

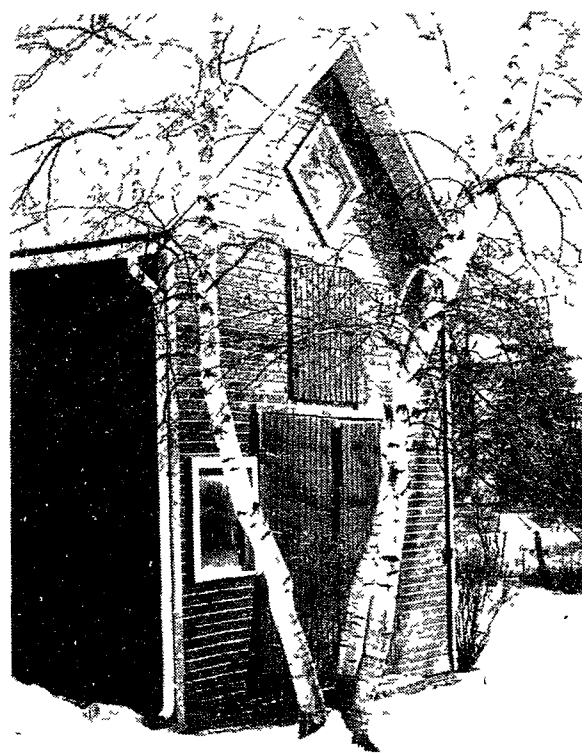
The Northville Record

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The smell of horses is still there on wet days

Few Carriage Houses Survive Here

Mortally wounded by the horseless carriage but still stubbornly clinging to life, a few carriage houses here survive the 20th century's three-quarter mark.

Tomorrow when Northville rings in the 75th anniversary of the turn of the century few homes will boast what probably was once the second most important exterior accoutrement of the city dweller's property—the backyard barn.

Most important, of course, was the one or two or sometimes three-seat privy that long ago went to its grave, victim of water closets, septic tanks and municipal sewers.

Unscientific search of the city this past week disclosed fewer than 20 of the one and two-horse carriage houses—the city slicker's euphemism for barns.

Many of them have been remodeled; most have been converted to garages housing horseless carriages.

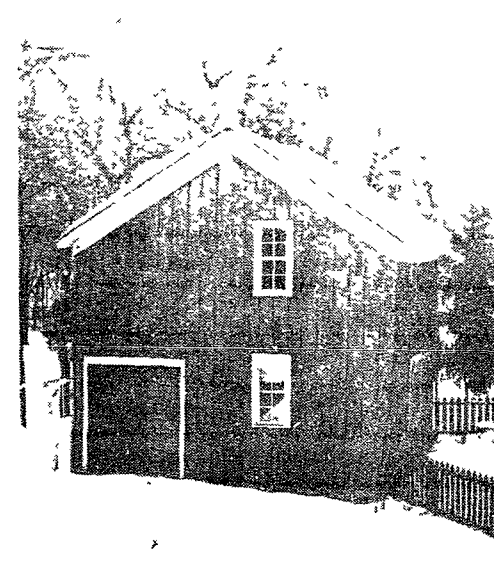
One has become a bath house, another is a tool shed, another has been converted to a room on the main house, and still another has served as part of a small apartment building.

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Area Church Services Mark New Year

Special services have been planned at area churches marking the beginning of the new year.

On New Year's Eve, tonight, the First Baptist Church of Northville will hold its yearly watchnight service beginning at 8 and lasting until midnight, the Reverend Cedric Whitcomb announced.

The feature event of the evening will be the showing of "Flame in the Wind," a sound, color motion picture produced by Bob Jones University. There will also be special watchnight activities during the film time for children.

Between 10 and 11 p.m. there will be refreshments and then the church will gather again at 11 p.m. for the final hour of music, testimonies, message and prayer. The Northville community is invited to attend the services in the church, located at the corner of North Wing and Randolph streets.

New Year's Eve worship with Holy Communion will begin at 7:30 tonight at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville.

The Reverend Ralph Schmidt, assistant pastor, will preach on the theme of "Redeem the Time." Members of the church's choirs will participate in the service.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville has scheduled six obligation Masses. They will be at 5 and 7 tonight, Tuesday, and on New Year's Day will be at 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family in Novi will have two Masses tonight on New Year's Eve, at 5:45 and 7:15. New Year's Day Masses will be at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Beginning Sunday, January 5, a third Mass will be added to the schedule. Masses will be said at 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon.

First Baptist Church of Novi will have its watchnight services on New Year's Eve beginning at 9 p.m., the Reverend Chester Brown announced.

Services will be highlighted by a showing of the film "Red Runs the River," a Civil War production filmed in color. The film tells the true story of the conversion of Richard Stoddard Ewell, hero of the Confederacy.

Dr. Bob Jones, chancellor of Bob Jones University, plays the hard-fighting Southern general who finds Christ as his personal Savior through the testimony of Stonewall Jackson. The church is located at 45301 West 11 Mile Road.

Taxes Coming Off These Food Stuffs

Beginning tomorrow, January 1, Michigan consumers will no longer be paying sales tax on prescription drugs and grocery items.

Repeal of the sales tax in those two areas was approved by voters in November.

And while there's little confusion surrounding repeal of tax on prescription drugs, it becomes more complex as you enter the grocery store.

Foods sold for "off premises consumption" form the dividing line between nontaxable and taxable items.

Restaurants, for example, will still charge tax on foods.

Here's a list of foods which will be exempt from sales tax: Baby foods, bakery products, baking soda, bouillon cubes, candy, confections, carbonated beverages, candied apples, caramel coated popcorn, cereal, cereal products, chewing gum, chocolate, cocoa, coconut, coffee and coffee substitutes.

Condiments, cookies, crackers, dehydrated fruit and vegetables, diet foods, dietary supplements, eggs and egg products, extracts and flavorings, fish and fish products, flour, food coloring, fruit and fruit products, fruit juices,

gelatin, health foods, honey, ice cream, toppings and novelties.

Insulin, jams, jellies, ketchup, lard, marshmallows, mayonnaise, meat and meat products, milk and milk products, mustard, nuts, oleo, olive oil, olives, peanut butter, pepper, pickles, pop, popcorn, potato chips, powdered drink mixes, prescription drugs, relishes, salad dressing and dressing mixes.

Salt, sauces, sherbets, shortening, soft drinks, soups, spices, sandwich spreads, sugar, sugar products, sugar

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In 1975 Contest

Many Prizes Await First Baby

She may have been tiny upon arrival a year ago, but the first baby of 1974 made up for it in the succeeding months.

Two months ago Tracy Ann Thompson had grown from the five pounds, two ounces she weighed at birth to 18 pounds, 10½ ounces. Today she very likely tops 20 pounds, says Tracy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Thompson of 24071 Glen Ridge Court, Novi.

Not only has Tracy gained weight rapidly, she was walking at 11 months, beams her proud mother.

Tracy arrived a few days after she was expected but still in time to claim honors and prizes as the first 1974 baby born to parents of the Novi-Northville-Wixom area.

Next week Tracy's successor will be named in the 19th annual first-baby contest sponsored by The Northville Record-Nowi News and cooperating merchants.

And once again a host of prizes await the first arrival and the parents.

Deadline for reporting the first baby born in 1975 is Friday, January 3, and announcement of the winner will be made the following week in the January 8 edition of this newspaper.

The baby's parents must have mailing addresses in Northville, Novi or Wixom.

Going into upcoming contest, girls are leading boys, ten to eight.

Tracy, who has a five-year-old sister, was supposed to arrive January 3, but she didn't arrive until 4:16 a.m. January 6, making her probably the latest arriving winner of the annual contest. The deadline had to be extended because no local births were reported until after the initial deadline had passed.

The 1974 winner took the title previously held by Jennifer Batt, first baby of 1973. Jennifer was probably the earliest of all the first arrivals, making her debut 14 seconds into the first day of January.

Winner of the 1972 contest was Derek John Lauber, son of Northville's swim coach.

Rules for participating in the contest are simple:

1. The baby must be born to parents having a Northville, Novi or Wixom mailing address. It is not necessary, however, for the baby to be born in one of these three communities.

2. Exact time of birth must be verified by the attending physician.

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Offices to Close On Saturdays

Offices of Sliger Home Newspapers in Northville- Novi, South Lyon and Brighton will no longer be open on Saturday mornings.

In the past offices have been open from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays to accept want ads and conduct other items of business.

Weekly office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deadline for want ads is 4:00 p.m. on Mondays.

The Northville Record-Nowi News offices are located at 104 West Main Street in Northville, telephone 349-1700.

Job printing facilities plus newspaper composition and press facilities for Sliger Home Newspapers are located in Northville at 560 South Main Street, telephone 349-6660.



Nearing Birthday

Tracy Ann Thompson was a five pound, two ounce bundle of joy when she bowed in last January to claim the "first baby" prizes. Today, at over 20 pounds, her mom, Mrs. Donald L. Thompson, says she's "a big bundle of joy."

NEWS BRIEFS

CONTRACT WITH the Northville township police officers' union was signed Thursday by Supervisor Lawrence Wright and Clerk Betty Lennox. Wright said no objections had been raised by trustees who, at their last meeting, authorized signing of the document after a seven day wait.

RECOMMENDATION for use of the vacant Wayne County Child Development Center is expected to be made to county commissioners in late January. Members of the citizens' study committee are expected to begin voting on the near 20 proposals on January 9.

OUTSTANDING bills to the City of Northville and Wayne County Federated Libraries were paid by Northville township from the public improvement fund this week. Supervisor Lawrence Wright said the funds will be paid back with interest, the rate to be determined by trustees January 9. Bills included \$18,067.68 to Wayne County Libraries and \$17,563.67 for fire protection, \$9,575 for recreation and \$3,113.18 for library to the city.

JACKSON'S ACTION at Northville Downs ends New Year's Eve and a scheduled 83-night harness racing meet begins Wednesday night for the Downs. But John Carlo, executive manager of Northville Downs, is hoping for a court decision that will halt the local track's winter-spring meet after 29 nights and award Northville a 54-night summer schedule. Carlo has brought suit against Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley because all summer racing was awarded to Hazel Park and Wolverine (Livonia). Last Friday Circuit Judge Thomas Foley ruled that Northville's winter meet could begin without prejudicing the law suit. Judge Foley has agreed to accept briefs from both sides and has set a hearing for 11 a.m. Friday to decide upon the next step.

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Engagements

Announcement of the engagement of Elaine Ann Wilson to Christian Dale Anderson of Livonia has been made by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Wilson of 10385 West Seven Mile Road.



He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Anderson of Livonia.

Miss Wilson, a 1971 graduate of Northville High, is employed as a teller at State Savings Bank of South Lyon. Her fiance, a 1971 graduate of Stevenson High in Livonia, is employed by West Point Auto.

The couple plans to be married in May.

ELAINE WILSON

SUZANNE CHABUT

The engagement and approaching marriage of Suzanne Chabut to Addison C. Kline has been announced.

Miss Chabut is the daughter of Mrs. V. George Chabut of Sun City, Arizona, formerly of Northville, and the late Dr. Chabut. Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Addison B. Kline of 46096 Fanner Court.

The bride-elect, a 1969 graduate of Northville High, is employed as a bookkeeper for a firm in Southfield. Kline, also a 1969 graduate of Northville High, will be graduated from University of Michigan in the spring.

The couple is planning a May wedding.

Whose Birthday or Anniversary is Coming

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This Girl Knows All Sides of Racing

The hand that rocks the cradle also guards the barns during the current Jackson At Northville harness racing meet and if they crowned a queen of the backstretch it would have to be pretty, blonde Nancy Harfile.

In a sport dominated by men, Nancy — who confesses to being in her twenties — has done just about everything from jogging horses to serving as clerk of the course.

It all started back in her home town of Wheeling, West Virginia where one afternoon she filled in for a girl that was absent from the track kitchen, at Wheeling Downs. The sulky sport opened up a thrilling new life for this newcomer to the sport as it has for so many.

Nancy liked it and she switched to mutuels department, working as a cashier and on her days off worked around the barns. At nights she worked as an usherette. From Wheeling Downs she moved to the nearby Meadows Raceway and from there to Michigan's Hazel Park after landing a position in the program department and was later promoted to clerk of the course.

Last summer Nancy was named clerk of the course at the Northville Downs meeting and held the same post at Wolverine until the 1974 fall Jackson At Northville session got underway for 54 nights October 28 - December 31. Her only job opportunity was in the security department which Nancy moved into with her usual versatility and was assigned to the paddock as a guard.

Though it was probably the first such position for a woman in harness racing, Nancy says, "the horsemen have all been wonderful to me, just like one big happy family and besides that, this sport is fascinating from the crack of dawn to the last race at night."

The women's movement has made its impression on the Jackson At Northville meeting with Ms. Nanette Slavin Rakieten directing the entire operation following the untimely death of her father, the late Leon A. Slavin.

As president and acting general manager she has played a guiding role in every phase of the many sided meeting, ranging from snow removal to maintaining favorable purse payoffs for winning pacers and trotters.

And all this came after a life divided between homemaking and academic pursuits. The mother of four children, Ms. Rakieten is a doctoral student at Michigan State in modern American Literature where she is a graduate assistant teaching a working workshop.

The first woman to head and manage a harness racing track in Michigan, Ms. Rakieten's efforts appear to be an outstanding success; attendance has increased 5 percent over the same period last year and wagering is up 2 percent.

Horsemen seem to approve a woman in the front office for as stable owner John Spicer, a pharmacist from Fowler, Michigan, recently stated, "we are all behind her, just as we were behind her father. She seems like a chip off the old block and horsemen hope operations stay in this family. We have always had good relations and like her father, Nan is reasonable, understanding and easy to deal with."

So from the posh main office to the straw-strewn paddock, harness racing here has become a woman's world — and the men like it.



FAMILY TRADITION — Mrs. Christopher Gazlay (center) was welcomed as a new member of the 82-year-old Northville Woman's Club at its Christmas program. With her are her mother-in-law, Mrs. Francis Gazlay, and her grandmother, Mrs. Hugh Babbitt. The club officially honored 13 new members at its program Friday at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

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New Year Greetings

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Still Time to Register For Winter Semester Here

There is still time to register for classes during the winter semester at Schoolcraft College.

Late registration for day and evening credit classes being taught on campus and at the instructional center in Garden City are being accepted through January 16.

On January 7-8, late registrations will be taken in the auxiliary gym. After that,

they will be taken in the student affairs office. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the exceptions of lunch (11:30-1) dinner (3:30-6:30) hours.

Full-time students who register late are charged a \$10 fee, and part-time students pay \$2.50 a class. For information, telephone the Schoolcraft admissions office, 591-6400, Ext. 228.

China Painters Set Meet

The Northville Spring Chapter of China Painters will

meet January 2 at 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Credit Union on Harvey Street.

The workshop will be given by Barbara Stratzchuck on Indian Corn for the first fire. "Bring a sack lunch and plan to remain for the business meeting which follows lunch," a spokesman emphasized.

Club Plans Slide Talk For Friday

When Mrs. Frederick Harper talks about historic Williamsburg, Virginia, she gives an extra dimension to the conversation with her soft southern voice.

Her enthusiasm is great for the little town that has been restored historically to its Revolutionary-day past. It was natural, therefore, for Northville Woman's Club to ask her to narrate the slide presentation, "Touring Williamsburg," at the first meeting in January at 1:30 p.m. this Friday in Northville Presbyterian Church.

While Evelyn Harper's childhood home was 50 miles from Williamsburg in Portsmouth, Virginia, she spent four years at the restoration as she received her bachelor of science degree from William and Mary College there. Established in 1693, its Christopher Wren buildings are part of the restoration.

Mrs. Harper says that students were given free passes to visit the restoration buildings and soon "you began to feel it was really yours."

Mrs. Lawrence McConlogue, a new club member, also feels a strong attachment to Williamsburg, especially enjoying its Christmas-season festivity when fresh green wreaths and garlands and real fruit are used lavishly.

She will add the description of "Christmas at Williamsburg." Mrs. William Davison, program chairman of the day, will introduce the speakers.

Mrs. James Harris, tea Continued on Next Page



CHRISTMAS TEA — Northville Women's Club held its annual Christmas tea Friday and among those at the tea table were (left to right) Mrs. James Congo, Mrs. Bertil Anderson and Mrs. George Weiss, club president.

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DOORWAY DECORATIONS—Some Northville residents have proved this holiday season that door decorations don't have to be wreaths. A huge, red plush stocking is hung

on a white door on Woodhill Road. A decorated Christmas tree triangle is used on the door of a High Street home where porch pillars are garlanded with roping.

Schoolcraft Sets Grants For Adults

Schoolcraft College has just announced improved programs and services for senior adults effective with the upcoming winter semester.

According to Betty Andrews, the College will now provide tuition grants for senior adults taking either college or institutional credit courses. To be eligible they must have registered with the College's senior adult program which Mrs. Andrews heads within the Community Service Office.

Eligible senior adults are persons retired from full-time employment, including unemployed spouses or widows, and those adults not employed due to physical disability, who reside within the Schoolcraft College District.

Registration for college credit classes will be January 2 and 3. Institutional credit course registration begins January 13 by mail, and extends through the middle of February.

Registered senior adult students pay only fees, textbooks and other materials required for coursework.

Further information regarding senior adult services may be obtained by calling Mrs. Andrews at 591-6400, extension 218. The College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.



Christmas tree and roping decorate this home on High Street

In Uniform

Airman Susan C. Derrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Derrick Sr. of 48948 West Eight Mile Road, has graduated at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, from the U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanic course conducted by the Air Training Command (ATC).

The airman, who learned to maintain and service multi-engine jet aircraft, is being assigned to Reese Air Force

Base, Texas, for duty with a unit of ATC. She is a 1971 graduate of Northville High School.

Navy Machinist's Mate Second Class Gerald T. Tucker, son of Mrs. Theresa Tucker of 19 Woodland Place, Northville, visited Hong Kong as a crew member of the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

He joined the Navy in August 1970.

Hosts Speaker

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chairman, and her committee are tying in tea table appointments with the day's theme, using a Williamsburg dried flower arrangement and candles in chimneys.

Mrs. George Weiss, president, reminds members that the club collect will be said that day as it is the first meeting of the new year.



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Community Calendar

TODAY, DECEMBER 31
Northville Rotary, noon, Presbyterian church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
Happy New Year!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
Northville China Decorators, 10 a.m., Plymouth Credit Union.
Novi Rotary, noon, Farmington Holiday Inn.
Northville Senior Citizens, noon, Kerr House.
Highland Lake Women's Club, 1 p.m., clubhouse.
VFW Junior Girls, 7 p.m., VFW hall.
Northville Weight Watchers, 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian church.
Northville-King's Mill Civitan, 8 p.m., clubhouse.
Northville Cooperative Nursery, 8 p.m., 215 Cady.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
Northville Woman's Club, 1:30 p.m., Presbyterian church.
Orient Chapter No. 77, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
St Paul's Lutheran paper drive, 6-8 p.m., Marathon station.
Alpha Nu Chapter, DKG, 6 p.m., Hillside Inn.
Northville Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., Tack Room.
Novi Community Band, 7 p.m., Novi Middle School.
Scout Troop 721, 7 p.m., VFW hall.
Novi City Council, 7:30 p.m., school board offices.
Northville Lions, 7:30 p.m., Wagon Wheel.
TOPS, 7:30 p.m., 215 Cady.
Northville Blue Lodge 186, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Northville City Council, 8 p.m., council chambers.
Novi Library Board, 8 p.m., library.
Novi Athletic Boosters, 8 p.m., high school commons.
Northville Art Workshop, 8 p.m., Presbyterian church.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
Northville Rotary, noon, Presbyterian church.
Mizpah Circle King's Daughters, 12:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

Moraine Junior Troop 573, 3:30 p.m., school.
King's Mill TOPS, 7 p.m., clubhouse.
Vocational-Career Education meeting, 7 p.m., Northville High cafeteria.
Novi Weight Watchers, 7 p.m., Living Lord Lutheran Church.
Northville Square square dance, 7:30 p.m., community room.
Novi Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., Bob-O-Link.
Salem Township Board, 8 p.m., town hall.
Northville City Planning Commission, 8 p.m., council chambers.
NESPO, 8 p.m. Novi Elementary.
Northville Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 113 Center.
Friends of Novi Library, 8 p.m., library.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
Northville Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m., Kerr House.
We-Way-Co, 8 p.m., Plymouth K of C hall.

News Around Northville

Northville Mothers' Club has changed the meeting place for its January meeting to the home of Mrs. Richard Endress, 19550 Clement. It will be at 8 p.m. Monday, January 6.

A report on the Christmas cocktail benefits will be presented.

Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Richard Ording, chairman, Mrs. Donald Williams and Mrs. Martin Rinehart.

Mizpah Circle of King's Daughters will hold its annual January spread at the First United Methodist Church in Northville on Tuesday, January 7, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring a passing food dish and table service.

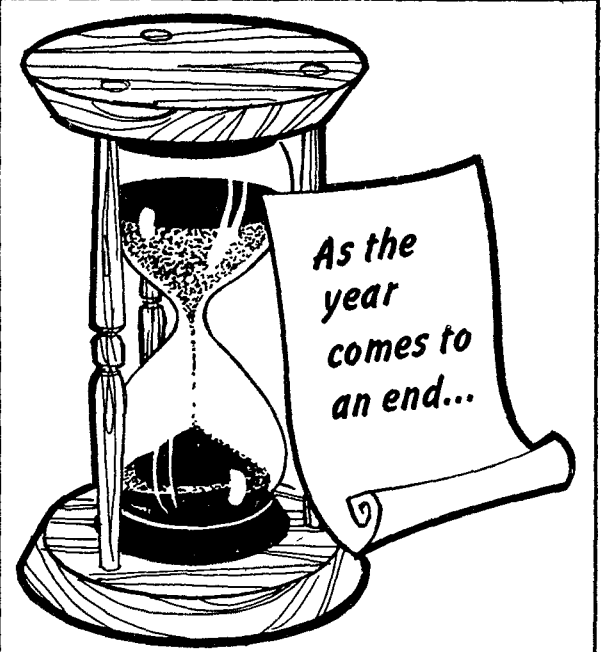
Program will be Mrs. Helen Perrone, board member of King's Daughters Home for

the Aged of Detroit, who will speak to the group.

Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will host a program on the bucket brigade and community involvement at its Monday, January 6, meeting.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the meeting will be held at the Hillside Inn. Speaker will be Dingy Sharp of the Farmington school system.

Northville post office was "clean" of mail Christmas Eve, and Postmaster John Steimel said timely delivery of the high volume of mail was made possible by public cooperation.



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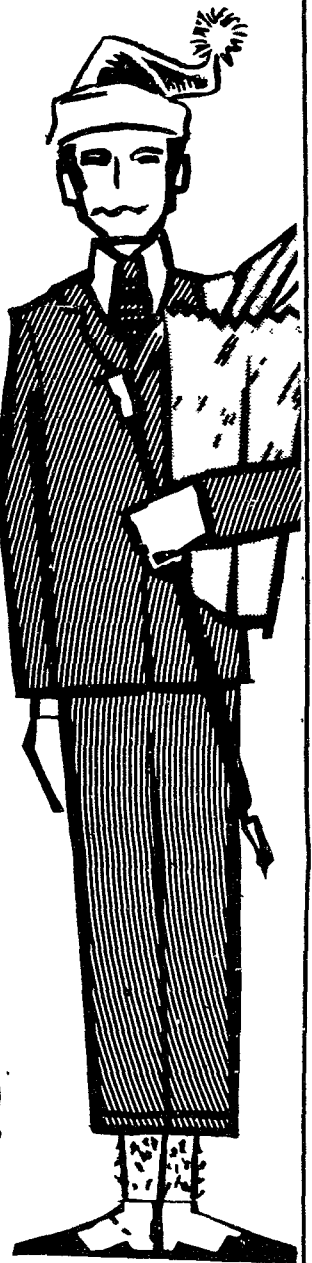
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Novi's oldest resident, 93-year-old Aaron Oliver, plays the violin and writes poetry for pleasure

Area's Oldest Resident Recalls Life in Early Novi

By WAYNE LODER

Aaron Oliver may never have been mistaken for "Father Time," but, he may well be the closest to that title of anyone in Novi.

At the age of 93, the spry white haired gentleman is reputed to be one of the oldest—if not the oldest—person living today in Novi. Having come to the area in 1906 when Novi was still a township, Oliver certainly can lay claim to be one of the oldest-timers of the area.

Eyeing the dawn of another year in the city, Oliver still moves around his house in a peppy manner and refuses to let his age slow him down.

"Last year I plowed the ground out in back and let my son-in-law, daughter and granddaughter have a piece of it. I just kind of divided it up. I'd rather do that than see

it grow up into weeds."

Oliver lives on a parcel of land on Eleven Mile Road slightly larger than 3 acres.

"I've been a farmer all my life," explains Oliver. "I'm living on land which my family took up in 1829 and had farmed ever since then. By the time I got the ground, it was pretty rundown—ponds and sinkholes all over. I had to put in tile drains and I built it up until the supervisor said it was one of the most productive pieces in the county."

"I had ten head of cattle, some sheep and two batches of hogs which I raised. Each year we'd take them to the stockyard in Novi and then when the railroad came in, they'd have them shipped to the Detroit stockyards."

"We sold milk. After awhile we didn't sell milk anymore but instead made thousands of pounds of butter. We also had

a couple hundred hens and established a butter and egg route in Detroit during the time of the war. People used to dicker around for stamps which were used to buy food. Sugar got so it was 30 cents a pound and we thought it was a terrible price.

"Eggs went up as high as 75 cents a dozen during the war and butter was at \$1 a pound. I was selling butter at 75 cents and a fellow came to me and said he'd buy all I could give him and he'd pay me \$1 a pound. I said maybe I would still be in the butter business after the war and if I sold to him my customers would tell me to sell it somewhere else. I always charged them a reasonable price."

"You know, I'm a descendent of the Websters. We're direct descendents of governor John Webster of Connecticut and Noah Webster, the dictionary man."

"Samuel Mulford bought this land from the government for \$1.25 an acre in 1829. He could have had any of the 80 acre lots but there was a certain reason he took this. He'd had a hard time getting water, but there was a living spring on this property and that's why he bought it."

While another house stood on the property, it was torn down and Oliver says he built the new house "with my own hands. I did the carpentry work and even did the plastering." He was only his early sixties at the time.

Recalling his long years of life and the changes he's seen, Oliver says, "I suppose it's progress, but of course progress brings a lot of things with it that, according to the old people, are objectionable. When we first moved out here in 1906, you never locked your doors. We didn't know enough to have to lock the doors. Now if you go away and leave your doors unlocked, half your stuff's liable to be gone."

Would he like to go back to the good old days? "Most of the people wouldn't want to go back," says Oliver. "As you grow old, you don't like to think of having to cut wood, split rails and do all the things Lincoln did. Of course when you're young, you didn't mind doing it."

Oliver attributes his longevity to a number of

reasons.

"During my early years I suffered a lot with a chronic sore throat. I didn't consider myself to be too robust. I overcame that. I found a book that had physical culture in it and I found out that much of the trouble was caused by improper breathing—too fast through the nose. I adopted a different manner of breathing and did throat exercises. That's the way I overcame it and ever since then I've been quite normal."

"I also never smoked. I could never figure out why anyone wants to smoke and become addicted to something injurious. I didn't drink to get drunk. I always knew enough to control myself. Outdoor life being in the sunshine while farming also probably helped."

Oliver's health has been so good in fact that he didn't give up driving until about a year ago—leaving that to his 85 year-old wife Mary. Six years ago—when he was only 86—Oliver drove all the way to California.

When he was 80-years-old, Oliver took up the violin—something he always wanted to be good at—and took lessons. He admits that he hasn't played much recently, however. "Lately I got so I can't hear good or see good and I haven't played much for about a year."

Another hobby of his is poetry although he again hasn't written much lately. "I'm too busy with my infirmities," he quips.

Speaking philosophically of his years, Oliver observes "even the wild animals have a will to live and man is no exception. Everybody has it, but it lessens some as you get older. You realize more it's the creator's plan of life and it's a wise thing people die. If they didn't, how long would it be before we'd be in trouble?"

"A Lot of people will say they're going to heaven or some other place. But I'm truthful, I don't know where I'm going."

Oliver, who faces a serious operation soon which is risky and calls for the possible amputation of one foot, says that one of his many poems in particular, sums up his philosophy on life.

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Millage, Grants Set As 1975 Priorities

If ever a city could be described as being in the midst of growing pains, Novi would have to be considered a prime example.

While some critics charge that the city is a victim of its own mismanagement, other persons state that the city is merely a victim, along with every other municipality, of a losing battle against inflation and a sagging economy.

On the eve of a new year, Novi is faced with the specter of laying off seven employees. Whether the layoffs actually occur is a subject for debate. But Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall doesn't smile coyly or laugh when he says that "the destiny of Novi will be shaped in the next twelve months."

A list of priorities for the new year, he says, can only have one at the top—and that is all important.

Passage of a New Millage

"We have to pass a new millage or there's no use even discussing any other priorities," says the city manager. "That's got to be the biggest cloud hanging over our head."

"This is truly unique for a growing suburb to be faced with cutting back services," adds Kriewall.

While "the council will have to make some decision on what type of millage it wants to support," Kriewall says he will bring possible alternatives to the council in January. "I think it'll go back to the people in late March or early April. If it is presented in a substantiated manner acceptable to the public, it will pass."

The city manager says that proposals which he will present to the council for consideration in January include non-earmarked, earmarked, and semi-earmarked proposals.

Sums up the city manager, "We'll either be a dynamic suburb with a true identity or a nondescript suburb that will be reducing services because of inadequate financing."

Seeking of Grants

Novi will have to seek grants to help keep the city on both feet, says the city manager.

Main grants to be sought include the funds available under the Community Development Act, and CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act). Receipt of grants will be crucial to the city, says the city manager.

"I look for many changes in revenues being made available to local units of government through revised grant procedures which will channel more monies into communities for sustenance rather than the current situation where federal monies are designed to add additional services, facilities and new positions.

"The federal government is going to have to realize that this federal money is not doing anything for the community having trouble carrying their own weight now."

Expansion of Public Utilities

Tied in with the financial picture is growth in the city and the city will continue to have to address itself to this area, Kriewall indicates.

"Further utility construction contemplated is an initial step to expand development of the city," he explains. "As utilities are available, it will mean an upswing in the commercial and industrial development."

"This coupled with the proposed liquor license census, which will make as many as six licenses available this calendar year, should also provide Novi with a badly needed restaurants and meeting facilities in terms of hotels and motels."

This is a crucial year in determining the future of Novi, says Kriewall.

"This may be the biggest year in Novi's history in public utility expansion—sewer, water etc. There are more plans for sewer and water construction during the next calendar year as we may ever see in a calendar year."

Growth of Parks and Recreation

Kriewall says that if a millage passes, the city will have to address itself to the area of parks and recreation.

Jaycees Seek Top Resident

Novi's Jaycees have started their annual search for the resident who made the greatest contribution to the betterment of the community during 1974.

The Distinguished Service Award "is designed to both encourage and honor the humanitarian efforts and personal qualities of idealism, initiative, and involvement displayed by a Novi citizen through service to the community."

The award is presented each year during National Jaycee Week, January 19-25 and every resident 18 years of age or older is eligible for nomination. Each nominee's record of achievement and involvement will be reviewed by a panel of judges made of community leaders, local clergy and the Jaycee and auxiliary presidents. Civic mindedness and

community service are keys to qualification as evidenced by the winner in 1972, J. Fred Buck, and the 1973 winners, Don and Laureen Burch, all of whom were recognized for giving time and personal commitment to the community.

Winner of the DSA will be announced at a recognition breakfast January 25 at the Holiday Inn. At that time, winners of the annual Jaycee sponsored competition for the Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer and the "What America Means to Me" Essay Contest winner from Novi Middle School will be honored.

Distinguished Service Award forms are available by calling Phil McNary, 349-1063, or Dave Creedon, 349-5251. All nominations must be submitted by January 18.

"There is a basic need for parks and recreation," says Kriewall. "We will be looking at our needs in that area late in 1975."

"If the millage passes, we need to begin a land acquisition program. There's no use in waiting until land prices are out of sight."

"We must also put the facilities we have now in a usable state. We don't have enough money to take advantage of what we have now—let alone acquiring land."

City Wide Trash Collection

The city manager says that the city must look into a city wide trash collection contract to help end problems currently encountered as each subdivision currently contracts out separately for collection.

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Firehouses Top Wixom Priorities

Wixom Mayor Val Vangieson, in his first term as mayor, sees several areas where the council must concentrate during 1975.

While the city continues to grow, several projects loom as imperative. The first priority, according to the mayor, is one which citizens have been yelling about for years.

Building Two Fire Stations

"Construction of the two fire stations is the most important priority," says Vangieson. "We'd like to have them built before 1975 is over."

The city has purchased property and is in the midst of preparing plans for the construction of the buildings—one on Pontiac Trail and one on Wixom Road north of Potter Road. "The city has been cut off for a period of time because of the railroad track. Many citizens feel they are not currently adequately protected."

Vangieson added that the Ring Road, planned as a bypass measure, will not come soon enough to solve the problem.

Community Service Grant

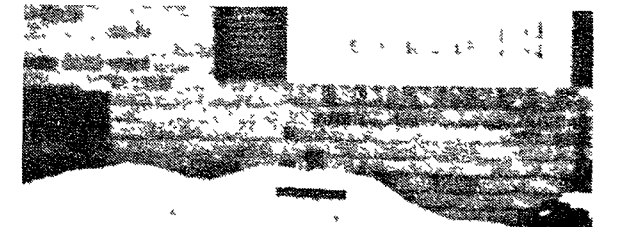
"Another major project, says the Mayor, is the acquiring of the Community Development Grant which promises to pump in more than \$1,000,000 into the community over the next five years."

"We are taking a survey of all the citizens to decide in what areas the money should be used. I really don't have a good inkling at this time as to what the residents will want it used for."

Vangieson added that one possibility would be to provide housing for senior citizens. "A lot of people suggested to me that they want to get rid of their larger property, but don't want to leave the city."

Vangieson said the money could also be used for recreation facilities or upgrading the building ordinance or code.

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SNOWBOUND PLUGS—Novi firemen are asking that residents clean off the snow on and around fire hydrants throughout the city. Firemen fear that they may not be able to spot the plugs because of the snow and heavy drifts.

Few Carriage Houses Survive Here

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younger ones have hipped roofs.

Most of them are two-stories high, with the second floor having been used to store hay and straw and sometimes grain back in the days when horses were stabled below.

These city barns in days gone by also were used to stable the family's cow or sometimes to house chickens and occasionally a pig. More often than not, however, a smaller separate building contained the family's egg and poultry supply.

Only three persons were located last week who could remember when some of the surviving barns used to house livestock.

Mrs. Frank Junod, who has a beautiful red barn behind her home at 523 Dunlap, doesn't doubt for a moment that it once stabled horses.

"Why, on a wet or rainy day, you can smell the horses out there," she laughs.

Mrs. J. A. Congo of 45620 Bloomcrest is a lot surer than that. She was born and raised in the Junod home and lived there when her father, Wilbur Stark, operated a grocery store in town back about the turn of the century.

"It held not one, but two horses," she says of the barn. One of the horses was white, another brown. The white one stands out in her memory because it once ran away with her grandfather who was delivering groceries.

Also inside was the family carriage and the cutter that carried the Stark family up and down the then unpaved Dunlap Street—the same street where she remembers watching the Saturday horse races. Upstairs in the loft, the hay and straw for the horses were kept. And up there, too, her father once raised pigeons and at another time kept bee hives there.

"We had a regular farmyard," she laughs.

The days when the barn housed two horses are remembered fondly by Mrs. Congo but, alas, the children grew up and married and acquired automobiles and the old barn took on a whole new career, she sighs.

Next door at the William Milne home, 537 Dunlap, a smaller white barn stands close behind the house. Its owner doesn't know the age of the barn but guesses it was built more than a half century ago.

The Milne house was built between 1885-1890 by its original owners, John and Mary Kellogg. Historical Society research indicates the barn may have been built by a later occupant, M. A. Porter, who used it to house one of Northville's first automobiles, a Maxwell.

Porter ran the first telephone company in Northville and at one time operated a combination funeral home-furniture store business.

Over on the next street, at 610 Randolph, Mrs. Lock Kooztz says with certainty of the big handsome barn on the hillside, "It was 65 years old when we bought the place in 1932. But I don't know who built it."

The red barn serves as a garage and it makes a pretty good basketball backstop as well.

"It's a very old barn," but a horse lived in it long after the arrival of the automobile, Pearl Stephens says of the carriage house standing behind the home of her father—Joseph Denton, former Northville police chief—at the southwest corner of Randolph and Linden.

The Dentons were horse lovers and back before she was married, Mrs. Stephens remembers stabling her riding horse there during World War II. She guesses carriage horses probably were kept there many years earlier.

The carriage house out back of the I. H. Wilson house at 536 Main Street is recalled fondly by Rose Carrington of 239 Hutton, widow of the late Tom Carrington.

"It was such a lovely place. When we moved there I had the big doors changed, and I made it into sort of a sitting room or retreat where Tom and I could sit and enjoy the backyard. It was so lovely. When I was a little girl Mr. Knapp kept a horse and buggy there. He delivered groceries in it. Of course, that was many years ago."

Mrs. Alex McMillan of 483 Grace says she can't recall the history of the old, weathered barn that sits at the rear of her property, but Mrs. Lloyd Morse of 632 North Center Street sure remembers it. She lived on the Center Street side of the barn and her late husband's creamery stood immediately next to the McMillan barn.

Mr. Morse, who bottled and sold milk from the family creamery, bought the business in 1928. It had been started years earlier by a Mr. Dickerson, possibly C. O. Dickerson, who reportedly years ago owned the house at 516 North Center where still another handsome carriage house still stands. It is owned by the Clyde Fergusons.

Next door to the Fergusons, Herman Toussaint of 620 North Center will soon remove the remaining section of an old carriage house that served his grandfather (by marriage), Frank Brown, at the turn of the century.

For a number of years, the Toussaint barn was attached to an old shop formerly used by the Brown brothers, both highly respected craftsmen in the community, and converted to an apartment on the alley between Center and Grace streets.

Newspapers dating back to the turn of the century have been discovered in the flooring of the barn, reports Toussaint.

The former house of James A. Dubuar, Northville pioneer manufacturer, and now occupied by the E. A. Drolshagen family at 142 Randolph, stands in front of a handsome old barn now used as a bathhouse by those enjoying the adjacent pool.

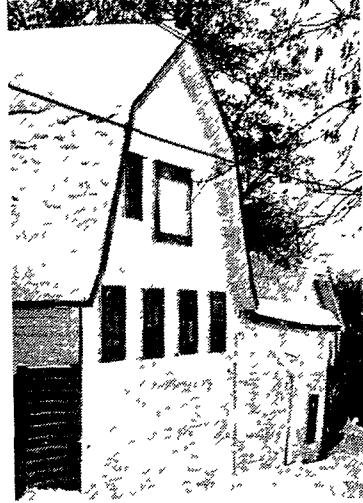
It very likely was built, guesses Drolshagen, well before the turn of the century. The concrete floor in the barn is dated 1913. During World War II, the occupant of the house built model airplanes in the barn that were used by the military in identification training, he notes.

One of the most authentic looking of the surviving

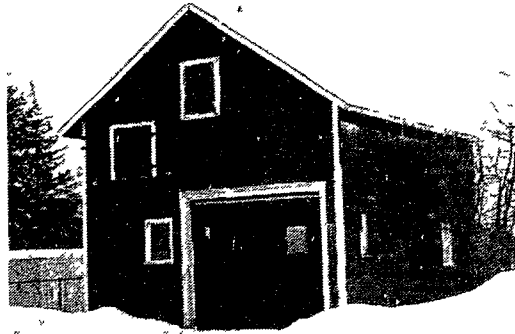
carriage houses is the structure standing in the backyard of Helen M. McKinney at 218 Lake.

"I'm sure it must be a 100 years old or older," says Mrs. McKinney, who points out that it still has a wood floor. Horseshoes found inside the barn years ago are displayed there.

Among the other "carriage houses"—but not all of them—observed last week included: A "one-horse" size barn at the home of Helen Whipple, 521 West Cady; a hip roof structure behind the house of Edgar Wilder at 615 Grace; a barn estimated to be 80 years old at the rear of Laura Wood's property at 561 Grace; the 60 to 70 year old barn behind the Andrew Torok house at 328 North Center; the Earl Keim Realty carriage house at 339 North Center; and Robert Litsenberger's carriage house at 413 Randolph.



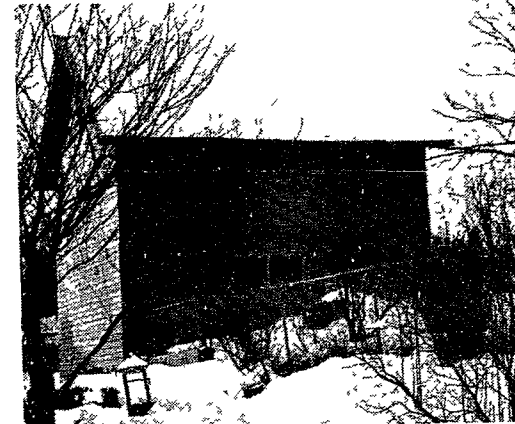
615 Grace Street



218 Lake - Still boasts wood floor



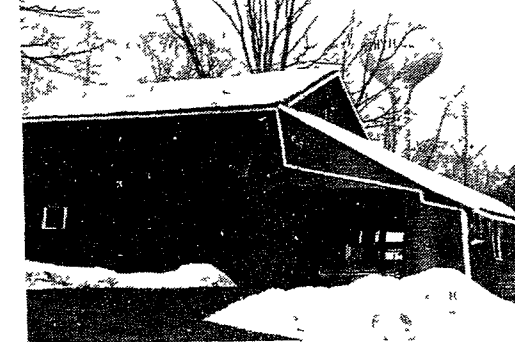
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SPEAKING for The Record

By BILL SLIGER

I cannot remember a year to match 1974.

We have experienced inflation, recession, shortages and surpluses. Modern media keeps us so completely and instantly informed that to these unskilled economic senses, at least, it is impossible to comprehend what is happening and what to expect next.

Every time I discuss business with local merchants the thought is inevitably expressed that if TV, radio and the newspapers would quit publicizing the gloom of layoffs things wouldn't be so bad.

In the next breath they admit that they are "cutting back" on their buying and watching inventories and payrolls closely.

But I have never talked to a businessman who does not honestly believe that we will pull out of this slump and return soon to the prosperity that we have come to accept as normal.

The confidence of the average grass roots citizen in our economy is tremendous, and it may be the most important factor in bringing about its recovery.

Last week my friend Frank Angelo wrote in his Detroit Free Press column that "a touch of imagination and a good dose of confidence" are essential to the well-being of our economy.

He also deplored the rip-off artists who commit frauds against insurance companies, shoplift and merrily go about making the cost of doing business higher than ever. He noted, too, the fact that the cost of malpractice insurance to doctors will soon be tripled.

What has this to do with recession? Well, it's directly connected to inflation, points out Angelo, because these costs are passed on to the consumer.

So along with imagination and confidence, he suggests that a little indignation aimed at those who cheat and steal might help solve some of our problems.

Whenever I think of recession or depression, my thoughts go back to the mid-thirties and my grandmother.

She was killed by a hit-and-run driver in the dusk of a cold and rainy December evening as she crossed the street in the middle of the block, huddled and hidden under a black umbrella, hurrying to the A & P

Readers Speak

'You Must be Single and Detest Women'

Attention: Mr. William C. Sliger

I have recently been informed that the girls' swim team at Northville High School won their first championship. The parents, school and the girls wish to thank the Northville Record for the great coverage—not a single line in your paper.

The boys' sports are splattered all over the paper. The girls also are chosen "Mustang of the Week" where are their pictures and write-ups.

You must be single and detest women, but remember we have come a long way and are still going strong.

A Disappointed Subscriber

where day-old bread could be purchased for five cents a loaf.

My grandmother had imagination, plus confidence and determination, and a full-measure of indignation for anyone who was not honest.

By today's standards she would be considered poor. But in the depths of the depression, she worked every day.

I lived with my grandmother during my grade school days. She owned a large house in Jackson's east side factory district. As we used to say in those days, she "took in" roomers and boarders. Five dollars a week for board and room.

This was where my grandmother's imagination, determination and confidence displayed itself.

If one of our roomers would lose his job, or if there were a vacancy and a young man looking for a room needed a job, my grandmother went to work on the telephone.

I still remember the embarrassment I would feel (I don't know why) as I listened to my grandmother call one of the executives at Frost Gear, Sparks Withington or Hayes Wheel.

"Mr. Smith", she would say, "this is Carrie Youdes on Gorham Street. 'I know your mother', she would say. Or maybe she would remind the plant manager that she had been taking in roomers and boarders who worked at his plant for years.

"I've got a fine young man here who needs a job. He can do anything and he's most reliable. Do you have anything for him to do, Mr. Smith?"

Usually, the reply would be, "send him over, Mrs. Youdes", and the man would have a job and my grandmother would have a paying roomer.

Imagination and confidence.

Certainly, our top experts on economics can give us the technical ramifications causing our inflation-recession. And maybe they can chart a course to recovery.

But the real hope for a strong nation and world may be as simple as how each of us act in the face of challenge.

Happy New Year.



AL JONES

NO . . .

No. The Big 10 should not limit its teams to the Rose Bowl.

Critics will scream over emphasis, but I disagree. Bowl games have become part of the American holiday tradition and are here to stay.

Football, much maligned of late by the so called academic, non-violent, non-jock set has been making a comeback. Schools and communities unite behind a good winning sports team and wonderful things begin to happen all down the line. Central Michigan is an excellent recent example. Show me a school with a winning tradition among its sports teams and I'll show you a school with pride and success from debate to mathematics.

No one should play football unless he wants to. It is a hard physical game requiring many long hours of practice. The day of the big, dumb player is long gone for you can't be dumb and play today. The players and coaches strive for excellence the same as other students and teachers strive for excellence in their segments of the curriculum. When an excellent team is produced the players and coaches should have the privilege of accepting or rejecting a bowl bid within the limits of administrative guidelines.

I therefore suggest that the Big Ten should extend these guidelines to include accepting bids to the other major bowls — Sugar, Orange, and Cotton. In that way a fixed date would be set and the quality of the bowl and the opponent would be assured. In this way what happened to the University of Michigan the past few years could be avoided.

Al Jones
Northville Coach



NORM NORNGREN

YES . . .

I feel that only one team from the Big Ten should go on to post-season play.

Only one representative to a bowl game from the Big Ten! Blasphemy! Have the State Legislature enact a motion to censure the heretic. How can this individual overlook the University of Michigan (30-2-1), over the last three years, or Michigan State who engineered that fantastic victory over Ohio State this year? These two fine teams should be rewarded with bowl bids. Right?

Now before the Wolverine and Spartan fans demand that I be red-shirted to the state of Ohio I would like to speak through the Record.

At the present time every collegiate sport has a national champion through competition except football. Major college football has two wire service polls to pick the national champions, and from time-to-time we have the Bowl game in which, according to the publicity put out by the Bowl Committees and television networks who air the games, the "National Champion" is crowned.

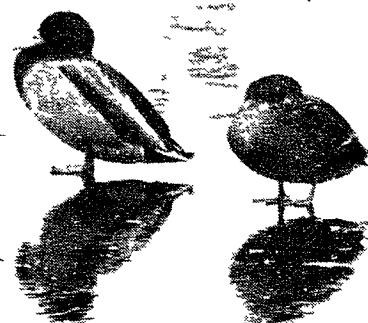
"Impossible, cannot be done," you may say. I would remind the readers that Michigan is the home of the National Champions in Division II football. Central Michigan University proved to the nation that they are the true National Champions by their gridiron performance in the post season playoffs and not by their press clippings.

So I repeat that the Big Ten and the other major conferences should only send the best teams to post season playoffs. Only through competition can there be a true National Champion in major college football.

Norm Norgren
Novi Coach

Photographic Sketches . . .

By JIM GALBRAITH



Cold Duck



Harry Sedan Recalls 37 Years of Retailing

By JACK W. HOFFMAN

An unbroken clerking career stretching over 37 years old will come to an end January 1 when Harry Sedan bids goodbye to Schrader's Home Furnishings—the store where it all started.

Harry's retiring.

There is probably only one non-owner clerk who has worked longer in the same downtown store than Harry and that is Maurice Giles of Brader's department store. Maurice started with Brader's 39 years ago.

Both have watched a lot of changes occur over the years and obviously both have enjoyed their jobs.

But Harry's the man who is retiring, so let's tap some of his memories.

By the time he started at Schrader's, Harry already had had some clerking experience. During high school he worked for Jerry Woodruff. "It was a five 'n ten store—we called it Woodruff's Bazaar. It was located where the Little People Shoppe is now. I worked there until it moved to Center Street, where Pease Paint is, and continued with them until I graduated from high school in '28.

"Then I quit and went to work for Kresge's (in Redford). I came back to Northville to work at A&P during the Depression—back when Frazer Staman (now vice-chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission) managed the store. Then I had a six-months stay at Ford's (valve plant here) before joining Schrader's."

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RETIRING HARRY SEDAN

31, November 7, and finally on November 20 when it was reported that the girls had won the league championship but lost out in the state.

Our policy concerning high school sports is that we cover firsthand the two major spectator sports, varsity football and basketball. All other high school sports are covered by making contact with the respective coaches and reporting both pre-game and post-game details.

Periodically, other sports' activities such as golf, baseball, tennis, track, swimming, etc., are also covered on a firsthand basis including pictures.

Most coaches understand the

inability of a newspaper to provide on-the-spot coverage of all events. They also recognize the desirability of news coverage and are most willing to cooperate in providing our reporters with details. Frequently by their own initiative, some coaches will call us to provide information that they believe would be newsworthy.

We make no apology for our sports' coverage. It far outstrips anything we do for the academic accomplishments of the youngsters. But we're a product of society, too. So I guess when the crowds are bigger at debates than football

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When Harry went to work for Schrader's it was a combination funeral home-furniture store—a not so unusual combination years ago. Just one week before he started work, the late Ray Casterline left Schrader's and founded what today is Casterline's Funeral Home.

The store was a good deal smaller in 1937 than it is today, remembers Harry. In the rear, back where the office is located, was the funeral parlor and operating room and out behind was the garage where the hearse and ambulance were parked. The first door north of the furniture store entrance was the funeral chapel, which later became the post office and which today is Schrader's carpet center.

As an employee in those days, Harry could be selling furniture or washing windows one minute and then driving a screaming ambulance or setting up the burial paraphernalia over in the cemetery the next minute.

Adjacent businesses have long since disappeared. On the corner in The Record building was Jim Huff's hardware store, and next to it (north) was Jim-the-tire-man's vulcanizing shop and above Curly Allen's father had a tailor shop. Later the tire shop became the home of Shafer's Electric Shop.

South of Schrader's was the old streetcar waiting room where Jabin Elliott sold gum and candy.

Down on the corner, where the parking lot of the Drawbridge Restaurant is now located, was Black's White House restaurant—a white frame building where Mrs. Black, mother of the two present-day businessmen, operated a very popular eating establishment.

On the opposite side of the street, where Banbury Cross is located, was the post office; and next to it in what Harry remembers as a small frame building was The Record office.

"I can remember coming to work one morning...when I was with Jerry Woodruff...and seeing smoke coming out of The Record building. By the time I got down to the building, it was just rolling out of the basement. Sterling Eaton and his father (both deceased publishers) came down, and I remember them jumping out of their car and running inside."

The building was destroyed and eventually was replaced by the Neal Building, which now is an insurance office.

Next door to the former Record building, where the camera shop is now located, was the old wooden Blake jewelry store. Next to it, north, was a hat shop, and then came the Detroit Edison office—where Cloverdale dairy is now located.

"The saddlery building was built later, but next to it was Partridge's Grocery Store, and next to this is where A&P had its long, narrow grocery store. Where the bicycle shop is located was Litsenburger's blacksmith shop.

"On the corner, of course, was the opera house."

Harry doesn't miss the past, though he admits the old businesses and old friends make pleasant recollections. There's no denying that he'll miss Schrader's, however, he said as he inventoried stock in the final days before his December 31 retirement.

"It's been great," said the 66-year-old father of two and grandfather of two others. "I'll miss it."

And N. C. and Nelson and the many others who shared in his downtown business career will miss Harry Sedan as well.



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Start Transit at Wixom

To the Editor:

Please refer to your front page story and "Top of the Deck" column concerning the December 17th meeting at Schoolcraft College covering Rapid Transit in this part of the metropolitan area. I wish to make several comments and suggestions concerning the SEMTA Plan.

First of all, I was surprised by the support for use of the

C&O tracks for rapid transit. I, too, believe this to be the most practical method, giving the most potential service for the least cost, not only for the short run, but in the long term as well.

The C&O will not operate the service. They would operate it on a contract basis for SEMTA, similar to the AMTRAK agreements. SEMTA will also have to

furnish the locomotives and cars, as well as subsidize the maintenance of track, support structures, and rolling stock.

The C&O track is NOT in good shape to operate high speed passenger trains up to speeds of 80 MPH. I believe that the top speeds allowed by the C&O is in the 40-50 MPH range in this area.

As to the suggestion that this new rail service originate

at Novi, I believe that it should start at Wixom on the northeast corner where the C&O spur crosses Wixom Road into the Ford Plant. This area is vacant and could be used for a yard, depot, and parking lot. Also, it would provide service to a large auto assembly plant and be close to I-96 for potential patrons from Milford, Brighton, and Howell.

If service was to be reasonably frequent, a second main line track would have to be built between Plymouth and Wixom and signals would have to be rearranged. This would cost SEMTA more money, but it is cheaper than a freeway. One last thought is that the trains initially be diesel powered, but convertible to all electric operation in the future.

Finally, I am glad the discussion has at last started in this area concerning rapid transit and hopefully SEMTA and SEMCOG will not only advise us of their future plans but will listen to our alternative solutions.

Fred H. Crissey
Northville

Laud Northville's Help

To the Editor:

We are writing to thank the kind, considerate and good samaritans of your town.

On December 2nd when we left Grand Rapids we were unaware of the storm that we were heading into. We made it all right to Northville which was our destination but what we didn't know was motels are several miles away.

We were on our way to find a motel but our car got stuck in the snow. A good man pushed us into the Northville Mall and we found shelter in the Arcade 5, run by Joe Bustamanti.

He was ready to close and go home but let us stay to find a way to a motel. When we couldn't find a way by cab, this gentleman went way out of his way to drive us to Farmington which took him an hour and a half to get there. We never would have made it. Joe is really a great guy. No one is allowed to smoke or swear in the Arcade 5. It is a good place for kids. He has a way with kids, too.

At breakfast at the Holiday Inn, A Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Woods overheard our plight to find a ride back to Northville and Mr. Woods volunteered to drive us to the Hawthorne

Center. So even though Mr. Woods could have stayed in his warm room, he had his car dug out and drove us to the center and we were only five minutes late.

At the Hawthorne Center our appointment had been cancelled because most of the staff were unable to get in to work. The doctor who was supposed to do the testing lives in Ann Arbor which was in real bad shape. But after all we went thru to get there, a Dr. Wright volunteered to do

the testing and the man who was to do the reading tests walked to work. They were all very kind at the Hawthorne Center.

When we were finished with the tests Dr. Wright had one of the fellows drive us to our car and dig us out. All of these people work or live in Northville and we would like to thank them and Northville for everything.

Pat Zamarripa
Jeff Zamarripa
Sandy Dertin
Jenison, Mich. 49428

... 'You Must be Single'

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games, we'll restructure our priorities.

"Mustang of the Week" is an honor accorded the athlete who coaches agree turned in the best performance of the week. When a girl won the honor, her picture was published along with an article, exactly as it is done for all winners. She won because of her performance, not her sex. And I can't believe that the youngsters would want it any other way.

I suspect there are some female

coaches who might cheer the letter written by "A Disappointed Subscriber". If so, I urge them to provide us with the same cooperation as Mustang Swimming Coach Ben Lauber, for example, and see what happens.

Finally, I'm disappointed that "Disappointed" declined to sign her name. She'll be disappointed, too, to learn that I'm married and have one son and one daughter and love them equally.

William C. Silger

News from Lansing

By R. ROBERT GEAKE

State Representative - Northville

Recent newspapers and TV stories about legislators junketing to conventions in warm climates at taxpayer expense have prompted several people to ask me about my record in this area. I have never traveled out of state at public expense.

Since this will be my last opportunity to report to you on the 77th (1973-74) state legislature, it would seem an appropriate time also to give an accounting of my attendance. During my first two years representing you in Lansing I attended all 247 sessions and was never absent.

During the final two weeks of the year Governor Milliken signed over 60 bills into law.

Although several of these bills received widespread news coverage, the majority did not. Some of the more interesting new laws include:

—H.B. 6194 (I.E.) permitting students to sit on governing boards of Michigan colleges and universities.

—S.B. 549 (no I.E.) to permit issuance of a permit to a minor 16 years or older to work in a place where alcoholic beverages are manufactured, served or sold—providing the establishment also sells food or other goods totaling at least 50 percent of the gross receipts.

—H.B. 4649 (Immediate Effect) to amend the Michigan Dead Man Statute, clearing up confusion as to when to admit an affidavit or deposition of a person who has died or become incompetent prior to trial.

—H.B. 4860 (PA 316; I.E.) deleting the requirement that a driver improvement hearing or re-examination must be held in the county in which the licensee resides.

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Tube Mill Ends 114-Day Strike

Operations at Michigan Seamless Tube's South Lyon plant will resume January 2 following settlement of the 114-day strike by members of Local 1900 of the United Steelworkers a week ago Monday (December 23).

Maintenance Department employees reported last Thursday to begin the process of readying the plant for resumption of regular operations.

Official announcement of the settlement was made by MST President Carl E. Pfeiffer in a press release dated Friday, December 27. Pfeiffer announced that the members of Local 1900 and the company had agreed to a three-year pact which "follows the pattern established by the basic steel agreement."

Key issue in the negotiations was the question of continuous operations in the South Lyon plant, or, as popularly termed, the implementation of a "staggered work week" at the plant.

James Hoose, MST's Director of Industrial

Relations, stated that the matter had been resolved with an agreement to establish the staggered work week in the Maintenance Department effective February 1, 1975. In addition, a committee will be formed to study the possibility of extending the staggered work week throughout the plant.

Settlement of the 114-day strike came just before Christmas and at a time when hopes for a settlement prior to the holiday season seemed to be at their dimmest.

B. R. Howell, president of Local 1900, decided not to reschedule the meeting and instead announced that the next meeting of the general membership would not take place until January 6.

The union agreed to the terms and the vote was conducted by the federal and state mediators at 10 a.m. Monday, December 23.

Hoose stated that the agreement ratified by the union membership was similar to the October 24 proposal with a couple of modifications.

Baptists Dedicate New Wing on Sunday

Dedication of the new educational facilities of the First Baptist Church of Northville is planned Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Dr. Harry Love, general director of the Conservative Baptist of Michigan, will present the dedication message, it was announced this week.

Roger and Donna Rose of Grand Rapids will present a musical ministry at all of the regular services on Sunday.

Following the dedication service the church will hold open house so that visitors may tour the building. An automated slide presentation also will be on display showing the various stages of construction. Cake and coffee will be served by the women of the church.

The building was designed by Linden Pettys Architects and Associates of Ludington,

and the William F. Demske Company of Dearborn was the general contractor.

Construction of the building began in November of 1973.

The facility is a three-level building, with the lower level containing a new facility for the Beginner II and Primary Sunday School departments. The primary area has an assembly room and seven classrooms. This level also contains the college and career classrooms, rest rooms, and the heating plant.

The area under the original auditorium has been completely remodeled to accommodate 350 people for banquets and 500 for receptions. It also may be partitioned into four separate areas.

The street level of the building houses a modern, fully equipped nursery, a new beginner I area, a new foyer adjacent to the present auditorium and a new air-conditioned office complex. The entire first floor is

carpeted. Additional seating also has been added to the present auditorium so that nearly 500 people can be seated. Educational facilities will

accommodate 600. The church is located at the southwest corner of Wing and Randolph streets. Citizens throughout the entire area are invited to

attend the dedication, said the Reverend Cedric Whitcomb, pastor of the church who will mark six years of ministry at the church on dedication Sunday.

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Prizes Await Baby

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3. All entry applications must be received by The Northville Record-Novi News, 104 West Main Street, Northville, by 5 p.m. Friday, January 3.

If no entries are received by the deadline, however, the contest will be extended for one week.

The first entry in 1957 was Ruth Ann Edgin. Subsequent winners included:

Sherry Coykendall in 1958; Timothy McDonald in 1959; Danny Rolph in 1960; Tamera Ann MacDonald in 1961; Kimberly Ann Berger in 1962; Sherry Lynn Folsom in 1963; Mark Thomas Moran in 1964;

Scott Allen Yamamoto in 1965; Ronald James Hess in 1966; Michael DuFort in 1967; Robin Crabtree in 1968; Brian Keith Miller in 1969; Paul Martinsen Stewart in 1970; Sarah Alice Carter in 1971; Derek John Lauber in 1972; Jennifer Batt in 1973; and Tracy Ann Thompson in 1974.

Names of cooperating merchants and prizes they will award the parents of the first baby born in 1975 are:

Brader's, a baby blanket; Northville Pharmacy, baby toiletry kit; IV Seasons Flowers & Gifts, baby arrangement of fresh flowers; Freydl's, special gift for mother; Gaffield Studio Photography, 8 x 10 portrait; Novi Rexall Drug, vaporizer;

Little People Shoppe, gift certificate; Guernsey Farm Dairy, 10 one-half gallons of milk; Hair Sanctuary, free hair styling for mother; H. R. Noder's Jewelers, a silver cup; Kroger's, 24 jars of baby food, and Old Mill Restaurant, dinner for parents.

No Negotiations

"IT'S NOT TRUE," says Elton McAllister, at least not yet! The owner of McAllister's Service, 14760 Northville Road, called The Record to report that he is not negotiating with the State of Michigan for the removal of his station to make way for construction of the new M-14 freeway. The December 11 edition of The Record reported that the longtime service station would be torn down to provide an alternate route for Northville Road traffic during construction of the east-west expressway. "We've talked but there's nothing definite. We might be here for 15 years", says McAllister. He's afraid customers may think he's closing soon and go elsewhere for service. The new expressway will not go through the McAllister Service property, but there's speculation that the property will be needed to reroute traffic. Construction of M-14, connecting the new I-275 near Haggerty and Schoolcraft with the existing M-14 near Dixboro in the Ann Arbor area, is scheduled to begin next fall.

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Novi Victory Clinches Third Straight Crown



Novi's victory over Farmington Harrison... clinched the district title for the third straight year.

Mustangs Scalp 'Skins'



Novi's 155-pound wrestler, Doug Maier, posted seven dual victories in a row.



Northville Falls in District Losses

No Contest! Salem's Too Tall for Mustangs

Due to a height discrepancy, a basketball game between Northville and Salem was called a no-contest.

Attitude Change Key to Trophy

Ladycat Champions Toast Top Players



Bruising Football Produces Scoreless Tie

Novi's Football Produces Scoreless Tie



Year in Review

Northville Gridders Top 1974 Sports

The year just ended was one of excitement for Northville and Novi fans.

There weren't any state championships, but what sports followers throughout the area have seen is good solid play on the part of most of the teams representing their respective schools.

The performances of Northville and Novi can only make fans wonder what those schools can do this new year for an encore.

For a review of the year's top sport stories, read on:

Mustang Gridders End 7-2

Top story of the year has to center on Northville's 7-2 overall varsity football record. Although the Mustangs were only able to finish in second place in the Western Six, only four points separated the team from a perfect 9-0 record.

Opposing teams were only able to push over two touchdowns and three field goals in nine games against the Mustangs for an average of 2.5 points per game.

Only losses included a 9-6 fall to Farmington Harrison and a 7-6 loss to Plymouth Canton. An overtime field goal, Paul Rogind's third of the game, provided Harrison the cushion it needed.

The Northville squad completely dominated the Slinger Home Publications all area team as seven players were put on the offensive and defensive teams from that school.

In addition, White, Crisan, Pink, and Winemaster were named all-league. Scott Leu missed the honor by one vote. All-in-all, the season's play, backed by an undefeated JV squad...

Wildcat of the Week

Doug Maier, Novi's 155-pound wrestler who has posted seven dual victories in a row, has been named Wildcat of the Week. A junior, who is in his third year of wrestling, "is a real scrapper, who has learned to combine strength with good wrestling sense..."



DOUG MAIER

Novi Is Grid Champion

It was another SEC championship for the Wildcat football team—but this past season was less decisive than Novi fans have been used to.

Coming off a 21 game streak, Novi ran into Northville's machine in the first game of the season and fell 7-0. In that game, Novi was posed for a Northville aerial attack with only a few seconds left on the clock in the first half...

Novi came back to recover and eventually won the SEC with a 6-1 record, it's only loss coming to last place Lincoln—a team which no one expected Novi would have trouble with.

And then, it appeared after wrapping up the championship with a 16-7 victory over Milan that the veteran champions had decided the season was over. But it wasn't and Novi found itself on the losing end of an 18-13 score against lowly Airport.

During the season, Novi scored 170 points and gave up only 83—quite a change from the 270-53 spread of the previous year.

On the Slinger Home Newspapers 1975 dream team, Novi placed six players—just one less than Northville had. Named to the team was center Paul Bosco, tackle Ron Buck, quarterback Gary Ford, defensive end Doug Maier, linebacker Mike Collins, and halfback Brian Schmegeck.

Ron Buck also had the distinction of being named to both the offensive and defensive SEC all-star team as chosen by the conference schools. Joining him in being chosen were Bill Barr, Paul Bosco, Gary Ford, Brian Schmegeck, and Mike Collins.

Swimmers Finish High

There weren't any state championships for Northville's male swimmers and the team had to settle for second spot in the Western Six.

But the season really wasn't all that bad when it considered that the swimmers moved up a class from B to A and so could hardly be expected to repeat as state champion.

But they did put in a good solid performance finishing 22nd in the state. Art Greenlee finished highest in the state for the Mustangs with a fifth place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke while Tom Cook, the team's outstanding senior diver had to settle for a somewhat disappointing tenth place.

But coach Ben Lauber wasn't unhappy with the performance of his team against the class A competition and pointed out that the ice had been broken.

During the season, the Mustangs only lost two dual meets—to eventual champion Farmington Harrison.

Mustang BB Ends Tough

Northville's 1973-74 basketball season left fans eying a solid nucleus returning the next season.

Finishing 12-9 overall, the Mustangs were 6-4 in the Western Six for a third place finish. The team didn't lose to an opponent with an overall record under .500, but then it didn't beat any opponents with a record over .500.

But it should be remembered that during the regular season, five of Northville's eight losses were administered by teams with an overall 52-8 record. The Mustangs lose those games to the likes of Livonia Churchill (19-1) Waterford Mott (16-4), and Livonia Franklin (17-3).

Todd Eis, 6-3 senior captain and Northville's only two-time All-Western Six Conference forward, was selected as the Mustangs' "Most Valuable Player." Meanwhile, Jim Yanoschik, a 5-8 senior guard was named "Best Defensive Player" and John Boland, a 6-2 junior forward was named "Most Improved Player."

It would be unfair to the readers to leave them hanging without at least mentioning that the Mustangs, during the 1974 portion of the 1974-75 season, are sporting a record of 7-0. While Coach Walt Koepke insists that the hardest part of the season is still to come, the Mustangs did manage to get by one of their old nemesis, Waterford Mott—barely.

That was by way of a 76-72 overtime victory in the last contest of the year that left Mustang fans realizing that an

undefeated mark means little when it comes to playing an inspired ball club. What will happen during the remainder of the season can only be known when the time comes—but one thing remains certain. Many fans are calling 1975 the year of the Mustang.

Golfers Ace Trophy

Northville's golf team won its fourth straight league championship despite playing the final league match in a driving cold rain. The Mustang golfers were mired in third place in the Western Six following the last of the dual meets, but utilized the cold weather to knock-off leader Waterford Mott in the final league meet.

Greg Mack and Jim Dales were named to the all-league team.

Gals Win Swim Trophy

Northville's gal swimmers did something their male counterparts are trying to do—win a conference championship.

Finishing in the conference with a 4-0 record, the lady Mustangs gained the crown with a 119-49 dumping of Plymouth Canton.

At the league meet, Northville was an easy victor with 373 points while the closest competition was Farmington Harrison with 282 points.

Onlyblemish of the season was a dismal 63-20 loss to Livonia Stevenson, one of the top ranked teams in the state.

Novi Nine Wins Districts

Novi's baseball squad may only have finished 14-13 during the regular season and in sixth place in the SEC, but that didn't stop the 'Cats from winning the district championship.

There always seems to be something about the district tournament that brings out the best in Rick Trudeau's Wildcats and this year was no exception. They downed Pinckney 6-1 in the pre-districts, trimmed Holly 6-1 in the semi's and then wrapped up their second consecutive district title thumping Brighton 3-2.

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In Basketball Success Balance Is Mustang Key

"Balance" seems to be the word that sums up the reason for the success of the Mustang basketball team as it has won all of the first seven games this season.

Six seniors are doing most of the heavy work for the Mustangs—and all six are capable of scoring. Co-captain Tom Eis is leading all scorers with a 14.4 points per game average while following close behind is Mike Campbell at 13.7 and Scott Leu and Doug Crisan at 13.

Eis is also leading in the all-important rebounding department with 65. John Boland and Crisan are close behind with 58 and 55 respectively. The strong

rebounding provided by those three players has been credited by coach Walt Koepke as responsible for starts breaks that have led to the downfall of opposing teams. On the shooting side, Doug Crisan is the leader from the floor hitting on 58 per cent of his shots. Mike Campbell isn't far behind, shooting 55 per cent. The entire team is shooting at a 52 per cent pace—unusual for high school ball.

Charity line tosses are another strong part of Northville's game as the Mustangs are shooting nearly 70 per cent with co-captain Scott Leu hitting an almost

amazing 85 per cent putting in 23 of 27. Al Benedict is also shooting 80 per cent.

Defense has also been a strong part of the Mustangs' game. They have held their opponents to an average of 57 points per game while averaging themselves 81 points.

Scores of the Mustang games have been: Northville 82-44 over South Lyon; Northville 59-51 over Fenton; Northville 80-62 over Plymouth Canton; Northville 101-58 over Crestwood, Northville 83-61 over Walled Lake Western; Northville 76-72 (OT) over Waterford Mott.

League Standings table with columns W, L and rows for Northville, Churchill, Harrison, Western, Canton, and Mott.

After Oak Park, we'll play six games away in a row and that should tell us something. "I have a feeling Western and Canton will be a lot tougher the second time around and Waterford Mott at their court will be another battle."

Northville faces Oak Park at the Mustang court Friday, January 3.

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Blazing through the first round in the pre-holiday tournament at Monroe Jefferson, Novi varsity wrestlers took it on the chin in the second round to finish fourth.

Coach Russ Gardner's charges garnered 45 points in the eight team tourney, behind first place Monroe's 88½ points, Monroe Catholic Central's 71½, and Ann Arbor Huron's 66. (All three of the teams beating the Wildcats represent Class A schools).

In its first round of competition, the Wildcats captured 14 of a possible 18 points. "But that second round killed us," said Gardner, who added, "although we came back pretty good in the third round to take some important matches."

Taking fifth place in the tournament with 40 points was Ida, followed by Monroe Jefferson with 35, Airport with 25½, and Woodhaven with 23.

Two Novi wrestlers — Mark McKinney and Doug Maier — battled their way into the final round only to take second place.

McKinney, Novi's 98-pound ace, could have ridden out a 2-2 tie in his final round against Monroe Jefferson's Jim Hall but he chose instead to go for the pin in the closing seconds.

In doing so, he lost his poise momentarily and Hall broke away to snatch two extra points and the victory.

McKinney earned the right to battle for the championship by pinning George Teebo of Woodhaven at 1:08 of the first period, and by polishing off Don Corbiere of Airport, 4-0.

Coach Gardner was impressed with the junior's performance, pointing out that last year in Novi's own wrestling tournament Hall had shutout McKinney 10-0. This time it was an altogether different kind of match, said Gardner, who predicted McKinney "will take him" when they next meet.

Maier, the other Novi wrestler to take a second place in the tournament, came even closer to winning than did McKinney.

Ahead on points, 2-0, in the finals against Don Thornberry of Huron, when his head smashed against the mat knocking him out. The tournament doctor refused to let Maier continue so Thornberry won by default.

Maier went to the finals on the strength of two opening tournaments victories. He pinned Paul Deland of Ida in 2:31 of the second period, and he pinned John Hardwood in 3:37 of the second period.

In addition to these two second place finishes, Novi also copped a third place by

Kevin Sheppard, in the 132-pound class, and three fourth places finished by Scott Spielman in 105, Bob Sasena in 126, and Al Jones in 138.

Sheppard, who lost 6-3 to Berry Bezeay in the second round after pinning Dan Messore of Airport at 1:04 of the first period, sailed through his two consolation rounds. (Bezeay eventually took second place).

The Novi sophomore pinned Dave Horvatch in the third period and in the semi-finals downed Bob Mistiatas, 8-1.

Here's what happened to Novi's three fourth-place finishers:

• Spielman, who zipped past Randy Oleynik of Airport in just 40 seconds of the first period to capture the tournament's fastest pin trophy, was himself pinned in the second round by Bob Molski of Monroe in 1:57 of the first period. Molski went on to win the tournament championship.

In his first consolation match he beat Fred Penrod of Ida by a pin in 2:10 of the second period, and then lost out to Paul Turner of Monroe Catholic Central, 4-0.

• Sasena, finished fourth, but still is undefeated this season. The 1973-74 league champion clobbered Mike Keeskes of Airport, 15-2, in the first round, and then worked a pin in the second period over Victor Gibson of Woodhaven.

That pin, however, was costly. In winning, Sasena ripped his shoulder muscles, a recurring injury, and Coach Gardner shelved his defending champion rather than risk more serious injury.

Ironically, the wrestler who eventually won the 126 tournament championship was Dave Hultberg — a wrestler Sasena defeated 6-2 in the Bishop Borgess Tourney earlier this season.

• Jones in his first round beat Lee Pichan of Woodhaven, 6-1, but in the second round he lost out to Tim Buzan, who eventually took second-place. In his consolation match, Jones blanked John Maddux of Ida, 14-0, and then in the semi-finals was edged by Ed Lehmann of Monroe Catholic Central, 3-2.

Here's what happened to the other Wildcats in their weight classes:

112 — Jeff Kay, a sophomore, pinned Jeff Riggs of Woodhaven in 3:29 of the second period in his first match, and then in the second round he was pinned by Keith Feitz, who eventually won the championship, in 3:29 of the second period. In his consolation match, Kay was blanked by Dan Townsen, who finished fourth, 4-0.

119 — Dwight Pugsley pinned his first opponent, Larry Manders of Woodhaven in 3:44 of the second period, and in the second round he was pinned by Dave Colvin, who finished second in the tournament. Pugsley lost to Larry Kittle, 4-0, in his consolation match.

145 — Mark Mills was blanked by Jim Nonifacio of Monroe Catholic Central, 4-0, in his tournament debut.

167 — Mike Mulligan was pinned by Bill Weaver of Monroe in the final period. The Novi senior was leading his opponent, 5-0, and had him in a pinning position when Weaver bridged out and pinned Mulligan.

185 — With Paul Bosco still nursing an injury, Ken Kardel substituted to prevent a costly forfeit. In so doing he was pinned by Tim Myers of Airport in the second period.

Kardel made the semi-finals, losing to Ed Pierce of Monroe, who took third, 7-0.

Heavyweight — Jim Auten was pinned in the second period by Bill Grover, who went on to win the tournament championship. In his semi-final match he was blanked by Matt Kaczperski of Monroe Catholic Central, who took third, 3-0.



NEW CLUB OFFICERS — Elected to positions in the Northville Booster's Club are: (from left) Dick Lurvey, vice-president; Lee Holland, Secretary Treasurer; and Ted Marzonie, President. The club has 50 members and hopes to raise enough money eventually to buy a better speaker system for the gym, as well as a video system.

Keim, Haggerty Ice Hockey Wins

Earl Keim Realty Squirt team grabbed one victory while Northville Haggerty Lumber Pee Wee team claimed two in recent Northville Hockey Association play.

Standout defensive play and goalie Mike Wiest's second shutout in four games gave the Keim team a 1-0 win over the Farmington Hawks.

The game's only goal was scored by Dave Pohold on a perfectly placed breakout pass by left wing Chris Marshall.

Following Pohold's goal, Keim defensemen Joe Renault, Jamie North, Todd Lincoln and Eric Alent took control of the game, cutting off repeated attempts by Farmington to knot the score.

Haggerty Lumber pee wees won two games to extend their unbeaten string to six with five wins and one tie.

Thursday, December 19, Haggerty beat Plymouth VFW 5-4. Steve Wynn scored the winning goal in the third period.

Friday, December 20, Haggerty bumped Plymouth ACTS 4-3. Bob Kramer scored the winning goal with less than one minute remaining in the contest.

Tommy Allen scored four goals in the two games to bring his season total to 43. Carl Kohs scored his 21st of the season in the win over ACTS.

Haggerty's record in league play is 5-1-1 leaving them ½ point out of first. Goalie Chris Van Gieson has had five shutouts this season, including three in league games.

New officers have been chosen by the Northville Booster's Club. They are: Ted Marzonie, president; Dick Lurvey, vice-president; and Lee Holland, Secretary-Treasurer.

New president Ted Marzonie, noting that the Mustangs have not had a real booster's club for some time before this school year explained that the club is needed now more than ever. "These kids know how to lose. They're just starting to learn how to win."

Parents didn't have interest because the kids were losing. But with the upswing, the booster's club is really picking up."

According to Marzonie, the club has 50 members and came into full swing at the beginning of football season. "You'd be surprised how many parents just drop their kids off—but its been improving every year," Marzonie said. "Many parents are starting to realize that a basketball game is a good night out."

The club holds five meetings a year and the next meeting is scheduled for January 13 at the Our Lady of Victory Social Hall.

The club is selling cushions and ultimately aims to raise enough money to get a better speaker system for the gym as well as a video system.

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Novi — Candace P. Shearer of 23813 Pleasant Run, B.A.; and Diane C. Rowlands of 22633 Shadow Pine Way, M.Ed.

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Rec Sets Date

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Police—Court News

In Northville

A break-in at the professional offices on North Center Street is under investigation by city police.

According to reports, the office of Tinkham, MacDonald, Jahr and Steffen attorneys at 424 North Center was broken into and ransacked late December 20.

Unknown persons broke a window on the north side of the building, kicked in interior doors and rifled the offices. Nothing was taken in the break-in which was reported at 11 p.m.

Apprehending a 17-year-old escapee from Boys' Training School in Whitmore Lake proved to be nothing routine for city police officers on Christmas Eve.

Police reported they spotted a car on westbound Eight Mile Road about 7:30 p.m. passing other vehicles on the shoulder. When the car was finally stopped on Randolph Street at Linden, the driver of the vehicle, Richard Crowell Jr. of Birmingham, jumped from the vehicle and ran behind a house on the north side of Randolph.

He was chased on foot by Patrolman Donald Lancaster who succeeded in apprehending him. While Patrolman Norman Kubitsky was handcuffing the youth, he was allegedly kicked by the youth.

Police reported Crowell refused to walk to the squad car and had to be carried. While officers were attempting to book the youth, another scuffle ensued inside the police station and officers said chemical mace had to be used to subdue him.

Police learned through a computer check that Crowell was wanted for escape from the training school.

Three men, one armed with a revolver, held up a Garden City man December 23 at Northville Downs, stealing a winning triffecta ticket worth \$547.

The 60-year-old Garden City resident reported the incident

to city police Thursday. He said it took place at approximately 10:15 p.m. in the southeast portion of the second floor of the clubhouse.

He said he had just shown a friend the ticket when one of the three who had been standing behind his wheel chair pulled the gun and demanded the ticket. After taking the ticket, the three fled, he told police.

Two radios, valued at \$246 each, were stolen from used cars parked at John Mach Ford on West Seven Mile Road.

According to reports, the am-fm stereo radios were taken between December 24 and 26.

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Unknown persons shattered a car window sometime during the afternoon of December 23.

The owner told police the right side passenger's window was broken while the vehicle was parked in a lot on East Dunlap near Center Street.

Township police are continuing their investigation into break-in at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nursery on West Eight Mile Road.

According to reports, the break-in took place between December 19 and 26 when it was discovered about 8 p.m. by cleaning crews.

Police said the nursery was entered by breaking a door window on the west side of the building. An interior door leading upstairs was also kicked in.

Among the items taken from the building were two sign like clocks, a 35mm slide projector and two pair of white draperies.

Two destruction of property cases were reported to police during the past week.

At 6:45 p.m. on Christmas, a sliding glass door in the 19400 block of Malvern Court was shattered by what police believe was a pellet from a BB gun.

Cost of replacement was estimated at \$150.

On December 21, 13 outdoor Christmas lights were shattered on a porch in the 18500 block of Jamestown Circle.

Police said a juvenile has admitted destroying the bulbs and has agreed to make restitution.

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In Novi

Dameron's Boron, 1930 Novi Road, was broken into December 21 and \$300 removed from a safe.

Also taken was \$12.55 in change from a cash register. A plexiglass window was broken to gain entry.

Fifty stainless steel beams valued at \$5,000 were taken from Temperform in Novi December 23. The beams had been stored outside the building.

It was the third theft there in the past week.

Approximately \$1,600 worth of goods were taken from a home in the 4700 block of Eleven Mile December 21.

Taken were three televisions, a tape deck, jewelry box and jewelry.

The house was entered by breaking a rear door window and forcing the door open.

A coat, ladies ring, and men's shaver with total value of \$140 was taken from a car December 23-24.

Owner of the vehicle stated that it could have been broken into while parked at his home in the 24000 block of Old Orchard, or while parked at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Southfield.

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Township resident Dr. John

Walter Jarvis, 52, of Gregory and John Jarvis, 24, of Big Rapids, both received incapacitating injuries in an auto accident at 4:45 p.m. December 21.

They were in a vehicle struck by James Payton, 26, of Walled Lake. He was northbound on Beck Road and struck the Jarvis vehicle which was traveling westbound on Pontiac Trail.

Icy and snowy conditions were blamed for the crash.

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Trustee Abstains

OK Department

Formation of a joint city-township building department won the support of Northville township trustees December 19 after similar action was taken the previous Monday by Northville city council members.

Township trustee Richard Mitchell abstained from voting on the measure, saying he did not know what cost savings would be realized by the joint department and challenging the legality of acting on the item at a special meeting.

He also said he was not certain of what rates would be used, what ordinances would be enforced and stated he felt the proposed building department was "letting the city dictate to us and we're just going along."

Under the agreement, the city has replaced its inspectors with the present township inspectors, adopted the township's fee schedule and, according to City Manager Steven Walters, basic ordinances are the same.

Cost of the department will be paid for by permit revenues with each paying for their use of inspectors.

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Swienkowsi, who had also been present December 12 when Walters reviewed the agreement with the board, added that the city manager "said the basic ordinances were the same and that if one was better, they would go with that one. Inspectors will enforce city ordinances in the city and township ordinances in the township," he explained to Mitchell.

Mitchell also challenged the item not appearing on his agenda and said it was not legal to act upon the matter at a special meeting.

Several trustees said the item appeared on their agenda and Clerk Betty Lennox said an agenda, containing the building department agreement, had been posted "two days ago in township hall."

Answering a question from Mitchell, Morgan said posting of the notice in township hall was legal. At a special meeting, trustees may only act upon items on the agenda or if they have been notified 12 hours before the meeting, he added.

Trustee Charles Rosenberg, chairman of the ad hoc


committee studying methods of retaining the township police department, said that a report on anticipated cost savings through the joint building department will be included in his committee's January 9 report.

Supervisor Lawrence Wright called the joint department "a step in the right direction

"Today we do not know what will happen in the building industry. In 60 or 90 days we may know," he commented.

The agreement also contains an escape clause for both the city and township with 30 day notification required if one of the two wishes to cancel the agreement.

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"All the President's Men," Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward; A best seller that looks at the Nixon administration, particularly the Watergate affair.

"The Total Woman,"

Marabel Morgan; A best seller written by a 36-year-old Miami housewife who tells what it means to be a total woman — a sizzling lover to her partner and an inspiration to her children. Tips on how to improve a stale marriage are included.

ADULT FICTION
"Lady," Tom Tryon; Another best seller by the author of "The Other" and "Harvest Home." Story is set in a small Connecticut town in the years between the 1920's and 50's, with flashbacks to World War I.

Basketball Set

Northville Recreation Department's men's basketball activity nights will begin games January 2.

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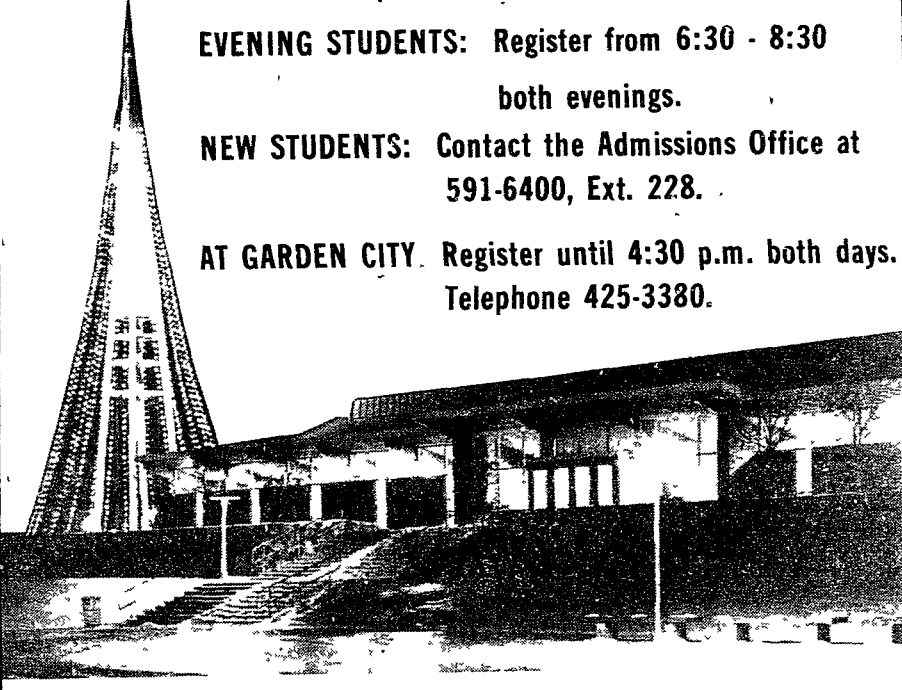
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—NOVI HIGHLIGHTS—

By JEANNE CLARKE
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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Callan of Meadowbrook Road were hosts for a family dinner on Christmas. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. David Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor

of Westland, Harold Callan who is home from school in Wisconsin, and Teresa Hallmark. Their other son Roy spent a week traveling to Dublin, New Hampshire, before coming home. A friend of his, Terri Goodell from New

Hampshire, will be flying in for the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fox of Glenda were guests for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ely (Holly Fox) of South Lyon on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bell of Fonda Street had their family home with them for the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunt and two sons, Bill and Larry. Their son, Steve, who is in the service, called Christmas Day.

Edwin Steinberger's of Meadowbrook was a family dinner and included Frank Steinberger from Ypsilanti, Mr. and Mrs. Dan White (Joe Ellen Steinberger) of Adrian. It was Steinberger's birthday, so it was an extra special occasion.

need for additional donations because of the rising prices and contributions can be made to the Novi Goodfellows, c-o Novi Post Office, Novi. The City of Novi Building Department collected \$44 to help the Goodfellows.

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Kool Kats 27 38
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NESPO

January 7 is the first meeting of the year for NESPO at the Novi Elementary School at 8 p.m. Plans will be made for the family roller skating night on January 14 at Brighton. Doors open at 6:30 with skating for every member of the family from 7-9 p.m. Last time about 165 people attended and plans indicated that there will be a large number attending this time. Tickets are available at the door or at the school during the week.

Farmington will present new American flags to representatives of seven Brownie and Junior Troops. The presentation will be under the direction of Mrs. Sam Nirkind. Novi Elementary School leaders will be meeting with their TSD Jackie Wilenius at the School on Tuesday, January 7 at 3 p.m.

January 9. All cubs are reminded that the rocket derby will be held at the meeting.

Novi Priorities Set

Continued from Novi, 1

"Individually, each subdivision does not have enough clout with the companies. Some of the companies charge some subdivisions considerably more than others. And there are other problems such as collectors making their rounds during the night."

Kriewall explains that the city can probably get trash collection cheaper for the residents and would have more of a say in the activities of the trash collection company than individual subdivisions.

Regional Shopping Center

Although still in the formative stages, the new regional shopping center in Novi is a top priority because it will one day be a huge boon to the city in terms of tax dollars.

"We should have a resolution on water main and sewer construction in that area in January. We have a sample water resolution now that is being reviewed by the attorney." He added that the county will sell bonds and supervise construction of the various lines.

Kriewall said that he expects there will be announcements toward the end of 1975 on periphery developments that will construct in the area once a timetable is set for making water and sewer available to the general area as a result of the regional shopping center itself.

Old-Timer Recalls Novi

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To Live or Not to Live

Oh, death where is thy sting—
You even every score,
No longer is a rich man rich,
Nor is a poor man poor.

No longer pain is in command
Of body, mind or soul,
When death has taken over,
Then life has reached its goal

The years fly by unnoticed
When life has run its course;
No power on earth can harm us,
However great its force.

No longer strife and fear and want
Will we have to face;
Tranquility and peace
Will forever take its place.

How sweet it is to be at peace
With all our fears dispersed,
To live or not to live
I wonder which is worse.

The breakers crash and heavens roar
And throngs go wild with fear,

No harm can come to anyone
Who is no longer here.

We look on life as magic,
Wherever it is found,
Its mystery is just as great
When we see one lay it down.

To him who brought us out of space
And made us into form
And gave to us a spirit,
The day that we were born.

Will he take us back again
Or lead us on ahead
When he takes back what he gave us,
The day that we are dead?

The answer to this question
Has never been defined;
With it the thoughts of men
Have struggled throughout time.

So I will leave this question.
For we must understand,
What plans are made by God
Cannot be changed by men.

Aaron Oliver
1966

Eye Fire Stations

Continued from Novi, 1

City Hall Complex

The mayor says that the city must soon begin work on expanding and adding to the present city hall to encompass a library multi-media type program and a community meeting room.

"It's a matter of overcrowding," adds Vangieson. "We can't give the necessary services, partially because there isn't room for the files. We also need a community room for meetings."

"This would also include a multi-media type library which would allow us to add more books, movies and slides. The addition would also allow an expansion of police department facilities."

New Landfill Program

Wixom has joined with South Lyon and Lyon Township in opting out of the county landfill program.

"Within the next six months we have to decide where to locate, within the three communities, a landfill. Then we'll have to set it up and administer it."

"There's a good chance Wixom will not have a landfill site in it. We're limited by the state in the areas where we can put a landfill. We can't just go out and put it into a swamp. We have to make certain it won't get into the water table. Wixom really is not suitable because its water tables are very high."

Attracting Medical Facilities

One of the priorities of past mayor Gilbert Willis was bringing in medical facilities—if only a doctor's office—to the area.

Mayor Val Vangieson agrees that it is also a priority on his list but states "we don't have enough population. We've always been trying to make contacts with doctors through the associations. But they feel we have physicians close enough already."

"When the two fire stations open, we hope to get an emergency medical service—something like the paramedics."

"We're trying to obtain a grant for that purpose which is administered by the Oakland County Health Department. We have a fair chance of getting it, but may not know for some time."

Lean Year Seen For County Roads

Oakland County Roads are in for a lean 1975, to the frustration of those who build them and those who use them.

The Board of County Road Commissioners, after eyeing shrinking revenues directly related to the petroleum shortage, has adopted an austerity budget for construction and maintenance of the 2370-mile county road system.

How much the level of maintenance will be dropped remains to be seen in a forthcoming Road Commission staff report to the Road Commissioners. Managing Director John L. Grubba hints, however, that maintenance levels must be dropped significantly.

"Because of the money crunch," says Grubba, "we'll be patching fewer chuckholes in 1975. And it is to be hoped that we have little snow after the first of the year, because we will be unable to afford the type of response the recent December 1 snowstorm got. To stay within anticipated revenues, we are laying off 27 employees indefinitely, effective December 27."

Novi 'Friends'

Meet January 7

Friends of the Novi Library will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 7, in the library.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. Topic for the evening is book reviews done by Librarian Dorothy Flattery and members of the group.

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Police Council

Taps Petersen

A Schoolcraft College administrator has been appointed to the board of directors and another to the advisory board with the Southeast Michigan Police Reserve Training Council (SMPRTC).

Schoolcraft's manager of business services, E. Frederick Petersen, was named to the SMPRTC board of directors. The seven member board is responsible for administering the training program of SMPRTC.

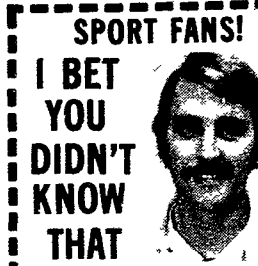
Clay M. Fechter, the college's director of public and human services, was named to the SMPRTC advisory board. Made up of area police chiefs and other police professionals, this ten member board advises the directors on training programs.



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Ever wonder who "invented" the post-season football bowl games?...A Pasadena, Calif., businessman, James Wagner, is credited with the original idea...To promote Pasadena's Tournament of Roses affair in 1902, he got the thought of staging a post-season football game...And so, all of today's bowl games stem from Wagner's idea.
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Did you know that many of today's post-season bowl games were known by different names in their early years?...For instance in the first two years of the Orange Bowl, it wasn't called the Orange Bowl at all...It was known then as the "Festival of Palms Game"...The Gator Bowl started as the "Alligator Bowl"...And the forerunner of the Cotton Bowl was called the "Dixie Classic".
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Of all the football bowl games, none is more appropriately named than the Sugar Bowl...The Sugar Bowl stadium is actually located on the site of the old plantation where sugar was first granulated in this country!
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— 1975 —

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THE STATE SAVINGS BANK
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An Announcement
The Members of the First Baptist Church of Northville
cordially invite you to the Dedication
of their new Educational Facilities
Sunday, January fifth
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Open House to follow the Service
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Northville

While We Enjoy Holidays, Others Keep on Working



Mrs. Beverly Lockhart, a nurse who reads here to Ellen Donovan, a resident of Wishing Well Manor Convalescent Home in

Northville, will be on the job when most others are ringing in the New Year.

Clerks, nurses,
gas station attendants,
policemen, engineers
and many others will
mark New Year's Eve
or New Year's Day
helping others
enjoy the occasion



Barbara Nasur, owner of Bert's Party Store in Brighton, will work this New Year's to keep food and drink in ready supply for our festivities.

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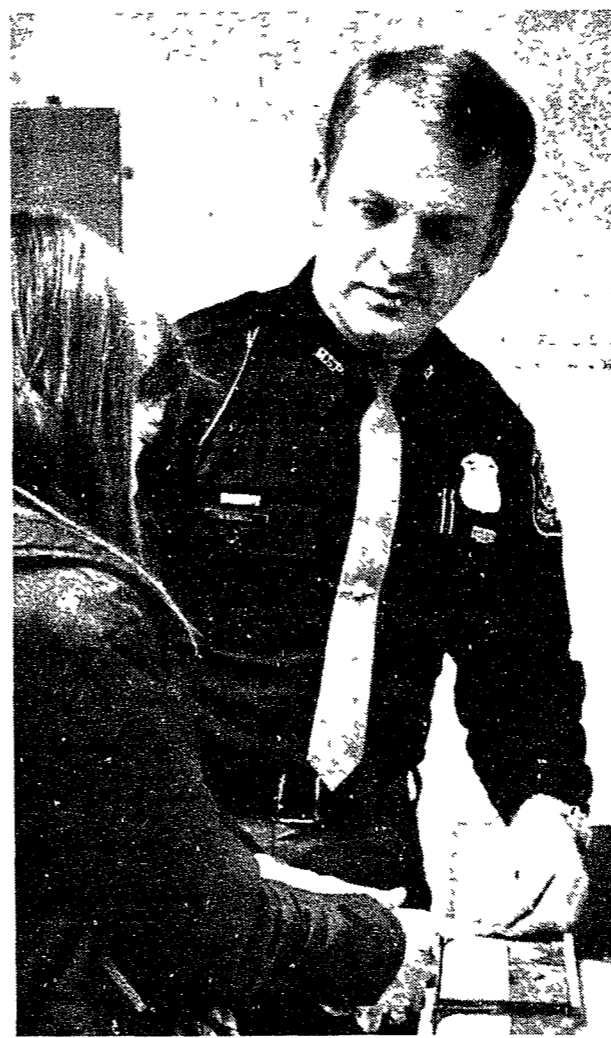
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Trooper William Ambuul out of the State Police Post in Brighton will be on the job, fingerprinting suspects and generally keeping our communities safe this New Year.



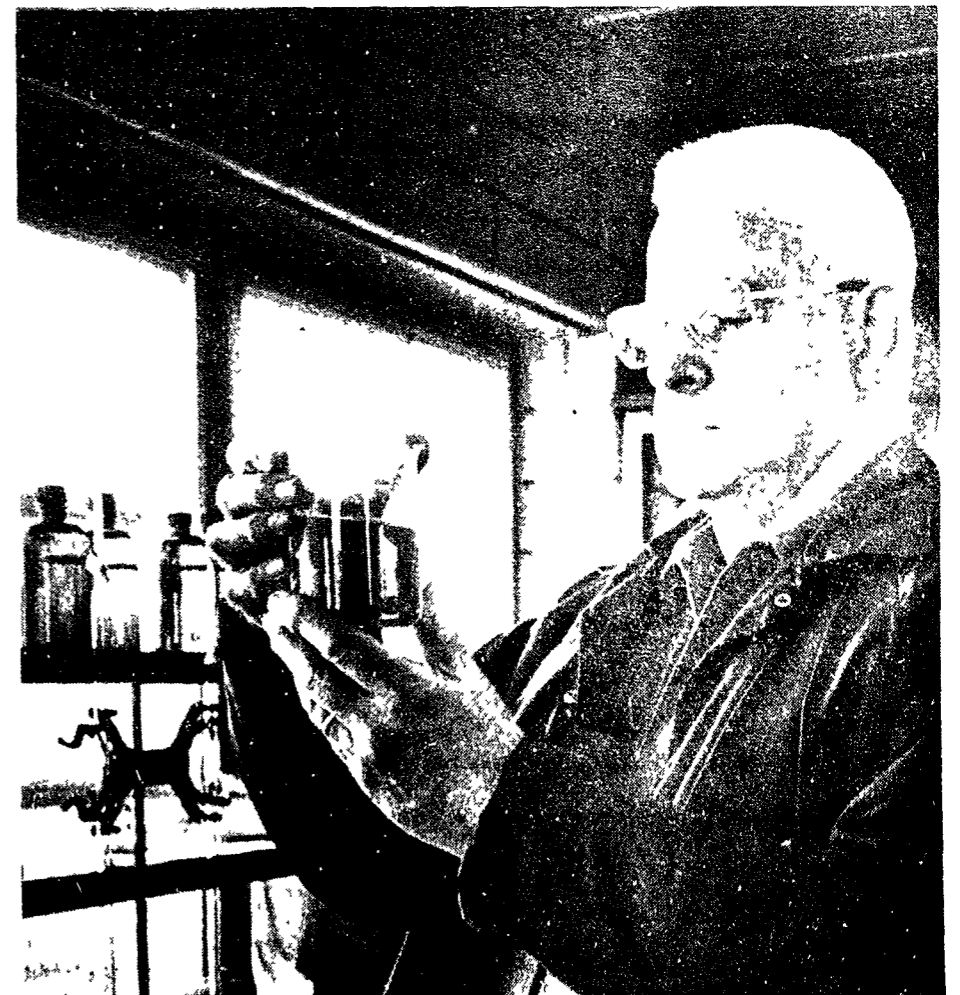
Sam Hollis, an attendant at a Novi Boron station, will keep right on pumping when others take time out New Year's Eve.

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the crows nest

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"We don't put in a full day, but there is a certain amount of work that has to be done," explained Carl Oberg, chief engineer and Director of South Lyon's Sewer and Water Department. Certain tests on the city's water supply have to be run each and every day—holiday or not. In addition, gauges and charts must be checked, water and pressure levels must be recorded, and machines must be checked to be sure they're running efficiently. "Basically," stated Oberg, "we have to make sure that everything is running alright."



These Stories Made Headlines During 1974

JANUARY

IN NORTHVILLE

Taxable construction took a \$10-million nosedive last year, reflecting a building slump which financially hurt Northville township the most where building dipped \$8-million. Layoffs were ordered, belt tightening proposed and a millage election to finance the police department as means of bringing the township revenues and expenses in balance.

IN NOVI

Novi township won at least a temporary victory in its battle to prevent annexation by the City of Novi of seven of eight parcels which make up the township. A decision handed down in Ingham County Circuit Court, ruled that the act under which the Boundary Commission proceeded was unconstitutional because it was created by reference and without enactment and, that because no provision was made for a vote in areas involving less than 100 persons, equal protection was denied.

IN WIXOM

In a report released by SEMCOG, Wixom's population jumped by 102-percent from 1970 to July of 1973. From a population of 2,010, Wixom climbed to 4,060, recording the largest increase in the area.

FEBRUARY

IN NORTHVILLE

Peeling off the interior walls of the 129-year-old former library building, the focal point of the Mill Race restoration, Northville Historical Society members uncovered two surprises. One was the "shadow" of the end of a pew etched in wood and the other was discovery of framework for two "windows" at the rear of the building which once served as a church.

IN NOVI

Denied access to police reports following a seven-month investigation of the Novi building department, Councilman



Novi feted retiring clerk Mabel Ash

Happy New Year illustration with a family. Text: "Happy days ahead to you and your dear ones." C. Harold Bloom Agency, Inc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. Proposals will be received until 8:00 p.m., January 16, 1975 by the Board of Education, Novi Community School District, Novi, Michigan for Compacted Fill for the New Senior High School. Includes list of bid items and contact information for C. Harold Bloom Agency, Inc.

Louie Campbell charged that it was "Watergate all over again."

IN WIXOM

Rezoning for a fast-food restaurant at Wixom Road and Wainstock was approved by councilmen while a rezoning request for a neighborhood shopping center at Loon Lake and Wixom roads was denied.

MARCH

IN NORTHVILLE

For the second time within two years, petitions seeking the annexation of the entire township to the city were filed with the Michigan Boundary Commission.

IN NOVI

Combination of a large and sudden spring thaw along with heavy rains threatened parts of Novi with near-flood conditions. Several roads were washed out, the dam at the south end of Meadowbrook Lake suffered extensive damage and high waters along the shores of Walled Lake led to sandbagging operations and the evacuation of two homes.

IN WIXOM

Wixom residents acquired a new 64-acre park for spring and summer recreation when the council signed a three-year lease with the Board of Commissioners for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. The park is located behind the VFW Hall.

APRIL

IN NORTHVILLE

Township voters turned thumbs down on a 3-mill tax hike to establish a public safety department. With only 20 percent of the registered voters casting ballots, the proposal was defeated by more than a 2-1 margin. It was the first time the township had asked its voters to approve any type of tax increase beyond the one-mill levy granted to townships.

IN NOVI

Novi Library Board announced plans to build a \$700,000 library on the 160-acre Novi Civic Center site on the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. The site will ultimately include a new high school, community golf course and athletic fields and municipal facilities besides the new public library.

IN WIXOM

First step toward eliminating the railroad problems that plague Wixom was taken by the city council as it approved the concept of a "ring road" around the city to the east. Council directed the planning commission to pursue study of phase one which would be a road swinging to the east from South Wixom at the railroad crossing to Pontiac Trail.



Traffic signals for Eight Mile-Nowi were ordered

MAY

IN NORTHVILLE

Sunburned and blistered, 300 marchers turned out to walk 21 miles raising funds for Project Concern, an agency providing medical relief to people in many sections of the world, and for the organizations of their choice. At the end, 228 had completed the walk, sponsored by the Northville and Novi Jaycees and their auxiliaries.

IN NOVI

Faced with \$120,000 deficit from the 1973-74 budget year, Novi council appeared headed for adoption of an "austerity budget" for the 1974-75 year, planned to ask voters for additional operating millage in November and contemplated lay-offs throughout city departments.

IN WIXOM

Despite strong objections from Mayor Gilbert Willis, the city council approved a \$1,139,900 budget for the 1974-75 year with across the board employee pay increases of 11-percent.

JUNE

IN NORTHVILLE

Although employee negotiations were still continuing between the City of Northville and its police, DPW and clerical employees, councilmen approved a \$1,079,200 budget and increased the tax levy from 8.1 mills to 10.3 mills.

IN NOVI

City manager Harold Saunders submitted his resignation to council. His resignation came on the heels of a story in which it was reported five council members met in executive session and agreed to dismiss the manager. Both the manager and mayor Robert Daley termed the story "totally inaccurate."

IN WIXOM

Accusing the city council of playing "petty politics," Mayor Gilbert Willis resigned his post. Willis said dissension with council was making his nerves "ragged" and that he was quitting to keep his health. Dr. Val Vangieson was sworn in as the city's fifth mayor.

JULY

IN NORTHVILLE

Northville township moved its offices from West Main Street to Wayne County Child Development Center. Future use of the center, which was slated to soon be vacated, became the topic of a citizens committee which is reviewing proposals from nearly 20 agencies and groups. Northville township was the first renter in the facility.

IN NOVI

Thanks to the efforts of local residents, Novi's city park beach reopened. The beach, which has been closed because of the city's financial bind, was opened after residents took on the task of cleaning and rejuvenating the beach area.

IN WIXOM

Residents from Maganser and Bell Coney presented a petition to councilmen, asking them not to pave their roads. About 90-percent of the roads' residents signed the petition, saying there is less speeding on unpaved roads and that they like the atmosphere the way it is.

AUGUST

IN NORTHVILLE

A citizens committee was recommended to analyze a feasibility study calling for demolition of the Cooke Annex on West Main Street and construction of a new public library on the site. In addition, the study recommended returning the school board offices to a recreation center, constructing a senior citizen's housing facility and using Main Street Elementary for school board offices.

IN NOVI

Although a citizens committee on municipal finances recommended against asking for an increase in operating millage, Novi council voted to place on the November ballot a proposal to raise taxes to 10.5 mills for the next two years. The proposal also called for a one mill drop each succeeding fiscal year until taxes were back to the present 6.5 mill level.

IN WIXOM

Wixom's assistant to the mayor, William Travis, resigned his post to accept an offer to enter private business. In submitting his resignation, Travis strongly urged a change to a strong city manager form of government for Wixom.

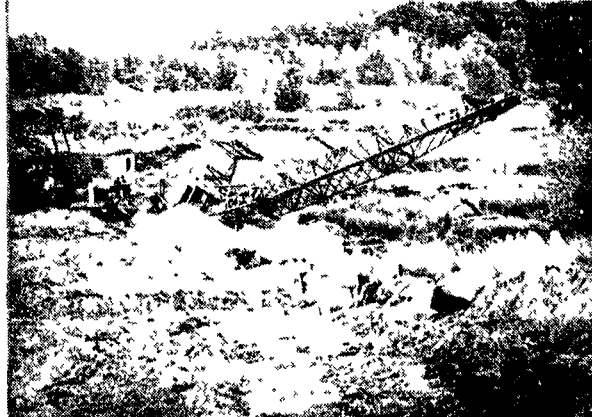
SEPTEMBER

IN NORTHVILLE

Declining home construction brought a drop in Northville's school enrollment with nearly 250 students less than projecting starting back to school. With a total enrollment of 4,379, school budget makers began trimming the \$195,000 loss in state aid from the proposed budget.

IN NOVI

Site work began on the regional shopping center at Novi
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Crane bogged down at Eight Mile-Haggerty

CONSTRUCTION AND SITE WORK PHASE II NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Proposals will be received until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 1975, by the Board of Education, Novi Community School District, 26350 Novi Road, Novi, Michigan 48060 for construction and site work at the new elementary school as indicated below. Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope addressed to the owner with name of bidder and bid category indicated on the envelope.

Proposals will be read aloud at the Novi Elementary School at the above address.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of contract documents. Full refund of deposit to bidders will be made if documents are returned in good condition within fifteen (15) days after bid date.

Contract documents may be obtained from the office of the architect or the office of the construction manager at the addresses listed below.

Drawings and specifications will be on file and may be examined at the following locations after December 3, 1974:

1. Office of the Architect — Harman-Tibedeau-Wedge & Associates, Inc., 407 Fort Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060.
2. Office of the Construction Manager — Miller-Davis Company, 1029 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.
3. Construction Office, Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.
4. F. W. Dodge Corporation, Detroit, Flint and Grand Rapids, Mich.
5. Builders and Traders Exchange, Detroit and Lansing, Mich.

Except as otherwise indicated in instructions to bidders, no proposal will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified or cashier's check on an open solvent bank or a bid bond with an approved surety company in the amount of 5 percent of the bid made payable to the Board of Education, Novi Community School District.

Bids will be received in accordance with bid categories listed below under the Construction Management concept:

BID CATEGORY NUMBER	BID CATEGORY TITLE	BID DATE
1.	Site Preparation	NOV. 19, 1974
2.	Site Clearing	NOV. 19, 1974
3.	Stripping	NOV. 19, 1974
4.	Mass Grading	NOV. 19, 1974
5.	Engineered Building Fill	NOV. 19, 1974
6.	Structural Steel	NOV. 19, 1974
7.	Steel Joists	NOV. 19, 1974
8.	Metal Deck - Materials	NOV. 19, 1974
9.	Metal Deck - Erection	NOV. 19, 1974
10.	Site Work - Phase II	NOV. 19, 1974
11.	Landscaping	NOV. 19, 1974
12.	Foundations	NOV. 19, 1974
13.	Concrete Flat Work	NOV. 19, 1974
14.	Masonry	NOV. 19, 1974
15.	Roofing and Sheet Metal	NOV. 19, 1974
16.	Aluminum Sash	NOV. 19, 1974
17.	Hollow Metal Doors and Frames	NOV. 19, 1974
18.	Carpentry and Millwork	NOV. 19, 1974
19.	Finish Hardware	NOV. 19, 1974
20.	Wood Floor and Finishing	NOV. 19, 1974
21.	Ceramic Tile and Marble Stools	NOV. 19, 1974
22.	Terrazzo	NOV. 19, 1974
23.	Resilient Flooring	NOV. 19, 1974
24.	Acoustical Tile	NOV. 19, 1974
25.	Plaster Work	NOV. 19, 1974
26.	Glass and Glazing	NOV. 19, 1974
27.	Caulking and Weatherstripping	NOV. 19, 1974
28.	Painting and Finishing and Plastic Coating	NOV. 19, 1974
29.	Folding Partitions	NOV. 19, 1974
30.	Metal Toilet Compartments	NOV. 19, 1974
31.	Tackboards at Display Cases	NOV. 19, 1974
32.	Fire Extinguisher Cabinets	NOV. 19, 1974
33.	Building and Room Identification	NOV. 19, 1974
34.	Flag Pole	NOV. 19, 1974
35.	Rolling Aluminum Doors	NOV. 19, 1974
36.	Wall Tables and Benches	NOV. 19, 1974
37.	Movable Partitions	NOV. 19, 1974
38.	Carpet	NOV. 19, 1974
39.	Kitchen Unit	NOV. 19, 1974
40.	Basketball Backstops	NOV. 19, 1974
41.	Rib Metal Mansard Fascia	NOV. 19, 1974
42.	Central Vacuum System	NOV. 19, 1974
43.	Food Service Equipment	NOV. 19, 1974
44.	De-Mountable Partitions	NOV. 19, 1974
45.	Plumbing	NOV. 19, 1974
46.	Site Utilities	NOV. 19, 1974
47.	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Temperature Control	NOV. 19, 1974
48.	Underground Fuel Oil Tank	NOV. 19, 1974
49.	Mechanical Insulation	NOV. 19, 1974
50.	Well System	NOV. 19, 1974
51.	Electrical	NOV. 19, 1974
52.	Athletic Field Equipment	NOV. 19, 1974

TO BE BID AT A LATER DATE. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in proposals. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the bids are opened.

Published by authority of the Board of Education, Novi Community School District, Mr. Ray L. Warren, Secretary.

November 26, 1974. Published Dec. 4, 11 & Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR illustration with a banner and a megaphone. Text: "We wish you a bright successful year! Allen Monument Works"

CITY OF NORTHVILLE Public Employment Opportunities. The city of Northville expects to receive bids for Federal Emergency Employment (C.E.T.A.) Programs on or about January 15, 1975. Included are the following: Clerical, Public Works, Police, Public Employment Intern. Applicants must be residents of Wayne or Oakland County and unemployed at the time of application. Contact City Manager's office, 215 W. Main, Northville.

Here's Events Which Marked 1974

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and 12 mile roads. Developer of the 300-acre shopping center, Shopping Centers Incorporated, said the shopping center would be open by 1977.

IN WIXOM

Preliminary architects' report recommended an immediate addition to the city hall with future plans calling for construction of a two story addition, leaving the present city offices for use by the Wixom library.

OCTOBER

IN NORTHVILLE

Ground was broken for a \$2-million-plus state police facility on Seven Mile Road. The three-wing building, located west of Northville State Hospital, will contain a modern crime laboratory, district headquarters and the Northville state police post.

IN NOVI

Two armed men held up the National Bank of Detroit branch on Eight Mile Road, netting more than \$87,000 in the robbery which occurred just before noon.

IN WIXOM

Wixom came a step closer to putting a fire station on both sides of the railroad track by purchasing a 3.46 acre parcel on North Wixom Road, just north of Potter Road. Cost of the land is \$21,000.

NOVEMBER

IN NORTHVILLE

Annexation of Northville township to the City of Northville was temporarily shelved when six township residents filed a lawsuit challenging the authority of the Boundary Commission. Earlier in November, the commission had unanimously voted in favor of annexation.

IN NOVI

Edward Kriewall was named city manager of Novi after serving as acting manager for two and one-half months. Meanwhile, plans were being made to slash \$100,000 from an already bare-bone budget after voters defeated a millage proposal.

IN WIXOM

Councilmen gave their support to join with the communities of South Lyon and Lyon township in developing a solid waste disposal program separate from Oakland County's plan. Under the county's program, Lyon township had been designated to receive two-thirds of the county's solid waste.

DECEMBER

IN NORTHVILLE

Approval was given by both the city council and township board for the formation of a joint city-township building department.

IN NOVI

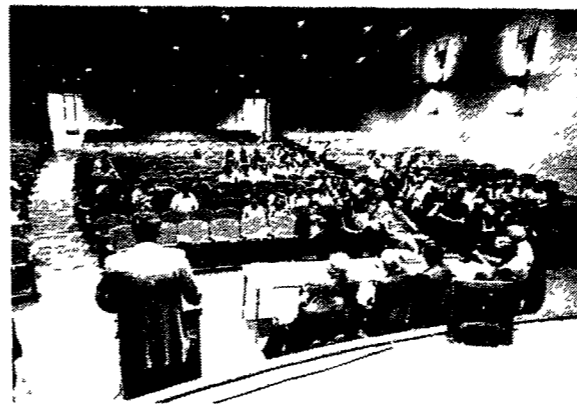
Novi councilmen were considering whether or not to go back to voters for more millage.

IN WIXOM

Wixom, as well as South Lyon and Lyon township, were notified that they have been excluded from Oakland County's solid waste plan. However, the county said landfill sites could still be located in the three areas.



Ground was broken for new Novi high school



Few attended the summer annexation hearing



Northville Township got new offices



New sewer lines were laid on Wing Street

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TO THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY:

NOTICE OF GAS RATE HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR PARTIAL AND IMMEDIATE RATE RELIEF

On November 27, 1974, Consumers Power Company filed an application with supporting testimony and exhibits with the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. U-4717, which requests authority to amend its gas rates so as to increase its annual gas revenues by not less than \$54,157,000. At the same time, Consumers Power Company filed a Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief which seeks authority, on an interim basis pending final Commission action, to amend its gas rates so as to increase its annual gas revenues by approximately \$39,559,000. In its application, Consumers Power Company has stated that significant increases in the cost of capital, taxes, wages, equipment, materials and supplies have had a serious impact upon the earnings level of its gas business and that it has not been able to attain the level of earnings in its gas business found to be reasonable in the prior gas rate order of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The Michigan Public Service Commission has scheduled hearings on the application and Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief in Case No. U-4717 and has ordered that notice be given that:

1. Determining the parties to the proceeding, the nature of their appearances and the positions they are taking in the proceeding, as well as the facts they intend to controvert or give evidence of, all in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Commission.
2. Simplifying and defining the issues in this proceeding.
3. Obtaining admissions as to, and stipulations of, facts not remaining in dispute, the authenticity of documents, and matters of public record.
4. Determining the number and identity of witnesses.
5. Specifying the schedule for the exchange of proposed exhibits and written testimony, and the reduction of oral testimony to written form.
6. Establishing procedures for the hearing.
7. Specifying a further schedule of dates of hearing.
8. Expediting any other matters that may aid in the orderly conduct of the hearing and the disposition of the proceeding.

B. A public hearing shall be held at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 28, 1975, in the Auditorium of the Law Building, 525 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48913, for the special purpose of taking statements and testimony of any interested persons.

C. Further public hearings in this matter shall begin at 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 1975, in the offices of the Commission, Law Building, Lansing, Michigan 48913, for the purpose of commencing cross-examination of the Company's witnesses and such further proceedings as may be necessary or appropriate. Public hearings shall continue thereafter from day to day or on such adjourned dates as the presiding officer may set until the matter has been fully heard.

D. A public hearing will be held on the Company's Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief at an appropriate time during this rate proceeding following the conclusion of the cross-examination of the direct case of the Company and the receipt of the report of the Staff of the Commission in accordance with Section 6a of 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCLA 460.6a.

E. The Commission, on its own motion, will commence an investigation and hearing on January 20, 1975 into the existing gas rates, charges, revenue deficiencies or excesses, services, practices, procedures and operations of Consumers Power Company, and this investigation and hearing will not necessarily be confined to matters contained in the Company's application but will include all matters pertaining to the reasonableness and justice of the Company's gas rates, charges, operations and practices as may be necessary to enable the Commission to determine whether the existing or proposed rates and charges are unreasonable and excessive and should be reduced or altered.

F. Any person seeking to intervene, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Commission, shall file with the Commission, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing of January 20, 1975, an original and 12 copies of a petition to intervene, together with proof of service upon Consumers Power Company.

Subparagraph (2) of Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Commission (R 460.21) provides as follows:

"(2) A petition to intervene shall set out clearly and concisely the facts supporting the petitioner's alleged right or interest, the grounds of the proposed intervention, and the position of the petitioner in the proceeding, so as fully and completely to advise the parties and the commission of the specific issues of fact or law to be raised or controverted." (Emphasis added)

The Commission will require strict compliance with the above-quoted rule.

G. Consumers Power Company, on or before January 20, 1975, shall serve upon each intervening party a copy of the written direct testimony of its proposed witnesses and its proposed exhibits as filed with the Commission. Proof of service shall be filed with the Commission on or before February 10, 1975.

H. THE INCREASES DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY EITHER GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT A LESSER OR GREATER INCREASE THAN THAT REQUESTED AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OR CLASSES OF SERVICE.

Jurisdiction in this matter is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCLA 462.2 et seq, Section 4 of 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCLA 460.54; Sections 4, 6, 6a and 6b of 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCLA 460.4, 460.6, 460.6a and 460.6b; Section 3 of 1923 PA 238, as amended, MCLA 486.253; Chapter 4 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCLA 24.271 et seq, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Commission, 1954 Administrative Code, Supplement No. 54, R 460.11 et seq.

A summary of the proposed rate increases, by classes and their impact on the various classes of service offered by Consumers Power Company, is set forth below.

Summary of Proposed Final Gas Rate Increase

	(2) Annual Operating Revenue		(4) Revenue Increase	
	Present	Proposed	Amount	Percent
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE				
Rate "A"	\$276,272,783	\$290,264,514	\$13,991,731	5.1
GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE				
Rates "B" and "R-1"	116,680,421	128,267,601	11,587,180	9.9
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONTRACT SERVICE				
Rates "C" and "R-2"	145,559,855	163,221,475	17,661,620	12.1
Rate "E"	62,496,464	73,284,052	10,787,588	17.3
Rate "F"	0	0	0	0
Rate "GL-1"	18,585	21,356	2,771	14.9
Total C&I Contract Service	\$208,074,904	\$236,526,883	\$28,451,979	13.7
Other Gas Revenue	4,197,837	4,322,377	124,540	3.0
Total Operating Revenue	\$605,225,945	\$659,381,375	\$54,155,430	8.9

Summary of Proposed Interim Gas Rate Increase

	(2) Annual Operating Revenue		(4) Interim Revenue Increase	
	Present	Proposed	Amount	Percent
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE				
Rate "A"	\$276,272,783	\$286,108,647	\$ 9,835,864	3.6
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Rates "C" and "R-2"	145,559,855	158,810,896	13,251,041	9.1
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Rate "GL-1"	18,585	19,965	1,380	7.4
Total C&I Contract Service	\$208,074,904	\$228,914,833	\$20,839,929	10.0
Other Gas Revenue	4,197,837	4,301,079	103,242	2.5
Total Operating Revenue	\$605,225,945	\$644,783,898	\$39,557,953	6.5

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Wixom Newsbeat

'74 Leftovers Dissolve into '75

By NANCY DINGELDEY

Behind us lies the unbelievable mess of Christmas morning. How hours of thought and shopping and wrapping can be demolished in one short half-hour of time is incomprehensible. The day even seems to disappear in no time flat. The groggy eyes of parents who found that "easy to assemble" wasn't quite so easy, little kids popping out of beds like yo-yos making stocking stuffing a little difficult... bringing the touch of Santa on into the wee small hours of the morning.

The last days of 1974 found a few scattered remains of a turkey carcass, the searching through the cookbook for something clever to do with those remains plus six and a half tablespoons of stuffing, a dollop of gravy and a morsel of pumpkin pie. And just

think... three days from payday.

1975... quickly approaching... cheering in the New Year... great time for a party. What does it mean? Good old social security again disappearing from the paycheck, taxes due, income tax, drawing a deep breath and trying to revive oneself from the past month of hurried activity.

Looking back through old 1974 we see some bright spots and some pretty dismal ones. Grocery prices... the talk of the town. That's about all that we could afford... talk. But why is it that except for a few isolated moments that we can think only of a gloomy economy, higher gasoline prices, rising utility rates and unemployment figures.

And 1975... what does it hold in store? Jean Dixon would probably have a few answers

for that. But brush all those ideas aside for a while. See the tinsel and the glowing lights and candles burning and happy faces and cheerful songs. The twelve days of Christmas after all are one of the greatest celebrations of the year. Bah, humbug to all the droll reports. Like a fine wine, 1975 just could be one of those very good years.

Did a little survey on New Year's resolutions... apparently they went out with the propeller airplane. The tradition of drawing up a list of "I will's" and "I won't's" has all but disappeared from the scene. And for a variety of reasons. Most agreed that they never kept the resolutions anyway so why bother to make them. Some said they were going to quit smoking or go on diets but would not go so far as to say it was an actual resolution.

But one fellow, who

renewed my faith in tradition, actually beamed when I asked about a New Year's resolution... "certainly, certainly I have a resolution... I resolve that I am going to retire in '75..." and hesitantly added, "if I can afford it".

The north end of town's list of retirees is growing almost monthly with Henry Mack of Evona Street being the latest addition. Friends he has made through the years at Chrysler's had a tremendous party for him on December 15. Parting gifts included a working robot, a scaled-down, actual working model of a stamping press complete with die, a small lamp fashioned from a collapsible steering column and a bright new set of golf clubs.

Joining Ray Musonen, who retired last summer, and Hank Mack, are George Tuorin and Louie Weeks, both of whom are active in the

Goodfellows and city affairs.

Some youngsters in the area were pie-eyed before Christmas when a jolly fellow dressed in red with a bushy white beard knocked on their doors and exclaimed that he was just "checking" to see if all had been good boys and girls. You can imagine the surprise when Santa "himself" interrupted dinners while he was making the rounds. And at some times, Santa was even accompanied by a little elf dressed in red with a sparkly red hat.

Another special event for youngsters in Wixom is coming up on January 4 at the Wixom Public Library. "The Puppeteers" from the Farmington Hills Branch of the Farmington Community Library will present two laughable, lovable monster tales "The Fat Cat" and "The Judge", with the aid of their delightful puppets.

Jill Locke and June Christopher will make the trip to Wixom specially for the children and will include in their program songs and story time. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 4 with the library opening at 1 p.m.

Community Ed Opens Registration

Registration is now open for winter programs being offered through the Novi Community Education Department.

Just some of the programs being offered are a free high school completion, "I'm Okay, You're Okay," a college extension course in politics and "Super Saturday" activities for pre-schoolers through sixth graders.

Registrations are being accepted at the community education office, 25575 Taft Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except today (Tuesday) when the office will be open only until noon.

Registration will continue through Friday, January 10, and most classes have limited enrollment so enroll early, Milan Obrenovich, director, added.

For full information on the

Voc-Ed's Topic

For Tuesday

State Representative William Keith will discuss vocational and career education at a meeting Tuesday, January 7.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Northville High cafeteria and everyone is invited to attend.

Representative Keith is vice-chairman of the education committee, vice-chairman of Marine affairs and a member of the economic development and tourist relations committees.

His background in education is extensive, having served for 10 years as a member of the Garden City Board of Education, Fred Holdsworth, vocational-career education coordinator, commented.

Condo Owners

Meet in Novi

The West Oakland Area of United Condominium Owners of Michigan will hold its January meeting at Stonehedge Condominium Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 7 at 8 p.m.

Topic for discussion will be "Co-Owner Education." Stonehedge is located on Haggerty Road just south of 10 Mile Road in Novi.

programs and activities being offered, contact 349-5126.

Among the classes planned is a free course in completing a high school diploma.

Students may receive credit for previous high school work, work experience, armed forces experience, community service, armed forces courses, other formal training and successful passing of the GED tests.

Each student will receive personal guidance to assist them in the selection of courses and completing the requirements in as short of a time as possible, Obrenovich said.

Classes are held at the Novi High School Monday through Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Basic Transactional Analysis (I'm Okay, You're Okay) will be presented informally to help people understand their own behavior and that of others.

The course will help improve communication skills wherever two or more people interact. Principles learned may be applied in the home, on the job, in the classroom and in the neighborhood.

The class will meet every Thursday for eight weeks from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 8 of Novi High.

Tuition is \$25 and cost of the required text is \$1.25. Classes begin the week of January 23.

Politics in Education is a college extension course being offered through the

Novi Community Education Center of the Novi schools. The two credit hour graduate course (EDL 596 or 696) is being offered in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University.

Classes begin January 8 and meet for 12 weeks on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Novi High library. Tuition is \$32 per credit hour.

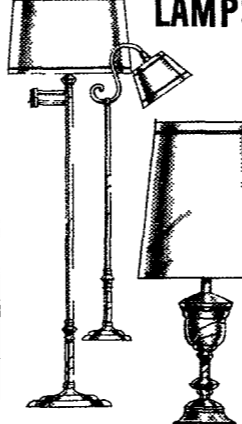
"Super Saturday" activities are intended to encourage, further development, culture and education of the young people in the community.

Designed for pre-schoolers through sixth graders, the activities run for 10 Saturdays beginning February 1.

The program includes recreation, academic, social, vocational and avocational activities, Obrenovich added.

For information on registration or on any of the programs offered by the Novi Community School's Community Education Department, call 349-5126.

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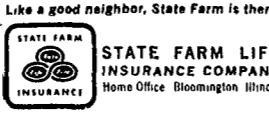
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Watch Night Services Tonight

Area Churches Soberly Welcome 1975

"This is a rough time spiritually," said the Reverend Cedric Whitcomb of the First Baptist Church of Northville, "with the economy what it is and so many of our people out of work."

"At the same time, we have much to be thankful for. We have a new church building, and we'll be starting programs we've never been able to have before."

"So, at our New Year's Eve watch night service, we will gather as a church family, to see out the old year and welcome the new, to thank the Lord for blessings of the last year and fortify our faith and trust in Him for the coming year."

Northville's First Baptist Church is one of several local churches holding "watch night" services and activities this New Year's Eve.

Though the watch night program is traditional New Year's Eve fare in many churches, ministers agree there is no uniform liturgy for the evening. Most watch night programs begin in the early evening with a film or musical presentation followed by discussion groups or games. The evening usually ends with a fellowship service or prayer meeting, and, in some churches, communion is served at midnight.

The Reverend Henry Reinwald of the Pinckney Community Congregational Church said watch night services are what the name suggests — times to watch the old year out and see the new year in.

Mr. Reinwald said he used to hold such services, "but, like so many things, the watch night service has fallen by the wayside."

"I think it's unfortunate we no longer have the service," Mr. Reinwald said, "and I think more churches ought to meet on New Year's Eve. It's a wonderful opportunity to start the New Year with an expression of joy and hope."

The Reverend Carl Welser of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hamburg said the watch night may have another purpose, "to keep people out of trouble."

Mr. Welser said there is no Biblical reference to keeping a watch on the eve of a new year. The New Year's Eve watch-night, he said, is a secular, not Biblical, tradition.

Mr. Welser added that, for churches which observe Advent, the new year actually begins on the first Sunday of December. Almost all churches, he said recognize the calendar new year as the church new year, however.

The following churches will be having New Year's Eve activities tonight:

Brighton

The Brighton Wesleyan Church, 224 South Fourth, will hold watch night activities from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight. The Becomers, a nine-member singing Gospel group, will sing from 8 to 9 p.m. Following the musical presentation and a buffet supper, the film "God Loves People" will be shown. In the film, Redd Harper, songwriter, singer, and actor, portrays a Midwestern farmer in a community where mistrust and prejudice confront Christian love and honesty. A fellowship meeting will be held after the film, and communion will be served at midnight.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church will hold an hour-long "hope and renewal service" at 6:30 tonight at Birkenstock School, 7400 West Grand River, announced The Reverend John Hirsch.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 721 Rickett Road, will hold Holy Day Mass and communion at 6:30 tonight. New Year's Day masses will be held at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Hartland

St. John's Catholic Church, M-59 at Hacker Road, will hold mass tonight at 6:30 p.m. The church will hold New Year's Day masses at 8 and 11 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3375 Fenton Road, will hold a communion service at 7:30 tonight.

Pinckney

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 551 Hamburg Road, will hold masses at 5:30 and 7:30 tonight. New Year's Day mass will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Hamburg

The Hiawatha Beach Bible Church, 6415 Buck Shore, will present the film "From Time to Eternity" from 9 p.m. to midnight tonight.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7701 East M-36, will hold a New Year's Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Highland

The Highland Church of the Nazarene, 1211 West Livingston Road, will present the Billy Graham film "Two a Penny" tonight at 7:30.

South Lyon

Watch night services at the First Baptist Church begin at 8 p.m. and continue through midnight with singing, fellowship, worship and refreshments for the family.

The congregation of the Assembly of God Church on Eight Mile Road will gather at 9 p.m. for a film and refreshments preceding the ushering in of the New Year with a service of worship.

"Whispering Mountain", a Christian film, will be featured during Watch night services at the New Hudson Calvary Baptist Church, 57885 Grand River. The program begins at 9 p.m. and continues through midnight.

Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church are at 5 and 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 9 and 11:30 a.m. New Year's Day.

New Year's Eve Vespers at the Immanuel Lutheran Church begin at 7 p.m.

A family New Year's Eve party is planned at the South Lyon United Methodist Church. It will include games, films, food, fellowship and a worship service welcoming in 1975.

The Watch Night service at the Salem Bible Church will be a family party with a film, refreshments, games and worship making up the program.

The first Sunday of the New Year, January 5, will include services of Holy Communion at the South Lyon United Presbyterian Church.

Wixom

The First Baptist Church of Wixom, 620 North Wixom Road, will begin its watch night service at 8 p.m. tonight. The film "A Flame in the Wind" will be shown from 8 to 10 p.m. After the film, the congregation will meet to hear testimonies and sing songs. Families are asked to bring one "finger dessert" for a lunch break between the film and fellowship service.

Salem

The Salem Bible Church, 9481 West Six Mile, will hold a watch night service from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight. Evening activities include games, a slide presentation, refreshments and prayer meeting.

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New officers of the United Methodist Women in Northville will be installed at the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday, January 5. Worship service will also be held at 11 a.m., the Reverend Guenther Branstrer said.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, the Junior High UMYF is planning a winter hike at Hudson Mills Park for students in grades six through nine.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville will serve Communion at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at the church January 5, the first Sunday of 1975.

Church of the Holy Family in Novi will add a third Sunday Mass beginning January 5, the Reverend Kevin O'Brien announced. Masses will be said at 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon.

The Huron Valley Youth for Christ is sponsoring a concert of baritone music by soloist Doug Oldham this Saturday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer High School Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Oldham, a former singer with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, is a regular guest on national Christian broadcasts, including The Gospel Hour and the Christian Brotherhood Hour. Tickets are available at the door for \$2.75. Student tickets are \$1.50.

The First Baptist Church of Northville will hold a dedication service in its new church building this Sunday, January 5, at 3 p.m. An open house will follow the dedication ceremony.



THE BECOMERS, scheduled tonight at Brighton Wesleyan Church, highlight area Watch Night observances

Church Names

Youth Minister

The newly organized Brighton Christian Church has named Richard McDermott its first Youth Director and Associate Pastor.

McDermott, a senior at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing, will work part-time as youth director until his graduation in June, when he will assume his duties full-time.

A native of Ohio, McDermott attended Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, as a music major. He has travelled throughout Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio singing for youth rallies and revivals as a member of a gospel group called "Eternity".

McDermott invites Brighton youth not involved in other church groups to attend Brighton Christian Church meetings held Sundays, at 6 p.m., at the Brighton Middle School.



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