

**Obituaries**

**LORNA A. ABITZ**

Lorna A. Abitz, 98, died Oct. 29 in Marywood Nursing Home of Livonia. She was born June 29, 1901, in Tustin to Paul and Jenny (Hoover) Johnson.

Mrs. Abitz had been a resident of Barryton (Dimon Lake) since 1972.

She is survived by son, Roger (Barbara) of Northville; daughter, Patricia (Wayne) Westra of Allen Park; one sister, Geri Harrison of El Paso, Texas; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Abitz was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin C.

Services were conducted Nov. 1 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville, with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi officiating. A committal service was held Nov. 2 at Flake Cemetery, Ford Township, with the Rev. Donald Ruff of Barryton Church of Christ officiating.

**GEORGE E. WHITE**

George E. White, 76, died Oct. 31 after an extended illness. He was born Jan. 21, 1923, in Mishawaka, Ind., to William and Lillian (England) White.

Mr. White was a 1942 graduate of Northville High School and a graduate of Wayne State College of Pharmacy. He served in the Navy during World War II as a pharmacist mate 2nd Class aboard the carrier, Casablanca. Mr. White served as a judge at the Harness Tracks in Michigan, and was employed at Northville Drug. He was a member of Northville Masonic Lodge No. 186.

Mr. White is survived by a son, David E.D. (Christine) of Linden; daughter, Kathleen L. (Theron) White-Williams Jr. of Bay City; sister-in-law, Doris White; brother-in-law, Jay Levenworth; seven grandchildren, William and Thomas White, Kara and Ryan Robinson, and Kallyn, Dylan and Samuel Williams; several nieces and nephews; and Jeanne White.

Mr. White was preceded in death by a brother, Charles and a sister, Leona.

A memorial service will be held Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 322 N. Jefferson, Saginaw.

Arrangements were made by Resurrection Funeral Home in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

**City council approves Cady Street land sale**

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

The businesslike demeanor of Northville City Council gave way to playground-like piling on Nov. 1 when the issue of selling property on Cady Street came up.

The end result of the activities was approval of the sale of lots 55 and 56 for \$150,000 to Dennis Engerer, Northville businessman.

The properties are located at the corner of Cady Street and Church Street.

But it wasn't without debate. The approval of the sale passed 4-1 with Council member Kevin Hartshorne voting against the project.

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only are selling it for \$150,000 now, I can't support this project," Hartshorne said.

Using the rate of inflation for the area, \$130,000 in 1985 would equal almost \$199,000 today.

Hartshorne said more than three months should have been given to taking bids for the project.

The majority of council members disagreed and came up with a few

interesting comments as to how the city could have received more for the land.

"I you want so much for this land you should have written out a check and been the highest bidder," said John Hardin, council member.

Carolann Ayers, council member, urged Hartshorne to stand down from his position.

"You can keep going back to the issue of selling the land at an unfair price and that's fine," she said. "But I don't see the point in continuing."

Ayers said Hartshorne should drop the issue altogether.

"You lost on that issue," she said. "Let's move on."

The property sold is on the northeast corner of the intersection. Engerer, who owns the building at 215 E. Main St. that houses NovaCare, also owns the apartment building north of the house at the corner. He said he plans to knock down both residential units to make way for a new two- or three-story 14,000 square foot building.

Engerer said he hopes to have a site plan developed and approved within 12 months. The city requires substantial progress on the project within 18 months.

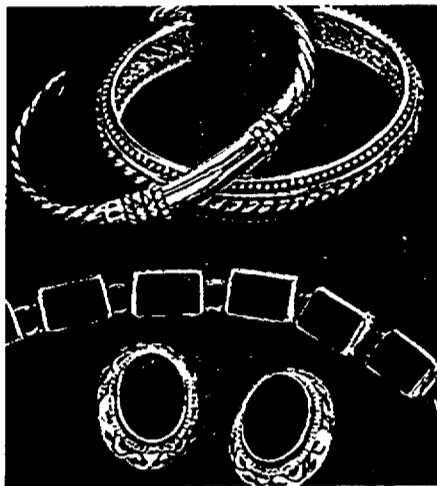
The city took bids for the property last year and received only two bids for it.

Thomas Swigart, council member, said the bid accepted for the property was reasonable.

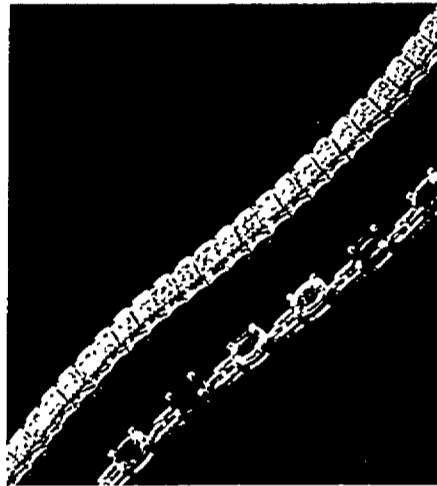
"It's a reasonable price for the land from someone who has a demonstrated history of success in Northville," he said. "I think it would be a real benefit to the city to move forward with this project."

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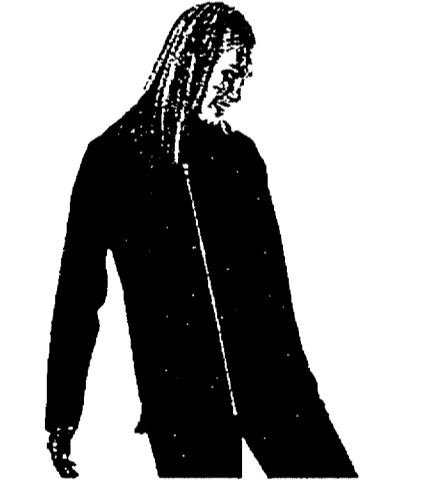
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