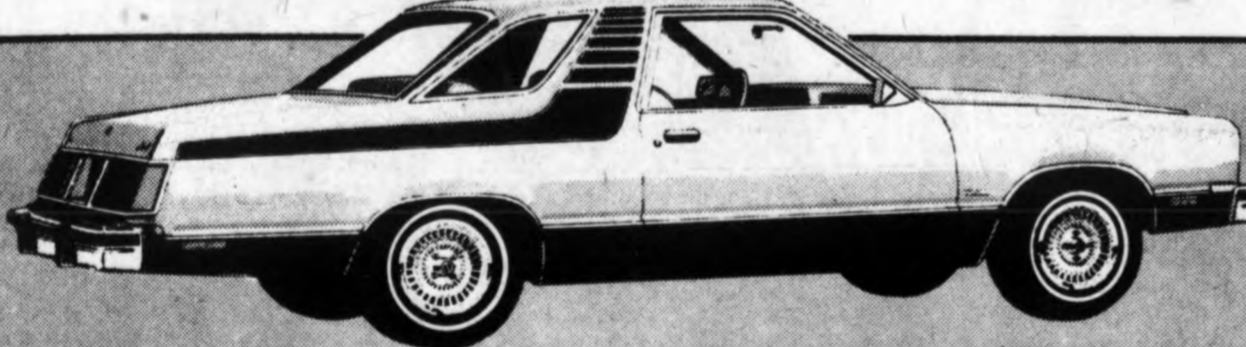
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By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer
St. Johns

On Mondays 30 little girls stay after school at Teresa Merrill for nearly two hours. Some of the things they do are similar to what they've done in school all day. Some of their after school activities require concentration, memorization and hard work.

Yet every year they sign up and it seems that more and more want to take part each year. The biggest problem according to Sharon St. Johns, assistant director of the city service unit of Girl Scouts, is finding the adults to be leaders.

The 30 Girl Scouts at Teresa Merrill are Brownies. Their leader is Barb Worrall who has a daughter in the troop. Donna VanTassel is her helper.

Mrs. Worrall says that Brownies is an attraction for second and third graders because they are not yet involved in a lot of extra curricular activities.

Brownie activities are designed to teach the girls to have concern for others and work with each other as well as getting along and function in a group.

"We stress the importance of learning to tolerate other people and stress the differences we all have," Mrs. Worrall explained. "Scouting also gives the young girls a chance to serve their school and community in special ways."

"I like to think they are also developing some inner resources," Mrs. Worrall said.

"We give Brownies a little taste of a lot of things," she related. "Through this phase of Scouting they can find out what they like and might want to get into on a deeper level when they are older."

Monthly meetings help leaders with ideas and things to do. Training sessions are also offered all year long, according to Mrs. St. Johns. The St. Johns service unit which also includes two troops from the Eureka area are part of a larger unit called a council which covers a tri-county area.

Girl Scout resource people from the council meet with area leaders every month to keep them in tune to what is going on elsewhere in scouting, help with planning and answer questions. Sharon Ludwick is the local director.

"Sometimes I think that the function of a Brownie leader is to sit and listen," Mrs. Worrall smiled. "They are so eager to talk over their day."

This visiting time teaches the girls to listen to each other and wait their turn. Sometimes this is hard to do, according to Mrs. Worrall, or a girl may forget something important she wanted to say. It's not unusual to be in the middle of the formal flag ceremony and have someone suddenly announce, "I'm going to be in a wedding."

Meeting are planned around a special unit that the troop is studying. Teresa Merrill's troop is working on a healthy body now so exercises, games, snacks and crafts are all tied into this subject area. They are talking about the basic food groups, learning to make nutritious snacks, working on safety and first aid and learning exercises.

Ideas for her units come to Mrs. Worrall from the leader book, the library, craft books she has at home and from her experiences as a classroom teacher as well

as the common sense developed from parenthood.

Mrs. St. Johns says that leaders are in big demand. "We are really going to need leaders next year," she said. "Some of our troops are way too big. Each leader has from one to five assistants who are usually parents of a girl in the troop," she explained.

"A leader has to be willing to put in a lot of time," Mrs. Worrall said, "but it is a very rewarding way to help kids grow."

The troops in the local service unit get together for roller skating, swimming, camping and other group activities including a special award banquet that is a family potluck.

Girl Scouting coincides with the school calendar except for special camping activities during the summer months.



Bananas and pudding

Brownies learn by doing and Barb Worrall's troop tries everything. These Brownies are making a healthy snack with bananas and chocolate pudding for a study unit on a healthy

body. Left to right are Mrs. Worrall, Karen Tetens, Christine Berkhausen, Emily Newman and Jenny Wohlfert. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

Club continues goals of ancestors

By Patrice Hornak
Editor
Ovid

On April 16, 1879 a group of ladies from Ovid and Duplain Townships met with a goal in mind. Little did they know that 100 years later their goal would still be the goal of a similar group of ladies.

Books were few and far between back in 1879 in rural Clinton County. That is why Miss Ellen Gleason and 11 other women formed the Ladies Library Association.

Miss Gleason thought the community saddling the Ovid and Duplain Township line (Kinley Road) should have some way of getting books to read.

Also in the charter club which has hence become the Ovid-Duplain Library Club were: Lucy Gleason, Mary Gleason, Persis Arnold, Martha Woodard, Margaret Tompkins, Nancy Whitehorn, Sarah Nokes, Susan Daley, Huddah Stone, Ella Guile and Ruth Hall.

The women worked together to buy their books. They sponsored socials, made and sold fleece-lined mittens for 10 cents a pair, sewed carpet bags and sold them, sponsored oyster suppers and ice cream socials.

"They worked really hard to get their books," said Mrs. Lucille Spencer, present day club president and club historian.

The first books they purchased were by Charles Dickens, Louisa May Alcott and James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales.

In 1901 to 1913, early club records show the organization bought 79 books for a total of \$29.21.

Members paid dues of 25 cents. Books belonging to the club were kept in one of the

member's houses and could be checked out for two weeks. Every two years, the library was switched to another member's house.

Generally, one of the younger members in the family had charge of the books. She would keep a record of who took the book out, when it was taken out and when it was returned.

Martha Woodard was the first keeper of the books. Her youngest daughter, Emma Woodard, was the club's first librarian.

In 1917, a tragedy occurred and the books belonging to the club were destroyed by a fire. Maria Wilson was the book keeper at the time and her home was lost as well as the books. The club renewed its goal and started all over again to purchase books for their library.

During World War I, the Ovid-Duplain Library Club furnished a doctor's wash room at Clinton Memorial Hospital. To earn the money to furnish the wash room, they sponsored a movie at the Ovid theatre. One night's proceeds went to the club.

In the late 1940's the Acme Society thought Ovid needed a library and they worked hard to get one started. The library has since been taken over by the village of Ovid, but in 1949, the Ovid-Duplain Library Club turned most of its books and bookcases over to the Ovid Library.

Today 31 members of the club annually donate one book to the library, in memory of a member who has passed away.

The Ovid-Duplain Library Club is the fifth oldest of the federated clubs in Michigan and the oldest in Clinton County. The St. Johns Woman's Club is the other

federated club locally, though at one time there were nine within the county borders.

Through the years it has won awards for participating in federation activities. The Ovid-Duplain Library Club was county federated in 1923 and state federated in 1925.

Members meet once a month on the first Friday at the Shepardsville Church in the winter and at the homes of club members during the good weather months.

The oldest member and the oldest past president of the club is Florence Phelps of Ovid who is 91 years of age. Two great granddaughters of charter members are also members of the present day club, Edith Gleason Walker and Gwen Gleason Peronius.

Officers for 1979 are: Lucille Spencer, president; Mrs. Rosetta Becker, vice president and treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Walker, secretary; and Mrs. Edith Walker, Mrs. Iris Smith and Mrs. Spencer serve on the program committee.

The club will be observing its 100th birthday on April 26 with a luncheon at the Shepardsville Church. Each of the 10 past presidents will be giving synopsis of their terms in office.

Invited to the luncheon will be clubs that were in the county federation before it disbanded in 1976, namely the Maple Rapids Sorosis Club, the Elsie Literary Club, the Victor Civic Club, the Acme Society (Ovid), the Crescent Club of and the Travelaires Fine Arts Club.

The motto of the club this year fits the celebration of its 100th year: "The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for."

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Haske reappointed RA at Alma

Alma Keith Haske, an Alma College junior from St. Johns has been reappointed as a resident assistant (RA) at the college for the 1979-80 academic year, after serving as an RA for the current year.

Resident assistants at Alma College advise other students in their respective

residence hall corridors, communicate the college's policies and regulations, and provide overall supervision.

Alma's resident assistants are carefully selected upperclassmen who are chosen through a series of applications, recommendations, and interviews. Among the qualities that

are looked for in choosing a resident assistant are experience in leadership, an outgoing personality, and experience in working with others.

Keith, a 1976 graduate of St. Johns High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haske of 1100 Hampshire, St. Johns. He will serve in the south Complex Dorms.

Clinton County Sports

March 21, 1979



This group is off to a flying start in last Friday's Special Olympics swim meet held at St. Johns High School. Students from St. Johns, Ovid-Elsie, DeWitt, Bath, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia competed in the event. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Redwing softball popular sport

St. Johns

The latest addition to the St. Johns High School athletic program—girls softball—has proven to be a popular one.

The Redwing softball program, in its first year, attracted 80 girls for the varsity and junior varsity

squads. And for varsity coach Jan Szymczak and junior varsity coach Paul Sternburgh, the biggest problem was cutting the squad down to size.

"We were very happy with the turnout," Szymczak said, "but we definitely had to whittle down. It

would be nice to be able to keep more."

About 55 girls turned out for the junior varsity and 33 for the varsity. St. Johns will carry 18 varsity players and 20 JVs.

St. Johns is one of the last schools in the area to offer softball as an inter-

scholastic sport. Steve Bakita, St. Johns athletic director, said one reason for the lag was that when St. Johns was in the West Central conference, none of the other schools offered softball. Then when it moved to the Mid-Michigan B Conference many of the MMB teams didn't sponsor the sport.

Further, he said, at that time the athletic department was having financial trouble and was in no position to offer another sport.

But with an increase in

gate receipts and by sponsoring some tournaments, the athletic department was able to purchase uniforms and equipment for this season.

Bakita said under Title IX, which requires equal educational opportunities for both sexes, the school would have been required to offer girls' softball in 1980 anyway, but plans had already been made to start the program this spring.

Though this is the first year of intermural soft-



This swimmer, with the encouragement of Bruce Guenther, is on her way to the finish line at the Special Olympics swim meet Friday at the St. Johns High School pool. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

Youth baseball meetings begin tonight

The St. Johns Youth Baseball Committee has set tonight as the date to officially kick off the 1979 season. Little League coaches, managers and adults wishing to participate are asked to attend the organizational meeting at 8 p.m. at the new office of Capital Savings and Loan.

The 1979 Pony League Program will be discussed on Thursday, at 7 p.m. also at Capital Savings and Loan.

Anyone interested in participating in Little League, Pony League, or serving on

the Youth Baseball Committee are invited to attend.

New Little League players are asked to report to the baseball fields behind Bee's Chevy & Olds on Monday, April 16 at 5 p.m. the draft will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 5 p.m.

Players are reminded that they must bring along birth certificates indicating that they have turned 9 years old before August 1 of this year. Players, turning 13 before August 1 are encouraged to try out for Pony League on April 21 at 9 a.m. also at Bee's Fields.

Spring schedules

St. Johns Tennis

April

- 12 Waverly
- 17 Bullock Creek
- 18 at Lansing Eastern
- 20 DeWitt
- 21 Owosso Invitational
- 24 Corunna
- 25 Ionia
- 28 Manistee, Essexville at Mt. Pleasant

May

- 1 at Alma
- 3 at Swan Valley
- 4 Ionia JV Invitational
- 8 Hemlock
- 11 MMB meet at Swan Valley
- 14 at Greenville
- 15 at Lansing Everett
- 18-19 Regional

St. Johns softball

April

- 17 Hemlock (2)
 - 19 at Fulton
 - 21 Fowler (2)
 - 24 at Swan Valley
 - 26 at Chesaning
- #### May
- 1 Corunna (2)
 - 3 at Alma
 - 8 at Ovid-Elsie (2)
 - 10 Swan Valley
 - 15 Chesaning
 - 17 at Bullock Creek (2)
 - 22 Alma

St. Johns Boys and Girls Track

April

- 11 at Hemlock
- 18 Swan Valley
- 20 at DeWitt
- 23 Ionia
- 25 at Corunna
- 27 at Ovid-Elsie relays (B only)

May

- 2 Chesaning
- 8 Alma
- 10 at Ovid-Elsie
- 12 County Meet at O-E
- 16 Bullock Creek
- 19 Regional
- 22 League meet at O-E
- 24 9th and 10th grade at O-E

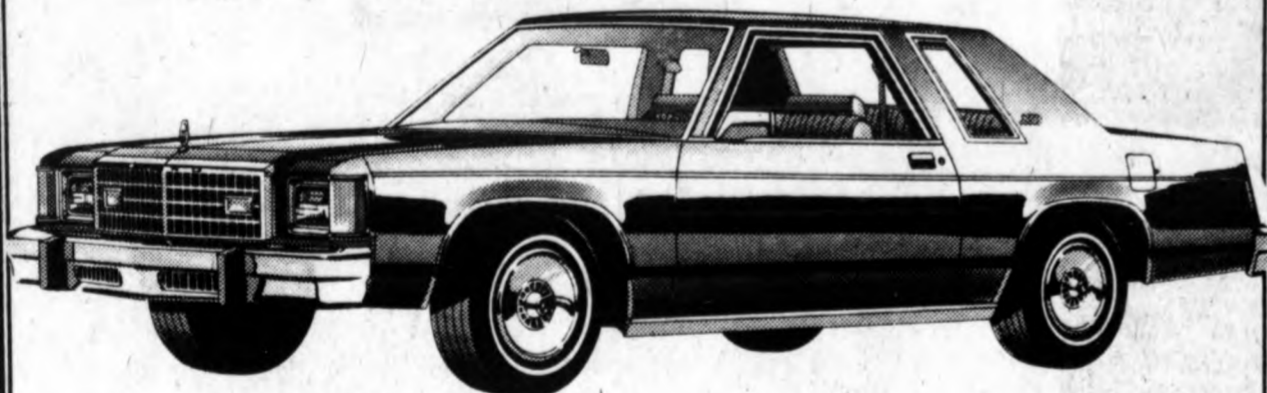
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Pool league honors champs



Ed Young, league secretary presents the first place trophy of the St. Johns Men's Metro Pool League to Ken and Diane Morgan, owners of the H & H Lounge.

St. Johns

About 240 people attended the banquet for the St. Johns Men's Metro Pool League held recently at the VFW Hall.

Trophies were given to first, second and third place teams in the 12-team league. Trophy winners were:

First place--H&H Lounge,

Ken and Diane Morgan sponsors. Team members: Ed Young (captain), Ed Onstott, Clayton Harsh, Roger Fedewa, Nyles Ferden, Kurt Ferden, Ray Burgett, Joe McLay. Onstott was the most valuable player and Kurt Ferden had a table run.

Tied for second--Sandy's

of Pewamo, Roger and Sandy Sain sponsors. Team members: Vern Schneider (captain); Gary Romanczak, Wayne Weber, Jim Fedewa, Bill Beckett, Ken Delaney, Roger Sain, Ray Mulligan. Fedewa was most valuable player.

Tied for second--American Legion, Ron Campbell sponsor. Team members: Sam Pardee (captain), Rich Crowell, Jerry Snitgen, D. Custer, Leonard Kentfield, Denny Kentfield, Rex Ward, Ron Campbell, L. Knight, Jon Newman. Snitgen was the most valuable player and Crowell, Newman and Denny Kentfield had table runs.

Third place--Zim's Antiques, H.B. Zimmerman sponsor. Team members: Dave Morgan (captain), Oscar Husted, Chuck Williams, Don Martin, H.B. Zimmerman, Dennis Smith, Herm Behl, Gary Whitford. Morgan was the most valuable player and Zimmerman had a table run.

Ed Young was president-secretary of the league this year and Vern Schnieder served as master of ceremonies.

Pictures of the individual teams and the trophy presentation were taken but did not turn out.



Fred Altvater was awarded a special trophy by the league. Altvater was the oldest player in the league.



Loosening up

Bad weather may have stopped outdoor practice, but the St. Johns softball team just shifted inside to prepare for the April 17 opener against Hemlock. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



Ken Delaney from Sandy's of Pewamo takes the second-place pool league trophy from Ed Young.



Ed Young presents the third-place trophy to H.B. Zimmerman of Zim's Antiques.

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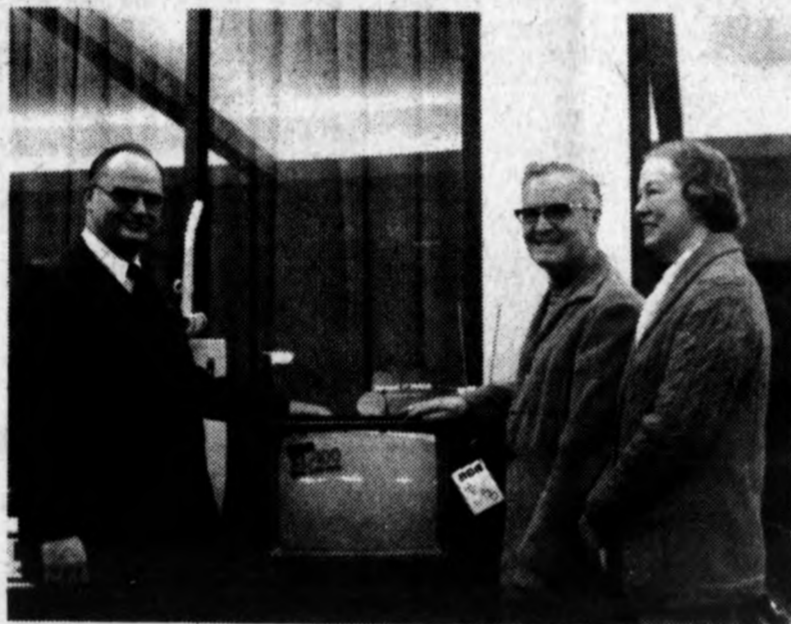
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Fourth Prize winner Rose Randolph of St. Johns is handed her food processor by teller Kelly Meyer.



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Spring sports schedules

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Junior high volleyball

The volleyball team at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School is enjoying a fine season. It has a 34-4 record among its six different teams and has won the A and B flights of the St. Johns Invitational tournament. Pictured are first row (l-r): Tammy Irrer, Mary Beth Miller, Tracey Shufes, Steph Craddock, Jackie Teichert, Judy Russell, Lisa Baxter. Second row: Michelle Russell, Karen Gros, Lisa Henning, Sharon Barnes, Sue Casler,

Molly Buggs, Kim Heyer, Donna Spicer, Wendy Shinn, Third row: Coach Richard Blink, Retha Gereau, Deb Mosier, Chris Warren, Kim Stoddard, Janine Scott, Dawn Chatfield, Gina Sweeny, Brenda Burns, coach Bruce Barber. Back row: Deb Rosekrans, Caren Rojas, Lisa Mazzolini, Sue Pearsal, Beth Garena, Mary Jo Droste, Janine Furry, Ann Boynton, Lori Esch, Michelle Purtil. (Photo by Scott Strahle)

★ Softball

Pewamo-Westphalia Softball

April

5 Carson City
18 at Portland
23 Laingsburg
25 Olivet
26 at Ionia
30 at Potterville

May

2 Portland
3 Fulton
7 at Bellevue
10 Portland St. Patrick
14 at Fowler
16 Ionia
17-CMAC tournament
22 CMAC tournament
23 at Carson City
26 Pre-district
29 CMAC tournament

ball, it isn't the first time most of the Redwings have competed, Szymczak said. "But this is a unique experience, being the first team. I'm enjoying it and I think we'll do quite well." The Redwings open their season April 17 with a home doubleheader against Hemlock.

"Our biggest goal is to win, generate some enthusiasm and get established," Szymczak said. "But this is a unique experience, being the first team. I'm enjoying it and I think we'll do quite well." The Redwings open their season April 17 with a home doubleheader against Hemlock.

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Sweet Savings

Sweetness flows from the maple tree

By Patrice Hornak
Editor
St. Johns

It is that sweet time of the year...when the sap begins to flow and the fires begin to glow. It's maple syrup time.

Tucked behind the barns and down a dirt trail into the woods is a sugar house on the Livingston Farms property just north of St. Johns off US-27. It's a busy sugar house this time of year.

A group of Olive Center kindergartners were invited to view the maple syrup process on Livingston Farms last week. Their host was Gene Livingston, whose grandfather initiated the maple syrup tradition on this farm back in 1905, when he first came to St. Johns.

"First we drill a small hole in the maple tree," explained Livingston to the youngsters. From this hole would flow the sap, or sugar water, of the sugar maple tree.

A spile is inserted into the hole to allow the sap to flow into a bucket. The buckets are emptied and the sugar water taken from the tree is transported into the sugar house to be refined into maple syrup.

Livingston also showed the kindergartners how plastic tubing is also being used to collect the sap. Some of the trees on the Livingston property are harnessed with plastic tubing. Instead of flowing into a bucket, the sap flows into the plastic tubing and is pumped

into storage tanks. This eliminates some of the sap collection time.

This plastic tubing process is expensive, according to Livingston, but they are experimenting with it.

From the storage tank, the sugar water is routed to a what looks like a covered wagon, but it is actually the cauldron in which the sugar water is boiled.

A roaring fire is built under the open bed. "Every 10 minutes, five or six more logs are put on the fire," explained Livingston. The fire intensifies until the furnace door glows a "cherry red." This process, however, was not taking place when the students visited Livingston Farms last week.

The boiling sap is poured through strainers and then it comes out a spout-into the waiting can or jar and ready to be placed on the breakfast table.

In recent years, Livingston Farms has been manufacturing between 350 and 400 gallons of maple syrup annually, but Gene says that 500 gallons is closer their capacity. The length of the sap "run" is determined by the weather.

He told the kindergartners and their

chaperones that it takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. Sap is gathered from about 1,500 trees on about 65 acres of woods, though not all the trees are tapped.

The youngsters were given a chance to taste the sap. As a parting gesture, Gene gave a jar of maple syrup to the students' teacher for the students to taste back in their classroom.

Every year different classrooms visit the sugar house, as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. It's an exciting place to learn an old tradition which dates back to the American Indians.

Neighbors of the Livingstons also drop in when they see the steam coming out of the sugar house. They know that there's maple syrup in the making.

"It's a simple process," said Livingston, "but it takes a lot of work."

Bath Township fills 2 posts

Bath Twp. Two new employees started work for Bath Township last week filling the posts of Community Development Administrator and Recreation Coordinator.

Susan Strab-Estala was hired to fill the HUD vacancy while Megan Baird filled the post of recreation coordinator.

Ms. Strab-Estala is responsible for all HUD funds which will be used for rehabilitation, development of a shopping center and area improvement projects.

Ms. Strab-Estala is a social worker who graduated from

the University of Michigan. She has worked for the Community Action Agency in Adrian and the Michigan Council of Indian Affairs in Lansing. Susan and her husband Ben have an eight-year-old daughter named Krystyn. The Estala family resides in Okemos.

Megan Baird is a Clinton County resident who graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in fisheries and wildlife. Ms. Baird said she will try to incorporate all ages into the summer recreation program. She hopes to include young-

sters, senior citizens and parents.

"I'm open to sugges-

Fowler news

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak and grandson Jon of St. Johns spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lula Boak after returning home from a vacation in Arizona, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Boak and family. They also visited Mrs. Minnie Long, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nobis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witt and Mr. and

Mrs. Leo Fox. They enjoyed every minute of it and got a good suntan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lisle and family of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doolittle of Stanton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold George.



Susan Strab-Estala

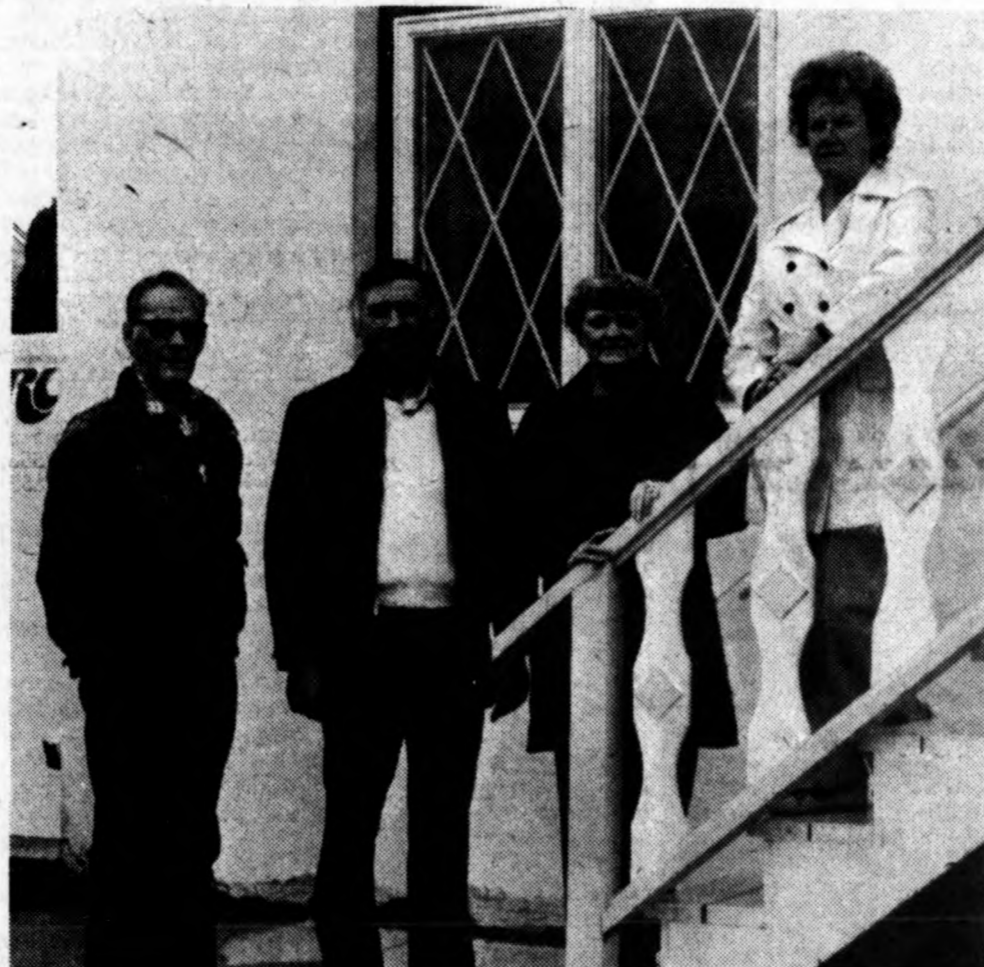


Megan Baird

Zeeb named

Virginia L. Zeeb of 2840 Heribson Rd., Bath, was one of 54 persons appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council established by Public Act 323 of 1978. The 54-member board was appointed recently, subject to Senate confirmation.

Mrs. Zeeb is deputy director of the Health Bureau in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation and will serve on the coordinating council as a consumer at large for a term expiring March 25.



Twin Oaks changes owners

Earl and Mickie Beachum (center) recently became the owners of Twin Oaks Golf Course on north US-27, taking over the management from former owners Gaylord and Jerri Crowell who are moving back to Florida. The Beachums have plans for opening up the clubhouse for receptions and parties, and will have time to learn the ropes while the grounds dry up. In the meantime, Twin Oaks is open for memberships and league meetings. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Belgium's farmers, though only 3.5 percent of the work force, produce 85 percent of the nation's food, mostly on tiny family farms, reports National Geographic.

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Natural Resources Commission Action

GEAR RESTRICTIONS FOR STREAM FISHING DURING SALMON AND STEELHEAD RUNS

The Natural Resources Commission, at its August 15, 1975, meeting, under authority of ACT 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, adopted the following rule beginning October 1, 1975, for a period of five years:

Double or treble pointed hooks exceeding 1/4 inch between point and shank and single pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank may not be used on any stream except St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit Rivers before May 15 or after August 31 of each year.

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Watertown Charter Township

Synopsis of regular meeting. All Board members present.

Pledge given to flag.

Agenda accepted with several additions. Clerk's minutes and Treasurer's report accepted.

Bills read and ordered paid.

County Commissioner gave a report on open Space Applications, increase of membership on Planning and Zoning Board.

Planning Commission report given by Tom O'Bryant, whereby Dick and Margaret Oederdank requested a variance on property on Eaton Highway. Recommended that Board grant variance.

Board approved the variance request. James Lonier reported on Sewer Authority meetings.

Tom Tank reported on Parks and Recreation stating that they are looking into mowing and maintenance of parks for the coming summer, and feel invitational bids should be sent out to those expressing an interest in mowing the parks this summer. Summer Recreation program brought up, and board felt that CETA funds should not be applied for, but work out a good arts and crafts and sports program some other way.

Public Comment time: Motion made and supported that Forest Shipman be hired to spray trees in cemetery.

Supervisor informed board that he had received various road contracts, and asked board's permission to sign them just as soon as he is satisfied with wording. Permission granted.

Mention made of bricks from demolishing old Wacousta School and what is to be done with them. Several suggestions as to projects needed were made.

Meeting adjourned.

Mildred F. McDonough, Clerk
Vaughn Montgomery, Supervisor

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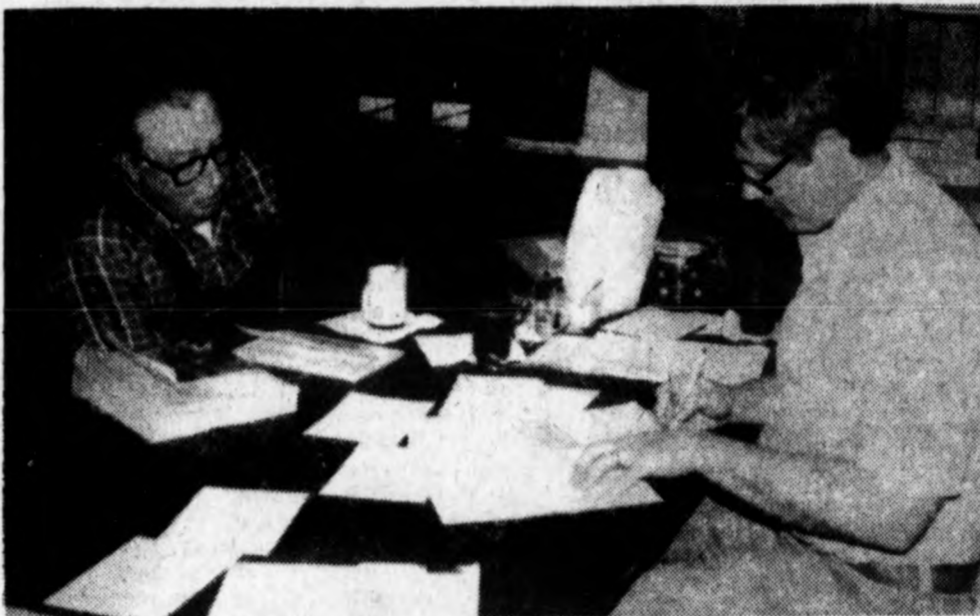


Wizner to attend Farm Bureau seminar

Participants in the 1979 Farm Bureau Washington Legislative Seminar left for the nation's capitol Monday where they will be spending this week meeting their congressmen and attending various committee and congressional sessions.

over 100 Farm Bureau members from around the state was George Wizner, chairman of the Clinton County Farm Bureau and National Affairs Committee. Wizner is a fruit grower from Victor Township, who upon graduation from MSU in 1973 purchased a grain farm on Price Road and began right away converting it to small fruits and tree fruits.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, attend sessions of the house and do some sightseeing. The group will return to Michigan on Thursday, April 5. Recently Wizner spent time setting up this year's telephone grid system in the county so that it is ready to be put into operation when the need arises.



George Wizner (right) puts final touches on the 1979 telephone grid list with help from Clinton County Farm Bureau President Don Witt.

The purpose of the grid system is to contact a sizeable number of farmers from around the state, county by county, whenever there is legislation pending which is either favorable or unfavorable to Farm Bureau policy. Calls are made to members of the grid who in turn make other calls and each persons called either sends telegrams, letters or make phone calls to his or her legislator or congressman.

Wizner, as chairman of the Legislative Committee, is responsible for the success of the grid system. He also keeps current on issues facing agriculture and attends meetings such as the State Farm Legislative Seminar held in Lansing and the Local Affairs Day held in this county.

Soybean members receive pointers on marketing

Hank Douglas from the Grain Division of Anderson's Maumee, Ohio was a guest speaker at the annual reorganization meeting of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Soybean Division.

The Minneapolis Board of Trade has recently requested trading in sunflower seed. The two useful tolls of the Chicago Board of Trade are basis and hedging. Basis is the difference in Chicago Board of Trade futures and the cash price

at any given point. The following things enter into the basis: Cost of transportation. Supply-demand. Quality difference. Availability of storage. Supply-demand of substitutes. Margins. There are two types of fluctuation, price at Chicago B.T. which is not predictable and price (basis) relations which is predictable.

Three committee members were elected—John Jones, James Mohnke and Ralph Gove. Winners of the contest on yields from the test plots were given their seed. They were Don Sisung, Three bushels; Doug Cook, two bushels; and John Jones, one bushel.

Membership in the division is open to all interested growers. Two test plots will again be planted in the county.

Know your director...

Roger Lerg has been farming all of his 28 years. That's the way it is with farm kids! About as soon

as they can walk they are taught to assist with simple chores and as the years go by are given more and

more responsibility.

For Lerg that didn't end when he entered Michigan State University after graduation from high school. He commuted while pursuing his studies which, of course, centered around the different aspects of dairy farming, all the time working on the farm when he wasn't attending classes.

After receiving his degree, he headed back full-time on the farm where there is always something to be done. The Lergs (he's in partnership with his father) farm 465 acres milk 115 cows from a total of 185.

They plant 220 acres of corn, 40 acres of wheat, 40 of oats and 165 of alfalfa.

Lerg is single and for hobbies enjoys dancing, hunting, football and basketball. He is a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church and the Independent Co-operative Milk Producers Association.

Asked what his goal in farming is, he stated, "I hope to own and operate my own dairy farm without worrying about new highways and high voltage lines splitting the land or about clean waters." The federal clean water act could prove troublesome to the Lergs because of their close proximity to the Looking Glass River. Also if the highway department's present route for US-27 stands, it will dissect the farm and a cloverleaf will be located where the buildings presently stand. A proposed power line may also cut a wide swath through their land.

Lerg was elected to the county Farm Bureau in 1977 and presently serves as vice president of the organization.

Export markets consume the produce from almost one out of every three cropland acres harvested in the United States.

MIOSHA regulations PBB testing, rural roads and bridges, taxation, wetlands, gasohol, and financing of Extension Service and funds for agricultural research. He answered several questions from the group.

Attending in addition to the commissioners were Mrs. Jane Swanchara, county clerk; Jerry Ambrose, county administrative assistant; James Pelham, county extension director; and Robert Smith, Michigan Farm Bureau legislative counsel.

Farmer of the Week

A St. Johns farmer Richard Woodhams has been named Farmer of the Week for the week of March 5 in recognition of his contributions to Michigan agriculture.

The weekly award, which honors farmers in Michigan is sponsored by the Michigan Farm Radio Network and Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

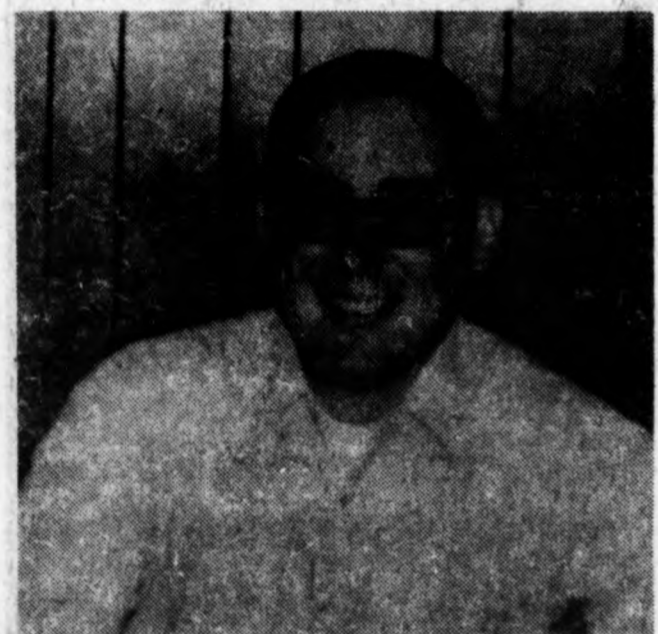
Wodhams, 48, who has been farming for 30 years is a beef and spearmint farmer. He currently farms 900 acres, raises several hundred head of beef and grows about 200 acres of spearmint, all in partnership with his son, Jack.

His involvement in community and agricultural affairs includes: director and past president of the St. Johns Cooperative Elevator; member of the First Baptist Church in St. Johns; a director of the Clinton National Bank & Trust; active member of

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Roger Lerg--Director at large

Local Affairs Day held March 27

Farm Bureau state, national and Local Affairs Committee members, Farm Bureau Board members and community Group Minutemen participated in the Annual Local Affairs Day, March 27.

event is to create understanding of each other's concerns and problems with the County Board of Commissioners.

The Farm Bureau members attended the morning session of the commission at the court house. Following that, the commissioners

were guests of the Farm Bureau at a noon luncheon at the Farm Bureau office.

Special guest was Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. who was recently appointed chairman of the House of Agriculture Committee. He spoke briefly on a list of subjects of interest to farmers such as



Ag chairman guest speaker

Representative George Cushingberry (standing), the Detroit legislator who serves as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, was guest speaker of the Clinton County Farm Bureau at a luncheon capping their annual Affairs Day on Tuesday, March 27. See related article on the Farm Bureau page. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



Richard Woodhams receives his plaque designating him as Farmer of the Week of March 5 from Don Keim, local Farm Bureau Insurance Agency manager.

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Farm women examine 4-H Spotlight their lives at seminar

By Debra Brunger

On March 20, an all-day conference was held on the campus of Michigan State University as part of Farmer's Week, which focused on the concerns and interests of farm women.

This was the first program of its kind since Farmer's Week began 64 years ago. The event was sponsored by MSU's rural sociology department under the organization of Eileen Nutting.

The audience consisted of women, and to a lesser extent men, from all over the state of Michigan. Many women present were members of various farm organizations and proudly displayed buttons, jackets and banners which made them look like, as Gale Arents, Kalamazoo County Extension Director, commented, "walking billboards".

Others traveled in a more incognito fashion; all were very receptive to the various speakers who examined roles of farm women, the history of women in farm organizations, presented a "Call to Power" to farm people and poked fun at farm life.

The program began with a panel discussion by four farm women moderated by Gale Arents. Each of these women spoke of their very different farm responsibilities and equally different farm operations. The discussion was called "Different Strokes for Different Folks", which aptly describes the variety of experiences explored.

Panelists included Mrs. Connie Peabody of the Fenton area who operates a 300-acre apple and fruit farm along with her husband and children. Mrs. Peabody, who was a state delegate to the National Women's Conference in Houston held in 1977, spoke of the need for farm women to be represented in national policy making groups and gave an excellent presentation of the 25 resolutions which were

a result of the national conference. Estate planning and the importance of training the next generation were also topics discussed by Mrs. Peabody.

Panelist number two was Jackie Williams of Eaton County who spoke of the love of farm life and importance to her, of raising her children in the country. Mrs. Williams, by her own description, is a "farm laborer" who does much of the field work on the family owned crop farm under the direction of her husband, who holds down a full-time job in Lansing.

Lou Fry, of Sanilac County, by contrast, is the head manager of a large dairy operation. Mrs. Fry, whose husband was accidentally killed two years ago, owns and operates the family farm with help of two teenage sons and a full-time hired man. In addition to their farm work, both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fry hold off-the-farm jobs, Mrs. Williams as a township supervisor and Mrs. Fry as a full-time teacher's aide.

The fourth panelist was Judy Yaeger of VanBuren County. Mrs. Yaeger and her husband turned to farming after several years of being employed in the city. They farm 60 acres, which includes a greenhouse, 12 acres of vegetable, which they sell at roadside stand, and a sheep operation.

Yaeger and her husband divide the farm chores and are striving toward a self-sufficient lifestyle. Each of the panelists were questioned on various aspects of their lives by the audience.

The mood of the lunch presentation by Laura Heuser of Lawrence and Pat Cohill of Comstock Park was pure hilarity. Heuser and Cohill, through a skit, poked fun at farm life and urban perceptions. "How to be Elegant Through Farming" was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience which included Mrs. Helen

Milliken, State Representative B. Kennedy, State Senator Dick Allen and various deans and department heads from MSU.

The skit portrayed the enlightenment of an urban woman who had turned to the "bosom of mother earth" only to find out that aspects of farming were far from romantic. Our heroine, in the end, decided to join with other farm women across the nation to help improve the lot of farm people.

Following lunch, the mood became more serious, although frequently punctuated with laughter, as Sister Thomas Moore Bertels spoke on "The Farm Woman's Response to the Call to Agricultural Power". Sister Thomas Moore Bertels is a nationally known speaker on farm problems from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc Wis.

Beginning with a history of farm organizations and women's involvement in them, Sister Thomas Moore traced the loss of control the farm managing team has over the most profit making part of the food production industry, processing and marketing Women, according to Sister Thomas Moore, became split from the decision making process of the farm organizations.

The farm managing team is trying to recapture this lost control. Indications of this "New Dawn" include: the farming of co-operatives, commodity organizations, referendums and the Farm Women's Movement. The Farm Women's Movement was begun almost simultaneously in 1969 in Michigan over an economic issue and in Oregon over a political issue. It is now a nationwide movement.

Sister Thomas Moore Bertels concluded her presentation by reading a "Call to Power", a challenge to farm people to use power to effect change. Power was defined as the production of intended effects. Those attending were visibly moved by Sister Thomas Moore's speech.

A response panel which included representatives from farmer's Union, N.F.O., the American Ag Movement and Farm Bureau, reacted to Sister Thomas Moore Bertels' presentation. The concluding program examined the roles of farm women around the world.

The Roles of Farm Women Conference was a successful meeting which allowed women to examine their life styles, their input into farm policy and which challenged their reactions to the future.

By Debra Brunger
Extension Assistant Home Economist

4-H LEADER LOVES GROWING THINGS: PLANTS AND KIDS

This week's Spotlight leader is Darrell Martin of E. Price Road, St. Johns.

Darrell has been a wood-working instructor in the Green Acres club for four years. Although not a former 4-H member himself, Darrell's wife, Ruth Ann, was active in 4-H as a youth. Darrell became involved as a leader, as many people have, when he got a call from a neighbor because a former leader had left the program.

leaving a vacancy. Darrell takes his work with young 4-H members as a serious matter. He enjoys working with his first year members on an individual basis, thus allowing him to give each the attention they need. He gets advice and plans from a friend who is a shop instructor in the schools. Darrell has also taken various workshops on wood finishes from Capitol City Lumber Company. Darrell has built some pieces of furniture for his home, these include plant stands and storage units.

Although Darrell's sons, Troy who is nine and Mark

who is six, aren't enrolled in 4-H yet, they are definitely looking forward to that time when they can be in Dad's class. Both boys are students at East Olive School. They enjoy their many pets and are looking forward to summer bicycling. Darrell and Ruth Ann's love of plants is very apparent when visiting them. Their home is filled with huge houseplants and their color scheme of cool greens adds to a "green house" affect. Darrell has a huge garden behind his home which occupies much of his time during the summer

months. He has recently built a storage barn adjacent to his garden plot.

An employee of Capitol City International Trucks, Darrell enjoys spending his leisure time with his family. The one exception is hunting and fishing. When asked what type of hunting he liked, Darrell replied with, "I've tried them all". He and his wife also enjoy snow-mobiling and are active in school related projects.

Darrell Martin is a happy parent who enjoys sharing his time with his own children and other young people.



Darrell Martin

4-H club news

SHOWOFF'S 4-H DOBEDIENCE CLUB traveled to Detroit on March 11 for the largest dog show held in Michigan. At Cobo Civic Center, the members watched their favorite breed in conformation classes. After lunch and a short walk, the group toured the beautiful Renaissance Center, which was dedicated in April 1977 at a cost of \$350 million.

The Showoff's are planning a special "Pamper Your Canine" fun time at this year's 4-H Fair. Monday of the Fair, members will put on a demonstration of some fun and challenging exercises you can do with your dog.

This club meets every first and third Wednesday at Smith Hall from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. New members welcome at any time.

Ag Advice

By Mark Hansen
Extension Ag Agent

MICRONUTRIENT CARRIERS

Do Michigan soils have enough of the micronutrients needed for crop production? Boron (B), manganese (Mn) and zinc (Zn) are the most important micronutrients for crop production in Michigan, says Darryl Warncke, Michigan State University soils scientist. "The micronutrient needs are dependent upon the soil system's properties, the crop being grown and the management level," Warncke says. "As a group, the seven micronutrients (boron, copper, iron, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chlorine) are essential for crop production."

Boron is important in alfalfa and root crop production, and deficiencies occur more frequently under dry soil conditions. It is subject to leaching loss in well drained soils. A recent survey of 135 southern Michigan corn fields showed that most corn fields are deficient in boron. Boron sources include manure, sodium borates used in fertilizer and Solubor, a foliar spray. In most commonly deficient micronutrient in Michigan is manganese. The high

frequency of neutral to alkaline soils is responsible for this, especially in the Thumb area. Manganese (Mn) is often unavailable or insoluble in soils with high amounts of organic matter. It also oxidizes to a less available form under well aerated soil conditions.

Annual Mn applications are often necessary. Manganese sulfate is a successful carrier in all soil types. High iron levels and high organic levels often affect the effectiveness of Mn chelate carriers. It is best to mix and apply Mn with a starter fertilizer in a band before it turns into an unavailable form. Broadcasting has not proven effective.

Foliar Mn applications with manganese sulfate and chelates can correct diagnosed deficiencies during the growing season. One pound of actual Mn per acre is suitable for small plants, but two pounds per acre should be used for large plants. Zn deficiencies are induced by high phosphorus levels and a pH over 7.0. This is important because available phosphorus levels are quite high, especially in sandy Michigan soils.

Corn and dry edible beans respond to zinc supplements where available soil Zn levels are low. Available Zn levels can be increased with Zn applications.

Natural Resources Commission Action
(Under authority of Act. 230., P.A. 1925, as amended)

WALLEYE AND SAUGER SIZE LIMIT

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on July 9, 1976, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, renewed for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1977, their order of August 15, 1975, which increased the walleye and sauger size limit to 15 inches. This regulation applies to all waters, including the Great Lakes and connecting waters, except Lake Gogebic, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, and the Muskegon River from M-20 in Big Rapids to Croton Dam.

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HELP WANTED. Several Title II CETA job openings available. Call Clinton Development Commission for more information. 224-6761 Ext. 266 13-2-1-p

BABY SITTER: in my home to care for six month old. May live in. Phone 641-4595. 13-3-1-p

WANTED DENTAL Hygienist. Part time DeWitt, excellent working conditions in modern office. 669-2235 13-3-1-p

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NOTICE NEED Job, training or career counseling? Apply for no cost CETA services at Tricounty Manpower office. 200 W. State St. St. Johns. 12-3-3

WANTED: BABY Sitter in my home evenings for school age children. Inquire 504 Wight after 5. 12-3-1-p

WANTED: LPN or RN for full time third shift. Good benefits. Inquire at Ovid Convalescent Manor, 9480 E. M-21, Ovid, 834-2228 or 834-2229. 1-tf-1

HOUSEKEEPER COMPAN- ION to lady age 50-65. Live in, no smoking or drinking, good driver, good health. 1 1/2 days off. \$700.00 per month. Box 70A in care of Independent, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Give qualifications, references, name and phone. 6-1-tf-1

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Real Estate 4

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FOR SALE: Legion Hall, one mile west of North Star, 875-2913. 13-3-p-4

LAND CONTRACTS: How to sell. Call Ford S. LaNoble at LaNoble Realty Co. 1516 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI. 48912 Phone 482-1637. 2-tf-p-4

For Rent 6

FOR RENT Lot for mobile home. Adults only. Inquire Idlewood court, corner US 27 and Parks Rd. 224-7740. 14-3-6-p

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ATTENTION OFF ROAD ENTHUSIASTS- 5 monster mudders. 14/35x16.6 Must sell. Phone 645-2211 evenings. 14-1-11-GL

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FOR SALE: Motorcycle 77 Honda Express, 50 c.c. engine; almost brand new, 65 miles. \$250.00 takes it. 669-5545 13-3-p-12

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Sporting Goods 15

For Sale. Western Type used Saddles and Tack. 1-7 year old pulling pony heavyweight, for more information call Eagle Feather Stables. 517-651-5473. 14-3-15-p

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BINGO—Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52. 50-tf-29

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BINGO—Holy Family Church, 510 Mabbit Rd., Ovid. Monday 7 p.m. 16-tf-29

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Card of Thanks 30

THANK YOU We wish to sincerely thank the relatives, friends and neighbors for the prayers, cards, flowers, food and many other acts of kindness shown during the loss of our beloved husband and father, Leo Henning. Our thanks are also extended to Doctor Manning and Nurse Ethel Baldwin for their calls to our home, to Reverend Bretz for his comforting words, and to Mister Tate of the DeWitt Area Chapel for his kind services. These acts of kindness have been greatly appreciated. 14-1-30-p

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Card of Thanks The family of Anna Paksi wishes to extend sincere thanks to all our friends and relatives for the many prayers and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our dear Mother, Grandmother and great Grandmother. To the Rev. Lars Anderson for his comforting words and prayers, to the many friends who prepared the lunch, served at the Ashley United Methodist Church, and for the flowers and memorials that were sent. Sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Carson City Hospital for their care and many acts of kindness. Our sincere thanks to all. Mr. Joe Paksi; & family Mr. & Mrs. Steve Paksi & family; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Paksi & family; Mr. & Mrs. Lon Green & family; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Paksi & family; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Paksi & family. 14-1-30-p

IN MEMORY of Marina Bandt who passed away two years April 5th. Sad and sudden was the call. Of one so dearly loved by all. A bitter grief and shock severe. It was to part with one so dear. We often sit and think of you and speak of how you died, to think you could not say goodbye. Before you closed your eyes, for all of us you did your best. Oh God grant you eternal rest. Children, grandchildren and special friend. 14-1-31-p

CARD OF THANKS WE WOULD like to express our thanks and appreciation to all our relatives, friends neighbors, our children and grandchildren, those who helped to make our 50th Wedding Anniversary such a joyful occasion, also for the many beautiful cards and gifts, the money and well wishes from all of you. Our sincere thanks to all of you. Ernest and Ellen Cressman 14-1-30-p

Memoriam 31

I wish to thank Dr. Grost, nurses, aides, Maple Rapids Senior Citizens, St. Louis Senior Citizens, Pompeii Kebekeh, Thursday Club and friends for visits, gifts and cards. Florence Decker 14-1-30-p

Household 32

WATER SOFTENER, brand new, 32,000 grain, fiberglass, auto. \$225. Call 351-9586 or 351-9296. 9-tfn-32

I WANT to buy a used refrigerator or freezer must work good, will pay \$200.00 to \$100.00 phone days 482-2911. 14-1-32-GL

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Legals

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON Estate of ALFRED FURRY, Deceased File No. 2000 TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, April 19, 1979, at 10:00, A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court-house, St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Ray H. Wirth, Jr., Administrator, for License to Sell Real Estate of said deceased. Persons interested in said estate are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such license should not be granted. Dated: March 28, 1979 Attorney for Petitioner: Robert H. Wood MAPLES & WOOD 306 N. Clinton Ave. St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone (517) 224-3238 RAY H. WIRTH, JR. Petitioner 5545 W. Hibbard Road Owosso, Michigan 48867 14-1

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Jack E. Oliver and Rachel K. Oliver, husband and wife, to National Homes Acceptance Corporation, an Indiana corporation, Lafayette, Indiana, dated November 24, 1954, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on November 29, 1954, in Liber 211 of Mortgages, on page 113; thereafter assigned to Onondaga Savings Bank, and ultimately assigned to National Homes Acceptance Corporation by assignment dated December 14, 1978 and recorded February 23, 1979 in Liber 303, Page 301; the interest of Jack E. Oliver and Rachel K. Oliver, husband and wife, having been conveyed to Denver M. Stone and Betty J. Stone, husband and wife, by a warranty deed dated August 22, 1973 and recorded August 29, 1973 in Liber 348, Page 997, Clinton County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of TWENTYTHOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINE TEEN AND 05/100 (\$2,119.05) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative. Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, April 13, 1979, at 10:00 o'clock local time in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 4 1/2 per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: property situated in the Village of DeWitt, County of Clinton, described as follows: The S. 70 ft. of the N. 210 ft. of Lot 20, Viewcrest River Addition to the Village of DeWitt on the South Fraction of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 8 and replat of part of Outlot G Assessor's Plat of Village of DeWitt, T5N, R2W, Village of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded May 23, 1952 in Liber 2 of Plats on page 33, said Clinton County Records. The period of redemption will be one year from date of sale. Dated March 14, 1979 FRASER TREBILCOCK DAVIS & FOSTER By: James R. Davis, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee Business Address 1018 Michigan National Tower Lansing, Michigan 48933 NATIONAL HOMES ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Mortgagee. 11-5

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★ Special ed

tuition programs that Clinton can't offer them. The transportation and tuition programs are costing local districts more each year. Special transportation costs this year will be from \$310,000 to \$330,000, according to Schwartzkopf. Ovid-Elsie Superintendent, Don Kenney said special education costs can be as high as \$8,000 for one child with the minimum running at \$3,800.

Last year \$100.00 in tuition fees went to Lansing from Clinton County schools. "We are renters in Lansing," Kenney said, "and at the mercy of the Lansing district." Special education aid has dropped each year, Schwartzkopf said. "When the state was picking up 70 percent of the programs we could live with that and do a good job," he said, "but last year the state reimbursed less than 50 percent of the costs." Schwartzkopf maintains that part of the problem lies in the surprising costs of the mandated special education programs. "Costs began to escalate more than anyone had predicted,"

he explained "and the Legislature backed off because districts across the state were crying for funds." The state began looking for areas not to help fund including subsidies to staff who identify the handicapped child. Schwartzkopf told last night's crowd that for the program to continue as it is more money will have to be found. "That means," he said, "that we have to increase millages, change the minds of our state legislators, or save as much costs as possible." "Can we transport any of these children in another way is one of the questions being asked" he explained. "Trying to assure parents and staff members that no decision for changes have been made, board member Charles Hengesbach of Pawmawestphalia said the board was only gathering information. "We want to find out where they (area superintendents) can help us and where we can help them. We want to find out what we can change," he explained. "As a board we have to look at all the information and then make decisions,"

he said. Changes will not be made without sufficient dialogue with parents and staff, Schwartzkopf promised.

He said he is also waiting for the new assistant superintendent in charge of special education, Paul Tower, to arrive. Tower comes to Clinton County from a similar post in Branch County and will be on board in two or three weeks.

Decisions clearly will hinge on the movement at the State Department of Education and governor's office urging for consolidation of the 54 intermediate school districts into 22 districts. Schwartzkopf said that a recent meeting with State Superintendent Dr. John Porter resulted in the promise of a feasibility study of the Clinton County district.

"Dr. Porter has committed himself and his staff to looking at the purpose of an ISD to weigh what services they should and do provide," Schwartzkopf said.

Regular meetings of the ISD board are the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the intermediate office.

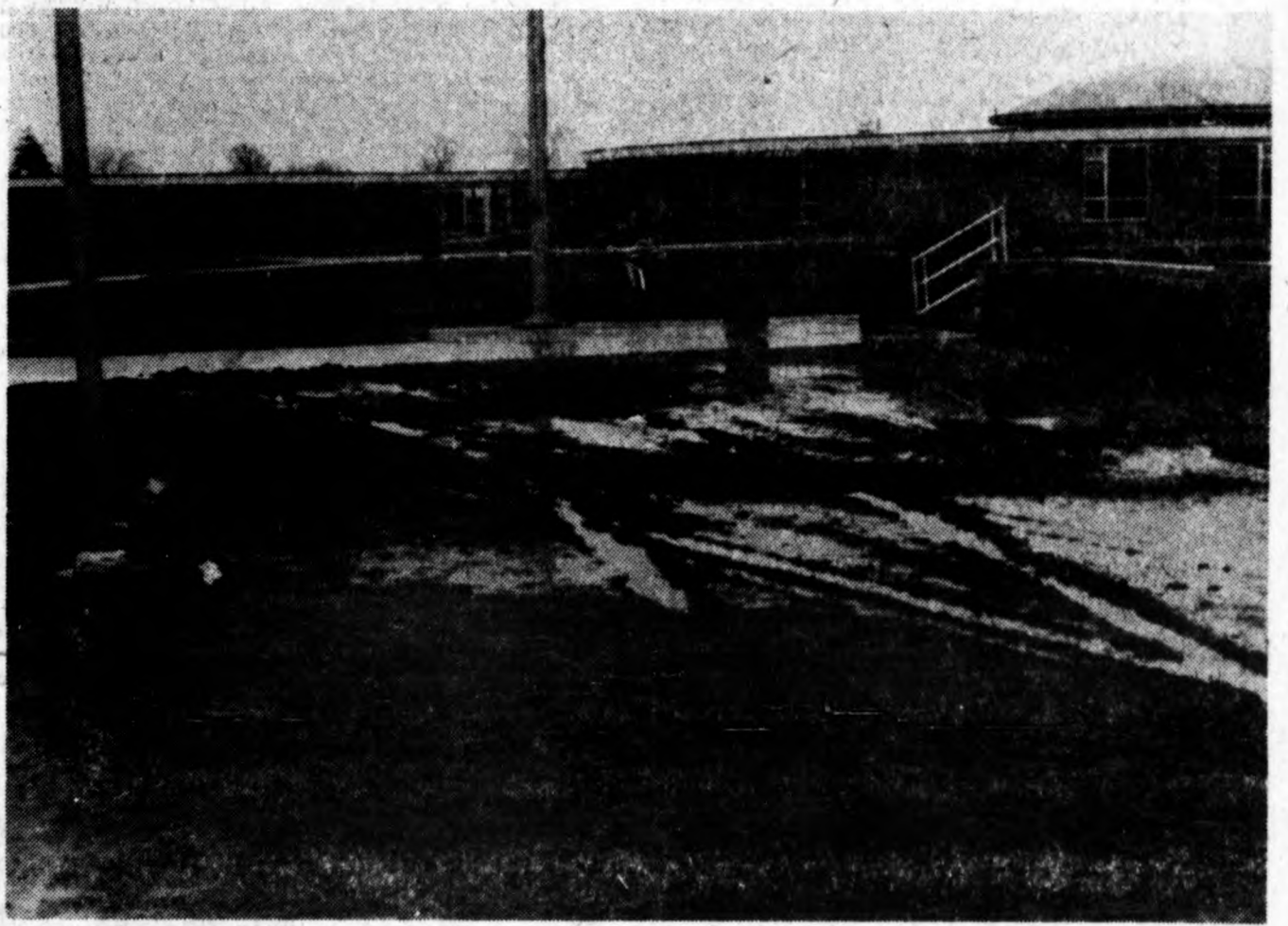
★ O-E radio

might change for other reasons. WOES is on the air from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during school. It also broadcasts O-E varsity football and basketball games. In another application before the FCC, WOES has asked to be licensed in both Elsie and Ovid. The station is now

licensed in Elsie but serves Ovid as well.

"We want to be licensed to both because we serve both cities on an equal basis," Bishop said. "The present licensing is not consistent with our service."

WOES is one of about 100 high school radio stations broadcasting outside of school grounds. The 15-year staff recently attended the Intercollegiate broadcasting convention in Washington, D.C. The trip was paid for by money raised in a radiothon held last fall.



Damage Vandalism caused extensive damage to the lawn and shrubbery around St. Johns High School this weekend. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

NOTICE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APRIL 18, 1979 To be held in the City Commission Chambers at 121 E. Walker Street at 7:30 p.m. (enter through the Police Department entrance on Spring St.). PURPOSE: To hear a request from Terry Cornwell for a variance from the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance would allow him to build an addition to his home within 7 feet from his side property line. Also a variance; to construct a swimming pool within 3 feet of his side property line. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 103 S. Oakland St. TAX ROLL NO. 0274-00 Diane M. Edwards Zoning Administrator

ORDINANCE NO. 309 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V, ZONING AND PLANNING, CHAPTER 51 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS. THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS: That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Zoning Map of the City of St. Johns forming a part thereof, shall be amended in the following respects: Section 1. That the premises hereinafter described shall be rezoned from its present R-1, Single Family Residential, to O, Office District. Section 2. That the description of the affected rezoning classification is as follows: Original Plat, Block 97-Entire Block 97 of Walker's Plat, City of St. Johns, except the right-of-way of US-27 as relocated, and also except property lying SW of Highway US-27. Section 3. The City Commission has predicated this rezoning action upon recommendation of the St. Johns Planning Commission as a result of the Planning Commission Meeting of February 1, 1979, the rezoning is also predicated and dependent upon the following stipulations and conditions as set forth at that Planning Commission Meeting. (a) That a fence and greenery screen the North property line; (b) That shrubbery and greenery screen the East property line. Section 4. Except as herein provided, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns Code shall stand as first enacted or subsequently amended. Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its passage. PASSED, ORDAINED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1979.

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Looking ahead

CRUSADE--Television and Radio evangelist, singer Jimmy Swaggart will be conducting a city-wide crusade on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Lansing Civic Center. Admission is free to the public, but people are encouraged to come early to secure a seat. For information call 321-1161.

LOWE WOMEN--The Lowe United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Mary Kingsbury Wednesday, April 11 at noon.

50TH REUNION--The planning committee for the 50th reunion for the class of 1929 of Rodney B. Wilson High School will meet Monday, April 16 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Alden Livingston, 2224 Livingston Road.

WATER DEPT FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM FOR APRIL 1979 The City of St. Johns Water Department personnel will be flushing the fire Hydrants to clean out the water mains or rust and sediment that develops. During the process the water might appear to be slightly colored but will clear up shortly after the flushing. Flushing of Fire Hydrants is done in the Spring and Fall. The schedule for flushing will be: April 15 thru the 19 April 22 thru the 26 Flushing will be done between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. ST. JOHNS WATER DEPARTMENT Carl Fonger, Water Supt.

Damage

Looking ahead

KUNTRY KUZINS--will have their Graduation Dance on Saturday, April 7, from 8-11 p.m. at the South Elementary School in Ithaca. Ted Koning will call the squares. There will be a potluck supper after the dance. All square and round dancers welcome. New dancers are cordially invited.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES--Good Friday combined services at Lakeside Chapel on Park Lake Road includes Chapel Hill, Gunnisonville, Bath United Methodist and Lakeside non-denominational combined choir. Everyone is welcome at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 13.

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St. Johns Planning Commission April 5, 1979 AGENDA

- 1. Call to order
2. Approval of Previous Minutes March 1, 1979
3. Central Michigan Lumber Rezoning Request 307 E. Railroad Street
4. Preliminary Plat Review Seales Estates #2
5. Other Business, if any
6. Adjournment

HEARING AID CONSULTATION Friday, April 6, 1979 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Johns Episcopal Church School EARL GRAHAM Hearing Aid Specialist FREE HEARING TESTS SERVICE ON ALL BRANDS SAVE 10% ON BATTERIES WE PARTICIPATE IN BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD PROGRAM OF MI. Bellone Hearing Aid Center 1000 N. Washington Ave. PHONE 482-1283 LANSING

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WOMEN MAKE MONEY

Home flower business means extras



Women at work

Das Florist is a thriving home business on Chandler Road, St. Johns. Denise and Alice Smith form wood fiber flowers and arrange them for weddings, anniversaries and other special occasions. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

This is the second in a series of articles examining ways a woman can earn money at home by starting her own business.

St. Johns

For the Smith family Das Florist means extras--the dishwasher, the microwave oven, new furniture, a camper truck.

For Alice Smith, who started the business in her home with daughter Denise, it has been a way for her to contribute to the family income and still be home. "With six kids, I've always felt that the main thing was to be home with my family," she said.

Mrs. Smith tried her hand at many different things before she came upon her florist business which evolves around a special artificial flower made from wood fiber.

Contrary to its name, wood fiber is a soft, thin cool feeling material. Every kind of flower there is can be duplicated by Mrs. Smith and Denise in the way they cut and put together the petals of wood fiber. Color choices are unlimited.

Wood fiber flowers are special because they last forever. Mrs. Smith tells brides that they are "ever-lasting love." Each flower is hand made and then arranged into bouquets, corsages or centerpieces.

Because a bride will want to keep her bouquet, a separate one is made for her to throw to her friends at the end of the festivities.

Besides weddings, Mrs. Smith and her daughter arrange flowers for banquets, anniversary parties, graduations, proms and Mother's Day. Their customers come from as far away as Tennessee. They've had orders from the upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, Howell and Flint as well as all the small towns around Lansing.

The Smiths learned about wood fiber when their oldest daughter Theresa was married and she chose them for her wedding. Mrs. Smith who sews and makes other craft items was determined to learn how to use wood fiber. She and Denise took lessons and then just stumbled into their business.

They offered to make bridal bouquets for several area photography shops and for a June bride display in a downtown St. Johns window.

That was in 1972 and things slowly began to happen. Young couples who went to have their engagement pictures taken became interested in the wood fiber flowers. They were sent to Mrs. Smith and Denise.

Soon they had a thriving business and had to choose a name. Das Florist uses the first initials of Denise and Alice Smith and spells das or "the" in German. Since the Smiths are German descent, it seemed a natural.

The Smith women have never had to advertise. Their business operates strictly by word of mouth and Mrs. Smith laughs at mail she has received that simply said "Alice's Flowers, St. Johns, Mich."

Das Florist is in the country on Chandler Road between Price and Centerline Road. They do not have a business telephone and even with no advertising, Mrs. Smith and Denise, who is a full-time student at Lansing Community College, have as many orders as they can handle.

They work appointments for orders and pick-ups and deliveries around the family schedule. With high school children active in sports and drama at the high school there are plenty of occasions to go into St. Johns with an order. Das Florist gets supplies

by mail and United Parcel Service. They have catalogs from many suppliers and can order wholesale. Sometimes they get items from the wholesale florist markets in Lansing and Grand Rapids. There are many notions involved in the florist business, containers, vases, forms for head pieces, hats, umbrellas, fans and baskets. Ribbons, greenery and lace are other big items.

Das Florist is a room (the former dining room) in the Smith family home. There is no sign nor indi-

cation that a flourishing business exists inside. The room is one-sixth the size of the family home so Mrs. Smith can deduct one-sixth of the heat, lights and phone bills as business expenses when paying income taxes.

Das Florist proves that in a business there is no hard and fast rule. Good business practices always indicate the importance of advertising, both by a business phone listing and with local media, yet without it, Das Florist is obviously thriving. What would happen if they did advertise?



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She's a top speller

The little village of Ashley can feel very big and proud of a 14-year-old eighth grade student at Ashley school.

Jami Skayrd, daughter of Doug and Toni Skayrd of Bannister has won three out of three spelling bees held in Michigan so far this year.

The first was the intramural bee held in all Gratiot and Isabella county schools in January. The second was the district held at Alma College back in February and the third was the regional held at Alma College on March 29.

Jami will now go to Detroit for the metropolitan state spelling bee slated for May 2.

The state winner will then go to the national and final bee in Washington, D.C. The whole contest is being sponsored by the Detroit News.

Because of her ability to spell correctly, Jami was won two trophies, an encyclopedia, a dictionary and an almanac. She said she was thankful for the Detroit News for sponsoring this contest. Ashley schools wish her good luck in the May 2 bee.



Jami Skayrd



Sell, sell, sell

When Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader battled at Eureka Elementary School on Friday they had more at the stake than the fate of a beautiful princess--the success of the Eureka school carnival was on the line. The Star Wars presentation was part of a pep rally to get the students fired up about selling raffle tickets. Tickets are on sale until May 4. (Photo by Tom Nowak)