



Ken Zdral stands with his family's belongings last week

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# Local family loses home

By ANN E. WILLIS

Ken Zdral sat under an umbrella table in the pouring rain last week explaining why he couldn't get back into his house.

Zdral, 42, his wife, and their 8-year-old son, were evicted from their home on Allen Drive in Northville on Tuesday evening, Sept. 12. The husband and wife sat outside in the rain all night near the mound of furniture, toys and clothes that had been piled in front of the small brick home. Their son spent the night with neighbors.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, Zdral sat sipping coffee and staring at the padlocked front door of the house. His two dogs, Levi and Strauss, sat in the family car at the curb.

"I think I will be back in," he said as friends and neighbors stopped by the table near the curb of the house's front lawn. At the time his goal was to be back in the house by the time his son returned home from school that Wednesday afternoon.

Zdral said his economic troubles

began 4 1/2 years ago when he lost his job with the Stroh Brewery Company. The family has lived in Northville for 11 years, he said, the last seven years at the Allen Drive house.

"I want my house I have been fighting since day one to save my house. I don't want to move out of Northville," Zdral said.

A series of legal and financial problems led the family to their present situation, Zdral said.

Court documents filed in 35th District Court in Plymouth show that the house's current owners, Frederick and Rose Monahan, were awarded right to possession on Aug. 9, 1989. An eviction notice, or writ of restitution, was issued on Sept. 1 by Judge John McDonald.

Zdral said he thought the family had 60 days from the Sept. 1 eviction notice to try to fight the move. On Saturday, Sept. 9, the family staved off one eviction notice, but could not permanently hang on to the house.

On Sept. 12 the court officer was sent to Northville to evict the family

A neighbor found the Zdrals at their son's soccer game on Tuesday evening. "She came running up, yelling, 'Your house, they're doing it again,'" he said. When the family arrived home the police and court officer were removing furniture and possessions from the house.

"I was confident we could get it stopped," Zdral said. He said he and his wife decided not to leave their possessions on the site of the house until a lawyer could be found to represent them.

A neighbor helped Karen Zdral sort through her belongings in the rain Wednesday afternoon. "I've never seen anything like this. It's been quite an experience," neighbor Mary Ann Kotylo said as she helped move a bed and clothing to her home for safekeeping.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 19 the Zdrals had contacted a lawyer, put their furnishings in storage and were staying with friends.

"We're still hopeful," Karen said. "Things are sounding rather promising."

# Northville looks closer at CEMS ambulance service levels

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of an agreement made with Botsford Hospital and CEMS, its ambulance service, several years ago. At that time, Northville City, Northville Township, Novi and Farmington joined together to enter into what Walters termed an "operating agreement" with CEMS to provide service to the five communities. Plymouth entered into a similar agreement with CEMS at a later date.

Plymouth's defection from the program has led to concerns by Northville City officials on whether other towns are planning similar actions, and whether CEMS could provide an adequate level of service to the remaining towns in the agreement.

According to CEMS President Greg Beauchemin, medical service

to Northville will only improve with the loss of Plymouth's business. "Northville will probably experience even better response times," he said.

CEMS currently has one ambulance for both the Plymouth and Northville areas, he explained, which is still stationed in Plymouth. Once Plymouth has fully switched to Huron Valley Ambulance Service, he said, CEMS will move that ambulance to a station on Seven Mile and Northville roads, allowing faster response to emergencies in Northville.

Plymouth officials have several arguments for the use of Huron Valley Ambulance Service over CEMS. According to a Sept. 8 memo from Northville Police Chief Rodney Cannon to Walters, Plymouth officials were dissatisfied with the

quality of service rendered by CEMS. Cannon, who questioned Plymouth Fire Chief Alan Matthews about the change, reported three problems: the CEMS response time in Plymouth was considered too long, basic units — rather than the agreed-upon advanced life support units — had been sent to the scene of an accident several times, and CEMS crews remained at the scene too long before transporting victims.

Cannon wrote that Northville officials have experienced similar problems, and complained to CEMS officials about delays in transporting victims.

Beauchemin disagreed with the figures cited by Plymouth officials. "Their statistics are, in our opinion, totally erroneous," he said, "and we have statistics to prove that."

Beauchemin called the Plymouth defection "a politically-motivated move."

Included in Cannon's report was a study of CEMS response times in Northville. In reviewing CEMS response times for 23 ambulance runs between May 1 and Sept. 1 of this year, Northville Police Capt. James Petres found response times ranging from 3 to 20 minutes, with the average time being 8.7 minutes. In 30 percent of the runs, according to the review, response time was over 10 minutes. Medical studies have shown that the survival rate of heart

attack victims decreases dramatically if treatment begins after eight minutes.

Beauchemin could not comment directly on the Northville figures, though he said they sounded high.

Walters noted that Northville Township board members are considering a plan to have township medical personnel provide first-response medical coverage to township residents, coverage currently provided by CEMS. The change would mirror the system used by Plymouth City before changing carriers, when city firefighters pro-

vided first aid before CEMS crews arrived to give advanced life support such as intravenous lines, air passages and cardiac defibrillation.

Walters noted that such a change usually leads to a community providing full ambulance service. Since Plymouth's change of carriers, Walters said, "Everything looks more significant now."

Walters will make a recommendation to the city council after discussing the situation with CEMS personnel and officials of the remaining three communities involved in the agreement.

# Obituaries

OSMOND D. YERKES

Osmond D. Yerkes died Sept. 13 at Whitehall Convalescent Home. He was 97.

Mr. Yerkes was born June 13, 1892 in South Lyon to Harmon and Lettia (Dove) Yerkes. His wife, Bertha, preceded him in death in 1968.

He is survived by his niece, Suzanne Nielsen of Arcadia, California, and his nephews, Robert Yerkes of Northville, William Yerkes of Pickford and Richard Yerkes of Northville.

A 1911 graduate of Northville High School, Mr. Yerkes lived his entire life in the area.

He had a varied career which included two years at Michigan State University's School of Agriculture and a few years working on the family farm. He owned and operated a plumbing business in the Farmington area until 1930 and was active in the real estate business after the Depression.

He also worked at Ford Motor Company's Northville Plant. His family owned the old mill and land where Ford built the plant, and the surrounding area which now includes Mill Race Historical Village.

Mr. Yerkes was a member of Farmington Lodge No. 151 F & AM. He received a degree of master mason (life member) in 1918. He was a high priest of Union Chapter 55 of Michigan, elected and installed into office in 1925.

A funeral service was held Sept. 16 at Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home in Northville, the Rev. Lawrence A. Chamberlain officiating. Interment was in the Yerkes Cemetery.

NORMAN S. SHELLEY

Norman S. Shelley of Northville died Sept. 13 at St. Mary Hospital. He was 90.

Mr. Shelley was born Jan. 31, 1899 in Tillsonburg, Ontario. His father was John Shelley.

His wife, Florence, preceded him in death in 1979. He is survived by his sister, Alice Ferrow of Tillsonburg, Ontario, and his niece, Marjorie Bernelle of Livonia.

A longtime Northville resident, Mr. Shelley was a paint blender for the Inmont Paint Company. He retired in 1963 after 35 years of service. A special source of pride was his garden and flowers.

A funeral was held Sept. 16 at Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home with Dr. Richard J. Alberta officiating. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

LORETTA M. MEABROD

Loretta M. Meabrod of Farmington died Sept. 12. She was 59.

Mrs. Meabrod was born Aug. 17 in Detroit to Arthur Benjamin and Ada (Lewis) Schwab. Her husband, William E. Meabrod, preceded her in death in 1981.

She is survived by her children, William Meabrod of Fenton, Dudley Meabrod of Keego Harbor, Harley A. Meabrod of Farmington, James H. Meabrod of Farmington, Jacqueline M. Widmaier of Greenville, and Colleen Meabrod of Plymouth; and eight grandchildren.

She was a member of Family Life Christian Church. She owned the Shutter Center in Farmington.

Memorial services were held Sept. 15 at Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home, Pastor Daniel M. Young officiating. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

ROBERT GORDON CAMPBELL

Robert G. Campbell, a 1948 graduate of Northville High School, died in North Adams on Sept. 5 after a four-year illness.

He was born June 1, 1930 in Detroit, moving to Northville in 1933. He is survived by his wife, Donna Joyce, to whom he has been married for 34 years.

Also surviving him are three children: Robert Scott Campbell of Jonesville, Heather Campbell of Dearborn and Colleen (Mrs. Roger) Wagner of North Adams. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

Also surviving him are his mother, Helen Campbell, sister Jean (Mrs. John) Angell of Northville and brother Thomas M. Campbell of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Campbell.

Mr. Campbell served in the U.S. Air Force for four years in Europe following graduation and then joined the Livonia police force in 1952.

Services were held at the Ned M. Towns Funeral Home in North Adams with Rev. Melanie Baker-Streevy officiating. Interment was at the Northlawn Cemetery.

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## SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD

#### OCTOBER 5, 1989

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Thursday, October 5, 1989.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition (s) will be submitted to the electors at the special bond election:

#### BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying the costs of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school building and a maintenance/storage addition to the administration building; remodeling and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring land for site purposes; constructing playground improvements; developing and improving athletic facilities and sites; and purchasing school buses?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

#### THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**PRECINCT NO. 1**  
Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 2**  
Voting Place: Silver Springs School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 3**  
Voting Place: Winchester School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 4**  
Voting Place: Amerasia School, 847 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 5**  
Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 6**  
Voting Place: Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan.

CAROL J. RAHIMI  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

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