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A welder, braving cold and windy weather, works his way down an I-beam at the construction site for the new mall in St. Johns.

Road crews face budget erosion

By SUE KILEY WHITE

Working with \$170,000 less than in 1980, Clinton County's Road Commission intends to give "the same winter road service as last year," according to Superintendent Bob Ancel.

"We realize that wasn't always the best service," Ancel admitted. "But it was the best we could do with the dollars we had."

Ancel's main goal is to keep primary roads in the county open during the bad weather that still might lie ahead.

For example, if there was a severe snow storm on Sunday night, the work crews would first plow out roads like Grange, Wright, Francis and DeWitt, he said. Next would come local roads like Jones and Townsend.

"We'll only plow the local roads during regular working hours," said Ancel. "We won't be plowing these roads on overtime hours."

He added, however, that during severe weather the road commission will try not to have a situation where someone is snowed-in during an emergency.

Presently, the road commission is still suffering the effects of being five men short on work crews. The shortage is a result of layoffs imposed by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners last year.

So far, the county has been lucky, according to Ancel, because crews have only been called in for overtime work on a couple of occasions. But if the county is hit by a major storm, residents might feel the crunch of the manpower shortage, he warned.

"If a big storm hits, we'll feel the strain," he said. "Men shouldn't be working 14-hour shifts, but that's what could happen."

Ancel said residents have been lucky the past few years, because the county has experienced relatively mild winters.

The salt supply in the county is good, according to the superintendent, who said he has no fear of running out before winter ends.

Ancel is supporting a current transportation package pending in the legislature which would increase the state's gas tax by two cents per gallon and also increase license plate fees. This eventually would mean more money for the road commission, as a major portion of their funds are derived from gas and license fees, Ancel explained.



"I think this bill would stimulate the economy," he said. "Unless it is passed, I think things are going to get worse instead of better."

Ancel anticipates next year his budget will be down another \$70,000. He says inflation and dwindling funds make it hard to maintain adequate road service for the county.

"We didn't buy any equipment last year," he said. "This year we'll be buying two trucks for \$125,000."

The two new trucks will be used for hauling, grading, plowing and scraping, he said.

"We've really had very few complaints this winter," he said. "Oh, there have been some calls regarding ice, but then we've had more of an ice problem this year, too."

Ancel noted the majority of complaints about the roads come from the southern part of the county, which he says is normal because that's where the majority of the people live.

"We'll do the best we can with what funds we have to work with," he concluded.

Winter ruins month of Mondays

Scarcely given a chance to recover from an ice storm which struck during the last week in January, Clinton County residents found themselves burrowing out from under a heavy snowfall as February began Monday morning.

With snow drifts blanketing most of the county in depths ranging from several inches to several feet and more on the way, according to forecasts, most schools were opened Tuesday and road crews took advantage of a break in the weather to rest up from Sunday's storm.

Only Ovid-Elsie Schools remained closed Tuesday, but closings the day before, Feb. 1, marked the fourth consecutive Monday most Clinton County schools were forced to close as a result of storms. Many schools remained closed for three or four days the last week in January, as well, putting the number of 1982 snow days logged so far well ahead of 1981 totals.

"And I guess the groundhog saw his shadow today, so we can expect six more weeks of winter," one school official pointed out when contacted Feb. 2.

Roads in most areas of the county were reported clear, however, and barring more heavy snowfalls expected Wednesday and Thursday, most school superintendents said they would remain open the rest of the week. An ice storm which glazed roads the weekend of Jan. 23 caused many complaints and many rural roads were still treacherous five days later. The lingering effect of the ice storm resulted in a flood of complaints to the Clinton County Road Commission office, superintendent Robert Ancel said.

"We probably had more than 100 calls," he said.

"Usually we average three or four calls during a snow storm."

Most of the complaints came from rural homeowners who found roads too hazardous to venture forth on, he said. "We can salt, but unless the temperature gets above 18 degrees, it doesn't do any good," Ancel explained. "It never got warm enough until today," he said Thursday, Jan. 28.

A mixture of chloride and sand was spread to provide traction, he said, but with the cost of the mix close to that of road salt, Ancel was hoping the winter would pass with no more ice storms.

"We can handle the snow," he said, "but the ice can really cause problems."

A Clinton County Sheriff's Department spokesperson said no emergency rescues were necessary and there had been no personal injury accidents resulting from the latest snow storm.

"People drive more carefully in the bad weather, apparently," she said.

Hardest hit among county school districts contacted was Ovid-Elsie where schools have been closed eight days in January and February, according to Superintendent Dave Porrell. "Our problem is we bus about 75 percent of our students," he said. "We have just over 2,100 students and of those, we bus about 1,600."

A primarily rural district, Ovid-Elsie closed classes for all students Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25 through Jan. 28, and Feb. 1 and 2.

"There were some parents who complained that we reopen schools Friday (Jan. 29)," Porrell said. "The primary concern is the students' safety, but we also have to consider the aggravation and cost of getting buses stuck."

Among county school districts contacted, DeWitt Public Schools closed the fewest number of days. Superintendent Steve Garrett credited the better than average record to few rural bus routes and a previously planned closing Monday, Jan. 25, when other schools closed due to weather. Garrett said DeWitt Schools were closed Monday, Jan. 11, Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Monday, Feb. 1.

"We have been able to run when many other districts



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GM donates local flood victim autos to science

St. Johns High School is getting two new cars on one condition: they can't be driven. The assembly-line-new General Motors models can be studied, tuned and taken apart, as long as they're not taken around the block.

News of the arrangement was given the St. Johns Board of Education Wednesday night, Jan. 13 by Larry Button, the high school's vocational education program auto instructor.

"They cannot be driven," he reported. "They are for assembly and disassembly purposes only, even though I'd like to be driving that car."

"That car" is a 1981 Oldsmobile Omega, the first of a pair of autos donated to the vocational program by General Motors in cooperation with a local auto dealer, Bee's Chevrolet & Oldsmobile Inc. Button said he was expecting to take delivery of a second auto, likely to be a Chevrolet, Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Both cars were among those damaged in St. Johns' flood last September and early October. And although damage to many of the autos was minimal, all were to be returned to the factory, Button said. "The only apparent damage was a little oil scum on the side," he said of the school's new Omega.

But thanks to the local dealership, arrangements were instead made to will the autos to science, as it were, donating them to local vocational programs where students can take them apart to see how they work.

"I'm really excited about the new technology," Button told board members, citing sophisticated suspension components, transverse mounted engines, front-wheel drive and other features he said were "all taught only in theory," in the past.

"We'll be able to do some hands-on work with these donations."

Button said getting the new Oldsmobile, which arrived near Christmas, was "just like ordering a brand new car," and praised the nation's biggest auto maker for encouraging vocational education.

"As tough as things might be in the auto industry, they're still supporting vocational education," he said. Although diagnostic equipment has been loaned, seminars conducted and autos donated by major car makers in the past, Button said the latest contribution, a silver lining to last fall's foul weather, was unique in his 13-years of experience with St. Johns' vocational program.

"The flood damage part was something new," he

said. "We thought it was unusual that the cars stayed right here and never left town."

He told board members the new autos will be used mainly to illustrate the principals of more recent technological features and for trouble shooting at first, since cars do not last as long once his class of 74 students

begins taking them apart. He said his first move will be removal of fenders and hoods so students can see parts they are learning about.

Does carving up a brand new auto bother Button? "Not anymore," he replied. "It did on the first ones, though."



Damaged in last fall's flood, 48 new autos like the Omega above are being donated by General Motors to approved vocational education programs throughout. Two cars were given to such

a program at St. Johns High School, according to Larry Button, auto class instructor, and a third auto was received by the Clinton Intermediate School District. (Photo by David Olds.)

News notes

Attention senior citizens

Have you filed your 1981 property tax refund? If not, the staff at St. Johns City Office will help you fill out the necessary application. Depending on your income, city officials say, you may be eligible for a refund for the majority of your property tax and a home heating cost allowance.

Is your home safe?

St. Johns Fire Chief Clare Maier reminds city residents to keep their neighborhood safe by removing snow from around fire hydrants. Rural residents should make sure visible house numbers are displayed to save valuable time in an emergency, and all homes should be equipped with smoke detectors.

Assessments in mail

City Assessor Diane Edwards has announced St. Johns residents will begin receiving their property tax assessments near the end of February. The Board of Review will meet March 8 and 9 to hear appeals from property owners who feel their assessments are incorrect. If you wish to appeal your assessed value, call Mrs. Edwards office for an appointment at 224-3213, ext. 25.

Happy Valentines

The deadline for payment of county and school taxes is Feb. 14, the City of St. Johns has announced. After the deadline, a 4 percent penalty will be added, and after March 1, delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county for collection.

Licence your dog

A license can identify your dog if it becomes lost, and licenses may be purchased from the City of St. Johns for \$5 until Feb. 26. After that, licenses must be obtained from the Clinton County Treasurer's office for a fee of \$10.

With new county contract

Janitorial service cleans up

By DAVID THOMAS

Clinton County officials are pleased by the work being done by P. J. S. Commercial Corp. of DeWitt, the contracting firm that is providing janitorial services to county offices and buildings.

"I think it's going pretty well," said William LeFevere, director of administrative services for the county. "At first we had some negative comments about them (P. J. S.), but the comments have been mostly positive lately."

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners voted at their November meeting to award a three-year contract

to P. J. S. Commercial Corp. in the amount of \$98,024 for custodial work in the courthouse and other county-owned buildings. At the same time commissioners laid off the three county employees who had been providing janitorial services to county offices. P. J. S. Commercial Corp. took over the county's custodial work on Jan. 1.

LeFevere, who admitted he is satisfied with the cleaning job being done on his own office, estimates that the county is saving at least \$20,000 a year by using an outside firm for janitorial work instead of county employees.



P. J. S. Commercial Corp. President B. E. Partee (right) discusses cleaning plans with employees Brian Hyatt (left), Wayne Newsom,

Kay Pratt (seated, left) and Patricia Wilson. The firm took over janitorial services for county buildings on Jan. 1.

Reports of fuel thefts rise along with costs

As temperatures plunged, thefts of fuel oil and gasoline climbed, according to Clinton County Sheriff's Department reports last week.

The first theft occurred Jan. 27, when Clinton County Sheriff deputies caught a St. Johns teen in the act of filling a 50-gallon drum with gas belonging to an Elsie resident, reports said.

The suspect, Clayton Fineout, 19, of 1749 E. M-21, apparently filled the gas tank in his vehicle, then began filling a 50-gallon drum in the back of the

vehicle from a storage tank at the residence of Elmer Thornton on Colony Road in Elsie.

Fineout was arrested with the aid of Elsie and Ovid Police, and no estimated value on the stolen gas was available, reports said.

The second larceny occurred the night of Jan. 27, reports said. Angela Hustin of 797 High St., Ovid, told deputies she heard her dogs bark during the night, and in the morning saw footprints around her 300-gallon fuel oil tank

outdoors near her residence.

Reports said approximately 60 gallons were taken from the recently filled tank. The theft is being investigated, reports said.

In another theft during

the past week, an unknown amount of cash was taken from Pewamo-Westphalia High School on Jan. 25, Clinton County Sheriff reports said.

The school was damaged in the break-in and some items taken in the theft, including a calculator, were later recovered at

Devereaux Sawmill and at a Hubbardston church, reports said.

About \$400 in stereo equipment was taken in a break-in in DeWitt Township Jan. 27, DeWitt Township Police reports said.

The theft occurred sometime during the night at the home of Brian Goehringer of 15879 Greenway, reports said, and there was no visible sign of forced entry.

A car parked at the Stardust Saloon, 4321 N. East St., DeWitt, was broken into Jan. 28, DeWitt Township Police reports said. Taken was about \$143 worth of stereo and camping equipment. There was no visible sign of forced entry and the theft is under investigation.

A microwave oven valued at \$600 was stolen in a breaking-and-entering reported to DeWitt Township Police Jan. 30.

Reports said the oven was taken from a home belonging to Lela Parr at 415 Normandy. A window was broken and the home was entered sometime between Jan. 28 and 30, reports said.

DeWitt Township Police are investigating what may have been the attempted abduction of a 10-year-old boy in the township Jan. 27.

According to a department spokesman, the boy was walking near his Pinehurst Street home near 6:30 p.m. when he was approached by a man in an auto who gestured to the boy to approach the car. The boy fled, and described the man as about 30, with long brown hair and a full beard, driving a small-to medium-sized silver auto with two dents, one over the passenger side rear wheel and one on the front of the hood, reports said.

The complaint is under investigation.

County digs out

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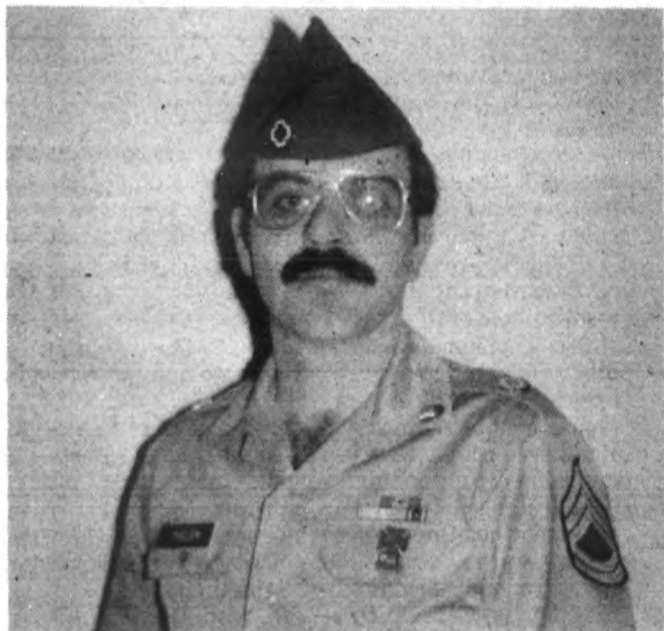
in the county were closed because we have a district which is only 15 square miles and because the city has done a very good job getting streets cleared," he said.

But the schools' snow plow was out of commission in the wake of the latest storm, he said. "All summer it was not broken down," Garrett kidded. "Things always seem to come at the worst time."

In St. Johns and Fowler, schools have been closed six days since the first of the year. The 225 square-mile St. Johns district buses about 70 percent of its student population of 3,872. Like Fowler's district, which buses about 70 percent of its 701 students, the St. Johns District was closed Monday, Jan. 11, Monday, Jan. 18, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 25-27, and Monday Feb. 1.

"Any day we miss is an opportunity lost for students to improve their skills," St. Johns Superintendent Donald Burns said.

"We're open today, but the way things look, tomorrow looks questionable," Fowler Superintendent Gary Jackson said Tuesday.



SFC Donald U. Thelen recently re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve for a six year hitch. Thelen, a 1969 graduate of Fowler High School, has served in the Army Reserve for 12 years, with active duty at Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Sill, Ok., and the NCO Academy at Ft. Walters, Texas. Married with three children, Thelen was transferred to Charlotte, N.C. from St. Johns in 1981.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS		
Cash and due from depository institutions		3,322
U.S. Treasury securities		9,797
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		12,696
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		6,381
All other securities		336
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		2,250
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	25,253	
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	111	
Loans, Net		25,142
Lease financing receivables		227
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		432
Real estate owned other than bank premises		72
All other assets		1,052
TOTAL ASSETS		61,707
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		6,484
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		32,136
Deposits of United States Government		84
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		11,326
All other deposits		-0-
Certified and officers' checks		799
Total Deposits		50,829
Total demand deposits	8,181	
Total time and savings deposits	42,648	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		3,980
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		349
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		148
All other liabilities		1,583
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)		56,889
Subordinated notes and debentures		300
MEMORANDA EQUITY CAPITAL		
Preferred stock	No shares outstanding	-0-
Common stock	No shares authorized	110,191
	No shares outstanding	100,191
Surplus		1,500
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		2,016
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL		4,518
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		61,707
MEMORANDA		
Amounts outstanding as of report date		74
Standby letters of credit, total		12,330
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		-0-
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		-0-
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date		51,096
Total deposits		51,096

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Romance not just for singles, marrieds insist

By SUE KILEY WHITE

For generations, people have been celebrating Valentine's Day as a day for lovers. This year, at least 33 states in the U.S. will also recognize Feb. 14 as "We Believe in Marriage Day."

Governor William G. Milliken signed an executive declaration Jan. 4 proclaiming the observance stating, "...There is an urgent need to reverse the trend of separation and divorce. Marriage should be viewed as a lifelong commitment between husband and wife, filled with mutual respect and open communications."

The idea for "We Believe in Marriage Day" was started by World Wide Marriage Encounter, a weekend designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together with emphasis on open, honest communication started on the East Coast in 1967 and in the Lansing area in 1973.

According to the group's brochure, Marriage Encounter (ME) is not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. Rather, it is a "unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage."

One St. Johns couple, who are actively involved with World Wide Marriage Encounter, call We Believe in Marriage Day a great way to promote the good aspects of being married.

"So many times when you think of lovers, you think of single people," said Tomi Ann Schultheiss. "We want people to start realizing that married people should be considered lovers too."

Tomi Ann and her husband, Jim, became involved with the program almost five years ago. They went on the ME weekend because they had never really been away alone together during their 10 years of marriage.

"We had no idea how one weekend could change our lives so much," said Mrs. Schultheiss, "but it did."

The elementary school teacher explained that ME is basically for couples who have good marriages.

"It's a weekend for people who want to be married,"

she asserted. "We thought we had a good marriage before our weekend, but those two days made us see there was so much more."

The week following their Marriage Encounter, Tomi Ann recalls fixing dinner one night and thinking how excited she was that Jim would be home from work soon. "That was after 10 years of marriage," she said. "I didn't think it was possible."



Jim explained that the focus of the ME weekend is to help couples stay involved with each other. He says it gave them and many other couples a new outlook on their marriage.

"We've all had difficult times in our marriages that have been steered by the circumstances of jobs, civic activities and money, but what we have found is, when we've got our stuff together, life seems to run much smoother also," he said.

The couple explained they found many places for people who were having problems in their marriages to go, but no place for people with good marriages to get support. "In today's society, marriage is looked at in a negative way," Mrs. Schultheiss commented. "It's like romance isn't for married people, but we feel it really is."

She emphasized the program is a way of letting people know love is a part of marriage too. "We want people see being married is a beautiful way to live," she said.

Both Jim and Tomi Ann stressed one ME weekend can cause great changes in a couples' life, but there are also changes which must be ongoing and progress is gradual. They continued by saying a couple must have the basic ingredients of trust, confidence in each other and love in their marriage to get the full benefits of a ME weekend.

"The biggest problem in a lot of marriages is the inability for them to talk and communicate," said Mrs. Schultheiss.

The design of ME is private. It is an encounter between couples, according to the Schultheisses.

Both Jim and Tomi call marriage their true vocation in life.

"I don't want people to just know me, I want people to know us," Jim said. "I have an interest to come home ... I like being with Tomi Ann."

Just because they went on a ME weekend doesn't mean they don't have ups and downs in their marriage just like everyone else, however, the couple was quick to emphasize.

"Our problems don't last long," Mrs. Schultheiss said. "We know how to communicate and put our relationship back together again."

There will be a parade in Lansing at noon Feb. 13 for all married couples in the Tri-County area. Anyone who would like to participate should meet at St. Mary's Cathedral, and plan on marching to the Capitol.

A Valentine's Day Dance was also scheduled Saturday evening, but is already sold out with 400 couples planning to attend, according to the Schultheisses.

Sunday is Family Day with festivities planned at Grand River Park.

To help promote We Believe in Marriage Day, most area churches will have sermons relating to marriage.

The Schultheisses suggest that couples talk about their wedding day with their children and spend the entire day as a family.

Anyone interested in finding out more about We Believe in Marriage Day or World Wide Marriage Encounter should contact Jim or Tomi Ann Schultheiss at 224-2540, or Rich or Jan Monczka at 371-1699.



Seven members of the Carson City Hospital Auxiliary volunteered to serve on a nominating committee during an organizational meeting Jan. 14. Among their duties will be recruiting more members from local communities, reports said. The seven are (left to right) Mrs. Lynn St. Peter of Crystal, Mrs. Roger Morris of Ashley, Mrs. David Nareski, Mrs. James Newman, Mrs.

Lawrence Brown and Mrs. Jack Dilts, all of Carson city, and Mrs. Harry DeVore of St. Johns. Anyone interested in participating in auxiliary activities can contact members of the committee or leave their name, address and phone number at the Personnel Office by calling 585-3131, extension 277.

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Road crews in county deserve thanks

Buried under several inches of snow, most were too busy trying to dig out their driveway early Monday to think of those who worked around the clock to see that main roads would be clear.

But many on road crews throughout the county were doing just that. With little or no sleep, they continued battling drifting and blowing snow driven by high winds. Although the national weather service insists Sunday's storm was not technically a blizzard, since winds did not exceed 35 miles-per-hour, we submit they would have a hard time convinc-

ing any who ventured forth in the swirling snow and bitter cold.

As Monday morning came, however, it was reassuring to discover that the county's main arteries were passable in most cases and scraped to the pavement in some; all thanks to the efforts of city, county and state employees who spent a long night at the wheels of plows and loaders, pushing back the white tide in plumes of spray, corralling drifts into small mountains.

With road crew budgets shrinking throughout Michigan as a result of declining

gas tax revenues as more people are driving more economical cars, the state has indeed been lucky. While the winter of 1982 has been bad, other nearby states have suffered much more than Michigan.

With luck, and perhaps a belated January thaw, overtaxed equipment and snow removal crews will get a needed breather, and the already costly road maintenance budget will be adequate.

Meanwhile, those who are on the front lines in the battle to keep highways and secondary roads clear deserve a hearty thank-you.

Chamber notes

By Jody Smith

The more things change...



St. Johns Furniture will no longer be fixture on Clinton Ave. in St. Johns. The business owned by Jim and Mary Edgar will move to Mason. The St. Johns Furniture store has been a part of the community for over 50 years. It initially housed a furniture store on the first floor, a casket factory on the second floor and a bedding and mattress outlet on the third.

Furniture, though, will still be offered at 118 North Clinton when Mark Barber of Mark Roberts Furniture moves into the building. Barber plans to offer the public a greatly enlarged selection of furniture at the new store and to keep his Habersham Plantation furniture at the building on the corner of Clinton and Walker.

The Mark Roberts store will utilize all four floors of the building with a greatly expanded carpet and home decorating department, Barber says. The selection of furniture lines will offer St. Johns shoppers a wide array of styles, colors and prices. Barber believes in St. Johns and this endeavor will add to the attractiveness of the city.

Even though Barber plans to expand the horizons of Mark Roberts Furniture, his plans do not include reopening the casket factory. He did comment that casket making and furniture stores, by tradition, have been combined, so the St. Johns store was no oddity.

Tradition or not, I can't say I'd appreciate buying a sofa bed in a casket factory.

Furniture is an active business in St. Johns for another Barber, also. Bob Barber has opened the Old Furniture Exchange store. It is located in the basement of the present Mark Roberts store. His plans are to sell furniture, trade furniture or exchange it with the right customers. He takes pieces on consignment and also makes purchases. The furniture he offers is used, and some or it is considered antique while other pieces fall into the collectible category.

When Mark and Bob opened the Mark Roberts shop, Bob had visions of opening this sort of store. He is very interested in collectible types of furniture. If you don't know the difference between collectibles and antiques, talk to Bob and he will fill you in.

Bob has an unerring eye for quality furniture, so when you are in town, stop by and browse. It is interesting to see the shop and fun to sound out the owner on prices whether you are buying or selling.

Letter to the editor

Looking for roots

To the editor:

I am a retired newspaper editor who has been working for five years on a history and geneology of several families who lived in Clinton County during and immediately after the Civil War.

I am hoping one of your readers may be able to assist me on the fate of one St. Johns resident I cannot seem to trace, although I'm sure she was well known in Clinton County, even in this century.

Pearl Maud Emmons was born in Bingham Township Oct. 28, 1873. She was the 10th child of Philanous and Sarah (Ritter) Emmons, who came to Clinton County from Seneca County, N.Y.

I believe Pearl lived until at least the World War II era, but since I have been unable to learn her married name, I cannot find a record of her death.

If any of your readers knew Pearl Maud Emmons, I would be most grateful if that person would inform me what her name was at the time of her death, and the approximate date of her death, if known. I do not know whether or not she was a resident of Clinton County at the time of her death. I do not know if she had any children.

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Capitol events

Check your circuit breaker

By STATE SENATOR RICHARD ALLEN

Now that it's time to begin figuring out how much we owe the government or the government owes us for last year's taxes, I urge you to take a look at your property tax bill and income figures for last year to see if you qualify for the "circuit breaker."

Public Act 20 of 1973 was nicknamed the circuit breaker because it can trigger in a tax relief payment when household income is overloaded by a property tax bill, similar to electrical circuit breakers which trip a switch to prevent power overloads. The state steps in to help when local property taxes take more than 3.5 percent of a household's income.

Although this property tax relief system became law nine years ago, some Michigan residents still are unaware of the dollars they could be saving.

For senior citizens, veterans, the blind or disabled, the homestead property tax credit provides even greater relief than that allowed the general population, but the circuit breaker is meant to help everybody who owns or rents their home.

For the 1980 tax year, the program returned about \$441.8 million to around 1.358 million households, with the average relief for general taxpayers coming to \$275. For senior citizens, the average was \$459. It is estimated that Michigan residents will be returned about \$530 million for the 1981 tax year, and I know many of your property tax bills are high enough to make you eligible for this relief.

To see if you should be getting some money back from the state to help you with your local taxes, take 3.5 percent of your total 1981 household income. If you paid more than that figure to local property taxes, the State of Michigan wants to help.

The state will reimburse you 60 percent of the difference remaining after you subtract that 3.5 percent of household income from your 1981 property tax bill. Senior citizens and disabled persons can receive 100 percent of the resulting sum back. Renters can make the same calculations, only subtracting the 3.5 percent of income from 17 percent of their paid rent. For very low income levels, the circuit breaker triggers in at a lower percentage than 3.5 percent.

The circuit breaker is not automatic — taxpayers have to be aware of it and file the Michigan state income tax return to take advantage of it. In setting up the program years ago, the legislature could not simply return money directly from local property tax collections: this revenue belongs to, is collected by, and goes to local units of government and school districts, not the state.

So the legislature had to find a source of revenue that came into the state (the state income tax) to help people with their local property taxes. Hence the necessity for filing the state income tax return.

As the governor mentioned in his state of the state message, legislation is being considered to make the circuit breaker "front-loading." Rather than have homeowners wait so many months between the pay out of the local property tax bill and the reimbursement through the state income tax credit, the law could be amended to eliminate this waiting period for the taxpayer.

So, even if you earned no wages this year and are on a fixed income, file a state income tax return if you are eligible for this property tax relief. The state does not want your local property tax bills to be allowed to take limitless amount of your income, no matter what it is.

Letters policy

The Clinton County News would like to print your opinions and comments in its letters to the editor column. Letters must be signed originals, including the writer's full address and telephone number.

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Personality Profile

It's a small world for model building brothers

By DAVID THOMAS

It was the day after Faye Hanson's funeral, and DeWitt Middle School teacher Lawrence Arbanas was on the telephone.

"There's an interesting story related to Faye and the fact that the DeWitt Library will be named after her," he said. "A young man in our school has built a model of the library. It even has Faye's name on it and it looks just like the library will look when the official lettering is in place.

"The young man's name is Russell Pline," Arbanas said. "In fact, the whole family is something quite special."

Arbanas was right. Thirteen-year-old Russell Pline and his family are something quite special. His father is Roger Pline, a well-known carpenter and builder in the DeWitt area.

"Dad's taught me a fair amount about building things. Especially about layout," admits Russell. "But I do my own work."

Russell's "own work" includes such diverse projects as a large model of "DeZwann" (the giant windmill on the island in Holland, Mich.), an assortment of wooden puzzles, games and toys and life-size go-carts powered by gasoline engines.

Much of Russell's interest in model-building can be attributed to Arbanas' seventh grade Michigan history class.

"Each one of us in the class had to have a project," Russell remembers. "I wanted to do a project that no one had done before. The windmill seemed like a good idea."

Russell did a thorough research job before he began construction, including a trip to Holland and a careful study of photographs and postcards. He estimates the final product took approximately 50 hours to complete; it has since won a bevy of awards at local exhibits and fairs.

His model of the DeWitt library was not done for awards and honors, but because he and Arbanas thought it would please Mrs. Hanson. Unfortunately, she died before they were able to present it to her.

Russell isn't sure where the final location for his library model will be, but he thinks it might look pretty good on display somewhere in the "real" Faye Hanson Public Library.

"They (the library board) haven't asked for it," he said. "But if they want it, I'll give it to them."

One Pline project that is already on display at the library is a model of a section of the old Interurban line that used to run between Lansing and DeWitt. Built by Russell's 14-year-old brother, Roger, it was also born in Arbanas' Michigan history class.

"I probably spent twice as much time researching the project as I did building it," said Roger. "I was very fortunate to have access to Ford Caesar's (a well-known local historian who is writing a book on the Interurban) research information."

Russell and Roger don't spend all their time in the woodshop creating models of Michigan's significant architectural structures. They admit to interests in hockey, cross country skiing, music and a variety of school activities. They also keep their afternoons occupied by sharing a paper route.

Both boys feel their immediate family is probably the most important thing in their lives. Sister Rene is 18 and is looking forward to next year when she will be attending the University of Michigan in hopes of someday becoming a writer.

The "younger Plines" are Rachelle, who is 9, Ronda, 5, and Ryan, who is 11 months old.

Their mother, Ruth (that makes eight family members whose first name begins with "R"), is immensely proud of her family.

"It's nice that kids today can get some attention for something besides sports," she says.

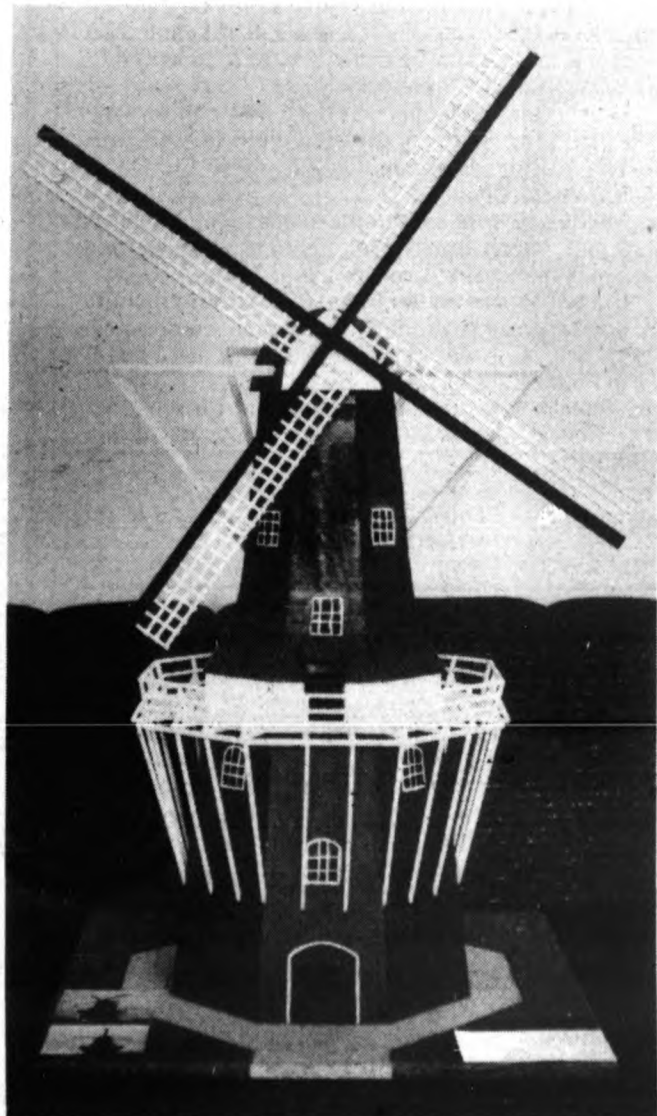
Russell and Roger have no immediate plans for any new "construction" projects.

"I don't have anything new in mind," Russell admitted. "But if someone comes up with an idea, I'll build it."



Russell (left) and Roger Pline show off library model that was built in honor of Faye Hanson. (Below left) "DeZwann" was built by Russell as a project for his Michigan History class. (Below

right) Russell, Ryan, Rene, Ronda, Roger and Rachelle Pline sit in their living room on a Friday evening.



Photos by David Olds

Lifestyles

Elderly enjoy afternoons at local alleys

Senior citizen update

By Ruth Delo



The senior citizens are still bowling. Every Thursday at 1:30 they meet at the Redwing Bowling Lanes in St. Johns.

From the sounds of laughter and talking, you can tell they're having a good time.

It's arranged so you only bowl as many Thursdays as you want. If you are gone for a week or two, you aren't responsible for those weeks. Just bowl whenever you can.

The prizes given each week are for the man and woman who bowl the most pins over their average. The bowling alley gives free bowling to each of those winners.

The Redwing lanes have also given senior citizens a reduced bowling charge which includes shoes and balls if you don't have your own.

Like all leagues, there are good bowlers and some who are not so good. To win, you could have the most pins over your average and not be a high-score bowler. So, whether you're a good bowler or not, come on out to the Redwing Bowling Lanes in St. Johns.

As you know, exercise is good for everyone, but as you grow older you probably cut down on the amount of exercise you do. Try bowling for a few weeks and I will almost guarantee you will love the fun, the exercise and being with friendly people.

An important consideration in maintaining good health is the development of good health habits. Most important of these is diet.

As we grow older, our dietary habits seem to become more deeply entrenched, causing deficiencies in our diets. Most people get enough carbohydrates and fats in their meals, but protein intake is often inadequate. Meats such as beef, pork, fish, poultry, lamb, dairy products and vegetables, such as beans and rice, are good sources of proteins.

Several glasses of milk each day can give all the vitamins needed except Vitamin C which can be obtained by drinking a glass of orange or tomato juice. Vitamin tablets should not be a necessity. Dietary excess can even be more harmful than dietary inadequacy.

We are all fully aware that being overweight shortens our lifespan. The overweight person is more likely to have high blood pressure, heart disease, strokes and diabetes. Older people tend to be less active and burn fewer calories, so there is often an increase in weight.

Despite all that has been said, calorie reduction is the only proven way to reduce weight. Even diets can be dangerous if they are deficient in essential food stuffs or combined improperly for such disorders as diabetes or heart disease. For these reasons a diet should be supervised closely by a physician and fad diets should be avoided.

A second good health habit to develop and maintain is physical activity. Experiments show that enforced inactivity results in deteriorated functions of many body

parts. As we grow older and usually less active, we undergo body changes. With normal physical activity these changes can be lessened.

Perhaps of equal value are the psychological benefits of physical activity. Tensions are relaxed, steam is let off, and satisfaction gained from personal accomplishments. The person who gets into trouble is the one who seldom exercises and then decides to do something like shovel snow or chop wood. We should all try to avoid overexertion.

If an older person is in good health, no harm should come to him from doing such things as playing golf, gardening, working with tools and other activities of this nature.

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Every Thursday afternoon at Redwing Bowling Lanes in St. Johns, a group of area senior citizens gathers for a good time at a reduced cost. Prizes are given each week for those who

bowl the most points over their average, according to Senior Citizen Update writer Ruth Delo. (Photo by David Olds.)



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wing of St. Johns wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Mae, to David Lynn Wilson, son of Mrs. Rose Wilson and the late Edwin Wilson of St. Johns. The bride to be is a 1981 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently employed by the Gratiot County Herald in Ithaca. Wilson is a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently employed by Summit Steel Processing Corp. of Lansing.

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Sports

Boxing big in January

January was both a successful and unusual month for the Clinton County Boys' Club.

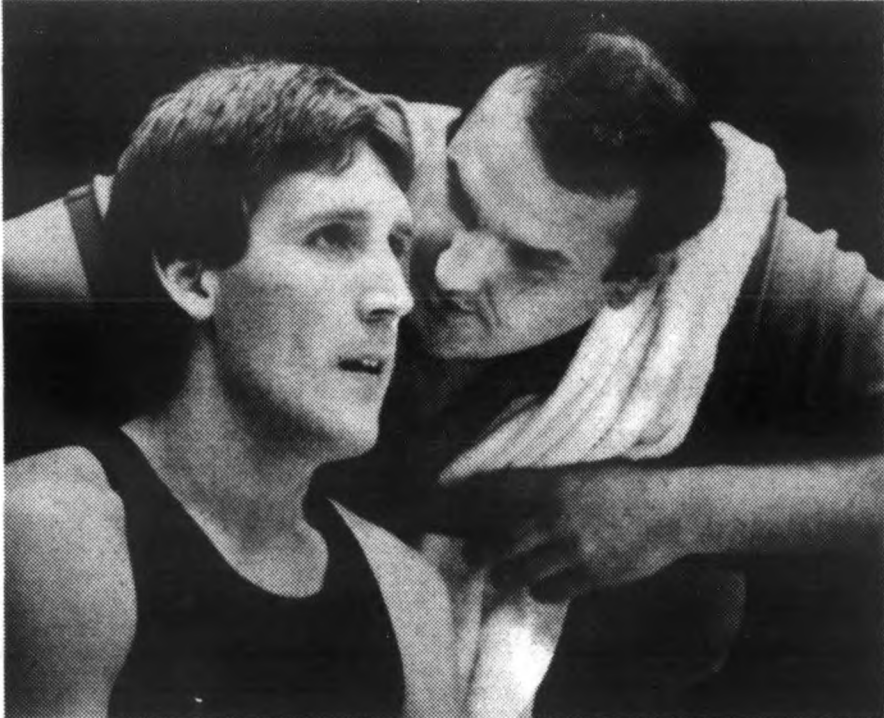
The successes happened in recent statewide boxing competition. Winning state championships in Silver Gloves' bouts were Chuck DeSander and Terry Minez. Not quite making it,

but finishing in the runners-up category were Andre Bergeron, Eric Soderberg and John Welch.

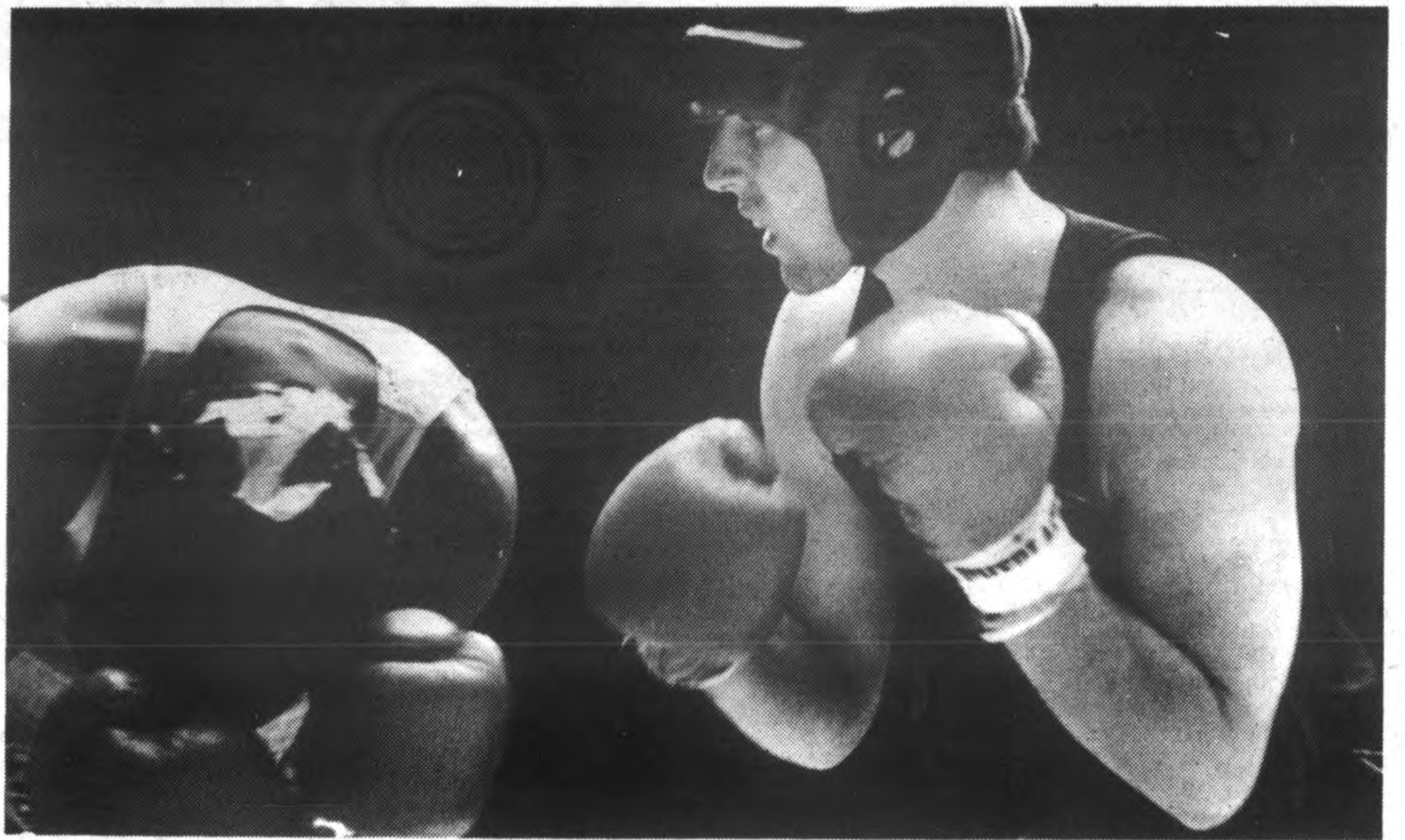
In Golden Gloves' competition, Tim Marshall is still in the running for a state championship, while Jim Riggle, Jimmy Nichols and Gary Carmen are still alive in district

competition.

Adding an unusual, but welcome, flavor to the local club are the addition of three female fighters. The three new members say they were encouraged to take up the sport of boxing because of recent publicity given to a female boxer from Lansing.



Boxing was both unusual and successful at the Clinton County Boys' Club last month. (Top left) Coach Dick Padgett gives advice to fighter Richie Gregory between rounds at the Lansing Civic Center. (Top right) Michael Soderburg of St. Johns waits for his bout to begin at recent district competition. (Middle) Tim Marshall slugs his way to a recent Golden Gloves' victory. (Below left) Silver Gloves' District Champions gather for group photo. In the front row (left to right) are Terry Maniez, Jon Welch and Eric Soderburg and in the back row are Chuck DeSander, Andre Bergeron and Tim Devereaux. (Bottom right) Newest club members Sharon Stoddard (left) and Theresa Goldman watch as Padgett shows Deb Rosekins how to use boxing gloves.



Photos by David Olds

Rebounds and teamwork pace Redwings

St. Johns High School continued their winning ways Friday night by defeating Mid-Michigan B League foe Corunna by a 68-64 score. It was the Redwings third win in a row.

"It was another fine team effort. We beat a very good Corunna team," said Redwing coach Al Werbish. "The biggest thing about these last three wins has been the rebounding."

St. Johns dominated the boards against Corunna,

Fowler nipped by Shamrocks

Playing what may very well have been their best game of the year Friday night, the Fowler Eagles still lost 58-51 to powerful Portland St. Patrick in a key Central Michigan Athletic Conference contest.

"We played very, very well," said Fowler coach Dennis Smith. "In fact, we did everything right except win the game."

The Shamrocks entered the game with a 7-1 league mark and a first-place tie with Pewamo-Westphalia, while Fowler was sitting comfortably in third place with a 4-2 record.

Free throws made the difference in the end as Portland St. Patrick made 16 of their 21 attempts at the line — 12 of them in the final quarter. Fowler, on the other hand, made four more field goals than the Shamrocks, but hit one of only two attempts from the foul line.

With 5:30 to go in the game and trailing by only three points, Marty Hamilton, Fowler's fine point guard, left the game with an injured ankle. "I think Marty's injury was a critical blow to our hopes for a win," said Smith.

Smith was especially pleased that the Eagles outrebounded Portland St. Patrick by a 26-22 margin. Darryl Thelen led both teams with 11 rebounds.

Five Fowler players scored in double figures. Glen Feldpausch led the way with 11 points, while Marty Hamilton, Greg Armbrustmacher, Jim Farley and Thelen all had 10 points.

The loss dropped Fowler's league record to 4-3 and their season mark to 4-5.

Teelander paces O-E wins

Ovid-Elsie played back-to-back games and came out easy winners in both contests. On Friday night the Marauders defeated league foe Alma 72-52 and on Saturday night they defeated non-league opponent Saginaw Swan Valley by a 56-38 score.

"We've played this way (Friday-Saturday games) before," said Ovid-Elsie coach Bob Foreback. "I like it. We seem to draw better crowds than the Tuesday-Friday games. I think the kids like it better too."

Foreback said that both games were almost as easy to win as the scores indicated.

"We shot well and we played some hard, good defense," he said. "We played everybody both nights. Some of the kids that don't usually get a chance to play, ended up with quite a bit of playing time."

Twelve players scored in the Alma win, with Carl Teelander and Scott Hudecek leading the way with nine points apiece. Against Swan Valley, the 6-foot-8 Teelander, who is beginning to attract the attention of college scouts, scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Marauders now have a 4-2 league and 6-7 season record.

Pewamo-Westphalia wins two

Pewamo-Westphalia just keeps on winning.

Last week they downed Olivet 61-53 and Pottsville 66-45 and remained in a first-place tie with Portland St. Patrick in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference League race.

Though obviously happy with his team's performance, P-W coach Steve Spitzley is still cautious about predicting great things for his squad this year.

"We're still a young team," he said. "I think we're a year away from being real good."

Friday night, the Pirates jumped out to a quick 29-15 halftime lead over a smaller and less talented Pottsville team. Spitzley thought good shooting (52 percent from the floor) and a 42-21 rebounding advantage were the keys to P-W's win.

"We got the ball down the floor real fast and got a lot of easy baskets," he said.

Jeff Nurenberg led P-W with 20 points, while Jeff Spitzley grabbed 11 rebounds and Nurenberg 10.

Behind the 19 points of Nurenberg last Tuesday night, P-W defeated Olivet by a score of 61-53. Jeff Spitzley added 13 points, while Ted Droste scored 10.

The two wins gave P-W an 8-1 league record and an 11-2 season mark.

Olivet outscores Fulton

After staying with Olivet for three quarters, Fulton was outscored 26-15 in the final eight minutes to lose a 75-62 Central Michigan Athletic Conference contest Friday night. The Pirates led 20-16 at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind 33-31 at halftime.

Corvin Stoudt led Fulton with 18 points, while Wayne Bond scored 16 and Pete Trefil 11. Rob Brammer scored 18 points for Olivet.

The loss dropped Fulton's conference record to 3-4 and season record to 3-7.

outrebounding them by a 41-24 margin. Tim Moore and John DeBrabander each grabbed nine rebounds.

Senior Jeff Casler, returning to the lineup after sitting out three games for disciplinary reasons, led the Redwing attack with 15 points. Guard Steve Gonzales added 14 points, while Tim Moore scored 13 and Dennis Sleep 10.

The win evened St. Johns conference record at 3-3 and their season record at 6-6.

The Redwings next play Alma in a home encounter on Friday night and hope to improve on their disappointing record on their home floor. St. Johns sports a fine 6-2 mark on the road, but has yet to win in four tries at home.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN in Clinton County will be among 400 schools in 85 counties participating in the annual Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Read-A-Thon during February and March, a motivational program which aims to teach children to read for their own enjoyment while raising money to help fight MS.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL in St. Johns will hold a spaghetti dinner Sunday, Feb. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school's social hall. The dinner is sponsored by the St. Joseph Youth Group. For more information and ticket prices, call 224-6316.

A **COOKBOOK** is being put together by the Clinton County 4-H Teen Club. The club would like all 4-H families to contribute a favorite recipe and has invited others to send in their favorite recipes as well. Mail recipes to the Cooperative Extension Office, 306 Elm St., St. Johns by March 1. The club is also planning a paper drive April 16-18.

EQUESTRIANS interested in honing their skills should plan to attend the fifth annual 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic Feb. 13 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Conducted by staff members of the William Woods College equestrian program, the clinic will offer tips on stock seat, saddle seat, hunt seat and dressage. The clinic is sponsored by the state 4-H Judges Advisory Committee in cooperation with the MSU Department of Animal Science and the Michigan 4-H Youth Program. A donation of \$3 will go to the 4-H program.

MICHIGAN DRY BEAN DAY is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Saginaw Civic Center. Doors open at 9 a.m. and visitors will have the opportunity to view over 50 exhibits of new equipment and new ideas.

THE PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Variety Show, 1982" Feb. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. at the Pewamo Elementary gym. For more information or reservations, call Jerry, 593-3283, or Kay, 593-2265.

THE ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present its annual Chamber Music Concert on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church across from the courthouse in downtown St. Johns. Featured will be selected soloists and ensembles from the band, choir and orchestra. The concert is open to be public without charge.

VARIETY SHOW will be sponsored by the Fulton Band Boosters on Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the middle school gym. The acts are presented by the P.W. Community Players and prices are \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1.50 for students.

FILMS FEATURING FAMILY EXPERT JAMES DOBSON, Ph.D. will be shown at St. Cyril's Parish Hall in Bannister for seven consecutive Sunday evenings starting Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Entitled "Focus on the Family," the series features seven of the most popular films of the California psychologist, associate professor of pediatrics and author.

A **FAMILY-STYLE FISH SUPPER** will be served Friday, Feb. 12 by Wacousta Masonic Lodge 359. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and take-out dinners will be available at reduced prices. To find Wacousta, head five miles west of Airport Road on Grand River Ave. to Wacousta Road, then head north 2.5 miles.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY will be observed at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum in St. Johns through the month of February with baroque music from 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays and programs on Washington from 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. The museum is located on Courthouse Square in St. Johns. For more information, call 224-2894 or 224-7402.

A **QUEENSWAY CLOTHING STYLE SHOW** will be held Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in St. Johns to raise money for the Volunteer Service Corp. of the Clinton Area Care Center. All ladies are invited to attend and pick out a spring outfit. For more information, call the Care Center office at 224-6808 or 224-3530.

THE CARSON CITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the community room of First Security Bank of Carson City. Officers for 1982 will be elected, and though a slate has been prepared by the group's nominating committee, nominations will be taken from the floor. All residents of the surrounding area served by the hospital are welcome to attend.

A **VALENTINE DANCE** sponsored by the local St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held in the gym at St. Joseph School in St. Johns Feb. 13 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the Royal Ramblers. Tickets are \$12 per couple, with proceeds to go to the society. Bring your own bottle.

CLINTON COUNTY LALECHE LEAGUE will meet Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at 202 East Cass. Topic is the art of breast feeding and overcoming difficulties. For more information or a ride, call 224-6084 or 224-7741.

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT immunization clinic will be held in St. Johns at the Clinton County Service Building, 306 Elm St., on Feb. 8 by appointment only. Please call 224-7772 for an appointment.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) will be held Thursday, Feb. 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Smith Hall in St. Johns.

A **CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCE** will be presented by the Looking Glass Music and Arts Association on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Foster Street Community Center in Lansing. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 15. Children under six are free.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on February 18, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. in the Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan.

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

Case ZC-35-81 Chase Broadcasting Corporation, Inc., Olive Township, Sec. 20 Special Use Permit - Radio Communications Tower.

At this hearing, the following described property which generally lies on the west side of DeWitt Road, south of Alward Road will be considered as the site for the issuance of a special use permit for a radio communications tower and associated equipment on the Lloyd and Doris Powell property, 8720 DeWitt Road, St. Johns, Michigan.

Description of property affected: The NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sect. 20, T6N-R2W, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan. Tax Parcel No. 110-020-300-005-00

Case ZC-1-82 - Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., Watertown Charter Township, Section 24, Special Use Permit - Gravel Extraction

At this hearing, the following described property which generally lies south of Clark Road between Lowell and Airport Road will be considered as the site for the issuance of a special use permit for a gravel extraction operation on property owned by Theodore Feizke, 4621 Clark Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Description of property affected: All of the E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 24, T5N-R3W Watertown Twp, Clinton County, MI that lies S. of the I-69 r/o/w. (Approx. 10 acres)

Case ZC-2-82 - Amendment to Special Use Permit ZC-30-80

At this hearing, the Commission will act upon a request of American Excavators, 13256 Lawson Road, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 to reduce a gravel extraction Performance Bond for the extraction operation which is generally located on the East side of Wacousta Road, 1 mile south of Grand River Ave., from \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The request was filed pursuant to Article 7 of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance which states the bond may be reduced at a rate equal to the ratio of work completed on the required improvements as work progresses.

The legal description of the affected property is as follows: Tax Card Parcel No. 150-032-300-005-01 32.02 acres. That part of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 both in Sec. 32 of Watertown Charter Township, T5N-R3W, lying N of the R.R. r/o/w.

Tax Card Parcel No. 150-032-200-015-00 58.67 acres. The South 60 acres of NW 1/4, of Section 32, T5N-R3W, exc. com. 828' North of SW cor. thereof, th. N. 155' along center of Wacousta Road, th. E. 375', S. 155', W. 375' to beg.

The applications for special use permit 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 48879 between 8:00 A.M. - 12 Noon and 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**

224-031

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain real estate mortgage made by Billy E. Loflin and Elna R. Loflin, his wife, of P. O. Box 1114, Nokomis, Florida and 2214 Twenty-fourth Street North, Arlington, Virginia, to Key State Bank, 100 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan, dated September 17, 1979, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Clinton County, Michigan, on November 20, 1979, in Liber 308, Pages 397-400, on which there is claimed to be due at the time of this notice Seventy-five Thousand One Hundred Six and 17/100 (\$75,106.17) Dollars, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover said money secured by said real estate mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided that on Tuesday, March 2, 1982, at 10:00 A.M., in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the front steps of the Clinton County Court House, in the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in said real estate mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so due as aforesaid and all legal costs and expenses of sale, together with the attorney fee provided by statute, the lands and premises in said real estate mortgage mentioned and described as property located in the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton and State of Michigan, as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the West Section line of Section 10, Town Five (5) North, Range Two (2) West, and center of Webb Road, thence South along said Section line 46 rods, thence East 28 rods, thence North to the center line of Webb Road, thence Northwesterly along said center line to the point of beginning. Subject to all easements and rights of way of record and except clear vision corner.

The mortgagors, their heirs, personal representatives and any person lawfully claiming from or under them shall have six (6) months from the date on which the above described premises are sold to redeem the premises in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

DATED: January 20, 1982

KEY STATE BANK
BY: James J. Bluemer

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on the 12th day of May, 1978, between WILLIAM C. SUMP and MARIANNE SUMP, husband and wife, Mortgagors, and CAPITOL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on May 15, 1978, in Liber 298, Page 545, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal, interest and taxes, the sum of THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE AND 63/100 (\$39,303.63) Dollars and an attorney fee of SEVENTY-FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS allowed by law, as provided in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the monies secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 26th day of February, 1982, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the North entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being one of the places where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in the said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid due on said Mortgage, with Nine and One-half (9 1/2%) percent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee, which said premises are described as follows in said Mortgage:

Comm. in the centerline of Grand River Turnpike at a pt. 222.0 ft. NW'ly of the intersection of said centerline with the E line of the W 1/2 of the E 1/2 of Sec. 30, T5N, R3W, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thn S on a line parallel with said E line of the W 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the said Sec. 30, 330.0 ft., thn NW'ly on a line parallel with the centerline of Grand River Turnpike, 108.0 ft., thn N on a line parallel with the E line, 330.0 ft. to the centerline of said Turnpike, thn SE'ly 108.0 ft. to the pt. of beg. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record.

The length of the redemption period as provided by law is Six (6) months from the time of sale.

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Obituaries

Ruby Mae Ellis

Ruby Mae Ellis, 64, of 7810 Lowell Rd., Essex Township, St. Johns, died Thursday, Jan. 28 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Born in Clinton County July 24, 1917, to Leland and Mary (Miller) Baxter, Mrs. Ellis attended Island Elementary School and Maple Rapids High School. She was married to Lee C. Ellis in Maple Rapids May 5, 1951. Mr. Ellis died June 21, 1980.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and worked as a teachers aide in St. Johns Public Schools.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Linda Schneider of Middleton and Miss Sherry Jolls of Detroit; a son, Nate Ellis of rural St. Johns; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Kohlmeier of Dunedin, Fla., and Mrs. Ella Krauss of Fowler; two brothers, Walter Baxter of Middleton and DeWayne Baxter of Jackson; and her mother, Mrs. Mary Baxter of St. Johns. Two brothers, Michael and Jack Baxter, preceded her in death.

Services led by Rev. James Longhurst were held Monday, Feb. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Abbot Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home in Maple Rapids. Burial followed in So-wle Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Frank Kus

Frank Kus, 66, of Omer died Wednesday, Jan. 20 at McLaren General Hospital in Flint.

Born in Greenbush Township June 17, 1915, Mr. Kus moved to the AuGres area in 1946. He was a member of the Omer Lodge F&AM 377, a charter member of the AuGres Lions Club, and served as a township supervisor for seven years and on the Arenac County Road Commission. He was also an active member of the Arenac County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Kus is survived by his wife, Doris; two sons, Richard and Gary; two grandchildren, Cheryl and Janet; one sister, Mrs. Annie J. Kushion of Tawas City; and two brothers, Charles and Otto, both of St. Johns.

Wilmot H. Ridsdale

Wilmot H. Ridsdale, 83, of 5502 E. Walker Rd., Ovid, died Thursday, Jan. 28 at Lansing General Hospital.

Born Oct. 27, 1898 to George and Emma (Lusby) Ridsdale in Michigan, Mr. Ridsdale lived at his Walker Road residence since 1948. He was married to Ruth Ladd Dec. 24, 1917, and was an employee of Oldsmobile. He began farming in 1948.

Mr. Ridsdale is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Holstein of DeWitt; a son, Harold Ridsdale of Howell; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Services led by Rev. Bruce Kintigh were held at Houghton Chapel-Osgood Funeral Home Monday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. Burial followed in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Robert E. Fedewa

Robert E. Fedewa Sr., 78, of 9052 DeWitt Rd., DeWitt, died at his home in Florida Saturday, Jan. 30.

Born Feb. 28, 1903 in Clinton County's Riley Township to Mathias and Margaret (Trierweiler) Fedewa, Mr. Fedewa married Theresa Sohn and lived most of his life in the DeWitt area. He moved to Florida four years ago.

A retired dairy farmer, Mr. Fedewa was a member of the Community of St. Judes Catholic Church and the Holy Cross Parish in Palmetto, Fla.; the Clinton County Farm Bureau; Palmetto Bay, Fla. Community Association; and was an honorary member of the Community of St. Judes Knights of Columbus and Usher Club.

Mr. Fedewa is survived by his wife, Theresa; seven sons, William A. of DeWitt; Donald J. of East Lansing, Richard P. of Lansing, Stanley A. of DeWitt, Robert E. Jr. of Westphalia, Thomas C. of Oregon and Bernard E. of

East Lansing; 29 grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Grost of Lansing, Miss Katherine Fedewa of Lansing and Miss Rose Jegla of Grand Ledge. Three grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services were led by Fr. David Stotenbur Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Community of St. Judes Catholic Church. A bible scripture service was recited at 7 p.m. the previous evening.

Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery in Lansing. Arrangements were made by DeWitt Area Chapel.

Births

OSBORNE: A daughter, Jill Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Osborne of Matherton, Jan. 12, 1982 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Osborne of Matherton. The mother is the former Theresa Schneider.

HOLCOMB: A daughter, Megan Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor (Pete) Holcomb of St. Johns Jan. 16, 1982 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Motz. The mother is the former Marcia Motz.

WELCH: A daughter, Jenifer Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Welch of St. Johns Jan. 15, 1982 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Ovid, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cutler of Ovid and Mr. Bud Welch of St. Johns. The mother is the former Ronda Jones.

MAXA: A daughter, Amanda Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxa of St. Johns Jan. 12, 1982 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Lena Fabus and Mrs. Martha Maxa, both of Ashley. The mother is the former Karen Fabus.

HAVILAND: A daughter, Kathryn Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David

Haviland of DeWitt Jan. 12, 1982 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Haviland and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lipps. The mother is the former Peggy Lipps.

POTTER: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Potter of Perry, a daughter, Salita Marie, Jan. 25 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

SUCHEK: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Suchek of St. Johns, a daughter, Amy Lynn, Jan. 22 at Sparrow Hospital.

CHUNKO: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Chunko of Eaton Rapids, a daughter, Kimberlee Irene, Jan. 20 at Sparrow Hospital.

PCA

promotes trio

William Henquinet, president of production Credit Association of Lansing, has announced the promotions of three employees of the firm's St. Johns branch.

Larry Ackerson, branch manager, was promoted to vice-president of branch operations; Bernard Thelen, assistant branch manager, was promoted to branch manager; and Lonnie Young was named loan officer, Henquinet said.

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STATEWIDE TROUT AND SALMON REGULATIONS
 The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on December 4, 1981, under the authority of Act 165, P.A. 1929, as amended, and Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that for the period beginning April 1, 1982, and ending March 31, 1984, no person shall take, or attempt to take, any species of trout or salmon from any of the waters of this state except by hook and line during the open season prescribed, and within the minimum size limits and maximum possession limits indicated below.
 Statewide open seasons on all streams and designated trout lakes shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30 (longer on waters designated by the Director for extended fishing under Act 165) on all trout and salmon. Statewide open seasons on all other inland lakes and the Great Lakes shall be any time for all trout and salmon. Size limits shall be 8 inches on Lower Peninsula streams, 7 inches on Upper Peninsula streams, and 10 inches on lakes. The daily limit for trout and salmon shall be 5 fish singly or in combination but no more than 3 lake trout or splake, except that an additional 5 brook or brown trout may be taken from streams from the last Saturday in April through September 30 only and no more than 2 lake trout or splake may be taken from Lake Michigan or its tributary streams.

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Paul Hallead of St. Johns trekked 1,000 miles on his bicycle in November to visit his sister in Missouri. Along the way, he stopped at a Caterpillar factory in East Peoria, where he paused for a picture next to one of the company's latest models. Hallead plans to leave his home at 1107 W. Price Rd. again next spring for a bicycle trip to Charles City, Iowa, to visit the White Tractor Plant there.

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NOTICE
To Residents of Maple Rapids
Last day to register for the village annual election is Monday, February 8, 1982.
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224-027

NOTICE
TO RESIDENTS OF FOWLER
Monday, February 8, 1982, is the last day to register for the March Village election. You may register at the Village Office on Fridays, or at my home any other time.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made on the 1st day of May, 1979, between DAVID R. LA-VEAN and CHERYLE LAVEAN, husband and wife, Mortgagees, and CAPITOL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on May 4, 1979, in Liber 304 page 492-495, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice of principal, interest and taxes, the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$36,681.34), and an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars allowed by law, as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the monies secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday the 25th day of February, 1982, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the north entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, Michigan, is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in the said Mortgage, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid due on said Mortgage, with Eleven (11%) percent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee, which said premises are described as follows in said Mortgage:
THE W 60 FT OF THE N 150 FT OF OUTLOT D, BETWEEN CASS AND MCCONNELL ST., CITY OF ST. JOHNS, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT IN THE FRAME ON THE WALL IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the right of redemption from said sale shall expire six (6) months from the date of said Mortgage sale.

Dated: January 15, 1982
CAPITOL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION
STEVEN G. HOSLER
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LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. in the Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan 48879.
The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following amendments to OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.
AC-34-81 Eagle Township - Larry Miller Rezoning
Rezoning from A-1, Agricultural Production to B-2, General Business the following legally described parcel of property which generally lies on the east side of M-100 between Grand River Avenue and north of the Clinton-Eaton line.
Com. 1045' N. of SW cor. of Sec. 36, T5N-R4W, th. N. 485', E. 410', S. 485', W. 410' to beg. exc. N. 240' thereof. (Parcel No. 1) 2.3 acres m/l (245 x 410) Tax Parcel No. 070-036-300-020-02.
The petition for rezoning 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 48879 between 8:00 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1:00 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
224-014

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. in the Department of Development Control located at 1003 South Oakland Street, St. Johns, Michigan.
The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following case:
AB-1-82 Classification of Use
An application for a classification of use has been filed by the Clinton County Department of Development Control pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.4.4 of OR-1-78, the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance as amended. The department is requesting the Board to determine if herbicide/insecticide and fertilizer sales, storage and application is a use which could be permitted upon issuance of a special use permit in an agricultural zone district. The Board will determine if said use conforms to a comparable permitted or prohibited use in accordance with the purpose and intent of the A-1, Agricultural zone district.
The application for appeal and 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 Noon and 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
224-032

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CLINTON COUNTY

CLAIMS NOTICE

Estate of ERNA HARRIETT SPERRY, Deceased, File No. 20458; Date of Death, 8-8-81; Social Security No. 384-40-6643

TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of Erna Harriett Sperry, Deceased, whose last known address was 304 E. Cass St., St. Johns, MI, are notified that all claims against the decedent's estate are barred against the estate, the independent personal representative, and the heirs and devisees of the decedent, unless within four months after the date of publication of this notice or four months after the claim is presented to the following independent personal representative at the following address:

Russell Thornton
Independent Personal Representative
4791 S. U.S. 27
St. Johns, MI 48879

Arlyn J. Bossenbrook P-11032
Attorney for Estate
423 W. Ionia Street
Lansing, MI 48933
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made the 6th day of December, 1976, by Rose Ann Pitchford and Nathan A. Pitchford, wife and husband; as mortgagors, to the United States of America, as mortgagee, and recorded on December 6, 1976, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, in Liber 288 of mortgages on pages 902-905; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three and 54/100 Dollars (\$28,383.54) principal and Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and 06/100 Dollars (\$3,380.06) interest; no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgages, and the power of sale contained in said mortgages having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that on March 3, 1982, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the North Entrance of the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgages, together with the legal costs and charges of sale provided by law and in said mortgages, the lands and premises in said mortgages mentioned and described, as follows, to-wit:

That property located in Clinton County, in the State of Michigan. Part of the East half of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 26, T6N, R1W, described as: Commencing at the center of Grand River Road at a point 46 rods West of intersection of East line of Section 26 with centerline of Grand River Road, thence South to the North bank of Looking Glass River, thence East 10 rods along said river thence North to the center of Grand River Road, thence West along centerline to the point of beginning, all being in Section 26, T6N, R1W, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan; subject to easements and restrictions of records and subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deemed for street, road or highway purposes.

The redemption period will be six months from the time of such sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus 8% interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale.
Dated: January 20, 1982

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Regional Attorney
United States Department of Agriculture
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Ag. practices outmoded, expert says

Though American agriculture produces abundant food, its present practices are becoming outmoded.

"We no longer can pattern our agricultural research and technology programs after the conventional or those of the past," says Sylvan Wittwer, director of the Michigan State University Agricultural Experiment Station.

The challenge, he says, is to develop a more diversified, resource-conserving, high-level food production system to fit a world in which cheap fossil fuels, water and land are rapidly becoming scarce.

In spite of these scarcities, Wittwer says worldwide agriculture must grow at the rate of 4 percent per year to keep up with population growth. Adequately feeding six billion people by the year 2000 is not going to be a matter of just cranking up the tractor and plowing up more land.

"The new technologies for the future for most of the developing world are those which will result in more dependable production, give higher yields, are labor-intensive rather than capital-intensive, spare resources and are nonpolluting," Wittwer says.

What he foresees ranges from Star Wars technology to age-old crop mulching practices. There must also be breakthroughs in plant cell manipulation that will produce entirely new plants which produce their own weed killers and manufacture their own nitrogen fertilizer.

Similar developments must be accelerated in animal agriculture, which will not only make animals more prolific but also immune to disease, he says.

Wittwer predicts that the world will become more, rather than less, dependent on animal agriculture.

"Three-fourths of the protein, one-third of the energy, and most of the calcium and phosphorus in the U.S. diet come from animal products," he points out. And as incomes in other countries rise, people will demand more food for improved diets, including a marked increase in animal protein, he predicts. Wittwer adds that food animals are also mobile and constitute a food reserve that is larger and better distributed than grain reserves.

"They can be made noncompetitive with man by utilizing for feed forage crops and by-products of no value to the human diet," he points out.

Resource conservation must be enhanced with changes in production practices. These range from increased use of improved irrigation technology to no-till systems.

"Improvements in current conservation tillage will have a tremendous effect on world food production. The opportunity here is the identification of mulches and

plant residues with an allelopathic (herbicidal) effect to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of chemical herbicides," Wittwer says. He believes that the combination of the two practices will bring millions of acres of land into production that cannot now be used for agricultural purposes.

Irrigation is expected to become increasingly prominent in agriculture, but future methods of application must eliminate current exploitive practices.

"Agricultural production, mostly for irrigation, consumes 80 to 85 percent of the total diverted freshwater resources in the United States," Wittwer relates. "A similar percentage for use in irrigation holds for India, Pakistan, the USSR and the People's Republic of China."

Wittwer says the prudent route to follow is increased use of drip or trickle irrigation.

"The issue is not whether to irrigate but choosing the right system, financing and scheduling to minimize costs and maximize yields."

This approach, sometimes referred to as the "Blue Revolution," may cut water use for high-value crops by 50 percent. "There is no leaching, evaporation, runoff or drainage water pollution," he points out.

Weed control and fertilizer distribution are facilitated. And fertilizer efficiency uptake can be doubled," he adds.

The magnitude of the challenge to world agriculture is close at hand, yet Wittwer, unlike many of his counterparts in the United States and other countries, is not pessimistic.

What he calls "pockets of successful production" scattered throughout the world belie doomsday. Some of these include the Masagana 99 project in the Philippines, where rice yields were increased 36 percent; Turkey wheat production, which rose from 7 to 17 million tons during 1961-77; and the doubling of hybrid cotton yields in India.

"There is no limit to what the human mind can do," he says. "I'm sure we can overcome the challenges ahead. But the technology must be greatly accelerated. Records of production for many food commodities of 20 years ago are averages for today. Record yields should not be regarded as abnormal."

"The U.S. agricultural community will have to cooperate with its neighbors around the world," Wittwer says. "There is much we can learn from each other, and we must all be encouraged and challenged to test the limits of available technology so that we can be free of the constraints we perceive today."

Proper feeding important, agent says

By ROBERTA WEBER
Extension Ag Agent

Properly feeding dairy cattle is one of the most important jobs of a dairyman. By proper nutritional management, dairymen can spend feed dollars wisely for higher production, lower feed costs and better herd health. This winter, a series of five classes in practical dairy nutrition will be held in Clinton County.

The classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 and March 10 at Smith Hall in St. Johns, with March 17 for a snow day. The cost of the program is \$38 and includes five hot lunches and a notebook of material. Registration is limited to the first 50 people, so sign up soon. Send check, your

name and address, county and phone number to Joe Shaltry, Regional Extension Dairy Agent, 125 W. Main, Box 586, Midland, Mich., 48640.

Dr. Bill Thomas of Michigan State University

will be the teacher. He is a nationally known expert on dairy cattle nutrition and is an excellent teacher of practical knowledge. Topics to be covered are: feeds and nutrition, rumen function, replacement

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Cross country skiers and hunters don't mix

The Rose Lake Wildlife Research Center in Bath Township in Clinton County is becoming so popular to cross-country ski enthusiasts that a potentially dangerous situation is being created, forcing serious consideration for a temporary ban of the sport at the center, according to wildlife biologists who work there.

The 3,500-acre center may be closed to cross-country skiing in December this year because of the hazards posed when hunters and their dogs are in the same area as the skiers.

"Actually, skiers are guests out here. Rose Lake operates on behalf of Michigan hunters who fund it through special taxes," said Rob Aho, a research biologist at Rose Lake.

Parking congestion, noise and hunter-skier conflicts are becoming nuisances because of the ideal cross-country skiing conditions, according to Aho and other workers at Rose Lake.

"I live kitty-corner from the center, and on the weekends, hundreds of people park and go skiing. When we have big storm, like we had last weekend, the roads get clogged, and emergency vehicles — police, fire and ambulances — can't get through," said Bob Ankney, senior wildlife technician.

"No accidents have been reported, but the potential is there, especially when the hunter has dogs. If a skier comes into the area with a hunter, the hunting is made impossible," Ankney said.

Rose Lake, located about a 10-minute drive from Bath is primarily designed for wildlife research and hunting. Dr. Glenn Belyea, biologist-in-charge at the center, said cross-country skiers should make better use of areas maintained especially for their sport.

Aho said, "Ski shops and friends get in a rut when telling people where it's good to ski. So, people tend to go to one main place.

Sleepy Hollow State Park, located about eight miles north of Rose Lake, has plenty of terrain and ski trails similar to Rose Lake's.

David Sinclair, Sleepy Hollow park manager, said, "Skiing here doesn't seem to have caught on yet. Of

course, this winter hasn't helped much.

Other scenic and challenging areas for cross-country skiers are:

LEGG PARK, a new and largely unheard of township park located off South VanAtta Road in Okemos. Set back a quarter of a mile into the woods and on the Red Cedar River, it has a pavilion, footbridge and a river overlook, plus an extensive trail network linked to an informal trail system.

ALBERT A. WHITE PICNIC AREA, LAKE LANSING PARK NORTH, located north of and across the road from the lake on Lake Drive in Haslett, west and south of Rose Lake. The park has been recently expanded, and a trail system over five miles long has been added.

DANSVILLE STATE GAME AREA, is an expansive wilderness located about 30 miles southeast in Ingham County near Dansville. This public area has few trails and no marked trails, making it suitable for "bushwackers," explorers and creative picnickers, but it, too, is open for hunting.

GRAND RIVER PARK, is not remote and is well equipped and has plenty of acreage. It is located near Holt. With a skating rink, toboggans free to use and 700 feet of dual toboggan runs, a warming hut and almost 15 miles of marked, groomed trails along Grand River, it is a popular, but roomy, playground.

Mail rules changed

According to Carl J. Martin, officer in charge at the St. Johns Post Office, "Express Mail can now be forwarded and there is no extra charge to the mailer."

In the past, Express Mail, which was undeliverable as addressed, could be forwarded locally but could not be forwarded to another post office. In most cases this would preclude Express Mail from being sent from one city or town to the next, Martin said.

If it was unclaimed or could not be delivered as addressed, Express Mail was returned to the sender at no additional charge.

Martin also said that while refunds of Express Mail postage will be made if the postal service does not meet the service guarantees for delivery to the original address, postage will not be refunded if forwarding or return service is provided.

Express Mail is available at the St. Johns Post Office. According to postal officials, it is a fast, reliable service for individual and business customers who need overnight delivery of letters and packages, and has a money-back guarantee if the service standards for delivery are not met.

In addition to free forwarding, Express Mail users also can now purchase address correction service. The fee for this service is 25 cents for each address correction or notification of reason for nondelivery, provided the correct address is known to the postal service, Martin noted.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on the 31st day of July, 1973, between Ronnie B. DeWaters and Judith A. DeWaters, husband and wife, Mortgagors, and CAPITOL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on August 2, 1973, in Liber 272, Page 512, said Mortgagors' interest having been subsequently assumed by RONALD L. REYNOLDS and JULIANN REYNOLDS, husband and wife, by way of Warranty Deed dated September 13, 1975, and recorded in Liber 355, Page 720, Clinton County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal, interest and taxes, the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN AND 13/100 (\$30,807.13) DOLLARS and an attorney fee of SEVENTY-FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS allowed by law, as provided in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the monies secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 12th day of March, 1982, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the North entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being one of the places where the Circuit court for the County of Clinton is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in the said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid due on said Mortgage, with Eight and Three-quarters (8 3/4%) percent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee, which said premises are described as follows in said Mortgage:

Lot 62, Idyl-Crest Estates No. 3, a subdivision of a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record.

The length of the redemption period as provided by law is Six (6) months from the time of sale.

Dated: February 4, 1982

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