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Pridgeon to speak

Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Dean Pridgeon, will be the guest speaker at the 26th annual meeting of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District Feb. 2 at Ovid-Elsie High School. Included in this week's Clinton County News is a 20-page supplement highlighting the annual meeting, as well as soil conservation practices in this county.

Will there be a 'Fun in the Snow?'

Will there be enough snow for the annual "Fun in the Snow" Sunday festivities at Sleepy Hollow State Park on Sunday, Feb. 10? Community Resource Volunteer (CRV) Director Bill Richards says for everyone to keep their fingers crossed and watch next week's Clinton County News to find out if the annual event will go on as planned or will have to be canceled due to not enough snow.

O-E Quiz Bowl

Ovid-Elsie High School's Quiz Bowl team suffered defeat to Grand Blanc students last week and are out of the competition.

The Maurader's team of Ken Delaney, captain, Scott Marshall, John Stefanek and Tracy Bashore with alternate Tom Gehring scored well and won meets with Durand and Brighton. Teacher advisor is Mary Ann Lewis.

Benefit dance

A dance to benefit the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center has been set for Friday, Feb. 8 from 8-11 p.m. at the K of C Hall in St. Johns. All ages are invited. Donation will be \$1.50 per person. There will be refreshments, a five-piece band, round and square dancing.

Bath pares budget

The Bath Board of Education pared \$16,634 from their tight budget, cutting expenses in personnel, elementary and middle school miscellaneous, high school assistant coaches and board travel expenses. It was announced by Samuel Palmatier, treasurer, Mon. Jan. 28.



Wicked exterior

Jane Miller makes a pretty scary looking witch for her role in St. Johns High School's production of the Wizard of Oz.

Carol Huguélet stars as Dorothy who takes the Scarecrow (Mike VanRooyen), the tin woodsman (Todd Scott) and the lion

(Gene Turcotte) to the Emerald City to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Wizard of Oz coming to town

St. Johns
On Feb. 1 and 2 the St. Johns High School Drama Department will be presenting its production of that favorite children's classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

The group has chosen this Tim Kelly script for its winter play for several reasons, the first of which is the success that they had with it seven years ago when they presented their first children's theatre production.

"Add to this the many requests they have received for a revival of the show, and the enthusiasm and talent the group possesses, and you have good reason to bring the production back to the people of the St. Johns area," said Rober Koger, faculty director.

The cast is led by Junior Carol Huguélet in the role of Dorothy, with the multi-talents of Mike VanRooyen as

the Scarecrow, Todd Scott as the Tin Woodsman, Gene Turcotte as the Lion and Jane Miller as the Wicked Witch. These energetic theatre students will lead a cast of 24 in one of the most unique productions ever presented on the SJHS stage.

The story is the traditional tale, but the production is using many unique and innovative staging techniques to add to the excitement. For this show the production crews have constructed a special stage that actually reaches right out into the audience where the majority of the action takes place.

Also they use the new patterned lighting, flash boxes, scrim effects where people appear magically through walls, and the inventiveness of some very clever scenery that seems to appear from nowhere.

Lea Smith will do the costume

direction, and award-winning design student Tim Weaver will head the design and painting aspects of the show. Approximately 125 students are working on this production.

Since this is a children's show and many families will want to have all their children attend, the group thought it better to reduce its ticket price from the usual price to \$1 for all seats. Also, to add further fun to the theatre experience, the group will sell popcorn at the door for a small fee of 20 cents, and has moved the evening curtain time from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate earlier hours for children.

The group has also scheduled a 2 p.m. matinee for Saturday, Feb. 2. The show will be given Friday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

MAYBE

Mill and half cut from taxes

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns
A ruling in 29th Judicial Circuit Court Monday may have saved St. Johns taxpayers 1½ mills this summer.

Judge Randy Tahvonen ruled by summary judgment that Auto Owners Insurance which represented St. Johns in the Grubaugh vs. City of St. Johns lawsuit, had to pay the pre-judgment interest of \$78,772.

In March of 1961, Bruce Grubaugh lost his sight as a result of an auto accident which occurred within the city

limits. He was a passenger in a car driven by his brother-in-law. The car struck a tree at the end of an unmarked T-intersection at Floral and Ottawa streets.

The case worked its way through the courts and in 1976, a Clinton County Circuit Court jury awarded Grubaugh a \$300,000 judgment and his wife, Jean, was awarded \$45,000. The Grubaughs also were awarded interest on the \$345,000, dating back to when the suit was filed in 1961.

Interest and judgment costs totalled \$565,000 and last summer city

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Water well proves to be a dud

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

The new water well in St. Johns has proved to be a dud, so city commissioners are going back to the drawing board to solve the city's need for additional wells.

At Monday night's city commission meeting, commissioners were told the new well, well No. 9, is supplying water at the low rate of 126 gallons per minute. Moreover, the water has too much iron in it.

The city has already invested \$29,271 into the well located near the high school football field. A new well, from start to finish costs about \$115,000.

Faced with few options regarding well No. 9, the city voted to abandon work on it and cap it.

Ervin Stahl, district manager of Layne-Northern, Inc. which has been drilling the well, said the well certainly didn't turn out like their pre-tests had predicted. He said it one of the toughest wells he ever encountered in his 30 years in the business.

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Cable television expected in May

St. Johns

Cable television probably won't be offered in St. Johns before May, according to Ed Francke from Omega Communications, Inc.

In a telephone interview last week, Francke said a signal survey to determine how high the cable tower must be has been completed in St. Johns and his firm is finalizing plans to wire the city.

The 300-foot tower will "hopefully be constructed on the Robert Nurenberg farm," he said. Nurenberg is enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Act and there has been some question as to whether or not a cable tower could be built on the farm.

Omega Communications, Inc. has to apply to the county for a special use permit to install the tower. That permit will be acted upon March 16.

If the special use permit is granted, Francke said the tower could be erected in April. Depending upon the weather, the tower could be put up in a week.

By the second week in February, the cable company plans to start laying cable in St. Johns. By April 1, 80 percent of the community could have cable strung. Before they can start

using the service, individual hook-ups will have to be completed.

Francke said his company could hook up between 40-50 residences daily, starting on the south side and working north.

About six months ago, the president of Omega Communications, Inc. told city commissioners a cable system could be erected in St. Johns within 90 days.

In December, Francke appeared before the commission and related that March was a more realistic target date for the cable system to be completed.

He cited the unavailability of electronics as being a major problem. The cable business is expanding rapidly and parts were taking longer to be received.

Francke said last week that most of the cable equipment is in, and expected the rest of the equipment to arrive by April 1.

Omega Communications, Inc. crews are presently in Ithaca, hooking up that community to cable already strung. In mid-December, Francke had said Ithaca residents would have cable television by the end of December. Then the cable company would begin working in St. Johns.

Only two primaries needed in villages

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County

Clinton County's six villages will be holding elections March 10 to elect village officials. Only Maple Rapids and Ovid will have Republican primary elections Feb. 18.

In Elsie there will be a Democrat running for a trustee position against three Republicans. Candidates in the other communities are all running unopposed.

Both Fowler and Westphalia are hoping for write-in votes in March to fill assessor positions and Fowler is also depending upon write-in votes to fill a two-year trustee post.

The February primary will determine Ovid's new president. Two new candidates are vying for the seat. Five Republican candidates are running for three trustee positions there. At Maple Rapids, two Republicans are seeking the treasurer's post.

Maple Rapids

Voters here will cast votes in the primary to choose between Albert Abshagan and Marjorie Floate who are both seeking the treasurer post being vacated by Marjorie Rumsey who has served for more than 18 years.

All other candidates for village offices are incumbents and are unopposed. Albert Brunner will run again for village president; Liane Tyler, clerk; Jean Gavenda, assessor; and trustees George Abbott Jr., Lyle Floate and Robert Stephens.

Mrs. Tyler said two library board members would also be elected. Running are Joyce Bailey and Nancy Andrews.

Ovid

Ovid's primary election, Feb. 18 will be held to choose the Republican candidate for president and three trustee positions. Hazel Dietz and Norman Martin are running for the two-year president positions. John

Valko, president for the past five years, is not in the race.

Arthur Price, Sr. and Cyril Trembley are opposing incumbent trustees Janet Birney, Lynn Burgess and Michael Everts. Jane Applebee, clerk; Marie Scott, treasurer; and James Besko, assessor, are unopposed.

Westphalia

There will be no primary in Westphalia as all candidates are unopposed. Village officials are hoping for a write-in vote to fill the assessor position in March.

Clerk Phyllis Myers said the assessor signs the tax rolls, gets taxes ready and sends them in to the county. If there is no write-in candidate, an assessor will be appointed.

Unopposed are John Lehman, president; Mrs. Myers; Harold Wieber, treasurer, and trustees Harold Schmitt, Albin Hengesbach and Gerald Platte.

Eagle

Eagle Village officials are also

running unopposed. John Cooper is running for the trustee position recently left vacant when Edward Brockman resigned. Cooper is not new to Eagle Village government, he is a past-president.

Incumbents are John Smith, president; Mildred Cooper, clerk; Sally Culy, treasurer; and Geneva Leonard and John Leonard, trustees. All will be elected to two-year terms.

Fowler

Fowler candidates are also unopposed. Write-ins will be necessary for two positions, village assessor and two-years of a trustee post according to Clerk Winifred McKean.

Village President Carl Koenigsnecht who has served for two terms is running unopposed as is Mrs. McKean. Mary Jo Thelen who has been serving as assessor is running unopposed for the treasurer position.

Because trustees Roy Smith, Dennis Smith and Jim Koenigsnecht have chosen not to run for another four-year term, newcomers Philip Simon and Ken

Koenigsnecht will run unopposed.

Harvey Antonides who was appointed six months ago to fill Wayne McCausey's spot on the council is running for the third four-year position. Roy Smith, a long-time council member and president pro-tem, recently took over the position of fire chief. It is the two remaining years of McCausey's term that will have to be filled by write-in votes.

Elsie

Elsie will have the only Democrat on the March village election ballot. Democrat Blaine Lentz is running for a trustee position against Republican incumbent Harry Winans and newcomers Richard Hinspeter and Donald Cook.

Durwood Conklin who was Elsie's mayor four years ago is running for this position again. Arnold Minarik is stepping down. Unopposed are incumbents Dorothy Ornelas, clerk; Orpha Clement, treasurer; and Lawrence Hess, assessor.

Decision made before hearing, I-69 changed

By Sue Kiley
Editor

Bath Twp.

Bath Township Clerk June Burnette uses three words to describe the public hearing scheduled to discuss the I-69 routing on Jan. 31. To Mrs. Burnette, the whole situation is an "exercise in futility."

Township officials are frustrated to say the least over the whole situation. Six years ago, the state said I-69 would be built north of Park Lake.

It was a sure bet, or at least that's what township officials were lead to believe. Last fall the state re-evaluated its plans after the township had already developed their master plan, sanitary sewer system and future development with the north route as its guide. The new game plan was to build the highway to the south of Park Lake for environmental reasons.

The hearing on the proposed route is set for 7:30 p.m. at Bath High School. However, the township officials say it's not going to mean a thing.

"We have to have the hearing because of the law," Mrs. Burnette said. "Their mind is made up and that's the way it's going to go."

A three-page letter was sent to the state highway commission and Governor Milliken by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Roger Overway in the letter stated... "the most appropriate choice of alignment in the terms of the many impacts of such construction on the local community-and that to deviate from this choice at this time without overwhelming new evidence shows a callous disregard by the state for its citizens and its institutions of local government."

All local units of government involved, (Bath Township, DeWitt Charter Township, the Clinton County Road Commission, and various local planning and zoning bodies) support the 1W-1E (northern route around Park Lake). Their ideas are consistent with the original decision made by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 1974.

In the letter Overway continued, "As of this date, neither the Board of Commissioners, the involved local governing bodies, nor the residents of the area have been shown any relevant studies or facts which give any support to the notion that the decision arrived at in 1974 by the DOT was erroneous and that an alternative previously examined and rejected should now become the preferred alternative."

Overway charged the entire process which the state highway department utilizes in making its decisions is a "mockery."

Alternative 1W will displace seven to 22 fewer families, no commercial properties, 136 fewer total acres, (including 14

fewer acres of wetland and 47 fewer acres of agricultural lands) and \$9-18,000 less tax base. Alternative 2W (the southern route) will interrupt a proposed 265 acre residential development, removing a significant amount of land and requiring reconstruction of the entire proposal.

The letter further states, "The citizens of Bath Township have been making personal decisions involving place of work, place of residence, purchase of properties, business investment, choice of community over the past five years on the assumption that I-69 would be constructed within the 1W-1E alignment."

In addition, long range zoning and planning activities have been made within this framework, as well as decisions to spend several millions of dollars in construction and expansion of sewer and water systems.

"The personal trauma and expense of altering plans after five years of adjustment plus the costs of disrupting the considerable investment in long range planning decisions and in the provision of municipal services are factors which cannot be ignored in such a decision," Overway added.

Bath Township Supervisor Tom Woodruff said the only reason the whole project is being pushed so hard right now,

as it laid dormant for the past six years, is because money for the project will be running out soon.

"There are ways to stop the project," Woodruff said. "There's always the courts."

Bath Township officials noted this is the poorest time to put in a highway, especially when the price of gas will be going up to \$2 a gallon.

"They are just trying to use up the bucks," Mrs. Burnette said.

Mrs. Burnette and Woodruff have gone to see the state fish and wildlife department and in their words were given a very "cold reception."

"All they would say is that they are just doing their job," she said.

Woodruff added, "No one has shown any interest or concern in the number of homes, commercial property and the prime farm land which is going to be destroyed."

At the Wednesday meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, it was voted 11 in favor, five against and one abstention for the southern route.

"Several people have talked to me about the route and there were only two people who thought we were not working for the people's best interest," Woodruff said.

Carl Croft, township treasurer also voted against the northern route.

Snow, ice cause accidents

St. Johns

Snowy and icy conditions caused a rash of accidents in St. Johns with City Police officers investigating 12 cases with no major injuries. Six persons were cited for careless driving.

Four cases involved hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident. On Jan. 23 the vehicle driven by John J.

Lynch of 1216 Woodcrest, East Lansing was sideswiped by another car that crossed over the centerline heading west on Parks Street.

Police officers say the hit and run vehicle is a dark green color and has damage to the left front and/or side.

Officers are also looking for a dark blue Chevrolet Nova that witnesses say hit a

parked vehicle on Gibbs Street near Elm Street, Jan. 25 at 11 p.m. The east bound car was fish tailing and spinning in a 25 mile speed zone when it hit the parked vehicle of David Rademacher of Lansing. The witness is not sure which part of the hit and run vehicle hit the Rademacher car.

Tony E. Young, 17, of 828 N. Clinton, St. Johns was

cited for careless driving and failure to report a property damage accident when he left the scene after hitting a tree at Church and Clark Streets, Jan. 25.

Mike Blacker, 18, of 302 E. Clark St. was also cited for careless driving and leaving the scene after his vehicle struck a parked car on Steel Street near Ottawa Street on Jan. 24.

Cameras, jewelry, livestock taken

Clinton County

Three of the 58 complaints handled last week by deputies of the Clinton County Sheriff Department involved substantial losses to breaking and enterings and a livestock theft.

Dale Elmerick, 13460 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge reported the loss of a 35 mm camera, a diamond ring, two slim line calculators, a man's watch, a pair of binoculars and one, very old, Swiss type watch all valued at \$944.

Helen A. Hill, 2265 W.

Parks, Lot 219, St. Johns reported a breaking and entering in which thieves took a wedding and engagement ring valued at \$1,800, a turquoise ring and earrings and necklace valued at \$250, an Alaskan black diamond ring and earrings and necklace valued at \$250 for a total loss of \$2,300.

Three Holstein cows valued at \$2,000 were reported stolen from Carol Platte, 11407 W. Pratt Road, Portland in Westphalia Township.

Madill makes straight A's

DeWitt Twp.

Lynn Marie Madill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Colson of 15090 Pinehurst, Lansing, was recently honored for receiving straight A's at the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana.

Lynn was named to the Dean's list for the fall

quarter of 1979. Her mother wrote that she majors in Spanish and will be going to Spain for the spring term as an exchange student.

The straight-A students represent 3.7 percent of all UM students. Lynn was one of 310 students there to maintain a perfect grade-point average.

St Johns woman reported missing

St. Johns

St. Johns Police are investigating a missing person report made Thursday, Jan. 24 by Robert Cressman, 304 S. Swegles St. Cressman said his wife, Young Ho Cressman, 40, was last seen

at 11 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Mrs. Cressman is four foot tall, weighs 130 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a blue hooded coat and a pink blouse and blue slacks.

Sen Allen third says News poll

State Sen. Richard J. Allen, 10th congressional district hopeful, ranks as the third best of the 148 state legislators in Michigan according to a Detroit News poll.

The News poll published Sunday, Jan. 19, was directed to every legislator, every registered lobbyist and nearly every legislative staff person in Lansing.

The republican senator from rural Ithaca placed

behind ex-Speaker of the House William Ryan and Senate Majority Leader William Faust and just ahead of the current Speaker of the House Bobby Crim. Senate Minority Leader Robert VanderLaan was the other leading republican in the poll.

The biennial poll asks the participants to rank the 10 best and the 10 worst legislators based upon personal observation of the

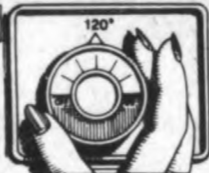
legislative process. While the results have been criticized as arbitrary and unscientific by many legislators there has been a consistency between polls and other legislative rankings such as that done by Booth Newspapers in 1977. That ranking listed the 12 best and the 12 worst for the previous session and included Allen among the 12 best.

Allen was cited in the poll for his work in agriculture,

his role as a civil rights advocate and for humor injected into dull Senate debates.

While Allen has not yet formally announced as a candidate for Congress, he freely admits it is his strong intention to do so. He has been raising funds and traveling the district talking to republican groups and community leaders seeking support for his candidacy.

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Al Galloway has not sold his used farm equipment business.

An article which appeared on page 4A of the Clinton County News last week was in error when it said, "Galloway sold the land, business and buildings..."

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Tractors and Parts regrets this error.



Sorting skills

The older severely mentally impaired (SMI) students at Olive Center will be learning workshop skills such as sorting. With this equipment demonstrated by SMI teacher Peggy Trigger, students can sort nuts, bolts, poker chips and other small items. The Olive Center SMI program opened Monday for the 11 students who will be attending classes there. Previously, the students attended classes at the Beekman Center in Lansing. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

St. Johns

If 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.

Bath Township, for example, is going to see a 4.3 percent increase over last year's figures. In 1979 the township's factor was 1.261 and in 1980 it has gone up to 1.404.

The entire county, according to Leon Thelen, equalization director, has gone up 34 percent in the past year. Property values have increased 40 percent since 1977 when the countywide appraisal was done by United Appraisal.

Commissioners indicated they have had factors for the last couple of years because of farmland. Bath Township, taken again as an example, has a multiplier of 1.674 for agricultural land and 1.36 for residential property.

"The only way these increases are going to stop is by changing the laws," said Bath Township Supervisor Thomas Woodruff, a spectator at Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioners also heard a presentation from Bob

Whalan, census manager for the Clinton County area who explained what would be happening with the 1980 census.

For the first time the census bureau will be mailing out questionnaires and then ask that they be filled out and returned. The forms will be sent out March 28 and people are expected to fill them out and have them returned beginning April 1.

"We expect about an 80 percent response during the first week," Whalan said.

He also explained that for each one percent mailed in over the 80 percent figure, a savings of almost \$1 million would be realized.

He indicated the census would totally cost about \$1 billion which will be spread out over the next 10 years.

"If we don't get a good census in 1980, we're stuck with those figures for a while," Whalan said.

Whalan asked for the county's help in publicizing the census. He noted there were various programs available to help the counties make people aware of the upcoming census.

There will be about 570 people employed to help take the census in the 16 counties Whalan is in charge of. He is in the process of recruiting workers presently.

Anyone interested in working on the census should contact Whalan at his Mt. Pleasant office, or contact the local Democratic chairman.

Nationally one out of six people will be asked to fill out the long form which takes

about 45 minutes to answer. In Clinton County, because of the low population density, one out of two people will be given the long form. The short form takes about 15 minutes to complete.

On the long form there are 66 questions dealing with housing, demographic and personal information.

The county will place on the May 20 presidential primary ballot the new jail proposal. The county is asking for \$3.2 million to be spread out over the next 15 years. This represents less than one mill per year.

The 53-bed facility was turned down by Clinton County voters in November of 1978. At that time, the proposal was for \$2.5 million. However, Board Chairman Roger Overway indicated

costs since that time have increased over \$700,000.

The finance committee recommended to the Board that the current fixed allocation of the statutory 15 mills (divided 5.8 county, one for the townships, .2 for the intermediate school district and eight for the schools) should be renewed for another four years. The county is not asking for additional millage, but rather just approval of what already exists. This question will be on the November 1980 general election.

Gordon Willyoung, magistrate gave his annual report to the commissioners. He noted at the end of 1979 the district had handled 11,617 cases and had 2,085 cases

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Lunch, athletic ticket costs up

St. Johns

Hot lunches are costing St. Johns students and teachers an additional 5 to 25 cents beginning this week.

Elementary lunches were increased from 65 cents to 70 cents; junior high and high school from 65 cents to 80 cents; and adults from 90 cents to \$1.25. The St. Johns Board of Education approved the cost increases at their Jan. 23 meeting.

In the fall, the board raised lunches from 50 cents to 65 cents for all students, following a report from the school's auditor that the school lunch program lost \$22,000 the previous school year. Dr. Donald Burns, school superintendent, said \$15,000 of the \$22,000 was attributed to a cut in staples from the federal government.

Increased labor and food costs have continued to drive up the cost of

offering a hot meal to students and faculty. So, board members decided another hike in the hot lunch cost was necessary.

Also at the Jan. 23 meeting: —The board raised the price of admission to Mid-Michigan B league games from \$1.50 to \$2 for adults only. The ticket price increase will go into effect in September.

—A request from the Central Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) to have two board members attend their Feb. 11 meeting resulted in

—The next meeting of the St. Johns Board of Education will be held at Central Elementary at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13, instead of at the administrative offices at the high school. The decision to hold the meeting at Central Elementary was predicated upon a request from Central Elementary's

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) to have two board members who have never been inside the school attend a Central PTO meeting Feb. 11. Since that could not be arranged, the board and PTO agreed to have the board meeting at the school.

The PTO is concerned with 20 fire safety citations the school received. The group wants to know what steps are being taken to correct these infractions. At the last board meeting, the board voted to spend \$3,700 to take care of some of the minor infractions. The second step to comply with the fire marshal's code is to invest \$20,000 in new ceilings throughout the building.

—Phillip Kilway, a graduate of Ferris State College, was hired as the new power mechanics teacher at the high school. He replaces Daniel Woodward.

Ovid, St Johns may gain from proposed revenue sharing

If a proposed addition to the state revenue sharing program is approved by the legislature, St. Johns and Ovid stand to get an additional \$14,600 and \$3,000, respectively, in revenue sharing funds.

These two Clinton County communities are two of 300 communities throughout the state which will receive a total of \$40 million if the

additional funds are allocated.

The \$40 million distressed communities program is designed to "help assure fiscal stability for Michigan's local units of government by providing additional funds to cities, villages and townships which most need it," said Gov. William D. Milliken last week. St. Johns and Ovid were

chosen based upon a formula which considered the percentage of families with incomes below the poverty level, the percentage of senior citizens in the community, the growth or deterioration of the tax

base, relative tax effort and decline in population.

If the legislature approves the addition in the state revenue sharing program, the money for these two communities would be available Oct. 1, 1980.

Cheering squads advance to finals

Jackson

Fowler and DeWitt cheerleading squads will compete this Saturday in the state cheerleading finals at Central Michigan University.

Last weekend Fowler, DeWitt and Pewamo-Westphalia squads travelled to Jackson to compete in finals.

Fowler finished number one in Class D. Members of the team include Susie Feldpausch, Beth Feldpausch, Joni Koenigsnecht, Wendi Schueller, Chris Boog, Cindy Weber and Rosemary Weber. Their advisor is Susie VanElls.

DeWitt was also a finalist.

Members of their team are Lesa Johnson, Karie Waller, Donna Powell, Diana Rolfe, Diana Lynn, Sheri Scott, Kym Waier and Lori Hine-man. Their advisor is Jill Arvidson.

Pewamo-Westphalia lacked five points to advance to the finals this weekend. Cheering on the P-W squad are Yvonne Schafer, Barb Cvetnich, Janet Rademacher, Kate Keilen, Jan Riley, Linda Spitzley, Ruth Hengesbach, and Nancy Schafer. Their advisor is Cindy Brown.

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Editorial Page

Well 9 a heartbreaker for City of St Johns



By Patrice Hornak

City commissioners Monday night passed around water samples taken from their new well, well No. 9, out by the high school. The water was a real heartbreaker for the city of St. Johns.

One sample taken from No. 9 well back when it was initially dug looked like hard cider. The water is full of iron and had discolored the plastic bottle in which it was contained.

Sample number two was cloudy and a bit discolored. It was the final product of months of digging, testing, speculation, pumping, planning and hoping. No one on the commission was inclined to taste the water.

The city has been under pressure from the state to increase its water production. Certainly, the city has tried, but Monday night the commissioners saw their endeavors meet a blank wall.

The new well which has cost the city \$29,271 is not good. The water quality is poor and the pressure is a measly 126 gallons per minute. The only suggestion for the new well is to use the water to sprinkle the grass at the park.

This is a huge disappointment to the city commission. They have been following the advice of Layne-Northern engineering consultants regarding the well. They were led to believe the well would be fruitful.

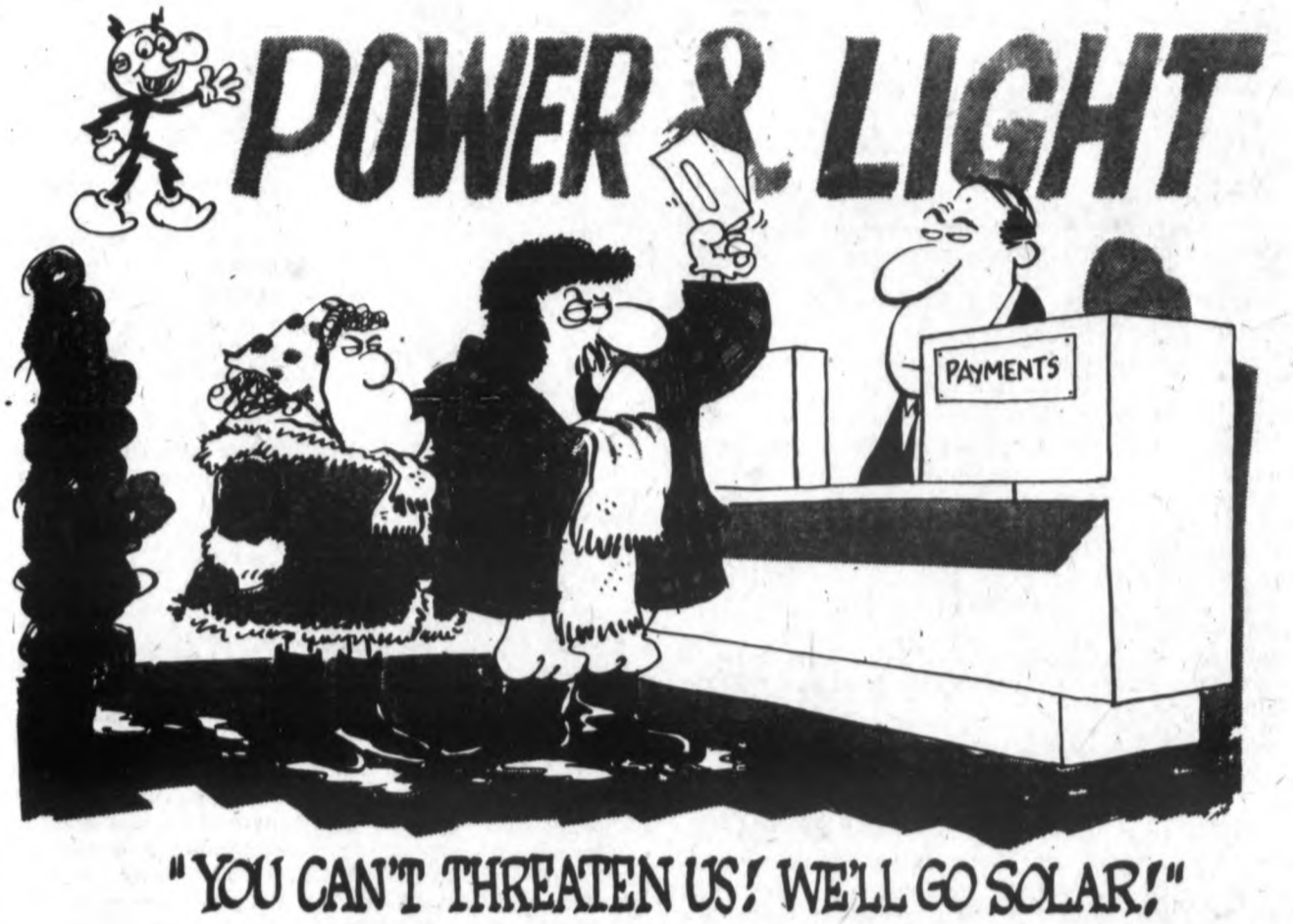
Even Layne-Northern district manager Evrin Stahl says this is one of the toughest wells he's ever run into in the 30 years he's been in the business. For the commissioners, this is only mild consolation.

What the city needs is a gusher—probably two of them. While the tests at well No. 9 have been underway in October, November and January, the city has also been looking into water at the proposed Clinton Area Care Center site on Scott Road near the Wheel Inn Restaurant. The city has also investigated two wells on the Searles property by the southwest border of the city.

Monday night the city voted to rejuvenate well No. 3 which has been done since the end of summer. It's going to cost \$10,017 to rejuvenate it, but at least the city is sure of getting some good water and water pressure around 150 gallons per minute.

So, it's back to the drawing board for the city commission. They need more water desperately. City commissioners acknowledge that they're in an emergency situation now. It takes six months from the test well to completion to build a new well. By summer, water demand will be up and the city will need the additional well badly.

Well No. 9 was a real heartbreaker.



Senior Citizen Update

Self Protection

Quite some time ago I talked with the Sheriff's Department and they gave me some leaflets with some very good information on them.

In Clinton County we don't need all of these precautions, but all of us shop or visit in larger cities, so read these suggestions and use them when necessary.

SELF-PROTECTION

1. Out after dark? Take these measures before you go out at night:
 - A. Determine routes of travel. Estimate amount of time you will be enroute and places visited.
 - B. Leave word with your family or friends indicating estimated time of return perhaps include "checkpoints" enroute or phone numbers where you can be reached.
 - C. Carry identification and phone numbers you may need. Leave a memo at home on important "ID" items you would need in case of loss. Word of caution, however, leave the memo inside of the house which should be locked at all times, do not leave notes on the outside of your house to let people know where you are going to be, this only invites vandalism and burglary.
 - D. Check locks on all doors and windows before leaving home.
 - E. Walking? Plan your route. Avoid shortcuts through deserted parks, vacant lots or unlit passages. Walk on street with plenty of lights and traffic.
2. Be alert! Do not loiter or stop for window shopping. Be prepared to run if followed. If accosted from a car, run in the opposite direction so that the car will have to make a U-turn.
3. Change your route as needed to keep away from unlit doorways or other shadowy areas.
4. Avoid lonely, dark or hard crime areas.
5. Wait for transportation in well lighted areas.
6. Seek refuge in a store or private residence if someone bothers you.
6. Driving—walk with someone, most muggers and all other thugs will be discouraged if you have company, male or female.
8. Stay with people. Avoid shortcuts through parks, vacant lots and other deserted places.
9. Stay in well lighted areas and stay near curbs and away from alleys, entryways and bushes where someone could be hiding.

10. Hold your purse close, not dangling. Never set it down on a store counter, restaurant, or bus seat.
11. Don't accept rides with strangers if a driver stops to ask you directions, avoid getting too close to the car; you could be pulled inside.
12. Being followed by someone on foot? Cross the street, change direction, vary your pace. If he persists, go to a lighted store or home and call the police.
13. Are you being followed by someone in a car? Turn around and walk in the other direction, go up a one-way street. If he persists, record his license number and call the police.



By Ruth Delo

Once again, some of our local people will be on the Baxter program, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. on TV-10.

There will be a dance for all ages Feb. 8 from 8-11 p.m. at the K of C Hall, St. Johns. A five-piece band will be playing during the evening. All proceeds will go to the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center. Donation is \$1.50 per person. Refreshments will be available. There will also be round and square dancing.

★ Water well

Knowing that they have to move swiftly toward finding another location for another well, the commission is planning to look at trial samples of water taken at the Wheel Inn Restaurant well at their next meeting. The city is thinking of building a well on the Clinton Area Care Center site across

from the restaurant. Meanwhile, commissioners voted Monday night to spend \$10,017 to rejuvenate well No. 3 which has been down since the end of summer.

The city also is keeping in the back of its mind two wells at the Searles trailer park near the southwest border of the

city. The cost for running lines out to the well, however, is \$175,000 for the pipe alone.

The past couple of summers the city has had to impose sprinkling bans to cut down on the amount of water used in the city. Factories were also asked to cut down on their water use.

★ Mill and half

commissioners were forced to levy 4.2 mills. Another five mills was to have been levied this summer, to pay the balance of the \$565,000 lawsuit.

A summary judgment, as explained by city attorney Paul Maples, is a ruling by the judge that evidence does not warrant a trial. Auto Owners Insurance could still appeal Monday's ruling, but Maples and City Manager Randy Humphrey who is also a lawyer, feel

Monday's judgment was a good sign for the city.

There is still a question regarding the post-judgment interest totaling \$47,864.

The major trial involving Auto Owners and the City of St. Johns has been set for May 6 in Mt. Pleasant.

The city is suing Auto Owners because the city contends Grubaugh's attorney offered in April of 1976 to settle the case upon payment of \$100,000 by Auto Owners. St. Johns

had a \$100,000 liability policy with Auto Owners at the time of the accident.

Auto Owners opted not to settle for \$100,000, though it knew that the city had an awful lot to lose (\$345,000) and the insurance company had an obligation to pay only \$100,000.

St. Johns is arguing that Auto Owners failed to keep the city informed and advised as to a judgment returned against the city.

almanack

Press fails to tell own story

By Richard L. Milliman

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

THOSE ARE the words of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. All newspaper people live with those words and those principles every day.

During the past year, the First Amendment has been closer than ever to me; during the past 12 months, I have served as the president of the Michigan Press Association, composed of more than 300 weekly and daily newspapers across Michigan.

Upon leaving office at the annual MPA convention in late January, I could not resist the opportunity to discuss some of my ideas about press freedom with other MPA members. I quote here from my own "farewell address" as MPA president:

"WE FACE A continuing fight for press freedom. The First Amendment is in danger; and that means the people of this country are in danger.

"The First Amendment after all is not constructed to provide special considerations for the press; the First Amendment is constructed to provide special protections for the people, and the press of this nation is privileged to be an instrument of that public protection. This is the proper role of the press, which somehow the courts of this nation seem to be constructing.

"Whenever a judge slams the door on his court...whenever a public body goes into secret session...whenever a public official or body seeks to control or restrain the free flow of information by seizing reporter notes, or searching a

newsroom, or in any other way...it is not the press which suffers, it is the people who are in danger of losing even further rights and freedoms.

"Unfortunately, too many of the people of this nation don't really care...too many people believe their protection lies with government, and not with a free and unchained press. We—the press—are failing at the very duty to which we are committed—the duty of providing information. We are not getting our First Amendment story across to the people."

ANOTHER CAUSE of concern to newspaper people—and especially to officers of the Michigan Press Association—is the tendency in the Michigan Legislature toward fostering the opportunity for secrecy in local government. This is a national trend, which drew the following comments from the outgoing MPA president:

"MORE AND MORE and more is going on in the Legislature that affects newspapers. Keep in mind, of course, that any law that affects business affects newspapers. In addition, we have our own special areas of concern.

"One current alarm is the growing attempt to reduce or eliminate public notice advertising for many local government activities, and to reduce or remove requirements to publish the proceedings of public bodies. All of these attempts march under the hallowed banner of economy in government...they are promoted as ways to save taxpayers money, by reducing expenditures for advertising.

"Saving taxpayers money is a difficult theme to combat; but, in this case, we in the press must try. Secrecy in government is no bargain; it is too high a price to pay.

"The handmaiden of secrecy in government all too often is skulduggery."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Disapproves of alcohol awareness

Dear Sue,

I am writing in regards to the article on Alcohol Awareness, Dec. 26, 1976. Either this program or one very similar has been used at the Rodney B. Wilson Junior High this year.

My husband and I disapprove of it very much and wonder if there are any other parents who feel that it does not belong in the school curriculum. I'm glad you referred to part of it as alcohol games. Twelve and 13-year-old children should have more important things to do with their time than interviewing teenagers and adults as to why they do or do not drink. We were told that parents are no longer teaching values to their children and the school now has that responsibility. That is nonsense.

Parents are simply giving up their right to teach their children because they are allowing such values clarification classes to go on in school. If it is true that teens are influenced by their peers and the majority of the students feel it is okay

to drink, then what has been learned. It is against the law to drink as a teen and I'm afraid this little statement fell to the side during the first class.

We hired teachers to teach academics, math, science, reading, etc. Surely these kids have not learned all there is to know.

Since the courts ruled that no religious values may be taught in public schools, then leave this stuff out. We cannot subject our children to such "game" without a further eroding of our country's moral fiber.

Since this is a pilot program, we feel hopeful that it can be dropped. We hope that other parents will contact us...and together we can work to have it removed.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blizzard

Receives good mail service

Dear Editor,

I don't hear much lately about poor mail service. I have a comment or two about good mail service.

I sent a letter to Parr's Pharmacy for a refill of a prescription. I mailed it on Monday, Jan. 14. On Friday, Jan. 18 it was in my mailbox here.

Also last year, I found I needed some papers I had left at home for my income tax return. I called my daughter in St. Johns on Saturday. She drove out to my home, got it and put it in the mail in St. Johns Saturday afternoon. It was in my mailbox here in Florida on Monday morning. We are enjoying our winter in

Florida.
Sincerely

J.D. Robinson
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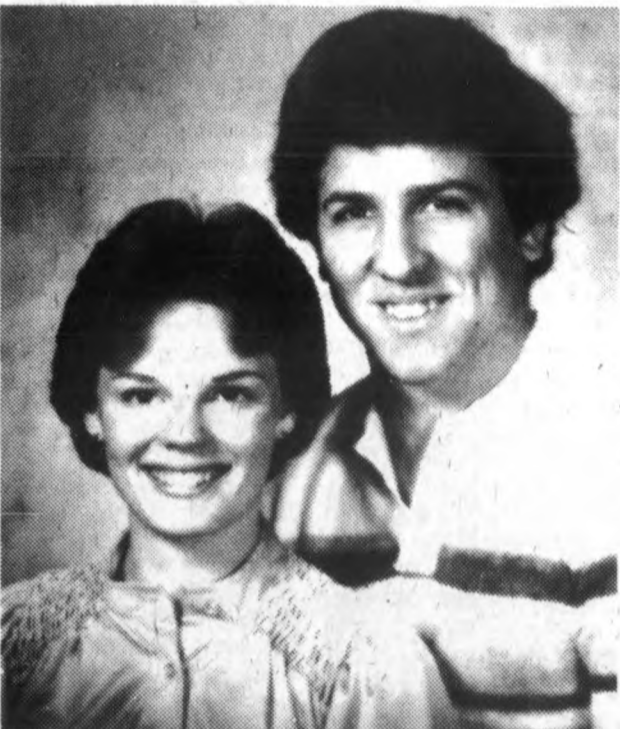


Vicki Moore
Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of 322 W. Pearl St., Ovid wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Sue to James D. Horvath son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Horvath of 1311 Whitehaven Ct., Owosso.

of Lansing Community College and is employed by Key State Bank. Her fiance is a graduate of Ferris State College and is employed by Consumers Power in Jackson.

The couple plans a Sept. 27 wedding.



Janet Simmon Luke Pohl
Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Simmon, W. Townsend Road, Fowler wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet to Luke Pohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Pohl of Westphalia.

School and is employed by the state of Michigan. The prospective groom is a graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and will graduate from Central Michigan University in May of 1980.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Fowler High

The couple plan a June 14 wedding date.

Marsha Lou Bissell became the bride of Todd Russell Dollarhite on Dec. 29 during a 7 p.m. double ring ceremony. Rev. David Henderson officiated at the ceremony held at Westminister Presbyterian Church in Lansing.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to an altar decorated with white poinsettias. Lindy Rich sang, "Looking Through the Eyes of Love," "The Lord's Prayer" and the "Wedding Song." Dorthey Page was the accompanist.

Parents of the couple are Dale and Ruth Bissell of 13615 Francis Rd., DeWitt and Eugene and Margaret Dollarhite, 1400 E. Pratt Rd., DeWitt.

The bride is a 1972 graduate of Waverly High School and attended Lansing Community College and Ferris State College. The groom is a 1967 graduate of St. Johns High School.

For her wedding the bride chose an ivory gown of silk chiffon over taffeta. The bodice was of rose-pointe lace accented with pearls, with full bishop sleeves wide cuffs. The dress had a flared skirt with a deep double ruffle flounce.

She wore a veil of nylon illusion in candlelight color with a camelot cap of silk lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of white



Mr and Mrs Todd Dollarhite

poinsettias.

Matron of honor was Jean Lance, of DeWitt. Attendants were Sharon Watson and Carol Ann Pfeifer.

They wore emerald green dresses of silesta and taffeta featuring a blouson top with slit sleeves with pleated A-line skirts. They wore matching picture hats with brussels lace trim and bows with tulle. They carried bouquets of white poinsettias.

The bride's mother wore a Nile green pleated knit gown with a chiffon overlay. The groom's mother wore a plum colored gown with long sleeves and an A-line skirt.

Best man was Gary Piper. Groomsmen were Ken Billings, Marvin Dollarhite, Charles Bissell and Ken Hankamp.

A reception for the couple was held at the DeWitt Memorial Building with 150 guests attending.

Serving at the reception were Norma and Larry Bissell and Marjorie and Will Stanton.

Ms. Barbara Windedahl was a special guest at the wedding.

The couple took a wedding trip to Mt. Pleasant and are making their new home in Lansing.



Elaine Marence
Engaged

Harold and Margaret Marence, Laingsburg would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Marie to James Edward Kelley, son of Robert and Roberta Kelly 606 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns.

graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and is employed at the St. Johns Big Boy. The prospective bridegroom attended St. Johns High School, served in the Navy and is employed by Peak Construction. The couple plan a Feb. 23 wedding date.

The bride-elect is a 1978

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Schafer, 557 E. Webb Rd., DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter Teri A. to Jack R. Bray of East Lansing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray of 6951 State Rd., East Lansing.



Teri Schafer Jack Bray

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Bath High School. She is employed with the Department of Civil Service.

The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of Bath High School. He is attending Western Michigan University, majoring in Environmental Engineering.

The couple plan an April 18, 1980 wedding.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hutchison, 1281 W. Webb Rd., DeWitt would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Datherin of East Lansing to James Rach of DeWitt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rach of 1314 Turner Rd., DeWitt.

A June wedding is being planned.

Graduates

Wayne Eirschele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Eirschele, 302 E. Gibbs, St. Johns has graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts degree.

Birth

A boy, Matthew Scott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Fowler of 808 W. McConnell on January 19 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fowler of St. Johns and Mrs. Louis Morocco of Farrell, Pennsylvania. The mother is the former Mildred A. Morocco.

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Obituaries

Oscar Colister

Oscar H. Colister, 78, 5809 High St., Bath, died Jan. 24, 1980. Funeral services were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. Burial was at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery with Rev. LaVern Bretz.

Mr. Colister was born in Williamston on Nov. 16, 1901 a child of Henry and Florence (Shaw) Colister. He resided most of his life in the Bath area.

He married Edna Baxter in Lansing on July 1, 1922. He is a former member of the Oddfellows in Bath and former Clinton County Commissioner of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Colister was employed as a supervisor at Motor Wheel.

Oscar Colister is survived by his wife, Edna; two daughters, Mrs. Cecil (Mary Ellen) Hiatt, of Hixon, Tennessee, Mrs. Douglas (Audrey) Babcock of Eau Claire, Michigan; one son, Keith and a wife Bonnie of Bath; one brother Cy of Brooklyn, MI.; two sisters, Norma Colister, Burt and Mrs. Mary Wells of Greenville and five grandchildren.

Floyd Jubb

Floyd Jubb of 345 Filley, Lansing, passed away Jan. 27, 1980 at age 87.

He was born in Ingham County Feb. 24, 1892, the son of John and Irena (Pine) Jubb.

He was married to Elizabeth Fath in Lansing, April 20, 1927. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club at Oldsmobile where he was formerly employed. He also was a retired farmer.

Mr. Jubb fought in World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Dorothy Daley of Illinois and Nancy Quinn of Lansing; three sons, Richard of Illinois, Donald of Lansing and Roy of Bath; one sister, Inez Schultz of Corunna; 25 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the DeWitt Area Chapel with Darrell English officiating. Burial will be in Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing.

Roy Wenner

Roy Wenner, 74, of 2732 S. Bagley Rd., Ithaca, passed away Jan. 27, 1980 at Carson City Hospital.

He was born in Ohio on July 14, 1905, the son of Thomas and Odessa (Burk) Wenner.

On Oct. 12, 1940 he married Ruth Smelzey in Napoleon, Ohio. Since 1972 he had resided in Gratiot County.

He retired in 1969 as a die setter at Motor Wheel Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; three daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Page of Hazel Park, Mrs. Janet Simpson of St. Johns and Mrs. Lois Sullivan of Napoleon; 13 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four brothers, Edgar Wenner of Lansing and Robert Wenner of Tontogony, Ohio; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Dunmire of Napoleon, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. Rev. Robert Gillette will officiate and burial will be in Eureka Cemetery.

Leon Searles

Funeral services for Leon C. Searles, Sr., of 45, of 2570 N. Krepps Rd., St. Johns who passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 1980 in Clinton Memorial Hospital were held Tuesday, Jan. 29 at St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Rev. Roger Heintz officiated at the 2:30 p.m. service. Burial was in Ithaca Cemetery. The Osgood Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mr. Searles was born in Clinton County June 12, 1934 to Donald and Josephine (Myers) Searles. He resided all his life in the St. Johns area.

On June 1, 1952 he married Betty Kimmel in Fowler. She survives her husband as do a daughter,

Huldah Green

Funeral services for Mrs. Huldah J. Green, 84, of 223 N. Francis, Lansing, a former S. Meridian Road, Ovid resident, were held at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home Saturday, Jan. 26, 1980 at 1 p.m.

Rev. Geoffrey Hayes officiated and interment was in Middlebury Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Asbury Methodist Church, Lansing.

Mrs. Green passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. She had been ill for a few months.

She was born in Ovid Township on June 1, 1895, the daughter of Clarence and Carrie (Dean) McCreery. She attended Wilson School.

On Nov. 19, 1913 she

Anna Skutt

Mrs. Anna Skutt, 67, of 5592 Jarvis Rd., Mather-ton passed away Sunday, Jan. 27, 1980 at Carson City Hospital.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Abbott Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Homes.

Rev. James Longhurst officiated and burial was in East Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Skutt was born in Ionia County July 9, 1912, the daughter of James and Rose (Nicholas) Cain. She had resided the past 25 years in Mather-ton.

On Dec. 24, 1950 she married Len Skutt in Maple Rapids. He survives his wife.

Mrs. Skutt was a member of the United Brethren Church of Mather-ton.

Linda Searles of Florida; four sons, Leon Jr. and Arthur Searles, both of St. Johns, and Mark and Randy Searles, both of Lansing; his mother, Mrs. Josephine Phinney of St. Johns; and two granddaughters.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Beth Pearce of St. Johns; two half brothers, William and Ricky Searles of Oakley; two brothers, Stanley Searles of St. Johns and Jerry Searles of Pennsylvania; and three half sisters, Flossie Ashbaker of Oakley, Kathy James of Ovid and Anna Palmer of Oakley.

Mr. Searles was employed by Federal-Mogul Corp. for 18 years. He was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

married Rae Green in St. Johns. He passed away in 1967.

Mrs. Green was a long-time resident of Ovid, but had resided the past 13 years in Lansing. She was a member of the Asbury Methodist Church and various church women's groups.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Goldie Kilpatrick of Elsie; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leitha Green of Lansing; four granddaughters, Mrs. Diana VanOrsdol and Mrs. Linda Kentfield, both of St. Johns, and Mrs. Rosanne Jones and Mrs. Rene Forrester, both of Hemlock; and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Esther, in 1974 and a son, C.W. in 1978.

Kurt Stork in honors band

A freshman at Hope, Stork plays the baritone horn in the college's concert band. He is the son of L. Dean Stork of Mt. Morris

Kurt Stork of St. Johns is one of nine Hope College students selected to participate in the 1980 Michigan Small Colleges Honors Band at Grand Valley State Colleges, Feb. 9.

The Hope musicians will be part of a 90-member band comprised of students from nine other Michigan colleges.

The participating students will practice all day Feb. 9 for a performance that night. The free concert will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Calder Fine Arts Center on the Grand Valley campus.

Mrs Alan Lathrop

Mrs. Allan Lathrop, 67, of Eagle Harbor, a former St. Johns resident, passed away as a result of a heart attack at her home Christmas morning.

The former Helen Parr was born March 9, 1912 in St. Johns, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parr. Her father was a prominent businessman in St. Johns for many years.

The deceased attended school in St. Johns and graduated from St. Johns High School in the class of 1930. She received a teaching degree in 1934 from Michigan State University.

For two years she was employed by the Michigan State Tax Department and then she taught in the Trenton school system.

She was married to Allan Lathrop in the St. Johns Episcopal Church July 1, 1939.

In 1953 the couple moved to Laurium and she taught in the English department at Calumet High School from 1953-69. She retired to make her home in Eagle Harbor in 1969.

Mrs. Lathrop was a member of Christ Episcopal Church of St. Peter by the Sea in Eagle Harbor. She was also a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Hosper of Anoke, Minn. and Mrs. James (Nancy) Davis of Williamsburg, Va., a sister, Mrs. Alice Robinson of Laurium; and four grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Peter by the Sea Episcopal Church of Eagle Harbor or to the St. Johns Episcopal Church for its renovation project.

Virgene Krebel

A former resident of Riley Township, St. Johns, and former deputy clerk, Mrs. Virgene E. Krebel, 69, passed away in Mesa Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz. on Jan. 26, 1980.

Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home Thursday, Jan. 31. Rev. Brian Sheen will officiate and burial will be in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Pilgrim United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Krebel was born in Bengal Township, Clinton County on Aug. 17, 1910, the daughter of Robert and Florence (Whitaker) Heuer. She attended country schools and graduated from Lansing Business University.

On April 10, 1940, she married Willard Krebel in Riley Township. He survives his wife as do a daughter, Mrs. Elyse Trimmer of Holt; three grandchildren, Nicole, Scott and Michelle Trimmer of Holt; a brother, Doyle Heuer of St. Johns; and aunt, Mrs. Opal Barnes of St. Johns; two nieces and a nephew.

Mrs. Krebel was a Clinton county employee since 1935. She began working in the prosecutor's office and then she was deputy county clerk for over 38 years. She retired in 1975 from the county clerk's office.

She was a member of the Pilgrim United Methodist Church and resided in Clinton County most of her life. She and her husband had been living in Mesa, Ariz. for the past five years.

Catholic school opens doors

An open house is one of the celebrations planned by St. Joseph School during its observance of Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 3-9.

Sister Joan May, principal, noted that this year's theme, "The Catholic School: One of the Family," underscores the close relationship between school and families, both immediate and community-wide.

"We are proud of our history serving St. Johns," Sister Joan said, "and we want to share our celebration with everyone." The school is located at 201 E. Cass St., St. Johns.

The Feb. 6 open house from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. will provide an opportunity for persons curious about Catholic schools to see how they operate.

Other events planned by St. Joseph School during Catholic Schools Week include: kick off, Mon. Feb. 4; Teacher-Helper Appreciation Day, Feb. 5; etc. Family Day, Feb. 7, a program at 1:30 in the gym; and Student Day, Feb. 8.

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of the Catholic school's continuing contribution to American education. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Education, United States Catholic Conference and the National Catholic Educational Association.

Students perform winter recital

A winter recital by piano students of Diantha Witteveen was given for families and friends on Jan. 18 at First Congregational Church in St. Johns.

Performers included private students as well as members of three Keyboard Arts classes which Mrs. Witteveen teaches at the elementary level.

Participants included Tina Trefil, Lisa Vitek, Kristil Speck, Leigh Anne Darnell, Kris Barnhart, Terry Hart, Dionne O'Dell, Joy Eger, Missy Vitek, Matt Randall, Erin Fox, Sheryl Vitek, Cindy Armbrustmacher, Dana Malesky, Gayle Osentoski, Kevin Lade, Jason Lounds, Matt Speck, Mike Kurncz, Bill Tennant, Jane Cooper, Kathryn O'Dell, Michelle Hart, Kathy Osentoski, Nancy Thelen, and Jeff Richards. Amy Schmidt and Christian Lighthall were unable to attend.

Mary Ann Rees, a ninth grade student from Ovid, performed a prelude and fugue for organ to conclude the program, after which refreshments provided by the parents were served by Mrs. David Darnell and Mrs. David O'Dell.

Michelle Hart received an award for the best original composition in the senior Keyboard Arts group. Mrs. Witteveen presented her with a pizza, in keeping with the long tradition of outstanding Italian composers.

Mrs. Witteveen is a member of the Greater Lansing Chapter of Michigan Music Teachers Association and is certified by this state organization as a teacher of piano.



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Village of Fowler

Summary of Fowler Village Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fowler Village Council was called to order by President Pro-tem Roy Smith on Monday, January 14, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. Trustees present were Antonides, George, D. Smith, Spicer and J. Koenigsnecht.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as read. Current bills were approved.

Following a Public Hearing, Ordinance #67 was adopted, vacating that portion of 4th Street according to the recorded plat of Lance's addition to the Village of Fowler, running east from the east right-of-way line of Victor Street, being 66 feet north and south, and running east from the Victor Street right-of-way a distance of 300 feet.

No one appeared for the Public Hearing concerning sanitary sewer line extension on South Sorrell Street from Third to Fifth streets. Bids will now be taken. It was determined by action of the Council that if additional sewer service leads other than those shown on the engineering plans, or if additional water service leads other than shown on the engineering plans, are requested in the future, the property owner shall be charged a water and/or sewer assessment fee, plus an appropriate service lead hook-up fee.

Mr. Jack Nelson, Clinton County Zoning Administrator, was present at the meeting to discuss building inspections. The Council is considering turning over local building inspections to the County. Final action was tabled.

A request for a liquor license transfer from Marie Miller to Richard Frechen and LeRoy Schafer was recommended for approval.

Due to the rapidly increasing cost to individuals for trash removal, the Village is contacting several trash haulers to determine whether it would be less costly for the Village to contract for Village-wide pick-up.

The Insurance Services Office of Michigan advised they would schedule a field survey to gather information needed to determine a fire insurance classification for the Village. The survey was requested by the Village in an attempt to obtain a more favorable classification due to the extensive water improvement project nearing completion.

The Council determined the Village will not participate in Mayor Exchange Day.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 P.M.

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Drain vandalism costing money

Clinton County
This is the third time this year gates on the Stoney Creek Drain have been smashed, vandalized or torn apart and it's costing the taxpayers money. According

to Harry Harden, drain commissioner, between \$300 and \$400 has been used to replace the gates. "These gates were put up to protect the drainage district from anyone driving

off the road access," Harden said. "A person could drown in the drain by going off the road."
The installation of the gates was recommended by the state drain office to

protect the landowner and drainage districts from liability.
The first time the vandalism happened six of the gates were unbolted and thrown into the drain and a

farmers' field.
When hangers were welded on so they couldn't be torn apart, a four-wheel drive pickup or a truck pushed against the gates causing damage.
Landowners and the Clinton County Sheriff's Department have been notified of the destruction.
Anyone caught destroying the gates can be prosecuted for trespassing and malicious destruction of property.
The destruction has been occurring from Hinman Road upstream to Bauer Road.
If anyone knows the individuals involved in this destruction they should contact the Clinton County Drain office or the Clinton County Prosecutor's office at 224-6761.

4-H Chatter

By Theresa K. Dow
Extension 4-H Youth Agent

Expand Your Horizons

Family Day 1980 offers something for everyone and encourages all to expand their horizons and try a new skill.

Horses, livestock, small pets and goats are all interesting and fun sessions in our 4-H Family Day to be held Feb. 16 at St. Johns High School.

In the area of Livestock, members will be able to increase the skills in livestock judging. Being on a judging team is often an exciting challenge and this session will give you more information about judging teams and contests.

Livestock members will also be able to try their hand at quiz bowl. Much

like the popular "College Bowl," the quiz bowl will extend and test a 4-H'er's knowledge of his or her project animal. This one is also open to dairy and horse members.

Horses are a popular 4-H project. At the 1980 Family Day, leaders as well as members will have the opportunity to learn more about horse nutrition and conformation. Both of these areas will offer practical reasons on methods and will provide horse people with valuable information about their 4-H project or pet.

If you have a small pet like a hamster or bird or maybe something more exotic like a boa or Tarantula, you may wonder about caring for it. This session will answer all you need to know about small pets and

more.
Goats have proven to be a popular project in this county. Learn more about these friendly animals at 4-H Family Day. The goat, remember, is a marketable form of livestock.

Cross country skiing is another exciting all-day program. Participants in this class will learn in the morning about equipment and what is needed, how to select cross country skis, shoes and poles and how to care for equipment.

The afternoon part of this program for participants is to hit the trails. Provided we have snow, skiers will have an opportunity to actually try this fun winter activity. The group will make use of trails through and behind the park, learning how to move on the skis, how to turn and maybe how to pick yourself up after falling.

Crafts are a large portion of our lives, providing relaxing and constructive entertainment. 4-H Family Day offers a variety of craft sessions in either half-day or all-day sessions.

The "Craft Room" is either all-day or half-day sessions. Shirt painting involves transferring patterns and painting the fabric with acrylic paint.

Another craft room option is making Easter projects. In this session participants will make egg baskets, delicate egg necklaces or an Easter egg tree. The last of the craft room session is making terrariums with the use of miniatures. Participants will actually work with live plants and variety of miniature figures.

Other craft sessions are also available in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Participants have the opportunity to make a honeybear wall hanging or colorful yarn prisms and magnetic butterflies, owl seed plaques or rolled paper bead necklaces.
If you are interested in any of the options offered for 4-H Family Day, please feel free to call the Cooperative Extension office at 224-3288.

Black honored

Alma
Sonja Black, an Alma college junior from St. Johns, is among the students named to the college's dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 1979 fall term ending Dec. 21.

Students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), were named to the dean's list.

Miss Black, a 1977 graduate of DeWitt High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Black, 2400 Green Rd., St. Johns.



Damaged gate

Drain Commissioner Harry Harden views the recent damage done to gates along the Stoney Creek. The gates have been destroyed at least three times during the recent year. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

Club news

EUREKA-GO-GO-GETTERS
By Neil Hartenburg

We gave a prize to Doug Bush for his balloon going the farthest last year at the fair. We sent up small balloons with our names in them. His was found in Lansing.

There will be a roller skating party for 4-H clubs on Feb. 26 from 7-10 p.m. You should have a skating ticket and must be in 4-H. This ticket will be proof you are a 4-H member.

If there is any parent willing to be a fair superintendent for this year's fair, call Lester LaBar.

The 4-H Family Day will be coming up at the St. Johns High School and participants must have registered by Jan. 25. If there are openings, you

can register at the high school Feb. 16.

Dalas Dusters
By Kevin Thelen

A Christmas party and meeting was held Dec. 10.

Kathy Thelen gave a talk on how to take minutes at meetings.

Our community service club committee wishes to thank all those who generously donated goodies to a fruit basket. It was given to the Community Living Center on County Farm Road.

Following the meeting, gifts were exchanged, refreshments served and games were played.

The date of the next meeting is in February.



Sewing is for the busy woman

St. Johns

The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a program, "Sewing for the Busy Woman," Feb. 12 at Smith Hall, St. Johns from 1-3 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Grace McMahon, a sewing expert from Elna Sewing Machine Company, will be demonstrating efficient sewing techniques and suggesting ideas to aid the busy consumer.

Ms. McMahon received her Bachelor of Arts degree

in home economics from Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio where she specialized in clothing, textiles and marketing. She worked with Cooperative Extension programs after graduating and is currently a promotion and sales consultant for Elna Sewing Machine Company.

The program will also feature clothing displays and instruction handouts for making seven imaginative and practical items.

Extension calendar

- Feb. 1-2 4-H Health, "Innovation in the Fourth H", Kettunen Center.
- 2 4-H Regional Horse Bowl Contest, Hartland.
- 3 Stallion Exhibit, MSU.
- 4 Extension Homemakers County Council, County Services Building, 9 a.m.
- 4 Horse leaders meeting, 7:30 p.m., Extension office.
- 4 Livestock committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Extension office.
- 5 Slow Cooker Lunch 'n Learn, County Services Building, potluck at noon, program at 12:30 p.m.

- 7 Woodworking development committee meeting, 7, Extension office.
- 7 Beef meeting, MSU.
- 9 Benefit Horse Clinic, Meridith manor, MSU.
- 12 Sewing for the Busy Woman, Smith Hall, 1-3 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- 14 Dairy Youngstock Management and Housing, 10:30 a.m., Old Middleton Elementary School, Middleton.
- 20 Bean Day, Saginaw.
- 21-22 Property Transfer and Estate Planning, Smith Hall, Reservations required
- 26 Soybean meeting.

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Clinton County Sports

Pirate cage teams ride hot streaks

Fulton wins fourth in row; sixth win in seven tries

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Fulton
Though they don't sport a lot of size, the Fulton High basketball team is standing pretty tall right now.

The Pirates of Kim Lathwell, after Friday's 78-75 overtime defeat of Central Michigan Athletic Conference foe Fowler and Tuesday's 75-54 non-league win over St. Louis, ride a hot four-game winning streak and have won six of their last seven games.

The most recent wins, however, have come with some hot shooting. The Pirates were good on 55 percent of their shots Tuesday and hit on over 50 percent of their shots Friday.

Such success has also given the Pirates a little confidence. "You could see the confidence all over every one of them," Lathwell said. "They are so confident now when they put up a shot."

"I think now we have some confidence with what we do. There still are some things we still need to work on, but we really have confidence."

One player who has gained some confidence is senior forward Jeff Moon. He hit for 16 points Tuesday then came

back with a game-high 27-point, eight-rebound game Friday.

"He was just super. That was by far the best I have seen him play ever," Lathwell said.

Free throws—two by junior center Scott Winsor and three by sophomore forward Wayne Bond—won the game Friday. The two teams had battled back and forth throughout the game, but Fulton watched a seven point lead vanish in the last two minutes of the game as Fowler knotted the score a 73-all on a 25-foot jumper at the buzzer by guard Doug Koenigsnecht.

Bond got his chance first, but made only one of two foul shots. Winsor gave the Pirates a three-point lead when he made both of his free throws. Fowler countered with a bucket by junior center Stan Simon. Fulton senior forward Jim Slavik missed the first of a one-and-one, but Fowler missed its next shot. And Bond iced the win with hit two free throws.

Friday's outcome looked shaky Wednesday to Lathwell, who found out after the St. Louis win that Slavik, junior center Joel Miller and senior guard Mark Skaryd

were ill. They recovered in time for Slavik to score six points with three steals and for Skaryd to score 12 points with three steals and seven assists.

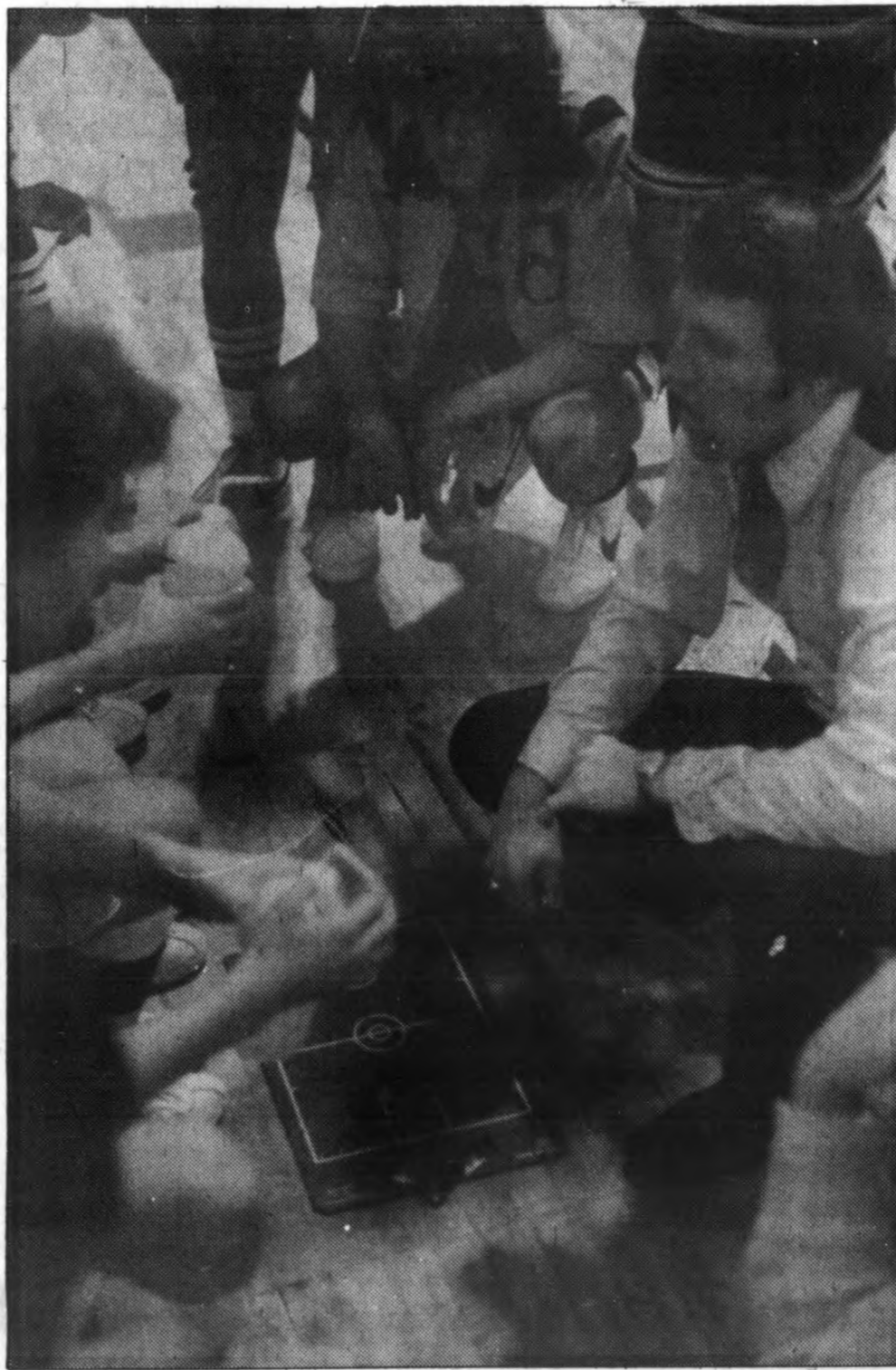
In Tuesday's win, Skaryd scored a game-high 23 points with five rebounds as the Pirates used a 25-point final quarter to ice the big win.

The Fulton junior varsity topped St. Louis 75-67 as Ron Hanson, Matt Baker and Pete Trefil hit in double figures. Friday, however, Fowler scored a 69-68 victory.

Fulton hosts CMAC rival Laingsburg Friday with league leader Olivet playing host to Fulton Tuesday.

FULTON 17 18 15 25-75
ST. LOUIS 11 18 14 11-54
FULTON: Mark Skaryd 10, 3/4, 23; Jeff Moon 8, 0/0, 16; Scott Winsor 3, 5/5, 11; Jim Slavik 5, 2/2, 12; Larry Fisk 1, 2/2, 4; Joel Miller 3, 1/2, 7; Brad Glazier 1, 0/1, 2; Brian Winsor 0, 0/3, 0. **TOTALS-**31, 13/19, 75.
ST. LOUIS: Phil LaPaugh 1, 1/2, 3; Tony Catesion 1, 2/3, 4; Marv Ingersoll 6, 8/10, 20; Jack Poindexter 1, 0/0, 2; Dave Green 6, 1/3, 13; Andy Brown 3, 0/0, 6; John Post 1, 0/0, 2; Rick Haddad 2, 0/0, 4. **TOTALS-**21, 12/18, 54.

FULTON 15 20 17 21 5-78
FOWLER 18 20 15 20 2-75
FULTON: Mark Skaryd 4, 4/7, 12; Jeff Moon 11, 5/5, 27; Scott Winsor 4, 4/7, 12; Jim Slavik 3, 0/1, 6; Larry Fisk 3, 2/3, 8; Wayne Bond 3, 3/6, 9; Joel Miller 2, 0/0, 4. **TOTALS-**30, 18/29, 78.
FOWLER: Doug Koenigsnecht 10, 4/4, 24; Neil Hufnagel 7, 2/4, 16; Lloyd Feldpausch 6, 5/7, 17; Doug Cook 2, 0/0, 4; Stan Simon 5, 0/0, 10; Steve Schneider 2, 0/0, 4. **TOTALS-**32, 11/18, 75.



Strategy

Fulton High basketball coach Kim Lathwell, right, gives his team the low-down on the X's and O's during a timeout in Friday's game with Fowler. Lathwell's team won, 78-75 in overtime. (Photo by Chris Thelen)

Pewamo-West's streak reaches six

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Pewamo
Size, or rather the distinct lack of it, has not been a major deterrent to the Pewamo-Westphalia High basketball team this season.

The Pirates of John Ellis, with a 59-41 win over Central Michigan Athletic Conference rival Laingsburg Friday and a non-league 68-56 win over Carson City-Crystal Tuesday are tied for third in the CMAC with Fulton at 5-3 and are 9-3 overall despite the lack of player over 6-foot-2. And they are riding a six-game winning streak.

A 23-2 scoring edge in the second quarter of Friday's game gave the Pirates all the help they needed to knock Laingsburg out of what had been a three-way tie for third.

"We didn't do anything different," Ellis said, "it was just they had a bad streak there. But our fast break really got going in that quarter."

Pewamo-Westphalia made

10 of 19 shots from the field in the second quarter as the Pirates assumed a 33-12 lead at intermission. They were never seriously challenged again by Laingsburg.

"Laingsburg is the type of team that is either really good or really bad," Ellis said. "They can look really good one game and really bad the next."

Junior forward Brian Pfaff paced the Pirates to the win with 15 points but senior center John Bauer contributed 12 rebounds and six blocked shots along with two points.

But Pfaff was out the lineup, ill, and the scoring slack was picked up by junior forward Brian Stump with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Senior center Dan Thelen also came off the bench to score eight points and grab six rebounds most coming at a crucial point in the second half when Carson City was making a run at Pewamo-Westphalia.

The Pirates have used

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA 10 23 11 15-59
LAINGSBURG 10 21 14 15-41
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: Piggot 4, 1/2, 9; Walter 1, 0/1, 2; Pohl 2, 2/2, 6; D. Hengesbach 3, 0/1, 6; S. Hengesbach 0, 2/2, 2; Fedewa 1, 0/0, 2; P. Thelen 1, 0/0, 2; Stump 4, 0/0, 8; Pfaff 6, 3/4, 15; Bauer 1, 0/0, 2; G. Hengesbach 0, 0/2, 0; D. Thelen 2, 1/2, 5. **TOTALS-**25, 9/16, 59.

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA 25 10 16 17-68
CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL 12 13 13 18-56
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: Stan Piggot 1, 0/0, 2; Guy Walter 0, 0/1, 0; Mike Pohl 2, 7/7, 11; Darwin Hengesbach 3, 3/4, 9; Perry Thelen 0, 1/3, 1; Steve Hengesbach 2, 0/0, 4; Kevin Fedewa 3, 0/0, 6; Brian Stump 8, 2/2, 18; John Bauer 1, 4/6, 6; Dan Thelen 4, 0/0, 8; Chris Thelen 1, 3/4, 5. **TOTALS-**24, 20/67, 68.

LAINGSBURG: Rose 1, 1/2, 3; Carpenter 2, 0/0, 4; Wickham 1, 0/2, 2; Ridsdale 2, 0/0, 4; Hurst 2, 4/4, 8; Wittell 3, 1/2, 7; White 1, 1/3, 3; Williams 0, 0/1, 0; Kooner 2, 0/0, 4; Garlock 1, 1/2, 3; French 1, 1/3, 3. **TOTALS-**16, 9/17, 20.

LAINGSBURG: Stan Piggot 1, 0/0, 2; Guy Walter 0, 0/1, 0; Mike Pohl 2, 7/7, 11; Darwin Hengesbach 3, 3/4, 9; Perry Thelen 0, 1/3, 1; Steve Hengesbach 2, 0/0, 4; Kevin Fedewa 3, 0/0, 6; Brian Stump 8, 2/2, 18; John Bauer 1, 4/6, 6; Dan Thelen 4, 0/0, 8; Chris Thelen 1, 3/4, 5. **TOTALS-**22, 12/17, 56.

On The Mark



by Mark Haney

I know that in this world of ours we'd like to think that sports is sports and politics is politics. And, as the saying goes, never the twain shall meet.

Not so, I am afraid. We often see sports and athletics as an escape from all the hassles and problems of the world. Either by participating or by watching, we use sports as a way to get away from all the problems of the world.

But this year and especially this month, the two have become intermixed. With the nation's threat to boycott the Summer Olympics, it has been brought home to all of us ever more clearly that sports is politics and vice versa in a way.

Our Olympic teams can and likely will be used as a power play between us and the Russians and there is little the American people or the athletes themselves can do about it. And that has left some of us in a quandary.

For we have been brought up to see sports, and especially the Olympics, as something apolitical and above the petty bickering of politics. Remember how horrified we all were when the PLO turned the 1972 games into a bloodbath by killing all those Israelis? How it seemed so much the worse because it happened at the Olympic Games? If it had happened before or after it wouldn't have touched us as much.

Now this year it is happening again. And the possible boycott means that the Olympics isn't so holy, isn't so above the strife and petty bickering of the world. It is no better and no worse than each of us.

We have overcome the political and business end of sports before. We overlook the contract battles of the professionals and the politics involved behind setting up such things as the Olympic Games. Recall what happened to Los Angeles before the city could get the nod to have the 1974 Summer Games, even though no one else wanted them?

Somehow in this Olympic year it is too hard to overlook this. We are considering not participating, about telling athletes who have trained hard and long for this competition to forget it. We are ready to tell them their efforts are for nothing.

Think about that. Imagine spending every free hour of the past three years working hard for a promotion, or better yet, for a chance to move up to the top in your business. And at the last minute they tell you the company is leaving town and you aren't invited to go along. They don't want you.

How would you react? That is what may happen to our Olympic athletes if the boycott occurs. The fans will suffer from that too. For the glow and shine of honesty of the Olympics finally will have been lost, perhaps forever. It may have never really been there in reality, but the child-like belief in the ideals of the Olympics may have been resolutely washed down the drain.

And there isn't any way we can get that back. Not now or ever.

'Wings drop dual decisions

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

St. Johns
Even in the mind of Coach Bob Tissot, there is but one role left for the St. Johns High basketball team this winter - spoiler.

The Redwings saw most of their hopes of being a Mid-Michigan B Conference contender vanish Friday as they lost to Chesaning 79-69 in St. Johns. Coupled with a 82-65 thrashing at the hands of non-league foe Lansing Waverly Tuesday, the loss dropped St. Johns to 3-3 in the league and 4-6 overall.

"It (Friday's loss) affects us because now we are playing just to mess up the race as much as possible," Tissot said. "We want to play the role of spoiler even though we have an outside chance yet to be in it."

The Redwings will get that chance too, with a game at Corunna Friday and games with the two second place teams, Ionia (Feb. 15) and Ovid-Elsie (Feb. 11), coming up.

Yet Tissot isn't looking too far ahead, not with Corunna coming up Friday.

"This is a key week for us," he said, "because we have to decide if we are

going to play basketball or give up."

It wasn't a matter of giving up Friday, but a matter of the 14 points scored by Scott Gewirtz and Chuck Larner in Chesaning's 23-7 fourth quarter. And St. Johns' fouls.

"I think the key to the whole game was when we lost (senior forward) Bob Sutherland to fouls," Tissot said. "Then in about a minute's time we lost (junior forward) Doug Sleep."

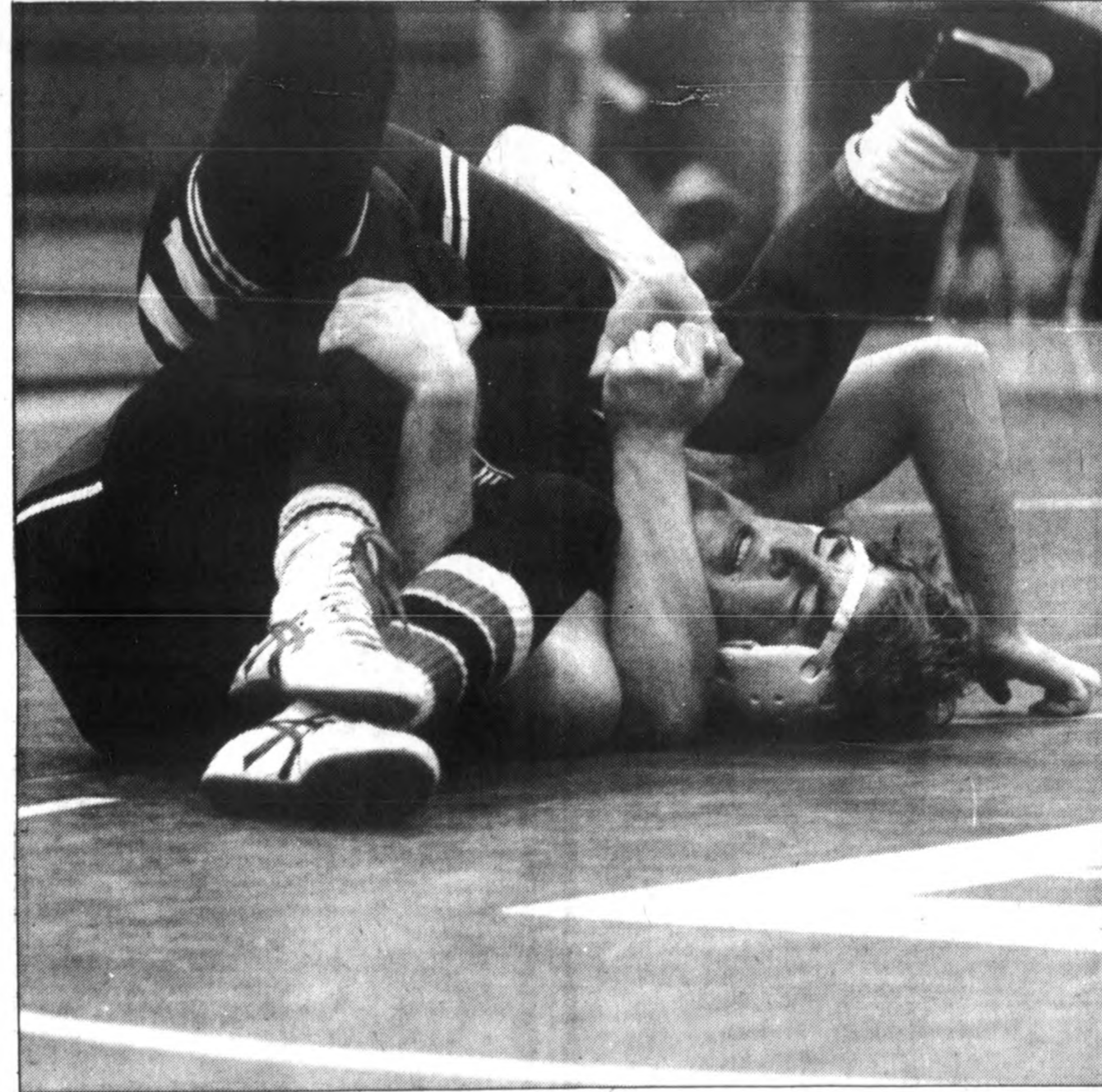
And their replacements couldn't keep the Redwings from falling behind after St. Johns had knotted the score at 64 with over two minutes left.

"It was just a matter of we started slow and eventually played well enough to catch up," Tissot said. "But we got some key people in foul trouble and the people who replaced them didn't perform very well."

Eventually five players fouled out—Sleep, Sutherland and Ed Hallenbeck of St. Johns and Gewirtz and Bob Persons of Chesaning—as 59 fouls were called.

St. Johns did get a 24-point, eight-rebound,

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Pretzel

It is hard to tell which body the head of St. Johns wrestler Ken Harris belongs to, his or that of Webberville's Joe Schack as the two wrestle Tuesday at the triple-dual meet at DeWitt. Harris won 16-0 but St. Johns lost 50-15. (Photo by Mark Haney)

ST. JOHNS 12 26 24 7-69
CHESANING 19 13 24 23-79
ST. JOHNS: Sutherland 1, 1/2, 3; Sleep 3, 2/3, 8; Hallenbeck 1, 3/7, 5; Casler 7, 5/7, 19; Fedewa 10, 4/6, 24; Banninga 4, 0/2, 8; Campbell 1, 0/1, 2. **TOTALS-**27, 15/31, 69.

ST. JOHNS 9 21 9 26-65
WAVERLY 22 19 29 10-82
ST. JOHNS: Bakita 1, 0/0, 2; Sehike 2, 3/3, 7; Casler 4, 2/2, 10; DeBrabander 1, 0/0, 2; Wilson 3, 1/4, 7; Hallenbeck 1, 2/2, 4; Sutherland 3, 4/5, 10; Sleep 5, 9/13, 19; Simon 1, 0/0, 2; Fedewa 1, 0/0, 2. **TOTALS-**22, 21/39, 65.

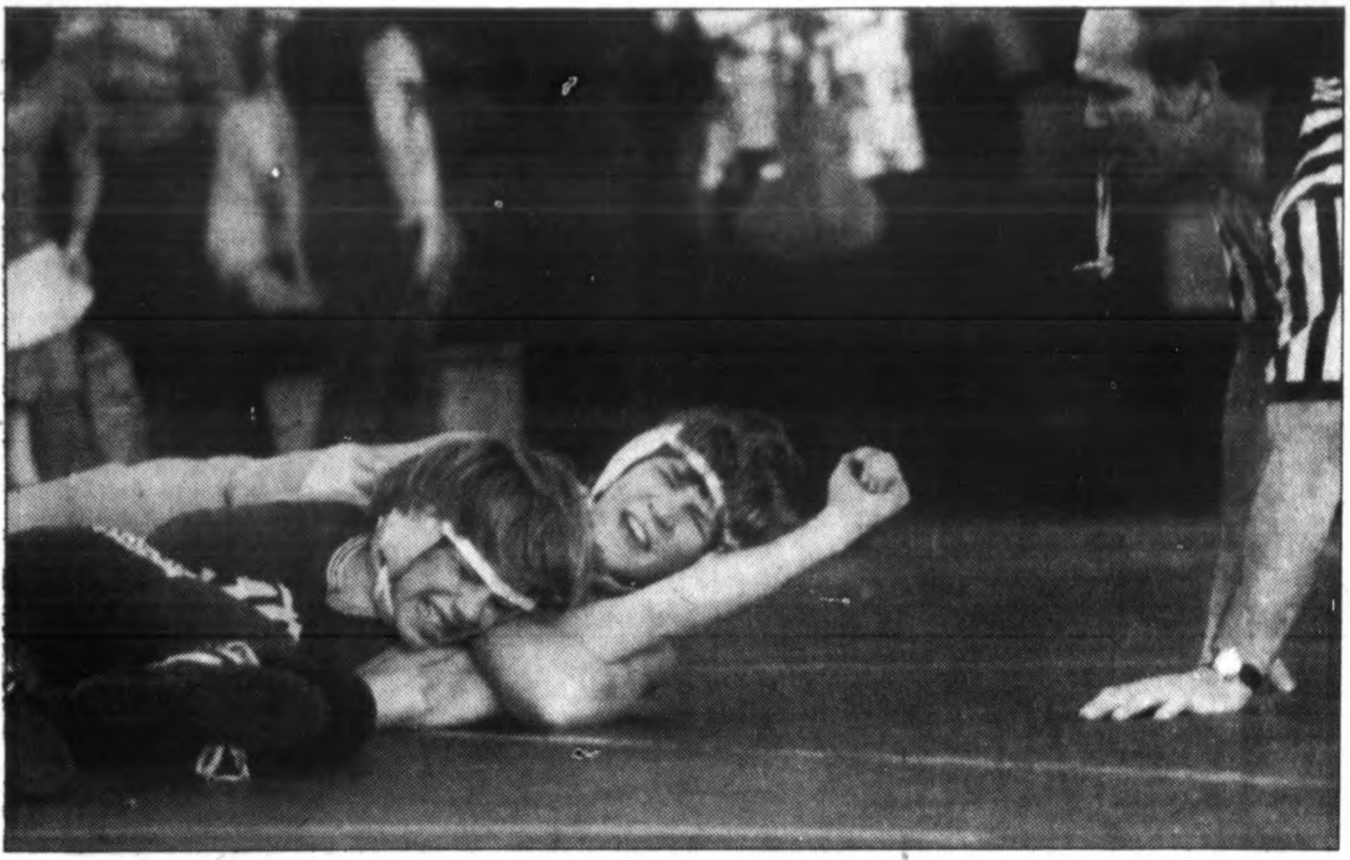
CHESANING: Gewirtz 6, 3/5, 15; Larner 3, 7/10, 13; Birchmier 8, 5/6, 21; Williams 2, 0/0, 4; Darren Mort 3, 1/2, 7; Dan Mort 2, 2/2, 6; Persons 3, 3/7, 9; Neumeyer 1, 2/2, 4. **TOTALS-**28, 23/35, 79.

WAVERLY: Hover 0, 1/2, 1; Watts 1, 0/0, 2; Holland 3, 1/1, 7; Delong 1, 0/0, 2; Schmidt 12, 1/2, 25; Orne 0, 1/2, 1; Brown 2, 1/2, 5; Landstra 9, 3/3, 21; Bohnet 6, 2/3, 14; Henderson 1, 0/0, 2; Dickinson 1, 0/0, 2. **TOTALS-**36, 10/15, 82.

Bowling scores

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE CUP		TEN PIN KEGLERS	
Magna Electric	12-4	Terry Kentfield, Painter	W-L
Jim's Wrecker Service	11-5	American Legion	11-5
Osgood Funeral Home	10-6	Hallenbeck Construction	10-8
Patrick's	9-7	St. Johns Standard	9-7
Hen & Chicks	8-8	Wilcox Engineering	9-7
General Tire	8-8	Hub Tire Center	9-7
Houghlen Real Estate	8-8	McKenzie's Insurance	8-8
Big Ten Lounge	7-9	Allaby & Brewbaker	8-8
All-Phase Gals	6-10	Brad's Grill	6-10
Harr's Jewelry	6-10	Haas Plumbing & Heating	6-10
Beck & Hyde	5-11	Farm Bureau Insurance	5-11
INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-		FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED	
Betty Martin 257; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Fern Burgess 557; TEAM HIGH GAME-Jim's Wrecker Service 826; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Jim's Wrecker Service 2387.		Magna Electric Inc.	W-L
		Hillside Beauty Shop	11-5
		Ben Franklin	10-6
		Boak's Upholstery	10-6
		Wheel Inn	9-7
		B&J Upholstery	8-8
		Tuft-Kote	6-10
		Hickory Hill Stables	6-10
		Zeeb's	5-11
		F.C. Mason Company	5-11
		Central Michigan Lumber	5-11
		INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
		Ramona Harper 203; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Ramona Harper 521; TEAM HIGH GAME-Wheel Inn 922; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Hillside Beauty Shop 2511.	
		TWIN CITY	
		W.W. Sawmill	W-L
		Precision Plumbing	16-4-0
		Redwing Lanes	15-5-0
		Campbell's	14-6-0
		Kentucky Fried Chicken	13-6-1
		Hartles	13-7-0
		Boak's Upholstery	12-8-0
		W.C. Guys	11-9-0
		Kurt's Appliance	9-11-0
		City Team	6-13-1
		Hettler's Towing	5-15-0
		Knights of Columbus	4-16-0
		INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
		Mike Flecher 237; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Mike Hayes 593; TEAM HIGH GAME-Campbell's 864; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Campbell's 2461.	
		FIRST NIGHTERS	
		Boak's Upholstery	W-L
		Brink's Machine	10-2-0
		Richard's Photo	8-3-1
		Spartan Printing	8-4-0
		Ann's Coiffures	7-4-1
		Lanternman Insurance	6-6-0
		Golden Comb	6-6-0
		Silvestri Paint	5-6-1
		Andy's Bakery	5-7-0
		Golden Cue	5-7-0
		Nick's Fruit Market	5-7-0
		Elias Brothers	2-9-1
		INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
		Carol Seidel 212; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Marge Hurst 530; TEAM HIGH GAME-Spartan Printing 806; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Ann's Coiffures 2295.	
		TUESDAY TEATIME	
		Randolph's	W-L
		Buckeye Lounge	12-4-0
		Highland Hills	10-6-0
		Uncle John's Cider Mill	10-6-0
		McDonald's	10-6-0
		Redwing Lanes	9-7-0
		Central National Bank	9-7-0
		Bill's Garage	8-8-0
		S&H Farms	8-8-0
		DeJager Construction	4-11-1
		Mel Warren Agency	3-12-1
		Flowers by Jan	2-14-0
		INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
		Marlene Harris 222; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Arlene Harris 543; TEAM HIGH GAME-Bill's Garage 817; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Bill's Garage 2308.	

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-		INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
Craig Hardman 217, Liz Kelley 206; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Craig Hardman 528, Jackie Mueller 523; TEAM HIGH GAME-Fantastic Four 638; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Fantastic Four 1852.		Mike Snyder 154, Marci Moore 106; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Mike Snyder 385, Marci Moore 311; TEAM HIGH GAME-Triple Threat 583; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Triple Threat 1680.	
MOTHERS' MISFITS		PREP MIX-UPS	
Tigers	W-L	Pin Splitters	W-L
Fireballs	7-1	Bad News Bowlers	37-19
Kings	6-2	Gutter Dusters	31-25
Allstars	5-3	Pin Breakers	29-27
Redwing Rollers	5-3	Pin Busters	25-31
Bad News Bowlers	4-4	Champs	23-33
Pin Pushers	4-4	INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-	
Alley Cats	4-4	Tracy Esch 167, Cathy Warren 142; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Stacey Esch 458, Cathy Warren 393; TEAM HIGH GAME-Champs 853; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Champs 2328.	
Bad News Bears	2-6	MONDAY PEANUT GALLERY	
Strike Busters	1-7	Red Barons	W-L
INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-		Pin Tippers	36-12
Danny Boling 146, Michelle Richards 120; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Danny Boling 343, Shelly Rockefeller 310; TEAM HIGH GAME-Tigers 306; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Tigers 878.		Michigan State	33-15
PEANUT MIX-UPS		Miami Dolphins	29-19
Number Ones	W-L	Fire Balls	20-28
Straight Shooters	37-19	High Rollers	18-30
Triple Threat	30-26	INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-Bill Keenoy 132; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Bill Keenoy 337; Redwing Rollers 26-30; TEAM HIGH GAME-Pin Tippers 646; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Pin Tippers 1832.	
Nighthawks	24-32		
Three Strikers	22-34		



Grimmace Fulton High's Ron Murdock grimaces as he fights to keep from being pinned in his consolation round match at the Vassar Invitational Saturday. Murdock lost out in his match and in his attempt to keep from being pinned, but Fulton managed to take third anyway. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Sports

This Week

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30	THURSDAY, Jan. 31	FRIDAY, Feb. 1	SATURDAY, Feb. 2	SUNDAY, Feb. 3	TUESDAY, Feb. 5	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL Pewamo-Westphalia at Fulton, 6 p.m.	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL Charlotte at DeWitt, 7 p.m. Ovid-Elsie at Alma, 6:30 p.m.	BASKETBALL Alma at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30 p.m. Bellevue at Fowler, 6:30 p.m. Charlotte at DeWitt, 6:30 p.m. Olivet at Pewamo-Westphalia, 6:30 p.m. St. Johns at Corunna, 6:30 p.m.	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL Fulton at Ithaca, 6:30 p.m.	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL DeWitt at Haslett, 6:30 p.m. Fowler at Porterville, 6:30 p.m. Fulton at Portland St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m. Perry at Bath, 6:15 p.m.	BASKETBALL Bath at Perry, 6:30 p.m. DeWitt at Haslett, 6:30 p.m. Fowler at Portland St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m. Fulton at Olivet, 6:30 p.m. Porterville at Pewamo-Westphalia, 6:30 p.m.	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL Leslie at Bath, 6:15 p.m. Portland St. Patrick at Fowler, 6:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL Corunna at St. Johns, 6:30 p.m. DeWitt at Mason, 6:30 p.m. Ovid-Elsie at Alma, 6:30 p.m.	VOLLEYBALL Corunna at St. Johns, 6:30 p.m. DeWitt at Mason, 6:30 p.m. Ovid-Elsie at Alma, 6:30 p.m.	BASKETBALL Alma at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30 p.m. Bellevue at Fowler, 6:30 p.m. Charlotte at DeWitt, 6:30 p.m. Olivet at Pewamo-Westphalia, 6:30 p.m. St. Johns at Corunna, 6:30 p.m.	BOYS' GYMNASICS St. Johns Invitational at St. Johns, 7 p.m.	WRESTLING Bath at Perry, 7 p.m. Eaton Rapids at DeWitt, 6:30 p.m. Fulton at Porterville, 6:30 p.m. St. Johns at Mason, 6:30 p.m.	WRESTLING DeWitt, Ovid-Elsie at Williamston Invitational, 11 a.m. Fulton at Farwell Invitational, 10:30 a.m.	WRESTLING Durand, Mount Pleasant, Grand Rapids at St. Johns, 4:30 p.m.
SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0	SHIRTS AND SKIRTS Seedy's 15-5-0 Silk Boutique 15-5-0 Central Michigan Lumber 13-7-0 Globe Life Insurance 13-7-0 Car-Dale Farms 12-8-0 Holiday & Louth 10-1-0 Roadhouse 10-10-0 Clinton Crop Service 9-11-0 Guy's Sunoco 8-12-0 St. Johns Furniture 5-14-1 Central National Bank 5-15-0 St. Johns Ford-Mercury 4-16-0

TUESDAY TEATIME		HIGH ROLLERS	
Randolph's	W-L	Fantastic Four	W-L
Buckeye Lounge	12-4-0	Bad News Bowlers	8-0
Highland Hills	10-6-0	Sore Losers	7-1
Uncle John's Cider Mill	10-6-0	Sore Losers	6-2
McDonald's	10-6-0	Pin Killers	5-3
Redwing Lanes	9-7-0	Spartans	4-4
Central National Bank	9-7-0	The Unpredictables	4-4
Bill's Garage	8-8-0	Born Losers	3-5
S&H Farms	8-8-0	All Star Strikers	3-5
DeJager Construction	4-11-1	Holy Rollers	2-6
Mel Warren Agency	3-12-1	Gutter Dusters	2-6
Flowers by Jan	2-14-0	Star Shooters	2-6
INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-		Wolverines	1-7
Marlene Harris 222; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Arlene Harris 543; TEAM HIGH GAME-Bill's Garage 817; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Bill's Garage 2308.			

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NOTICE

Residents of Maple Rapids

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Liane Tyler
Village Clerk

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Village of Fowler

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF 4TH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER, MICHIGAN. THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Vacation of Street Right-of-Way. The Village Council of the Village of Fowler, hereby vacates a portion of 4th Street Right-of-Way, being more particularly described as follows:

That portion of 4th Street according to the recorded Plat of Lance's Addition to the Village of Fowler running East from the East right-of-way line of Victor Street being 66 feet North and South and running East from the Victor Street right-of-way 300 feet.

Section 2. Compliance with Public Acts. The Village Council, in adopting this Ordinance, certifies that a Public Hearing has been held after due notice to those persons entitled to receive notice, and that a resolution declaring the Village Council's intent to vacate said right-of-way and other provisions relative to the vacation of right-of-way statutes have been complied with; that notice of said public hearing was, pursuant to statute, served and published as required.

Section 3. Easement Retained. Notwithstanding the vacation of said street right-of-way, the Village of Fowler retains for itself, for the benefit of the public, an easement under, over and across said vacated premises for the installation, maintenance and repair of any drain, sewer, water pipes, gas pipes, electric and telephone lines or other essential utilities, said easement being perpetual and unlimited, unless hereinafter released and discharged by the Village Council.

Section 4. Effective Date. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 20th day after its passage.

Adoption of the Ordinance was moved by Trustee Spicer and supported by Trustee J. Koenigsnecht

Yeas: Trustees R. Smith, Antonides, George, Spicer, D. Smith, J. Koenigsnecht

Nays: Trustees None

PASSED, ORDAINED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY* A.D., 1980 BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SAID DATE.

CARL KOENIGSKNECHT, Village President WINNIE MCKEAN, Village Clerk

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was published in the Clinton County News on the 30th day of January, A.D. 1980

WINNIE MCKEAN, VILLAGE CLERK

LEGAL NOTICES Anderson home named centennial farm

STATE OF MICHIGAN In the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, Robin Ann Braman, Plaintiff vs Harold Dean Braman, Defendant. At a session of said Court held in the City of St. Johns in said County on the 21st day of Jan., 1980. On the 6th day of September, 1979, an action was filed by Plaintiff in this Court, to obtain a decree of absolute divorce. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, HAROLD DEAN BRAMAN, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before March 6, 1980. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that fees or costs of this publication be paid by Clinton County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Paul J. Vitek, deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF PAUL J. VITEK, deceased. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to MR. MARTIN VITEK, at 601 S. Swegles Street, St. Johns, Michigan within four months of the date of this publication of notice. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

St. Johns A farm owned by Alan and Jack Anderson, Route 1, W. Colony Road, St. Johns, has been designated as a centennial farm by the Division of Michigan History.

purchased Jan. 17, 1879 by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dewey, relatives of the present owner, from Albert Angel.

Consumer Power Companies.

A centennial farm is one which has been in the continuous possession of the same family for 100 years or more.

The centennial farm program was inaugurated in 1948. Since then, more than 3,000 Michigan farms have been certified as centennial farms.

Certificates are provided by the Division of Michigan History. Large metal markers are provided by the Detroit Edison and

Applications for centennial farm recognition are obtainable from: Centennial Farm Program, Division of Michigan History, Michigan Department of State, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

DeWitt secures funds

By Mark Haney Staff Writer

DeWitt The City of DeWitt will be getting some money back from the state and federal governments and more may be on the way soon.

Friday, the city was awarded a grant to replace the Shavey Road bridge crossing the Looking Glass River. The city also made an application for a Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to upgrade

Riverside Park. And the city is awaiting word on its pre-application for a Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant to upgrade housing in the city.

The grant for the bridge will cover 90 percent of the construction cost. According to Michigan Department of Transportation estimates the bridge may cost \$207,000 while Administrative Assistant Jim Spalding said the bridge should cost near \$180,000. The federal gov-

ernment will pay 80 percent of the cost, the state 10 percent and the city the remaining 10 percent.

The grant for the park, which the pre-application for must be in to the DNR by the end of this month, will cover a new backstop, a bike path, erosion control, a play structure and a canoe landing.

It is based on matching funds—the city pays half and the grant pays for the other half—and according to city clerk Sharon Pierce, the city already has put aside \$6,000

for its half.

At its meeting Monday, the DeWitt City Council had to table any action pertaining to a sewer use ordinance or the issuance of bonds to pay for the city's part in the Southern Clinton County Sanitary Sewer Authority's plant. The necessary paper work for both has not been completed, the second time the council has had to postpone action.

"I am meeting with the people involved next Friday," Spalding said, "and hope we'll have everything ready so we can get back on the bandwagon."

If the council doesn't act soon, the city may be forced to pay the SCCSSA for its part of the new plant's operation without being able to use that plant.

"What is going to happen if we have the plant going and we're still not hooked up to it," Spalding said, "is that we are still going to have to pay."

Spalding, however, said there still is time. "There is some leeway in the schedule we're on, but there isn't much anymore," he said.

At its meeting the council also:

*Appointed former councilman Robert Drouin, brother of Mayor William Drouin, to fill the post vacated by Barb Towns. He will fill out the remaining six months of Towns' council post. He will move over to the Sewer and Water Committee, replacing Councilman Lynn Thayer, who takes over Towns' Parks and Recreation Committee spot.

*Appointed Robert Babcock to one of two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Minors arrested at DeWitt basketball game

DeWitt DeWitt City police officers report a number of complaints handled last week involved several arrests. Two minors were arrested at DeWitt High School for having possession of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot, Friday, Jan. 25 during a basketball game.

Jack Saller, manager of the Senior Citizen Complex on North Scott Street reported to officers, Mon.

Jan. 28 that six doorbell buttons had been removed from the complex.

The malicious destruction of a coin machine at the laundry on Bridge Street, reported by owner, Bill Guggemos.

Two trucks with missing hubcaps and windshield wipers and broken left window vent reported by Joseph Waller of Lansing.

DeWitt Fire Department reports December runs on one false alarm.

DeWitt Officers from the DeWitt City Fire Department made 19 Emergency Medical and Extrication runs during December, up seven from a year ago. They also provided mutual aid to DeWitt Township, Bath and Grand Ledge firemen and were called out

the second of three programs on fire prevention were given to the Riley, Olive and DeWitt Schools in December by Brother Kurt Munn and Doug Twiss. They spoke on Christmas tree safety and smoke alarms.

Tom Kirchen was recently elected as a new fireman to replace Richard Lotre who served the volunteer department since 1965. Kirchen is a DeWitt native self-employed as a home builder.

Peeping Tom plagues DeWitt Township

DeWitt Twp. DeWitt Township police officers are seeking a warrant for the arrest of a suspect involved in a series of peeping Tom complaints the Clinton I subdivision in DeWitt. Officers have been receiving complaints for nearly two weeks in the subdivision of someone looking in bedroom and bathroom windows.

Gerald Sonier of 1230 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt reported destruction to his outdoor motor boat saying that the running lights and two trolling reels had been smashed resulting in over \$100 worth of damage. Officers investigated an accident, Wednesday, Jan. 23 at US-27 and Cutler Road where a vehicle driven by Jack Batchelor of St.

Johns ran into a vehicle driven by LaVern Lerg of DeWitt after trying to avoid a vehicle turning in front of him.

NOTICE To Residents of Fowler Monday, February 11, 1980, is the last day to register for the March Village election. You may register at the Village office on Fridays, or at my home at 10910 East Fifth St. Winnie McKean Village Clerk

NOTICE DeWitt Charter Township is accepting bids for two portable dictating recorders and one desk top transcribing machine. Specifications can be obtained at the DeWitt Charter Township Police Dept., 780 E. Wieland Rd., Lansing, Michigan, 48906, between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Sealed bids are to be submitted to Ms. Betty Churchill, DeWitt Charter Township Clerk, 780 E. Wieland Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48906, no later than 3:00PM, Friday, February 15, 1980. Alta C. Reed

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

WANTED STANDING TILLBER Szeponski Saw Mill St. Charles. 7550 Graham Rd. St. Charles. 517-865-9902. 1-tf-29

Card of Thanks 30

WE SINCERELY thank all relatives, friends and neighbors for all the flowers, memorials, cards and food. Special thanks to Rev. Thompson for his spiritual support, DeWitt Chapel for their fine services, Dr. Garapetyan and the nursing staff at Clinton Memorial Hospital for their excellent care and anyone who helped during the illness and loss of our dear daughter, Lillian. Mr. & Mrs. Eldoris Hahn 5-1-p-30

Personal 34

RESURRECTED MILLIONS will farm fertile ocean bottoms when Seas are removed by coming whirlwind!

The approximate time of the End date discovered! Resurrection on the Earth—not Heaven! Free Write: Harvest, Jefferson City, MO., 65101.

Lost & Found 35

REWARD FOR anyone who has information on the person or persons who on Jan. 25th in broad daylight, kicked in our basement window and door to get the Park Lake Improvement League bingo money. Please contact Bath Police Dept. It not only has hurt us but a lot of other people as well. Jack Mitchell Bingo Chairman. 5-3-p-35

YMCA WEEK Jan. 27 thru Feb. 7

Keelan Buick-Pontiac-GMC Downtown St. Johns We Service all Makes-Models New Service Hours Monday-8am-9pm Tuesday-Friday-8am-6pm Saturday 8am-12pm

CITY OF ST. JOHNS PLANNING COMMISSION February 7, 1980 AGENDA 1. Call to order 2. Reorganization 3. Approval of 1980 meeting dates 4. Approval of previous minutes a. November 1, 1979 5. Johnson rezoning request 6. Hicks special use permit 7. Other business, if any 8. Adjournment Diane M. Edwards Zoning Administrator

The Back Page

Parents must be involved to help academically talented

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County
"If we really, truly want something for our children, we have to start the ball rolling ourselves," Jackie Osburn, Clinton County's consultant for academically talented

Policy board studies staff inservice

Clinton County

Teachers, board members and administrators representing the six county school districts and the Intermediate School District will meet Feb. 12 to compile a needs assessment list of county schools staff members.

They are part of a Professional Staff Development Policy Board set up to determine how Clinton County schools should spend \$10,000 state grant for teacher inservice training programs. The state funds were obtained by the Intermediate School District office, part of \$3.2 million set aside for districts and intermediate districts to use for professional staff development and career education inservice programs. Superintendent Larry Schwartzkopf said the money was part of the State School Aid Act approved by the governor in August of 1979. "It was the intent of the legislature that local educators become involved in identifying staff development needs and plan programs that will address those needs," he explained. Part of the money is to go specifically into career education inservice needs.

The local board is made up of 51 percent teachers, one from each of the six county school districts and two teachers from the intermediate staff representing special and vocational education, a board member or administrator from each school and Swartzkopf. Teachers were appointed or elected by their unions or staff.

They have been making an assessment of their own districts to determine what areas of training are needed and wanted. When they meet in February the list will be compiled and put in a priority order.

Swartzkopf said the thrust of the program is to train teachers to deal more effectively with students. The inservice programs will train teachers in specific areas providing them with additional knowledge and skills.

Estate planning seminar slated

St. Johns

Recognizing a need for estate planning information, Clinton Bank & Trust has arranged a seminar to make estate facts available to county residents.

The estate planning seminar will be held Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in St. Johns.

The program will feature professionals from the fields of accounting, insurance and law. They include Dan Warmels and Mark Hooper, certified professional accountants for Ernst and Whinney; Ron Taylor and Ross Mossholder, agents from Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company; and Allen Claypool, an attorney who specializes in farm estate planning.

The following topics are planned for the evening's program: estate, gift and income taxation; farm property valuation; jointly held property; death without a will; estate planning for farmers; probate process; joint tennant; installment buy-outs; private annuity for intra-family farm transfers; and tax traps.

Moderating the evening's activities will be Ron Huard, vice president and senior trust officer of Clinton Bank & Trust. Following the program, refreshments will be served compliments of the bank.

Circuit Court action

St. Johns

The following persons appeared before Clinton County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Green on Jan. 21.

Arraignments:
David F. Geller, 102 Cookie St., Lansing, pled guilty to the charge of preparation to burn a house and sentencing was set for Feb. 19.

Marvin Workman, 2700 Eaton Rapids Rd., Lot 57 Lansing, pled guilty to attempted no account check, or writing a check when the past checking account was either closed or inactive. Sentencing was set for Feb. 19.

Robert Brian Thompson, 3067 Grand Ledge Highway, Grand Ledge, stood mute to the two counts of violation of controlled substances act and trial will be set in March.

David L. Stephenson, 709 S. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, pled guilty to the charges of use of an automobile without authority and no account check. Sentencing was set for Feb. 19.

Sentencings:

Marty Lee Hattis of 215 Ewen St., Maple Rapids, was sentenced to three years probation, 25 weeks in the county jail and \$9 restitution on a charge of no account check.

Kelly Robert Dunigan, East Lansing Inn, room 234, East Lansing, was sentenced to three years probation, 25 weekends in the county jail, \$500 fine and costs at \$25 per month, on a charge of attempted failure to return rented property over \$100.

Johnny Anthony Vela, 1312 4th Avenue, Lake Odessa, was sentenced to 3½ years to 10 years to the Department of Corrections on the charge of assault with intent to kidnap; 3½ years to 15 years to the Department of Corrections on the charge of criminal sexual conduct, third degree; and 3½ years to 15 years to the Department of Corrections on the charge of unarmed robbery. These sentences will run concurrently.

Flint T. Grice, 5671 Sleight Road, Bath, was sentenced to three years probation, \$272.50 restitution, \$350 fine, \$50 costs and jail time, on the charge of larceny from a building.

Patrick Owen Mears, 15300 Upton Road, East Lansing, was sentenced to three years probation, \$272.50 restitution, \$350 fine, \$50 costs and four months in the county jail (suspended), on a charge of larceny in a building.

students told parents last week.

"Volunteer your time, approach your schools with a positive willingness to work with them," she advised.

Explaining that budgets are tight and teachers already overworked she said the thrust of any new program is going to have to be inexpensive and easily incorporated into the classroom setting. Possible approaches for getting extras into the classroom are learning centers that would be available to all children but would challenge the academically talented child and the Independent Educational Program (IEP) that is already in use for below average students. The IEP could be used just as well for the bright child, Mrs. Osburn explained because it is essentially a study project the child designs and sets up for himself, explaining what he is going to learn and how he is going to go about it.

She mentioned parent organized and staffed pull out programs such as Junior Great Books where the children

would leave the classroom for a short time to participate in a planned activity with trained volunteers.

Ms. Osburn is in the process of compiling a resource library at the Intermediate District office that can be checked out by teachers and principals in the county. She is drawing materials together that will help teachers set up learning centers in their classrooms. Already the library is expanding with literature and how-to-do-it books on reading, writing and problem solving. It also contains games that are interesting to high achievers. Teachers and parents can request a bibliography of what's on hand at the Intermediate office.

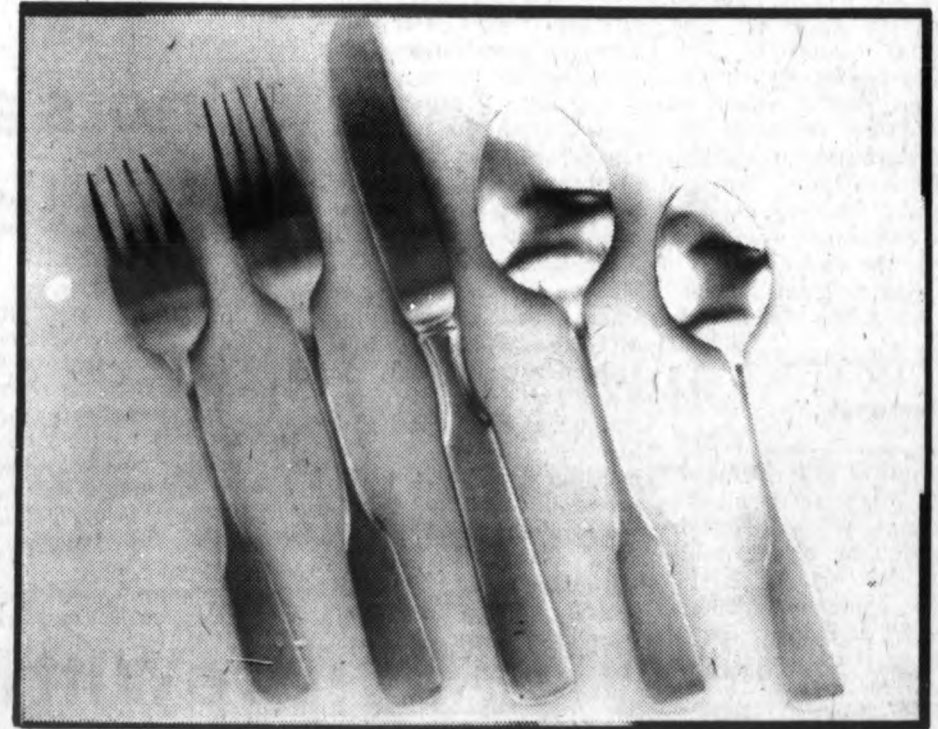
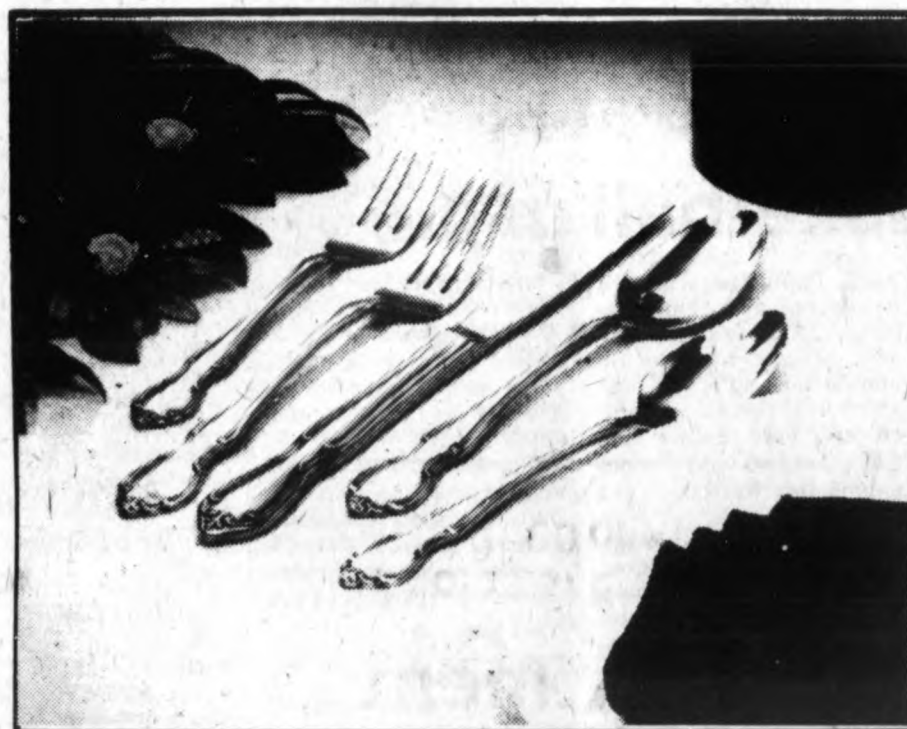
She also recommended after school and weekend programs and said that parents should try to "bring these kids together" for special activities. She told the parents that an information bank should be established and suggested using Community Resource Volunteers as a base. "If your child is interested in a particular subject or starts a new hobby or activity, consult the information bank for others with the same

interests and adults who would be willing to spend time sharing," she suggested. She also told parents that they should call each other and get their children together for special projects. "This makes gifted kids sparkle," she said, "finding interests they have in common."

Mrs. Osburn told parents that they must also be aware of legislation that affects their children and should be involved to the point of letting legislators know "we're willing to support those who'll help us."

In closing, Mrs. Osburn gave parents six tips to remember. First, remember they are children and not little adults. Second, accept your child for himself. Third, remember that every child needs a positive self-image. Fourth, recognize some of the problems that can arise by being different. Fifth, listen to him constantly. Don't be afraid when you can't answer his questions, admit you don't know and say, "Let's find out." Then do, see, touch and feel. And sixth, relax and enjoy your children.

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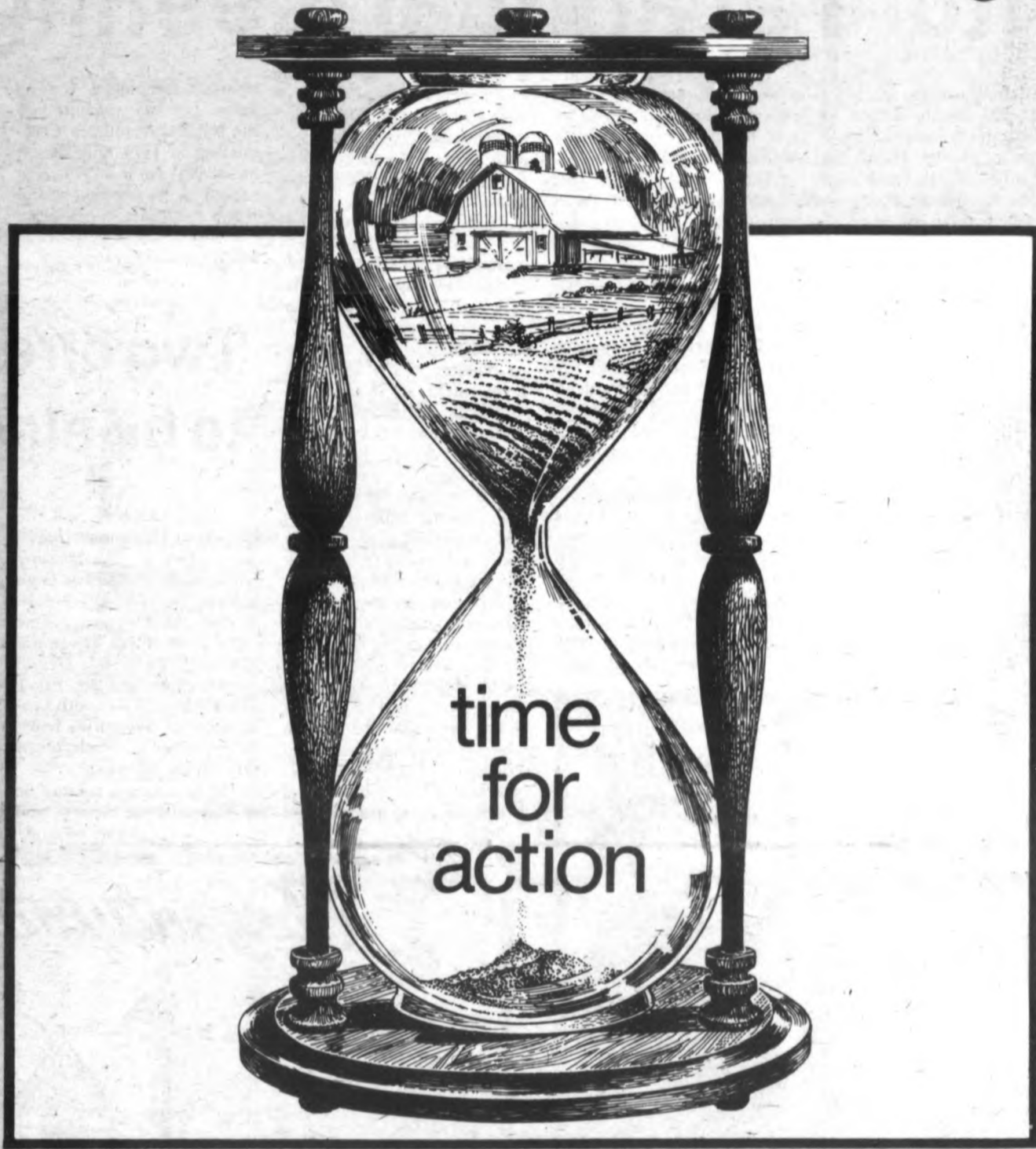
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26th Annual Edition
of the Clinton County
Soil Conservation District Report

Ag dept head to speak on Michigan agriculture at annual meeting

By Stanley Baird
Newsletter Editor

The 26th annual meeting of the Clinton Soil Conservation District will be Feb. 2. The meeting will start with the traditional dinner followed by the district's

business meeting.

Tickets for the dinner can be obtained from a district director, Stanley Baird, David Conklin, Kenneth Loudenbeck, Robert Moore or Gerald Becker, or from the office at 306 Elm St., St.

Johns. Please get your tickets before Jan. 30, so we can have the cooks prepare the correct amount.

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District Board will present several awards to landowners and individuals who have made contributions toward conservation in Clinton County. The awards to be given this year are: Conservation Farmer-of-the-Year, Distinguished Service Award and Stewardship Award. Also, several farmers will be recognized for their efforts of conservation on their farms.

Two terms as directors will be elected at this annual meeting. The three-year terms of Kenneth Loudenbeck and Gerald Becker expire at this time. The district nominating committee will conduct the election. Nominees for these vacan-

cies are Walter Amick, Jr., Jack Anderson, Gerald Becker (incumbent), Gerald Pohl and Don Schneider. Ken Loudenbeck has chosen not to seek re-election.

Dean Pridgeon, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker and the topic of his talk will be "Michigan Agriculture".

Pridgeon, 57, was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture on December 15, 1978.

In California Township, Branch County, he farms 2,000 acres in partnership with two sons, Michael and William, specializing in corn and hogs. His sons are the sixth generation to operate the original family farm.

Pridgeon and his wife also have two daughters, Rebecca Procter of Austin, Texas and Barbara Miller of Novi.

He has been California Township supervisor 12 years, active on the Branch County Planning Board and Zoning Board for several years, and was a director of Michigan Farm Bureau and

affiliate companies for 15 years. He was appointed to the Natural Resources Commission in 1974 and served as chairman in 1979. He served on the Reading school board five years.

Pridgeon received the Michigan Outstanding

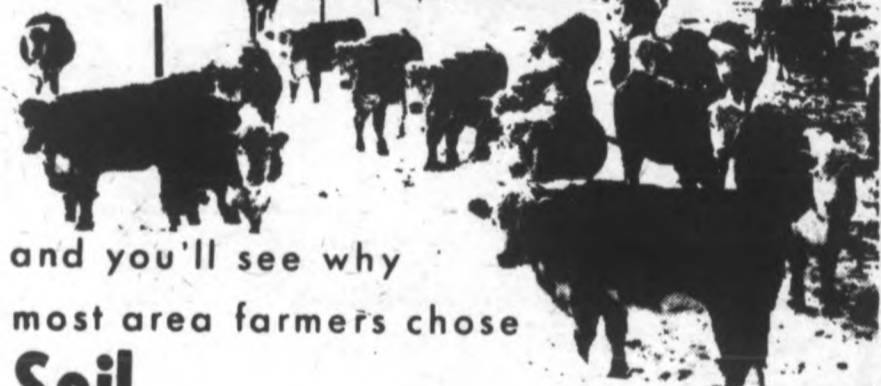
Young Farmer Award from the Michigan Jaycees in 1956 and was honored with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from Michigan State University in 1970.

He was a student at MSU for one year.

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Two directors to be elected

Two directors will be elected at the annual meeting on Feb. 2. The meeting will be at the Ovid-Elsie High School.

Two, three-year terms need to be filled. These are presently held by Gerald Becker of Section 35, Essex Township, and Kenneth Loudenbeck of Section 1, Lebanon Township. Their terms will expire this year.

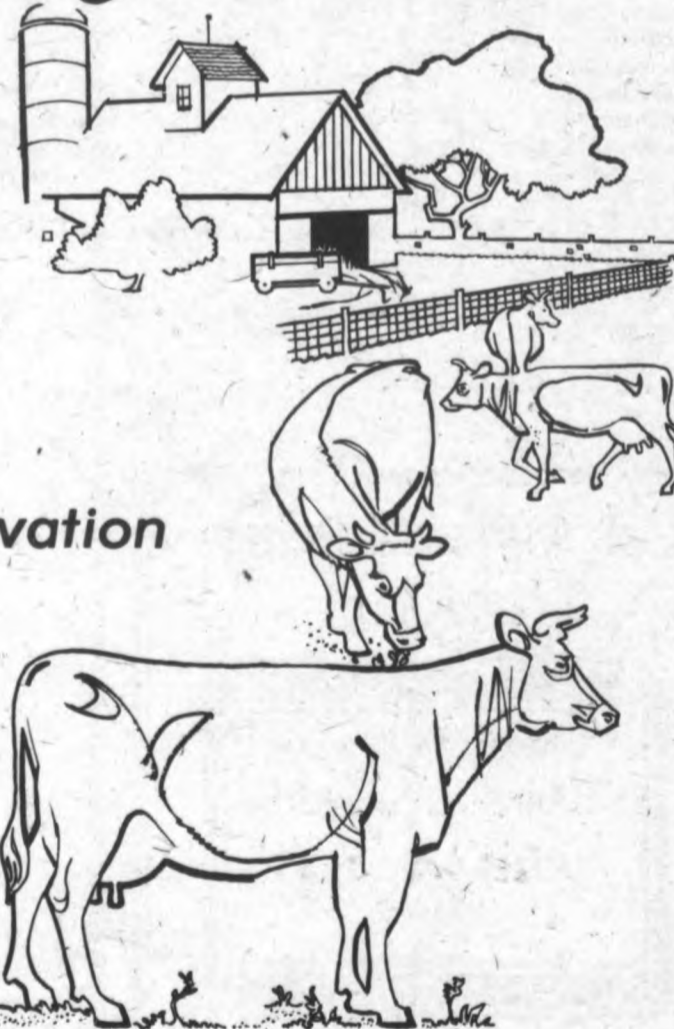
The nominating committee will conduct the election and

the following list of candidates will be on the ballot: Walter Amick, Jr., Section 16, Essex Twp.; Jack Anderson, Section 28, Essex Twp.; Gerald Pohl, Section 31, Essex Twp.; Don Schneider, Section 23, Lebanon Twp.; and Gerald Becker (incumbent).

Kenneth Loudenbeck has chosen not to seek re-election. Nominations for candidates will also be taken at the annual meeting.

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Recognition due at annual meeting

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District annual meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2 at 12 noon. Several

awards, certificates of appreciation and soil conservation district cooperator signs will be presented at this meeting to deserving individuals for their contribution to good conservation.

Orville Beachler will receive the Distinguished Service Award. Beachler served the district for 20 years as a conservation technician with the Soil Conservation Service. He retired this past summer. This is only the second time in 26 years that the district has presented such an award.

Clarence Manning will receive the Stewardship A-

ward for total support to the district in natural resource conservation. A district cooperator since 1956 and a former district board member, Manning, played a big part in organizing the district back in 1954, and was also instrumental in the Muskrat Creek Watershed project. Benson Farms, owned and operated by Harold and his son Tom, will receive the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. A cooperator since 1957, they have applied a number of conservation practices such as drainage, windbreak plantings, cover crops, conservation tillage,

no-till and woodlot management.

Last summer Benson Farms drew over 300 people from over half the counties in Michigan to a No-Till Field Day held on their farm. Last year Benson Farms planted most of their crops using a no-till corn planter and seeder.

Cooperator signs will be given this year to several farmers in the county for their promotion of good conservation. They are:

James Keilen, a cooperator since 1957, who owns a dairy farm in Westphalia Township. Over the years,

Keilen has worked with the district in creating wildlife habitat, a drainage plan and keeping the erosive hillsides in permanent hay.

Neil Barnhart, a cooperator since 1966, has a hog and cash crop operation in Bingham Township. He has been very conscious of erosion, using conservation tillage practices and small grain with clover in rotation for soil building purposes.

Casper Spitzley, a cash crop farmer in Bengal Township has been a cooperator since 1965. He uses

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Audited financial report

Clinton County Soil Conservation District

October 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979

Balance on hand October 1, 1978 \$ 3,811.15

Receipts:

District administrative funds (State of Michigan)	1,440.00
Conservation District Aide Funds (State of Michigan)	4,427.00
Training Meeting expense	14.24
County Board of Commissioners	3,375.00
Sale of tree and shrub planting stock	10,244.90
Sale of equipment (sold tree planter)	200.00
Annual meeting receipts	336.00
Refunds	69.30
Newsletter	100.00
Marking flags	36.25
CETA funds	1,429.77
RCA funds	1,285.00
O. Beachler retirement dinner	701.06
Misc.	13.99

Total receipts 23,672.51

Total available funds 27,483.76

Disbursements:

Employee expense	
Gross salary	9,368.97
Social security (district's share)	579.51
Bond, Work, Comp., and other ben.	1,597.30
Office supplies and services	687.21
Directors mileage and expense	386.44
Fees, dues, etc.	511.56
Seedlings	5,931.67
Education expense	430.50
Annual Meeting	811.33
Publications	272.75
Other	36.94
O. Beachler retirement dinner	779.85
Flags	34.18

Total disbursements 21,428.21

Balance of cash available - Sept. 30, 1979 6,055.55



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SCD reveals resource concerns

By Stanley Baird, Chairman

During the summer of 1978, the Clinton Soil Conservation District conducted an intensive study on the the resource concerns within the county. This study revealed four areas of concern relating to our natural resources. Soil erosion leads the list.

The concern that soil sediments were damaging other lands, plugging up surface drains, decreasing crop yields and causing other cropping management problems is felt to be one of the SCD's major responsibilities. The SCD estimated that 100,000 acres of land in Clinton County is experiencing excess soil erosion.

Another concern is with water quality, not only from soil erosion but from improperly managed animal waste. Improper management of waste comes from poor or no waste storage facilities on

the farm, and moreover the improper spreading of farm waste.

When animal waste is spread on snow or frozen ground, the waste runs off the land with the spring runoff water and ends up in the streams, ditches, lakes and ponds. The SCD estimated that 140 farm waste facilities are needed and that nearly every livestock farmer needs to improve the spreading and management of the animal waste produced on the farm.

The third concern of the SCD is total water management of the animal waste produced on the farm.

The third concern of the SCD is total water management. This includes drainage, both surface and subsurface, irrigation, surface water runoff and improved water quality and quantity for crop production.

The three major resource

concerns are all related, and the solutions are all much the same—that is total soil and water conservation of each farming unit. Thus, the SCD technical assistance is available to each land user to aid the person to develop and carry out long lasting conservation practices on the land.

The fourth major concern that the SCD has established is "land use and the preservation of prime and unique farm lands". The SCD feels that Clinton County must establish and enforce regulations to maintain these lands for the production of food and fiber, as well as to maintain the agricultural business, family farm and agricultural economic base of Clinton County.

The SCD has set forth a plan to supply technical assistance to landowners to

accomplish some of these goals. If you would like assistance on your conserva-

tion problems, free of charge, call the Soil Conservation District office and

make an appointment with one of the SCD conservationists assigned to our district.

★ Recognition due

good rotations and tillage practices that provide good erosion control and productivity. He worked on installing tile in the past.

Miller Bros. Inc, cooperators since 1969, own and operate a dairy farm located in Ovid Township. Their operation has practiced cover crops, good legume rotations and tillage practices that maintain crop residues on the surface most of the time.

Richard Feldpausch, a cooperator since 1969, owns a dairy farm in Essex

Township. He maintains drainageways as sod waterways, uses conservation tillage, good legume rotations, installed drainage systems and plans to install an animal waste system in 1980 for his 145-cow herd.

Louis Schneider, a cooperator since 1963, owns a dairy farm in Bengal Township. Over the years he has applied many conservation practices. He uses a good legume rotation, cover crops, and in 1979 installed a

waterway with a rock chute erosion control structure. And plans to add on to an existing farm waste storage facility in 1980.

A certificate of appreciation will be awarded to Dick Lehnert and Dr. Ray Cook for their efforts in supporting the Clinton County Soil Conservation District Program. Their efforts in promoting soil and water conservation over the past decade will be remembered by many for years to come.

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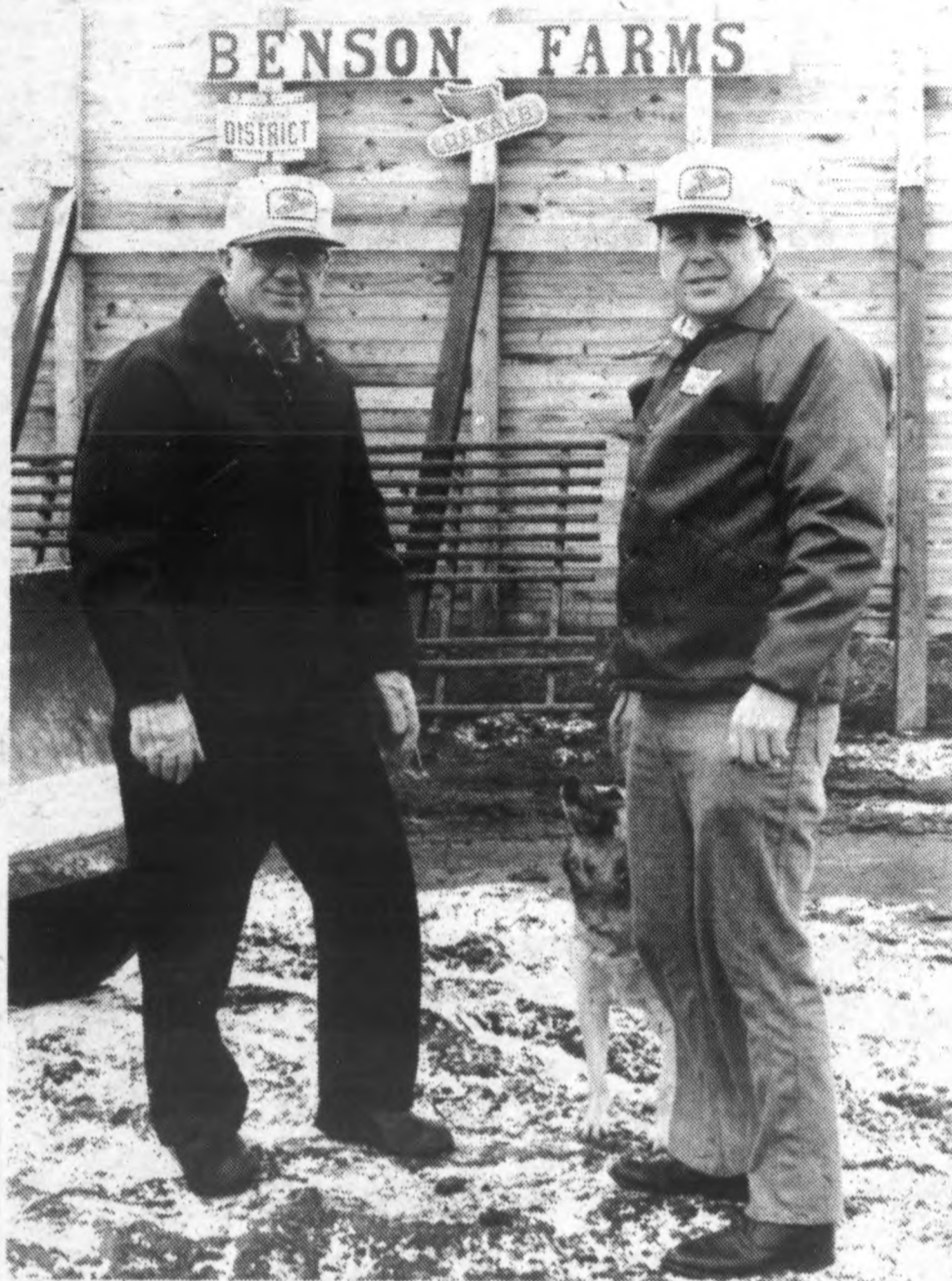

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No-till working on the Benson farm



No-till believers

Harold Benson and son Tom farm 600 acres, as well as feed between 300-400 cattle a year. They are sold on the no-till concept. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Harold Benson and son Tom are sold on the concept of no-till farming. They're the recipients of the Conservation Farmer of the Year award.

This will be the third year they've been using this technique and Tom said, "If the person has the information and machinery, he can make it work."

The Bensons farm 600 acres northwest of St. Johns. They plant corn, soybeans, wheat and some hay. They also feed between 300-400 cattle annually.

Harold explained that the switch to no-till farming was basically an economic one. Citing some figures given by state United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) agronomist Dwight Quisenberry in the Jan. 19 Michigan Farmer, Benson related that the 77 percent increase in diesel fuel and a 51 percent hike in the price of gas is

making no-till farming even more sensible.

Using the no-till method, the Bensons will plant this year's crop into last year's crop residue in a small slot or trench to assure good soil-to-seed contact, explained Tom.

No-till actually explains the process of not tilling the whole farm, but rather just tilling where the plants will grow.

Because the whole field isn't tilled, Harold estimated it takes about one-sixth the fuel for no-tilling, compared to conventional tilling.

Besides saving fuel, no-till also saves on labor, time and machine costs because the Bensons aren't plowing, discing or cultivating.

Another important savings is that of the soil itself.

"When you do not till the soil or disturb it, the soil is not left bare to be carried away by air or water," Tom said. Quisenberry said in his article that no-till reduces soil erosion by 50-90 percent.

The less number of trips over the field also aids the

soil. The soil structure isn't damaged as much, said Tom.

The Bensons use a lot of rye as a cover crop. "The more mulch or residue we have to plant into, the better," said Tom.

By providing a mulch, he explained the direct evaporation of water by the sun is retarded, water and fertilizer don't wash away to the same degree as when there is nothing to stop them, and the roots of the cover crop improve the soil.

Paraquat, a contact herbicide without residual activity, is used to kill the cover crop. Actually, it burns away anything on the surface of the land but doesn't harm any growth below the surface of the soil.

Yields on the Benson farm since they've gone to no-till have been comparable to their conventional farming yields. They admit that they've learned a few lessons while adopting the new

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60,000 acres need additional drainage

One of the major concern areas of the Clinton Soil Conservation District is drainage. Approximately 60,000 acres of agricultural land needs additional surface and subsurface drains.

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Before any drainage system can be installed, there must be an adequate outlet to safely dispose the water

from systems without causing erosion.

A surface drain is a graded shallow ditch that removes excess precipitation from the land surface at a rate which will prevent long periods of ponding or flooding. These surface drains are usually constructed with side slopes and depth in mind as not to hinder farming operations. Sometimes these surface drains can be constructed along farm or field boundaries. Tile drains are not the complete answer to eliminate flooding or ponding. Also, when the ground is frozen the excess water cannot get to the tile so surface drain is

needed to remove this water safely.

A subsurface drain is usually tile installed in the ground which collects and/or conveys excess subsurface water. The basic material used now is corrugated polyethylene tubing, better known as plastic tubing.

Subsurface drainage removes free water which lowers the water table for better growing conditions for crops. Not all areas can justify the cost of installation of such a system. All lands to be drained should be suitable for the intended use after the installation of required drainage and other conservation practices.

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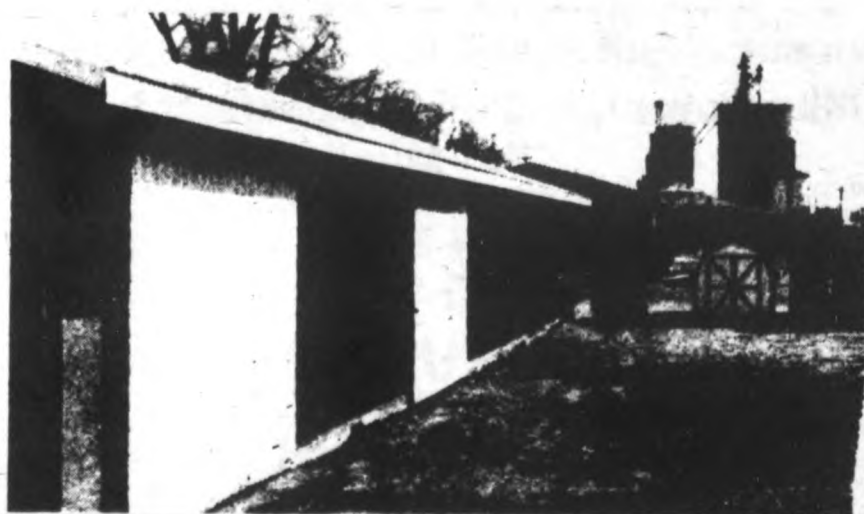
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1979 a good year for Clinton SCD

By Jim Squires

As I look back on 1979 and think of what the Clinton Soil Conservation District has accomplished, it makes me feel good that I have had the good fortune to have my career bring me to such a pleasant part of Michigan. My position as district conservationist is to help the SCD accomplish their conservation goals and 1979 was an outstanding year for the Clinton SCD.

One of the SCD's major concerns is to work with landowners on water quality and animal waste management systems. During 1979 the staff which supplies technical assistance, worked with 38 different landowners on animal waste problems. And of these, 18 livestock farmers installed management systems to improve water quality, utilize their agriculture waste to its maximum as far as crop production, save labor, and improve the environment.

Another project which the SCD sponsored was the

No-Till Field Day which was held at the Benson farm. With the hard work of many people, including friends and neighbors of the Bensons, SCD and SCS staff and family members, agricultural business people, and support from "Michigan Farmer Magazine," the Clinton Soil Conservation District No-Till Field Day was the most successful no-till demonstration day held in Michigan, with over 300 interested farmers attending.

This year a group of farmers and agricultural people took a trip to Knox County, Ohio's No-Till Field Day. Knox County is known as the no-till capitol of the world. This trip gave all those who went, an opportunity to see no-till farming at its best. I enjoyed talking to Ohio farmers who are using no-till farming at its best. I enjoyed talking to Ohio farmers who are using no-till totally and are making it work. I hope that the SCD will sponsor such a trip again for Clinton County farmers

who are interested in no-till.

I have worked in Clinton County for 2½ years and one of the enjoyable things about the job was working with Orville Beachler. In July of 1979, Orville elected to retire from the Soil Conservation Service after serving Clinton County farmers for 20 years. I will miss Orville and the extra efforts he made to give technical assistance to the people of our county. Condit

Newcomer transferred to St. Johns to fill the position which Orville held. Condit also has an excellent background in providing technical assistance and I am sure he can provide the landowner with the on-farm help they need with their conservation problems.

In September of 1979, Tom VanWagner transferred to St. Johns. Tom is a soil conservationist. His major duties are working with

landowners on conservation planning, as well as assisting with the design and layout of conservation practices.

The Clinton SCD board has been active in other programs, such as a surface drainage inventory conducted with a federal grant from the Resource Conservation Act. This study was done in cooperation with the Clinton County Drain Commission. The SCD has also been keeping an eye on some of

the construction and development sites, trying to make sure that sediment and erosion are held at a reasonable level.

As I look back over 1979 and can see that over 350 landowners received on-farm assistance with conservation resource problems, and with the other activities of the Clinton Soil Conservation District, it appears that 1979 was a very good year.



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Air pollution is everybody's responsibility

By Eileen Gillespie

We do not appreciate water until the well runs dry. We do not appreciate good, fresh air until smog chokes our cities and gases despoil the countryside. That has been happening and will get worse if we are not careful.

An average of 30 inches of precipitation yearly falls on the United States. Water withdrawals for all purposes

from all ground and surface sources have doubled in a few years.

Pollution of water is a

growing hazard, although great efforts are made to control it. We are coming to realize that pollution that

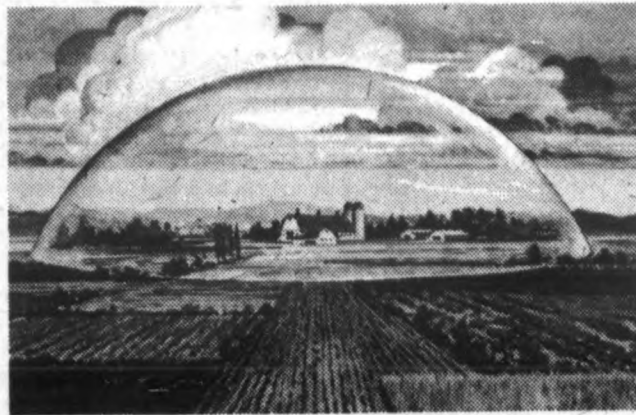
occurs in urban areas affects long stretches of the streams and all water uses beyond the city boundaries. Exten-

sive research into many phases of weather and water supplies is going on, but the substantial expenditures of money and effort in these directions could be profitably extended or expanded. The scientific horizon is such that the outlines can be seen of a potentiality that has high stakes.

Air pollution is the result

of our activities, and each of us (not somebody else) must accept responsibility for it. How else can we insure a good place to live?

If you have a problem disposing of waste materials which tend to pollute the waters around you, contact your local soil conservationist. He may be able to help you.



Swedes may be the world's leading apartment-dwellers. Two of every three of Sweden's 8,273,000 people live in apartments, the National Geographic says.

★ Land use

tural development of our prime lands will increase and the outlook for a continuing high level of U.S. food production is open to question.

The following are projections for the year 2000 if farm land losses continue:

All food produced in the United States will be consumed here.

Consumer food prices will be pushed sharply upward. This will be a "real" price increase, not just an "inflation" increase.

Food exports no longer will be available to help offset massive trade deficits, such as payment for foreign oil. This almost certainly would have a major negative effect on the national economy.

The hungry people of other nations will be on their own for food supplies.

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District has set forth the problem of loss of agricultural land as one of its major concerns. In recent years, scattered residential development in Clinton County has consumed large amount of prime agricultural land. Widespread scattered housing is a cancer that eventually ends in the death of successful farming operations.

If one assumes that the average size of new residential parcels within any township in the county are about five acres and that 80 percent are on lots which are productively farmed, then 6,892 acres (more than 10 square miles) have been lost from agricultural production in a mere six years.

If we expand the rate to cover a 20 year period by 1990, we will lose almost 35 square miles or 13 percent of the total agricultural land in the county. In 1974 the total value of Clinton's agricultural production was approximately \$50,000,000. If we lose 13 percent of that to housing then we lose \$6.5 million from our economic base.

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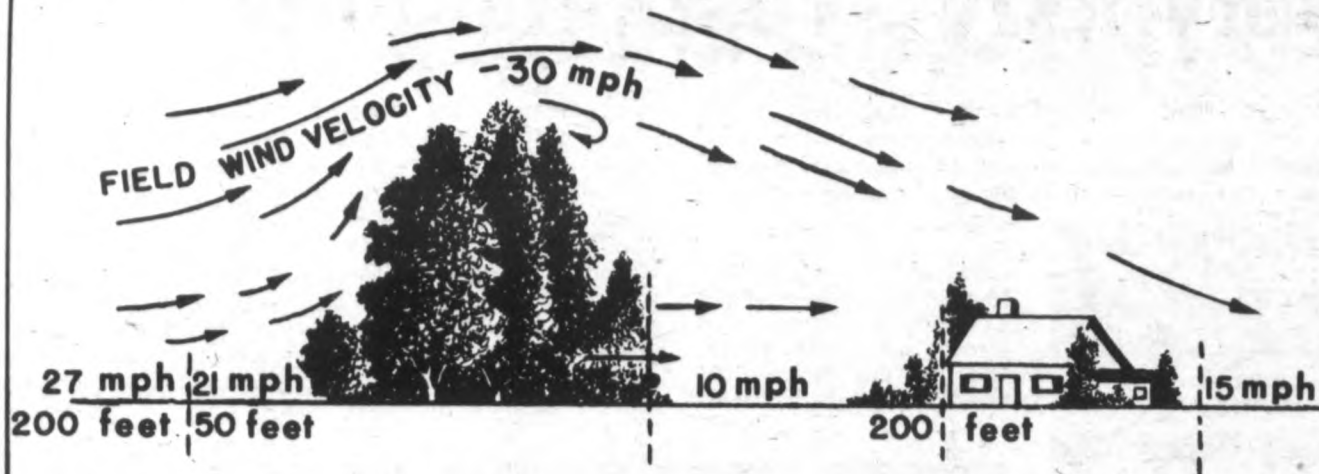
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Refer to tree order form on page 16B.

★ Soil survey

responds readily to soil treatments such as fertilizer, lime and green manure, but other soils respond very poorly. A soil survey can help you decide whether added treatment to reclaim soils is likely to succeed.

A soil survey can help in selecting areas suitable for man-made ponds. It also can help in planning and development of land for hunting, camping and other recreation facilities for the family use.

A soil survey contains detailed maps and descriptions of soils and it provides

interpretations of soil properties for farming. Among the soil properties that affect use of soils for farming are the content of sand, silt and clay, acidity and alkalinity, flood hazard, natural drainage, tendency to erode, organic matter content and fertility. These and many other properties described in soil surveys provide basic information for managing soils on a farm.

The soil survey information is available from the Soil Conservation District office located at 306 Elm St. in St. Johns.

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Grow money, grow a black walnut tree

Many people are missing an easy opportunity to improve the black walnut trees growing on their land. With just a little work, they can transform a tree with little or no value to a tree with great potential.

Everyone seems to know that a black walnut tree can be worth a lot of money. But when some people try to sell their particular black walnut, they are disappointed in the price. What is wrong? Aren't black walnut trees worth very much? Well the answer is both yes and no.

The value of a black walnut tree depends on its size and quality. Obviously, the bigger the tree and the better the quality, the more it is worth. The black walnut most people try to sell are trees growing in fence rows or in their yard. Since these trees had plenty of sun and little or no competition from other trees, they developed a short trunk and many branches. These branches have knots which reduces the quality.

In addition, these trees may contain bits of metal.

The metal may have been from an old fence, nails left over from the ladder going up to Johnnie's treehouse, or a metal hook from the clothesline. Walnut buyers shy away from metal in trees like the plague. An expensive saw or veneer knife can easily be damaged when it hits metal.

Imbedded metal and wounds caused by Johnnie's Christmas hatchet and the like discolor the wood and allow entry points for decay.

But let's get on the positive side. What can be done to improve walnut trees? And what kind of tree are we trying to grow?

The minimum size walnut buyers consider are trees with at least 16 inches of diameter and six feet of clear trunk. Anything beyond these dimensions grow in value.

Walnut trees can be found in a woods or along the edge of a woods. Walnuts growing in a woods develop tall straight clear trunks. Often just removing a couple of trees which are crowding the walnut tree is all that is necessary. Woods grown walnut are rare because walnut needs a lot of sunshine to grow.

But black walnuts growing in a field or on the edge of a woods is where potential and

value can be multiplied tremendously. Field walnuts are common and often very abundant. By simply doing a little pruning and release work, a walnut tree destined for the fireplace can be transformed into a top quality tree. This work is not that hard and needs to be done only periodically. Release work generally needs to be done once or twice. Prune about every two years until the maximum prunable length is reached.

Winter is the best time for this kind of work. There are

no bugs to bother you.

Pruning is merely trimming off the branches. Branches should be pruned off before they reach two inches in diameter. Don't prune more than one-third of the live tree crown in a year. If you prune too much off, growth will be slowed down.

The ultimate goal in pruning is a clear trunk 17 feet high. Sometimes a large fork will keep the trunk down to a 10, 12, or 14-foot trunk. Often you can prune another 8-foot portion beyond a large low limb.

Prune the branches close to the trunk but not quite flush. Use a pruning saw, not an ax or chainsaw.

Releasing is just removing other trees growing too close to the selected walnut. These competing trees are trees overshadowing the walnut or just as tall as the walnut.

Walnut improvement work can begin early. Start work on walnuts five feet tall or taller.

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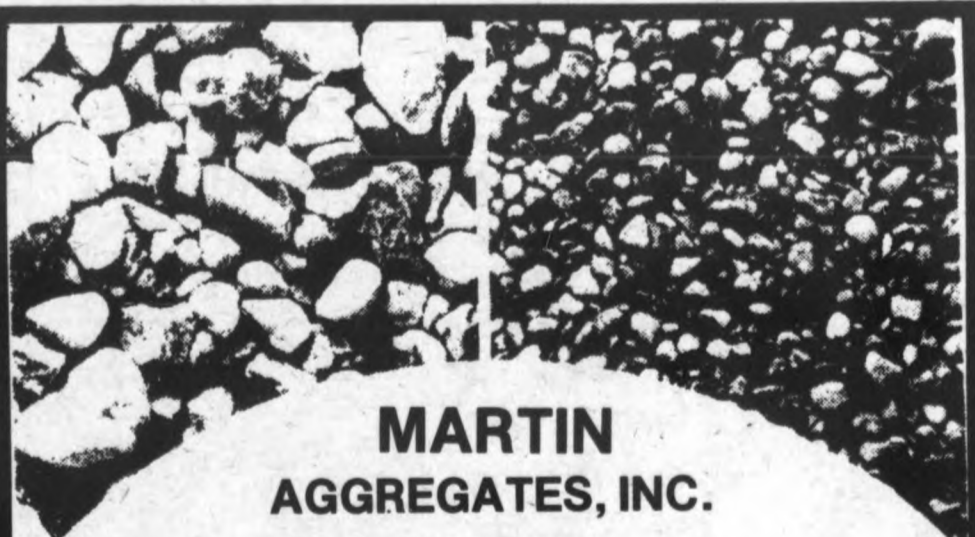
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Tile drainage key to better crops

By Mark F. Hansen
Extension Agriculture
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Michigan cropland would produce higher yields of better quality crops if the soil were tile drained, says a group of Michigan State

University agricultural experts.

If producers more fully understood the benefits of tile drainage, much more

cropland would probably be drained, say agricultural engineering specialist E.H. Kidder and crop and soil science specialists L.S.

Robertson, A.E. Erickson and D.L. Mokma.

Draining excess water, a common problem in Michigan crop production, benefits the crop directly in several ways and allows management techniques which can also increase crop yields. Increased annual yields of up to 100 percent have been reported in Ohio State University studies.

One direct benefit to the crop is greater root exploration, which results in increased root-soil contact. This exposes the plant to greater amounts of nutrients and available water.

Adequately drained soil also contains more oxygen, which plant roots must have for good plant growth.

Well drained soil also warms and dries faster in the spring, because less heat is required to raise the temperature of air than water. Soil microorganisms respond better to increased warmth and oxygen. Their increased activity and numbers improve soil structure and increase the readily available nutrient levels, especially nitrogen and sulphur.

Other benefits of tile drainage, not directly related to plant yield, are reduced erosion from surface runoff and reduction of time and labor spent in field operations.

Early planted crops, such as peas, oats, barley and corn, respond especially well to tile drainage because it allows them to be planted earlier in the spring.

Harvest delays due to rain are usually shorter with tile-drained soils than with non-drained soils.

Four types of tile drainage systems are commonly used in Michigan: the gridiron, the herringbone, the natural or random, and the cutoff or interceptor. The best system to use depends on the topography and variability in soil conditions. A combination of systems often works best. Before deciding what type of system to use, consult a drainage engineer.

If a tile drainage system is to function properly, it must be correctly designed and installed.

There are several considerations—such as tile type, tile size, depth, spacing, grading, outlet, and cost—to keep in mind when installing a tile drainage system. Soil factors that influence these considerations are soil and subsoil depth, permeability, uniformity and texture.

When calculating the cost of a drainage tile system, it is necessary to recognize engineering, design, material and installation costs. It is not unusual for costs to exceed \$400 per acre. This may seem high, but the costs are recouped through higher yields. In the Ohio study, tile drainage paid for itself in five years.

More information on tile drainage is given in Extension Bulletin E-909, "Tile Drainage for Improved Crop Production," available from the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service office.

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