

# The Clinton Community News

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## Paper pickup is Saturday

St. Johns Lions will pick up bundled newspapers, Saturday, July 11, if residents place them at the curb by 10 a.m. Magazines are not acceptable.

The newspaper pickup is part of the club's recycling project. City residents with bottles, jars and aluminum may drop them off at the Lions' Recycling Center at the corner of Steel and Swegles Streets from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Pet and Doll Day approaches

St. Johns children can show off their favorite pets and dolls, Wednesday, July 15 when the city recreation department sponsors Pet and Doll Day.

Children, 6 to 10 years of age, are invited to the program from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the park pavilion.

## Money maker successful for ball teams

St. Johns young people who are participating in the summer ball program are delivering canisters of candy and popcorn this week and next, part of a \$4,513 fund raiser.

Chairman Rhonda Gaffney said the ball players sold 3,343 canisters of candy and popcorn. Teams who have not received their orders may pick them up at Mrs. Gaffney's home at 208 S. Oakland.

## Learn to paddle your own canoe

Community Resource Volunteers has scheduled a day of canoe safety and paddling, Wednesday, July 15 at Sleepy Hollow State Park. Children must be at least 8-years old.

Participants may meet at the beach at the state park at 10 a.m. or ride the community bus which will leave the city park pavilion at 9:30 a.m. The bus returns to St. Johns about 2:30 p.m.

Children should bring their own lunch. The canoe outing is \$1 if you meet at the state park, \$2 if you ride the bus.

## Elevator plans are approved by Eagle board

By JEAN MARTIN

Westmac, builders of a new grain elevator project in Eagle Township, have passed another hurdle on their way to obtaining financing for the enterprise through the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation. At their regular July meeting, Monday night, the Eagle Township Board approved the firm's project plan submitted by Don Lowell of the EDC.

The plan was approved last month by the EDC and Monday night's approval by the Eagle Township board clears the way for the plan's return to the County Board of Commissioners for a hearing and possible final approval.

Speaking on behalf of the EDC was Blake Kreuger, bond counsel for the firm of Warner, Norcross, and Judd. He characterized the project as a high-speed grain elevator and drying and storage facility. The elevator, he said, would have a storage capacity of approximately two million bushels. It also would have railroad car loading facilities for use with the adjacent C and O Railroad tracks, he explained.

According to Kreuger, the elevator would be completed by Oct. 1 in time for some of the fall harvest. Construction started in May.

Westmac intends to finance part of the project with bonds issued by the EDC, Kreuger added. He said that he expects that EDC bonds will cover about \$4 million of the \$4.2 or \$4.3 million building costs.

Lon Smith, president of the Mid-Michigan Farm and Grain Association, which opposes the elevator project asked Kreuger to expand upon the public interest section of the project plan.

The association, which represents elevator operators in St. Johns, Westphalia, Ovid, Charlotte, Potterville, Portland, Grand Ledge, Pewamo, and Eaton Rapids, has been vocal in its opposition to the use of EDC funding for the project. Members contend that the proposed EDC funding and expected tax abatements represent government interference in private enterprise.

"The project has the potential of having a substantial impact on Clinton County's agricultural base," said Kreuger. "Any increase that farmers get for their product will be plowed back into the county."

Smith suggested that Westmac would be offering about 12 cents less per bushel than the Toledo market where large-scale growers have been hauling their crops.

"Figure the cost of trucking. Where we sit now, it would be about a wash," Smith concluded. "We'd be about even-STEVEN."

"The only way (Westmac) can make a go of it is if they have something to offer," replied Kreuger.

"We're not in the business to put local elevators out of business," added Gary Schenk, general counsel for Westmac. "We're in business to take care of the farmer who wants to sell his corn as a cash crop."

A motion to approve the project plan was made by Eagle Township Treasurer Patricia Hazen and supported by Township Clerk Alice Sullivan. The motion was approved in a roll call vote with Supervisor Kenneth Briggs, Hazen, Sullivan, and Trustee Elmer Hardenburg assenting and Trustee Morris Johnson abstaining.

Lowell said a public hearing on the county level would probably be held later this month.



## Happy birthday, America

A grand display of fireworks proclaimed pride in America at the Rotary Club's "Grand Old 4th" celebration last weekend.

St. Johns area residents celebrated the holiday at home with carnival rides, a western music show and a gospel sing. Children

saw the "world's smallest horse" and tried to find out how fast they could pitch a ball. The five day celebration ended on Sunday with a fireworks display. This holiday marked the 205th year of independence for the United States of America. (Photo by David Olds)

## Suntree housing complex opens, July 15

By SHARON RANDALL

Suntree, a \$5,077,987 apartment complex that includes senior citizen apartments and townhomes for families, is scheduled to open sometime next week. An informal open house is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 from 10 to 4 p.m. when the community is invited to wander through and "see what we have to offer," according to Sue Burns, resident manager. Developed and built by

Oxford Building Corporation with Michigan State Housing Development Authority funding, Suntree offers 50 apartment units for senior citizens and 70 subsidized family units.

Ms. Burns expects her first residents to move in July 15 and said applications are still being accepted. So far, about 95 percent of the approved residents for the townhouses are from the St. Johns area and about 85 percent of the senior citizen residents. The re-

maining are from the area around the city of St. Johns, she said, with some senior's applying from the Lansing area because of family ties in Clinton County.

To be eligible for the subsidized housing, applicants must be able to verify all aspects of their income, which takes a little time, Ms. Burns explained. Rent is based a little lower than about 25 percent of income, minus a utility allowance, but situations vary. "The best thing to do is come in

and apply," Ms. Burns said. "We need a lot of information to see how each applicant fits in, depending upon their income level." (Continued on page 4A)

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## Elsie festival full of fun

It's not too late to get involved in the second annual Elsie Festival Days. The Elsie Improvement Association and the Elsie Lions Club are heading the project, July 18 and 19.

Dick Miller is in charge of the noon parade that will start the festival on Saturday, July 18. There will be antique cars, clowns, tractors and floats.

A flea market and booths of antiques, crafts and hobbies will be featured. Attractions include a steam engine display, game booths, a chicken barbecue, ice cream and a pancake breakfast at the American Legion Hall from 7 to 11 a.m., Sunday, July 19. Also planned are a mini-tractor contest, a street dance and a softball tournament.

To get involved call Joe Courter or Gus Patrick Jr.

## Lansing trip slated, July 16

Area children can tour the State Capitol Building and the Impressions Five museum in downtown Lansing, Thursday, July 16 as part of a series of special trips planned by Community Resource Vklunteers.

Children will leave St. Johns at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. A sack lunch is required for a picnic at Riverfront Park. Children must be 8-years old or accompanied by a family member at least 15-years old.

Trip fees are \$5 per child or \$10 a family. Reservations must be in to CRV (224-8285) by July 14.

## Correction

Eddie Horton, new co-owner of The Print Shop, formerly the commercial job printing shop of the Clinton County News is married to a former St. Johns resident, Carol Valyer.

Her name was incorrectly reported in a recent story on the sale of the commercial printing business.

# Quotations let to finalize SJ well project

By SHARON RANDALL

Trying to acquire additional city water as soon as possible, the St. Johns City Commission decided to use quotations instead of bids in choosing contractors for a well house and technical equipment and installation at the new well site south of the city.

In action taken at a special council meeting Monday night the board accepted quotations from two contractors to build a 10 by 16 foot well house, including basic electrical and mechanical. The final decision rests upon clarification from the lowest bidder who could not be reached during the meeting. If Westphalia Builders' low quote of \$10,948, includes the electrical and mechanical work asked for, they will receive the city's contract. If not, the job goes to Searles Construction for the second lowest quote of \$16,500.

Layne Northern was the only company submitting quotations for the more technical equipment, the control system, meter, pump, pipe, chemical feed pumps and their installation and labor. The job went to them for \$18,493.

The city has been in a long struggle for more water. Last summer a well project was given up after months of drilling when the water proved inadequate.

At Monday night's meeting City Manager Randy Humphrey said that recent hot days had made the need seem even more critical.

On top of the hot weather and the city's long standing need, Suntime, a 120 unit apartment complex on the south side of the city is ex-

pected to open within weeks and is depending upon the city for water.

In September the city agreed to give the apartment's developer, the Oxford Building Company, a four percent tax abatement, or rather allow them

to pay a four percent service fee in lieu of property taxes, instead of a previously settled upon amount of six percent. Oxford offered the city a compromise package totaling \$126,000 which included help for financing a well in

the area. The help for the well, however, is contingent on having water available when the complex opens.

In January, Walter Meinert, the city's well consultant told the commission that it was not

unreasonable to expect the well to be in within 90 days. The well in question is a conversion of an eight inch test well into a permanent well. It is expected to provide the city with 300 gallons of water per minute.

# Clinton kidnapping-rape trial convenes in Antrim County court

Testimony for the people continued Wednesday morning in an Antrim County court against Trent Lee Stull, 26, in a 1979 kidnapping-rape case moved by change of venue from Clinton County. It is expected to continue through Friday.

The former Bath Township man is charged with kidnapping and rape stemming from an incident, Oct. 21, 1979 when an 18-year old female hitchhiker was kidnapped at knifepoint in East Lansing and driven to a field in the Bath area and raped.

The change of venue was requested by Stull's court appointed attorney, Bill Jackson of St. Johns, who claimed he could not get a fair trial here.

Clinton County Clerk Jane Swanchara, who is in Antrim County to clerk the case with Circuit Court Judge Timothy Green, said Tuesday evening that 12 jurors and an alternate were selected quickly Monday morning.

The alternate was selected so that the trial may continue if one of the jurors gets ill.

She said testimony for the people would continue Wednesday morning with defense witnesses to follow. Clinton County Prosecutor Jon Newman is trying the case.

Stull was arrested on the rape-kidnapping case several days after the alleged incident but jumped bail in January of 1980 before his trial. In April of 1980, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners offered a \$2,000 reward, through the Lansing State Journal "Secret Witness" program for information leading to his arrest.

He was later located by FBI agents in West Virginia and brought back to Clinton County. In March of this year he was found guilty by a Gratiot County jury and has been serving a six year sentence in Jackson prison for absconding and being a second felony offender.

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## Special mass is planned

Sunday, July 12, a silver jubilee will be held for three former members of St. John the Baptist Parish and school at Hubbardston.

A concelebrated mass will be offered at the church at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Eugene R. Fox, present pastor of St. John the Baptist, and Rev. James Cusack and the Rev. Bernard Schafer, who are celebrating 25 years of religious life. Sister Lois Ann Sheaffer will also be a special guest of honor.

Bishop Babcock conferred the sacred orders of the priesthood upon Rev. Cusack and Rev. Schafer on June 2, 1956. Sister Lois accepted her religious vows in the Dominican Order from Marywood Academy in Grand Rapids at the same time.

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If you have a question or a comment for the "Ask your Pharmacist" column, please feel free to write to: "Ask Your Pharmacist", c/o Parris Pharmacy, 201 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, MI 48879.

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The Second Front Page

## State's redistricting game starts, how it ends is anyone's guess

The state legislature's Commission on Legislative Apportionment has already begun work on one phase of what many politicians and observers refer to as the "game" of district reapportionment.

In this game, however, the stakes are high.

Every 10 years, after results of the new census figures are published, political voting districts must be realigned and reapportioned to compensate for the shift in population. With the very career of some state senators, representatives and county commissioners on the line, the game is one of high controversy, say elected officials.

This year it appears as though Central Michigan, which encompasses 15 counties, including Clinton County, will be one of the winners in the state because its population has increased by approximately 11 percent over 1970's figures, according to the figures released after the recent census.

There are now almost 1.75 million people residing in Central Michigan, up from close to 1.6 million in 1970.

The only big loser in the state is Wayne county, which has experienced over an 11 percent decrease in size since last decade and, consequently, will lose five state house representative seats.

To translate the population increases into exactly how many state and local representatives a given region will gain is as confusing as it is unexact.

In raw numbers, Central Michigan will most likely gain one state representative seat and one-third of a state senate seat. In other words, one full representative's seat will be created from within Central Michigan, whereas the state senate seat will only partly come from our region, with the rest representing neighboring areas, as well, according to 24th District State Sen. William Sederburg R-East Lansing.

This is based on the fact that one representative's seat is created for every 82,000 Michigan residents and one state senate seat is formed for each 244,000, approximately.

Just how the district lines will be drawn is anyone's guess. Democrats and Republicans will each have their own plans, both trying to either preserve or create districts partisan to their politics.

District reapportionment is carried out on three levels. First, there is congressional reapportionment, which will determine the number of congressmen each state will send to the U.S. House of Representatives.

This process is in the hands of the state legislature and follows the same procedures as any other bill. In other words, it has to be passed by both houses of the legislature and then signed into law by the Governor.

Work on this phase will not begin until the fall. Early indications are that Michigan will lose one representative in Washington, presumably from the Detroit area, which has experienced a severe population decrease.

The second level, affecting the state senate and representative redistricting, is in the hands of the Commission on Legislative Apportionment, made up of four Democrats and four Republicans appointed by the respective party chairpersons.

Work on this has already begun, and the commission has until early December to come to a decision, although the amount of time for the work is now a bone of contention between Democrats and Republicans, according to Sederburg.

If they cannot agree on a single plan, the case will be decided in the Michigan Supreme Court, as have the last two attempts.

Finally, there is the matter of county commissioners to be settled. In Clinton County, a five-member commission consisting of the two party chairpersons, the treasurer, clerk and the prosecuting attorney will apportion Clinton's 55,893 people.

According to County Clerk Jane Swanchara, the committee will strive for a "one man, one vote," balance. "We will try to arrange the number of seats so that each commissioner represents the same number of residents," she said. Mrs. Swanchara said that Bingham Township has gained in population and perhaps still have a commissioner of its own. At present Bingham shares a commissioner with two precincts in the city of St. Johns.

Mrs. Swanchara said the county committee will also make every attempt to keep a commission seat within a precinct line. At present there are 11 commission districts in the county and Mrs. Swanchara said that can go as high as 21. "The committee will attempt to come up with a fair plan," she said but they are held up at present, waiting for official census figures. Official figures have been promised twice already, she said. Ten years

ago it took until February to receive the official figures. "There's nothing we can do until we get those figures," she said. At present they have been sent back to the Federal Census Bureau by state officials protesting some of the final figures.

Thirtieth District State Senator Richard Allen, R-Ithaca, said population figures are final enough for speculating. He calls the present 30th senate district, "a really bad or good example of gerrymandering" depending upon how you look at it. (Gerrymandering means to divide an area into political units to give special advantages to a certain group.)

Ten years ago, the state's redistricting plan was an attempt to maximize the Democrats advantage on the Supreme Court, according to Allen. He said that the 30th senatorial district, which extends from north of Alma to north of Jackson and contains parts of nine counties and all of Clinton County, is not likely to be retained. "Hopefully, Gratiot and Clinton counties can be saved in this district," he said.

As for the 10th congressional district, which includes most of Clinton County, Allen said that the legislature requires that it remain a Central Michigan district that is not dominated by any major city. "But looking at the numbers, it may be easy to slip Clinton County into the Lansing district."

At this time, a controversy in the reapportionment project has not come to the forefront. But rest assured, there will be an abundance of disagreements before the matter is settled.



## Evening concerts underway

Irenna Garapetian races across the city park after a softball game to take her place in the St. Johns City Band for its first outdoor concert.

Conducted by Walter Cole, the band has become a summer tradition in St. Johns, joining past and present high school students with other community musicians for Wednesday evening concerts at the

band shell. Rehearsals are held in the high school music room at 7 p.m., the night before each performance.

The concerts will continue through July for the next three Wednesday evenings. The free concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

## Henrietta Vail Teare dies in St. Johns

Henrietta Vail Teare, past president of the Clinton County Republican Women's Club and former Clinton County chairman of the GOP, died Monday, July 6, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Teare, 600 S. Oakland St., St. Johns, was an active member of the community. She was a charter member of both the Clinton County Historical Society and Daughters of the American

Revolution. Mrs. Teare was also chairman of the historical society's 1979 Home Tour Festival, a former school teacher, and a member of the First Congregational Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Teare were held Wednesday afternoon, July 8, at the First Congregational Church with the Rev. Hugh Banning officiating. Burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery. Contributions may be made to the

Clinton Area Care Center or the historical society.

Mrs. Teare was born in Clinton County to Francis Palmer and Delcena Porter Palmer. She graduated from St. Johns High School and attended Clinton County Normal. She was a lifelong county resident and lived at her present address for the past 48 years.

She married her first husband, Ward Vail, in Canada on Jan. 4, 1917. She and Thomas Teare were

married in St. Johns on Sept. 4, 1971.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; three daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Pauline) Warren and Mrs. Robert (Jeanne) Rand, both of St. Johns, and Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Teich of Owosso; one son, Theodore Vail of Sun Prairie, Wisc.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Flossie Faivor of Flint.

## DeWitt man seriously injured in accident

A DeWitt man was seriously injured in a two-car accident on Round Lake Road, just east of Chandler Road, on June 26, sheriff's deputies said.

Terry Lee Couzzins of 202 Logan St., DeWitt, was turning into his driveway when he was struck by a vehicle driven by William Adams of 3950 Round Lake Road, DeWitt, the sheriff's report stated.

Couzzins was transported to Ingham Medical Center in Lansing, deputies said.

Adams and his two passengers were not injured in the accident, deputies reported.

In another accident on Round Lake Road, Michael Jones, 19, of 236 W. Thomas, Lansing, was seriously injured when he lost control of his motorcy-

cle in the early morning hours of July 3, deputies said. Jones was traveling on Round Lake Road, one-half mile east of Chandler.

A number of larcenies also took place during last week, the sheriff's report stated.

A Smith and Wesson 9mm pistol belonging to Wellington Wilson Fuller of 4901 W. Herbison, DeWitt, was stolen on July 3, deputies said. The gun was contained in a brown leather holster with engraving and swivel, deputies report. The value of the piece is unknown, deputies said.

A boat motor, valued at \$800 to \$1,200, belonging to Walter Wager of 530 Euclid St., St. Johns, was stolen from a barn behind his son-in-law and daughter's

house on June 16, deputies said.

Also stolen last week was a battery belonging to Charles Thelen of 8212 S. Tallman, Portland, deputies said. Thelen reported to deputies that he parked his vehicle at the corner of Pratt and Wright Roads on July 3 and when he returned he found the hood ajar and his battery missing.

A 1972, four-door, maroon Ford, belonging to Thoams Horvath of 8423 US-27, DeWitt, was reported stolen on June 26, deputies said. Horvath told deputies he parked the car in front of his residence before leaving to go up north for the weekend and when he returned he found the car was gone. The license plate number of the car is HCJ-255.

## ★ Suntime opens

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The Oxford goal is "to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing," Ms. Burns explained.

The senior citizen apartment complex provides individual air-conditioning, step-saving kitchens and wall-to-wall carpeting. Available in both one and two bedroom units, the apartments feature special grab bars in the bath and an emergency call system for each apartment. Residents are required to

be able to take care of their own home.

Other building features include a large community room and kitchen, a lounge area and a coin-operated laundry. Each apartment has its own private balcony or patio.

The family living sections (nothing is available for singles), are designed for two or more persons. The majority of residents will be younger people, just starting out, Ms. Burns explained, or divorced women with children. The subsidized housing is available for people who

qualify and "need a chance to get ahead," she explained. Childcare costs are deductible from a person's gross income when figuring their rate of rent, Ms. Burns said. Housing in the family section include one bedroom apartments and two and three bedroom townhomes. They feature walk-in closets, hook-ups for washer and dryer, drapes, carpet and patio areas.

Ms. Burns has a degree from James Madison College at Michigan State where she majored in social work and social sciences. She served a six month internship at Somers in Lansing, a development similar to Suntime and has recently spent time at six different Oxford developments.

Her assistant is Sue Shinaberry, of St. Johns, who recently worked at Fishers Big Wheel. A native of the area, she lives north of St. Johns and has been active in school and scout activities in the East Essex Elementary School community.

"Our major goal is to make our residents happy. There will be plenty of activities. If they want to get out and participate, there will be many opportunities. If they want privacy, that's available, too," Ms. Burns said.

## City reports rash of stolen bikes

A rash of stolen bicycles were reported over the holiday weekend, St. Johns police officials said.

Three bikes were stolen from the Marlene Hoffman residence, 203 S. Church, on July 3, police said. Taken were a blue and yellow, boy's Murray, a blue and yellow boys Western Flyer BMX, and a black men's Sears three-speed, police reported.

Chris Parsons of 204 White reported his 10-speed, silver, Mikado stolen on July 2, police said.

Tom Grossbeck of 603 S. Ottawa, reported his daughter's 10-speed, red, boy's K-Mart bike stolen from the high school parking lot on July 3, while Brad Thompson of 211 W. Cass also reported his bike stolen from the high school parking lot the same day, police said. Thompson's bike was recovered on July 4, police said.

Romana Medina reported her granddaughter's yellow West Point bike was stolen from Central School on July 4, police said.

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# Sign destruction costs county big bucks

By SUE KILEY WHITE

"Signs, signs everywhere signs, messing' up the scenery, messin' my mind...do this-don't do that, can't you read the signs?...Five Man Electrical Band.

Clinton County will spend approximately \$52,000 this year, replacing damaged and vandalized road signs, according to Robert Ancel, superintendent-manager of the county road commission. That's 60 percent of the \$86,000 budgeted for signs.

"If we could use that same \$52,000 on the roads rather than replacing destroyed signs, people would see some improvements," said Ancel. "A lot of it is just plain intentional destruction."

One example Ancel said, was people with four-wheel drive vehicles putting their bumpers up against a sign and then spinning their wheels which knocks the sign over. "We see this quite often," he added.

When a traffic control sign such as a stop or yield sign is destroyed or missing, the road commission puts the replacing of that sign on their priority list for the day. They try to replace the sign the same day it is reported, according to Ancel, even if it is reported in the middle of the night. Other signs, well, they have to wait to be replaced.

Captain Robert J. Ferry, of the Clinton County Sheriff's department said presently there are no problems with missing road signs causing accidents.

"However, there is always a potential danger when a road sign turns up missing," said Ferry.

If a road-sign is removed from the premises the offense is a larceny. If the sign is knocked down, vandalized or destroyed in any way, it is malicious destruction of property. Whether the crime is a misdemeanor or a felony, lies with the prosecuting attorney's determination.

Name signs such as Ann Drive, French Road and Webster Road are popular according to the road commission head and are stolen quite often.

"There's nothing we can really do about all this destruction," said Ancel. "In fact, I don't think anyone really knows the answer to the problem."

There seems to be a correlation between students starting school and a rise in missing road signs, Ancel stated. He noted it was mostly high school and college students who like to put the signs in their rooms.

Clinton County has two men working full time, making and putting up signs. This is down one person from last year. Ancel says most county's have an even bigger work crew of sign makers.

Bob Acker is the sign foreman and Jerry Bishop is his assistant. The two men estimate they can make about 50 signs a day. A lot of the signs such as stop and yield signs come pre-packaged so all they have to do is put the material on a backing and bake it in a 180 degree oven for three to five minutes. Other signs like the curve and speed limit variety must be painted or glued together.

Both men noted the major problems with sign removal and destruction are in the southern portion of the county.

Bob Acker and Jerry Bishop look over the pile of destroyed and damaged signs which have almost become a nuisance in Clinton County. "Just a week ago this pile was three times the size," said Acker. The destroyed signs are sold for scrap. (Photo by David Olds)



"It seems like it never quits," said Bishop.

The cost of replacing signs vary according to Acker. If the county buys the materials for the signs and makes them the cost for a yield sign, is about \$18. If the sign is purchased ready-made, the cost jumps to \$45. Additional costs of \$30 include the post, bolts, truck and labor.

The county has gone to a tamper proof kind of bolt for stop and yield signs. Acker says the bolts are more expensive, but it has saved on having to replace stolen signs.

Sign makers are finishing up a job for DeWitt Township which included making over 100 street signs.

"That's kind of unusual to make that many signs for one township all at once," said Acker.

The road commission has encountered various problems related to signs. Many of the signs have had foul language written on them, speed limits have been changed and some have even been used for target practice. In Bath Township culprits even put up a different sign with a different posted speed limit.

The life span of a road sign is about eight years, barring any mishaps. Some signs even last as long as 10 years. Signs which have been destroyed beyond repair or further use are sold for scrap, according to Acker.

Road signs are made of lightweight aluminium which weigh about five pounds. Bishop indicated road machinery and farm equipment take out a lot of road signs, too.

It was noted that during recent years the state has mandated that more signs be put up throughout the counties. The reason for this is to help curb accidents.

## Bath names Bill Waters as new head football coach

Bath High School has announced Bill Waters will become the new head football coach for the 1981 season. The school's athletic director, Pat McKenzie expected to sign Waters, the 25-year old son of Michigan State head coach Frank (Muddy) Waters, to a contract yesterday afternoon.

Waters is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State College, where he played under his father for four years at the varsity level. Upon graduation, he served for a year as a student-assistant on the Saginaw Valley staff, also under Muddy.

Last year, Waters coached the defensive lineman at Haslett High School. The Bath job will be his first as a head coach. The new man, although still unfamiliar with most of the Bath players, said he hopes to go with a

wide-open attack offensively and is very eager about getting started. "I'm coming in new and I'm going to run it the way I want it to run. It's going to be a great challenge and I'm really excited about it," he stated.

"I haven't even had time to look at any of last year's films of Bath's games, but I know they had a real good ball club. They really came out hitting against us at Haslett and they whipped us pretty good," he recalled.

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Waters replaces Gary Grady, who resigned at the end of last season, after compiling a 6-3 record. Several of last year's standouts have graduated, leaving Waters with a predominately young ball club for the coming season.

One of the problems the new coach will face is working with a group of players who were without the benefit of a junior varsity program last year.

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# Sewer study finalized for Bingham Township

The Clinton County Department of Public Works has accepted a final study for regional wastewater treatment in Bingham Township that recommends connecting township sewers to the city of St. Johns' treatment system.

Richard Hawks, county commissioner and chairman of the physical resources committee of the county board, said the study was an up-dated addition to a study done in

1979. This new study meets the additional requirements requested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Hawks said.

While there is no state or federal money available at the present time to put sewers in Bingham Township, according to Hawks, the study has been completed in anticipation of future funding. "If later on, money does become available, we'll have an approved plan ready for a design and construction

grant," he said. The finished study will put the Bingham Township project ahead of other groups competing for future government funding, he indicated.

Hawks said the facility study itself was grant eligible.

Hawks said his board has sent a letter of recommendation to Bingham Township officials that they get together with the city of St. Johns and develop a rate schedule and cost agreement for the

project. Some township residents, along Scott Road, for example, are right on the city sewer lines and perhaps could be connected to the city sewer in the near future.

The proposed project would serve the built up areas in the township on the four sides of the city. Cost estimates vary with the different sewer alternatives recommended, but total cost is estimated around \$2,000,000. That includes a collector sewer for the township and intercep-

tor sewers to carry the wastewater to the city's treatment plant. Also included would be the township's share to "buy into" the city plant which has recently been expanded.

Hook up costs for township customers have been estimated at about \$3,000 for the collector sewers and between \$500 and \$1,000 for the "buy in" charges. The monthly user fees would run about \$3.25.

## Senator's liaison scheduled for Clinton

U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan) will have a member of his regional office staff in Clinton County, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the court house.

Area residents with problems involving an agency of the federal government or wishing to express their views are invited to stop by. Those unable to attend the constituent service hours can contact the senator's regional of-

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## Placement service matches workers with jobs

By SHARON RANDALL

There are jobs in Clinton County. Not a great many jobs, not tons, but there are jobs. So says, Sandy Bisson, placement coordinator at the Clinton County Shared Time Center, who is attempting to help county residents, mainly young people, find employment.

Mrs. Bisson's program is an off-shoot of a recent study funded through the Clinton County Intermediate School District by the Department of Labor and the Michigan Department of Education. The grant provided nearly \$20,000 to develop a placement service program and prove that it could func-

tion. "The grant only required that we be able to prove that the placement service could function," she explained. "It didn't actually have to function. But the need was here, so we decided to start placement and the service has mushroomed."

The goal of the placement service is to place graduates and local people in local jobs, she explained. "We have adults as well as students registered, and have had good success."

The service has placed 12 to 15 people this summer and Mrs. Bisson expects to keep up a steady success rate. "We have people who are high school students,

graduates, college students and graduates and adults, seeking employment," she said. Many of them have had vocational skills or training in other areas. She indicated that students who were trained in clerical work in area high schools are also available for placement.

"Our biggest concern right now is to find jobs," she said. "We have plenty of qualified people who need them, now we have to make employers aware of our service."

The prospective employees are on file with the placement center via a computer. When they register with the placement service they indicate their training and skills and list the kinds of employment they would like and are qualified for. "When we get a particular job, we go to the computer file and call up the names of the people who are qualified," Mrs. Bisson explained. "Once we get a list of prospective employees, we then seek recommendations from former teachers and employers."

"The best service we give to the employer is narrowing down the amount of people to the number they want to interview," she said. "If they advertise a job opening today, they are going to have 500 applications."

What the placement service offers the prospective employee is direct or indirect job placement in a career oriented position; career alternative development (considering other kinds of jobs), and

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## Bill Stoller joins County News staff

"It takes going away to another town to realize how great your hometown really is," said the new advertising representative of the Clinton County News, Bill Stoller, who joined the company several weeks ago.

Stoller is not new to St. Johns or to advertising. He grew up here, graduating from St. Johns High School in 1961. He's spent a total of four years with the local radio station, WRBJ, both in announcing and selling, and was manager of the station in 1980.

For the past six months, he has been general manager at WATC radio in Gaylord. "The people in Gaylord were great, and that's a fine community, but coming back home has convinced me that St. Johns is tops," he said.

Stoller is in charge of advertising for the Clinton County News and its Green Sheet shopper publication.

"There isn't a single business place that we aren't interested in," he

said. "I'm only one person and it will take me awhile to get around to everyone, but I will get there."



Bill Stoller

Calling himself "a sports nut," Stoller said he is also interested in the newly formed Council for the Arts. "There's a great need for an activity like this in the community," he said. "It will help foster an interest in the arts and provide area residents and youngsters with an outlet or those interests."

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## Register to vote by July 13

Citizens who register to vote by Monday, July 13, will be eligible to vote in the upcoming special school elections in August.

This date was incorrectly reported in last week's issue of the Clinton County News. To be eligible, a voter must be registered 30 days before an election. When the 30 day requirement falls on a holiday or a weekend date, the time is extended through the next working day.

To register, area residents should see their city or township clerks. Registration is necessary if a person has never been registered to vote or if they haven't voted in the past 10 years.

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# Obituaries

## Dora Patterson, teacher, jail matron dies

Dora Patterson, 79, of 606 S. Oakland, St. Johns, died Saturday, July 4, 1981 at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. A former school teacher, she was also matron at the Clinton County Jail while her husband, Percy, was sheriff. Funeral services for

Mrs. Patterson were held Tuesday afternoon, July 7, at the Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Hugh Banninga officiating. Burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson taught school in Merrill and St.

Johns and also at a boy's vocational school.

Her father was Otto Lade. She was born on Sept. 26, 1901 in Merrill. She attended County Normal and Ferris Institute. Her marriage to Percy Patterson took place in

Lansing on Oct. 17, 1929. Mrs. Patterson was a member of the First Congregational Church.

Surviving are her husband, Percy; sister, Mrs. Lena Bery of Grosse Pointe; and several nieces and nephews.

## Elgin Yerrick

Elgin Yerrick, 84, of 225 E. Pearl St., Ovid, died Saturday, July 4, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Yerrick were held Wednesday morning, July 8, at the Houghton Chapel of Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Earl Copelin officiating. Burial was made in South Ovid.

Mr. Yerrick lived in the Ovid area most of his life. He was born to Joseph and Mary (Yarger) Yerrick on May 14, 1897 in Ovid. He attended Jesse School. Mr. Yerrick married Katherine Darden in

Angola, Ind. on July 20, 1953. He retired from Detroit Creamery in 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; four sons, Kenneth of Owosso, Lyle of Ovid, LeRoy of Calif., and Stanley of Sturgis; one step-son, Vernon Pugh of Colo.; three step daughters, Mrs. Alice Grinnell of Flushing, Mrs. Ruth Burley of Wash., and Mrs. Louise David of Ovid; 17 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## Melbourne (Shanty) Morehouse

Melbourne (Shanty) Morehouse, 80, of 138 Elm St., Ovid, died Thursday, July 2, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, July 6, in the Houghton Chapel of Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Justin Shepard officiating. Burial was made in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Morehouse was born on Aug. 22, 1900 in Jackson to James and Anna (Parker) Morehouse. He lived in Ovid most of his life and was a carpenter. He and Hattie Lane were married in DeWitt on Aug. 8, 1919.

Surviving are his wife, Hattie; four sons, Basil of Fort Wayne, Ind.; George of St. Johns, William of Owosso, and Darrell of Arlington, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Taylor of St. Johns, Mrs. Dorris Anderson of Ovid, and Mrs. Frances Martin of Arlington, Texas; 31 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Mrs. Ivah Palen of Ovid, Mrs. Thelma Jones of St. Johns, Mrs. Georgiana Underhill of Ovid, and Mrs. Edna Sherman of Alma; and two brothers, James of Okemos, and Donovan of DeWitt.

## L. Bernard Byrnes

L. Bernard Byrnes, 65, of 131 E. Clinton St., Ovid, died Saturday, July 4, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Byrnes were held Tuesday morning, July 7, at the Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Howard Koeker officiating. The rosary was recited Monday evening in the Houghton Chapel. Burial was made at Maple Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Byrnes was born to Leo and Mary (Slone) Byrnes in Laingsburg on June 3, 1916. He lived in Ovid for most of his life.

He and Onalee Larkins were married on Nov. 16, 1938 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Laingsburg. Mr. Byrnes was a machine operator for Federal Mogul, retiring in 1978. He was also a member of the Owosso Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Onalee; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Love of Elberton, Ga., and Mrs. Karen Fracassi of Livonia; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two brothers, Larry and Floyd, both of Ovid; and one sister, Mrs. Anne Hurst of Laingsburg. He was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Coe.

## '71 reunion set

The St. Johns High School class of 1971 will hold their 10th reunion, August 8 at 6 p.m. at Smith Hall.

In charge of the event are Sue Crawley and Cindy Knight. Dinner reservations of \$10 per person

must be in to them by August 1. If reservations are not made by then, classmates may attend at 8 p.m. for the rest of the evening for \$5.

Contact Mrs. Crawley at 224-4666 or Mrs. Knight at 224-6106.

## ★ Job placement

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employability skills. "Most people find a job because they know somebody," Mrs. Bisson said. "We tell our clients to

tell people they are looking for a job. Tell everybody, no matter who, in the grocery store, family members, where ever you go."

In May, Mrs. Bisson, in cooperation with Judy Parsons of Community Resource Volunteers, held a Job Awareness Day in Ovid, Elsie and St. Johns. Chamber of Commerce members teamed up with students to canvas the communities and study the availability of jobs. "While we didn't uncover any immediate openings, we found several that will be available in the fall," she said.

## State 4-H horse show offers management skill

"Aspiring young 4-H members and volunteer leaders will have an opportunity to develop some horse show management skills at the State 4-H Horse Show this summer," says Theresa Silm, Clinton County 4-H - Youth Agent.

The 4-H Horse Show Management program provides club members and volunteer leaders an opportunity to observe and assist in the operation of the State 4-H Horse Show on the Michigan State University campus, Tuesday, August 25.

Most participants will work in one of the show

rings, while others may be assigned to more general duties. Applicants can request a specific position -- ringmaster, announcer, clerk, make-up ring, ribbon clerk or general help -- in which they would like to gain firsthand experience.

Candidates can also choose the type of class they would like to work with -- color breeds, other registered horses, grade horses, Quarter horses, hunters, ponies, gymkhana, dressage or trail.

The show will begin at 9 a.m., but an orientation meeting for workers will be

held earlier in the day.

Participants must be 15 years old or older, and applications must be received by July 17. Those selected will be notified by Aug. 1.

For more information on this program or other 4-H activities contact the Clinton County Extension Office at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns or call 224-3288.

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## Big trophy

His dad won the trip, but Scott Ferguson, 12, of 5574 W. Colony Road, caught the fish. He caught this giant Chinook salmon, weighing 23 pounds and measuring nearly a yard long, in Lake Michigan near Grand Haven on a trip his father, Lynn Ferguson, won in a drawing at the Steelhead Convention. The Ferguson's went out on a boat with Bill's Charter of Grand Haven. Scott said his dad's friend, Dick Dorn of Williamston, helped teach him to fish.

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## Chamber notes

By

Jody Smith



### Visitors appreciate city of St Johns

What is special about St. Johns? Ask any of the 39 senior citizens from Grand Rapids who were here last week and you may be surprised. The group started off with a look at Livingston's Mint Farms and Herbruck's Cheese Counter.

The Mint Farms were lovely and at Herbruck's they learned more about cheese and preserving it than they had ever known. One of the seniors commented that at 87, she still had things to learn.

After lunch at the Colonial Restaurant, the group went to the Clinton County Historical Museum for a special tour provided by the museum staff.

After the museum, the seniors toured several local churches where special features of architecture, statues and vestments were explained.

The tour concluded with a special home showing by Charles Huntington of his "turn of the century" room. His gracious hospitality was a treat and the senior women were intrigued with his handwork in the beautiful room.

Before boarding the bus for Grand Rapids, the group was entertained with cool drinks at the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center,

downtown. Fred Rewerts and Bertha Weber told of their activities at the center.

Mrs. Florence Kennedy, tour director, plans tours for several Grand Rapids groups and would like to include St. Johns regularly on her tour roster.

The continued surprise and delight in the warmth of this community was expressed throughout the day. A 92-year-old lady was disappointed the tourers weren't walking from the Colonial Restaurant to the Episcopal Church. Another loved the tour but wished she could visit a dime store. We'll remember that next year when the group returns.

I would like to add a special thanks to all of the individuals who took the time to involve themselves with this project. I know the effort was time consuming and special arrangements had to be made. From all the comments I heard, the trip was a great success.

(Jody Smith is the manager of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and writes this weekly column about happenings in the business and civic community of the city.)

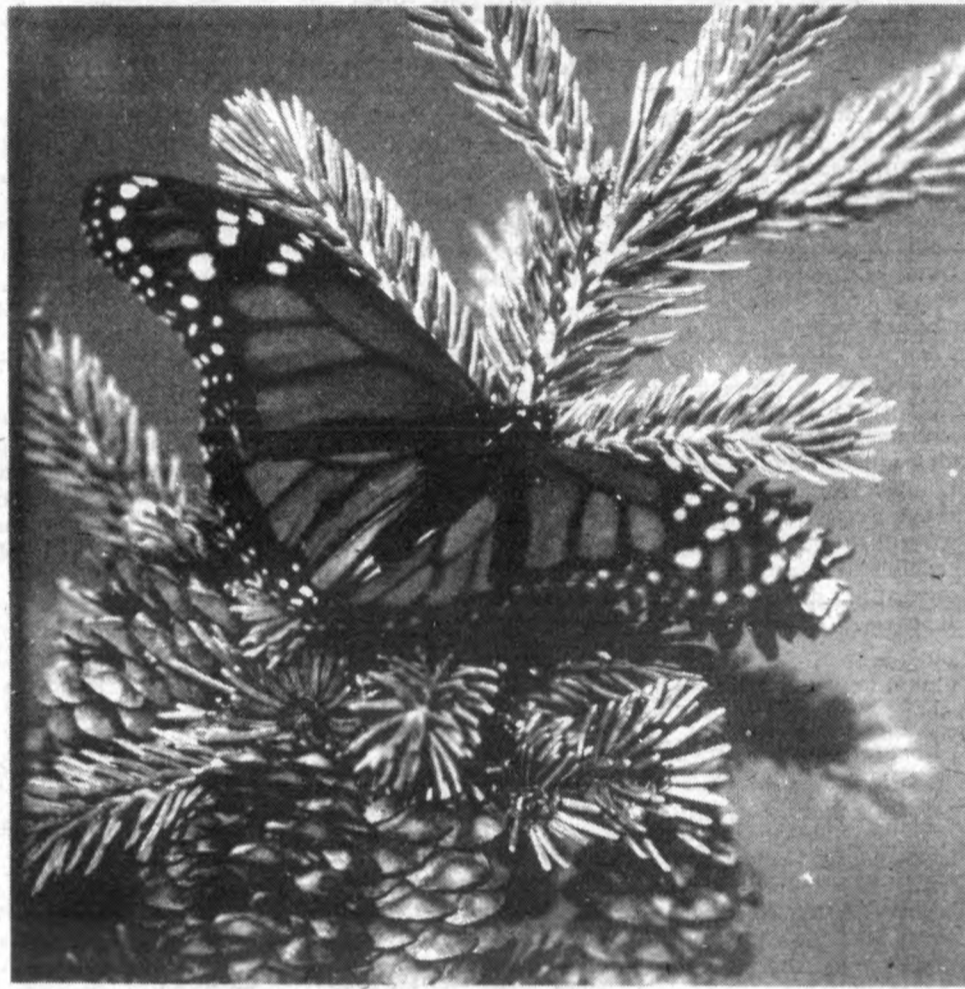
### Senior Citizen Update

By Ruth Delo

Here are a few more household hints that might help.

- Wrap your cold water pipes in aluminum foil to keep them from dripping and sweating in hot weather.
  - Hose out garbage cans or pails, dry in the sun, and add a little dry soap to the bottom of the can to discourage flies.
  - To remove rust spots from Formica use a pencil eraser.
  - Areas around the fireplace that have been smoked can be cleaned with an art gum eraser.
  - Scrub brick tiles with a vegetable brush dipped in white vinegar. Then sponge the tiles off.
  - Teenagers can save portions of worn-out jeans and stitch irregular patches together to make a sturdy beach blanket. Blue jeans can also be converted into ski pants by spraying with a waterproof fabric protector.
  - To make a natural insecticide add onions and garlic to a jar of water. Let it stand for a week, and spray plants with it.
  - Cut old nylon stockings lengthwise to make ties for tomato plants. These will not cut into the stalk and are very strong.
  - Light watering of your lawn causes grass roots to turn up and become shallow. Always thoroughly drench your lawn.
- So.....until next time.

## THROUGH THE LENS OPENING



St. Johns Camera Club member Tom Karek captured honors in the organization's June competition with this nature print taken in his back yard. Karek used Kodak Kodacolor film in his Minolta SRT201.

## Letter to the editor

### Fowler has celebrated before

Dear Editor:

Fowler is celebrating so much this summer, with Holy Trinity's 100th anniversary, that it reminds me of another celebration when the village was 100 years old. The enclosed poem was used that day and perhaps our younger generation would get a chuckle out of it.

**FOWLER CENTENIAL POEM**  
(used August, 1957)

The friendly folks of Fowler, welcome you today;  
We're all dressed for a party, why sure, it's our Birthday.  
With smiles and all eyes twinkling and a cherry,  
"How are you?"  
Aren't you glad you came to help us celebrate this too?  
Just look at all our friendly folks, welcoming all who came,  
No one's going to be left out and not have any fun.

There's Huggets, Beckers, Thelens, Millers, Simons, Pauls,  
Spicers with his pills and things, Two Dr.'s in case you fall.  
There's Frechens and Deiters for groceries and jewels.  
Hardwares and impliments, if you need any tools.  
Of course, today we are just having fun.  
We'll wait till next week to get our work done.  
We have co-ops and Matthews and gas stations, six.  
Oh dear, I've sure got myself in a fix.  
I nearly forgot our good bankers and friends  
and all our fine farmers whose work never ends.  
Isn't it just grand that we love one another?  
Our two churches teach us, we are sister and brother.  
Aren't you glad you came, you didn't need to be coaxed,  
Now consider you are one of our Friendly Folks.

Composed by and given on the program by Martha B. Miller, Fowler.

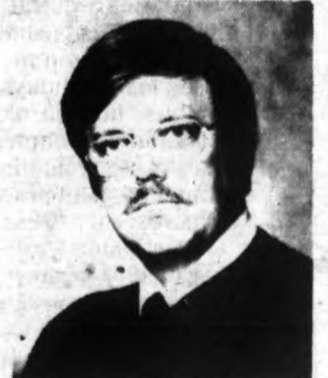
## Ask the Judge

### Widower needs help with children

**Question:** My wife died recently, and I have school-age kids at home. Since I'm an interstate truck driver, I can't be home on a regular basis, so I'm placing the kids with my sister. Can I get in trouble with the law or have a problem with the schools by doing this?

**Answer:** The Michigan Supreme Court has responded to this problem. It has stated, "Some parents, however, because of illness, incarceration, employment or other reason, entrust the care of their children for extended periods of time to others. This they may do without interference by the state so long as the child is adequately cared for. Clearly it is not the law that before a child can be placed by a parent in temporary custody of a relative permission must be first obtained by the Court."  
The Michigan School Code states that when parents are unable to provide a home for a child, and the child is placed in the home of relatives in the school district for the purpose of securing a suitable home for the child and not for an educational purpose, the child is to be con-

By  
Marvin  
Robertson



sidered a resident of the school district where the home in which the child is living is located.  
Since it may be assumed that doctors, hospitals, schools, etc. might require some objective proof that you have entrusted the care of your children to your sister, you may wish to have an attorney draw up a "Power of attorney" form for you. This could be done quickly, simply, and inexpensively, and should enable your sister to exercise parental powers with less difficulty.

# Personality Profile

## Facts and figures: they're her specialty

Ruth Nihart, a professional, practicing accountant whose office is in St. Johns, today serves as third vice-president of the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan. She is the first woman line officer in the history of the 38 year old association of professional accountants.

A St. Johns native, Ruth runs her accounting business out of her home on US-27, a move taken so she could stay at home with her second daughter, Rachel, who enters first grade this fall.

Not only does Ruth managed to run a business and mother, very well, she also spends hundreds of volunteer hours involved in committees and organizations that are related to her business and the business people she services. Last year she headed the Lansing delegation to Governor Milliken's Conference on Small Business. She is also a member of the board of directors for Michigan Alliance on Small Business, a group that grew out of the conference.

As third vice-president of the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan, Mrs. Nihart is in charge of the association's committee on liaison with state government agencies. She is also involved in the planning of a bank public relations campaign to be launched in the fall, and she'll participate in planning of continuing educational workshops and seminars for the 850 members of the association.

It was the educational benefits of the organization that first drew Ruth to the independent accountants group, in 1972. "It offered a three day tax clinic and I wanted to upgrade myself in tax preparation," she explained. "I found that their education courses were, indeed, very beneficial and the people in the organization exceptional."

She said her new role with the organization will groom her for a higher office. "It takes three years to move through the chairs," she explained. "By the time I become an officer, I will be completely groomed in the organization's management."

Ruth has been a public-practicing accountant for 16 years and was formerly a member of the association's board of directors, serving on the ethics and grievances committee and heading the association's mid-Michigan chapter.

Salutatorian of the St. Johns High School, class of 1955, Ruth entered the work world as a part-time bookkeeper while still in high school.

After graduation she worked for various certified public accounting firms in Mt. Pleasant, San Francisco and Lansing, opening her own practice in 1977.

Ruth's husband, Chuck, a certified public accountant, has his own practice in Lansing. When Rachel was born, Ruth spent the first year working in his office, many times taking the baby "and her little basket and bottles to work."

As Chuck's business stabilized, the couple decided that Ruth belonged at home with Rachel. Her office overlooks the backyard play area and Ruth attends to her child around clients. "Basically, I have an 8 to 5 schedule," she said, "but it's very, very flexible." The home office has worked out well, according to Mrs. Nihart. "When Rachel was smaller, the atmosphere in here was often not very businesslike and I've had to do some juggling," she said, "but we've been thankful to have had this option."

Ruth finds her business exciting. She does monthly accounting and all forms of tax preparation for a variety of local businesses, both professional and retail. She also has clients from the Lansing area. She gives advice on tax planning and makes investments suggestions. "Each business has it's own set of facts and it's own set of problems," she explained. "This profession is very, very interesting. Especially in today's world and the economic situation that we are in."

People are more aware of a total financial picture, according to Ruth. "Everyone wants to know what's happening with their tax dollars. They are interested in what is happening at the state and federal levels," she said.

Ruth is also a member of the prestigious Enrolled Agents Association, an organization of tax specialists who are permitted to represent clients in matters before the Internal Revenue Service.

Speaking of her involvement with Milliken's Conference on Small Business Mrs. Nihart said she felt the committee's 60 recommendations would have an impact. "We are asking for immediate action on the top 15 recommendations," Ruth explained.

The formal proposal goes before the governor later this month, but already the recommendations have been verbally reported and its influence shown. The delegates opposed the "Industrial Hostage Act," bill and their opposition resulted in bringing it to a standstill, she said. They are also calling for abolishment of the single business tax and several bills dealing with this have been developed in both the house and senate. "We'll continue to push for this," Ruth said. Other recommendations that need immediate action deal with workers compensation and un-employment laws," Ruth explained. A direct off-shoot of the conference was the forming of the Michigan Alliance of Small Businesses which will continue the work of the delegates, pushing for their recommendations. One of the 24 members of the board of directors, Ruth feels that the alliance will eventually give the small business person in the state a voice of influence. "If the small business people could have one voice, their numbers are so great, it would just have to have an in-



**Ruth Nihart**

fluence," she said. "That is the goal of the alliance." The alliance is not limited to people who served on the governor's conference committees and seeks participation and feedback from all small business people, Mrs. Nihart said.

In addition to these political groups, the St. Johns accountant is a director of the Voluntary Action Center of Greater Lansing, is a member of the Young Women's Christian Center and of the Historical Society of Michigan.

With facts and figures flying around in her head for both her professional and volunteer work, Ruth has found a different kind of outlet for a hobby. Five years ago she purchased an old mansion on Walker Street, St. Johns, built in 1876 by Captain David French. The home was renovated in 1929 and turned into apartments and Ruth has been restoring the home to that renovation. Last year it was part of the Clinton County Historical Society's Home Tour.

It's my hobby, my outlet," she said. Five of the seven apartments are now rented and Ruth and her family are still working on the other two. One of them will become home to Ruth's older daughter, Bonnie Britton Gregory, and

her husband, Wayne. They have two small sons.

The house has been transposed under Ruth's labor. She can't explain why she bought it, saying it has not been a financial investment. "That particular house, it drew me," she said. "I would drive by and look at it and I knew that it had a lot of possibilities."

The possibilities are emerging and Ruth said that her biggest enjoyment has been discovering the quality of materials and workmanship that are in the huge house. Under paint and wallpaper and old varnish she is discovering brass, oak, walnut and other fine materials. Like any old structure, the home has heaped problem upon problem onto Ruth's renovation plans. "You start working on the floor and the ceiling comes down," she laughed.

"But structurally, it's so sound, so solid."

Ruth, who set a goal of five years on the renovation project when she purchased the old French mansion, knows that she'll be in her jeans with a paintbrush in her hand for awhile longer, but that's good. After all, it's her hobby and a "gigantic labor of love."

## Looking ahead

**SUMMER ENJOYMENT**-The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, 106 Maple Street, St. Johns is open Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 2 to 8 p.m. Closed legal holidays. Admission by donation. New Exhibits include: Greenbush in the Township Room, antique cameras through July, prints of the 1890's made from glass plate negatives taken in St. Johns and Clinton County area, and the magic of "Fluorescence Glass," through July.

**EXPECTANT PARENTS** next nine-week series of pre-natal classes begin in St. Johns from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14. Pre-register early in pregnancy by calling 224-4373. Refresher classes also available and begin on Sept. 1, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the DeWitt Medical Center. For more information, call 337-7365.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**-The Senior Drop-in Center will hold a first anniversary party, Tuesday July 14. Refreshments and entertainment.

**PUBLIC LUNCH**- at the Senior Drop-in Center, Monday, July 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**CAR WASH**-Explorer Post 707 will hold a car wash at Fishers Big Wheel in the parking lot, Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will be used for post activities.

**SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER** -Gayle Nutt will speak on substance abuse at the 12:30 nutrition lunch, Friday, July 10. Next week, Wednesday, July 15, Dick Starck will speak and Thursday, July 16, Paul Maples is guest speaker. Bingo all three days.

**FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING**-will be offered at the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing during July and August. Learn to save lives. To enroll call 484-7461.

**AREA WIDE SENIOR MEETING**-The next area wide senior citizens meeting will be Friday, July 17 at noon under the pavilion at the St. Johns City Park. It will be a good old fashion summertime picnic with plenty of free ice cream cones. Come and have a good time.

**TINY TOTS**-Due to the popularity of the Tiny Tots classes more will be held during July. Sign-up starts July 20. Call the pool, 224-6950 for more information.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR LIFE SAVING** sign up begins July 9 at the St. Johns City Pool at 11 a.m. For more information call the pool, 224-6950.

**INFANT MASSAGE CLASS**, sponsored by the Association for Shared Childbirth. Class begins July 22. \$3 fee. Call 393-4554 to register or for more information.

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH** Department immunization clinic will be held in St. Johns at the Clinton County Service Building, 306 Elm St., on July 13, 20, and 27, by appointment only. Call 224-7772 to make an appointment.

**THE CHAPELTONES** will present the "Gospel in Song" at Wacousta Bible Church, 13121 S. Wacousta Road, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., Sunday, July 12.

# Lifestyles

## Fabus, Bukouick speak vows

Diane Fabus and Charles Bukouick Jr. were married Saturday afternoon, June 13, in a double ring ceremony at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister by the Rev. Father Max Frego. The altar was decorated with white gladioli and light green-tinted carnations.

The organist was Joe Beno, Jr. and vocalist was Mrs. Toni Orneales.

The parents of the bridal couple are Joe and Helen Fabus of Elsie and Charles and Arlene Bukouick of Owosso.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Lynn Fruchey of Elsie. Bridesmaids were Judy Harden of Sarasota, Fla. and Joan Adair of Elsie, sisters of the bride, Bonnie LaRue of Elsie, Monica Cubr of Howell, Annie Roof of Lansing, and Tammy Bukouich of Owosso.

Erica Maxa of St. Johns, was flower girl and Joey Fabus of Elsie was ring bearer.

Best man was Jeff Minton of Owosso. Groomsman were: Dan and Joe Fabus of Elsie, brothers of the bride, Ed and Brian Bukouick of Owosso, brothers of the groom, John Pickell of Owosso and Dan Marrah of Owosso. Ushers were David Beno of Elsie and Dan Jones of Owosso.

The bride wore a floor length chiffon and lace gown. It featured a stand-up collar with chantilly lace, with cuff chatilly sleeves and A-line skirt with lace appliques and sequins. A pearl headpiece secured her waltz length veil of chantilly lace. She carried an arrangement of green and white sweetheart roses, yellow forget-me-nots, baby's

breath and gardenias.

The matron of honor wore a floorlength green polyester gown with spaghetti straps and jacket to match.

The bridesmaids all wore similar gowns to the matron of honor and all carried a basket of green daisies and yellow forget-me-nots. The flower girl wore an all white cotton floor length gown with eyelet in the trim.

The mother of the bride wore a floor length A-line polyester green knit dress with a lace yoke and three-quarter sleeves. Her corsage was made of white and green sweetheart roses.

The mother of the groom wore a long A-line pink polyester knit with matching cape and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

All the flowers were made by Tammy Bukouick, sister-in-law of the groom.

A reception was held at the Slovak Hall for 700 people. The host and hostess were the bride's God-

parents, Andy and Mary Fabus of Elsie and Don and Helen Stanton of Owosso, aunt and uncle of the groom.

The bride graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1975. She is employed with I.T.T. Hancock in Elsie. The groom is a graduate of Owosso High School. He is employed at the Grand Trunk Railroad in Durand. The couple enjoyed a week's honeymoon at the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. They now reside in rural Owosso.

Special guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swan, of Indiana, grandparents of the groom, and Mrs. Anna Bukouick of Owosso, grandmother of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bukouick Jr.

## Gearhart attends convention

Dianne Gearhart has been elected by the First Congregational Church of St. Johns to be a delegate at the 27th annual meeting

of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in Grand Rapids on June 28 through July 1.

In the local church, she has been Women's Fellowship co-president for two years. She has also served on the Christian Education Board. For the past year she has served on the Missionary Committee of the Central Michigan Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

She will be a part of the voting body which makes decisions on the budget and program proposals for 1982, and elect a new chief executive officer for this fellowship of independent churches. The Rev. Erwin Britton, the present ex-

ecutive secretary, will complete his six-year term of office this fall. In addition, First Congregational is sending five people to participate in the annual meetings.

At the national meeting held on the Calvin College campus in Grand Rapids, more than 1,000 adults and youth from across the United States will convene for meetings.

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NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT  
OF MORTGAGE SALE

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS.

Plaintiff

vs.  
GLEN A. SCHMIDTFRANZ and  
SHIRLEY D. SCHMIDTFRANZ.

Defendants.

The Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale, alleging a default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by GLEN A. SCHMIDTFRANZ and SHIRLEY D. SCHMIDTFRANZ, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS, with principal offices located in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, said Mortgage being dated the 15th day of January, A.D., 1980, and recorded in Liber 309, Page 172, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on January 22, 1980, with principal and interest due thereon in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT and 04/100 (\$30,248.04) DOLLARS, having been noticed for foreclosure sale Friday, the 5th day of June, A.D., 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Daylight Savings Time, is adjourned.

Said Mortgage Foreclosure Sale shall be held on Friday, July 10, 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Daylight Savings Time, on the Clinton County Courthouse steps in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court in the County of Clinton.

Said premises affected hereby are described as follows:  
Lot 6, Block 1, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan.

There being more than two-thirds of the original indebtedness still due and owing, the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale as aforesaid.

Dated at St. Johns, Michigan, this 4th day of June, A.D., 1981.

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Attorney for CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS  
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Thomas Hattis and Eileen Schmitt

## Area couple plan Aug. 22 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Schmitt of Fowler announce the engagement of their daughter, Eileen Ann, to Thomas Hattis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hattis of Westphalia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fowler High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed by St. Joseph's Catholic School, Pewamo.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School

and Lansing Community College. He is employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

An August 22, 1981 wedding is planned.

## Hospital employees honored at banquet

Clinton Memorial Hospital honored 13 employees at its Annual Service Awards Banquet recently.

A silver watch was presented to Romana Medina honoring her for 25 years of service to the hospital. Awards for 20 years of service were given to Irene Armbrustmacher, Patricia Fink and Mary Kus.

Carol Eckley was honored for 15 years of service. Ten-year service awards were presented to Doris Jablowski, Sally Lorenc and Daniel Schueller.

Awards for five years of service went to Sylvia Hirschegger, Michelle Wiseman, Carole Mitchell, Bud Kirvan and Tom Wiseman.

The award presentations were made by Gayle Desprez, Chairman of the Clinton Memorial Board of Directors, and Paul E. McNamara, Administrator. Dr. James M.

Grost, Chief of Staff, thanked the employees on behalf of the medical staff.

Honored guests at the dinner were members of the medical staff, members of the Board of Directors, and Donald G. Isbell and Mary Ellen Buggs, employees with more than 25 years of service.

## Area students tops at NMU

Four Clinton County students were among the 1,387 named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

The two students from Eagle who were honored were Matthew Wick of Chadwick Road and Lisa Beach of 8485 W. Howe Road.

St. Johns students Michael Eldridge of 9081 W. Walker Road and Mark Slagell of 2056 W. Marshall Road were similarly honored.

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# Births

**FURMAN:** A girl, Amy Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Furman, St. Johns, June 18 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tressel and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Furman. The mother is the former Susan Tressel.

**KENNEDY:** A girl, Rachel Roberta, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Kennedy, St. Johns, June 17, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Max Field. The mother is the former Rebecca Field.

**VASOLD:** A boy, Nicholas David, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Vasold, St. Johns, June 18, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Post and Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Vasold. The mother is the former Stephanie S. Post.

**ROLL:** A boy, Lucas James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roll, St. Johns, June 19, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Roll and Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor. The mother is the former Judy O'Connor.

**DARLING:** A boy, Jason James, was born to Jim and Joy Darling, Birmingham Rd., June 18, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Jean Toth and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Darling. The mother is the former Joy Toth.

**MARTINEZ:** A girl, Tanya Jeanne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Martinez, St. Johns, June 21,

1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Martinez and Mr. and Mrs. William Washburn, Sr. The mother is the former Connie Washburn.

**MIDDAUGH:** A boy, Westley Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Middaugh, Lansing, June 21, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**MITOSINKA:** A girl, Wendy Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Mitosinka, St. Johns, June 19, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**BLOCK:** A girl, Dana Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie R. Block, Lansing, June 19, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**BRAY:** A girl, Kara Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie E. Bray, Bath, June 19, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**ROWLEY:** A girl, Stacy Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Rowly, Jr., Bath Rd. Perry, June 16, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Vicki S. Wagner.

**HUFNAGEL:** A girl, Noelle Renee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Garly L. Hufnagel, Charlotte, June 14, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Debra Rademacher.

**MAREK:** A girl, Lacey May, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Marek, St. Johns, June 22, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Casper and Lucille Spitzley of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marek of Carson

City. The mother is the former Lisa Spitzley.

**THELEN:** A boy, Jarrod Daniel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David R. Thelen, Fowler, May 25, 1981 at Ionia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kohagen and Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Thelen. The mother is the former Theresa Kohagen.

**KUS:** A boy, Jonathan Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kus, Grand Ledge, June 26, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**VANDERSTOW:** A girl, Erica Michele, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Vanderstow, Lansing, June 25, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Michele M. Pettit.

**CERVANTES:** A boy, Jesse James, was born to Yolanda Cervantes, Charlotte, June 27, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Chuck and Dolores McGee of Eaton Rapids and Sisco and Laurie Cervantes of Charlotte.

**WATSON:** A boy, Jason Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Watson, St. Johns, June 28, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Shirley Watson of Ovid and Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller of Elsie. The mother is the former Ellen Miller.

**O'SHAUGHNESSEY:** A girl, Kerry Renee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. O'Shaughnessey, Okemos, June 21, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**STOFFS:** A boy, William Travis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William V. Stoffs, DeWitt, June 24, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital.

**BEAR:** A girl, Rachel Lyn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bear, St. Johns, June 25, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Glenn Bear and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gutshall, both of Carlisle, PA. The mother is the former Lynda L. Gutshall.

**SMITH:** A boy, Joshua Alvin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Smith, Ovid, June 23, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Smith, Ovid and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Allen, N. Mexico. The mother is the former Linda Allen.

**HUFNAGEL:** A girl, Rebecca Marie, was born to Mark and Slone Hufnagel, Pewamo, June 16, 1981 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Aspirin is still the preferred drug for treating rheumatoid arthritis because it controls inflammation and pain, reports the Arthritis Foundation. But there is a special way

# Koenigs knecht named associate dean

A former Fowler resident, Roy A. Koenigs knecht, has been appointed full-time associate dean of the graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

He will be responsible for admissions but will also share in all aspects of the graduate school's administration and policymaking.

At Northwestern Koenigs knecht has served as director of the Speech and Language Clinics, head of speech and language pathology, and chairman of communicative disorders.

Koenigs knecht graduated from Fowler High School in 1960 as valedictorian of his class. A graduate of Central Michigan University, he earned MA and PhD degrees at Northwestern.

His work at Northwestern has been with the development and disorders of language, perception and cognition in children, and clinical intervention strategies for



**Roy Koenigs knecht**

individuals with communicative disorders. A researcher in psycholinguistics, language disorders and developmental psychoacoustics, Koenigs knecht is co-author of and contributor to several texts on assessment and teaching in the area of child language.

Koenigs knecht, his wife Marille, and their three children, John, Adam, and Amanda live in Evanston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koenigs knecht of Fowler.

# Announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Widman of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to Greg Mallard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy

Knott of DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mallard of North Sioux City, S.D.

The wedding date is August 1, 1981.

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# County Sports



A total of 12 Clinton County youths are among the 150 participants for the first week of the Dr. Tucker Basketball Camp at Lansing Eastern High School.

Those in attendance include; Kurt Klimenko, Eric Neely, Rich Pixley and Don Ritchie all of Bath; Danny and Bob Busby, Caleb Dailey and Jeff Sova all of

DeWitt, Kevin Bauer and Todd Klein of St. Johns; and Joe Birney, James Hankinson and Lee McCallister all of Ovid.

Several pro and college players are amongst the camp instructors, such as Earvin Johnson, (above) who offers tips on the art of passing, during Monday's session. (Photo by David Olds)



## One Man's Views

By Tim Jeffery

Have you ever taken a minute to ponder what some of today's outstanding professional or collegiate athletes were like as high school performers?

We're often captivated by the fine efforts of the local prep stars, such as a 40-point performance by Jeff Casler or a four-touchdown effort by Lloyd Feldpausch, but imagine witnessing some of the all-time great accomplishments by high schoolers.

Of course, not all the scintillating achievements were guarantees to reaching the big time. Consider one Bobby Joe Douglas of Marion, La. and his senior season on the Marion High basketball team.

Douglas scored 2,052 of his team's 3,285 points (63 percent) which figured to an average of 54.0 per game. In fact, he once scored 54 points in the second half of a game, en route to a career high of 93. Bobby Joe enrolled at Northeast Louisiana University and will probably never be heard from as a professional.

A name we all know and will probably talk of for many years to come is Herschel Walker. Folks down in Wrightsville, Ga. knew he was something special back in 1977 as he started to amass what would be an all-time record of 79 touchdowns in a high-school career, while rushing the football. During his senior season alone, Walker lugged the ball across the enemies' goal line 42 times while gaining 3,167 yards.

A young man down in Hooks, Tx. rushed for 7,738 yards during his high school career, which left him second on the all-time list. We know him well, here

in Michigan - Billy Sims, of course.

But Sims was only second, because of another Texan, Ken Hall of Sugar Land High School. He churned out 11,232 yards between the years of 1950-53, a mark that may never be broken.

Does the name Cecil Beisel ring a bell? Surely it doesn't, but ask someone in Perry, Ok. about great home run hitters of the past. The names of Aaron, Ruth and Mantle will likely surface, but so will Beisel's. As a prep phenom he pounded 37 homers and drove in 152 runs, (1975-78) both all-time highs.

J.R. Richard, the Houston Astro flame thrower, not only caused problems for opposing hitters as a star pitcher in Ruston Lincoln, La, but knew a thing or two about swinging the bat as well. While on the mound, he did not allow an earned run in 1969, his senior year, and during that same season became one of only seven preps to hit four homers in a game. He turned the feat in a 48-0 rout and also had 10 RBI's in the contest.

The accomplishments of some of the big names known to the track world today, still stand. In 1965, a fellow named Jim Ryan of Wichita East High School in Wichita, Ks., clocked in with a 3:58.3 in the one-mile run. No other prep runner has ever broken 4:00.

Six years ago in Winter Park, Fl., a record was set at the high school level, which still equals that of any other runner, high school or pro. Houston McTear, a member of the Baker High (Fl.) track team broke the tape with an eye-popping mark of :9.0 in the 100-yard dash.

There are plenty of amazing feats amongst the female gender, too. A name we hear plenty of in today's track and field events is Chandra Cheeseborough. She holds the national high school record in the 100-yard dash, with a mark of :10.3, set in 1977.

Two years ago, a young freshman tennis phenom at Prairie View Stevenson High in Illinois, captured a stape singles championship. She repeated again the following year, then went on to Wimbledon where she became the youngest player ever to reach the semi-finals. Now, the entire tennis world knows of Andrea Jaeger.

Whether they're currently pros or buried in the archives, they'll never forget the excitement of high school sports.

## Schmitt's bat lifts Snyder's

For Ken Schmitt and his Snyder's Oilers womens' fast-pitch softball team, the coach's sister was a welcome sight last weekend to what had been a less-than productive lineup.

After the Fowler team saw its losing streak reach seven, Friday afternoon in the opener of the Lansing Lassie Tournament, Kat Schmitt delivered a key double with one out in the seventh inning, enabling the Oilers to knot the score of Saturday's game with Cubby's of Bay City at 1-1.

Later in the same inning, Heidi Tennis' walk with the bases loaded produced the game winner and a big sigh of relief for the entire Fowler ball club. Not only was the victory the first in eight games, but it also marked the first time the Oilers were able to score more than one run during the stretch.

Fowler dropped an eight-inning heartbreaker on Sunday to Wyoming Whirlpool, closing out the tourney in fifth place. Last year, the Oilers placed second in the same event, after taking first in 1979 and fourth in 1978.

In Friday's 9-1 loss to the powerful Flint Determination 20 team, Fowler managed only one hit, a second-inning single by Lynne Rogers, which drove home the Oilers' lone run and gave them a temporary 1-0 lead.

Determination 20 bounced back quickly however, as Vicki Wallen smacked a three-run triple, in the third, giving Wendy Greenwood all the support she needed.

Debbie Kent suffered the loss, her first of the year against no wins.

The game with Cubby's started off on a dismal note for Fowler, when Suzanne Brown, Mary Ann Dupuis and Betty Scherzer pieced together consecutive two-out singles in the opening inning, leaving the Bay City team on top 1-0.

But then, Jo Ann McKim buckled down and hurled shutout ball the rest of the way, scattering six more hits. Fowler had scoring opportunities in the first, fourth and sixth innings against Scherzer, the pitcher for Cubby's, but each time she slammed the door.

Finally, in the seventh, Cathy Welch walked to open the inning, then took second on a sacrifice by Mindy McKean.

A single by Gail Francis, sent Welch to third with one out and set the tables for Schmitt's two-bagger.

With still only one out, Kathy Kramer was given an intentional pass to fill the bases. Scherzer got the next batter on a pop to short, but Tennis followed with her walk to win it for Fowler.

Schmitt finished the day with two hits in four trips, while Kramer was one for one with three walks. For McKim, the win was her second in five decisions.

The Oilers used more late-inning heroics in Sunday's game with the Wyoming team. After falling behind 3-0, Fowler got one back in the top of the sixth on a one-out walk to Francis, a double by Schmitt and a wild pitch.

Whirlpool pushed the margin to 4-1 in the bottom of thenning, however the Oilers retaliated with four runs in the seventh, without the benefit of a hit.

Walks to Rogers, Carol Fischer and McKean loaded the bases, then after a force at home, Francis drew a free pass to force in a run.

Schmitt, followed with a smash to center field, which eluded the outfielder and wound up as a three-base er-

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## Bicycle road race held in Ovid

Scott Gardner of Ovid, was nosed out of first place by three seconds on Sunday in an 18-mile bicycle road race. Jeff Shepard of Owosso finished first, taking 56 minutes to cover the distance.

The course, which took the riders through Shepardsville and along Colony Road, became even tougher Sunday with the hot temperatures com-

bating the sporadic hills. However, many of the riders appeared much stronger than in the race held June 28, which covered 14 miles.

Sunday's outing was the second of four scheduled for the summer. Competitors will embark on a 25-mile race this Sunday, July 12, and then to cap the season, a 100-mile excursion

will take place at the end of summer.

Ovid's Steve Gardner wound up third Sunday, finishing 35 seconds off the pace of the winner, Shepard. Fourth went to Muke Burl, also of Ovid, who crossed the finish line in 61 minutes.

Fifth was Frank Goodrich of St. Johns, with a time of 65 minutes. He was followed some 30

seconds later by Don Gilbert Jr. of Elsie.

Others who covered the course included, Pat Baldrige, Chris Grant, Don Gilbert, Thomas J. Batora and the lone womens' contestant, Danielle Baldrige.

The race for this weekend gets underway at 1 p.m.

## Aldrich places 2nd

Gordon Klotz of Holt captured his first late model feature win of the season at Spartan Speedway Friday night. Klotz took the lead for Steve Skoczylas on lap number 10 and then held off the repeated challenges of Jim Aldrich of Ovid, for the victory. The win in the 50 lap Mid-Season championship for Klotz was a popular one with the fans. Aldrich was second followed by Skoczylas, Jerry Shaffier and Ken Wise.

Aldrich won the dash, with Wise and Charlie

Ryan winning heat races. Dave Ward won the pursuit and Dave Weishaupt captured the semi.

Jr. Daniels took the lead from Dan Baschal on lap 14 and sped to victory in the 30 lap Spartan Stock feature. Daniels, surviving numerous cautions, hnded a comfortable margin over Baschal at the checkered flag. Jeff Berry was third.

Bob Hayden won the dash, with heats going to Don Forsythe and Ron Parrish. Dave Parker won the pursuit and Dave Pontatowski captured the semi.

## All-World needs teams

The All-World Softball Park in Bath will sponsor the first annual Bath Community Days Mens C and D slow-pitch double-elimination softball tournament July 17, 18 and 19.

Entry fee is \$75 and two new balls.

There will also be a beer tent in Bath coinciding with the dates of the softball tourney.

Interested teams may contact Wes Park at 484-8176 or 489-6992 or Jim Sober at 641-6011.

The All-World Park is looking for teams for its fall league which is slated to get underway later this month. A total of 12 teams are needed. For more information contact one of the park's owners at the above numbers.

## ★ Snyder's Oilers

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ror. All three runners scored and Fowler suddenly found itself on top 5-4.

Wyoming tied it in the bottom of inning seven, sending the game into extra innings and after Fowler failed to score in the eighth, won it on a two-out single by Pat Baker in the bottom of the extra stanza.

McKim came on in relief in the eighth and suffered the loss, while Jan Anderson gained the win. Fowler had only two hits, both by Schmitt.

The Oilers, now 5-12 return to action Friday at 9 p.m. in Petosky.

# Recreation Round-up

### Mens Rec League I

Team	Won	Lost
Henning Electric	4	0
National Sports Imp.	4	0
Steve's Sm. Engines	4	1
St. Johns Reminder	3	1
Jaycee's	3	2
Clinton Automotive	2	2
Olympian Tool	2	3
Federal Mogul	2	3
Paradise T.V.	1	3
Local 1071 C.C.R.C.	1	4
Double D	0	4

### Last Week's Results

Federal Mogul 6, Olympian Tool 5  
Nat. Sports Imp. 16, Cl. Auto 7  
SJ Reminder 12, Paradise T.V. 10  
Steve's Sm. Eng. 7, Local 1071 4  
Henning Electric 17, Jaycee's 8

### Mens Rec League II

Team	Won	Lost
St. Johns Ford Merc.	5	0
Williams Auto Body	4	1
Betty's Dry Dock	3	1
Beck's	3	2
McDonalds	3	2
F.C. Mason	2	2
Shamrock Excavating	2	2
Pro-Tech Insulation	2	3
Hub Tire	1	3
Kingsbury Construction	0	4
C.T.C. Farms	0	5

### Last Week's Results

SJ Ford Mercury 3, McDonalds 2  
Shamrock Excavating 7, Hub Tire 2  
Betty's Dry Dock 19, Kingsbury 2  
Williams Auto Body 16, C.T.C. 10  
Pro-Tech Insulation 9, Beck's 8

### Womens Competitive League

Team	Won	Lost
St. Johns Ford Merc.	5	0
Capitol Savings	3	1
Murton Rawleigh	1	4



St. Johns Ford Mercury's second baseman Theresa Nemcik tries to help out teammate Diane Watts (12), who attempts to field a hard ground ball during a game last Wednesday evening against Murton Rawleigh.

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# 'Tis the picnic season

By NANCY ZEIMEN

Ah, picnics, summertime's delight. There's nothing like the taste of a juicy steak grilled outdoors combined with fresh sweet corn and followed by a thick slice of watermelon. Just being outside under a blue summer sky seems to enhance the flavor of food.

Recipes through the cooperation of Carol Butler, extension home economist.

## Shish kabobs

Marinate meat cubes in a mixture of your choice or brush lightly with melted butter and little lemon juice while broiling. Season with salt and pepper. Thread skewer, but don't overload. Broil 3 inches from coals for 15 to 20 minutes, turn for even browning.

### Combination suggestions:

Beef steak, mushrooms, sliced onions, and fresh tomatoes.

Ham, pineapple, and orange sections.

Luncheon meat, quartered tomatoes, small cooked onions.

Meatballs wrapped in bacon, green pepper, onions.

Franks spread with mustard, pickle chunks, cooked tiny potatoes, tomato wedges.

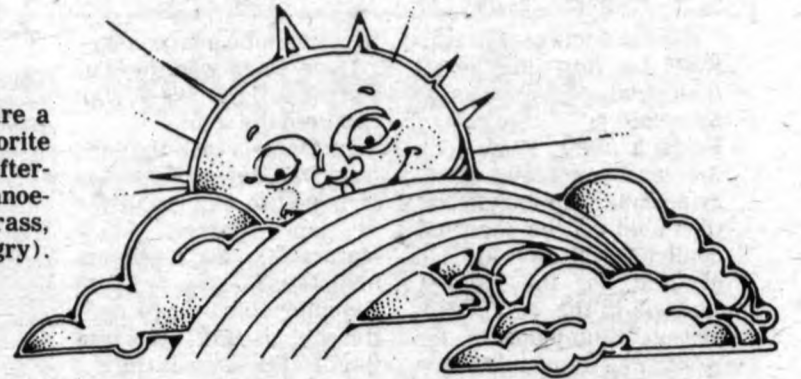
Picnics are more than just food though. They are a day long event. A drive or bike ride to your favorite nature spot begins the adventure. Following is an afternoon filled with frisbee, pick up softball games, canoeing, hiking, or just lolling around on the grass, culminating in a feast (after you're good and hungry). Maybe that's why the food always tastes so good?

## Fruit desserts

**Spiced bananas:** Peel banana and place on a square of heavy foil; brush with lemon juice; sprinkle with brown sugar; dust with cinnamon and nutmeg; and dot with butter; wrap foil securely around banana, twisting the ends; barbecue on grill 7 to 9 minutes or on coals for 4 to 5 minutes.

**Foil-baked apples:** Core and fill apple with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar; add either raisins, cinnamon, nuts, marshmallows, cinnamon candies, or mincemeat; place on foil; gather foil up over top and twist together; bake on hot coals, turning occasionally; allow about one hour cooking time for a medium size apple.

**Fruit Kabobs:** Arrange an assortment of fruits on a long skewer and roast over the coals; choose fresh or canned pineapple, orange sections, thick slices of banana, apple wedges, and marshmallows; squeeze a little lemon juice over the apple and banana pieces to keep them from darkening.



## Foil-grilled frozen vegetables

Family size: Place one block of frozen vegetables on square of aluminum foil (use double thickness of regular foil or use heavy duty foil); add salt and pepper or other spices and top with a pat or two of butter; bring edges of foil up, leaving a little space for steam to expand; seal tightly with a double fold; place this package on grill or right in hot coals for 15 to 20 minutes; turn occasionally; if vegetables are thawed, cook only 10 to 15

minutes.

## Fish barbeque

The secrets in the sauce. Take one cup cooking oil, one-half cup vinegar, one and one-half tablespoons salt, one tablespoon poultry seasoning, one teaspoon pepper, and one egg. Beat egg, add oil and beat again. Add other ingredients and stir. Marinate fish in sauce for 30 minutes. Wrap fish in foil and broil for 30 minutes.

## SYNOPSIS FOR PROCEEDING OF CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD - APRIL 28, 1981

Minutes of April 20, 1981 meeting approved as amended. Agenda approved as presented.

Board approved bills audited for April in the amount of \$79,555.20 plus payroll for pay periods of April 10th and 24th in the amount of \$170,694.48 for a total of \$250,249.68 plus a billing from Rademacher Construction in the amount of \$3,074.76.

Board reappointed Jeanne Temple to Historical Commission and appointed Arland Gantz to Historical Commission to fill an unexpired term ending 3-1-83.

Zoning ZC-2-81 Standard Aggregates, Inc. Duplain Township - Special use permit to allow an aggregate mining operation.

Motion carried approving special use permit.

ZC-3-81 A, B & C - Robert, Lawrence R. and James E. Crosby - Bingham Township - Rezone to bring parcels into conformance with its use.

Motion carried to rezone from B-3, Highway Service to A-1, Agricultural Production.

ZC-4-81 George and Christine Wizner - Victor Township - Special use permit to allow the operation of a seasonal farm market.

Motion carried granting special use permit.

ZC-5-81 Lloyd Moody, Eagle Township - Special use permit to allow sale of fruit on seasonal basis.

Motion to deny the special use permit carried.

ZC-12-80 (A) Text Amendment to OR-1-78, Clinton County Zoning Ordinance - Amend article 7, Section 7.1.9 Transfer and/or expiration of special use permit.

Motion to adopt amendment carried.

ZC-12-80 (B) Text Amendment - Administration and Enforcement to insure equal treatment of all zoning violations and delineate specific enforcement procedures for processing complaints and/or violations.

Motion to refer the matter back to the County Planning Commission carried.

ZC-12-80 (D) Text Amendment - Lot Division to address lot splits in platted subdivisions.

Motion adopting text amendment carried.

ZC-12-80 (E) Text Amendment - Mini-Warehouses.

Motion to refer the matter back to the County Planning Commission carried.

Board adopted Resolution 1981-12 which seeks the repeal of PA 522 of 1981.

Board confirmed two additional persons as deputy medical examiners, to wit:

C.T. Perez, M.D. and D.L. Porter, M.D.

Annual report of the Friend of the Court Office presented by Colleen Steinman placed on file.

Board approved payment of an audit billing withheld pending verification to Robert Pangborn in the amount of \$320.00.

Board approved following fund transfers:

1. Increase general fund revenue by \$34,622 (No. 15).
2. Transfer from General Fund to contingency - (No. 16).
3. Establish a Friend of the Court Cooperation reimbursement budget in the amount of \$26,062.
4. Decrease Probate Court budget by \$9,368 and transfer \$9,368 from General Fund to contingency (No. 19).
5. Transfer \$12,500 from Child Care Fund to Probate Court budget (No. 20).

Board adopted resolution 1981-2 approving project area and project district area boundaries for the Economic Development Corporation, Westmac, Inc. project which is a grain elevator.

Motion to remove 1981 Equalization Report from the table carried.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized agricultural real property in a total amount of \$174,139,586 carried.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized commercial real property in a total amount of \$41,563,175 carried.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized industrial real property in a total amount of \$10,693,431 carried.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized residential real property in a total amount of \$270,461,993 carried.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized development real property in a total amount of \$800,400.

Motion to adopt 1981 equalized personal property in a total amount of \$34,280,919.

Annual report of Administrative Services presented by William LeFevre received and placed on file.

Motion carried that the Board of Commissioners hold a special meeting on June 17th at 7:00 p.m. for purposes of a public hearing and to consider the request of Granger Land Development Co. for a special use permit for expansion of a sanitary landfill.

Motion carried to advance the Revolving Drain Fund \$15,000 for one year only.

Motion carried approving the contract between Clinton County and the DNR in a total amount of \$5,875.99 under Act 641 - Solid Waste Management Plan with an in-kind match in amount of \$1,469.00.

Board reappointed Harold Rappuhn, Jack Wiswasser and Ernest Sakrasa to the County Planning Commission for a three year term and reappointed Blaine Lentz for a term of two years.

Board reappointed Virginia Zeeb and Daryl Kester as T.C.R.P.C. at-large members for a two year term.

Commissioners expense accounts for April approved as presented.

Board approved the request of the City of St. Johns to drill an additional well-site on the 20 acres of county owned property on Townsend Road on site No. 3.

Board approved proposed renovations of the kitchen at Smith Hall at a cost of \$9,930 with 50% reimbursement from the state.

Board authorized Rademacher Construction to install a steel mesh door in the hall behind the radio room at the jail and install an exhaust fan at a cost of \$835.00 to be paid from Public Improvement Fund.

Board adjourned to meet May 26, 1981 in regular session.

Jane Swanchara,  
Clinton County Clerk

Complete minutes on file in Office of County Clerk.

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## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Fowler Public School District, Clinton County, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the School District on Monday, August 10, 1981.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special election on Monday, August 10, 1981:

#### TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE PROPOSITION FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Fowler Public School District, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by 1.8 mills (\$1.80 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1981, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1981, IS MONDAY, JULY 13, 1981. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK, P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 1981, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Fowler Public School District, Clinton County, Michigan.

Dorothy Bertram  
Secretary, Board of Education

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## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLINTON AND GRATIOT COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of St. Johns Public Schools, Clinton and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, August 10, 1981.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

#### TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE PROPOSITION FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in St. Johns Public Schools, Clinton and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, be increased by 3.5 mills (\$3.50 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1981, for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes?

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R. Lee Ormston  
Secretary, Board of Education

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## 4-Hers give directions for 'chuck box'

For overnight bikepacking, camping trips, picnics, or tailgaters, an insulated box or container is necessary for safe storage and transportation of food.

Young people in the national 4-H food conservation and safety program, conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and sponsored by Reynolds Metals Company, have learned to make their own insulated boxes for such purposes. The "chuck box," they said, keeps hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Materials needed to make a chuck box are: two cardboard cartons or boxes (a small one which fits inside the large one) with covers; newspapers; string; aluminum foil; and ice box or frozen gel (for cold foods).

Directions for making a

chuck box are as follows:

1) Place one inch of newspapers in bottom of larger box;

2) Place the smaller box in the larger one and stuff crumpled newspapers tightly between the boxes, the small box should have its cover attached to one edge;

3) Tie several layers of newspaper (approximately one-half inch) over the cover of the inside box, then wrap cover with foil;

4) Line the bottom and sides of the inside box with foil, shiny side down to reflect cold into the box;

5) Place frozen containers of ice or tubes of liquid ice in box to keep food chilled;

6) The outside of the box may be finished with a flat wall or water base paint, contact paper, oil cloth, or plastic cloth.

## Home economist answers summer food safety questions

Summertime often brings out the cook. Juicy grilled meat, sunshine, and fresh air -- that's a hard combination to beat. Unfortunately, summertime sometimes brings out something less pleasant too...food poisoning.

In making the switch from kitchen to patio, park, or beach, some people don't carry along all the good food-handling habits they should. To keep your outing from turning sour, Carol Butler, extension home economist, gives answers to some common questions about getting ready for a picnic.

**Q.** What precautions should I take in preparing food for a barbecue or picnic?

**A.** Be just as careful in preparing food for outdoor cooking as you would for indoor cooking. Wash all

kitchen work surfaces and utensils with soap and hot water before and after using them for raw meat or poultry. Never place cooked, ready-to-serve meat or poultry on a surface or in a container used for the raw product without first thoroughly washing the surface or container. If possible, use separate cutting boards for raw and cooked products to avoid "cross contamination." Wash hands before and after touching raw meat or poultry. Disposable wash cloths, plates and utensils are convenient for outdoor use.

**Q.** What's the safe way to hold foods on a picnic?

**A.** Pack your perishable foods -- including hot dogs and lunch meats -- in a well insulated cooler with plenty of ice to keep them cold. Do not open the cooler un-

necessarily. Leave it in a shady spot to help keep the ice from melting too fast.

**Q.** What about taking canned meat and poultry products to a picnic?

**A.** Canned products are fine, but should be eaten immediately after opening. If the food looks or smells suspicious or if liquid spurts when the container is opened, do not use or even taste the food. Do not use foods from cans that are leaking, bulging, or severely dented or from jars that are cracked or have loose or bulging lids.

**Q.** What about leftovers?

**A.** Once you're through eating, put leftovers into the cooler right away. Be

sure there's enough ice in the cooler to keep leftovers cold and safe until you get home.

**Q.** How can I recognize food poisoning?

**A.** The effects of food poisoning are much like those of the flu...they are often mistaken for each other. Headache, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and fever are some of the telltale signs, but they may not appear until many hours after eating. If you have these symptoms and they do not go away in a day or so, see your doctor.

The best thing to do, however, is to prevent food poisoning.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

PUBLICATION AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of MARTIN FREDERICK OHM, a/k/a/ MARTIN F. OHM, Deceased. File No. 20430. Social Security Number: 380-05-7924.

TAKE NOTICE: On August 4, 1981 at 10:00 a.m., in the probate courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before Hon. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Frances Fluke, that a will of July 26, 1971 be admitted to probate and administration be granted to Frances Fluke, Personal Representative named in the will, who resides at 4693 Nixon Road, Dimondale, Michigan 48821, and that the heirs at law of the deceased be determined.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Mrs. Francis Fluke at 4603 Nixon Road, Dimondale, Michigan 48821 and proof thereof filed with the court on or before September 30, 1981. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the person appearing of record entitled thereto.

Date: July 6, 1981

Daniel C. Matson, P17210  
Attorney  
Suite 6, 13109 Shavey Road  
DeWitt, Michigan 48820  
Phone: (517) 669-2095

Francis Fluke  
Petitioner  
4693 Nixon Road  
Dimondale, Michigan 48821

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SAVE ENERGY

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

PUBLICATION AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of OTTO F. PASCH, Deceased. File No. 20344. Date of Death: December 4, 1979. Social Security No. 384-09-7279

TAKE NOTICE: On December 3, 1980 at 10:00 a.m., in the probate courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before Hon. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of ROBERT PASCH and administration of the estate was granted to ROBERT PASCH, as Personal Representative of the deceased. Creditors of the deceased, whose last known address was 307 NORTH MEAD STREET, ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN 48879, are notified that all claims against the decedent's estate are barred against the estate, the personal representative, and the heirs and the devisees of the decedent unless within four months after the date of publication of this notice or four months after the claim becomes due, whichever is later, the claim is presented to the said personal representative at 114 LANCASTER LANE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48906, and proof thereof, with copies of claims, filed with the Court. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Date: July 3, 1981

JOHN F. MERTZ P25200  
Attorney  
530 South Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Phone: 517-485-1680

ROBERT PASCH  
Personal Representative  
114 Lancaster Lane  
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## HELP WANTED

Registered Nurses needed for full or part time positions on the 3 pm to 11 pm shift. Excellent wage and benefits. If you're interested, contact the Personnel Office at Clinton Memorial Hospital, 805 S. Oakland, St. Johns, Michigan. 48879. Phone 224-6881 E.O.E.

## NOTICE

City of St. Johns  
Planning Commission  
Agenda  
July 9, 1981

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Previous Minutes  
a.) June 6, 1981
3. Farmland Open Space Applications
4. Other business, if any
5. Adjournment

Diane M. Edwards  
Zoning Administrator

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## FARM FOR SALE

The settle the Eithel M. McComber Estate, the Fiduciary must sell the following property:

The East 82 acres of the Northwest Fractional Quarter, Section 30, Town 9 North, Range 2, West, Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan.

Sealed bids will be accepted and should be sent to Fortino, Plaxton & Moskal, 175 Warwick Dr., PO Box 587, Alma, Michigan 48801, and received no later than 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on July 10, 1981. A personal check in the amount of 1% of the bid should accompany the bid. The checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

Only those persons submitting sealed bids will be allowed to participate at the bid opening.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on July 10, 1981 at the office of Fortino, Plaxton & Moskal. If you desire to raise your bid at that time, you will be given the opportunity to do so. The successful bidder will be required to pay 5% of the purchase price at the time of sale which payment may be made by personal check.

The Fiduciary reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The sale shall be subject to Probate Court approval. The sale must be completed within a reasonable time, as a cash sale.

Purchaser will have access to the land as soon as all 1981 crops have been removed, access to the home will be immediately.

Seller to retain 50% of the minerals. Fiduciary reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sale shall be subject to Probate Court approval. The sale must be completed within a reasonable time, as a cash sale.

For further information concerning the sale procedure, contact Kenneth D. Plaxton, Attorney, 175 Warwick Dr., Alma, MI. 48801 or phone 517/463-2101.

For information concerning the real estate contact William McComber, 875 Illinois, Marysville, MI. 48840 or phone 313/987-3242 Business or 313/364-6608 Home.

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OPENING - Cemetery Sexton for Wacousta Cemetery, Watertown Township. Those interested in bidding should bid on the basis that they will supply their own riding mower.

Sealed bids are to be in by July 21st. They will be opened at Special Meeting July 21, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Complex.

Sealed bids should be mailed to Vaughn Montgomery, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, Michigan. 48837.

627-211

## NOTICE

City of St. Johns Residents  
Lawn Sprinkling

### ODD-EVEN

Due to the unusually hot weather we have been experiencing, it is necessary to enforce our lawn sprinkling ordinance.

The ordinance states that property owners with odd numbered houses will sprinkle on the odd numbered days of the month and those houses with even numbers will sprinkle on even numbered days of the month. Your cooperation in conserving water and abiding by this ordinance will prevent a total water sprinkling ban. The above ordinance must be enforced.

Carl Fonger  
Water Superintendent

224-236

# Farm News

## Bullish on corn; not wheat, soybeans

By **GEORGE R. MCQUEEN**  
County Extension Director

Technically, current corn futures prices look good, which is not the case for soybeans or wheat.

John Ferris, Michigan State University Extension agricultural economist takes a look at these situations and the effect of the USDA's recently announced loan rates.

### Corn

The secretary of agriculture announced, March 31 that the regular loan rate on corn would be increased from \$2.25 per bushel in effect on the 1980 crop to \$2.40 per bushel on the 1981 crop. For corn entering any reserve program that might be established, the loan rate will be \$2.55 as compared with the recent level of \$2.40.

No mention was made of what the trigger and call price might be, but presumably these levels would be at least 15 cents higher than at present, i.e., an increase to \$2.96 and \$3.41 respectively. The target price was set equal to the regular loan rate -- \$2.40.

The implication of these new price levels is particularly relevant if the 1981 corn crop is large. Otherwise, there would

likely not be a reserve program. In the event of a large crop which pushes market prices down below the trigger level, the \$2.55 loan rate for the first year would tend to set the lower bounds. Because there is no set-aside and because the normal crop acreage requirement has been waived, essentially all corn growers will be eligible for the program. Farmers would be encouraged to take advantage of another feature of the reserve program for 1981 -- a waiver of interest for the first year. This could easily tie up enough grain to push the market up to the trigger level later in the crop year.

In early April, December 1981 futures had recovered to a level near \$3.80, translating to about \$3.25 at the farm at harvest in mid Michigan. This reflects the expectation that the 1981 crop will not be particularly large and that feed grain supplies will continue relatively tight. Technically speaking, the market was at the high end of a trading range. Much further rise would put the market into a strong position. A fall back could easily amount to 20 cents.

### Wheat

Secretary Block announced the regular loan rate on the 1981 wheat crop

would be \$3.20 per bushel compared with \$3 on the 1980 crop. Wheat entering the reserves would have a loan rate of \$3.50. The target price on wheat will be raised from \$3.63 on the 1980 crop to \$3.81 on the 1981 crop.

Improving prospects for

the 1981 crop have kept pressure on new crop prices. Early in April, September futures on the Chicago Board of Trade closed at about \$4.50, equal to harvest prices at the farm in mid Michigan under \$4. Technical signs continue bearish.

### Soybeans

Loan rates on soybeans will remain at \$5.02 per bushel, the same as for the 1980 crop. As of early April, November futures were trading in the \$8 to \$8.50 range, putting harvest prices at the farm in

Michigan around \$7.50 to \$8. Like corn, price trends are still down, but the market is pressing up hard against the downtrend lines. A move much above \$8.50 could signal a reversal in the decline since November.

## Plan to survey corn rootworms

By **GEORGE MCQUEEN**  
County Extension Director

Anytime you follow corn with corn, you could be setting yourself up as a target for corn rootworms.

In the past, you had two choices: treat the field with insecticide just in case, or gamble that corn rootworm won't be a serious problem.

Either way, you could lose big.

Treating a field that didn't need it averages cost of \$9 per acre--plus the time and energy needed to apply it. Failure to treat a field that gets hit hard by rootworms could cut yields by 15 to 20 bushels an acre, give or take a few.

Now, however, there's a way to predict the likelihood of corn rootworm problems a year in advance. All you have to do is count adult corn rootworms in midsummer and use the number seen as an index of what to expect if you plant the field to corn next year.

What you're looking for is a hard-backed, active beetle with long antennae. The northern variety is plain yellow or green. The western corn rootworm is yellow or red with three black stripes down the wing covers. Michigan State University entomologist Bob Ruppel advises checking 60 plants in each of three areas of the

field. Count all the corn rootworm adults you can see without stripping back leaves and husks.

If you see about one adult per plant, the population will probably be high enough next year to cause problems. If you see fewer than one per plant, you can expect little or no damage.

The key to making this survey work is timing. The best time to count corn rootworm adults is 25 to 35 days after the first adult is seen in the field.

In the southern part of the state, adults could start appearing in the first 10 days of July; in the northern counties, it could be well into August. Growers need to keep an eye out for these first ones so they can pinpoint the best time to make their survey.

It takes about an hour to check a field. If that hour saves you from unnecessarily treating an 80-acre field, you make, in effect, more than \$720 for your trouble. If it reveals the need to treat and treating the field saves you from a 20-bushel-an-acre yield loss, the potential return on your time is even higher.

The important thing right now is to watch for those first corn rootworm adults and determine the best time for surveying the field. Also contact your county Cooperative Extension Service agent so other growers can be alerted.

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<b>LIVONIA</b> 29150 W. 7 Mile Rd. at Middlebelt East of LIVONIA MALL	<b>SOUTHFIELD</b> 27000 Telegraph Rd. at 12 Mile South of TEL-12 MALL	<b>FLINT</b> 3250 S. Linden Rd. at Miller Rd. Across from GENESEE VALLEY MALL	<b>GRAND RAPIDS</b> 3445 28th. St. S.E. at Beltline at EAST BROOK MALL	*OUR MASTER CHARGE AND VISA HONORED AT TOYS 'R' US

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