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## Staudt to speak to St Johns Chamber



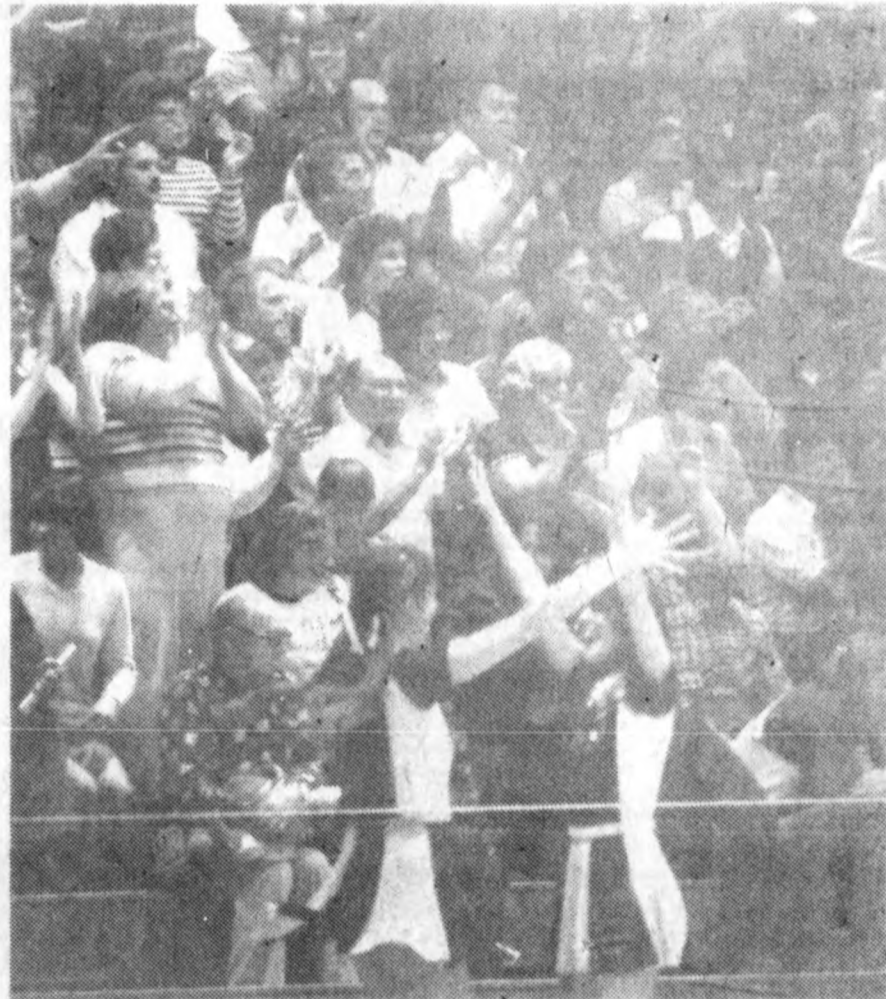
Tim Staudt, sports director for WJIM-TV and radio in Lansing, will be in St. Johns as the speaker at the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at the Someplace Else restaurant.

## Interlochen Dance Ensemble

The Interlochen Dance Ensemble will perform Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns High School Auditorium. The 17-member Troupe is touring Michigan as part of the Interlochen Outreach "Show-on-the-Road" program supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts. The performance here is sponsored by Community Resource Volunteers' Art for All Ages program and the St. Johns Community Education Office.

## Basketball benefit game

The St. Johns Jaycees will be pitted against WJIM radio and television personalities on March 13 at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$1 or \$5 per family. Tickets are available at the door or from any of the following: Jaycees, Big Brother or Big Sisters, Ed's Refinery, Julie K. Bennett's Dean's Hardware and the D and C Store. Proceeds will be donated to the Big Brothers Big Sister organization of Clinton County. Two MSU team autographed basketballs will be raffled off at halftime.



## Glad, sad

The fans and cheerleaders from Ovid-Elsie found times when jubilation was possible (left) during Monday's district basketball game at Corunna. But by game's end, the cheerleaders knelt

(right) watching their team headed for a 52-43 defeat by Corunna, thus knocking the Marauders from the tournament. (Photo by Mark Haney)



## Senior Citizen Drop-in Center space becoming a premium

### St. Johns

The Senior Citizen Drop-in Center has been open for a little more than a year. Already, space is becoming a premium.

Director of the center, Fred Rewerts, said at the nutrition lunches Wednesdays through Fridays, an average of 60 seniors come to the Drop-in Center. But, that figure has been as high as 92, he said.

For now, having 92 for lunch doesn't cause too much of a problem. They set up a few more tables on the dance floor (now turned into a storage room) and they squeeze in a few more luncheon guests.

The capacity of the building located on Clinton Avenue is 108. To accommodate that many people, the storage room will have to be cleaned out permanently and a few more tables will have to be bought.

Those are the thoughts going through Rewerts' head right now. He knows when the seniors come back from their winter in Florida, the census at the Drop-in Center will climb. He expects nutrition lunches to attract an average of 90-100 seniors.

What will happen when the Drop-in Center reaches capacity, if it does, in fact reach capacity?

"We may have to go to four days a week (with nutrition lunches)," said Rewerts. Cards could be given out telling seniors which days they could attend the lunches.

"I don't want to shut the door to anybody," he said. He doesn't like the idea of restricting anyone from coming to the center.

Another alternative would be to find a larger building, or buy the present Drop-in Center building and remodel

it. Money is the big determining factor, however. It is estimated to purchase the present center, the seniors would have to come up with \$55,000 to \$60,000. Another \$8,000 to \$10,000 would be needed to remodel it to accommodate more seniors.

A larger, and more expensive building, would almost be out of the question. One building the seniors were eyeing in downtown St. Johns would cost \$90,000. "That's pretty well out of our reach unless the county backs it," said Rewerts. And he added county assistance is a remote possibility.

The Senior Citizen Drop-in Center does not receive county or city funding presently. The \$400 monthly rent bill plus an average \$200 utility bill are paid with donations, raffle proceeds and Monday lunch profits.

The St. Johns Jaycees have been generous to the center and pay the seniors \$100 a month to hold their two monthly meetings at the center. Diet Workshop pays \$15 every Thursday evening to meet at the center.

Rent is collected "little by little. We're working every angle we can," said Rewerts.

The center attracts mostly St. Johns residents. Once in a while, Rewerts said, people from Ovid, Bath and DeWitt visit. With the climbing price of gas, however, he's not expecting the seniors from outlying areas to flock to the county senior citizen center. He welcomes them all, however.

Why do people visit the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center? "They feel at home here, I think," said the center director. "We do what they want to do. We don't tell them, 'This is what you will do,'" he said.

## Flu closes 4 schools

### Debra recovering from Reye's Syndrome

By Sharon Randall  
Staff Writer

#### Clinton County

Four of the county's six school districts were closed last week because of excessive absences due to influenza-B, a viral illness diagnosed by a sore throat, chest congestion, fever and coughing.

An Ovid-Elsie student, 14-year-old Debra Garlock was released from Detroit Children's Hospital Monday after being taken there in critical condition last Tuesday suffering from Reye's Syndrome. Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garlock of Ovid was hit with the first symptom of the disease, Monday, Feb. 25. Reye's which has killed four children in Michigan this year usually develops following a viral illness such as influenza or chicken pox.

While Reye's Syndrome is non-communicable and infrequent it is now among the 10 major causes of death in children aged one to 10 years. Health officials have pointed out that Michigan has fewer cases than last year, and do not consider it a "significant" problem. It is important however for parents to be aware of the symptoms as the earliest diagnosed cases have the greatest survival rate.

Flu is a definite problem in the state and the county, however, with absenteeism high at four of the six school districts. William Thar, M.D. with the Mid-Michigan Health Department said Thursday that influenza-B had reached "epic proportions in St. Johns."

St. Johns schools were closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Superintendent Donald Burns said school officials were in hopes that the five days, including the weekend would provide a healing period. Local doctors told Burns a period of three to five days was needed to get over the disease.

"What was concerning us Thursday," Burns explained,

"was not only the percentage of absentees but that a good percent of our young people were coming to school with colds, coughing and other symptoms."

Fowler also closed for Friday, Monday and Tuesday, giving much the same reasons as St. Johns. Thursday's absences totaled 15 percent but were quickly mounting as teachers sent ill students to the office to be taken home.

Ovid-Elsie Schools returned Monday after two days off but still counted 20 percent absent. By afternoon another 10 percent of the student population came down with symptoms of flu and were sent home. An administrative spokesman said Tuesday, March 4 that school would remain closed through Wednesday.

Bath Community Schools closed down for both Friday and Monday hoping to end the epidemic there but many elementary students remained out on Tuesday. Superintendent Kenneth Dyer said health officials recommended that he close the elementary school for the remainder of the week. Dyer said the high school enrollment had returned to normal and the middle school was not far behind, but absenteeism at the elementary neared 70 percent Tuesday afternoon.

DeWitt in the south central area of the county seems immune to the outbreak. "We are below 15 percent," Superintendent John Prevost said Monday, indicating that absenteeism is usually expected to run 10 percent this time of year. "We have had some cases," he said, "and we are watching it closely."

Pewamo-Westphalia schools were hardest hit with the outbreak three weeks ago when absenteeism reached 20 percent. "We've been pretty close to normal for about a week now," high school principal Harry Peacock said Monday.

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## Central School's future pondered

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### St. Johns

What is the future of the 95-year-old Central Elementary School?

The St. Johns Board of Education will meet Wednesday night, March 5, for a special meeting with the sole purpose of discussing Central School.

Five likely alternatives for Central School will be presented by the administration which has been studying the situation of the aged building. Donald Burns, St. Johns school superintendent, said there may be more alternatives, but these are the more probable ones.

Positive and negative aspects of each of the five alternatives will be discussed. However, because cost

figures on some of the alternatives will not be known by Wednesday night, the board will not be making its final decision on Central's future at that time.

What are the five alternatives?

One alternative, Burns said, is to renovate the present 12-room building into a maximum of eight classrooms, but update it so that the "facility lends itself to present day curriculum and programs." This would include the addition of a library, a multi-purpose room and space for support staff such as speech therapists and counselors.

Another alternative would be to construct a total of six permanent classrooms at Swegles Elementary School, if the site is adequate. If it is inadequate, then three or four

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## Commuter bus to start up April 27

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### St. Johns

April 27 looks like the starting date for a new commuter bus run from Mt. Pleasant to Lansing.

That's the word from J.J. Rudnick, administrator of the Intercity Division of UPTAN, the bureau of Urban and Public Transportation for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

He said his division is presently setting up ticket outlets and establishing operating times for the commuter run. They are also trying to establish a pick-up point in St. Johns.

Previously, a spot at the Lutheran Church had been designated, but through some misunderstanding, the church had not been contacted.

About eight months ago, he said, his department started working on this project. Since that time, however, the scope of the project has taken on added dimension.

There has been a great deal of interest expressed in the commuter run that will make stops in Alma, Ithaca, M-57 and St. Johns. He said the rising cost of gasoline is making commuter bus travel more appealing.

He said the initial focus of the program was to service people living in Mt. Pleasant, Alma and Ithaca. About 150 people living in those communities were identified as working in downtown Lansing. He estimated another 300 work at Oldsmobile.

"Now, all of the sudden people living 25 miles away are considering this kind of transportation," he said.

His division is not discouraging St. Johns people to consider the commuter bus, but said, "St. Johns is a natural for vanpooling." He said a large cluster of people going to a like destination would make it easy to set up vanpools or carpools.

He said the carpool will also be cheaper. Right now, the cost of 10 one-way rides on the commuter bus run from St. Johns to Lansing or from Lansing to St. Johns is set at \$13. Commuters living in Alma, Ithaca and Mt. Pleasant will pay higher fees, with Mt. Pleasant riders to pay \$42 for 10 one-way rides.

North Star Bus Lines will be operating one bus. Rudnick said the bus line invested about \$120,000 in that bus. When asked if only one bus would run when the commuter bus run starts up, Rudnick said this is the plan and from there his department would "kind of feel our way along."

The commuter run could become extremely valuable to people who depend upon other means of transportation but are in one way or another forced to find another alternative mode of travel temporarily.

One example is the person in a carpool who discovers two or three carpools are ill. She could ride the bus that day to work. Carpools interrupted by vacations could also benefit by a commuter bus service.



### Single business tax reform

Senator Ed Fredricks, a Republican from the 23rd District (Ottawa and Allegan counties) was the guest speaker at the St. Johns Kiwanis Club meeting Feb. 28 at the Whisel Inn restaurant. About 25 Kiwanians

listened to Sen. Fredricks proposed changes in the single business tax. Sen. Fredricks is circulating a petition to change the law. He was introduced by Kiwanian Rep. Allen Cropsey (R-DeWitt). (Photo by Sue Kiley)

## Woman robbed at knifepoint

### Clinton County

Deputies are searching for a young man who robbed an Owosso woman of \$22 after she gave him a ride. Ms. Alice Wagner, Owosso told Clinton County sheriff's deputies she picked up a hijacker at the corner of US-21 and Scott Road in St. Johns after which he pulled a jack knife on her and demanded her money.

The incident happened near Shepardville Road. The 15-year-old youth fled from the car on Feb. 27 shortly after the incident occurred. Deputies are looking for a young male, 5'2" tall, with light brown medium length hair wearing a black nylon jacket and tan corduroy pants. Piggy banks, gasoline and jewelry were the target of thefts during the past

week according to sheriff's report. Dale Myers, Vector Construction, 16647 Airport Rd., reported between 700-800 gallons of gas had been taken in the month of January. Richard Moor, Bingham Township reported 500 gallons of gas taken from a tank at the Charles Moore residence, 1816 Wildcat Road. Between 125 and 150

gallons of gas was taken from the Thorney Acres Archery Club on French Road. Thieves took a piggy bank, toy cash register, old coins and a jade ring from the Marilyn Chaffer residence on Wacousta Road. Irene Herrera, Eagle reported to deputies that a coral ring valued at \$50 was taken from her home.

## ★ Central School

classrooms could be added to Swegles and the remaining rooms could be added at Perrin-Palmer Elementary. Both are elementary schools located within the city limits.

The third alternative to be discussed is the sale of both Central and Teresa Merrill elementary schools and the construction of a new elementary on the high school site. This new structure would have a minimum of 13 classrooms.

Alternative four would be to sell Central Elementary and lease six portable classrooms or build two metal pre-fab structures of three classrooms a piece. The pre-fab buildings would be

similar to the building at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School. One structure would be placed at Perrin-Palmer and one would be placed at Swegles Elementary.

The fifth alternative the board will be studying is to continue to use Central but bring it up to compliance with both the fire and electrical codes. The building was cited for 20 violations by the State Fire Marshall in their report of Dec. 11, 1979. The Department of Labor electrical report of Feb. 1, 1980 listed 16 violations.

Along with making fire and electrical improvements, the alternative recommends the school system make other

facility improvements of the roof, floor, bathroom, etc. as funds are available.

An offer by St. Johns contractor and renovator, Mark Barber, to purchase Central Elementary, renovate it and then lease it back to the school district was turned down by the St. Johns Board of Education at their Feb. 27 meeting.

The board's attorney said the district does not have the right to sell the building if there is a need for that building. Since classroom space is needed, this option had to be turned down.

Barber has also offered to buy the building and convert it to apartments.

## ★ Flu

### VIRAL DISORDER

The majority of cases of Reye's Syndrome are preceded by a viral disorder such as the flu or chickenpox, the effects of which last from a few days to one week. In some rare instances, Reye's Syndrome is

not preceded by a virus infection, but starts abruptly. **RECOVERY PERIOD**

There is a brief period of recovery from the original viral disorder lasting approximately 24 to 36 hours. During this time, the child is not unusually sick but not well either.

### VOMITING

Violent, relentless vomiting is almost always the first serious sign of Reye's Syndrome. The hands and feet may be cold and clammy. Temperature may be normal or even subnormal. The pupils may be dilated, that is, the dark part of the eye remains expanded even in bright light. These symptoms may last 12 to 24 hours.

### BEHAVIOR CHANGE

The child becomes irritable and negative, wanting to be left alone, and is unusually annoyed if anyone speaks to him or touches him. He may want to sleep all of the time, feeling very fatigued or simply "washed-out". He may be glassy eyed with prolonged staring. Many parents describe a hostile look on their child's face. This condition may last 12 to 24 hours.

### DISORIENTATION

The child becomes generally confused, seemingly lost in time and space. For example, he may find his way into the bathroom but will not find his way out. He is able to carry out simple requests such as "brush your teeth," only with the most deliberate and basic step-by-step instructions. This period lasts 12 to 24 hours.

### HOSTILITY

The child becomes generally hostile and unable to recognize family members and family surroundings. He is frequently combative and aggressive, kicking, lashing out and biting. He may moan and scream incessantly and abnormally, and no measure of reassurance will quiet him. He may demonstrate unusual strength. It may take several adults to constrain him. This condition only lasts a few hours.

### COMA

The child enters the semicomatose state, responding sluggishly and only after vigorous prodding. Soon, deep coma develops with no response. Death, if it is to occur, follows usually as a result of swelling brain tissue.

Average time from the period of vomiting to death is 3 to 5 days. The above is the usual progression in cases of Reye's. However, symptoms, time intervals and sequence may vary.

## Ovid man charged with criminal sexual conduct

### St. Johns

A 19-year-old Ovid male was arrested by St. Johns police officers on a charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the third degree (first degree is rape). Dennis L. Ander-

son, 424 W. Front, Ovid was apprehended on Feb. 27 after an alleged incident occurred with a St. Johns youth on Feb. 23.

St. Johns police also

arrested two persons for being disorderly, investigated seven accidents, arrested one person for drunk driving and cited one establishment on a liquor violation.

## 3 juveniles apprehended

### DeWitt City

DeWitt City police officers apprehended three juveniles who attempted to break into the home of Melvin Carpenter, 204 W. Webb on Feb. 27.

The Carpenter home had been the site of a previous attempted breaking and entering on Feb. 25. Nothing was taken in either case. About \$25 in silver was taken from the Marcus VanAtta residence at the

Brunswick Apartment Building between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Feb. 25. Irvin McCusker, 815 Pine St., reported the larceny of 15 8-track tapes and case from his vehicle on Feb. 28.

## 2,000 autos parked in 105 carpool lots

Two thousand automobiles and other private vehicles are being left each workday in 105 carpool parking lots along Michigan highways as their drivers share rides to work.

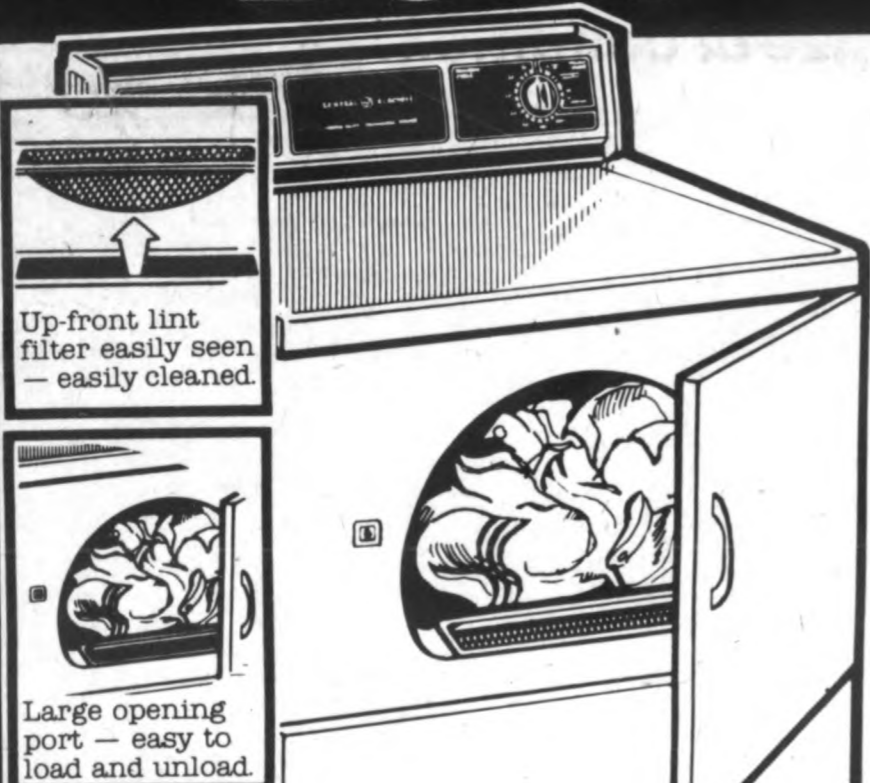
That's 500 more vehicles using the lots than six months ago. In the same period, the number of lots developed by the Michigan

Department of Transportation (MDOT) has increased by 12, providing a total of more than 3,000 free parking spaces.

Statewide, 45 lots will be built or enlarged this year at Michigan highway interchanges, with a total capacity of 2,103 vehicles. Potential locations for 65 more lots are under study.

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# Federal energy grants real possibilities for local schools

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

## St. Johns

It looks like four schools in St. Johns school system will get federal grants to be used to complete energy conservation measures, and a fifth school stands a good chance of getting federal funding.

Gordon Vandemark, administrative assistant, told the St. Johns Board of Education at their meeting Feb. 27 that the 50-50 energy grants are pretty much assured for four elementary schools.

Out of 121 energy grant applications submitted by Michigan schools, East Olive ranked 13th, Riley was 36th, East Essex was 37th and Swegles was ranked 84th. The cut off point for funding was 102.

A fifth St. Johns school, Eureka Elementary, ranked 104. If two other school districts decide not to use their grants, there is a good chance Eureka will get federal matching funds, too.

Notice of grant awards is expected to come March 22.

If St. Johns decides to participate in the federal energy program after it has received notification, the total program will cost the district \$35,965 for all five elementary schools.

The federal government will pay half of the energy renovation and the school system will pay half. Following is St. Johns district's share of the program for each

of the five schools:

Eureka, \$5,445; East Olive, \$4,775; Riley, \$13,200; East Essex, \$8,385; and Swegles, \$8,160.

Vandemark said most of the energy conservation measures will have a one-year payback period. In other words, money invested by the district will result in a savings of that same amount of money during one year's time.

He credited the board's interest in energy conservation a couple years back for the district doing so well in getting four or maybe five schools in this energy grant program.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Administrative Assistant Steve Bakita reported on the results of this year's State Assessment tests for grades four, seven and 10.

St. Johns students' scores were above the state averages.

In the fourth grade reading tests, 78 percent of the St. Johns students scored between 75-100 on the test. The state average is 65.5 percent. Only 2.2 percent of the local students scored between 0-24 on the reading tests, compared to a state average of 10.1 percent.

On fourth grade math tests, 90.6 percent of the students scored between 75-100. The state average is 82.8 percent. Only 1.1 percent in St. Johns scored between 0-24 on the test. The state average is 2.2 percent.

On the seventh grade level, 74.5 percent of the St. Johns students scored between 75-100 in the reading test and 59.3 percent scored between 75-100 on the math test. State averages were 69.3 percent and 52.2 percent, respectively.

Only 6.7 percent in St. Johns scored between 0-24 in reading and 4.3 percent in St. Johns scored between 0-24 on the math test. The state average was 8.5 percent and 7.5 percent, respectively.

This year was the first year tenth graders took the state assessment tests. Two years ago, St. Johns took the test on a voluntary basis.

On the math test, 63.9 percent of the St. Johns students scored between 75-100 on the test, compared to 49.8 percent state-wide. Only 1.9 percent of the local students scored between 0-24, compared to 6.8 percent state-wide.

On the reading test, scores locally were down and the school system is studying this situation. Locally, 61.9 percent of the students scored between 75-100 on the test while the state average was a close 61 percent.

St. Johns also had a higher percentage of students score below 25 on the test. Locally, 12.2 percent scored between 0-24 on the reading test, while the state average was 8 percent.

Bakita said there are a number of factors which may have influenced the tenth grade scores. One could have been the way in which the test was administered. Students were given the test in the cafeteria, among lots of other students. If the tests were taken in the classroom, test scores could have been higher, he suggested.

He also said different groups of students "stack up differently" and students taking the test next year may do extremely well in reading, though the reading program had not changed.

Overall, fourth, seventh and tenth grade scores were about as good or better than last year he said. "Overall, we're doing a pretty good job here," he concluded.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the school board voted to renew the lease of the football field for the next 10 years with the city of St. Johns at the sum of \$2,400 annually.



**It's magic**

There was music and there was laughter when Ricky the Clown from the Hospitaler Circus visited the Walter Kyes Trainable School yesterday morning. Ricky asked some of the students to help in one of his skits, and

he performed some magic tricks for the students. Ricky was in the area to promote the Hospitaler Circus which will be in Lansing until Sunday. (Photo by Bob Dickman)

# North Central team to visit St Johns High

## St. Johns

Twenty-three educators from across Michigan have volunteered their time and talents to assist St. Johns High School appraise the quality of its programs.

St. Johns High School Principal, William Swears explained, "North Central Association membership requires each school to undergo a complete evaluation once every seven years. We have completed the self-study phase and are now preparing for the March 19 and 20 review by a team of outside educators."

After the team's visit, the staff will consider the recommendations made by the team and the recommendations that resulted from the school's self-study. The

staff will then decide upon the areas of the program that need to be strengthened, and will devise a schedule of steps towards improving those areas.

Swears called evaluation "a difficult but productive task. It's the kind of thing we all should do with our own personal life-plans every now and then."

The North Central Association, the nation's largest regional accrediting association, is a voluntary league of some 4,300 schools and more than 750 colleges and universities within the 19 states served by the NCA. The association works with individual schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of evaluation and accreditation.

# United Way changes budget allocation system

## Lansing

In its continuing efforts to increase agency accountability and obtain the most efficient use of donor dollars, Capital Area United Way has made several revisions in its budget and allocation system.

In prior years Capital Area United Way conducted its budget review process in November at the conclusion of the fall campaign. The revised system calls for the review process to take place in June. Agencies will now submit budget for the following year by April 28 of this year.

"Making allocations decisions without the benefit of knowing the campaign goal or outcome means we will have to do our job right the first time out. We will also have to plan alternatives that hinge on the campaign outcome," said Phil Jager, chairman of the budget steering committee.

To help the committee to the "job right the first time" revisions have been

made in the forms on which the agencies are required to submit their budgets. The revised forms show a complete breakdown of all income and expenses by item on a program basis. This method allows the committee to examine the cost of each service offered to the community. In addition, agencies will provide a written narrative on program objectives, individuals served, and the need for the service.

Following the submission of the written material, each agency meets with one of six budget panels. The panels present their findings and recommendations to the budget steering committee, which makes its final recommendation to the board of directors.

The Budget Panels and the Budget Steering Committee are made up of volunteers from throughout the community. Anyone who would like further information regarding its function should call the Capital Area United Way office at 372-8550.

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# Home economist joins Extension staff

Clinton County

Carol Butler, Clinton County's new assistant home economist brings a varied and busy background to the job. She divides her time between family living and 4-H in the full time position, working with programming, radio and news writing, working with 4-H groups and arranging and supervising 4-H trips.

Miss Butler's resume includes a degree from Michigan State University in Community and Consumer services that she is to receive in March; stints in child care, housekeeping, waitressing, quantity cooking, retail clerking, and welding. The third child and second daughter in a family of nine children, Carol worked her way through college, first at Grand Valley State and then MSU. She worked as a welder and a press operator at General Motors for six months earning enough money to enroll at MSU. She also did babysitting and housecleaning. On Wednesdays, her day off, she is still involved in housecleaning and babysitting jobs in East Lansing.

Miss Butler said she likes

the flexibility she's found in extension and the informal teaching involved. She is going to be visiting 4-H clubs and getting to know new leaders. One of her jobs will be to write the 4-H Spotlight column for the Clinton

County News introducing 4-H leaders. She lives at 5777 Cutler Road, Bath and is active in the East Lansing Trinity Church and the Navigators, a Christian organization at MSU.

## Workshop for coaches slated

The Clinton County 4-H, St. Johns Jaycees, City of St. Johns Recreation Department, and the Fowler Little League are jointly sponsoring a Coaches Workshop for all coaches who might be serving as volunteer coaches this summer.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Smith Hall in St. Johns.

The workshop will be put on by the Youth Sports Institute, a specially funded office of Michigan State University and will include many fine instructors. Topics to be presented include:

—A philosophy of youth

sports programs.

—The role of the coach in youth sports.

—Is winning everything? (a film).

—Giving effective demonstrations.

—Teaching techniques of batting, throwing, catching, pitching and base running.

More information will be published later. Persons with questions may call any of the following people:

Glen Durfee, St. Johns Jaycees (224-8463); Clinton County 4-H Office (224-2388); Diane Edwards, St. Johns Recreation Dept. (224-3213); or Jim Andros, Fowler High School (593-2250).



Carol Butler

## PCA to meet

Lansing Production Credit Association

tion of Lansing will hold its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, March 11 at Long's Convention Center in Lansing.

At the meeting, one director will be elected. Robert Moore of Clinton County is opposed by Carl Babs from Barry County.

Earl Butz, former Secretary of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker. His speech is titled, "Agriculture—America's Most Capital-Intensive Industry."

Between 600-800 farmer-members and guests are expected to attend the annual meeting.

The Lansing Association is a farmer cooperative extending agricultural credit for operating and equipment purchases in the following counties: Ingham, Eaton, Barry, Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, Livingston, Oakland and Genesee. This past year, the association loaned out more than \$100 million.

## Cost of marriages jumps from \$5 to \$20

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

Clinton County

Marriage licenses took a huge jump in price going from \$5 to \$20 on Feb. 14. Jane Swanchara, clerk, told the Clinton County Board of Commissioners last week. The extra \$15 is to be set aside for a family counseling service set up in Circuit Court.

The county, however, will not realize any benefits until a reserve of money is built up through the license sales.

"We have to get a backlog of funds before a person can be hired," Mrs. Swanchara said. "When you appropriate the money, then the program will be implemented."

Marriage licenses have been \$5 for at least 15 years. They were \$2 previously. The county, in turn, has no control over what the fees are as they are set by the state.

"We just received a letter from the state auditor's office right before it went

into effect," Mrs. Swanchara added.

There were 427 marriage licenses applied for at the county clerk's office according to Mrs. Swanchara's annual report for 1979. This is about the same number as in previous years.

There were 198 births and 141 deaths recorded which is a switch. Normally there are more deaths than births.

Civil, divorce, and criminal cases increased dramatically in 1979, which the clerk feels comes from having two full-time judges. Court time has been increased with the judges also using the commissioner's board room when it is not in use.

Don Lowell, gave his annual report for the Economic Development Corporation. He noted the corporation held seven meetings in 1979 with three projects being initiated. Those were Clinton Bank and Trust, the Wheel Inn Mall and the Bath Shopping Center. Three projects were also closed, being the DeWitt Shoprite, Elias Brothers and CB & T. Lowell told the board that

the major need in the county was for industrial lands with the necessary services in place. Presently, land in St. Johns and in DeWitt and DeWitt Township has been located that meets the criteria and is available.

Just recently added to the list of accomplishments of the EDC is the county's first industrial job, namely a \$3 million expansion of the John Henry Printing Company on Grand River Avenue. This expansion is expected to create 50 new jobs.

"Our problem is not with people not being employed," Lowell said to the board. "It's just that they are not employed here."

He noted some projects are being slowed up considerably because of the high interest rates. He noted K-Mart has been checking out Clinton County, especially St. Johns as a possible site for a new store. K-Mart was scheduled to begin construction on a store east of St. Johns last April but the developer backed out of the deal.

## Victor Township has most new houses

Clinton County

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

In his annual report, Nelson noted 183 new house numbers were issued through a new program initiated by the county. He also said zoning complaints are down from last year because of a new method of enforcement.

"We are taking a pinpoint procedure method," Nelson said. "We're taking people to court for violations instead of just using the bluff systems like we did in the past."

Some of the major goals

Nelson cited for the coming year included: completing the 701 Housing program, establishing an overall economic development program updating the future land use map, updating zoning ordinances and working on a transportation grant.

Clinton County Sheriff, Tony Hufnagel, also gave his annual report to the county commissioners at last Tuesday's meeting.

He explained fines, costs, and judgment fees were down considerably from last year as were the amount of cash bonds received and were turned over to 65th District Court.

Inmates processed and daily average increased at the jail over 1978.

The sheriff also told commissioners about Act 416

(secondary road patrol) which provides for a special unit of three patrolmen in an attempt to decrease the accidents on secondary roads.

"As you can see in the reports, the accidents and injuries did decrease as did our deaths resulting from accidents by 50 percent," Hufnagel said.

He also noted the impact of additional patrol miles in the area of drunk drivers show the potential danger which was averted by the 48 percent increase in drunk driving arrests. The additional liquor inspections and bar checks were also a part of helping in the control of alcohol abusers on the public highways.

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### Ballinger earns degree

Brian Ballinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballinger of Townsend Road St. Johns, received a master's degree in business administration upon completion of the 1979 winter term studies at Central Michigan University.

Ballinger is a 1970 graduate of St. Johns High School and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Olivet College in 1974.

He is an economist for the State of Michigan Public Service Commission.

### AUCTION NOTICE

1971 International Truck serial number 747221G454561 will be placed for sale at a Public Auction on March 15, 1980. The Auction will be held at 708 E. State Street St. Johns, Michigan. The auction will start at 9:30 in the morning. The vehicle may be inspected prior to the sale at 708 E. State St. St. Johns, Michigan. We reserve the right to refuse minimum bids.

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# AT ST JOHNS

## FFA on the rebound

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

**St. Johns**  
Three years ago, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter at St. Johns High School became inactive. There were almost 100 students enrolled in ag classes, but the responsibilities of teaching six class hours and managing the FFA became too great for ag instructor Don Munger.

This year, he's teaching 77 students in five classes which is a normal load. He also has a technician assisting him, Earl Beechum. With a little more time, Munger is reactivating the FFA chapter.

By reactivating Chapter 5—one of the oldest chapters

in Michigan—the club was required to submit a plan of activities and pay dues.

Last year Munger started feeling around for interest in reactivating the chapter. He received support from a newly formed agriculture advisory council.

Serving on the council are Munger, school board members Bob Craig and Neil Barnhart, Al Galloway, Alan Anderson, Ted Ashley and Ken Lashaway.

About 20 students are participating in the St. Johns FFA. They've laid the groundwork. They have learned how to conduct a local meeting and each one has experienced taking part, expressing and carrying out activities in their respective

classes. Each class has a set of students in officers' roles. This provides leadership experience.

The five hours of agriculture courses offered at St. Johns High School include a conservation course plus a basic ag course covering production of crops, soils, etc. for freshmen and sophomores; a beginning farm power and machinery course for sophomores; and an advanced ag mechanics two-hour block for juniors and seniors.

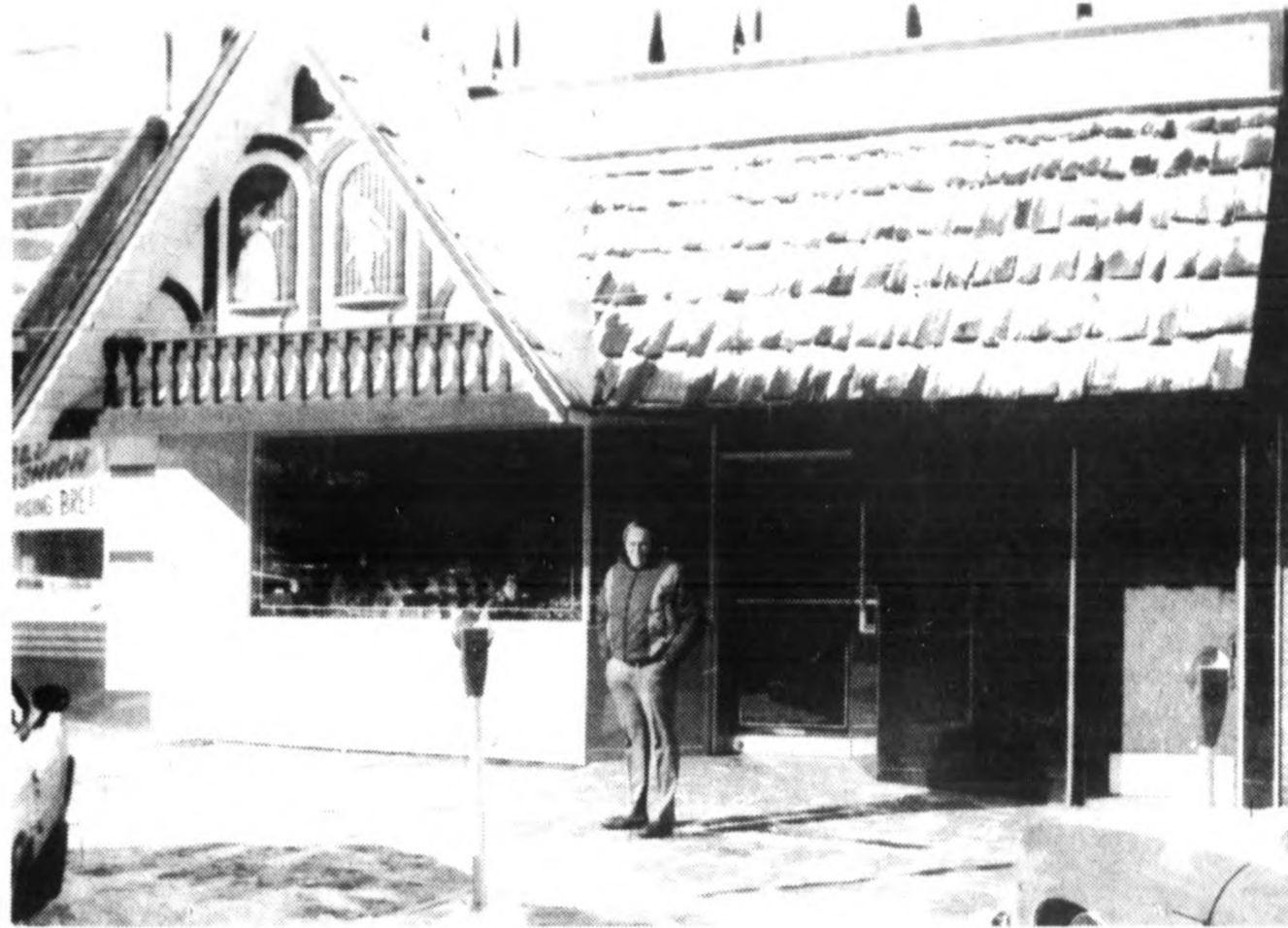
Munger said the ag curriculum at SJHS has an emphasis on ag mechanics because there is more interest in this area and

because job opportunities are greater in ag mechanics.

If the FFA continues to gain momentum, Munger said students could bone up on some skills for the annual FFA skills contest. Some suggested skills may be live-stock evaluations, meat judging and ag mechanics.

About six years ago, St. Johns FFA students won top state honors in the soil and livestock judging skills contest and they went to Kansas to compete in the national contest. Through the years, they have also won district and regional FFA awards.

Time is the hardest part in getting started again, Munger admitted. He only has so many hours in the day.



**New look**

Bennett's Jewelry has a new look—the look of a Swiss chalet. Bill Bennett (above), owner of the jewelry store, said the Swiss motif was chosen to match other downtown business renovation projects. John Glass designed the

store front and Rademacher Construction did the remodeling. The store front won't be completely finished until August, when the glass bottom of the store will be replaced. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

## Florida reunion held

One hundred and twenty-four people registered at the 13th annual Ovid-St. Johns reunion held at the First United Methodist Church in Bradenton, Fla. on Feb. 18.

A short business meeting followed a bountiful potluck dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain were elected chair-people for next year.

Glen Davis delivered the invocation preceding the dinner. Sgt. Turi from the

Manatee Sheriff Department entertained the group with a talk on crime prevention interspersed with some of his experiences. Sgt. Turi was formerly with the New York City Police Department for 20 years.

Gerald and Violet Pope were assisted by Marion and Ray Jones, "Woody" Bashore, Isabelle Houghton, Lucille and Clarence Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, Almond and Dorothy Cressman.

## Stork honored

Keith Stork, son of L. Dean Stork of Mt. Morris and Mrs. Alice Stork of St. Johns has been named to the academic citation list at Anderson College in Anderson, Ind. for the fall, 1979 semester.

To be eligible for the academic citation list, a student must obtain a grade point between 3.0 and 3.5 on

a 4.0 scale. On campus, Stork is a junior majoring in elementary education and is active in the Anderson College Male Chorus and Dativus, a men's social club.

Anderson College is a four-year liberal arts college established in 1917 by the Church of God.

## Bridge winners announced

**St. Johns**  
The fourth round of contract bridge was played Feb. 25 at the Clinton County Country Club.

Winning teams for the north and south were Charles and Vel Coletta, first; and Jack and Ann Walker, second.

East and west winners were Tom and Nancy Lewis in first and Reuben and Gert Eirschele in second place.

The next play will be March 10 at 7:30 at the Clinton County Country Club. Members and guests are invited.

## 3 graduate

**Kalamazoo**

Three Clinton County students were among the 1,300 persons who received degrees from Western Michigan University at its commencement to end the first semester of the current school year.

Receiving degrees were: —Gerald Droste of route 2, Box 180, Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Droste. She earned a bachelor of science degree.

—Wayne Eirschele of 302 E. Gibbs, St. Johns received a master of arts degree.

—Sherry Nolte Wellman of 11720 Eden Trail, Eagle, received a master of public administration degree.

## Graduates

Vicki A. Mee graduated from Ohio Institute of Technology on Feb. 1 with a bachelor of electronic engineering degree.

She is a 1976 graduate of St. Johns High School. She has accepted a position with Western Electric in Columbus, Ohio.

## Ticker Club to meet

**St. Johns**

The Clinton Memorial Hospital Ticker Club will meet in the hospital conference room on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. An informal discussion is planned focusing on "Risk Factors and their Modification." There will not be a guest speaker at this meeting.

The Ticker Club is an education, social club for people who have had heart attacks. For more information, call 224-6881, Ext. 293 or 283.

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## Highway litter decreasing

Litter along Michigan highways decreased 41 percent between the summers of 1978 and 1979, the Michigan Department of Transportation reported.

Bottles and cans tossed out by motorists declined even more dramatically, 81 percent for cans and 77 percent for bottles, the department said in the final report of a study of roadside litter that extended over three summers.

The study was undertaken following the approval by

Michigan voters of a statewide ban on throw-away beer and soft drink bottles and cans. The ban was approved in the November, 1976 general election and went into effect in December of 1978.

Department maintenance workers counted litter items picked up in 36 plots, each 1,000 feet long, for a month-long period in August and September of 1977 through 1979. The plots were located along two-lane high-

ways, four-lane divided highways and freeways throughout the state. They extended for the entire width of the highway right-of-way.

The major findings: —Total litter items decreased in 1979 by 29 percent from 1977 and 41 percent from 1978.

—Cans decreased by 79 percent from 1977 and 81 percent from 1978. Decreases in beverage cans were 82 percent and 84 percent in the same two years.

—Bottles decreased by 76 percent from 1977 and 77 percent from 1978. Decreases in beverage bottles were 84 and 86 percent.

MDOT's study noted a number of non-returnable cans and bottles were found along the roadsides, brought in from other states where throw-away containers have not been banned. Beverage containers affected by the anti-litter law made up only 16 percent of the roadside litter total in 1978, the study added.

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# Editorial Page

## Isn't it time you joined a carpool?



By Patrice Hornak

Isn't it about time you thought about carpool or vanpool?  
Now that gas has hit \$1.20 a gallon, many of us are beginning to think of conserving our pocketbooks at the gas pumps. That's a positive step—to begin thinking of group transportation. I'm afraid that there are some who will continue in their present day

gas consumption habits, however, until there's another gasoline shortage. When they can't buy the gas no matter how much money they have, then they will want to look for another source. When it is more inconvenient to wait at a gas station in a line of cars 20 deep, then the inconvenience of carpooling or vanpooling will become more appealing.

Why wait? Gasoline and money are being wasted.

According to J.J. Rudnick from the Michigan Department of Transportation, this county is ripe for carpooling and vanpooling. There are large groups of people who work in the same area of Lansing. If you're all leaving about the same time and going to the same place, why not ride together?

There are problems in any simple solution. Bill Richards, director of the Community Resource Volunteers which is operating a free carpooling match-up service, admits his program isn't meeting with much success. People aren't responding, he said.

Why not? Riding to and from work may not be a problem, but what happens if a person wants to go somewhere in the middle of the workday? What if that place is too far to walk? Many

jobs depend upon having a car available.

What we need are little golf carts, recommended Richard with a smile. Riding to Westphalia in a golf cart wouldn't suit my fancy, however. And my employer wouldn't like to pay for a round-trip extended vacation there and back, either.

As I said before, simple solutions have their problems, too. But, it's time when area residents start addressing the larger problems with some right-now solutions.

Try a carpool. At least you could save a few dollars while you're trying the arrangement out.

I tried a carpool last summer when a friend was temporarily working in St. Johns. On the days when I knew I was going to be in the office, didn't have night meetings to cover, wasn't going to stray too far from the office, Nancy and I would ride together. I enjoyed it. A bike was standing by for short jaunts.

Both of us had to give a little. But, at the gas pumps we gave less. It all evens out.

If you're interested in carpooling, give the Community Resource Volunteer office a call at 224-8285.



## School financial picture

By Donald Burns

### St Johns Superintendent

#### WHY WE HAVE RISING COSTS IN THE FACE OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DECLINE

Between the years 1950 and 1970, total elementary and secondary school enrollment in the United States grew from just under 30 million to more than 50 million. But today, kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollments are headed downward—a slide that is projected to continue well through the 1980s.

Here in St. Johns, our enrollment did not peak until 1974 and 4,519 students were in attendance. By 1979 that number was down to 4,073.

Today, looking at steadily decreasing numbers of students and the steady demand for more dollars in local school budgets, communities are asking, "Why does it cost more to educate fewer students? Here are some answers to that question."

**Inflation**—From 1967 through 1978, prices have more than doubled. This meant that a family of four earning \$10,000 in 1967 needed to earn \$20,000 in 1978 "just to stay even."

Like the home, education operates within the context of these national influences. What happens both in this country and around the world directly affects every local school system.

**Educational programs**—We can equate dollars with school programs. The reading program costs X dollars, the special education Y dollars, and so on. A good part of the school district's increased dollar needs during the growth years of 1950 to 1974 was related not only to pupil increases, but also to enrichment and improvement of our curriculum—with more and better programs. Now, our school district finds that unless complete programs are eliminated as the numbers of pupils decrease, these costs will remain.

New programs are also being mandated by federal and state governments. For example, Public Law 94-142, known as "The Handicapped Law," requires school districts to provide a total educational service program for "Special Needs" children. This has resulted in improvements in education for an extremely disadvantaged group of young people—but the program has a dramatic price tag, too.

Title Nine, the Equal Opportunity Law, has provided a new series of educational services for young boys and girls. This law means equal access to athletic programs, open vocational training in all areas, and freedom from discrimination on the basis of sex in any and all schools. It has also meant higher costs for education.

These and other program advancements increase the dollar cost of education—increases attached not to the number of students, but to programs and services.

But, the growth of our per pupil costs can't be blamed entirely on programs and inflation. Most of St. Johns buildings were financed with 20 or 25-year bonds, so those bond issues and buildings are still drawing dollars from our educational budgets. Even though there are fewer pupils in the buildings today, they still have to be operated and maintained and the mortgages have to be paid.

One way to explain this aspect of the cost of education (and to understand why a smaller school population doesn't require fewer dollars) is to examine your own household operating expenses. Let's say you have three children plus mom and dad in your family, and it costs \$7,000 a year to operate your home—taxes, mortgage, utility bills and maintenance. It's possible to assign a dollar cost to each person in the household and say that the annual "per-person" expense of operation is of \$7,000 or \$1,400.

But if one of the children goes off to college, your household operating expenses won't go down—not by one-fifth—not at all. Taxes will remain the same (they may even go up); the mortgage will not be reduced; nor will it cost you any less to heat or maintain your home. And with the departure of one child, per-person operating costs jump from \$1,400 to \$1,750 a year. Furthermore, most of these basic costs will not decrease even when all three children leave.

Similarly, in a school building of 400 pupils, when one-fifth, or 80 students, are no longer there, the operating costs of that building (unless it's closed) remain the same. They do not decrease; so per-pupil costs increase.

Next, let's look at personnel costs. The major portion of

any district budget is spent on salaries and related expenses, usually 75 percent or more. And as is true in most industries, the salary paid directly to the worker is only part of the total personnel costs. Most school districts, like St. Johns, must also pay for hospital and medical insurance, contributions to a state retirement plan, workman's compensation and other fringe benefits.

Compensation for workers in our country, whether blue or white collar, is normally based on a salary scale for each position. This scale usually provides for increases in salary based on professional training, experience and seniority. It works this same way in the St. Johns Public Schools and teachers salaries increase as a function of the salary scale, not in relation to increases or decreases in pupils.

Example—Mr. X began teaching in St. Johns in 1960 and was at the bottom of his salary scale. His salary was \$4,100. By 1980, with 20 years of experience and a master's degree or higher, Mr. X is at the top of his salary range—over \$21,000.

Throughout this 20-year period, he taught five biology classes, each with 22 to 28 students. More pupils did not increase his salary, nor did fewer students decrease it. Instead, his salary increased according to his professional preparation and his years of experience. Thus we can see that individual teacher salary costs do not change as enrollments change.

Some decrease in the total number of teachers and administrators may be possible. But school districts like St. Johns are bound by a "seniority" system. This usually means those teachers most recently hired, at the lower end of the salary range, (now \$11,000 in St. Johns) are first to be dismissed. Mr. X, with 20 years of experience, is protected by this system; Mr. Y is not.

Let's turn our attention now to another aspect of why costs go up when there are fewer pupils: Revenue money to operate our district's public school comes from three sources: state aid, federal aid, and local taxes. State and federal dollars, in general, are based on the average numbers of pupils attending the school. When enrollment goes down, there are fewer state and federal dollars. The local taxpayer has to make up the difference.

Here in St. Johns our cost per pupil for 1979-80 is estimated at \$1,700, and \$1,432 of this was guaranteed per-pupil from local and state aid for each mill levied in taxes. When St. Johns loses one pupil, it also loses \$1,432 state and local dollars. But as we've seen, the district cannot cut its costs by \$1,700 or even \$1,432—each time it loses a student. Costs will remain the same, and revenues will go down \$1,432 for each student lost during the 1979-80 school year.

This year we lost 86 pupils in grades kindergarten through sixth. Some families moved out of the district and fewer children entered kindergarten than the year before. But this didn't happen in just one school—it occurred throughout all eight elementary schools and through all grades. Because the loss of 86 pupils was spread over eight schools, many grades and many classrooms within each grade, the possibility of reducing teachers and other personnel was zero. Nevertheless, state aid to the district was decreased \$123,152 (86 pupils x \$1,432).

Since 1974, the St. Johns school district K-6 enrollment has declined by 238 pupils. A decline of 238 pupils times a per-pupil average cost of \$1,325 (over the past six years) results in theoretical savings of \$315,350; but we've seen this just isn't possible. In the face of an actual dollar loss of \$278,698 in state and local dollars, the district has been able to cut back six teachers and one-half principal for a savings of approximately \$82,000 in salaries and fringe benefit costs. Remember, the teachers released are those most recently hired and at the bottom of the salary scale.

As student decline continues, additional personnel reductions become feasible, but not in proportion to the enrollment reductions. Grade combinations, grade reorganizations, and school reassignments help make personnel reductions feasible but community resistance to these changes can be overwhelming.

So, there are many reasons why our school costs continue to increase, despite declining pupil enrollments. Nevertheless, some citizens tie the two together and reach a simplistic conclusion that fewer students should equal fewer expenses.

Given all these factors, there is little hope that St. Johns school budget or any school district budget can be reduced. It's far more likely that they will continue upward in response to these forces.

## Senior Citizen Update

Many men and women who have worked most of their lives anticipate the leisure of retirement with pleasure, even with relief. Women who have never worked outside the home look forward in the same way to the day when the children will be grown and on their own. Though they will miss their sons and daughters, they do look forward to more peace and quiet in the home.

Most of these people cannot understand why, after a few weeks that seem like a vacation, the leisure becomes burdensome, life becomes humdrum and they are unbelievably bored. For those who are forced to retire because of age, even these first few weeks are often tinged with bitterness.

Many older people have used alcohol moderately for years. A drink or two before dinner could be relaxing and a few more at a party now and then did little harm. With retirement, however, there is much more leisure time and much less responsibility. They feel useless to society and, sometimes, only tolerated by their own families. They lose a great deal of their self-confidence. For the first time, they really begin to feel old.

A few gradually withdraw from social contacts. As they lose the assurance of inclusion in family life and lose contact with former friends, they often become very lonely. It is then that they find that a drink will often temporarily fill the void. If one does not suffice, then two or more will, they think. So they come to rely on alcohol to fill the gaps and are soon on the road to becoming alcoholics.

Many others who, on retirement, feel alienated from the lives and interests of younger, working people seek companionship with others of their ilk. Since this is an association without any real goal, alcohol is again called upon to fill in.

To people either of these groups there remain many afternoons and evenings at home, sometimes alone, and the offerings of the TV seem less banal with a drink in hand.

The older person who thus becomes an alcoholic is depriving himself of a life of satisfaction as well as depriving society of valuable productiveness. And the further along the road he goes, the harder it will be to turn back.

In addition to its other drawbacks, excessive use of alcohol may bring on, or aggravate, many physical ills and

By Ruth Delo



can lead to mental deterioration. It may hasten the degeneration of the aging body and frequently brings on premature senility.

Forestalling this state of affairs should ideally begin long before retirement, in the development of an alternative career or the building up of a hobby that has growing interest of the individual. However, lacking this early preparation need not be hopeless. There are hundreds of engrossing activities to which one can turn after retirement.

It is up to the individual to choose one of absorbing interest to himself. Since one of the damaging aspects of alcoholism is the ever-increasing loss of self-confidence and since, for Americans particularly, self-confidence is often equated with the ability to make money, a hobby which can lead to monetary gain is usually a good choice. This can be monetary gain for the individual or for some organization in which he is vitally interested.

This information was found in a leaflet from the Do It Now Foundation of Phoenix, Arizona.

**Big Dance**—March 14 at the high school cafeteria, the big dance with Stevens orchestra and round and square dancing. Mark this date on your calendar. It will be a fun night.

So...until next time.

## almanack

### POTPOURRI: On voting, new laws, Iran

By Richard L. Milliman



TIME ONCE MORE for one of our infrequent strolls, barefoot among the potpourri...

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SOME PURELY personal perceptions:

**On voting:** When someone asks me how I'm going to vote, I have to know who's running. All too often, we must choose between two unwanted candidates, voting for what we see as the lesser of two evils. We tend to vote against someone, rather than for his-her opponent. In this year's presidential election, as of now I don't know how I'll vote. It all depends on who's running.

**On making laws:** It always makes me shiver to realize the number of bills introduced in each session of the Legislature. In 1979, more than 2,000 bills were introduced in the Michigan Legislature, and at least as many will be introduced in 1980. That means somebody thinks our present State laws are so bad they should be changed, in at least 4,000 ways. In Congress, about 4,500 bills are introduced in an average year.

How in the world do we ever survive from year to year if our laws are so bad?

**On Abolhassan Bani Sadr:** For the life of me, I can't look at Iranian President Bani Sadr without thinking he's really Peter Sellers made up for a Pink Panther movie role (and if you've never seen one of Peter Sellers' more madcap movies, skip this whole section). This means no disrespect to President Bani Sadr; after all, Peter Sellers is a great actor, too. So was Prince Machiavelli.

**More on Iran:** The scenario in Iran continues to be simply incredible. If some novelist had tried to sell a book with a fictional plot anything like what's happened in Iran and the Middle East since November, he-she would have been thrown out of any respectable book publisher's office for trying to peddle such impossible ideas. What has happened in Iran defies common sense, much less understanding. It's simply unbelievable...yet it's happening.

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# Personality Profile

## To know Muriel Gilson is to love her

By Sharon Randall  
Staff Writer

St. Johns

To know Muriel Gilson is to know life. She meets it with enthusiasm, her arms and spirit outstretched to embrace whoever and whatever comes along.

To Muriel, retirement does not mean rest, she and her husband Don have merely rearranged schedules. "I like to do things and be busy," she said and her list includes cooking, decoupage, gardening, painting, and exercise. She refinishes furniture and sews. Muriel doesn't like to give gifts unless she's made it herself.

She has been active at the Congregational Church, serving as pastoral board chairman and on various committees. She's on the board of directors of the Town Hall Series in Lansing, representing St. Johns.

Don, who was personnel director at Federal-Mogul until he retired to go into real estate with Houghten, is also active and the couple supports each other's interest.

While they have made many vacation trips to places like Mexico, Europe, Hawaii, Arizona, Las Vegas and Aruba they have no desire to leave St. Johns for very long at a time. "I like to be here," Muriel said, "I like my friends, I like the people."

Muriel was Dr. Sherwood Russell's first office nurse, giving up her position as surgical nurse at Clinton Memorial to assist him in his new office. She worked there for 40 years, at the pulse of this small community. "He was very good to work for," she said. One senses that Muriel was reluctant to retire five years ago but she said she hated to stay on afraid that she would end up "the crabby old office nurse."

Nothing could be further from her nature. "I enjoy everything," she says, "there's no sense going around otherwise. She and Don still follow St. Johns High School sports, enjoying the kids she's watched grow up. "We go to all the football and basketball games," she said, "and the plays. We believe that children should be

supported."

They are also avid fans of Michigan State University sports and attend basketball and football games in Lansing. "My husband doesn't have any trouble from me about watching sports," she explained, "I'm worse than he is."

This winter Muriel, at 68, has taken up aerobic dancing. "It makes you feel so much better," she said of the vigorous fast paced exercise that is good for the circulatory system.

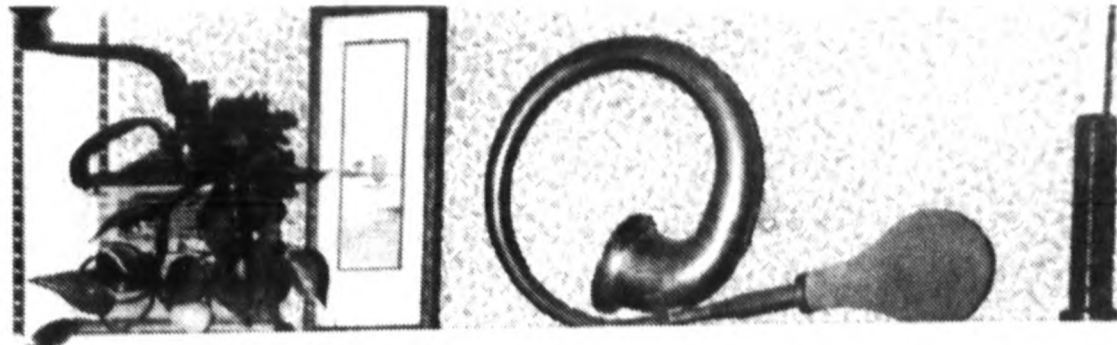
"It's limbered me up," she said, explaining that the exercise is done to music and "I like to dance." She exercises daily, keeps active in sports and does a lot of walking. In the summer she bicycles.

A train and a taxi brought Muriel to St. Johns in 1934. A Minnesota Norwegian she was fresh out of nursing college, trained as a surgical nurse. "I cried the first Christmas," she remembers, "then after that, this was home."

Monday the Gilsons celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Muriel hadn't been in St. Johns very long before Don Gilson was asking, "Who's that new nurse at the hospital." They met at a friend's home and began dating and because Muriel was the surgical nurse and on call 24 hours a day, they courted outside the hospital. When she was needed in surgery a bell rang to call her in. They decided to get married when Don found a house and blessings and \$100 came from her father in Minnesota. "That \$100 was like a million," she remembers.

During the war, Muriel returned to the hospital as superintendent, taking their small son Kenny to the office with her, but working as Dr. Russell's office nurse fit in best with family life. Kenneth now works at Federal-Mogul and he and his wife have two children, Heather and Patrick whom Muriel describes with typical grandmotherly pride. Their picture is part of the bookshelf arrangement in the Gilson's livingroom, filled with precious mementos of family life and the couple's travel.

Everything Muriel does is touched with energy and zest. To know her is to love her and to be loved in return.



Muriel Gilson

## BoarsHead has another hit with 'Menagerie'

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

Lansing

"You knew it was going to end and you didn't want it to," one BoarsHead Theater goer said after seeing the first class production of Tennessee Williams, "The Glass Menagerie."

From beginning to end the three main characters in the play captivated their audience making them laugh and cry almost and the same time. Later the group seemed to sit back and wonder if this really could have happened.

Carmen Decker, the main force in "Menagerie" made the audience glad they didn't have a mother like her. Her constant picking at son Tom played by Ronald Martell to eat slowly, not to slouch, and not to be late for work was equal only to her bemoaning of no "gentleman callers" for daughter Laura played by Kerry Shanklin.

Each character was a story in his own right. Interaction between characters was nil until a "gentleman caller" came to call.

The play took you back to the times of no money, The Big Swing, and "adventure movies." It was in days when it was important for your daughter to be married off or at least have a business career. Laura would have neither of these much to the dismay of her mother.

Ms. Decker played her role of a fading southern belle to the point of perfection. Her domination however, overshadows her basic inner drive to do good...at all costs. Although she has some sort of a job in the play her main occupation seems to be finding gentleman callers. She often fades back to the days when she had 17 gentleman callers of her own. She ended up choosing the smiling face of the man in the picture who "fell in love with long distance."

Martell was excellent in his role as both narrator and struggling writer teetering on the verge of alcoholism. Like father like son, he too "falls in love with long distance." Leaving the audience wondering what ever

happens to mother and daughter after he departs to the Merchant Marines.

Ms. Shanklin is brilliant as a shy, retiring daughter forced to be like her mother. Her escape is always to her glass menagerie filled with tiny glass animals, her very favorite being a unicorn.

Doug Schirmer plays Jim O'Connor, the gentleman caller who makes Laura so sick she can't even eat her dinner, when finally he does come to call.

As it turns out Laura was in love with Jim in high school. He was the big football star and she was the girl who sat across the auditorium from him known only as "Blue Roses."

For just a moment Laura loses her self-consciousness and can be seen dancing around the room with "her gentleman caller" and even receives her first kiss. Her favorite glass animal (the only one with a horn) is broken during the dancing lessons and Laura assures the young man it is alright because now the glass animal is like all the others. "He's not different anymore."

She quickly retires back to the "Menagerie" when Jim informs Laura he is engaged to a Catholic girl named Betty.

Tom leaves, the mother reverts even farther back into the days of her youth and Laura continues to look lovingly at her "Glass Menagerie" as the play comes to an end.

Clinton County residents should take the opportunity to visit the BoarsHead theater at least once either at its winter location in Lansing or its summer home in Grand Ledge. The next play is "Back in the Race." For more information call 484-7805.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE concludes its three-week run at the BoarsHead Theater in Lansing's Center for the Arts, 425 S. Grand Ave. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information and reservations, call (517) 484-7805 or 372-4636.

## Senior Citizen Drop-In schedules

Wednesday, March 5—Nutrition lunch at 12:30 p.m. Door prizes. Speaker will be Wrufle and Griffis on nutrition. There will be a film.  
Thursday, March 6—Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

followed by bingo.  
Monday, March 10—Public pancake lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 11—Open from 9-5 for games and cards.

## Looking Ahead

**TRAVELOGUE**—The St. Johns Business & Professional Women and the St. Johns Rotary Club will present "Byways of France" Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clinton Theatre. The public is invited.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**—will meet March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Ingham Community Mental Health Center, 407 W. Greenlawn, Lansing. For more information contact Kathryn Milbourne at 646-0194. This group offers friendship and understanding to bereaved parents.

**CENTRAL SCHOOL'S FUTURE**—will be decided at a special St. Johns Board of Education meeting Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Johns High School.

**CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER**—will be sponsored in the St. Joseph School gymnasium March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be a smorgasbord dessert and a 50-50 drawing. Ticket prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children 6-11 years of age. Children under five will be admitted free. A family price for parents and children under 18 is \$12.50 per family.

**P-W ROUND-UP**—The parents of children entering kindergarten at Pewamo-Westphalia schools in September, should attend the kindergarten round-up Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at P-W High School to register their child for school.

**THE WACOUSTA COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** presents "SADIE HAWKINS" style dance at the Wacousta Elementary School Gym (on Herbison Road) on Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m. until midnight. D.J. Bill Carver will play music for all ages. Proceeds will go to the Church's building fund. Admission: \$4 per person.

**IRISH CELEBRATION**—Open house on Monday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day has been set at the Arts Council Center of Great Lansing from 7-10 p.m. Local musician John Babula will play traditional Irish music. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free. The Arts Council is located at 425 S. Grand Ave., downtown Lansing.

**LALECHE LEAGUE**—of Clinton County will meet March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at 202 E. Cass in St. Johns. Topic will be Baby Arrives: The family and the breastfed baby. For a ride or more information, call 224-6084 or 224-7741.

**A FAMILY STYLE FISH SUPPER** will be served Friday March 14, by Wacousta Masonic Lodge #359. Serving will be from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Take out dinners are available. To find Wacousta, go five miles west of Airport Rd. on Grand River Ave. to Wacousta Rd., then north two and one half miles.

**PAPER DRIVE**—St. Johns Lions Club wants your newspapers. Watch for curb pickup date or bring them to the drop-off building at the corner of E. Steel and N. Swegles streets in St. Johns (next to Superior Insulation warehouse.)

**OLD HOUSE RESTORATION:** Tom Hutton, teacher, contractor and craftsman will speak at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, in St. Johns, Sunday, March 9 from 3 to 4 p.m. in a session on "Overall planning for historic house restoration." Everyone is welcome.



**THE BOARSHEAD THEATER** presents Tennessee Williams' classic American drama The Glass Menagerie for a three-week run, Feb. 21 through March 9. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (517) 484-7805 or 372-4636.

**THE OVID**—Duplain Library Club will meet on Friday, March 7 at the Shepardsville Church. Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Roll call will be a current event. Mrs. John Goebel, Ovid librarian, will be the speaker. Hostesses for the day will be Mrs. Hubert Hilton, Mrs. Donald Craig, Mrs. Chauncey Green and Mrs. John Spencer.

**MORNING STAR**—Chapter No. 279 of Ovid will meet on Tuesday evening, March 11, in regular session. There will be a short vesper service and initiatory work. Officers are to wear their white formals.

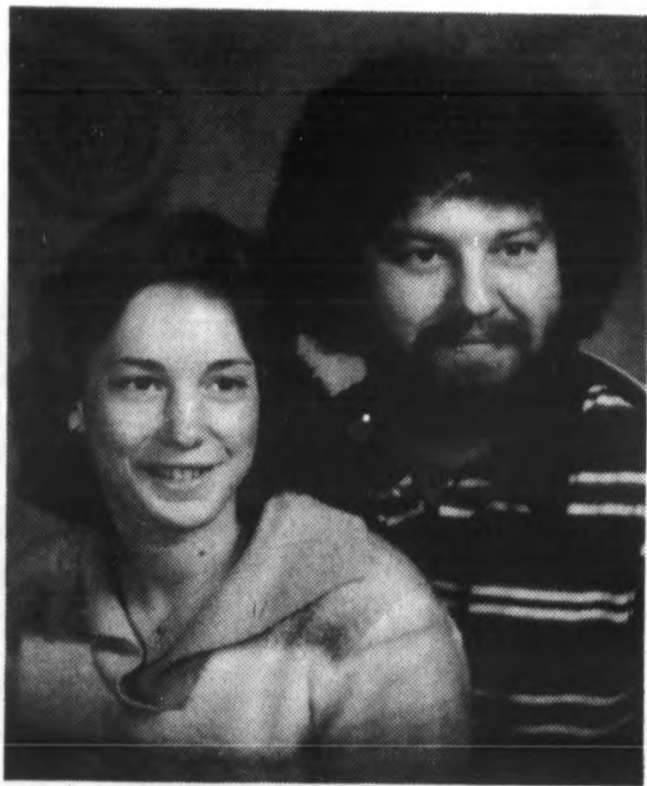
**THE BATH SHOOTIN' STARS** Square Dance Club will be having a Leprechaun Dance at the Bath High School cafeteria on east Clark Road, Saturday, March 8, 8 to 11 p.m. with Wendell Law calling. Fingerfood potluck after the dance. All western style square dancers are invited to come and dance with a Leprechaun. Badges will be available.

**THE BATH PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC** is held on the third Thursday of each month at the Lakeside Chapel in Bath, Webster Rd. on Feb. 21. Immunizations from 9-10:30 AM. Blood Pressure screening from 11-12 Noon. For more information, call Mid-Michigan District Health Department.

**DANCE**—March 14 from 8-11 p.m. at St. John's High School Cafeteria. Stevens Band will play. Round and square dancing. Sam Sherwood and Zip Walts will be the callers. Donation at the door is \$1.50 per person. Light refreshments. Proceeds go to the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center.

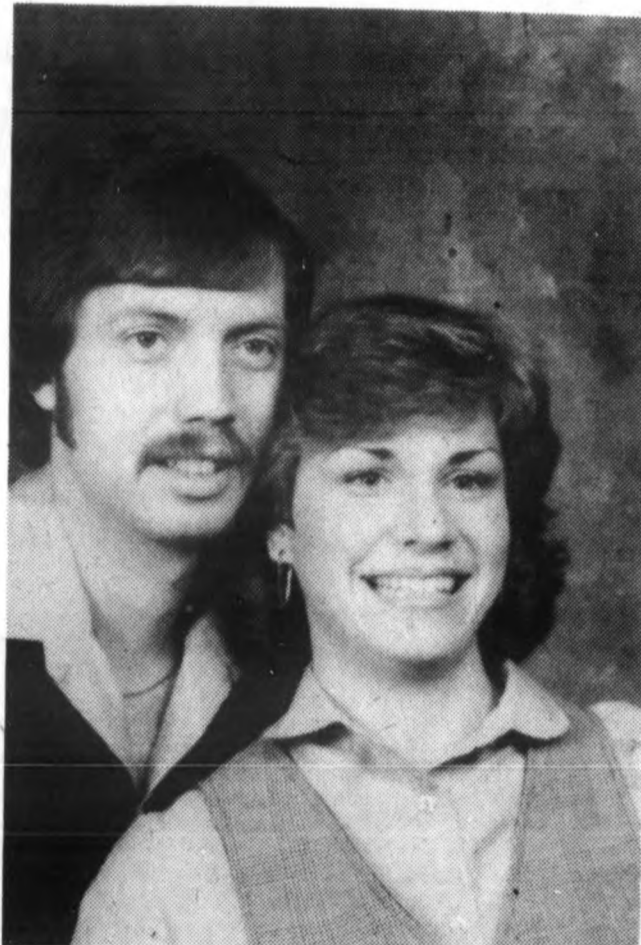
# Life Styles

## Engagements announced



Sandra Simon Corrie Rhynard

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Simon, Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kay, to Corrie Rhynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Rhynard, St. Johns. The bride-elect is employed at the Wheel Inn and the prospective groom at Oldsmobile. The couple plan a May 10 wedding.



Roy Rademacher Laure Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Palmiter, Grand Ledge, announce the engagement of their daughter Laure Lea to Roy I. Rademacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Rademacher, Eagle. The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Grand Ledge High School, a graduate of Craig's College of Beauty and is self-employed at

Impression Point Salon. The prospective groom is a 1972 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and attends Lansing Community College part-time. He is employed at TRW, Inc. in Portland as a quality technician. The couple plan a May 10 wedding.

## Wallings celebrate 64th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walling, Elsie, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 24. Their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mead of St. Johns also celebrated their 12th anniversary on the same day. The Wallings and the Meads were taken out to dinner for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming. Other guests included Brian

Mead and Mrs. Mable Curtis. The afternoon was spent at the Deming home in Carland and a Sunday night lunch was served. The Wallings were married in Ithaca. The couple has three daughters, Mrs. Leo (Pudge) Deming, Mrs. Donald (Lucile) Wood and Mrs. Shirley Winkler; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Rhonda Kanaski

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kanaski, 609 N. Morton, St. Johns, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda to Michael Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell of Maple Rapids. The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Marti Walker. The prospective bride-groom is a 1976 graduate of SJHS and is employed by Dillon's. The couple plan a May 3 wedding.

## Area newborns

A girl, Ann Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. William Donahue of 1315 Weber Dr., Lansing, Feb. 13, 1980 at Sparrow Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Jerry and Faye Donahue, East Lansing and Jim and Jean Fineis, Lansing. The mother is the former Peggy Fineis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Earls, 1009 E. Webb Dr., DeWitt became the parents of a son, John Jacob on Feb. 11 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Patricia A. Sees.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Middleton, DeWitt, became the parents of a son, Sidney James, III on Feb. 12 at Sparrow Hospital.

David and Dawn Hayward, 1590 Theresa Ave., DeWitt, became the parents of a daughter, Toinette Rae at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Braska, 812 E. Webb Dr., DeWitt, became the parents of a son, Jonathan James, on Jan. 30 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Rademacher, 6772 S. Lowell Rd., St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Matthew, on Feb. 17 at Sparrow Hospital. The baby has one brother, Michael. The mother is the former Christine Jumper.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Semrau, 7926 S. Chandler Rd., St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Gregory James, on Feb. 20 at Sparrow Hospital.

A daughter, Lacey Marie, was born Feb. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Anderson of Middlebury, IN. She weighed 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Mrs. Russell Howe of Eagle and Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Ligonier, IN. The mother is the former Beverly Howe of Eagle.

A girl, Shannon Rai, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shafer of 2265 W. Parks Rd., Feb. 8, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shafer, Mrs. Kathryn Coveait and Mr. Karlyle Coveait. The mother is the former Cindy Coveait.

A son, Andrew Lee was born February 17 to Philip and Dolores (Pohl) Kowatch of Jones Road, Pewamo. Andrew weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. He has a brother and sister at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kowatch of Walker Road, Pewamo and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pohl of Cutler Road, DeWitt.

## NOTICE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS March 19, 1980

To be held in the City Commission Chambers at 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns at 7:30 p.m. (enter through Police Department entrance on Spring Street).

PURPOSE: An appeal from Tom Fowler to allow him to build a new garage on the front of his house. This garage would be within 17 feet from his front property line. The Zoning Ordinance requires a 25 foot front setback for any construction.

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# Obituaries

## Mrs Mary Moore

Mrs. Mary Moore, 64, of 605 Garfield, St. Johns, passed away Feb. 27, 1980 at her residence.

She was born in Wilkes Barre, PA on Feb. 19, 1916, the daughter of Frank and Mary Gorbenco. On Sept. 21, 1934, she married Marvin Moore in Ithaca. They moved to St. Johns in 1955.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her husband, Marvin; one son, Edward Moore of St. Johns; four grandchildren; and one sister, Ann Simons of Lansing.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns on Friday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. Rev. Father William Harker officiated and burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

A scripture service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the Osgood Funeral Home.

## Hazel Twomley

Funeral services for Hazel M. Twomley, 82 of 9720 E. Lansing Rd., Durand who passed away Thursday, Feb. 28, 1980 at Greenbriar Nursing Home in Howell were held Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m.

Rev. Father Howard Noeker officiated at the services at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Twomley was ill for a few years.

She was born in DeKalb, IL on May 9, 1897, the daughter of Douglas and Anna (Morrison) Deming. She resided most of her life, however, in the Durand area.

On Nov. 28, 1914, she married Earl Twomley in Shiawassee County. He survives his wife, as do one son, Carl Twomley of Owosso; six grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Viola Tribelfner of Elsie. She was preceded in death by one son, Ford.

## Donald Kraemer

Donald E. Kraemer, 52, of 2265 W. Parks Rd., Lot 233, St. Johns passed away Feb. 26, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Cremation was at East Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Kraemer was a sub contractor and siding installer. He moved to St. Johns in 1963.

He was born in St. Paul, Minn. on Feb. 19, 1928, the son of Joseph F. and Inga M. (Killingstad) Kraemer. On Sept. 15, 1948, he married Elaine Wideman in St. Louis. He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; one son, Donald Kraemer, Jr. of Gaylord; one daughter, Mrs. Sherri O'Connell of Ovid; two grandsons and four granddaughters; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kraemer of Titusville, Fla.; and one sister, Mrs. Darlene Schneider of Grand Rapids.

## Clubs meet

By Lucille Spencer

The Afternoon Circle of the Shepardsville UMW met at the home of Mrs. Robert Hebel Sr. on Thursday, Feb. 14. There was a small attendance.

It was decided to have a Silent Auction later in the year. Our Friend on the District is Nancy Hehrer.

There was a small attendance when the Ovid Area Senior Citizens met at the village hall on Friday, Feb. 15.

Hosts for the March meeting will be Ethel Durke, Hazel Schoch and Lucille Spencer.

Morning Star Chapter 279, OES, of Ovid met in regular session on Tuesday evening, February 12 with Worthy Matron Ruth Chamberlain and Associate Patron Don Chamberlain presiding in the East. Substitute officers for the evening were secretary Dorothy Kadolph and as Warder, Margaret Potter.

There will be initiatory work and a short vesper service at the next regular meeting. Members are asked to save their newspapers for the chapter.

# Morning Musicale changes date for scholarship auditions

Members of St. Johns Morning Musicale met on Feb. 21 at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Prior to the opening of the business meeting, Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, president, noted the death of Mrs. Lawrence Fish this past week. Mrs. Fish served as president of Morning Musicale twice, was a member of numerous committees, and sang in the choral ensemble. Her contributions have been many, and she will be missed greatly.

Scholarship auditions have been changed from April 26 to May 3. The competition will be at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Maurice Witteveen, and any interested persons should contact Mrs. Paul Martis prior to March 15. Auditions are open to students of piano and voice who are in the high school grades and reside in Clinton County.

The program opened with the singing of the hymn of the month, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," which was sung by all members present, and was accompanied by Mrs. Witteveen. Mrs. Manning Gross told the group about the composer and performer, Anton Rubinstein, the Russian composer who was born in 1830. It is thought by many that he was probably one of the world's

greatest pianists. He wrote and performed during the romantic period of music, and along with other musicians of that time such as Felix Mendelssohn and Gustav Mahler. His Jewish heritage benefited from the romantic spirit, and he was more openly received than he would have been had he appeared on the musical scene at an earlier time. Mrs. Julia Thornton performed "Melody in F," written by Rubinstein, as an organ solo.

The Chorales, directed by Don Valentine, sang four numbers for the audience. Opening the group was a 16th century madrigal by Palestrina entitled, My Heart Doth Beg You'll Not Forget. Next on the program was a composition by John S. Beck, an American composer, based on Isaiah 40, verses 4 and 5, entitled "Every Valley". The musical theme from the movie Superman, "Can You Read My Mind", was the next selection, and both this and the preceding number were accompanied by Kristen Valentine. Closing their portion of the morning's program was "Water Wonderland," a song currently being considered by the state legislature as an official state song.

Concluding the program was an organ solo by Mrs. H.A. Peterson, "Hail, Star of Heaven," written by the Norwegian composer, Edward Grieg. Mrs. Richard Jacoby, chairman of the day, reminded members that the next meeting will be on March 13 at the home of Mrs. Winchell Brown, when the topic will be Bluegrass music. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should contact Mrs. Campbell.

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# George's column

By George McQueen  
Extension Director

## LIVESTOCK TRENDS

It appears that effects on current livestock markets are primarily due to weather, although the Russian grain embargo had somewhat of a psychological impact.

Dr. John Ferris, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service Agricultural Economist, believes cattle and hog market prices will begin to move upward with the advent of spring.

**CATTLE**—Prices on choice steers moved to the mid-\$60s in late January and should move above the \$70 level in the next few months with feeder cattle prices rising in sympathy.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Board indicated in their Jan. 1 inventory report that while the liquidation phase of the cattle cycle has ended, expansion has not begun.

There were 111 million head of cattle and calves on U.S. farms—practically the same as a year ago—with beef and milk cow numbers unchanged.

The inventory report, in combination with the recent Cattle on Feed Report of the Crop Reporting Board, provides a fairly good idea of cattle supplies for the year ahead. About 16 million steers were on farms on Jan. 1, down 3 percent from last

year. Of this number, 7.3 million (500 pounds and over) were on feed, down 7 percent from last year. The balance of 8.6 million head not on feed as of Jan. 1, represents a 2 percent increase over last year.

Heifers on farms was 7.1 million head, down 4 percent from last year. The number on feed (500 pounds and over) was 3.2 million, down 9 percent from last year. This leaves 3.9 million head not on feed, unchanged from a year ago. In essence, the availability of yearling cattle to put on feedlots is about the same as last year.

The short term outlook has been somewhat clouded by the fact that cattle have been fed to heavier weights in recent months. Part of this is due to the improved gains during the mild weather. The grain embargo nicked the livestock markets in early January—a psychological influence and not one based on market fundamentals.

The total number of cattle on feed Jan. 1 was down 7 percent from last year. Steers 900 pounds and over, however, were up 29 percent and heifers 900 pounds and over were up 7 percent.

**HOGS**—Hog slaughter in January was heavier than expected; the mild January weather made it easier to produce a pound of pork in terms of time and in efficient use of feed. This, plus the grain embargo, kept prices

on the defensive. Seasonal supply pressures may keep hog prices from making much headway in March and April. By late spring or early summer, prices should be in the mid-\$40s.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**—The sheep cycle finally turned the corner in 1979. According to the USDA's Crop Reporting Board, sheep and lamb numbers on Jan. 1, totaled 12.5 million head, 2 percent higher than a year ago. This was the first increase registered since 1960. Ewes one year and older were up 2 percent and ewe lambs were up 7 percent.

The USDA estimates that 1.62 million sheep and lambs were on feed on Jan. 1, 3 percent more than a year ago about the same as two years ago. In Michigan 28,000 were on feed, up 8 percent from last year.

## Extension calendar

**MARCH 6** "Cracking Up Over Eggs," 1 p.m., Capitol Savings & Loan community room  
**11-12** Alfalfa Short-Course, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. By reservation only.  
**12** Livestock Waste Management, Middleton Elementary, Middleton  
**17-21** Farmers Week, MSU



# Egg seminar set for March 6

By Carol Butler  
Assistant Home Economist

## CRACKING UP OVER EGGS

The egg and I (or you and your family) is a terrific combination. Put the two factors together, the egg and your creativity, and your kitchen

can become a location of gastronomic delight. The very basic egg can be turned into much more than breakfast fare and economically, too.

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onstrations of crepes, omelets, egg drop soup, drinks, and even a chance for participants to try their hand at preparing a tasty and nutritious egg meal.

Plan to attend on March 6 at 1 p.m. at Capitol Savings and Loan in St. Johns. A pre-registration of \$1 will be charged. To register, call the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288.

# Ag Advice

By Mark Hansen  
Extension Agricultural Agent

## QUALITY BEANS FOR MEXICO

Growers can enhance the prospect for future sales of pinto and black turtle soup beans to Mexico by making special efforts to plant good seed this spring.

Dr. Larry Copeland, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service agronomist, advises that bean seed be laboratory tested because no seed certification program currently exists for either class in Michigan.

This means that in some cases this year, tablestock beans will have to be used for seed. These may be infected with bacterial blight and mosaic virus which can seriously affect yields.

Personnel of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Dr. Alfred W. Saettler, U.S. Department of Agriculture plant pathologist based at MSU, are providing testing service for seed to be planted this spring.

If at all possible, avoid seed that has common (fuscous) blight, halo blight, or mosaic virus infection. If the seed lot has common blight, go to another seed source because no chemical controls exist for this disease. If halo blight is detected, the seed lot can be planted but fields should be sprayed for disease control. Growers should work with their county Extension offices to work out spray programs.

But under no circumstances should seed that has mosaic virus be planted. This virus can be spread readily by aphids into adjacent fields

planted with varieties susceptible to mosaic virus. Many seed suppliers are having seed stocks tested. If the seed has not been tested, growers should make sure it does undergo tests before they buy.

Michigan Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) is offering growers an inspection program for noncertified colored beans this summer. This does not mean that seed from inspected plantings will be certified. But it will enable growers and seed suppliers to identify good seed sources that can be used until the certification program on new MSU-released bean varieties becomes available in 1981.

Growers interested in having this year's crop inspected should contact Dennis Greenman, MCIA, P.O. Box 21008, Lansing, MI 48909 or phone (517) 355-7438.

## 4-H club news

**Bath Golden Needles**  
By Terri Froom

They began the meeting by electing new officers: president, Jamie Leak; vice president, Laura Bauerle; reporter, Terri Froom; and secretary, Shelley Geasler.

They discussed the special sewing program which was Feb. 12 and also who would participate in the family day on February 16, in St. Johns. They also made an agreement to recruit new members into their club.

# County students honored at MSU

East Lansing

Four Clinton County students were among 170 students from Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who were honored at the college's annual awards banquet Feb. 19 at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education.

Honored were: —Karen Green of Elsie, daughter of Duane Green of 5853 Meridian Rd. She received the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation Award. This award provides a full tuition scholarship for 12 students with outstanding scholarship and leadership abilities and a sincere interest in a dairy industry career. She is majoring in dairy science. —Brian Welton of Elsie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce

Welton of 3176 French Rd. He received the Crop and Soil Sciences Outstanding Student Award. This award is given to a second-year student demonstrating leadership and academic achievements.

—Russell Schlarf of St. Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlarf of 8714 N. Grove Rd. He received the Anderson Award given to a senior specializing in vegetable crops with a high academic record and who has demonstrated high motivation.

—Earl Fiegler of St. Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiegler, Sr. of 7422 Church Rd. He received the Fisheries and Wildlife High Scholastic Achievement Award given for maintaining the highest grade point average over two or more quarters.

# Co-op gives grain prices

The following prices were listed on the St. Johns Co-op grain price board at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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## Fowler news

**Fowler**  
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Specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission office.  
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**Village of Fowler**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Fowler Village Council will meet on Monday, March 10, 1980, at the Village Office, to review and to hear all persons interested in the Special Assessment Roll covering the following Public Improvements:

Sanitary Sewer Line extension on South Sorrell Street from Third to Fifth Streets.

The Special Assessment Roll will be available for public review at the Village Office on Friday, March 7th.

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# Clinton County Sports

## OID-ELSIE, PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA FALL

### 'March Madness' starts with bang

By Mark Haney  
sports writer

The front runners made their presence known Monday in only the first day of games at the district basketball tournaments around the area. For instance, Lansing Catholic Central let Olivet in on a secret, that the Cougars and the Capitol Circuit are not to be laughed at. Class C leader Olivet fell 58-56 to LCC in overtime in an opening-round encounter at the Class C district at LCC.

Meanwhile, at the Class B districts at Corunna, the home team Cavaliers disposed of Mid-Michigan B. Conference nemesis Ovid-Elsie 52-43. And at the Class C district at Ithaca, Breckenridge blasted hapless Merrill 63-37.

And Pewamo-Westphalia fell to Haslett 52-47 in an opening round encounter at the Class C district at LCC.

That leaves either Dewitt

or Bath (they faced each other Tuesday at LCC) or Fulton, which tangles with Breckenridge tonight, still in the Class C race. St. Johns, which took on Flint Carman Tuesday in the Class A district at Owosso and Fowler, which faced Pottsville in the Class D district at Fowler, hope for post-season success.

In the game at Corunna, Ovid-Elsie bounced back from a 14-6 first quarter deficit to make it a 25-24 game at halftime.

The Marauders then took as much as a four-point lead in the third quarter before Corunna exploded for 23 points in the final stanza. "There is not too much you can say," Ovid-Elsie Coach Bob Foreback said. "They had the guy who came through when they needed it and we didn't."

It was forward Phil Annese who did the last quarter damage, overcoming four fouls to hit for eight of his 11 points in the period as

Corunna took off from 31-29 deficit.

"I think we showed a lot of poise and a lot of confidence down the stretch," Corunna coach Frank Davis said.

Ovid-Elsie, meanwhile, missed numerous shots in the final period.

"We probably had 10 or more shots there and didn't make them," Foreback said. "And I don't think you deserve to win when you play like that."

That may sound harsh, but that is how I feel."

Center Jeff Rowley was the Cavaliers saving grace in the first half as he hit for 12 of his 14 points.

Ovid-Elsie forward Dan Fabus, meanwhile, saved seven of his game-high 15 points for the second half. Junior guard Mark Carter added eight of his 14 points in the second half.

But it wasn't enough to Please turn to page 13

## Marauders slip past Bay City

By Mark Haney  
Sports Writer

A few late free throws made the difference for the Ovid-Elsie High basketball team this past Friday as the Marauders closed the regular season out with a 59-58 lead. But senior forward Dan Fabus made a steal and a layup to cut the lead to two points. Fouled on the play, he then hit a free throw to put Ovid-Elsie to within one.

Bay City failed to score on its next trip down the floor and Ovid-Elsie returned to its end to get a bucket from sophomore center Carl Teelander, giving the Marauders a 55-54 lead.

With 22 seconds left, junior guard Mark Hose was fouled by a Bay City player and made two free throws to give the Marauders a 57-54 lead. Though All Saints added a bucket to cut the lead to one, Ovid-Elsie came back with two free throws by Fabus at the eight second mark. At the buzzer, Bay City got a bucket by junior forward Paul Rivard, his 17th and 18th points of the game.

As in the final score, the game was remarkably close statistically. Ovid-Elsie had a slim 49-46 rebounding edge while each team had eight assists. Bay City made 24 turnovers to the Marauders' 17.

"In fact," Ovid-Elsie Coach Bob Foreback said,

"the game was even the whole way except for fouls."

In that department, Bay City was called for 24 of the 13 called on the Marauders.

The two teams scored the same amount of points in each quarter except the third, where Ovid-Elsie had a 13-12 advantage.

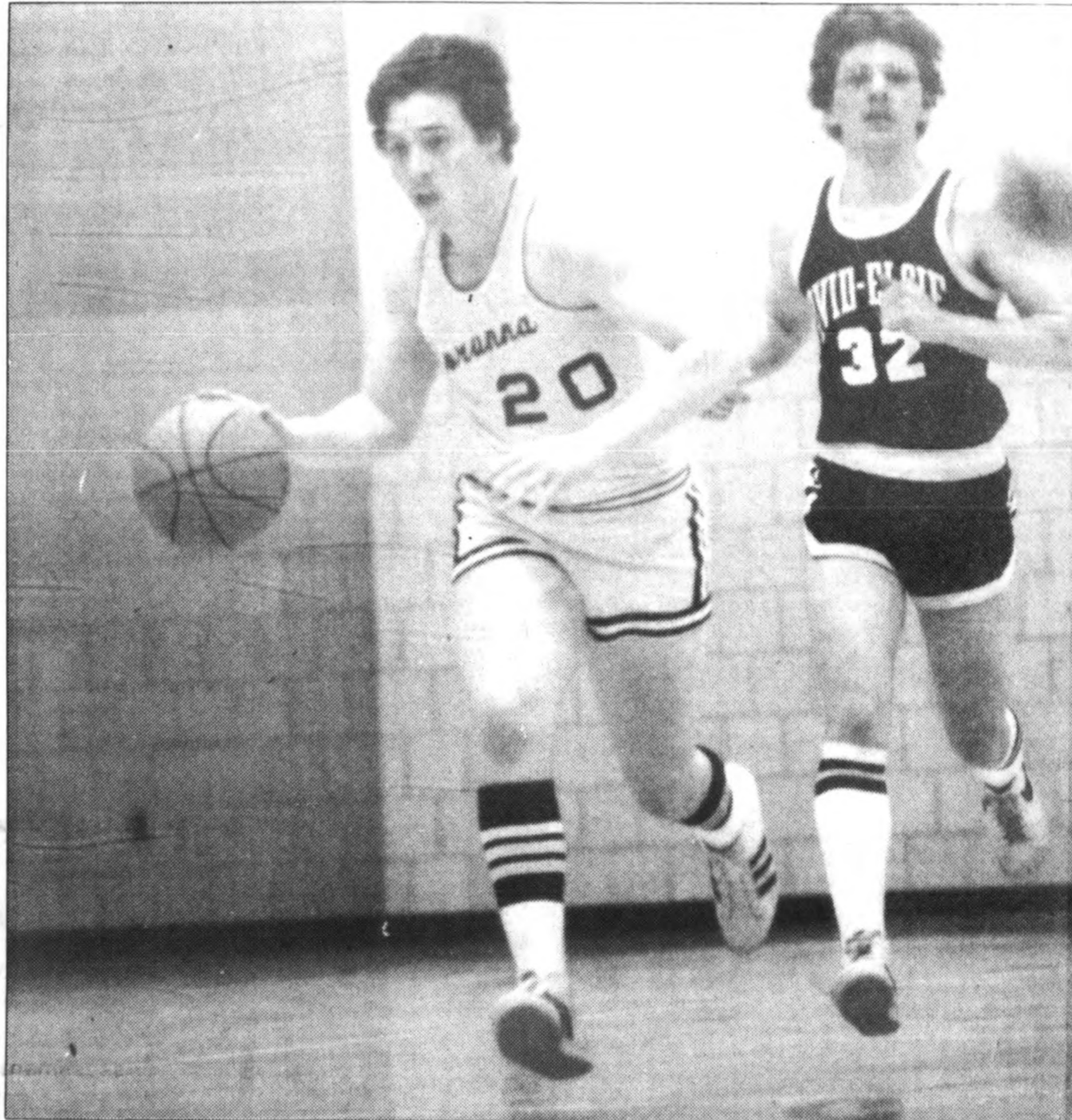
Whether the win will be an advantage or not in the upcoming district game with Corunna, Foreback would not say.

"I don't know," he said. "Obviously it helps to have won a close one. We knocked in some free throws when we needed them and that is good. But I don't know if it will help us in the districts."

While All Saints got 17 points from Rivard and 17 from sophomore forward Greg Luczak, Ovid-Elsie got a game-high 23 plus four steals from Fabus, 14 and three assists from Hose and 12 plus 11 rebounds from Teelander.

The Ovid-Elsie junior varsity dropped a 70-46 decision despite a 15-point effort by forward Scott Miller.

**OID-ELSIE** 19141313-59  
**BAY CITY** 19141213-58  
**ALL SAINTS** 19141213-58  
**OID-ELSIE:** Hudecek 0, 0/1, 0; Teelander 4, 4/7, 12; Fabus 9, 5/6, 23; Carter 0, 1/4, 1; Hose 5, 4/4, 14; Ginther 1, 1/2, 3; Horn 2, 2/2, 6. **TOTALS:** 21, 17/26, 59.  
**BAY CITY ALL SAINTS:** La Prairie 6, 0/0, 12; Beckman 3, 0/0, 6; Luczak 8, 1/2, 17; Szczepanski 1, 2/3, 4; Rivard 8, 2/3, 18; Szczeplanski 0, 1/2, 1. **TOTALS:** 26, 6/10, 58.



Corunna guard Phil Annese (20) rolls up the floor ahead of Ovid-Elsie defender Dan Fabus (32) at Monday's Class B district game at Corunna. The Cavaliers topped Ovid-Elsie 52-43. (Photo by Mark Haney)

## 'Wings loss inspiring

By Mark Haney  
Sports Writer

St. Johns

Seldom is a loss as good as a win, in fact few coaches will ever admit that a loss is ever good. But when the St. Johns High basketball team lost to Class B strongboy Mount Pleasant Friday, 78-67, Redwing Coach Bob Tissot was not disappointed.

"Overall you never really want to get beat," Tissot said, "but I felt we accom-

plished what I hoped we would accomplish against them."

The Redwings didn't aim for Mount Pleasant, actually, but are looking more towards the districts.

"We practiced all week for the tournament," Tissot said. "We didn't try to ignore Mount Pleasant but we did downplay the game."

And that was one thing Tissot hoped to accomplish "Friday's game nerved us up for it (the tournament)," the Redwing

coach said, "and we really would have given us some momentum if we had won it, but it did help us."

The key to the loss was free throws as the Redwings made just eight of 13 compared to Mount Pleasant's 13-for-29 performance.

"Free throws hurt us," Tissot said. "If we had made our free throws the way we know how to, we could have been right in it."

Instead St. Johns fell behind 20-15 in the first

quarter and were down 37-30 at halftime. Mount Pleasant, which hit on 66 percent of its shots, then took a 16-point lead in the third quarter before St. Johns worked it down to the final 11-point cushion.

"You always like to win, I like to win," Tissot said. "But everybody else expected us to get blown out and we didn't get blown out. We played with them." Sophomore guard Jeff Casler paced St. Johns with

Please turn to page 13.

## On The Mark

by Mark Haney



Can it be true? Can it be that spring showers and their delightful warmth may be just around the corner? Or is my mind just deluding me?

### CODE CODIFIED

You know, for years in high school, I heard coaches and fellow athletes talk about the "athletic code" but in all my years of high school, I never once saw it.

And, I guess I never broke it.

Yet each school has one and the athletes are supposed to know what it is.

You can bet the athletes that get suspended, or reprimanded, know it too.

It is, I am told, an integral part of team discipline and of maintenance of a high standard of athletic excellence. It is the basis of conduct for every athlete both while on the floor or field and while off.

That is the key part, while off the floor or field. For that is where, more often than not, athletes make the mistake and break the code.

And, like the law, you may get away with it. Just don't get caught.

### THE BUG BITES

The flu bug may ruin more than one team's chances for post-season success this winter.

Fulton High Coach Kim Lathwell said he is concerned about his team, since nearly six of his top players have struggled through the last week with an illness of one kind or another.

And Eaton Rapids, a member of the Capitol Circuit, had to cancel its basketball game Friday with DeWitt because of the flu bug.

Other coaches, like Bath High basketball coach Dick Wilt and St. Johns swim coach Jim Makarauskas, can consider themselves fortunate in that the bug ripped through their teams in weeks past. They should be healthy for the future events.

But it is sad that illnesses could devastate a team at this time, especially a team with title hopes. Because it takes not only talent and discipline to do well in any of the state title competitions. It also takes luck.

And I don't mean the bad kind. So it is terrible when bad luck should cause the chance to be taken away before the team takes to the floor.

### DISTRICT DOPE

Why not seed the teams in the basketball districts, instead of making it a blind draw?

That question came recently from a basketball coach after they went through the draw. His contention was that teams like Lansing Catholic Central and Olivet shouldn't meet in the first round, it is just not fair to either school. Worse yet, it isn't fair to the host school because they lose out on the gate.

As an added plus, if teams were seeded by record, it might add some importance on the last few regular season games for some schools. For even though a team may be 9-8, they might have a chance at a better spot if they win the last game or two. It sure could add excitement to the closing of an otherwise uneventful season.

Then when teams reach the regional, there could be a blind draw. That too would add excitement, because teams that won the district would wait and hope for the luck of the draw in the regional. As it is now, they know who is next right away.

That would tend to reward the team that has done well all season and penalize the team that hasn't, but it would make for some rather exciting district finales and some good upsets along the way.

The only drawback is you wouldn't really be able to call it "March Madness" any more. It might be too sane for that.

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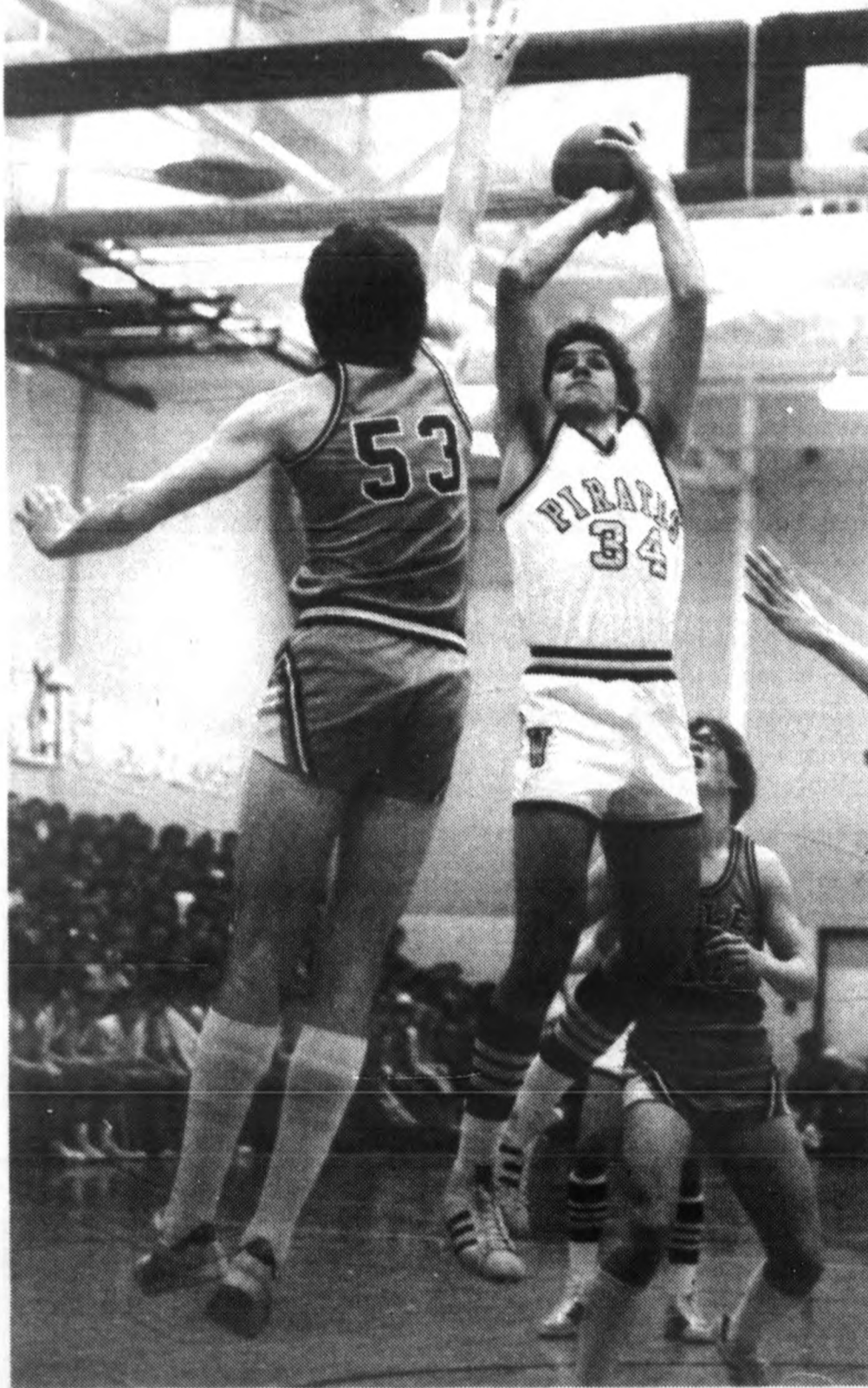
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# Pirates win close battle

By Mark Haney  
Sports Writer

**Pewamo**

A second half surge by Pewamo-Westphalia, coupled with Fowler's second-half decline, allowed the Pewamo-Westphalia High basketball team to complete a sweep over its long-time Central Michigan Athletic Conference rival via a 56-54 win Friday in Pewamo.

The win for Pewamo-Westphalia, in the season finale for both teams wasn't secured until a shot by Fowler senior forward Neil Hufnagel at the eight-second mark, hit the back of the rim and bounced away.

"Hey, it could have gone either way," Fowler Coach Charlie Trierweiler said. "I thought the kids played well, it was just some little mental mistakes that hurt us."

The nail-biting finish didn't make Pewamo-Westphalia Coach John Ellis happy either.

"I always like to have the game over by halftime," he said, laughing. "But they played really well and it was a good game."

Early on, it appeared to be Fowler's game as the taller Eagles surged to a 22-17 first quarter lead and held fast to a 34-30 halftime advantage.

But then Fowler, 6-8 in league and 9-10 overall, went cold as Pewamo-Westphalia outscored the Eagles 10-6 in the third period for a 40-all tie heading into the final stanza.

"We had a decent first half," Trierweiler said, "but we really cooled off there in the third quarter."

"And they just completely dominated the boards in the second half."

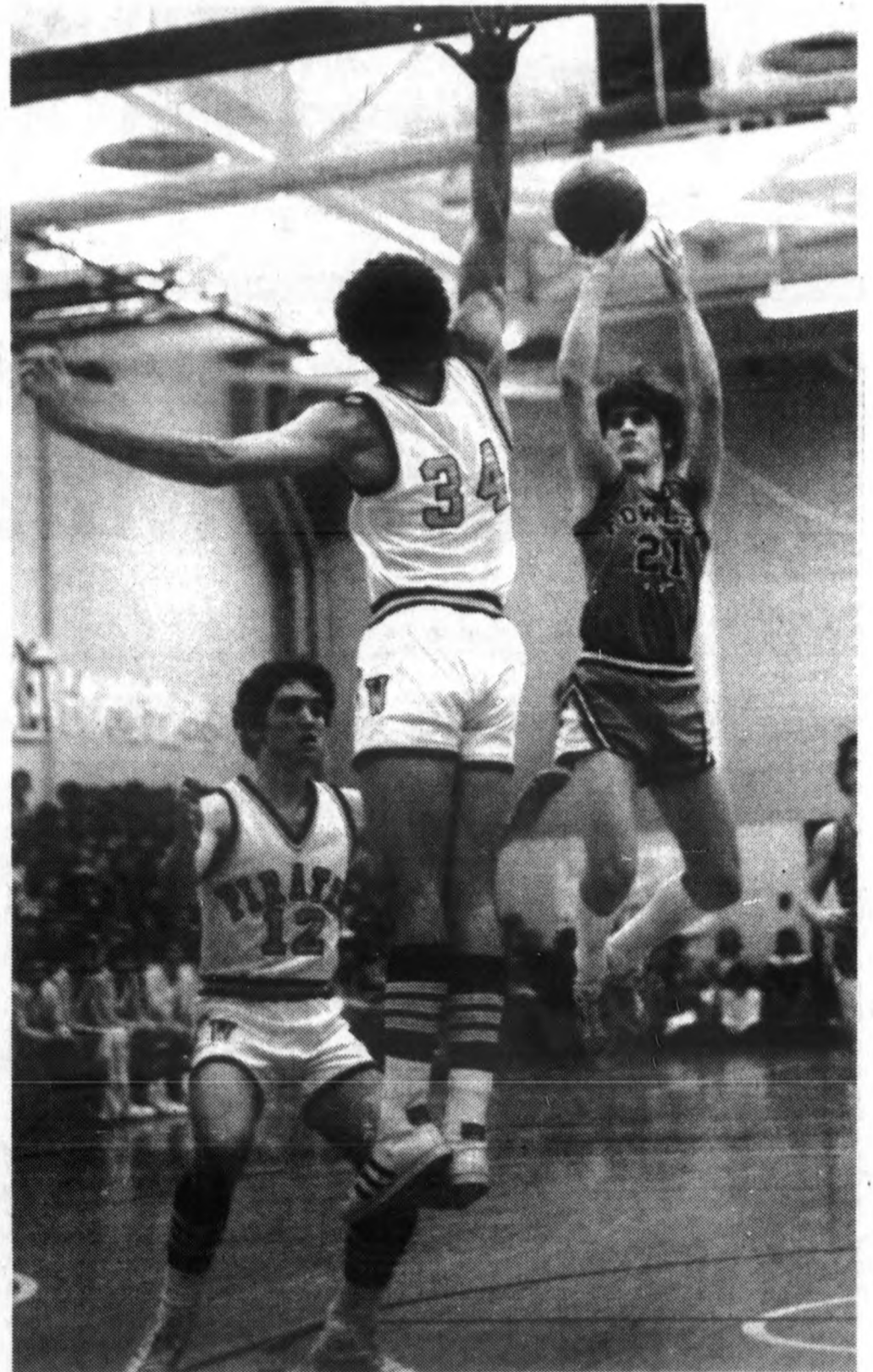
Eventually, Pewamo-Westphalia, 10-4 in the CMAC and 14-5 overall, managed a 35-29 on the boards, yet Ellis said he had his charges do nothing different in the second half.

"The only adjustment we had was in our press because we just gave them too many easy buckets off the press in the first half," he said. "As far as rebounding goes, we didn't do anything different, we just made them more aware that they had to do a little better."

Fowler outshot the Pirates of Pewamo-Westphalia, hitting at a 44 percent clip compared to 33 percent for the home team. And Fowler made 26 field goals to Pewamo-Westphalia's 22. What hurt Fowler was a two-for-10 performance at the free throw line.

On a last-second lay-up bucket by forward Dave Koenigsnecht, the Fowler junior varsity dealt Pewamo-Westphalia's Central Michigan Athletic Conference champions their third loss in 19 outings via a 47-6 finish. Jeff Nurenberg scored 15 for the Pirates.

**PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA** 17 13 10 16 - 56  
**FOWLER** 22 12 6 14 - 54  
**PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA:** Stan Piggott 5, 4/4, 14; Mike Pohl 3, 1/4, 7; Brian Stump 4, 1/4, 9; Brian Pfaff 6, 2/3, 14; John Bauer 7, 4/5, 18; Perry Thelen 2, 0/1, 4. **TOTALS-**22, 12/21, 56.  
**FOWLER:** Doug Koenigsnecht 5, 0/2, 10; Neil Hufnagel 8, 1/4, 17; Lloyd Feldpausch 5, 0/1, 10; Doug Cook 3, 1/3, 7; Terry Thelen 3, 0/0, 6; Cliff Hengesbach 1, 0/0, 2; Stan Simon 1, 0/0, 2. **TOTALS-**26, 2/10, 54.



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# Fulton defeats flu, rivals

By Mark Haney  
Sports Writer

**Fulton**  
The flu bug bit the Fulton

High basketball team hard this past week, but the sting wasn't deadly as the Pirates still managed a pair of wins, taking Beal City 64-60 in a non-league game Tuesday then rolling over Central Michigan Athletic Conference rival Portland St. Patrick 75-45 in Friday's season finale.

"Friday we played bet-

term" Fulton Coach Kim Lathwell said. "and I can tell the kids are on the fast road to recovery."

In fact, Lathwell had to switch to a completely untested defense at halftime of Friday's game to keep the Pirates from running up too large of a score on the league's cellar-dwellers.

Fulton, with a 9-5 league

record and 14-6 overall, rolled to a quick 23-5 lead in the first quarter by using full court pressure and fast break. Then Fulton steamrolled to an easy 52-16 halftime margin.

"To me, it is a positive sign," Lathwell said of the result. "Although we were playing a poor team, I could tell there were things we were doing well and we played pretty well."

The biggest point of satisfaction, Lathwell said, was the Pirates' running game.

"The thing we did better than we have recently is run," he said. "We are finally getting out and running well."

While St. Patrick got 17 points from forward Ken Kramer, Fulton got a game-high 18 points from senior forward Jeff Moon. Senior forward Jim Slavik then added 14 while junior center

Joel Miller scored eight with 11 rebounds.

Lathwell wasn't so positive about his players Tuesday after Fulton watched a 20-8 first quarter lead slowly vanish.

"We started out in a zone press and then switched to a man-to-man and it shook them up," he said. "But then we ran out of gas. I hate to point a finger at anything, but I think it was the sickness. We were just weak."

"We are just not in what you would call the best of condition right now," he added.

Beal City's 50 percent shooting and 28-27 rebounding edge brought it back into the game.

"Beal City played a good game," Lathwell said, "and didn't get shook up too much when they were down by 12 points there."

While senior guard Mark Skaryd managed 22 points and eight rebounds for Fulton, senior center Scott Winsor hit for 12 with eight rebounds. Beal City, on the other hand, got 18 points from Dennis Bechtel and Jeff Reichl scored 14.

The Fulton junior varsity took Portland St. Patrick 75-45 on a last-second shot by forward Pete Trefil. Trefil's game-high 32 points helped the Pirates come back from a 14-point halftime deficit.

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# ★ Districts

save the Marauders from 30 percent shooting and from being eliminated from the tournament and having their season prematurely ended. "I felt sorry for the seniors," Foreback said, "I always do. Especially

people like (Mike) Hudecek and (Mark) Hose because basketball means everything to them."

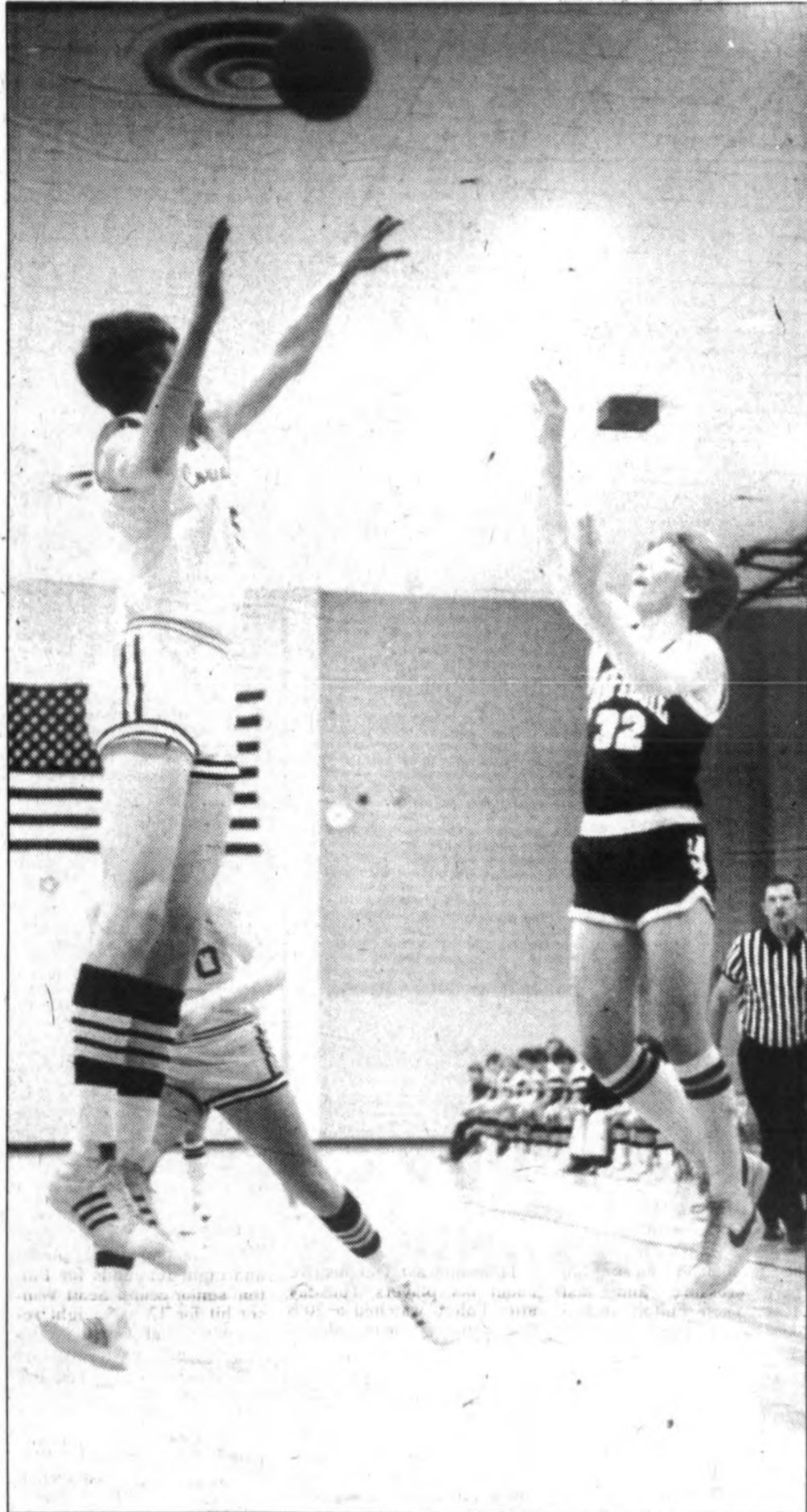
Chesaning, another Mid-Michigan B Conference rival, is the next oppo-

nent for Corunna. The game

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**Over the top**

Ovid-Elsie forward Dan Fabus (32) watches as his shot sails over the attempted block of Corunna center Jeff Rowley during Monday's district game at Corunna. Corunna, however, sailed past the Marauders 52-43. (Photo by Mark Haney)

## ★ St. Johns

a 26-point, five-steal game. Doug Sleep grabbed 11 rebounds though St. Johns was outboarded 39-32. Junior guard Bruce Fedewa made six assists.

Mount Pleasant got 21 points and 12 rebounds from forward Scott Tuma and guard Todd Lee added 12.

The loss left St. Johns with a 7-11 final regular season record.

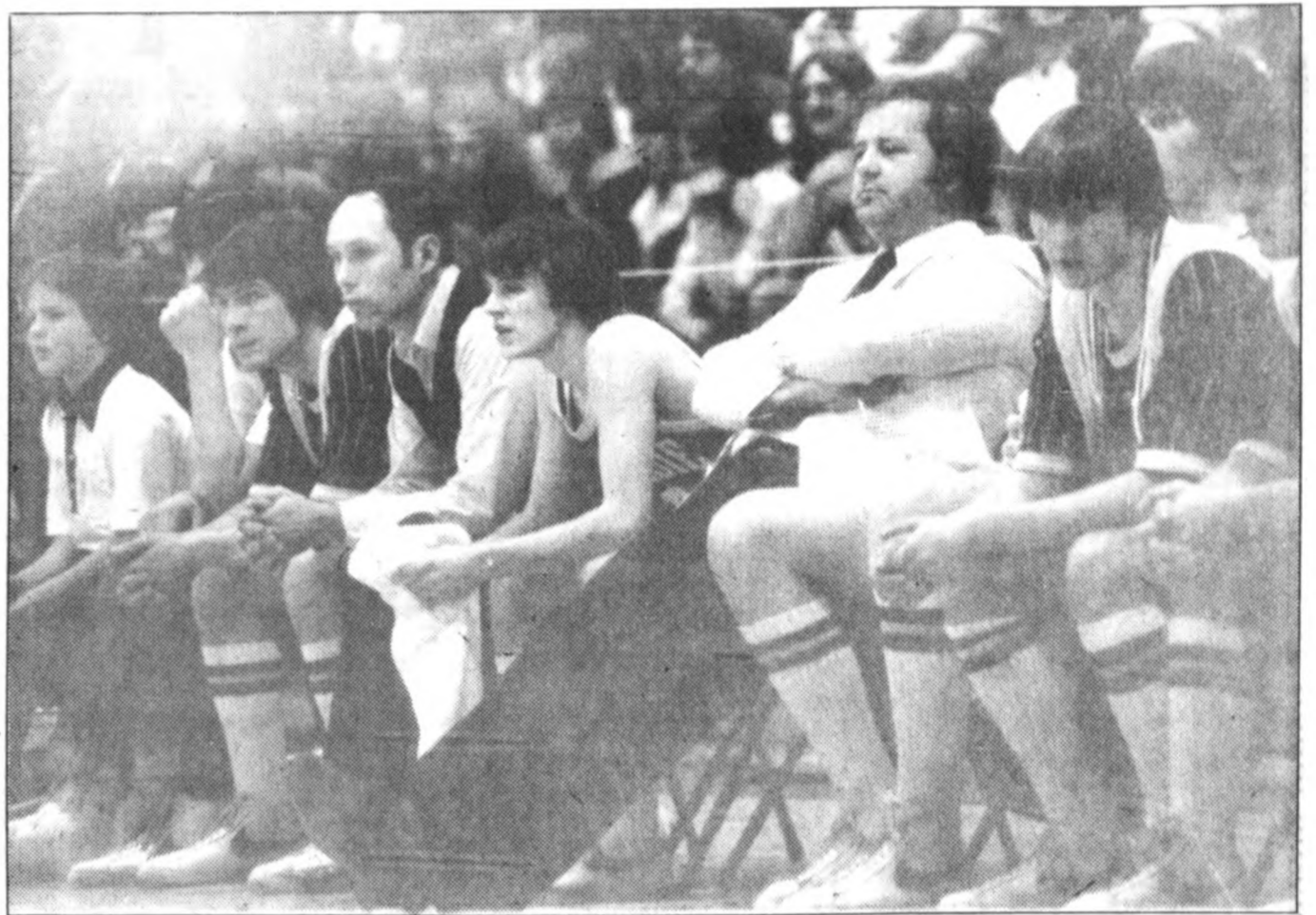
The St. Johns junior varsity lost to Mount Pleasant 85-64.

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ST. JOHNS: Jeff Casler 12, 2, 9, 26; Garth Banninga 5, 0, 0, 10; Bob Sutherland 2, 4, 6, 8; Doug Sleep 2, 3, 6, 7; Bruce Fedewa 3, 1, 3, 7; Dave Sehke 1, 0, 0, 2; Brent Simon 1, 3, 4, 5; Jeff DeBraeander 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS-27, 13/29, 67.

MOUNT PLEASANT: Scott Tuma 9, 3, 3, 21; Mark Anderson 5, 2, 5, 12; Todd Lee 6, 0, 0, 12; Tim Pohl 4, 3, 4, 11; Dave Deromed 4, 0, 0, 8; Tim Claus 1, 0, 0, 2; Dave McGregor 1, 0, 0, 2; Mark Pfeiffer 2, 0, 0, 4; Jeff Kindel 3, 0, 1, 6; TOTALS-35, 8/13, 78.



**Glum**

An upset Ovid-Elsie Coach Bob Foreback watched his team lose its district basketball game Monday with Corunna 52-43. (Photo by Mark Haney)

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# Districts folly for volley teams

By Mark Haney  
Sports Writer

The post-season competition didn't last long for most of the Clinton County volleyball teams this past week as the districts took their toll.

Only one team, Bath, made it to the finals, while only Fulton and Pewamo-Westphalia won their first matches.

**CLASS A**

St. Johns fell early at the Class A district at Lansing Sexton.

The Redwings of Beth Swears were toppled by Grand Ledge 15-6, 15-12 despite the nine points and three aces served up by Janis Karber.

"The team could not get on track as they had difficulty with their offense," Swears said. "Serving was the weak link in the first game defeat."

Earlier in the week, St. Johns had secured a tie for second with Chesaning in the Mid-Michigan B Conference by taking Ionia Feb. 25, 15-7, 15-17, 15-8 then topping Ovid-Elsie 15-11, 15-10 Wednesday.

Lori Kus led the attack against Ionia with two aces and 15 service points while Denise Henning served up eight points plus two aces.

Denise Thelen led the way against Ovid-Elsie with 10 service points, including an ace while Karber contributed

seven points. Karber also had 16 spikes with Kus getting 11.

The dual wins left St. Johns at 14-5 overall and 7-3 in the league, a match behind champion Corunna.

The junior varsity finished at 12-3 overall and 8-2 in the league with a 5-15, 15-10, 15-9 win over Ionia and a 15-9, 12-15, 15-9 win over Ovid-Elsie. Jackie Bachelor led the way with 12 service points against Ionia and 14 against Ovid-Elsie.

The Redwing freshmen closed out the season with a trio of wins, taking Ionia 15-6, 6-15, 15-6 behind Donna Spicer's 12 points, then getting a 13-15, 15-10, 16-14 B team win over East

Lansing and a 15-12, 12-15, 15-7 win by the A team over East Lansing. The freshmen finished at 11-3 overall.

**CLASS B**

The regional, its own, ended in a hurry for Ovid-Elsie.

The Marauders of Stan Pasch lost to eventual champion Okemos 15-3, 16-14 in the opening round.

"In the first game, our play was fairly ragged," Pasch said. "I think our nervousness showed up. In the second game, we played right with them."

Okemos then beat Corunna 15-6, 10-15, 15-7 before downing favorite Durand 15-5, 13-15, 16-14 in the finals.

Durand had reached the finals by taking Holt 15-10, 7-15, 15-13 and then topping Mason 15-1, 15-9.

"That was kind of surprising," Pasch said. "If I was to pick a favorite I would have picked Durand. They had some good athletes and they moved around on the floor really well."

In their opening round match, Ovid-Elsie got 24 spikes from all-state candidate Jennifer Litomisky while Lori Len and Terry Fisher each served up six points.

**CLASS C-Fulton**

The semi-final was as far as Fulton got at its own Class C volleyball district Saturday.

The Pirates, after beating St. Charles 15-9, 16-14, fell to eventual champion Merrill 15-6, 15-9. Merrill then went on to take Carson City-Crestal 15-11, 15-0 in the finals.

The Davis girls—Doreen and Denise—served up 13 of Fulton's points against St. Charles while Sheila Penner contributed five more.

Marti McVannel had five service points against Merrill while Sandy Price served up three.

Merrill took Freeland 15-7, 15-7 in the district's first round while Carson City topped St. Louis 15-11, 15-13. Carson City then beat Ithaca, 15-7, 16-14. Ithaca had defeated Breckenridge 8-15, 15-9, 15-6 in the first round.

**CLASS C-Fowlerville**

Byron proved to be lethal to three county schools at last week's Class C district volleyball tournament at Fowlerville.

First, in Thursday's pre-district match, Byron defeated DeWitt 8-15, 15-2, 15-4.

Then, after Pewamo-Westphalia had opened the district with a 15-5, 15-12 win over Perry's first-year team, Byron topped the Central Michigan Athletic Conference champions 15-11, 15-17, 15-8.

Then Byron took on Bath in the finals and topped the Bees 6-15, 15-4, 15-13.

The loss to Byron, which ended Pewamo-Westphalia's season at 13-6, came despite 94 percent efficient serving.

The Pirates had come back from a 13-4 second-game deficit to get their lone win against the eventual champion. In the Byron match, Pewamo-Westphalia was led by Jane Heckman with nine points, Dorothy Thelen with eight plus 10 spikes, Judy Spitzley with five and 17 spikes.

Thelen served up eight points in the Perry match while Spitzley had 11 spikes. Donna Heckman contributed six service points plus eight spikes.

The Pirates closed their regular season Thursday with a 15-5, 15-7 win over Lakewood-Lake Odessa behind 10-point serving by Spitzley and eight service points by Heckman. Spitzley, Thelen and Sue Klein each had four spikes.

The Pirate junior varsity also grabbed a 15-6, 15-10 win with Lynn Klein and Shawn Thelen each serving up seven points. Klein and Amy Thelen each had three spikes as the reserves finished with a 9-2 overall record.



The Pewamo-Westphalia High volleyball team proudly displays the trophy it won as the Central Michigan Athletic Conference's champion. The team includes (left to right) in the first row: Lynn Klein, Therese Simon, Ann Schmitt, Shelly Schneider, Michelle Rademacher and Jane Heckman. In the second row stands: Julie Hanses, Sue Klein, Judy Spitzley, Patty Spencer, Dorothy Thelen, Jane Cotter, Donna Heckman and Coach Carol Bogard. (Photo by Mark Haney)

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WRBJ 0-7	RESULTS: (Feb. 19) Mixed Nuts 2, Rehmann 1; Murton's Rawleigh 3, Mister D's 0; Keellean's 2, Parrs 1; Advanced Fire 3, Pilgrims 0; (Feb. 26) Mister D's 3, Keellean's 0; Rehmann's 3, Hair World 0; Advanced Fire 3, Parrs 0; Mixed Nuts 3/Cligrims 0.		
RESULTS: (Feb. 13) Laingsburg 70 (Jim Walter 24), Car-Dale Farms 61 (Tod Balleger 29); Allaby & Brewbaker 56 (Mark Fair 12), H&H Lounge 42 (Mark Fair 14); Andy's IGA 59 (John Marton 17); Briggs 50 (Dale Koemigknecht 15); Sillmans (Russ Nobach 15); Knights 75 (Carl Nobis, Pat Stipkovsky 18), WRBJ 45 (Frank Falvor 12);			
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Sillmans 24-0	Advanced Fire 18-3	National Sports Imprint 53-19	
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Bees 5-16		Martin Aggregates 26-43-0	
RESULTS: (Feb. 21) Central Michigan Lumber 3, Jaycees A 0; Jaycees B 2, Knights of Columbus 1; Sillmans 3, Clinton Automotive 0; Wilcox Engineering 3, Farm Credit 0; Mac's Misfits 2, Bees 1; (Feb. 28) Mac's Misfits 2, Farm Credit 1; Clinton Automotive 2, Central Michigan Lumber 1; Wilcox Engineering 3, Knights of Columbus 0; Briggs Co. ERA 2, Jaycees B 1.		WIN Oaks Golf Course 22-47-0	

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# 'Wing girls get ninth gym win



**Upside down**

St. Johns High's Calvin Rice (inset) will really be head-over-heels about his vaulting for the Redwing gymnastics team if he succeeds at getting All-American status from the National Gymnastics Coaches Association. Rice needs to finish with an 8.8 average for his five-best scores. (Photos by Mark Haney)

**Perry**

The St. Johns High girl's gymnastics team put win number nine under its belt Tuesday as they topped Perry 84.0-68.1 at Perry.

The Redwings of Coach Sue Cerny won all the events, conceding Perry no finish higher than two third places.

## Finals disappoint grapplers

**Watervliet**

As well as things went for other schools, it went terrible for the Fulton High wrestling team at Saturday's Class C finals at Watervliet.

Fulton did get a fourth-place finish from 145-pound junior Rick Robbe, but 132-pound Tim Price and 105-pound Jeff Price, a senior and freshman, respectively, were eliminated.

"It was kind of disappointing," Fulton Coach Jayke Pell said.

New Lothrop grabbed the title with 85½ points while another Clinton County school, DeWitt, finished third with 56 points and crowned a state champion.

The Panthers, on the efforts of 98-pound Doug Peiffer, 138-pound Stu Lewis and 155-pound John Hummel, scored 56 points, a point behind runner-up Comstock and well behind champion New Lothrop, with 85½ points.

Haslett took fourth with 53½ points, Hart was fifth with 51½, and Williamston took sixth with 51 points. Watervliet and Montabella tied for seventh with 46 points.

The Panthers crowned one champion, Hummel. He opened the meet with a 9-2 decision over Reed City's Jim Snider then took Tawas City's Joe Piatel 6-2. Montabella's Chris Miller lost to Hummel 4-2 before the Panther gained a 9-8 decision over Watervliet's Henry Bomke.

Lewis managed a second when he fell by a 4-3 decision to Montabella's Terry Schumacher in the finals. He opened his title run with a 6-0 decision over Sandusky's Corey Driscoll, then slipped past Quincy's Tim Brewer by a 3-0 decision in overtime. Former DeWitt High wrestler, Troy Foland, now at Farwell, then fell to Lewis 7-1.

Peiffer, however, lost on a default to New Lothrop's Derrick Knieper after he had taken a 7-0 opening-round win over Watervliet's Mike Anderson and had edged Hesperia's Joey Wyant 9-4.

The default occurred when Peiffer was ahead 5-0 but used an illegal hold on Knieper. "He was aware of what could happen and took it all very well," Smith said.

Peiffer then pinned Doug Hascall of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern in the consolation semi-finals.

"Tim wrestled some tough competition and lost to some good wrestlers," Pell said, "and didn't place."

"On the other hand," Jeff did well to get beat by kids better than he. He got some points but her didn't place," Pell said.

Robbe, meanwhile, fell to the top three finishers to gain fourth place.

"It was all justifiable, equitable and he had to battle for fourth," Pell said.

Darlene Cerny added her 28th, 29th and 30th wins of the season by taking the top spot in the vault, with a 7.9 score; in the floor exercise, and on the balance beam with a 7.4 score. She then finished second to teammate Cindy Steavens on the uneven parallel bars. It was Cerny's 10th second-place finish this season.

St. Johns got seconds in the vaulting, on the balance beam and the floor exercise from Dawn Bakita. Bakita also took third on the uneven parallel bars.

That same trio of Cerny, Steavens and Bakita will represent the Redwings at the gymnastics regional Saturday at Freeland.

St. Johns also got a third-place in the floor exercise from Tammy Gladstone while Sharon Law scored points on the balance beam and in the vault.



**Top three**

Three St. Johns High girl gymnasts will be heading for the regionals this weekend in Freeland. They include (left to right) Cindy Steavens, Darlene Cerny and Dawn Bakita. (Photo by Mark Haney)

**ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES - FEBRUARY 11, 1980**

The Reg. Meeting of the St. Johns City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:30 p.m.

COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Starck

COMM. ABSENT: Hannah (excused), Brockmyre (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk; Paul A. Maples, City Atty.; Diane M. Edwards, City Assessor.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Mins. of the Jan. 28, 1980 Reg. Meeting and the Jan. 28, 1980 Closed Session of the St. Johns City Comm. be approved as presented.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the Warrants be approved in the amt. of \$1,226,597.36.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart asked for additions or deletions to the Agenda. There was one addition. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the Agenda be approved as amended.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. approve pmt. to Barton Malow in the amt. of \$228,695.79 and to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. in the amt. of \$12,916.84, subject to the receipt of EPA funds by the City.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Mich. Dept. of Trans. to install a bus shelter at the expense of the State and to maintain it along the lines outlined by the City Manager and Darnell E. Oldham's letter of Feb. 1, 1980.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner to open the Public Hearing on the F.C. Mason Industrial Facilities Exemption.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Art Wood, of F.C. Mason was present in support of their request. There was a general discussion.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck to close the Public Hearing on the F.C. Mason Exemption.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented approving the exemption.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. accept the Annual Building Permit Report.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. accept the recommendation of Water Supt., Carl Fonger and City Clerk, Richard Coletta, and that they authorize the purchase of a new backhoe from AIS-John Deere, in the amt. of \$12,035.00 and that the present backhoe be traded in.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Public Hearing on the Maco Tool Industrial Facilities Exemption be opened.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Art Wood, of F.C. Mason was present in support of their request. There was a general discussion.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Public Hearing on the Maco Tool Industrial Facilities Exemption be closed.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented approving the exemption.

Motion by Mayor Arehart supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. direct the City Assessor to do an Annual Report on the Industrial and Commercial Facilities Exemptions, showing the number of exemptions granted, the amount of money involved and the number of jobs actually created.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. accept the Police Depts. Annual Report for 1979 and commend Chief French and the men of the St. Johns Police Dept. for a job well done.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. accept the Annual Fire Report for 1979 and that the City Comm. commend Fire Chief, Clare Maier, and the Firemen for a job well done.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The St. Johns Comp. Committee recommended a salary of \$1,500 per year for the Mayor and \$,300 per for the Comm. It was noted that the Comm. has thirty days to reject the recommendation or it would automatically go into effect.

There was a discussion regarding the drain going to the Wheel Inn Mall.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize the City Atty. to draft the necessary documents to begin the abandonment procedure of this portion of Prince Drain.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning the sanitary sewer to the Wheel Inn Mall.

There was a discussion concerning the Wastewater Recycling Project.

There also was a discussion concerning the #9 Well and a new well site.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to proceed with the investigation and review of what is necessary to rejuvenate Well #7.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of the Wheel Inn Well and the Searles Trailer Park Well.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. ratify the proposed contract between the City of St. Johns and the D.P.W. Union and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor authorized the City Clerk to do a comparison study of the City and Rural Fire Runs and to put Annual Fire Contracts back on the next Agenda.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the meeting be adjourned.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 18, 1980**

The Special Meeting of the St. Johns City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:00 p.m.

COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Brockmyre

COMM. ABSENT: Hannah (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk; Paul A. Maples, City Atty.; Diane M. Edwards, City Assessor.

The City Manager gave an update on the search for a new water well location.

The City Comm. heard a proposal from Mr. Henry, of Keck Consultants, for doing water well consultant work.

Mayor Arehart adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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**REDMAN TOOL** Auction, Friday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. St. Johns, VFW Hall. 1 mi. north of St. Johns on U.S. 27. Floor jacks, drill presses, metal band saws, chargers, porta-powers, airtools, compressors, socket sets, wrench sets, vises, tool chests. Over 150 different items. Door Prize at 6:30 p.m. Redman Tool Auctions. Auctioneer: Bob Redman. Ph. 517-688-3386. 8-3-p-29

**BIDS ARE** being accepted for the remodeling of the community Living Center to bring the building up to fire codes, contact George Eberhard at the Clinton Co. Dept. of Social Services, 224-6751. Deadline for bids are March 12. 10-1-p-29

**WANTED: SILVER** coins, sterling-gold. No quantity too large. Paying above dealer prices. Cash term in the privacy of your home or bank. Call anytime 517-627-5332. 10-1-p-29

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**WANTED: STANDING** TIMBER Szepanski Saw Mill, St. Charles. 7550 Graham Rd. St. Charles. 517-865-9902. 1-tf-29

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# The Back Page

## Interest climbs as price of gold soars

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### St. Johns

Ever since gold prices went skyrocketing, interest in the value of a class ring or an unused ring mounting has also skyrocketed.

How much is the ring worth? What can I get for the ring?

Local jeweler, Alan Harr of Harr's Jewelry in downtown St. Johns, said figuring the value of a piece of gold jewelry is not very difficult. By knowing how much the piece of jewelry weighs, the consumer can figure out for himself the gold value.

To understand gold value, the consumer should know that gold is measured in pennyweight. Twenty PWT or pennyweight equals one ounce.

He gave the example of gold going for \$632 an ounce on the present day gold market. By dividing by 20, the consumer could figure out that one pennyweight of pure gold would bring in \$31.60.

Now, not all gold is pure gold. There are degrees of gold, measured in carats.

A 10-carat gold ring would have .4166 percent of gold in it. A 14-carat ring would have .5833 percent of gold. An 18-carat ring would have the highest percentage of pure gold, or .75 percent gold in it.

A 10-carat gold ring, for example, would be 41 percent gold. By multiplying \$31.60 times 41, the consumer would figure the actual gold per pennyweight would be \$12.95. If the ring weighed 5 pennyweight, the actual value of the gold in the ring would be \$64.75.

Consumers shouldn't expect to get \$64.75 from the gold dealer, however. The dealer has business expenses to meet as well as the desire to make a profit. The dealer also has to pay smelting costs, or the costs to have the ring melted down.

Harr said interest in selling gold jewelry began in January. He said people came in to the jewelry store and wanted to know a fair price for the item.

Harr doesn't buy gold or silver for smelting. But, he is willing to weigh a piece of jewelry for a customer. That's part of his business.

He also will weigh silver items. He said people have

brought in old rings, sterling silver casseroles, trays and other miscellaneous items.

He tells his customers that if they don't need the money, why sell the item. He expects the price of gold and silver to climb, but he's cautious about speculating on gold and silver prices.

Right now, he explained, smelters are about three months behind in filling orders. This ties up the buyer's money. When the market evens up, Harr said gold prices will probably rise again.

"I hate to give an opinion. What if the market crashed?" he said. For this reason, he is not advising his customers to buy all the gold they can. He doesn't want to steer them wrong.

If you do wish to sell a gold ring, where in St. Johns can you go?

You can see Bill Bennett at Bennett's Jewelry Store in downtown St. Johns. He buys gold items and can make the consumer an offer when they bring in the item.

For the past five years, Bennett said he has been selling gold scrap to a buyer who visits Bennett's Jewelry two or three times a year. The buyer, in turn, sells the gold pieces to a smelter.

Bennett buys 10, 14 and 18-carat gold items on an occasional basis. "Most people are friends or customers," he said.

Class rings and old mountings are the most frequent pieces of gold brought in for sale. "Years ago when gold was selling for \$35 an ounce, jewelers didn't want the mountings," he reminisced. Now that the gold price has soared, more interest has been shown in the sale of gold class rings and such.

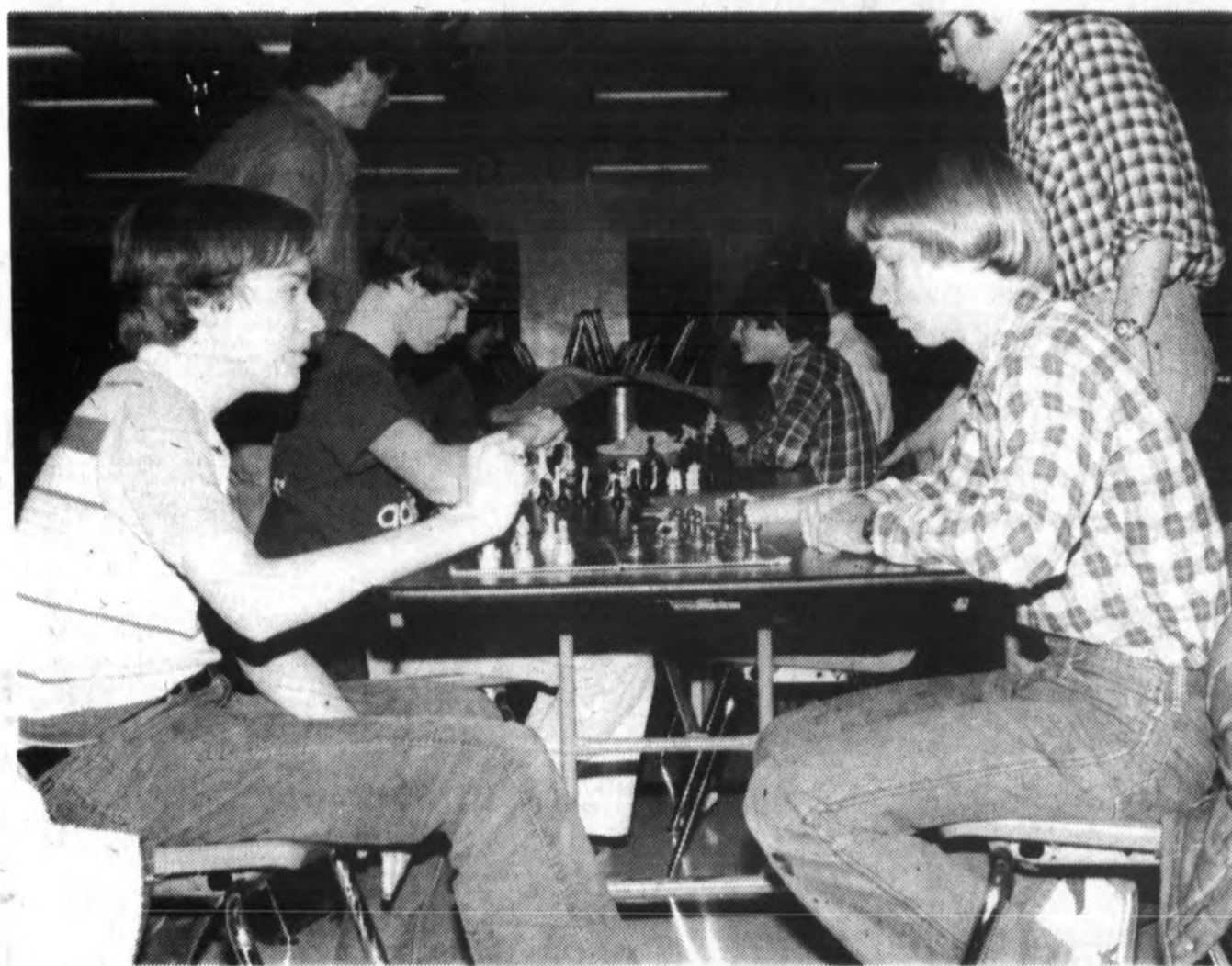
When a customer brings in a class ring, for example, Bennett will weigh the piece of jewelry, figure out what the value of the gold is in that ring based upon current gold prices, and then make the customer an offer.

"It's up to them whether they want to sell it or not," he said. "A lot of people go to Lansing and then come back," said Bennett.

Bennett, too is cautious when giving advice on the future of gold and silver. "I wouldn't want to tell anybody and lead them astray," he said.

Young people who have never purchased a gold piece of jewelry are accepting the higher price tags put on gold items today. He said that older people who remember what they paid for a gold ring 20 years ago are balking at current gold jewelry prices.

He likened this fact with the similar situation of young drivers having to pay \$1.20 for gasoline. Their parents, when they were young, drove their autos on 29-cent gasoline. For the person who never knew 29-cent gas, the \$1.20 current price is just a fact of life.



### Chess champs

The numbers might not have been great and the crowds might not have been there, but Bath High School students held a chess tournament anyway. Paul Bauerle attempts a game of chess against Harry Hill opponent

during the Wednesday night match. Six schools were scheduled to participate, but because of transportation problems, Harry Hill was the only school to arrive. (Photo by Sue Kiley)



Sandy Thelen

### Sandy Thelen on queen's court

Sault Ste. Marie

Sandy Thelen, daughter of Bruno and Jean Thelen of Box 322, Westphalia, was a member of the Lake Superior State College winter carnival court last month.

Miss Thelen is a junior studying to be a registered nurse. She is planning to earn her bachelor's degree from Lake Superior.

She is president of the Lake Superior Student Nurses Association. It was this organization that nominated her for the winter carnival queen.

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



### Auction benefits church renovation

Around \$2,300 was earned for the St. Johns Episcopal Church last Saturday, when the church sponsored an auction at Smith Hall. There were 85 bidders at the auction which

began at 11 a.m. and concluded at 3 p.m. Thirteen leaded stained glass windows sold for a total of \$550. They were the main attraction of the auction. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

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