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Central School

A Grand Rapids architectural firm has been contracted to study five alternatives proposed by St. Johns school administration regarding the future of the 95-year-old Central Elementary School. R.D.H. Energy Engineering and Design Service Inc. (associated with the Benda architectural firm which built the high school) will present their recommendations on the five alternatives, as well as cost estimates for the alternatives in 4-6 weeks.

The board agreed to pay the Grand Rapids firm up to \$2,500 to complete the study. An estimated 55 people attended a special meeting of the St. Johns Board of Education March 5 when the five alternatives were discussed and the board voted to hire the Grand Rapids firm.

All five alternatives were outlined in last week's Clinton County News on page 1.

Autographed basketballs

Two MSU team autographed basketballs will be raffled off during half-time of the St. Johns Jaycees and WJIM All-Stars on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High and proceeds will be donated to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization. General admission is \$1 or \$5 for a family. Tickets are available at the door of from any of the following: Jaycees, Big Brother or Sister, Ed's Refinery, Julie K. Bennett's, Dean's Hardware and the D and C Store.

Musical

"Bye Bye Birdie" is coming to St. Johns High School next Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22 and the following weekend, March 28, 29 at 8 p.m. in Pocus Auditorium.

The musical was produced here in 1966 at Rodney B. Wilson High School and to bring back some happy memories, all cast and crews from that production are invited to be guests on opening night. They may reserve tickets by calling Don Valentine, 224-2394 by March 20.

General audience tickets can be purchased at the box office before school from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and after school, 3:15 - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50.

DeWitt superintendent

The DeWitt Board of Education started interviewing six candidates for the superintendent job Tuesday, March 11, in the first of three public meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school library. The interviews will continue tonight and Thursday. The six have been narrowed down from nearly 100 applicants.

False endorsement

Last week a representative of Ram Publications approached a St. Johns merchant, selling advertising in a history book. The Ram representative said Ram Publications had been endorsed by the Clinton County Historical Society to sell the advertising.

The publicity chairman of the Clinton County Historical Society, Betty Moore, called the Clinton County News to say Ram Publications does not have authorization or endorsement by the Clinton County Historical Society, the Clinton County Historical Commission, or the Michigan Historical Society to sell advertising in this vicinity.

18 county bridges forced to close



Go another route

This bridge on Bauer Road in Bengal Township is just one of six bridges that received a zero rating in the recent county-wide bridge evaluation. All zero rated bridges and bridges rated to

hold only one ton (less than a car) were closed by the Clinton County Road Commission. All totaled, 18 county bridges have been closed. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Clinton County

Eighteen bridges in Clinton County are being closed, following the release of a federally-funded survey which said six of the bridges were unsafe for any kind of vehicle and another 12 were unfit to support a car.

The survey, mandated a year ago by the federal government, was recently completed by a South Haven engineering firm. All counties in Michigan were required to have their bridges surveyed.

Clinton County has 150 bridges, 43 on federal aid roads. The survey did not cover the federal aid road bridges. This county has one of the highest numbers of bridges in the state.

Clinton County Road Commission superintendent-manager, Bob Ancel, said he was aware the county had some bad bridges, but he wasn't aware the county had any "zero" bridges, or bridges which are unfit for any kind of transportation.

The Road Commission board met in special session last Tuesday and ordered the six zero-rated bridges closed. Thursday, March 6, they ordered the 12 bridges rated 1-ton capacity closed.

The six zero-rated bridges are located in the following townships:

—Bath: on Peacock Road between Britton and Herbison.

—Bengal: on Taft Road between Wacousta and Forest Hill; and on Bauer Road between Dexter Trail and Taft.

—Bingham: on County Farm Road between Taft and Parks.

—Riley: on Dexter Trail between Pratt and Jason.

—Westphalia: on Tallman Road between Pioneer and Pratt.

The 12 zero-rated bridges are located in the following townships:

—Dallas: on Townsend Road between Clintonia and Jones.

—DeWitt: on Krepps Road between Round Lake and Howe.

—Duplain: on Upton Road between Ridge and Maple Rapids; on Mead Road between Lusk and Maple River; and two bridges are located on Harmon Road between Maple River and French Roads.

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Immunization clinics, health services cut

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Immunization clinics in Bath and DeWitt operated by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department will be closed as of April 1, and a number of other reductions in health programs will be instituted in an effort to balance the MMDHD 1980 budget.

Joseph S. Latoff, MMDHD health director, said last Friday his department was forced to make \$62,000 in cuts in the present budget, including the release of three nurses (two which are part-time employed), and two full-time sanitarians. The part-time hearing and vision technician will also face a cut in hours.

Immunization clinics are being discontinued in Bath, DeWitt, Alma, Breckenridge, Bannister, Carson City, Lakeview, Howard City and Greenville. Immunizations will be given at the health district's branch offices in St. Johns, Ithaca and Stanton.

A schedule of the immunization clinics to remain in the three counties will be released at a later date. Women, infants and children clinics (WIC program) will remain at Bath and DeWitt, as well as the other out-lying clinics.

Other cuts in health services offered through the district health department include:

—The school child vision program will delete all color blindness screening for boys and screening of children in the third grade. Pre-schools and children in grades one, five and seven will continue to be screened.

—The school child hearing program will no longer screen children in the sixth grade. Pre-schoolers and children in grades two and four will continue to be screened.

—The blood pressure control program will be eliminated. This program includes all monthly blood pressure screening clinics, office blood pressure monitoring and all home blood pressure monitoring that does not qualify for third party reimbursement.

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Health dept needs more local funding, says director

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Recently announced cuts in services offered through the Mid-Michigan District Health Department can be attributed to the low funding on the county level, said the health department director Friday.

Joseph S. Latoff said the problem with health services funding is due mainly to the local allocations decided by the Clinton County and Montcalm county boards of commissioners.

In the survey undertaken last year by Latoff, Dr. William Thar who is the Mid-Michigan Health Department

physician, and Kent Gray from the Central Michigan Health Department headquartered in Isabella County, the Mid-Michigan Health District was allocated \$1.82 per capita by the three county boards of commissioners.

That \$1.82 allocated locally was the lowest per capita allocation to any health district in Michigan, as pointed out in the survey. This year the counties have allocated \$1.90 per capita.

Last year the three counties budgeted \$254,709 for the MMDHD. This year the three counties have allocated \$267,556.

Clinton County commissioners also allocated an extra \$20,000 to hire an extra sanitarian to work in Clinton County alone.

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Many seats decided in Election '80

Clinton County

Election '80 may prove to be a year of changes or a year of renewed support for Clinton County governmental elected officials.

All seats on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, all township offices and all county elected positions are up for election this year, according to Jane Swanchara, county clerk.

An informal phone survey last week indicated all county elected officers—prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and drain commissioner—will be running for re-election.

However, candidates do not have to file nominating petitions for the Aug. 5 primary election with the county clerk until 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 3.

Running for re-election will be John Neuman, prosecuting attorney; Tony Hufnagel, sheriff; Mrs. Swanchara, clerk; Gerald Shepherd, treasurer; Bonnie Wickerham, register of deeds; and Harry Harden, drain commissioner. These officials will run for four-year terms.

The number of signatures needed on the county officer nominating petitions varies from Democratic party to Republican party. Democratic candidates need no less

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Write-in votes name village president, assessors, trustee

A write-in candidate, Walter Huffman was chosen president at Ovid Monday, March 10 as villages across Clinton County held annual spring elections. Write-ins also filled posts at Fowler and Westphalia where no candidate was listed for assessor and trustee positions. At Elsie, Democrat Blaine Lentz and Republicans Harry Winans and Donald Cook took three trustee spots.

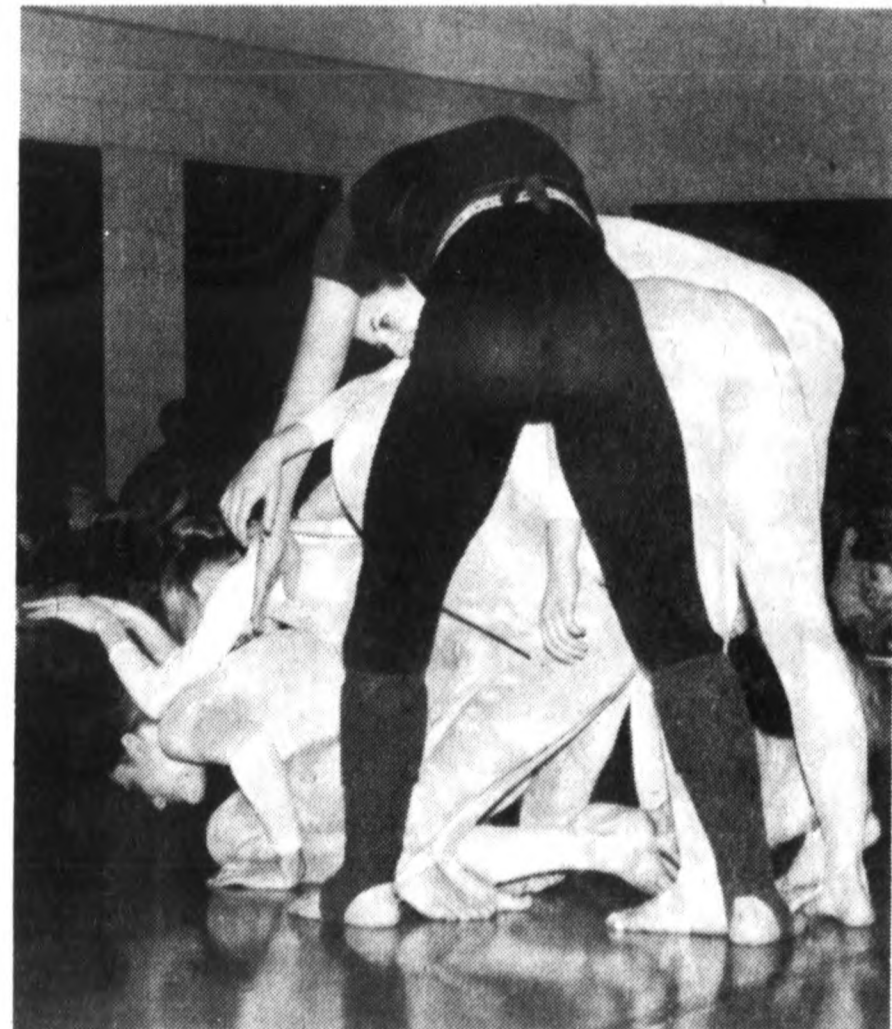
Walter Huffman becomes the village president at Ovid with 191 write-in votes. Norman Martin received 97

write-in votes and Hazel Dietz who won the Republican nomination for the post over Martin, received 18 votes.

Trustee positions went to Lynn Burgess, Michael Everts and Cyril Tremblay for four-year terms. Other village posts at Ovid were unopposed.

At Westphalia, write-in votes named Norman Thelen assessor; other posts were unopposed.

In Fowler, Rebecca Spicer was named assessor by write-in and Roy Smith was elected to a two-year trustee term by write-in. All other posts were filled unopposed.



Is this a snail?

Modern dance students from the Interlochen Arts Academy near Traverse City performed for Fowler elementary students Friday. The students in ninth through 12th grade practice their dancing 4-6 hours a day, five

days a week plus attend high school classes. Fowler students got to test the dancers' ingenuity by suggesting a form or action which the dancers impersonated. Here the dancers act like a snail. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

County jail one of state's oldest

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

St. Johns

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a first of a series of articles dealing with the Clinton County Jail. A proposal for a new jail will be placed before Clinton County voters on May 20. A different story will appear every two weeks.]

Of the 83 jails in the state of Michigan, 78 are newer than Clinton County's facility. The two older jails are found in the Upper Peninsula counties of Keweenaw (built in 1886) and Iron (built in 1936).

Clinton County's jail was erected in 1950. The only remodeling which has been done since this time has been with administrative space and the lock-up area.

Sheriff Anthony Hufnagel pointed out that between 1950 and 1955 nine jails were built. 1956-60, 13 were

constructed; 1961-65, 19 were built; and during the past 10 years, 26 new jails have been put up around the state.

Clinton County is one of 21 jails which are under a needs study. Another 20 jails had major additions or alterations after bargaining with the Department of Corrections. Six jails were closed by the courts in the past 10 years, and closure proceedings were started on five others according to reports presented by Hufnagel.

Of these six jails, Baraga and Oscoda County jails stayed completely closed while Barry County built a new jail. Luce and Mt. Morenci jails are now considered lock-ups. If they need to keep prisoners longer than 48 hours, the inmates must be taken to another facility wherever there is room. Kalkaska County also has a lock-up but they have made arrangements with Grand Traverse County which takes their prisoners.

"It is unknown just when the Department of Corrections is going to give us a closure notice," Hufnagel said. "But if something isn't done, it could be soon."

In 1950, when the jail was first built, the county's population was 31,195 as compared to the 249 prisoners the jail held. In 1979, the county's population was roughly 48,492 compared to the 1,372 prisoners the jail held.

"This has been a tremendous change," Hufnagel said. "Especially when you consider we now have a harder type of individual and the more serious offenders in our jail."

Hufnagel added all the prisoners are aware of their rights. The correction officers in turn try to deal with it by telling the prisoners the truth and explain changes don't come over night.

"If one of the inmates demands exercise, we can't do it," Hufnagel explained.

In 1979 eight complaints about the jail by inmates were made. Of the eight, seven had to do with operations such as only one visiting day for a few minutes and lack of exercise.

From 1973 to 1978 there were only a total of eight complaints for the entire six years.

"Pressure is really being put on us," the sheriff said. "The Department of Corrections comes to the jail everytime they receive a complaint...so far we have been lucky and been able to work the problem out."

Hufnagel noted so far no inmate has filed a suit against the county. He attributes this to being able to sit down and talk with the inmate and settle the differences.



Big winner

Billy Scott, son of Dennis and Janet Scott of St. Johns, was the lucky winner of this King Mini-Car which was awarded to Billy last Wednesday evening at the St. Johns Burger King by the Burger King himself. Burger King

restaurants in Lansing, Jackson and St. Johns have given away four mini-cars like this one during the past four weeks. This was the last week of the contest. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Helping Hands needs support

By Laura Armantrout
Special Writer

St. Johns

The St. Johns Jaycettes have begun a campaign to interest people in the community to take part in the "Helping Hands" program.

Helping Hands is a program introduced in 1967 to provide assistance to children walking to and from school if they are injured, lost, bullied by other children or threatened by a child molester.

Children are instructed to run to a home displaying a Helping Hand poster to receive aid.

"We are interested in

providing a safe place for our children to go if they should be in any trouble or danger," said Carolyn Delavan, local co-chairman of Helping Hands.

Persons who display the poster, which shows a black silhouette of a hand against a white background, are instructed to assist a child needing help by summoning the parents and the proper emergency agency. Local emergency telephone numbers and other instructions to the volunteers are listed on the back of the poster.

The volunteers are advised not to administer first aid, to give food or beverage or to transport the child in their

car.

The goal of the original Helping Hands program in St. Johns, which was based on a national project, was to have one volunteer per block.

"What we're doing now is just updating the program and trying to find more homes," Mrs. Delavan said.

"We have approximately 140 homes now that have Helping Hand posters in their windows," she said. These volunteers joined the program in the fall of 1978 during the Jaycettes' last campaign for volunteers.

The Jaycettes would like to double the number of homes involved, Mrs. Delavan said. This may be difficult because of the high number of working mothers.

She suggested that parents who work part-time and are at home during the hours when children walk to and from school can also be involved in the program.

Some area merchants are also involved in the program, she said.

Persons interested in becoming involved should call Mrs. Delavan in the afternoon at 224-3414. If they are unable to contact her, they should call Carrie Harris, co-chairman of the program, at 224-2527.

Mrs. Delavan urges persons who might need a new poster to replace the old one

in their window, "because the sun has faded it, their dog has chewed it up, or whatever," to call her.

Also, anyone who wishes to stop participating in the program should call and notify one of the co-chairmen.

Mrs. Delavan said that all applicants to the program are screened. "You just can't arbitrarily tell people in the community that a volunteer's home is a safe place to go," she said.

The Jaycettes have used the Clinton County Crime Prevention Unit and Protective Services to help screen applicants.

The Jaycettes emphasize it is essential that parents explain the program to their children and together locate homes in their area displaying the poster.

Mrs. Delavan said the Jaycettes hope to explain the program in the schools to let the youngsters know what it is all about, especially the kindergartners and preschoolers who weren't in school when the program was re-introduced in the fall of 1978. Teachers or Helping Hands representatives will present the program to the students.

She said Ovid, Elsie and DeWitt have expressed interest in implementing the program.

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Appear in Circuit Court

St. Johns

The following persons appeared before Circuit Court Judge Timothy M. Green from Feb. 29 to March 4.

Marvin Henrys pleaded guilty Feb. 29 to assault with a dangerous weapon. Sentencing was set for April 21.

Juan T. Rodriguez pleaded guilty March 3 to criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. Sentencing was set for April 21.

David Lynn Stephenson, 19, of 709 S. Clinton, St. Johns was sentenced to three years probation, 90 days in jail, credit for two days, and restitution ordered after being charged with unlawfully driving away an auto without having an intent to steal the

vehicle. He was also charged for a no account check.

On March 4, Robert B. Thompson ordered a plea of nolo contendere to malicious destruction of property over \$100. Sentencing will take place April 21. Nolo contendere means "I will not contest it."

Carlos Shields pleaded guilty to attempted malicious destruction of property over \$100. Sentencing will be April 21.

Penny Johnson who was charged with unlawfully driving away an auto had a directed verdict granted. A directed verdict is an instruction by the judge to the jury to return a specific verdict, based generally on the judge's conclusion that as a

matter of law, the proof brought forth at the trial supports only one possible verdict.

Clinic set

The St. Johns Public Health Clinic will be held in the Congregational Church basement, 100 Maple St. (across from the courthouse) on Thursday, March 13.

Immunizations will be given from 9-11 a.m.; blood pressure screening from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Health Department, 306 E. Elm St., St. Johns, by appointment only.

Call Mid-Michigan District Health Department at 224-7772 for more information.

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Allen seeking 10th Congressional seat

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Ithaca
State Sen. Richard J. Allen made it official Wednesday morning by announcing he will run for the U.S. 10th Congressional District seat currently held by Donald Albosta (D-St. Charles).

The Ithaca Republican kicked off his announcement with a farm breakfast at the Allen family farmhouse in Ithaca and then continued on to Traverse City, Cadillac and Midland.

Present at the breakfast announcement were Sen. Allen's wife, JoAnn, a teacher in the Alma public school system; and children Lester, 14; Carri, 12; and Jotham, four months old. The Allen children are the sixth generation of Allens to live on the family farm.

In introducing Sen. Allen to the estimated 75 people at the breakfast gathering, St. Louis businessman Alfred

Fortino said the manner in which Sen. Allen was announcing his campaign and the atmosphere on the rural farm "speaks of a tradition, a stability that has disappeared from the American scene."

Fortino said it is nice that "he is one of us," but more importantly he said, "Nobody is going to put Dick Allen in his pocket—he's completely independent. He also supported Sen. Allen as an intelligent candidate who has had many life experiences and a 'breath of background', as well as a sense of humor."

Sen. Allen is a former veterinarian, Alma College professor, director of the Michigan Travel Bureau, two-term state representative and is now in his second term in the Michigan Senate.

In making his announcement, Allen said, "I recognize that this goal will not be an easy one to achieve. I fully expect a spirited and vigor-

ous campaign. Nothing worth accomplishing ever comes easy."

"I have made this decision because, like many in the 10th district, I believe we need more from our Congress than empty promises and emptier solutions."

"It is time for a Congress and a Congressman who recognizes that inflation, energy and national security are the major problems of this country and that the basic causes of these inter-related problems are directly due to actions and inactions of Congress."

"It is time for a Congress and a Congressman more dedicated to the solution of these national problems than to re-election."

"It is time to send a Congressman to Washington who has demonstrated his ability to understand the tough issues, take the tough stand and work toward real solutions. We need a Congress with enough scientific background to intelligently balance economic needs with environmental protection, especially in the area of toxic chemical contamination

where we have alternated between gross neglect and flagrant overreaction."

"We need a strong national defense. It is time we had a Congress and a Congressman who recognizes that the days of foreign policy based solely on military strength are gone. The United States must move toward a stronger foreign policy based upon our real strengths—our economic activity in the world and our dominant food production position."

"I want to work on solutions to the problems of the small business community, the farmer, and the citizens who want less government in their lives. I want an opportunity to deal head on with the energy, education, conservation, toxic materials, and job development problems that are so critical to the people of the 10th district and to Michigan."

"The course is clear. The time for talk is past; the time for action is now," he concluded.



State Sen. Richard Allen announced his candidacy for Congress with close support from his family during an early morning breakfast on the Allen's Ithaca farm Wednesday. With

the senator are (from left) his daughter Carrie, son Lester, son Jotham and his wife, JoAnn. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

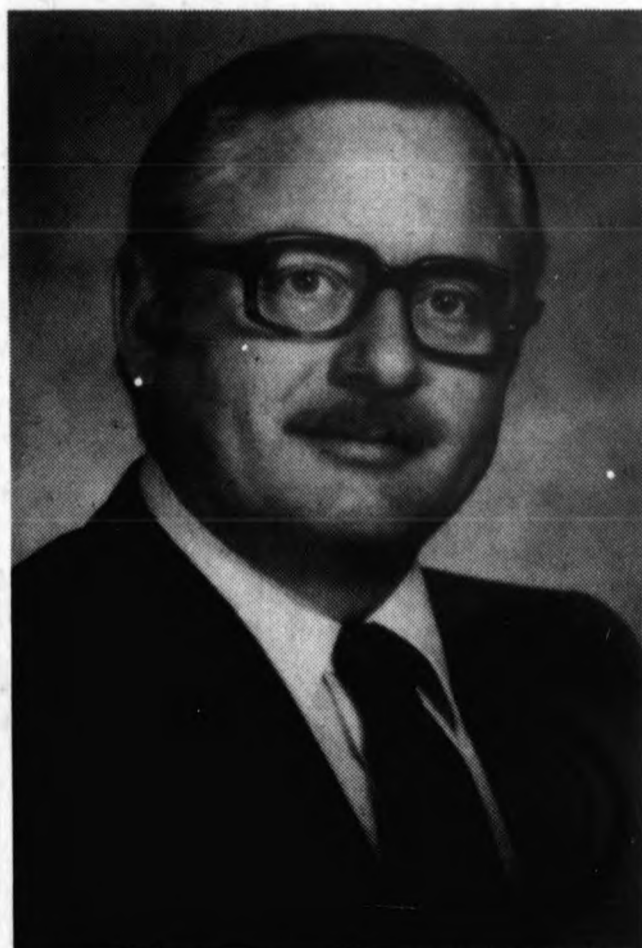
Hufnagel seeks re-election

Sheriff Anthony A. (Tony) Hufnagel announced today he is a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff for Clinton County. He has held the office since 1973.

Hufnagel began his career with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department in 1966, as a dispatch/corrections officer, moving to patrolman in 1968 and into patrol supervision in 1969. In 1971 he was appointed undersheriff, the position he held until his election in 1972 to the office of sheriff upon the retirement of P.J. Patterson.

Hufnagel is 39-years-old and a life long resident of Clinton County. He is a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns and holds an associate degree in Business, Law Enforcement from Lansing Community College. In 1973, he attended the National Sheriff's Institute at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and is also a 1975 graduate of the 101st session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He and his wife, Lana, have four children and reside in St. Johns.

He states that he has a great respect for the office of Sheriff and believes that during his 14 years of service with Clinton County, he has maintained a sensitivity to the needs of the communities he serves. He believes also that the ever increasing complexity of law enforcement, as well as the very sensitive constitutional issues pertaining to local jails and correctional centers, will be of vital concern to Clinton County more so in the next few years than they are today. He feels also that he has the interest and has developed the background to effectively deal with these issues as they arise.



Tony Hufnagel

Foster parents sought

St. Johns

There will be an information and recruitment meeting for foster parents on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton County Juvenile Court building, 1003 S. Oakland, St. Johns.

This is a rescheduled meeting.

As a result of a recent statewide needs survey which indicated a critical shortage of foster families available to meet the current foster care needs of this community, recruitment project staff are actively seeking families who are willing to share their homes and lives with children who are in need of temporary families.

Persons interested in becoming a foster parent may contact Mary Ball Hodges, director of the Michigan Foster Parent Association Recruitment Project, at (616) 344-0721.

Simpson named top Army driver

Pfc. Alfred D. Simpson, Jr., whose wife, Edie, lives in Bath, recently was named Driver of the Month for the 75th Field Artillery Group at Fort Sill, Okla.

Selection is based on safe driving record, knowledge of vehicle maintenance, safety procedures and military appearance.

Simpson, a mechanic, entered the Army in January, 1979. He is a 1979 graduate of Lansing Eastern High School.

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4-H beef tour slated

By Diane K. Otton
4-H Program Assistant

COUNTY 4-H BEEF TOUR

The County Cooperative Extension office is proud to announce the annual 4-H Beef Tour to be held March 15, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

We think that this year's tour will be of interest to

4-H'ers in all livestock project areas as well as beefcattle businessmen. To make transportation easier and to cut down on gas, the community bus has been arranged for your convenience.

This year we have tried to give a total scope of the beef industry. After leaving the Extension office at 8:30 prompt, we will travel to the

south end of the county to see the first part of the beef industry—the purebred segment.

The Enderles raise purebred Charolais cattle. Use of performance testing and production are major criteria for their selection program. Jack has seen great improvements in 205 and yearling weights for both their heifer and bull calves.

From the Enderle farm we will travel to the Larry Phinney farm to hear and see how Kelly and Kendra Phinney take care of their four 4-H steers. They will be talking about their feeding, training and record keeping systems. The Phinney girls work very hard at caring for the Phinney cattle. They also care for the semital breeding stock, too.

Leaving the Phinney

Farm, 4-H'ers and leaders will have an opportunity to observe a feeder to finish business by visiting Beef-O-Mint Farm, owned by Dick Woodhams. At the Woodham farm, Dick will discuss big beef business, including buying, selling and feeding, as well as equipment and labor involved in raising feeder calves for beef.

Our tour will end with the final phase of the beef industry, the packing house. 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to visit Nelligan Packing to hear the owner discuss the ideal carcass, what types of beef "on the hoof" make good beef "on the rail", and ball park areas for weight, back fat, size and muscle.

For more information, contact me at the Cooperative Extension office, 224-3288.



'Cracking Up Over Eggs'

What's the secret of making a fluffy omelet? How do you make crepes? These were just a few of the questions answered at the egg seminar, "Cracking Up Over Eggs" Thursday in the Capitol Savings and Loan community room. The seminar was sponsored by the Clinton County Cooperative Extension office. New assistant home economist, Carol Butler, demonstrates how to make crepes. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Cropsey gathering farm input

State Representative Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt), a member of the House Republican Grain Task Force, said this panel will travel to St. Louis Friday, March 14, to gather input from farmers and agribusiness leaders on the

current state of the grain industry in Michigan.

Cropsey said the public hearings, one of four scheduled by the task force around the state in mid-to late-March, will be held in the community room at the St. Louis City Library begin-

ning at 2 p.m.

"I encourage all interested citizens to attend the hearing," Cropsey said. "The hearings will allow us to take some local input back to Lansing in our attempts to help grain farmers through these tough times."

Cropsey said the six-member task force, appointed at the beginning of February has already been addressed by several state agriculture officials concerning the storage and shipment of the state's grain.

McDonald named manager

Dennis J. McDonald has been named manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of St. Johns by R. Lee Ormston, president of the Association. McDonald began his new position March 1.

He succeeds Robert Darling who is presently on medical disability leave. Darling was manager of the St. Johns Association since August 1971.

McDonald joined the Land Bank System in June 1973 as a loan officer trainee with the Federal Land Bank Associations of Ann Arbor, Concord

Hills and Three Rivers. In October 1973, he was named field assistant at the Federal Land Bank Association of Ann Arbor and was promoted to field representative there in June 1974.

McDonald became assistant manager of that Association in July of 1975 and moved to St. Johns as assistant manager in September 1978. He has been serving as acting manager of that Association since August 1979.

McDonald is a 1973

graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in farm operations and a minor in agricultural business.

The Federal Land Bank Association of St. Johns is one of 55 Associations serving farmers and ranchers in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota. Currently, it has over 2,400 loans outstanding and a loan volume exceeding \$124 million. The St. Johns Association serves Clinton, Gratiot, Shiawassee, Ingham and Eaton counties.

Extension calendar

March 11-12 Alfalfa Short-Course, 10-3, by reservation only.

12 Livestock Waste Management, Middleton Elementary, Middleton.

13 Goat developmental committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Kathy Glew's.

13 Shooting sports committee meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Extension office.

14-15 4-H Foods and Nutrition Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin.

14 4-H Programming with Schools Workshop, MSU.

15 4-H County Beef Tour, 8:30 a.m. leaving Extension office.

16 Older youth council meeting, 3 p.m., Jill Becker's.

16 Spring Horse Galax, Kettunen Center.

17 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 at Paksi's.

17-21 Farmer's Week at MSU.

19 Horse Judging, Extension office at 7:30 p.m.

19 State 4-H Rabbit Show, MSU.

20 4-H Hunter Safety 7 p.m., Smith Hall

20 4-H Foods Workshop, Shiawassee County.

21 Beef Cattle Judging Clinic, MSU.

24 4-H softball developmental committee meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., county Extension Office.

25 County Garden Workshop, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Grain report

The following prices were listed on the St. Johns Co-op grain price board at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11.

Cash bids

Soybeans	\$5.64 bu.
Corn	2.22 bu.
Wheat	3.65 bu.
Oats	1.55
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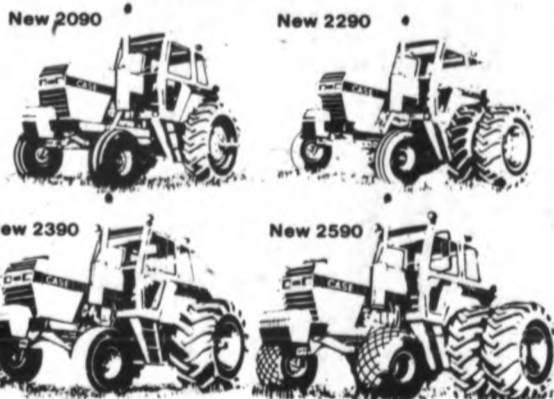
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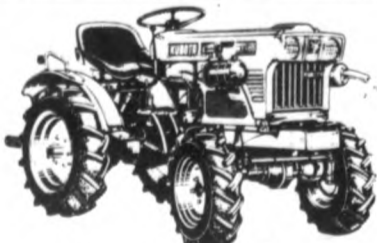


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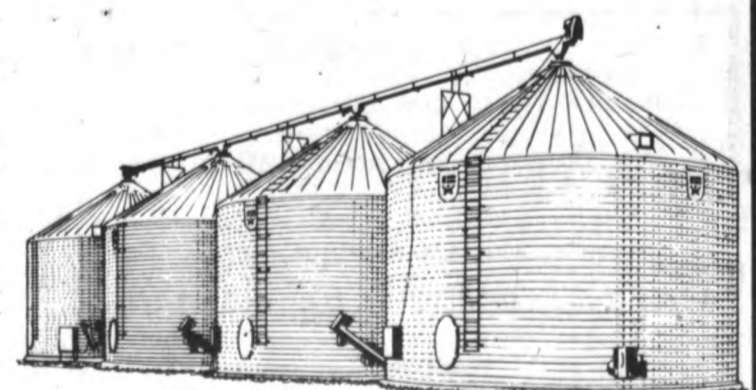
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Commission tables hiring engineers

St. Johns

City commissioners here split their vote when deciding which engineering firm to hire to complete a feasibility study on a proposed project to recycle water from the new St. Johns wastewater treatment plant for use by the city's industries.

On a 2-2 vote Monday night, commissioners were tied between hiring Engineering Design, Inc. of St. Johns or Hubbel, Roth and Clark of Bloomfield Hills, the present engineer on the St. Johns wastewater treatment plant. Engineering Design, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$3,500 and the Bloomfield Hills firm's bid was \$5,300. However, Hibbel, Roth and Clark's bid included some additional services not provided in the St. Johns firm's bid.

The decision to hire an engineer to do the feasibility study was tabled. Commissioner John Hannah, missing from Monday night's meeting is expected to be present at the next commission meeting.

Also at Monday night's meeting:

Hubbel, Roth and Clark told the city higher rates than anticipated have caused the engineering firm to adjust their fees for the wastewater treatment project from \$319,000 to \$397,000. He said the increase is grant eligible, so the city's share of the increase would be 20 percent.

City Clerk Richard Coletta

said the increase in engineering fees is a common practice on such projects. The Park Board is considering several improvements in the city's parks. They are considering the addition of a softball or baseball diamond south of the football field, the improvement of the present softball diamond at the park, building a sledding hill and another ice skating rink at the park, and adding some plants and trees at

the senior park. Commissioners said they will consider these recommendations when the next budget is being proposed. The juvenile court was given permission to operate a day camp at the city park May 3 for boys and girls aged 6-11. The Knights of Columbus were given permission to sell Tootsie Rolls March 28-30 in the city. Sale proceeds will go to help retarded children.

★ Bridges

—Eagle: on Monroe Road between Howe and Cutler.
—Essex: on Hyde Road between Bauer and Wacousta; on Island Road between Bauer and Wacousta; and on Anderson Road between Paxton and Colony.

—Greenbush: on DeWitt Road between Colony and French.
—Ovid: on Harmon Road between Farragher and Kinley.

A list of the 18 bridges closed may be obtained from the Clinton County Road Commission office on US-27 south of St. Johns.

For county residents, Ancel said some people will have to travel another route, causing some extra mileage, but basically, the bridges won't seriously affect the county travelers.

Schools and fire departments have been notified of the changes.

Ancel said the road commission plans to get the South Haven engineer back to see if some minor repairs can be completed on the 1-ton bridges to get them rated as 5-6 ton bridges.

Any repair costs incurred in repairing the bridges in the various townships must be shared 50-50 by the township and the road commission under state law. Ancel said the cost of replacing some of the bridges would run at least \$25,000. However, the cost of putting a new deck on a bridge, for example, would cost \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Finding the money even to repair a bridge will be

difficult for the road commission and for the townships. Money is not readily available, Ancel said.

In the meantime, the road commission is undertaking a complete re-signing of the county 107 bridges on the local and primary roads. Because there are new standards for the size of bridge signs, larger signs will be posted near the bridges, designating the New Haven engineer's ratings.

The last time the county's bridges were inspected and posted was in 1960, Ancel said.

Athletic boosters slate carnival

The Fulton-Middleton Athletic Boosters will sponsor their annual carnival Friday, March 28, from 5-10 p.m. at Fulton High School.

All proceeds from the carnival will be used to purchase uniforms and equipment for the Fulton athletic teams.

The carnival will feature a midway with games and prizes for young and old, an auction of new and used merchandise, a spook house,

a moon walk for youngsters, homemade pie, a dunking machine featuring Fulton coaches as targets, and food refreshments.

There will also be door prizes given away during the evening. Tickets may be purchased for the door prizes at the door. First prize is a 12-inch black and white television; second prize is a clock radio; and third prize will be a pocket calculator.

Admission to the carnival is free.

Senior Citizen Drop-In schedule

Wednesday, March 12—Nutrition lunch at 12:30 p.m. The speaker will be H.A. Peterson who will speak on national defense.

Thursday, March 13—Lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by bingo.

Friday, March 14—Lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by bingo. There will be a dance at the high school cafeteria tonight. Proceeds to the Drop-In Center.

Monday, March 17—Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18—Open from 9-5 for games and cards.

Fire report

DeWitt City fire and rescue answered a total of 24 alarms in February; 19 EMT responses, two chimney fires, two vehicle fires and one mutual aid call.


A truck fire at Krepps and Centerline Roads and a sports car on West Dill Drive in DeWitt were both damaged by fire which resulted in the only dollar losses this month.



Denim Den

Ever since Helen and Ivan Moore of St. Johns got married, they've dreamed of having their own small business. Recently their dream came true, as the Moores opened the Denim Den in downtown St. Johns on Saturday, March 1. The Denim Den carries men's and women's denim style clothing, as well as various casual accessories. The shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Friday it is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mrs. Moore (pictured) manages the store and her husband is a supervisor at St. Lawrence Hospital. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

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Manager Bob Whalen said positions to be filled include clerk, crew leader, and enumerator (census taker). Rates of pay range from \$3.55 to 4.50 per hour. The term of employment will be from four to ten weeks, with the peak hiring period in March and April.

All applicants must pass a written test and must be able to communicate effectively with the public. Enumerators must be physically fit for the job.

Applicants should contact the district office at 300 W. Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48858 or phone 772-5959.

Arrested

Two men were apprehended by St. Johns police officers after they failed to pay for a meal at the Wheel Inn on US-27. The duo was charged with larceny by conversion under \$100, after the incident happened on March 9 at 6:10 p.m. Donald McGowen, Jr., 19 Krepps Road and Mike Blacker, 18, 302 Clark, St. Johns were arraigned Monday and released on \$100 personal recognizance bond. A non-jury trial is set for July 7.

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Editorial Page

\$4,500 is more than you think

By Sharon Randall



When does \$4,500 equal \$141,000 or more? When it's spent without thought on an obvious luxury and turns "yes" voters into "no" voters in a time of rampant inflation and frustrated taxpayers.

The \$4,500 I'm speaking of was spent by the Maintenance Department of St. Johns schools for a glorified ladder, by name a high-ranger, a machine used for "outside building repair and painting and changing hard to reach security lights." I can't help but ask how did we get along without it?

The machine's purchase was announced this past week in the school newsletter in an article entitled "Federal

Surplus Equipment Saves Taxpayers \$\$\$." The announcement ends proudly proclaiming that this is just "another way the Maintenance Department is trying to conserve taxpayers dollars."

Two weeks ago, St. Johns School Board president Ron Huard called the financial picture of the school district "dismal" and the finance committee said next year's budget is expected to be \$7.7 million, a 10 percent increase over this year's figures. At best, the board expects to need a 3/4 mill increase, to raise \$141,000, more if the Intermediate School District's special education millage fails.

Board members and administrators alike have worried publicly that millage increases will not pass. The fate of 337 students hangs in limbo as the board ponders the fate of 95-year-old Central Elementary School that officials say is in violation of fire and electrical codes on 36 counts. To renovate the school will cost from \$520,000 to \$847,000 depending upon the addition of a multi-purpose addition to give the children gymnasium space. A new structure of the same size is estimated to cost \$1,857,000.

"There's no money," they cry. Board member Leonard Puetz said a "board of education can't pass a bond issue, a community which believes in a project can."

How can we believe when over and over we see money spent where it isn't really necessary?

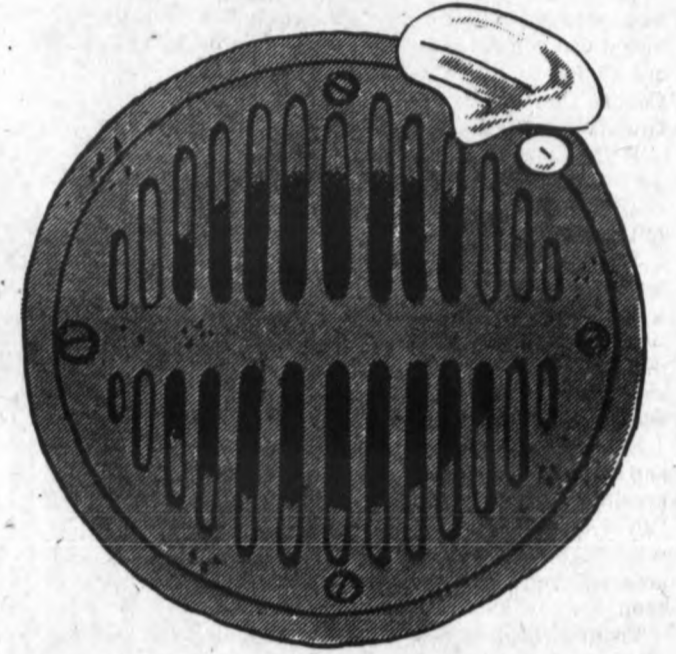
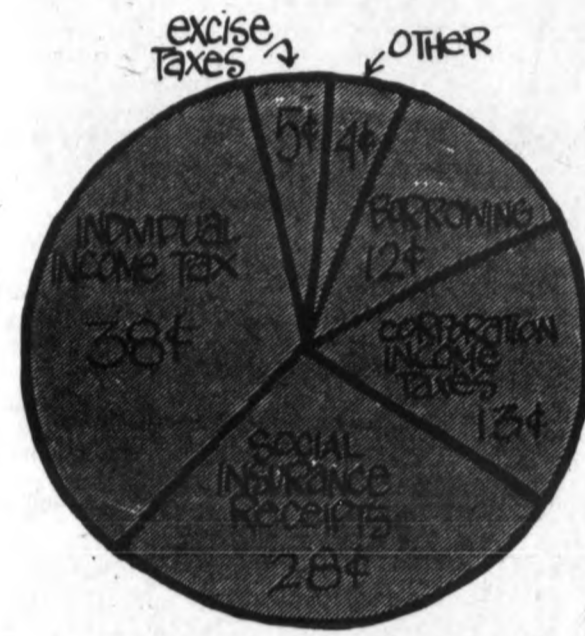
We'll never pass a bond issue and we'll continue to have trouble passing millage in St. Johns. People are going to say "no" to renovation, "no" to new buildings, "no" to new programs. It's not because people don't care about children or education. It's because we've gotten too big at the top and have too many bosses forgetting the real business of schools.

Can we ask again for a priority list for spending? Can we make a list of needs? Certainly somewhere the needs of children and teachers cry out louder than the need for a \$4,500 ladder.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Citizen says keep Central

Letter to the Editor, School Board and Citizens of St. Johns School District:

Subject: Central School

I came to St. Johns in 1946. At that time, Central was being talked about. It wasn't long after that the school was supposed to have been condemned and people wanted to tear it down and build a new school.

In those days, we had a lot of war babies becoming of school age and we used it these 34 years and the old school still stands in pretty good shape. It stands on some darn good lots and is well located for convenience for children to get to by walking.

You people should take into fact that the school population is dropping off, or so you tell me when you say you need more taxes because the government does not pick up as much money because of a drop in school children.

We also are facing a time of gasoline shortage to run all the buses we run at present time. If it ever came to a complete gas shortage, the kids could walk to a centrally located school.

You say you have a man who will buy the school and fix it up and rent it to you or will make apartments out of it. If this school is in good enough condition for

this kind of fixing, then why do you people want to sell or tear it down—something that you already own the land and have water and sewage in?

I say get the state electrical inspector in and have him tell you what needs fixing. Then fix it. You people must remember you are the government and every time the government puts up money for something, you are the one whose pocket it comes from.

I can not see where you need to add on to the building because you on the board say that the child drop is greater every year.

There are a lot of you people the same age as I am and we are not getting younger. Our earning power is about to peak out so what is going to happen to the property you own if you keep letting some small group keep telling you that you have to do this or that. Employment is going down all the time, but our school board and some land promoters keep wanting to spend more.

As for making changes that alter the historical looks of the building, that should not matter as long as it cuts down on the cost of fuel, lights and is the best for the safety and welfare of the children.

As for the historical aspects of this problem, there should be none because there are sure a lot of us old historical people walking around town yet and no

one seems to want to preserve us because we happen to be a little worse off for use.

They think the school is still worth fixing. It has stood up under the use of kids for all these years and some of you old-time students remember when one of you caught a skunk and brought the scent bag to school and several of you old boys put it in the ventilation systems. All you did was close down the school for about three days and it opened right back up and kept on taking you knocks.

I think some of you should think back and then let your ideas be known.

The school board and superintendent of schools say they think there is enough room at the Swegles Street School. Why don't they know before they start jumping at conclusions?

You talk about the condition of Central. You should take a good look at Swegles. The walls have cracks in them and the wiring was supposed to have been put in condition which most of it is Romex. The specifications call out very clearly for conduit pipe. So maybe before you go too far, you should check these out.

John Williams
109 S. Baker
St. Johns



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Primary system falls short

By Richard L. Milliman

DOES ANYONE else feel the least bit uneasy about entrusting the choice of candidates for President of the United States to our present primary-plus-caucus system?

It's still four or five months until nominating conventions will meet, and about eight months until election time itself.

Candidates have been running for president for years, it seems. And what have we really learned of the essential qualifications of the various candidates to serve as President? Precious little, I would argue.

THEN THERE'S the cascade of dollars already eaten up by the process.

John Connally, of all people, says he's almost broke; he spent something like \$10 or \$12 million and dropped out of the race. Ronald Reagan has to cut back his efforts because of lack of money; he's spent in the same neighborhood. Howard Baker retires from the race; he's half-a-million or more in debt.

I'd hate to add up the total spent by all candidates so far; it must be in the hundreds of millions. Keep in mind, too, that much of this is taxpayers' money, shoveled out under the federal campaign financing law. All the presidential candidates who could qualify—with the lone exception of Mr. Connally—took advantage of the campaign financing act. What a pity.

Has the availability of federal dollars to finance presidential campaigns cleaned up politics? Has it made it possible for the voters to make wiser, more reasoned decisions? Not perceptibly, in either case.

THE PRIMARY-PLUS-CAUCUS system now in use needs overhaul. It's inconceivable that a relative handful of voters in Iowa, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, South Carolina and Florida can decide who will be the candidates of the two major parties for president, major parties for president, or more precisely, who will not be the candidates.

But that's the way it seems to be working out.

What about the opinions of voters in the other 44 states? Don't they count? Apparently not, under the present system.

Besides shutting out the majority of citizens from the selection process, and draining dollars from the public treasury and other places into campaign efforts, the primary-plus-caucus system has an even more significant drawback, in my view.

THE WAY WE PLAY this nominating game now helps to destroy the credibility and eventual effectiveness of whoever finally becomes president.

As others have observed, we demand that those who aspire to lead our nation reduce themselves and their attractions to the lowest possible denominator, requiring them to shake as many hands as possible, eat as many pizzas and tacos as possible, always jog on schedule, kiss babies and old folks, attend fairs and club meetings, smile, offend as few voters as possible by taking popular stands or dodging issues altogether.

We run them ragged over the primary course—and then shake our heads in wonder that our public officials do not command the respect and the confidence of the average voter.

Given the obstacle course we require them to negotiate, it's a wonder anybody can finally win the general election. Most voters by that time would prefer to mark their X in a box entitled: "None of the above."

THE MEDIA SHARE the blame for the foul-up of the nominating system and the despoiling of candidates before their time; in some cases, I'd agree that the media tend to make the event, rather than simply report it. Candidates, learning the needs of the media, bend their activities to fit, thus further skewering the selection process.

However, the media in most cases reflect the public, and seek to fill the informational demands of the public. If the public were not interested, the media would not report.

What's the answer? I don't have one. Certainly it's not a return to the smoke-filled room—although it might be preferable to state-by-state beauty contests, which are settled on quirks and surface impressions.

Is anyone else uneasy about what we're doing to our elective process? There must be a better way, somehow.

Senior Citizen Update

Are you seniors taking advantage of all that is offered to you?

I visited the Clinton County Senior Citizen office and found out the most important program at the present time is ECAP (Energy Crises Assistance Program.)

This is a federally funded program, administered by the state and operated locally by community action agencies, such as Clinton County Senior Citizen office at 100 S. Ottawa St., St. Johns.

This is an assistance program for utility/fuel bills, with direct payments made to vendors of fuel and utilities (except telephone and water.) Both homeowners and renters may be eligible for the ECAP program.

Contact the Senior Citizen office to see if you qualify. Telephone 224-7998 or 224-7837.

The Weatherization program is another assistance offered to you. This includes weatherizing your home by caulking windows, insulation, etc.

Emergency Needs program provides emergency assistance for payment of utility bills.

Home Heating Tax Credit. A tax credit which helps eligible residents pay for heating costs. This is returned in the form of a check directly to the resident.

Homestead Property Tax and Rent Rebate. You can apply for this until Dec. 31, 1981.

Outreach Green Thumb program, sponsored by the National Farmers Union, is available to help find things available to you. In St. Johns it's Ila Briggs; in DeWitt it's Zella Custard and in Bath it's Kirsey Douglas. Call them if you have any questions.

The Senior Citizen office has a van available for your many needs—Medical trips to the doctor's office, hospitals, and prescriptions; groceries and social services; educational and recreational activities.

The van schedule is:
Monday--North Western Townships--Maple Rapids and Fowler.

Tuesday--North Eastern Townships--Greenbush, Elsie and Ovid.

By Ruth Delo



Wednesday--South Western Townships--Westphalia, Eagle, Riley and Wacousta.

Thursday--South Eastern Townships--DeWitt, Gunnisonville and Bath.

Friday--St. Johns.

This schedule is in operation again as there is a new van driver added to the list. She is Elaine Baird from Ovid.

There is also a new clerk dispatcher, Bertha Yankin from Lake Victoria, Laingsburg. This should make the program much more efficient.

Another service offered is Legal Aid. If you have legal problems, such as a will to be drawn up, or any other problems a senior might have, just make an appointment. Call 224-6998 or 224-7837.

April 15 is the area-wide meeting for you seniors. This time it's at the DeWitt Memorial Building. This is also the public service meeting which all of you should attend. This meeting is held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Following are a noon potluck dinner and the area-wide meeting. Take your lunch and spend the day with friends of your own age and interests.

Don't forget the "DANCE", March 14 from 8 to 11 p.m. at St. Johns High School Cafeteria, featuring the Stevens Orchestra with round and square dancing. Sam Sherwood and Skip Walt will be the callers. Donation is \$1.50 with light refreshments. Proceeds will go the Senior Citizen Drop-In Center.

So--Until next time.

★ Clinics closed

Because two full-time sanitarian positions will be eliminated, environmental health services will be slowed down.

Delays are anticipated in obtaining private sewage system permits and permits for water supply wells; in getting home evaluations for loan and mortgage guarantees for V.A., FHA, FmHA, etc.; and to get licensing for child care and adult care dwellings.

The monitoring and sampling of private water supplies around known and suspected ground water contamination areas will be discontinued or transferred to a state agency; the response time to nuisance complaints is expected to be longer; and "we will not be able to improve our food

service sanitation program to a point which would afford proper protection to the people who eat in restaurants," said Latoff.

The Board of Health, made up of representatives from Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties, decided on the cuts at their Feb. 27 meeting. Clinton County Commissioners Harold Martin, Glenn Webster and Richard DePond are the local representatives to this board of health.

"These decisions were neither pleasant or simple for the members of the Board of Health," said Latoff. "However, the decisions were necessary to balance the budget. Additional cuts may be necessary in future months."

Personality Profile

Customers 'Wheel Inn' for Juanita

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

St. Johns
Juanita O'Leary came to St. Johns to get her children out of the big city and now, 25 years later, she's bringing a part of the big city to St. Johns.

Her Wheel Inn Shopping Mall, scheduled to open in November, is the big city benefit Mrs. O'Leary feels will bring people into town and keep people shopping and spending here at home.

The Wheel Inn Mall will probably change St. Johns more than any other single force ever has. Thirty-five new businesses contained in a covered and gardened enclosure are aiming to keep thousands of dollars here in Clinton County that are normally spent in Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids.

With the price of gasoline expected to reach \$1.50 a gallon by the end of the year, The Wheel Inn Mall seems destined to succeed. "Everything looks right," Mrs. O'Leary said.

The Mall's effect on downtown St. Johns has caused some speculation but Mrs. O'Leary doesn't think it will be a harmful effect. "I know there is some worry that the mall will hurt the downtown area," she said, "but I don't feel that way. Competition is good for us all. Besides, our study shows that so many dollars are going out of town. That's what we plan to attract."

She also makes it clear that she appreciates the concern and interest of all St. Johns business people and feels that nothing can succeed unless people work together. "Everyone is welcome to come out here," she said referring to the mall, but she also feels that the downtown area will benefit by more people staying in the area to shop.

Visiting relatives here in 1955, Juanita discovered for sale, a soft ice cream and hot dog business on the triangle of property caused by the four land expansion of US-27.

She had been watching the location and the tiny business built by Arnold Payne and when it became available, she put things in gear and soon she and her mother and an aunt were in partnership there and the Wheel Inn was born.

"Somehow that name just seemed to fit the location," Mrs. O'Leary remembered. "It was so easy just to wheel in off the highway."

Juanita was experienced in the restaurant business owning several, first in Detroit, then at Palm Springs, Fla. and then Detroit again. Her four children, Nancy, Denise, Joe and Patty were already used to mother's long hours at work. "Patty was no more than a week old when I was taking her to work with me," Juanita said. The three younger children were raised in restaurants. "I brought them with me and found them jobs to do," she recalls.

Juanita's first restaurant was on Livernois Avenue in Detroit, the "Used Car Street of the World". It was a 13-stool dining car that had been sitting closed, for 10 years. She financed it with money saved working at a bomber plant near Ypsilanti during the war.

"Jobs were not too plentiful," she explained, saying that after her college years at Eastern, the only job she could find was in the office, at the war plant.

The old diner belonged to two retired gentlemen and one of them came and worked with her for a short time, sharing his recipes, getting her started. "I still use that chili recipe," she said.

The little diner was just the start Juanita needed to know that she enjoyed the restaurant business. It has always been her career. Helped financially with The Wheel Inn by her mother and aunt the first few years, Juanita soon bought them out. Her husband, Don O'Leary, worked at Federal-Mogul in payroll and "played a lot of golf," leaving the restaurant business up to Juanita.

There were many long 20-hour days between the 1955 opening of The Wheel Inn and the ground-breaking of The Wheel Inn Mall. Juanita has worked every job possible in the restaurant and for many years took a regular shift.

"I've never needed a lot of sleep," she explained saying that many times she went home at night for a few hours sleep and then returned to work another shift. "For 10 years, I worked like that," she said, admitting that she didn't own any clothes except white uniforms and sturdy oxfords built for long hours of standing up. "I didn't have a chance to do anything else," she said.

Today she shies away from a uniform and a regular shift explaining that when an illness required her to take off a couple months she found out "they could do without me."

Always drawing the largest share of her business from the highway, Juanita and her staff built a reputation for good home-cooked food. "Everything we have we make from scratch," she says—gravy, soups and daily specials. The prices at The Wheel Inn are also competitive and fair and draw a senior citizen clientele.

She employs 70 to 75 people to take care of The Wheel Inn's round-the-clock customers. The only slow time is between three and four in the morning. Waitresses are trained to be friendly and Juanita admits to hiring "personalities" or girls and women who are open and pleasant. "People like to come and eat where a waitress is friendly and nice to talk to," Mrs. O'Leary said.

Customers traveling north have come back season after season over the years. "We have different customers that we know we can expect depending if it's hunting or fishing or skiing season," she said. "We look for them year after year."

"I don't know if I would ever sell this place," Juanita smiled looking around The Wheel Inn rebuilt to the original but enlarged floor plan after a fire destroyed it in 1977. "I like to be around people, I like to be here," she said. "I don't even like to drink a cup of coffee at home. I have a kitchen in my house, but the only time I use it is at holiday time when the children are home. I feel like a fixture here."

Juanita O'Leary has always had goals and they still stretch in front of her. Even with the excitement and reality of The Wheel Inn Mall slowly rising next to her restaurant business, she is still looking ahead.

Today she's thinking of real estate and business ventures and nothing that will require her to put in the 20-hour days that helped make the Wheel Inn successful.

"I'm always looking," she said. "I wonder, what could I do with that? What could I put on that? I'm constantly thinking what more can I do. I've never thought I've reached the peak."



Juanita O'Leary

Capitol entourage sways lawmakers

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Clinton County

"We feel very enthusiastic about what happened in Washington," said Roger Overway, chairman of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners upon his return from a legislative conference last week.

Overway along with Commissioner Richard Hawks and Bath Township Supervisor Thomas Woodruff made the Washington trip in hopes of helping secure funds for Clinton County projects, especially Bath Township, however, the primary focus dealt with at the conference was on revenue sharing.

Before a roll call of the states was taken, according to all three men attending the conference, most of the legislators were against giving federal revenue sharing funds back to the states. However, after the local commissioners had separate meetings with their individual representatives, about 85 percent of the group voted in favor of revenue sharing.

"They weren't all yes and no votes," Hawks said. "Not more than five percent really said no and the other 10 percent just said they still weren't sure."

Hawks also indicated the legislators' main concern seemed to be in giving money to the states. A lot of them felt it was alright to give money to the counties and townships but not the state.

"We feel pretty good about it," Hawks said. "Although we don't know what kind of changes are going to be made with the funding program."

Clinton County receives about \$400,000 in revenue sharing money each year for four years. Local officials are anticipating a four or five percent cut in the funds this time.

"Basically revenue sharing is a good program," Hawks added.

Presently there is not a bill for revenue sharing in either the House or Senate, although it has been talked about for the past two years.

"We expect some kind of decision to be made in the next couple of weeks," Hawks said. "We felt like we accomplished quite a bit."

With regards to Bath Township and the I-69 problem, both Woodruff and Overway said they are positive they will receive federal support in changing the route.

A meeting was held in Congressman Donald Albosta's office concerning the highway. The fish and wildlife department said they didn't see any problems with moving the northern route a little to the south to miss Priggorris Park.

"The only thing they did say was, if the highway took out 50 acres of wetlands, the township would have to give 50 acres back for wetlands," Overway said.

Overway indicated Albosta and Robert Carr both said if something could be settled, they would go to Neil Goldsmith, director of transportation.

"It looks like we might win the battle after all," Overway commented.

The commissioners also talked about an expansion grant for a sewer in Watertown Township. However, they were told it was a bit premature because an application has not yet been submitted for the project.

"Because of the number of jobs it would create, it looks

like there might be funds available," Overway said. "First of all, we have to complete an overall Economic Development program."

Woodruff said he came back with a real confident attitude. In fact, he even added, "I came back real happy compared to the last time."

By having almost 1,300 commissioners there and actually talking to the congressmen themselves, Woodruff felt they pulled a little weight.

"Something good will happen from all of this," Woodruff concluded.

"If we lost the whole thing, that's a lot of money," Hawks said. "But when you're talking about only losing five percent or \$20,000...that's something we can live with."

Another proposal which came up at the conference was to have the program last for five years instead of four, so the question does not come up in an election year.

When federal funds are returned to the local governments through this program, there are no strings attached and there is low overhead, according to Hawks. Ordinarily if local units of government put in for a grant, there a lot of restrictions placed on the money and 1,000 to 2,000 people could be involved.

Woman's Club adopts resolution

St. Johns

The St. Johns Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Carol Furry on March 5.

The resolution favoring the need of a program to aid child and adolescent mental health was read and accepted. This resolution will be sent to the state federation to be approved and sent to the legislature for funding of the needed program.

Tentative plans for the Senior Girls' Reception on April 16 were discussed.

Mrs. Loretta Escher gave a brief synopsis of "A Study of History" by Arnold Toynbee. Mrs. Jean Staley and Mrs. Bertine Thelen served on the tea committee.

The St. Johns Woman's Club is a member of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dividends announced

St. Johns

At its February board meeting, directors of Clinton Bank and Trust Company voted to place a proposal to issue a 5 percent stock dividend before bank shareholders. Shareholders of record as of May 9, 1980 would participate in this eighth consecutive annual

stock dividend to be payable May 16, 1980.

It will represent an increase of 19,402 shares, bringing the total number of outstanding common shares to 407,430 with a par value of \$5 per share. This and other matters will be placed before the shareholders at the bank's annual meeting, set for 7:30 p.m., April 15, Smith Hall, St. Johns.

Looking Ahead

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.

FULTON-MIDDLETON CARNIVAL—The Fulton-Middleton Athletic Boosters will sponsor a carnival Friday, March 29, from 5-10 p.m. at the Fulton High School. Proceeds will be used to buy uniforms and equipment for the Fulton Athletic teams. There will be a midway with games and prizes, an auction of new and used merchandise, spook house, moon walk, homemade pie, food and door prizes.

CAKE WALK—The Maple Twirlers square dancers will have their 11th Cake Walk March 28 at the Middleton Middle School gym. Dancing from 8-11 p.m. Wendell Law caller.

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.

RESTORING YOUR OLDER HOME: Mark Barber and Jerry Witgen, local restoration experts will speak at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, in St. Johns, Sunday March 16 from 3 to 4 p.m. in a session on "Victorian House Colors: Exterior". They will answer questions on historic restoration. Everyone is welcome.

MAPLE TWIRLERS—Square dance club will dance at the Middleton Middle School gym March 14 from 8-11 p.m. Potluck finger food. Wendell Law will be the caller.

THE ST. JOHNS CAMERA CLUB will hold its first public meeting for anyone 18-years or older on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Savings and Loan Community Room. If anyone has questions regarding the meeting or club, they should call 224-6593 after 4 p.m. or 224-6263 after 5 p.m.

WELCOME WAGON—will meet March 18 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at 104 W. Baldwin. All new ladies in St. Johns are invited to the luncheon and to bring a dish to pass. Call Welcome Wagon hostess Kathy Cain at 224-3027 for a ride.

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.

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.

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.

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 Waits will be the callers. Donation at the door is \$1.50 per person. Light refreshments. Proceeds go to the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center.

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER—Will be sponsored by the St. Joseph Altar Society in the St. Joseph School gym 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 will be admitted free. A family price for parents with children under 18 is \$12.50 per family.

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.

Life Styles



Mr and Mrs James Kelly

Ruth Lawrence marries James Sober

Ruth M. Lawrence and James R. Sober, both of Bath, were married recently in Lansing. They were attended by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sober of Bath. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ballor of Bath. The couple will reside in Bath.

Morence, Kelly wed

Elaine Marie Morence became the bride of James Edward Kelley on Feb. 23 during a 3 p.m. ceremony at the Duplain Church of Christ. Rev. Justin Shepard officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to an altar decorated with pink and wine carnations surrounded by white gladiolas. The "Wedding Song" and "Colour My World" was sung by Leeann Vincent.

Parents of the couple are Harold and Margaret Morence of Laingsburg and Robert and Roberta Kelley of 606 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School. The groom attended St. Johns High School.

For her wedding, the bride chose a white floor length gown of sheer woven polyester lined in acetate taffeta. Lace appliques trimmed the sweetheart neckline and the V shape lace trim on the bodice. The bride wore an antique cameo necklace which belonged to her great-grandmother.

Her headpiece had lace appliques and simulated pearl trim. The veil of nylon netting was edged in lace trim. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and burgundy roses surrounded

by white baby's breath.

Matron of honor for her sister was Deb Torrey of Owosso. Bridesmaids were Cheryl Stroub and Luann Babcock. Flower girl was Kathleen Kelley.

The attendants wore pink polyester gowns with wine velvet cape collars. They wore pink carnations with white baby's breath in their hair and carried a single pink carnation.

The bride's mother chose a pink chiffon dress and wore a pink carnation corsage. The groom's mother wore a pale pink and wine color gown with wine color cythenums.

Best man for the couple was Kevin Torrey, brother-

in-law of the bride of Owosso. Groomsmen were Dave Cook and Dave Kelley. Ushers were Harold Morence, Jr. and Daniel Kelley. Ring bearer was Dave Morence.

A reception for the couple was held at the Ovid VFW Hall with 200 guests attending.

Serving at the reception were Diane Morence, Elizabeth Kelley, Linda Nolz and Janet Schmid. Robert and Colleen Kelley served as host and hostess.

Special guests present were Mrs. Vera Vincent, grandmother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinkley, grandparents of the groom.

The couple are making their new home at 606 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns.



Mr and Mrs Jeter Keener

Anniversary slated

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Keener request the honor of your presence at the celebration of their parents 25th wedding anniversary on March 16 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Musicians UAW Hall, 2703 S. Turner St., Lansing across from St. Theres School.

Newborns

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Carn, 10255 N. US-27, DeWitt, became the parents of a son, Clayton Charles, on Feb. 26 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Aens Fowler, became the parents of a girl, Dawn Michell on Feb. 20 at Carson City Hospital. The baby has one sister, Kelly. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fedewa and Mr. and Mrs. Linus Aren. The mother is the former Cheryl Fedewa.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Martin, 1314 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, became the parents of a son, Timothy Russell on Feb. 12 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Russel, Jr., 9214 Cutler Rd., Laingsburg, became the parents of a daughter, April Louise, on Feb. 26 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harte, East Lansing, became the parents of a daughter, Marnie Elizabeth Bach, on Feb. 26 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Janice Bach.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Phillips, Gary Lane, Bath, became the parents of a son, Donald John on Feb. 27 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian L. Geisenhaver, 13440 Chandler, Bath, became the parents of a daughter, Sonya Lynn on Feb. 26 at Sparrow Hospital.

A boy, Eric Darwin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Smith of 559 Hamilton, Lansing on March 7, 1980 at Sparrow Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs 11 ounces. The baby has one brother, Aaron. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Smith of Bath and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Piskornik of Lansing. The mother is the former Christine Piskornik.

A boy, Matthew Charles, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Rodney J. Kalajainen of 3314 S. Watson Rd., St. Johns, February 22, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Kalajainen, of New Castle, PA and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Campbell of Clewiston, FL. The mother is the former Janet M. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Riggan, Ovid, became the parents of a son, Nicholas William, on Feb. 15 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Matilla, Pewamo, became the parents of a son, Justin Paul, on Jan. 30 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

A boy, Scotty Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barry D. Knickerbocker of St. Johns, Feb. 23, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wineland and Mr. Howard Knickerbocker. The mother is the former Kimberly Wineland.

SOS

Timmy is five years old and has been waiting for an adoptive home for over a year. He is blind in one eye but has fairly good vision in the other eye. There is a possibility he may lose the vision in his good eye in later years. Timmy is small for his age and has recently begun talking in three or four word sentences. He is in a special pre-school classroom for emotionally disturbed children. Timmy acts like a child who is about two and a half years old. It is uncertain at this time how much progress he will make. Timmy has a lot of problems, but he also has a lot of love to share.

Michelle is a petite, attractive 16-year-old. She is bright, manipulative, and at times, demanding. She needs an adoptive family who can set limits for her in a loving way. Michelle wants a family, but due to many rejections in her life, she will test a family to make sure they want and love her. She has plans to go to college. Her case-workers hope she will find a family who will encourage Michelle in her academic endeavors.

If you feel either of these children might fit into your family, please call Arlene Atwater at the Clinton County Department of Social Services at 224-6751.

Alice Hudson elected president of DeWitt Friends of the Library

DeWitt

Alice Hudson of DeWitt Township was elected president of the recently organized Friends of the DeWitt Public Library at the February meeting. Also elected were Rita Violetta of DeWitt Township, vice president; and Kay Faust of Olive Township, secretary-treasurer. They will serve until the group's annual meeting in September, when a larger membership is anticipated.

Members discussed possible programs for future meetings, including one on nutrition and another on the craft of leaded stained glass, which

would include a demonstration.

A children's story hour is planned for the summer vacation, with members volunteering to take the groups.

Mrs. Hudson asked those present to recruit new members as a way of familiarizing area residents with both the main and branch libraries and the services they offer.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month in the main library on West Washington Street in DeWitt City.

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Fowler news

The community wishes to express their sympathy to Marg Kramer and family the loss and death of her husband, Paul, and their father.

Mrs. Lula Boak returned home from Tucson, Ariz. after spending three months with her son, Calvin Boak and family. She also visited her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Boak of Yuma, Ariz.; Betty Fox of Mesa, Ariz.; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nobis and family of Mesa, Ariz.

Marriage licenses

Douglas Wayne Wylie, 29, 5910 Hickory Hill Drive, Laingsburg; Connie Elaine Allen, 30, 591; Hickory Hill Drive, Laingsburg.

Billy Junior LaClair, 30, 1010 E. Webb Rd., DeWitt; Bonnie Lou Swanson, 25, 11040 West Second, Fowler.

Michael DuWayne Jones, 18, 608 Euclid Street, St. Johns; Barbara Lynn Green, 18, 608 Euclid Street, St. Johns.

Jack William Thompson II, 19, 110 1/2 N. Market Street, DeWitt; Teresa Marie Korte, 19, 215 E. Main St., DeWitt.

Stephen Eugene Ovenhouse, 20, 911 Elmwood Street, DeWitt; Shawn Marie Bowles, 19, 911 Elmwood Street, DeWitt.

George William Frazier, Jr., 18, 7461 Chadwick Road, DeWitt; Debra Kay Barnes, 18, 4375 W. Howe Rd., DeWitt.

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Obituaries

Tillie Ruestman

Mrs. Tillie H. Ruestman, 77, of rural route 3, St. Johns died March 7, 1980 in Maple Rapids.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 10 at the St. Johns Lutheran Church with the Rev. Roger Heintz officiating. Burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Ruestman was born in Illinois, March 14, 1902 the child of Po-po Rewerts and Anna Jansen. She came to St. Johns in 1932. She was married to Bernard Ruestman who died in 1968.

Mrs. Ruestman was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church. She was a housewife.

Surviving are her son, Delmar Ruestman of St. Johns, two grandchildren, and two brothers, George Rewerts of Illinois and Fred Rewerts of St. Johns.

Jennie Warendrop

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Jennie Warendrop of 4462 South U.S.-27 who died Friday, March 7, 1980 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She was 83 years old.

The Rev. Keith Laidler officiated at the services at Osgood Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Warendrop was born in Bridgeville, Michigan, June 11, 1896, the daughter of John and Kate Ransom. She married John Warendrop in Detroit, Feb. 17, 1921. She was a Methodist.

Surviving are her husband, John; a son, Glenn Hoyt of Park Lake, Mich.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Holliday of Lansing.

Paul Kramer

Paul A. Kramer, 59, of 730 N. Main St., Fowler died Thursday, March 6, 1980 at his home. A former partner in Vince and Paul's Tavern, he lived in Fowler all his life.

Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Monday, March 10 with the Rev. Father Dennis Spitzley officiating. Rosaries were said at the Gorge Chapel. A Knights of Columbus rosary was said Sunday evening. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Kramer was born in Fowler December 31, 1920 to John A. and Anna (Schneider) Kramer. He attended Holy Trinity Parochial School, was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Fowler V.F.W. and the Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of World War II.

On February 8, 1949 he married Marjorie Thurston in Fowler. She survives him along with two daughters, Pauline and Mary Ann Kramer at home; son, Robert Kramer at home; his father John A. Kramer of Fowler; two brothers, Matthew Kramer of Portland and Jerry Kramer of Montrose; two sisters, Mrs. Geneva Wolscheid of Pewamo and Mrs. Joretta Ott of St. Johns and many nieces and nephews.

Blanche Moore

Services for Mrs. Blanche A. Moore, 83, were held Wednesday, March 12, 1980 at 1:30 p.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Russell Payne of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial was in The Silston Cemetery in Victor Township.

Mrs. Moore was born Oct. 27, 1896 in Victor Township in Clinton County. She was the daughter of William and Maude Curtis and lived most all her life in and around St. Johns. She married Ernest E. Moore of Ovid on May 18, 1913 at the home of Rev. Jerry Baker of Ovid with Mrs. Baker, Miss Lillie Neller and Joseph Parker attending.

To this marriage were born four children: Rose Marie, Raymond, Kenneth, and Esther Irene Ritter. Rose Marie passed away in 1914 and a granddaughter, Susan Irene Ritter, passed away in 1946.

Mr. Moore passed away in 1976.

Mrs. Moore was a member of the Church of the Nazarene of St. Johns. Surviving are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Harold Brown

Harold V. Brown, 78, 4201 Clise Rd., Bath, died on March 3. Funeral services were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel on Thursday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. Burial was held at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bath with L.Z. Koonec officiating.

Mr. Brown was born in Owosso on Oct. 6, 1901 the child of George and Emma (Bartel) Brown.

Mr. Brown was a resident of the Bath area for 40 years. He married Myrtle Howell in Corunna on March 5, 1928. He was a member of the

Jehovah Witnesses.

Mr. Brown was a yard conductor for Penn Central Railroad, retiring in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; one son, Gordon of Bath; one daughter, Betty Schmidtman, of Bath; one sister, Leona Smith of Grayling; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Anna Seyreck

Anna Seyreck, 94, 413 Giles, St. Johns, passed away March 10 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, March 13 at 11 a.m. Burial will be held in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Father William Hankerd will officiate.

A prayer service for Anna Seyreck will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Osgood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Seyreck was born in Czechoslovakia on May 15, 1885. She moved to St. Johns from Texas in 1909.

Her husband Rudolph preceded her in death in 1954.

Mrs. Seyreck was a homemaker and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Anna Seyreck is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Adeline Dean, California; Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Florida; and Mrs. Rosemary Allaby, of St. Johns; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Matilda McKinstry preceded her in death.

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than 102 signatures of registered voters and no more than 408 signatures. Republicans need no less than 78 signatures and no more than 312.

Mrs. Swanchara said the number of required signatures on a nominating petition is determined by the percentage of voters in this county who cast ballots for that party in the last election for the secretary of state.

Though there are definitely more Republicans residing in Clinton County than Democrats, more county residents voted for Democrat Richard Austin for secretary of state than his Republican opponent, Mel Larsen. In the 1978 general election, Austin received 10,189 votes from county residents while Larsen received 7,791 votes.

The number of signatures required on a Democratic nominating petition represents not less than 1 percent of the people who voted for Austin and no more than 4 percent of the people who voted for him.

Republican nominating petitions follow suit. The number of signatures required is no less than 1 percent of the people who voted for Larsen and no more than 4 percent.

In the non-partisan election for probate judge, a candidate is required to have no less than 180 signatures and no more than 719. Judge Marvin E. Robertson has officially announced he is running for re-election. He is the only person to say he is running for probate judge thus far.

County commissioners are required to have a minimum of 5-11 signatures on their nominating petitions due June 3, depending upon the commission district. They, too, must submit their petitions to the county clerk's office.

County commissioners will be running for two-year terms and township officers will be running for four-year terms. Previously, township officers ran for two-year terms.

Township officers must file their nominating petitions with their respective township clerks. To run for a township office, a person must have a minimum of 5-13 signatures, depending upon the township.

Most townships require a minimum of five signatures. However, in DeWitt Township, Republicans need a minimum of 13 signatures and Democrats need a minimum of 19 signatures. Bath Township Democrats must obtain at least 11 signatures.

Under the Campaign Finance Law, all candidates for townships or county offices must report to the county clerk's office and file a statement of organization for a candidate committee, said Mrs. Swanchara. This must be done within 20 days after petitions have been filed with the proper clerk.

Candidates who spend less than \$500 can fill out a simple one-page statement. Candidates with larger campaign budgets must complete a more detailed form.

Nominating petitions for delegates to the Republican county convention are due in the county clerk's office March 28. Clinton County has been allocated 130 county precinct delegates. Republican delegates will be elected on the May presidential primary May 20 and Democratic delegates will be elected in the Aug. 5 primary.

As of the beginning of January, there were 30,285 registered voters in Clinton County, said Mrs. Swanchara. That compares with 28,728 registered voters in the 1978 election. She attributed the increase in voter registrations to the new program allowing people to register to vote while obtaining or renewing their drivers licenses.

Elsie churches set community Lenten services

By Neva Keys

Community Lenten Services are planned by the Elsie United Methodist Church, the Bannister United Methodist Church and St. Cyril Catholic Church.

The planning committee was made up of representatives from each church coordinating the services.

March 16, 7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service at St. Cyril Church. The theme is "Service Through Action." Special music will be provided with a fellowship time after the worship service. Persons driving are asked to enter the St. Cyril parking lot from the west side of the rectory and face their car south in the parking lot.

March 23, 7:30 p.m.—Lenten Service will be held at the Elsie United Methodist Church. This will be a special music service with the theme of the "International Year of the Family" with emphasis on the church family and the Family of God.

March 30, 3 p.m.—This will be a special "Passover Celebration Meal" by invitation of the St. Cyril's Church. The service will be held in the St. Cyril's Parish Hall at 3 p.m. and conclude with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass.

The annual Holy Week Services with the First Baptist Church will be held April 3 and 4.

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EAGLES BEGIN REGIONAL TONIGHT

Sacred Heart's speed worries Fowler

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

It is not size of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart that bothers Fowler Coach Charlie Trierweiler, even though the Irish have size. It is Sacred Heart's speed and quickness that concerns Trierweiler, so much so that he has taken pains to try to find a way to combat it in today's 7:30 p.m. regional game at Belding High.

But then Mills came back and the Irish rolled through 12 straight opponents. "They have a very good ballclub," Trierweiler said. "They play a very tough man-to-man defense and they are very quick."

"They have gotten good shooting and they have depth to go with their height. The Irish played without Mills in the districts, however, when the senior injured his ankle in the opening moments of the game with Ashley. With 6-foot-2 junior Brian Thelen in the pivot, they cruised past Ashley 75-44, then topped Vestburg in the district finals Friday 64-51. Fowler, meanwhile, took

favorite Saranac 76-59, then took Portlan St. Patrick in Saturday's district final 67-50. "I was impressed with them," second-year Irish Coach Dan Cwayna said. "I was impressed with them the first time we saw them up here." That first time was a 78-69 Mount Pleasant win Jan. 30. Mills, despite a week's rest for his sprained ankle, remains a question mark

for the game tonight. If he is unable to play, Thelen will start for the Irish. "We will just have to see how it feels the night of the game," Cwayna said. "It still is swelled up a week later. I guess I would have to say it is doubtful." While the Irish sport scoring balance-four of the five starters average in double figures-Trierweiler is concerned with 6-foot-5 junior forward Andy Simons. He leads the team in re-

bounding, scoring and assists. And he hits on nearly 60 percent of his shots. He also tends to turn up each tip into an instant basket. With that in mind Trierweiler turned from his trio of centers-Stan Simon, Tim Luttig, Cliff Hengesbach-and tabbed 6-foot-2 senior Terry Thelen to start at center. "I don't think Cliff or Stan can get the tip off Simon," he said. "I have been jumping Cliff or Stan

but I think the pace of the game will be too much for them. And I think I want to go with a smaller, quicker lineup against them." Trierweiler also hopes to get another 18-point performance from Thelen like he put in against St. Patrick in the finals. Senior guard Doug Koenigsnecht also is looked to for renewed scoring punch. And the Eagles need defense. "First, to beat them we are going to have to stop their fast break," Trier-

weiler said, "and we are going to have to beat them back defensively. I think if we can get them to set up their offense we will do better." "And we also will have to be aggressive on both offense and defense." Cwayna just wants things the way they are. "I guess the key to the game for us," he said, "is to do the things we have been doing all year long."

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Jim Kostrzewa	GUARD	Lloyd Feldpausch	GUARD
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Steve McDonald	FORWARD	Neil Hufnagel	FORWARD
6-1 senior		5-10 senior	
Andy Simons	FORWARD	Doug Cook	FORWARD
6-5 junior		6-1 junior	
Mike Mills	CENTER	Terry Thelen	CENTER
6-3 senior		6-2 senior	



On The Mark by Mark Haney

In my few meager years in the world of professional journalism, there is at least one lesson I have learned. And that is to never predict what will happen in tournaments. Oh, I had a good idea who would win and who would lose this past week in the opening week of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's tournament, but I wasn't going to say. That is because the last time I did, I had to eat my words. Why? Simply because one of the teams I said wouldn't win the title got so defensive about it that they went out and won just to prove me wrong. Lesson learned. So I tend to keep a low profile if possible before the tournaments begin and it has proven healthy so far. And now I can easily tell you that there were few surprises in the tournament. Just a few. In fact, there were just two of them, namely DeWitt and Fowler. I must admit after the stunning suspension of seven players a week prior to the tournament, I didn't give DeWitt much of a chance to take their first game let alone the title. But the Panthers, using a trio of sophomores and the players who had been reserves all season long, went as far as the district championships before losing to Class C powerhouse Lansing Catholic Central. Admittedly, the Panthers were fortunate to draw into a terribly weak half of the district, with Bath and Maple Valley both sporting 7-12 records. Had they wound up in the top half they would have a chance to play someone like 18-0 Olivet, LCC or even a strong Pewamo-Westphalia team. But luck was with the Cinderella Panthers, until Saturday's encounter with LCC. Fowler, on the other hand, wasn't so fortunate. Coach Charlie Trierweiler's crew had to beat the district favorite to get the chance to win the title Saturday. The Eagles got past Saranac, once rated in Class D, and 6-foot-8 towering Ben Tower in Thursday's semifinal, then made it a charm by taking Portland St. Patrick a third time. It was quite a turnaround for Fowler, which struggled through the regular season with a .500 record despite good size and experience. A "pre-season favorite" tag and bad luck went against the Eagles. The districts were disappointing to Pewamo-Westphalia and to Bath, both playing at LCC. The Bath Bees had perhaps their best luck in the draw when they fell into the half with DeWitt and Maple Valley. Yet the Bees couldn't get past DeWitt even though they had better size, more experience and a lot of talent. Pewamo-Westphalia, meanwhile, fell to Haslett in the opening round. The Pirates came up with one of their worst games of the year at a time when they needed one of their best. It wasn't likely the Pirates would have commenced much further in the tournament, however, with LCC lying in wait. Those were the only teams that surprised me. That is what, a three-for-seven week in predictions. And as much as I don't like to get into predictions, however vague, I must say that Fowler will have its hands full Wednesday when they tangle with Class D Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart. The Irish, it seems are on their way to the state title.

District title provides lift

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Fowler After a long and rather trying season, the Fowler High basketball team got some needed joy this past week as the Eagles soared to their first Class D district title in four years. Fowler won the title by beating Portland St. Patrick 67-50 in the title bout Saturday night in Fowler. The Eagles opened the tournament with a slim 68-66 win over Potterville Tuesday then rolled over favored Saranac Thursday 76-59. "That helps," Fowler Coach Charlie Trierweiler said. "That makes up for the season."

The Eagles peaked for Thursday's game, needing a lot of emotion to get past Saranac and 6-foot-8 center Ben Tower. "They were up," Trierweiler said, "but like I said before, I didn't think we had been playing all that badly all year long." The Eagles overplayed Tower and the giant wound up getting his fourth foul early in the third quarter. Then Fowler stretched out its 33-32 halftime advantage to a 50-42 advantage heading into the last period. "We were overplaying him," Trierweiler said, "and we screened him out whenever he got the ball. If we could, we tried to deny him the ball." Tower still managed to score 27 points, though Fowler outrebounded their rival 38-25 with junior forward Doug Cook grabbing 12 to go with his 21 points. Senior guard Doug Koenigsnecht added 23. Fowler's 12-point lead against Potterville slipped away Tuesday when another

towering player, 6-foot-4 center Mike O'Neil, went on a hot streak. O'Neil, forward Bob Stanfield and guard Steve Lett accounted for 22 of Potterville's 26 points in the fourth quarter. O'Neil eventually scored a game-high 21 points. "I think if Saranac had looked to Tower as much as Potterville looked for O'Neil, we would have had a lot of trouble," Trierweiler said. Fowler managed a 31-28 lead at intermission on Potterville then opened up a 52-41 lead heading into the last quarter. "I think we got a little bit lax in there," Trierweiler said. "They got some steals. Please turn to page 12."

FOWLER 21 12 17 26 - 76
SARANAC 18 14 10 17 - 59
FOWLER: Doug Koenigsnecht 10, 3/5, 23; Neil Hufnagel 3, 4/4, 10; Lloyd Feldpausch 3, 4/4, 10; Luke Hufnagel 1, 0/0, 2; Doug Cook 8, 5/9, 21; Terry Thelen 2, 4/9, 8; Stan Simon 2, 0/0, 4.
TOTALS: 29, 18/30, 76.
SARANAC: Scott Metternick 5, 2/4, 12; Ted Heilman 2, 0/0, 4; Craig Colson 5, 1/2, 11; Lionel Haskins 1, 0/0, 2; Ben Tower 10, 7/11, 27; Mark Haskins 1, 1/3, 13. **TOTALS:** 24, 11/20, 59.

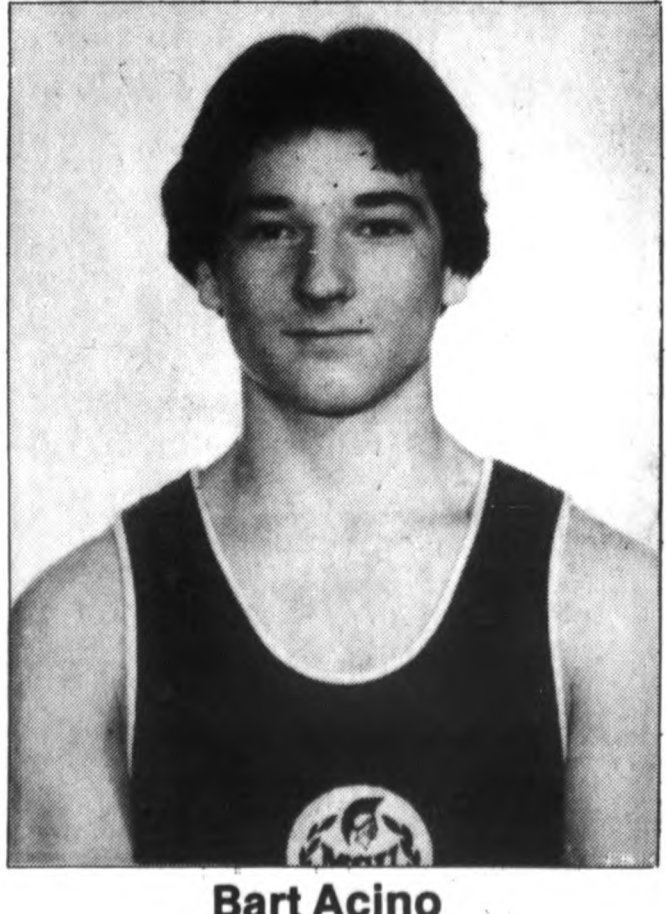
FOWLER 17 14 21 16 - 68
POTTERVILLE 18 10 17 25 - 66
FOWLER: Doug Koenigsnecht 7, 1/2, 15; Neil Hufnagel 6, 1/3, 13; Lloyd Feldpausch 3, 3/4, 9; Tom Weber 0, 2/2, 2; Doug Cook 7, 3/5, 17; Terry Thelen 4, 3/4, 11; Cliff Hengesbach 0, 1/2, 1. **TOTALS:** 27, 14/22, 68.
POTTERVILLE: Steve Lett 5, 3/5, 13; Frank Johnson 1, 0/0, 2; Earl Johnson 2, 0/0, 4; Mike O'Neil 9, 3/6, 21; Greg Miller 4, 1/2, 9; Bob Stanfield 7, 3/4, 17. **TOTALS:** 28, 10/17, 66.

FOWLER 19 19 14 15 - 67
ST. PATRICK 12 15 10 13 - 50
FOWLER: Doug Koenigsnecht 2, 2/2, 6; Neil Hufnagel 4, 4/4, 12; Lloyd Feldpausch 7, 0/3, 14; Luke Hufnagel 1, 0/0, 2; Tom Weber 0, 1/2, 1; Doug Cook 3, 0/2, 6; Terry Thelen 9, 0/2, 18; Cliff Hengesbach 2, 1/2, 5; Stan Simon 1, 1/2, 3. **TOTALS:** 29, 9/19, 67.
ST. PATRICK: Mike Wilcox 1, 0/0, 2; Mike Sines 6, 3/3, 15; Jim Spitzley 1, 0/0, 2; Ken Krarmer 5, 3/5, 13; Mike Maurer 1, 0/0, 2; Tony Goodrich 2, 0/0, 4; Mike Weber 5, 2/4, 12. **TOTALS:** 21, 8/18, 50.



Blocking the big man The defensive efforts of players like Fowler guard Doug Koenigsnecht (10) on Saranac's 6-foot-8 Ben Tower, proved to be the difference Thursday as the Eagles won the Class D district semifinal in Fowler 76-59. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Acino sparkles in debut season



Bart Acino

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

East Lansing It isn't often a freshman, any freshman, can step right onto a major college campus and perform exceptionally in a given sport. The few that can may be tallied up without the need of a calculator. In this town, at Michigan State University, there have been two in recent history. One was former Spartan Earvin "Magic" Johnson. And the other is St. Johns High graduate Bart Acino. Unlike Johnson, Acino performs his own special brand of magic away from the maddening crowds. His sport is gymnastics and it is something he does very well. So far this year, Acino has made his mark, both as the team's second-best all-around gymnast and on the still rings, where Acino's 9.20 score is the best of the year. Acino has been scoring in the 50-point range in the

all-around (a combined score for each of the six events) all season, yet he usually finds himself finishing behind outstanding junior Marvin Gibbs, who has the best total on the team this year, a 54.10 he scored against Indiana State. His sudden rise to second-best performer on the Spartan squad, however, comes as no surprise to St. Johns High Coach John Furry. "He is doing tremendous," Furry said of his ex-pupil. "I am just really pleased. There is no doubt in my mind that barring any unforeseen circumstances like injuries and if he keeps his present frame of mind, he could make the Olympic team in '84." "He has made exceptional progress," MSU Gymnastics Coach George Szygula said. "We'd like more like him." While Acino has made great strides in his short stay at Michigan State, he had a hard act to follow. He never participated in gymnastics before he was a freshman in

high school yet won the state title in the all-around his senior year with a record 51.60 score. He was named "best athlete" that same year at St. Johns. In high school, however, Acino's low scores came on the parallel bars and on the pommel horse. In all the other events, he was a nine-points-plus scorer. He said there has been a change since then. "I think I have improved a lot on my side (pommel) horse and on my still rings performances," the son of Joe and Sharon Acino said. "Bart has always been a smooth and a very cool performer," Furry said. "Form and technique are his strong points." "Where he has improved now he is putting in more, and is more difficult and complex moves into his routine." Such complex moves are a requirement in college gymnastics where the judging is much stiffer.

"And that shows some improvement too," Furry said, "because not every high school kid can go into the college and perform all those required moves." There is room for improvement, however. "He has to learn some very difficult stunts, yet," Szygula said. "We are not talking about the basic stuff. He has mastered some of the top-level stunts now he has to try the impossible stuff. And that takes time, patience and dedication." "I think the kid has the so-called guts to do these stunts and he has an appealing style of performing and that helps too." While Furry's foresight has Acino in the Olympics, the former Redwing has set his sites a little lower. "I want to make it to the nationals in my last three years here," he said, "and I want to do well, possibly win the title."

Flint Carman ends St. Johns' season

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Owosso
For a lot of the players on the St. Johns High basketball team, it was their first

district basketball game. And, at least for this year, Tuesday's game will be their last.

For Flint Carman handled what opening night jitters it had a little better and came

away with a 76-67 decision over St. Johns at the Class A district game at Owosso.

Though sophomore guard Jeff Casler, for one, didn't show his jitters outwardly as he scored 22 points. The

shakes were there.

"Like he forgot to bring his shoes," Redwing Coach Bob Tissot said. "So did Doug Sleep. I just think he was nervous. He is only a sophomore and it was his first

tournament."

But Carman had something going for it that St. Johns didn't. While the Redwings lost their last game to Mount Pleasant, Flint Carman had won eight of its last 10.

"That was one thing they had going for them that we didn't have going for us," Tissot said. "It just seemed that because of that all the little things that happened went against us.

"But that really isn't a matter of luck," he added. "It is more a matter of a little thing called confidence."

What helped Flint Carman's confidence was the ease with which the Cougars broke St. Johns' press in the second quarter, allowing Carman to surge from an 11-10 first quarter lead to a 36-27 margin at halftime.

The Redwings quickly

FLINT CARMAN 11 25 18 22-76
ST. JOHNS 10 17 15 25-67
FLINT CARMAN: Robert Sack 1, 0/0, 2; Terry Kendrick 3, 3/6, 9; Scott Kelter 1, 2/2, 4; Kevin Read 10, 5/9, 25; Jeff Hamilton 5, 3/4, 15; Robert Richard 2, 1/2, 5; Darryl Jones 1, 0/1, 2; Chris Warner 6, 2/6, 14. **TOTALS-**30, 16/30, 76.
ST. JOHNS: Bob Sutherland 3, 3/5, 9; Doug Sleep 3, 2/3, 8; Ed Hallenbeck 2, 0/0, 4; Jeff Casler 9, 4/6, 22; Bruce Fedewa 5, 2/5, 12; Garth Banninga 4, 0/0, 8; Brent Simon 0, 2/3, 2; Gary Campbell 1, 0/0, 2; Dave Selke 0, 0/0, 0; Todd Bakita 0, 0/0, 0. **TOTALS-**29, 13/22, 67.

trimmed the margin to 36-31 on a steal and resulting layup by junior guard Bruce Fedewa.

Two minutes later Carman had gained a point on St.

Johns, making it 40-34. But less than a minute later Carman had solved the press problem and had surged back to a 44-34 lead.

On a 13-point fourth-quarter effort by Casler, the Redwings managed to cut a 19-point Carman lead to seven points. But Cougar forward Kevin Read came on to up the lead back to nine



St. Johns High's Mark Purfill made up his mind Friday and signed a letter of intent to attend Saginaw Valley State College this fall on a football scholarship. Surrounding Purfill are (left to right) Saginaw Valley State assistant coach Frank "Murky" Waters, St. Johns High Coach Joe Gonzales and John and Shirley Purfill. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Signee

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Lansing
Maybe it was all the

standing around during the Lansing Catholic Central-Olivet game (there were no seats), and maybe it was because they were looking

ahead to the game with LCC and then again, maybe it was something else altogether.

Whatever "it" was, "it" did something to the Pewamo-Westphalia High basketball team Monday at the Class C district at Lansing Catholic Central. For after the Pirates stood around and watched Lansing Catholic dump number one rated Olivet in overtime, they dropped a 52-47 game with Haslett. The loss eliminated the Pirates from the tournament, thereby prematurely ending their season.

"It was a close game," Pirate Coach John Ellis said, "but it was the kind of game that just makes you sick watching."

"Well, I don't know if they played all that terrible," he said, "but that certainly was our worst game of the season."

Pewamo-Westphalia outdid the Vikings from the field, hitting on 23 field goals to their 18. But Haslett made up the difference with a 16-for-17 night at the free

throw line. The Pirates made just one of four from the free charity stripe.

"But believe me," Ellis said, "the refereeing didn't have much to do with that result."

The Pirates had control of the game in the early stages, rolling to a 10-2 first-quarter lead. Haslett, however, regained composure long enough to cut the margin to 17-12 when the second period began.

By halftime, Haslett had

PEWAMO- 17 16 6 8-47
WESTPHALIA 12 22 6 12-52
HASLETT 12 22 6 12-52
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: Stan Piggott 0, 0/2, 0; Mike Pohl 4, 1/2, 9; Brian Stump 5, 0/0, 10; Brian Pfaff 6, 0/0, 12; John Bauer 5, 0/0, 10; Dan Thelen 3, 0/0, 6. **TOTALS-**23, 1/4, 47.
HASLETT: Barney Kimble 3, 4/4, 10; Mike Bowman 4, 2/2, 10; Randy Harden 5, 4/4, 14; Rod Palmer 6, 4/5, 16; Hans Johnson 0, 2/3, 2. **TOTALS-**18, 16/17, 52.

been hit by just three fouls and enjoyed a slim 34-33 cushion.

Both squads went through a cold third quarter before Haslett put the finishing touches on the win with a 12-8 fourth period. "The reason we didn't win," Ellis said, "was because we didn't work and we didn't execute our offense as we should."

The Pirates did get a 12-point game from junior forward Brian Pfaff and they also got a 10-point, nine-rebound effort from junior forward Brian Stump.

Haslett countered with 10-point games from senior forward Barney Kimble and 6-foot-4 senior center Mike Bowman. Senior guard Randy Harden hit for 14 points but the big gun was 5-foot-11 senior guard Rod Palmer, who hit for a game-high 16.



Up in the air

He may not know it, but St. Johns High center Garth Banninga (35) is in trouble, as Flint Carman guard Terry Kendrick (14) soars above him. Kendrick and the Cougars soared past St. Johns in the Class A district game Tuesday at Owosso, winning 76-67. (Photo by Mark Haney)

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Breckenridge eludes Fulton

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

ketball team.

Ithaca
A 30-foot, fallaway jump shot, fired up part in hope and part in desperation, was the difference between a win and overtime Wednesday for the Breckenridge High bas-

ketball team. It was such a shot, put up by forward Brial Sklener while Fulton High's Jeff Moon was draped all over him, that gave Breckenridge a 72-70 win over Fulton at the Class C district semifinal at Ithaca.

"Skeeter was so close to him," Fulton High coach Kim Lathwell said of the play, "that I thought he fouled him. He (Bond) said he was sure he got a piece of it. But Sklener still snapped it off."

Fulton had come back from a five-point deficit in the last

minute and a half. "We just put on good pressure and got some turnovers," Lathwell said.

And with 30 seconds left, Moon drove for a layup and was fouled, only after hitting the shot. But he missed the free throw and that knotted the score at 70.

Breckenridge whittled the time down to eight seconds when Fulton caused a jump ball. The tip went to Sklener, who tried to go inside. When that path was blocked, he took his desperation jumper.

"It was too bad someone had to lose that game," Lathwell said, "because we played well enough to win. Anybody else we would have blown out."

With one major exception, the game was very even. Both teams hit on 58 percent of their shots and Fulton had a slim 30-29 rebounding edge. But Breckenridge hit on 14 of 20 free throws while Fulton hit on just 10 of 20.

Hitting 50 percent of the free throw line isn't good at all," Lathwell said.

Fulton started the game sky-high, and stayed there for a while as the Pirates fed off a Breckenridge press to take a 41-30 lead at halftime.

"They were pumped," Lathwell said. "We hit the floor and in the first half I can't really believe we could have played any better."

Then came a shooting lull as Breckenridge pulled off its press and outscored the Pirates 24-16 in the third period assisted by fouls limiting Fulton senior center Scott Winsor to the bench.

"Winsor was the first (of three players) to foul out," Lathwell said, "and that really hurt us. Probably more than anyone we lost that hurt us, because he had almost neutralized Sklener."

So Sklener, who led Breckenridge with a 21-point effort, managed to score 14 points in the second half.

Fulton's lull continued as the Pirates made just 30 percent of their shots, allowing Breckenridge to outscore them 18-13.

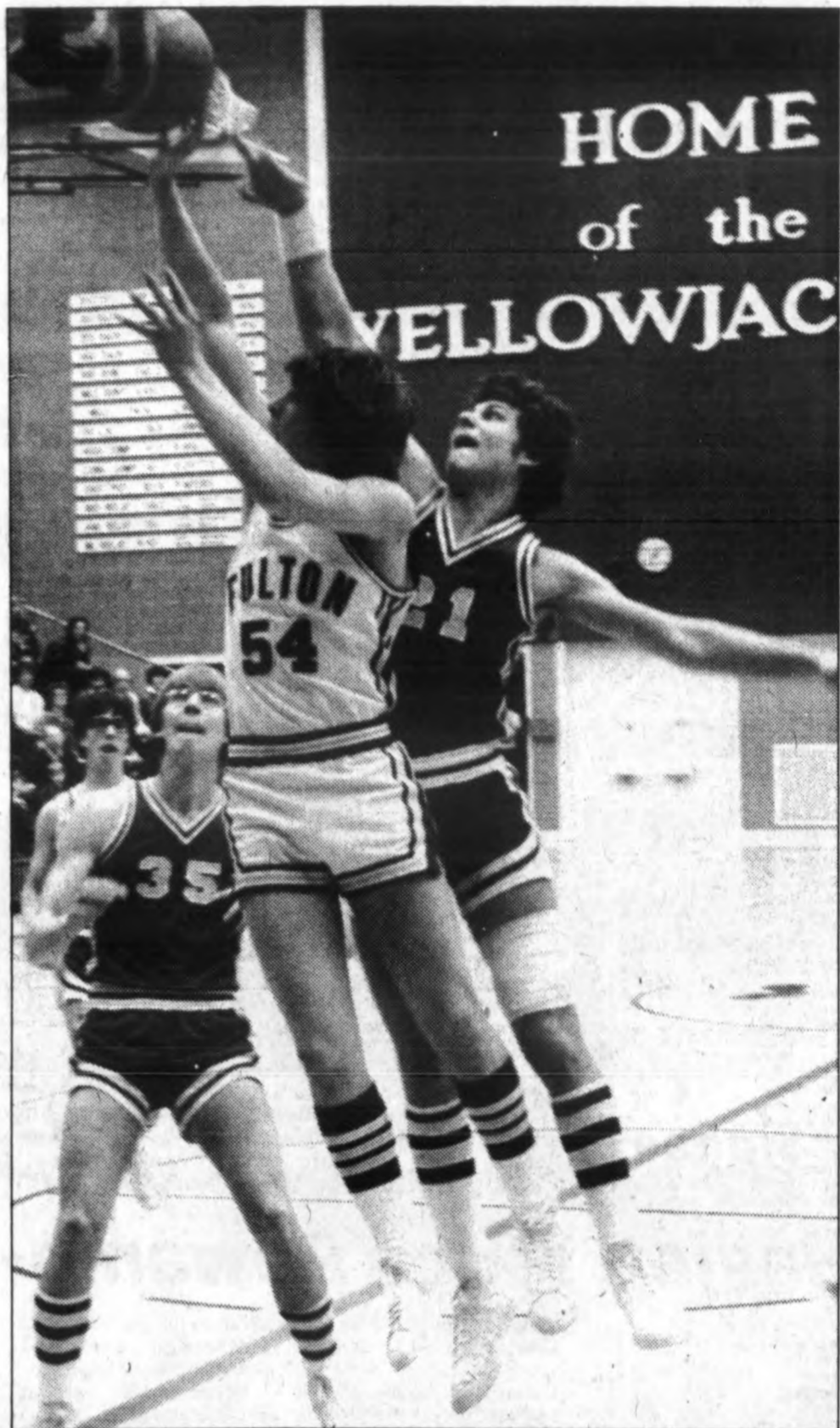
One player who didn't suffer from a lull was Moon, who capped the final game of his final season at Fulton with a personal-high, 28-point, three-assist, four-steal, eight-rebound night.

"He was right there all night," Lathwell said. "He couldn't play any better."

But then Lathwell said he got top performances from his entire squad.

"Every kid on the team played to the best of his potential for the whole game," he said.

BRECKENRIDGE 18 12 24 18 72
FULTON 19 22 16 13 70
BRECKENRIDGE: Doug Van-Tyne 4, 6/6, 14; Roger Mason 3, 0/0, 6; Brial Sklener 9, 3/6, 21; Jim Clapp 7, 4/5, 18; Brian Smythe 6, 1/3, 13. **TOTALS-**29, 14/20, 72.
FULTON: Mark Skaryd 3, 0/0, 6; Jeff Moon 11, 6/9, 28; Scott Winsor 4, 0/0, 8; Jim Slavik 5, 1/5, 11; Larry Fisk 4, 3/4, 11; Joel Miller 3, 0/2, 6. **TOTALS-**30, 10/20, 70.



Fulton High forward Larry Fisk (54) fought off the defensive efforts of Breckenridge's Brian Smythe (21) to score this bucket for Fulton. But it wasn't enough as Fulton lost 72-70 in the second round of the Class C district at Ithaca. (Photo by Paul Hornak)

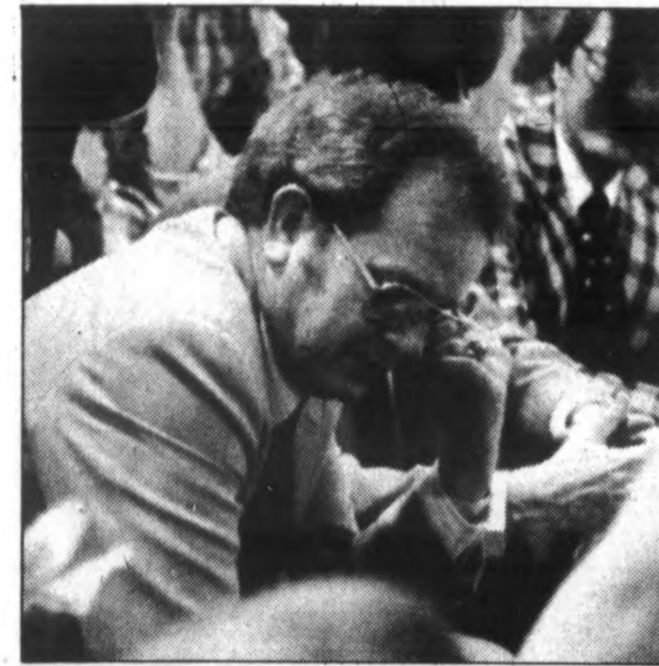
To the hoop

Gymnasts take second

Victoria at the six-team Ionia Invitational nearly came to the St. Johns High girl's gymnastic team as it came up second to host Ionia.
Ionia scored 86.1 points to St. Johns' 85.05. Lowell was third with 84.65 points followed by Cadillac, with 67.9. Hastings with 65.4 and Wayland with 17.95.
The Redwings did come away with three individual titles as Darlene Cerny won both the balance beam and all-around titles. Teammate Cindy Steavens stole

most of the thunder, however, when she set a St. Johns school record with an 8.2 score while winning the uneven parallel bars.
Cerny managed to gain seconds on the parallel bars, in vaulting and floor exercise to Lowell's Julie Grooters.
Redwing Dawn Bakita took an eight on the bars,

a sixth in vaulting, a seventh on the balance beam and a seventh in floor exercise. She finished sixth in the all-round.
St. Johns' Sharon Law took eighth in vaulting and tied with Lowell's Tina Fisk for sixth on the parallel bars to finish eighth in the all-round.



Celebrities

There were some celebrities in the audience Thursday at the Saranac-Fowler game at Fowler. On hand to scout Saranac's Ben Tower was Michigan State University head Coach, Jud Heathcote (right photo) who was swarmed by autograph-seeking fans. The fans didn't bother Central Michigan University head Coach, Dick Parfitt (photo right), however. (Photos by Mark Haney)

Fowler cagers

and we took some dumb shots."

"It was a close game up until halftime. Then we got that third quarter and we really opened things up."

The Eagles did get another stellar performance from Cook who scored 17 points with 12 rebounds while Koenigsnecht tallied 15 points.

Saturday Fowler outpointed St. Patrick in each period as they rolled to their 12th win of the 21-game season.

"I don't think they were as high as they were against Saranac," Trierweiler said. "But then again, Portland St. Patrick was a better team than the first two times (in Central Michigan Athletic Conference play). Except for turnovers, they made some good shots out there."

But the Shamrocks made but 33 percent of their shots, compared to Fowler's 42 percent shooting. What hurt the Eagles was a nine-for-19 performance from the free throw line.

"I sure hope that comes around," Trierweiler said. "It has been sporadic all year. Sometimes we shoot better from the field than we do from the free throw line."

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Old Timers	20-24
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WHA's	17-27
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SHIRTS & SKIRTS	
Silk Boutique	33-10-1
Car-Dale Farms	31-13-0
Guy's Sunoco	27-17-0
Central Michigan Lumber	26-18-0

GAME-Ann's Coiffures 837; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Ann's Coiffures 2470.

GOODTIMERS

W-L-T	Score
Go Getters	33-7-0
Streakers	27-17-0
Eager Beavers	26-17-1
Hoot Owls	26-18-0
Strike Binders	25-19
Slowpokes	22-20-0
Alley Stompers	21-23-0
Hair Raisers	19-24-1
Sidewinders	19-25-0
Top Bananas	16-28-0
Rock N Rollers	16-28-0
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INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-Don Adair 223, Liz Brunner 217; INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES-Don Adair 606, Linda Langlois 495; TEAM HIGH GAME-Streakers 694; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Streakers 1851.	

HIGH ROLLERS

W-L-T	Score
Fantastic Four	24-4
Pin Killers	19-9
Bad News Bowlers	17-11
Sore Losers	15-13
Born Losers	13-15
Golden Comb	18-14-0
Lanterman Insurance	17-15-0
Ann's Coiffures	16-15-1
Brink's Machine	16-15-1
Richard's Photo	16-16-0
Golden Cue	15-17-0
Nick's Fruit Market	13-18-1
Andy's Bakery	13-19-0
Boak's Upholstery	12-20-0
Elias Brothers	12-20-0
INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME-Terry Kenfield, Painter 891; TEAM HIGH SERIES-Terry Kenfield, Painter, 2463.	

FIRST NIGHTERS

W-L-T	Score
Spartan Printing	25-6-1
Silvestri Paint	18-14-0
Golden Comb	18-14-0
Lanterman Insurance	17-15-0
Ann's Coiffures	16-15-1
Brink's Machine	16-15-1
Richard's Photo	16-16-0
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W-L	Score
Paradise TV	7-1
Rehmann's	7-1
Sillmans	7-2
Allaby & Brewbaker	5-3
Laingsburg	5-3
Knights	4-4
Car-Dale Farms	4-4
Rehmann's	3-4
Briggs	2-6
H&H Lounge	1-7
WRB	0-8
RESULTS: Sillmans 76 (Dave Schmitt 16), Andy's IGA 52 (Bob Gregory 17); Car-Dale Farms 69 (Clare Armbrustmacher 28), WRB 65 (Mark Geller, Frank Palmer, Bob Dimer 17); Rehmann's 61 (Doug Woodhams 16), Laingsburg 52 (Jim Walters 20); Paradise TV 74 (Mel Pohl 17), Allaby & Brewbaker 44 (Jack Henning 14), Briggs 48 (Rich Rice 13), H&H Lounge 41 (Roger Argersinger 12).	

MEN'S CITY LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

W-L	Score
Sillmans	26-0
Wilcox Engineering	19-5
Central Michigan Lumber	17-10
Briggs Co. ERA	15-9
Mac's Misfits	13-11
Jaycees B	11-13
Clinton Automotive	7-14
Jaycees A	7-17
Knights of Columbus	7-17
Bees Chevy-Olds	6-18
RESULTS: Wilcox Engineering 3, Briggs Co. ERA 0; Bees	

Chevy-Olds 2, Farm Credit 1; Jaycees B 2, Jaycees A 1; Knights of Columbus 2, Mac's Misfits 1; Sillmans 2, Central Michigan Lumber 1.

WOMEN'S CITY LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL FINAL STANDINGS

W-L	Score
Advanced Fire	21-3
Murton's Rawleigh	21-3
Mister D's	15-9
Rehmann's	14-10
Mixed Nuts	13-11
Pilgrims	9-15
Pilgrims	7-17
Keelean's Pontiac	6-18
Hair World	2-22
RESULTS: Advanced Fire 3, Keelean's Pontiac 0; Mixed Nuts 3, Parr's 0; Pilgrims 3, Hair World 0; Murton's Rawleigh 3, Rehmann's 0.	

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA COED VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

W-L	Score
Westside Leftovers	26-10
Herbie's Raiders	23-13
Rookies	23-13
Northside Spikers	22-14
Village Veggies	7-29
High Fliers	7-29
RESULTS: (March 6) Westside Leftovers 4, Northside Spikers 0; Herbie's Raiders 4, Village Veggies 0; Rookies 4, High Fliers 0; (Feb. 28) Herbie's Raiders 3, Rookies 1; Northside Spikers 4, High Fliers 0; Westside Leftovers 4, Village Veggies 0.	

'Wings swim to league crown

By Mark Haney Sports Writer

Alma St. Johns Coach Jim Makarauskas should have listened to Ovid-Elsie High swim coach Thad Maciuszek last fall.

It was then that Maciuszek said that the St. Johns squad would win the Mid-Michigan B Conference title and that was just what the Redwings did Saturday as they scored a phenomenal 336 points, well ahead of runner-up Corunna, which scored 294. Corunna scored the only win over the Redwings in league dual meet competition.

Alma came in third with 252 points, Ovid-Elsie was fourth with 102 points, two points ahead of Chesaning. "We just did really good," Makarauskas said. "Every kid had his best times." "It was just an incredible meet. Eighty-three percent of our swimmers were our best ever."

The Redwings were led by a pair of double winners. Steve Baxter grabbed wins in the 50-yard (:22.875) and 100-yard freestyles (:51.0), getting a conference record in the former race after setting the record in Friday's preliminaries.

Ben Manning finished first in both the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.3) and in the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.2). Rick Mee won the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.9), beating first-seed Darryl Taylor of Corunna in the process. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Joe Rewerts, Jim Bertoldi, Manning and Baxter won in 3:30.3, just missing a conference record.

St. Johns also got a second from the 200-yard medley relay team of Mee, Dave Johnston, Scott Ward and Pat Fitzpatrick and from Mike Vecasey in the 100-yard butterfly. Other place winners included Bertoldi (third), Mike Dietz (fourth) and Rewerts (sixth) in the 200-yard freestyle; Mee (fourth) and Pete Witteveen (ninth) in the 200-yard individual medley; Fitzpatrick (sixth), Marty Zuker (ninth) in the 50-yard freestyle; Ward (fourth) in 100-yard butterfly; Fitzpatrick (fourth), Rewerts (seventh) in 100-yard freestyle; Bertoldi (third), Dietz (fifth) and Zuker (eighth) in 500-yard freestyle; Ward (third), Vecasey (fourth) in 100-yard backstroke and Johnston (fifth), Zuker (seventh), and Witteveen (fourth) in 100-yard breaststroke. Ovid-Elsie's top finishes came from senior Todd

Bowdary. He came back from a bout of bronchitis and, with just a week and a half of practice, grabbed a second in the 50-yard freestyle and a third in the 100-yard freestyle.

Maciuszek took just nine swimmers, plus his divers, to the championship yet got eighth places from Steve Maynard in the 100-yard backstroke and from Brian Clock in the 100-yard breast-

stroke. Freshman Mary Jean Latz took 10th and 11th places, respectively, in the 200-yard butterfly and in the 200-yard individual medley. Sophomore Mark Jeffries wound up seventh in diving

while Steve Gardner battled a shoulder injury to take 10th in the 500-yard freestyle and 12th in the 200-yard freestyle. Randy Montague took 10th in the 100-yard breast-



The St. Johns High swim team proudly poses with its recent acquired Mid-Michigan B Conference title. The team includes (left to right): first row-Beth Gavenda, Calvin Winsor, James Bertoldi, Joe Rewerts, Dave Johnston and Tammy Ihrer. Second row-Mike Homant, Chris Fairchild, Rick Mee and Marty Zuker. Third row-Steve Baxter, Scott Ward, Pat Fitzpatrick and Ben Manning. Fourth row-Mike VeCasey, Coach Jim Makarauskas, Mike Dietz, Pete Witteveen, Coach Mark Grost and Jay Richards. (Photo by Mark Haney)

MMB swim trophy

CMU coach speaks

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, Robin Ann Kellerman, Plaintiff vs. Clarence Joseph Kellermann, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the City of St. Johns in said County on the 25th day of February, 1980, PRESENT: Honorable Timothy M. Green, Circuit Judge.

On November 5, 1979, an action was filed by Plaintiff in this Court, to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant Clarence Joseph Kellermann, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before May 5, 1980. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees or costs of this publication be paid by Clinton County.

TIMOTHY M. GREEN
CIRCUIT JUDGE

LEGAL AID OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Construction Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 18, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879. A field trip has also been scheduled to commence at 5:30 P.M. on March 18, 1980 to review case CBA-3-80. All interested persons wishing to attend should be at the Service Center at 5:15 P.M.

The following cases have been scheduled for action at that time:

CASE NO. CBA-3-80 OVID TOWNSHIP

An application for appeal of the enforcing officers decision to enforce the One and Two Family Dwelling Code has been filed by Mr. Zeno Budd, 1954 Shepherdville Road, Ovid, Michigan 48866. The appeal, if granted would permit the construction of an addition to a single-family dwelling located upon the following described parcel of property which is not in conformance with the following sections of the One and Two Family Dwelling Code: 1975 edition, Article 1, Section R109, R110, R111, Article 2, Section R-206, Article 4, Section R-402, Article 6, Section R-605, Article 7, Table 7-R, 7-A. The building is located upon the following described parcel of property:

OV 936 N 1/4 of N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 22 T7N-R1W.

CBA-4-80 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

An application for appeal has been filed by Mr. Vaughn Montgomery, Watertown Township Supervisor on behalf of Watertown Township. Appeal is taken from the enforcement officers decision to require an 1 hour fire wall between the existing building and the new addition. The appeal, if granted would allow the construction of an in-lieu access corridor on the existing Township Hall without meeting the requirements of Article 6, Section 6.10.4. In like manner, the Township requests a variance from Article 12, Section 1202.12 to negate the necessity for sprinkling the storage room. The Township Hall is located upon the following legally described parcel of property:

Par of Lot in SW 1/4 of sec 8, T5N-R3W, Watertown Twp., Clinton County, MI, des as: Beg on W sec in at pt 669.5' N of SW cor of sd sec 8, Th E 551.92' Th N 738.5' Th W 353.92' Th S 408.5' Th W 198' Th S 330' alg W sec in to POB.

CBA-5-80 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

An application for appeal has been filed by Mr. Lewis Fowler, AIA, on behalf of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church. Appeal is taken from the enforcement officers decision to require a fire suppression in the basement of the church, as required by Article 12, Section 1202.13 or that the basement be accessible for fire fighting or rescue operations through the construction of area ways as required by the above referenced section.

The church is located upon the following described parcel of property:

Commencing at a pt which is located as follows: From the SE cor of Sec 7, T5N-R3W Watertown Township, Clinton County, MI, W 330.0' on th S in of sd sec 7, Th N 346.5' to th POB, Th N 310.5', Th W 1002' to a N-S fence line, Th S 393', Th E 342.0', Th S 264.0' to c/1 of Herbison Rd., Th E alg c/1 of Herbison Rd., 198.0', Th N 200.0', Th E 250', Th N 64.0', Th E 146.0' Th N 82.5', Th E 66.0' to the POB.

The applications for appeal and the Michigan Construction Code Act 230 of 1972, the 1978 edition of B.O.C.A., as amended is available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control, Building Division, located in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Please call 224-6761 ext. 221 for further information.

Jack A. Nelson
Director
Department of Development Control

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Orientis A. Fish, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday May 14th, 1980 at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Marvin E. Robertson, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Trust Department, Clinton Bank and Trust Company, 200 N. Clinton, St. Johns, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

DATED: March 5, 1980

Attorney for Petitioner:
Robert H. Wood
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306 N. Clinton
St. Johns, Mich.
Ph. 224-3238

S/CLINTON BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
Petitioner
200 N. Clinton
St. Johns, Michigan 11-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of John A. Croley, Deceased, File No. 20 208.

TAKE NOTICE: John A. Croley, of 407 N. Ottawa, St. Johns, Michigan, Social Security No. 401-18-4735, died intestate on September 30, 1979. On the petition of Jimmie J. Croley, administrator of the estate was granted to Jimmie J. Croley as Independent Personal Representative.

Creditors of the deceased are hereby notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Michael G. Oliva, 1200 Bank of Lansing Building, Lansing, Michigan, attorney for the estate, and copies of the claims and proof of service filed with the court on or before June 30, 1980.

The estate will be assigned to persons entitled to it.

DATED: March 6, 1980

Attorney:
Michael G. Oliva
1200 Bank of Lansing Building
Lansing, Michigan 48933

/s/ Jimmie J. Croley
4370 Tuscany Lane
Holt, Michigan 48942 11-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Gerald J. Arens, deceased, Social Security No. 371-28-1165.

TAKE NOTICE: On March 24, 1980 at 4:15 P.M. in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, (Clinton County) Michigan, before the Hon. Marvin E. Robertson, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Mrs. Rita Irner to commence proceedings, to grant administration of said estate to Dale Irner and also to determine heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate of Gerald J. Arens, deceased, must be presented to Dale Irner at Route No. 2, Walker Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 and proof thereof with copies of the claim filed with the Probate Court on or before May 21, 1980 at 9:00 a.m.

Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

DATED: March 6, 1980

John E. Wieber
Petitioner's Attorney
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879 11-1

The long-distance champion of migratory birds is the arctic tern, which makes a round-trip journey of 25,000 miles from near the North Pole to Antarctica and back.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, March 17, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. in the Conference Room, Clinton County Service Center, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

The following cases have been scheduled for disposition at that time:

CASE AB-4-80 BENGAL TOWNSHIP

An application for appeal has been filed by Mr. Louis N. Schneider, 1982 South Wacousta Road, St. Johns, Michigan pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.4.5 of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The applicant seeks relief from the enforcement officer's decision to deny a building permit for the construction of a 50 x 30 agricultural building, the proposed location of which is 28' from the middle of Townsend Road, Article 6, Section 6.5.5E requires a 50 foot setback from the road r/o/2.

The proposed building is located upon the following described parcel of property:

S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 18, T7N-R3W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

CASE AB-8-80 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

An application for appeal of the enforcing officer's decision to deny a building permit to allow the alteration of a single family dwelling has been filed by Mr. Neil E. Pingel, 13851 North Hartel Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The appeal application is filed pursuant to Art. 4, Section 4.3 and Article 13, Section 13.9 of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, as amended. The applicant is requesting relief from the Board to allow the remodeling of a vacant house which is located within the Village of Wacousta in a B-1, Local Business zone district. The Department has denied the request of the permit pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.13.2 Uses Permitted by Right in the B-1, Business District and Article 12, Section 13.4 Nonconforming Structures.

The building is located upon the following legally described parcel of property:

Commencing at a point 62 rods South and 25 rods West of the NE corner of Section 18, Th. due North 8 rods, Th. West 8 rods, Th. S. 8 rods, Th. E. 8 rods to place of beg., Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

CASE AB-7-80 INTERPRETATION

The Department of Development Control has requested the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals to classify the use "Banquet Hall Rental" which is a use not specifically mentioned in the uses permitted in the M-1, Limited industrial zone district. The department is requesting the Board to determine if the use conforms to a comparable permitted or prohibited use in accordance with the purpose and intent of the M-1, Limited industrial zone district.

This classification is requested pursuant to the authority granted to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Article 6, Section 14.4.4 (c) of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

CASE AB-8-80 WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP - Variance

An application for appeal of the enforcing officer's decision to deny a building permit has been filed by Mr. Clifford Welsch, 1240 Chester, Lansing, Michigan 48912. The applicant requests relief from Article 5, Section 5.2.1 and Article 6, Section 6.5.5B of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Ordinance, in order to permit the construction of a single family dwelling on a parcel of property which does not have public road frontage on the following described parcel of property:

Com. at a point 280 feet South of the NW cor. of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T5N-R3W Watertown Twp, Clinton County, MI and run, Th. E. alg. the S. line of Consumers Power, to company property 40 rods, Th. S. 18.5 rods, West 40 rods, and Th. N. 18.5 rods to POB. cont. 4.625 acres

The appeal applications and the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, OR-1-78, as amended, are available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control, Zoning Division, located in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 East Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Please call (517)224-6761 Ext. 221 for further information.

Jack A. Nelson, Director
Department of Development Control 11-1

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of William E. Davis, Sr., deceased. Last Address Known: 604 North Scott Street, DeWitt, Michigan 48820. Social Security Number 386-34-8219.

TAKE NOTICE: On March 28, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom in St. Johns, Michigan, before Hon. Marvin E. Robertson, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Keith G. Davis, for the admission to probate of the Last Will and Testament dated May 26, 1961 and First Codicil thereto dated January, 1963, for granting of administration to Keith G. Davis or some other suitable person and for a determination of heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Mr. Keith G. Davis at 331 West Round Lake Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 and proof thereof filed with the court on or before May 14, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

DATED: March 10, 1980

Daniel C. Matson, P-17210
Suite 6, 13109 Shavey Road
DeWitt, Michigan 48820
Ph. (517) 669-2055

Petitioner:
Keith G. Davis
331 West Round Lake Road
DeWitt, Michigan 48820 11-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, Burton A. Hall, Plaintiff vs. Lucille I. Hall, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the City of St. Johns, in said County on the 25th day of February, 1980. **PRESENT:** Honorable Timothy M. Green, Circuit Judge.

On January 21, 1980, an action was filed by Plaintiff in this Court to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant LUCILLE I. HALL, should answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before May 5, 1980. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees or costs of this publication be paid by Clinton County.

TIMOTHY M. GREEN
Circuit Judge

LEGAL AID OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN

JEROME F. SHERMAN
(P28910)
Attorney for Plaintiff
300 North Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 1471
Lansing, MI 48901 11-4

People in the United States

stuff about 450 million pounds of popcorn into their mouths each year—more than is consumed in any other country in the world. Although associated with movies and ball games, most popcorn is popped and eaten at home, National Geographic World magazine says.

Ag Advice

By Mark Hansen
Extension Agricultural Agent

FORWARD CONTRACT WHEAT

Forward contract some of your wheat. Next year's prices may not be as good as they are now.

Dr. Don Mitchell, Michigan State University agricultural economist, expects prices to decline during spring and early summer.

A reasonable strategy would be to contract part of next year's crop on market rallies and wait for spring production estimates to make additional marketing decisions. If expected world production continues to develop as a record crop, U.S. prices will probably decline below current levels by harvest.

The upside potential is not great. Unfavorable weather is the major thing that could

change his analysis. The downside risk is much greater with the loan level providing a benchmark or floor at that extreme.

Wheat prices following the Carter Administration grain embargo to Russia remained strong because of export market strength. It does not appear the embargo will effectively reduce Soviet imports or U.S. exports. Government programs have also provided strength to the market.

But this kind of strength is not expected to continue. U.S. wheat acreage is likely to increase 10 percent above last year's level. If conditions are normal, we'll have a record crop. Add this to the case in 1979, and we have a large stock build-up that lowers prices.

Wheat exports are likely to be lower in 1980 because the margin between wheat prices and corn prices is unusually

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

State trooper opposes patrol limitations

Dear Sirs:

On Saturday, February 2, 1980, a truck driver blew a tire on I-96 near I-127 in the Lansing area. The driver lost control of the truck; it flipped over and the driver was burned alive.

Normally this stretch of highway is patrolled quite heavily by the Lansing State Police Post; however, at the time of this accident, the Lansing Post had three of six day patrols sitting idle at the post. The reason they were sitting there is the ridiculous 60 to 80 mile limitations put on patrols. Also, one of the State Police cars assigned to the Lansing area expressway was a two-man car, in an effort to cut fuel consumption, instead of the usual two one-man cars.

Perhaps it is unrealistic to think that one of these Troopers could have been close enough to prevent this truck driver's death. But on February 2, 1980, this was not working in the Northville Post area had been sitting idle at their post, two or possibly three people could have been at their post, two or possibly three people could have perished in a car fire on I-96. Thanks to God, quick action and bravery on the part of the Troopers, the people were rescued from their burning car.

Because of severe budget problems in the State Police fuel allocations, most posts are suffering a reduction from 30 percent to 60 percent in patrols. This figure is bound to increase as spring and summer approach. More posts are going to two-man day cars in an effort to conserve fuel. Normally in the spring and summer, State Police run one-man cars up until 10:00 p.m., allowing for better coverage. It is now rumored that all afternoon patrols will be two-man cars through the spring and summer months in an effort to cut fuel consumption.

It seems that the Michigan State Police Management, and/or the Governor, and/or the Legislators are dragging their feet when it comes to issuing emergency gas allocations. We are not talking about decreasing the

efficiency of issuing license plates, welfare checks, remodeling state offices or building additional highways, we are talking about the protection of people's lives and property.

Not many of us have the influence or contacts to expedite additional monies to the State Police for gas allocations. But for those that do, I hope you hear of this letter. I am positive that Michigan residents are not aware of our problem, and they would support any allocations necessary to keep from cutting State Police patrols.

It is unclear to Troopers why we are in the dilemma that we are. Patrol activities are not increasing as a result of stationary patrols as you may have read somewhere.

The Michigan State Police is a very professional police department made up of dedicated people. These are people that are in police work for a career, not for four or five years of excitement. We feel we should not be treated as anything less than professionals by the management, the legislature and the Governor. Let's not play these mileage cutbacks and patrol reduction games any longer. Let's do what it takes to resume normal patrols and operations for the people of the State of Michigan. This letter reflects my personal feelings and is not intended to represent any division or unit in my Department.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Trooper Donald Brooks
Michigan State Police
7119 North Canal Road
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Shorthand students have penpals

DeWitt

Many friendships have been formed through penpal letters, and now DeWitt High School's shorthand students have joined the ranks of the many who have found friends this way. Mrs. Peggy Williams and the girls who make up the Shorthand I class have become penpals with the shorthand class at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

This is the second year DeWitt students have started a penpal relationship with Seaholm students. Mrs. Williams became acquainted with the shorthand instructor at Seaholm while they both were attending classes at Michigan State University. Because they decided to stay in touch, they decided to have their students communicate via shorthand letters.

The letters exchanged are written completely in shorthand. However, letters are not the only thing exchanged between the two classes. As a Christmas gift for their Seaholm penpals, the class sent shorthand cookbooks composed of favorite recipes. Just recently, the Seaholm class sent valentines with shorthand inscriptions to their penpals.

When asked the reason for taking shorthand, the student's responses were varied. Some students indicated shorthand would be for their own use (to help them take notes in class). Others said they knew the skill would help them take notes in class. Others said they knew the skill would help them get a job in the future. And a couple of students indicated they took the class just because they heard it was challenging and fun.

This year, no males enrolled in the class which Mrs.

Williams feels is unfortunate as the skill would be equally useful to them. However, last year one male student was in the class and he is still corresponding with his penpal at Seaholm.

Members of the class include: Kellie Allen, Kathy Boak, Lorraine Brown, Nancy Decker, Kim Devlin, Josie Guyer, Chris Hale, Laura Hineman, Kim Laine, Diana Lynn, Trudi Monk, Mel Parker, Kelly Quimby, Sheryl Scott, Vicki Smith, Cindy Spence, Barb Swagert, and Kim Waier.

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- 1979 GMC Sierra Grande, 1/2 ton, black, am-fm radio, extra fuel tank, 12,000 miles.
- 1975 Ford Pick-up, 150, red, am radio, 74,000 miles.
- 1973 Ford Pinto Station Wagon, gold, 100,000 miles.
- 1972 Buick Riviera, white, am-fm radio, tilt cruise, power seats, air, 50,000 miles.
- 1979 Invader Trailer Coach, 28 feet.
- 1979 Crown Trailer Coach, fold-out trailer.
- 1974 Norton Morte Cycle and 3 snowmobiles.
- 1973 Ski-Doo Nordic 440, 1972 Ski-doo Nordic 440, 1971 Ski-Doo 640 TNT.
- 1977 Thomas Trianon Organ, model 606, 3 keyboard.

Interested persons should contact the Adjustment Department at Clinton Bank & Trust company, 200 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, MI 48879.

We reserve the right to refuse minimum bids.

CITY OF ST. JOHNS NOTICE TO CUT WEEDS

CHAPTER 106 OF THE ST. JOHNS CITY CODE STATES IN PART:


9.41 No person occupying any premises and no person owning any unoccupied premises shall permit or maintain on any such premises, any growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass or other vegetation to a greater height than twelve (12) inches on the average; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush.

This notice is to inform all persons that weeds not cut by June 1, 1979 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property charged with the actual cost of cutting, removal or destruction, including supervision, and overhead costs....which sum, the City's cost, shall be a lien against the premises.

This notice enables the City to cut the weeds as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property owner.

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The Back Page

Museum named to State Historic Sites register

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

Clinton County

The Paine-Gillam-Scott 1860 House Museum, sponsored by the Clinton County Historical Society has been placed on the register

for State Historic Sites.

The 120 year old home, built by a wealthy merchant and later owned by two doctors, was saved from demolition when the Historical Society launched a campaign to turn it into a county historic museum. The

county owned building housed the Mid-Michigan Health Department until completion of the new service building on Elm Street. County officials contemplated razing the old home for much needed parking space in the court-

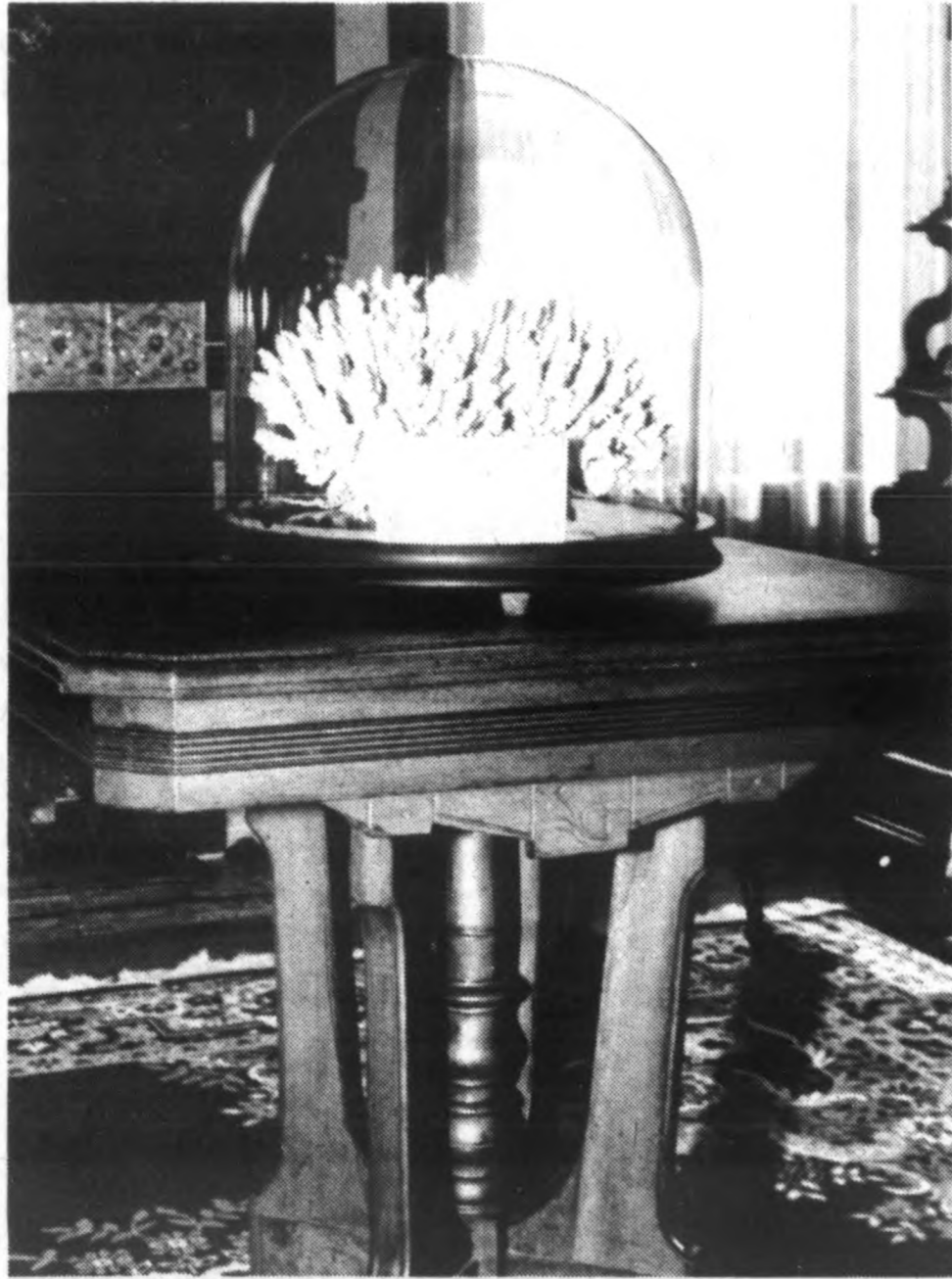
house square area until agreeing in September of 1978 to let the Historical Society renovate it for a museum. Thousands of volunteer hours renovated and restored the building to its 1890 Victorian style remodeling and opened it to the public during Michigan Week, May 1979.

The museum is now one of 1,200 sites in the state listed on the register of historic places because of significant historical interest chosen by the Michigan History Division of the Michigan Historical Commission.

Activities and exhibits at the museum are constantly changing, offering a variety of collections and historic items. The Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society staff a room there each Sunday offering assistance and information. This month a special restoration series is being held on Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m. offering a slide presentation and experts for questions and answers. Special activities being planned for this spring include a Magnolia Tea to coincide with the blossoming of the large showy tree on the lawn and special tours and exhibits for Michigan Week.

A special display of carnival glass is being shown in the front room of the museum on loan from Kenneth Vance of Ann Arbor, a native of Fowler. Included in the display is a punch bowl and cups set Vance has donated to the museum collection. In the dining room, visitors can see a lovely arrangement of sentimental china and glass on loan from Sheryl Plowman of St. Johns. Upstairs is a display of swords and guns collected by Bill Bennett of St. Johns. Riley Township memorabilia is on display in the township room and the museum has arranged a display of early carpenter's tools.

There is no charge for touring the museum; guides are available. Winter hours are 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.



Special gift

New in the sitting room at the Paine-Gillam-Scott museum is this 1880 display dome with coral specimen a recent gift of Treva Merrill Smith of St. Johns. The dome and coral was always on display in the home of Doctor Oliver Chase Josien. (Photo by Sharon Randall)



Fine glass

This fine collection of carnival glass is on display at the Paine-Gillam-Scott museum in St. Johns through May. Loaned by Kenneth Vance of Ann Arbor, the collection includes

plates, dishes and bowls in raspberry, beaded shell, Memphis, Greek key, carnival thistle and grape and cable patterns. Vance has donated the punch bowl and cups on the left to the museum. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

★ Health dept

Funds to operate the health department come from federal, state and county allocations as well as fees charged for the services and third party insurance payments.

State and county funding is tied together, explained Latoff. In 1980, for every \$1 the county chips in, the state kicks in 20 cents. In 1981 the state will give 40 cents on the dollar and the state will increase its allocation until 1985 when \$1 allocated by the county will bring in \$1 from the state.

This is the first year the state is utilizing this match system of allocating money.

For counties which receive low funding on the county level, this method of matching funds is not going to help, said Latoff. "Those health districts with a history of good financial support will benefit. The rich will get richer," he said.

The Mid-Michigan Health District was one of 11 in the state that had to be given a subsidy this year by the state. The subsidy amounted to about \$30,000.

The 1979 health department expenditures amounted to \$674,481 said Latoff. The 1980 budget before the cuts was \$762,721. After the cuts were made, the budget is at \$713,528. This represents a \$39,000 increase over last year's budget.

Latoff explained that increases in fixed costs have bitten a chunk out of the \$39,000 increase. Fixed costs include workman's compensation, Social Security, unemployment compensation, liability insurance, and travel expenses.

Some health department employees were given 3.1 percent merit salary increases. However, not all employees were eligible for merit increases. Moreover, the 3.1 salary increase did not reflect the double digit inflation factor.

Latoff said the 3.1 wage adjustments caused a morale problem.

Another consequence of low funding, said Latoff, is that salaries are not competitive. He said the health department pays the lowest salary for nurses in the area.

Turnover is high at the health department. Latoff said in the environmental health department, it takes 4-5 inexperienced people to do the work of three people who would have at least three years experience. But, because of the low salaries, once a sanitarian, for instance, gets trained, he moves on to another county and higher pay.

The low salaries have led to an attempt to unionize the nurses and sanitarians at the health department. Leslie Whitford, who is a Grafton County commissioner and chairman of the MMDHD Board of Health, said the nurses have asked the nurses' union to organize here and the sanitarians have sought out the Teamsters Union.

The health department has asked only one union represent both groups. The hearing in front of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission was held the end of January and Whitford said his board hasn't received a reply from the MERC.

Because of the possibility of unions organizing the health department employees, the MMDHD Board voted to increase the legal portion of the budget from \$500 to \$10,500 this year. Latoff said legal fees for the department are normally less than \$500 annually.

Latoff said the health board wasn't faced with easy choices when making the \$62,000 in cuts. "It really hurts--cutting from basic services," Latoff said.

"I don't think the board are bad guys. They're just trying to set up some guidelines the people can live with," he said.

Latoff said no one group of people were hurt by the cuts. Cuts in programs for the young and old were made.

Blue and Gold banquet fetes Scouts

Pack 512 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet, February 23, at the Smith Hall. Following the invocation given by Rev. Danny Bowditch from the First Church of God the scouts and their families enjoyed a potluck dinner.

After the dinner the following cub scouts received badges and arrow points: Chip Spicer-Wolf; Badge and gold and silver arrow; John Kuenzli-gold and silver arrow; Jason

Rositas-gold and silver arrow; Eric Gramlick-gold and silver arrow; Brent Warner-gold and silver arrow; Steven Briggs-Bear Badge; Craig Sira-Geologist; Kent Hoyt-Citizen; Troy Warner-Geologist; Eric Hartman-Traveler and Athlete; Eric Lowers-Traveler; Todd Perry-Scholar Traveler and Outdoorsman; Mike Robinson-Athlete; Joey Wise-Sportsman, Citizen and Webelos Badge; Chris Paska-Engineer and Webelos

Badge. Billy Wycoff and Danny Thompson advanced into Webelos.

Craig Sira and Eric Lower received their arrow of light badge. This is the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouts. Craig Sira and Eric Lower also graduated to Troop 71 in Boy Scouts.

Committee members for 1980 are as follows: Dick Perry-cubmaster and treasurer; Verna Perry-awards chairman; Diane

Woodbury-public relation; Sue Briggs-membership; Janet Scott, Joyce Paski, Marlene Mueller, Diane Hildebride, Janacie Jones, Randy Briggs, Robert Barber, Ron Woodruff, Mike Dault-Den Leaders.

The Rocker Derby followed the dinner and awards ceremony. The following boys won trophies on their rockers: Bill Wycoff, first place; Todd Perry, second place and Billy Scott, third place.

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