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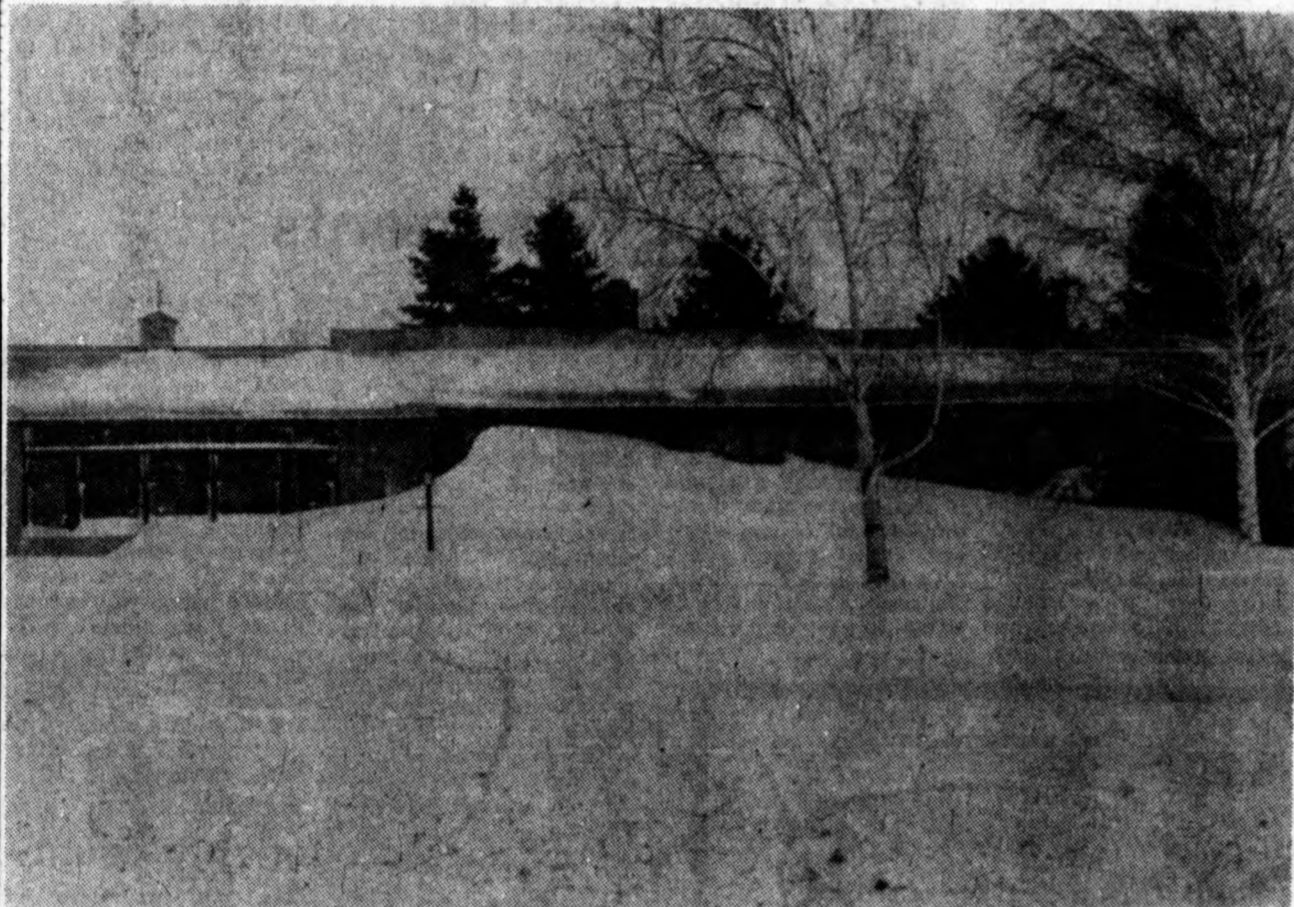
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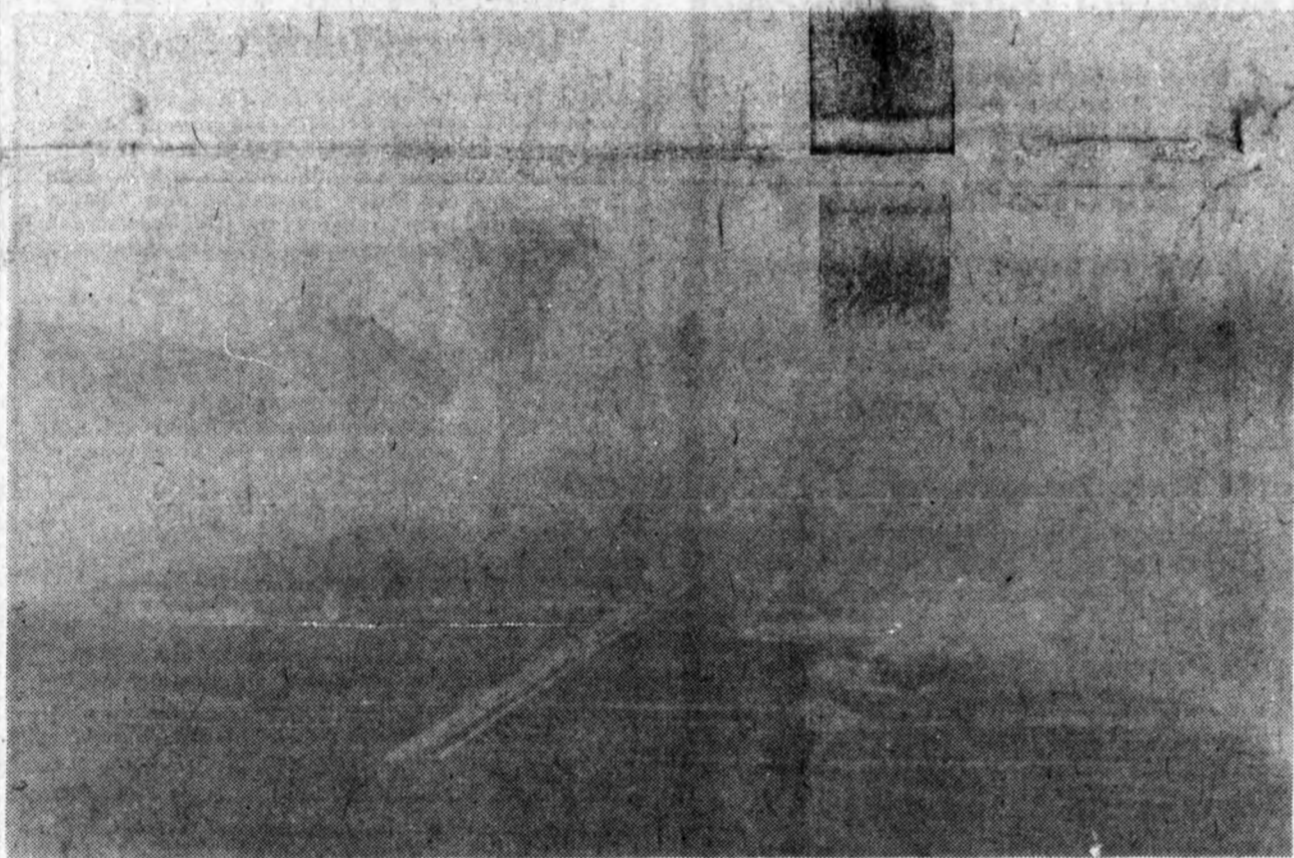
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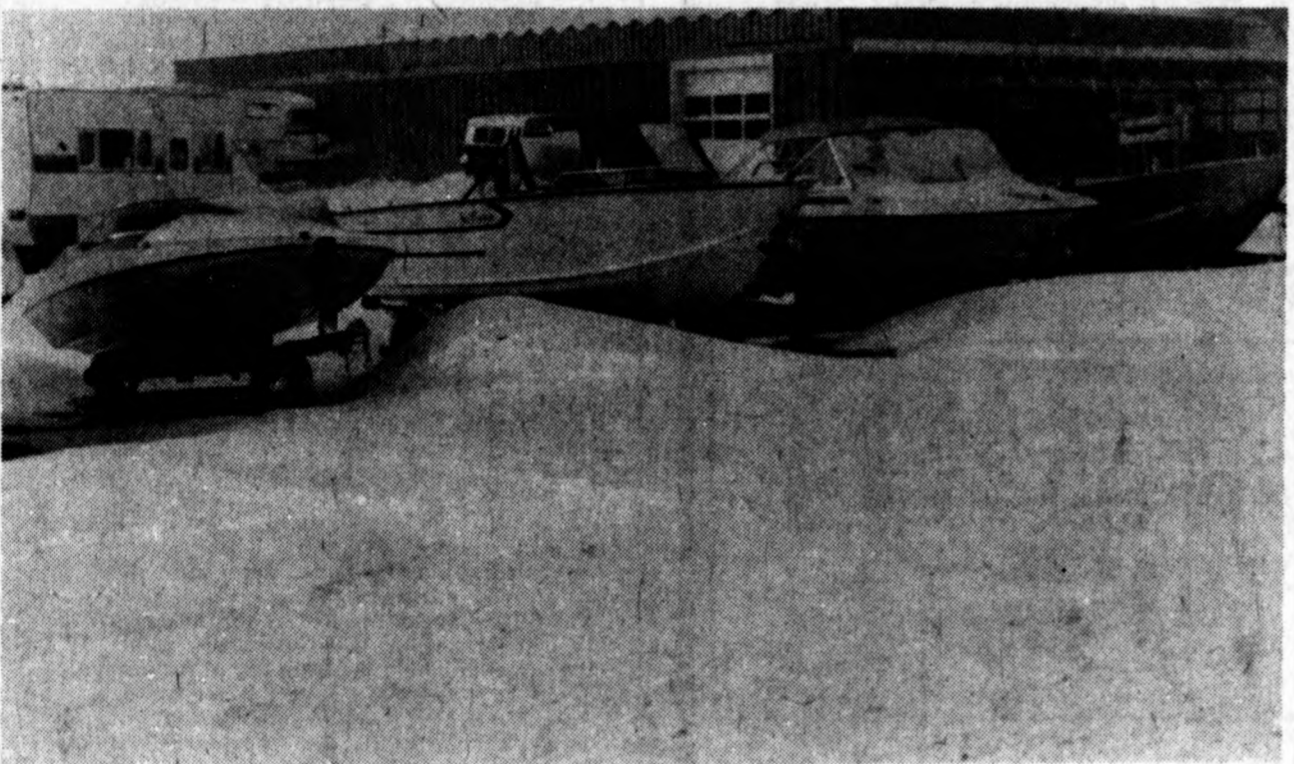
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**US-27 home hibernates
in roof-high drift**



**Here's the view facing
Clinton County drivers**



**A reminder that it will
all be over some day**

Snow and wind whip county to standstill

By Jim Edwards
and Sue Kiley

About the only encouraging thought to Clinton County residents brought to an almost stand still by five days of blizzard conditions would be, "the worst is over now."

Temperatures are supposed to reach the low 30's but snow may hang around for a while.

For the first time in almost a week, Clinton County residents awoke to calm skies Tuesday morning.

Although the wind calmed Tuesday, the National Weather Service predicts continuing snow through Friday.

Meanwhile the Clinton County Road Commission continues their attack on county roads.

Ironically, the heavy winds helped the Road Commission keep the east and west roads clear.

North and south roads, however, were the recipients of that snow blown from the east-west roads and, as of Tuesday, many county residents were still snow-bound in their rural homes.

Road Commission crews have been hampered by the poor visibility and many trucks were called to different locations for emergency calls.

J. Hebner, Road Commission superintendent, said crews were sent out to clear the way for emergency fuel oil deliveries and to enable dairy farmers to have milk transported before becoming too old to market.

Even the cleared roads became a problem, according to Hebner, because motorists unable to use clogged roads caused heavy traffic on roads that were open but hazardous with periodic zero visibility.

The zero visibility also caused problems for road clearing crews who had to be on the constant lookout for vehicles hidden by the blowing, swirling snow.

Hebner has asked residents on north-south roads to use the roads as little as possible while the wind

has calmed to allow crews clear access to get the snow removed.

If the winds begin again, Hebner suggested that residents of north-south roads consider alternative methods of leaving and reaching home. Many fields are frozen and free of heavy snow (it's all in the road) and can be used for vehicle travel.

Motorists are asked to use caution on those roads that are clear because slippery conditions do exist.

Hebner said that salting has been concentrated on intersections and railroad crossings using small vehicles to free others for snow clearing operations.

The Road Commission is using salt as "sparingly as possible" said Hebner, who added that he has heard salt is getting scarce in other areas. He added, however, "Whenever we've ordered salt, we've gotten it."

During the blizzard, the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. was kept busy with automobile accidents, almost all results of bad visibility or slippery roads.

One accident investigated by the department involved 20 vehicles which piled up Friday afternoon on M-100 near Grand River Ave.

During the storm, deputies were busy answering reports of two, three, four and six-vehicle accidents. They also aided many stranded motorists whose vehicles were in the ditch or stalled along the highway.

In St. Johns, a St. Johns man lost his life when the car he was driving collided with a tractor-trailer truck US 27 just south of St. Johns. See related story.

A hit and run accident was reported to the DeWitt Township Police Saturday. Gregory W. Larue, Midland, and Richard Summers, Kawkawlin, were injured when their car was struck from the rear by an unidentified vehicle.

A head-on collision Sunday on Turner St. in DeWitt Twp. sent three persons to the hospital with injuries.

Cars driven by Bonnie Nichols, State Rd., and Aldon Bellon, Turner St., collided head-on at 1:30 p.m. Nichols, Bellon and a passenger, Lola Bellon were all taken to the hospital for treatment.

Bath Township and DeWitt City Police reported few accidents and none resulting in injuries.

Auto accident claims life of St. Johns man

ST. JOHNS -- A Monday morning accident south of St. Johns took the life of a St. Johns man and sent two others to the hospital.

Frank John Karek, 60, 7544 N. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns, was killed when the vehicle he was driving collided with a tractor-trailer truck.

According to the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept., the Karek vehicle

was southbound on US 27 just south of St. Johns, crossed the median and was struck by the northbound truck, driven by Roger L. Richards of Cadillac.

Karek's wife, Stella, 49, is listed in satisfactory condition at Sparrow Hospital.

Richards was treated and released.

Sen. Richard Allen will discuss business tax at Chamber breakfast

State Senator Richard Allen will be the featured speaker next Wednesday morning when members of the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce gather for a breakfast meeting beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Someplace Else.

The Feb. 9 event is the regular meeting date for Chamber members and because of Allen's attendance the session is open to all area residents. Persons interested in attending the breakfast should make reservations through the Chamber office, 224-7248, by close of business Feb. 8.

According to Sen. Allen, he will devote most of his comments to the Michigan Single Business Tax, which is subject to some proposed changes by Gov. William Milliken.

Allen, who has served as State Senator since 1975, also served as State Representative for Clinton County from 1968 to 1972. He has served on a number of senate committees and has participated in extensive studies relating to PBB problems, Michigan Beef commission legislation, holder in due course legislation and other consumer oriented issues.



State Senator
Richard Allen

He is a life-long resident of Gratiot county, residing on the farm where five generations of Allens have lived.

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'Right to Read' attacks problem of illiteracy

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Over 21 million Americans over 16 years old are illiterate. Researchers in the area of reading define illiterate as not being able to read magazines or newspapers, which for the most part are

on a fourth grade reading level.

A federally funded program, called "Right to Read" has been set up in the country to help stamp out this illiteracy. The program trains people representing school districts to help improve their reading system.

Coordinating reading efforts for the St. Johns school district is Jane Knight. During the next couple months Mrs. Knight will be making a three-year reading plan for the district, from the preschool to adult level.

Mrs. Knight will be meeting with teachers, parents, and administrators to decide what the county's needs are.

"The Right to Read program will make reading a priority in our schools," she said.

This is the fourth year Michigan has been involved with the program, but it is the first time for the St. Johns district. Mrs. Knight is among 30 persons from the district in this year's training program.

Mrs. Knight commented that Dr. Donald Burns, superintendent of schools, wanted St. Johns to become involved with the reading program and for the area to be represented.

Training sessions are held in various parts of the state.

"Our district will definitely benefit," Mrs. Knight said. "These training sessions give us ideas so we

can better help the staff." Mrs. Knight explained the present reading system for the elementary schools.

"We have always been real strong in the basic skills for the elementary schools," she said. "But there is always room for improvement," she added. Each child is placed in a reading group according to his or her ability. Most teachers have three levels, fast readers, average readers and slow readers. Those who have more reading difficulties are put in a Title I or remedial reading class.

Mrs. Knight noted that schools must find more time to teach reading to the children, and to start a program for the junior high school students.

She stressed the importance that pre-school time plays in a child's success in school.

"Children need all kinds of experiences and those having the richer backgrounds usually have an easier time in school," she said.

"You have to help them develop a love for reading," Mrs. Knight continued. "And it is an individual type thing."

The reading teacher suggests that parents read to their children every day, and children have their own books.

"It is important for them to see their parents reading, and there is an atmosphere for reading in the home," Mrs. Knight said.

The co-ordinator of the program says they already know where some of the needs are in the school system. Some of them are to upgrade the elementary library and get more reading on the junior high level.

Mrs. Knight also said teachers in other areas

feel there is a need to help their students with reading skills. "You have to know how to read to do well in other subjects," she added.

Mrs. Knight hopes to have a plan done for the district at the end of the year. The changes won't take place right away, be-

cause it takes time to grow into them, over the years, she explained.

The main questions Mrs. Knight will be working with during the next few months is, "What can we do within our district to improve reading?"

Accidents keep St. Johns police busy

Activity with the St. Johns police department during the past week was mainly confined to handling 11 accidents, two of those resulting in injuries.

A car driven by Robert Rand, 204 Oak St., St. Johns, was travelling southbound on Oakland when he struck a car driven by Barry Flowers, R 2, St. Johns.

Flowers and three passengers received injuries and were taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital. At least one person was later transferred to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

The accident occurred on Jan. 29 at 3:35 p.m.

Douglas Huntley, 601 E. Walker St., St. Johns, and passengers were injured Jan. 27 at 11 p.m. when

the car struck a parked vehicle in the 700 block of Oakland St. Huntley and passengers were taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries and later released.

St. Johns officers received a complaint from Randolph's Car Wash that sometime during the past two weeks persons tore off five hoses and swivel brackets from the outside

car wash. Damage is estimated at \$200.

Approximately \$100 of change was taken from coin operated washers and dryers at the Camelot apartment buildings on Scott Rd., St. Johns.

County governments join in conference

Seven Clinton County Commissioners recently took part in an inter-county seminar designed to explore the basic functions of each county's government.

Commissioners Roger Overway, Walter (Bud) Nobis, Robert VanDriessen,

Richard Hawks, David Whitlock, Duane Chamberlain, and Glenn Webster, attended the day-long session with commissioners from Eaton and Ingham counties.

Ingham County's new chairperson, Debbie Stabenow, initiated the session, mainly to help orientate new commissioners to the duties and responsibilities of their jobs.

Things commissioners can and can't do, the new open meeting law, and the

administrative structure of each county were discussed by the 23 commissioners attending.

Resource people from Michigan State University, were at the meeting to talk about the educational aspect dealing with county government powers, jurisdiction, authority and structure.

Clinton County is expected to hold a similar type conference in the future with Ingham and Eaton counties.

Air Force recruiter visits county

Air Force Sergeant Bob Grunch announced he will visit St. Johns Courthouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., every Monday to interview young

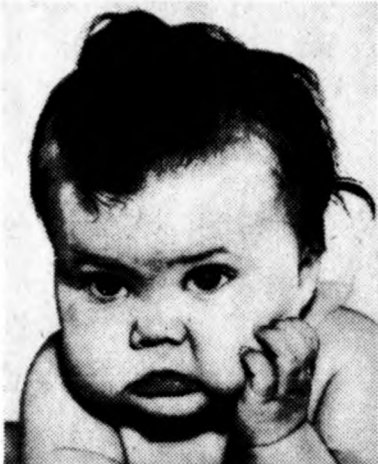
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Notice of Adoption of Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Act 62 of the Public Acts of 1956, State of Michigan, amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages were adopted by reference by the City Commission of the City of St. Johns on the 24th day of January, A.D., 1977.

The purpose of such Code is to regulate the operation of vehicles, to provide for the regulation and use of streets, highways and alleys and other public and semi-public places within the City of St. Johns and to provide penalties for the violation of said Code.

Complete copies of the Uniform Traffic Code are available at the Office of the City Clerk for inspection by and distribution to the public at all times.

No further or additional publication of the Uniform Traffic Code is required or contemplated.

F. BRUCE WOOD, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 285

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 - CITY ELECTIONS, ARTICLE 2 - VOTING PRECINCTS. THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS:

That the voting precincts, Article 2 of Chapter 2 - City Elections of the St. Johns City Code, shall be amended to change the polling place of Precinct 2 from the City of St. Johns DPW Building to the Nazarene Church.

Section 1. That Section 1.40 Polling Places, shall be amended to read as follows:
1.40. Polling Places. The Polling Places for each of the precincts, set forth above, shall be as follows:
(1) Precinct 1 - Swegles Street School.
(2) Precinct 2 - Nazarene Church.
(3) Precinct 3 - Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School.
(4) Precinct 4 - Municipal Building, City of St. Johns.
(5) Precinct 5 - Episcopal Church Parish School.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its passage.
Passed, ordained and ordered published by the City Commission of the City of St. Johns at a regular meeting held the 24th day of January, A.D., 1977.
Adoption of the above ordinance was moved by Commissioner Wilcox and supported by Commissioner Arehart.
Yeas: Commissioners Wilcox, Arehart, Roesner and Ebert.
Nays: Commissioners None.
THE ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Roy J. Ebert, Mayor
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Consumers Power plans rate increase request

Citing the need to earn sufficient revenues to meet the future energy needs of Michigan, the board chairman of Consumers Power Company told area business and labor leaders that the utility will submit a request to the Michigan Public Service Commission for increased electric rates.

A. H. Aymond, the chief executive officer of Consumers Power, said the company will ask the Commission "to provide the means" to meet our customers' needs today and in the future. He said the utility needs higher rates "to allow us the earnings we need to attract on reasonable terms the investment we need to supply increasing energy demand."

Aymond said the company will apply for a rate increase totalling \$164 million. Of this, \$43.7 million will be requested as interim relief principally to recover increased operating costs since 1975, the year upon which present rates are based.

A substantial portion of the amount the utility will request as permanent rate relief, some \$79.4 million, involved proposed accounting changes which would not increase earnings but would allow the company to recover costs of serving customers which are currently not covered by the present rate structure.

Of the \$79.4 million, he said \$42.8 million is for proper allocation of income tax benefits related to the company's construction program, \$27.9 million involves a proposal to include the taxes, depreciation and return on investment related to pollution control facilities in the cost of service as such costs are incurred and \$8.6 million for increased depreciation rates related to the shorter life of new pollution control equipment installed on previously constructed power plants.

The remaining \$40.9 million in permanent rates to be requested is based on a requested increase in the authorized rate of return on common equity plus the recovery of increased costs.

The official noted that the company is asking for a

rate increase when its year-end earnings may be at an all-time high. However, because of increasing costs, the company will require rate relief to avoid a decline in earnings during the last half of the year and to bring earnings up to a fair level. Earnings must continue to improve, he said, to permit the company to attract, at reasonable cost, the capital required

to carry on its construction program of \$540 million in 1977.

He pointed out that there is a strong connection between healthy utility companies and a healthy economy. "Without adequate energy supplies for the future, industry cannot expand, new jobs cannot be created. But without realistic (utility) rates today, there can be no adequate provision for future needs."

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The skyrocketing cost of fuel which began with the OPEC oil embargo was cited as the main culprit in causing higher utility bills. "Rising fuel costs, over which a utility has little or no control and on which it makes no profit when those costs are passed through to customers are a major problem," he said.



More and more physical education classes at St. Johns High School and around the state are going co-ed to satisfy Title 9 requirements. Learning how to roller skate was no exception, for these 9th grade boys and girls in Wayne Morrison's classes. For two weeks over 400 students have been learning the proper way to skate at Ranch Roller Rink, with assistance from owner, Bill Karber and Sue La Bruett. When the class started three years ago it was for one week, but has since grown to a two week course. Students are not only taught the proper roller skating techniques, but it is also a form of recreation.

Three from county participate in art project

Three elementary school children in the Clinton County area are participating in the third annual nationwide Christmas Seal art project sponsored by the Michigan Lung Association, the Michigan Art Education Association and the American Lung Association.

Rex Thelen and Jay Croft, all 7-years-old and students at Waldron Elementary School in Fowler. Children's Art Project III marks the third time since Christmas Seals were first used in 1907 that the original artwork for the Seals will be created by children. The first Children's Art Project was launched in

1973 to design the 1975 Christmas Seals. The 1977 sheet of Christmas Seals will bear the winning designs of last year's Christmas Seal Art Project II winners.


Fifty-four different designs, each featuring a kindergarten through third grader's interpretations of

"the holidays at my house" will appear on the 1978 Christmas Seals as a result of this year's project. One design from a student in each state and territory will be selected for the Christmas Seals.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Christmas Seals featuring the familiar double-barred cross. Each year the Seals are sent to millions of American homes to help raise funds to continue the work of lung associations in fighting all lung diseases and air pollution, as well as financing medical education and research.

Artwork was submitted to the Michigan Lung Association in late December from school districts around the state. From these paintings, six will be selected to represent Michigan in the national selection process.

The Michigan Lung Association and American Lung Association will present an award to the Michigan child whose design is chosen for use on the 1978 Seals.



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Devotes life to helping others

Editorial

The slow fund search

Word has come from Washington D.C. that St. Johns is one step closer to receiving final funding approval for extensive sanitary sewer renovation.

Grant approvals are announced every day and seldom attract much attention from the general public.

What attention the federal grants do attract many times amounts to a grumble of "it's about time our local yokels got in on some of that federal money action."

What escapes attention often is the amount of time involved in getting the dollars from Washington D.C. to Hometown U.S.A.

In the case of the St. Johns grant, the paperwork began in 1969 and has been a continuous project.

Simple speaking, that paperwork was to apply for approval to apply for approval to apply for a grant.

It was a three-step process. You first apply to see if you qualify to apply.

If it is determined you have a problem, you apply for money to fund a study.

If Washington D.C. (Environmental Protection Agency) likes your study, then you can apply for money to draw up the plans. The third step is funding for the actual construction.

Time involved? From 1969 until 1977 and we're not to the third step yet, despite the efforts of local officials.

It was, by the way, a government order in 1969 that demanded St. Johns officials move as soon as possible on a sewer project.



Edna Eldred

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

For almost three years Edna Eldred got up every morning, went to the city park to put up the American flag and went back each evening to take it down. Some would say, big deal, but it really is.

Edna was told by doctors a few years ago she would never walk again because of arthritis. She not only told them they were wrong, but proved it.

"The minute you let up, you backslide," Mrs. Eldred said. "I'll never give up, I just won't."

Mrs. Eldred has been very active for the past 20 years with the Blue Star Mothers. This organization is for mothers who have had a son or daughter in service. Edna has two sons, Robert Smith, and Charles Eldred, who were in the service.

Through her work with the Blue Star Mothers she became active in other things too. She calls bingo for patients at the Veteran's Hospital in Grand Rapids, makes lap robes, and slippers for patients, as well as bibs.

Though her health is poor she still likes to keep active. When she went to the St. Johns City Commission to obtain permission to put the flag up she said they thought it was a good idea, but wondered how it could be done every day.

"I told them," she said, "if they gave me permission to put the flag up I'd do it." She started putting the flag up when the snow is gone in the spring and continues to put it up until she just can't make it through the snow any longer.

She stayed in the Blue Star Mothers all these years because she thought it was a worthwhile organization. Although she doesn't actively

participate in the group anymore she says she gives a lot of advice to those who ask for her help.

The grandmother of 26 children made a historical quilt stating the background of each township in the county as a bicentennial project.

In order to make the quilt, Mrs. Eldred had to read the history of each township and then make the outline on the fabric. "I really enjoy history, and find it interesting," she said.

Mrs. Eldred has seen St. Johns grow and change in the 58 years she lived in town. At her present home on South Ottawa Street, Edna remembers buying the lot for \$10. "There were barns and open fields all around us," she said. Edna noted the area was more like the outskirts of St. Johns at that time.

"Everybody is in a hurry all the time now," she commented, "they don't seem as friendly anymore." She recalled, when she was younger, there were benches on the sidewalk when friends would congregate to visit. "You just don't do that anymore," she said, "you go downtown, get what you want, and come home."

Up until a few years ago, Mrs. Eldred said she used to go to the canteens at 6 a.m. to make sure each young man leaving for the service received a gift and a box of sweets.

"I never have any spare time," Edna announced. "I never sit idle."

Edna spends a lot of her time making things for other people. Around Christmas time she makes mittens for needy children that are placed in baskets and delivered to homes throughout the county. She also knits, crochets, makes dolls, and takes care of her plants.

To break the boredom of silence Edna keeps her C.B. radio turned on throughout the day. "I've had the C.B. for 18 years," she said. "After having it that long I listen more than I talk." She added her handle was the "Blue Daisy," because it is the Blue Star Mothers flower.

Another project Mrs. Eldred worked on diligently is the monument paying tribute to veterans which is displayed on the courthouse lawn. She even wrote the verse which is placed on the granite.

When her sons were younger Mrs. Eldred was a cub scout mother. Even now when she walks down the street several of her former scouts say, "Hi, den mom."

When Edna graduated in 1923 she always thought she would like to be a teacher. However, her mother became ill and she couldn't leave her, making it impossible for her to pursue a teaching career.

Edna Eldred took this in stride, and went on to do what she does best with her life -- helping others.

Back Through the Years

From the Clinton County News Files of 1937, 1947, 1957, & 1967

February 2, 1967
10 years ago
It started about 9:30 a.m. last Thursday with a few flakes. But it didn't take more than an hour before Clinton area folks began to doubt the weather forecast of "up to four inches of snow" that day. With a light but steady northeasterly wind whipping it, the snow continued to fall, swirling first over bare pavements and finally turning them white. The snow fell heavily all that day, and a foot or more had accumulated by the evening. Homeowners shoveled paths and driveways, getting themselves and their cars under shelter. They went to bed that night confident that the worst was over -- it had to be over. Only it wasn't.

Schools throughout the county were closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday. County roads were plugged tightly, making it impossible for school buses to get around.

Oh the irony of it all! The Clinton Theater's marquee displayed, throughout the snowstorm, the words, "Paradise Hawaiian Style." The "Paradise" film failed to arrive because of bad roads.

January 31, 1957
20 years ago
Funeral services will be held in Ovid Saturday afternoon for William Van Orsdol, 93, well known Ovid township former and resident for the past 90 years, who died Wednesday at the Ovid Nursing Home. He had suffered a broken shoulder two weeks earlier.

A 4 1/2 acre parcel of land in the city of St. Johns with 198 feet frontage on M-21 was offered to Clinton County today by Mr. and Mrs. Dorr M. Anderson of St. Johns, as a site for the new proposed \$400,000 National Guard Armory.

Justice court fines and fees for criminal and traffic cases reached a new high this past year, according to figures reported by Clinton County's four active justices of the peace. Fines assessed and returnable to the county amounted to \$43,961.28. Of this amount, \$750 is earmarked for books for the county law library and the remaining funds are distributed to schools in the county on a per capita basis for library purposes.

February 6, 1947
30 years ago
A dark grey overcoat that once belonged to the late George A. Kelly, of St. Johns, is being worn this winter by J.C. Hermann, a needy citizen of Nuremberg Germany. The Republican News received a letter of appreciation from the Nuremberg man addressed to Mr. Kelly this week. With the letter he enclosed a business card that Mr. Kelly used when he represented The Republican News as a subscription solicitor several years ago.

The number of divorces granted annually in Clinton County has doubled in the three year period from 1944 to 1947, according to figures released this week by County Clerk Paul Wakefield.

Snow-blocked roads and cold weather are holding up the final tabulation of proceeds from the March of Dimes campaign in Clinton County, according to the Rev. Ray To Caldwell, chairman of the drive. To date scattering returns account for a collection of \$1,915 but only a fraction of the schools and township chairmen in the county have brought in their reports.

February 4, 1937
40 years ago
It is a newly-formed business partnership that succeeds the Moss Auto Co., oldest automobile concern in St. Johns. Wm. M. Luecht and his son, John Luecht are now dealers for the Chrysler and Plymouth cars, and are operating the garage and sales agency, corner of Higham and Brush streets, formerly conducted by the Moss concern. The name of the new firm is W. M. Luecht and Son.

Tracked down by stolen property found in a pawn shop, one Clarence Wilson, 38, of Flint, who had hidden away enough loot to prove him guilty of a dozen robberies this week started serving 8 to 15 years as the result of a one-man crime wave that brought him to St. Johns on the night of Jan. 14 when he burglarized the Pohl Bros. garage. In addition to \$20 in cash he stole a set of tires, radio and auto-heater from the local firm, and most of his loot was recovered Wednesday of this week at Caro.

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Time will tell for Mr. Carter

By Richard L. Milliman

President Jimmy Carter is now off and running. The nation still has little idea about what kind of a president he'll wind up being, but his start was a good one.

The Carter inaugural will be remembered for the tone it seemed to set, and undoubtedly will be compared inevitably with the Andrew Jackson inaugural more than a century earlier. It's tough to compare the two, side-by-side, what with having to rely on history for one picture, and television for the other.

But the tone's the thing; and the Carter tone for the presidency so far sets all right, although I would have preferred the use of "James Earl Carter, Jr." in the oath of office, rather than "Jimmy Carter." Oh, well; that's really a relatively minor matter. It's still legal.

As to substance, it remains to be seen.

The inaugural address was fine, too. It was a bit preachy--more like a sermon than an inaugural address, in the comparison of many. It was short on specifics and long on generalities, values, and morals.

But then, Mr. Carter is a bit preachy, for that matter, and long on values and morals, too. The specifics will come in time, and the generalities will fade; that's the nature of the job.

The Carter inaugural address will not live on the tongues of school boys in oratory contests: it was not

that kind of speech. The most quotable portion was the first line when Carter paid tribute to President Ford; that line also got the most applause, in another irony.

However, there were some nice turns of phrase. For example:

"Let us create together a new national spirit of unity and trust. Your strength can compensate for my weakness, and your wisdom can help to minimize my mistakes."

I especially was heartened by this public admission that the new President does have weakness and is subject to mistake; I feared he was falling under the spell of the superlative and the advent of the absolute, which is an occupational hazard of politics, "the greatest, the first, the most, the best, always, never, perfect, etc., etc."

Mr. Carter obviously is susceptible to the spell, witness his famed promise that he will never lie to us. Never? A few days ago, he pledged wisdom in the conduct of his office. How can he pledge wisdom? The pursuit of wisdom, perhaps, but wisdom itself? But that's the subject of another essay for another time.

So Mr. Carter is off and running, and at a good pace, too. He obviously had fun at his inaugural, which is a

good sign with which to begin. He also obviously takes his job very seriously, which is another good sign. As one columnist observed about Carter, nature has endowed him with confidence, and nature was not stingy.

The substance, which must develop as Carter develops his own occupancy of the job, may follow some unusual patterns along the way.

In a recent published interview, an unnamed Carter aide described his boss' approach as one that will "give as many people as possible as little as it takes to satisfy reasonable demands." There are signs of this already.

In the same article, Hamilton Jordan, Carter's chief political advisor, describes the new president like this: "This will be a non-ideological presidency, a presidency that tries to make things work a little better."

"People in this town expect you to fit into a box, to be liberal or conservative, to be predictable. But Jimmy Carter is going to be all over the lot. He's not a man who's going to behave in traditional Democratic ways..."

"If there is any one constituent group in the country that is completely happy with us, we'll be in trouble."

Only time will tell what sort of a presidency Mr. Carter will conduct. At this early stage, he's doing all right.

A PERSONAL LOOK AT THE NEWS

Between the lines

with Jim Edwards

Come on, come on, we've got to snap out of it. We can't let a little thing like the rotten weather spoil the whole winter can we?

We rush home from work (if we made it to work in the morning), shiver and chatter into the house, curl up in the chair and hibernate.

Believe me, if we keep this kind of activity up all winter, we might not survive until spring.

Locking ourselves in the house, hiding from the cold is dangerous to the disposition, not to mention family relationships.

I don't know about your home, but life at my house, since the Blizzard of '77 hit, has been as exciting as defrosting the refrigerator.

Conversations aren't exactly stimulating.

"What do you want to do tonight?"
 "I don't care. Wanna watch television?"
 "That's what we've been doing for two weeks."
 "Then, let's do something different. You sit in the chair and I'll lie on the sofa."

After a while, I tired of participating in such challenging conversational exchanges.

It's called cabin fever and the only way to survive is to get your mind off the fact that the only times you're going to leave the house during the next month are to go to work, shovel snow and check the mail.

The best way to take your mind off the situation is to change the day-to-day living style in the home.

Wives have been using the practice for years. You just get used to that favorite chair in the corner of the room. Suddenly, home weary from work, you pick up the paper and ease into the chair.

Splat...you discover the chair has been moved and you've just sat on a three-tiered planter complete with two cactus plants.

Well, now's the time to turn the tables. It will keep your wife busy and relieve the boredom a bit.

The place to start is in the kitchen. Exchange the silverware drawer with the drawer filled with bits of string, dead flashlight batteries, never-used recipes and other assorted junk. That'll give her something to talk

about for four hours.

Put her pantyhose in the freezer. That's worth a half-day conversation.

Just before she takes a bath, sneak in and turn on the shower knob. It's a bit dangerous, but worth a few laughs.

Dye the dog purple.

Stuff a transistor radio with the volume on just a bit into her pillow and keep reassuring her, "No, dear, I don't hear any music. Why?"

Leave a letter laying around the house with just the words, "Dear Ann Landers, I never thought that I'd be writing to you, but..."

Compliment her mother.

One word of caution.

After doing all this to her, don't try to make up by sending her flowers.

A friend ended three days of such nonsense by taking roses home to his wife.

He's still picking thorns out of his nose.





Letters to the editor

Food for thought

To the editor:

At the senior citizen nutrition meeting I listened to added to many joyous greetings.

But, the glorious plan that served 40 attending winners was best expressed by the nine carry out dinners.

The long, the short, the lean, the fat The common, the humble, the higher hat, all proved they cared all proved they shared Mother Hubbard's cupboard with those who couldn't get there.

Roy French Bath

Thanks for cards

Dear Sir: I want to thank you very much for having my letter

published in the Clinton County News and I want to thank all the wonderful people for sending me get well cards, letters and birthday cards.

I received a good bit of mail and it makes me very happy. I am a 53-year-old disabled veteran of World War II I lived in St. Johns in 1955 for 11 months.

I have to go back in the hospital Jan. 31 for three or four weeks. I have a liver infection. Anyone who would want to send me a get well card, letter or anything to read to me while I am in the hospital would be very much appreciated. My friends will bring any mail into me every day as long as I have to stay in the hospital.

Thanks to all

A disabled veteran
Albert Yurosky
384 N. McDonald St.
McDonald, PA15057

30th District

Sen. Richard Allen

From the Senate

Not everybody views Jerry Miller as a wizard but he never ceases to amaze me. Like Houdini he is well into his next act while I am still shaking my head trying to figure out the last one.

Jerry has had the toughest and most unpopular assignment in State government for almost three years now. As Director of Management and Budget it has been his job during three disastrous economic years to balance the budget. Or perhaps, to be more truthful, to make it appear the budget is in balance.

To make the assignment really tough, almost impossible, Governor Milliken has insisted that it be done without the chief tool of budget balancers, new tax-

es. And also without drastic cuts in "essential services." That's a little like a magician producing rabbits out of thin air instead of from a hat. It takes a Houdini.

And Jerry is that. Tops in his field. Though just as with Houdini, illusion is part of that field. And that's probably the reason he has few strong supporters within state government or those who closely follow the process.

Our Constitution requires that the budget be balanced yearly. We are in our third year in which our outflow has outstripped our income yet we have not violated the Constitution. All made possible by the wizardry of Miller.

Some of the missing dollars have come forth in fairly classical ways, perhaps comparable to the warm up acts of the magician where even the kids in the third row have a pretty good idea what's going on because they've seen it before. In this category I would put borrowing from the trust funds, bonding for construction (though this is being questioned in the courts) and overlapping the expiration of one form of business tax with the beginning of another.

But when pushed Jerry Miller comes up with money out of thin air, appearing through a hole in the ice with a few million in his teeth after having been thrown in chained, manacled and padlocked given

up for drowned by most of the audience. In this category I would put the switch from cash to accrual accounting (counting 13 months income to 12 months outgo), the extension of the fiscal year by 3 months (picking up one month without a school aid payment) and a shift in actuarial accounting in teacher retirement.

The Governor has again announced this will be a year without general fund tax increases. An examination of the budget and current practices reveal a "Millerism" or two. Thirty million would be transferred from the highway fund to the general fund to pay State Police. This has been proposed before but so far unsuccessfully.

88th District

Rep. Stanley Powell

Under the Capitol Dome

Members of the House of Representatives Appropriation Committee will soon begin considering budget bills in an effort to enable us to pass Governor Milliken's budget by June 30. Submitted last week, the Governor's total budget of \$3.653 billion forecasts an increasingly healthy economic climate.

Of special interest, I think, is the proposed budget stabilization program, which will establish a fund of at least \$128.8 million for future use when the economic outlook may be more bleak and which will improve the treasury's cash flow. The governor has urged us to approve his Budget Stabilization Act by April 1.

The governor has recommended increasing state aid to public schools by approximately seven percent, which will go a long way to alleviate the burden of decreased enrollments many schools are currently suffering.

Crime, of course, is a special concern among House Republicans. The governor has proposed increasing the budget for the Department of Corrections to \$107.9 million, nearly a 33 percent increase over last year. Our prison facilities are overcrowded at present, and the prospect of mandatory sentences and stiffer penalties make this budgetary increase imperative.

We will see improve-

ments in Medicaid payments and the Aid to Dependent Children program (ADC). However, there will be substantial savings in these areas because of cost containment measures implemented by the health care providers, as well as an anticipated decrease in the number of people receiving ADC.

Michigan State Police will receive a large boost -- 27 percent -- under the proposed Budget, and the Governor has earmarked \$10 million for the creation of jobs for our youth.

Other areas which will be benefited under the new budget are public and mental health, colleges and universities, highways and transportation, cultural programs, natural resources and urban areas.

How do we pay for all this without a tax increase? To a large extent, the state of the economy in general is on our side. In Michigan we anticipate a decrease in inflation to six percent, coupled with an increase in employment. These factors contribute to a revenue growth where the best performer is the personal income tax.

As the unemployment rate is projected to drop nearly two percent, we are looking forward to a decrease in public assistance caseloads this year.

These are positive indicators of the health of our economy. I think we can say with caution that better times are within sight. But the governor is urging us not to cast aside our cautious spirit, but to anticipate the possibility of economic decline. That is why the Budget Stabilization Act is so important.

We Republicans will urge prompt consideration of the budget.

UTILITY STAMPS

Nearly every winter, and especially since this winter is more severe than most, we hear about senior citizens who have difficulty paying their utility bills because they are forced to live on fixed incomes.

Because of their limited income status, many senior citizens qualify for food stamps -- coupons which can be redeemed at the super market for a greater value than their original cost.

Following the food stamp system, Representative Charles Varnum from Manistee, one of my Republican colleagues, has introduced legislation calling for a utility stamp program for senior citizens.

Representative Varnum's bill would allow senior citizens residing in their own household and having incomes of less than \$8,000 to purchase utility stamps. Utility stamps would be free to senior citizens whose income is less than \$2,500. Senior citizens who live in institutions or with another senior citizen receiving utility stamps would not be eligible.

The bill also deals with the technical aspects of the program such as establishing locations for selling the stamps and procedures for the utilities to redeem them.

SBT CHANGE

It looks like help is on its way for businesses hit hard by the Single Business Tax (SBT).

Four members of the House, Representatives E. Dan Stevens of Atlanta, William A. Fyan of Detroit, George Cushingberry of Detroit and Harry Gast of St. Joseph, have introduced a bill calling for a major change in the SBT structure that will give much needed tax relief to small and low-profit businesses.

I'm sure this is indeed good news for those small and low-profit businesses whose tax burden drastically increased when the SBT was put into operation slightly more than a year ago.

The Single Business Tax created a furor among small businessmen almost as soon as it was enacted and it soon became evident that it would have to be corrected.

Governor Milliken established a special task force to study the impact of the SBT and to recommend changes. After a questionnaire sent to business people had been tabulated and public hearings were held, the task force began holding sessions to prepare its final report and recommendations.

The bill introduced last week follows one of the recommendations the task force indicated it intends to make.

This measure, H.B. 4033, exempts businesses whose net earnings are less than \$15,000 per owner from any business tax.

Other businesses would qualify for an alternate and more equitable tax if their net earnings do not exceed \$40,000 per owner or \$200,000 in the case of a corporation.

Legislative leaders, only a few weeks ago, listed amendment of the Single

Business Tax as a high priority item. I hope, therefore, that we can make the SBT more equitable yet this year.

DRINKING AGE

Last year we talked about legislation to raise the legal drinking age from its present 18 to something higher.

A measure was introduced in the House by our Republican Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Representative Melvin DeStigter of West Olive to raise the legal age back to 21. A measure was also introduced in the Michigan Senate to raise the legal age to 19. Neither measure passed, which was surprising considering the widespread support the bills received from all over the state.

The new session is only a few days old now and already measures are being introduced to raise the drinking age.

Hopefully we can enact one of these bills this year, despite counter efforts to keep the legal age at 18.

Law enforcement officials support raising the drinking age because their statistics show that accidents involving young, drinking drivers have increased. School groups -- administrators, teachers and parent-teacher organizations -- support the measure because alcoholic beverages are being consumed by high school students during school hours and because these beverages are becoming more accessible to younger children from their older friends and because of rowdiness by inebriated students at school athletic and social events.

Service clubs and other civic organizations also support the measure.

Area

Happenings

Congressman Elford A. Cederberg's liaison, Ronald W. Stolz, will be visiting the Clinton County Courthouse in St. Johns on Monday, February 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

FEB. 17 -- The Clinton County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Waldron Elementary School in Fowler.

FEB. 11 -- Wacousta Masonic Lodge 359 is having a family style fish supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Report from the capitol

87th District

Rep. Francis R. Spaniola

As the rate of crime continues to escalate, the threat to the personal safety and well-being of Michigan residents grows greater and greater. Violent crime is a constant source of concern to many rural and metropolitan dwellers alike. Effective crime fighting techniques have been discussed at length by many of this country's foremost authorities on the subject, and possible methods of deterring criminal activity have been discussed just as extensively.

Seldom, however, does one hear about the importance of corrections facilities when discussing crime fighting techniques. Without the space in which to detain them, criminals are often released onto the streets where they may or may not commit another crime.

At this time in Jackson Prison there are cots in the hallways where prisoners sleep at night because there are not enough cells to hold them. This in turn, increased the risk for prison employees. When space is unavailable for new prisoners, other inmates are often granted "early releases". In some cases, these persons have been released only to commit another crime, often violent in nature.

The idea of imposing mandatory sentences for certain crimes is a concept that could help deter crime. In the past legislative term we have seen the enactment of mandatory sentencing legislation

for the use of a firearm during a felony.

It appears there will be other mandatory sentence legislation enacted during this term. A major problem is developing because as our law enforcement officials do their jobs and our courts apply the laws we will need additional prison facilities to house those convicted of crimes. According to Michigan's corrections officials we are presently 900 beds short and they project the figure will reach 2,000 by 1979.

State Representative Paul A. Rosenbaum, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is working toward placing a bonding proposal on the 1978 ballot which would provide \$439.25 million for the construction of new corrections facilities and the improvement of old ones. This proposal is important, because without expanded and improved facilities, we simply have nowhere to place the criminals which are apprehended through our improved crime fighting techniques.

It is, in the final analysis, a case of simple logic. If we have room for 5,000 criminals and we convict 10,000 then we have a problem. It is not a problem which can be solved by anything but expansion.

If Representative Rosenbaum is successful and his proposal is placed on the 1978 ballot the citizens of Michigan will have to decide whether the additional \$439.25 million is an acceptable expenditure to help fight crime.

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EXCEPT BEER, WINE & CIGARETTES & OTHER COUPONS WITH PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
Prices Good Mon. - Jan. 31 Thru Sun. - Feb. 6, 1977. Subject To Applicable State & Local Taxes.

MINI-MIZER COUPON
Kroger (3.25% Butterfat) (Vitamin D) **2 \$1.09**
HOMOGENIZED 1/2-Gal Ctns MILK
Limit 2 With Coupon & *5 Additional Purchase
EXCEPT BEER, WINE & CIGARETTES & OTHER COUPONS WITH PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
Prices Good Mon. - Jan. 31 Thru Sun. - Feb. 6, 1977. Subject To Applicable State & Local Taxes.

MINI-MIZER COUPON
All Purpose **5 55¢**
GOLD MEDAL 5 Lb Bag FLOUR
Limit 1 With Coupon & *5 Additional Purchase
EXCEPT BEER, WINE & CIGARETTES & OTHER COUPONS WITH PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
Prices Good Mon. - Jan. 31 Thru Sun. - Feb. 6, 1977. Subject To Applicable State & Local Taxes.

MINI-MIZER COUPON
Assorted Varieties Except **2 Lb 99¢**
Sliced Beef & Veal La Scala Frozen JIFFY ENTREES
Limit 6 With Coupon & *5 Additional Purchase
EXCEPT BEER, WINE & CIGARETTES & OTHER COUPONS WITH PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
Prices Good Mon. - Jan. 31 Thru Sun. - Feb. 6, 1977. Subject To Applicable State & Local Taxes.

MINI-MIZER COUPON
20 \$2.49
WILD BIRDSEED Lb Bag
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Christie Chant weds Alvin Russell

Christie Ann Chant became the bride of Alvin Eugene Russell, during a candlelight ceremony on Nov. 13 in the Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns.

The bride was given in marriage at the double ring rites by her mother and father, Rev. Brian K. Sheen officiated at the wedding.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chant, 3288 S. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Russell, Hubbardston.

The altar was decorated with white carnations and baby's breath; baskets of white glads and pom-poms. The aisle was lit by candelabras trimmed in baby's breath, greens and ribbon.

Barbara Davis, was organist. Soloist Shirley Williams, sang the "Wedding Song," and the "Wedding Prayer."

For her wedding the bride chose a Victorian styled gown of peau-de-soie over taffeta with a v-yoke bodice of venice lace and ruffle border with stand-up collar. The dress featured an empire waistline with venice lace band, sheer bishop sleeves with lace cuff, ruffle and lace appliques. The A-line skirt was accented with a flounce, lace panel, and cathedral length train.

She wore a matching mantilla on a camelot headpiece in cathedral length style.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses, stephanotis, white car-

nations, trimmed with baby's breath and streamers. Matron of honor was Connie Mick. Bridesmaids were Pat Walling, Janice Chant, Julie Chant, all of St. Johns, and Lori Russell of Traverse City.

Flower girl was Sarah Chant, St. Johns.

The matron of honor wore a blue Victorian styled dress of cotton voile with a royal blue velvet bodice. It featured Bishop sleeves with large velvet cuffs, a full A-line skirt with a flounce border.

The bridesmaids wore similar styled gowns in pink with a maroon velvet bodice. They wore wide brim hats and carried Colonial bouquets of pink roses, white carnations,

and baby's breath with streamers to match the

color of the gowns.

The flower girl wore a blue cotton voile dress with a square yoke, ruffle collar and flared sleeves. She wore flowers in her hair and carried a basket of rose petals.

The groom's mother wore a pink knit dress with a lace bodice and matching long sleeve jacket of lace.

The mother of the bride wore a teal blue chiffon gown over taffeta, with a scalloped tucked bodice, bishop sleeves, cummerbund waist and flared skirt.

Best man was Brian Chant. Groomsmen were David Randolph, Ed Harr, Donald Chant, all of St. Johns and Bob Russell, Traverse City.

Ushers were Don Chant, Bob Russell, David Randolph and Dennis Sisson.

A reception for 400 people honoring the couple was held at the VFW in St. Johns following the wedding.

Special guests of honor

at the ceremony were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chant, of St. Johns; and the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cogswell, of Mant-

on. Host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Geneva Cornell, Northport.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School. The groom is employed at Dreps Motor Homes in DeWitt.

The couple took a wedding trip to northern Michigan and are now making their home at 806 1/2 Wight St., St. Johns.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Russell

BIRTHS

A boy, Kevin James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wibert of 403 High Street, Laingsburg, Jan. 26 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 11 pounds 7 1/4 ounces. The baby has 2 brothers. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wibert and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wing, Jr., both of Laingsburg. The mother is the former Susan Wing.

A girl, Danielle Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. McLaren of 510 S. Clinton St., St. Johns, Jan. 20 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. The baby has 1 brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackmer of St. Johns and Mrs. Leola McLaren of McMillan. The mother is the former Louetta Blackmer.

A boy, Brent James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kramer of R 2 Fowler, Jan. 23 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces. The baby has 1 brother. Grandparents are William Hansen and Helen Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Kramer. The mother is the former Luann Hansen.

A boy, Travis, Jay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Simmon, Rt. 2, Dexter Trail, Jan. 15 at St. Lawrence Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Luttig and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Simmon, all of Fowler. The mother is the former Janice Luttig.

Engaged



Diane Oberlin

ter, Diane Kay to Benjamin Scott Prior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Prior, 3267 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt. The bride-elect attended DeWitt High School and the prospective bridegroom attended St. Johns High School. He is employed at Lumberg Products.

An April 2 wedding is being planned by the couple.



Christina Wilson

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Larsen, Owosso, became the parents of a baby girl, Kelly Anne, Jan. 24 at Sparrow Hospital.

Rose F. Wilson, 1529 S. Lansing St., St. Johns, announces the engagement of her daughter, Christina A. to John J. Schmitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmitz, 540 Cook Rd., Pewamo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Johns High School.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Pewamo-Westphalia High School. He is employed at Devereaux Saw Mill in Pewamo.

The couple is planning a July 30 wedding date.

Herbruck receives degree

Darrell R. Herbruck has received a master's degree from the college of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The degree was conferred on Dec. 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herbruck, 410 Wight St., St. Johns. He is employed at an architectural firm in Mt. Pleasant.

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Saturday, Feb. 5

All day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Ears pierced by a registered nurse. All solid gold, 14k gold ball earrings for only \$7

HARR'S JEWELRY Downtown St. Johns



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oberlin, 1581 W. Clark Rd., DeWitt, announce the engagement of their daughter,

Birth

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Mustaine, 3407 W. Herbinson Rd., DeWitt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Doreen L. to Steven L. Bretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bretz, 10411 Bond Rd., DeWitt.

The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of DeWitt High School and is employed at Auto Owners Insurance Co., in Lansing.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1975 graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Oldsmobile.

An Aug. 27 wedding is being planned by the couple.



Doreen L. Mustaine

Mary Curtis graduates

Mary Elizabeth Curtis graduated from Mid-Michigan School of Nursing at Harrison on Dec. 22. She has accepted a position at Gladwin.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwin Curtis and a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School.



Mary Curtis

NOTICE OF BID

The Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids at 701 West State Street, St. Johns, Michigan until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 3, 1977 for the following item:

Supplying 22A Gravel On County Roads

Specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission office.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that is, in their opinion, in the best interest of the Commission.

Board of County Road Commissioners

Paul Nobis, Chairman
Cleo Friend, Member
Virgil Zeeb, Member

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Joe Horak

Sgt. Thornton serves in Guam

AGANA, Guam -- U.S. Air Force Sergeant Alan J. Thornton, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norval Thornton of 5220 N. Shepardsville Road, Elsie, has arrived for duty at Andersen AFB, Guam.

Sergeant Thornton, a munitions maintenance specialist with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, previously served at Kincheloe AFB, Mich.

The sergeant is a 1971 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School.

Pvt. Belbeck Area Happenings

Ft. Hood, Tex. Private Robin P. Belbeck, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy D. Belbeck, 1452 E. Alward, DeWitt, Mich., recently was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

A generator mechanic in Battery A, 1st Battalion of the division's 21st Field Artillery, Pvt. Belbeck entered the Army last September.

VFW holds Voice of Democracy banquet

Joe Horak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horak, 9684 East Maple Rapids Road, Elsie was the first place winner of the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program sponsored by the Bannister Veterans of Foreign War and Ladies Auxiliary.

Joe is a sophomore who attends the Ovid-Elsie High School and is an active member of the FFA, in 4-H seven years and attends St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, where he was an altar boy.

The other winners were: second place, Ann Glowney of Bannister, and third place, Lisa Soliz of Elsie. They were to be honored guests at the Voice of Democracy Banquet later. The prizes to be awarded were: 1st winner - \$50 savings bond; 2nd, \$25 Bond and 3rd place - \$15.00 gift certificate.

"What America Means to Me" was this year's theme for high school students to write and also tape. Following is Joe Horak's winning speech --

I am an American, and my forefathers lived on and loved the soil that is the United States. I would if necessary give my life for my country, if it would guarantee the preservation of democratic freedom for my children and their children.

I do not wish to start a war for democracy, but be ready to defend our rights. George Washington said, "to be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

However, many men did go to war and unfortunately many men died for our great country leaving their blood on the green grass at Lexington and Concord and the white snow at Valley Forge -- on the walls of Fort Sumter and on the fields of Gettys-

burg -- on the beaches of Normandy -- and on the jungles of Vietnam. Millions of Americans have died for our country and it is their eternal monument.

It lives on in the eyes of a Michigan farmer examining his acres of corn and soybeans, and in the brilliant gold of hundreds of acres of wheat stretching over the flat plains of Kansas in the precision of an assembly line in Detroit.

They live on in the voice of a Jewish boy saying the sacred words from the Torah, "Here O Israel the Lord our God is one" and in the voice of a Catholic girl praying, "Hail Mary Full of Grace the Lord is with thee."

Because those men have died, these people can do and believe as they want.

That is what this monument, our country means to me. Being able to have the rights our ancestors died for.

Some people are ashamed of our country but I am very proud of it and of the men who fought so hard for it. I would not want to live any other place in the world. No other country has the freedom to do the things we do.

We have a great sense of security here. We know there are threats made against us but that we will always be defended. We know that when we talk against our country we will not be prosecuted. But we shouldn't sit back and say what is wrong but how things could be changed for the better of all.

We have a just judicial system which assures everyone his rights will be protected by law.

An American, Walter Fuller, wrote this and I think all Americans should feel the same as he does.

"I am an American, if America goes down then I want to go down. If America is to be destroyed then I want to be destroyed."

But America is not going down, I am confident that it can stand for hundreds of years to come. I am convinced that the United States is going on and upward, despite the ill-advised acts of anarchists, arsonists, and communists. I am certain that the United States I love, with the help of all truly patriotic citizens will rise to a greater land than ever before.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Dumit, 1121 E. Geneva Dr., DeWitt, became the parents of a baby boy, Christopher Patrick, Jan. 24 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry A. Torikko, Lansing, became the parents of a baby boy, Scott Allan, Jan. 21 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart G. Middaugh, Lansing, became the parents of a baby girl Angela Starr, on Jan. 17 in Sparrow Hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Richard George Sargent, 20, 8970 Cutler Road, DeWitt; Denise Mari Wooliver, 21, 282 S. Clinton, Apt. 9, Grand Ledge. Shirley Robert Boven, 35, 6335 Park Lake Road, Bath; Patricia Ann Hill, 26, 6335 Park Lake Road, Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Morrison, R 2, St. Johns, became the parents of a baby girl, Ann Marie, born on Jan. 17 at Sparrow Hospital.

A boy, Harry Dean, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lance of 714 E. Newark, Ithaca, Jan. 22 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. The baby has 1 brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lance of Ithaca and Mr. and Mrs. James Boots of R 1, St. Johns. The mother is the former Debra Boots.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard P. Stoll, 5745 Sleight Rd., Bath, became the parents of a baby boy, Timothy Michael, on Jan. 19, at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Terry Address.

Musical learns of history's affect on music

On Thursday, Jan. 27, members of the St. Johns Morning Musicales held their annual guest night and dinner meeting at the First Congregational Church. About fifty-five members and guests attended. The delicious buffet dinner was planned and served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Richard Jacoby, Mrs. Fred Lewis, Mrs. Eldon LeBlond, Mrs. H.A. Peterson, and Mrs. Duane Davis.

Mrs. Don DeWitt, program chairman for the

evening, introduced Mrs. Manning Bross, who was narrator of the first part of the program, and Mrs. Floyd Countryman, accompanist. The program theme was "Ragtime to Rock".

However, Mrs. Bross began by telling of the popular music of the 1880's and 1890's. Under her leadership, the guests took part in a "grand march" such as might have taken place at a ball of this era, Rev. Al Carson serving as "caller". Mrs. Duane Davis then played three waltzes popular at that time: "Over the

Waves", "Waves of the Danube" and the "Merry Widow Waltz."

With Mrs. Countryman at the piano and the audience often "singing along", Mrs. Bross used many old songs to show how the history of the country had affected popular music. The First World War, and its aftermath, the "Roaring Twenties", the depression of the 1930's, the Second World War, and other events all had an influence on the music people sang and danced to.

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point, Bryan Payne took over the narration, and used records and sometimes, the piano, to explain the transitions through which this music has evolved.

Open house
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnes, Wacousta will observe their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 7. They were married in Charlotte, on Feb. 7, 1917.

The couple has two sons, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Feldpausch of Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn to Rick Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher of St. Johns.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Fowler High

School and is employed by the State of Michigan in Lansing. The prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Ferris State College and is employed by the Prudential Insurance Company in East Lansing.

The couple have planned a May 7 wedding.

MSU to host college rodeo

EAST LANSING -- College rodeo is here to stay in East Lansing. At least there's no doubt in the minds of the 60 members of the Michigan State Rodeo Club. Club members are busy preparing for the 8th Annual NIRA Rodeo to be held at MSU February 25, 26, and 27.

The MSU Club has reportedly established a reputation of being able to sponsor one of the most entertaining and exciting rodeos in the Great Plains region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

A unique feature of the MSU Rodeo is the crowds. Faculty, students, 4-Hers and families pack the 2,200 capacity livestock pavilion at all four performances, according to rodeo officials.

The club is pleased to bring back the winning combination that has worked so well in the past.

The J Bar J Rodeo Company of Clare will be providing their championship string of stock and Roger Martin of McAlester, Oklahoma will once again skillfully handle the bull fighting chores, and Ken Etchison from Oklahoma will handle the announcing.

A new exciting feature at the 1977 rodeo will be the "McEanays" from Rossville, Tennessee. They will entertain the crowd with their skillful trick riding, trick roping, and roman riding.

The club expects over 100 contestants from the Great Plains region. The smooth running show attracts members from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, North Dakota State, University of Nebraska, National College of Business, Iowa State, Black Hills State, and many others.

More information is available by calling 517 355-8400.

Shepardsville News

Thirty-eight members and friends of the Clinton County Historical Society met at the Shepardsville Church on Thursday evening. The president, Bob Barnes, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Don Temple read the secretary's report, and the treasurer reported a substantial amount in the bank.

Several committee meetings were announced. A plaque will be placed at the Bath School on May 18. This date happens to be the 50th anniversary of the explosion that destroyed the Bath School. A membership drive will be put on sometime later this winter. The February meeting will be in Fowler, and the March meeting will be in St. Johns in the community room of the Central National Bank. This will be the Annual meeting and officers will be elected. A nominating committee was appointed. Several committees gave reports. Mr. Tom Teare of St. Johns gave a report on his findings about the first professional football game played in Shepardsville on July 4, 1895. This team was made up of farm boys and was known as the Michigan Rushers. Some unknown facts were brought out. A collection was taken up amounting to \$3.00 and was evenly distributed among the boys who played. There is a possibility that a marker will be placed in Shepardsville for this team.

Mrs. John Spencer gave a short history of Shepardsville helped by some of the Shepardsville people. Coffee, punch and cookies were served following the meeting.

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Elsie news

The Elsie Cub Scout Pack met at the Knight Elementary School Sunday afternoon (Jan. 16). After the flag ceremony awards were presented. Gerald Easlick received his Bobcat Badge and late Christmas gifts to Jim Harmon, Michael Minarik, Robert Skaryd, Shawn Robinson and Joe Smith.

The Pinewood Derby was the program. The fathers who assisted the boys in carving, painting and decorating their miniature race cars were introduced and given thanks for their help.

The race followed with Eugene Porubsky as winner of the Wolf Den; Bob Skaryd, the Bear Den; and Steve Chapko of the Webelos.

Steve Chapko received a Pinewood Trophy and Eugene Porubsky the Grand Prize, a larger Pinewood Trophy in the final race. Both trophies will be engraved with the names and occasion.

Refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee were served at the close of the program.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING			ACTUAL USE REPORT	
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING MAINTENANCE	THE GOVERNMENT OF DALLAS TOWNSHIP	
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling	\$ 4,857
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$	during the period from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976	
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$ 4,800	ACCOUNT NO. 23 3 019 004	
4 HEALTH	\$	\$	DALLAS TOWNSHIP	
5 RECREATION	\$	\$	TOWNSHIP TREASURER	
6 SOCIAL SERVICES	\$	\$	CLINTON COUNTY	
7 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$	ROUTE 1 BOX 243	
8 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$	\$	FOWLER HIGH 48935	
9 EDUCATION	\$	\$		
10 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)	\$ 143
11 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	1. Balance as of June 30, 1976	\$ 4,857
12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976	\$ 61
13 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$	3. Interest Received or Credited (Law 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976)	\$ 3,067
14 TOTALS	\$	\$ 4,943	4. Funds Released from Obligations (if ANY)	\$ 178
NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET			5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$ 3,067
(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, who have read the information reported herein, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.			6. Funds Returned to ORS (if ANY)	\$ 3,067
Signature of Chief Executive Officer: <i>John R. ...</i> Date: 1-18-77			7. Total Funds Available	\$ 4,943
Signature of Clerk: <i>...</i> Date: 1-18-77			8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 16, column B and column C)	\$ 4,943
Signature of Auditor: <i>...</i> Date: 1-18-77			9. Balance as of December 31, 1976	\$ 178
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Jobs Wanted 3

UNDERGROUND PIPE THAWING. Call Ithaca 875-3023. 39-3-p-27

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WANTED - 1 or 2 acres perked lot between Grand Lodge & Mulliken, Grand Lodge Schools. Call Lillian Law of Fedewa Builders & Brokers, 485-0225 or 224-4236. GPC-44

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For Rent 6

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Automotive 11

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FOR SALE - 1975 Datsun pickup, blue with white stripes, 4 spd, radio, snow tires, rust proofed, cab high top with boat racks, 19,060 miles, \$2,600. Ph. 627-9877. GPC-4-5

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Farm Machinery 18

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Miscellaneous 27

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JOINER - Jig band table - power hack saw, wood-metal lathe, disc-belt sander, arc-wire welder, torch set, and mill, diecast pipe bender, air compressor, drill press, hydraulic press, 616-846-2350, Spring Lake. PGC-44-tfn

UNDERGROUND PIPE THAWING. Call Ithaca 875-3023. 39-3-p-3

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Wanted, Miscellaneous 28

WANTED - Rough land, swamp or unutilized within 30 miles of Lansing. Call evenings 372-2573. GPC-3-5

TIMBER WANTED - Logs and standing timber. Logs delivered to our yard. DEVEREAUX SAWMILL, INC., 2872 N. Hubbardston Rd., Pewamo, Mich. Phone 593-2424 and/or 593-2552. 40-tf-28

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Notice 29

UNEMPLOYED? Need a job ... training ... career counseling? If so, and you are a Clinton County resident, visit the Tri-County Manpower Coordination Office. We may be able to refer you to an agency that offers: Work experience. On the Job Training, Career Counseling, Classroom Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Job Placement. Ph. 224-2336, 200 W. State St., St. Johns. 39-3-p-29

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BINGO - Holy Family Church, 510 Mabbitt Rd., Ovid. Monday 7 p.m. 18-tf-29

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PUBLIC NOTICE
After this date, Jan. 19, 1977, I, Harold Schmaltz will be responsible only for debts incurred by myself.

Card of Thanks 30

My sincere thanks to Drs. Cook and Stephenson and to the nurses and nurses aides for their wonderful care while I was in the hospital. Thanks also to Fathers Hankered and Schmitt and to Sister Sheila and to my family, relatives and friends for their visits, cards, flowers and gifts. Dora Schafar 40-1-p-30

In Memoriam 31

In memory of Thomas Aungat who passed away one year ago, Feb. 3. We watched him suffer day by day. It caused us bitter grief. To see him slowly fade away. And could not get relief. God said the road was very rough. The hill too steep to climb. He gently closed his weary eyes. And whispered "Peace be thine." His wife, children and grandchildren. 40-1-p-31

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DEWITT TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of the regular meeting of the DeWitt Township Board held on January 24, 1977 in the Township Hall at 780 E. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan.
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Reed.
Board members present: Reed, Syverson, White, Pine, Corr, Kzeski and Olger.
The meeting was opened with an invocation and the pledge of allegiance. The agenda was approved with additions. Reed read a letter from Mrs. Donald Sipple commending the Fire and Police Departments. There were no public comments.
Bud Burgess gave a presentation on health services. The Communication Committee minutes were reviewed. The Parks and Recreation Commission minutes were reviewed. Corr read a resolution that had been adopted honoring William C. Nash and presented him with the resolution and a plaque. The fire and police reports were given by Corr. Accepted Sgt. Swartz's resignation. Discussed the proposed salary change for the firemen. Approved changes for streetlights on US 27.
Approved the Pung rezoning. Approved the Ruble lot split request. Will submit the billing on the drain to the Drain Commission. Appointed Leo Whitaker to the Board of Review to replace William Lockwood. Denied the request from Fedewa to annex property to the City of DeWitt. A meeting will be set up after April 1st to discuss reciprocal use of utilities with the City of DeWitt. Voted to use our assessed valuations instead of United Appraisals. Adopted a resolution to be sent the Lockwood family. Adjourned at 9:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Donna B. Syverson, Clerk
Approved by Alta C. Reed, Supervisor

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Often a lonely heartache, And many a silent tear, But always a beautiful memory.

Of the one we loved so dear, Sadly missed by her daughter Mrs. Richard Parmenter and grandchildren.

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In loving memory of Ina B. Bray who passed away 5 years ago Feb. 6, 1972. Often a lonely heartache, And many a silent tear, But always a beautiful memory.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage executed by Ronald Aaron Mullett and Bonnie L. Mullett, husband and wife, to Waterford Mortgage Company, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, dated 10th day of August, 1972, and recorded 25th day of August, 1972, in Liber 267, Page 120, Clinton County, Michigan, Records, which mortgage was assigned by said Mortgagee to HAMBURG SAVINGS BANK, a New York Corporation, by assignment dated the 28th day of September, 1972, and recorded on the 5th day of October, 1972, in Liber 267, Page 710, Clinton County, Michigan, Records, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-one Thousand, One Hundred One and 45-100 Dollars (\$21,145.10). 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 said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of said mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction on the 8th day of February, 1977, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., at the northerly entrance of the Court House in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being one of the places of holding Circuit Court in said County. Said mortgaged premises are described as follows: Lot 45, Nelson's Subdivision No. 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 8, Clinton County Records.

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months. Dated at Lansing, Michigan, Deceased. HAMBURG SAVINGS BANK, a New York Corporation Assignee of Mortgage John J. Hays, of Farhat, Burns and Story, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage 17 Seymour Avenue, Suite 2A Lansing, Michigan 48933

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON IN THE MATTER OF JAMES ROUNTREE, KERRY ROUNTREE, DENNIS ROUNTREE, CHRISTINE ROUNTREE Plaintiff vs. James Rountree, Protective Services Worker against James and Patricia Rountree and children being declared dependent neglected children. IT IS ORDERED that James Rountree shall answer said charges by appearing in the Probate Court for the County of Clinton on February 24, 1977, at 9:30 in the forenoon.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON Estate of JOHN A. POHL, Deceased. File No. 19724 TAKE NOTICE: On February 16, 1977, at 10:00, A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Theresa Pohl for probate of a purported will, and heirs will be determined. TAKE NOTICE: On April 20, 1977 at 10:00 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all claims against said estate will be heard. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Arnold W. Pohl and Joseph F. Pohl, Co-executors named therein, and heirs will be determined.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON Estate of FLORENCE L. CROSS, Deceased. File No. 19723 TAKE NOTICE: On April 20, 1977, at 10:00, A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all claims against said estate will be heard and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Jack Walker, Administrator, 117 E. Walker, St. Johns, Mich. 48879

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON Estate of JOSEPH C. BERRYHILL, a.k.a. JOE C. BERRYHILL, MI. TAKE NOTICE: On February 16, 1977, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Court House, St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Derrill Shinabery, Guardian of said Estate, to sell real estate of the above estate. Dated: January 28, 1977 Derrill Shinabery Plaintiff Route 3 St. Johns, MI 48879 Attorney for Plaintiff: JAMES A. MOORE 117 E. Walker St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone 517-224-3241

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON Estate of RUSSELL F. HOWE, Deceased. TAKE NOTICE: On the petition of Belva H. Howe, the Will of Russell F. Howe dated January 10, 1949, was admitted to probate and administration of the estate was granted to Belva H. Howe. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to the named fiduciary on or before April 20, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday, February 16, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom in the City of St. Johns, Michigan, before the HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held for a determination of heirs and interested parties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto. Dated: January 25, 1977 Roland F. Rhead, GLENN, RHEAD, McLEAN, CAMPBELL & LAWRENCE Attorneys for Plaintiff Business Address: Box 87, 200 S. Bridge Street Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 Telephone: (517) 627-2174

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON Estate of Connie Jean Cordes, Deceased. File No. 19567 TAKE NOTICE that Theresa C. Cordes has been appointed Administratrix of the within estate. Creditors are notified that copies of all claims against the deceased must be presented personally or by mail to both Theresa C. Cordes, Baurer Road, Dewitt, Michigan 48820 and to the Court on or before April 20, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the highest bidder of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum which may be paid by the undersigned, with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, and all legal costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which premises are described as follows:

Lot 53 Clinton Meadows Estates, a subdivision in Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 267, Page 41, Clinton County Records. The mortgage, their successors and assigns, or any person lawfully claiming from and under them shall, within SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of the aforesaid foreclosure sale, be entitled to redeem the entire premises sold, by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or to the registrar of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for benefit of such purchaser, the sum which was bid

therefore, with interest from the time of the sale at the rate percent borne by the mortgage plus any other sums required to be paid by law. DATED: January 31, 1977 Clinton National Bank & Trust Company, Mortgagee Randy L. Tahvonen Attorney for Mortgagee 103 East State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48879

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON LINDA SUE BARNES, Defendant vs. JEFFREY A. BARNES, Plaintiff ORDER TO ANSWER FILE NO. 5673 DM GCR 120 S On August 13, 1976, an action was filed by Plaintiff, in this Court to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE Defendant, Jeffrey A. Barnes, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before March 1, 1977. Failure to comply with this Order will result in Judgment by Default against said Plaintiff-Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees or costs of publication be paid by Plaintiff. HONORABLE W. CORKIN Countersigned Debra Hillier GREATER LANSING LEGAL AID BUREAU 300 North Washington Avenue Lansing, Michigan 48933

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEWIS CASE, MI. NOTICE OF HEARING File No. 19469 TAKE NOTICE: On February 16, 1977, at 11:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom in the City of St. Johns, before the Honorable Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Derrill Shinabery, Guardian of said Estate, praying for a license to sell at private sale the interest of said Estate in certain real estate described in said petition for the purposes set forth therein. Dated: January 20, 1977 DERRILL SHINABERY, Plaintiff 200 West State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48879 HAROLD S. REED, Plaintiff Attorney for Plaintiff 305 East State Street St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Telephone 517-224-7484

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STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON Estate of RAYMOND C. BELL, DECEASED File No. TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday, February 16th, 1977, at 11:30, A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, in the Court House in St. Johns, Michigan, before the HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Deane Curtis Bell for probate of a purported will heretofore admitted to probate in the State of Arkansas, and for granting of administration to the Executor named, or some other suitable person, and for a determination of heirs. Dated: January 27, 1977 DEANE CURTIS BELL Plaintiff 510 S. Baker St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Attorney for Plaintiff: Robert H. Wood Maples and Wood 306 N. Clinton St. Johns, Mich. 48879 Phone 224-3238

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Margaret Horak in Who's Who

ELSIE (C) - Margaret Horak, along with a number of other students in the area, was chosen to be in the Who's Who Among American High School Students Book. Fewer than four percent of all the juniors and seniors in the U.S. are published each year. To be qualified students must be chosen and have their bibliography approved. Margaret, a 17-year-old senior at Ovid-Elsie High has accomplished the following: two years of student council representative, one year of student council vice-president, and this year she is president; seven years of 4-H; four years of Pep Club; two years as a member of the National Honor Society;

the lead in the Junior and speech play; second place in the Voice of Democracy speech contest; two years as secretary and president of her church youth group; public speaking; powder puff; Farm Bureau camp; third grade religion teacher; lector at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister; student of the week; cheerleader for six years; and a consistent appearance on the honor roll with a 3.73 grade point average. At the beginning of this school year, Margaret was crowned homecoming queen and at the end of last month she was accepted into Mercy Central school of Nursing in Grand Rapids where she will work toward her RN degree.



ACTUAL USE REPORT 7. GENERAL REVENUE SHARING. THE GOVERNMENT OF OLIVE TOWNSHIP. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976. ACCOUNT NO. 23 3 019 011. OLIVE TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP TREASURER CLINTON COUNTY PRICE RD R 5 ST. JOHNS MICHIGAN 48879. (D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D): Balance as of June 30, 1976: 3,843. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976: 65. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976): 8900. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY): 8900. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4: 9900. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY): 0. Total Funds Available: 9900. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C): 5768. Balance as of December 31, 1976: 4,132.



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ACTUAL USE REPORT 7. GENERAL REVENUE SHARING. THE GOVERNMENT OF RILEY TOWNSHIP. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976. ACCOUNT NO. 23 3 019 013. RILEY TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP TREASURER CLINTON COUNTY 6612 W PRICE RD ST. JOHNS MICH 48879. (D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D): Balance as of June 30, 1976: 1,173. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976: 2,404. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976): 0. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY): 0. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4: 3577. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY): 0. Total Funds Available: 3577. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C): 3577. Balance as of December 31, 1976: 0. The news media have been advised that a complete copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have a copy of this report and records documenting the contents. They are open for public scrutiny at: Price Rd ST. JOHNS Mich.

Clinton County SPORTS

Friday games cancelled

Weather clobbers basketball schedule

By Harold Schmalz
Sports Editor

ST. JOHNS -- Drifting roads and hazardous driving conditions brought basketball action through-out Clinton County to an abrupt halt over the past weekend with all the Friday night games being cancelled. Some of the schools hoped to be able to play their games Saturday night but continuing weather conditions prompted postponement of those games.

On the St. Johns scene, Athletic Director Steve Bakita reported the Hemlock game previously scheduled for last Friday night will be played Feb. 22 while the Mason game, which was to have taken place on that date, will be played Feb. 15. Both the Mason and Hemlock games will be home en-

counters. The DeWitt-Mason game which was to have taken place last Saturday night has been re-scheduled for Feb. 22.

In other games in the county, the Fowler-P-W encounter which has been scheduled for last Friday has been re-set for Tuesday, Feb. 8 as well as the Bath-Pinckney game. P-W will be the host team to Fowler while the Bees will

be travelling to Pinckney. The previously scheduled game between Ovid-Elsie and Corunna is in the midst of being re-scheduled but according to Coach Bob Foreback no conclusions had been reached by press time for a new date.

Meanwhile, this Friday night's schedule continues unless of course the weather interferes again. St. Johns will be travelling to

Saginaw Swan Valley while Fowler will be journeying to Potterville. Also on the docket is an away game for Ovid-Elsie at Bullock Creek. In home encounters, DeWitt will be hosting Lansing Catholic Central while Bath will be entertaining Leslie. Bellevue will be guests of Pewamo-Westphalia.

P-W wins

Belen scores 32 against Raiders

Lo and behold! Belen did it again! He led the Pirates in a scoring barrage of 32 "big" points last Tuesday night in downing the Portland Raiders, 76-67 in a non-league encounter.

Both teams started the game's opening quarter fairly even with P-W zipping the nets with 24 points while Portland followed closely behind with 22. The 2nd quarter saw another consistent effort

for each team to stay within reach of each other as P-W grabbed one less point with 12 while Portland gained one on the Pirates with 13. But the 3rd quarter showed who really had command of things when P-W spread their lead over the Raiders

to 9 points getting 18 to Portland's token 10. Fortunately for the Pirates they had managed to build a 9-point lead because the Raiders came back into the final quarter and matched the Ghiardi crew point for point, 22 and 22.

Adding to Belen's game high of 32 were Steve Miller with 10 points and the duo of Lonnie Rademacher and Dean Kohagen who had 8 each. Top man for Portland was Scott Baker with 28 big ones, followed by 10 by Brad Seal.

In addition to the re-scheduled Tuesday games from last Friday's cancelled schedule will be two away encounters, DeWitt at Howell and Ovid-Elsie at Alma.

All scheduling is, of course, subject to last minute cancellations if the severe weather persists... Guess we'll all just wait it out and see...

Lose 99-55

Panthers downed by Redford St. Mary

In last Tuesday's action, the Panthers went up against Redford St. Mary and even though they delivered a good performance of 22 points in the opening period, St. Mary outclassed them with 32 counters of their own. So went the rest of the game... the final score reading, 99-55.

St. Mary cooled off considerably in the 2nd frame with 20 points but it was still hot enough to offset the Panthers' poorer 14. Then the fatal 3rd period occurred again for the Panthers, they hit a shooting famine and managed only 8 points for their share of the action while St. Mary continued to blister the nets for 19.

Apparently all heart was lost going into the final quarter as DeWitt hit for 11 token points while St. Mary was executing its own show with 29 big ones.

Coach Gale was probably wondering after the game whose idea it was to invite "those guys" to town anyway. Leading the scoring for DeWitt was Dave Wilson with 19 points, followed by Marty DeBow with 12, Greg Mallard and Dale Challiss each contributed 6 and 7 to the Panther

effort but support from the balance of the team failed. Redford had 4 players in double figures highlighted by their leader with 21. The rest of the team supported the game effort with balanced scoring to win the non-league contest.

In jayvee action, the Panthers fell also but by a respectable score of 69-61. DeWitt's next outing will take place in a home encounter with always dangerous Lansing Catholic Central.

Panthers extend record

DEWITT -- Coach Tom Mauro's girls volleyball team at DeWitt High continued their winning ways last week by capping two victories over Williamston 15-15 to 4-4 and Mason 15-18 to 5-16.


In the Williamston encounter, Lorie Svendsen took top honors as setter while Kay Carroll was top spiker. Svendsen was also the team's top scorer. Top setter in the Mason contest was Bonnie Shaw while Hope Woodruff was top scorer. Kay Carroll set the pace for the team with 7 spikes.

Gymnasts continue win string

ST. JOHNS -- Denise Cerny of the St. Johns girls gymnastics team continued her excellence of performance by sweeping all 5 first-place finishes in last Tuesday night's encounter with Haslett. The St. Johns girls combined to take the meet 86.8 - 70.55, for their fifth straight win.


The events in which Cerny took top honors were vaulting, balance beam, tumbling, floor exercise and bars. Coming in 2nd for St. Johns with a point total of 6.45 was Terry Lindow in the vault event while in the tumbling competition Rhonda Davis posted a 2nd and Cathy Pifer a 3rd. The 2nd and 3rd place finishes in each of the other events were captured by Haslett.

St. Johns will be meeting Grand Ledge on Feb. 4 in their next home meet. The competition will start at 7 p.m. in the St. Johns gym.




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Redford St. Mary 99 P-W 76
DeWitt 55 Portland 67

JAYVEE BASKETBALL

Redford St. Mary 69 Portland 78
DeWitt 61 P-W 71

WRESTLING

Mason 33
Ovid-Elsie 26

SWIMMING

Mason 108
Ovid-Elsie 63

GYMNASTICS

St. Johns Girls 86.8
Haslett 70.55

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DeWitt 15-18 DeWitt 15-15 Potterville 15-15
Mason 5-16 Williamston 4-4 P-W 2-4

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL

Feb. 4 games Feb. 8 games

DeWitt hosts Lansing Catholic Bath hosts Leslie Fowler at Potterville St. Johns at Swan Valley Ovid-Elsie at Bullock Creek P-W hosts Bellevue

DeWitt at Howell Ovid-Elsie at Alma P-W hosts Fowler Bath at Pinckney

WRESTLING

Feb. 5

Ovid-Elsie enters league meet at Alma

P-W enters CMAC tourney at Fulton-Middleton DeWitt enters conference tourney

Feb. 10 Feb. 12

St. Johns hosts Ovid-Elsie P-W hosts Saranac

Class B Districts

BOYS SWIMMING

Feb. 8 Feb. 10

Ovid-Elsie hosts Eaton Rapids DeWitt at Eaton Rapids Ovid-Elsie at Alma

GYMNASTICS

Feb. 4 Feb. 8

Girls of St. Johns hosts Grand Ledge Boys of St. Johns hosts Clarenceville

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Feb. 7 Feb. 9

DeWitt hosts Lansing Sexton St. Johns hosts Chesaning Ovid-Elsie hosts Alma DeWitt hosts Howell St. Johns at Alma Ovid-Elsie hosts Chesaning

7th AND 8th GRADE BASKETBALL

Feb. 7 games Feb. 10 games

7th grade St. Johns at DeWitt 8th grade St. Johns hosts DeWitt

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4-H Chatter

State Leadermete

By John Aylsworth 4-H Agent

"Challenge to Grow" is the theme of the 21st Annual State 4-H Leadermete which will be held Saturday, and Sunday, March 5 and 6, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University in East Lansing. Over 400 4-H leaders from throughout the state are expected to attend this event.

Featured speakers include Velma Linford, director, Intern Programs, Peace Corps Washington D.C. and Arden Peterson, former 4-H program leader, MSU and featured events include small group discussions and interaction, Ecumental Workshop Service, Clover Awards and 4-H Council Alumni Reunion.

The objectives of the leadermete are: to provide an educational opportunity for exploration of 4-H leaders' opportunities and responsibilities; stimulate on an exchange of ideas by leaders from every county; to explore new horizons in 4-H programming; and to recognize leaders for their contribution to the 4-H program.

Clinton County may send 5 or 6 leaders with

various years of 4-H leadership. The cost for meals and lodging for the week-end is \$35. The County 4-H Council will pay \$15 of the total cost for each leader who would like to attend. Reservations are due by February 20, at the County Extension Office.

On Sunday, March 6, 4-H leaders who have completed 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of leadership will receive special recognition from the Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan 4-H Foundation. 4-H leaders from Clinton County who will be receiving special recognition include -- Katherine Aylsworth, Elizabeth Blakely, William Brook, Shirley Hazle, Jack Schwark, Charles Silm for 20 years; George Hazle for 25 years; and Anabel Peck for 30 years.

ALMOST A MILLION POUNDS

The January 4-H Glass Collection amounted to 9,580 pounds bringing the total glass recycled to date of 984,890 pounds. The January collection was handled by the Eureka Boy Scouts. The next 4-H Glass collection at the fair-

grounds will be held Saturday, Feb. 5. People outside of St. Johns are urged to bring their glass to the fairgrounds from 9 to noon and people in St. Johns are urged to set their glass out on the curb by 10 a.m.

RODEO COMES TO MSU

The 8th Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo will be held Friday through Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the M.S.U. Livestock Pavilion, sponsored by the M.S.U. Rodeo Club. Evening performances will be Friday and Saturday and afternoon performances will be Saturday and Sunday. For ticket information, call (517) 355-8400 at M.S.U.

PHOTO WORKSHOP

About 30 4-H Photography members and leaders attended the first photo workshop on Jan. 22 at St. Johns High School, conducted by the 4-H Photo Leaders. The group saw photo composition slide tapes, video tapes on lighting, learned about developing film, limitations of cameras, types of film to use for various pictures, etc. The second workshop will be Saturday, Feb. 12 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Johns High School. The third workshop will be Saturday, March 5.

NAME THAT BLOOM

Sixteen county 4-H Horticulture Members interested in the horticulture identification contest had an excellent session Jan. 24 at the home of Anabel Peck. The group practiced identifying house plants with everyone winning a house plant to take home. The next practice session will be Monday, Feb. 28, at Smith Hall in St. Johns from 7-9 p.m. covering vegetables. All 4-H mem-

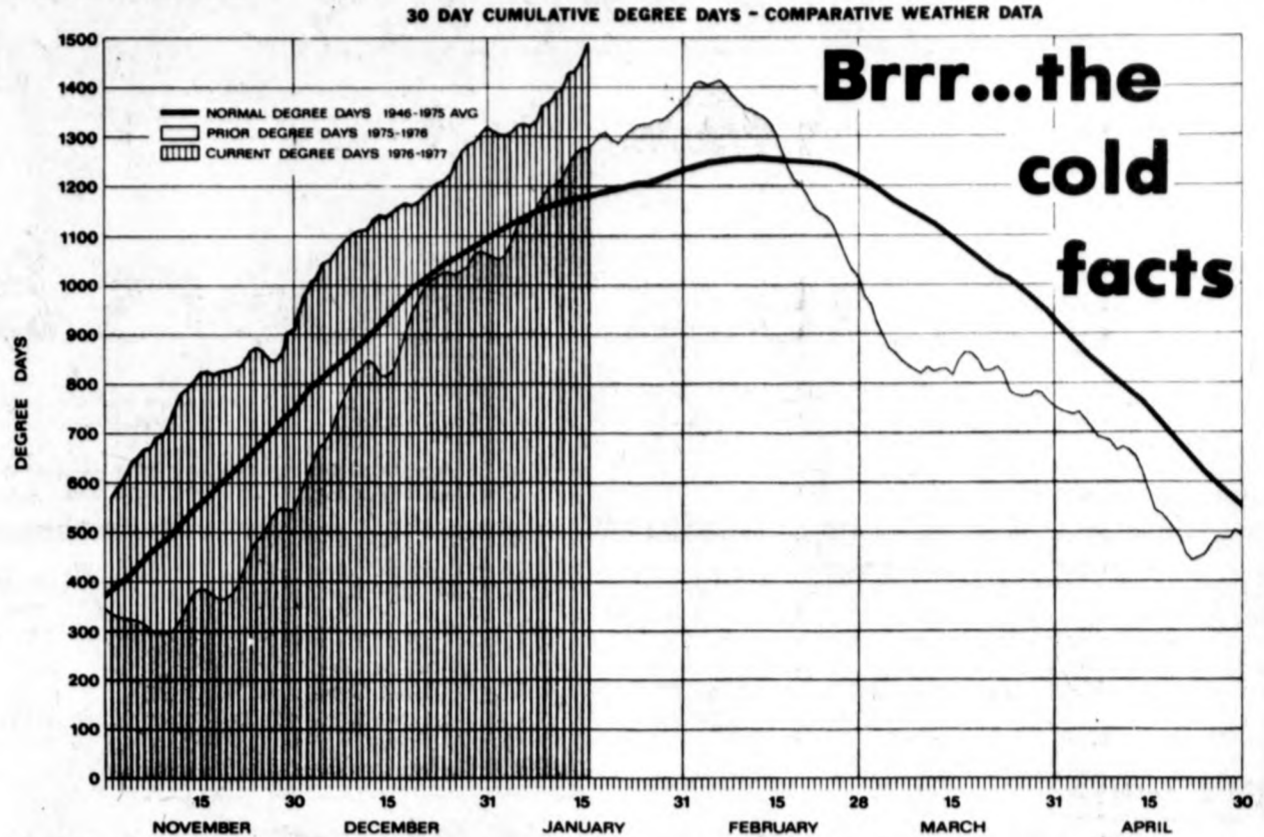
bers interested in this identification program are urged to attend these monthly practices.

OID VILLAGE ELVES NEWS

The Ovid Village Elves 4-H Club members were invited to visit the Elsie 4 Corners meeting Feb. 1. The club made plans for their family pot luck dinner. A thank you note was received by the club from the Little World Nursery School for the puppets the members made for them.

Extension Calendar

- Feb. 15. 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Central National Bank, St. Johns.
- Feb. 16. Central Genetics Meeting - 8 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 19. State Holstein Breeders' Annual Meeting - Frankenmuth.
- Feb. 22. Pesticide Applicators' examination - 1 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Feb. 24. 4-H Dairy, Livestock & Poultry Leaders Seminar Workshop - 9:30 a.m., Ramada Inn, Saginaw.
- Feb. 25, 26 & 27. Dairy Farmers' Tour to Maryland, sponsored by Shawsee Holstein Breeders.
- Feb. 25-26. State 4-H Craft Leaders' Workshop - Kettunen Center, Tustin.
- March 5. 4-H Glass Collection - Fairgrounds, St. Johns.
- March 5. 4-H Photography Workshop - St. Johns High School, 1 p.m.
- March 5-6. State 4-H Leadermete - Kellogg Center, East Lansing.
- March 17. Tree Care Meeting for homeowners - Central National Bank, 7:30 p.m.
- March 21-25. Farmers Week at M.S.U.
- March 24. Michigan Animal Breeders - State Annual Meeting.
- April 1. Corporations and Partnerships Compared - Smith Hall, St. Johns, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Feb. 2. Fair Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Feb. 3. Swine Meeting - Swine herd Health Programs - 7:30 p.m. at Pewamo-Westphalia High School.
- Feb. 5. 4-H Paper Drive & Glass Collection - Fairgrounds, St. Johns.
- Feb. 5. Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting, Ovid-Elsie High School.
- Feb. 8. Extension Ladies' Estate Planning Workshop - Smith Hall, St. Johns, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 9. Outlook Meeting sponsored by Central National Bank.
- Feb. 9. Michigan Livestock Exchange District Meeting - 8 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Feb. 10. 4-H Woodworking Leaders' Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Central National Bank, St. Johns.
- Feb. 10. Swine Meeting - Balancing the Swine Ration, 7:30 p.m. at Pewamo-Westphalia High School.
- Feb. 12. 4-H Modeling Workshop - St. Johns High School, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



It may not take a chart to prove that this winter has been colder than normal, but weather data from Consumers Power Company certainly confirms that the cold weather has been with us throughout the heating season.

Paul Gardner, Region Public Affairs Director of Consumers Power Company, said the Company keeps a "degree day" chart to show heating requirements. Gardner said a degree day is

calculated by taking the mean temperature for a day (mid-way between the high and low temperature reading) and subtracting it from 64 degrees.

The present heating season has registered about 26 percent more degree days than the previous 30-year average.

That, explains Gardner, is why your furnace or electric heating system has been used more this winter than in previous years.

Jim's Column

Jim Pelham, County Extension director

On December 8, 1976, Governor Milliken signed into law Act 323, Public Acts of 1976 (Recreational Trespass Act). The new law requires hunters, fishermen, snowmobilers and ORV operators to obtain written permission of the owner of certain private lands prior to entry.

The lands requiring written permission before entering are (1) lands which are fenced or enclosed, (2) lands posted in a conspicuous manner against entry, and (3) farm lands or connected farm wood lots. A fisherman wading or floating a navigable (public) stream of a length greater than 15 miles, may walk on the uplands along the bank to avoid natural or artificial hazards or obstructions, without need for written permission from the riparian owner.

If a landowner elects to post his land against entry, the signs must be spaced to enable a person to observe not less than one sign at any one point of entry. Lettering on the signs is required to be at least two inches in height.

A landowner is not liable for injuries to recreational users who use his lands if a fee is not charged and if the injuries were not caused by negligence or misconduct on part of the owner.

The Department of Natural Resources has designed a Sportsman's Land Use Pass and will make an initial distribution to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Farm Bureau, County Extension Agents and DNR District and Field offices. The pass contains a suggested format and may be

copied to accommodate organizations desiring to print and distribute passes to landowners and recreational users.

A limited number of copies of the form are available from the Cooperative Extension office at 1003 S. Oakland St. in St. Johns.

Printing copies for distribution could be a good fund raising or public service project for a sportsman's club or other organization.

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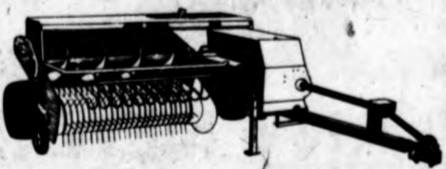
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DeWitt man is State Police guard graduate

Michael D. Morgan of DeWitt was among 17 Michigan State Police security guards who were graduated Jan. 7, for duty in state capitol complex offices at Lansing.

The class underwent four weeks of training beginning Monday, December 13, at the State Police training academy in the secondary complex southwest of Lansing.

Security guards operated by the State Police were authorized and established by the Legislature in 1970. Since then classes for additional guards have been held as necessary. Guards are normally assigned on graduation to the State Capitol post which has offices in the Treasury Building in downtown Lansing. The graduation will bring the guard to complement to 56.

The present class, as did two previous ones, included a woman guard. She is Virginia S. Rich of Lansing.

Of the class members, 13 have had some college training and include one member with a bachelor's degree and several with associate degrees. Three of the class had previous police or guard type experience.



Many local ladies took the time to attend a microwave cooking school held recently at Kurt's Appliance Center.

Elsie Masons install officers

Elsie Lodge No. 238 F & AM (Free and Accepted Masons) was a welcome haven from the big snowstorm recently as a special meeting was held at the Masonic Temple for an open installation of the new officers for 1977.

A prelude of music by Patricia Aldrich preceded a welcome to the guests by the outgoing Worshipful Master, Jim Litomisky. Music during the installation was also provided by Mrs. Aldrich, who accompanied herself for three selections during the ceremony.

W. Master Litomisky introduced the installing officers: Grand Installing Officer, Loyal Hinkley P.M.; Grand Secretary Robert Peters P.M.; Grand Marshal, Archie J. Moore P.M.; and Grand Chaplain John C. Hall P.M.

The introduction of officers-elect included: Worshipful Master - Sidney J. Keys; Senior Warden - Larry Nicholas; Junior Warden - Murray Cole; Treasurer - Robert Kridner; Secretary - Howard Peltier; Chaplain - Leonard Tillotson; Senior Deacon - Neil White; Junior Deacon - Ron Forubsky; Stewards - Jack Rogers - Richard Holton - Lawrence Hess - and G. Alfred Mitchell; Marshal - Charles Kridner; and Tyler - Jim Litomisky.

The Proclamation and closing remarks from the East were given by John Reaside of Redford as representative of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Others present were Ken Richards of DeWitt, District Deputy Instructor of District 19 and E. Herbert Williams of Vernon, District Deputy Instructor of District 22B.

Donald Willard, past master of Ovid Lodge No. 127 on behalf of Sid Keys' sisters-in-law Mrs. Dorothy Kaspar and Mrs. Margaret Edwards of St. Johns and himself, presented an engraved gavel to the new Worshipful Master Keys. Another presentation was a Royal Arch Mason emblem pin by Loyal Hinkley from the RAM. Jim Litomisky received his Past Master's Apron from Master Keys on behalf of the Elsie Lodge.

The beautiful large red poinsettia placed at the base of the Master's pedestal in the East has a gift card signed by "Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Keys" for

the holiday occasion. During the introductions of special guests were: newly installed Elsie officers who introduced their families; Oscar Fisher, Tyler of Owosso Masonic Lodge for 25 years; and visiting past and present Master from several Lodges of the area, who told their years of service.

It was interesting to note that Worshipful Master Sid Keys received his life membership in the Elsie Lodge earlier this year and it was his first time in that office. Other life members of the Elsie Lodge present were John C. Hall who joined in 1920 and Leonard Tillotson in 1936 at the same time as the new Master.

Master Keys thanked his officers and committees for their cooperation in planning and preparing so well for their installation ceremony. He gave special thanks for the fine work of the installing officers and the musician.

Mrs. Leila Wilson representing Elsie Chapter No. 69 O.E.S. was in charge of recording the 102 guests present from Redding and Santa Monica, California, Lafayette and New Orleans, Louisiana, Redford, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Al-

ma, Lansing, Owosso, Vernon, St. Johns, Laingsburg, DeWitt and the Ovid-Elsie area.

The benediction prayer was given by Leonard and the guests were invited to the dining rooms for a social hour and refreshments. The buffet table featured a two-colored sheet cake frosted in white with royal blue Masonic emblem and inscribed lettering by Mrs. Harold Hehrer. Sid Keys and his wife, Neva, cut and served the cake. Punch, coffee, sandwiches and fruit salads were also served at tables festive with large colorful ceramics and large candles and a miniature white church and Christmas Tree lighted with tiny bulbs adding to the holiday occasion.

The committee included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Litomisky and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie J. Moore, Dick Holton, Al Mitchell, Jack Rogers and wife, Claretta.

The Elsie Lodge No. 238 Free and Accepted Masons hold regular communications on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The Elsie chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 69 stated meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
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ASSETS	Cash and due from banks	4,654
	U.S. Treasury securities	8,486
	Obligations of other U.S. Gov't. agencies and corps	2,402
	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	10,302
	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	897
	Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	105
	Trading account securities	none
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,000
	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	44,081
	Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	454
	Loans, Net	43,627
	Direct lease financing	none
	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	1,313
	Real estate owned other than bank premises	556
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	none	
Other assets	996	
TOTAL ASSETS	76,338	
LIABILITIES	Demand deposits of individuals, prtnshps., and corps	10,877
	Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtnshps., and corps	48,294
	Deposits of United States Government	106
	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	9,669
	Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions	none
	Deposits of commercial banks	none
	Certified and officers' checks	330
	TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS	69,276
	Total demand deposits	15,478
	Total time and savings deposits	53,798
	Total deposits in foreign offices	none
	TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES	69,276
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
	Liabilities for borrowed money	60
	Mortgage indebtedness	none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	none	
Other liabilities	1,116	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	70,452	
EQUITY CAPITAL	Subordinated notes and debentures	none
	Preferred stock No. shares outstanding none (par value)	none
	Common stock a. No. shares authorized 335,192	1,676
	b. No. shares outstanding 335,192 (par value)	1,807
	Surplus	2,403
	Undivided profits	none
	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	5,886
	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	76,338
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	76,338
	MEMORANDA	Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date:
Cash and due from banks		4,627
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,752
Total loans		43,850
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices		4,895
Total deposits		67,581
Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		118
Liabilities for borrowed money		79
Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date)		201
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)		4,756
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	none	
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	none	

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Robert W. Whatley
 Signature
 January 31, 1977
 Date

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Directors
 [Signatures]

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Notice of Public Hearing Special Assessment District No. 1-77 curb and gutter on East Walker Street and district No. 2-77 curb and gutter on Giles Street.

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission will hold a public hearing on the 14th day of February 1977 at 7:45 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 121 E. Walker Street to review and hear objections to the special assessment roll for curb and gutter on Walker Street between Kibbee Street and the East corporate limits of the City and for curb and gutter on Giles Street from Lansing Street west approximately 190 feet.

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Robert Zeeb, chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said USDA provides aerial photos of the lower peninsula of Michigan about every seven or eight years. The upper peninsula is flown by the U.S. Forest Service at lesser intervals. Anyone may obtain these photos at a nominal cost at any one of several scales varying from 3334' to the inch up to 400' to the inch. Prints cover four square miles unless a special order is filed. The costs are from \$2 for 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" up to \$13 for 38" x 38".

Zeeb further points out that these photos can be ordered to an exact scale so that accurate distance between given points may be obtained without ground measurement. Also, exact acreages may be determined for any given area such as fields, lakes, woods, etc. Photos are used extensively for land-use planning, urban development, drainage projects, highway layouts, etc. Another interesting note, Zeeb points out, is that the private sale of photos pays 80 percent of the over-all cost for aerial photography. Anyone ordering photos should allow at least 30 days for delivery.

District governor visits

ELSIE (C) — The Elsie Lions Club was honored at its last meeting, by the visit of District Governor E. Eugene Staelens of Lions International. District Governor Staelens represents District 11-c-2 of Lions International in Michigan.

President Dick King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meal was served by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hurst of the J&M Restaurant. Lion Norm Blakely furnished table centerpieces of red tulips.

President King introduced the district governor as the speaker of the evening. The district governor commented on how well he always enjoyed his visit to Elsie and sharing in Lionism with the club.

The District Governor talked about how active the Elsie Club was, not only on the local level but also on the state level. The club has two members on the district governor's cabinet. Those are members Joe Thering, zone chair-

man and Norm Snyder of leader dog. The district governor concentrated his talk on the goals of District 11-c-2, forming new Lions Clubs, membership and the District's motto "Make your fellow man feel needed." Accompanying Staelens was his cabinet secretary Philip Yerna.

Investigative squad arrests two men

The Clinton County investigative squad cleared up two cases this past week. On Jan. 25 Eric Carlson was apprehended for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100.

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News from around the county

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Benjamin and Mrs. Lula Boak spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boak.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Boak were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak.

Cecil Boak returned home from the hospital last week.

Mrs. Emma Vance spent two weeks with her son, Dr. Kenneth Vance in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Elvira Ernst and daughter, Maxine, were Wednesday evening guests of Mrs. Lula Boak.

Mrs. Charlie Boak and Mrs. Lula Boak went to see Mrs. Lillie Boak who is a patient at Clinton Memorial Hospital. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Benjamin spent two weeks at the Hawaiian Islands and they also spent a few days with their son, Brian, who is stationed at the George Air Force Base in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak, St. Johns, and granddaughter, Tonya Boak, Lansing, were Sunday afternoon visitors of Miss Lula Boak.

The Bannister Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6403 and Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Voice of Democracy Banquet Jan. 15, at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister.

Ralph Herron, Voice of Democracy chairman, welcomed the guests, members and friends. Pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given and the opening prayer was given by the

Honored guests also included the Judges from the Voice of Democracy program, Richard Adams and his wife Kathy of Hemlock, Mrs. Arlesia Ensign of Bannister, and Dennis Herron and his daughter, Denise, of Elsie.

Also honored were Mrs. Patrice Hornak, feature editor of the Gratiot County Herald and her husband Paul of Ikhaca.

Past State Commander Eric Halverson from the Sheridan post No. 5065 was the guest speaker.

Closing prayer was given by the Ladies Auxiliary chaplain Ruth Ferrall.

A steak dinner was served to 125 guests present by the J&M restaurant of Elsie.

A life membership Charter was presented to the

Voice of Democracy assistant chairman Emmet Caistensen.

Herron introduced the Bannister Post Commander, Jay Devereaux, who welcomed the honored guests: 9th District Voice of Democracy chairman Robert Goosen, and his wife Phyllis from the Perinton post No. 1735; 9th District Commander from the Corunna post No. 4005 Robert Burke; Gene Leader State Voice of Democracy chairman and his wife from the Plymouth post; past State Commander Eric Halverson and his wife Buella from the Sheridan post No. 5065 past State Commander; Order of the Purple Heart Aaron DeFreesse from Perry post No. 4063 and Orville Walter assistant state service officer and his wife Faye from Corunna post No. 4005.

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Carland's clogged roads, with snow and bitterly cold blowing winds making huge drifts, kept our children from attending school, and with the Shiawassee County Road Commission and road crews on strike, a lot of our men and women also did not get to work.

Fortunately, the Shiawassee County Road Commissioners, and work crews have come to a tentative agreement, and are keeping our roads open at the time being, which gives us a much more secure feeling of safety should we need an ambulance or fire-truck.

Thursday, January 20, 1977, found Carlanders inside, in fact you could have driven a forty-horse hitch and wagon through the streets of Carland and no one would have known it. All people were watching

their televisions to watch our new United States President, Jimmy Carter, take the oath of office, and the farewell of Jerry Ford. The comment of many was, "It was good to watch a religious ceremony", and the humbleness and humility shown in that long walk by the president, wife and family.

Mrs. Joan Parks, and her sister, Mrs. Patricia Chamberlain of rural Ovid, went back to Florida with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horn, for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Chamberlain will fly back to Carland this Sunday.

Mrs. Ray C. (Erma Hubbard) Peters, of West Riley Rd., rural Carland, was taken to the Owosso Memorial Hospital in emergency recently, and remains there as a patient undergoing treatment and medical attention.

Van Cowan attains sales counselor status

Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company recently announced that Van Cowan has attained the status of sales counselor in the Ford Society of Professional Sales counselors for 1976.

This honor is awarded to salesmen who display extraordinary sales achievement during the calendar year. Cowan is employed with Egan Ford Sales, Inc. and has been a member of their staff since January, 1975.

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Columnists, comedians, and commentators all seem to have something to say about funeral service.

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Obituaries

Zella Kinney

Zella G. Kinney, 77, 5624 Chestnut St., Bath, died Jan. 28.

Funeral services were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel, Monday, Jan. 31, with burial taking place at Pleasant Hills Cemetery. Richard Cole of the Bath Baptist Church officiated.

Mrs. Kinney was born July 1, 1899. She lived most of her life in the East Lansing and Bath area.

She married Carson L. Kinney, who preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving Mrs. Kinney are two sons, Ronald Shipley of Bath and Carson Kinney Jr. of Frederick; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Caldwell of Indiana and three grandchildren.

Marie Arnett

Marie A. Arnett, 64, Sears, died Jan. 25 in Reed City. Funeral services were held at the Osgood Funeral Home on Jan. 28 at 11 p.m. Burial took place at the South Ovid Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Gleason officiating.

Mrs. Arnett was born in Shiawassee County on July 2, 1912 to Lewis and Edyth (Drebenstedt) Tinklebaugh.

She married Irving A. Arnett in Owosso on April 2, 1931.

Mrs. Arnett was a housewife. She is survived by five daughters, Edith, Lake; Mrs. Sharron McLintyre, Bancroft; Mrs. Shirley Motz, Lansing; Mrs. Sandra Van Geertruy,

Lansing; Mrs. Laura Chunko, St. Johns; one son, Irving, St. Johns; 13 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lawrence Austin, Owosso; five brothers: Lawrence, Fife Lake; Lewis, Grand Blanc, Irvin, Owosso; Lynn, and Claude P., Grand Rapids.

Kevin Mead

Kevin D. Mead, 16, 129 W. Pearl St., Ovid, died, Friday, Jan. 28 at his home following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Homes, on Monday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. Burial took place at the Maple Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Prange officiating.

Kevin was born in St. Johns, on Jan. 20, 1961 to Donald and Alberta (Husted) Mead. He resided most of his life in Ovid and attended the Ovid-Elsie Schools. He attended the Grove Bible Church.

Surviving Kevin Mead are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mead; three brothers: Ronald, Big Rapids, Raymond, at home, Wayne, Elsie; grandparents, Mrs. Hazel Mead, Ovid; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Husted, St. Johns.

Danielle Fink

Danielle Fink, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fink, Pewamo, died Jan. 30 at her home following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fowler, Wednesday (today) at 10:30 a.m. Burial took place at Holy Trinity Cemetery with the Rev. Fr. Albert Schmitt officiating.

Danielle was born in Lansing, Nov. 16 to Tim and Laura (Allan) Fink.

Survivors include: her parents, one brother, Ricky, at home; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Fink, Fowler, Mrs. Evelyn Allan, St. Johns; great grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Hafner, Fowler; Mrs. Edward Fink, Fowler; and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wolf, Coldwater.

Herman Mooney

Herman F. Mooney, 59, 7759 Wacousta Rd., Maple Rapids, died Jan. 30, in Carson City Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the Abbott Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Homes, in Maple Rapids on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Algoma Cemetery in Kent county with the Rev. Hector Goodall of the Congregational Christian Church officiating.

Mr. Mooney was born in White Cloud on March 31, 1917 to William C. and Eva (Teft) Mooney. He attended the Sparta Public Schools.

He resided in the Maple Rapids area for the past 10 years prior to that time in the Rockford area.

Mr. Mooney married Jean Louden in Dubuque, Iowa on Aug. 5, 1952.

He was a farm laborer. He is survived by his wife, Jean, one son, Michael, still at home, two daughters, Gloria Mooney and Gladys Smith, both at home; one brother, Howard, Muskegon; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Jankowski, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Rena Washburn, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

Beulah Daniher

Beulah Lillian Daniher, 66, 210 E. Elm St., Ovid,

died Sunday, Jan. 30, at 6:44 a.m. at Lansing General Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Homes in Ovid. Burial took place at the Fairfield Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Copelin officiating.

She was born in Dwight, Illinois, on Aug. 27, 1910 to Frank and Olive (Phillips) Jackson. She attended the Fairfield Township schools, moving to Ovid in 1939.

She married William Daniher, in Owosso, on

Jan. 1, 1927. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1975.

Survivors include: three daughters, Mrs. June Clock, Sheridan; Mrs. Nadine Hurst, St. Johns, Mrs. Patricia Serviss, Ovid; four sons, Glenn, Ovid; Robert, Perry; James, Perry, Lee, California; 17 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two brothers, Derley, Florida, and Frank, St. Charles.

Memorial contributions are asked to be made to the Cancer Society.

Little Bits

News and notes from the County News staff

Family loses belongings in fire

Mary Weber and her three children were burned out of their homes at Searles Trailer Park this weekend and are in need of clothing, shoes, furniture, and dishes. Mary wears size 12-13. The children need clothes size 6, 5, 3, 1 1/2 shoes size 11, 10, 6. If you have any items this family can use bring them to 410 S. Lansing, or call 224-6021.

Red Cross announces class

The Lansing Red Cross has scheduled a class in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care to begin March 21 and run until June 4. Prerequisites for the course are: a current Standard First Aid Certificate and a current American Red Cross CPR Certificate. These credentials must be presented to the instructor during the first class session.

The class is recommended for those who have a special need for advanced first aid and emergency care training.

The Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course will meet every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-10 p.m., at the Lansing Red Cross located at 1800 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. The course fee is \$10, to cover the cost of textbooks, handouts and bandaging materials used during the course.

Enrollment for the class is limited to 25, and early registration for the class is required. For further information and class registration call the Lansing Red Cross at 484-7461.

Catholic Schools Week activities

Teachers and students at St. Joseph School, St. Johns are developing ways to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the week of Feb. 6. The theme of the week is "Catholic Schools, A Plus For America."

A few of the events being planned are: a coffee hour gathering on Monday night for all the teachers in the Educational Program and Board Members, a Mass for all of the children in the school and their parents on Friday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. and a Grandparents - Senior Citizens Day on Wednesday, Feb. 9. All Senior Citizens in the area are invited to visit the school between 1 and 2 p.m. and see classes in session. At 2 p.m. there will be a program in the gym, planned and prepared by the teachers and students for all Senior Citizens to attend.

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SOIL CONSERVATION

Annual District Report February 2, 1977



Stanley Thelen and his son fill in top soil over his four-inch lateral being installed by Platte Brothers. This 20-acre field was tiled every five rods. Installing tile drainage every four yards costs a minimum of \$250-\$300 per acre, but Clinton County farmers feel it's worth it. Over 1 million feet of tile was installed on Clinton County farms in 1976. It is reported that yields from tiled fields are 20 to 25 percent higher and can pay for a tiling project in three to five years. You can learn more about tiling and other soil conservation practices in this 1977 edition of the Clinton County Soil Conservation special section.

Colored Ink

County planner to speak at SCD annual meeting



The Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting will be held at noon at the Overton High School, Feb. 2. The district will host 25 to 30 speakers and will also be presenting a special program featuring a play by the local school children.

Speakers include Donald Dunigan, county planner, with Mr. Alda, an urban speaker. These speakers were selected by Clinton County. The Clinton County Soil Conservation District board announced their selection of Francis Terwilliger as Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1976, and Conservation Hero will give the following remarks during the program.

Money, Melvin Rademacher, Donald Richards, Donald A. Schnitler, and Leonard Schmitz. Two expiring directorship terms will be filled at the meeting. The three year terms of Kenneth Louderback and Gerald Decker will expire at the meeting and candidates nominated are Gerald Decker, Larry Webb, Kenneth Louderback and Donald Wright.

The election will be conducted under the direction of the Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Warren Swanson, George Baird, Max Louderback, Wayne Peck and Frank Prochaska. Also on the program is Ben D'Gday with his magic show. Rev. Robert Frantz of the Grove Bible Church will give the invocation.

State conservationist explains work on Maple River

By David L. Mussulman
Assistant State
Conservationist

Few people in Clinton County may be aware of it, but work has begun on the Maple River flooding problems. A federal contract was awarded last fall for clearing and snagging the river and for suction dredging bottom sediments.

The segment of the river affected is in Gratiot County from about a mile east of U.S. 27 on up river for about four miles and up Bear Creek about a mile and a half.

The USDA Soil Conservation Service is paying 94 percent of the cost and the local drain district in Gratiot County is paying 6 percent as agreed in the plan developed under the small watershed program.

This work alone will probably not provide any noticeable relief to the people in Clinton County. However, it is an important first step leading to completion of the total project which will provide flood protection and drainage to Clinton County farms.

The clearing, snagging, and suction dredging will open up the lower end of

the river making levee construction possible. The present work will also result in lower pumping costs when the entire project is installed.

With a freer outlet, more water will be able to drain to the river by gravity before the pumps are turned on. This saving of energy may be even more important in the future.

Another reason many people may not be aware of the work that was done on the river last fall is the special way in which the job is being accomplished.

Many people are concerned about the quality of

the environment along the river. Clearing, snagging, and dredging can be disruptive to the environment of a stream. This particular job was especially designed to have a minimum adverse impact on the environment.

Traditionally, a job such as this would be done by clearing vegetation from one or both banks, dredging the river with a dragline, and piling the spoil on the bank.

The work now being done on the Maple does not destroy river bank vegetation. Only a few trees are cut to allow

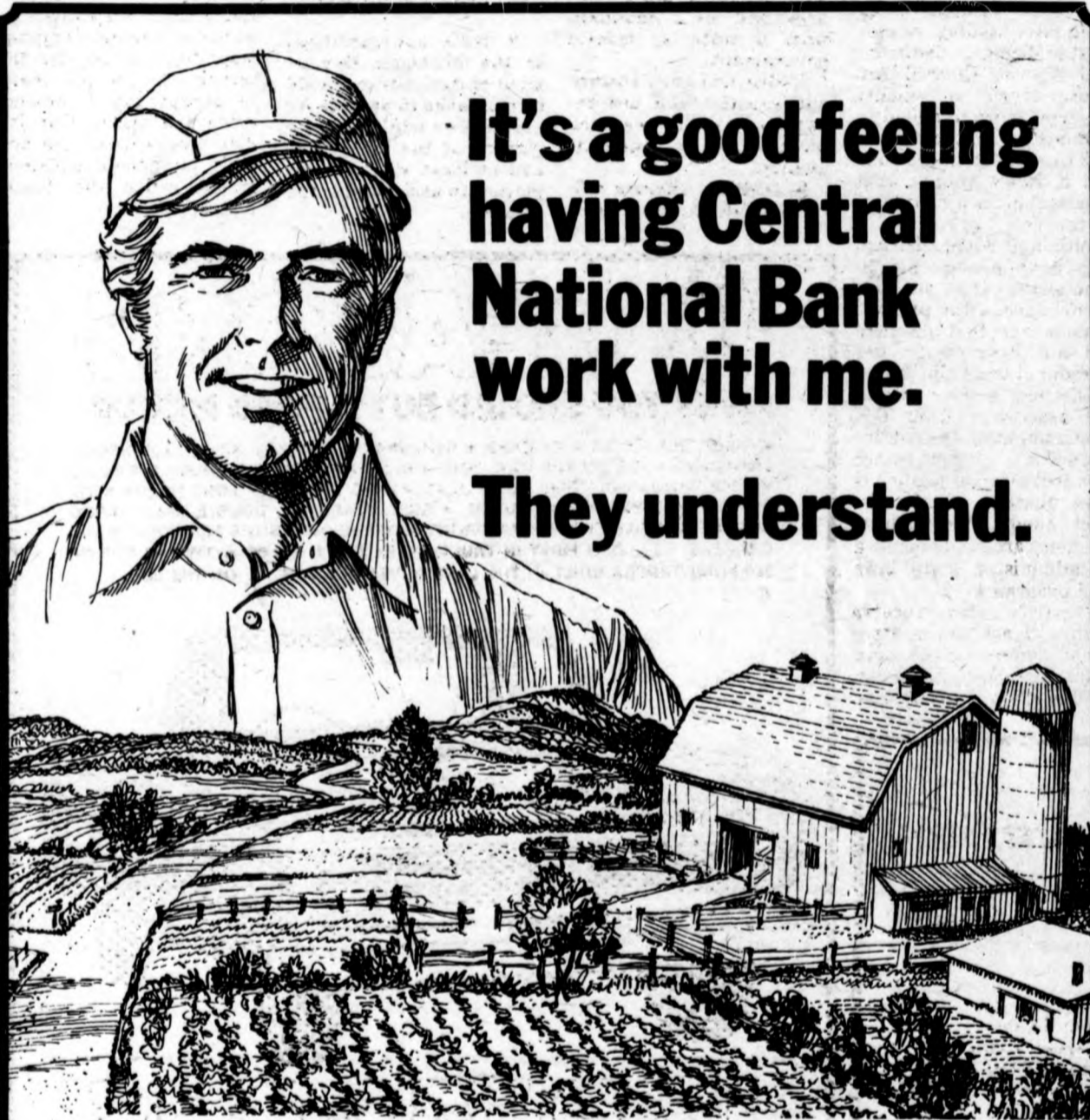
equipment access to the river. Logs and snags are lifted out of the river and placed back among the trees where they provide incidental protection for certain kinds of wildlife. Trees leaning into the river and in danger of falling are cut.

Next spring, a floating suction dredge will be used to remove sediment from the river without disturbing the banks. Side inlet pipes are installed to prevent bank erosion from water entering the river. Prompt reseeding of disturbed areas will be done.

All this means a minimum of disturbance to the environment. However, protecting the environ-

ment is not as simple as just changing the way things are done. It costs money. Many people do not realize this or tend to forget it. Doing the job as described above is more difficult and more time-consuming than the old way. It takes more manpower and different, more expensive machinery.

Is it worth it? The Soil Conservation Service thinks so. The Soil Conservation Service believes the Maple River Watershed Project will be an example of people working to protect themselves from floods while still protecting, and even improving, the natural environment of the area.



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Will soil districts thrive or wither?

By Arthur H. Cratty,
State Conservationist
Soil Conservation
Service

The next five years may very well determine the fate of soil conservation districts in Michigan.

Districts could become the most effective resource agency at the county level or, they could wither away and not amount to much.

Soil conservation districts could have county responsibilities for all phases of erosion control, sediment control, animal waste pollution control, non-urban land use programs, clean water in the rural areas, etc.

The Michigan Soil Con-

servation District Law currently gives districts responsibilities to do most of these things now. However, soil conservation districts could become ineffective agencies that will not carry out the important new and old resource programs.

The factor that will decide the fate of districts is easily identified. It is financial resources. For districts to effectively carry out the provisions of the law and to handle current and new programs, they must have money. They must have money to hire employees, pay rent, buy equipment, etc. But, individual Districts have no authority to acquire funds through taxation.

Funds currently available to districts come from the state treasury, some from counties and some from the district's own efforts, such as tree sale programs. Combining these sources of funds does not provide adequate money for districts to carry on the program that is needed.

Some county commissioners deserve recognition for their efforts in providing funds to their district. In many instances the current programs of districts would be drastically curtailed if it weren't for funds provided by the county.

A recent example of inadequate funding relates to the Michigan Sediment and Erosion Control Act. There were no county agencies more qualified to administer that act than Soil Conservation Districts but it didn't happen that way except in a couple of instances.

Although some districts may have chosen not to administer the act for other reasons, the primary reason was that districts did not have funds nor personnel to do the job.

Districts receive technical assistance from U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies. Unfortunately, this technical assistance is inadequate to meet district needs. And, federal agencies are not permitted to administer state laws and programs.

Districts also receive technical assistance from other federal, state and local agencies. However, no direct funding comes to

districts from these agencies except for modest funding from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Districts have many attributes that appear to make them ideally suited for an expanded and more effective role:

1. Districts are a "grass roots" organization. The directors are elected by local people.

2. Districts have many years of experience in erosion and sediment control and land use planning with individual landowners.

3. Districts were organized by local people to meet local needs.

4. Districts were not organized by a mandate from a state or federal government.

5. Districts have stature and prestige and are recognized as a resource planning and management agency.

6. Districts operate efficiently and have low over-

head costs.

7. Districts are not involved in partisan politics.

For those who believe that districts should administer current programs more effectively and should assume responsibility for new programs, the following changes need to be made:

1. Legislation should be enacted to provide adequate taxing powers to districts at the county level or state appropriations should be substantially increased to permit districts to hire needed employees and administer programs.

2. State appropriations to the Michigan Department of Agriculture should be increased to provide for at least two additional employees at the state level and at least six field employees to assist and guide districts.

3. The Soil Conservation District Act should be amended to allow all registered voters in the district to vote in the election of soil conservation district directors.

Learning by our mistakes

It is often said that man profits by his mistakes. Yet, many large cities as well as small ones, and a few houses are located in floodplains of streams and rivers which are subject to periodic flooding of varying magnitude at regular intervals. The people seem to accept the inconvenience and losses. Our Indian predecessors did not build permanent encampments within the floodplains.

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Erosion, sedimentation polluters

Erosion and sedimentation may be prime contributors to water pollution in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has begun calculating erosion rates for the Tri-County region to identify areas most vulnerable to soil loss. This project will examine the extent of erosion and stream sedimentation caused by urban, agricultural, construction, and natural conditions.

Pollution problems caused by erosion and sedimentation are two of many water quality issues

being studied by the TCRPC.

Tri-County planner Bob Roller said the information will help determine what corrective measures should be taken and where to eliminate pollution.

"If we expect people to implement our recommendations, they must be cost effective," said Roller. The management practices also have to meet standards set by the State Water Resources Commission. Examples of preventative measures include contour farming, grass waterways,

mulching, and minimum tillage.

Through erosion, soil particles are dislodged and carried away by surface water. Eventually they are deposited in another spot. The settling of suspended particles carried by water is called sedimentation. Both of these processes can pose numerous water quality problems.

Sediment deposits can smother fish spawning areas, stimulate aquatic weed growth, and increase the rate of eutrophication -- the aging process of lakes and streams.

Sediment also acts as a

conveyor of nutrients, heavy metals, and pesticides which adhere to the particles.

Stream erosion can cause the banks to slowly crumble. Weakened bank can undermine the support of nearby structures and damage property.

There's also the aesthetic problems that accompany erosion and sedimentation -- gullies, muddy water, and sand bars.

To a degree erosion and sedimentation are natural processes, but the lack of cover on long and steep slopes, tilling with the slope, and leaving soil fallow during winter months can greatly accelerate their rate. "While erosion robs good top soil and increases crop production costs, sediment deposits can impair recreational uses of water," said Roller.

Also as sedimentation restricts the flow of water in streams and drainage ways, flooding may occur more frequently.

Over short distances, erosion rates can vary from 1-2 tons per acre per year to as high as 7 tons per acre per year. Roller explained that the different rates are caused by soil type, slope length and gradient, rainfall, land cover and land management practices.

Rill and sheet erosion are most common in our region. Gully erosion occurs less because the land is relatively flat.

Tri-County planners have mapped soil associations to help locate areas conducive to erosion. A soil association is defined as a landscape with a distinctive propor-

tional pattern of soils.

By calculating erosion rates for soil associations current and future impacts on water quality can be predicted using a mathematical model.

Throughout the project, Tri-County staffers have been working closely with Soil Conservation District and Soil Conservation Service representatives directly involved in farm management planning with local farmers.

The Federal government hopes to clean up the nation's waterways to make them safe for both natural and human life by 1983. Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, TCRPC received a \$704,000 grant to do the work locally. The agency will finish its job by June, 1977.

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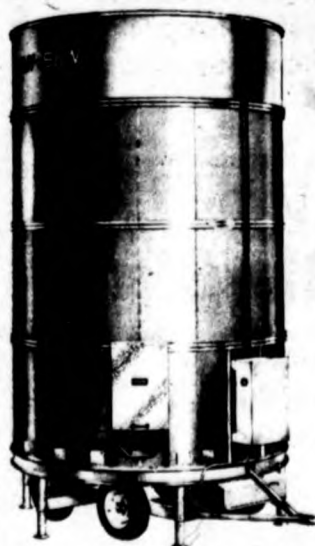
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Trierweiler named Conservation Farmer of 1976

By Orville Beachler,
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Francis Trierweiler of
Westphalia Township has

four children, Frank, Paul, Janet, and Julie.

The home farm that the Trierweilers live on has been in the family for over 100 years. Francis has bought an additional 120

hay is a real soil conservation measure.

Other soil and water conservation practices established on the farm include minimum tillage for row crops, crop residue management, hayland management, sod waterway, a wildlife plot and

over 40,000 feet tile.

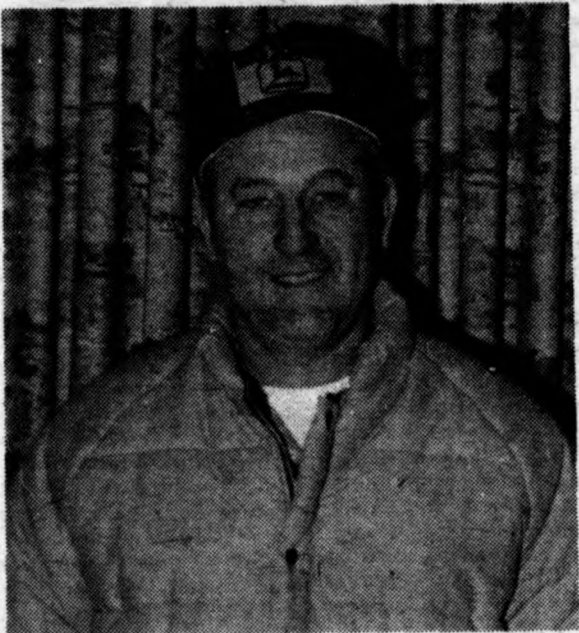
Trierweiler and his family are active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church with Francis being a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph Society. He was on the Westphalia School Board for six years and is presently the super-

visor for Westphalia Township. He is also a member of the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

Trierweiler has been on the farm all his life except for the two years he served in the U.S. Navy and two short courses he took at M.S.U.

His son, Frank, has been

enrolled in a two-year ag-tech. course at M.S.U. and will graduate in March. It is planned that he will then take over as active manager of the farm and his father will work full time at his present part time job as implement salesman for the Lich Implement Co. of Portland.



Francis Trierweiler

been selected "Conservation Farmer of 1976" by the Clinton County Soil Conservation District for the outstanding job he has done of establishing soil and water conservation practices on his farm, not only in 1976, but for many years in the past.

He was a "charter" member of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District as he joined the District in February of 1955 and his District Agreement Number is 19.

Trierweiler and his wife, Wilma, are the parents of

acres over the years and he now owns 260 acres.

The principal operation on the Trierweiler farm is dairying and they have a fine herd of 45 Holsteins with about that many heifers being raised for replacements. Almost all of the corn, oats, wheat and hay grown on the farm is fed to the dairy herd. Trierweiler said that since they acquired the last 80 acres, they will probably be able to raise some soybeans for the cash market. The crop rotation used on this farm of corn, small grain and

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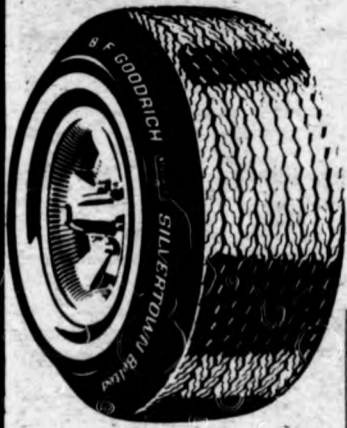
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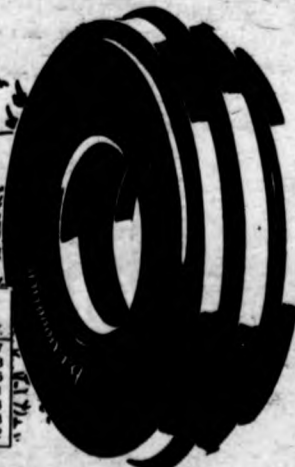
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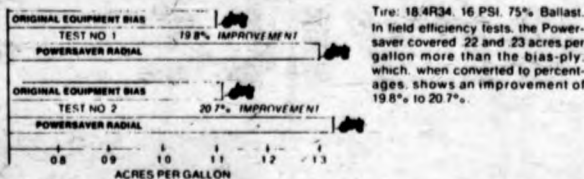


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Legislature tightens controls over trespassers

By Francis R. Spaniola
87th District
Representative

Clinton County rural landowners, along with landowners in the rest of the state, are experiencing problems with recreationists trespassing on their land. Michigan's beautiful natural resources attract millions of outdoor enthusiasts each year. However, the sportspeople and the equipment associated with their sport have increased more rapidly than facilities for their use.

Currently, we have an estimated 1.3 million snowmobiles, 374,000 registered machines, and only 2,510 miles of designated state trail. The spillover of these people onto private lands has left rural landowners with damages to their property and, in some cases, lawsuits because of accidents which occur on their land.

The Legislature has recognized this growing problem. In the final days of session, the Legislature passed a series of bills which strengthen the controls landowners have over trespassers on their land.

The "Recreational Trespassing Act" required snowmobilers, hunters, off-road vehicles, and all other outdoor users, to receive written permission before they enter any private property.

The provisions of the "Recreational Trespassing Act" are as follows:

1) It prohibits persons from entering or remaining on the lands of another which are fenced or posted in a conspicuous manner for the purposes of hunting, fishing in private waters, operating motor recreational vehicles, or for any other recreational purpose without the written consent of the owner, lessee, or agent. 2) Written consent is also required before persons can enter any farmland or connected woodlot whether or not they are enclosed or posted.

3) Presence without written consent would constitute evidence of unlawful entry.

4) Violation of this act is considered a misdemeanor.

5) The act protects landowners from personal in-

jury suits by recreationists on his-her land unless the injury was caused by gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the owner.

The new act which repeals the "Horton Trespass Act" offers more protection for the landowner.

Under the Horton Act, convictions were nearly impossible to obtain. Landowners had to swear out a complaint before authorities were allowed on their land. Under the new act, a landowner only has to call the law enforcement agency to receive assistance. If

the trespasser doesn't have a written permission slip, he can be arrested on the spot. Another change from the Horton Act is that landowners are not required to testify if the case goes to court. Finally, and most importantly, the act strengthens the provision

for protection from personal injury suits.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources had designed a "Sportsman's Land Use Pass" to assist sportsmen and property owners in getting used to the new law.

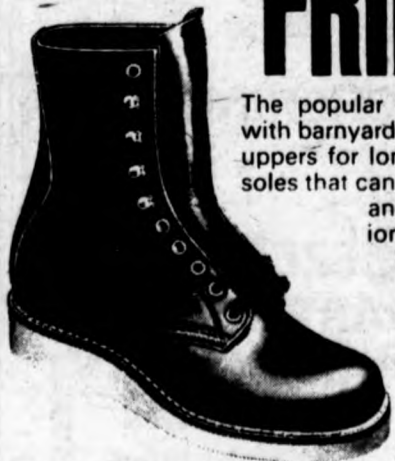
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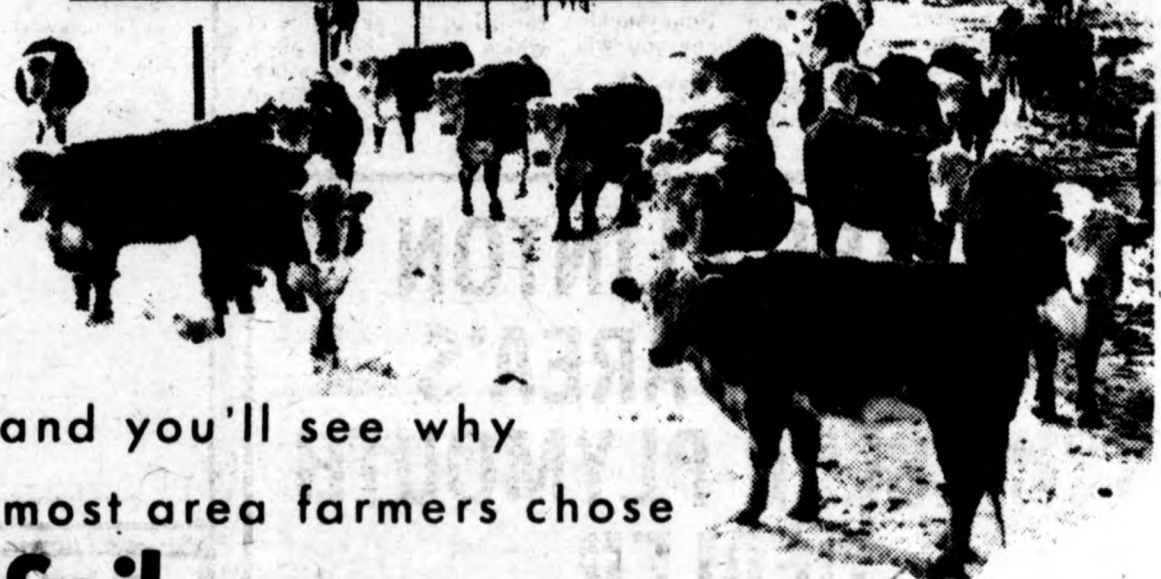
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Technician explains erosion control structures

By Orville Beachler,
Soil Conservation
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In the past seventeen years that I have been serving the landowners of Clinton County under the sponsorship of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, I have written several articles about the benefits of a grass waterway.

I am an enthusiastic booster for grass waterways, but after you have written several articles, what can you come up with

that is new about grass waterways?

Well, there are some new thoughts about waterways that through our experience and through research are beginning to be considered by the Soil Conservation Service and others.

Through my experience with some four or five farmers trying to establish grass waterways the last two years, we are finding that the seeding in late July and August is too late to establish a good growth of grass before fall rains

and winter sets in.

In 1975, those gully washer rains that fell at the end of August and the first part of September washed out every waterway that was built that year. The grass just didn't have time to get established enough to resist the force of the water from those rains. They all had to be reconstructed in 1976.

Oh yes, 1976. This year it has been so dry and cool that our grass waterway seedings are barely through the surface. It is doubtful that they will sur-

vive the spring snow melt and rains.

So, we are beginning to believe that waterways ought to be built as early as possible after the spring rains have ceased and should be seeded before July 1st. We are going to promote this next year and see how it works.

The Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Station as Rose Lake has been growing some different grasses trying to find some that are adaptable to

our region and are more tolerant to herbicides than our old standbys of tall fescue and perennial rye grass.

Warren Swanson has two of these experimental grasses planted in his new waterway, but because of the weather conditions this fall, the stand is thin and short. It just hasn't been a good year for new seedings. The waterway may have to be reseeded next spring.

If you have an area on your farm that needs a

grass waterway and would like some assistance in designing a grass waterway for you, contact the Soil Conservation Service office early so that we can get the design specifications to you and you can sign up at the A.S.C.S. office for cost share on its construction.

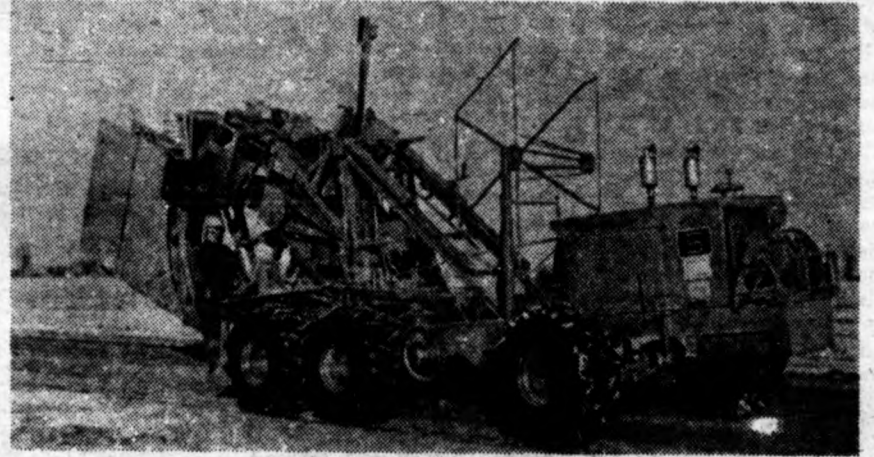
The picture shows a good grass waterway and the grass is kept mowed so that the surface water can move freely down the waterway.



Grass waterway on the Ray Warner farm, Bengal Township.

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Grass waterways stop erosion

By Orville Beachler,
Soil Conservation
Technician

Erosion control structures (grade stabilization structure is their technical name) are one of the most important conservation practices that a landowner can install to control erosion and sediment. They are used to safely conduct surface water from grass waterways and shallow surface drains into deep ditches without erosion of ditch banks and fields.

There are several types of erosion control structures, but the three types that are installed in Clinton County are the weir notch, pipe drop and hooded inlet.

The weir notch structure is installed to handle the surface water from a very

large watershed or area. It is made of either poured concrete or concrete blocks and is built at the site where it is to be installed. The water flows through the notch in the structure and falls onto a concrete apron at the bottom level of the deep ditch. The width of the notch varies with the area of the watershed and the amount of water that has to be handled.

The hooded inlet is used when the watershed is small and the ditch is quite deep.

A hooded inlet is simply a corrugated metal pipe installed on a slant in the ditch bank to conduct surface water safely into the ditch. These pipes usually have a flared end on the inlet end to help get the surface water into the pipe

and prevent it from seeping under it.

The pipe drop structure is usually used when the watershed is small and the receiving ditch is five feet or less in depth. It is constructed of corrugated metal and has a barrel that is set in the ground and has a pipe that is attached to it at right angles at the base of the barrel to conduct the water to the ditch that falls into the barrel. The receiving barrel is usually two inches larger in diameter than the outlet pipe.

Warren Swanson built a weir notch structure on his farm in Olive Twp. last year and Jack Schwark, Helen Wiltsee, Jim Rivest and Sylvester Thelen installed either a pipe drop or hooded inlet structures on their farms in 1976.

If you have a gully or washout on your property, contact the Soil Conservation Service office for help in correcting your problems.

The A.S.C.S. Committee will again provide cost sharing on erosion control structures this year.

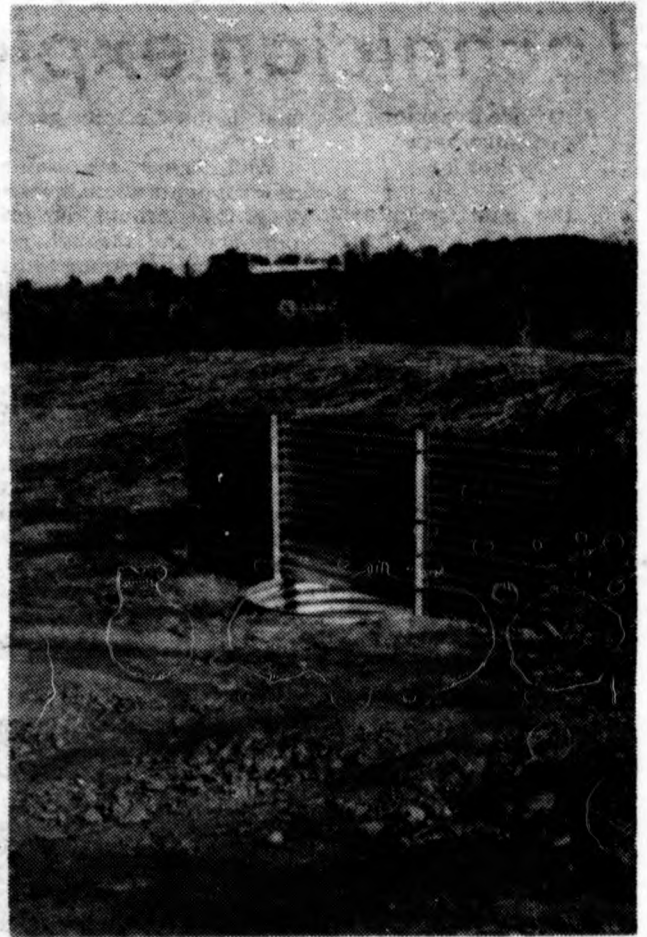
Picture No. 1 illustrates a pipe drop structure with a metal baffle on top to prevent water from swirling as it enters the structure.

Picture No. 2 illustrates a hooded inlet with a flared end.

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Pipe drop structure on Evern Thompson farm, with anti-swirl baffle on top.



Hooded inlet structure with flared end.

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Zoning helps to retain agricultural lands

Greg Lyman
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Michigan has many land areas which are uniquely suited to the production of agricultural products. Soil types, climate, market accessibility and other factors have combined to create the conditions which are basic to high levels of agricultural production. As consideration

is given to the future use of Michigan's land resources, there is little doubt that the retention of areas with unique capabilities for agricultural production is an important goal. Recognition of this objective not only helps insure our ability to meet future food needs, but also contributes to the economic and social well-being of Michigan's citizens.

In recent years, the loss of good farmland as a result of increasing urban-

ization has been a major subject of public concern. A great deal of discussion has focused on techniques which may be used to insure a future supply of prime farmland to meet our food needs. The Michigan Legislature responded to the problem through enactment of Public Act 116 of 1974 which provides for the voluntary preservation of active agricultural land coupled with certain tax benefits to the landowner. Other proposals involving the transfer of development rights, the purchase of development rights and the creation of agricultural districts have been advanced. As with many of the problems we

face, there are many potential solutions, and the characteristics of the problem require application of more than one technique.

Recognizing the need for additional, readily available methods to help retain essential agricultural land, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University has recently completed a manual which explains how zoning ordinances may be used more effectively to help retain essential farmland. The manual is entitled, *The Use of Zoning to Retain Essential Agricul-*

tural Lands.

Zoning is a legal instrument for land use regulation which is in frequent use by local units of government in Michigan. It is familiar to public officials and citizens and its purposes -- the protection of public health, safety and welfare -- are coincident with the retention of essential agricultural lands. While zoning certainly isn't necessarily the best or the only method for preserving prime farmland, it can offer assistance in many parts of Michigan. The manual is designed to offer specific assistance to those areas of Michigan where zoning could be appropriately and more ef-

fectively employed to preserve farmland which is essential to the State's production capability.

The zoning manual for agricultural lands is divided into three sections. The first discusses the importance of the agricultural industry in Michigan, the land conversion process, and our future agricultural land needs. In the second section of the manual, the complex legal issues involved in using zoning for farmland preservation are discussed. The last component of the manual describes a zoning technique which may be employed to retain essen-

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I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

SPERRY NEW HOLLAND

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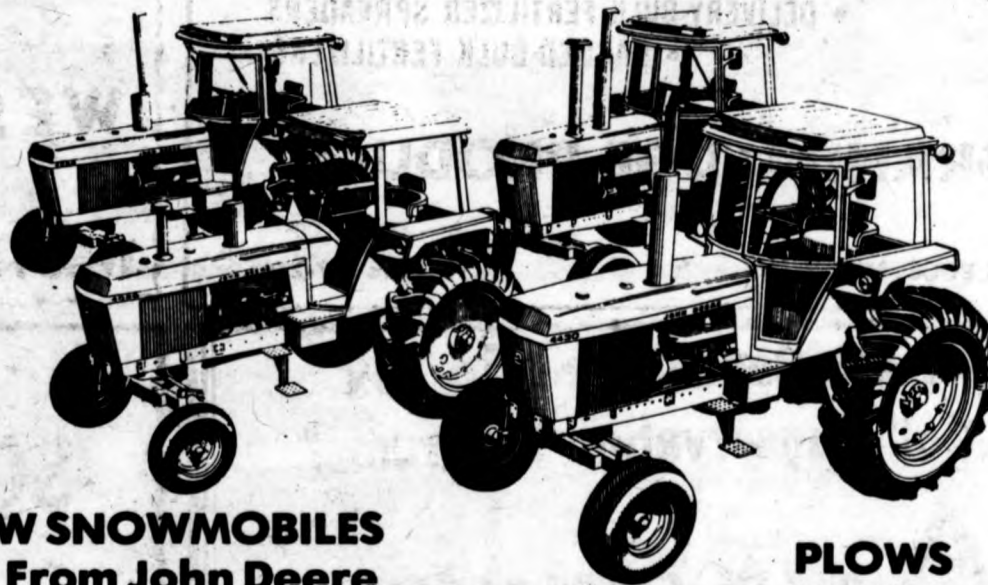
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E P A now requires large feedlot permits

Large feedlots, like municipal waste treatment plants and industries, are now required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have waste discharge limitation permits.

Tri-County planner Bob Roller explained that a feedlot operation keeps a high number of animals in a small area to produce meat, milk, eggs, or breeding stock.

Feedlots with 1,000 or more animals require a mandatory permit. In the Tri-County region this affects only one feedlot operation.

For operations ranging from 300 to 1,000 animals, there are two situations that can require a permit. If wastes are discharged through man-made conveyances or directly into waters passing through the feedlot a permit may be necessary. However, an on-site inspection must first be conducted by the State Water Resources Commission.

The regulation of permits for feedlot operations under 300 animals is identical to operations with more than 300 animals.

As part of the Tri-County Regional Planning Com-

mission's (TCRPC) clean water planning program, feedlots are being considered along with other agricultural sources as potential pollution problems.

Maps locating feedlots are being prepared by Tri-County. By pointing out how close operations are to surface water, the maps can help verify the source of stream contaminants such as animal wastes. Along with the mapping project, water samples are being taken to help identify the type and amount of pollution produced by agricultural sources.

Besides causing stream bank erosion, animals with

direct contact to surface water or runoff from feedlots, can contribute to nutrient and bacteria problems in water. The seriousness of the problem hinges on how far the feedlot is from the water, how many animals are involved, the amount of waste, where it's applied, the time of year, and the topography and soils of the area.

Because beef and dairy farms outnumber other operations in the region, they are expected to be the source of most water quality problems associated with feedlots.

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What's "best" for you ?

By Donald J. Schaner, chief
Soil & Water Conservation
Mich. Department of
Agriculture

Best management practices is a term which we will be hearing a great deal about in the near future.

One might wonder how 'best' can mean the same to each individual since each type of land user has a different goal, i.e., a farmer or forester seeks production, a businessman or industrialist uses land only as a physical base of

operation, a householder often sees land only for its aesthetic values.

Since the concept of best management practices has been accepted as the most practical means to control erosion emanating from non-point pollution sources

(essentially agriculture and forestry), it is important that we all understand its meaning. By definition a best management practice refers to a land use which allows for the greatest possible economic return while permitting a minimum runoff loss. In a practical sense, best management practices are just plain good business procedures for all land users. From an environ-

mental standpoint, BMP's allow for maximum land utilization with minimum degradation of water quality.

How do I, as a land user, determine if I am utilizing best management practices on the land in my ownership or care? Your soil conservation district was organized as an entity of state government to provide assistance to land users to use each acre of

land according to its capabilities and user goals so that it produces an economic or social return on a sustained basis. Contact your soil conservation district at 100 South Ottawa Street, St. Johns, Mich. 48879 -- Telephone: 517 224-4318, and ask for an evaluation of your land management practices. Personnel are available to assist you in developing a conservation plan.

Zoning to retain lands

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tial agricultural areas located within a governmental unit.

The technique recommended in the manual for retention of agricultural lands is based upon a strong public commitment by the citizens of a governmental unit to preservation of prime farmland as a proper public goal. With public support as a foundation, it is suggested that an Agricultural Lands Plan be developed either as a separate document, or, preferably, as an element of a comprehensive land use plan. Briefly described, the Plan recommended in the report contains the following components:

1. The presentation of information documenting the importance of local agricultural production in relation to local, state and national needs.
2. The presentation of identification criteria, and the land areas which have been objectively classified as essential for agricultural production in accord with the criteria.
3. The presentation and

application of legal principles which define the scope and proper use of the zoning power and insure that the resulting ordinance and its application to specific parcels or property will be valid.

4. The presentation of policies defining the scope and direction for the regulatory content of the zoning ordinance.

Using the information developed in the Agricultural Lands Plan, zoning maps and ordinance language can be developed with a minimum of difficulty which are reflective of public objectives, legally valid and supported by sound factual data. It should also be noted that the Agricultural Lands Plan can serve as the vehicle for recommending other techniques which will assist in retaining agricultural land.

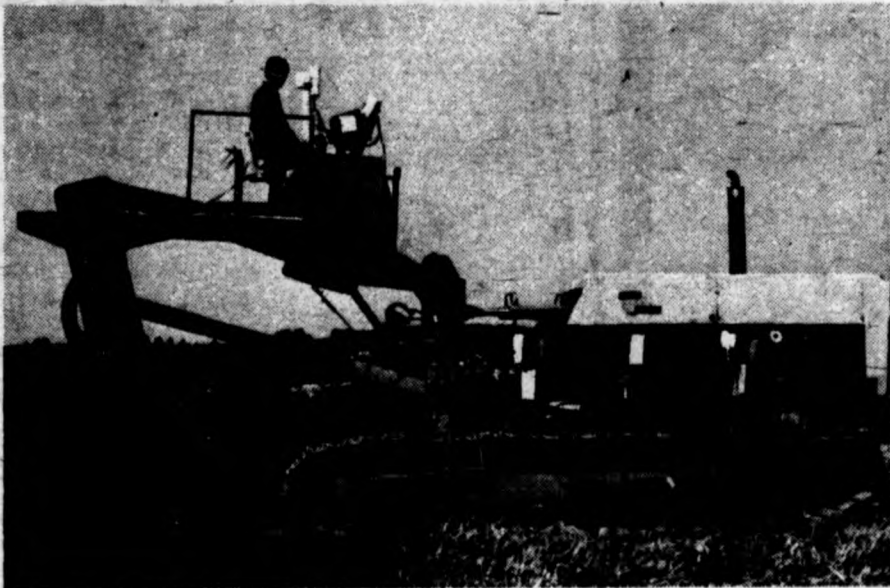
As a review of "The Use of Zoning to Retain Essential Agricultural Lands" will indicate, the retention of Michigan's prime farmland is not an easy task.

The successful use of zoning to assist in reaching this goal requires the use of technical skills possessed by planners, lawyers and members of the agricultural community, as well as the continuing presence of citizen support. Yet, the characteristics present in essential agricultural land areas are not easily duplicated, and the choices which are difficult to make today may appear wise tomorrow.

"The Use of Zoning to Retain Essential Agricultural Lands" is available for review in offices or regional planning commissions and county extension directors throughout Michigan. A descriptive information pamphlet and copies of the manual may be obtained upon request from:

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Stanley Powell explains bills

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sary to give value to his farm but he didn't think the present arrangement was equitable in that, in his case he was assessed

much more for the road than as though the land involved had been of low value. When I considered the problem, I realized that

its impact on an individual landowner depended on the location of the acreage and its shape.

INTER-COUNTY DRAIN NOTICES

Some portions of Clinton County have been involved in numerous costly inter-county drain projects. My attention was called to the fact that the folks who would ultimately be assessed for the cost of one of these inter-county drains sometimes didn't know what was going on or what was being planned until the time when the bids for the construction were being received.

I looked into the situation and found that the provisions for giving notice of a local drain proposal were quite satisfactory and might well be included in the part of the law dealing with inter-county drains.

I then sponsored H.B. 5841 and was able to get it through both the House and Senate and it was approved by Governor Milliken on December 15, 1976 and is now Act No. 341 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Among other provisions, it specifies that when an inter-county drain is being proposed, in addition to the various other notices and publications specified, there shall be a notice sent by first class mail of the time and place of the meeting at which the proposal will be considered to

each landowner who would be subject to assessment if the project were to be carried out. I believe that this is no more than right and is a definite step in protecting the interests of the landowners who would end up paying the cost of the inter-county drain if it were to be constructed.

These are only a few of

the bills that I thought might be appropriate to mention in this special Soil Conservation Issue of the Clinton County News.

Now, as I bring these rambling remarks to a close, I would like to leave with you the following thought-provoking observation of a great former President of our Nation and a true conservationist,

Theodore Roosevelt, who stated: "To waste, to destroy, our natural resources, to skim and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed."

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Politics and pocketbooks

By Richard J. Allen
State Senator
30th District

Farmers have grown a little soft! Affluence coming with higher farm prices the previous three years (not this one) may be the cause. And I think we are headed for trouble. Political trouble that will hit in the pocketbook.

Up until recent years farmers and rural interests have kept up a continued political barrage aimed at property taxes. While it's obvious we never won the war we certainly took some major battles and numerous skirmishes.

The property tax as a source of state revenue was eliminated in the 1930's. Rural legislators have been in the vanguard of previous efforts to dim-

inish reliance on property taxes through institution of sales tax, income tax and other revenue sources. The School Aid Fund putting state tax resources into local school operation has been successful in the past in decreasing the percentage of property tax dollars in local school operation.

Farmers have secured a sales tax exemption for farm machinery, property tax credits, property tax relief under the Farmland Preservation Act and numerous other special tax benefits. Such victories have come only because farmers have been aroused and aware. Their organizations and their legislative friends have maintained tax issues as priority issues. As farmers have declined as a percentage this has become

tougher and tougher requiring formation of alliances with other interests and convincing non farmers among citizens and legislators of the needs.

Somehow things have changed. For the last two years, County Farm Bureau meetings I attend passed few resolutions about property tax relief. My mail no longer indicates this as the major rural interest. When I co-sponsored an income tax increase stating a major share was needed to decrease local property taxes I got very little rural support and the usual objections.

Perhaps the combination of higher farm incomes and present tax credits decreases farmers anxiety over property taxes. But I think we're in

for serious problems. Those increased farm commodity prices have greatly increased the price of farm land. In many areas it has tripled in a few years.

Assessed valuations lag somewhat but by the time the State Tax Commission gets around the counties again, farmland assessments may double and triple. Since millages are also still on the increase

actual property tax may increase three or four times.

And I'm not certain we can rely on the Farmland Preservation Act and Homestead Tax Credits. Under both these programs the state replaces local revenue lost. If the costs increase by leaps and bounds can we be certain the legislation will provide the millions need-


ed from present tight budgets?

If increased taxes coincide with lower farm prices as we have experienced this year the result could be rural disaster.

We cannot be complacent! Farmers and farm organizations need to be informed and aroused on tax issues.


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Health Dept. implements ground water program

A major step was taken by Mid-Michigan District Health Department in 1976 for the conservation of Clinton County Ground Water Supplies. The Board of Health, a six member legislative body, composed of county commissioners from Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm Counties, implemented a Ground Water Program on July 2, 1976. What is ground water? What must be done to conserve this resource?

Ground water means water which is located below the land surface. It may or may not be mixed with surface water (lake, stream, or river) as shown by the attached sketch. Like surface water it also must be protected against unnecessary or accidental

pollution by man. The development and protection of this natural resource must be a primary concern of all residents of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District.

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department Ground Water Program establishes a method to fully advise residents on ground water conservation. Through a written construction permit, the Environmental Sanitarian works with home owners and well drilling contractors to insure that wells are properly isolated from sources of contamination. In addition, care is taken to seal abandoned wells to prevent direct seepage to ground water. A new water supply may be sampled to

double check these safety measures.

The health related importance of ground water takes two distinct forms:

First is quantity, or the amount of ground water available for our needs. Most areas of Clinton County have a good supply of water which is measured by existing high producing water wells. Such wells vary in depths from fifty feet to perhaps several hundred feet below land surface. The proper seal of the well pipe as it passes through the protective lay-

ers of soil and rock below the ground surface is a vital task of the Registered Well Driller. Once a driller locates porous rock or soil that contains water [an Aquifer] he test pumps it for adequate quantity. This "yield test" must be sufficient to supply the needs of our homes, farms, and businesses. Ground water must be adequate in quantity to maintain a constant supply under pressure at all times. A limited quantity of water may lead to siphon type contamination of the water supply system

and jeopardizing clean sanitary living conditions.

The SECOND health related condition pertaining to ground water is that of quality. Quality is a measure of freedom from high concentrations of chemicals or bacteria. New or existing water wells are sampled by the sanitarian. Test results are checked against Federal Acceptance Standards and filed for future comparison. If future tests indicate new or increased levels of chemicals, action can be taken to protect the homeowner.

If no change is found, he is assured of continued high ground water quality.

Clinton County is not free of areas containing poor ground water. Such problems as brine contaminated ground water has been created by man and must be prevented in the future. For more information on ground water conservation and environmental health protection, contact the Clinton Branch Office of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, located at 106 S. Maple Street, St. Johns.

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Researchers develop smog resistant alfalfa

By Jim Pelham
County Extension
Director

"Agricultural Research" a publication of the United States Department of Agriculture confirms 'Smog Harms Alfalfa'. First, it drastically reduces leafi-

ness, growth, stand and, thus, ultimate yield. Second, it alters the forage plants chemical composition.

Tests conducted near Riverside, Calif., show that during six months of growing alfalfa in photochemical air pollution (smog

caused mainly by auto and industrial emissions), Eldorado, a smog-tolerant alfalfa variety, yielded only about 66 percent as much alfalfa hay in smoggy air as it did in clean air. Hayden, a smog-susceptible variety, yielded less than 60 percent as much in smoggy air.

Even with the heavy smog, growers should get approximately 10 percent more alfalfa hay from the smog-tolerant Eldorado than from Hayden.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures represent about 60 percent of all hay harvested in the United States. Alfalfa is a major feed for dairy cows and any crop loss increases the cost of producing milk. Beef cattle also consume large quantities of alfalfa.

These smog studies began in 1974 at the University of California's (UC) Statewide Air Pollution Research Center, Riverside, with the support and cooperation of ARS. UC research biochemist C. Ray Thompson grew alfalfa in pots placed inside open-topped plastic chambers, 10-feet in diameter by 8-feet high. The two alfalfa varieties were grown in both normal air and in

carbon-filtered air.

The researchers harvested the alfalfa in seven cuttings from June to January. The amount of smog directly affected yields. Yields of both alfalfa varieties continued to decline as the oxidant or smog level got progressively higher. However, by the fifth cutting some plants had weakened and even died. Even declining smog levels did not help increase production in subsequent harvests.

At the conclusion of the experiment, smog had killed over one-third of the alfalfa plants grown in smoggy air -- even the smog-tolerant Eldorado variety.

Dr. Thompson says, "Cattle Feeders and Dairy-men naturally want alfalfa with plenty of leaves. In general, we found 5 to 10 percent more leaves on alfalfa grown in clean air than on alfalfa grown in smog."

After harvesting, the researchers sent alfalfa samples to ARS chemist Eldon L. Phippen at the Western Regional Research Center (800 Buchanan St. Berkeley, Cal. 94710) for chemical and biological analysis. Tests conducted by Pip-

pen showed that smog altered the chemical composition of both varieties. Hayden was particularly hard hit by smog. Smog reduced the fat content by 18 percent, fiber 28 percent, carbohydrate 14 percent, beta-carotene 50 percent, vitamin C 53 percent, and chlorophyll 30 percent compared to alfalfa grown in clean air.

Phippen says, "We found that niacin production was greater in the smog-grown alfalfas. Somehow air pollution stimulates niacin production. The percentages of nitrogen, ash, and elements such as bromine, copper, and potassium may have appeared higher because of the lower con-

centration of crude fiber and other carbohydrates in the smog-damaged alfalfa. However, the total amount of plant nutrients was much greater for plants grown in clean air than for plants grown in smog."

Rats fed protein from alfalfa grown in smoggy air grew as fast as rats fed protein from alfalfa grown in clean air. Another laboratory test indicated the nitrogen digestibility of both alfalfa varieties, whether grown in clean or smoggy air, to be the same.

This information will help researchers who are trying to develop even more smog-tolerant varieties of alfalfa.

Chisel plowing popular tool

By William Lasher
County Extension
Agent

Chisel Plowing has become a very popular tool over the past several years. It is best adapted to clay, clay loams and loamy soils where no manure needs to be plowed down.

By chisel plow, I mean a tillage tool with a number of chisel points that can disturb the soil at depths up to 16 to 20 inches. It requires nearly the same horsepower as the moldboard plow per foot of width. One advantage is you can run the chisel plow at any depth desired.

The chisel plow is meant to be used in dry soil. This eliminates spring tillage by this tool because the soil is too wet in the spring; and if the fall is a wet one the chisel plow cannot be used. The chisel plow works well in dry soil and increases water percolation.

There is no advantage to bringing soil from below the plow layer to the surface. There is little or no fertility in this subsoil. For deep tilling of more than 10 inches, I favor the straight shank over the twisted shank because less subsoil is brought to the surface.

Soil tilled with the chisel plow has less erosion than fall-plowed land. More trash is left on top and the surface has more ridges which reduce surface wind velocity and wind erosion. Therefore, the chisel plow is far more suited to fall tillage than the moldboard plow from a soil erosion standpoint. Also, it is easier to work across slopes.

Other advantages of the chisel plow include variable tillage depths and where desirable two or three treatments are possible.

You should choose land to be chisel plowed as you would for fall plowing. It should be a level, fine textured soil not readily subject to wind or water erosion.

I like the chisel plow because it is effective in loosening a compact soil caused by excessive or untimely tillage or in the harvest process. It works fairly well in stony fields, and it is better than the moldboard plow in erosion control.

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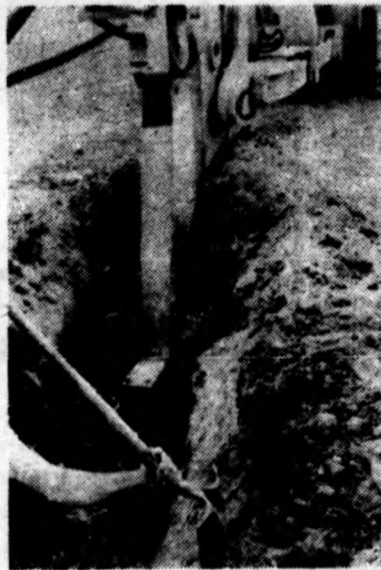
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Land and Water Resources Act again introduced

By Bob Carr
U.S. Congressman

A bill of great importance to the future of Soil Conservation Districts was passed unanimously by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in 1976. The bill is known as the Land and Water Resource Conservation Act.

The primary purpose of the bill is to organize a

program whereby the nation's soil resources could be fully appraised and that appraisal could be used to develop a long-range master plan for soil use and conservation. This plan would be developed through the Soil Conservation Service.

The long-range scope provided by the bill would replace the sometimes piecemeal approach to soil conservation which is now

prevalent. The bill declares as national policy that soil conservation programs be responsive to long-term national needs.

To achieve this goal, the bill requires that a national appraisal be made of the quality and quantity of land resources in the United States. Once this appraisal is completed with the assistance of Soil Conservation Districts, the bill required the United States Secretary of Agriculture to formulate a program based on the appraisal which would, on a long-term, coordinated basis, further the conservation of private and non-federal lands.

The bill was vetoed by President Ford, but it has been reintroduced in 1977 as H.R. 75, and I sincerely hope the bill passes and is signed by President-elect Carter.

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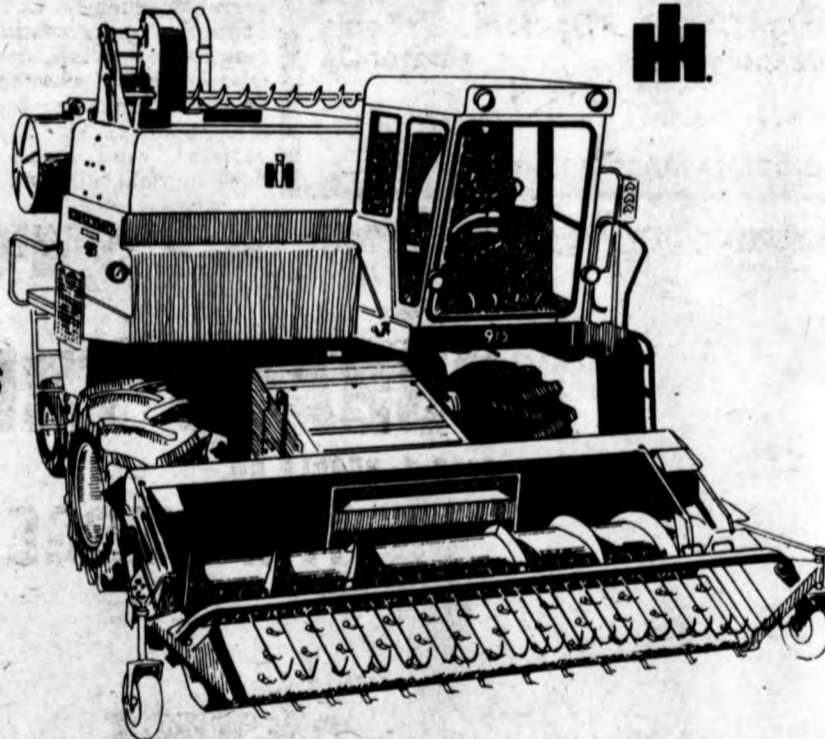
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Few changes in 1977 ACP

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In 1976, 138 requests were filed for Tile; 66, for Lime; 34, Interim Cover; 29, Permanent Vegetative Cover; 14, Ditches; 13, Sediment Retention Structures; 12, Tree Plantings; 11, Ponds; 8, Windbreaks; 6, Animal Waste Storage Facilities; 3, Timber Stand Improvements; 3, Wildlife Habitats; and 2, Waterways. In addition 5 Pooling Agreements on tile and 1 Pooling Agreement on a Ditch.

Requests for cost-

sharing on these practices far exceeded the funds available. The county committee could not approve cost-sharing for the amount requested for each practice. Priorities are set to determine which practices give the most conservation and most needed in the county. These practices are approved first with the higher cost-sharing rate. Medium and low priority practices are approved after the high priority practices and are cost-shared at a lower rate.

The Forestry Incentive Program (FIP) will also be offered again this year. Both annual and long term agreements will be avail-

able. This program is funded separately from ACP and funds are virtually unlimited for Planting of Forest Trees and Improving a Stand of Forest Trees. The purpose of this FIP Program is to insure future generations enough quality timber for their needs.

Sign up is now underway for the 1977 ACP program and will continue through December, 1977. Discuss your conservation needs with your Soil Conservation Service and then sign-up for cost-sharing with the ASCS office.

Lessons from the past

"Nature treats the earth kindly. Man treats her harshly. He overplows the cropland, overgrasses the pastureland, and overcuts the timberland. He des-

troys millions of acres completely. He pours fertility year after year into the cities, which in turn pour what they do not use down the sewers. This terribly destructive process is not excusable, the public is waking up just in time. In another thirty years, it might have been too late."

-- taken from the USDA
-- yearbook of 1938

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1976 district report

**SOIL CONSERVATION
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	THIS YEAR Number	ACRES	TO DATE Number	ACRES
District Cooperators	34	6,246	1,148	178,132
Conservation Plans				
Prepared	20	3,619	1,009	156,368
Revised	10	2,937		
Soil Survey				365,440
Conservation Cropping System		6,176		117,166
Critical Area Planting		1		240
Minimum Tillage		1,245		62,943
Grass Waterways		1.0		94
Tile Drains		1,052,708 ft.		15,698,716 ft.
Grade Stabilization Structures	7		224	
Field Windbreaks	898 ft.		171,908 ft.	
Farm Ponds	11		184	
Tree Planting		122		1,236
Woodland Management		508		2,572
Wildlife Habitat Management		282		3,783
Cropland to Grassland		81		2,760
Cropland to Woodland		5		557
Cropland to Wildlife Recreation		31		4,002
Non Cropland to				
Wildlife Recreation		48		1,053
Open & Field Ditches		6,610 ft.		537,732 ft.
Land Adequately Treated		3,095		129,114

In addition to the above conservation practices, Fred Wuerthele, Conservation Forester, Department of Natural Resources, gave woodlot management assistance to several cooperators, marking trees for harvesting or culling, assisting on tree planting sites, varieties, insect, and weed tree control.

Technical assistance was given to 141 farmers who cooperated with the Rural Environmental Assistance Program which is administrated by the ASCS office in St. Johns. Six pooling agreement or drainage groups was included with a total of 14 farms in the groups. This assistance included site selection, layout, supervision of installation and certification of these conservation practices. Participation in this program is voluntary, and all farmers are eligible to take part.

During 1970, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service signed a contract to complete the Clinton County Soil Survey, Karl E. Pregitzer, Soil Scientist SCS, was named party leader assisted by Glen Weesies, Soil Scientist, SCS. Since that date, they have completed the field work in Westphalia, Dallas, Lebanon, and Essex Townships for this soil survey. The soil survey is now in the Government Printing Office.

The district employees have colored septic field limitations on advance copies of the soils maps for Bath, DeWitt, Watertown, Eagle, Riley, Olive, Victor, Ovid, Bingham, Bengal, Greenbush, Duplain, Westphalia, Essex, Lebanon, and Dallas townships for the Clinton County Planning Commission and town boards of these townships. The County Planning Commission has used these advance copies of the soil survey for their various planning activities. The township boards are using these soil maps to assist them to make township plans.

These accomplishments were made possible by the combined efforts of the cooperating landowners, the directors of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, and technical staff provided by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and other cooperating agencies.

Lloyd B. Campbell District Conservationist

**AUDITED
FINANCIAL REPORT
Clinton County Soil Conservation District**

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Balance on Hand July 1, 1975 \$1,591.32

RECEIPTS:

District Administrative Funds (State of Michigan)	\$1,051.00
Conservation District Aide Funds (State of Michigan)	4,200.00
State and Regional Meeting Funds	29.55
County Board of Commissioners	3,750.00
Sale of Tree and Shrub Planting Stock	4,499.25
Machinery Rentals	15.00
Annual Meeting Receipts	205.00
Crownvetch Sales	489.75
Educational Materials	43.02
Newsletter	285.00
Refunds	39.22
Total Receipts	\$14,606.79
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$16,198.11

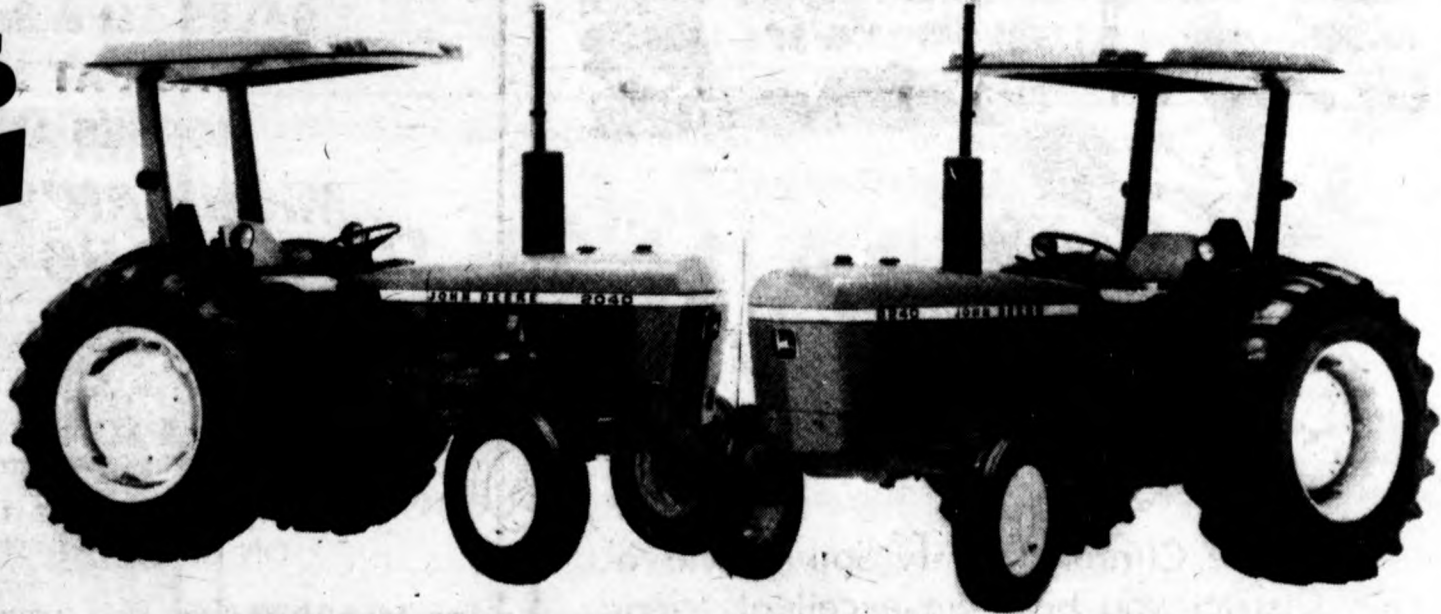
DISBURSEMENTS:

Office Supplies and Postage	\$231.30
Directors Mileage and Expense	561.36
Equipment Purchased	30.00
Conservation District Aides	7,663.22
Social Security	448.30
Bond, Workmen's Compensation, Insurance	1,118.29
Trees & Hauling	3,414.12
Annual Meeting	382.59
Publications	437.34
Youth Activities	28.07
Educational Materials	104.49
State & National Dues	350.00
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Total Disbursements	\$15,220.83

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State soil conservation organized in 1938

By B. Dale Ball,
Director
Michigan Department
of Agriculture

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tion programs of Michigan. By law, the department is responsible for providing administrative assistance and program coordination to the state's 84 soil conservation districts.

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directors, are entities of state government responsible for conducting programs of soil and water conservation throughout the state.

Michigan's first soil conservation efforts began, on an organized basis, back in

1938. Each district has as its goal "to assist land owners so that each acre of land is used within its capability so as to produce an economic or social return on a sustained basis." In short, soil conservation districts have been and are concerned with sound land use management.

Clinton County SCD and the other soil conservation districts conducted programs to provide land-user assistance to more than 63,500 individuals, commercial institutions and government agencies at no direct cost to the users. More than 21,600 information requests were serviced. Districts participated in over 1,800 information meetings, designed to assist the general public in acquiring a better understanding of our land and related resources, their prudent use and management.

District programs were responsible for the planting of more than 10,000 acres of trees and shrubs on private and public land. These plantings will be with us for many years to

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-- Theodore Roosevelt

come, contributing significantly to the state's ecology by controlling soil erosion, helping to maintain the quality of our lakes and streams, and protecting crops, building sites and livestock from winds. In addition, they will provide for future fiber and lumber production and will estab-

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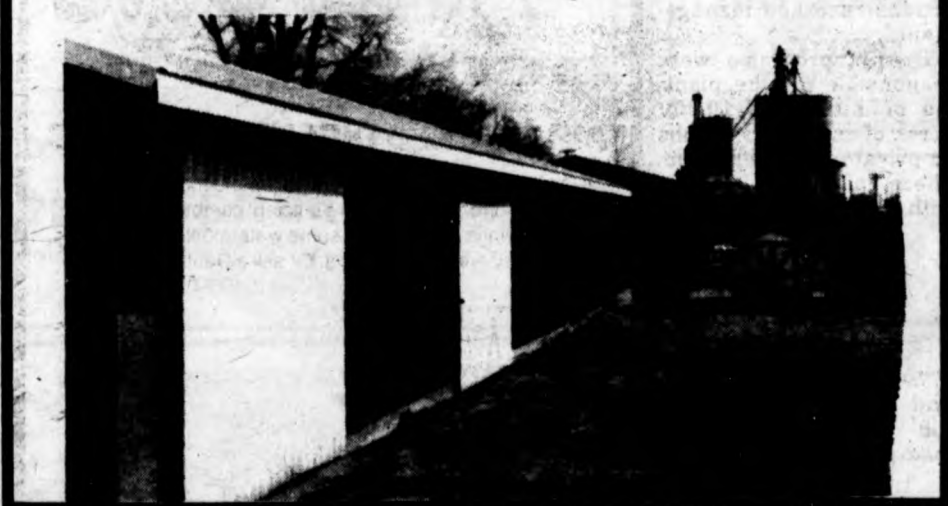
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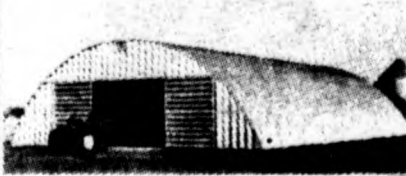
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