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## Closed Good Friday

In observance of Good Friday, the Clinton County News will be closed April 13 between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m.

## Register of probate

Probate Judge Marvin E. Robertson announces the recent appointment of Sheila Brock as register of probate. Mrs. Brock replaces the former register, Mrs. Helena Burk who recently retired. Previously Mrs. Brock was employed in the Clinton County prosecuting attorney's office and prior to that was a legal secretary for the firm of Walker & Moore.

## Chamber speaker

Larry Meyer, executive director of the Michigan Retailers Association, will be the guest speaker at the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce noon luncheon on Wednesday, April 11, at Somewhere Else Restaurant. He will be speaking on workman's compensation.

## Paper drive

ST. JOHNS LIONS CLUB PAPER DRIVE On Saturday, April 14, get rid of that winter's accumulation. Please place bundled newspapers at curb by 10 a.m. for the St. Johns Lions Club paper drive. For pickup of large amounts call 224-2600. Papers also may be dropped off at the Superior Insulation warehouse across from the stockyards.



## Lions annual variety show

The St. Johns Lions will present their annual variety show of local talent, Saturday, April 21 at the high school auditorium. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. on a cast of 60, including Karla's Beauties, Sheryl and Sheila, Ron Dietz and other local acts. Admission for adults is \$1; children 12 and under, 50 cents.

## Bloodmobiles

On Tuesday, April 17, the American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westphalia from 1 to 7 p.m. The Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring this bloodmobile. Anyone wanting information should call Mary Platte at 587-6826 or Caroline Piggott at 587-3793 or the K of C Hall at 587-4641.

On Thursday, April 19 the bloodmobile will be at the Holy Trinity Hall in Fowler from 1 to 7 p.m. The Jaycees are sponsoring this with Dan Fedewa in charge. Anyone wanting information should call him at 593-2683 or Tom Moore at 593-3375.

# City moves to purchase Shell station

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor  
St. Johns

Plans have been put in motion for the city of St. Johns to purchase the Shell gasoline station on M-21 near the corner of Spring Street, with the city eyeing that spot for a future public safety building.

On Friday, St. Johns city commissioners met and authorized City Manager Randy Humphrey to obtain an option on the Shell station being sold by Blodgett Land Company of Mt. Pleasant for \$55,000.

A 30-day option was obtained Monday, with the city investing \$1,000 which will go toward the purchase price of the property. During the next 30 days, the city will get engineer and architect opinions on how best to develop the property, and get an opinion from the city's attorney on the title.

City Assessor Diane Edwards told commissioners Friday that the property is appraised at \$66,000, \$11,000 above the asking price.

Back in February of 1976, the city

planning commission was studying several sites within the city for a public safety building to house both the police and fire departments. The top spot recommended by the planning commission for the public safety building was the Shell gas station property.

The Shell gas station property was not for sale at that time.

The city owns the parking lot adjacent to the Shell station property. The 99-foot by 50-foot parking lot would join the Shell station property which has 100 feet on Spring Street and 168 feet on M-21.



## Easter bonnets

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it..." Kim Catlin and James Ewing designed Easter bonnets with more than a few frills on them. Their fourth grade classes at Perrin-Palmer School competed in an Easter

bonnet contest last Friday and Kim and James were selected by the classmates for Best Design of an Easter Bonnet. See related story. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Easter eggs abound

Easter eggs galore await St. Johns and Fowler youngsters this Saturday.

Both the St. Johns and Fowler Jaycees and Jaycettes will sponsor Easter egg hunts Saturday, April 14. The Fowler egg hunt is set for 10 a.m. at the high school and the St. Johns hunt will begin at 1 p.m. at the city park.

The Fowler Jaycees will be hiding eggs and candy for youngsters eight years of age or younger to find. St. Johns Jaycees and Jaycettes will be hiding over 240 dozen eggs, almost 90 dozen more eggs than last year. Children 14 and under are invited to participate in the St. Johns Easter egg hunt.

Co-chairmen for the St. Johns event

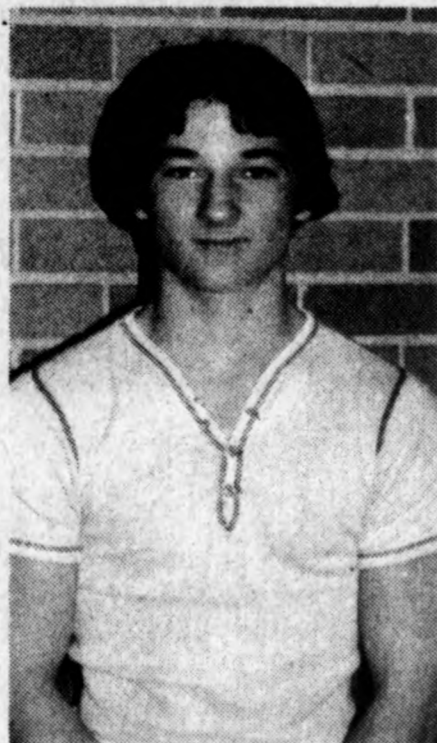
are Ray Vitek and Roger Parker.

Youngsters will be divided into age groups. They are encouraged to bring their Easter baskets or a bag to carry the eggs. If they find specially colored gold eggs, the children will be given cash prizes donated by Capitol Savings and Loan and Clinton National Bank and Trust.

Andy's IGA and Beck's Farm Market will furnish the eggs, but the Jaycees and Jaycettes will be hard boiling them before the egg hunt. Parr's Pharmacy donated advertising posters.

McDonald's Restaurant will be furnishing hamburger certificates to the youngsters after the egg hunt.

# All-American title awaits



Bart Acino

By Tom Nowak  
Staff Writer  
St. Johns

In the short span of four years, Bart Acino has developed into a gymnast of all-American caliber. And though Acino's high school career may be over, he hopes his development—and all-American status—will continue.

Acino, a senior at St. Johns High School, recently completed one of the finest seasons ever put together by a local athlete. He won the all-around title at the state meet with an average score of 8.6 points, easily a new state record. He had eclipsed the former record at least three other times during the season.

Acino was the state champion on the high bar and placed in the top six in the other five events. Additionally, he was the all-around champion of the Huron Invitational Gymnastics Meet for the last two years, the two-time all-around champion of the Mid-Michigan Gymnastics league and a two-time champion of the St. Johns Invitational. He was third in the all-around competition at the 1978 state meet.

To crown this portion of his career, Acino is a sure bet to take all-American

honors when the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association announces its awards in the next few weeks. Acino has qualified for all-American honors in the floor exercise, still rings, vault, parallel bars, high bar and all-around.

Bart has not yet been officially awarded the rank of all-American, but it's only a matter of getting the paperwork completed before the award comes through. As far as anyone can determine, Acino will be the first all-American athlete in St. Johns High School history.

Now Acino has his eye on the future. He's currently working toward a Junior Olympics meet in May and is looking forward to a four-year stint with the Michigan State University gymnastics team.

Acino's feats are more remarkable considering he did not start in gymnastics until he was a freshman at St. Johns High School. But it didn't take long for him to realize he'd found his sport.

"I had to work hard to get certain tricks," he said, "but it came pretty

By Tom Nowak  
Staff Writer  
DeWitt

Untreated sewage has been flowing directly from a DeWitt Township sewer line into Prairie Creek, but the manager of the township's water treatment plant said nothing can be done to solve the problem.

Sewage has been overflowing at a manhole 900 feet south of Wellman road. Liquid waste flows downhill from about 30 feet into the creek, and from there the creek flows into the Looking Glass River about a mile upstream.

Ed Lawrence, manager of the South Clinton Waste Water Plant, said the overflow is caused by infiltration and inflow—ground water entering the system through the pipes. He said the problem is more severe in the spring when there is more water in the ground.

Lawrence said the plant is now running at full capacity and can't handle the amount of water going through the system, until an addition to the main plant is completed and another pumping station near Herbyson Road is finished, he said nothing

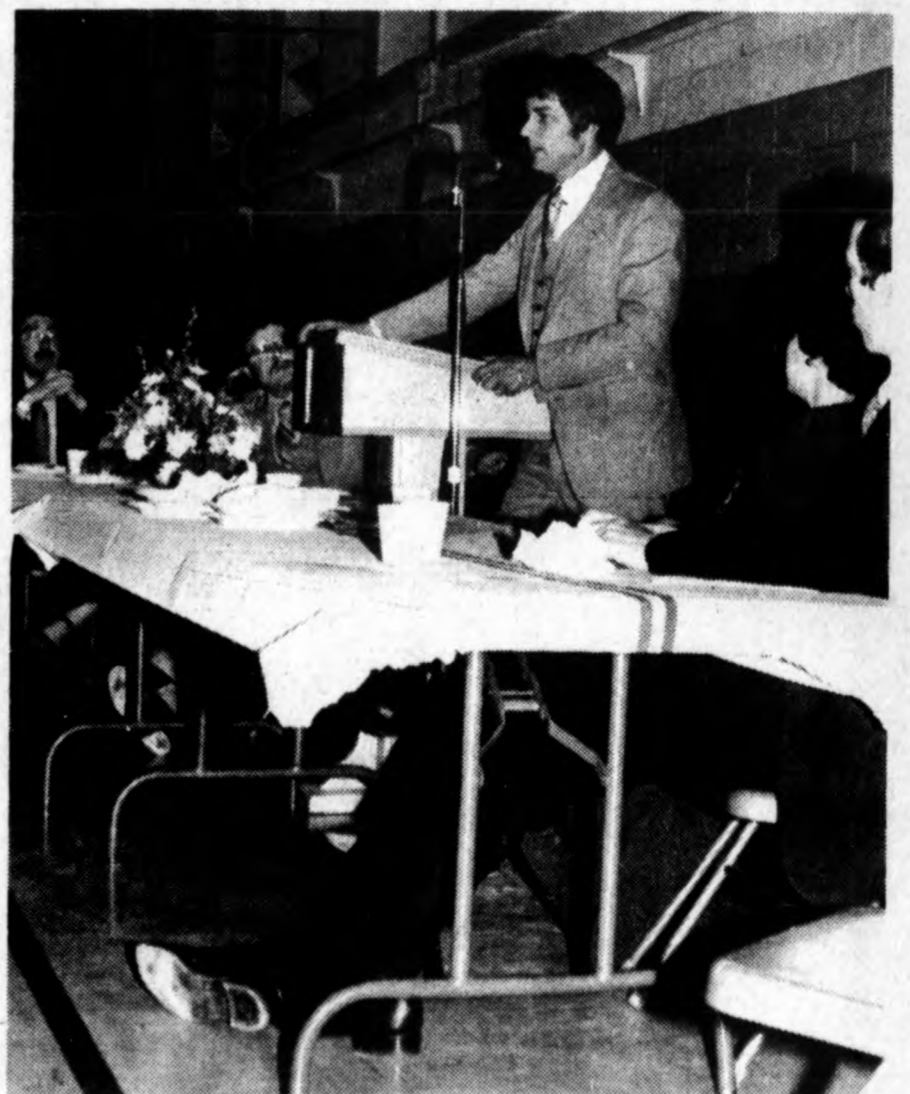
could be done to stop the overflow. The overflow was detected by Orla McGuire, DeWitt city engineer. He said a contractor wishing to bid on making improvements on the

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# Sewage spills into Prairie Creek



## Larsen addresses Republicans

Subbing for Lieutenant Governor James Brickley, who was called to Washington, D. C., Mel Larsen, Michigan Republican Party chairman, addressed about 270 persons who attended the Lincoln Appreciation dinner Thursday evening. The event took on an air of a pep

assembly when Clinton County Republican committee chairperson Charlie Creamer led the gathering in a cheer. Larsen spoke of gearing up now for the 1980 election, urging the group to "Stand up and be counted, make your presence felt." (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

# De Witt girl stabbed while jogging



**VOD winners**

Winners of the annual Voice of Democracy contest held for high school seniors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are Susan Smith, 1st place, Kim Paksi, 2nd place, and

Debbie Menovskis, 3rd place. Presenting the checks and trophies was Ed Schmitt, Voice of Democracy Chairman. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

**DeWitt**

A 15-year-old DeWitt girl is listed in good condition at St. Lawrence Hospital following a stabbing incident Sunday night. Ann Tingay was dressed in jogging apparel when she was seen running by the Community Church on Webb Rd. She told police as she ran by a parked car a man jumped out at her. According to police reports, the man held the DeWitt High School student down and stabbed her in the chest. During the time of the altercation, the young woman was heard screaming. She was able to get to a neighbor's home for help. DeWitt City EMTs administered first aid to the girl and she was transported to St. Lawrence Hospital.



The 15-year-old DeWitt girl who was stabbed Sunday night while jogging was able to give a Lansing police artist enough detail about her attacker for him to make a composite drawing. The young girl was unsure at the time if the subject had a thin mustache or not. Anyone having any information on the whereabouts of this man is asked to call the DeWitt City police at 669-2821 or the Clinton County sheriff's department at 224-6791.

## Gunman holds police at bay

**DeWitt Twp.** A barricaded gunman held DeWitt Township police at bay for nearly four hours before finally surrendering to the plea of a clergyman. According to Police Chief Thomas Aranow, his department and the DeWitt Township Fire Department responded to a fire call in the vicinity of Wild Turkey and White Oaks. Upon arriving at the scene, police were informed by Glenn Cheney, 14315 White Oaks Dr., that his son had threatened him with a shotgun. Police contacted Robert Cheney, 22, by phone. At that time he informed police he was armed with a shotgun and was not going to come out of the house. A communications center was set up across the street with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and Bath Township officers assisting the DeWitt Township force. Entrances to Wild Turkey and White Oaks Drives were blocked off by police. Pedestrians and motorists were not allowed in the vicinity. After talking to the holed up man, Chief Aranow called in the Emergency Services Division of the Michigan State Police. Cheney told police he would shoot anyone who would enter the house. Communications were conducted by phone to no avail until 6 p.m.

Pastor Bruce Jenkins of Eagle had conversed with Cheney several times. At about 6:45 p.m. Cheney surrendered to police, walking through the front door with the shotgun. As he exited the home he fired one shot in the air. "We wanted to avoid a violent confrontation," Arranow said. "It took four hours, but no one was hurt." The 22-year-old man was transported to Ingham Medical Hospital and then transferred to a state hospital at Ypsilanti. The young DeWitt Township man had a history of being completely irrational at times according to his parents. He was under treatment for a period of time. While he was barricaded in the home, he asked to speak to several friends who were since dead. Cheney is being charged with felonious assault and arson. In a separate incident, DeWitt Township officers confiscated a 12 gauge shotgun from a man at the Laundry Mat on US-27 near Coleman Road. A warrant is being requested for the man for being in possession of a shotgun while under the influence of intoxicants.

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## Ice causes slick roads

**Clinton County** Rapids Road, was westbound on Maple Rapids Road near McNeil road when the auto went out of control. The car went off the shoulder of the road, came back on the road, went onto the road and then into a ditch, hitting a tree and rolling over. Dennis was taken to Carson City Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. In less than two hours, rookie police officer Steve Caughlin along with two other Clinton County sheriff's deputies apprehended two juveniles for unlawfully driving away an auto from the corner of Jason and St. Clair Roads. The call went out at 10:30 p.m. and the youths were at the jail before 11 p.m. Ruby A. Dennis of Maple

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# Senior citizen center opens

**St. Johns**  
The Clinton County Senior Citizen Drop-In Center at 318 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns officially opened its doors Tuesday morning, April 10 at 10 a.m. The drop-in center, supervised by Rev. Hugh Banninga, will be open to area seniors from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Drop in for coffee or tea, cards, bingo, television, darts, book browsing and visiting with friends," said Banninga extending a welcome. "You can also sign up for the exercising class, the drama group, the arts and crafts

workshop or the conversational French class."

Also on the slate of activities at the drop-in center is the 9 a.m. Phil Donahue Show discussion group. Seniors are invited to come down, view the show and participate in an after-the-show rehash of the program.

The center got its initial momentum from a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, via Tri-County Aging Consortium.

The grant for \$9,500 submitted by Community Resource Volunteers is

used for Rev. Banninga's salary. Grant money was only available to staff the center, not provide for equipment, utility and rent expenses. Donations have been accepted to get the center moving.

This Thursday, April 12, beginning at 9 a.m., the drop-in center will sponsor a bake sale in front of the D & C Store on Clinton Avenue to raise money for the center.

The grant will run through September, at which time it will be up for renewal.

Clinton County Senior Citizen Drop-In Center Schedule for the week of April 16	
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday Place: 318 N. Clinton Ave. St. Johns. Phone: 224-4257	
Monday, April 16-9 a.m.--Phil Donahue Show discussion group; 10 a.m.--Arts & crafts workshop with Kry's O'Brien.	Wednesday, April 18-9 a.m.--Phil Donahue Show discussion group; 2 p.m.--Drama group with Kry's O'Brien.
Tuesday, April 17-9 a.m.--Phil Donahue Show discussion Group; 11 a.m.--Exercise class with the Hoffmans.	Thursday, April 19-9 a.m.--Phil Donahue Show discussion group; 11 a.m.--Exercise class with the Hoffmans; 2 p.m.--Conversational French class with Geri Paetow.
	Friday, April 20-9 a.m.--Phil Donahue Show discussion group
	Sunday, April 22-1 p.m.--Afternoon potluck. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

# Bond issue postponed

**By Sue Kiley**  
Staff Writer

**DeWitt**

The idea of a June bonding issue for the DeWitt Public Schools exited through the front door Monday night. However, the issue reappeared as school board members decided it would be in everyone's best interest to wait until fall to pose the question to voters.

The DeWitt Schools are in need of several items, the most important perhaps is the construction of a new elementary school. Recent enrollment projection figures indicated the elementary schools will be over capacity in the early 1980's. The middle school would need some expansion repaving, although the high school still has plenty of room for additional student enrollment.

Three alternatives were cited for the elementary school problem. They were: use portable classrooms; construct a new elementary school over 500 student capacity, moving the sixth grade back to the elementary level; or construct a new elementary school over 500 capacity and move the eight graders to the high school.

A citizen's committee will be established to study other alternatives for the fall bonding issue also. Those issues include the construction of a multi-purpose room at the Scott School; construction for up to an additional 300 students at the middle school; renovation of the Fuerstenau School; upgrading the Scott School, middle and high schools; making capital improvements; and constructing ball fields and storage sheds.

"Were we to go ahead with the proposed \$1 million bonding issue as planned for June, within a year and one-half we would have to go back to the voters for additional funds to construct a new elementary school," Superintendent Ray Spear said. "We know we are going to have a bonding issue, but we have to have public input to know what's going to be included."

In other action taken at the DeWitt Board of Education meeting:

--Spear told the board the district would be losing Section 27 funding. These are funds given to districts which have a high amount of debt. DeWitt has been qualifying for the funds for several years. Last year the schools received \$16,000--this year they received \$25,000 or almost a half mill.

--Changes in staffing were announced. The position of assistant superintendent was dropped for next year. Instead the schools will have a director of finances and operation. The administrative assistant position has also been eliminated and has been changed to curriculum coordinator and elementary school principal at the Fuerstenau School.

--The school system was notified by the DeWitt Township treasurer's office overpayments were made by the township for the years 1974-75 in the amount of \$35,000. This reduced the State Equalized Value (SEV) which increased the state aid. However, \$10,000 was still lost, because the schools were receiving more money through SEV.

--The board approved the names of four additional students for early graduation.



**Bubbling sewage**  
Untreated sewage flows from a manhole directly into Prairie Creek (in the background, in DeWitt Township.) The sewage is causing excessive algae growth upstream, but a waste water plant official said nothing could be done to stop the overflow. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

# ★ Sewage spills

Prairie Creek Drain mentioned an overflow in March. But he didn't pay much attention until he noticed excessive algae growth in the stream which runs through his yard.

The creek at McGuire's property, 310 Dill, is colored a deep murky green from algae, while long strands of the algae formed along the banks.

McGuire, a sanitary engineer, said he immediately identified pollution as the cause of the increased algae growth. Untreated sewage contains several nutrients, notably phosphates, which encourage growth.

"I don't know how bad it's going to get when the weather warms up," he said.

McGuire pinpointed the overflow Saturday. On Monday morning he estimated the sewer was losing 150 gallons a minute, but a lawyer of sludge surrounding the manhole indicated that the overflow had been much greater than that. Sewage appeared to have been running into

the creek along 25 feet of the bank.

"This shouldn't have been allowed to happen," McGuire said. "They knew last year there was an overflow problem in the spring."

He said the most practical solution would have been for the township to declare a moratorium on new hookups until the treatment plant's pumping capacity was increased.

"You don't keep adding houses if you can't handle the sewage," he said.

But Lawrence said the additional hookups didn't make much of a difference.

"With all the water going through the system," he said, "the difference with a few additional customers is insignificant." Infiltration and inflow are causing the overflow he said.

Lawrence said he will make a written report on the overflow to the Department of Natural Resources.

"I can understand his (McGuire's)

concern," he said. "But right now there's nothing we can do about it. Until the pumping station and the plant are finished our hands are tied."

# Petition opposes office rezoning

**St. Johns**  
A petition asking the St. Johns City Commission to reconsider its decision to rezone property on the corner of Sturgis Street and US-27 from residential to office was handed to City Clerk Richard Coletta Tuesday morning, April 10.

The petition bearing over 200 names was submitted by Roy Ebert of 602 S. Kibbee St.

The petition asked the commission,

"...to reconsider the passage of Ordinance 309, rezoning the lot at Kibbee Street and Sturgis Street from R-1 to Office and if Ordinance 309 is not repealed, the city commission submit it to a vote of the qualified electors per city charter."

A total of 124 signatures of registered voters is needed on the petition before the city commission will reconsider the ordinance. Coletta will be checking the

names of the petition signers against the list of registered voters in the city.

If the petition is valid, the rezoning issue will be put to the city commission at the April 23 meeting.

Dr. James Grosz requested the rezoning to build on that property a doctor's office. The rezoning was granted by the city commission in a unanimous vote March 26.

# Pastor finds a parish in new jobs

**By Sharon Randall**  
Staff Writer  
St. Johns

Easter lilies are nodding on parlor tables--gifts to go to grandma's house. It's a special family time with family dinners and the white and pink Easter bunny hiding eggs and candy.

It's a time of new spring outfits, Easter bonnets and white gloves.

There's also worship. Easter is a religious holiday most of all. A special season for Christians, proof to them of the Savior.

The men and women who serve this religion, its priests and pastors, celebrate joyously this Sunday in their parishes. Christ is risen.

The Easter story is an awesome one filled with the shame of the crucifixion, man's inhumanity to man. Yet it's a joyful story of God's love, his blessing, his gift to man.

At Easter a priest without a parish celebrates too. Hugh Banninga left his church nearly a year ago and has struggled not only to meet the physical

needs of his family of five but the spiritual needs that are within himself, the need to serve, the need to help. This Easter he can say he has met those needs.

The biggest need his family had after his resignation from the Episcopal Church here was to stay in St. Johns. Home to the Banningas for 14 years, St. Johns was too hard to leave. The two high school age children needed the stability of their own friends and school.

"The community has always been good to us as a family," Banninga said. "We've made a lot of friends over the years."

Those community friends were supportive of Banninga and his family. "We couldn't have gotten on our feet again," he said, "without their help and donations. It was very heart warming to see that we have such friends."

Today the Banninga family is buying a house, a first for this clergyman. He has a new job that involves senior citizens--director of a Drop-In Center that opened on Clinton Avenue this week.

"My fulfillment comes from working with people," Banninga said. "Where ever I happen to be, with whatever group of people, if I am contributing to worthwhile causes, Big Brothers and Sisters, Family Guidance, Lions, my senior citizens, I am ministering," he explained.

There is a problem today, Banninga said, with not enough churches for the number of ordained clergymen. "There is a trend for men with a theology degree to go into teaching or some other kind of secular work," he said. Many small congregations cannot afford a full-time minister so they share with other parishes or find a "tent maker", a minister who can work in the secular world and take services on Sunday.

All these men have to find ways to be ministers in the lay world, Banninga says. He has had occasions to do some counseling and has taken several funeral services. The family has joined the Congregational Church and Ban-

ninga is teaching Sunday school to fifth and sixth graders.

"I think the one thing I enjoy the most is teaching Sunday school," he said. "As a regular minister I never really had the chance to relate to kids in a classroom situation, to be creative with them."

He has also taught an adult class in human sexuality and is auditing a two-year class in adult Bible study for Rev. David Lord.

He will be preaching one of the meditations at the Union Good Friday services at the Congregational Church this week.

Banninga has always been involved in community affairs. A long time Lion Club member, he has spearheaded many of their activities. He is presently chairman of the board of directors for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Clinton County. He works with the Family Guidance Center and is a member of the recently formed committee for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

His work with senior citizens didn't just start. He was active in the movement that brought senior citizen housing to this area. Employed by the Community Resource Volunteers office since August, he has had the opportunity to work with many of the senior volunteers who are now active in the Drop-In Center.

He has also helped get a Singles Unlimited Group started here and has ministered to those recently alone due to a death or divorce, or other circumstances.

At the Drop-In Center which will be open for 40 hours a week, Banninga will have constant contact with the elderly who are looking for a place to come and socialize and share. Banninga's philosophy is "to involve seniors in community life, to make use of their wisdom, enhance their dignity as persons and help them be a vital part of the community."

Hugh Banninga's ecumenical spirit leaves little doubt that the whole world is a church.

# ★ Acino

easy for me. I guess I just liked to roll around."

But he did have some catching up to do. Bart spent many of his summers in gymnastics camps around the nation. He attended MSU sports schools and with camps in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. By working out four hours a day in the off-season he managed to catch up with and surpass his more experienced rivals.

"Sometimes those people who start early peak when they're 14," he said. "But I wish I had started younger. The more experience you get, the better your routines become."

Acino is looking forward to the more competitive atmosphere of college gymnastics and the Junior Olympic competition. The atmosphere, he said, will help him become a better gymnast.

"I'm excited about going to MSU," he said. "I'm confident I'll do all right. There'll be a lot of good people there, but seeing them will make me work harder and I'll be able to learn things from them."

"At college you can learn at your own rate, while the camps are more organized. At camps everybody is equally good and you learn from the instructor. But in college more people can push you."

Bart's more immediate focus is on the Junior Olympics, beginning with the state meet held in May. A regional meet follows that and the national meet in West Point, N. Y. winds up the event.

Acino missed qualifying for the national meet by a single point last year but expects better things this time around.

"I wasn't as prepared last year," he said. "I was getting used to it. This time I'll be prepared for it."

With Bart's willingness to work and learn, it's hard to imagine that gymnast being caught unprepared again.



**Helping others**  
Hugh Banninga finds a touch of the ministry in a project he's coordinating with Illah Briggs. Singles Un-Limited offers help and guidance to people who are alone. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

**Private Property Week**  
April 15 - 21

# Candidates file for area school board elections

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor  
Clinton County

the seven Clinton area boards of education were due Monday, April 9 at 4 p.m. and by all signs, the districts of DeWitt, Fulton, Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns will have competitive school board races prior to the June 11 election.

Following are the candidates who are running for the board of education in their respective school districts.

**Bath:** Richard Wilkins of 6427 Clark Rd. and Judith Penrod of Chandler Road are running for the two four-year terms on the Bath Board of Education. Wilkins is the

incumbent president of the Bath board. William Fouch, vice president, chose not to run for re-election.

**DeWitt:** Eight candidates are trying for the two seats on the DeWitt Board of Education. Four candidates filed for the one-year term and four filed for the four-year term.

Running for the one-year seat currently held by Keith Davis are: Davis of 331 W. Round Lake Rd.; Dona Gartside of 1126 E. Geneva Dr.; Eloise Jordan of 13001 Shadybrook Lane; and Roberta McConnell of 13805 Schavey Rd.

Candidates for the four-year term held by Jim Decatur are: Decatur of

314 Logan St.; Dick Smeage of 1209 S. Geneva Dr.; Robert Steinman of 490 RoDicdon; and Diane Wilcox of 3912 Sage Lane.

**Fowler:** Three men are running for the single four-year term on the Fowler Board of Education being vacated by Gerald Pohl, president. In the race are Michael Smith of 589 N. Elm

St., Jerome Spitzley of 281 N. Hinman Rd., Fowler; and LeRoy Schafer of Rte. 1, Wright Rd., Fowler.

**Fulton:** The four-year terms of Ronald Weller and William Friesen, secretary and president of the Fulton Board of Education, respectively, are up for election. Eight candidates, including the two incumbents, are running for those seats.

Candidates are Weller of 6345 Rich Rd., Middleton; Friesen of 5894 S. Luce Rd., Perrinton; Ronnee Zyzelewski of Tallman Rd., Fowler; James Helms of Woodland Avenue, Perrinton; Howard Glass of 8779 Lowell Rd., St. Johns; Duane Winsor of 10509 S. Ely Highway, Perrinton; Ted Gross of 302 S. Newton, Middleton; and Kelvin Price of 1946 W. Cleveland Rd., Perrinton.

**Ovid-Elsie:** Running for the one-year term being vacated by Burton Case are Eugene Schoendorf of 240 E. Pine, Elsie who is on the present Ovid-Elsie Board of Education, and Daffin Byrd of 6501 Carland Rd., Elsie.

Running for the two four-year terms are incumbent treasurer Merle Green of 6200 N. Meridian Rd., Elsie; incumbent Burton Case of 402 E. Pearl St., Ovid; and Robert White of 205 S. Ovid St., Elsie.

**Pewamo-Westphalia:** Incumbent and P-W board treasurer Anthony Thelen is the only candidate for the four-year term on the P-W Board of Education.

**St. Johns:** Four candidates are in the race for the two four-year terms on the St. Johns Board of Education. Incumbent Alden Livingston of 2224 Livingston Rd., St. Johns and treasurer of the board will seek re-election. Leon Schumaker chose not to run again. Other candidates are Robert Craig of 812 W. Park St., St. Johns; Susan Heinen of W. Centerline Rd., St. Johns; and Marian I. Kurncz of E. Colony Rd.



## Bunny to bunny

The Easter bunny, as well as Thumper the real-live bunny, visited students in the St. Johns Headstart class last Tuesday. The 30 students from St. Johns and Ovid also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt that day. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Easter bunny visits Headstart

St. Johns

It isn't every day that the Easter bunny pays a visit to your classroom. But, on April 3, 30 youngsters in the St. Johns Headstart class met and talked with this fabled character. The occasion was the students' last day before spring vacation. Fifteen students in the morning class from the St. Johns

area and 15 students in the afternoon class from the Ovid area are taught by Mrs. Susie Kuhn and Mrs. Mary Fero.

The children had refreshments along with their homemade baskets filled with little goodies. The baskets were made by the parents and the children colored their own eggs. There was an Easter egg

hunt with prizes. The paper eggs had numbers on them and those numbers matched a number and they received a prize.

The classroom is located in the St. Johns Parish School at 400 E. Walker St. The public is welcome to come and observe the children, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The children are served a

hot lunch and snack.

The parents and staff are also planning a spring workshop at Memorial Hall in DeWitt, April 23 and 24. Headstart applications may be filled out for next year beginning in late May. Any interested persons should contact Barbara Sluka, the family social worker for the program, at 224-6731.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my feelings on the recent rezoning of the property at Sturgis and Kibbee Street. I was very upset with our city commissioners with their decision, and complete disregard for the people who live in this area.

I do not hold a degree in city planning, but as a parent, and resident of Kibbee Street for 16 years my reasons against this rezoning are many:

1. The only children's park in the southeast part of the city is less than 170 feet from this property. (Which is heavily used by the children in this subdivision.)

2. This park is also a school bus stop for the kindergarten children on the east side of US-27.

3. Kibbee Street is a very narrow street, and not designed to carry traffic from such a business.

4. There are no sidewalks.

5. Most important, when we purchased our home here we were informed that particular property was

zoned residential. What purpose do these zoning laws serve if they can so easily be changed for certain individuals?

It is very upsetting to those of us who have labored long and hard to purchase our homes in this area, and taken pride in their home and community to have our city commission act in such a preferential manner.

A parent, and resident of  
Kibbee Street  
Mary E. Ebert  
602 S. Kibbee Street  
St. Johns

To the Editor, Clinton County News:

I am writing to express my appreciation of the guest editorial by Mr. Ink White in your April 4 issue. Having been employed by Dr. Russell in his office from 1953 to 1976, I can testify

that he possessed the admirable qualities described in the editorial.

He was a workaholic with no selfish motive. I recall his setting up an IV at the hospital for a patient (my mother) at 9:30 on a Friday evening, which meant that he had to alter his own plans of getting away early for the weekend. Edith was an understanding wife when these situations arose.

Although he was a professional and erudite man, Dr. Russell was also very much a "man of the people". He loved to get into work clothes and do menial jobs. I remember how he helped in the shoveling of our drive after the blizzard of January, 1967 which had dumped 24 inches of snow on this area.

Many, many people benefited from his expertise. His was truly a productive life. The community is deeply grateful to have had his excellent services from 1934 to 1979.

Margaret Rademacher

## Farnum appointed in DeWitt

DeWitt

Norman T. Farnum, 109 Manchester, was appointed to the DeWitt City Council at the April 2 meeting.


Farnum will fill the term of David Spencer, who resigned to take a job in Tvro.

Mayor William Drouin nominated Farnum to the position and the council approved him on a 4-2 vote. Barbara Towns and Lynn Thayer voted in opposition.

Farnum, who was chairman of the city planning commission, is a transportation planner for the state highway

department. He ran for council in November and finished last in the field of six candidates.


The council named William Griffin, 703 W. Main, to replace Farnum on the planning commission.



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# O-E radio station students help produce documentary

**Elsie**  
It was show time in the Ovid-Elsie area again last week as the student radio station WOES was the subject of a locally-produced documentary.

Dean Wilson, a native of Ovid who made the feature film "Clayton County Line" in the area last year, shot footage for the film Thursday and Friday.

The film will be made available to community groups in an effort to inform them of what WOES does.

"The idea of a student-operated radio station is a hard concept to grasp for many," said George Bishop, faculty adviser for WOES. "We hope that this movie will help the community see what we're doing here."

The O-E school board allocated about \$150 for the project, Wilson said.

"They gave me the money to shoot the film," he said. "I'll edit it and finish the sound, but after it's done it will be up to superintendent (Donald) Kenney and the school board to decide what to do with it next. But I hope it goes into distribution so other schools can get hold of it."

Wilson is shooting the film in Super-8-color and sound

and will later blow it up to 16 millimeters. The finished product will run from seven to 10 minutes.

Because at the relatively low budget, Wilson is shooting 15 minutes of film to get the final 10 minutes. Usually, he said, three times the needed amount of film is

shot.

"We have to shoot tight," Wilson said, "but we aren't having any trouble. The kids know what's coming off. And there's not a lot of dialogue, which causes the most problems."

"We want to show what the station is, what it can do,

that it is really student operated. It's going to be more of a mood piece than a talking documentary."

Wilson, an art teacher in the Grand Rapids area, calls his filmmaking operation Summerprod. "Massive movies for minor money" is the motto. The film on WOES is

unusual for him in a couple of ways. First, Summerprod has done features up until now. But Wilson said from now on he'll be looking for more documentary ideas.

Second, he said, "This is the first time I'm actually being paid to do a film."



**Carving away**

Working on a cut-up is Tom Ladisky, a fourth grader at Central School and son of Karen and Tom Ladisky of 1554 S. DeWitt Rd. By his side is Bud Delavan. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Musicale studies poets

**St. Johns**

St. Johns Morning Musicales met March 29 at the home of Donna Carter. Carolyn Ruhl, president, conducted a short business meeting.

Continuing the program theme for the year, the program for this meeting was Music and American Poetry. Mrs. Carter presented the notes on the poets studied.

William Cullen Bryant was one of the early American poets studied. To illustrate his nature poetry, Hila Bross sang "O North With All Thy Vales"

Edgar Allen Poe wrote both prose and poetry

during his short life. Julia Thornton read his poem, "The Bells", accompanied by Hila Bross with hand bells.

Sidney Lanier's work reflects his appreciation of the affinity of music and poetry. The group sang "Into the Woods My Master Went", one of Lanier's poems set to music by Peter Lutkin.

The Choral Ensemble, led by Hila Bross and accompanied by Evangeline Caudy, sang "Cover Them Over With Beautiful Flowers", by Will Carleton, Michigan's best known poet, called the poet of the common man. He was

also well known as a lecturer and writer. They also sang one of Henry W. Longfellow's well-known poems, "The Arow and the Song". The Choral Ensemble

## Correction

In last week's DeWitt Township police report it was stated a youth was taking target practice at a barn which caused injury to a DeWitt man. This statement was in error. The youth was not having practice at the barn.

will observe National Music Week, which is May 6-11, by taking a program to Clinton Memorial Hospital and to a nursing home. Joann Martis is chairman of this activity.

**By Patrice Hornak**  
**Editor**  
**St. Johns**

When you're young and in junior high school, sometimes it is difficult to talk to adults.

You may not be able to bring the right words from your heart to your mouth. So many emotions, new ideas, are cluttering your brain. Talking isn't always easy to do.

That is why a St. Johns counselor at Central School, Bud Delavan, began what he calls the "cut-up."

Delavan gives his students a block of wood and the students carve designs on

the wood. This is a cut-up. The program has been in existence three years.

"Kids talk a lot better if there's a tool in their hands," said Delavan. Thus, the technique is used for a communication bridge between the students and the counselor.

The program has grown until now students flood into Delavan's office twice a week during the lunch hour to work on their cut-ups. "I was working with one of the boys and somebody came along and wanted to do it too," said Delavan. Between six and 10 kids spend their noon time in Delavan's office

carving. The program is voluntary. Students come of their own desire.

First, they pick out a pattern to trace onto their board of number 2 pine. Then they carve the board, stain, varnish or paint it; and finally they take it home.

Through the whole process, students are making decisions. "There are a lot of decisions that people have to make. Kids get the idea there is only one decision, a right one or a wrong one," said Delavan. His cut-up program refutes the idea of an absolute right or an absolute wrong.

"They go through the decision making process and have to live with the results," he said. This gives students a pattern for making decisions in life.

Delavan donates the pine boards, the carving tools and his noon hours. Another teacher has donated some paint for the project. A CRV volunteer helps, too.

It takes about two or three weeks to finish a cut-up, but Delavan remembers one student who took three months to complete one. "He was nervous about goofing it up, but he did a real good job," he said.

"Most carvings are something they can be proud of," Delavan stressed.

## Tools make talking easy



Sue Coon, music director for WOES, the Ovid-Elsie student radio station, shows the station's operations to Henry Borst (left) and Mike Bigjoe. About 400 people toured the facility during its first anniversary open house last Wednesday. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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**St. Johns**  
The St. Johns public health clinic will be held at the Congregational Church at 100 Maple St., St. Johns on Thursday, April 12. Immunizations will be available from 9 to 11 a.m. and blood pressure screening from 1-2 p.m.  
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# Editorial Page

## SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

### Insurance



By Ruth Delo

A new insurance protection law for Michigan's senior citizens went into effect April 1.

"It won't solve all 'Medigap' insurance problems," says Wallace Watt of Lansing, "but it should make it easier for older persons to understand and shop for Medicare supplemental policies."

Wallace Watt, a member of the Michigan Senior Advocates Council, attended a recent MSEA meeting in Lansing which focused on insurance issues and the elderly.

Under the new law, companies offering health insurance must also at a minimum offer policies which cover the deductible and coinsurance requirements of Medicare Parts A and B.

"The fact that minimum standard benefits are required will tend to encourage fairly standardized policies," Patience Drake, health insurance specialist for Michigan Insurance Bureau, told the senior leaders. "A fairly standard policies make it easier to comparison shop," she pointed out.

Senior citizens have other special insurance protections in Michigan, added Beverly Wiener, a program executive with the Bureau. These include: a 10 day "free look" period on life or health insurance policies, with a guaranteed full refund; rate reductions for no-fault insurance premiums to avoid paying for income protection when there is no income; and a prohibition against Medicare supplemental policies which duplicate existing Medical coverage.

Also, she noted, if a person has a valid license, insurance companies cannot cancel or refuse to renew a policy just because the person has reached the age of 65.

The Insurance Bureau has recently published two Insurance Consumer Alerts of interest to seniors. They are "What to Look for in a Medicare Supplemental Policy" and "How to Shop for a Medicare Supplement Policy". These may be obtained free from the Insurance Bureau Michigan Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 30220, Lansing 48909 or from area agencies on aging.

This information is from the Michigan Senior Advocates Council.

Seniors don't play on anything for April 24-Hold it open. So-until next time.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Hornak:

Except for some minor discrepancies, your article regarding the Grost rezoning was accurate in the information which it presented. It presented the nature of the zoning request accurately and it presented the neighborhood reaction accurately.

Your article however, contains a serious oversight, in that it fails to give the people of St. Johns any of the rationale which led to the unanimous decision of the planning commission and the city Commission. The rationale for those decisions was developed as a result of listening to pro-con points of view during the course of at least five public meetings. This information was summarized by the Grost letter which was read at the March 26 meeting. It seems that a presentation of the points of view of both parties, those supporting and those opposing the rezoning action would be appropriate.

1. The neighborhood felt that the highest and best use for the property in question was R-1 Residential.

The planning commission and the city commission both felt that the highest and best use of the property in question is office not R-1 Residential.

The city commission unanimously approved the rezoning ordinance and the planning commission unanimously approved the rezoning ordinance prior to the inclusion of the Kibbee Street ingress.

The neighbors' reasoning basically seems to be that they purchased property in their neighborhood when it was zoned residential and since they had made their investments in that belief, a rezoning at this point in time would be unfair to them. They additionally feel that such rezoning would have an adverse effect on their property and its value.

The planning and city commission feel that because this property is of an unusual shape, bordered by busy US-27 traffic on one side and busy commercial business on the Sturgis Street side, that it does not lend itself to good residential development. The two commissions further believe the fact that this property has not been utilized under its residential zoning designation, in spite of the fact that there is a great need for such lots in our community, also demonstrates that the area is not desirable as residential property. The two commissions feel the property is desirable for office designation and point to the fact that it will, if rezoned, be utilized for that purpose as support for their point of view.

2. The neighborhood believes the zoning request to be spot zoning. The city and planning commissions believe the zoning represents buffer zoning. Definitions of spot zoning are available but to say the least those definitions are debatable. Very simply put, spot zoning which establishes island zoning which may or may not be preferential in nature. Spot zoning is generally not permissible unless it can be shown to be of benefit to the community as a whole. Buffered zoning is an intermediate type of zoning used to develop a cushion area between two sharply contrasting zoning units. They are used in an effort to provide a smooth transition of use between zones which would otherwise

cause conflict with one another. In this case it seemed to both the planning commission and the city commission that this zoning represents buffered zoning rather than spot zoning.

It was also pointed out that all of the other occupants of this corner were other than residential, two are commercial and one is zoned municipal center, the church, and that office zoning at this time could very well become a means of protecting the involved residential area from future encroachment by commercial zoning.

3. It is the belief of the area neighbors that the office designation will have a negative effect on the value of their property. The city commission and the planning commission believe that since offices are generally well landscaped, and more quiet in nature than many other types of zoning, that office designation will not have an adverse effect on the value of adjacent residential property.

4. Neighbors expressed the feeling that they were adverse to the existence of an office building in their area in as much as they feel such structures with parking lots, etc. are less attractive in appearance than residential property. The planning commission and the city commission both believe that with the landscape screening agreed to by the rezoning applicant, that the property will not have an adverse appearance and that it very well could enhance the appearance of this or any other similar area. The thought was expressed that the property presently looks much better than it did prior to its acquisition by Dr. Grost.

5. Traffic. This concern provided a number of observations.

A. The people on Kibbee Street are concerned about traffic and parking problems. They feel the traffic generated by the five or six doctor office will present a serious neighborhood problem as the area has a number of unique street problems. The commission received testimonial letters from neighbors of the applicant's present office and they all spoke to the effect that the four doctor office caused them no significant traffic problems. They also heard from a Traver Street resident who commented to the same effect regarding the district court which presents, in the next one or two blocks, some of the same problems as will this project. It was also noted that the nature of a medical office is such that it would not tend to cause surges of traffic. Doctors can see only so many patients per hour. As a result their people generally move in and out on an even and consistent basis, thus they do not cause a traffic rush.

B. It was pointed out that the unusual entrance of Kibbee Street onto Sturgis would cause problems. Both commissions agree that this street arrangement is less than desirable. As a result Dr. Grost has offered to give the city some property on the north side of Sturgis Street to provide a right turn lane to facilitate the outflow of traffic from Sturgis. It was also suggested that designation of turn lane by signs and street markings could be helpful. It is the opinion of the commission that any additional traffic load that would be caused by the medical office could very well be offset by these traffic control

measures.

C. The neighbors believe an entry onto Kibbee Street from the rezoned property will cause people to park in the street and cause a narrowing of an already narrow street. It was thought by the commission that the provision of a driveway to parking lots near the building would tend to cause people to park in the provided lot. It was felt by the commission that the lack of a driveway from Kibbee Street to the parking area would cause people to park in the street.

D. The neighbors suggested that two entrances could be provided onto US-27 and Dr. Grost, at first reluctantly agreed to this but later after considering the matter, while not under the pressure of an ongoing meeting, realized that any sizable accident, street repair project, storm sewer, sanitary sewer or water repair project, etc. could tie up any number of entrances of US-27. The nature of his profession dictates that he must have a ready exit to care for emergencies both at his office and at the hospital. He therefore offered the piece of property on the north side of Sturgis Street for a turn lane as a tradeoff for the entrance of Kibbee Street.

It was also noted that St. Johns like most other cities is now facing the problem of ever increasing costs and taxes. This problem is highlighted in communities which do not encourage some development of commercial and industrial properties. Good clean commercial and industrial development aid greatly in keeping the home owner's property tax at a reasonable level, as they are probably the only two zoning classifications that do not consume more financial resources than they generate. We, therefore must encourage this type of development as much as possible so long as it does not cause damage to existing zoning classification.

There is a growing realization among communities as to the truth of this comment. As a result there is a growing sense of competition in this area also. If we are going to be successful in attracting this type of development in St. Johns, we are going to have to provide both the capability and the climate to bring such development to us.

This zoning matter was not a simple yes or no situation. It is a complex problem that is further complicated by the charge upon local government to on one hand protect the right of the individual while on the other hand look to serving the best interests of the city as a whole.

Both the planning commission and the city commission have attempted to look at all aspects of this zoning request. They have also attempted to achieve as much compromise as possible from both factions in their review of this matter, and finally they have attempted to deliver a decision which would be to the best interest, of all.

Donald Roesner

This letter was shown to city commissioners present at the April 2 city commission meeting and all are in agreement with contents of this letter.



## Scary prospect? -- Sure is

By Richard L. Milliman

The more I think it, the less I like the idea of a national Constitutional Convention being called to write provisions that the federal government must balance its budget.

As noted in this column before, the idea of balanced governmental budgets certainly appeals to me—as it does to most folks, I would guess. Whether any legal requirement for budget-balancing would be effective is problematical, in my opinion; but nevertheless, the idea is good, and legal requirements probably could do little harm.

But the means of getting there is quite another story. Under provisions of Article V of the present Constitution, a convention can be convened if at least two-thirds of the states formally request it. Presently nearly half of the state legislatures have done exactly that, calling for amendments to Article II to require the government to balance its budget.

But there could be problems...big problems. Publishers' Auxiliary—the trade publication of the National Newspaper Association, which has nationwide membership of hometown weekly and daily newspapers—recently took up the question in an editorial.

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"There has been only one constitutional convention in the history of the republic—the one in 1787, during which the Constitution was written. We do not presume to suggest by this, as others have, that the absence of other constitutional conventions supports the contention that they are unnecessary to bring the Constitution into conformity with social and economic changes," the editorial reads.

"Rather, we make the point to suggest that we have an absence of precedent on which to base our expectations of just how delegates are to be chosen and, more important, what they will be allowed to study.

"What, let us say, would prevent them from proposing changes to other parts of the Constitution? Nothing that we know of, save some restrictions defined before the delegates convened.

"But might not such restrictions be of themselves unconstitutional? Perhaps, for the few restrictions set forth in Article V clearly do not cover this argument.

"Theoretically, we would be faced with the prospects of a wide open constitutional convention, one in which delegates would be allowed to run and stumble into whatever constitutional territory they might choose. And that, in our opinion, is a scary prospect...especially so when one considers what liberties some delegates might be tempted to take with First Amendment press freedoms.

"The First Amendment has stood for nearly 200 years as a kind of conscientious escort, shielding both the public and the press against improper attempts to subvert press freedoms and the principle inherent in those freedoms—the public's right to know.

"In our opinion, the public and the press might come away from an unrestrained constitutional convention with a far less desirable escort.

"If such a convention is convened, it will be up to the public and, perhaps even more so, the press to see to it that they leave with the guy what bring them."

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The points are well taken, although emphasized with some questionable imagery and some even more questionable grammar. Of course, Publishers' Auxiliary is speaking to its own audience in the nation's community press, and therefore is rather narrow in its specific approach in the cited editorial.

Why subject the United States Constitution to the perils of possible major overhaul, just to insert provisions which are of doubtful reality anyway? I don't think we should.

One of these rainy spring evenings, I invite you to pick up a copy of the United States Constitution and read it through. There are plenty of good points in it, which have served our nation well for almost 200 years. See if you would like a convention of present day politicians and thought leaders to have our Constitution available for rewrite.

Publishers' Auxiliary titled its editorial "a scary prospect." I quite agree.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A tribute to Dr Russell

It is a privilege for me to be here representing our community, to pay tribute to Dr. Russell and to give thanks to Edith and her family, who gave so much of him for us.

Through the years he played a part in the life of almost every household here and in surrounding areas, giving of himself far beyond the call of duty, but loving every minute of it.

I wish you could have all listened these past few days to the outpouring of love, thanksgiving for the skill of his hands and mind, and people quick to say he was not only their doctor, but a friend and counsellor. They were thankful to have seen the Jeep go up and down Oakland Street to the hospital

night or day.

His professional standards as related to Clinton Memorial Hospital have given us one of the finest facilities in the area. We are most fortunate indeed. You must all know that in trying to have an efficient office for 40 years, I pushed him from room to room, sometimes when he didn't want to be pushed, but I cannot remember him every saying an unkind word to me. Those were good years and I am proud to have been able to serve him.

A former patient mentioned that all good things must come to an end. In the case of Dr. Russell, the good things will never end because we are going to have such beautiful memories of his kindness, skills, and devotion

to all of us and his profession.

His life truly was lived for his family, the many friends, and patients, the community, and the hospital and staff. Let us be joyful because we were near enough to be touched by him, regardless of our station in life.

Don and I are particularly grateful for all of the years of friendship and trust. Dr. Russell will be remembered as one of the greatest—a man whose contributions to this community shall not be forgotten.

Thank you, Edith, Maureen, Bill, and your families for sharing and caring.

Mrs. Donald Gilson

# Personality Profile

## Fruit farmer speaks to lawmakers



**George Wizner**

By Sue Killey  
Staff Writer  
Laingsburg

When you're farming a minority crop, you have to take the initiative. So says George Wizner of Laingsburg.

Wizner is a fruit and cash crop farmer in Clinton County who just returned from Washington Friday following the annual legislative seminar held in connection with Farm Bureau.

The young Clinton farmer was on of several hundred delegates sent to Washington to discuss problems and concerns pertaining to their particular county and farming.

"One of our specific concerns were the cuts President Carter has made in research," Wizner said. "We are one of the leaders in 4-H, and conceivably this could hurt our program."

Wizner added the proposed cuts would amount to \$6 million and with inflation the way it is, this would mean almost \$28 million in cuts for the state.

"With these major cuts, that could mean there would be less than one extension agent for each county," he said.

The Clinton farmer said he talked with Congressman Donald Albosta at great length during the three-day seminar. They talked about harder times ahead for farmers, inflationary problems and federal wastes.

"One thing I did get from Albosta was he felt too much time was being spent with foreign issues," Wizner explained. "It's time they looked at the domestic issues more closely."

According to Wizner, gasohol is expected to become a major issue during the upcoming months. Although there

are going to be funds taken away from the 4-H programs, there will be more money allocated for research for gasohol.

"It's all a matter of priorities," Wizner said. "I did come away with a feeling there are people in Washington concerned about agriculture."

Wizner noted he didn't get the feeling there were hostilities in Washington following the demonstration by members of the American Agricultural Movement. He said the people were used to it and the situation was blown out of proportion.

"We have to stay as a united group," Wizner said. "We also have to keep a bridge between the country and city people."

Explaining this idea a little farther, Wizner said the price of food has doubled in the last six years. Only 25 percent of the costs have gone back to the farmer.

"It's not the farmer who is making the profits," he said. "It's the middle man."

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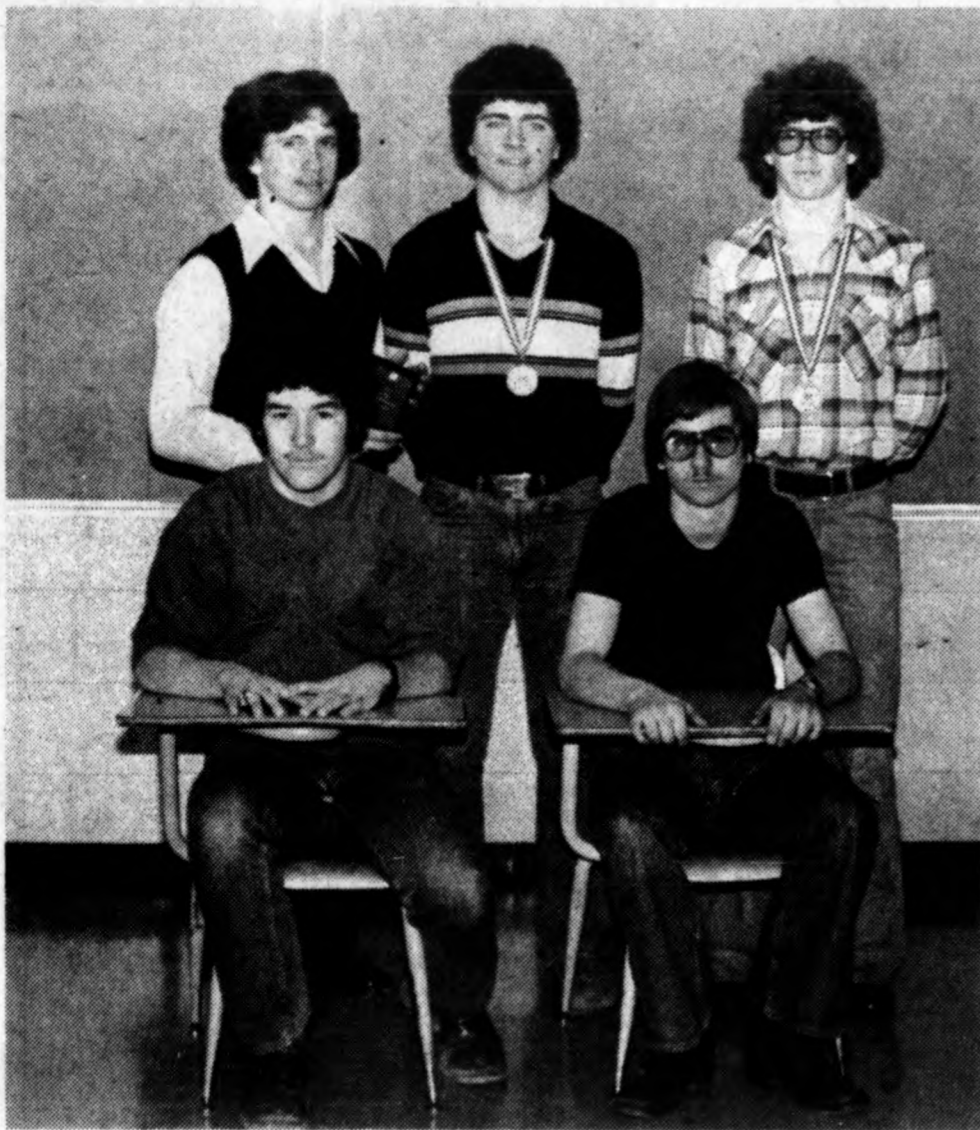
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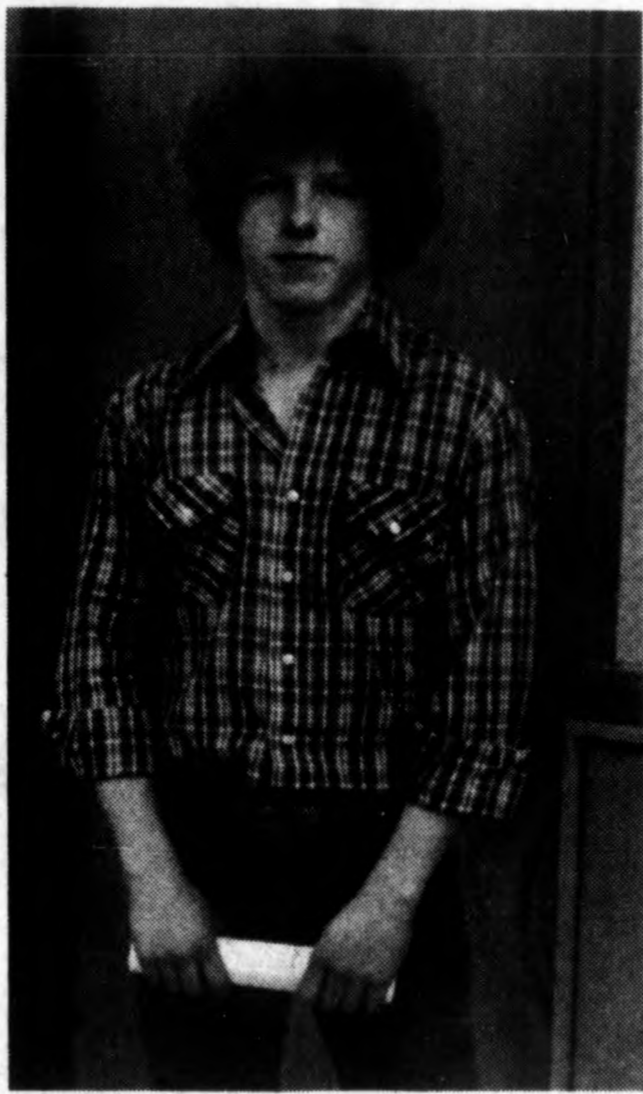
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## SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

### Insurance



By Ruth Delo

A new insurance protection law for Michigan's senior citizens went into effect April 1.

"It won't solve all 'Medigap' insurance problems," says Wallace Watt of Lansing, "but it should make it easier for older persons to understand and shop for Medicare supplemental policies."

Wallace Watt, a member of the Michigan Senior Advocates Council, attended a recent MSEA meeting in Lansing which focused on insurance issues and the elderly.

Under the new law, companies offering health insurance must also at a minimum offer policies which cover the deductible and coinsurance requirements of Medicare Parts A and B.

"The fact that minimum standard benefits are required will tend to encourage fairly standardized policies," Patience Drake, health insurance specialist for Michigan Insurance Bureau, told the senior leaders. "The fairly standard policies make it easier to comparison shop," she pointed out.

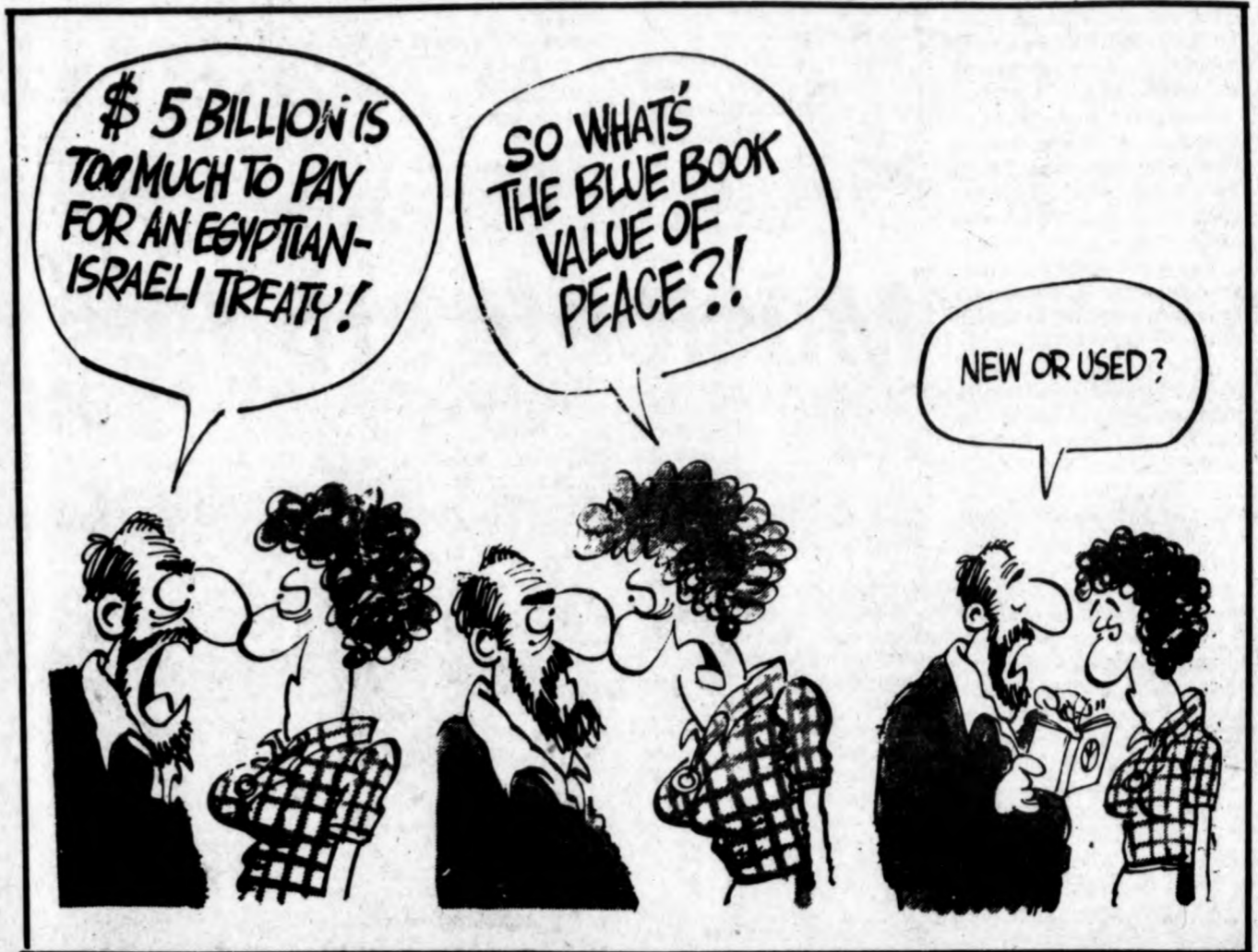
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Also, she noted, if a person has a valid license, insurance companies cannot cancel or refuse to renew a policy just because the person has reached the age of 65.

The Insurance Bureau has recently published two Insurance Consumer Alerts of interest to seniors. They are "What to Look for in a Medicare Supplemental Policy" and "How to Shop for a Medicare Supplement Policy". These may be obtained free from the Insurance Bureau Michigan Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 30220, Lansing 48909 or from area agencies on aging.

This information is from the Michigan Senior Advocates Council.

Seniors don't play on anything for April 24-Hold it open. So--until next time.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Hornak:

Except for some minor discrepancies, your article regarding the Grost re-zoning was accurate in the information which it presented. It presented the nature of the zoning request accurately and it presented the neighborhood reaction accurately.

Your article however, contains a serious oversight, in that it fails to give the people of St. Johns any of the rationale which led to the unanimous decision of the planning commission and the city commission. The rationale for those decisions was developed as a result of listening to pro-con points of view during the course of at least five public meetings. This information was summarized by the Grost letter which was read at the March 26 meeting. It seems that a presentation of the points of view of both parties, those supporting and those opposing the rezoning action would be appropriate.

1. The neighborhood felt that the highest and best use for the property in question was R-1 Residential.

The planning commission and the city commission both felt that the highest and best use of the property in question is office not R-1 Residential.

The city commission unanimously approved the rezoning ordinance and the planning commission unanimously approved the rezoning ordinance prior to the inclusion of the Kibbee Street ingress.

The neighbors' reasoning basically seems to be that they purchased property in their neighborhood when it was zoned residential and since they had made their investments in that belief, a rezoning at this point in time would be unfair to them. They additionally feel that such rezoning would have an adverse effect on their property and its value.

The planning and city commission feel that because this property is of an unusual shape, bordered by busy US-27 traffic on one side and busy commercial business on the Sturgis Street side, that it does not lend itself to good residential development. The two commissions further believe the fact that this property has not been utilized under its residential zoning designation, in spite of the fact that there is a great need for such lots in our community, also demonstrates that the area is not desirable as residential property. The two commissions feel the property is desirable for office designation and point to the fact that it will, if rezoned, be utilized for that purpose as support for their point of view.

2. The neighborhood believes the zoning request to be spot zoning. The city and planning commissions believe the zoning represents buffer zoning. Definitions of spot zoning are available but to say the least those definitions are debatable. Very simply put, spot is zoning which establishes island zoning which may or may not be preferential in nature. Spot zoning is generally not permissible unless it can be shown to be of benefit to the community as a whole. Buffered zoning is an intermediate type of zoning used to develop a cushion area between two sharply contrasting zoning units. They are used in an effort to provide a smooth transition of use between zones which would otherwise

cause conflict with one another. In this case it seemed to both the planning commission and the city commission that this zoning represents buffered zoning rather than spot zoning.

It was also pointed out that all of the other occupants of this corner were other than residential, two are commercial and one is zoned municipal center, the church, and that office zoning at this time could very well become a means of protecting the involved residential area from future encroachment by commercial zoning.

3. It is the belief of the area neighbors that the office designation will have a negative effect on the value of their property. The city commission and the planning commission believe that since offices are generally well landscaped, and more quiet in nature than many other types of zoning, that office designation will not have an adverse effect on the value of adjacent residential property.

4. Neighbors expressed the feeling that they were adverse to the existence of an office building in their area in as much as they feel such structures with parking lots, etc. are less attractive in appearance than residential property. The planning commission and the city commission both believe that with the landscape screening agreed to by the rezoning applicant, that the property will not have an adverse appearance and that it very well could enhance the appearance of this or any other similar area. The thought was expressed that the property presently looks much better than it did prior to its acquisition by Dr. Grost.

5. Traffic. This concern provided a number of observations.

A. The people on Kibbee Street are concerned about traffic and parking problems. They feel the traffic generated by the five or six doctor office will present a serious neighborhood problem as the area has a number of unique street problems. The commission received testimonial letters from neighbors of the applicant's present office and they all spoke to the effect that the four doctor office caused them no significant traffic problems. They also heard from a Traver Street resident who commented to the same effect regarding the district court which presents, in the next one or two blocks, some of the same problems as will this project. It was also noted that the nature of a medical office is such that it would not tend to cause surges of traffic. Doctors can see only so many patients per hour. As a result their people generally move in and out on an even and consistent basis, thus they do not cause a traffic rush.

B. It was pointed out that the unusual entrance of Kibbee Street onto Sturgis would cause problems. Both commissions agree that this street arrangement is less than desirable. As a result Dr. Grost has offered to give the city some property on the north side of Sturgis Street to provide a right turn lane to facilitate the outflow of traffic from Sturgis. It was also suggested that designation of turn lane by signs and street markings could be helpful. It is the opinion of the commission that any additional traffic load that would be caused by the medical office could very well be offset by these traffic control

measures.

C. The neighbors believe an entry onto Kibbee Street from the rezoned property will cause people to park in the street and cause a narrowing of an already narrow street. It was thought by the commission that the provision of a driveway to parking lots near the building would tend to cause people to park in the provided lot. It was felt by the commission that the lack of a driveway from Kibbee Street to the parking area would cause people to park in the street.

D. The neighbors suggested that two entrances could be provided onto US-27 and Dr. Grost, at first reluctantly agreed to this but later after considering the matter, while not under the pressure of an ongoing meeting, realized that any sizable accident, street repair project, storm sewer, sanitary sewer or water repair project, etc. could tie up any number of entrances of US-27. The nature of his profession dictates that he must have a ready exit to care for emergencies both at his office and at the hospital. He therefore offered the piece of property on the north side of Sturgis Street for a turn lane as a tradeoff for the entrance of Kibbee Street.

It was also noted that St. Johns, like most other cities is now facing the problem of ever increasing costs and taxes. This problem is highlighted in communities which do not encourage some development of commercial and industrial properties. Good clean commercial and industrial development aid greatly in keeping the home owner's property tax at a reasonable level, as they are probably the only zoning classifications that do not consume more financial resources than they generate. We, therefore must encourage this type of development as much as possible so long as it does not cause damage to existing zoning classification.

There is a growing realization among communities as to the truth of this comment. As a result there is a growing sense of competition in this area also. If we are going to be successful in attracting this type of development in St. Johns, we are going to have to provide both the capability and the climate to bring such development to us.

This zoning matter was not a simple yes or no situation. It is a complex problem that is further complicated by the charge upon local government to on one hand protect the right of the individual while on the other hand look to serving the best interests of the city as a whole.

Both the planning commission and the city commission have attempted to look at all aspects of this zoning request. They have also attempted to achieve as much compromise as possible from both factions in their review of this matter, and finally they have attempted to deliver a decision which would be to the best interest, of all.

Donald Roegner

This letter was shown to city commissioners present at the April 2 city commission meeting and all are in agreement with contents of this letter.



## Scary prospect? -- Sure is

By Richard L. Milliman

The more I think it, the less I like the idea of a national Constitutional Convention being called to write provisions that the federal government must balance its budget.

As noted in this column before, the idea of balanced governmental budgets certainly appeals to me—as it does to most folks, I would guess. Whether any legal requirement for budget-balancing would be effective is problematical, in my opinion; but nevertheless, the idea is good, and legal requirements probably could do little harm.

But the means of getting there is quite another story. Under provisions of Article V of the present Constitution, a convention can be convened if at least two-thirds of the states formally request it. Presently nearly half of the state legislatures have done exactly that, calling for amendments to Article II to require the government to balance its budget.

But there could be problems...big problems. Publishers' Auxiliary—the trade publication of the National Newspaper Association, which has nationwide membership of hometown weekly and daily newspapers—recently took up the question in an editorial.

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"There has been only one constitutional convention in the history of the republic—the one in 1787, during which the Constitution was written. We do not presume to suggest by this, as others have, that the absence of other constitutional conventions supports the contention that they are unnecessary to bring the Constitution into conformity with social and economic changes," the editorial reads.

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### A tribute to Dr Russell

It is a privilege for me to be here representing our community, to pay tribute to Dr. Russell and to give thanks to Edith and her family, who gave so much of him for us.

Through the years he played a part in the life of almost every household here and in surrounding areas, giving of himself far beyond the call of duty, but loving every minute of it.

I wish you could have all listened these past few days to the outpouring of love, thanking for the skill of his hands and mind, and people quick to say he was not only their doctor, but a friend and counsellor. They were thankful to have seen the Jeep go up and down Oakland Street to the hospital

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His professional standards as related to Clinton Memorial Hospital have given us one of the finest facilities in the area. We are most fortunate indeed. You must all know that in trying to have an efficient office for 40 years, I pushed him from room to room, sometimes when he didn't want to be pushed, but I cannot remember him every saying an unkind word to me. Those were good years and I am proud to have been able to serve him.

A former patient mentioned that all good things must come to an end. In the case of Dr. Russell, the good things will never end because we are going to have such beautiful memories of his kindness, skills, and devotion

to all of us and his profession.

His life truly was lived for his family, the many friends, and patients, the community, and the hospital and staff. Let us be joyful because we were near enough to be touched by him, regardless of our station in life.

Don and I are particularly grateful for all of the years of friendship and trust. Dr. Russell will be remembered as one of the greatest—a man whose contributions to this community shall not be forgotten.

Thank you, Edith, Maureen, Bill, and your families for sharing and caring.

Mrs. Donald Gilson

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By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer  
Laingsburg

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Wizner is a fruit and cash crop farmer in Clinton County who just returned from Washington Friday following the annual legislative seminar held in connection with Farm Bureau.

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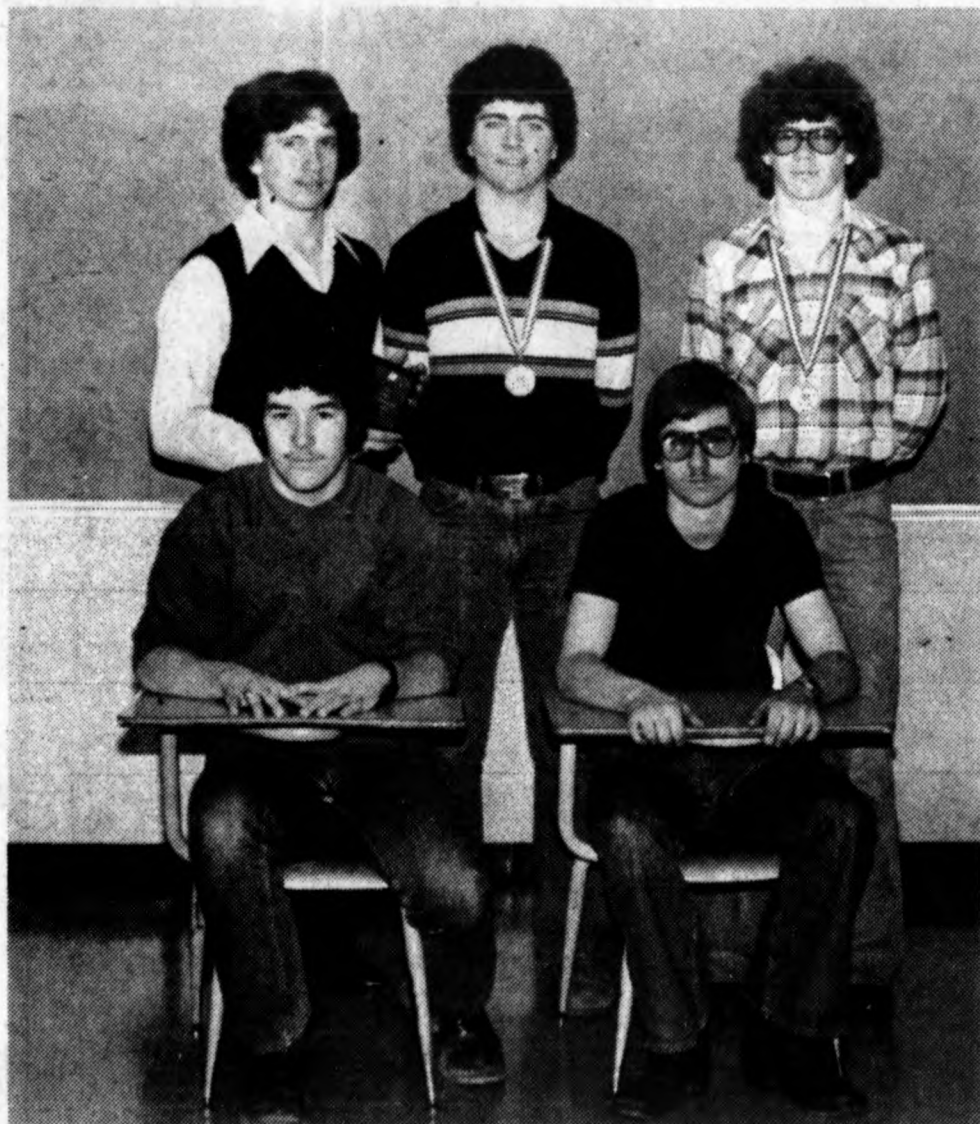
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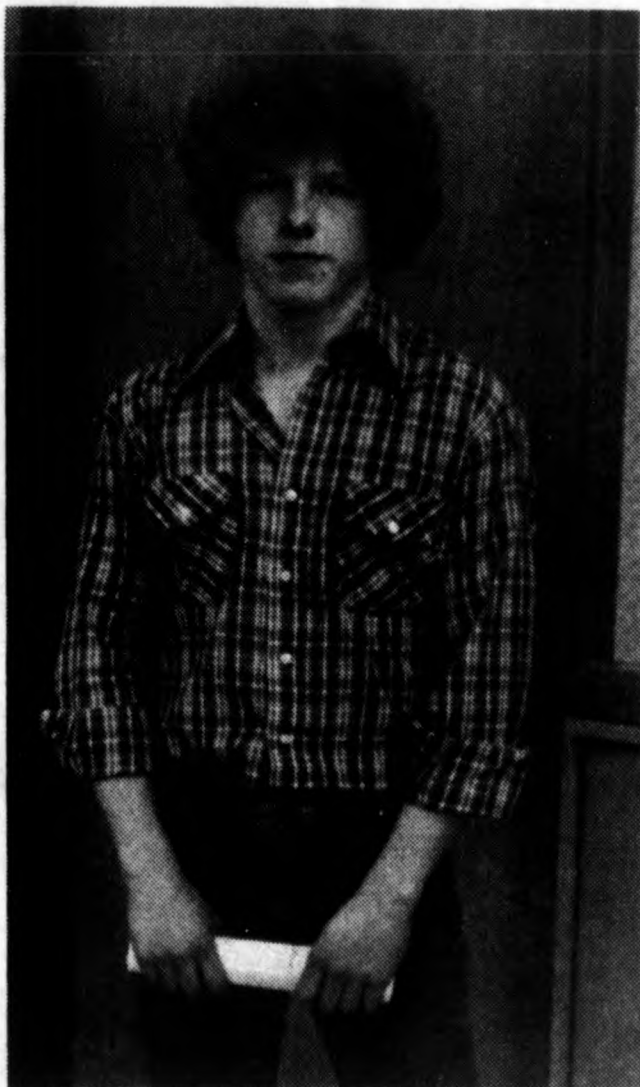
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The bride was escorted down the aisle by her brother to an altar decorated with mums, daisies, carnations and ferns. Mrs. James L. Wehmhoefer of Chicago, the groom's aunt, was soloist and sang "May You Always" and "One Hand, One Heart". The organist was Mrs. Robert Krol of DeWitt. The bride's gown was fashioned of white knit with Chantilly lace bodice accented by small silk daisies and seed pearls. The skirt had a deep flounce hemline and long train also accented with daisies and pearls. The

matching Camelot veil and headpiece were accented with pearls and daisies.

The bride carried a bouquet of peach rosebuds, white carnations and baby's breath with peach and white ribbons.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Evans of Sarasota, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schneider of DeWitt.

Mary Refior of Okemos was matron of honor and Elizabeth Anne Campbell of Bay City was the attendant. Cristie and Carrie Yougel of Ann Arbor, twin cousins of the bride's, were the flower girls.

Attendants wore peach color floor length gowns with matching capes and carried bouquets of peach roses, white carnations and baby's breath.

The bride's mother wore a soft white floor length chiffon accented with green floral sprays. The groom's mother chose a floor length soft blue dress with matching floor

length chiffon cover accented by a pearl collar. Both wore corsages of roses, carnations and baby's breath.

Chris Schneider, brother of the groom, was the best

man. Ronald Cooper of Laingsburg was the groomsman. William Maloney of Lansing and George Schneider, the groom's nephew, of Williamston were the ushers. Lori Clearwater of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, cousin to the bride, presided over the guest book.

The reception at the Grand Lodge Country Club with 250 guests attending featured

butted dinner and dancing provided for by the Lou Koubus band.

Special guests attending the wedding were the groom's great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnett of Bull Shoals, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clearwater of New Brighton, Pennsylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yougel of Ann Arbor, aunts and uncles of the bride.



Sandra Divish

Linus Fox

### Engaged

Stan and Mary Divish, 905 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Marie, to Linus Paul Fox, son of Charles and Frances Fox of Forest Hill Road, St. Johns.

The bride elect, a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High

School, is employed by Central National Bank. The prospective bridegroom is enrolled at Lansing Community College and is employed by Richard Feldpausch.

The wedding date is set for Sept. 22, 1979.

### Turns 75 years old

An open house birthday party for Helen Dolton was held at the home of Pat and

James Bell, 13920 Main St., Bath on April 8 in honor of her 75th birthday.



Mr and Mrs Richard Sehlke

### Open house set

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sehlke of Route 4, St. Johns, will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Buffet Open House at Fowler Conservation Club, Wright Road on April 21 at 5:30 p.m. This open house is given by Mel Sehlke and grand

children. The couple were married April 24, 1929 at St. Peter Lutheran Church of Riley Township.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The couple request no gifts.

### New arrivals

A boy, Michael Allen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Garrod of Owosso March 24, 1979 at Lansing General Hospital. He weighed 8 lb 9 oz. Grandparents are Mrs. Joyce Garrod of St. Johns William Garrod of Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pytlowanyj. The mother is the former Maria Pytlowanyj of St. Johns.

A girl, Melissa Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Werbish of St. Johns March 31, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs, 6 1/2 ozs. The baby has one sister.

A son, Douglas Matthew, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Simon, 11300, Chandler Road, DeWitt, on March 11, 1979 at Sparrow Hospital.



Steven Thelen Beth Ann VanBuren

### Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. George VanBuren, DeWitt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann to Steven Kenneth Thelen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thelen, Fowler.

The prospective bride is a 1976 graduate of St. Johns

High School. The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of Fowler High School.

Both Steve and Beth are employed with the Kroger Company.

The couple plan a fall wedding date.

### Mrs Rall turns 95-years-old

St. Johns Mrs. Ellen Rall of 404 E. McConnell St., St. Johns will turn 95 years young on April 13 and though she will be celebrating a special day, she says she has no special plans yet.

Mrs. Rall is the wife of Ernest Rall who passed away

in 1943. She is a life-long resident of St. Johns.

She has a daughter and a son who have her birthday marked on their calendars, Mrs. Bernice Halsey of St. Johns and Arden Rall of Howell. Another daughter, Mrs. Elaine Teed, passed away in 1943.

### Marriage licenses

Randy Joe Wrobel, 25, 5987 Twin Oaks Dr., Laingsburg; Gayle Anna Carlton, 28, 5987 Twin Oaks Dr., Laingsburg.

Kayle Lynn Mahar, 20, 1304 S. Oakland St., St. Johns; Georgianna Raye Abbott, 18, 311 Oak St.,

Maple Rapids. Douglas William Winkel, 23 USS Texas (CCN-39) F.P.O. New York, N.Y.; Ann Marie Ross, 20, 11670 Krepps Rd., DeWitt.

James Alan Mandrick, 21, 5340 Notre Dame, Stevensville; Peggy Jo Lass, 19, 1210 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt.

### Completes course

Capt. Norman F. Burns, of Fowler, recently completed an infantry officer advanced course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

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duties at company and battalion level as oriented toward infantry operations. They also were trained in the responsibilities of battalion, brigade and division staff officers.

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### Blue Star Mothers plan reunion

On March 27 the Blue Star Mothers Chapter 88 met at the Congregational Church with 12 members present.

Alma Boak was installed as recording secretary by Ruth Barrett, chaplain and Jessie Finch, installing officer.

The Charter was draped in tribute to Anna Cole who passed away in December.

An invitation was read by

the secretary for the chapter to attend the county meeting at the Municipal Building in DeWitt on Thursday, April 26 with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. DeWitt Chapter 99 will hostess.

An announcement was made of the state 2nd vice president's card party which will be at the Civic Center in Lansing on April 11.

Chapter 88 is planning on a reunion with former members on April 24 to celebrate their 35 anniversary as a chapter. Anyone who ever belonged to this chapter is invited to attend a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. following by a social evening.

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# Speerbrecker ordained

**St. Johns**  
Paul Edward Speerbrecker, a Concordia Seminary graduate student, was ordained into the ministry on

Feb. 25. The ordination took place at his home congregation, St. Peter Lutheran Church of rural St. Johns. Rev. Roger V. Heintz,

pastor at St. Peter performed the ordination vows. Rev. Elmer Schiefer, Zion Lutheran Church, Hemlock, delivered the service message.

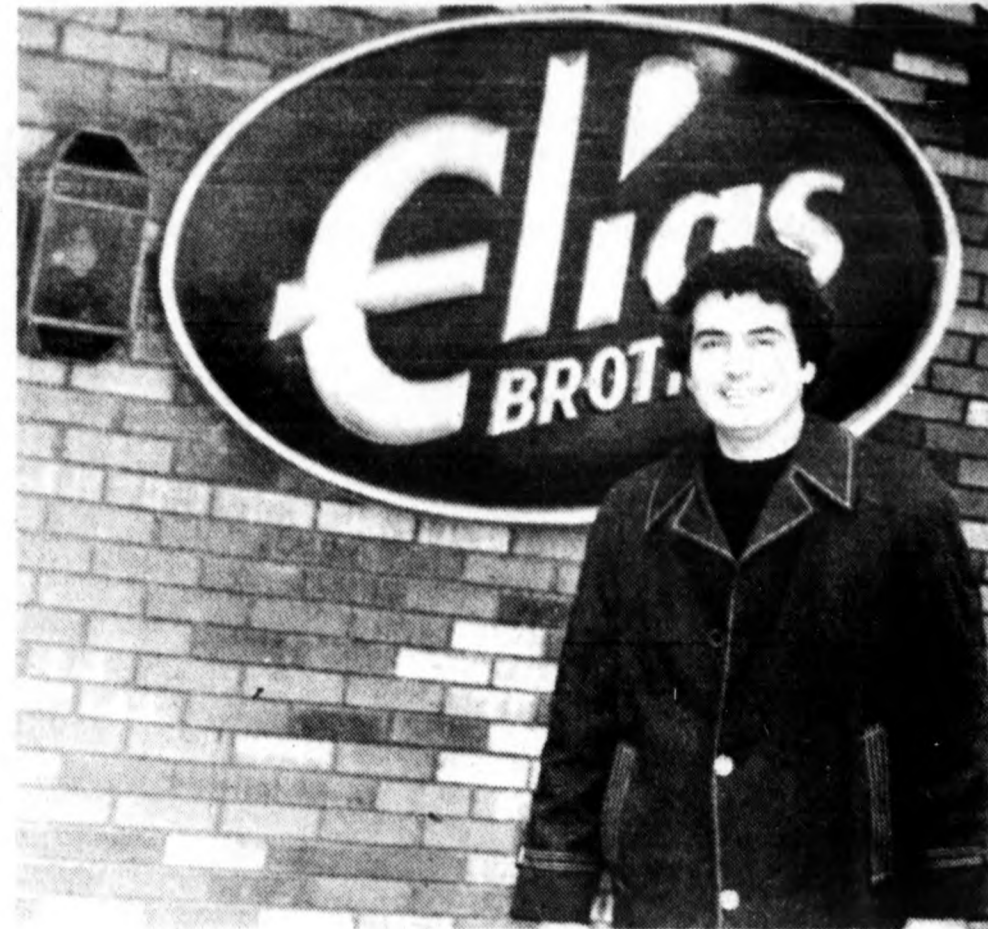
Rev. Schiefer, a former pastor at St. Peter, was an important servant of God during Paul's elementary education at the local parish school, St. Peter Lutheran School, rural St. Johns. The officiant pastor was Rev. Michael Ruhl, St. Johns Lutheran Church, St. Johns.

Other participants from the capitol circuit taking part in the service professional were: Rev. Warren Mandel, Hope Lutheran Church, DeWitt; Rev. J. Wm. Sippola, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing; Rev. Edward Kringel, retired, Eaton Rapids, and Vicar David Speerbrecker, Paul's brother, Trinity First Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Singing with voices of

joy the children at the parish school and the congregation attendees beautified the ordination service.

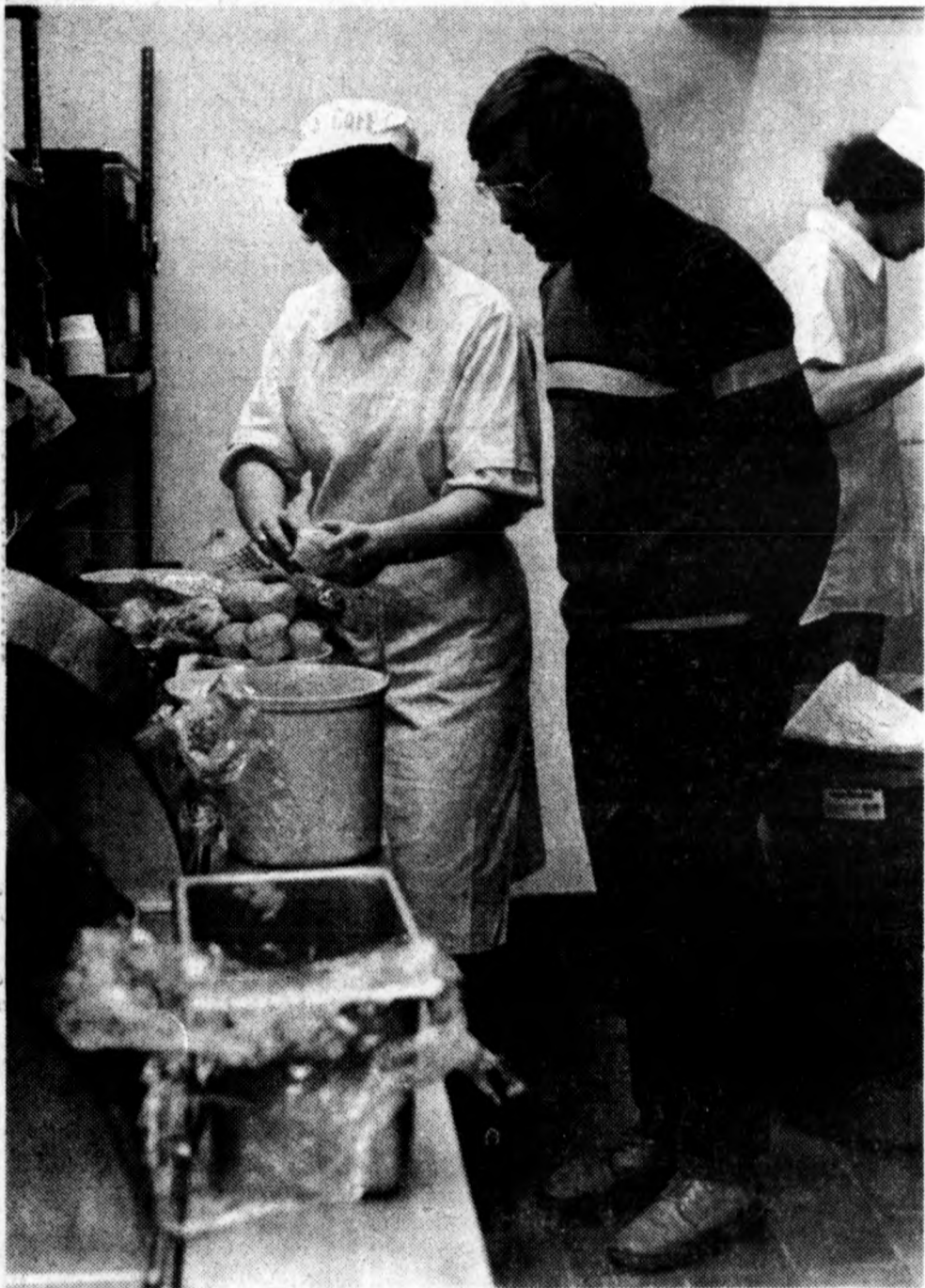
Paul is the first son of a congregational family to be ordained into the ministry from St. Peter. He is the eldest son of Kenneth and Dorothy Speerbrecker of rural DeWitt and one of five children.

Rev. Speerbrecker is married to the former Susan Marie Hartmeister and they have one son, John Paul, born March 1, 1978. They now reside in Oakland, Iowa, where Pastor Speerbrecker was called. He is presently serving the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oakland, and was installed on March 11, 1979.



## Big Boy is here

"Hello St. Johns," says Alan Martell new owner of the St. Johns Big Boy. The new Elias Big Boy opened three weeks ago next to the St. Johns Ford Mercury on south US-27. Martell is a former teacher for the East Lansing School System. He was at one time a principal and assistant to the superintendent. Although he liked teaching he said, "...you only come this way once and I thought I'd like to give it a try." Martell and his wife Alice live in Bath. Mrs. Martell is a former teacher who will graduate in June from Michigan State University with a degree in veterinary medicine. (Photo by Sue Kiley)



## Inspecting the kitchen

State Senator Richard Allen visited Clinton County Intermediate School District programs Friday, escorted by ISD Superintendent Larry Schwartzkopf and Assistant Superintendent of Vocational and Career Education Gerald Butts who clued the senator in on problems facing the intermediate district. State funding and the school aid package have Schwartzkopf concerned about funding for the ISD. The tour took Senator Allen to the Chef's Cafe, a shared-time vocational restaurant in St. Johns. Senator Allen inspected the work of grill cook Cindy Wilson, a junior at St. Johns High School. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Sharon Pierce elected secretary

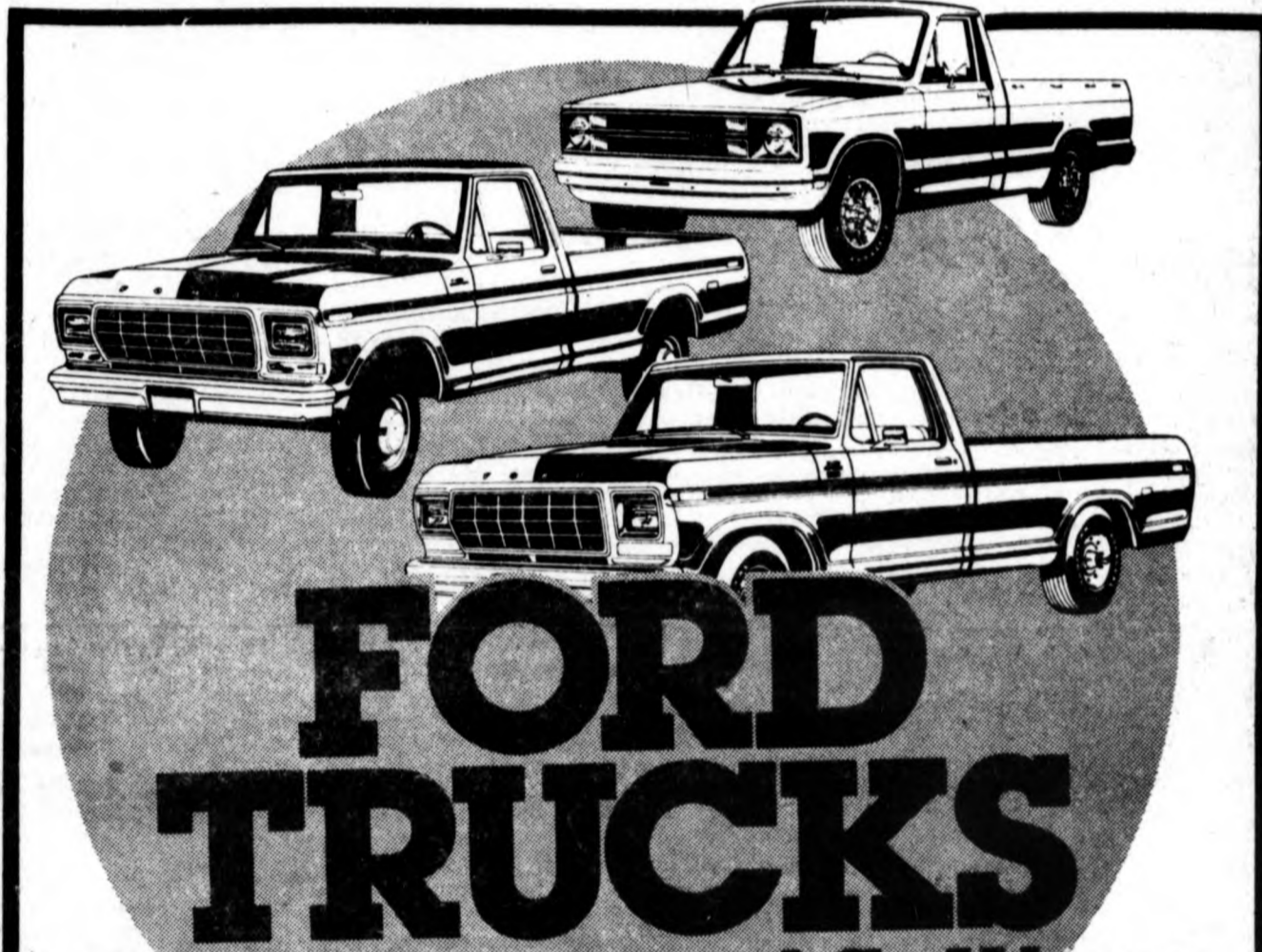
**DeWitt**  
Sharon Pierce, clerk-treasurer for the City of DeWitt, was recently elected secretary of Region VI of the Michigan Municipal League.

More than 75 mayors, village presidents and other elected and appointed municipal officials attended the annual Region VI meeting of the Michigan Municipal League on March 29, at which new officers were elected. The city of Beaverton served as the host city.

Region VI includes cities and villages within the counties of Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Gratiot, Saginaw, Clinton and Shiawassee.

Regional meetings have been held by the Michigan Municipal League for the past 26 years in 10 regions in the state. These area meetings serve to bring more than 475 member cities and villages into closer contact with the league and to provide the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and cooperative action in matters

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## Miss Brooks named historian

Miss Maralyse L. Brooks of St. Johns was named historian of the Michigan U.S. Daughters of 1812. Her term is from 1978 to 1981. A board meeting was held in January to plan the spring council to be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The Saginaw Chapter will host the state meeting; Miss Brooks is general chairperson. The main objectives of this national society are the preservation of historical sites, relics, data; encourage patriotism through scholarship, essay contests; supporting aid to Indian and mountain schools; contribute to veteran rehabilitation; local and federal libraries; and to assess national defense.

## MSU vs the media in benefit game

Michigan State Basketball stars—Greg Kelsner, Bob Chapman, Edgar Wilson, Al Brown, Dan Riewald and many of the local sports castens will make up the Michigan State Team. They will play Doc Tucker's All Stars according to benefit Co-chairman, Duane Vernon. Tickets for the April 18 benefit are \$2.50 each and may be purchased at the Chief Okemos Council Service Center, 232 North Verlinden Avenue, Lansing or any of the Holden Reid Stores. It is expected that most of the Michigan State players will be there for autographs and picture taking. Earvin Johnson will be honored at the half time for having served as the Council's honorary fall Roundup Chairman. Zeke "The Wonder Dog" will perform at the half time. Funds realized will help to provide Camp Scholarships to deserving, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the Tri-County Area. Vernon stated that the Eastern Fieldhouse is limited to 4,500 people and that 2,500 tickets have been sold to date. The benefit is sponsored by stations—WFMK—WLS—WITL—WJIM and WV-IC.

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# 4th graders design bonnets

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor  
St. Johns

Everyone has her own idea of what an Easter bonnet should look like. Fourth graders in Mrs. Sheryl Plowman and Miss Gretchen Gabler's classes at Perrin-Palmer Elementary used their imagination to come up with some authentic Easter bonnet designs last Friday.

There was an Easter bonnet that looked much like a straw hat with a pair of pink ears protruding from the top. There was another made of a paper plate topped with cotton balls and paper bunny ears.

A cowboy hat supported a crocheted chicken on the peak of the hat while the crown held colored plastic eggs nested in cellophane grass.

One little lady delicately balanced an entire Easter basket on her head as the two classes paraded through the school, showing off their Easter finery.

There were "oohs" and "aahs" and a couple of chuckles as the youngsters held a mini Easter parade. Mrs. Plowman's class paraded through Miss Gabler's class. Students in Miss Gabler's class cast votes for

the Easter bonnet they favored. The process was also reversed, with Mrs. Plowman's class voting for the best Easter bonnet in Miss Gabler's class.

Every year the two fourth grade classes compete in an Easter bonnet contest. This year the prize for the best bonnet in each class was a chocolate Easter bunny—something good to eat.

Winning the top prize in Mrs. Plowman's class was James Ewing, son of James

and Mary Ewing of 204 S. Ottawa St. He designed a big sombrero with licorice trim, sugar Easter eggs wired to the brim and miniature Easter bunny candy snuggled into mini Easter baskets also hung on the brim.

Kim Catlin, daughter of Nadine and Kenneth Catlin of 201 E. Gibbs St., took top design honors in Miss Gabler's class for her Easter bonnet made from a white plastic container and decorated with plastic flowers and lace trim.



## Cushingberry speaks

Representative George Cushingberry, House Agriculture Committee chairperson, was the guest speaker at the dairy tour luncheon. He joked with the farmers saying, "You really have to be in love with the cow to be a dairy farmer." His lunch address, however, centered on involvement in government, as he urged farmers to become "active, informed, concerned citizens." He also cautioned them to be aware of persons offering simple answers to complex problems. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## NOTICE

### PRAIRIE CREEK AND GUNDERMAN LAKE DRAIN

Notice of Reletting of Drain Contract and Adjourned Date of Review of Apportionments

Notice is Hereby Given, That I, Harry J. Harden County Drain Commissioner of the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, will, on the 23rd day of April A.D. 1979, at the Clinton County Service Center, 306 Elm Street in the city of St. Johns, in said County of Clinton at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day receive sealed bids until 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as "Prairie Creek & Gunderman Lake Drain," located and established in the Township of DeWitt.

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Contract will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting. Any person desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required to deposit with Drainage Board a certified check or cash to the amount of 5 percent of Total Bid as a guarantee that he will enter into contract and furnish the required bond as prescribed by law. The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded. The payments for the above mentioned work will be made as follows: Time Order Due April 15, 1980.

Notice is Further Hereby Given, that on Wednesday the 4th day of May, 1979, at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan in the Township of Bingham, County of Clinton, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the APPORTIONMENT FOR BENEFITS and the lands comprised within the "Prairie Creek & Gunderman Lake Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon. At said review the computation of costs for said Drain will also be open for inspection by any parties interested.

Now, Therefore, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you Clinton County Clerk, and you Clinton County Road Commission and you DeWitt Township Clerk, and you Michigan State Highway Commission are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Prairie Creek & Gunderman Lake Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time and place as stated aforesaid from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Prairie Creek and Gunderman Lake Drain Special Assessment Districts will be subject to review.

And You and Each of You, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 5th day of April A.D. 1979

HARRY J. HARDEN, County Drain Commissioner  
County of Clinton

## Ag advice

By Mark F. Hansen  
Extension Ag. Agent

Two New Dry Bean Diseases  
Two new seed-borne diseases pose potential production problems for Michigan dry bean growers. To prevent them, growers should examine all susceptible dry bean seed for the presence of the diseases.

"Until 1978, anthracnose and bean common mosaic virus (BCMV) had been seen only sporadically and had been thought to constitute little or no hazard for dry bean production," says A.W. Saettler, Michigan State University plant pathologist.

However, a new virulent strain of the anthracnose organism, "delta" strain, was found in Ontario, Canada, navy bean fields in 1976 and 1977. This strain attacks all dry bean varieties now grown in Michigan. It is particularly destructive to the Seafarer, Sanilac, Gratiot, Tuscola, Kentwood and Fleetwood navy bean cultivars.

To prevent the introduction of this strain in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Agriculture declared a quarantine, "prohibiting the shipment into Michigan of dry edible beans of Canadian origin," effective March 15, 1978.

Brochures containing pictures and descriptions of the symptoms were distributed to all extension staff members in the major bean-growing counties and to MSU bean researchers. Crop inspectors also received brochures. Articles and black and white photographs were sent to several publications in Michigan with instructions to send any suspicious plant material to A.W. Saettler for diagnosis.

A "gamma" strain of anthracnose was isolated from only one sample, a light red kidney bean for Isabella County. The "delta" strain apparently has not

yet become established in the state.

BCMV can be very destructive in susceptible bean cultivars throughout the world. In Michigan, however, the cultivars Gratiot, Seafarer, Tuscola, Montcalm, Mecosta and Black Turtle Soup are resistant to the type V-1 and New York 15 (V-15) strains of the virus; Sanilac is resistant to V-1 but susceptible to V-15.

Resistance of these, except for Sanilac, is based on the presence of a dominant inhibitor gene I. This conditions the development of severe vascular necrosis in the leaves, stems, shoots tips and roots in inoculated plants. These symptoms, the resistant reaction of a bean cultivar to BCMV, are collectively called "black root".

In August 1978, many growers called about the sudden appearance of dead and dying plants in dry bean fields of several cultivars. Black root symptoms were detectable in many cases, and an unrelated virus, the necrotic strain of bean yellow mosaic virus, was suspected but not proven.

Large plantings of pinto, cranberry and some kidney beans were infected with BCMV. These plantings were assumed reservoirs of BCMV for winged aphids, insects known to transmit BCMV. The aphid population built up in July because of the unusually warm, dry weather. The aphid got BCMV from the susceptible cultivars, migrated to fields of resistant cultivars and transmitted the virus during feeding. The resistant plants then developed the black root syndrome.

Preliminary studies show that BCMV is not transmitted through the seed of the plants showing black root (resistant) symptoms.

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## Clinton County Board of Commissioners

Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held February 27, 1979.

The Board met Tuesday, February 27, 1979 at 9:00 A.M. with all members present.

Minutes of the January 30, 1979 meeting were approved as corrected. The agenda was approved as amended.

Voted and carried to receive and place on file communication of East Michigan Tourist Association re: Appointment of a County Commissioner to advisory council.

Voted and carried to support the principle of the Resolution on unemployment benefits, as it relates to voluntary quitters receiving unemployment benefits and send copies to our Senator and Representatives.

Voted and carried to support the Resolution on allotment to County Law Library Fund and send copies to our Senator and Representatives.

Voted and carried to approve the Commissioners expense accounts as presented.

Voted and carried to accept the 1978 Annual report of the Register of Deeds Office and Clinton County Plat Board presented by Bonnie Wickerham.

Voted and carried to accept 1978 Annual report of the Historical Commission presented by Geneva Wiskemann.

Voted and carried to reconsider vote taken 1-30-79 on rezoning - Otto Balzer property.

Motion carried to approve rezoning from A-1 Agriculture to R-1B, one family low density to permit construction of a 50 lot subdivision on Otto Balzer property.

Voted and carried to reconsider vote taken 1-30-79 on rezoning-Mike Zigler property.

Motion carried to approve rezoning from A-1, Agriculture to M-1 Limited Industrial in Section 5 for construction of storage warehouse on Mike Zigler Property.

Motion carried to approve the request and rezone the property of Harry Patterson from R-1A, one family rural residential to M-1, Limited Industrial.

Motion carried to rezone from R-1A, one family rural residential to R-1D, two family residential for construction of a duplex for Raymond Yerkie property.

Motion carried to approve the Special use permit to allow construction of 3 aircraft hangers on Larry Miller property, 4 miles east of M-100 on north side.

Motion carried to adopt the Ordinance Amendment OR-7-79 as presented for combining Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion carried to adopt the resolution transferring the power, duties and responsibilities of the Clinton County Zoning Commission to the Clinton County Planning Commission.

Voted and carried to accept the 1978 Annual report of the 65th District Court presented by Gordon Willyoung, District Court Magistrate.

Voted and carried to accept the 1978 Annual Report of the Department of Public Works presented by Richard Hawks.

Voted and carried to sign the negotiated and arbitrated contract between the FOP Sheriff Department deputies, matrons, and dispatchers and the Board of Commissioners dated January 1, 1978 to January 1, 1980.

Voted and carried to accept the 1978 Annual report of the County Clerk's Office and the 1978 expenditures of County Departments from the General Fund presented by Jane Swanchara, County Clerk.

Voted and carried to approve farm land applications for:

No. 243—Joseph Hengesbach—Westphalia Township—212 acres.  
No. 244—John Schwark—Duplain Township—425 acres.  
No. 245—Donald and Paul Graff—Lebanon and Essex Township—202 acres  
No. 246—Clair L. Thelen—Essex Township—147 acres.  
No. 246A—Clair L. Thelen—Lebanon Township 78 acres.

Voted and carried to approve the additional payment of \$101.00 for each of the four Police cars approved for purchase from O'Shaughnessey Chevrolet.

Voted and carried to increase the EDC General Fund Budget by \$6,453.00 to \$17,025.00 and that \$6,453.00 be transferred from the contingency account.

Voted and carried to authorize purchase of a 4-wheel drive truck from Keelean Buick at a cost of \$6,310.84 with trade-in or \$6,710.84 without trade for the Drain Office.

Voted and carried that the \$91,100 budgeted for Service Center Bond payment be reserved in the Public improvement fund by transferring that amount to a reserve account.

Voted and carried to appropriate and additional \$2,500 from contingency to the Tax Tribunal Account.

Voted and carried to authorize the Equalization Director to bill the City of St. Johns for services performed in absence of a City Assessor, at rate of \$7.70 per hour.

Voted and carried to transfer \$5,177 from contingency to Assignment Clerk's Budget.

Voted and carried to approve bills audited for February, 1979 in the amount of \$72,994.47.

Voted and carried to approve reclassification of the Clerk Typist I in the Cooperative Extension Office to Clerk Typist II.

Voted and carried to authorize purchase of an MSI file cabinet for the Treasurer's office.

Voted and carried to authorize purchase of a table for Equalization of Department at a cost not to exceed \$80.00, in lieu of purchase of the map case stand previously authorized.

Voted and carried to transfer (No. 10) \$2560 from contingency to Maintenance Dept. New Contingency balance—\$81,188.27; New Maintenance Budget \$109,185.00.

Voted and carried to transfer (No. 11) \$14,057 to contingency and to transfer (No. 12) \$14,057 from contingency to various accounts.

Voted and carried to reappoint Betty Moore for a 3 year term, Jean Temple to fill unexpired term of Sandra Williams and Lois Baumer appointed for a 3 year term for the Historical Commission Appointments.

Voted and carried to appoint William Gnodtke as a County Board representative on the Southern Clinton County Steering Committee.

Voted and carried to appoint the Emergency Services Coordinator, Lt. Robert Ferry as the local contract for the Energy Emergency Center.

Voted and carried to lease the house at 1003 S. Oakland for the Pregnant Teenager Program.

Voted and carried that in the event the house is sold, this Board will make an effort to obtain suitable space for the Program.

Voted and carried to delay any change in billing method for utilities at County Services center to July 1, 1979.

Committee approved \$474 expenditure from Public improvement fund to refinish paneling in Circuit Judge's Office.

Purchase of 2 chairs and 1 cabinet in Probate Court owned by Judge Green at \$50.00 per chair and \$35.00 for cabinet.

Annual Service Contract with Tower Clock Service at \$95.00.

Earl Lancaster presented the Human Services Committee Report. The Committee met with Human Services Coordinating Council on February 16, 1979 and reviewed the County's Senior Citizen Program.

Voted and carried to adopt the resolution notifying the State of this Board's intent to apply for funding under the Small Bus Incentive Program.

Lancaster moved, supported by DePond that this Board set up a task force to identify county mass transportation problems and county resources available.

Voted and carried to amend the motion that the Committee task force also obtain a budget as to the cost of operating the program.

Chairman Overway appointed Lancaster as Chairman of the Task Force committee and the Human Service Committee to recommend further members.

Voted and carried to appoint Tom Drenth, Attorney for Clary, Nantz, Wood and VanArden Law Firm of Grand Rapids to represent this Board on the Trial Board on arbitration of a grievance by a deputy sheriff.

Voted and carried to adjourn to March 13, 1979 at 9:00 A.M.

Jane Swanchara, County Clerk

# 4-H Spotlight

By Debra Brunger  
Extension Home Economist  
Assistant  
**PROUD 4-H FATHER AND LEADER**

Glenn Weaver has a lot of interests with one of the main one being his children. The Weavers are a 4-H family with both Glenn and his wife, Judy, as leaders and their children, Tim and Anne, very active 4-H'ers. Glenn, who works at two professions, farming and set-up man at Federal Mogul, is a beef and dairy leader in the Clinton Castaways.

Glenn is modest about the amount of work he does, but I feel that the fact that he works a 3-11 shift plus farms

80 acres and raises feeder cattle must be mentioned. In addition, Glenn has spent a lot of time remodeling their older home on Townsend Road. The Weavers bought their home about eight years ago and have since remodeled practically the whole interior plus added a pole barn and new well.

The Weavers enjoy traveling and have recently returned from a trip to Arizona and the "four corners" area of the Southwest. Other activities they include snowmobiling and attending local fairs in the summer. Glenn is also an avid hunter and fisher.

The Weaver's son, Tim, has recently won some

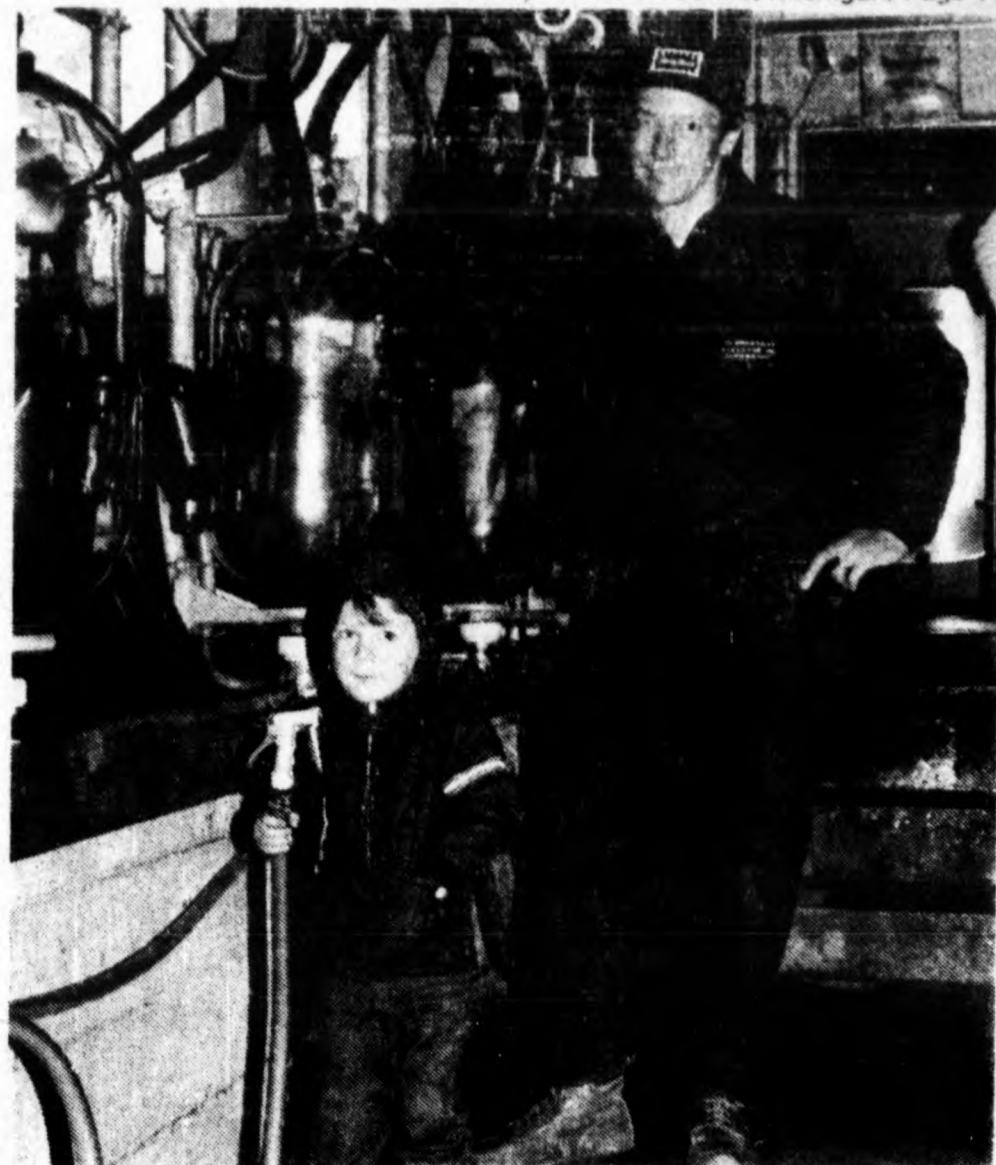
awards in his avocation as stage set designer. He was the recipient of a gold, silver and bronze medal presented by the state for excellence in stage design. Daughter, Anne, is busy preparing for a career in the airline industry. She plans to go to school in Miami next year. Glenn is very proud of his children and their accomplishments.

Glenn has two Australian cattle dogs that let them selves be known when anyone drives onto the Weaver property. These are working dogs that help Glenn out with his cattle operation in addition to protecting the homestead.

With his family, farm, home and animals, Glenn Weaver has a lot to keep him

busy and a lot to be proud of. The Weavers are another close-knit 4-H family that enjoy each other and work together on their mutual interests.

Anyone interested in being a part of 4-H should call the County Extension Office and ask for Theresa, Diane or Debra. We'd love to hear from you.



**Father and son**

Four-year-old Bob VanZee, son of Bill and Mary Lou VanZee, was on hand as his father explained the dairy operation on the VanZee Brothers farm located on Hinman Road during the annual Clinton County Dairy Tour last Wednesday. The farm of David, Bill and Ron VanZee was the first stop on the tour which concluded with a lunch served to 185 people at Smith Hall. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Noekers appointed to council

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noeker of Westphalia, have been appointed to the Human Sexuality Advisory Council of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing.

The Council will assist the education office of the diocese in formulating educational programs in family life and human sexuality. The appointment was made by Kenneth J. Povish, Bishop of the 10-county

diocese. Twenty-two persons from all areas of the diocese are on the Council which is charged with developing a diocesan program of education for adults. The program will assist adults in seeing sexuality as an integral part of the total Christian personality, and provide assistance for parents as the primary teachers of their children in this area.



**Shearing sheep**

Come warmer weather, the thick woolly coat of a sheep gets removed by the shearer and Charlie Silm showed students at Perrin-Palmer Elementary School on Friday how a sheep is sheared. Looking on while Silm separates the wool from the sheep are Michelle Davis and Mark Rueckert, both first graders. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Club news

The FOXY TROTTER'S monthly meeting was March 20. Reports were given by Sandy Meyers, Chris Smith and Liz Evans. A quiz was given on the parts of the Western and English saddles. A movie was shown on horse health. Smith Hall will have several clinics on horses. Extension calendar will give these topics and dates.

The Foxy Trotters club will have their annual roadside clean-up on May 12. The first horse workout will be on April 11 at 10 a.m. The next monthly meeting will be April 17. Vet Science projects are due on that date.

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## Thelen elected

Lansing Anthony (Tony) Thelen of Pewamo was one of two men elected to the Production Credit Association (PCA) board of directors at the PCA annual meeting held at Long's Convention Center on March 15.

Also elected to a three-year term on the board was Kennard Dysinger of Perry.

Over 450 members attended the annual meeting. The membership also elected John Kowatch and Bill Brook of Clinton County, and LaVern Bivens of Barry County to the nominating committee which will select next

year's candidates for directors.

William D. Henquet, president reported that the Lansing Association enjoyed a 30 percent increase in volume this past year, giving it a volume of loans outstanding as of Dec. 31, 1978 of \$65,177,582 to its membership of 2,239 members at year end. This is the largest volume outstanding for the state of Michigan for the PCA's of Michigan.

He also reported that there were over 2,200 members in the eight-county area which it serves with seven branches around Lansing, including one in St. Johns.

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# Clinton County Sports

April 11, 1979

## Hensley leads Panthers to 4th-place finish at MSU

By Tom Nowak  
Sports Writer

East Lansing

An outstanding performance by senior Ron Hensley paced the DeWitt track team to a fourth-place finish in the B-C-D division of the Spartan Relays at Michigan State University on Friday.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud won the meet with 51 points. Flint Beecher had 50, Holly 42 and DeWitt, the highest placing Class C team, had 40. Whitehall was next with 25. Bath competed but did not score.

Hensley was awarded the meet's outstanding competitor award for his efforts. He won first place

in the mile, second place in the high jump and spots on the fourth-place mile relay team and the fifth-place distance medley relay.

What made Hensley's feats more impressive was that everything happened at once. Late in the meet, he no sooner became one of just three men to clear 6-6 on the high jump than he was called over to the mile run. Ron barely had time to change his shoes, but once on the track he took a fairly comfortable win, finishing in 4:27.03.

Minutes later Hensley was back at the high jump, trying to equal the jump of Mark Norman of Chipewa Hills, who cleared 6-8 during the mile run to tie the meet record set

last year by Greg Tarrant of Bath. Hensley couldn't make it, but took second place over Wayne Coates of Holt on the number of misses.

After that, Hensley joined teammates Reggie Clark, Tony Faggion and Scott Tallman on the mile relay team. The Panthers took fourth place with 3:33.50, two-hundredths of a second out of third place. A DeWitt runner was fouled during the race, which probably slowed the Panthers enough to drop them by a place.

And as if that wasn't enough, Hensley ran the anchor leg of DeWitt's fifth-place distance medley relay team during the afternoon. Hensley's work overshadowed a strong run

by Tony Faggion in the 60-yard high hurdles, as Faggion's run in the finals tied the meet record going into the day's action. Unfortunately for Faggion, Darryl Goree of Robichaud was even quicker, finishing in 7.6.

Reggie Clark, a transfer student from Bath, gave DeWitt a fourth place in the pole vault, clearing 13-0. The distance medley team of Dave Salton, Tallman, Roland Hensley and Ron Hensley combined for a fifth-place finish in 10:55.

Roland Hensley's tie of 9:52.24 was good for sixth in the two-mile run. Reggie Clark finished eighth in the 60-yard dash, though some onlookers thought Clark finished higher in the tight race.

For Bath, coach Mel Comeau said he took a different approach to the relays this season. He used 27 runners in the meet, hoping to give everyone some needed experience.

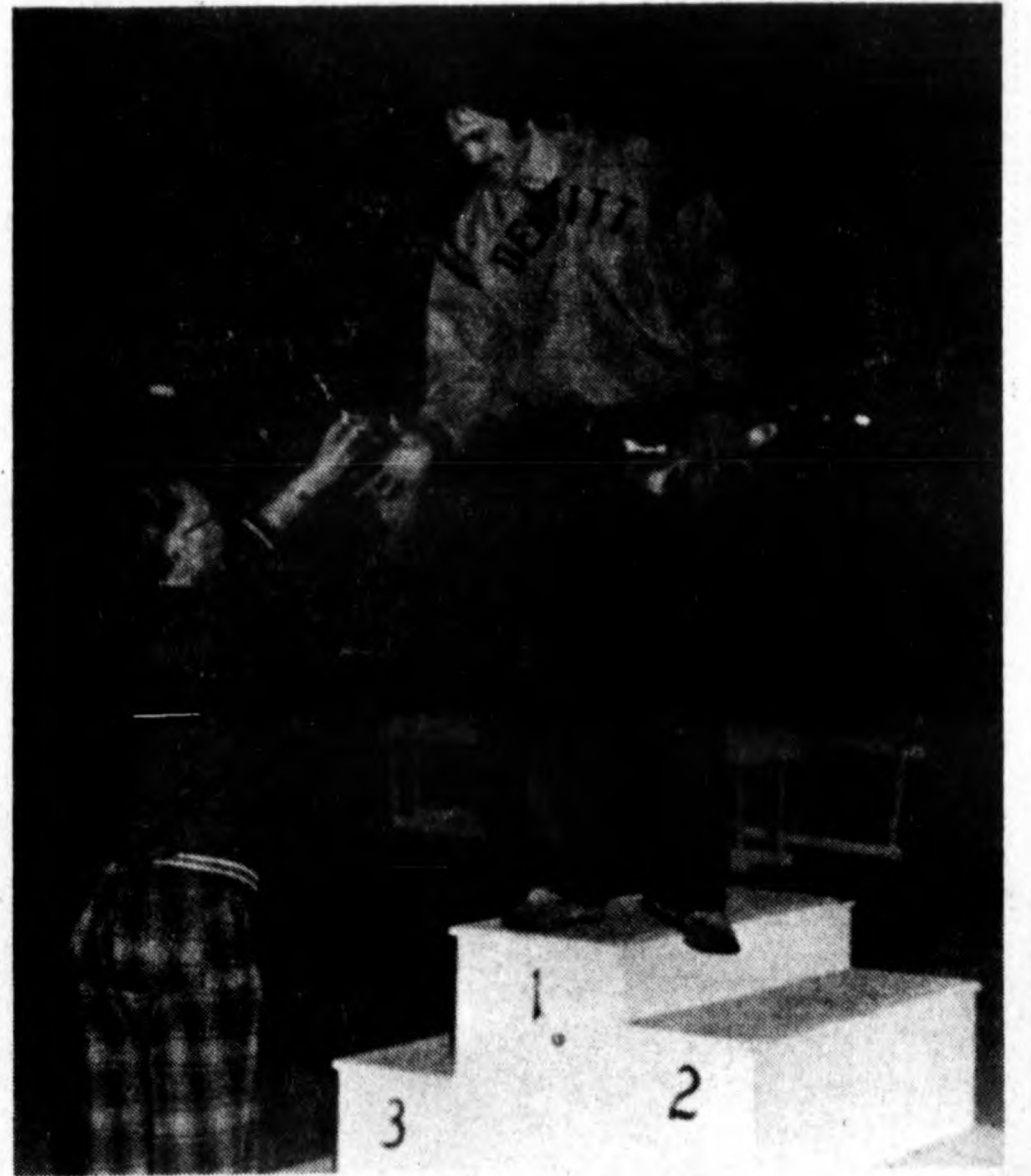
"We're predominantly a sophomore team," Comeau said. "We have tremendous talent, but it's going to take a while to develop it. I used the meet to look some people over."

But Bath has some seniors who did well. One, co-captain Greg McGary did not place Friday but Comeau looks for him to do well at state, particularly in the 800-yard run and the mile.

Comeau also said Ron Easlick, the other co-captain, did well in the shot put while Don Cronk did well in his first competitive effort in the high jump, clearing 6-0. He also vaulted.

Steve Wiswasser and Dale Tarrant are two more seniors Comeau says are "solids." "They're all talented," he said. "It'll take a while for the younger people to mature. But we can be a contender."

Both DeWitt and Bath are off this week but both will be in action again Monday. DeWitt will host Charlotte while Bath will travel to Potterville.



**Awarded trophy**

Ron Hensley of DeWitt accepts the trophy for the most valuable competitor in the B-C-D section of the Spartan Relays from Jim Gibbard, meet director and MSU track coach. Hensley was first in the mile, second in the high jump and ran on two relays which placed in the top five. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

## A smooth hand-off

Don Cronk of Bath hands off to fellow senior Steve Wiswasser in the 880-yard relay during Friday's Spartan Relays at Michigan State University. (Photo by Tom Nowak)



## O-E boys win league opener over Carson City

Elsie Ovid-Elsie's boys' track team opened its season Saturday with an easy 89-43 win over Carson City in a non-league meet.

O-E took 10 first places and swept the top three places in five events.

Despite the cold—the temperature hovered near the freezing mark—some Marauders managed some good times, especially for the first meet of the season.

Sprinter Jeff Winans had the best times. He won the

440 dash in 51.9 seconds and took the 100-yard dash in 10.4. Dave Lockwood was second in the 100-yard dash with 10.5 and won the 220-yard dash in 24.3. O-E swept the top three spots in the 100 and 220.

Matt Fabus tossed the shot 41-5 for first place, while Jeff George cleared 12-7 in the pole vault to take first place and set a school record. O-E swept those events.

Jon Torrey was double winner in the hurdles. He took the 330-yard lows in

44.1—leading another Marauder sweep—and won the 120-yard highs in 17.4. Jack Miller won the two-mile run in 11:03.

The Marauders took two out of three relays. The team of Fabus, Ed Sipka, Kevin Wilson and Kurt Tuller combined for a 48.4 finish in

the 440 relays and Winans, Mike Shank, George and Wilson took the mile relay in 3:43.3. O-E finished first in the 880-relay but was disqualified.

O-E is off until Wednesday when the Marauders host Bullock Creek in the Mid-Michigan B opener.

## Youth baseball fund raiser scheduled

St. Johns

Team mothers are need to coordinate the fund-raising drive for the Youth Baseball Program, which begins April 28.

Pony League and little League players will be selling popcorn in hopes of winning a trip to a Tiger ballgame for their team, a league jacket or several other prizes.

Mothers wishing to help their team are asked to contact John Berg at Clinton National Bank, 224-6811. A meeting of team mothers will be held at the Roadhouse Restaurant on Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Coffee and desert will be served.

Some openings are available for managers or coaches in the American

division of the Little League. Teams without managers are the Orioles, Sox and Angels. Anyone wishing to participate is also asked to contact John Berg.

Prospective players are reminded of tryout dates set for April 16 at 5 p.m. for Little Leaguers and April 21 at 9 p.m. for Pony Leaguers. Tryouts will be at Bee's Fields. New Little League players must bring along a copy of their birth certificate.

The kickoff for the 1979 season will be held Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at St. Johns High School. All players, managers, coaches and parents are encouraged to attend. Details of the fund-raiser will be presented, uniforms will be handed out and a brief explanation of this year's program will be given.

To find out how it was possible for the Egyptians to move huge stone blocks into place without wheels when building the pyramids, a French investigator had a one-ton block of limestone

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Keelean's Buick and Pontiac was the tournament team champion. Pictured are (l-r): Jan Mehney, Sally Thelen, Mona Keelean, Linda Garrod and Jane Feldpausch.



Carol Kidder (right) and Betty Martin made up the championship doubles team.

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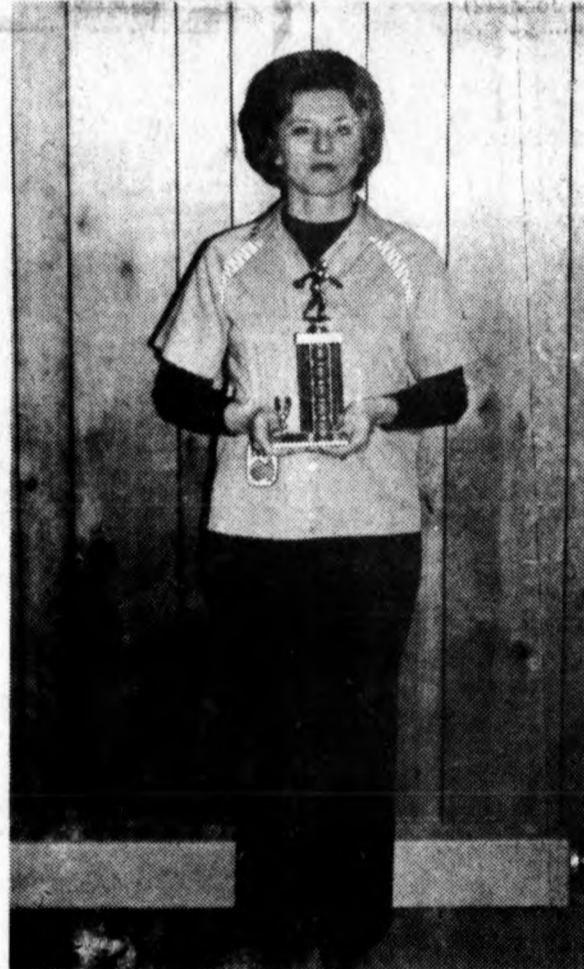
an accusation of which you must defend, but provides the authorities the information with which they can investigate the situation on the child's behalf.



Cindy LeDuke won the all-events handicap in the tournament.



Sharon Leslie was the singles champion of the St. Johns Women's Bowling Association tournament.



Carol Egres won the tournament's all-events title.

## 3 in hall of fame

### St. Johns

Three women were inducted into the St. Johns Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame on March 27.

Elsie Dickenson was

inducted for superior performance while the late Jeanne Edwards and the late Bess Sanders were inducted for meritorious service.

The ceremony was at the association's spring meeting and banquet held at the Masonic Temple. City tournament trophies were also awarded.

## Bowling report

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 Holliday & Louth 28-32  
 Seedy's 28-32  
 Central National Bank 26-34  
 Roadhouse 22-38  
 Globe Life Insurance 21-39  
 Clinton Crop Service 21-39  
 Hide-Away 20-40

### Goodtimes Bowling Report

	200's	500's
1. Rock 'n Rollers	39-13	
2. Screamers	32-20	
3. Hoot Owls	31-21	Sally Schavey
4. Strike Binders	30-22	(97 pins over avg.)
5. Hair Raisers	28-24	Ron Ryan
6. Slowpokes	26-26	Gerald Herrick
7. Streakers	25-27	Stan Hicks
8. Sidewinders	22-30	Dennis Leslie
9. Eager Beavers	22-30	Dick Walker
10. Go Getters	22-30	Karl Schulze
11. Top Bananas	22-30	Dick Hopp
12. Alley Stompers	13-39	Gordon Harris

### 200's, 500's, & 600

Tom Martin 205-225-600  
 Jack Anderson 201-549  
 Al Egres 207-543  
 Les Warner 534  
 Gary Zell 511  
 Ted Powers 202-504  
 Elmer Feldpausch 502  
 Carol Kidder 500

High Team Game—Central Mich. Lumber 741  
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## New farm line added

### St. Johns

J.I. Case has announced their dealership for the St. Johns area in S & H Farms Sales and Service Inc. They will be handling, tractors, garden tractors and attachments, and unloaders.

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## Softball, baseball sites announced

### Clinton County

Tournament sites for the baseball and softball district tournaments were announced last Thursday.

In baseball, both Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns will be in the Alma district. They will be joined by Class B rivals Chesaning, Holt, Mason, Bullock Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Okemos and Chippewa Hills. Bath will go to Williamston. Opposition will be provided by the Hornets, Fowlerville, Byron, Haslett, Leslie, New Lothrop, Perry and Stockbridge.

Pewamo-Westphalia and DeWitt travel to Maple Valley. Other teams there will be Maple Valley, Bellevue, Lansing Catholic, Olivet, Portland, and Springport.

Fulton goes north to Meridian High School near Sanford. Other teams in the field are Breckenridge, Freeland, Ithaca, Merrill, Carrollton, Saginaw St. Stephen, Saginaw SS, Peter and Paul, St. Charles, St. Louis and Shepherd.

Fowler is at the Pottsville Class D district with Dans-

ville, Laingsburg, Lansing Christian, Portland St. Patrick, Pottsville, Saranac and Webberville.

For softball, St. Johns and O-E are in the Ionia district with Ionia, Alma, Caledonia, Greenville, Hastings, Lakewood and Lowell.

Bath and DeWitt go to Williamston along with Byron, Fowlerville, Haslett, Lansing Catholic and Perry.

P-W and Fulton are in the Shepherd district. Along with the host school, other competitors will be Carson

City, Montabella, St. Louis, Meridian, Shepherd and Central Montcalm.

Fowler is the only school to host a tournament, as the Eagles entertain a Class D softball district. Also there will be Dansville, Laingsburg, Lansing Christian, Morrice, Portland St. Patrick, Pottsville and Webberville.

The district is scheduled for June 1 and 2 with pre-district games beginning May 26. Qualifying games may also have to played.

### CITY OF ST. JOHNS NOTICE OF BIDS

The City of St. Johns will accept sealed bids for an Air Compressor until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 1979, in the office of the City Clerk, 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Michigan, 48879.

Bids must be sealed and bear the name of the bidder on the outside of the envelope and be plainly marked "Air Compressor Bids".

Bids will be publicly opened and read at this time and referred to the City Commission for their approval or rejection at their Regular Meeting to be held May 14, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

Bids will be for a gas driven, two stage, continuous operation, 10 HP Air Compressor. Specifications and Bid Sheets may be picked up at the City Offices, 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

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# CHURCH TURNS GYM

## DeWitt home of athletic center

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer  
DeWitt

For many years, residents of DeWitt used the building at 115 N. Bridge St. as a place of Sunday worship. Now the building is being transformed into a training ground for young gymnasts.

Walking into the gym there is a smell of newness, from the padding on the floor to the paint on the walls, to the shine of the equipment. At 10:30 in the

morning the gym still retains its church-like solitude, but come 4 p.m. sounds of music, little girls' laughter and training can be heard.

Mike Mascaro, manager of Saltos Academy of Gymnastics, is making a dream come true. For a long time he worked for someone else, now he is working for himself. His goal is to make gymnastics and coaching his life.

Mascaro started his own gymnastics career under Roger Bechtol as a

trampoline specialist. In 1970, during his senior year of high school, Mascaro helped his team to a first place state title.

With the expulsion of trampolining from intercollegiate competition, he moved his talents into coaching, athletic training and being administrative assistant to MSU head gymnastics coach, George Szypula for five years.

The shell of the former Methodist Church was perfect for Mascaro's needs. Those needs were...loss of open space.

Saltos will be instructing Olympic style gymnastics for girls from pre-schoolers to adults. Some of these girls will be used for a competitive team which travels throughout the state.

Mascaro has had two state team championships and 11 individual state champs during his coaching tenure.

"I'm really dedicated to coaching," Mascaro dressed in a blue and white warm-up outfit said. "I put my all into training these kids."

The young coach works with his students between three and five days a week, three hours a session.

"The closer it gets to the meets the more time we spend," he said. "This is a job from morning until night."

Formerly Mascaro worked out of the Lansing Ice Arena. His students came from Lansing, Dansville, Williamston, Haslett, Grand Ledge, East Lansing, Okemos, Wacousta, St. Johns and Bath.

While he was at the ice arena, he even had students from as far away as Howell and Marshall.

Although the children are training for the Olympics, Mascaro emphasizes only six people are chosen. If the child doesn't make it, there are still many other events they can prepare themselves for and do well in.

Posted on the wall of Mascaro's office is a sign which reads, "The difference between good and great is a little extra effort." This is an attitude Mascaro hopes all his students possess.

While at Michigan State, the 26-year-old coach majored in biology with a cognitive in athletic training and sports medicine. With this background, Mascaro says he knows the problems people have and what is necessary to master a certain skill.

Mascaro is not running gymnastics program alone. Pam Steckro, former MSU All-American and Barb (McKenzie) Hamilton, former MSU head coach, will also be on hand for training. Cindy Keckessian will be in charge of the adult program and eventually the pre-school program.

"Right now I just don't have the space for the men," he said. "In the future we hope to have men's conditioning along with a boys' and girls' sports conditioning program."

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# Sports schedule

### Track

- April 11  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Maple Valley
- April 13  
Bath, DeWitt girls at Spartan Relays, MSU
- April 16  
New Lothrop, Carson City at Fulton
- April 17  
Ashley, Fowler at Fulton
- April 18  
Swan Valley at St. Johns  
Bullock Creek at Ovid-Elsie

### Baseball

- April 12  
Ashley at Fulton  
New Lothrop at Ovid-Elsie  
Bath at Lansing Eastern
- April 16  
Fowler at Ashley  
Beal City at Fulton
- April 17  
Corunna at Ovid-Elsie (2)  
St. Johns at Hemlock (2)  
Fowlerville at Bath (2)
- April 18  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Portland

### Softball

- April 11  
Fowlerville at Bath
- April 12  
Fulton at Ashley
- April 16  
Ovid-Elsie at Haslett  
Bath at Leslie
- April 17  
Fulton at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart  
Ovid-Elsie at Corunna (2)
- April 18  
Pewamo-Westphalia at Portland

### Tennis

- April 12  
Waverly at St. Johns
- April 13  
Williamston at DeWitt
- April 17  
Bullock Creek at St. Johns
- April 18  
St. Johns at Lansing Eastern  
Charlotte at DeWitt



### Setting up

Mike Mascaro adjusts some of the new equipment at the new gym open in downtown DeWitt. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

## O-E sports schedules

#### Ovid-Elsie softball

- April
- 16 Haslett
- 17 at Corunna (2)
- 19 at Ithaca
- 24 at Bullock Creek
- 26 at Alma

#### May

- 1 at Hemlock (2)
- 3 Chesaning
- 5 Ithaca (2)
- 8 St. Johns (2)
- 10 Bullock Creek
- 15 Alma
- 17 Swan Valley (2)
- 22 at Chesaning
- 26 Pre-district

#### May

- 2 Alma
- 4 at Corunna
- 8 Chesaning
- 10 St. Johns
- 12 Clinton County meet
- 16 Swan Valley
- 19 Regionals
- 22 MMB meet at O-E

#### Ovid-Elsie baseball

- April
- 12 New Lothrop
- 17 Corunna (2)
- 24 Bullock Creek
- 26 Alma

#### May

- 1 at Hemlock
- 3 at Chesaning
- 8 at St. Johns (2)
- 10 at Bullock Creek
- 15 at Alma
- 17 at Swan Valley (2)
- 19 at Owosso (2)
- 22 Chesaning
- 26 Pre-district

#### Ovid-Elsie

- April
- 4 Perry
- 7 Carson City (Boys)
- 10 Potterville (boys)
- 10 Potterville (girls)
- 18 Bullock Creek
- 21 St. Louis Relays
- 25 at Hemlock
- 27 Ovid-Elsie Relays (boys)
- 28 Freshman at East Lansing (girls)
- 30 Ionia

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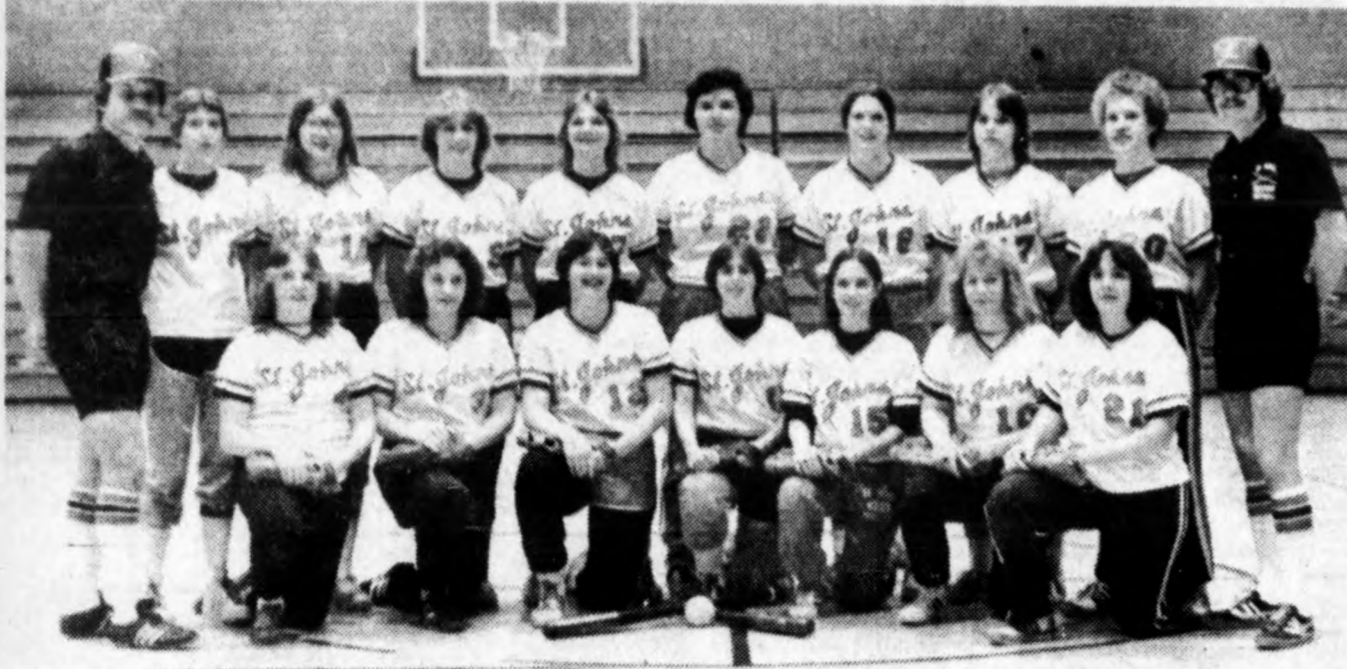
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The Ovid-Elsie softball team. Front (l-r): Connie Johnson, Eldina Marriage, Tena Woodbury, Phillis Ackels, Lori Len, Pam Roberts. Back: Janet Stefanek, Brenda Francis, Lori Webster, Denise McCue and Jeff Leydorf. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

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The Pewamo-Westphalia softball team. Front: (l-r): Denise Pline, Gina Vance, Robin Schafer, Therese Simon, Judy Theis and Sandy Smith. Back: Lori Barker, Donna Heckman, Judy Spitzley, Jane Cotter, Maureen Cook and coach Bonnie Somero. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

## Chloe's Column

By Chloe Padgett  
 Extension Home Economist  
 Update Basics for Spring and Summer

The predicted spring-summer fashion sensations like sailor tops, tap shorts and military apparel may sound a little frightening, but wardrobe planners can pretty much stick to the tried and true basics and still look in style this year. The basic difference between last year and this year is that clothing is becoming slimmer, with

slacks and skirts hugging the body instead of hiding it. To go along with this new shape, hemlines are a bit shorter, with skirts, often slit, rising to just below the knee and slacks coming up above shoe tops. The blazer is still an important topper, and you can update it for spring by adding a belt or sash.

Blazers are also teaming up with dresses, as well as pants and skirts this year. Textured fabrics are still popular, ranging from a wide array of silks and silk blends to nubby lined and iridescent cotton. Before purchasing a garment, evaluate the texture and weight of the

fabric for thermal comfort. Consider the highs and lows of Michigan's spring and summer temperatures. Winter drabs have been replaced by a variety of colors for the warmer months, ranging from bright white to red, accented by basic black. Last year's berry and earth tones are still vogue, as are neutral combinations and pastels. One of the easiest ways to update your clothing is with accessories like jewelry, shoes and belts. Belts are encircling everything from dresses to pants this year, and they come in a variety of widths and a spectrum of colors.

### Deputies win

The Clinton County Sheriff's department volleyball team fell to defeat last year to the St. Johns post office squad. However, the deputies challenged the post office crew four times this year to a match with the post office refusing all four times. The deputies now claim they have regained their title as champions through a forfeit.

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The newest look for spring and summer is actually a resurrected old look. Appropriately called "retro" for retrospective, the fashion in this category reflect the 1940's and 1950's styles. With pleated skirts, fitted short jackets and bright printed dresses just a few of the offerings.

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### An egg tree

Everyone has heard of a Christmas tree, but how many people have heard of an Easter egg tree? Students in Mrs. Kathryn Slagell's second grade at Perrin-Palmer Elementary School decorated an Easter egg tree with their own season designs. They colored eggs and decorated plastic eggs and hung them on the tree. With their Easter egg tree are students (from left) Jeff Tomlinson, Stacie McGlothlen and Kayla Linton. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Spring sheep workshop slated

By Diane K Otton  
4-H Youth Program Assis.

### Spring sheep workshop

As nice weather and longer days approach, spring blooms out in all its glory.

No spring would be complete without lambs. However, with this time, comes many questions and problems for the commercial and purebred sheep producer. On April 20 and April 21, the cooperative extension office will present a workshop and tour to answer a few of these questions.

Friday, April 20, the program will begin at 10 a.m. with registration. The morning program will include two speakers. A representative from the Michigan Livestock Exchange will talk briefly about marketing lambs. Following this, Steve Baertsche of Michigan State University will speak on nutrition. Baertsche is a Ph.D. candidate in the Animal Husbandry Department and is originally from Ohio. Since his arrival at MSU, he has worked as a grad assistant in extension while completing his nutrition research. It is also hoped to have a sheep shearing demonstration.

Following an "on-your-own lunch" the program will continue with a detailed report on diseases and parasite control presented by Dr. Joseph Rook of Michigan State. Dr. Rook is a newcomer to Michigan. Raised in Ohio, he attended Ohio State University, where he completed his

veterinary training. After moving to Michigan six months ago, Dr. Rook now works in ambulatory and with extension.

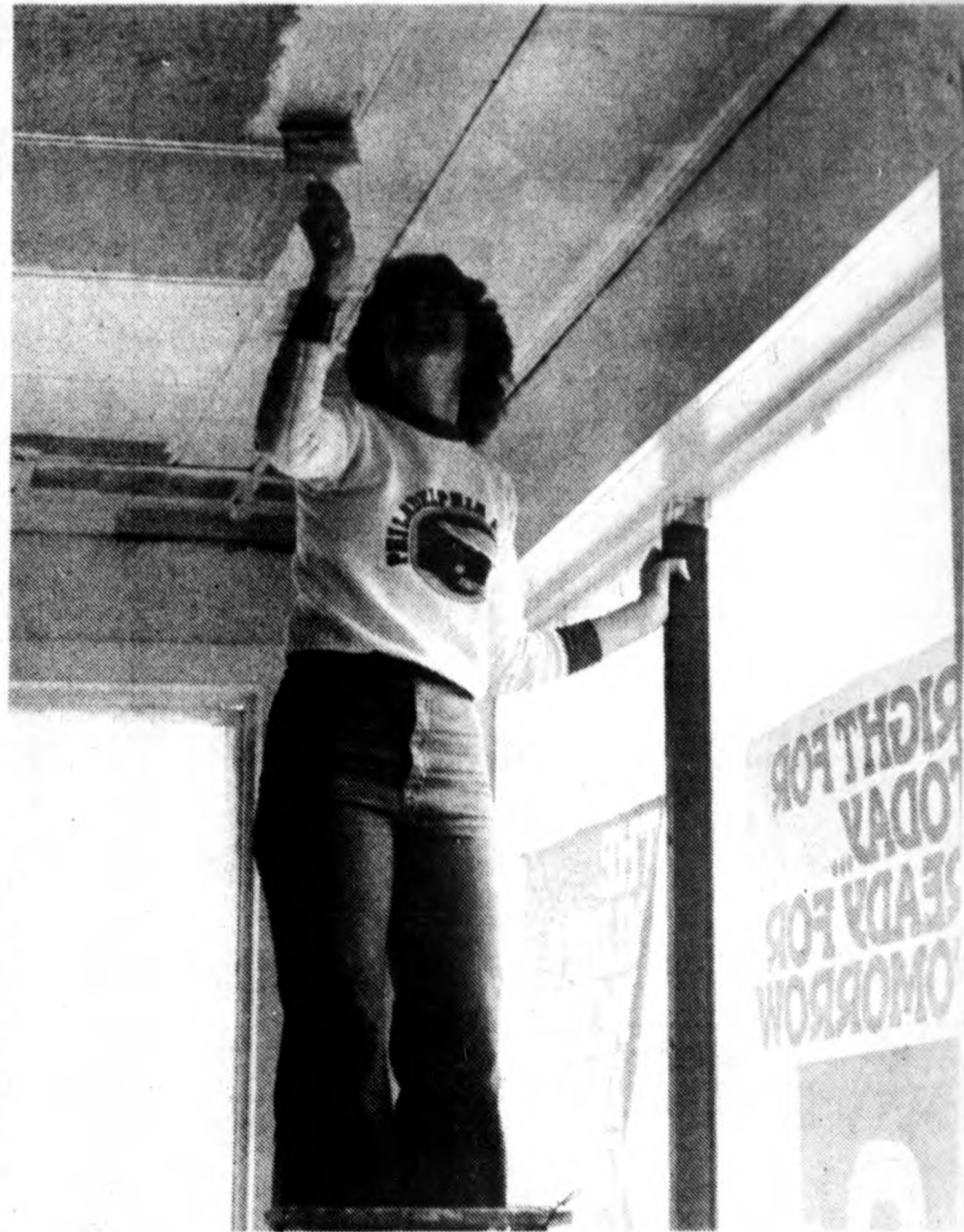
There will also be information on home butchery and processing. In addition there will be information on lamb cooking and spinning and weaving demonstration. This program is open to all who are interested in sheep products or are producers.

Saturday, April 21, Clinton County sheep project 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to tour area sheep farms. The community bus will provide transportation for the interested 4-H'ers.

The bus will leave the extension office at 9 a.m., traveling to the southwest sector of the county to the Moore farm. The Moores, John and Judy are purebred sheep producers in the Eagle area. They raise Hampshires and Cheviots and do considerable showing and selection of fair lambs.

From the Moores, they will move on to the Vercil Cory farm, also in Eagle. Mr. and Mrs. Cory own 75 acres of land, which they primarily use for hay. Cory has raised purebred Suffolks for 12 years. Cory primarily sells 4-H club lambs, plus he contracts about 40 lambs to the University of Michigan for medical research.

Both of the programs may offer vital information to all who attend. Anyone who is interested in or already raises either purebred or market lambs is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Clinton County Extension Office.



### Painting their way to Montreal

Members of St. Johns Redwing marching band are hard at work repainting the showroom at Keelean Buick, Pontiac and GMC in St. Johns. They were hired by sales manager Ron Motz. Trying to earn \$125 for their montreal junket are Mike Dietz, Susan Sample, Chris Dietz, Beth Schumaker, Robin Sample, Todd Scott, Ruth Fedewa and Elaine Miller. (Photo by Bill Donahue).

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## Carland news

The Carland United Methodist Church bell that is over 100 years old came down this week due to deterioration of the steeple. The church is being newly roofed. It is a plan of the congregation to mount the bell on the church

premises in the near future. Douglas Kadolph, a chemistry major, has been named to the dean's list in recognition of his scholastic achievement at Delta State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kadolph of north Carland

Road. Bible study will again be held each Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clara Horn. The study is led by the Reverend Homer VanBuren of the Carland United Methodist Church.

The Carland United Methodist Women have a tentative date of May 22 for the mother and daughter banquet.

The church will have a Sunrise Easter Breakfast to follow the 6:30 a.m. sunrise service.

## White Cane Week set

St. Johns When 30,000 Lions all roar at the same time, they make quite a noise! That noise is the annual White Cane Week drive and more than 500 Michigan Lions clubs are already gearing up for the 1979 fund-raiser to be held April 20-29. White Cane Week is a principal source of funds

for the Lions whose unselfish and dedicated efforts in aiding the sightless have always been rewarded by enthusiastic response from Michiganders. St. Johns Lions will conduct their fund drive Friday and Saturday, April 20-21 in downtown St. Johns and at local shopping centers. "The generous help

from the people of Michigan has made it possible to sustain our many projects and institutions that aid the sightless," according to a Lions spokesman. "In the more than 30 years since White Cane Week was started, we have provided aid in the form of canes, Leader Dogs, Braille watches, glasses, eye examina-

tions, sightmobiles and transplants at no charge to thousands of blind persons in this state. With continued support, we'll help thousands more," he continued.

In addition to gaining monetary support for Lions' projects, a prime purpose of White Cane Week is to make the public aware of two Michigan laws dealing with the visually handicapped:

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### ORDINANCE NO II

### FISCAL YEAR ORDINANCE

ADOPTED: March 12, 1979

Effective: March 12, 1979

An Ordinance to establish the fiscal year of the Township of Lebanon, Clinton County, Michigan and the annual settlement day for such Township pursuant to Michigan Public Act 596 of 1978.

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#### SECTION I

Commencing in 1979, the fiscal year of the Township shall extend from April 1, of each year until March 31 of the following year. Any preexisting Township budget lawfully adopted by the Township Board shall be proportionately extended to coincide with the foregoing new fiscal year periods.

#### SECTION II

The annual settlement day meeting of the Township Board shall hereafter be held on the 15th day of the last month of the fiscal year of the Township unless said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday whereupon said meeting shall be held on the following Monday which is not a legal holiday.

#### SECTION III

The annual meeting of the electors of the Township, where the same has not been abolished, shall be held on the last Saturday in the last month of the aforesaid fiscal year at such time and place as is determined by the Township Board.

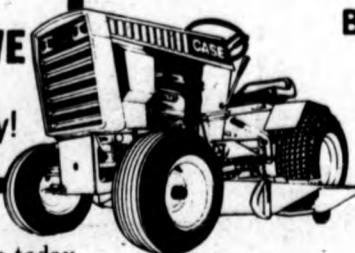
#### SECTION IV

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NO WORDS can express our thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us at the time of Maureen's sickness and death. We say thanks to Father Stotenbur for his comforting words; Sister Eileen for her kindness and understanding of our needs, the many visits and prayers of Sister Catherine, our many relatives and friends for flowers, masses, memorials, prayers and calls in our time of need, the supper brought in for the family and the food later brought to the home, the calls, cards and notes of concern. Dr. Suhrlund and his staff, nurses and aides at Sparrow Hospital, her associates at C.W. Otto Junior High School, to Paul Tate of DeWitt Area Chapel for his help and understanding and to the Women's Association of St. Jude's for the wonderful dinner served the day of Maureen's funeral. To each and all-God bless you.

Randall Young, Tammy, Kevin Shelli and Scott Mrs. Dorothy Ley Douglas and Julie Ley Douglas and Julie Ley Dennis and Crystal Ley Dow and Helen Young Oliver and Nancy Smith Grandma Flynn 15-1-30-p

THANK YOU. A SPECIAL thank you to Becker Bridal and Mens wear, to Fowler High School, all the people who donated door prizes and the cooperation of our members. All helped to make our card party such a grand success. Daughters of Isabella of Fowler. 15-1-30-p

THE FAMILY of Sherwood Russell wish to express their gratitude for the great love, respect and honor paid to us in the loss of our loved one.

Edith Russell William Russell Janet Russell Kathleen Russell Maureen Canum Lyle Canum Stephen Canum Michael Canum 15-1-30-p

MY SINCERE thanks to Pastor Heintz for his prayers and visits. The Prayer Chain for their continuous prayers. Also to everyone else for their prayers, words of encouragement, cards, gifts and visits during my stay at Sparrow Hospital and since I have returned home. May God bless all of you. Marcella Kloeckner. 15-1-p-30-DH

Memoriam 31

IN MEMORY of Albert Jame Brunner. A year has passed since you've been gone. Your're deeply missed it is true. And not a single day goes by that we do not think of you. We often feel your presence when from the past we do recall. We hear your laugh or see your smile. As we remember you walking tall. There's one thing you left us "Big Jim" Eventhough we're far apart is all your kind loving memories. We will cherish forever in our hearts. Sadly missed and Loved Mom and Dad, Ron, Les, Warren, Mary, and family. 15-1-p-31

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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 30, 1954, in Liber 217 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, for principal and interest, the sum of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN 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.

New 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 in the City of St. Johns, and County of Clinton, 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 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of 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 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 F. RASE T. TRIBLECK DAVIS & FOSTER

By: James R. Davis, Esq. National Tower Building Lansing, Michigan 48933 NATIONAL HOMES ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Mortgagee. 15-1

LEGAL NOTICE 11-5

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Construction Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 17, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clinton County Service Center, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan. The following cases will be heard at that time: CBA-5-79 Bath Township An application for plan approval has been filed by Mrs. Florence Schoals, 13564 Walnut Street, Bath, Michigan pursuant to Article 3, Section 317.3 Special Historic Buildings Districts of the 1975 edition of BOCA as amended. The Board will review the applicant's plans for the conversion of the Bath Community Hall to a R-4 Residential structure and approve or disapprove said project dependent upon the criteria as established in Section 317.0 of the code.

Legal Description: Lot No. 3, Block 7, Village of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan. The application and the State Construction Code Act 230 of 1972 and the 1975 edition of BOCA are available for public inspection in the office of the County Zoning Administrator between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please call 224-6761 Ext. 221 for further information. J. Anthony Nelson, Administrator 15-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON, Estate of ROBERT MARTENS, DECEASED File No. 20064 TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday June 13th, 1979, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Lorenz Martens, Executor, 806 W. Baldwin Street, St. Johns, Michigan, prior to said hearing. Dated: March 29, 1979 Attorney for Petitioner: Robert H. Wood 306 N. Clinton St. Johns, Mich. Phone 224-3238 LORENZ MARTENS Petitioner 806 W. McConnell St. Johns, Michigan 15-1

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 16, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, of the Clinton County Service Center, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

The following cases will be heard at that time: AB-7-79 Bath Township-Special Exception An application for a special exception has been filed by Mr. Jack Wisswasser, 15586 Park Lake Road, East Lansing, Michigan pursuant to Article 13, Section 13.9 Hardship Cases of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance. The special exception, if granted, would allow Mr. Wisswasser to expand a non-conforming use, which consists of an auto repair garage in a R-1C, One-Family Medium Density Residential District on the following described parcel of property. Legal Property Description: The west 145 feet M / 1 of Lot No. 10, this includes all that portion of lot 10 belonging and assessed to party of the first part of Supp. Plat of Pleasant View of Park Lake, Bath Township, Section 28, T5N-R1W, Clinton County, Michigan.

AB-8-79 Interpretation The Department of Development requests an interpretation of Article 6, Section 6.14.4. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit in the B-2, General Business District as it pertains to new and used automobile sales if no service activity is associated with said sales operation. The Board will interpret said use and classify it so that it conforms to any detailed statement or plan prohibited uses in accordance with the purpose and intent of the B-2 District. The appeal application, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, OR-1-78 and the Zoning Maps are available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 p.m. Please 224-6761 Ext. 221 for further information. J. Anthony Nelson, Administrator 15-1

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 25 CITY OF DEWITT CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEWITT ORDAINS: Section 16.4 of Ordinance No. 25 has been amended, to read in its entirety:

16.4 VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any owner or agent, and any person or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, alter, enlarge or move any building or who shall put into use any lot in violation of any detailed statement or plan submitted hereunder, or who shall refuse reasonable opportunity to inspect any premises, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$100.00 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation. (1) The owner of any building or land where anything in violation of this Ordinance shall be placed or shall exist, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent, person or corporation employed in connection therewith and who assists in the commission of such violation shall each be guilty of a separate violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to the fine or imprisonment, or both, as specified in this Section. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 25 shall remain in full force and effect. This amendment to Ordinance No. 25 is adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of DeWitt, April 2, 1979, and shall become effective upon publication. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the City of DeWitt hereby authenticate this Amendment of Ordinance No. 25 by their signatures.

CITY OF DEWITT By William Drouin Mayor By Sharon K. Pierce Clerk-Treasurer 15-1

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 19, 1979 in the Conference Room, Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following amendments to OR-1-78 the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance and a request for a Special Use permit.

CASE ZC-5-79 Bath Township-Special Use Permit At this hearing the following described property which generally lies on the southwest corner of Howe and Upton Roads will be considered as the site for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for the construction of a private tennis club which would entail the construction of tennis courts and a clubhouse. Description of property affected: Don and Barbara LaGuire, 12060 Upton Road, Bath, Michigan. That part of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 10, T5N-R1W, Bath Twp., Clinton County, MI desc as: Com at a point 1115' east and 263' E south of N 1/4 post of Sec. 10; th. E. 205 ft. / / with North line of said Sec. 10 to center of Upton Rd.; th. S. 1057 ft. of beg. Also com. at a point 60 rods east of N 1/4 post of Sec. 10; th. S. approx. 80 rods / / with west side of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 10; th. N. approx. 125' ft. / / with north line of Sec. 10 to center of Upton Rd.; th. N. 263 ft. to north line of Sec. 10; th. west 330 ft. to pl. of beg.

CASE ZC-6-79 Victor Township-Map Amendment A petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Robert Smith, 5942 Round Lake Road, Laingsburg, MI to rezone the establishment "Club Roma" R-1B, One Family Residential to B-2, General Business. Description of property affected: Legal Notice-Zoning Commission-Publish 3 / 28 / 79 and 4 / 11 / 79 page 2 Parcel A-Beg. at the intersection of the E. line of Sec. 29, T5N-R1W Victor Twp., Clinton County, MI and the c / 1 of Round Lake Road; th. N. 79 degrees 04'W along the c / 1 of Round Lake Road 111.7 ft.; th. S. degrees 04'W 159.5 ft. to a 2" iron pipe on the shore of Round Lake; th. S. 62 degrees 09'E along the lakeshore 140 ft. to a 1 1/2" iron pipe on the E. line of Sec. 29; th. N. 203 ft. to the POB; cont. 0.568 acres m / 1, including the land to the water's edge. Beg. at the intersection of the W. line of Sec. 28, T5N-R1W, Victor Twp., Clinton County, MI and the c / 1 of Round Lake Road; th. S. 79 degrees 04'E alg. the c / 1 of Round Lake Road 470 ft.; th. S. 79 degrees 30'W 119.9 ft.; th. S. 79 degrees 28'E 80.6 ft.; th. S. 47 degrees 21'W 190.7 ft. to the Water's edge of Round Lake; th. NW'ly alg. the water's edge of Round Lake, meandering as follows: N.53 degrees 02'W 135.0 ft. N.62 degrees 46'W 327.4 ft. N.76 degrees 40'W 53.0 ft. to the intersection of the West line of Sec. 28 with said water's edge; th. N. along the W section line 200.0 ft. to the POB

CASE ZC-7-79 Bingham Township-Map Amendment An application for a special use permit and a petition for rezoning has been filed by Mr. Edward Lazon, 3520 W. M-21 on behalf of Farmers Petroleum Corp. to rezone the following parcel of property from A-1, Agriculture to M-2, Heavy Industry to permit the above ground storage of flammable liquids. Legal Description: B1 74C.E. 13 rods of SW 1/4, lying south of railroad, Sec. 7, T7N-R2W 5.36.

CASE ZC-8-79-Text Amendment Amendment Article 7, Section 7.3 Site Development Requirements (10) A. Religious Institutions. Page VII-16 Change from: Religious institutions may be permitted in the A-1, R-1A, R-1B, R-1C and R-1D Districts with the acquisition of a Special Use Permit to: Religious institutions may be permitted in the A-1, R-1A, R-1B, R-1C and R-1D Districts with the acquisition of a Special Use Permit shall not be issued for the erection, change of use, group, alteration or reconstruction of a building or a parcel of land, (exceeding 50 percent of the square footage of the existing building or existing 50 percent of twice the state equalized value of the existing structure), unless a Special Use Permit has been issued in compliance with the following provisions. This amendment has been initiated to clarify said section.

CASE ZC-9-79 Text Amendment Amending Article 6, Section 6.14.2 Use Permitted by Right (Page VI-33) E. in the following manner: Delete item (E) Grain and Seed Elevators and related retail sales. It is felt by the Zoning Commission that said use is incompatible with other B-2 General Business uses.

CASE ZC-10-79 Text Amendment Amending Article 6, Section 6.3 Use Permitted under Special Conditions (F) (2) Page VI-11 in the following manner: 2. A minimum of two (2) acres shall provided for one (1) horse kept within a private stable, and one (1) additional horse may be kept for each twenty thousand (20,000) square feet by which the lot exceeds two (2) acres, and such area shall be fenced and confined from all adjoining premises and roadways, except when being ridden. to: 2. A minimum of two (2) acres shall provided for one (1) animal housed in a barn or stable, and one (1) additional animal may be kept for each additional two (2) acres of land area. Stables and buildings housing animals shall not be closer to any adjoining lot line than one hundred (100) feet. In the event residential housing is located on adjoining lots, then the animals shall be fenced as to insure that such animals shall not be closer than one hundred (100) feet from an adjoining residence. All livestock shall be fenced and confined from all adjoining lots of roadways, except when accompanied by owners or riders. This amendment has been initiated to correct the inconsistency of allowing more farm animals in a residential zone district than in an agriculture zone district.

CASE ZC-11-79 Text Amendment Amend Article 6, Section 6.16.2 Uses Permitted by Right in the M-1, Limited Industrial Zone, Page VI-38 in the following manner:

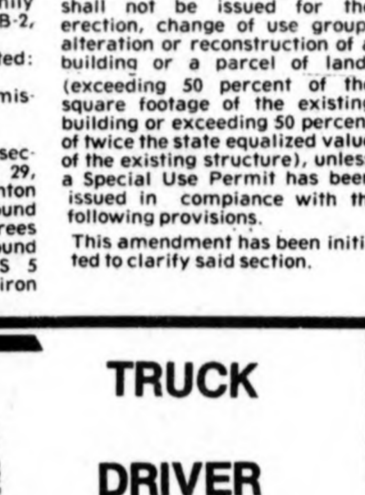
Add: (Y) Grain and Seed Elevators and related retail sales. This amendment is initiated in conjunction with Case ZC-9-79 which precludes the construction of grain and seed elevators in the B-2 General Business District. It is felt by the commission that said use is more compatible in the M-1, Limited industrial zone district.

The applications for amendment and Special Use Permit and the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for public inspection in the office of the Zoning Administrator, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan during the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call Jack A. Nelson, 1-517-224-6761 Ext. 221 for further information. Jack A. Nelson, Administrator 13-1 15-1

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### There's money in cake decorating

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This is the third in a series on Clinton County women who have found ways to make money at home by starting their own business.

St. Johns

With four and a half years behind her, Sharon Ruby can now say her business is successful. She's making a good income and can still see Sharon's Cakes and Supplies growing. Besides that, she's enjoying herself.

When she started, Mrs. Ruby intended only to have a small home business hoping to earn just enough to be able to stay home instead of having an outside job. "I thought if I would just build up a few customers, do a few wed-

dings," she remembers. Right away she saw that she was going to have more business than she could handle in her home kitchen. "Besides you couldn't find the counter," she said. She knew if she was going to do it she had better do it right.

That was before she learned about things like sales tax, state inspections, zoning requirements and signs. She hadn't thought about business phones, yellow pages, advertising or bridal shows.

But all of those things and doing it right, has made her business successful. Mrs. Ruby sized up her opportunity, planned ahead and began what has become a money maker.

Like all of the women I have talked to in this series, Mrs. Ruby wanted a chance to stay home but also wanted to help contribute to the

family income. She had always worked, a variety of jobs serving the public. Her last child was 13 and she wanted to be home for a change.

Taking a professional attitude, Mrs. Ruby decided to spend the money and attend an extensive two-week training school in Chicago sponsored by the Wilton company, a cake decorating supply company. There after long 11 hour days, she gained the practice and the know how she needed to be able to offer her customers the best in cake decorating ideas and skills.

She also realized that she should handle supplies as a sideline for people who wanted to make and decorate their own cakes. "That's how I started myself" she said, "making cakes for my own children and family."

Weddings are her biggest business and she actively campaigns for orders. Bridal Shows in the Lansing area brought her her first customers and still provide the biggest part of her business. She does bridal shows there several times a year and was instrumental in starting one here.

She does all her deliveries herself and has an air-conditioned van which is especially important for out-of-town orders. Summer months are the busiest wedding months and she has had as many as eight weddings on a weekend. When orders pile up like that Mrs. Ruby works day and night to fill them. But it's worth it, she says.

"It's so much better to have your own business, she says. "And even though the first two and a half years meant putting all the profits right back into the business, it was worth it," she says. "I make a good living from it now."

Her husband helps her with the book work but she has an organized system that keeps everything in order. "It probably takes me twice as long as it should," she said. "But records are not impossible to keep."

She also keeps records of where her orders come from so that she can make decisions on advertising, both where and what times of year.

Her inventory is large. Her basement room is neatly packed with bridal tops, novelty tops for all occasions, pans, paste colors, dividers, decorating equipment of all kinds. She also rents punch and cake stands and other wedding supplies.

Recently the Rubys added an outside entrance to their basement so customers can share her talent, teaching adult education classes at both St. Johns and DeWitt High Schools. She has many times been a Community Resource Volunteer and taken her career into a classroom to demonstrate and talk with students. Her popularity soars as children get to eat the cake she has just decorated for them.

Cake business is fun and learning never stops. Mrs. Ruby is always looking for new ideas and trying special effects. Her character cakes for birthdays and other parties are non-stop and customers can order anything from Superwoman to a school bus, an astronaut to an Easter bunny. Sometimes her job can be tedious, like an order



mers no longer have to walk through the house to get to her downstairs shop. Because of the nature of her home business, it must be kept separate from the family area of the house. A complete king-sized kitchen has been established in the basement with special racks, sinks, counters and equipment. All the cakes, made from her own recipes are baked in two large home-style ovens.

Mrs. Ruby takes time of 500 cupcakes in orange and black for a roller-rink's open house. Or a wedding cakes shaped like a bell

that had to have a special stand designed so it could swing gently back and forth.

Fun comes in annual orders like the 12-foot high anniversary-birthday cake she does for the Lansing Mall. The cake itself is fake; her husband builds it from styrofoam and she frosts it with royal icing, but the order also includes sheet cakes to feed 2,000.

"You have to like what you do or you won't make a go of it," Mrs. Ruby advises. The success of Sharon's Cakes and Supplies is proof that she herself has found what she likes.



**Busy woman**

Sharon Ruby runs a successful and profitable home business in cake decorating. Her professional ideas and attitude have given her a growing business that keeps her working eight hours a day. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

## Rail crossings need work, federal funds necessary

St. Johns

The city of St. Johns is hoping to improve the railroad crossings at Clinton Avenue, Lansing, Mead and Ottawa streets, but it is also hoping to get federal funding for the project.

About four years ago, the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation said St. Johns should improve the crossing. There has been communication between the city, the railroad and the state for the past five years, and new orders from the state department came recently.

St. Johns city commissioners voted Monday night, April 9, to cooperate, but they think the state should ensure the project gets federal dollars.

Each crossing improvement is going to cost \$100,000, as an average. If there are no federal dollars received, the cost will be shared 50-50 by the railroad and the city. If federal money can be obtained, the city will pay 10 percent and the federal

government will pay 90 percent. The city already has budgeted \$30,000 for the project.

Also a Monday night's meeting:

--Taxi cab rates were increased from 70 cents to \$1 on the first one-seventh of a mile and 15 cents for each two-sevenths of a mile after. Special senior citizen rates will be given.

--The commission authorized the city engineer to draw up plans for curbs, gutters, pavement and sidewalk improvements on W. Gibbs Street. There will be a public hearing on the project.

--The S. Oakland Street sanitary sewer project was tabled until property owners in that area can reach a consensus if they want the project or not.

--Swim fees at Memorial Pool will be increased from 25 cents to 35 cents for children. Also, the two-week, 10-lesson swim fees will be raised from \$9 to \$10.

--Some changes in the summer softball program will go into effect. The team fee was raised from \$35

to \$50 and the commission voted to keep the non-city resident fee of \$5. The program will also go to a three ball, two strike play, from a former four ball, three strike practice.

Also, there will be \$10 team fee to be used to buy first place individual trophies.

--F.C. Mason and MACO have requested industrial

redevelopment districting to receive a special tax abatement and the Village Square has requested commercial redevelopment districting.

--City Clerk Richard Coletta will travel to Owosso to inspect that city's glass and paper recycling facilities and will report back to the commission.

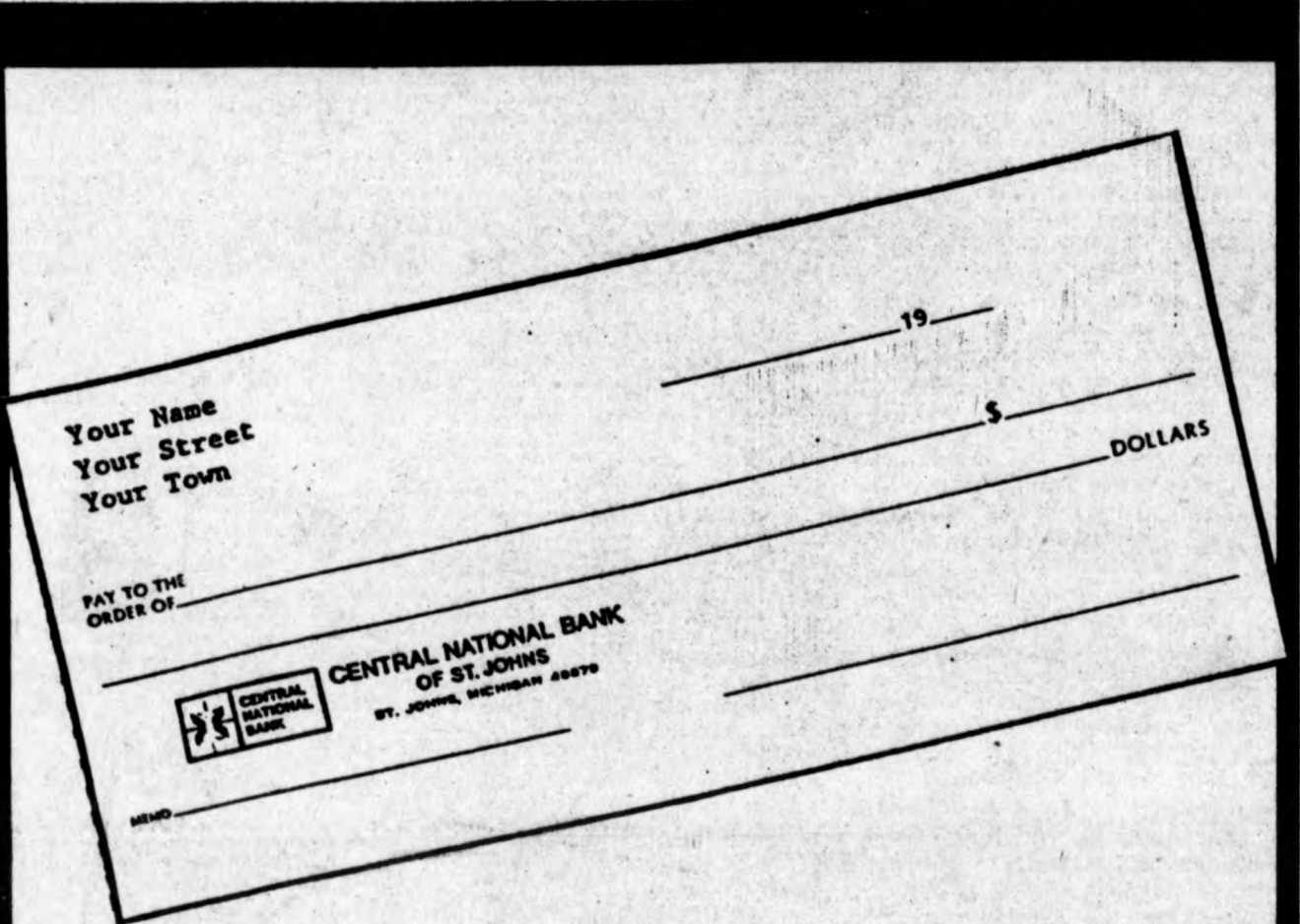
## Senator Allen to study bottle ban

State Senator Dick Allen will be devoting a share of his time in upcoming weeks to looking into the impact of Michigan's new ban on throwaway beverage containers.

The Ithaca Republican was recently appointed to a special committee created by the Senate and House

leadership to investigate the effect of the bottle deposit law.

Senator Allen reported that the committee will specifically by studying the law's impact on employment, as well as its effect on the price of beverages and the cost imposed on store owners.



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