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Gabriel gets board support

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

Described as a "workaholic," "efficient and able administrator" and "skillful, tough, but fair negotiator," Earl Gabriel, superintendent of North Dearborn Heights Schools, was the winner in a straw vote by St. Johns School Board members to become the system's next superintendent.

But the announcement at a special board meeting Monday night did not please most of the 20 citizens who showed up. Several of them vehemently said that St. Johns Administrative Assistant Steve Bakita, not Gabriel, should be the choice for superintendent.

"I don't understand how in God's name you can turn your back on Steve in a time like this," one man said. "When you don't promote from within, you promote decay in your system."

Board President Robert Craig announced the vote taken among board members was four votes for Gabriel, two for Bakita and one for J.P. Ryan, superintendent of Holt Public Schools, north of Muskegon. It was not revealed which board members voted for Gabriel, but Craig admitted he voted for Bakita and Neil Barnhart was vocal in support of Bakita during the meeting.

After the vote was taken, the weekend after Thanksgiving, a committee composed of board members Lee Ormston, Leonard Puetz and Tom Irrer visited Gabriel's North Dearborn Heights district.

"On the way down to visit, I made up my mind that I wanted to find out anything negative about the man that I could," Ormston told the board. "And anything negative that I found would be pursued vigorously. But we weren't even able to smell out anything negative."

Puetz and Irrer concurred, and said all the teachers, administrators, board members and business people they spoke with in North Dearborn Heights had only positive things to say about Gabriel.

"I talked to one man who had known Earl for a long time and I asked him what Earl's biggest fault was," Irrer said. "The man thought for a moment and said, 'He's a Republican.' That was the only negative thing he could find to say about him."

"We found the buildings to be very clean and the staff morale to be very high," Ormston read from a report prepared by the three committee members. "Everyone attributed this high morale to Earl Gabriel. Everyone we talked to said he was approachable on any issue."

The 52-year-old Gabriel was also described as a good family man and an active church-goer.

Despite this glowing recommendation, however, several people at the board meeting remained upset with the choice. They questioned Gabriel's ability to move from an urban, two-square-mile district to a semi-rural district of 225 square miles like St. Johns. A big concern was Gabriel's ability to handle St. Johns' huge bus fleet, since North Dearborn Heights currently has no fleet of its own. It was also pointed out that Gabriel's district of less than a thousand students does not compare to St. Johns' enrollment of almost 4,000.

"You mean to tell me you people didn't even think about these things when you made your choice?" a man in the audience asked the board. "Come on, you had to. Maybe if you didn't, then we have the wrong people sitting up there (the board members.)"

The selection of Gabriel came as somewhat of a surprise, since he was the fourth choice of board members after the first straw vote was taken following the first round of interviews. The first vote asked board members to rank the original set of nine candidates first, second and third, with the top three to reach the final set of interviews. Craig said the first vote had Bakita and Leonard Shafley, the superintendent of Airport Public Schools near Monroe, tied for first, with Ryan in third and Gabriel fourth.

"The vote was close, though, so we decided to take the top four instead of the top three," Craig said.

This revelation further riled people in the audience, who voiced the opinion that Gabriel should not even have been among the final candidates.

After the hour-and-a-half discussion, the board voted 5-2 not to vote, and to wait until its regular Wednesday meeting before voting on the committee's recommendation to offer Gabriel a contract. Irrer and Marian Kurnicz dissented.

If the board does offer Gabriel a contract, it will probably be less than the \$48,600 a year he currently makes. "He indicated that he does expect it to be less," Puetz said. "He is just very interested in this job."



Pewamo-Westphalia girls basketball coach Carol Bogard (holding trophy) gets a much-deserved free ride from her players after the Pirates won the regional at Ithaca last Saturday.

P-W beat Williamston, 49-42, in the final game to move into the quarterfinals of the state tournament. For more on the game, see page 8. (Photo by Bob Stern)

Six-month law expires soon

Parking plan costs a lot

By PETER W. BRONSON

Some say St. Johns' new free parking ordinance is fine; others who've received tickets say it's fine, all right — plenty of them. But according to recent figures, the big loser is the city.

Even at \$20 each, parking permits may not offset the decline in revenues and added costs of enforcing the six-month ordinance, according to city totals.

Comparing the first five months of 1982 to the last six months, since the ordinance went into effect, it appears the city could lose thousands of dollars per year if the ordinance is adopted permanently.

According to figures prepared by City Clerk Rick Coletta and St. Johns policeman Jack Plowman, who enforces the plan, Plowman made an average of 22 trips per month between January 1 and May 14, before the ordinance took effect. He passed out tickets worth about \$418 per month, and his trips, about an hour and a half each, cost the city about \$300 per month. Assuming all of the \$1 tickets were paid, and paid before penalties were added, that's a net earning of \$118 per month.

In the last six months, however, increased enforcement under the new plan boosted Plowman's trip average to 42 trips per month between July 1 and Nov. 24, the last day for which figures were prepared. The cost of Plowman's hours under the new plan averaged \$583 per month, \$283 higher than before the plan was put into effect.

And during the first three months of the new ordinance, between July 1 and Sept. 22, the average total of tickets written per month dropped to \$346 — \$72 per month lower than before the plan went into effect.

More enforcement trips for less revenue? Maybe, says Police Chief Lyle French. "The first round each day (Plowman) is not getting any tickets written because he just chalks tires," he said.

Assuming all of the tickets were paid on time — \$2 for non-metered parking and \$1 for the remaining metered areas — the city's annual parking revenue would be cut drastically under the new ordinance. But that was expected, Coletta said.

"It's never been intended that we would make money on our parking plan," he said. "With one-penny meters and one-dollar fines, you can't expect too much."

But during the first few months of 1982, the city was making money: About \$118 per month from tickets

and a total of \$4,100 in meter fees.

Under the new plan, both sources of revenue have almost disappeared. Only \$244 in meter fees have been collected since June 29, and the city is losing money on the parking plan when costs of enforcement are deducted from revenues.

Revenues from tickets can be expected to drop, but sales of ten-hour permits, at \$10 for six months, bring the total up. So far, 89 permits have been sold. Assuming 90 people would buy permits again for the coming 12 months if the plan becomes permanent in January, permit sales, at \$20 each, would total \$1,800. Averaged over 12 months, the permit sales would boost monthly revenues by an additional \$150 per month.

But even with the increase, revenues would still not overcome much higher manpower costs of the program. And unless more permits are sold or enforcement is reduced, the city could lose an estimated \$87 per month.

Compared to the previous income of \$118 per month, that's a net loss of more than \$200 per month. Losses from meter revenues would push the figure even higher. "I'm not surprised," Coletta said. "It was expected the plan would reduce revenue."

An extension of the one-hour time limit for free downtown parking could reduce the number of trips by Plowman each day, cutting the cost of enforcement, French said. But going back to meters could also be costly, he said, thanks to damage and removal of some meter posts.

The city also purchased 62 signs for the new ordinance at a cost of \$1,000. But the signs could be changed to allow more free parking time at minimal cost, French said.

Final figures on the plan have not been added up, and many other factors could affect the bottom line, Coletta said, including the cost of meter maintenance.

Intended to protect downtown businesses from new mall competition, it is still too early to tell if the free parking ordinance works, Coletta said. "It's been some experiment, hasn't it," he said.

Many would like to see the parking plan changed. For their comments, turn to page 4.

DeWitt man is killed in aircraft accident

A DeWitt man was killed Saturday afternoon when the ultralight aircraft he was traveling in crashed in a field between US-127 and Clark Road, DeWitt Township Police said.

Michael Morgan, 31, was pronounced dead on arrival at Sparrow Hospital from multiple trauma suffered in

the crash, police said.

"Mr. Morgan was practicing stunts over a wheat field, practicing takeoffs and landings," DeWitt Township Acting Police Chief Larry Jones said. "Apparently, something went wrong while he was in the air. He was essentially killed on impact."

The aircraft in which Morgan was flying was

"essentially a motorized hang glider," Jones said. It is an experimental aircraft in which the pilot is not enclosed. Investigation of the crash has been turned over to the Federal Aeronautic Administration, Jones said.

Jones, a licensed pilot, was employed by the Michigan State Police.

St. Johns man arrested after chase

A St. Johns man arrested after a high-speed chase was among the incidents reported by Clinton County law enforcement agencies during the past week.

• After a high-speed chase took them into Fowler, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Stephen Clare Pung, 1305 S. Francis Rd., St. Johns, Dec. 4 for operating a motor vehicle under the influence on alcohol, deputies said. The chase involved Pung's car and a deputies' vehicle, deputies said.

• As he was traveling at a high rate of speed Dec. 4 into the curves at Shepardville and Kinley roads, a car driven by Dennis Lee Herron, 408 Carol Rd., Elsie, ran into a ditch after failing to negotiate a curve, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said. Herron's car then struck a Consumers Power pole, deputies said. He was transported to Clinton Memorial Hospital and cited for drunk driving, deputies said.

• As he was traveling south on Chandler Road Dec. 4, a vehicle driven by Lavern Sperry, 50, Lainsburg, was struck broadside at the intersection of Clark Road by a vehicle driven by Florence Schoalf, 71, Walnut Street, Bath, Bath Township Police said. The Schoalf vehicle had the right-of-

way, police said, so Sperry was cited for failure to yield. Schoalf was injured and taken to Spawow Hospital, police said.

• A warrant was issued Dec. 6 for the arrest of Brian Wayne Orweller, 22, 1960 W. Pratt, DeWitt, after Orweller allegedly drove his car through the St. Johns City Park Dec. 4, hitting several cedar posts, a bell and a tree, St. Johns Police said. Police said Orweller and several passengers in the car scattered into the nearby woods after the car hit a tree. He was cited for reckless driving, malicious destruction of property and having an expired license, police said.

• After Linda Roof, 8582 W. Centerline, St. Johns reported a suspicious person at her residence Dec. 1, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a juvenile and recovered a stolen vehicle driven by the juvenile, deputies said. The vehicle and juvenile were both turned over to the Alma Police Department, deputies said.

• A 1979 green Chevrolet pickup reported stolen by the Wyoming Police Department was recovered Dec. 1 on Steel Road west of Krepps Road, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said. The vehicle was turned over to the Wyoming Police.

• As she was driving on

Herbison Road Dec. 2, a vehicle driven by Deborah Jameson, 219 Bridge St., DeWitt, hit a 10-point buck, DeWitt City Police said. The buck was wounded and had to be tracked and shot, police said.

• Tools and a stereo unit valued at \$500 were taken Dec. 2 from a storage shed at 2285 E. Howell Rd., DeWitt, DeWitt Township Police said. The shed was at the Baird Dairy Farms.

• After he had a flat tire Nov. 23, Dennis Nethaway, 8242 Nethaway Rd., Elsie, returned the next morning to the car and found that someone had broken out both vent windows and damaged the dash, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said. Taken were one tape deck and 12 cassettes, deputies said.

• A 40-channel CB was taken Nov. 29 from a truck parked in a shed at the home of Robert Moore, 9870 Gratiot County Line, Elsie, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said.

• Three guns and some gasoline was taken Dec. 1 from a storage building at the home of Lawrence Andrews, 3604 S. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said.

• A homemade log-splitter valued at \$1,800 was taken Dec. 1 from the

home of Terry Platte, 8281 Wright Rd., Portland, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies said.

• An equalizer worth \$100 was taken Nov. 29 from a car belonging to Julie DeLine, 1208 Longspur, DeWitt, DeWitt City Police said.

• A 16mm projector worth \$650 was taken Dec. 4 from the Retreat House, 703 E. Main, DeWitt, DeWitt City Police said.

Births

MEYERS: To Marvin and Karen Meyers of DeWitt, Nov. 10 at Sparrow Hospital, a daughter, Mari Elizabeth. Mari joins three sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Tolliver of Bath and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meyers of Indian River. The mother is the former Miss Karen Tolliver.

It's always open season on bargains in the classified section.

names in the news

□ **Susan Coleman** of St. Johns, a senior at Central Michigan University, daughter of JoAnn and Thomas Coleman, is the birth control coordinator of the Women's Health and Information Project at CMU, a peer counseling and resource center.

□ **Gerald L. Schutzenhofer Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Schutzenhofer of 1204 Lansing St., St. Johns, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Nov. 18. A graduate of St. Johns High School, he will enter the Air Force on June 6, 1983.

□ Several new board members have been elected to administer the Clinton County Historical Society's genealogy division. They are: **Ariene Schrader**, chairperson; **Paul Roof**, vice-chair; **Reuben Eirschele**, treasurer; **Wilma Sowle**, secretary; **Janet Snyder**, immediate past chair; and **Joan Bancroft** and **Randy Phelps**, members at large.

□ **John E. Jensen**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Jensen of 3777 Alvin Place, a graduate of DeWitt High School, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 25.

□ The executive committee of the Clinton County Democratic Party met Tuesday, Nov. 30 in DeWitt to elect officers for the coming year. Elected were: **Nan Hook**, chair; **Phil Stoddard**, first vice-chair; **Steve Uptegraft**, second vice-chair; **Ruth Calkins**, secretary; and **Max Calder**, treasurer. The officers encourage all Democrats to participate in the party. For information, call 373-9393 or 981-6884.

□ **Army Pvt. Kathryn J. Bell**, daughter of Joann R. Sullivan of Crystal and Gerald D. Bell of Clark Road, Bath, has completed a land combat support missile system repair course at the Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. She is a 1979 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School.

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Paint testing?

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

You've probably driven past it hundreds of times. About four miles south of St. Johns on US-27, the sign that says PAINT TEST AREA and then all those stripes of paint on the highway.

But what's it there for? Who is testing paint and why are they doing it here? Is Sears trying out its latest latex on US-27 before splashing it on some Great American Homes?

No. As you might have deduced, the Paint Test Area was placed there by the State Highway Commission's Department of Planning and Testing. It seems you can't just use any old paint to divide the lanes on a road.

"What we do is get all of the principal paint companies to submit samples to us," explained Francis Bashore, the supervisor of the state's Coatings, Sealings and Plastics division. "Then we take the samples and apply them as stripes on the road."

"Basically, what we're looking for is wearability and the retention of glass beads for night visibility. The paint that holds up the best is the one we buy."

But hold on a minute. In case you think your car is contributing to research every time you drive up US-27, forget it.

"We quit using the area on 27 in 1980," Bashore said.

That's right. Clinton County drivers are no longer deciding what paint the state gets for its roads. Bashore explained the paint test areas are only used for about a year, which is how long it takes to properly evaluate a paint specimen.

"After we left the spot on US-27, we moved to an area on M-43 near Grand Ledge," Bashore said. "We like to pick locations near our office in Lansing."

What makes a road eligible to become a paint test area?

"It needs to have both bituminous concrete and Portland cement on it," Bashore explained. "In the case of US-27, there was bituminous concrete on one side of the road and Portland cement on the other side. But in Grand Ledge, we have both types in one lane, so that's much more convenient."



Lines of paint, worn away by passing cars, cover US-27 south of St. Johns. Some of the lines are still on the highway, but the state hasn't used it as a test area for two years. (Photo by Kemi Gaabo)

Correction

In our recent article about the Equal Ground program in DeWitt, counselor Joe Burns' academic credentials were incomplete. In addition to his B.S. degree in psychology from Michigan State University, Burns also has earned a masters degree in clinical social work from the University of Michigan.

In recent stories about the Clinton County Jail, Under-sheriff Russell Doty was incorrectly identified as Ray Doty.

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Tow away parking plan, critics say

By PETER W. BRONSON

Free parking in St. Johns is fine, but there's just not enough of it, according to downtown merchants and employees questioned by the Clinton County News last week.

A six-month trial parking ordinance approved last April allows shoppers to park free for one hour in front of downtown stores. Intended to keep downtown businesses competitive with the city's new shopping mall, the ordinance was suggested by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.

But one hour is not enough, merchants say, and many employees sometimes find parking spaces scarce but tickets plentiful.

The ordinance comes up for renewal or rejection this month, and will be the topic of a meeting between city and chamber officials next Thursday night, Dec. 16. Modifications, including extending the time limit, are likely, City Clerk Rick Coletta said.

That would be fine with most downtown business owners and employees, judging by a random sample of opinion by the News at several businesses last Friday.

Of 14 merchants along both sides of Clinton Avenue, nine said they would like to see some kind of change in the parking ordinance. About a third said the plan is fine the way it is.

Most among the two-thirds who thought a change is needed agreed with Margaret Stachel of Caro! Ann's Shop, who said, "I think most shoppers need more than an hour."

"I think we should go with the same plan but extend the limit to an hour and a half instead of one hour," Bob Rehman of Rehman's Clothing agreed.

But others said they would just as soon return to meters. "I've had complaints," said Bonnie Gregory, manager of Norm Henry Shoes. "Most people say they would rather have meters and know how much time they have."

Among those most opposed to ordinance were employees at downtown bars and a hair salon. They said one hour is simply not enough, and \$20 per year for employee permits is too much. So far, employees have paid \$10 for six month 10-hour parking permits. But beginning in January, the plan would charge \$20 for an entire year.

"I would rather put money in a parking meter for an hour than go out and move my car every hour," said Becky Kaufman, a bartender at H&H Lounge. "People come here to enjoy themselves, not to run out and move their car every hour. How would you like it?"

Another bartender, Robbie Sgaley of the Dry Dock'd, suggested stopping enforcement earlier in the afternoon, at 2 or 3 p.m. But Kathy Smalley of the Hair Loft said the time limit must be changed for her customers.

"I think there should be no limit at all (on free parking)," she said. "There are a lot of problems with people that have perms. One hour is just not enough. Three hours might be."

Along with other downtown employees, she also complained it is sometimes hard to find a place to park, even

with a ten-hour permit.

"I can barely find a parking spot behind the building," Roger Frye, manager of Sleep On It, agreed. "I think they need more spaces for employees."

One defender of the plan was Dick Johnson, manager of J.C. Penney's and a member of the chamber's parking committee. He said the plan is working fine. There are plenty of employee spaces, he said, and many shoppers simply aren't aware there are two-hour lots available close to the downtown area.

Others who supported the new ordinance were Jim Sytsma, owner of Radio Shack, Treasure Chest owner Fred Meyer, Rich Snyder, manager of Kurt's Appliance, and Al Nelson, owner of Nelson's Pizza.

All but Snyder said they feel \$20 per year is a fair price for permits. But one employee pointed out many merchants who support the plan have private parking behind their stores and do not pay for permits.

"I have a private spot, but I think \$20 is a fair rate," Meyer said.

"It sometimes is hard to find a parking place," Nelson admitted.

"It's really frustrating for those who drive to work," Ms. Gregory said. "I usually walk to work, but when I do drive, it's hard to find a parking spot unless you get here early."

Wayne Banner, manager of D&C, said he thought a two-hour limit for shoppers would be more reasonable, and Linh Kostamo of Paul's Party Shoppe agreed.

"When I shop, I need three hours at least," she said.



'It is really frustrating trying to find a parking spot,' Bonnie Gregory, manager of Norm Henry Shoes, said. 'I'd rather go back to meters.'



'I think the parking ordinance is just fine. I don't see any reason to change it at all. But ten dollars is plenty to charge for a year's permit,' Rich Snyder, manager of Kurt's Appliance said.

news notes

A FAMILY TREAT VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS exhibit will be held at Paine-Gilliam-Scott Museum in St. Johns Sunday, Dec. 5 through Wednesday, Jan. 5. Hours are Sundays from 1-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2-8 p.m. Candlelight and special music will be featured on Wednesday evenings, including performances by the Choralaires on Dec. 8; String Quartet, Dec. 15; Bell Choir, Dec. 22; Recorder Quartet, Dec. 29; and Instrumental Trio, Jan. 5. Toys of the past, a Victorian Christmas tree and antique dolls are some of the exhibits.

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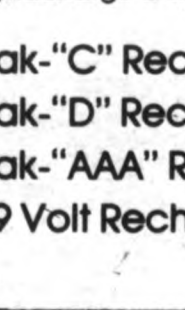

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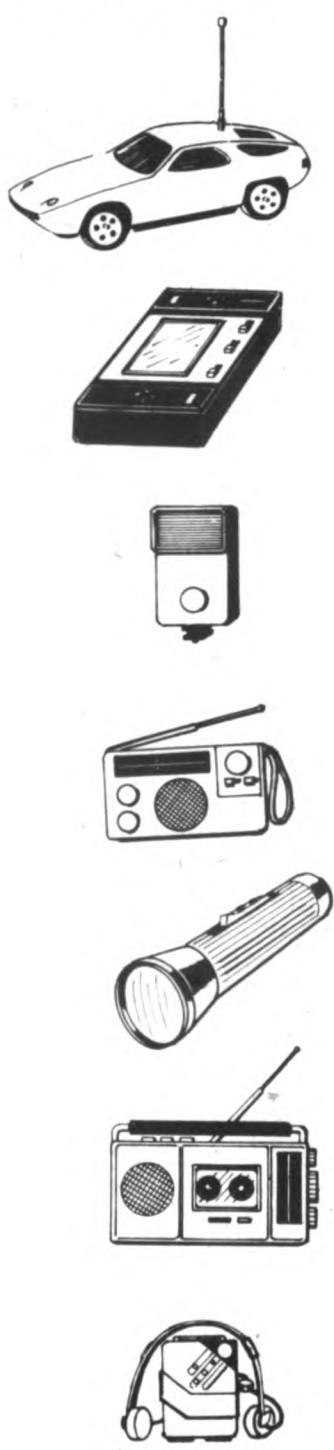


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New plan is a loser

Some merchants in downtown St. Johns apparently are plenty worried about competition from the new Southpoint Mall. Their solution is to provide free parking to downtown shoppers.

Now, six months and mucho losses to city revenues later, the city and the chamber of commerce, which proposed the plan, will meet to reconsider the plan.

When the free parking plan was presented to city commissioners, chamber member Bob Barber said the big problem was downtown employees who park in front of the stores they work in, taking spots that should be reserved for shoppers. He said free parking was needed to keep the downtown area "viable" in the face of competition from the new mall.

Well, so far, it looks like all of us will have to pay to keep downtown businesses "viable." Judging by recent figures, enforcement and loss of revenues are resulting in big losses to the city, forcing taxpayers to subsidize the chamber's parking plan to the tune of about \$200 per month.

That may not seem like much, but ask those who will be forced to pay \$20 per year for parking permits, and most will tell you it's plenty. Add the loss of meter revenue, more than \$3,800 already this year, and it's clear the parking plan is a big loser.

Need more convincing? Consider the inconvenience for downtown employees trying to find a parking spot set aside for ten-hour permits. Spots are often scarce, but tickets aren't.

And then there are complaints from bar owners, hair salons and shoppers. They say one hour just isn't enough. Would you like to run out and move your car in the middle of a permanent? Would you spend more than an hour if you went shopping at the mall? Will you interrupt your freindly gab at the neighborhood saloon to jump up each hour and put your wheels in a new parking spot?

Don't get us wrong. We don't think the parking ordinance is that much of a burden. Two-dollar fines and \$20 permits for a whole year's parking look pretty good compared to permit costs and fines in Lansing. But this is St. Johns, and as far as we're concerned, there must be a better way to regulate parking in the downtown area.

We suggest scrapping the six-month parking plan. Let's allow unlimited free parking in front of downtown stores, if that's what's really needed to keep the downtown viable. And let's let store owners keep track of where their employees park — that's their responsibility.

As for city lots, what's wrong with free parking there, too. After all, it looks like enforcement costs more than it's worth.

Those who work downtown, shop downtown and visit downtown should not be asked to pay for a few merchants fears about mall competition. Especially when many of those same merchants park in private spaces and contribute nothing to the parking plan.

It looks like the old adage about free lunches proves true for free parking as well. Someone has to pay, and under the temporary parking plan, it looks like everyone pays but those who benefit.



If I were the king

By Buddy Moorehouse

Like most journalists, I always thought I would make a great politician. Really. I feel this way because I have all the answers.

Ask any newspaper reporter and he or she will tell you the same thing. No matter what the problem is, we know how to solve it. Why do you think we write so many editorials? Because we know so darn much, that's why.

All knowing, all seeing, all powerful. Yep, that's us.

That's why I would make such a great leader. Only I wouldn't want to be a mayor or supervisor or anything like that. Those guys have to go through too much politics. They can't just do anything they want, which is how I would like it.

I'd want to be a king. The King of Clinton County. I'd make all the decisions and wouldn't have to answer to anyone. And believe me, once I made some changes, this would be a perfect place in which to live.

So to give you a little preview, here's what I would do if they elected me King of Clinton County:

- **Open up a television station here.** And not just any old TV station, either. This one would show nothing but reruns of *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Barney Miller*, and *The Bob Newhart Show*. Twenty-four hours a day with no commercials.

- **Put up WALK and DON'T WALK signs in St. Johns.** I don't know why this hasn't been done yet, but anyone who's ever been a pedestrian in St. Johns will tell you how badly needed these are. To cross a street downtown now, you have to look up at the street lights, which sometimes aren't that easy to see, and check whether it's red or green. And then you get halfway across and the light changes to yellow. You end up having to sprint the last 20

feet to avoid becoming part of the pavement. Put up these signs and walking downtown won't be as adventurous as a Cedar Point roller coaster.

- **Put a small W in DeWitt.** Who decided to put a big W in there anyway? It looks like a typographical error. Changing the name to Dewitt would make it much easier to type. I won't have to keep using the shift key on my typewriter. Dewitt, Dewitt, Dewitt. I'm beginning to like it already.

- **Force the Taco Bell people to open a franchise here.** It's two in the morning and I get a monster craving for a burrito supreme. Am I going to drive 25 miles to Lansing, where the nearest Taco Bell is? Of course not. I go to bed hungry. Nothing else in the world will satisfy a Taco Bell craving.

- **Lower the baskets behind Rodney B. Wilson Junior High in St. Johns.** As it is now, the baskets are about nine feet high. I can dunk a ball there, but I really have to leap. Lower them down to about eight feet, and I could dunk with two hands and everything. Then I could get in a game with a bunch of eight-year-olds and really show them who's boss.

- **Change the name of Higham and Swegles streets in St. Johns.** Too hard to pronounce. Change the names and you won't have out-of-towners asking where "Higg-ham" and "Sweggles" streets are. I like street names like RoDicDon down in DeWitt. Now there's a name that's easy to pronounce and looks cool. I'd like to live on a street like RoDicDon.

These are just a few of the many changes I'd make. Admit it now, wouldn't this be a better place in which to live? So the next time nominations are being taken for king, give them my name. You won't regret it.

Letters

Big Macs are big help

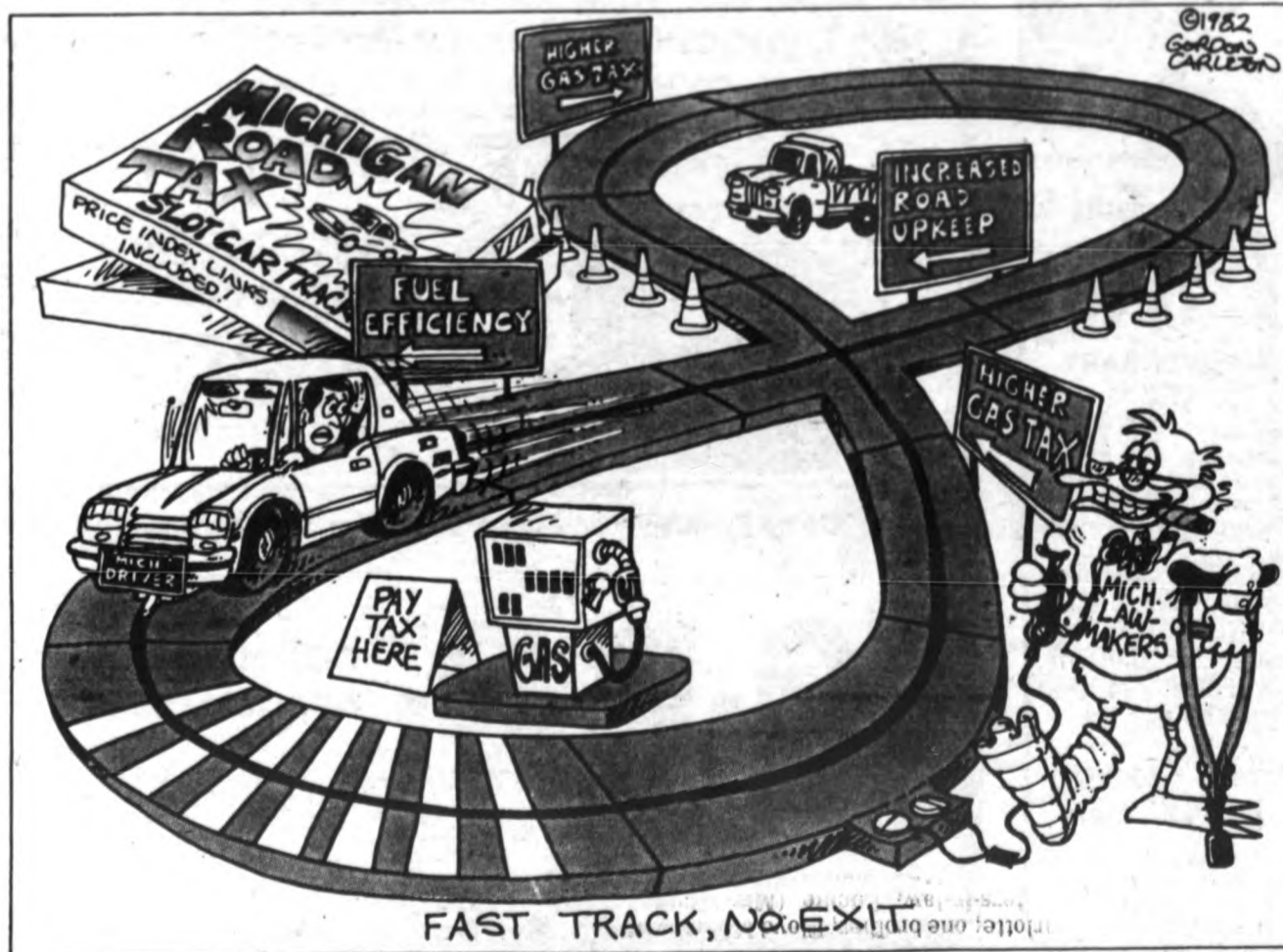
To the editor:

A few days ago my assistant principal, Bill Brown, introduced me to Miss Jane Miller, community relations director for McDonald's Restaurants. Together, they presented me with two packets of complimentary coupons — one each for Big Macs and McDonald's sundaes. Mr. Brown and Miss Miller explained that the

coupons were a contribution towards my incentive program that is used as part of a behavior management system in my classroom.

Some have said that caring for and about children is an easily discernible trait in an adult — you either see it or you don't. Simplistic? Maybe, but certainly in this case the caring is easily seen and I thank them both.

Mrs. Pat Dorow
Special Education Department
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Both sides organize for Watertown recall

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

With a recall vote of four Watertown Township Board members set for Jan. 18, the battle lines have been drawn. Favoring the recall of Supervisor Vaughn Montgomery, Clerk Mildred McDonough and trustees John Fox and Forest Shipman are members of the newly formed Watertown Citizen's Recall Committee (WCRC), who collected over 600 signatures on recall petitions.

Fighting the recall movement is another new group — Citizens Opposed to the Recall Effort (CORE.) CORE held its first meeting Dec. 2 and is ready to campaign against the recall.

"We felt that organizing was the best way to go about this," Mrs. McDonough said. "Naturally, we're going to fight this thing. Quite a few citizens are opposed to this, and they want the people to know that our vote was in the best interest of the township."

The vote in question was the township board's decision Sept. 23 to settle its long-standing dispute with landfill developer Jerry Granger. Claiming a new state law would soon take all authority over the landfill out of their hands, the four board members named in the recall voted for a settlement with Granger.

The settlement terms required that an expansion of Granger's landfill on Grand River Avenue, designated for the disposal of hazardous wastes, be built 300 feet from Grand River. Granger also agreed to pay seven cents per cubic yard of waste into a trust fund which the township can use for groundwater testing or to compensate area homeowners for a drop in property values.

"It was the best settlement we could have gotten, with the new law coming in," Mrs. McDonough said. "We just want everyone to realize that."

So to help them realize that, CORE was formed. At the first meeting, Dyle Henning and Evelyn Morrow were elected co-chairmen and Eugene Beyer was picked as the treasurer.

"We just feel that we should work for the benefit of our township officers," Mrs. Morrow said. "We want to let the people know all the facts about the case, and make sure they get out and vote."

Once CORE decides on a strategy, Mrs. Morrow said, Watertown citizens can expect a wave of campaign flyers and the like. But she emphasized that CORE is not out for a fight.

"I don't think we're out to fight anyone," Mrs. Morrow said. "That's the last this we want. Above all, we don't want to divide this community up. We have a very nice community here, and we don't want to see it hurt."

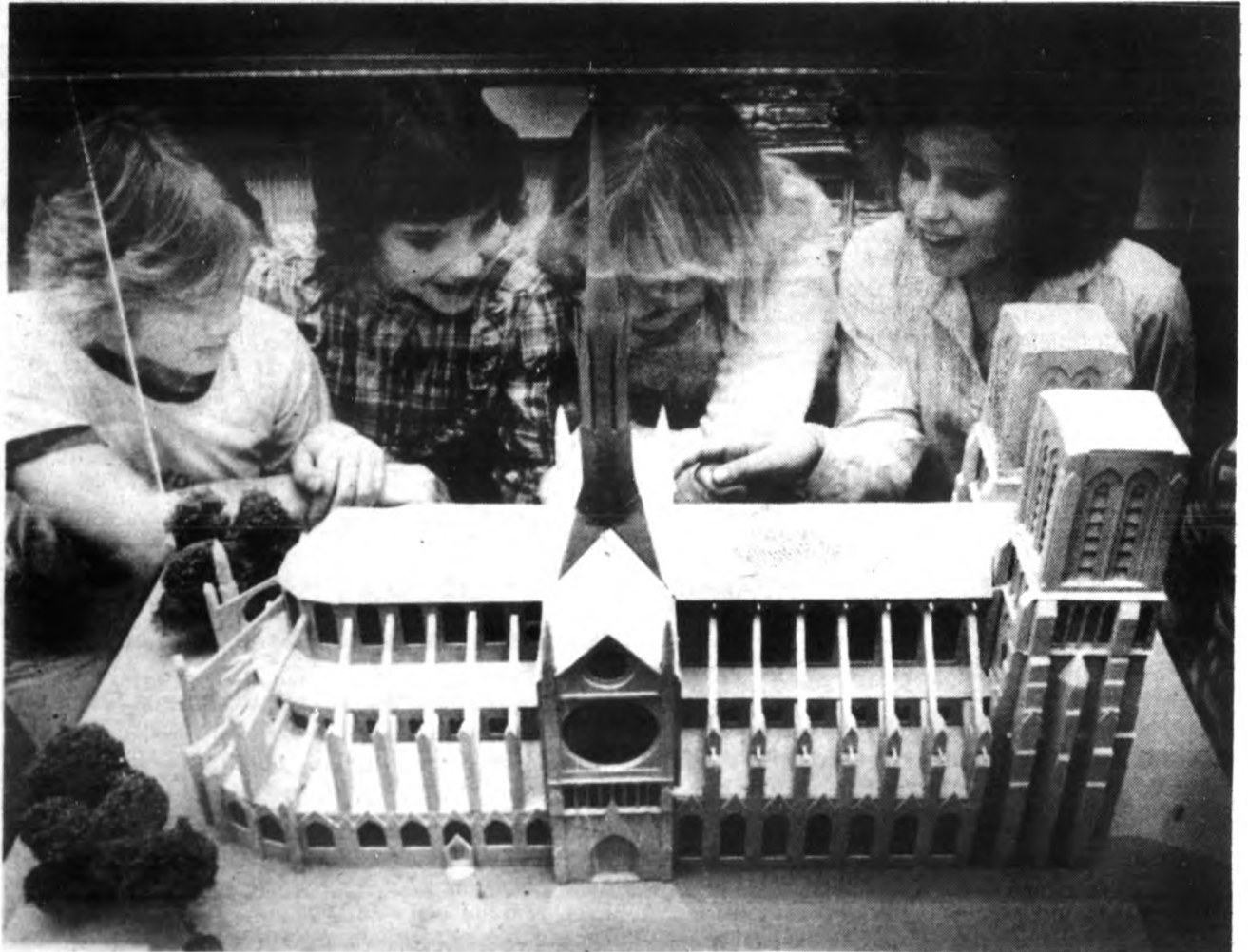
On the other side of the coin, WCRC is organizing to help assure the success of the recall movement. "We're going to advertise and distribute flyers door-to-door and so forth," said Nancy Doell, the chairperson of WCRC. "And it's not just this one issue we're upset about. It's a whole assortment of things."

"The township officers have held secret meetings and violated the open meeting act. These things just keep

adding up."

And Mrs. Doell is convinced there are enough citizens who agree with her to make the recall vote pass. "We have a lot of support," she said. "People down here are upset with this, so I certainly think the recall movement will be a success."

Eligible voters can register for the election up to Dec. 18.



Now showing at Bath High School is the Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit of Notre Dame Cathedral. The scale model and pictures were shown at DeWitt Middle School last week, giving

eighth grade students (left to right) Lisa Zwyghuizen, Cathy McKinnon, Amy Cooley and Patti Dillingham a close-up look at the famous work of art. (Photo by Kemi Gaabo)

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Pirates grab regional title

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

When Pewamo-Westphalia's girls basketball team blew a nine-point lead and fell behind Williamston in the second quarter last Saturday, 31-30, there might have been a bead or two of worry sweat forming on Carol Bogard's brow.

You see, as P-W coach Bogard explains, "We're not known to be a come-from-behind team."

Tell that to the Pirates. They settled down enough to take a three-point lead at the half and then went on to a 49-42 win over the Hornets. The victory gave P-W its second straight regional crown and if there was a feeling of *deja vu*, it was understandable.

The Pirates beat Williamston in the same regional final last year at the same place, Ithaca. Thankfully for the Pirates, some things never change.

"I felt real good about the game, especially after seeing the tape of it," Bogard said. "I think it gives our kids a lot of confidence, knowing they can come back like that."

The win moved the Pirates into a quarterfinal game last night against Homer. The winner of that game will play the winner of Carrollton vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer.

Against Williamston, a surprise winner over Ithaca in the first round of the regional, P-W just had too much size.

"Looking down the roster, P-W just had too much height for us," Williamston coach Keith Eldred said.

After shooting out to an early 17-8 lead, the Pirates began to fall apart as the Hornets got hot. With Alese Keiser and Kathy Kult hitting several key shots, Williamston took the lead on two free throws by Keiser.

"I think we were just really nervous in the first half," said P-W's Patty Theis. "We were playing their game; we weren't playing our game. And we were making a lot of mistakes."

The Pirates took the lead back, though, on a steal and layup by Jackie Bauer and a jumper at the buzzer by Theis.

"That shot by Patty at the buzzer really helped," Bogard said. "It really picked everyone up."

With Theis and Bauer having a hard time finding the basket in the first half, it was senior forward Ann Pung who picked up the slack, scoring 10 of her 12 points before halftime.

In the second half, P-W came back to life. Bauer and Theis got hot and staked the Pirates to an 11-point lead before settling for the seven-point win.



While the ball flies loose, P-W's Patty Theis (55) and Ann Pung give chase along with Williamston's Beth Pratt (24) in above picture. At right, the Pirates' Jackie Bauer (35) tries to dribble around Kathy Kult. (Photos by Bob Stern)

"We played much better in the second half," said Bauer, who finished with 12 points. "We were more patient and took better shots. We weren't making as many mistakes."

Theis finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds, while Pung had 12 rebounds. Shawn Thelen had seven points and four assists, while Donna Lenneman chipped in four points and eight boards. For the Hornets, Karen Griggs had 13 points and Keiser 10.

To get into the finals, P-W blasted a surprisingly weak Sanford-Meridian team on Thursday, 47-34. Bauer had 14 points, Theis had 11 points and nine rebounds and Thelen and Lenneman each added seven points.



Clinton County

Sports

Olivet falls to Fowler in opener

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

Dec. 3, Fowler 71, Olivet 65: From all indications, there might have been two different Fowler teams playing Olivet last Friday. The first-half Eagles sort of stunk.

But the second-half Eagles were outstanding. Shooting the lights out, scrapping for rebounds and playing inspired defense, Fowler came back for a 71-65 win.

"In the second half, we weren't playing like it was our first game of the year," Fowler coach Denny Smith said. "Overall, we shot 44 percent from the field, and that's extremely good for our first game."

It was a balanced offensive attack for the short but scrappy Eagles, with Glen Feldpausch leading the way with 20 points. Marty Hamilton and Jim Farley each added 18, while Tom Simon (who played center at 5-10) added 10 off the bench. Dave Koenigsknecht, making a return after a knee injury sidelined him last season, led with nine rebounds and eight assists.

"For a first game, I was quite pleased," Smith said. "We were hitting our outside shots very well."

Dec. 7, Ashley 92, Fowler 83: Who wants to play defense anyway?

A barnburner from the opening tip, the Eagles blew a six-point lead in the third quarter to lose to the Bears. The main reason was Ashley's John Mills, who burned the nets for a school-record 45 points.

Fowler had no trouble scoring, with Koenigsknecht and Farley each getting 22 points, and Hamilton connecting for 20.

P-W hangs on to beat O-E

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

Dec. 3, Pewamo-Westphalia 65, Ovid-Elsie 64: After four straight losses to P-W, Ovid-Elsie coach Bob Foreback was figuring it was finally time to break the losing streak last Friday.

"I felt really good about our chances with this team," Foreback said. "We had the home-court advantage and everything, so I thought we could beat them."

An additional basket along the way would have given the Marauders a win, but in the end it was the Pirates running their victory string to five straight over O-E with a 65-64 squeaker.

"Anytime we play Ovid-Elsie, it's going to be a close ballgame the whole way," P-W coach Steve Spitzley said. "They're a lot better than they were last year, too."

It was a game between two contrasting personalities. P-W was taller, but slower. O-E was a running, gunning, pressing team, and that caused some problems for the Pirates.

"I wasn't really happy with our press offense," Spitzley said. "They pressed the whole time, and that caused some difficulties for us."

On the other side, Foreback was less than happy with a few missed opportunities by his team. "We had a 22-12 lead on them in the first half and I really thought we could blow the game open after that," Foreback said. "But we missed some open shots and we even missed two layups after steals. That hurt. We just let them right back in the game."

The Marauders came back and canned several shots from downtown Elsie near the end of the game, but it wasn't enough to top P-W.

For the Pirates, Jeff Spitzley led the way with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Center Rick Arens added 13 points and 18 rebounds, while Ted Droste had 13 points. Jon Walter and Dan Pohl each added nine points.

"I was very happy with Arens' rebounding," Spitzley said. "He did a fine job in that department"

For O-E, juniors Paul Horak (16 points), Wade Kioski (12 points) and Mark St. Pierre (12 points off the bench) were the leaders. "Mark St. Pierre was a very pleasant surprise," Foreback said. "Our three leading scorers are juniors, so that's one good thing."

Dec. 7, Pewamo-Westphalia 82, Perry 52: P-W coach Spitzley did his best to keep the score down, but nothing worked. All the subs were in and everything, but the Pirates still beat the tar out of visiting Perry.

"Perry is rebuilding now," Spitzley said. "I think 30 points was the least we could have beaten them by. But we did shoot really well."

Arens led P-W with 14 points and 11 rebounds in the short time the starters were in the game. Bernie Lehmen came off the bench for 11 points, while Spitzley and Droste each added 10. Kevin Thelen had nine points.

Dec. 7, Saginaw Carrollton 67, Ovid-Elsie 61: O-E coach Foreback saw this as a replay of the loss to P-W.

"We've got to quit playing these Class C schools and get back to those Class B teams," he said jokingly. "Carrollton was a lot like P-W. I really thought we could have beaten both of them, but it just didn't work out that way."

The Marauders had the lead early in the game before visiting Carrollton came back to lead at the half. O-E tried at a late comeback, but it wasn't enough.

Horak led the Marauders with 18 points, while senior guard Pete Hurst chipped in 12. Kioski added 10. Fred Lewis led Carrollton with 24.

O-E is off until Dec. 17, when it opens the Mid-Michigan 'B' season against Alma.

City league results

Wilcox Engineering 115, Alleby and Brewbaker 55: In the highest scoring affair of the night, Doug Woodhams tossed in 35 points and Jerry Bashore added 24 to lead the powerful Wilcox offense. Bill Eiseler and Kurt Slamka each had 18 points for A&B.

Simon Brothers' Trucking 66, Ford Bronco 59: Dave Schmitt had 19 points to lead the Simon attack, while Dan Fabus had 18 and Tim Droste 17 to pace Ford.

Barracuda's 69, Sillman's Store 68: In the closest contest of the night, Karl Drake tossed in 28 points to lead Barracuda's. Dick Wiles had 22 for Sillman's.

Twilliger's 52, Rehmann's 46: Greg Williams had 16 points to lead Twilliger's balanced attack. Al Harr tossed in 16 for Rehmann's.

Fastbreak 35, Hooper's 29: In a low-scoring affair, Mike Grass paced Fastbreak with 11 points, while Scott Chalmers had 10 for Hooper's.

McKenzie's 60, Radio Shack 40: Dennis Sleep was an offensive machine for McKenzie's, notching 28 points. Al Gove and Stuart Hazle each had 10 for Radio Shack.

Johnnie's 51, R.L.P. Construction 42: Tom Weber hit the nets for 18 points to lead Johnnie's, while Bill Martin of R.L.P. had 16.



Dashing down the court is St. Johns' Marty Martens, trying to elude a Mason defender. Martens and his Redwing teammates pulled out

a 70-68 win over the Bulldogs. (Photo By Kemi Gaabo)

Gonzales sizzles in Redwing win

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

Dec. 3, St. Johns 70, Mason 68: If Steve Gonzales is going to get better as the season goes along, there's no telling what might happen. The 5-10 Redwing senior started this season with the best game of his career, scoring 30 points to lead St. Johns to a 70-68 win over Mason last Friday.

"I don't think Steve has ever scored 30 points before," Redwing coach Al Werbish said. "He had a very good game."

Mason coach Jim Glazier couldn't agree more. "Gonzales killed us," Glazier said. "He's a good ballplayer"



Fannnn-ccccccc, Steve... St. Johns' Steve Gonzales dribbles behind his back to get away from a fallen Mason player. Gonzales had a great game, scoring 30 points to lead the Redwings' win. (Photo by Kemi Gaabo)

and we didn't ave anyone quick enough to cover him. We'd stop him inside and then he'd hit from outside."

Gonzales added had five assists and six rebounds. His outstanding outing also helped to cover up for some of St. Johns' inexperience, Werbish said.

"He's our only senior starter," Werbish said, "so we had a lot of inexperience problems and first-game jitters against Mason. We had 26 turnovers, and that's probably attributable to our inexperience.

"But even though we're young, we also have a lot of depth. I played 11 players, and they did a fine job."

Junior forward Chris Loucks added 12 points for the Redwings, while Kurt Thelen led in rebounding with 11. Sophomore John Keenoy added six boards.

"I felt good about the game, because we shot much better than we did last year against Mason," Werbish said. "And this is a much, much better Mason team than a year ago. They're about a year away from really doing something in that league down there."

Dec 7, St. Johns 62, Eaton Rapids 50: Listen up Eaton Rapids — if you want to foul someone, don't foul Steve Gonzales.

The free-throw line decided this game, and the Redwings took advantage of their 38 trips there by connecting on 30 of the shots. Once Eaton Rapids starting fouling Gonzales in the fourth quarter, the senior guard connected on 13-of-14 free throws in the fourth quarter, 15-of-17 overall. Gonzales finished with 25 points.

"We didn't shoot well at all from the field, but I was very happy with our free throws," Werbish said.

Loucks added 12 points for St. Jons, while Kurt Thelen had 10.

Next up for the Redwings is a home game against tough DeWitt tomorrow night.

All-Staters named

Clinton County landed three players on the Detroit Free Press' All-State first teams, all on defense.

Leading the way was St. Johns' Tim Moore, who was named to the first team as a defensive end. The first team picks the best players in the state, regardless of what class their school is.

Moore's selection to the first team is particularly impressive, since the Free Press team is recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association as the official all-state team.

Moore played defensive end before switching to linebacker midway through the year, picking up 125 tackles and eight quarterback sacks.

On the Class C first team, DeWitt linebacker Jim Seegraves was named. Seegraves was a two-way superstar for the Panthers, picking up 139 tackles, five interceptions and five fumble recoveries.

On the Class D first team, Fowler defensive tackle Dale Wohlfert was honored. Wohlfert, a very aggressive player, had 72 tackles this season.



Tim Moore

O-E girls dropped

For a team that wasn't even supposed to be in the regionals, Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team was quite impressive. The scrappy, young Marauders gave it their all, but lost in the opening round of the regional to Caledonia, 53-43.

With Caledonia taking a snooze for the first two quarters, the Marauders jumped out to a 24-23 lead at the half. The lead was short-lived, however, as Caledonia reeled off 22 unanswered points in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Sophomore sensation Mary Perrien led the Marauders with 17 points, while Teri Woodbury added seven.

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P.A. 1925, as amended)

OPEN SEASONS AND CATCH LIMITS ON PIKE, WALLEYE, SAUGER AND MUSKELLUNGE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 8, 1982, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered the following order become effective on January 1, 1983, and remain valid until March 31, 1988.

It shall be unlawful to take the following named species except within the open seasons and daily limits prescribed (statewide regulations apply unless otherwise restricted):

Statewide open seasons on all waters not otherwise closed to fishing shall be from May 15 through February on walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge). The daily catch limit shall be five singly or in combination for largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike; one for muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge).

The above regulations apply statewide except that walleye and sauger may be taken at any time from the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, Lake St. Clair, and Lake Erie; and that muskellunge in Lake St. Clair, St. Clair and Detroit rivers may be taken only from the first Saturday in June through December 15 of each year. Also, the daily catch on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers shall be six singly or in combination for largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike when the catch includes at least one walleye or sauger.

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COMMISSION ORDER
NO. CFI-111.82
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STURGEON SPEARING SEASON STATEWIDE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its October 8, 1982, meeting, under the authority of sections 1 and 3 of Act No. 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that for the period beginning January 1, 1983, through March 31, 1988, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take sturgeon by means of spears from the inland waters of this state, except during the month of February of each year.

COMMISSION ORDER
NO. CFI-115.82
(Under authority of Act 230
P.A. 1925, as amended)

WALLEYE AND SAUGER SIZE LIMIT

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 8, 1982, under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, exempted the Muskegon River from M-20 in Big Rapids to Croton Dam, from their order of November 9, 1979. The order is hereby amended to read as follows:

For a period of two years beginning January 1, 1983, the walleye and sauger size limit shall be 15 inches on all waters, including the Great Lakes and connecting waters, except Lake Gogebic, Big Manistique Lake, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.

Lifestyle

Julie Thelen marries

St. Mary's Church in Westphalia was the scene of a wedding Oct. 23, uniting Julie Ann Thelen and Terrance Lee Pfaff.

The bride is the daughter of Delbert and Joyce Thelen of Westphalia, and Pfaff is the son of Carl and Patricia Pfaff, also of Westphalia.

The double-ring ceremony was led by Fr. Schmitt at 12:30 p.m., and witnessed by 425 guests in a church decorated with pink, white and huckleberry roses, carnations and daisies.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, and wore a traditional white taffeta gown with a scooped neckline, beaded decorations and pearls on the front. Her dress had sheer lace sleeves and a lace train with an apron front.

She carried a wreath of silk folwers with netting and lace attached in back, and a bouquet of huckleberry roses, white daisies, mums and carnations with bows throughout. She also carried a rosary from her first communion and a handkerchief from her great-grandmother.

Maid of Honor was Shawn Thelen of Westphalia, the bride's sister. She wore a Victorian-style gown of huckleberry taffeta, with a sweetheart neckline and short, puffed sleeves.

Bridesmaids were Tami Feldpausch of Fowler, sister of the bride; Nancy Thelen of Westphalia, a friend; Sherry Pfaff of Westphalia, sister of the groom; and Carol Kelley of Lansing, cousin of the groom.

They carried white lace fans with daisies, roses and carnations, and wore white lace gloves with huckleberry bows on their wrists.

Brian Pfaff of Westphalia, the groom's brother, was Best Man. Groomsmen were Chris and Ted Thelen of Westphalia, brothers of the bride; Dan Kelley of Lansing, cousin of the groom; and Joe Schafer of St. Johns, a friend.

Ushers were Tim Thelen of Westphalia, a brother of the bride; and Joe O'Brien of Grand Rapids, a friend of the groom.

A reception for 425 guests was held at St. Mary's Hall, which was decorated in pink, huckleberry and white carnations. Special guests were grandmother of the bride Mrs. Eleanor Bedenbender; grandmother of the groom Mrs. Romilda Wieber; Randy Thelen, brother of the bride, of Vermont; and Perry, Dennis and Mark Bedenbender of Minnesota, cousins of the bride.

Bridal table servers were Lynn Rademacher, Lisa Spitzley and Sue Schafer, all friends of the bride. Cake servers were Sandy Thelen and Lynn Wieber, friends of the bride. Family table servers were Brenda Feldpausch and Donna Holberg, cousins of the bride.

The bride, a graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia high School, and groom, a graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High and Michigan State University, honeymooned in Virginia Beach, Washington, D.C. They live in Lansing.



Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Pfaff



Hofferberts celebrate

Ivan and Gertrude Hofferbert of 9837 Woodbridge Rd., Bannister, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 19 with an open house buffet dinner from 2-6 p.m. at the ZCBJ Hall, Bannister. The Hofferberts were married Dec. 25, 1932, and have three children and six grandchildren.

births

KOCHER: To Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kocher of 5488 Green Rd., St. Johns, Dec. 1 at Sparrow Hospital, a daughter, Chelsea Lyn. Chelsea joins one sister, Kaci, and a brother, Seth.

PARSONS: To Mr. and Mrs. James O. Parsons of 2201 Briarhill, Lansing, Nov. 27 at Sparrow Hospital, a daughter, Sara Lynn.

HICKEY: To Kimberly and Matt Hickey of Aurora, Ill., Dec. 4 at Copley Memorial Hospital, a son, Adam Ryan.

RANDOLPH: To Mr. and Mrs. David P. Randolph of 1235 Lake Lansing, Lansing, Nov. 19 at Sparrow Hospital, a son, Jeffrey David. The mother is the former Miss Dawn Cartright.

GRUBAUGH: To Annette Fero and Kevin Grubaugh of St. Johns, Nov. 30 at Clinton Memorial Hospital, a son, Nathan Dale. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fero and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Grubaugh.

WIREMAN: To C.T. Wireman and Pamela R. Robinson of 7145 DeWitt Rd., DeWitt, Nov. 24 at Sparrow Hospital, a daughter, Tiffany Leigh Wireman.

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Christmas Carol brought to life

By **CHERYL McCARTY PELL**
St. Johns area correspondent

St. Johns High School has done it again. Under the direction of Barbara Markman, students brought Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to life on a brilliantly designed stage last week.

Paul Crosby, who played the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, did an outstanding job as he crept around the stage in a white cap and gown viewing his past, present and future. His British accent added a touch of authenticity to his performance.

The audience enjoyed Eric Hudson's portrayal of the ghost of Jacob Marley. Hudson, bedecked in chains, clamored onto the stage, yelling for his former business partner, Scrooge.

Brian O'Connor as Robert Cratchit and Jim Schulteiss as Scrooge's nephew also gave fine performances, while Ben Schulteiss, who played Tiny Tim, "crowned" the production with the play's most famous line, "God bless us everyone!"

Holding the play together, Barb Stork enthusiastically narrated the traditional Christmas tale to four "Children," Jennifer Falk, Nancy Tingay, Theresa Beagle and Deanna LaChonce.

Mrs. Markam's ability to direct a quality performance was evident. The set design and technical direction, led by Robert Koger, was superb. Scrooge's office was greatly detailed, down to the wood stove and Victorian-era furniture.

Lasting a little over an hour, the production went smoothly, of course. Could a St. Johns play go any other way?

club news

Morning Musicales

Twelve members of the St. Johns Morning Musicales and several guests met Thursday evening, Nov. 11 at the home of Margaret Paige. Mrs. Dennis Pilmore, president, and Mrs. Richard Jacoby reported highlights of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs convention which they attended in Tecumseh Oct. 21.

Mrs. Norman Holm presented the evening's program. Her subject was understanding stringed instruments. William Tennant of the St. Johns High School music program brought a trio of young people to perform. They were Bill Tennant Jr., violin, Teresa Glowacki, viola, and Cheryl Summer, cello. They played a "Gavotte" by Martini and a "Trio" by Hayden.

Mrs. Holm joined the trio on second violin as they performed Handel's "Passacalle."

The music was followed by discussion of the instruments.

The meeting was the group's contribution to Crusade for Strings, an annual observance sponsored by the National Federation.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Woodbury at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 9. Members are reminded to bring a dish for the Christmas brunch and, if they wish, a guest.

Births

KOENIGSKNECHT: To Mr. and Mrs. Luke J. Koenigsknecht of 1740 Wildcat, St. Johns, Nov. 26 at Sparrow Hospital, a son, Benjamin Phillip. The mother is the former Miss Rosemary Smith.

New pork program getting underway

By **Theresa Silm**
Extension 4-H Youth Agent

The Michigan Pork Producers Association and 13 Michigan livestock auctions and daily hog markets have joined forces with the Michigan 4-H Foundation to bolster the state's 4-H livestock education programs.

They have launched a fund-raising project to help raise money to support the cost of local and statewide livestock projects for 4-H members.

The idea behind the fund-raising idea is a simple one. Pork producers are encouraged to donate the value of a market hog, cull sow or boar to the fund-raising program in October. Producers can donate as many animals as they wish. Participating marketing agencies will help promote the project and forward producers'

donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the pork producers' county 4-H program. The remaining 50 percent will be used to support statewide 4-H livestock programs and activities, including Kettunen Center 4-H livestock leadership training workshops, 1983 Michigan 4-H livestock leadership training workshops, 1983 Michigan 4-H Livestock Expo swine scholarships, regional 4-H animal science workshops and grants to county 4-H programs to develop 4-H livestock education programs.

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FURNITURE and APPLIANCES

Mills sports complex gets recommendation

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

After getting a positive recommendation from the Watertown Township Board, the way is now clear for the County Zoning Board to grant a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a planned 62-acre sports complex.

The township board voted unanimously at its meeting Dec. 1 to recommend an SUP for the complex, which was proposed by landscape architect Bud Mills. The board acted after getting a positive recommendation from the township zoning board, which met earlier in the evening.

"We approved the measure and made a couple recommendations," township Clerk Mildred McDonough said. "For one, we wanted on-site medical attention. Another

thing was we wanted an engineer to study the drain-off problem."

The county zoning board was expected to vote on the measure at its meeting last night.

At the township board meeting, several citizens from the Bunker Hill section of the township showed up to air their concern about the drain-off problem, Mrs. McDonough said.

"They were just concerned about the water runoff problem," she said. "But we have a young gentleman,

Scott McLain, who has a pond near there. We could run the excess water off into the pond."

The sports complex, which is proposed for a site bordered by Grand River Avenue just south of Francis Road, will feature ball diamonds, soccer field, tennis courts, ski trails, restaurants and pro shops.

Mills proposed a similar complex in Delta Township, but was forced to look for a new spot when voters there rejected the plan last summer.

names in the news

Wendell Law, caller, and the Maple Twirlers Square Dance Club entertained residents of Brown Nursing home Nov. 16. Participating were Jack and Beulah Badge, Vern and Bernita Benhamin, Ed and Veronica Boettger, Doug and Lana Gager, Bob and Lillian Law, Clem and Regina Martin, Ron and Marge Schomisch, Leroy and Helen Simpson and Harry and Edna Vaughn. Dancing at Avon Nursing Home Nov. 23 were: Dave and Janet Harte, Robert and Joann Mann, Dean and Ariene Parks, Dylow and Sharon Root and Larry and Jeanne Schmunler

They were seniors Michael Burl, son of Kirk and Judy Burl of S. Shepardsville Rd., Ovid; Daniel Hill, son of Dave and Diane Hill of E. Parks Rd., St. Johns; Scott Martin, son of Larry and Margo Martin of Front Street, Ovid; and junior Marc St. Pierre, son of Raynold and Barbara St. Pierre of Wildcat Road, St. Johns. Director of the competition was Mrs. Zay Reynolds.

Births

SMITH: To Glenn J. and Marie Smith, Rt. 2, Box 190, Fowler, Nov. 18 at St. Lawrence Hospital, a daughter, Carli Marie.

EVERETT: To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy E. Everett of 413 W. Giles, St. Johns, Nov. 30 at Sparrow Hospital, a son, Gregory David. The mother is the former Miss Dawn Fonger.

DROSTE: To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Droste of 2814 BeauJardin, Lansing, Nov. 27 at Sparrow Hospital, a son, Douglas Robert.

GROSS: To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gross of Elsie, Nov. 25 at Carson City Hospital, a son, Douglas Lee.

DOYLE: To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doyle of St. Johns, Nov. 27 at Carson City Hospital, a daughter, Jennifer Jo.

HUHN: To Greg and Kathleen Huhn of 11262 Tallman Rd., Eagle, Nov. 18 at St. Lawrence Hospital, a daughter, Rachel Anne.

Four Ovid-Elsie High School students were finalists in state mathematics competition.

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update

Ruth Delo

Have you listened to other people, especially old people, talk?

I have been eavesdropping and even listening to myself lately, and do you know what conclusion I have come to? We older people have a very narrow list of things we talk about.

Mostly we talk about ourselves — what pain we have,

what medicines we take or what the doctor said. If we run out of this kind of information, we go on about someone else. We even go into the gorey details of what happened in the doctor's office or the hospital, or what terrible thing a friend of ours had to endure.

It's a relief to talk to a younger person and get a new slant on things. I have a friend with six children and many grandchildren. She is much younger than I. I never hear her talk about all the problems she has. It's rather nice to talk to her.

Older persons do NOT talk about the absence of money or how well off they are. Apparently they think that's a little more personal.

The next time you find yourself using the word "I" in most of your sentences, let's not be boring. Talk about the other person instead.

Listen to yourself. It may be hard, but leave yourself out of your conversations.
So, until next time...



Al Nelson, owner of Nelson's Pizza, is also co-owner of Sleep On It, one of St. Johns' newest businesses. The waterbed store opened just before Thanksgiving on Nov. 22 and several waterbeds have already been sold, store manager Roger Frye of Elsie said. Sleep On It carries waterbed accessories, in-

cluding sheets and pillow cases, and beanbag chairs. Nelson's co-owner is Wally Hoten, and the pair will give away a waterbed, the Redwing Special, in a drawing at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20. The lucky waterbed winner will get the bed delivered, set up and filled free, Nelson said. (Photo by Kemi Gaabo)

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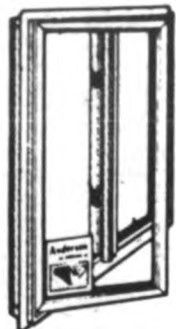
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looking ahead

A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE will be held at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns Dec. 12 from 2-5 p.m. Included will be a special worship service by Rev. George Hanson in the Manor dining room. All are welcome to attend. Also, Christmas decorations are needed. Donations are welcome, call 224-8936.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT for Christmas Shopping will be offered at Gunnisonville United Methodist Church Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Children age three and up will be entertained by a night of films, popcorn and drinks. The cost is \$2 per child, \$5 per family.

MAPLE TWIRLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB will hold a Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 11 from 8-11 p.m. at St. Johns Municipal Building. Wendell Law will call all Western-style dances, and a \$2 gift exchange will be held.

A STARRY WELCOME is the name of the children's Christmas pageant to be presented Dec. 12 during 11 a.m. worship services at Congregational Church in St. Johns. A potluck dinner will follow, with drinks and dessert furnished. On Sunday, Dec. 19, Don Valentine will direct the choir in "Star of Love," a service of meditations and carols. Preceding the 11 a.m. service, a breakfast will be served by the men's group at 8:30 a.m. On Christmas Eve, a candlelight service will be offered at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

THE THIRD ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY will be presented by the congregation of New Hope Fellowship in Ovid at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13, 14 and 15. Fifteen members of the congregation and live animals will reenact the Christmas story, accompanied by recorded music and scripture. The church is at 1100 N. Ovid Rd., Ovid.

THE ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns High School cafeteria. A charge of \$1 covers entertainment and refreshments. Please bring an extra can of food for needy families. Prizes will be given in several categories.

"IN STRIDE WITH DIABETES" is the theme of a meeting Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clinton Memorial Hospital conference room. Guest speaker will be Geri Wandrey. Diabetics of all ages and their families are urged to attend the meeting of the Dibetic Club. For more information, call 224-6881, ext. 283.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" will be presented by Portland High School at the Portland Playhouse on Maple Street in Portland Thursday Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. A special family performance will be Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. Students, \$2, adults, \$2.50.

A CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST is being sponsored by the DeWitt Business Association. For more information, contact members.

IF YOU KNOW A NEEDY FAMILY, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt School District who faces a bleak Christmas, contact the DeWitt Community Christmas Project by Dec. 10. Call Bertha Lenneman, 669-3127, or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017.

HISTORIC DEWITT ARTS AND CRAFTS COUNCIL will hold a Christmas dinner for members only Dec. 10 at Hoffman House in Lansing at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Sally White at 669-3625.

BATH SHOOTIN' STARS will hold a dance at Bath High School from 8-11 p.m. Dec. 11. The theme is Jingle Bell Rock.

A HOLIDAY HOME TOUR will be offered by Robert and Elaine LaFave of 15540 Wood St., Bath, Dec. 12 from 2-6 p.m. The turn-of-the-century home will be open for donations of \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children. Donations will go to Lansing Catholic Central's junior class.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS will meet at Redeemer United Methodist Church in DeWitt, corner of Clark and Schavey roads, every Saturday from 9:30 to 11. For more information, call 669-5234 or 485-5400.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM has been started by Capitol Area Community Services Head Start. For more information, call 482-1504.

THE DEWITT BLUE STAR MOTHERS need names and addresses of DeWitt-area servicemen or women. Call 669-9441 or 669-5353.

GREEN THUMB IS SEEKING WORKERS among the elderly, for people 55 or older. Wages are at the federal minimum and hours are 21 a week. Call Ernie Bustillo at (616) 243-2450 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE invited to attend a crafts class at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at St. Jude Church. For more information, call Pat DeYoung, 669-9189.

HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS in high school. If your family is interested, call (616) 949-4161.

ENTRIES FOR THE ALMA COLEGE STATEWIDE PRINT COMPETITION are due in January. First prize is \$500. Any printmaking medium is acceptable. For more information, call 463-7220.

A SIGHTMOBILE SPONSORED by the St. Johns Lions Club will be at Goff's on Dec. 10 from 3-9 p.m. and Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone can have their eyes screened free of charge. For more information, call 224-7884.

Today's classified section is filled with great gift ideas.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of one certain mortgage made and executed by Jon L. Baldwin and Cathy G. Baldwin, as his wife and in her own right, to the Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul, a Federally Chartered Corporation, 375 Jackson Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota, dated November 11, 1980 and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan on November 14, 1980, and recorded in Liber 313 at Page 102 and 103 and a Reamortization Agreement dated February 12, 1982 and recorded April 13, 1982 in Liber 390 at Page 562 and 563 and;

WHEREAS, the Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul is now the owner of said Mortgage; and

WHEREAS, said Mortgage contains a provision that if the mortgagors shall fail to pay or cause to be paid any of the installments mentioned in said obligation according to the terms thereof or shall fail to pay the taxes and assessments on said property as the same becomes due and payable, the entire indebtedness secured by said Mortgage shall thereupon become due and payable, and said Mortgage subject to foreclosure at the option of the mortgagee; and

WHEREAS, the mortgagors have failed to pay or cause to be paid the said installments mentioned in said obligation according to the terms thereof, and by reason thereof the Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul, under the provisions above referred to has elected to declare, has declared and does hereby declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable at once; and

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on this Mortgage at the date of this notice for principal and interest is the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two and 61/100 (\$64,292.61) Dollars, plus interest thereon from November 22, 1982 at the rate of 15%, together with legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees, as provided by Statutes of the State of Michigan and stipulated for in said Mortgage, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statutes in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder on January 13, 1983, at 10:00 in the forenoon, Local Time, of said day, at the front entrance at the North side of the Clinton County Courthouse located in St. Johns, Michigan. The said premises are described as follows:

Property located in the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the E and W 1/4 line of Section 23, T6N-R1W, Clinton County, Michigan, at a point 570.00 feet E of the W 1/4 post of said Section 23, thence E 300 feet on the E and W 1/4 line of Section 23, thence S 07°42' W 791.69 feet, thence S 88°37' W 301.07 feet; thence N 07°42' E 799.02 feet to the point of beginning.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that the length of the period of redemption from such sale, in accordance with MCLA 600.3240, as amended, will be one (1) year from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 1982

Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul
A Federally Chartered Corp.
375 Jackson Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE:
T. Gilbert Parker, P.C.
Attorney at Law
611 E. Grand River
Suite 202
Howell, MI 48843
Phone: (517) 546-4570

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CLINTON COUNTY

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE

Estate of Thomas Dennis, File No. 20654

TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of Thomas Dennis, deceased, are notified that all claims against this decedent's estate are barred against the estate, the Independent Personal Representative and the heirs and devisees of this decedent, unless within four months after the date of this publication or four months after the claim becomes due, whichever is later, the claim is presented to the following Independent Personal Representative at the following address:

Other identifying information re: above deceased:
Last Address: 8792 E M-78, Haslett, MI. Date of Death: September 11, 1982; Social Security Number: 383-28-2833

Dated: October 1, 1982

Gloria Dennis
Independent Personal Representative
4330 Keller Rd.
Bldg 19, Apt 140
Holt, MI 48842

Stuart J. Dunning, III
Attorney for Estate
530 South Pine
Lansing, MI 48933

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CCN-765
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on the 6th day of August, 1979, between MARIA A. SERNA, a single woman, Mortgagor, and CAPITOL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, formerly CAPITOL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, and recorded with the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, on August 7, 1979, in Liber 306, Pages 243-246, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice the sum of \$22,548.90 principal and interest, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, on Friday, December 10, 1982, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the main entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton is held, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, together with interest at 12% per annum and all allowable costs of sale and attorney's fees, the land and premises in said Mortgage described as follows:

LOT 5 & 2 FT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 18, VILLAGE OF OVID, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 21, PAGE 367, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

The redemption period shall expire 6 months from the date of sale.

DATED: November 11, 1982

CAPITOL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

STEVEN G. HOSLER
Attorney for Mortgagee
803 Capitol Savings and Loan Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan 48933

11-11-82
CCN-702
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 20, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. in the Clinton County Service Center, 306 E. Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan:

The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following cases:

Case AB-38-82 Watertown Charter Township - Special Exception

An application for a special exception to the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance has been filed by Mrs. Jeanne M. Borton, 7033 Westgate Drive, Laingsburg, MI. The request, if granted by the Appeals Board, would permit the applicant to reside in a mobile home on a temporary basis due to a medical condition which warrants continued supervision.

The legal description of the affected property where the mobile home will be situated is as follows: WA 355 - N. 110 Ac of NW 1/4 of Section 26, T5N-R3W, exc. beg. 1173.54' E of NW cor. thereof, th. 622' E&W by 420.19' N&S; also exc. 527' E&W by 1320' N&S in NE cor. thereof; also exc. 8.8 acres in NW corner for I-69.

Case AB-39-82 Riley Township - Special Exception

An application for a special exception to the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance has been filed by Mrs. Marian Hughes, 10849 Francis Road, DeWitt, MI. The request, if granted by the Appeals Board, would permit the applicant to reside in a mobile home on a temporary basis due to a medical condition which warrants continued supervision.

The legal description of the affected property where the mobile home will be situated is as follows: Ri 446B Com. 658' N. of SW cor. of Sec. 34, T6N-R3W at Cen. of Crk. th. E'ly 1650', N. 596', W. 1452', S. 264', W. 198', th. S. 332' to beg.

General Location of subject property: east side of Francis between Cutler and Chadwick.

Case AB-40-82 Olive Township - Appeal

An appeal has been filed by Mrs. Helen Prior, 3262 W. Pratt Road, DeWitt, MI, requesting a reversal or modification of the Zoning Enforcing Officer's decision to deny the issuance of a land use permit, since the proposed building projects into the front yard area. The applicant is thereby aggrieved and requests relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals since the accessory building can not be relocated because of the location of the drainfield in the side yard and the proximity of the dwelling.

Legal Description: Com. in SE corner of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 18, T6N-R2W, Olive Twp, Clinton County, MI, th. N. 2,640', th. W. 220', th. S. 2,640', th. E. 220' to POB. cont. 13 acres m/l.

General location of subject parcel: North side of Pratt Road between DeWitt and Airport roads.

Case AB-41-82 Watertown Charter Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for dimensional variance has been filed by Mr. Philip A. Vilella, Attorney, 318 W. Shiawassee, Lansing, MI on behalf of Mr. Samuel Hagerman, 16698 Ingersoll Road. The variance, if granted, would permit the following legally described parcel of property to be split thus resulting in the creation of a lot with less area and public road frontage than required by Section 6.19.5 of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance which requires one (1) acre in area and 150' of public road frontage. The split, if approved, would result in a parcel with 142' of public road frontage and 38,773 square feet in area.

The description of the affected property is as follows: Beg. at a pt. 1603.5' N. of the S 1/4 post & 724.05' E of the N-S in. of Sec. 34, T5N-R3W, Watertown Twp, Clinton County, MI, th. E. 460.95' // with the S. Sec. in. to the c/l of Ingersoll Rd. th. S. 140' on the cen. of sd. Hwy. th. W. 460.95' // th. N. 140.0' to POB. 1.48 Acres Beg. at a pt. 1320' N. of the S 1/4 post & 724.05' E of N-S 1/4 in. of Sec. 34, T5N-R3W, Watertown Twp, Clinton County, MI th. E. 460.95' // with the S. Sec. in. to the c/l of Ingersoll Rd. th. N. 143.5' on the c/l of sd. Hwy. th. W. 460.95', th. S. 143.5' to Pt. of beg. 1.52 acres.

General Location of Subject Parcel: West side of Ingersoll Road, between Grand River and the Eaton, Clinton County line.

AB-42-82 Bath Charter Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for a variance to the side yard setback provisions of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance has been filed by Mr. Allen Borders, 5337 Park Lake Road on behalf of Mr. James Sabo, President, Action Auto Parts Stores, Inc. The variance, if approved, would permit the construction of a 36x24 addition, 14' from the east property line. Section 6.19.4 of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance requires a 20' side yard.

Legal Description: Ba 501C-18 - Corn. 120 rds. N. & 990' W of S 1/4 post of Sec. 34, T5N-R1W, th. N. 1238.59' to N. in. of M-78 for POB, th. SW'ly 196.28' alg. N'ly in. of Hwy 60' from cent. thereof, th. N. 253.11', E. 167', S. 150' to POB

General Location: North side of I-69 between Marsh and Lake Lansing Roads.

AB-43-82 Bath Charter Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for a dimensional variance has been filed by Mr. Leo LeVeque, Sr., 7828 E. M-78, East Lansing, MI. The variance, if granted, will permit the construction of a 1,280 square foot accessory building in a R-1A, One-Family Rural Residential zoning district. Section 5.3.1(1)(a) limits the size of detached accessory buildings to 900 square feet.

Legal Description: Ba 504B-Beg. at a pt. 181.5' E. of center of SE 1/4 of Sec. 34, T5N-R1W, th. N. 681.66' to c/l of M-78, th. N 75°05' E 273.2' alg. sd. Hwy. th. S. 752' to S 1/8 in. W. on 1/8 in. 264 ft. to beg. Ba 504B-1; Com. 445.5 ft. E. of cen. of SE 1/4, Sec. 34, T5N-R1W, th. N. 752' to cen. M-78, N75°05' E 51.78, S. 765' to S 1/8 in. th. W 50' to beg.

General Location of subject parcel: South side of M-78 (Temp. I-69) between Upton and Marsh.

AB-44-82 Olive Township - Expansion of a nonconforming use

An application for an expansion of a nonconforming use has been filed by Mr. Howard J. Niswonger, 8544 S. US 27, DeWitt, MI. Approval, if granted, will enable the applicants to continue residence of a mobile home on the subject property which the Zoning Department alleges was installed contrary to the provisions of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance, specifically, Article 13, Nonconforming Uses.

Legal Description of the property where the mobile home is located is as follows: Beg. at the E 1/2-post Sec. 21, T6N-R2W, S. 386', W. 250', N. 386', E. 250' to beg.

General Location of subject property: Southwest corner of Alward and US 27.

The appeal applications and OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control located at 1003 S. Oakland Street, St. Johns, MI between 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Interested persons are requested to attend the hearing and voice their opinions in respect thereto or written comments may be forwarded to the Department. Please call 224-6761 Ext. 221 for further information.

J. Anthony Nelson, Director
Department of Development Control

224-391

12-9-82



A Special People's Bazaar was held at the Clinton County Intermediate School District last Friday to benefit activities for handicapped and impaired students.

Selling items made by her son James and others in his SMI (Severely-Multiply-Impaired) class was Joan Fedewa. (Photo by Kemi Gaabo)

names in the news

Clinton Memorial Hospital has been commended for cost Control Efforts by the American Hospital Association. CMH was awarded the 1983 Hospital Administrative Services Certificate of Recognition in honor of participation in a cost monitoring program.

Seven St. Johns students attended a recent foreign language and careers conference at Alma College. They were: senior Patti Burkhardt and juniors Robin Fuentes, Tony Garcia, John Martin, Michelle Paksi, Scott Price and Paula Ryan.

Dondi Collins, daughter of William and Yvonne Collins of 322 S. Robertson, Perrinton, a Fulton High School sophomore, was the winner in the annual Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the local VFW.

Other winners were junior **Kay Most**, second; **Kim Harlow**, third; **Debbie Hustin**, Mark Smith and **Pam Fisher**. Judges were **Ronald Merritt**, **Andrew Sayers** and **James Sturgell**.

Diane Edwards, city of St. Johns assessor, has been elected treasurer of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers. She was elected at a meeting in Lansing Nov. 18.

SYNOPSIS FOR PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD: July 27, 1982

Meeting of the 7/27/82 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Prayer and pledge of allegiance. Minutes of the June 29, 1982 meeting were approved as corrected. The agenda was approved as presented. Communications received were placed on file. Board approved Farm Land Applications under PA 116 No. 82-149 thru 82-166.

Board adopted ZC-4-82, Text Amendment to OR-1-78, Home Occupations which was referred back to the Planning Commission to clarify item No. 10 by adding language.

Board approved ZC-12-82, Scott Macleans petition to rezone from M-1, Light Industry to A-1, Agricultural Production.

Board approved ZC-13-82, Scott Macleans request for a special use permit to allow extraction of sand/gravel.

Board approved reduction of performance bond from \$40,000 to \$20,000 for Searles Construction Company, ZC-14-82.

Board approved, ZC-16-82, request of Leon Searles for issuance of a special use permit to allow the installation of a television antenna tower at Searles Trailer Park.

Board approved ZC-17-82, request of Carl Schlegel, Inc. for issuance of a special use permit for the extraction of gravel.

Board approved commissioners expense accounts for July. Board approved committee recommendation to leave \$15,000 in the Revolving Drain Fund until April of 1983.

Committee approved reduction of Deputy Drain Commissioner to 3 days a week and employ an individual currently working for the Cooperative Extension Office for an additional 2 days.

Committee approved transfer of \$30,000 from contingency to the jail budget, outside board line item.

Committee approved transfer of \$62,265 from contingency to cover increased costs of health and dental insurance and \$481 for health and disability insurance.

Committee approved transfer of \$809.00 from contingency to the County Clerk's temporary help line item.

Committee approved audited bills for July in the amount of \$55,536.03 plus payrolls for July in the amount of \$242,249.00 for a total of \$297,785.03.

Board approved payment for expense account of Leon Thelen, Equalization Director in the amount of \$370.90.

Board approved payment of \$38,500 to the Clinton County Department of Social Services for the 2nd quarter appropriation.

Committee reviewed request of Jane Swanchara to refill the vacant court position and authorized William LeFevre to advertise the vacancy and assign the temporary employee to the Jury Commission to her office.

Committee approved transfer of \$220 from contingency to the Circuit Court budget for mileage.

Committee approved reclassification of Account Clerk II in Treasurer's Office to Account Processor I, TOPS 07 level, 3 year step effective September 10, 1982.

Committee approved reclassification of Clerk Typist II in Treasurer's Office to Account Clerk II, TOPS 05, 3 year step effective September 24, 1982.

Committee recommends no reclassification for the Deputy Treasurer. No action taken by the Board.

Committee approved transfer of \$1100 from contingency to Register of Deed budget, office equipment repair line item.

Committee approved upgrading of two temporary employees to full time status during the 4-H Fair for a total of \$273.18 to come from the Cooperative Extension budget, travel line item.

Board approved request of George McQueen to name the quonset hut at the 4-H Fair Grounds after Clyde and Verna Peck.

Committee adopted resolution from the Village of Ovid for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, No. 1982-14.

Chairman OverWay referred the possibility of rentals of non commercial or commercial spaces at the 4-H Fair as long as it pertains to farming to the Physical Resources Committee for recommendation on policy to be set for next year's fair.

Committee approved the concept of the plan for further exploration and feasibility study subject to the requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance and at no cost to the county; the moving of Dr. Nettke's office to behind the Historical Society building.

Committee approved recommendation to award the contract for the resurfacing of District Court parking lot to Spartan Asphalt in the amount of \$5,876.50 to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund.

Committee reviewed bids for work to be done on Smith Hall roof and accepted the bid of Square M in the amount of \$2,653.00 to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund with approximate \$600 reimbursement from the State for Cooperative Extension Service Project No. 3819.

Committee approved request for a dehumidifier for the Development Control Office in the amount of \$200 to be paid by transfer of funds within the budget from Special Projects to Equipment Purchase.

Committee authorized the Buildings and Grounds Committee power to act in resolving the drainage problem at the District Court Building.

Committee accepted the bid of Mills Roofing for minor work to be done on the roof of Sheriff Department in the amount of \$168.75 and the roof of the County Annex Building in the amount of \$498.50 to be paid from the Public Improvement Fund.

Board approved By-Laws of the Capitol Area Substance Abuse Commission.

Committee approved expenditure of \$400-\$500 for the purchase of a new dictating unit with funds coming from the existing adult probation budget.

Committee approved request of Sheriff Huffnagel to lease excess equipment, primarily used sirens.

Committee approved expenditure of up to \$750 to obtain preliminary plans for expansion of the jail.

Committee approved reimbursement of Mr. Keith Dalton and Mr. Paul Ulrich for the rezoning application fees they paid inasmuch as the zoning ordinance was amended and their cases were never acted upon.

Board adjourned.

Jane Swanchara
Clinton County Clerk

Complete minutes on file in office of County Clerk.

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12-9-82

obituaries

John A. Krumm

John A. Krumm, 79, formerly of 301 S. Holmes, Lansing, died in St. Johns Dec. 6.

Born June 20, 1903 in Riley Township, he was the son of William and Augusta (Hopp) Krumm. He was employed at Michigan State University and was a member of Emmanuel First Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sons, Wendall of Milford and Forrest of Lansing; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Carol) Waldrop of Grand Ledge; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Ernest of Traverse City; and three sisters, Mrs. Emma Guthrie and Mrs. Lillie Schafer, both of Lansing, and Mrs. Irene Witt of St. Johns.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Holihan Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Burial was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Marie A. Cook

Marie A. Cook, 84, of 107 Jefferson St., Pewamo, died Dec. 2 at an Ionia nursing home.

Born Oct. 14, 1898 in Pewamo, the daughter of Math and Katherine (Smith) Cook, she is survived by a sister, Aurelia Cook of Pewamo, and many neices and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6 at St. Joseph Church in Pewamo at 11 a.m. with Fr. Isidro Gargartiel. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Pewamo.

Michael D. Morgan

Michael D. Morgan, 31, of DeWitt, died Dec. 4 at a Lansing hospital.

Born Oct. 21, 1951 in St. Johns, he was employed by the Michigan State Police.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; two sons, Michael and Nicholas; his parents, Leonard Morgan and Geraldine Rowley; and three brothers, Gary, Leonard II and Daniel.

Memorial services were held Dec. 7 at Tiffany Jesson Funeral Home in Lansing with Fr. Jerome V. MacEachin presiding. Donations can be made in his memory to the Salvation Army, the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Buy on items big or small, our little ads have them all. Classified.

ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE

The below listed vehicle will be offered at public sale, to be held on December 16, 1982 at 10:00 A.M., at 812 East State Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

1. 1969 Ford Van, Vin. No. E24AHD32571

St. Johns Chief of Police
LYLE H. FRENCH

224-389

12-9-82

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS, Plaintiff,

vs. NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

BEVERLY ANN NEWELL, Defendant.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by BEVERLY ANN NEWELL of 603 West Williams Street, Ovid, Michigan, 48866, Mortgagee, to CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS, Clinton County, Michigan, Mortgagee, which Mortgage is dated the 16th day of October, A.D., 1980, and recorded in Liber 312, Page 845-848, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, being recorded the 30th day of October, A.D., 1980.

That said Mortgage is claimed to be due and payable the date of this Notice, with principal and interest thereon in the amount of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN and 89/100 (\$17,416.89) DOLLARS.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, the 17th day of December, A.D., 1982, at 10:00 a.m., said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Courthouse located 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 State of Michigan, and that being the County in which the premises described in said Mortgage is located, and so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due as aforesaid on said Mortgage, with interest thereon at the rate of 14.5% per annum, together with all legal costs, charges and expenses, delinquent taxes, interest, penalties due thereon, if any, and any attorney fees as allowed by law, also any sums which may be paid by the Plaintiff herein to protect its interest in said premises, which premises are legally described as follows:

Part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T7N, R1W, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of Williams Street and the North-South line of said SW 1/4, running thence South along said 1/8 line 154 feet, thence West along the North line of the Grand Trunk Railroad right-of-way 76 feet, thence North 154 feet, thence 76 feet East to the point of beginning.

There being more than two-thirds (2/3) of the original indebtedness of said Mortgage still due and owing thereon, the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale as aforesaid.

Dated at St. Johns, Michigan, this 11th day of November, A.D., 1982.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS
PAULA MAPLES (P17063)
Attorney for Central National Bank of St. Johns
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
11-18-82
CCN-715
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by FREDERICK J. O'NEILL (A/K/A FREDERICK J. O'NEILL), a single man to FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF DETROIT, a United States corporation, now known as, FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN, a United States corporation, Mortgagee, dated 19th June, 1981, and recorded on 19th June, 1981, in Liber 315, on page 721 Clinton County Records, Michigan, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY and 24/100 DOLLARS (\$167,560.24), including interest at 15.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the North Door of the Court House in St. Johns, Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on 7th January, 1983.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 53.97 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

ALSO, that part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 5, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan, lying Northeasterly of the Looking Glass River described as follows: Beginning on the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 5 at a point South 2097 feet from the North 1/4 corner thereof and running thence South 219 feet, more or less on said 1/4 line to its intersection with the shore of the Looking Glass River, thence Northwesterly 188 feet, more or less, along said shore to its intersection with an old existing fence line, thence Northeasterly 69 feet, more or less, along said fence line to the point of beginning.

And ALSO, that part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 5, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan, lying Southeasterly of the Looking Glass River described as follows: Beginning at the center of Section 5, said point being 2551 feet South of the North 1/4 corner of said Section 5, running West 44 feet, more or less, on the East-West 1/4 line to its intersection with shore of the Looking Glass River, thence Northeasterly 112 feet, more or less, along said shore to its intersection with said North-South 1/4 line, thence South on said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT: Starting at the Southeast corner of South 53.97 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, thence North along section line 200 feet, thence Westerly parallel with the South line of said 53.97 acres to a point which shall be enough to include 3.97 acres where description is closed, thence South to the South line of said South 53.97 acres, thence East to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be twelve month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: 8th November, 1982
FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN
a United States corporation
Mortgagee

Peter E. O'Rourke
Attorney
1320 First Federal Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan 48226
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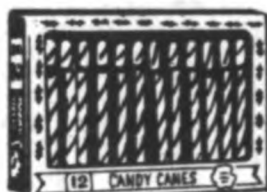
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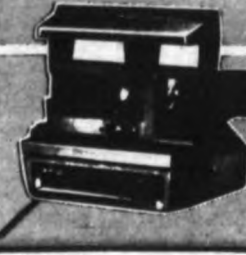
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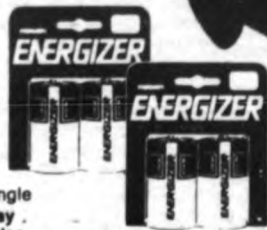
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