



1980 headlines paint picture of the year

By JEAN MARTIN

In looking over the headlines during the past year several stories seemed to dominate the news in Clinton County week after week. The question of the fate of the Clinton County Jail is one such story.

In March it was noted that as far back as 1971 the jail had been cited for defects in both its physical plant and operational procedures. At that time Sheriff Tony Hufnagel pointed to the physical defects as being by far the more serious problems.

According to Hufnagel, there was a definite need for indoor and outdoor exercise facilities. The staff, he said, was especially sensitive to this type of complaint from inmates.

The statement that came from the Department of Corrections March 19 said that corrections would have to be made

or the jail would be closed.

When the voters were asked to finance a new jail at a cost of \$3.2 million in May, the proposal was turned down. After this happened, the board of commissioners fully expected that the jail would be converted to a 72-hour lock-up; and it was assumed that soon the county would have to begin paying transportation and boarding costs for local prisoners who would be sent out of the county.

In July the Department of Corrections postponed a final decision on the jail's fate until their September meeting.

In August the county commission announced that they were putting out for bid a renovation project which included the building of a security fence, an electric fence and a fire escape for the present jail.

A request by the prosecutor's office for more time to prepare a case led to the further postponement of a final deci-

sion on the jail's fate until Oct. 8.

By Oct. 1 the county commissioners had put forth an all-out effort to keep the jail and had approved almost \$28,000 in adjustments and improvements and an additional modification package of \$26,000. Modifications were to include a multi-purpose room made from part of the kitchen, a longer catwalk. In addition the six-man cells were to be reduced to five-man units.

Finally the commissioners and local law enforcement officials breathed a temporary sigh of relief after being granted permission to continue operating the jail. They were given just four months, however, to meet state codes; and the reprieve was given only for a two year period.

Thus it became a virtual certainty that the problems of the Clinton Co. Jail will reappear in the headlines in year to come.

Transportation was in the news quite consistently during 1980.

As early as March 1974 public hearings were being held to discuss a number of alternative alignments for the I-69 freeway that was being contemplated for southern Clinton Co. In February of this year the question of muck and birds vs. people and businesses was still being debated in public hearings in Bath Twp.

The choice of the Price Rd. alternative for the US-27 project was also made final in February. Parks Rd. was favored by St. Johns businesses, the city commission, and the county board of commissioners but was rejected because the interchange would have had a negative impact on a major county drain.

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Tree pick up starts Monday

The City of St. Johns will pick up Christmas trees starting Monday, Jan. 5 if residents will place them at the curb.

City Assessor Diane Edwards said all trees should be placed at the curb on Monday and city workers would pick them up sometime during the week.

Genealogists meet Jan. 5

The Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society will meet, Monday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. for a program on the importance of recording oral history in Clinton County. All winter meetings of the group will be on the first Monday of the month in the Central National Bank building across from the library in St. Johns.

The oral history program will be presented with Libbie Spolema who will play some select tapes that are of particular interest to genealogists.

The Feb. 2 meeting is to be "Scrap Book Night" and all members and interested participants are to bring clippings and scrap books.

Rink hours announced

Skating is in full force at the St. Johns City rink with special weekend hours being held through the end of this week. When children go back to school, Monday, Jan. 5 the rink will be open each evening, Monday through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. The warming house will be open and an ice ranger on duty during skating hours.

Special Ed meeting set

The Clinton County Citizens for Special Education will have their annual meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Intermediate School District building on US-27, south of St. Johns. Marianne Higgins, compliance officer for the Intermediate, will talk on the new special education rules and regulations. New officers will be elected and annual reports given.



Chilly blanket

A blanket of heavy, white snow covered the 1873 Second Empire style home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Giesecke, 205 W. State Street, Monday depicting this tranquil scene of winter. The home was built by John C. Hicks and considered one of the proudest landmarks of the city. Hicks was

nationally known in political and business circles of his day. The Giesecke family's hospitality made this home the star of the Clinton County Historical Society's home tour for many years. (Photo by Jean Martin)

St. Johns shows growth

BY SHARON RANDALL

The biggest events in the 1980 news of the city of St. Johns were most certainly the construction and opening of the \$8,300,000 wastewater treatment plant and the on-going saga of a search for an additional water well.

Bill Gramlich, superintendent of the new wastewater treatment plant, said in November that most of the new plant was in operation. City commissioners postponed an open house at the plant until warmer spring weather arrives. Construction of the plant was possible with a \$6,039,150 federal Environmental protection agency grant and a \$420,610 state grant through the Department of Natural Resources. The city's share was \$1,840,240.

In January of 1980 city commissioners threw in the towel on well No. 9, which had been dug during 1979 by Layne-Northern, Inc. on city property near the high school football

field. With \$29,271 already invested, commissioners were told that the well was supplying water at a very low rate and had too much iron in it. The decision was to abandon work on it and cap it. The search for water continued through 1980 with December bringing the city to the first stages of a new test well project, this on the south side of the city. At the December city commission meeting, it was revealed that the tests were positive enough to go on to the next stage, trying to determine the volume of water available.

The city project with the most promise for the future is the purchase of an industrial park site which took place in November. A pet project of Commissioner Dick Starck, the 20.65 acres park is located on the north side of the city adjacent to the Department of Public Works and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The site will accommodate approximately 8-12 small industries. Starck served as chairman of the non-

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County managed to stay on feet

BY SUE KILEY WHITE

The year 1980 proved to be one of the more difficult times for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. The past 12 months provided plenty of excitement, a lot of frustration, and innumerable financial difficulties, but somehow the board managed to keep Clinton County on its feet.

The year began with Roger Overway being re-elected for the third time as chairman of the board. Overway said the major focus for 1980 would be in the areas of human services and transportation.

There seemed to be a weak possibility of getting bus service in January through the Capitol Area Transportation Authority for southern Clinton County. Government officials in the county say they want the service and a CATA spokesman said there was a "grass roots chance."

ITIF local assessors go along with the tax multipliers approved by the state. Clinton County officials feel they shouldn't be getting a factor this year. The increases however, in the amount of the multipliers is drastic.

Two Clinton County Commissioners will be heading to Washington March 2 for the 1980 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. Approval for the trip was given by the board and those representing the county are Roger Overway and Richard Hawks.

Marriage licenses took a huge jump in price going from \$5 to \$20 on Feb. 14. The extra \$15 is to be set aside for a family counseling service used in Circuit Court.

Jack Nelson, director of Developmental Control in Clinton County informed commissioners that Victor Township had more starts of single family dwellings than anywhere else in the county this year.

Money, money, and more money, that seems to be the major problems and needs of those people addressing members of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. Those asking for financial support included the Community Mental Health Agency, the county road commission and the Clinton County Fair Board.

Fowler officials push for progress

Fowler Village President Carl Koenigsnecht calls 1980 a year of steady progress and looks for more as the village moves into 1981.

Approximately six blocks of water and sewer extensions were completed on Victor and Sorrell Streets and sewer extensions were made on West Second Street, making more building sites available in the village. Other village work included the rebuilding of 24 blocks, or one third of the streets in Fowler. This was done by pulverizing, reshaping, grading and resurfacing with a double seal coat. More of this is to be done next year.

Main Street was also resurfaced by the County Road Commission this year and three obsolete one-lane bridges on South Maple Street were replaced with

new steel culverts and guard rails. Two more bridges, on West Third and West Clinton Streets will be replaced in 1981.

Finishing touches were put on the water project with completion of the lighting on the Main Street customer parking area under the new water tower. A commuter car parking area on West First Street was also completed.

The president reported that six new homes were built in Fowler in 1980. "I am optimistic that we will continue to make good progress in 1981," he said. "We have a progressive, energetic, yet very responsible group of council members, and an outstanding group of village employees."

Koenigsnecht had high praise for Clerk Winnie McKean and DPW. Please turn to page 11.

Schools made news in 1980

BY SHARON RANDALL

Clinton County schools fought for millage increases and searched budgets and programs for ways to make cuts as state aid and enrollments dwindled during 1980.

Voters were reluctant in nearly all school districts and simply said no during June elections to any packages that included increases. St. Johns, Fowler, and Bath voters returned to the polls in August, asking for renewal and extra millage. Pewamo-Westphalia voters had passed their renewal package but were called back again to vote for extra mills and for release from the Headlee Amendment roll back. Only Fowler schools were successful in gaining their renewal package plus two extra mills in August and then only by a scant 13 votes.

Pewamo-Westphalia's board felt the August refusal was a "mandate of the people" and determined to make do for the year. St. Johns and Bath, without any operating millage returned to voters again in September. St. Johns' Board of Education asked voters for 17.5 mills which represented the renewal only and determined to cut \$454,000 from the proposed operating

budget. This time the package was approved.

Bath's Board elected to come back with a total package again, asking for both an increase and the required renewal, a move that caused them to seek their final vote in November.

Joining Bath voters at the November polls were those from the Ovid-Elsie district who had passed a renewal operating package in June. Ovid-Elsie had been hit with a financial crisis created after an audit revealed a \$300,000 deficit, and were asking voters for three extra mills to balance the budget for the school year. Already some \$209,845 had been cut in personnel and programs.

Bath voters finally came around and passed all of the three proposals giving the school a package total of 23.68 mills. Ovid-Elsie voters turned down the millage causing the lay-off of 12 teachers and the school nurse. Also cut were winter and spring inter-scholastic sports except self-supporting varsity and junior varsity boys basketball.

School enrollment figures were bleak for all county districts causing loss in revenue from school budgets. State aid formulas were not available until the

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The book has arrived

The long awaited 1980 History of Clinton County has arrived and was distributed this week at the Ford-Mercury Dealership on US-27. Chairman of the book committee, Hila Bross, right, and Publicity Chairperson Betty Moore, look over one of the 533 copies ordered. The book contains 1,400 pages of Clinton County History, through 1980, including families, governments, schools and churches. The nine-member committee started meeting in January of 1979 and had the book ready for the press late this fall. Books can still be purchased for \$40.50 from the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce office or at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. (Photo by Jean Moore)

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Lansing woman killed in DeWitt Twp.

A Lansing woman was fatally injured in DeWitt Twp. Dec. 26 at 11:10 p.m. According to witnesses Marilyn Lee Summers, 27, of 1758 Edgewood Blvd. in Lansing pulled out onto US-27 just south of Hickory St. into the path of a vehicle driven by James Hennessey, also of

Lansing. The victim had been seen leaving the Stardust Lounge shortly before the accident. Hennessey was said to have been driving at a safe rate of speed on the snow-covered road, and no citations were issued. The Clinton Co. Sheriff's Department reports that

Ovid Policeman John Henry Carman, 29, of 125 E. Oak in Ovid received minor injuries Dec. 28. The officer was reportedly driving northbound on Main St. just south of M-21 while trying to catch up with a suspect allegedly involved in a breaking and entering at Research Rool

and Die Co. When he tried to stop at the intersection, the police car began to slide off the road. Finally he slid off the road on the east side and hit a tree.

David Kline, 19, of 815 Clinton in Grand Ledge was traveling southbound on M-100 near State Rd. in Eagle Twp. Dec. 25 about 5:10 p.m. when he fell asleep, ran into the ditch and hit a tree. The vehicle traveled about 150 feet after leaving the roadway before striking a tree. Kline sought his own treatment for the injuries he sustained.

SHERIFF DEPT ADVICE

Protect your health

Editor's note: The following article is the third in a five part series prepared by the County Emergency coordinator, Capt. Robert J. Ferry. All are based on information provided by the Federal Emergency management agency.

Unless it is absolutely necessary, Clinton Co. residents should not go outdoors during winter storms. Those who must go out should avoid over-exertion. Cold weather itself puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile, or even walking too fast or too far can increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, or other physical damage.

Those who must go outdoors should wear loose-fitting, light-weight warm clothing in several layers rather than a single layer of thick clothing. Entrapped insulating air warmed by body heat offers the best protection against the cold. Then layers of clothing can be removed as needed to prevent perspiration and subsequent chilling. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

A wool hat is recommended because the body loses between one-half and three-quarters of its heat through the head. Mittens are better than gloves because they allow the fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep the hands much warmer.

Clothing should be kept dry because wet clothing loses all insulating value. Wet socks and all other wet clothing should be changed as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat.

Those who must go outside should watch for frostbite and other symptoms of cold weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in the extremities such as fingers, toes, the tip of the nose, or ear lobes. If such symptoms are detected, medical attention should be sought immediately. Rubbing with snow or ice does not help the condition and, in fact, will make it worse.

When the body begins to lose heat faster than it can produce it, a condition called "hypothermia" begins to develop. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech and incoherence, stumbling, drowsiness, and exhaustion.

Should a person show any signs of overexposure, the following measures should be taken - even if the victim claims to be in no difficulty:

The victim should be put into dry clothing and a warm bed or sleeping bag. A hot water bottle which is only warm to the touch, warm towels, a heating pad, or some other heat source should be used.

Heat should be concentrated on the trunk of the body first. This includes the shoulders, chest and stomach. The head should be kept low and the feet up in order to get warm blood circulating to the head. Warm drinks may be given, and the victim should be kept quiet. Body parts should not be massaged or rubbed; and alcohol, sedatives, tranquilizers or pain relievers should not be given because they only slow down the body processes even more.

If any symptoms are extreme, professional medical assistance should be sought immediately.

Next week: Travel only if necessary

Firemen called

The St. Johns Fire Department was called to a car fire at the old Shell Station on M-21 near downtown St. Johns Dec. 23 at 1:47 p.m.

called to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Bruce Durbin at 310 S. Lansing. The call was received at 9:33 p.m., and the firemen returned to the station about 20 minutes later.

On Dec. 28 firemen were

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Winter work

St. Johns Public Works employees worked overtime Monday and again Tuesday morning to remove the heavy, wet snow that covered the city, hauling it to a site on the east side of the football field near the city park. Superintendent Wendell Waggoner said he didn't use any overtime at all for snow removal last year but this week's snow was so heavy it had to come off as soon as possible. Wet, heavy snow causes trouble with removal equipment if it builds up higher than four inches, he said. (Photo by Jean Martin)

Cropsey announces closing

State representative Alan L. Cropsey (R-DeWitt) announced today that his Lansing office will be closed three days within the next three weeks due to budget-cutting measures being implemented by Speaker of the House Bobby Crim (D-Davison).

be given 19 days off without pay between now and Sept. 30, the last day of the fiscal year," Rep. Cropsey said. "During the days designated by the Speaker, the House will 'shut down'."

"The first of these payless days off will be Friday, Dec. 26, Friday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 9," Cropsey added.

"All House employees will

"I know that this will inconvenience some people who will want to get in touch with me, but I ask that all of you please try to understand the situation."

The 19 days off represent a 10 percent pay cut for House employees. Democratic leaders don't know how much the plan will save the state.

Central National makes promotion

Central National Bank of St. Johns has made a new appointment in the audit department and honored directors and officers with plaques for long service.

Harold Wellman, president, said Barbara J. Charles has been named bank auditor. She has held various positions since joining Central National in January, 1976, most recently working in the bank's credit department.

In addition to the appointment of Mrs. Charles, officers and directors were

recognized for length of service. Directors Paul Nobis, Leon Schumaker and Clifford Lumbert were cited for 16 years service; Edward Idzkowski, Gordon McCormick, Richard Mynsberg, Harold Wellman, 12 years; James Grost, 10 years and John Stevenson, seven years.

Officers honored were Robert Thompson and Robert Purtil, 17 years; Mary Karber, 15 years; Neil Rossow, 13 years; Robert Barker, 12 years and Bonnie Wellman, 11 years.



Barbara Charles

LOOKING BACK THROUGH 1980

2 big projects involve seniors

A nursing care complex and a drop-in center, two big projects that involved senior citizens, were in the news during 1980.

The Clinton Area Care Center, a \$2.5 million nursing care facility to be built on Scott Road, St. Johns made headlines from January when a fund drive surpassed \$780,000, to December when bids were finally opened.

The drive involved citizens

of every age from all over the county as people pledged their monetary support for the project. Co-chairing the drive with Charles Coletta was Tony Kuntz who died unexpectedly of heart failure in February, shortly after the total pledge of \$905,661 was recorded. A favorite citizen of St. Johns, Kuntz was active in church, school and the business community.

Bids for the much needed center were opened earlier this month and are expected to be awarded the first week in January. Chairman of the board of directors for the Care Center is Jeanne Rand who is credited with helping spearhead the project after it was conceived by senior citizen Carmen Tranchell. The care center is to provide 108 beds for skilled nursing, basic needs and foster care

nursing.

June was a highlight for the opening of the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center, downtown St. Johns. This project took place over most of 1980 and is, in fact, still in process. The new center is owned by the seniors themselves who have a loan from one of their members, Ed Schmitt. Completely renovated with volunteer labor, the new center replaces a rented building across the street where the Drop-in Center first started several years ago. It provides a place for relaxation, exercises, classes and games as well as nutrition luncheons where seniors can eat a wholesome meal for a minimum cost. Maurice Hoffman took over as director from Fred Rewerts during the summer. His salary is paid through a state grant.

Elsie continues growth pattern

The village of Elsie continued to grow during 1980. In January, the Elsie Fire Department and Ambulance Service moved into a new fire hall on West Maple Street.

A new business, the Village Pizzeria opened on Main Street.

The village purchased a new police car in March.

April brought a new mayor, Durward Conklin, and incumbent Harry Winans was re-elected trustee. New members to the village council are Don Cook and Blaine Lentz. Assessor Lawrence Hess, Clerk Dorothy Ornelas and Treasurer Orpha Clement were re-elected to two year terms.

In April the village started office hours from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. each day for the clerk in an office in back of the new fire hall.

Sewers were ready for connecting in April and residents had until September to connect.

Shuffle board courts were constructed at the Village Park.

Elsie Festival Days in July brought the largest parade to town that people remember, according to Mayor Durward Conklin.

August and September were months that saw street resurfacing and the paving of several parking lots.

The Condor Cable TV company started a study of Elsie and Ovid in November but plans have not been finalized.

Village maps are available at the village office.



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We take a gift of words, wrap it with good cheer, adorn it with a friendly smile, and send it on its way to you and yours. What is it? It's our package of holiday wishes, warmly felt, heartily said. May your Yuletide season be merry and bright ... filled with lasting contentment.

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Area progress

The Suntree housing unit being built on the south side of St. Johns is to contain 120 living units and should open sometime during the summer of 1981. The \$5,077,987 government subsidized hous-

ing project will include 50 units for senior citizens and 70 family units. Rent will be determined by income. This project was among the big news stories for the city of St. Johns during the year 1980.

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profit Industrial Development Corporation set up by the city to institute the project.

"The whole idea of the industrial park is that it is going to act as a stimulus and provide jobs and bring more money into the area," Mayor John Arehart said.

During the year, city commissioners approved growth of St. Johns in the form of Juanita O'Leary's proposed Wheel Inn Mall and the Suntree 120-unit housing complex, both on the south side of the city. While the 44-stores mall has been stalled on the economic tracks, the commission approved a request by developer, Tedd White, in July, to open parts of the mall before completion of the entire project. This action resulted in the building of Fishers Big Wheel, a discount department store, which successfully opened in late November.

The rest of the mall remains in limbo because of the difficulty of obtaining building bonds.

While final approval finally came in September and construction is now underway, the Suntree development project was the cause for some long city council meetings. The city hit a snag with the project when its developers, the Oxford Building Corporation, got in a bind with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) which provides funding for the project. MSHDA reneged on a tax abatement deal for six percent, saying that the project could not be built unless the city and Oxford agreed on a four percent abatement. The tax abatement is, in actuality, a service fee paid to the city in lieu of property taxes.

In September the city agreed to the four percent abatement for a compromise package totaling \$126,000 which includes help from the Oxford Corp. in finding water in the area and \$51,000 to be distributed to other taxing entities involved.

mainly St. Johns Public Schools and the county.

Also among the big headlines of the year concerning the city of St. Johns was the settlement of the Auto Owners lawsuit that resulted in a small refund to city taxpayers. This action in May brought to a close, 17 years of litigation springing from an automobile accident in March, 1961 which left Bruce Grubaugh permanently blind.

Grubaugh and his wife had been awarded \$345,000 in April of 1976 in a jury verdict against the city. A second lawsuit was instituted by the city against its insurance company, Auto Owners, claiming bad faith in failing to settle the original Grubaugh case.

As part of the settlement agreement, Auto Owners paid the Grubaughs approximately \$250,000 which remained due to them as part of the first case.

After the balance of the judgement was paid from the quarter of a million dollar settlement to the Grubaughs, \$66,500 remained and went back to taxpayers this summer, giving the average homeowner about \$25. The settlement also eliminated any additional tax levy for the case.

Also big in St. Johns headlines was the hiring of a part-time director. Chamber of Commerce members made the decision in May and took action in August with the hiring of Jody Smith who now operates a chamber office in donated space at the Clinton County News.

She is responsible for all Chamber activities and the budget operation and keeping the Board of Directors and the general membership informed. Included in her job description are public relations, solicitation of new members and publishing a community informational booklet with the aid of committee workers.

Township government serves quietly

"Township government doesn't make big headlines or exciting news, but it quietly goes on serving its residents, hopefully in a courteous and professional manner," said Carol Bashore, Ovid Township supervisor as she looked back over 1980.

A new \$46,900 truck, purchased with the village of Ovid and Middlebury and Fairfield Townships, was among the major accomplishments of the township this year. The purchase is part of an overall plan to have all township equipment not more than 20 years old.

Mrs. Bashore said Ovid

Township is "very proud" of the Ovid Area Ambulance which is also working to update equipment. All emergency services are available to residents because of volunteers.

Election played a big part in the 1980 year with Clerk Porter Martin keeping busy with new registrations. Katherine Kelly, treasurer, collects taxes at the Ovid Municipal building, giving residents a convenient place to pay them.

All of the township board was re-elected to new four year terms except for Trustee Robert Hebele, Sr. who chose to retire after 30 years service to the township. Charles Olson, Jr. was elected to fill the vacancy. Ronald Miller, the other trustee, is now the senior member on the board with 23 years.

Several road construction projects were completed this year and the continuance of revenue sharing will assure more in 1981, Mrs. Bashore said. Since 1973, all of the revenue sharing in Ovid Township has been spent on roads for a total of \$109,000.

CLINIC SHOWS HOW

Parenting can be easier

A local program aimed primarily at the parents of pre-school children has been set up under the guidance of the Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. On Jan. 6 the St. Johns Family Center will hold the first of seven weekly Tuesday morning sessions at the First Congregational Church from 9-11:30.

"Our basic theme is 'parenting can be easier,'" explained the Rev. David Lord, a spokesman for the organizers. "We're not trying to tell people how to do things, but we want to give them enough contacts so that they can do it themselves."

The St. Johns Family Center will bring together nine community agencies. Cooperating in the venture

will be the Expectant Parents Organization, Clinton Memorial Hospital, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, the Department of Social Services, the Clinton County Substance Abuse Center, the Clinton County Extension Office, the St. Johns Schools, Head Start, and the St. Johns Ministerial Association.

The sessions will be staffed by volunteers.

"We are really pleased with the response to our first unit held last fall," Lord continued. "Many of the people who participated wanted to volunteer to help with this session."

Child care will be provided for each session.

Lord says that the only way to learn to parent effectively is to talk with someone who is already doing it. The key to good sessions, he believes, is to provide parents with ample opportunity for sharing ideas. "Parents need a chance to be apart from their kids for a while and have an intelligent conversation with other adults," he smiled.

The St. Johns Family Center will meet in the first Congregational Church at the corner of State St. and Maple Ave. from 9-11:30 on seven consecutive Tuesday mornings beginning Jan. 6.

The topics Jan. 6 will be Make It and Take It. In this session, which includes art, reading, and music, parents will learn some things they can do to have fun with their children.

"We had a real good time with this topic last time," said Lord.

On Jan. 13 Terry Cornwell will discuss how to approach discipline with humor.

In the following weeks the services of the Intermediate School District, children's health, nutrition, and first aid in the home will also be discussed.

The Feb. 3 session will be entitled "Regaining your Personhood." In it Lord says that parents will be given tips on how to start relating to themselves as individuals again. This is essential before any meaningful communication between parents and children can take place, Lord emphasized.

"We are asking participants for \$1 a session," said Lord. "It will help us pay for paper and maybe a little coffee."

"We feel that we have pulled together a fairly well-rounded program," Lord concluded. "We think we will be able to touch on some high anxiety areas and give parents an idea of what services are available in Clinton County."

Bath, DeWitt had troubled times

BY SUE KILEY WHITE

Troubled times, political leaders' ousters, highway rerouting disputes and financial difficulties were just some of the news that filled the pages of history for the year 1980 in the City of DeWitt and DeWitt and Bath Townships.

The first move in 1980 for DeWitt Township was to seek a Community Block Grant in hopes of securing federal funds to build a public service building. The township has submitted a pre-application.

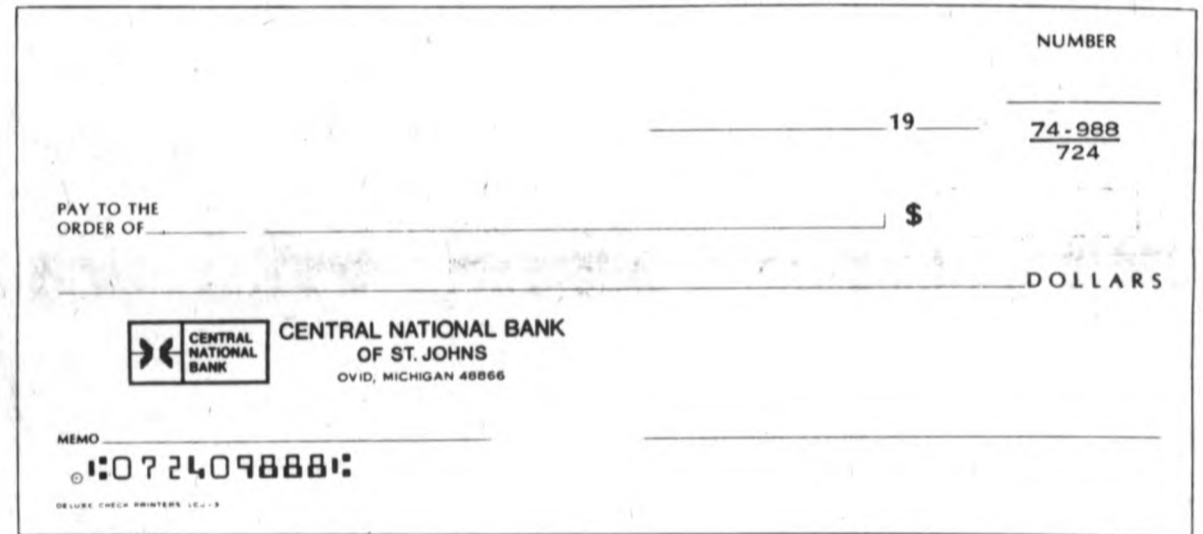
Time may be running out on the DeWitt City Council with regards to sewer bonds for Southern Clinton County's Sanitary Sewer treatment plant. Either they had to issue the bonds or piece together an ordinance...neither was done at the January meeting.

A 50-50 chance match grant totaling \$412,000 was approved for Riverside Park on Bridge Street in DeWitt it was announced late in January.

Bath Township continued its fight to get a Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) bus route through the township, hoping to hear from the organization in February. DeWitt City was awarded a grant to replace the Shavey

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Editorial Page

VIEWPOINT

Our size changes next week



BY
DAVID
RAY

The Clinton County News will have a new size, starting with the edition of January 7.

Instead of the familiar 8-column by 21-and-one-half-inch-long format, The CCN will be 6 columns wide and 16 inches long, a size that will be used by all 11 newspapers (including The DeWitt-Bath Review which serves southern Clinton County) and shoppers published by Lansing Suburban Newspaper Network, Inc.

We're making the change to provide a more convenient size of newspaper for our readers.

Tabloid-sized newspapers sometimes suffer from the reputation of sleazy check-out counter scandal sheets, and some people don't consider tabloid-sized papers to be "real" newspapers, apparently because the smaller product is different from traditional daily newspapers.

We don't intend to change what we've been producing for

years—namely, a quality community newspaper. The CCN will continue to publish news from city council, township board, school board and county commission meetings, as well as community features, local high school sports and recreation news, social and life-style items, and information on local school, church, civic and service organizations and events.

Another reason for the new size is to provide a common format for all of our publications to help our advertisers and our production department. Since the acquisition of The News in June by Suburban Communications Corporation, our parent company, we occasionally have had to squeeze a 2-column ad from one newspaper into a smaller—sometimes a fraction of an inch—2-column space in another newspaper.

With a common set of specifications for all of our publications, we won't have that problem in the future. And, by taking advantage of a central production facility for all of our publications, we will be able to allocate more of our resources to doing the job we want to do—producing the best possible community newspaper.

We plan to make several other changes in our newspapers and shoppers in the coming year, changes we feel will improve our products as local community newspapers yet, at the same time, offer our readers and advertisers the advantages that come from publishing newspapers and shoppers in virtually every area of the four-county Lansing suburban market.

We hope you like the new size of the CCN. If you have any questions or comments on the new 16-inch format, or on anything to do with the CCN, write or call Sharon Randall, managing editor, at 120 E. Walker, St. Johns (telephone 224-2361).

LOOKING BACK THROUGH 1980

We offered praise, food for thought



BY
SHARON
RANDALL

The editorial pages of the Clinton County News offered a place for viewpoints and opinions from the editorial staff, special columnists and letters to the editor, during 1980.

The Clinton County News staff used these pages to offer praise, warning and food for thought both in editorials and special columns.

We praised the teamwork involved in the fund raiser for the Clinton Area Care Center when the campaign went over its goal and turned in \$780,356 for a new nursing care facility in the county. This monumental success story was possible only with the cooperation and efforts of people from all over the county community.

We gave praise to the senior citizens of the St. Johns area for the effort they put into opening their own building, downtown St. Johns. Special attention was drawn to Ed Schmitt for his role in the project that enabled the senior group to attain an empty building for their center and renovate it with volunteer help and many donated materials.

We praised Prosecuting Attorney Jon Newman and his staff and the County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff Department for efforts in keeping the Clinton County Jail from being closed or turned into a 72-hour lock-up. The jail was given a reprieve this fall by the State Corrections Commission after efforts by Newman's staff convinced them acceptable modifications and variances could be made.

We gave the Clinton County Republican Party a "10" for the effort put into the county community event that hosted vice-presidential candidate George Bush when he appeared in St. Johns. We felt they did a tremendous job of putting together a rally that was representative of our rural county, depicting what we really are all about here.

Three cheers were offered to 4-H leaders in October when they were honored at a special dinner hosted by the 4-H Council and Clinton Bank and Trust. The CCN added its praise to these dedicated people who give hundreds of hours each year to young people and their activities.

Hats went off to the staff at the Paine-Gillam-Scott 1860 House Museum, a special project of the Clinton County Historical Society. They deserved praise for their special Victorian Christmas displays and their long hours of volunteer work that gives Clinton County one of the most successful historical museums in the state.

The Chamber of Commerce in St. Johns drew praise when they took a big step forward and hired part-time Chamber Manager Jody Smith. It was the first step in establishing a much needed tool for uniting the business community of this city. We feel a manager is necessary to help local businessmen join together and push for a common identification and a common goal.

We praised Harold Lietzke, president of a new \$9.3 million Agri-fuels plant under construction in neighboring Gratiot County. A DeWitt resident, Lietzke is offering an answer to the area grain farmer's dilemma of low prices and not enough market.

On the other side of the coin we issued warnings and sometimes chastised public officials for lack of foresight or bad planning.

We questioned the wisdom of the St. Johns School District in the purchase of a high-ranger to be used for outside building repair and painting and for changing hard to reach security lights. This \$4,500 purchase was an obvious luxury and poorly timed, coming shortly after the board president called the school's financial picture "dismal." We asked for a priority list for spending and needs.

We bemoaned a poor turnout for a spring dinner meeting of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, pointing out that very few Chamber Members were present. Editor, Patrice Hornak said the chamber members were not supporting their own organization and called for unity, and a stronger membership input.

In a later column she encouraged the Chamber to make the decision to hire a full-time director.

In April we criticized the DeWitt Board of Education for sending three of its members to the National School Board Association convention in San Francisco. While admitting that there is much to learn at such conventions we felt that the board would lose some of its hard earned credibility especially since one of the three was leaving the board in June.

In May, staff writer, Sue Kiley White warned Clinton County voters that the fate of the jail was in their hands as they prepared to vote for building a new facility. Our editorial point was that a 72-hour lock-up which had been threatened by the state, would end up costing more dollars in the long run.

When you're promised cable television by November, you may get frustrated when you don't have cable television by June, we pointed out in a criticism of Omega Communications in starting their long promised project. The company had difficulties in meeting the building code and getting started on the project they had said could be underway in 90 days.

In June we spoke out in favor of school millage, saying while it was not popular, it was needed and asking voters to pass what school officials in county schools were asking.

We used a viewpoint column by Sharon Randall to warn the community of a misleading coupon campaign being run by an out-of-town promoter using the name of the Clinton County Senior Drop-in Center. His campaign led people to believe that they were making a full donation to the center with their purchase of a book of coupons, donated by area merchants, when in reality the center was only receiving \$2 of the \$29.95 price.

This column led to complaints by local citizens and caused the promoter to stop the campaign. Eventually he was called into the Attorney General's office and a settlement resulted in the Senior Drop-in Center being awarded the coupon books to run their own campaign. It is still in progress and will enable them to do some much needed additional work on their building.

In an editorial in October we asked local officials to keep open communication lines and tell the public what really is happening. This was prompted by reports of nepotism in the federal loan arrangements at the Agri-fuel plant being built in Alma and in a test well project in the city of St. Johns. Both incidents would have been minimized if facts about the involvement of relatives had been made known in the first place.

We criticized State Representative Alan Cropsey for actions revealed in his campaign advertising toward the arts. We feel that Cropsey is not representing all of the people in his position that art is not worth monetary support.

We protested the Michigan Department of Labor's proposed state farm youth safety standards saying that they were another example of how government regulations are strangling the private sector.

We drew attention to DeWitt Township's newly elected officials and warned that they should put careful thought into the changes that were being proposed. A column by Sue Kiley White questioned the immediate firing of the township attorney, the resignation of Superintendent Walt Kyes and the proposal to contract police services with the Sheriff Department.

Other columns and editorials told readers about worthwhile community activities or gave them information to ponder. Patrice Hornak looked at child support and the problems it presents with very few solutions. She also spoke out for car pools encouraging folks to try them.

In a column written when women were being considered for the draft she wondered if it would cause a "baby boom" as draft evaders sought pregnancy to avoid the armed services.

Editor Hornak also looked at a proposed merger of intermediate school districts and asked people to attend public hearings that were being held across the state and to write their state senator.

When St. Johns city taxpayers received unexpected refund checks from taxes they had paid to cover the Bruce Grubaugh lawsuit against the city, she asked them to consider sending it to the Senior Drop-in Center as a donation.

In another column she asked the city to consider an annual recognition program saying that each year there are many worthwhile individuals who go unrecognized.

We used the viewpoint column to draw attention to Community Resource Volunteers' art project at Rose Lake Conservation Area, encouraging participation. It also called for a yes vote for August school millage elections at Bath, Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia and St. Johns.

Our opinion was expressed in editorials urging residents to attend public meetings and in giving to the United Way campaign. We also spoke out for the urgent need for the Care Center facility which is to provide nursing care home for our elderly.

THROUGH THE LENS OPENING



Artistry in trees

A prize winning photo in a contest sponsored by the St. Johns Camera Club helped announce this column in our Sept. 4 issue. Today's photo is the first place winner in the club's second contest. Members submitted photos for the theme, Artistry in Trees, and judges named this scene

by Helen Lewis, number one. It was taken in St. Petersburg, Florida as the sun was setting. Mrs. Lewis started her photography career a year ago by taking a community education class at the high school, using an inherited Nikkormat. She is a charter member of the local camera club.

Chamber notes BY JODY SMITH

Chamber grows at steady pace

As 1980 draws to a close, I would like to thank all of you who have given the Chamber of Commerce and myself a vote of confidence. The Chamber is growing at a steady pace and hopefully in 1981 it will continue along this route. In the future I hope to work with each segment of the business community and give the area an added awareness of how dependent each business segment is on its neighbor. The economic outlook presents a challenge but with some fresh ideas and

renewed vigor the "challenge of the 80's" will be met.

St. Johns is a busy and expanding community and its economic base is being broadened. Although the economy has been in a slump, St. Johns has seen growth in diversified areas. The beginning of a mall, new retail businesses; a new concept in housing; finalization of plans for the Care Center and the purchase of an industrial park site -- all of these developments show

that there is confidence in the future of St. Johns. In addition to new businesses and developments which are already underway, some future plans for St. Johns will include the realization of Clinton Partners, a medical building which will offer office suites for doctors with access to existing medical equipment. Medical office availability will help to attract more doctors to this area and provide badly needed medical coverage for residents of this portion of Clinton County.

The aim of the Chamber of Commerce is to promote commerce, industry and civic activities in the general interest of the total community and in order to do this, the Chamber needs your continued support in memberships and input and in 1981 we will all promote our community.

If you have any questions or comments, stop in at 120 E. Walker, in the Clinton County News Building, or call 224-7248.

Have a happy and safe New Year.

SENIOR CITIZEN UP-DATE

Have an aim for the new year

New Year's is a traditional time to make new resolutions. Sometimes they are very well thought out and really meaningful. Sometimes they are the "spur of the moment" type resolutions and aren't usually kept.

New Year's 1981- Where did all of 1980 go? It seems impossible that this whole year has gone. It is true, "the older you get the faster time goes". I'm not sure why, but perhaps it's because it takes us longer to do each task and so each day is never long enough.

1981- What is in store for each of us? I'm glad we don't know what to expect. If it were something especially good it would be hard to wait for it to happen. If it were something not so good, then we would fret and worry all the time. Let's live each day to the very fullest, because we don't know what tomorrow will bring, and it will make us so much happier.

Think ahead, make a list, plan out your New Year's resolutions. Have an "aim" for the year 1981. Set up a goal and see how near you come to fulfilling it. At the end of the year you can then look back with the satisfaction of having accomplished what you set out to do. So make some good New Year's resolutions.

A good idea for one of your resolutions is "try to make one other person happy". Someone outside your own household. Someone who, otherwise wouldn't have someone to be concerned about them. If you don't find someone to befriend, then call the Senior Citizen office, 224-7998. They will find someone for you to make happy. You will, at the end of 1981, have such a satisfied, happy feeling.

May the year 1981 be the happiest and the very best year of all. Really live to your full capacity and God Bless You. So.....until next time

BY
RUTH
DELO



Submit your photos

Area photographers are invited to submit their pictures for our special feature on this page, "Through the lens opening". We solicit works from anyone who is interested in photography and are especially looking for the unusual or arty photo. Those interested are welcome to stop by the newspaper office and show us your work.

Pictures are chosen for publication by the editorial and photo staff of the Clinton County News.

When you submit a photo please include information on how you shot the picture, film type and camera settings and the location of your subject.

Looking ahead

ARTS AND CRAFTS-There will be a 4-H Arts and Crafts Leader training workshop, Tuesday, Jan 6 at 7 p.m. at Smith Hall, St. Johns. Leaders, prospective leaders and teen leaders are welcome.

AT THE PLANETARIUM-Continuing through Dec. 28 at Abrams Planetarium on the MSU campus is a Star of Wonder show which takes a traditional look at the possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 4 p.m.

Personality Profile

LOOKING BACK THROUGH 1980

Profiles featured distinctive personalities



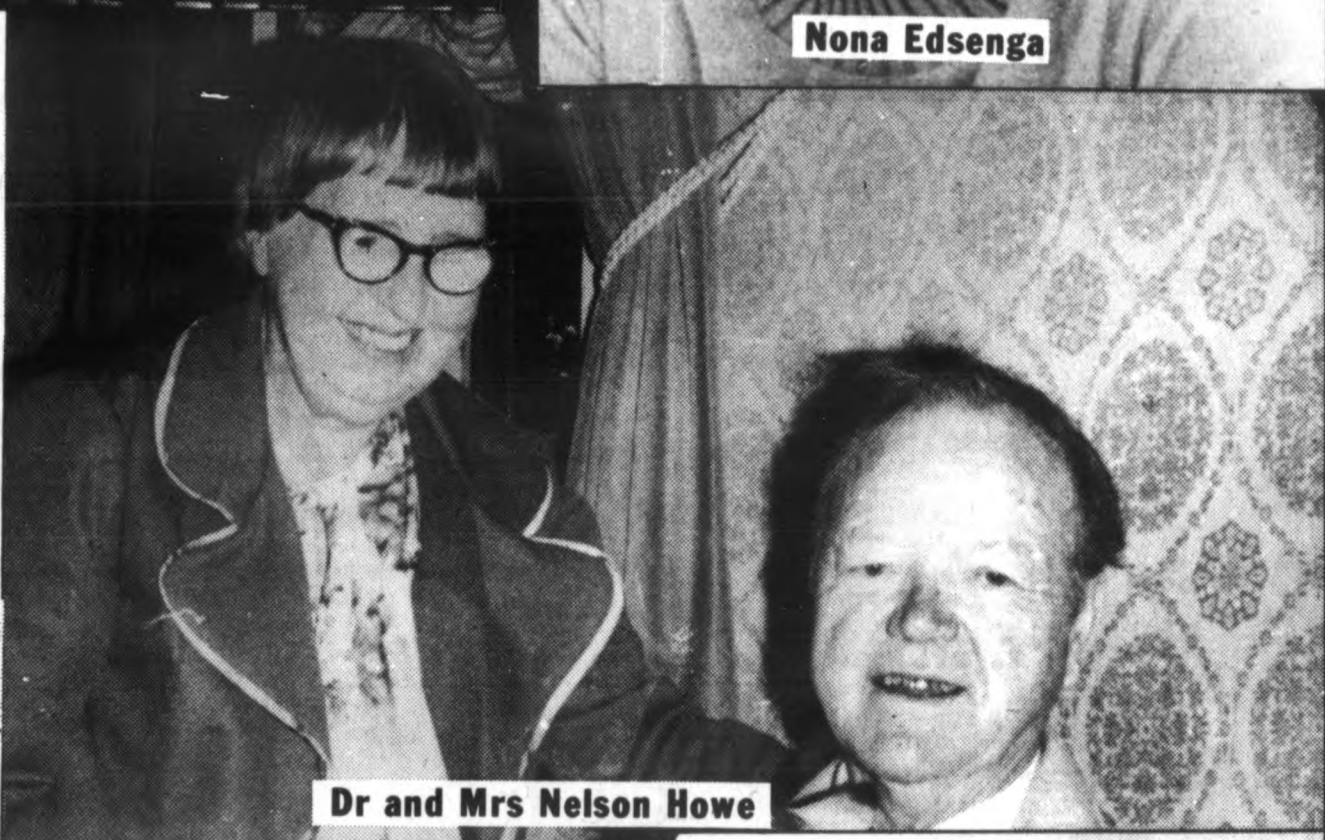
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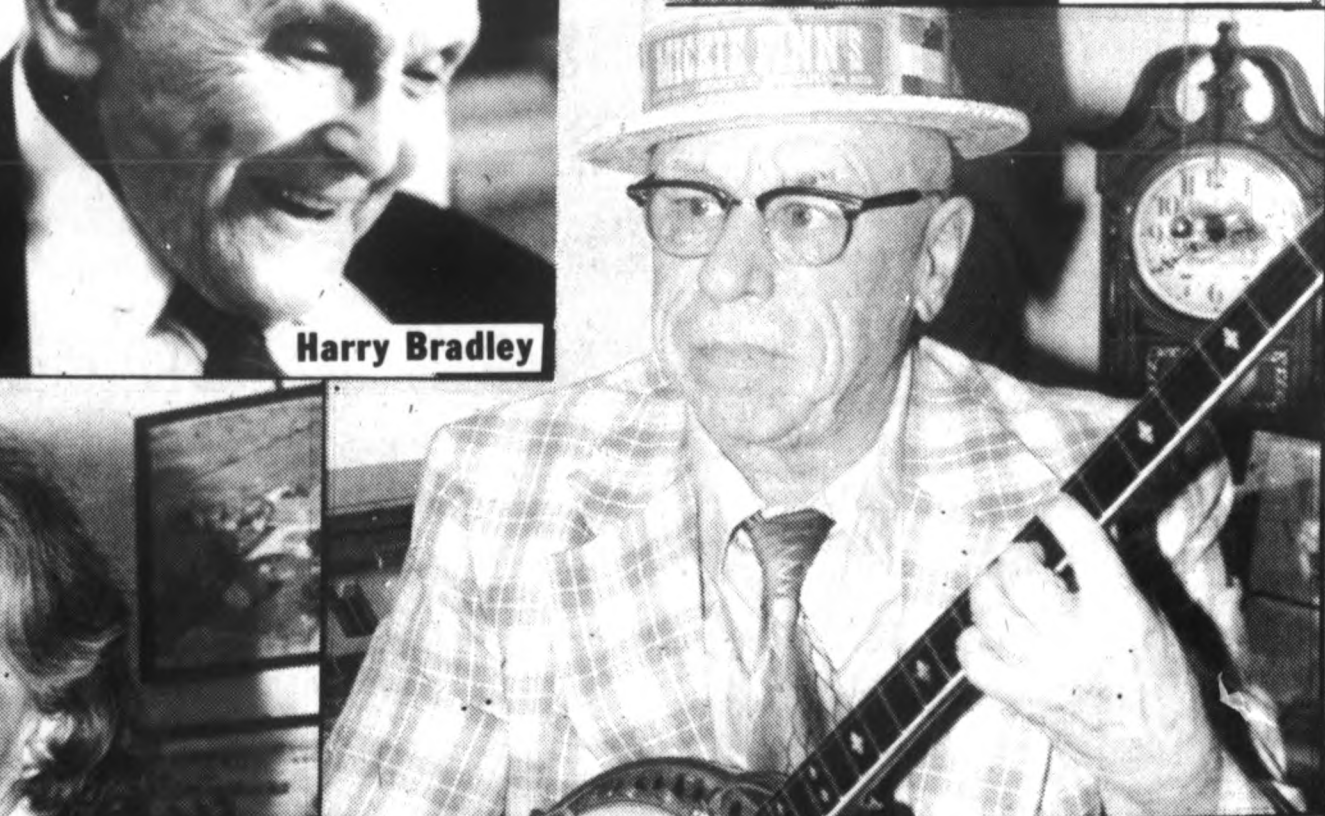
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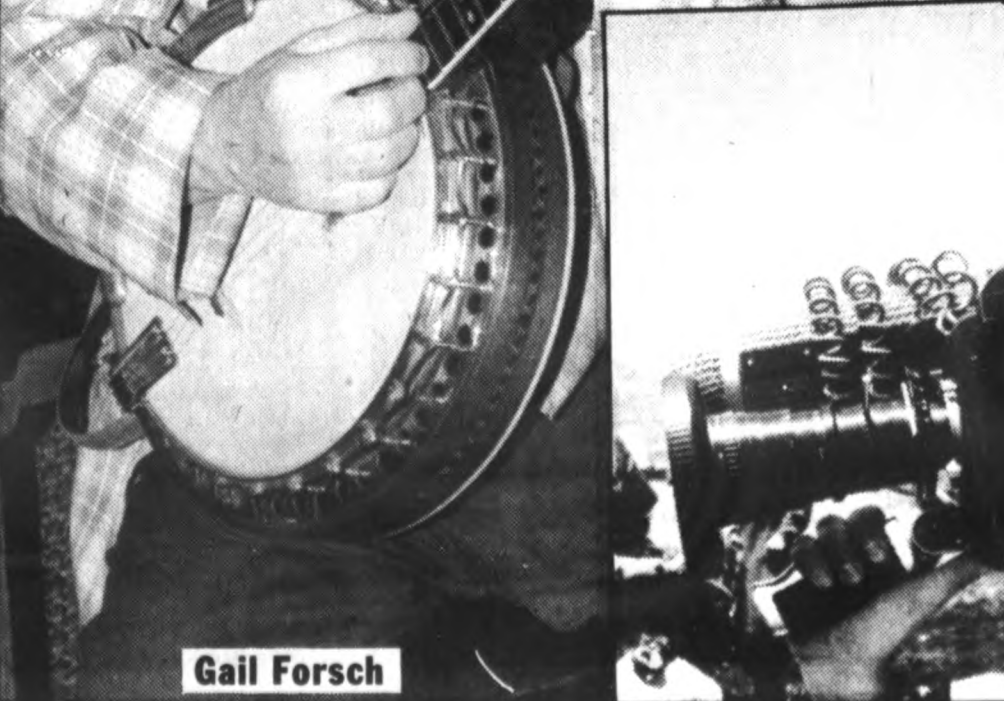
Oliver Darling



Harry Bradley



Shirley Pouch



Gail Forsch

Over the past year we have visited with a number of different Clinton Co. area residents. The people we chose to talk with were people we believed were involved in the life of the community, people who had something to share with the rest of us in the community. Here are just a few of the thoughts we might like to take on into 1981 with us.

Ink White

In the 1950's the name Ink White was synonymous with good community journalism.

"We had a high degree of loyalty from our news sources and advertisers," White explained.

In the early 1960's White was one of the first weekly publishers to convert to offset or "cold type."

"(Today) you write to entertain as much as you write to report news," he said.

Fidelis Cameron

In Eureka the school and the community are tied together in many ways and when she retired, Fidelis expected to remain a part of the community. It was a wrench to leave her career and the people she worked with every day.

Fidelis loves children and she knew that she was going to miss her daily contact with them.

"You have to have control and discipline in a classroom," she said. "We need more respect and honor in education. If you tell them something, you should follow through."

Gail Foerch

When Gail Foerch talks about the money he's made playing music, he says it doesn't mean half as much as the engraved silver plate the senior Drop-In Center gave him last Christmas.

"This means more to me than anything I've ever had," he indicated.

"I don't like to play except for people at least 60 years old," Gail said. "I know two or three hundred old songs of Dixie and Ragtime music, and I don't care to know the new stuff."

Shirley Pouch

Daughters of the American Colonists do more than wear white gloves says Shirley Pouch.

"My main interest is to focus on the lives and good deeds and the sacrifices that our colonial ancestors did to make this a better world for us," she explained. "It is frightening to think of all that they overcame."

Greg Abbott

Very few Americans have ever been named North American champion on the bagpipes from the Ontario Pipers and Pipe Band Society. One of the highest honors a piper can earn outside of Scotland, it rarely goes to a youngster. Greg Abbott earned it at 16.

"We met a lot of people, his mother said. "Piping has brought a whole new culture to us."

"People like to be where there are other people with the same interests," Greg philosophized.

Oliver Darling

Oliver Darling believes in a small town. He and his brother Harvey run Darling's Hardware in Elsie and Darling Plumbing and Electrical Supply in Ovid.

"My brother and I have always maintained that if you're making a living in a community, you have to give time to that community and that you can't wait for the guy down the street to do it," Oliver said.

He continued, "If you have the right product and the price is right, people will shop locally."

Ed Cheney

Since leaving St. Johns, Cheney has become a cameraman-correspondent for United Press International Television News, a world-wide television network. The film Cheney shoots can be seen almost anywhere in the world every day.

"You don't go into a profession because of the money or a title," he indicated. "You don't worry about money; because if you do, you lose the real purpose of why you're doing your job."

Harry Bradley

On Sept. 13 Harry Bradley celebrated his 101st birthday by being the grand marshal of the Home Tour Festival Parade.

Over the years Harry has run three groceries, a restaurant, a pool hall, and insurance and real estate businesses.

He has been pretty much housebound since 1965, but Harry tries not to let the little problems of daily life bother him.

He advised, "Don't worry. If you start worrying, you're gone."

Nona Edsenga

Nona Edsenga has been helping parents secure a proper education for their special children for a number of years. In view of the growing financial crisis within Michigan Nona foresees an ever greater need for formal parental involvement.

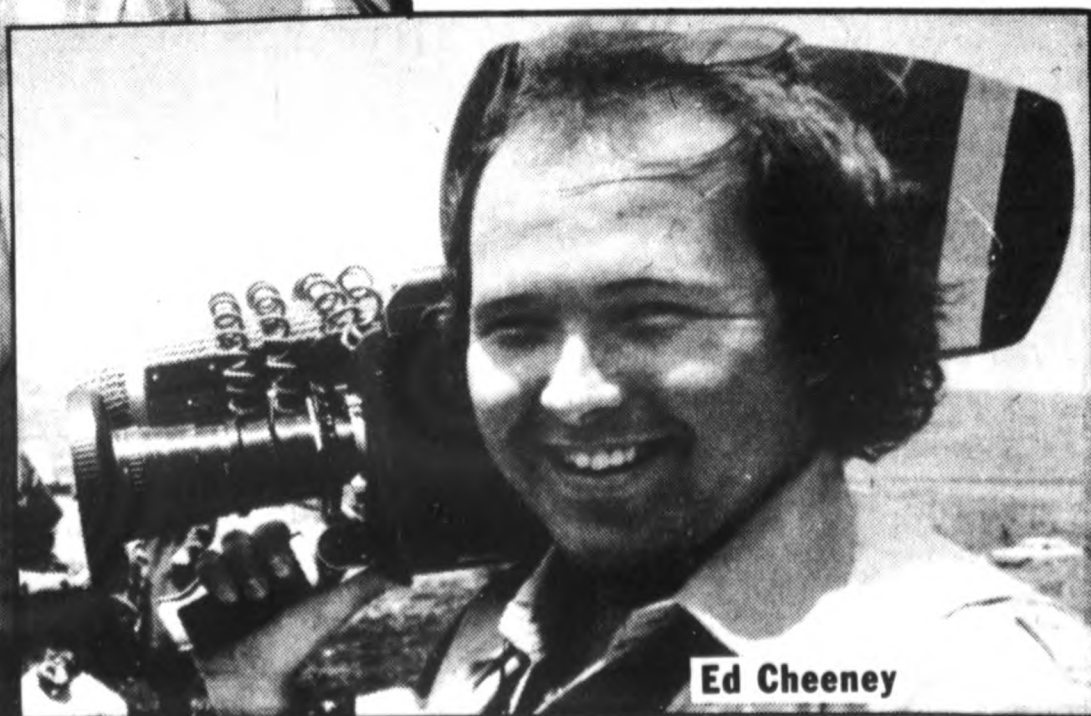
"Because we don't have a professional advocacy organization in Clinton County, it is all the more important for parents to become knowledgeable," she said. "The parent is still the best advocate a child can have."

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Howe

After returning from a six-month long tour of Europe, St. Johns veterinarian Dr. Nelson Howe and his wife, Margaret, have reluctantly decided to retire.

"We've always catered to whatever came along," said Mrs. Howe. "We've taken care of gerbils and white mice. In the spring the children usually bring in a few baby rabbits and birds that have fallen out of their nests."

"We've been happy with our career," Dr. Howe concluded. "We were lucky to be doing what we liked to do."



Ed Cheney

★ Bath, DeWitt faced troubled times

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Road Bridge crossing the Looking Glass River. The city also made application for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land and Water Conservation grant to upgrade Riverside Park.

Although a hearing is still going to be held on the proposed I-69 highway routing through Bath Township, the decision to go south of Park Lake has already been made by highway department officials. A decision to take the northerly route was made several years ago, but now due to environmental reasons, specifically sandhill cranes and muck land, the route was changed.

When it comes to the proposed I-69 project, it looks like it's down to a question between people and muck land with the humans in the losing corner. About 500 people crammed into the Bath High School cafeteria to present their views on the re-routing.

DeWitt City Councilmen breathed a sigh of relief at its Feb. 4 meeting when they found they didn't need to adopt a sewer use ordinance to be able to get an okay from the Environmental Protection Agency to ready for hook-up with the new sewer treatment plant.

Attempts are being made by Bath Township officials to acquire Priggooris Park for a private development. So far, nothing has been done with the 240 acres of land adjacent to the Bath Township Hall.

Construction of the new shopping center at the corner of Webster and Clark Roads has been underway for quite some time in Bath, but now plans are becoming finalized.

Bath and DeWitt Township are tentatively planning their own I-69 public hearing on Feb. 21 following a lengthy discussion on media coverage on the first public hearing by the Lansing State Journal.

DeWitt Township is seeking a replacement for Betty Churchill, township clerk who tendered her resignation on Feb. 14.

Bath Township officials and residents fought hard to get state highway people to hear their pleas for a northern route around Park Lake for the I-69 extension. However, highway department officials were in Bath Township on Feb. 11 obtaining property descriptions in the vicinity of the northern route.

According to Tom Woodruff, Bath Township Supervisor, the public hearing, letters, news articles and threat of being taken to court helped the highway department reevaluate their objectives.

A bill for \$20,629 was presented to DeWitt Township trustees for fire and medical runs handled by the DeWitt City fire department and emergency medical personnel for 1978 and 1979 runs. A check however, will be a long time in coming due to hassles over billing procedures.

The tax roll is at the computer now and DeWitt residents in turn can expect to see an increase in their property assessments when they get their billing in the next couple of months, according to Jim Spalding, administrative aide.

If everything goes according to plan, a chapter in DeWitt Township's history will be finished. The battle between King Arthur's Mobile Home Park and the DeWitt Township board might be ended if Ted Powell, owner of the court and the township can agree on the terms for sewer hook-up.

At the end of 1979 DeWitt Township set aside \$9,500 for the hiring of a township manager. Those plans laid dormant until February, when officials said they'd have a manager by June. Supervisor Alta C. Reed, was the only member to voice opposition to the plan. She suggested the question be placed on the May 20 ballot which was denied.

DeWitt Councilman Robert Drouin, and Mayor Pro-Tem

Jim Boyd got into a yelling battle with Roger Overway, the representative of DeWitt Development Corporation over whether the council would allow the development group to run sewer lines out of the city to tap into DeWitt Township lines.

DeWitt City approved \$85,000 for a new well at its March 17 meeting.

The Shavey Road Bridge stood on shaky ground because of the freeze put on federal funds by President Jimmy Carter in Washington recently. The bridge project is 80 percent federally funded.

DeWitt Township board members literally ignored a petition signed by 811 citizens to place the idea of a township superintendent on the May 20 ballot.

A new traffic light was installed at the corner of Clark Road and US-27 in April in hopes of reducing traffic accidents.

John Hart, 25, has been named the new township clerk, filling the unexpired term of Betty Churchill who resigned due to health reasons.

A highlight of Michigan Week in Clinton County will be the formal dedication of an official State of Michigan marker recognizing the Gunnisonville historical district.

A two-mill renewal request, one each for the police and fire departments in DeWitt Township will be on the May 20 ballot. This is a renewal request to enable them to operate under the same level of services as in the past.

DeWitt Township officials are just going to bide their time on news that Lansing was going ahead with a refuse landfill on Coleman Road according to Alta C. Reed, township supervisor.

Ground was broken May 9 for the new ShopRite store which will be going into the Bath Shopping Plaza.

Bath Township will be bidding adieu to its' biggest promoter, June Burnett, township clerk who announced her resignation effective Nov. 20. She cited health reasons for not seeking re-election.

DeWitt City volunteer firefighters gave residents a little bit of everything at last year's "Fireman's Field Day" and this year they plan to do the same for the June 1 event.

The Clinton County Historical Commission's Old House Renaissance brought a lot of people to DeWitt who had never been there, according to Geneva K. Wiskemann, who was chairperson for the June program.

DeWitt City is looking into the possibility of offering some form of cablevision to residents. However, they are going to continue to study the proposal to compare other rates and services of different companies.

DeWitt Public Library will ask voters in the city and

township for three-tenths of a mill in August so the library can qualify for state aid services and grants.

Bath Township officials are upset, angry and determined. After receiving a letter from Richard Sode, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, board officials held a special meeting deciding to take action against the Remy-Chandler Drain Board for raising assessments on the Remy-Chandler Drain.

Bath Township Supervisor Thomas Woodruff has denied all charges made against him in connection with his alleged involvement in a Lansing based car theft ring. Charges against Woodruff were later dropped following the death of his accuser.

In an effort to provide health care services more conveniently to the residents of southern Clinton County, Clinton Memorial Hospital has established a suite of physicians' offices at the Country Meadows Village Center. The DeWitt Medical Center officially opened its doors on June 9.

The James Couzens Memorial Park Association is taking a step forward in community entertainment. They are in the process of building a gazebo in the park at Bath.

In DeWitt Township, the slate of candidates known as the Citizens for Better Government came out as victors over the incumbents running on the Don't Be Buffaloed ticket. Supervisor Alta C. Reed was the only incumbent to survive in the election. She was a member of the CBG.

Mrs. Reed would not run for the supervisor post this year because of the hiring of a township superintendent which would make the supervisor's position a part-time job with a reduced salary. She stated publicly from the beginning she would not run for a "figurehead" type post.

Mrs. Reed won the slot for township treasurer, defeating incumbent Eileen Corr 866 to 399.

The new township supervisor will be Leonard Pung who beat incumbent Jack Kzeski and newly hired Clerk John Hart lost his office to Gregory Whitlock.

Republican winners in the primary face included Douglas Hammond, Ernest Krause, Charles Mann and Michael Verlinde. Incumbents Jim Soule and Karen Williams lost their posts also.

A check for \$300,000 is in the mail to Bath Township as part of the Community Development Block grant, which will be used for housing rehabilitation, sidewalks, beach development, home acquisition and a senior citizen's center.

A Neighborhood Watch Program has been initiated in DeWitt Township. The purpose of the program is to have neighbors watch each others homes in an attempt to alleviate residential crime.

Six candidates are running for three four year terms for the city council in DeWitt currently being held by Don Stevens, Karl Bohnoff and David Spencer. Stevens is the only incumbent. Others running are Carmen L. Seats, Gary Gillespie, Patricia Fuller, Theresa Rose and Michael Towns.

Thomas Woodruff and Richard Brook face each other in the November election. Woodruff, the incumbent, has served in township government for the past eight years, serving first as treasurer and then in 1974 as supervisor. Brook was a write-in candidate in the August primary and obtained enough votes to be placed on the November ballot.

Six candidates also ran in the Bath Township election, including incumbent Democrats Robert Leiby, Carl Crofts, Elon Pardee and Robert Sober along with Daniel Carelton and Republicans Robert Casler and Charles Gutzki. In the August primary Kathleen McQueen won her bid for clerk over a field of three candidates.

Incumbent DeWitt City Mayor William Drouin was challenged by Councilman Lynn Thayer.

American Excavators of Grand Ledge was awarded the bid for DeWitt City's interceptor project which will connect the existing sewage treatment plant with the new facility on Herbyson Road.

Harold Lietzke, a DeWitt farmer and president of the newly formed Michigan Agri-Fuels rode on the cab of a bright green farm tractor Thursday morning as it broke ground for a \$9.3 million alcohol plant which will be built in Alma.

It took a while but Bath Township residents finally have their first supermarket. The new Bath ShopRite at the intersection of Clark and Webster Roads opened its doors Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 9 a.m.

In an effort to "wipe the cloud away from our heads", Superintendent Walt Kyes recommended to the retiring DeWitt Township Board to offer the city of DeWitt \$14,301 for disputed fire and emergency medical service.

Federal charges against Bath Township Supervisor Thomas Woodruff in connection with his alleged involvement with a national car theft ring were dropped in Grand Rapids during a pre-trial conference. The reason behind the dismissal of charges was "that dead men can't talk."

In one of their final actions together as a group the Bath Township Board voted unanimously to name the new addition to the fire barn the Molder-Sweet addition.

Changes were being made fast and furious at the first meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board. In two hours, the new board fired its attorney and received the resignation of township superintendent Walt Kyes.

A report concerning the completion of a new city well was given to the DeWitt City Council. The total cost of the project was \$55,362.

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County families share Christmas festivities

Dale Dunham

Funeral services for Dale Dunham, 79, of 155 W. Main Street, Elsie, were held Friday, Dec. 12, 1980 at the Carter Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. The Rev. Jeffery Sak officiated.

Mr. Dunham died at his home of heart failure. He was born in Fairfield Township, Feb. 4, 1901, the child of William and Pearl Dunham.

He was an Elsie resident all of his life. He was mar-

ried to Thelma Wright who died in 1936. On Oct. 16, 1939, he married Elizabeth Robinson who survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, Dean Dunham of Elsie and Merle Dunham of Grand Rapids, Minn.; a daughter, Hazel Bywater of Elsie; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and one great-grandson; two brothers, B. Dunham of Ft. Myers, Fla. and Lyle Dunham of Elsie.

Sharing Christmas with an international neighbor were 40 Michigan families participating in Michigan State University's Adventure in World Understanding.

Now in its 27th year, the week long program brings to MSU approximately 50 foreign students based in colleges and universities throughout the United States.

A highlight of their stay is the chance to join the holiday activities of a city or rural family.

The host families met their students for the first time on Christmas Eve when they picked them up at MSU's Kellogg Center for Continuing Education. Among them were:

DeWitt families, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClure, 1209 E. Geneva Dr., hosting Nelson Mayisela, Swaziland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, 14211 Myers Rd., hosting Geoffrey Ondere Tunya of Kenya; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hitchcock, 7386 S. Loomis Rd., hosting

Mveli Ginindza of Swaziland; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ingalls, 6461 W. Howe Rd., hosting Barry Kemsley, Botswana.

An Elsie family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Maynard, 21621 Ridge Rd., hosted Themba N. Masuku of Swaziland.

In Ovid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knickerbocker, 203 W. Oak St. played host to Drupadanam J. B. Billa of India and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kennel of 2106 hosted Mrs. H. Oppong of Ghana.

The Carl Smiths of 250 N. Jones Rd., Pewamo hosted a Swaziland student, Samuel M. Dlamini.

St. Johns' family, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Friend of 5100 S. St. Clair Road, hosted Miss Georgiene B. E. Reid of Jamaica.

This year's Adventure participants come from many nations, primarily Africa and the Far East.

They participated in cross-cultural discussions at Kellogg Center and visited senior citizen and nutrition sites in Mason and Williamston; the state capitol and Lansing City Hall and the Ingham County Circuit Court.

On Friday, Dec. 26, the students played turnabout and hosted their host families with dinner and entertainment in the Big Ten Room at Kellogg Center.

Minnie Weaver

Minnie B. Weaver of Orleans, died Dec. 25, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She was 87 years old and had been ill a long time.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Home, Sunday, Dec. 28 with the Rev. Kenneth Harger and the Rev. Keith Laidler officiating. Burial was in Payne Cemetery.

Mrs. Weaver was born in Paulding County, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1893 the daughter of Ben-

jamin Tyler and Sarah E. Walker. She married Lionel J. Weaver in Angola, Indiana on July 22, 1933. He died April 27, 1980.

She was a member of the Shiloh Community Church in Orleans where she moved three years ago from Lake George. Prior to that she lived in St. Johns and worked at Clinton Memorial Hospital in food service, also at Walkers Cafe.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Irene Beaman and Mrs. Iva Kees of St. Johns and Mrs. Hannah Rinckey of Traverse City; 15 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild and a sister Gladys Aumaugher of Harrison. A son and daughter preceded her in death.

Attending conference

Mary Wendt of DeWitt, will join other 4-H horse show staff members from across the state at the Michigan 4-H Horse Show Judging and Management Conference Jan. 9 and 10 at Kettunen Center.

Kettunen Center is the state 4-H leadership training facility in Tustin near Cadillac.

"The purpose of the workshop is to bring 4-H youth staff members, horse show judges and superintendents together to share ideas and find ways to make 4-H horse shows more educational for Michigan youths," said Theresa Silm, 4-H youth agent of Clinton County.

Workshop sessions will cover topics ranging from

safety precautions to horse health tips for the show season. Training show ring personnel will also be discussed in an attempt to standardize Michigan 4-H horse show procedures.

"Workshop participants will find the conference helpful in planning and improving 4-H horse shows in their communities," Mrs. Silm explained.

The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, the Clark Equipment Co., Buchanan and other local supporters through the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

For more information about the conference or other 4-H activities contact the Clinton County office or call 224-3288.



International visitor

Sharing Christmas with an international neighbor was Julie Friend, left, of St. Clair Road, St. Johns. Julie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Friend, had as a special guest, Georgiene B. E. Reid of Jamaica, a student at the University of Wisconsin.

Georgiene, who is in her fifth year of college, will return to her country to do counseling. She said her Christmas experience with Adventure in World Understanding at MSU taught her to understand the American government for the first time. And I met the governor."

Graduates

Among the 550 students completing requirements for degrees at Ferris State College after the summer quarter was Laura Richards of St. Johns.

She will be eligible to participate in the official commencement ceremonies to be held in May at the Big

Rapids college. Miss Richards will graduate with highest distinction with an associate in applied science in radiologic technology. The rating means that she maintained a 3.75 to 4 point grade average out of a possible 4 points.

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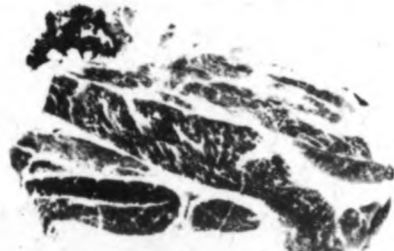
An updated 80-page version of "What Every Driver Must Know" has just been released by the Secretary of State's office in Lansing. The 1980 edition contains in-

formation on driving rules for both new drivers and those who desire to "bone up" before taking the renewal test.

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County Sports

Sports saw many highlights in 1980 year

By TIM JEFFERY

As the curtain draws on 1980, we can look back on many exciting occurrences for local sports teams. Fowler High School was responsible for the year's biggest event with its great football team, but dating back to January, several events grabbed headlines.

On the fourth day of 1980, the basketball race in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference began heating up. A pair of arch rivals locked horns as Fulton nipped Pewamo-Westphalia 61-58 to move to 3-1 in the conference. P-W fell to 1-3 with the loss.

The Pirates quickly pulled together, however. On Jan. 18, a 49-45 victory over Portland St. Patrick made it three straight in the CMAC.

On that same evening, the Mid Michigan B's big rivalry transpired at St. Johns. The Redwings got by Ovid-Elsie 69-63, upping their league record to 3-2.

Fulton and P-W remained hot the following week as both continued winning streaks. On Jan. 25 Fulton downed Fowler 78-75 for its fourth straight, while P-W whipped Laingsburg 59-41 to record win number six in a row.

Volleyball was also in high gear by January's end. St. Johns posted wins over Sexton on the 21st and Eaton Rapids on the 23rd. During the same period, Fulton was rolling over Fowler and Bellevue, moving to 6-1 on the season.

The initial day in February brought good news to the county's MMB basketball teams. O-E beat Alma 80-63 to move into a three way tie for first thanks to St. Johns' 63-61 upset of Corunna.

The season's second meeting between P-W and Fulton happened Feb. 8 with different results than the earlier clash. The teams went into overtime before P-W was victorious by three points. The win gave the Pirates sole possession of second place in the conference.

Fowler showed it still had plenty of ideas for the remainder of the season by winning its third straight, a 66-62 battle with Pottersville, also on Feb. 8.

The next day brought about the MMB league meet for grapplers. Neither St. Johns or O-E was particularly impressive however, sporting fourth and fifth place finishes respectively.

Feb. 14 was a big day in the worlds of swimming, gymnastics and volleyball.

The Redwing swimmers moved into a first place tie with Corunna by downing the Cavaliers 94-78. The win gave St. Johns its fifth success in six dual meets.

P-W's volleyball squad got by Olivet to catch Fulton and Pottersville at the top of the CMAC race.

Finally, the girls' gymnastics team at St. Johns beat Mt. Pleasant 82.40-80.65 upping its record to 7-1.

The wrestling districts took place the following Saturday with Fulton taking eighth and O-E 17th after being without the services of Rich Ackels.

March as always meant basketball tournament time. O-E, P-W, Fulton and St. Johns all lost in the opening game of the districts. Fowler fared much better.

The Marauders were ousted by Corunna, the MMB league champs, 52-43 while P-W was beaten by Haslett 52-47, both on the evening of March 3.

Flint Carmen eliminated the Redwings on March 4 by a

count of 76-67. The next night, Fulton was beaten by Breckenridge 72-70 on a 30-foot desperation shot at the buzzer.

The Eagles were the county's lone district winner. On March 8, Fowler beat St. Pat's 67-50 to move onto the regionals. Unfortunately, that's where it ended as Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart beat the Eagles 76-59 in the first game.

The St. Johns boys' gymnastics team fared quite well on March 12 when they finished ninth in the Class A state meet.

The coming of spring brought warmer weather and plenty of outdoor action, starting on the first day of April when O-E and Fulton met in the first track meet of the year. The Marauders came away with an easy victory by a margin of 106-26.

P-W enjoyed a big year on the baseball diamond. The Pirates wrapped up the CMAC title on May 19 with an extra inning 8-7 win over Fowler.

On the final day of May, Fowler placed third in the Class D track state finals.

Softball produced its share of outstanding moments for both St. Johns and Fowler. The Redwing girls finished in a first place tie along with Corunna and Chesaning in the conference.

The Eagles were district winners in the early part of June, before finally being eliminated by Morenci on the 9th by a 5-3 score.

The entire St. Johns school was given news to be proud of, shortly before the school year ended. Dating back to the fall sports of 1979 and continuing through the whole year, the Redwings were named as the MMB's outstanding school for varsity sports. The honor was the first of its kind for St. Johns since becoming a member of the conference.

The activity picked up again the first week of September when a pair of heavyweight basketball teams collided. O-E, behind Jennifer Litomisky's 22 of 26 from the floor and 46 points, got by Fulton 61-55. The Marauder star was well on her way to gaining all-state honors for the third straight year.

Sept. 5 marked the opening night of the football season. It proved to be a successful one as far as the county's teams were concerned as all were winners.

St. Johns scored with 15 seconds left to beat Charlotte 15-8. Fowler held Saranac to 24 total yards in a 14-0 shutout win. O-E won 3-0 over Portland on a late field goal by Jim Chapko. Fulton crushed St. Hedwig 27-6 behind Wayne Bond's 235 yards and P-W buried Saranac 28-6.

The next week's action saw the Marauders' cage team up its record to 4-0 with victories over Bullock Creek and DeWitt.

The P-W basketball team also started quickly by recording wins in the season's first three games. The Pirates downed Carson City, Portland and Laingsburg.

Fulton's girls bounced back from the season opening loss to O-E with a pair of victories over Shepherd and Fowler.

In tennis, the St. Johns team won its first two matches, 7-0 over Corunna and 4-3 over Lansing Eastern.

Finally on Friday of that week, Fowler's gridders surprised Fulton 24-8 and P-W coasted past Laingsburg 42-0.

On Sept. 19, it was Fulton's turn to destroy Laingsburg. The Pirates won it 44-6.

O-E got back in the win column as well by defeating Ionia 28-6.

The Fowler basketball team evened its record at 2-2 with a 52-35 triumph over Bellevue while St. Johns recorded wins two and three against Chesaning and Portland during the week.

The Redwing golf team had a busy week with consecutive wins over O-E, Alma and Chesaning, giving them a 7-0 mark. During the same period, the St. Johns tennis team pushed its slate to 4-0 by whipping Harry Hill and Everett.

Fowler made it four straight on the grid iron, Sept. 26 with a 35-12 romp against St. Pat's. St. Johns upset Corunna 13-0 to move back into the MMB race while O-E continued as the early season surprise in the conference with a 14-6 victory over Alma. P-W was a winner over Pottersville 36-12, making it three victories in four tries.

The Clinton County Golf Tournament was held Sept. 27. St. Johns continued its winning ways with a one stroke victory over runner-up DeWitt. P-W placed third in the event.

As the football season passed the mid-way point and reached October, Fowler continued its winning ways by shutting out Pottersville 16-0. St. Johns also won its first game of the month, a 13-0 affair with Alma. The Panthers did not pick up a first down the entire game and were held to negative yardage.

The Fowler girls' basketball team won twice during the first week of October while the St. Johns tennis team moved its ledger to 10-0.

In football action the following week, Fulton's Homecoming was a success, 30-0 over Pottersville.

The CMAC golf tournament was held in early October. P-W finished second behind St. Pat's.

The next week brought about clashes in basketball and football between St. Johns and O-E. The Redwings managed to get the upper hand in both events. The girls romped 72-38 while the gridders came from behind to record a 28-10 win.

P-W upped its record to 6-1 with a 28-7 Homecoming win over St. Pat's and began redefining itself for the big battle with Fowler.

Rain, mud and cold all combined to make for miserable playing conditions on the eighth Friday of the football season. Arch-rivals P-W and Fowler went three overtimes before the Eagles finally won it 12-6.

O-E managed to break a losing streak with a narrow 10-9 win against DeWitt.

St. Johns travelled to Mt. Pleasant and came away a 20-7 winner behind a big night from Kurt Hayes.

On the basketball court, the Redwings passed their biggest test of the year to that point by downing Lansing Eastern 49-42.

Fowler was the big story the next week with a 12-6 win over Portland, giving the Eagles a berth in the playoffs. P-W and Fulton also closed out the year with victories.

The Eagles went on to post playoff wins over Dansville and Reading before dropping the State Championship game to Norway at the Silverdome late in November.

Girls' basketball tournament action grabbed headlines in November as well. P-W, Fowler and St. Johns were each eliminated early, but O-E and Fulton managed to fare quite well.

The Marauders advanced to the regional championship game before losing to Okemos. Fulton went one step further, reaching the quarter-finals, before the tremendous season ended with a loss to Grand Rapids South Christian.

As 1980 draws to a close, the boys basketball season is once again in full swing. P-W has enjoyed the best start amongst county teams. The Pirates rolled to wins in six straight games including a very rewarding win over LCC.

St. Johns and O-E both looked to be contenders to win the league crown when play concludes next February.

Fowler and Fulton both showed they will have to be reckoned with, by winning league games, but each figure to have a tough time with P-W.

What will happen in 1981 is anybody's guess. There will be many new faces on the scene and outstanding teams for sure. Now let's sit back and let the new year begin.

P-W downs fourth ranked LCC

By TIM JEFFERY

Prior to the start of Monday night's second game of the Bath Christmas Tournament, Pewamo-Westphalia Coach John Ellis and Lansing Catholic Central Coach Jerry Tripp talked a bit about what had transpired with their respective teams, to date. Ellis patiently listened to Tripp tell of how tough his Cougar team had been playing and how deep his bench has been.

LCC came in at 5-0, identical to P-W, ranked fourth in the Class C polls. Thus it would seem Tripp had plenty to talk about before tipoff. Ellis on the other hand, let his players do the talking with the aggressive defense that is quickly becoming a Pirate trademark.

LCC was held to eight first quarter points, while P-W scored 16. The Pirates extended their lead in the second quarter to 12, taking a 30-18 lead into the locker room.

In addition to blanketing the Cougars with outstanding defense, P-W managed to do a pretty fair job on the shooting end. The Pirates hit on 13 of 23 first half shots.

The Pirates played a more patient type of game in quarter number three as LCC inched its way back into the contest. The Cougars outscored P-W by six, narrowing the margin to 40-34 entering the final eight minutes.

P-W continued to display poise and play under control as Catholic Central struggled to catchup. The Cougars were unable to overcome the lead, finally falling by a count of 51-50.

Ellis called the win the biggest ever for the P-W teams he has coached and now looks forward to continuing with the team's main objective, the CMAC crown. "This was a very big win for us, but it certainly won't help win the league. That is still our goal," he explained. Steve Hengesbach paced

the winners with 19 points against LCC's highly regarded big man Pete Cassel. Brian Pfaff was next with 12 points followed by Gary Hengesbach with six.

The Pirates enjoyed a substantial edge in rebounding thanks to Steve Hengesbach's 12 grabs and Brian Stump's total of eight. Catholic Central was led by Cassel with 20, including

12 in the second half. Ellis credited Stump for his defensive effort against Cassel. "We let Cassel get loose a bit more in the second half, but I thought Brian (Stump), Gary (Hengesbach) all did a nice job against him," the coach stated.

In addition to the praise for Gary and Dar, Ellis was very happy with the efforts

of Guy Walter coming off the bench.

For the entire evening P-W shot just a tab under 50 percent. The Pirates connected on 22 of 45 field goal attempts.

P-W faced Bath last night in the championship of the tournament. The Bees were 73-70 winners over Portland in Monday's other contest.



MMB's best

Bill Swears (left) and Steve Bakita (right) were all smiles in June of 1980 when St. Johns High School received the all-sports trophy for having the best overall teams in the Mid Michigan B Conference.

Redwings finish second in Okemos Tournament

A three point play by Jeff Casler with 53 seconds remaining in overtime gave St. Johns a 60-59 win over East Lansing Friday night in the opener of the Okemos Christmas Tournament.

The Redwings played under the direction of Rick Burks, normally the JV coach who took over for Bob Tissot after he came down with the flu on Christmas Day.

"It was just a tremendous effort on our kids' part. We

were very sluggish in the first two quarters, but Casler got a big bucket right before the half and that gave us a lift going into the locker room.

I told the kids the third quarter is the key when you're within five or six at halftime and as is turned out we made a run right after play resumed to turn things around," Burks explained.

St. Johns trailed in the contest 22-13 after the opening

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One Man's Views

By Tim Jeffery

Early in 1980, the Pittsburgh Steelers downed Los Angeles 31-19 for a record fourth Super Bowl title in six years. Thus the slogan, "One for the thumb" was born, but before the year had concluded, the Steel Curtain was crushed.

The college football world saw Alabama whip Arkansas 24-9 in the Sugar Bowl and USC, behind Heisman Trophy winner Charles White's 247 yards, nip Ohio State 17-16 in the Rose Bowl. The Tide finished number one and USC second. Like the pros, college football will see a new champion in 1981.

The nice thing about sports is nothing remains constant. Everyday brings about a change, be it about a good team or bad, a new rookie or a hot freshman on the college campus.

Go back to 1979. Who was Herschel Walker or Joe Charboneau? How about Isiah Thomas, David Woodley or Ricky Peters. The national public was not aware of these and many other names that burst onto the scene in 1980.

The year about to end had many special moments and the point could be argued heavily as to the most special. The utmost scintillating occurrence in my opinion was not the great U.S. Olympic Hockey Team's triumph at Lake Placid. That was second.

Nor was it Magic Johnson's 42 point, 15 rebound effort in game six of the Laker's NBA Championship series last May. That was third.

No event in 1980 gripped me in the manner in which Willie Aikens' second home run of game four and fourth of the World Series did. The ball was gone the second it left the bat. Aikens just stood and watched.

The World Series is the ultimate for drama and that moment become one we'll never forget. I can still recall the chills rushing through me when Kansas City's slugging first baseman unloaded with that blast.

What about the top performances over the course of a season? Could anyone argue with George Brett's .390 average being number one? Probably not, but didn't Earl Campbell rush for better than 1,930 yards? Wasn't the mercurial Darrell Griffith college basketball's most dominating force, even with giants like Joe Barry Carroll and Ralph Sampson on hand? And finally, how do we look past the incredible season-long play of NBA rookies Johnson and Larry Bird?

The biggest heartbreak story of 1980 belonged to the DePaul Blue Demons. Ranked number one for much of the year, Mark Aguirre and company were nowhere to be found as the elite advanced to the final four last March. The new basketball season is well underway and DePaul is again ranked number one. It seems, many people hope a repeat doesn't happen in March of 81. Wouldn't the new year be special should the Blue Demons give Ray Meyer a champion?

DePaul's failure couldn't be called a flop but rather a disappointment. On the contrary, the New Orleans Saints 1-15 record was indeed a flop. When the NFL season kicked off, the Saints were regarded as legitimate playoff contenders, thus the year's worst showing was turned in by New Orleans.

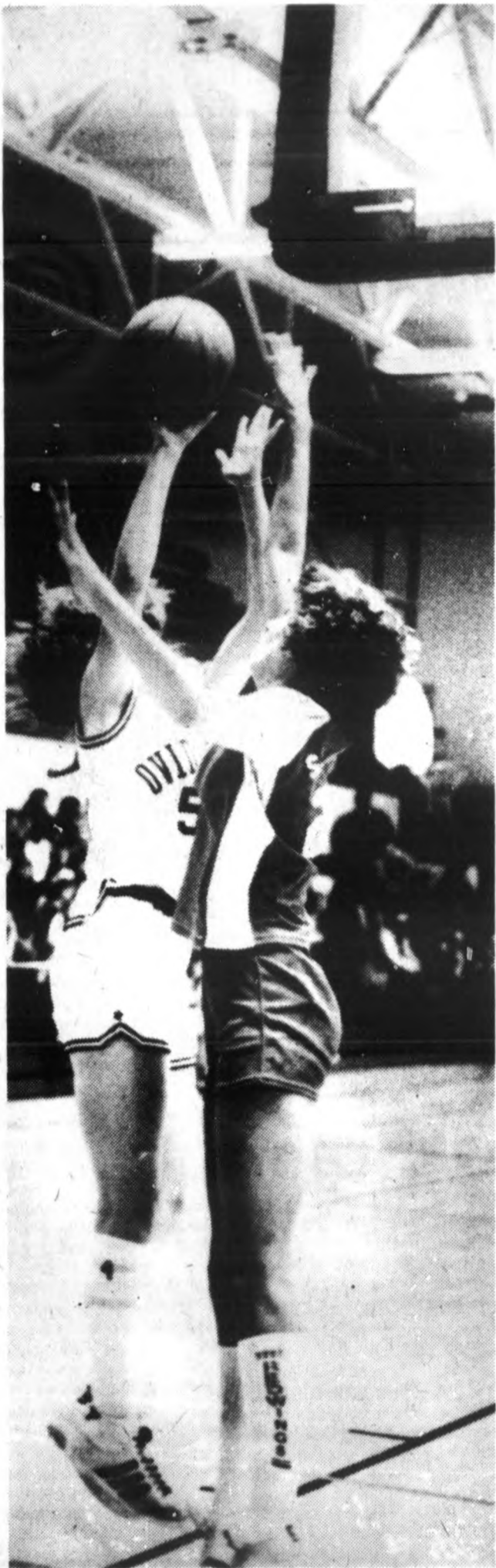
We saw the Detroit Pitston set a record for consecutive losses in the NBA. We also had the NHL record for ineptness shattered. The Winnipeg Jets went 30 games without a win. Results like these were expected out of the Pistons and Jets, but not the Saints.

Each year normally produces a "cinderella team" and 1980 was no exception. The Atlanta Falcons, Iowa Hawkeyes (college basketball) and Oakland Athletics each pieced together seasons worthy of being called surprises, but "How bout them Dawgs" certainly tells the biggest cinderella tale of 1980.

None of the major polls figured Georgia to be among college football's top 10, but on the first day of 1981, Walker, Buck Belue and the rest of the Dawgs will attempt to close the book on a great story.

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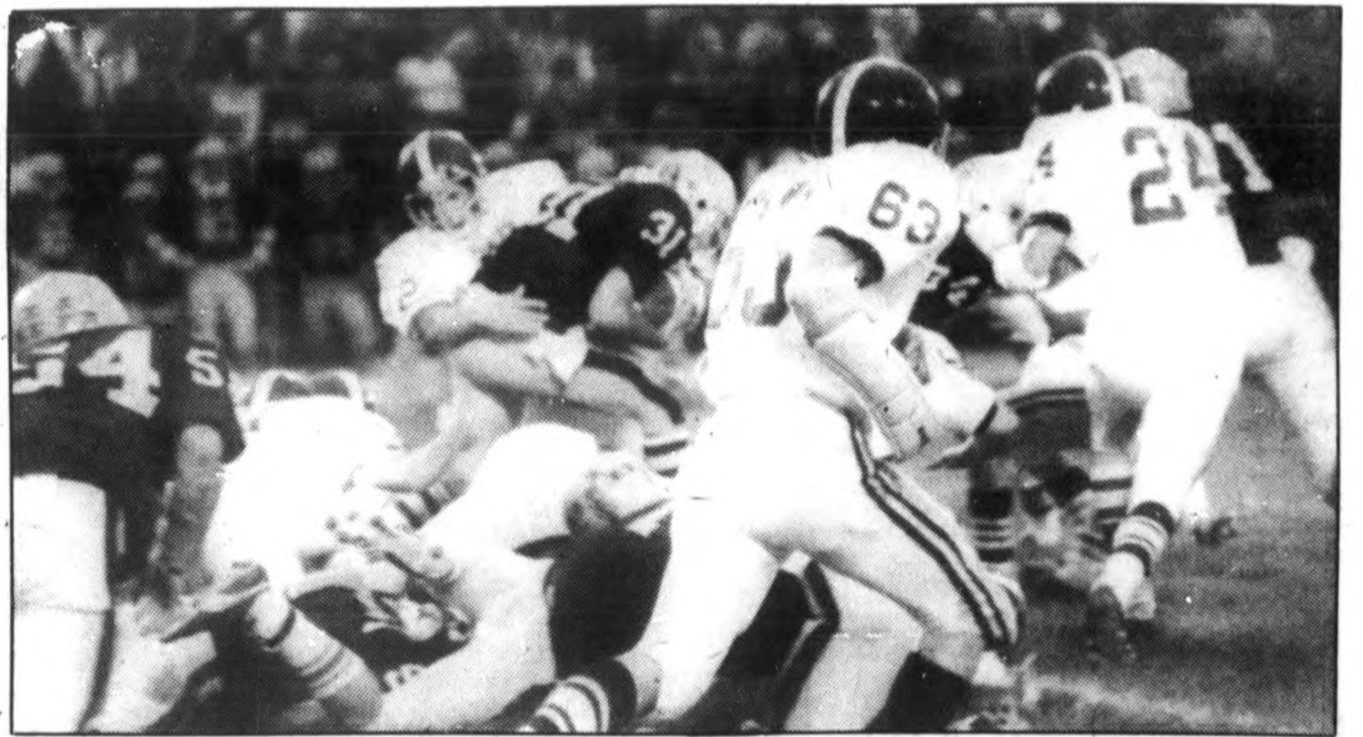
Step aside 1980, another great year is set to unfold.



Clinton County placed three players on all-state teams during the 1980 girls' basketball season. O-E's Jennifer Litomisky shooting over St. Johns Lori Kus, were Class B and A first teamers, respectively. The third all-stater was Fulton's Marti McVannel in Class C.



Bruce Fedewa (44) prepares to cut off East Lansing's Wayne McCloud during second quarter action of Friday night's Redwing victory. (Photo by Tim Jeffery)



Tough 'D'

Fulton learned early in the year the 1980 edition of the Fowler football team would be every bit as tough as the 1979 crew. The Pirates fine running back Wayne Bond (31) is wrapped up by Tom Weber on this particular play.

★ Redwing basketball

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stanza, but the Casler bucket Burks referred to cut the halftime deficit to 29-27. The Redwings scored six straight points in the opening 50 seconds of the third quarter to go up 33-29.

The teams traded points through the rest of the period with the Trojans grabbing a 45-44 lead entering the final eight minutes.

Steve Gonzales and Denny Sleep each chipped in with big points down the stretch. Sleep's bucket with 1:22 remaining tied it at 55 to force the overtime. East Lansing had a shot at preventing the extra session, but a 30-foot shot at the buzzer just missed.

Two free throws by Gonzales gave St. Johns a 57-55 lead, but the Trojans tied it with 1:11 left. Casler then came through with the big three point play to provide the winning points.

Just as it did in regulation

time, East Lansing missed out on an opportunity to win when a travelling violation was called against Wayne McCloud with four seconds left.

Casler finished with 20 points to lead all scorers, while Gonzales netted his season-high thus far, 18.

The following night saw Tissot return to his coaching duties, but the show belonged entirely to Okemos. A series of turnovers and sloppy play by St. Johns led to a 24-9 first quarter for the Chieftains.

It was all downhill the rest of the way for Okemos. The lead was 59-39 after three quarters, before the final count ended at 80-58.

Bruce Fedewa led St. Johns with 17 points followed by Casler with 15.

Dave Valkanoff scored 26 for the winners and hauled in 11 rebounds.

The loss was the third of the year for the Redwings against four wins. Okemos moved its mark to 6-1.

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★ Fowler in 1980

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employees. John Schafer and Gene George. "These folks get things done and I'm very proud of their dedication to our town," he said. "It was mainly through their efforts that we have been able to get by on lower tax rates than we had in 1979 (10.19 mills) and 1978 (11 mills). Tax levied in 1980 was 9.8 mills. Costs continue to go up in Fowler, especially in fuel, materials, insurances and other services.

The biggest problem facing the Fowler Village Council in 1981 is the decision of how to solve the storm drain problems, Koenigsnecht said. "This

problem shows up every year during spring thaws and run-offs after heavy rains." A storm drainage study by Fischbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, village engineers, is presently under review. Considerable sidewalk repair is also needed in the village and will be part of the 1981 focus.

"I believe the 1980's will see a reduction in federal and state tax dollars coming back into communities like ours," Koenigsnecht said. "We are going to have to be very cost conscious." He said that state and federal govern-

ment help should be "avoided as much as possible."

Koenigsnecht said he feels property assessments in Fowler are much too high. "I personally don't believe many of the homes here would sell for what the township assessor says they are worth," he insisted. "They were up again about 23 percent in 1980." The president said the council has asked representatives in the Michigan legislature to but a freeze on current property assessments but understands that assessments are going up again in 1981.

Family gathers

Eighty-five members of Martha B. Miller's family gathered for a Christmas dinner at Smith Hall in St. Johns.

They came from all parts of the state. The get together was also a welcome home party for Sergeant Robin Miller and his wife Marian from four years in the service. They have been in Germany the past two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of rural St. Johns.



As the year came to a close, St. Johns took part in the Christmas Tournament at Okemos High School. The Redwings were victorious in the first game by a single point over East Lansing. Jeff Casler led the attack with 20 points, including several jumpers such as this one.

★ Schools make news in 1980

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first of December and for most districts came in much lower than anticipated. Not one district escaped the year without having to make cuts from budgets proposed in the spring.

DeWitt voters passed an operational package in June but administrators have struggled to make cuts to make up for declines in enrollment and the state aid decreases. A new superintendent, Steven Garrett, took over in July from Interim Superintendent John Prevost who led the district for nearly a year after the dismissal of the previous administrator.

Most recent headlines from the DeWitt district reveal discussions on the possibility of eliminating two administrative posts.

St. Johns and Fowler have set up citizen advisory committees to study the school districts' financial situation and offer advice. Ovid-Elsie officials have said they will have to come back

asking for additional millage next spring.

In other news stories St. Johns schools accepted a planning grant for Central School which had been designated a National Historic Site earlier this year. The old school houses the second largest elementary population in the St. Johns district and is in need or repair to meet student needs and comply with health and safety codes.

At a December meeting the board voted to table the planning grant until July so it can be considered in next year's budget.

Also named to the Historic Register this year was Teresa Merrill School, closed in September to consolidate elementary students. Teresa Merrill re-opened later this fall as an Alternative Education Center for drop-out students, operated through the Community Education program.

The Clinton County Intermediate

School District made headlines this year seeking one mill for special education in May but was turned down by voters 2 to 1. The issue was an attempt to qualify the county for additional state aid for special education that is not available to local school districts on their own.

In June the Intermediate District began steps to become independent in both transportation and programs which involved putting up a \$70,000 modular building and purchasing five 22 passenger buses. The building is now completed next to the Walter Kyes School on US-27.

Eventually all Clinton County special education students will be brought back into the county in an attempt to save local districts the tuition money now paid to Lansing schools.

The Intermediate District was also hit with cuts in the state aid formula, mostly in special education and transportation.

Legal notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Defaults having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bob W. Hazard and Patricia G. Hazard, husband and wife, of 13353 Lowell Road, DeWitt, Michigan, to First State Savings Association of East Lansing, a Michigan corporation, of East Lansing, Michigan, dated September 20, 1977, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, on September 23, 1977, in Liber 294 of Mortgages on page 256 & 257, and said mortgagee having elected under the terms of said mortgage to declare the entire principal and accrued interest thereon due, which election it does hereby exercise, pursuant to which there is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage at the date of this notice for principal and interest Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight and 21/100 Dollars (\$31,498.21) plus interest from August 10, 1980, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Michigan in such cases made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1981, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, in the lobby at the North entrance of the Court House, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale to the highest bidder at public auction of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes and/or insurance on these premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney's fees, which premises are described as follows: That part of the west quarter of the northwest fractional quarter of Section 14, T5N, R3W, and the East two acres of the northeast fractional quarter of Section 15, T5N, R3W, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning on the Section line common to Sections 14 and 15, T5N, R3W, at a point 799.15 feet north 00°19'59" west of the quarter corner common to Sections 14 and 15, T5N, R3W, thence south 89°40'01" west 33.04 feet, thence north 00°19'59" west 145.20 feet, parallel to the section line common to sections 14, and 15, thence north 89°40'01" east 300 feet, thence south 00°19'59" east 145.20 feet, thence south 89°40'01" west 266.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing one acre.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale.

Dated: November 24, 1980

First State Savings Association of East Lansing, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee

John Brattin, Attorney for Mortgagee, 820 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906

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Ovid will try to maintain its services

Village president Walter Huffman said the main thrust of the village government in 1981 will be to maintain what is available and "do what we can with what money we have."

Street work was the big news in the village of Ovid during 1980. The south half of Main Street was blacktopped and new curbs, gutters and sidewalks installed. The north half of the street was done in 1979.

Bridge is big news in Eagle

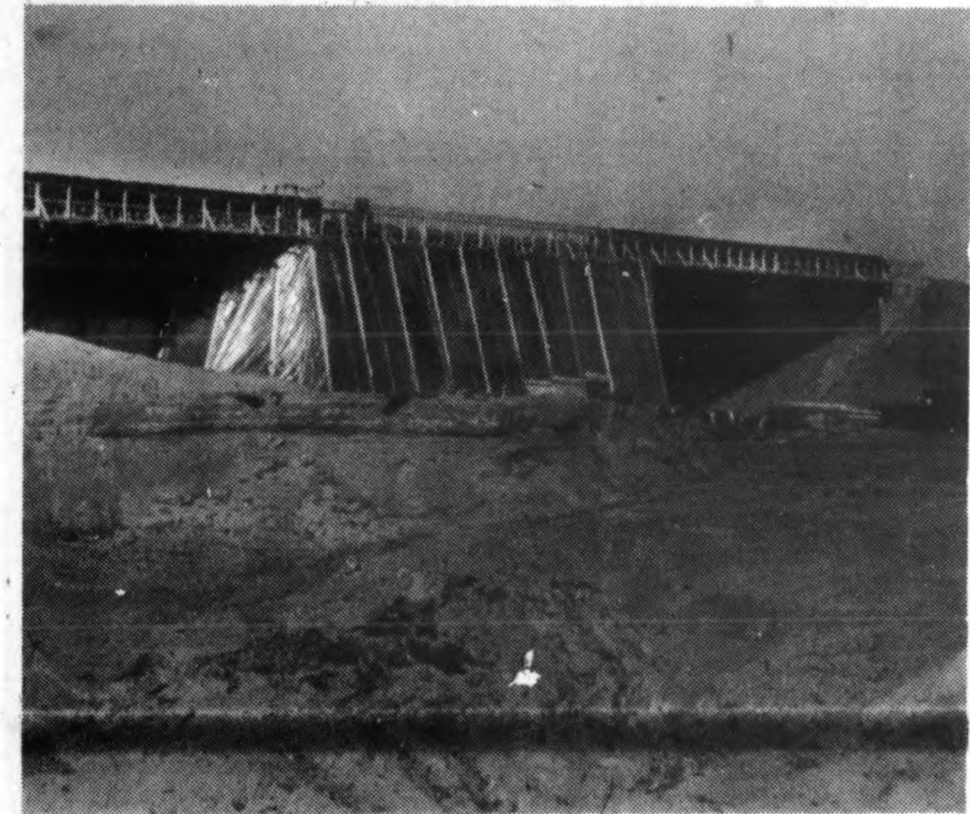
The August opening of the Eagle bridge was the big news in Eagle Township for 1980 taking traffic over the Grand River on State Road for the first time since 1977.

A millage vote in September of 1978, on which Township Board members worked free, enabled the township to levy a half mill

for three years to construct the new bridge. Federal funds helped pay for the project.

Clerk Alice Sullivan said many residents of the area had been driving 15 to 17 miles out of their way during the three years the bridge was out.

I-69 progresses through southern Clinton County



Highway work

Construction is underway and the new highway, I-69 is beginning to take shape as it makes its way through the southern portion of Clinton County. Bridges are up and getting finishing touches, while other sections are being graded, waiting for the concrete to be poured. Although other portions of I-69 are being held up in the rest of Clinton and Eaton Counties, work is in no way halted in the Turner and Francis Road portion of the county. (Photos by Sue Kiley White)

Clerk completes training

Sharon Kay Pierce, DeWitt City clerk and treasurer recently completed a three-year university level program designed to improve the service of the clerk's office to the community. Pierce was one of 22 Michigan municipal clerks completing the Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute at Michigan State University.

Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin presented graduation certificates in MSU's Kellogg Center for Continuing Education on Friday, Dec. 12, at the conclusion of the week-long institute.

The clerk's study-one week a year for three years at MSU-has dealt with elections administration, interpersonal relations, public administration, the role and responsibility of local government, the changing community, and the technical work of the clerk's office. Completion of the three-year institute fulfills the educational requirement for the Certified Municipal Clerk Award of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

HEARING AID CONSULTATION

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Synopsis of proceedings for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting held Tuesday, November 25, 1980 at 1:30 P.M.

Voted and carried to approve minutes of October 28, 1980 meeting as corrected. The agenda was approved as amended. Communications presented with the Agenda were placed on file. Voted and carried to adopt resolution 1980-29 in support of the Fowler Football Team.

Motion carried to rezone ZC-27-80, Donald Kenney, Ovid Township to B-2, General Business to utilize existing buildings which are presently nonconforming. Motion carried to rezone ZC-28-80 Robert Chant, Bingham Township to A-1, Agricultural Production.

Motion carried granting special use permit ZC-29-80 Robert Remus, Victor Township, Motion carried approving special use permit ZC-30-80 renewal for 5 years E. T. McKenzie, Waterford Township, American Excavators, Inc.

Motion carried to rezone ZC-31-80 - Bath Township, Donald Bondarenko to R-M1, Multiple-Family Residential. Motion carried granting a special use permit renewal ZC-32-80 Greenbush Township to William Seales to permit the continued extraction of sand and gravel operation.

Probate Judge Robertson spoke to board regarding Act 116 of Public Acts of 1973. The Department of Social Services has promulgated rules governing the licensing of child placing agencies. Judges of Probate oppose this. Chairman referred matter to the Criminal Justice Committee for recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously to authorize the spread of school millage rates approved by voters on November 24, 1980 in Bath School District.

Motion carried to adopt Economic Development Corporation resolution 1980-30 Service Beer Sales, Inc. approving the project area and project district area and appointing Robert Franchino and William Vaughn Montgomery as additional directors.

Motion carried adopting Economic Development Corporation resolution 1980-31, Clinton Partners Project approving the project area designation establishing project district area boundaries and appointing Paul McNamara and Mrs. Geraldine Wyble as additional directors.

Voted and carried approving commissioners expense accounts as presented. Nobis reported on a Finance Committee meeting held November 17, 1980.

Voted and carried to close out the Crime Prevention Fund #275 with a balance of \$474.92 being returned to the Sheriff's Department. In addition close out the Investigative Squad Fund #276 with a balance of \$4,409.20 being distributed as follows: State of Michigan \$56, St. Johns Police Department \$1,131.84, DeWitt Township Police Department \$1,262.44, Bath Township Police Department \$565.94 and the Clinton County Sheriff Department \$1,392.98 with the Sheriff Department amount reserved to defray costs associated with the jail modifications.

Dental insurance coverage for county employees will be effective 1-1-81. Voted and carried to increase revenue for 1980 by \$1,440 and transfer \$1,440 from the general fund to contingency fund and from contingency to the Historical Commission budget.

Voted and carried to amend the Federal Revenue Sharing fund balance from \$30,000 to \$31,855 and to transfer \$1,855 from Federal Revenue to Revenue Sharing Balance and from Revenue Sharing Balance to contingency fund and contingency fund to the Board of Commissioners budget for 1980 payment to Alexander Grant Company for Federal Revenue Sharing audit being conducted.

Voted and carried to transfer the following amounts from contingency fund to following accounts: Board of Commissioners \$5,000 (#33); Circuit Court \$10,000 (#34); Jury Commission \$100 (#35); Jail \$5,000 (#36); Record Copying \$3,000 (#37); Medical Examiner \$4,500 (#38); Ambulance \$300 (#39); Zoning Board of Appeals \$300 (#40); Data Processing \$4,000 (#41); Historical Commission \$155.73 (#42); Board of Commissioners for D.E.D.P. \$2,000 (#45); Board of Commissioners for Aging Consortium audit \$726 (#46); Department of Public Works \$250 (#47). This will leave a contingency balance of \$19,968.86.

Voted and carried to reduce the 1981 allocation to Central Purchasing from \$100,000 to \$5,000 and also the amount allocated to the Building Authority be reduced from \$100 to zero. Voted and carried that December 26, 1980, the day after Christmas be observed as a holiday and the Courthouse Closed.

Voted and carried that the expense vouchers which are presently provided through the Clerk's Office become a Central Purchasing item and charged back to the individual departments effective 1-1-81.

Voted and carried to approve bills audited for November in the amount of \$59,546.55 and deny a 1979 bill from Shattuck Company for the purchase of pens for Judge Green in the amount of \$37.26.

Department Heads are to submit a dollar amount for items purchased in 1980 but not paid until 1981 an adjustment will be made to the Department budget reducing the 1980 budget and increasing the 1981 budget.

Committee approved request of Fred Gibbs for purchase of the following items: typewriter \$922; carmate projector \$525; overhead projector \$165; multi media table \$76. Both the committee and Board approved these items contingent upon approval of the Finance Committee.

Committee recommends the approval of the supplemental appropriation to Mid-Michigan Health Department of \$10,000. Prior board action approved this but was contingent upon the contributions of Montcalm and Gratiot Counties, which now have been made.

Voted and carried to approve payment to the Capitol Area Community Services Organization in the amount of \$595.30 which is a reduction from their request of \$1,632.30 due to lack of funds forwarded to Clinton County from the State of Michigan.

Hawks presented a report on a Physical Resources Committee meeting held November 24, 1980: Committee reports that vacancies will occur on the Clinton County Road Commission (1) Clinton County Department of Public Works; (2) Zoning Appeal Board (2) members of the board are asked to submit recommendations to Physical Resources Committee by December 22 for presentation to the whole Board December 30th.

Committee met with Jack Nelson, Development Control Director and Tom Warstler, Planner to discuss update of the future land use map. \$800 has been budgeted in 1980 to purchase infrared aerial photos of Clinton County and \$800 in 1981 budget to employ MSU students at the remote sensing lab.

The car selected on the bids for Development Control from St. Johns Ford/Mercury was sold before notice of acceptance of their bid reached them. As a result another car was selected at an additional cost of \$330.

Voted and carried to transfer \$330 from contingency fund to the Planning Commission budget.

Physical Resources Committee discussed potential office space for SCS and ASC offices. The matter was referred to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Martin reported a Building and Grounds Committee meeting (no minutes were filed) Bids have been let for repair of a leak in the steam pipe from the Court House to the Jail.

Martin reported that the 45 days for completion of jail modification expired November 22nd. The Correction Commission has reviewed the facility and placed it under a 72 hour lockup facility until such time as modifications have been completed.

Voted and carried to authorize payment to Randolph's Ready Mix in the amount of \$4,360.00 from the Public Improvement fund for completed sewer hook-up work at Smith Hall. A committee has formed to study the small bus incentive program to effect a program to lower costs. The State of Michigan is guaranteeing 100% funding the first year only. Voted and carried to appoint Robert Wood for a three year term to the Michigan Mid-South Health Systems Agency.

Clerk Swanchara read a letter of resignation from William Gnodtke, County Commissioner District 10 to be effective at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Voted and carried to accept the resignation of William Gnodtke and appoint Robert Steinman, County Commissioner elect of District 10 for the remainder of the term. Voted and carried to reappoint Warren Coffman to the Department of Social Services Board for a three year term effective 11-1-80 to 10-31-83.

Voted and carried that this Board meet on Tuesday, December 16, 1980 at 9:00 A.M. at which time the 1981 General Fund Budget amendments will be presented. Voted and carried to table the bid of Peter Kurucz of \$26,900.00 on property owned by the County adjacent to the county farm until December 16, 1980. Voted and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Jane Swanchara, County Clerk

Complete minutes on file in County Clerk's Office.

The Back Page

Persistent volunteers leave mark on 1980

By JEAN MARTIN

A considerable amount of the work of any community is done by quiet and persistent volunteers. The following is a partial list of the things which would not have happened in 1980 had it not been for Clinton County's dedicated volunteer work force.

At Clinton Memorial Hospital no Red Cross Volunteers would have been helping patients, feeding them, bringing their mail, shaving men, playing with young children, or watering flowers. There would have been no gift store, no visitor's assistance desk, no

tray favors on holidays. There would be no hospital book cart, no colored televisions, no toys waiting for the children in their hospital beds. There would be no Meal-On-Wheels to see that those confined to their homes received nourishing meals.

Six hundred and forty clients of the Department of Social Services would not have benefited from the personal attention they received from volunteers, and \$46,420 of the taxpayers' money would not have been saved.

The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, which might well be a parking lot were it not for the 3500 hours used so far in its restoration, would not have been the setting for

special exhibits and demonstration during Michigan Week. Nor would the museum have been all decked out for a Victorian era Christmas again this year.

The 1980 "History of Clinton County" would not be arriving in St. Johns this week had not 453 families and countless other individuals taken the time to sit down and record what they know and remember about their part of this community.

Without the participation of hundreds of local residents Sept. 13 would have been just another rainy Saturday; and thousands of visitors would not have enjoyed the parade, the street fair, the flea market, the

Firemen's 10,000 meter run, the band organ, and the homes during the Home Tour Festival.

Without the donations of time and expertise by adult leaders local 4-H members could not have brought their activities to the community. There would have been no Family Day with its workshops on babysitting, cross-country skiing, first aid, clowning, crafts, gourmet cooking, estate planning, and animal nutrition. There would have been no Roadside Clean-up in the spring. Of course there would have been no fun this year at the 4-H Fair with its multiplicity of exhibits, its horse show, and its food booth. Nor would there have

been the parade, the ice cream eating contest, the egg toss or the greased pig race.

Perhaps that is just as well, however, because there would have been no Community Radio Watch Club members to man the new Clinton area First Aid Trailer. Of course there would have been no trailer without the fund raising drive this year sponsored by Jerry and Sharon Reha and the club.

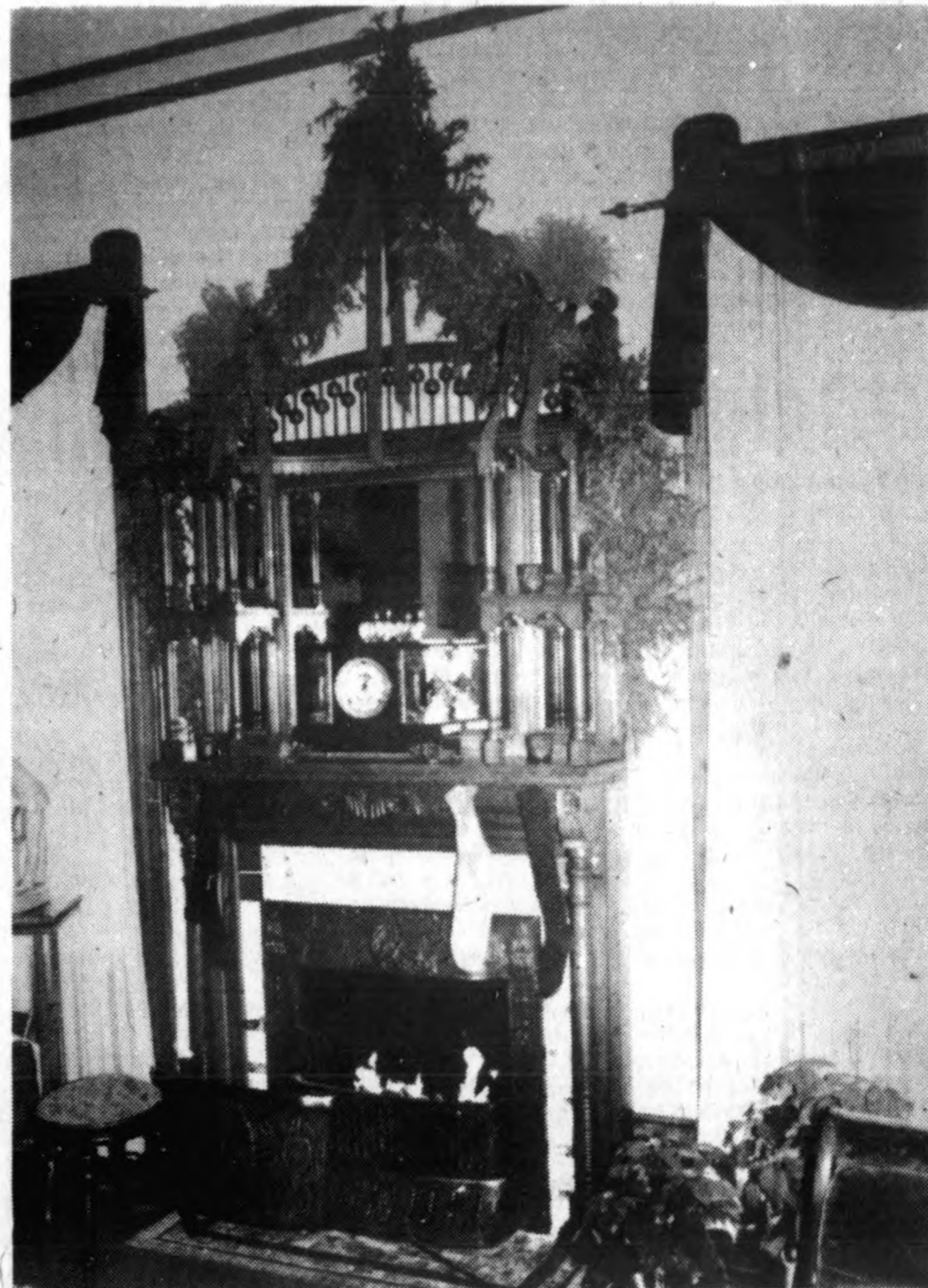
A number of other things would not have happened in 1980. There would have been no exchange students in area high schools. The Idar-Oberstein Orchestra from Germany might have had no place to sleep after they appeared in concert in Westphalia last April.

Of course there would have been no scouting activities, no Youth Talent Exhibit, no St. Johns Sea Lions, no concerts in the park, no travelogues, and no Junior Great Books sessions.

The Jaycees would not have sold jelly and the Knights of Columbus would not have sold Tootsie Rolls to help handicapped children.

There would have been no Easter Egg Hunt in the city park and no Kiss Your Baby Week, no Community Resource Volunteers Art Days, no Rock-a-thon for Muscular Distrophy, no Clinton Memorial Hospital Capers, no celebration for the 4th of July, and no Elsie Festival last July either.

Almost no church activities would have occurred. Most Holy Trinity in Fowler would not be planning their Centennial for next year. The St. John's Episcopal and Wacousta United Methodist Churches would not have been pursuing renovation projects. There would have been no holiday bazaars and no community suppers.



It's still Christmas

It's still Christmas at the Paine-Gillam-Scott 1860 House Museum, Maple Street, St. Johns. Visitors can take a last look at the staff's presentation of a Victorian Christmas, Sunday, Jan. 4 from noon until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 2 to 8 p.m. The museum is one of the primary examples of volunteers at work in Clinton County. More than 3,500 volunteer hours have gone into its renovation and staffing which involves people from all over Clinton County. The museum is a project of the Clinton County Historical Society. (Photo by Jean Martin)

Clinic fights smoking abuse

BY SHARON RANDALL

Cigarette smoking is recognized as one of the two major substance abuse problems in Clinton County and local officials are determined to find ways to instruct users of its harm and help those who want to quit.

Mental health therapist Linda Hall of the Substance Abuse Clinic in St. Johns said cigarette smoking ranks right along with alcohol as abuse problems in this area. Efforts have been put into a new Stop Smoking Clinic that is to start the first week of January with a public information meeting, Friday, Jan. 2.

Smokers interested in quitting will be given a run through of the sessions, Jan. 2 at the Clinton County Health Department, 306 Elm St., St. Johns at 7:30 p.m. and can sign up to start the clinic Jan. 5. All sessions run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the month of January.

The sessions are informal, many of them led by volunteers from the com-

munity who are ex-smokers. Last year two clinics held here had a 60 percent success rate, according to Ms. Hall. Participants quit "cold turkey" and must stay off cigarettes for the endurance of the clinic. "We ask them to stop the workshop and come back later if they smoke during the four week period," she said. The sessions offer group support to help cope with the changes in life style that come with breaking the smoking habit.

Cigarette smoking is a major problem because it has been associated with so many major fatal diseases," Ms. Hall said. "Among smokers, the death rates from all causes increases with the number of cigarettes smoked per day, the number of years the smoker has smoked, and the earlier the age at which he started. If no one smoked, there would be one third fewer male deaths between the ages of 35 and 59, she pointed out.

"Women who smoke cigarettes have a significantly higher death rate than those who have never smoked regular-

ly," according to Ms. Hall. Women and adolescent girls are the new target for stop smoking campaigns, Ms. Hall informed. "Statistics show a downturn in men smokers," she said, "but figures are up in women and adolescent girls."

There is a benefit in stopping the smoking habit, Ms. Hall said, the death rate lowers by about 30 percent for people who quit. "Excluding those who have already contracted an irreversible disease, the death rate of those who stop smoking begins to decline immediately and after 10 years, the former pack-a-day smokers' death rate is almost the same as if they had never smoked," she said.

The dangers of smoking fall into four groups, lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, according to information from the Substance Abuse Clinic. Smoking is a proven risk factor in all these diseases. It is considered as much a risk factor in heart diseases as are a high level of cholesterol in the blood, high blood pressure and obesity.

★ Headlines tell story of 1980

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In April a new commuter bus service from Mt. Pleasant to Lansing, East Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Detroit Metro Airport began. The administrator of the bus service advised county residents, however, that vanpooling would be less expensive.

By August the county was loaded with programs looking for or offering alternatives in transportation. The County Board of Commissioners was looking into the need for a van-type busing system. The Senior Citizen's office was running a transportation program every weekday, transporting seniors for medical appointments and grocery shopping, and for legal, recreational, and educational purposes.

By November the newly funded transportation director, Jason Cherry was advising the county commissioners, "There isn't a whole lot of public transportation in this county, but there are a lot of possibilities for a system."

As early as March the unstable economy was laying claim to a considerable amount of space in the County News. At that time it was noted that with the price of gold skyrocketing, interest in the value of class rings was mounting.

By June the economic slump in Michigan was definitely being felt in the county, and the Federal-Mogul Corp. in St. Johns was forced to lay off 90 employees. This was due in part to the fact that automotive related business accounted for about 40 percent of the plant's production.

On June 11 it was reported that Clinton County unemployment, which had been at around 5 percent in June, 1979 was at 9.9 percent. By Oct. that figure had fallen to 9.7 percent.

Soon agencies funded by state and local governmental bodies began to feel the pinch.

County Extension agent George McQueen told concerned citizens in June that programs in his agency were in jeopardy because of possible staff shortages.

At the same time George Eberhard, director of the Department of Social Services stated that budget cuts on the state level hadn't affected Clinton Co. yet; but they would, he predicted.

Financial problems became apparent at the Mid-Michigan District Health Department as early as March. It was then that some employees were given 3.1 percent merit increases which in no way reflected the double digit inflation factor, according to director Joe Latoff. Other employees were not even eligible for the small merit increases, and the wage adjustments caused a morale problem, he said.

Cuts amounting to \$62,000 were discussed at that time.

By July MMDHD employees had voted to unionize. The two new unions, Teamster Local 214 and the Mid-Michigan District Health Department Registered Nurses Association, became the first in the three-county area that makes up the MMDHD.

A four-day work week was implemented Sept. 1 for some employees of the MMDHD. According to Latoff this was done in an effort to combat a projected \$50,000 budget deficit. The offices continued to operate on a five-day schedule, but days off for employees were staggered.

After union representatives objected to the four-day work week, action by the board Oct. 1 placed the equivalent of 37 employees of MMDHD on indefinite lay-offs, cut out all home health services completely, and slashed other existing departments.

"We felt that it wasn't fair that these employees be asked to take a 20 percent cut across the board regardless of seniority," explained a Teamsters union member. "Many of our people weren't getting a living wage anymore after the cut-backs. That's why we asked for the lay-offs."

In October two members of the County Board of Commissioners who also sat on the MMDHD board threatened to resign when it appeared that the county board would withhold \$115,000 from the MMDHD until a budget was submitted.

Recently after Gratiot Co. voted to pay only \$90,000 and Montcalm Co. agreed to spend only \$85,000 the commissioners decided to allocate only \$100,000 to the MMDHD.

Since state funding is also being cut substantially, the MMDHD still faces an approximate deficit of \$60,000 as 1980 ends.

By October the two major industries in St. Johns appeared to be on a recovery course, returning workers to their production lines as business slowly improved.

"We do have the orders, but it's hard to say if it's because of the election year or if manufacturers just want to fill up the showrooms," said David Dodd, personnel director for Sealed Power which had laid off as many as 158 people at some time during the year.

At year's end, however, labor problems continued at Arnold's Drugs in the Southgate Plaza where employees first went on strike early last fall.

Clinton Co. farmers have not been particularly happy this year either.

In January, 1980 representatives of the American Agriculture Movement took steps to draw attention to the plight of the American farmer by encircling the County Service Building on S. Oakland St. with about 20 tractors thus closing down the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. This action was taken, the farmers said, to protest the cutback in grain sales to the Soviet Union which was announced by the federal government Jan. 4.

In late summer a hail storm caused an estimated \$375,000 in damage to county crops by stripping leaves off corn and soybeans, and by pounding oats and alfalfa into the ground. Excessive rainfall also left water standing in fields in the part of the county located north of M-21. It was estimated that as much as 50 percent of the crops in a 10 mile square area were ruined. Federal disaster loans were later made available to some county farmers.

One bright spot in the farm picture was the Mexican bean agreement which some said could hardly have come at a more crucial time. It was estimated that the deal would bring in over \$1 million in sales for Clinton Co. bean farmers.

In other headline news county students got their first snow day of the 1979-80 school year Jan. 7. Four schools were closed again in March when an epidemic of influenza struck and an Ovid girl was taken to Children's Hospital with a case of Reye's Syndrome.

After several false starts cable television finally made it to St. Johns; and in October Clinton Co. residents met vice presidential candidate, George Bush.

In October a battery of state agencies closed down the Jackson Nursing Home, forcing the families of its 13 elderly boarders to find housing and care for them elsewhere.

A few weeks later mortgages were approved for two small group homes for mentally retarded adults and children were approved. The homes, to be located on Turner Rd. in DeWitt Twp. and on Chandler Rd. in Victor Twp., would be the first of their kind to be built in the county.

Looking ahead

SQUARE DANCE-The Bath Shootin' Stars Square Dance Club will host a New Years Eve Dance, Saturday, Dec. 27, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Bath High School Cafeterium on East Clark Road. A potluck lunch will be served at midnight. All western style square dancers welcome.

SPECIAL EDUCATION-Clinton County Citizens for Special Education will have their annual meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at the Intermediate School District building on U.S.-27. New officers will be elected and annual reports given by the outgoing president and treasurer. All persons interested in the Clinton County Special education programs are urged to attend.



Jail's reprieve

Clinton County Commissioners and law enforcement officials were granted a two year reprieve in October, stopping the county jail from being closed or turned into a 72-hour lock-up as threatened by state officials. The temporary reprieve was granted after officials from the

Department of Corrections accepted alternatives presented by Prosecuting Attorney Jon Newman. The county has until February to complete the \$60,000 worth of renovation that include this exercise area fence and a fire escape. (Photo by Jean Martin)

★ County manages to survive

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treatment plant on Herbison Road. Faced with the resignation of two Mid-Michigan Health Department committee members, Clinton Commissioners voted to overturn a previous motion to withhold \$115,000 from MMDHD until a budget is submitted. Commissioners were in the process of adopting the 1981 county budget.

Probate Judge Marvin Robertson asked for the support of the board of commissioners in his fight against inspections by the department of social services of the courts, saying he can't submit to an added layer of bureaucracy.

For the past several months Clinton County officials have

been studying transportation systems and the feasibility of starting a public transportation network using state buses. The "ballgame" has changed however, in the past couple of weeks. What previously was a fully federally funded program for at least two years now stands in limbo, according to Earl Lancaster, head of the transportation committee.

Still floundering in the wake of administrative and financial upheaval, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department continues to take a beating as was pointed out by Glenn Webster. Webster indicated it took two days to come up with a zero balance budget, which is still questionable.