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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



PAUL VERNON



WILSON GRIER



JOHN HOBART

1978

What does it hold?

For the city....

Revitalization of the central business district, continuation of existing joint services with the township, and development of parking adjacent to Northville Downs.

These are the three major goals of newly elected Northville Mayor Paul Vernon as he looks ahead to 1978.

"Our biggest, single challenge," Vernon says, "will be to respond to the needs of the central business district. We as a city council will have to take a real hard look at the result of the survey relying heavily upon the recommendation of the CBD development committee, and to take some definitive decisive action to preserve and enhance our business community."

"However, it will require some cooperative effort on the part of the downtown area. Neither the merchants nor the city can do it alone."

"Similarly, this goal represents a challenge to our various commissions to respond to these needs, and in that regard we, as a city council, must maintain a constant awareness of the activities of our commissions. Council and our commissions must work together. After all, these commissions are answerable to the council; they are not autonomous bodies, answerable only to themselves. They are, in reality, an extension of the city council."

The mayor says he was "greatly encouraged" by the attitudes reflected by merchants in the recent survey,

"most of whom are extremely optimistic — particularly those who have been in business here for some time. They are not throwing in the towel; they're very optimistic, and that is a plus as we face up to this challenge."

Referring to the survey, Vernon notes that it indicated a need for some kind of "people attractor" in the downtown area — something like a department store. The shopper's survey, he notes, indicated that limited merchandise selection is one of the deterrents to shopping here.

"I honestly believe that if we are to preserve our business community we

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For the township....

The greatest success story in Northville Township this year was the township's successful campaign against establishment of a new state prison at the Wayne County Child Development Center.

At least that's the way Northville Township Supervisor Wilson Grier assesses township events of 1977.

"I'd have to say our organization and opposition against a prison at the Wayne County Child Development Center was the biggest success in Northville Township in 1977," Grier said. "Anytime you take the state on and win, you've done something, and that's just what we did."

The township's anti-prison stance was just one of four topics Grier said he

saw as being significant accomplishments in the township this year.

The supervisor also pointed to the construction of the new township hall, the paving of Silver Springs Drive and the settling of the township police contract as positive steps taken during the past 12 months or so.

"One of the first things we did after the election last year was to have a conference among all the parties involved to get Silver Springs Drive done," Grier said. "They promised to have the road done before winter and it was."

"The paving of Silver Springs has greatly assisted our emergency capabilities in that area and I'm sure practically everyone in the area is glad to have it done."

Grier said that one of the accomplishments of which he is most proud is the ongoing construction of the new township hall, which the supervisor said is presently about half complete.

"The hall is something we were going to need eventually anyway," Grier said, "and we got it completely funded by the federal government so the taxpayers wouldn't have to invest \$761,000 in it. I'd say it is a very big item for the survival of the township form of government in our area."

Grier noted that, when he took office last year, the township and the police union were still at odds over some contract issues.

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For the schools....

There's a crucial millage election on the horizon. School financing in general is reaching a precarious point all across the state. And several people are still demanding curriculum improvements.

Even so, Northville School Board President John Hobart says he feels "100 percent better" about 1978's outlook compared with the just completed 1977.

"The employee morale and student's morale is much better throughout the district," Hobart said Thursday in an end-of-the-year interview.

"I feel very good about entering the new year."

How "bad" last year was is a matter of conjecture, but there can be no argument that there were several well-publicized low points.

The controversies ranged from a shabby-looking high school with a leaky roof to a soundly defeated millage; from a high school principal who lost his job to a superintendent who, according to two successful school board candidates, should also lose his.

Through all the turmoil, the school still continued to turn out droves of honor students. This year's senior class, for instance, did superbly on

National Merit Scholarship and Michigan Mathematics Competition tests.

This year, said Hobart, an enthusiastic and optimistic staff will keep the improvements in the forefront while the problems are being solved.

Things have already "turned 180 degrees around" since school opened this fall, he said, and the improvements are not skin deep.

"Maybe I'm more optimistic," he said, "but I don't think we're that bad off. We'll continue to do the best possible job for all of the students."

"We've made some good strides and accomplished a lot."

The size of those future strides will hinge heavily on a millage request that will likely come this spring.

"The key thing is the millage," said Hobart. "We went for 2.8 mills (last summer). If we didn't get it then, we certainly still need the money."

What will it take to pass the millage? "That's pretty hard for anybody to answer," said Hobart.

"I certainly hope that we can get the millage. But I'm not blind to the fact that more and more people in the state are saying, 'I can't afford anymore. I'm

all for education, but I can't afford it."

He said the state legislators must review both the present state aid formula — which puts more financial burdens on districts such as Northville — and the practice of funding education

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Council holds fire on '78 court budget

It hasn't been discussed yet, but if past reviews are an indication of what might happen the proposed new budget of the district court probably will come under council attack early next month.

The budget proposal, which is up more than \$25,000 over the current year's budget, was presented to council last week.

Council members reserved comment pending study of the proposal.

City Attorney Philip Ogilvie, however, suggested that the city should request figures showing what revenues the city receives. "What you have here," he observed, "is only the costs. It doesn't show revenues, and it doesn't reflect the cost of our police officers who must appear in court."

The total outlay reflected in the new budget is \$282,738, up from the \$257,035 appropriation in 1977 and the \$212,625 actual expenditure in 1976.

The budget suggests that Northville's share of the cost will be \$84,821, while the City of Plymouth's share will be \$197,917.

The cities of Northville and Plymouth are responsible for underwriting the cost of the 35th District Court because its judge, Dunbar Davis, sits in those two communities. It means, also, that they receive monies generated by the court, whereas cases originating in Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships do not receive these revenues — nor do they share in the court's cost.

Cost sharing is based on the amount of court activity generated by the two communities.

Last year's share of the cost was \$77,110 for Northville, \$179,925 for Plymouth. The 1976 share was \$62,171 for Northville compared with \$150,454 for Plymouth.

The proposed new budget suggests that Northville will pay 30-percent of the cost, Plymouth 70-percent. This same ratio existed in the 1977 budget. In 1976 it was 29-percent for Northville, 31-percent for Plymouth.

In actual expenditures, Plymouth paid \$88,283 more than Northville in 1976, it paid \$101,815 more than Northville in 1977, and it paid \$88,283 more in 1976.

Biggest outlay in the new budget (54-percent), is for salaries, wages and contracted services. This total figure is pegged at \$152,625, up from \$143,943 in 1977 and \$128,904 in 1976.

Within this category the greatest cost is for court clerks, \$111,472, compared to \$103,215 in 1977 and \$95,595 in 1976.

Other projected expenditures in this category include \$6,348 (same as last two years) for pay supplement to the judge. In addition to this amount, district court judges are paid \$26,190 annually, making Judge Davis' total salary \$32,538.

Still other expenditures within this category are:

Magistrate, \$3,240, up from \$3,000; court reporter, \$17,724, up from \$16,411; overtime, \$937, up from \$852; book-keeper, \$9,996, up from \$852; contracted services (court reporter), \$2,400, down from \$5,000, and other contracted services, \$508.

Fringe benefits in the new budget total \$52,189 or 18-percent. This includes among others \$23,000 for Blue Cross and Blue Shield and \$4,215 for a dental benefit.

Other expenditures total \$77,924 or 28-percent. This outlay was \$69,649 in 1977 and \$50,341 in 1976.

Among other things it includes \$5,000 for printed forms, \$5,000 for general office supplies, \$3,908 for postage, \$5,347 for telephones, \$4,200 for professional fees, \$6,500 for court appointed attorneys, \$2,244 for other supplies and expense, and \$2,750 for capital outlay. One of the big hang-ups Northville has had with the district court budget in past years involved wages and fringe benefits.

Specifically, council members objected because personnel working for the court were paid at a different rate than similar personnel working for the city. This difference, council members argued, created personnel relations problems.

Another problem is that the court budget runs from January through December, whereas the city's budget runs from July through June. This means that about the time the city begins study of its own budget, the court is already into its new budget.

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WINTER TIRES



Holiday jobs

Holidays are happy times — especially for those of us who get a few days off to observe them. That takes in most people — but not everyone. Many people, like service station owner James Liverance, have to work during the holidays. Such work isn't always pleasant and it often upsets holiday schedules, but it must be done. For more on people who have to work holidays, see the story on Page 5-A.

NEWS BRIEF

LAST WEEK'S story on the sampling survey of residents of the area concerning the central business district incorrectly reported the number of responses. The story should have stated that of the 750 persons mailed questionnaires, 286 usable questionnaires were returned for a response rate of 39.3 percent. Twenty-two questionnaires were returned as undeliverable. The article incorrectly stated 22 questionnaires were returned for a response rate of 39.3 percent.

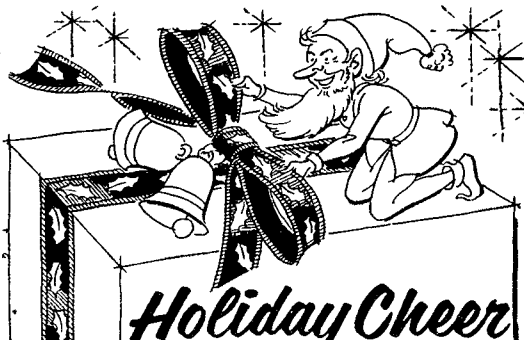
CITY COUNCIL and the planning commission will meet Tuesday, January 3. Council changed its meeting date to Tuesday because of the Monday holiday. All of which means planners will be meeting elsewhere in the city hall, while the council will meet in the council chambers.

"I STILL haven't recovered," said C. A. Smith in

the wake of the annual newspaper sale by Goodfellows. "Contributions far exceeded our expectations," he said, reporting that \$1,682.42 were raised—compared with just under \$900 last year. Smith anticipated the money would aid between 50 and 60 children and 20 families during the holiday period.

PENDING approval by the federal government, the city council is expected to award a contract to the low bidder for extension of Wing Street at its next meeting. The low bid was submitted by Angelo D'Orazio at \$105,496.50. The project is being financed with federal monies. Bids ranged from the low to a high of \$144,992.

CITY COUNCIL has not yet received any appeal by the VFW in the wake of the planning commission's rejection of rezoning to provide parking at the rear of the VFW headquarters building.




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Area Newsbeat

BRIGHTON — After one and one-half years of committee study, a health education curriculum, which includes what has been labeled "sex education," will be implemented throughout the Brighton school system beginning January 20.

BRIGHTON — Michael Hegarty has been hired as the township attorney here. He is a member of a local legal firm. His appointment took three ballots by the board, which had considered six different attorneys for the post.

BRIGHTON — About 63-percent of the Brighton High School student body have shoplifted at one time, according to a recent survey conducted by the school's students newspaper.

HOWELL — Youngsters who have been skipping school lately and feel they can now drop out altogether since one judge in the state has ruled there is no constitutional compulsory school law had better think twice. Livingston County Probate Judge Donald Rink, who heads the juvenile division, said it will be "business as usual" for those who repeatedly absent themselves from school.

SALEM — Only the shell of an historic house stands here in the wake of a fire that gutted the home that once served as the parsonage for the church at Lapham's Corners, a forerunner of the present Salem Bible Church. The fire started when workmen building a basement under the house left for lunch, leaving a lighted salamander behind.

NOVI — The State Supreme Court has denied a rehearing of the annexation suit decided October 24, which upheld the authority of the boundary commission. But Robert Robinson, Michigan Township Association (MTA) director, says his group intends to continue the fight to the United States Supreme Court.

NOVI — Santa may have made it down your chimney but he may have landed in hot water here. A Novi couple, members of the Jehovah's Witnesses, have said they may file a lawsuit against Santa Claus, Christmas trees, Halloween pumpkins and the Novi school system unless the board removes such things from its schools. Such celebrations in schools, they charge, is a violation of a 1973 supreme court ruling which attempted to remove religion from schools.

WALLED LAKE — The owner of the Camelot Inn, which features topless-bottomless male and female dancers, has filed suit against the city because its police chief has refused to sign a recommendation for approval of three additional licenses for bars in a planned new discotheque in the same building as the Camelot Inn. He's asking for \$100,000 damages.

COMMERCE — Standard Industries is expected within a month to ask township officials to rezone its 220-acre parcel, located at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads, from single family-residential to multiple family to allow the construction of 1,800 apartments and a commercial shopping center.

COMMERCE — Eight-and-a-half months into its 1977-78 fiscal year, the Commerce Township Board officially adopted a \$1,014,403 budget that runs from April 1, 1977 to March 31, 1978. The delay, according to the supervisor, resulted from efforts to meet public hearing requirements for possible uses of federal revenue sharing funds. First hearing on the budget was in April, followed by a hearing on federal funds. Upon adoption of the budget two weeks ago, the board held the second hearing on federal revenues.

Center girl says tale of beating was hoax

A 16-year-old mentally retarded girl who claimed she was beaten at the Plymouth Center for Human Development told state police last week that her story was a hoax.

"She recanted her story," said Detective James Collins Monday. She apparently wanted to leave the center so she could live with her sister.

Collins interviewed the girl last week after Detroit police had returned her to a Department of Social Services home on Grand Boulevard.

The girl, Brenda Sanders, had been placed in the Charlotte Rae home after telling Northville school officials of a night of beatings, threats and verbal torment at the Plymouth Center, located in Northville Township.

She ran away from the Rae home last week but was found by police in a private home on Detroit's northwest side.

State police had already begun to doubt Brenda's story before her admission.

Brenda, who was placed at the center in April, is a high functioning youngster who some officials believe should not be institutionalized.

On Wednesday, two weeks ago, Brenda told officials at Burger School in Garden City, where she attends class each weekday, that she was afraid to return to the center.

She claimed an attendant had choked her and tied her to a chair where a half dozen attendants beat and threatened her.

She said she was then forced to spend the night on the floor.

School personnel contacted the Department of Social Services which

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Winter semester graduates are scheduled to begin registration at 10 a.m. the first day. Between 11 and 1:30 p.m., students with numbers from 10000 to 54999 register. From 1:30-3:30, student numbers 55000 - 58999 are scheduled, from 3:30-5:30, 59000 - 63999, and from 5:30 to 7:30, 64000 - 65999.


On Wednesday, student numbers 66000 - 68499 register from 10 to 12, numbers 68500 - 70499 from 12 to 2, and numbers 70500 - 99999 from 2 to 4. The balance of the time until 7:30 that evening is reserved for all others and for new non-resident students.

Students new to the college are required to complete an admissions application and to consult a counselor before registration. Information is available by telephoning 591-6400, extension 340.

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by Jim Roth

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Police Blotter

Obituaries

Injured in icy car crash

Sandra Pittman dies

The unit manager of the concession services at Northville Downs remained in intensive care at Botsford Hospital Tuesday morning, a week after he was injured in a two-car collision on icy Eight Mile Road east of Northville.

Walter Patzker, 56, unit manager of Sports Services was driving to his Sterling Heights home shortly after midnight last Wednesday morning when his car struck a spinning, out-of-control oncoming car.

The driver of the westbound car, Frank Lane, 18, Livonia, told police he had lost control of his vehicle and crossed the center line shortly before the cars crashed about a half mile west of Haggerty Road.

Patzker and his wife Nancy, 51, who was his only passenger, were taken to Botsford Hospital by the Novi Ambulance Company. Lane's lone passenger Laurence Mullins, 18, Northville, also went to Botsford.

Lane, who was unhurt, was ticketed by township police for driving too fast for existing conditions.

Patzker, who suffered several broken bones, is the only one still in the hospital.

Mrs. Patzker, who had a broken jaw, and Mullins, who was checked for an ankle injury, have both been released.

In township

A thief or thieves did some last-minute Christmas shopping at Little Caesar's restaurant, 4333 Seven Mile Road, just east of Northville Road.

Sometime, between 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 6:40 p.m. on Christmas Day, someone broke into the restaurant and made off with a large dollar amount of coins, according to township police.

The thieves also damaged cash registers and pinball machines where the coins were stored.

Police say several hundred dollars worth of coins were stolen and request banks and businesses to be on the lookout for anyone trying to cash in an unusually large amount of change.

Caesar's personnel told police that the business was locked at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The theft was discovered by employees the next evening when they came in for work.

Police believe the thieves pried open a door to gain entry.

In city

A Westland man had a bad night at the races last Tuesday.

City police report that the man returned to the east end of the main parking lot at Northville Downs to find that his 1974 Cadillac had been stolen.

The car was taken between 7:30 and 10:40 p.m. and has not been located, said police.

A Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy might have some explaining to do if a story told by a teenage Northville girl is true.

When Northville police stopped the 19-year-old girl for a traffic violation last week, they spotted a Wayne County Sheriff's Department badge in her wallet.

When questioned, the girl said it was given to her by a deputy.

Police confiscated the badge and forwarded it to the Wayne County department.

After a seven-month battle with leukemia, Sandra Pittman, 25, of 214 Wing died Christmas Day at M. D. Anderson Hospital at Texas Medical Center in Houston.

She first entered the hospital, a research facility with a reputation for treating leukemia, after it was discovered she had leukemia when her son, Nicholas Dane, was born May 17 at Botsford Hospital. She came home three-and-a-half months later but returned to the Houston center three weeks ago. She also had been hospitalized in Detroit.

Mrs. Pittman was the wife of Larry Pittman, who has been working as a waiter at Saratoga Trunk restaurant. She was the daughter of Harry and Dorothy Hartshorne of Grace Court.

A Northville High School graduate, she was born January 17, 1952, in Detroit.

In addition to her husband, son and parents, she leaves three brothers, Bryn, Kevin and Neal; grandparents, Mrs. Florence Hartshorne and Mr. and Mrs. James Lentz, all of Detroit.

A mass is being planned at Our Lady of Victory Church where Mrs. Pittman was a member. Father Gerard Hadad is to officiate.

Interment is to be in Rural Hill Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Leukemia Foundation in lieu of flowers.

Call Casterline Funeral Home, Incorporated, for time of services.

ANNE WHETTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Anne Whetter of 46150 West Main were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Incorporated, with the Reverend Guenther C. Branstner of First United Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Whetter had lived in the Northville community for 32 years. She was a member of Mizpah Circle, King's Daughters, and Brightmore Chapter No. 375, Eastern Star, in Detroit.

She was the mother of Mrs. Harold (Enid) Penn of Northville; the sister of George Bone of Orchard Lake; the grandmother of five and great-grandmother of three.

She died unexpectedly December 21 at Botsford General Hospital.

She was born in Darham County,

News Briefs

PROSPECTS are dim that widening of Eight Mile Road between Center and Novi roads will occur in 1978. However, the possibility remains that approaches to the Center-Eight Mile intersection could be widened next year.

WITH BETTING up at Northville Downs, it appears likely that the city's reimbursement of parimutuel revenues by the state will come close to the \$700,000 maximum payment — the largest ever received by the city.

England, to Michael and Mary Anne (Spry) Bone and was preceded in death by her husband, Henry.

An Eastern Star Memorial Service at

8 p.m. Friday was held by the Brightmore Chapter at the funeral home. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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What does 1978 hold for our community?

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"We got those issues settled within 60 days and now we have a settled contract with our police for the first time in the past two years," Grier stated.

Re-negotiation of that police pact is one of the issues Grier expects to highlight activity in the coming 12 months. The supervisor noted that re-negotiation of the contract is due to begin in October.

Another highlight of the coming year is likely to be the township elections which will occur with a primary vote in August and the final vote in November. Five seats — those of Grier, Clerk Clarence Sass, Treasurer Richard Henningsen and Trustees Mark Lysinger and James Nowka — will be up for election.

At present, Grier said, he foresees seeking another two-year term as supervisor.

Grier also foresees much discussion and hard thought before any decision is made on whether to proceed with plans to construct a new building with a \$137,000 federal grant the township has received.

The proposed building once was planned to house township library but those plans appear to have been scuttled in recent weeks with the township board's decision to continue joint library operations with the city.

Grier said he thinks it would be a mistake not to construct the building but he added that he wouldn't be surprised if it is not built.

"I think there's a good chance it won't be built. There are many people in the township who don't want us to provide too many services to too many people," Grier said. "People are afraid that if we get into providing more services it will cost them more tax dollars."

Grier said he thinks operating funds for the new building could be found within the township budget and he suggested that the building could even be staffed voluntarily if the township purse strings had to be tightened.

"I'm sure we could find \$8,000 or \$10,000 to pay for maintenance of the building," the supervisor stated. "There's really no question about having the operating funds. We could use the building," the supervisor stated. "There's really no question about having the operating funds. We could use the building as a senior citizen center, as a community center or for recreation purposes. I've already communicated with the recreation commission to see if they might have a need for the space."

Grier added that other subjects are almost bound to play an integral role in township affairs during the coming year. He said road service by the Wayne County Road Commission isn't really up to the level township residents would like and he pointed out that the topic of annexation may come up again, either at the state or local level.

The supervisor said he would like to see the township expand fire services to possibly include a sub-station in the western part of the township and he noted that the coming year will probably bring even more pressure on the township for services.

"I think that 70 percent of the people in the townships are opposed to annexation to the city simply based on taxes," Grier stated. "It's simply because of the higher millage. But we're having a great influx of people who are highly city-oriented. They move to Northville Township because of the low taxes yet they expect to have services at the same level they've had before, and it puts the township in a bind."

"I think the township is in pretty good shape right now, though," Grier said. "We've gotten some things done and we're still operating on only 2 1/2 mills, and we're in pretty good financial shape."

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will have to add some businesses that would complement what we already have."

The mayor expresses hope that Northville Square can be the catalyst for this challenge. He sees expansion of the Square toward the downtown area, encompassing the southwest corner parking lot of Main and Center streets as a logical way to make the Square a real part of the downtown area.

"We cannot hope to enhance our downtown area simply by preserving what we have. We have to have something that will appeal to those from the outside. Like 12 Oaks shopping center, Northville can and must develop a wider range of merchandise that will appeal to those from outside the community."

"Just what kind of development would be best is difficult to put your finger on. We're hopeful that careful analysis of the surveys will give us some hints as to the kinds of things needed. Superficial examination of the survey would indicate, however, that some kind of 'people attractor' is necessary."

Vernon sees the role of the city as one of leadership.

"It's my feeling that tax money should not be used, for example, to remodel the front of someone's building. I don't think there is anything wrong with using tax money to repair streets and perhaps plant trees as part of general beautification. But to use tax money for the improvement of private property is wrong."

"There is, however, the possibility of the city pledging its faith and credit to assist businesses to acquire low interest loans. And, in that respect, the city plays a leadership role in saying, 'we will help you if you help yourself'."

"I think it should be noted that the City of Northville does have an economic development corporation, established under Public Act of 1974, which gives us the ability to sell revenue bonds, to use the city as a vehicle for obtaining assistance without an actual expenditure of taxpayers' money."

Although Vernon says his greatest disappointment this year was the decision of the township to sever joint fire protection service with the city, he says he "was greatly encouraged" by the township's recent decision to continue joint library service.

"Frankly, I believe both the residents of the city and the township would have been better served by continuation of a joint fire service. But that is water over the dam. We must now look to our other joint services (library, recreation and building department) and do whatever we can to promote better understanding so that these remaining mutually beneficial services can be continued."

"You may think it is a dream, but I would like to see some consideration given to utilization of the board of education building as a recreational center, perhaps by an independent, non-profit corporation or by a joint organization whereby it could be operated as a full-time recreational facility in much the same way as a YMCA or YWCA."

Concerning his third goal, Vernon notes that with the advent of the new expressway (I-96), Northville Downs attendance is rapidly increasing and that there are signs that it will continue to increase. All of which, he says, is putting a strain on existing parking facilities.

"We cannot ignore the problem. The Downs' problem is our problem. We must do whatever we can to assist this business so that it can cope with its expansion."

To that end, Vernon predicts the city will assist the Downs in development of parking at the southeast corner of Cady and Center streets in 1978. He indicates initial development may be part of a longer range project, involving development of a parking deck with a pedestrian overpass connection between it and the existing parking deck on the north side of Cady Street.

"Many people fail to realize the economic contribution Northville Downs makes to our community. I think we must do whatever we can to help preserve and to build on what we have at Northville Downs."

"Last year Northville Downs contributed about \$618,000 just from parimutuel betting (not counting its real estate tax contribution). The maximum (parimutuel) contribution under current law is \$700,000 to the community in which the race track is located, but there is legislation pending that would raise this maximum."

"So when you consider these contributions, or the contributions of any of our major businesses, I think they deserve our help. When you have a new business trying to locate in the community you extend yourself, you extend the hand of welcome and say 'come on in, this is what we'd like to do for you.' We have that same obligation to businesses that we already have. And Northville Downs is a business...a business that is vitally important to our community."

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with property taxes. "Not only the board but the community should address itself to this."

He said some districts are getting to the point where they will reach the maximum tax ceiling.

"What are you going to do then, but cut programs?"

"I would hope that the community would become involved. The only ones

getting hurt are their kids."

Defeating millage issues may be a method of showing dissatisfaction, he said, "but that message doesn't get to state legislators."

One thing that shouldn't affect the millage, he said, is the evaluation of Superintendent Raymond Spear.

Spear, who was under fire for much of last year, is in the second year of a three-year contract. His evaluation will be completed during February and a decision about renewing his contract is due in March.

"It all depends. If members of the community or any board members make it (Spear's contract) an issue,

then it will be an issue.

"If anyone is saying, 'I don't see how we will ever pass a millage if Ray Spear is still here,' then they are bound to rally some support if they make enough noise."

Still, what Hobart said he fears "more than anything else is for some people to begin to broadcast statements such as 'When is our new curriculum going to be ready?'"

"I don't think there is a new curriculum that is going to be installed lock, stock and barrel. It's continually reviewed and updated."

He credited Director of Instruction


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Receives MA

Prudence Hartt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hartt, Northville was awarded the degree of master of international management from American Graduate School of International Management recently at the school's commencement exercises held at the Glendale, Arizona campus.

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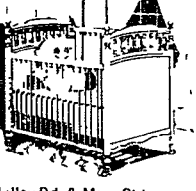
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Christmas holiday not vacation time for everyone

By JOHN BECKETT

Different people observe the holidays in different ways.

Some people — fortunately or unfortunately, depending upon your point of view — "observe" the holidays by working.

Most people, of course, do not have to work on the traditional Christmas and New Year's holidays. Many people even get extended vacations of a week or longer during the year-end holiday season.

But not everything stops for the holidays. At hospitals, service stations, the telephone company, the police department and at many stores and pharmacies, life goes on.

At Novi Ambulance Service, for example, the year-end holidays are business-as-usual — except that, at times, the holidays mean business is even more brisk than usual.

According to James Early, manager of the ambulance service which serves Northville, Northville Township, Novi, Wixom and Farmington, the holiday period is a tremendously busy time of year.

It's not just accidents which keep the ambulance service hopping.

"During the holiday period, we're tremendously swamped during the day," Early explained. "We get involved with moving people from nursing homes and so on, which there is a lot of around Christmas."

Accidents also keep Early's crews busy.

"There are more accidents around the holidays," Early said. "People think it's party time and they have a couple of drinks, and then find themselves unable to handle their cars well enough to cope with the poor weather conditions. Also, there are more people shopping and so there is more traffic."

Usually, drivers and attendants of Early's four ambulances work "on call" for 48-hour periods. That changes during the holidays, however. Instead, the service switches to 24-hour shifts for December 24 and 25, so that some workers will be off Christmas Eve while others will be off Christmas Day.

At the end of the year, the service switches to a 72-hour "on call" pattern. The employees who draw those assignments must then work December 30 and 31 as well as January 1.

One reason ambulance services must remain working during holidays is because illness can strike people at any time. For the same reason, hospitals and pharmacies must remain open or on call.

At St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, two Northville nurses often find themselves working during the holidays.

Mona Sauer, who has been a nurse for 25 years was scheduled to work this past Christmas Eve. Such a schedule necessitates juggling Christmas celebrations, Ms. Sauer said, but it is not a great inconvenience.

"Usually, if I work Christmas Day, we'll open our gifts Christmas Eve," Mrs. Sauer explained, "and if I have to work Christmas Eve, we'll wait until Christmas Day."

This year, Mrs. Sauer was scheduled to work from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Since her daughter, also a nurse, was scheduled to work Christmas Day, the Sauer family planned to open their gifts Christmas Eve.

Although such work schedules can force changes in holiday activities, Mrs. Sauer said her family has become accustomed to them.

"After all, they grew up with it," she said. "And my husband has learned to cook turkeys and bake cakes and so on, so we've adjusted fairly well."

The same is true for the family of Doris Brasure, who also works on a part-time basis at St. Mary. Mrs. Brasure, who was scheduled for work in respiratory therapy Christmas Day, accepts her lot with a calm, "Somebody has to do it."

Because her husband, Lloyd, is a Presbyterian minister, Mrs. Brasure said, her family usually observes its "big Christmas" on Christmas Eve.

"We usually have perhaps three Christmas Eve services to attend and part of the family home," Mrs. Brasure said. "We try to wait until afterward to

'Hardly a holiday goes by that we don't get a few calls'

open our gifts, if we can contain our two-year-old grandson that long."

For patients at the hospital, Mrs. Brasure noted, Christmas can be a trying time. But the hospital takes steps such as allowing small children to visit in an effort to make a holiday stay more tolerable.

Only one of the three Northville area pharmacies was slated to be open Christmas Day but it would not have been an unusual Christmas if all three pharmacies were asked to fill prescriptions.

Perry Drugs in the Northville Plaza was open Christmas Day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. because, according to Pharmacist Charlie Hupp, the store is "customer-oriented."

"Christmas is a difficult time for anyone to work," Hupp admitted, "but it can be rewarding and we're often surprisingly busy. We have sort of a skeleton crew and a volunteer list for people who want to work, and we always have enough because they are paid pretty well for it."

"We're open 365 days a year," Hupp explained, "because people get sick no matter what day it is."

Lorenz Rexall Pharmacy and Northville Pharmacy were both closed Christmas Day. But it is a rare Christmas when pharmacists from those stores aren't called for emergencies.

"We get calls at 7 a.m., at midnight, anytime," said Marilyn Lorenz of Lorenz Pharmacy. "Just about every Christmas we've had calls for medications. But after 46 years you get used to it."

George White, pharmacist at Northville Pharmacy, agreed.

"We usually leave our phone number with the police and they call," White said. "Hardly a holiday goes by that we don't get calls"

Another commodity people often need during the holidays is gasoline. Most Northville stations were closed for the Christmas holiday but Jimmy's Boron was one service station which was open.

Jim Liverance kept his station open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., as he will on New Year's Day, because it is his company's policy to remain open 365 days a year. But Liverance left little doubt that he would have preferred to be home for Christmas.

"My philosophy is that on holidays and Sundays people buy food because they know the stores won't be open. I think they should do the same with gas," Liverance said. "Personally, I'm inclined to close on Christmas. But I try to live up to the company policy."

Making Liverance's Christmas doubly dim was the fact that he has experienced difficulty in finding employees willing to work during the holidays.

"I'll probably have to come in with my wife and two kids and have Christmas dinner on the table right in here," Liverance said last week. "I think many of the kids here in Northville are spoiled brats. Their parents want them to have jobs but they only want them to work when they want. I just had to fire four kids who were 17 and 18 years old because they couldn't work during the holidays because they had to be home with their parents."

Another parent — Ma Bell — insists that many of her employees work during holidays. According to Customer Relations Manager Haze Wilson, Michigan Bell keeps "pretty much a full staff" of operators on duty during Christmas and New Year's to

handle the flood of phone calls which are always made.

"Christmas and Mothers Day are our two biggest times of the year," Wilson said, noting that automation and direct dialing have made Bell's operation more efficient and have cut down on the need for manpower during the holidays.

Wilson said Bell expected 800,000 long distance phone calls to be made within Michigan this Christmas. Also expected were 500,000 out-of-state long distance calls and 3,000 overseas calls.

Emergency calls — such as those made to police — occasionally take place on the holidays. In the Northville area, police stand ready to respond to such calls, holiday or not.

Both Northville Township Chief Ron Nisun and City Police Captain Louis Westfall note that their departments are fully staffed during the holidays, according to provisions of their respective contracts.

In the city, police officers are assigned to work on Christmas and New Year's on pretty much the same basis as any other day, although, Westfall admits, officers sometimes work out trades and schedule changes in attempts to accommodate officers with families.

In the township, officers are assigned to work on the holidays according to seniority, with the newest members of the force drawing the greatest number of holiday assignments.

Many city police receive something

of a Yuletide "gift" at the beginning of each December, Westfall noted. According to contract, police are entitled to 12 paid holidays, which they can take as either pay or vacation. Westfall said many officers elect to take the pay at the beginning of December to utilize for Christmas shopping.

Nisun said his force operates on pretty much the usual basis during the holidays.

"We operate with a skeleton crew all year round so we can't cut back from that very much," Nisun said. "Christmas is generally quiet, except for some family problems, but New Years is a little tougher due to the drinking problem. We usually have one more car on the road New Year's Eve. But the most part, the community here is pretty good."

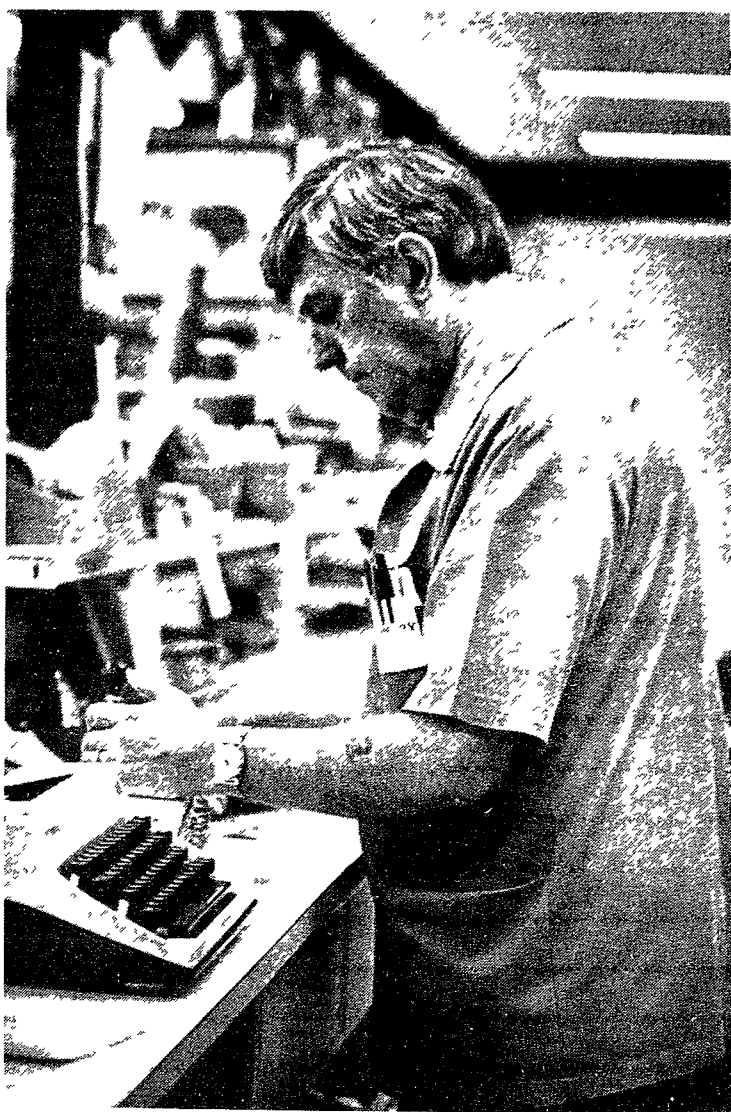
City Patrolman Gary Calendar was scheduled to work his fifth consecutive Christmas Day over the weekend and he will also be at work New Year's. But the 27-year-old officer said he doesn't mind working the holidays.

"I'm single so it doesn't really matter to me," Calendar said. "My family lives north of Bay City so I would probably go see them if I wasn't working. But unfortunately, crime doesn't stop on Christmas."

Things are usually fairly slow on Christmas, Calendar said, but he was called upon last Christmas to make one arrest.

"This guy went buzzing past and I stopped him, just to advise him to slow down so he would make for Christmas dinner," Calendar remembered. "When I ran a routine check on him, though, it turned out there was a traffic warrant out for his arrest."

"This guy and his wife and kid weren't too happy when I arrested him," Calendar said, "and it made me feel kind of mean. I sure didn't feel like Santa Claus, but that's the job."



HOLIDAY WORKER — Pharmacist Charlie Hupp is among many Northville people who sometimes have to work on holidays, even such traditional days off as Christmas and New Year's. Hupp is a pharmacist at Perry Drugs in the Northville Plaza. Perry Drugs is open 365 days a year, according to Hupp.

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Speaking for The Record

Campaign law needs polishing

Less than one month after the penalty phase of Michigan's new Campaign Finance Act first went into effect, lawmakers would be well-advised to take another look at their handiwork.

Like much election reform legislation, the Campaign Finance Act was enacted during the post-Watergate rush to tighten campaign and election procedures. Like most such legislation, its goals are laudable. But recent events indicate the new law may not have been entirely well-conceived.

Last week, for instance, three Northville school board candidates found out they were each liable for penalties of \$200 or more because they had not properly filed campaign expense reports under terms of the new law.

The local candidates had not withheld their reports because they were trying to conceal financial information. They simply had misunderstood the law, as many candidates — and even non-candidates — across the state have done.

Meanwhile, these events have turned up a glimpse of the new law in effect — and a glimpse of some of its shortcomings.

County officials, for instance, decry the law as a bureaucratic nightmare. Howard Altman, director of elections in Oakland

County, labeled the law as "horrendous" and "monstrous."

In some areas, officeholders who didn't even run in an election this year are finding themselves eligible for fines. That's because the new law required even officeholders not currently seeking reelection to file reports.

Chances are the law will be administered more smoothly in the future. After all, there are always a few bugs to work out of any operation the first time around. And chances are that candidates and officeholders who learned their lesson the hard way this year will be more careful about filing necessary reports in the future.

But in the final analysis, one has to wonder if such a far-reaching and complicated piece of legislation will end up doing more good than harm especially at the local political level. If the law encourages candidates to file truly necessary reports on a timely basis, it may be a good piece of legislation. However, if the law ends up simply discouraging qualified and interested persons from seeking public office, it will do no good.

Perhaps if legislators re-examine this new law, they will be able to come up with a piece of legislation which is truly worthwhile.

It's just a ploy

Legislation that would circumvent Michigan's new Open Meetings statute could be enacted soon unless the public exerts pressure on those determined to change the law.

Specifically, the legislation would permit closed door party caucuses of county boards of commissioners. Under the existing law boards of commissioners are not exempt from openness in government.

The argument proponents make is that what commissioners say and do in party meetings is no business of the public.

What they fail to say is that their so-called "caucuses" would in fact involve discussion of public business and, in fact, direct commissioners how they should vote when these matters come up in public.

Particularly where one party constitutes a clear majority of board membership, the kinds of decisions made in secret are tantamount to actual passage. And in those kinds of cases the public is deprived of its right to know why and how those decisions are reached.

Openness in government is precisely that. And use of a party meeting to escape the eye of the public is as repugnant as a "secret meeting" of a school board prior to its regular, public meeting.

House Bill 4707 which exempts party caucuses from the Open Meetings Act recently was placed on the governor's desk for his signature. Fortunately, public

pressure forced the bill back into committee.

But because of a deliberate Senate maneuver, the bill was sent back to the State Affairs Committee — the very committee that had hoped to include exempting language in the Open Meetings bill. And there is no reason to believe that committee membership has changed its attitude — namely that secret party caucuses should be permitted.

We urge readers to write members of the State Affairs Committee and to tell them the public demands total openness — including party caucuses of county boards of commissioners. And in the event the bill is sent back to the governor's desk for his signature, as we believe will happen, we urge readers to tell the governor to veto the measure.

Here are the names of the members of the committee:

Arthur Cartwright (D-Detroit), chairman; Michael J. O'Brien (D-Detroit), vice-chairman; Joseph S. Mack (D-Ironwood), Gary Byker (R-Hudsonville) and Robert VanderLaan (R-Kentwood).

Letters to these senators can be sent, in care of their names, to the Michigan State Senate, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan 48902. Letters to the governor should be addressed to William Milliken, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan 48903.

A word of advice: one thoughtful, factual, well-reasoned letter carries more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards.

Speaking for Myself

No fault a disaster?



DANIEL COOPER

YES . . .

No Fault Auto Insurance became effective on October 1, 1973, and with its passage came promises, many of which were too extravagant to ever bear fruit and some of which were definitely improvements in the spectrum of protection for the automobile driving public.

I initially opposed this bill because I did not believe the promise that auto insurance rates would be reduced. In fact, automobile insurance has steadily climbed since the advent of no fault insurance. There is much speculation as to whether or not the rising costs of medical care are the cause or the fantastic exposure for unlimited medical bills as a result of the enactment of the act. There is a possible solution to this in a bill which would put a cap on an individual company's liability and have the entire insuring community cover losses in excess of the cap.

Another negative factor in the no fault coverage is the definition of severe impairment of bodily function in that irrespective of one's value judgments about limited access to the Court, the intent of the legislation was to bar recovery for minor injuries such as soft tissue damage. The Court has, in but extremely limited cases, held this to be a jury question, and hence has mitigated the positive effect of eliminating minor injuries from the litigation process.

Also, the mandatory nature of no fault has driven many drivers underground who refuse to purchase any insurance at all. It is estimated that there are somewhere between 600,000 and 1 million uninsured motorists on the highways of the State of Michigan.

Daniel Cooper
State Senator
15th District



DAN ANGEL

NO . . .

It's easy to condemn in the abstract, so let's see how No-Fault compares to the old "tort" system:

Under the tort system, nearly half of those individuals seriously injured received no compensation whatsoever. As a matter of fact, if you suffered a loss of \$10,000 or more, your chances of collecting were about one in three. Under No-Fault, all medical and rehabilitation expenses and 85 percent of wage loss are paid automatically.

Under the old system, delays of up to five years were suffered by individuals in critical need of prompt medical payment. Under the new system, payment is forthcoming within 30 days. If you were injured in an automobile accident tomorrow, could you wait five years for payment of your medical bills and wage loss reimbursement?

The old system was a perfect example of maximum cost with minimum return when the system should work just the opposite. One study found that the tort system saw 56 cents out of every premium dollar chewed up by insurance overhead and legal fees. Michigan's No-Fault law has definitely redistributed the premium dollar so that the portion paid out to accident victims has increased.

Sure there are problems with Michigan's No-Fault law. A major one being the property damage provision which causes some individuals to pay for their own automobile when they are rear-ended. But, legislation is pending in Committee to change that particular provision.

Representative Dan Angel
Vice-chairman
House Insurance Committee

Photographic Sketches . . .

By JIM GALBRAITH



Winter on Northville Pond

JACK W. HOFFMAN'S COLUMN



It's the end of the year. Time for a father to resolve not to repeat those things that made life miserable in 1977.

Here's my list of "don't" repeaters:

- Don't foam at the mouth when someone uses up the last of the shaving cream to wash the Farrah Fawcett doll.
- Don't fret when your safety razor is used to whittle a sword.
- Don't scream immediately when someone uses the last good screwdriver to chip concrete from bricks.
- Don't rant and rave when someone drops their contact lens down the bathroom sink drain.
- Don't lose your cool when you skin your knuckles dismantling the drain pipes.
- Don't blame anyone for the clutter about the house.
- And for heavens sake don't follow the trail of discarded clothes to anyone's room.
- Don't examine the toothpaste tube for teeth marks.
- Don't moan when you hear the clatter of the mower going through the rock garden.
- Don't exhibit thoughtfulness when they decapitate the tulips.
- Don't threaten violence when smiles appear on the car fender.
- Don't demand explanations.
- Don't explode when they finger-paint "This is Jack Hoffman's car" in the dirt and grime.
- Don't display unkindness when the phone rings for the 10th time and someone asks for the 10th time, "Is Jenny there?"
- Don't look at report cards.
- Don't forget that in a father's life some rain must fall, but mostly it's sunshine.

Readers Speak

Town's great says one, needs scrubbing says another

To the Editor:
After reading your column of November 16, 1977 I have a few words to say, too.

I have lived here since 1927 and have known Northville first as a village, then as a town. Is bigger better? I don't think so. In becoming a city, Northville has not bettered its self; there are, perhaps, a few things; more, expensive and illustrious homes; a larger police force at new post office and regular trash pick-up. Do these things really make it a better place in which to live? No, I think not.

Not as long as anyone in their right mind can condone the things like the picture you published of the stripped and denuded tree you published in your November 16 column. Haven't we lost enough trees here what with the widening of streets and production of parking lots and other such trivia? What do the people want — to become another Detroit? That isn't my apple. Can you see a tree like this without feeling? Can you say "it wasn't me" or "my son wouldn't do a thing like that," are you sure?

It seems Northville had better have other things to think about then it's history Village and its "Beautiful Northville," maybe it better concentrate on getting it beautiful before trying to keep it so. Those little tubs with the so-called rees in them along Main street in the hopping district are nothing more then tore-front trash barrels. Look at them some time.

Another is the bums who come wobbling along Center Street from the bars and the race track and throwing trash and empty beer cans into the street and on the lawns, including my lawn. That nice dart gun is going to do me a lot of good one of these days.

Take a good look at the school sometime, both inside and out. If I had had a trash barrel with me the last time I was up that way, I am sure I could have filled it; trash: cans, paper cups, brown paper lunch bags, plastic bags and other regalia and this was just at Amerman school and right on the corner; I wonder if the inside is any better? Maybe Northville can use a new coat of paint (whitewash?), morally. Perhaps some people could use a new lesson in what is right and what is wrong.

I am not an unconcerned citizen. I have seen evidence of thievery. I have seen the actual act in this place and by a grown up and have called the police but they tell me they can't do anything unless they catch him in the act. This is plain stealing. Is he going to steal if he sees the police? No, he is going to come back 15 minutes later when they have been called off.

Don't blame the kids for everything; blame the grownups who should have taught him better. His parents. If things go on as they are we can expect a lot worse. Haven't we had enough? It does give us quite an image, doesn't it, only not the right kind.

No, Northville isn't as clean for being a city, only bigger. Morally it needs a good scrubbing. We had a nice little town — once.

Maybe residents and visitors alike will soon wake up.

Sincerely,
Grace S. Miller

To the Editor:
As one of the winners of "Christmas Dollars" last week, I want to thank you and each of the participating merchants. It's always fun to be a winner, of course, and fun to spend money. My husband and I are fairly new residents of Northville, having arrived on the 2nd of May this year, but we absolutely love this little city with its old-time small town flavor. We have made it our policy to shop Northville first, not just because one should be loyal to ones own community but the merchants here make shopping a pleasure. They are friendly and fair-minded.

May each of you enjoy a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Cox

organization would like to thank all the generous people and churches who contributed money at Thanksgiving time for food for the needy families in our area. Approximately, twenty-families have been helped in the past month.

We truly appreciate your contributions which enable us to serve our community. May all the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours.

Sincerely,
Northville-Novu FISH

FISH grateful for generosity

To the Editor:
The Northville-Novu FISH volunteer

CITY OF NOVI FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING APPROVED BUDGET NINTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD DECEMBER 20, 1977	
	Increase Decrease
Insurance	\$ 38,357
Police Cars	36,000
Office Equipment	9,605
Trucks & Equipment	19,500
Fire Equipment	16,000
Voting Machines	(5,100)
Contingencies	12,232
Total	\$126,594

Who's Who?
14, that's who

Fourteen Schoolcraft College students have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1977-78.

They are Thomas DiLaura, Scott Golem, Suzanne Laabs, Lois FeFevre, Lee Peterman, Daniel White and Nancy Wikentiew from Livonia.

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Novi City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 1977, and Monday, December 26, 1977. The Offices will also be closed Friday, December 30, 1977, and January 2, 1978.

Geraldine Stipp, City Clerk

Publish: 12-22 & 12-28-77

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the Library Board scheduled for January 9, 1978, has been rescheduled to Monday, January 16, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Library.

Lawrence Meyerson, Chairman

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE
CHANGE OF MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Northville City Council will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Joan G. McAllister
City Clerk

Publish: 12-28-77

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE
CITY HALL CLOSING**

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 2, 1978 in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

Joan G. McAllister
City Clerk

Publish: 12-28-77

CITY OF NOVI

Request for Bids — The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the installation of a 4" Casing Well and submersible pump for the Lakeshore Park Community Building until 5:00 p.m. EST. January 9, 1978, at the office of the City Clerk, 43315 Sixth Gate, Novi, Michigan, 48050, in accordance with specifications which may be obtained from the City Clerk.

This work will be paid from 1977 Housing & Community Development Funds. Bidders must abide by all Federal laws and standards.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Council meeting which convenes at 8:00 p.m. EST on January 9, 1978. Envelopes must be plainly marked "Well Bid".

The City reserves the right to reject non-qualified bidders.

Geraldine Stipp,
City Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for one (1) High Velocity Water Jet Sewer Cleaner in accordance with the specifications (which may be obtained from the City Clerk) until 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday, January 16, 1978, at the office of the City Clerk, 43315 Sixth Gate, Novi, Michigan, 48050.

Bids must be plainly marked "Sewer Jet Cleaner Bid". Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Council meeting which convenes at 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday, January 16, 1978 at the Novi School Administration Building, 25575 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48050.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to make the award in a manner that is in the best interest of the City.

Geraldine Stipp, City Clerk

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City Council of the City of Northville will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 3, 1978, at 8 p.m. at City Hall to consider the adoption of an amendment to Section 7-135 of Title 7, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northville to read as follows.

The City of Northville Ordains:

Sec. 7-135 SIDEWALKS: SNOW, ICE, REMOVAL REQUIRED — No person shall permit any snow or ice to remain on the sidewalks in the front, rear or sides of any house, premises, building or lot owned, occupied or controlled by him, longer than 24 hours after the same has fallen or formed; and where either has fallen or formed on any such sidewalk, such owner, occupant or his agent as above provided shall within 24 hours after the same has fallen or formed, remove said snow or ice, or cause a sufficient quantity of salt, sand or ashes to be strewn thereon in such a manner as to render the same safe for persons walking thereon. ALL SNOW AND/OR ICE REMOVED FROM PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS, OR SIDEWALKS SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR REMOVED TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND SHALL NOT BE MOVED, DEPOSITED OR PUSHED INTO, ONTO, OR ACROSS ANY STREET OR ALLEY. (The capped sentence is the proposed amendment to this section.)

Effective date: This amendment to snow removal ordinance shall become effective 10 days after enactment and following publication thereof.

Joan G. McAllister
City Clerk

Publish: 12-28-77

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the following vehicles:

(1) one-half ton pickup with alternate bid on a three-quarter ton pickup

(1) one ton platform truck

(1) three-quarter ton pickup cab & chassis with service body in accordance with specifications which may be obtained from the City Clerk. Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST, on Monday, January 16, 1978, at the office of the City Clerk, 43315 Sixth Gate, Novi, Michigan, 48050. Envelopes must be plainly marked "Vehicle Bid".

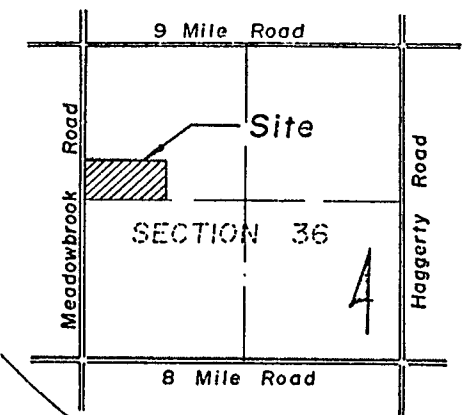
The bids will be publicly opened at the City Council meeting which convenes at 8:00 p.m. EST, January 16, 1978, at the Novi School Administration Building, 25575 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

The City reserves the right to make the award in a manner that is in the best interest of the City.

Geraldine Stipp, City Clerk

**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF NOVI
OAKLAND COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of CHARRINGTON GREEN SUBDIVISION. The proposed subdivision is located in Section 36 on Eight and One-half Mile Road at Meadowbrook Road. The proposed subdivision contains 57 lots which are to be developed under the R-3 Single Family Residential zoning with average minimum lot area of 10,800 square feet and width of 81 feet. The map below indicates the location of the proposed subdivision.



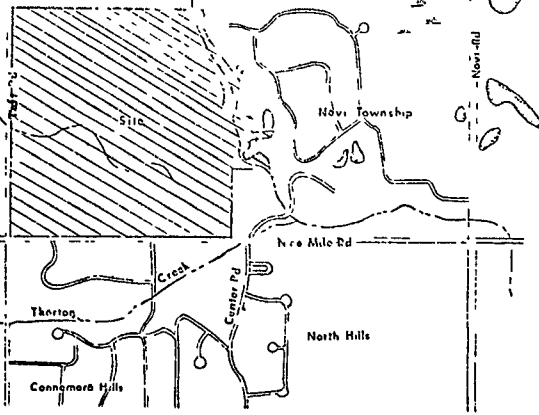
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 1978, at the Novi School Administration Building, 25575 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing.

CITY OF NOVI PLANNING BOARD
Gary Roberts, Secretary

**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF NOVI
OAKLAND COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of DUN-BARTON PINES SUBDIVISION. The proposed subdivision is located in Section 27 on Nine Mile Road, west of Novi Road. The proposed subdivision contains 343 lots which are to be developed under the Residential Unit Development option of the R-3 Zoning District, Ordinance 75-18. The map below indicates the location of the proposed subdivision.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 1978, at the Novi School Administration Building, 25575 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing.

CITY OF NOVI PLANNING BOARD
Gary Roberts, Secretary

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 11, 1978 8 PM**

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 1978, at 8:00 p.m., Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, to hear the appeal of Century 21-Suburban Realty Inc., 200 S. Main Street, regarding their proposed projecting sign.

The appellants are requesting a variance from City Sign Ordinance, Sec. 6-704-3-a, which states that a projecting sign may be 0.5 sq. ft. of sign per 1 ft. of setback; MAX 12 sq. ft. Appellants building is 11 feet from property line allowing him a 5.5 sq. ft. sign, they are proposing a 24 sq. ft. sign.

William Bingley, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: 12-28-77

School board gets rare break

The seven members of the Northville school board can't be blamed if they are having "meeting withdrawal symptoms."

Officially, the board has only three regularly scheduled meetings a month — formal meetings on the second and fourth Mondays and a study session on one of the remaining Mondays.

But, when it had adjourned on Monday of last week, the board had met on 21 of the preceding 24 Mondays, not to mention a few Wednesdays and Thursdays. The board has even been known to meet on Saturdays although that came to a halt during football season since several board members attend Michigan games.

Throw in a steady stream of committee meetings and it adds up to a pretty busy signal.

The December 19 meeting, however, is the last scheduled board meeting until Monday, January 9 — three full weeks without a session.

The board may well cherish the holiday break, however, because the vacation is the proverbial lull before the storm.

With a crucial millage vote coming up this spring, the board has already planned five January meetings and the new year has yet to begin.

In addition to the regular January 9 and 23 meetings, the board has scheduled three meetings devoted to setting price tags to various programs that may not be offered without a tax hike.

Those meetings, to which the public is both invited and encouraged by the board to attend, are Thursday, January 12, Monday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 18. All start at 7:30 p.m.

A couple of similar sessions were held in December and others were planned before two snowstorms wiped them out.

The problem is that 23 programs were designated for study and only six have been covered.

To speed things up, the board has asked administrative staff to prepare written reports which are to be ready before the meetings.

The public will also have access to this data.

Funds bid means lots of red tape

Federal revenue red tape gets stickier and stickier every year.

Just ask city officials.

Last week the council approved hiring its planning consultant, Ronald Nino, to prepare a community development plan to satisfy requirements of the revised Community Development Block Grant Program.

Community block grant monies, channeled to municipalities through the county, are the same funds the township received for a new library building and the same funds the city is using for extension of Wing Street and work at the Mill Race Historical Village.

New federal rules, according to Nino, will require "a greater commitment to a comprehensive planning strategy and a more tangible citizen participation program, including the provision of technical and administrative staff support."

The required "community development plan," he explained, "is a three-year planning strategy. It summarizes the community development plan and housing needs of the city, its comprehensive strategy for meeting those needs, including its long and short term objectives, and the activities planned for the next three years."

Most critical aspect of the planning strategy, he said, is the identification of socioeconomic characteristics of the low and moderate income households, their housing conditions and the strategy for assistance.

"The new federal regulations now make this planning activity a requirement of the comprehensive community development plan."

Actually, the exact new requirements of the federal government are not yet known. Nino based his proposal to prepare the plan on the best available information as to what will be required.

Meanwhile, City Manager Steven Walters anticipates the cost of preparing the plan by Nino will be "under \$2500."

"That's a lot more money than the city has spent in the past in applying for community block grant monies. But, on the other hand, it could help the city win \$240,000 in federal monies over the next three years," said Walters.

The plan Nino has been authorized to develop will cover the next three years. That's because the federal government wants to nail down uses of its monies for the next three years.

There's one big advantage of the new federal program.

Although municipalities will not receive three-year federal payments in a single lump sum, they can be more certain of receiving monies each of the three years. In the past that certainly did not exist because there was no firm commitment from the government that the Community Block Grant program would be continued beyond one year.


14 in Who's Who

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Also, Anne Vinnes of Canton; John Treanor of Northville; Anne Sullivan of Plymouth; Thomas Davis and Steven Niergarth of Brighton; Michael Winey of

Redford and Holly Klein of Westland.

A campus nominating committee composed of representatives from the faculty, administration and student body select students.



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2. Exact time of birth must be verified by attending physician.
3. All applications must be received by The Northville Record, Northville Michigan 48167, by 5 p.m. Monday, January 9, 1978.
4. Winner will be announced in the January 11th edition of The Northville Record

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Patti Pollock's class knows

Christmas is being friends, Charlie Brown

"May your Christmas be filled with love."

Even five, six and seven year olds know this is the message of the holiday season; so this is how children in Patti Pollock's class at Silver Springs Elementary

concluded their version of "Charlie Brown's Christmas."

The kindergarten, first and second graders presented the play for parents and classmates last Wednesday and Thursday.

Narrator Steven Schindler solemnly explained that Charlie

Brown (David Ramsey) has a problem.

"I feel depressed. I know I should be happy, but I'm not. I have a fear of everything. Instead of being happy I feel let down," moans Charlie.

His friends steer him to Lucy

(Amy Rosenberg), who offers psychiatric help in her office which proclaimed, "The doctor is real in."

A positive Amy, as Lucy, begins, "Pay in advance — five cents, please."

"You need to get involved. I

know how you feel about the holiday. I always get clothes and toys myself, and I really want to be a star in a play. You be the director, Charlie Brown."

But Charlie's role as a director isn't smooth.

His dog, Snoopy, (Kim Curran),

hams it up.

"My own dog gone commercial. I can't stand it!"

Linus (Pat Balai), also is a problem. His blanket becomes a headpiece as he declares, "You

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Instead of happy, I feel let down. Lucy



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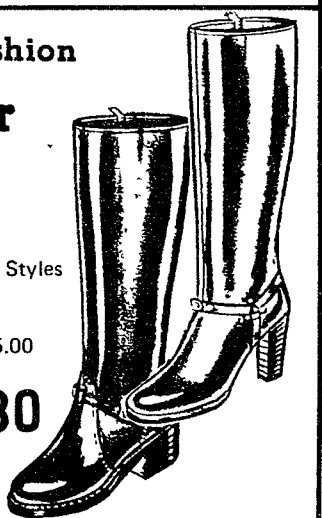
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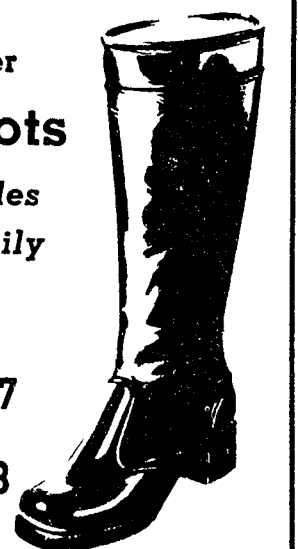
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In Our Town

Surprise party marks Brasures' 35th anniversary

By JEAN DAY

The holiday season adds its luster to any sentimental occasion. There's always less chance, then, of forgetting a romantic date when it coincides with a special time like Christmas.

Children and friends of the Reverend and Mrs. Lloyd G. Brasure planned a surprise gathering last Thursday to mark their 35th wedding anniversary. About 150 friends and relatives, including those from Saginaw and Flint, attended the festivities at the manse.

Doris and Lloyd Brasure were married the day after Christmas in 1942 in Wisconsin. As a special treat this week they took their family to dinner at the Renaissance Center and the couple then spent the night there.

Arrangements for the party were made by daughter Leslie, an instructor in the Montessori program at Winchester school, and her brother, Wayne, a sophomore at University of Michigan. Friends, Gladys Weiss, Gladys Evans and Pat Wong, also helped with the planning.

Captain Neal Brasure, his wife, Lisa, and children, Brent, 2, and Christopher, 8 months, arrived from Rome, New York, where he is serving in the Air Force, in time for the celebration. Daughter Diane Brasure Edwardson of Traverse City is the couple's fourth child but was not able to be on hand.

Other guests included Tom Tuuri and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Tuuri of Flint, former residents, the John Blackburns who came from Florida for the holidays, as did Mrs. Wilbur Johnston.

Christmas Christening

Little Devoney Anne Mills was christened at the Christmas morning service at First United Methodist Church. She was

born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Mills of Houghton on New Year's Eve a year ago. They are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mills of 219 Debra.

Personalized gifts

Friends of Mrs. Donald (Mary Beth) Baxter have been enjoying special mementoes that the talented artist-craftsman gave them at a pre-Christmas coffee at her home at 19061 Sheldon. The family, who moved there from Northville Heights, has named the property Hilltop Acres.

Unique tree ornaments were made by Mrs. Baxter of wooden curtain rings. Each depicted a little tree with names of each guest's children inscribed.

Yule projects successful

The first-time project of the Northville Jaycees — scheduling personal visits by Santa to homes — was very well received, Chris Campbell of the assisting Jaycettes reports. She mentions the Jaycees were surprised and pleased that many neighborhoods got together to have Santa visit. About \$200 was raised and will be donated to the fight against Reyes Syndrome.

Northville Mothers' Club, which began the holiday season with cocktail parties throughout the community December 3, reported a profit of almost \$1,800 which, Jean Anne Weston, president and one of the party hostesses, explains, will go to Northville Public School projects.

300,000 Christmas stamps sold

"It's lonesome in the post office," workers announced last Friday, noting proudly that all parcels received had been delivered.

During the Christmas season the post office sold an amazing 300,000 Christmas stamps with the 13-cent stamp depicting a rural mail box the most popular. The total rose to 300,000, Bill Tesch explains, when the Northville office sent an emergency order for an extra 70,000 stamps, after having taken delivery earlier on more than 220,000. And all were sold.

Music in the air

Music has been an important part of the traditional celebration of Christmas.

A capacity audience in Northville High School auditorium heard the music department Band-A-Rama December 17. For the first time Jazz Bands I, II and III were attired in their new tuxedos — black pants and vests with apricot-orange ruffle-front shirts. It was the same ensemble for boys and girls. They had been purchased personally by each of the 57 young musicians, many of whom earned their own money for them.

Student conductors were Matt Romanik for the symphony band; Kent DeRusha and Judy Zimmerman, wind ensemble; and Brian Odom, drum major, marching band. The choir also participated in the festive program. Punch and cookies were served afterward by the Band parents.

Youth choirs of First Presbyterian Church under the talented direction of Miss Lynne Schwab were invited to participate in the Greenfield Village-Henry Ford Museum Christmas celebration by presenting a concert in the museum and caroling through the village Sunday afternoon, December 18.

This Saturday, New Year's Eve, young people of the church are having a Watch Night party at the church. On another floor of the building the Northville chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will have its gathering.

Throughout the community friends are gathering to usher in 1978 together. The E. G. O'Briens on Laraugh are among those holding Watch Night open house.

It's the time for making New Year's resolutions, but does anyone make them any more?

May the coming year be a healthy, happy one for all.

Cecil-Lapham engagement announced by parents


A spring wedding is being planned by December bride-elect Deborah Jean Cecil and her fiancé, Scott James Lapham.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cecil of Westland, are announcing the engagement.

Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Lapham of 46907 Grasmere. He is a graduate of Northville High School and is managing Lapham's Men's Shop in downtown Northville where his fiancée also is employed. She is a graduate of Churchill High School.

They have set a May 27, 1978, wedding date.

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Presents await first Northville baby of 1978

Somewhere in the Northville community there's an expectant mother whose about-to-be born son or daughter may capture the First Baby title in the competition sponsored annually by The Northville Record and local merchants.

A host of prizes awaits the first baby of 1978 to be born to parents with a Northville mailing address. However, it is not necessary for the baby to be born in Northville.

The first baby born after midnight December 31 and reported to The Northville Record by 5 p.m. Monday, January 9, will receive a dozen gifts, including flowers, shoes, a blanket, food and a photograph. Time of birth is to be verified by the hospital or physician.

Northville parents-to-be have an especially good chance of winning the competition this year, this newspaper's 22nd annual one, as it is limited to those with a Northville mailing address.

Previous competitions included the Novi-Wixom areas, which this year have their own competition in the Walled Lake-Nowi News, also a Sliger newspaper.

Last year's hefty little winner, D'Anne Noel Syer, is a Wixom baby. She was born at 8:18 a.m. on New Year's Day to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Syer of 1971 Charms Road.

Her birth weight was 10 pounds, 13 ounces. Her mother reports that she's "the best natured baby" and speculates this may be because she was born in the sign of Capricorn.

D'Anne now is 29½ inches long and weighs 26 pounds. "She's beautiful — and growing like a weed," adds her mother.

She's "almost walking," her mother says, telling how her little daughter is pulling herself up on furniture.

D'Anne became the 13th girl to win the First Baby contest. Girl winners outdistance boys 13-8.

In fact, the last five winners have been baby girls. Kelly Marie Sumiec won in 1976 to become the Bicentennial baby; Sabina Hae Chung was first in 1975; Tracy Ann Thompson in 1974; and Jennifer Lynn Batt in 1973.

Last boy winner, Derek John Lauber, in 1972, began kindergarten last fall.

Participating merchants and their prizes are:

Brader's, a blanket for baby; Northville Pharmacy, gift certificate; IV Seasons, a fresh flower arrangement for mother and baby; Freydl's, a gift for mother; Albright Photo, a picture of the new baby; Stone's Unfinished Furniture, a Montgomery Schoolhouse wooden train from Vermont;

Noder's, a silver cup; Del's, shoes for baby; TG & Y, a gift certificate; Guernsey Farm Dairy, 10 half gallons of milk; Little People Shoppe, a gift certificate; and Golden Comb, a hair set and blow dry for the new mother.



D'Anne Syer, New Year's Day baby of 1977, is almost a year old

Christmas is being friends

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wouldn't hurt a sweet shepherd, Charlie Brown."

And Schroeder (Jason Kraynek) just played on.

Then it's decided, "We need a Christmas tree."

Pat Turner, Frank Ercoli, Billy Montroy and Brad Chranko

wearing strings of bright aluminum ornament balls become a shiny aluminum tree — to Charlie Brown's despair.

"You're hopeless, Charlie Brown, completely hopeless," they complain.

But Charlie finds a real tree (Robbie Thomason).

"I'll take this little tree home

and decorate it!"

On up-beat note the little actors tell what Christmas is to each:

"Christmas is for everyone."

"Christmas is when Jesus was born."

"Christmas is going to your Grandma's for dinner."

And, above all,

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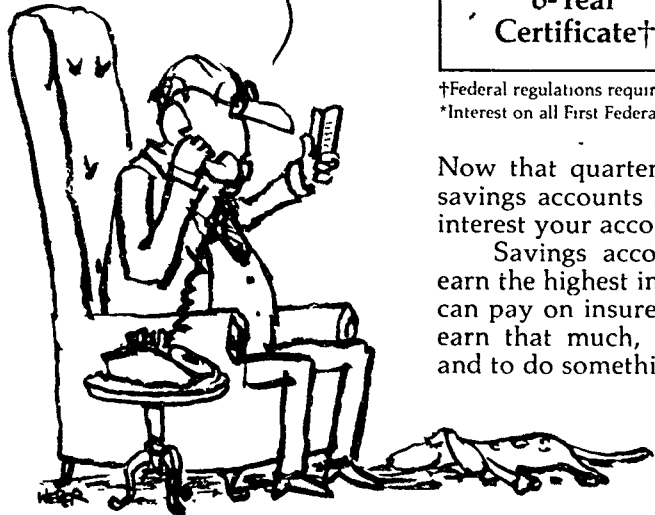
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Detroit Lions chaplain to speak at youth party

Lloyd J. Livingston, chaplain of the Detroit Lions football team whose enthusiasm for living and positive outlook are well known, will be special guest speaker at a reunion gathering of young adults at 7:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at First Presbyterian Church.



LLOYD LIVINGSTON

Livingston, a resident of Farmington Hills, has been speaking often before athletic teams, civic clubs, church and banquet meetings.

Young adults of the community who are now working or at school, single or married, are invited to the holiday gathering which is being arranged as part of the adult education program at the church. Young people 18 years old through their late twenties especially are invited.

Livingston is to speak for 30 minutes, beginning at 8 p.m., and then will be available for informal conversation.

His educational background has included engineering and business administration at Lawrence Institute of Technology, Bible and psychology at Bethel College and Dale Carnegie management, sales and communication courses.

He has had more than 20 years of engineering design experience, including 10 years at Ford Motor Company.

An active church leader, Livingston has served as a lay licensed minister, as a minister of Christian education and a Youth for Christ director. In addition he broadcast for two years on Saginaw station WKNX.

Detroit Lions star Lem Barney has commented, "Our chapel leader, Lloyd Livingston, is a great help to me. He's convinced me that even though my role is that of husband, father, lover and provider, I have to do extra things for my family, and put extra effort into marriage and home life."

The speaker also has received praise from Tommy Hudspeth, Lion's head football coach, who had told Livingston, "I certainly looked forward to hearing your remarks each week and felt much better from within after each session."

Bob McCammon, coach of the Port Huron Flags hockey team, has said, "Your enthusiasm for living and positive outlook is a Godsend. The players were still talking about your message on the team bus that night."

Livingston has given his inspirational addresses to graduating classes in Farmington and Troy, has spoken to Jaycee, Kiwanis and church groups,

including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is a member of the National Speakers Association and a representative of Ralph Nichols Corporation, sponsoring the Dale Carnegie courses.

Livingston is known as a person of firm beliefs. He points out that "the results in our lives are of our own making. We all make our own decisions, and decisions determine destiny. Our decisions are based on faith in ourselves, others, and God. A strong faith results in decisions that produce action."

Livingston married his wife, Ruth, in 1949. They have three daughters, Diana, married to Craig Seltzer, Marcia and Debbie.

He says he believes "the strongest unit in our society is our homes. Government, business, schools and churches are all eclipsed by the importance of the home. Weak homes

produce a problem-plagued society — strong homes will produce the example and leadership our communities so desperately need."

A strong believer in self-improvement, he notes, "The higher the tree, the longer the shadow."

Known as a man on a mission, Liv-

ingston is helping people discover themselves, to become keenly aware of others, to open to God, and find life can be terrific.

After the talk and discussion to follow, the evening is to be devoted to visiting former classmates and friends over refreshments.

She's among winter grads at U-M

Charlotte Kottmeier Harmon of 42712 Lyric Court is among the winter degree candidates at University of Michigan. She is expected to receive her master of arts degree from Rackham College of the university.

More than 1,800 students on the Ann Arbor campus are degree candidates this winter. Commencement ceremonies were December 18 with Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, main speaker.

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TODAY, DECEMBER 28

Northville Weight Watchers, 7 p.m., Northville Square
Northville Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m., Kerr House

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Daytime TOPS, 9 a.m., Presbyterian Church
Northville Civitans, 8 p.m., King's Mill Clubhouse

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1978

Happy New Year!

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Holiday

Northville Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m., round table only

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Northville Rotary, noon, Presbyterian Church
Country Girls Garden Club, 12:30 p.m., 44850 Byrne Drive
Sealarks, 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church
TOPS, 7:30 p.m., open meeting, 215 West Cady
Northville City Planning Commission, 8 p.m., council chambers
Salem Township Board, 8 p.m., town hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147, Juniors, 7 p.m., post home
Northville City Appeals Board, 8 p.m., council chambers
Northville Snowdrifters, 8 p.m., 215 West Cady
VFW Auxiliary Post 4012, 8 p.m., VFW hall

Chamber of Commerce plans events calendar

If you've ever worked long and hard on arrangements for a play, bazaar, fair or other local event only to find there was a conflict the same day with a concert, race or speech, you will appreciate the community calendar of events for 1978 being established by the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce.

Because duplication of events and conflicts on dates for special ones have occurred during the past year, the chamber voted at its regular board meeting November 10 to establish the community calendar.

Essie Nirider, executive director of the chamber, explains that the calendar will serve as a clearing house for establishing dates for events of all local organizations.

The chamber hopes it can help organizations select optimum, timely slots for local events.

A "Calendar of Coming Events of Local Interest" will be published and will be sent to such publications as that of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The chamber plans to work with The Northville Record, which has for several years kept a listing of upcoming events when dates are announced and also publishes a weekly calendar.

Organizations are being requested to mail the chamber established dates of events they sponsor to be listed on a master calendar in the chamber's office in Northville City Hall.

For information, or to register a date, organizations may call 349-7640, Nirider urges. Letters are being sent to local organizations this week informing officers of the plan.

It is hoped that, through use of a clearing house calendar, conflicts can be avoided which have resulted in lower attendance and less profit for many special activities.

Here's recipes to star at New Year brunch

Our special brunch features either a mixed fruit cup or sparkling orange juice, candy cane coffee cake that doubles as the centerpiece, Texas eggs and a beverage.

A delightful concoction, sparkling orange juice combines frozen orange juice mixed to its usual strength with champagne added to taste.

Coffee cakes that can be baked anytime and frozen for use on the big day, this bit of sweet is dotted with bright red cherries for a festive appearance. The recipe makes three cakes, two could be given as gifts.

Candy Cane Coffee Cakes

2 cups dairy sour cream
2 packages active dry yeast
1/2 cup warm water
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
one-third cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2 eggs
about 6 cups flour
1 1/2 cups finely chopped dried apricots
1 1/2 cups drained finely chopped maraschino cherries
soft butter or margarine
thin icing

Heat sour cream over low heat until lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in sour cream, 1/4 cups butter, the sugar, salt, eggs, and two cups of the flour. Beat until smooth. Mix in enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle.

Turn dough onto well-floured board; knead until smooth, about 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl; turn greased side up. Cover; let rise in warm place until double, about one hour.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Punch down dough; divide into three equal parts. Roll each part into a rectangle, 15 x 6 inches. Place on a greased baking

sheet. With scissors, make 2 inch cuts at 1/2 inch intervals on long sides of rectangles.

Combine apricots and cherries; spread one-third of mixture down center of each rectangle. Crisscross strips over filling. Stretch dough to 22 inches. Curve to form cane.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. While warm, brush with butter and drizzle canes with thin icing. If desired decorate with cherry halves or pieces.

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Texas Eggs

2 dozen eggs
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1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 small cans mushrooms, stems and pieces
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup cooking sherry
1/2 pound grated cheddar cheese

Beat eggs with milk. Melt butter in skillet and scramble eggs in it. Spread in 9 x 13 inch pan. Top with bacon, onion, green pepper and mushrooms. Warm mushroom soup and sherry. Spread over all. Top with grated cheese. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. Uncover and bake 50 minutes in 250 degree oven.

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Country Girls plan floral demonstration

A craft demonstration will highlight the January meeting of Country Girls Garden Club at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Florence Morris, 44850 Byrne Drive.

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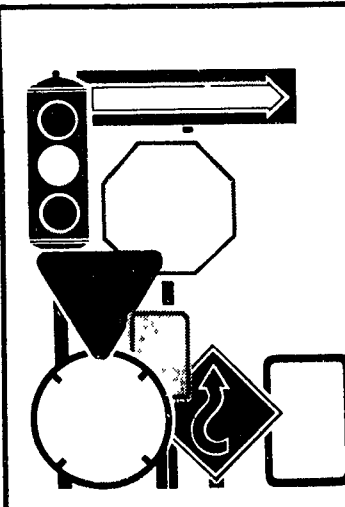
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Cheers! school utility bills cut

Believe it or not, the best Christmas gifts for the Northville school district this year have been utility bills.

Through November, the fifth month of the fiscal year, the combined heating and electrical bills totaled \$125,000 which is 26 percent less than the \$170,000 spent during the same time last year.

"The figures are surprising the heck out of me, really," said Thomas Goulding, administrative assistant for finance. "They looked so good I rechecked them."

The figures looked just as good the second time around and, since the buildings will be shut down during Christmas break, Goulding expects a rosy outlook through November.

"I'm just elated," he said. "It (utilities) is a big line item in our budget. It's really going to help the overall budget picture this June."

Last October, when the school board was struggling to fit costs within a \$7 million budget, about \$24,000 was sliced from the anticipated utility expenditures.

"It would appear that it was a good move," said Goulding, who cautioned at the time that utility savings might be non-existent without help from the weather.

The weather, however, has cooperated. This November, for instance, the average mean temperature was 40.5 degrees Fahrenheit, seven degrees warmer than last year's 33.5 degrees.

Since it's unlikely that January and February will be worse than the severe winter of 1977, it's probable that the lesser consumption of fuel during those months will offset rate increases.

"January, February and March will tell the story," said Goulding, who noted that last March was actually mild by Michigan standards.

Part of the utility savings is due to a concentrated conservation effort under the auspices of Michael Janchick, administrative assistant for operations.

Gary C. Banks gets two DCL scholarships

A Northville resident was named winner of two scholarship awards at the Detroit College of Law last week.

Gary C. Banks received these awards.

The Lawyers' Wives of Detroit Award, a scholarship award made possible by DCL's recipients through the Lawyers' Wives of Detroit organi-

zation; and the John L. Mokorsky Scholarship Award.

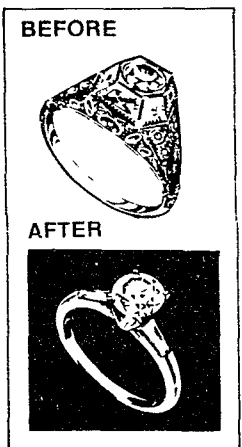
Detroit College of Law honored its outstanding students at a reception and dinner during its Convocation program.

The scholarship program of DCL is geared to the academic performance of the students during their attendance

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Is that what's troubling you, bunkie? Don't give up — turn to your typewriter instead of tranquilizers and go to the top. Maybe there's a bureaucrat who can get to the bottom of all this.

Here are some of the agencies you

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—Consumer Product Safety Commission About the shocking hair dryer call toll free (800) 638-2666.

—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration If you think your car has a safety defect, call toll free, (800) 424-9393 or write the NHTSA, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Services, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20590

—U.S. Postal Service. Write Thomas Chadwick, consumer advocate, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260

—Agriculture Department. To complain about food dating write Carol Foreman, assistant secretary for food and consumer services, 14th St. and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

—Department of Housing and Urban Development. If you think a landlord's refusal to rent is discriminatory: try HUD's assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity, 451 7th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20410 or call the hotline, (800) 424-8590

—HUD. Allen Kappeler, director of the Office of Interstate Land Sales and Registration, 451 7th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20410 or call (202) 755-5860

—HUD. Gwendolyn King, division of consumer complaints, 451 7th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20410, or (202) 755-5353

—Civil Aeronautics Board Jack Yohe, consumer representative for service complaints about air travel, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20428 or (202) 673-5158.

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—Interstate Commerce Commission, Office of Communications and Consumer Affairs, Room 1211, Washington, D.C. 20433 or call the hotline: (800) 424-9312.

—Food and Drug Administration. Insects in the tuna? Check the telephone book for the nearest city with an FDA office (there are 100) or write 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20852

—Food and Drug Administration. Got an eye infection from your mascara? Tell Heinz J. Eiermann, director, Division of Cosmetics Technology, 200 C St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20204.

New series of alcohol awareness programs start soon

Newest series of the alcohol awareness program co-sponsored by the Northville Jaycees and the 35th District Court will begin Wednesday, January 4.

According to the announcement by Jacob

C. Hanna, program director, the awareness program is open to the public.

Specifically, "anyone" curious about alcohol or alcoholism and the effect it has on the mind, body and lives of people is wel-

come to attend

"Most of the meetings are of the discussion type and questions will be answered regarding treatment facilities in this area"

The initial meeting scheduled January 4 will

involve a discussion by Dr. Frank Hollingsworth on the subject of "Pharmacology of Alcohol — Effect on Body, Physical"

The remaining meetings, all of which begin at 8 p.m. in the 35th District

Court office at the Plymouth City Hall, include: January 11 — Dr. Hollingsworth will speak on "Progression of Alcohol, Disease Concept." January 18 — A four member panel, consisting of members of AA

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January 25 — A film dealing with alcoholism is planned

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The Cameraman

He's the key behind those TV news stories



Ron Little of South Lyon on the job inside and outside of Broadcast House of Channel 7

Editor's Note: Philip Jerome, managing editor of The Novi-Walled Lake News, spent a day with cameraman Ron Little of South Lyon and a Channel 7 news team earlier this year. Here is his account of the day's proceedings.

By PHILIP JEROME

We're still within South Lyon city limits when the voice of John Petrovich comes crackling over the mobile radio.

"There's a bad fire in an old factory up in Holly. Ron. Sounds bad, maybe some serious injuries. I can't get you a soundman or a reporter, but head up that way and get some footage. We can use it with a voice overlay."

Ron Little, cameraman for Channel 7 news, steps on the accelerator and heads up I-23 for Holly.

It's 6:20 a.m.

Little has been a cameraman for WZZM-TV for the past 11 years.

The son of the former owner of The Almont Times, he was introduced to journalism at an early age.

He worked in high-speed photographic reconnaissance in the Army and landed a job with WJIM-TV in Lansing as a cameraman after his discharge.

"All my experience was in still photography, but they had an opening and I told them I could do the job," he explained.

The South Lyon resident learned the trade at WJIM — reporting, photography, lights, sound, and film editing. It was good experience.

"A number of cameramen are former reporters," he reported. "It's an excellent background for photo-journalists because you have a better understanding of the best way to approach the story."

It's 7 a.m. when we arrive in Holly. Smoke from the fire has been clearly visible for the past 10 miles. The town is dark. The traffic lights aren't working and Little immediately notes that the fire must have knocked out the town's electricity.

"It's easy to find the best route to the fire," he says. "All you do is watch for water on the road. Everytime the fire trucks turn a corner, they splash a little water over the side. Whenever you see water on the road, you know the truck made a turn at that corner."

The fire is still burning strong when we arrive at the factory at 7:04 a.m. A Lansing television crew is already there, but none of the crews from the other Detroit television stations have arrived yet.

Little stops long enough to take a long range shot of the blaze — "you've got to get a wide angle shot so the viewer can get a clear picture of just what is taking place," he explains — and then marches up to and into the burning building.

Little and Channel 7 receive a friendly welcome.

"Why weren't you here at four o'clock when it started," someone asks.

"Why didn't you call me at home?" he replies.

Everyone chuckles.

The firemen fighting the blaze inside the building seem particularly pleased that their efforts will be shown to the Detroit audience on the evening news.

"Lights, camera, action," yells one of them.

"Hey take a picture of me. I've got number seven on my helmet."

"Are we going to be on television?" asks another. "What time?" I want to be sure my family watches."

Ron Little says that "fire" pictures are his favorite assignment.

"I can get better fire pictures than just about anyone," he says. "It's because I'll go right into a burning building and most of the others won't. I'll go in all the way to where the firemen are fighting the flames. I have to be careful that the water from the hoses doesn't splash on my lens."

"When you cover fires, you start out by getting a wide angle overview and then you get pictures of the men fighting the fire. You also get pictures of your reporter talking to the chief. Reporter involvement is very important. The idea is to show people that your reporter is on the scene and involved in the story."

"The film has more impact and credibility if the viewer can see that the reporter is right there, finding out what really went on."

By 7:45 a.m. we've finished the assignment Little has 200 feet of film — approximately seven minutes worth of footage. He optimistically estimates that — after editing — Channel 7 will use one minute of film on the six o'clock news.

He calls Petrovich from a restaurant for his next assignment. The initial report said that the fire was in a canning factory. Little tells Petrovich that the fire was in the old Grinnel piano factory which is now being used as a cabinet-making factory. The correction is made in time for the 8:25 a.m. newscast.

Little has been with Channel 7 for 11 years.

"We only had four cameramen when I arrived," he reports. "Now we have seven photographers and several minicam crews."

"I really like the work and I really like Channel 7. You're out in the street every day and the people I work with are true professionals."

"Sure I get threatened from time to time, but so do police. It's part of the job. But it's a lot better than having to sit behind a desk eight hours a day."

At 8:26 a.m. we're headed for our next assignment. State police are setting up a command post at an abandoned storage building in Pontiac. The police will supervise the disposal of approximately 30,000 barrels of potentially dangerous liquid chemical waste which have been left in the building.

Petrovich wants a story about the command post and how the police are going to get rid of the chemicals.

"The conflicts with other people are what bother me more than anything else in this business," says Little.

"The problem is that most of our stories are negative stories. When you do a negative story about someone, I can understand why they don't want to talk to reporters and have their pictures taken. I don't blame them."

"When we shoot accident scenes, for example, people frequently tell us that this is the type of thing we thrive on. They say all we're interested in is the gory details."

"I ended up in the hospital my very first week on the job. We were getting pictures of a man who had been arrested for killing someone in South-



'I take pride in my profession,' says Cameraman Ron Little

field. While they were bringing him in, he broke away from the deputies and slammed his handcuffs into my camera.

He broke my glasses and some of the glass went into my eye. I was in the hospital for a week. I guess I was just lucky I didn't lose my vision."

"There've been other incidents as well. There have been cameramen who have been kicked in the groin. I've had my equipment smashed. And I've been warned by people big enough to do it that they will break both my legs if I try to take their picture."

"I got worked over once in Ann Arbor when I was trying to photograph some people protesting a speech by the Israeli prime minister. They broke into the rear of the building and were trying to disrupt the proceedings."

"When we got there, somebody yelled that we were with the CIA. I got pushed around and hit a couple of times, but everybody just sort of decided the fight was over by the time I got my equip-

ment off and was able to start fighting back."

"But things like that don't happen too often. Maybe once or twice a year. A cameraman has to learn how to defend himself and his equipment. It's just a part of the business."

We reach Pontiac at 9:06 a.m. Twenty minutes later, a courier arrives from Channel 7 with Ven Marshall, our reporter for the day, and the sound man. Little turns over his footage from the fire in Holly so that it can be taken back to Broadcast House for developing and editing.

Marshall is one of the veterans of the Channel 7 news team and is generally considered to be one of the top broadcast journalists in the Detroit area.

"Vinnie's the world's greatest journalist," says Little with a grin.

Marshall, who's possessed with a wry

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School to paint fishing 'picture'

A complete picture of fishing in Michigan, including organized bass fishing, the metropolitan fish plan, and an update on conservation measures, will be presented in an evening nondegree course to be offered on Wednesdays beginning January 25 by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education, Rochester.

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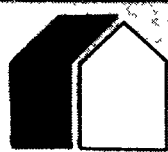
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MICH Tech student needs ride back to Houghton after the Holidays, will share expenses and driving, call Jim Hoffman 349-4094.

CASH buyers are waiting to ready your Classified ad.

1-3 Card Of Thanks

THE family of Ellen Phee would like to extend a thank you to all who sent cards during her illness. The cards and letters she received were a source of happiness for her.

1-5 Lost

LOST December 18, male Doberman Black and rust, silver choke chain. Long ears. Harland area. Reward (517) 546-3202.

LOST from Wilcox area. One dark brown pony. Female, black mane, tail and legs. Please call 682-4653. Reward.

1-6 Found

NORWEGIAN Wolf Hound, male, found at the Trading Post, Northville 437-3223.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE



Equal Housing Opportunity statement. We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the Nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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2-1 Houses For Sale

HOWELL

Gorgeous home in perfect setting - Pond, trees, quiet street. Central air, self cleaning oven & many more custom features! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, family room w-beautiful fireplace. Only minutes from expressway. \$65,900. Call 227-5005.

REAL ESTATE ONE

2-1 Houses For Sale

PLYMOUTH. Enjoy gracious living in Lakepointe. Lovely 4 bedroom quad-level w-family room, 2 car garage, 15 x 30 heated Gunite pool. \$74,900. Call 227-5005 (50464).

REAL ESTATE ONE

BRIGHTON. Quality & pride of ownership comes w-this 3 bedroom executive colonial tucked away in large Oak trees. 3000 sq. ft. Central air, 3 car garage are just some of the custom features! \$118,900. Call 227-5005.

REAL ESTATE ONE

PINCKNEY. Arrowhead. Prestigious area of custom homes. This 4 bedroom ranch on 1 acre offers a kitchen w-brick BBQ, 2 fireplaces, doorwall off master bedroom. Surrounded by state forests. \$106,900. Call 227-5005 (50725).

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Bushels of Best Wishes for a wonderful New Year filled with prosperity.



349-9460
505 N. Center-Northville

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TWO STORY COLONIAL

Model open daily 9-5
Saturday 9-4, Sunday 12-4

Custom builders, built on your land or ours

YOUR PLAN OR OURS

Model: 28405 PONTIAC TRAIL

South Lyon - 437-2014

COBB HOMES

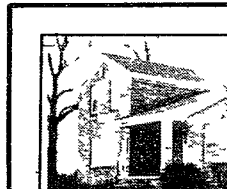
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

HAMILTON FARMS CONDOMINIUM - Maintenance free living close to Brighton with country atmosphere. 2 bedroom unit with 1 1/2 baths. Completely equipped kitchen with excellent eating area. Gas heat, central air and a pool. Call for full details. \$44,900.00



BRIGHTON AREA - Rustic contemporary

designed to take in the view of woods and small stream. Approximately 4 acres with more available. The exterior of this home is Tennessee ledge rock, California redwood and a cedar shake roof. The deck wraps around 4 sides of this 5-sided home. The home is beautiful and built with more quality than any other we have seen. We have a large picture display of this home in our office, produced by a professional photographer. Come walk through it! \$92,500.00



MODERNIZED FARMHOUSE. All-brick home, completely updated. Five bedrooms, two baths, two fireplaces. Heated garage, tool shed, large barn. All on five acres with 750 ft. of road frontage. Close to I 96. \$79,900

FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL on 3/4 acre lot. 2 1/2 baths, Andersen windows, fireplace, walkout basement, attached garage. 12 x 18 storage barn. Built in 1976. \$69,900

TWO-STORY BRICK EXECUTIVE HOME. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, study. On 31 acres. 24 x 32 barn, fenced for horses. \$150,000

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BRIGHTON TOWNE CO.

229-2913

We're Here For You.™

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THE MAN TO US JAMES C!

NOVI. 3 bedroom colonial on scenic 2 acres. Builders own home has quality thruout. Excellent kitchen & dining areas. Natural fireplace in family room. 3 car attached garage plus 1 car detached garage. Call for list of the many extraordinary features. Offered at \$78,900.00

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105 Rayson Northville, Mich. 48167

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NEW LISTING! 3 Bedroom Ranch with basement and garage...3 blocks to elementary school and only 1 block to High School makes this the perfect home for a young family with growing children. Only \$35,900

Brick 4 BR ranch just 1 mile out of Brighton. Fantastic master BR suite with walk-in closet and large private bath. 2 fireplaces, family room and full basement make this an ideal family home for only \$62,000

Centennial farm home completely and beautifully restored on 5 acres. This family oriented home has all the extras: fireplace, family room, formal dining room and much, much more! \$79,900

EXCELLENT BUY. Brick and aluminum three bedroom ranch. Two full baths, basement, attached garage 100 x 125 lot. Fireplace, kitchen pantry. Lake privileges. \$51,900

DESIRABLE QUAD-LEVEL home with many extras. Four bedrooms, plus office, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, kitchen appliances, enclosed porch. On five acres with stocked pond. Access to Cedar Lake. \$89,900

MINT CONDITION. Brick and aluminum colonial on 2.18 acres. Marble sills, drapes, softener included. Beamed ceiling in family room. Fireplace. Attached garage. \$60,100

PLEASANT ALUMINUM SIDED home on all-sports lake. Excellent sand beach for the children. Family room, natural fireplace. \$42,900 ALH 6941 Call 227-1111

CHOICE 2 1/2 ACRE WOODED parcel just 5 minutes from I-96. Perfect for a chalet. \$13,900 VA 6817

5 BEDROOM HOME WITH WATER FRONTAGE ON WOODLAND LAKE. This home has income possibilities \$67,000 with terms available. IP ALH 6652 Call 227-1111

RANCH ON 5 ACRES, 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Lots of storage area, approx. 1400 sq. ft. of living area, fireplace, South Lyon schools. ONLY \$54,900.00 CO 7054 Call 227-1111

GOOD LOCATION. 3 BR ranch, full basement, partly finished. Attached garage. \$44,500.00 CO 6986 Call 546-2880 or 313-965-4770

IN BRIGHTON. Three unit rental on multiple lot in excellent location. Real potential and good investment at \$52,000.00 with terms. IP 6855 R1 Call 546-2880 or 313-965-4770

A 10 WITH PRIVACY, ROLL, OPEN MEADOW, TREES, HILL, pond site and road front on 3 roads. Livingston County. Iosco Township. \$17,900.00, terms offered. VA 6933 Call 546-2880 or 965-4770

4 BDR HOME ON NORTH EDGE OF HOWELL with Lake privileges to Thompson Lake on 11 acres on M-59. CO 7038 Call 546-2880 or 965-4770

38 ROLLING & WOODED ACRES plus 2 lake lots. Frontage on Joslin Lake with beautiful safe, sandy beach. Call 878-3177 VA-VI 6842

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING SITES. Choose from two parcels, one 10 acres m-l, the other 4 acres m-l, terms available. VA 6975 Call 878-3177

LOVELY LAKEFRONT property near Clare, MI. Approx. 1 acre 157.9' waterfront. Perfect for a summer or retirement home. Only \$7,500.00 VL RP 6697 Call 878-3177

BEAUTIFUL TREED LOT with privileges to Lake George. Cleared area for a mobile or to build a cottage, just 18 miles from Clare Grocery within walking distance. Peace and quiet where you can't see the neighbors for the trees. VA 6811 Call 227-7775

COUNTRY LIVING in this 4 or 5 bedroom Tri-level with basement, approx. 2000 sq. ft., brick and trim. 1 1/2 acres. Priced for fast sale. \$64,900.00 CO6651 Call 227-7775

ROLLING HOME SITE in South Lyon School District. 1.4 acres in a beautiful subdivision, privileges on Crooked Lake. VCO-LP6880 Call 227-7775

BUILDING SITE on 11.83 acres at \$14,500.00 VA6632 Call 227-7775

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PINCKNEY 117 E. Main (313) 878-3177

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ASHLEY & COX REAL ESTATE

Hamburg Office 6466 E. M-36 227-6155

THE STAFF OF ASHLEY COX REAL ESTATE WISH TO EXTEND "SEASONS GREETINGS" TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.

LUXURY LIVING ON 10 WOODED ACRES. This executive home has four bedrooms PLUS, 3 1/2 baths, formal dining rm., fireplace, den, country kitchen, rec. room in basement, screened-in sun porch overlooking in-ground, heated, self cleaning pool, five-stall horse barn with tack room, riding arena and MUCH, MUCH MORE! You must see this one to appreciate. \$135,000 3-R-4693-H

WATERFRONT ON CANAL TO PORTAGE LAKE. Beautiful 4 bedroom with fireplace, family room, enclosed porch. This spacious home is situated on 3/4 acre lot. Yours to own at only: \$56,000 3-W-10805-P

LOVELY TO LOOK AT-GREAT TO OWN! Business minded Buyers. This home is nestled on 5.3 acres in Hamburg. 3 bedrooms, finished basement with Sauna. Gas Heat. Also included is 35 x 50 Factory Building. Property formally zoned "Light Industrial Non-Conforming." All this for: \$70,000 3-H 10570-H

EARL KEIM REALTY

Northville Inc. 330 N. Center

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City of Northville - Lovely 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial offers Two fireplaces for comfortable formal entertainment in the living room and Cozy relaxation for the whole family in front of this full brick fireplace in this huge 14 x 26 family room. Additional features include formal dining room, kitchen with built-ins, basement and attached garage. Just \$59,900

TRANSFERRED? Take a look at this outstanding 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in Northville Colony Estates. It's Neat & Clean and offers all the extras for comfortable family living. Call for details. \$80,900

MEADOWBROOK HILLS - Outstanding winged colonial features 3 or 4 bedrooms, formal dining room, kitchen and family room overlooking large treed lot, a fieldstone fireplace you will not forget. If your looking for something special, give us a call and make an appointment. \$120,000

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FOR sale by owner Ranch 1,480 square feet 3 possibly 4 bedrooms, county kitchen, 2 full baths, fireplace, den, full basement, 2 car garage, large lot \$53,900 Call after 5 00, 363 9770 10

2-1 Houses For Sale

3-4 BEDROOM Farm House on 1-acre, fireplace, basement, 2100 sq ft 2 car garage, additional acreage available, \$49,800 437 6088 11

2-3 Mobile Homes

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4-2A Firewood

HARDWOOD \$30 per rick, 2 for \$55 Call for prompt delivery, also snow removal 437 8273 11

4-2B Musical Instruments

ANTIQUE pump organ Reasonable Upright player piano, fair condition 348 2966

4-3 Miscellany

RUSTIC lawn swings, ideal gifts Special price, \$88 Novi Rustic Sales, 44911 Grand River, 349-0043 9

4-3 Miscellany

CROSS COUNTRY SKI Rental and sales available at Heavenly Cape Rental, Milford Call 685 2379 for reservations or information 10

4-3 Miscellany

BLACK Walnut logs 4' 6' length, 16" to 20" in diameter 422 6946

4-3 Miscellany

MOVING Sale — Furniture, beds, T V, office furniture, farm equipment, lumber, baby bed, baby clothes 437 6659 11

4-3 Miscellany

SNOWBLOWER, 18 inch, MTD, 3 horse power, brand new, in carton, \$150 349 7612

4-3 Miscellany

PLAYER Piano rolls, now priced from \$2 40, large selection, South Lyon Pharmacy, on the corner 11

4-3 Miscellany

DRIVEWAY culverts, South Lyon Lumber and Farm Center 415 E Lake 437 1751 11

4-3 Miscellany

POLE BUILDINGS by Huskee-Bilt Farm, Urban or Commercial. Call Jan Warren, 227-2129 Brighton. 10

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PLUMBING supplies, Myers pumps, Bruner water softeners, a complete line of Plumbing supplies, Martin's Hardware and Plumbing Supply, South Lyon, 437 0600

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NEW and used ice skates Geo Loeffler Hardware, 29150 Five Mile at Middlebelt GA 2 2210 11

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OFFICE equipment for sale, copier, 3 M VCO, model 191, uses dry powder process Good operating condition, 3 1/2 years old Asking \$600 More information call 227 6168 11

4-3 Miscellany

TIRE CHAINS All kinds for all makes cars, trucks, farm & garden tractors. Binder & Tow chains too. On Sale now at Dealer's cost. NEW HUDSON POWER 437-1444

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FRANKLINS, potbellies, wood burners, priced low, Johnson energy converter 437 6088 11

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NEW and used snow blowers, \$25 up Geo Loeffler Hardware, 29150 Five Mile at Middlebelt GA 2 2210 11

4-3B Lawn-Garden Equipm't

SOD Blue grass blends, shade blends, delivered on pallets or pick up your own delGedgio Sod Farm 517 546-3569 11

4-4 Farm Products

HAY, straw, Anderson's horse, dog, rabbit, cat & other livestock feeds 437 3859 11

4-4A-Farm Equipment

POLE barn materials We stock a full line Build it yourself and save We can tell you how South Lyon Lumber and Farm Center 415 E Lake, 437 1751 11

7-4 Campers, Trailers and Equipment

UTILITY trailer, enclosed, lockable, lighted, good tires, etc. 348 1987

7-5 Auto Parts and Service

HAVE G78 14 snow tires, will trade for D 70 14 or will buy same. Call Jean, 349 1700 or 349 0701 evenings

TWO black high back bucket seats. Both fit Ford T Bird. Good condition. \$75 624 4126

GOOD used tires. Snow tires size H & G 15's, F & G's 14's, C 14's, also regular tread. HR's 78 15's. LR 78 15's. 449 4190

John Machs Special

FREE BRAKE Inspection & Front Suspension Inspection (Ford cars only)
JOHN MACH FORD
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7-8 Autos

1977 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door. Many extras, excellent condition. \$4,895 685 2692

1972 S E CHARGER, 318, new mags, good condition, \$1,000 437 6048

AUTO costing you money? Auto sell it with a classified ad

Ford's Newest Fairmont 2 Dr. Futura Immed. Delivery
John Mach Ford
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1970 CHEVY Nova, Automatic, power steering. Best offer 227-2510

'72 FORD Gran Torino Automatic, power steering, power brakes, air. New tires. \$700. 229 6561

'68 MERCURY. Excellent running condition, low mileage, full power, air. \$500 00 349 8824

VW, 1968, AM radio, extra snow tires, clean \$375 348 1857

1976 FORD, 8-passenger Club Wagon, Chateau, 6 cylinder, power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, \$4950. 437 1530

1964 NOVA, good condition, new rubber, \$525 437 6063

1974 PLYMOUTH Barracuda, air, low mileage, excellent condition, sharp, must sell 437 1915

NEW '78 THUNDERBIRDS Full factory equipment plus extras Immediate Delivery
John Mach Ford
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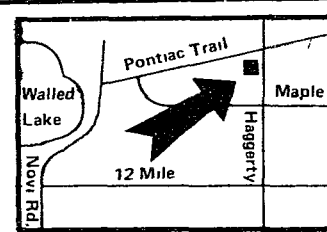
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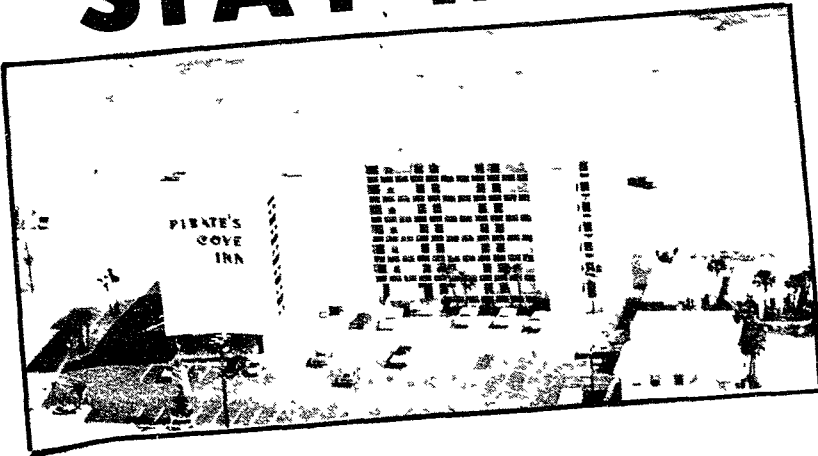


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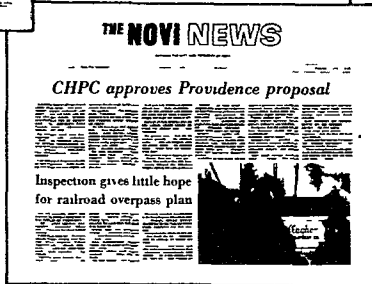
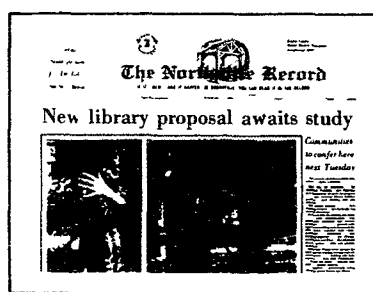


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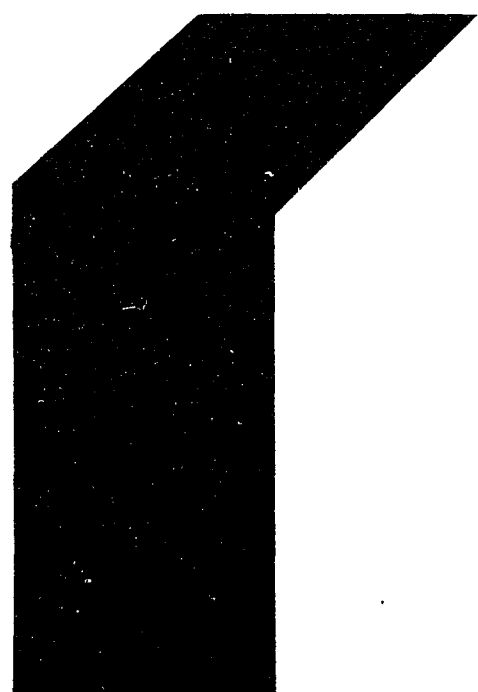
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We think about what might have been
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Stop everything and listen,
Amid all this confusion and gliss,
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Like a puppet on a string,
Don't let your mind go to sleep,
Exercise it with imagination,
And these memories have it keep.

...The shadows of a child,
Rocking in joy this Christmas eve,
Imitate his faith in fantasy,
And of this child don't take leave!
Have a very merry Christmas!

Anne-Marie Regan Age 15

He's the key behind TV news

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sense of humor, explains the secret of success. "A good journalist doesn't get cold or wet." He waits in the car while Little and his sound man take footage of the arrival of the mobile command post.

Marshall is upset about the fact that the barrels of chemical waste have been abandoned. "If this place ever goes up it will be like an atomic bomb," he says. "It will be exploding all night long. They'll have to declare it a major disaster area."

Little gets permission to go inside the building to take pictures of the abandoned barrels of chemicals.

Marshall doesn't want to go inside and tries to dissuade Little. "Get one whiff of that cyanide in there and it's all over," he said.

Little asks a worker if it's safe and then proceeds into the building.

While Little is inside, the "world's greatest journalist" says that a good cameraman has to have guts.

"What makes a good cameraman is whether or not he gets the story," he says.

"Ron will do anything to get the story. He's gutsier than most."

Once the state police start arriving, the assignment goes quickly.

Little takes pictures of Marshall doing an "intro" as the command units move up and later takes picture of Marshall interviewing the head of the command unit.

They decide that an interview done inside the command unit was "deadly" and shoot an additional segment to provide the "bridge" and "close" to go along with the "intro" and interior pictures that Little has shot of the barrels of chemicals.

By 11:50 a.m. the assignment has been completed. Just as we're getting ready to leave, a crew from Channel 2 arrives on the scene. "Well, look who's here too late to do anything," laughs Marshall as we drive off.

"The Competition between the channels is very important," says Little. "We have to turn in an assignment sheet on every assignment and one of the things we have to fill out is who else was there. The station puts a lot of emphasis on exclusive reports."

"I'll go to any lengths to get better pictures than anybody else. It's a matter of pride in my work. I take it very personally. If we're at the same assignment with other stations, there's an unwritten rule about hindering anyone from getting the story."

"But if somebody jumps in front of me, I'll push them out of the way so I can get my shots. I get a real sense of



Key to Ven Marshall's new stories is Ron Little of South Lyon, Channel 7 cameraman

satisfaction about getting the best pictures.

"I'll go to just about any lengths to get better film than anyone else."

Little has shot some 550 feet on the state police command post. He slugs the story "mystery barrels," drops it off at a gas station, and calls Petrovich to tell him where the courier can pick it up.

Our final story is about the 50 mile per hour limit for tanker trucks.

Petrovich has arranged for Marshall to ride with a state trooper checking out the tankers. The state police car has been freshly washed and is decked out like a Christmas tree with lights and antennas. Every trucker in the state has received word of our presence over the CB by the time we hit the expressway.

We only see three tankers and each of them is going about 48 miles per hour. Little notes that one of the truckers has a big grin on his face when the police car cruises past.

It's 2:30 p.m. when the assignment has been completed — time to head back to Broadcast House in Southfield in time for the 3 p.m. deadline. Marshall wants to know how the interview with the trooper went.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd say it was an eight," says Little.

"That good?" asks Marshall.

"That was the tone," replies Little.

"The interview itself was about a five."

A GALA Thursday evening reception helped usher The Movies, a new five-theater complex, into Twelve Oaks Mall last week built by Taubman Theaters and United Artists Theatres, the new entertainment center began full operations on Friday.

Novi Mayor Romaine Roethel joined A. Alfred Taubman, chairman of the Taubman Company (center), in symbolic opening ceremonies with 70 mm film being cut in place of the traditional ribbon.

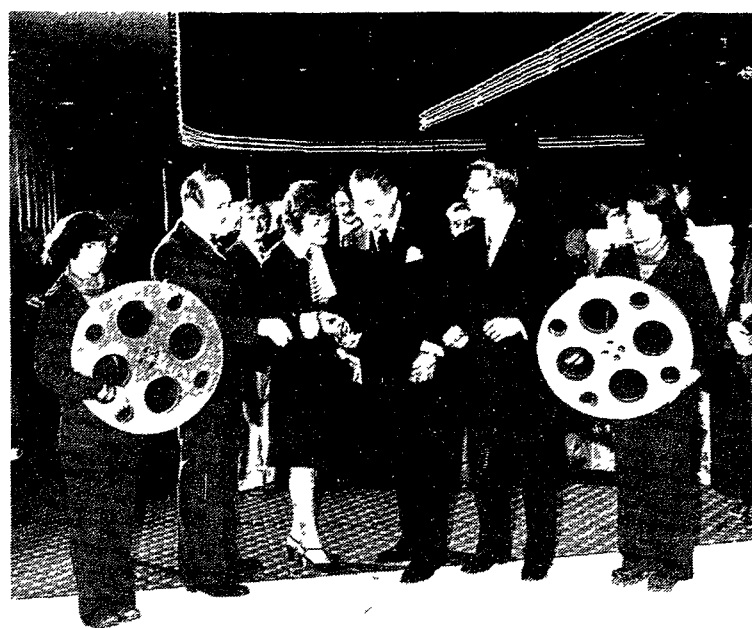
With theater employees Kathy Kolacz and Carol Wallace holding the film reels, Sidney R. Unobsky, executive vice president, and Richard P. Kughn, president of the Taubman Company join in the ceremony.

Opening of the new screens now brings The Movies total in the metropolitan area to 16. Others are located at Fairlane and Lakeside shopping centers and at Prudential Town Center. The Movies also are located in major shopping malls across the nation.

As at other locations, The Movies at Twelve Oaks Mall are served by a single boxoffice, lobby and refreshment center. Each week patrons have a choice of a different major film production in each auditorium.

During last-week's open house visitors enjoyed courtesy refreshments while exploring the projection room which serves the five theaters. As the lone operator, who is in complete control, touches a start button for a selected theater, the house lights and the UATC-patented "Light Curtain" dim, intermission music fades and the film begins to roll.

Unlike the vertical reel mountings used with older projectors, the film itself lies coiled on a smoothly rotating platter from which auto-wind discs feed it through the projector for automatic rewind in reverse, ready for the next showing.



WITH THE SALE of Northville Pharmacy, Inc., 134 East Main Street, Klaus Hieber becomes eighth owner of this business that was begun in 1871.

He purchased the business last week from Allan Potts.

Here are the owners of the business over the years and the dates they owned the business: C. R. Stevens, 1871-1895; Thomas E. Murdock, 1895-1919; Lawrence Johnson, 1919-1921; Lou Stewart, 1921-1950; Leo Mainville, 1950-1961; Arliss Laux, 1961-1972; and Potts, 1972-1977.

An original prescription book is displayed in the drug store window.

Incidentally, Mr. Murdock was the father of Mrs. Claude (Lydella) Ely, whose late husband was the first mayor of the City of Northville.

Mrs. Ely reports that her father worked at the store for quite a number of years after he had sold it to Mr. Johnson.

State DNR purchases

40 acres near here

Michigan's Natural Resources Commission has authorized the purchase of a 40 acre tract of land in the southeast corner of Proud Lake Recreation Area, about 3 1/2 miles southeast of Milford in Oakland County, State Representative Richard Fessler (R-Union Lake) reported.

The Commission accepted a DNR Lands Division appraisal of the tract of \$100,000.

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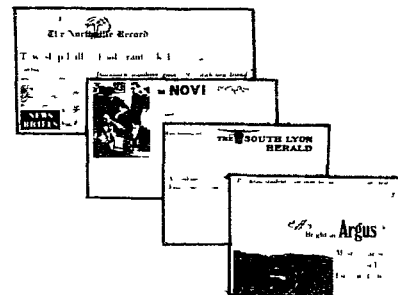
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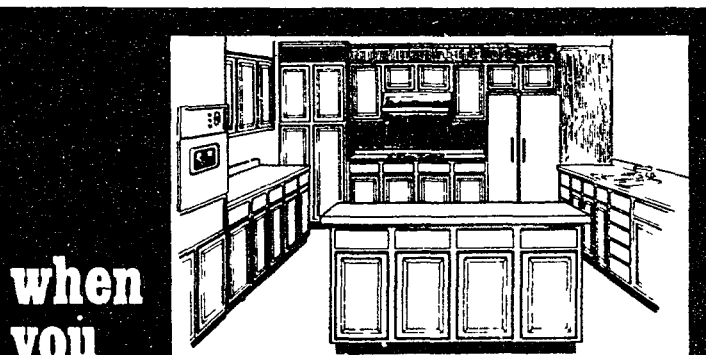
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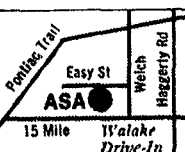
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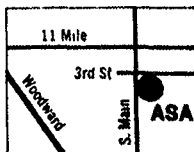
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Looking back at 1977

Memories, excitement and champions abound in Northville sports

Considering all things, it hasn't been a bad year in the Northville sports world — not a bad year at all.

During the past 12 months six high school teams won conference championships, three finished in second place, and three finished among the top 15 Class A squads in the state.

Northville was the home of a 1977 world record holder, a state swimming champion and a state runner-up in track. It was also the setting for an eagle in golf, and for a soapbox derby. And, oh, what statistics can't describe. Like Tony Armada's last-second steal and basket at the buzzer against Livonia Franklin, or the cross country squad's gutsy performance at this fall's state championships.

Recapping some of the sports highlights of 1977:

January 7 — Basketball sensation Tony Armada pumps in 27 points for the second time in a week, but the Mustangs lose twice anyway.

January 11 — Volleyball squad opens its conference season with a convincing

victory over defending champ Livonia Churchill; cagers drop fourth in a row with their first loss ever to arch-rival Novi.

January 14 — Basketball sump ends! Fighting from five points down with less than a minute to go in overtime, Mustangs squeak by Walled Lake Western on John Horwath's heart-stopping last-second basket, 57-56.

January 27 — Despite two-week layoff, swimmers set three school records and better two state qualifying marks in 59-21 romp over Livonia Churchill, their eighth straight win.

February 5 — Dave Bentley and Ed Talbot win individual championships as wrestlers finish third in Western Six meet.

February 8 — Tony Armada steals ball off full-court press and scores at buzzer for dramatic 53-52 overtime basketball victory over Livonia Franklin.

February 22 — Cagers pull conference

upset of the season with 77-66 victory over Western Six champ Livonia Churchill, three days prior to a 74-73 loss to last-place Waterford Mott; jayvee squad wraps up league championship with 73-52 win over Churchill.

February 25 — Volleyball team wins first league title ever with 15-8, 15-4 victory over Waterford Mott in finale.

February 27 — Northville resident Lynn Hicks' snowmobile sets world speed record with 135.9-mph clocking at Union Lake.

March 5 — Swimmers roll to league championship with 341 points in Western Six meet at Farmington Harrison.

March 9 — Tony Armada, earlier named All-League, is first-team All-Area basketball selection.

March 12 — Medley relay squad shatters school record, places sixth, to help Mustangs to 14th-place finish in Class A state swimming finals.

March 13 — Our Lady of Victory wins equivalent of a state title with 31-29 come-from-behind victory, their 22nd straight, in metropolitan CYO basketball championship against St. Jude's.

April 6 — Northville Charley's upsets Moonkin, 100-99, with chaotic finish in recreation basketball tournament finals.

April 12 — Northville Golf League opens 29th season under sunny skies and 80-degree temperatures.

April 28 — Bob Gould sets school track record with 9:37.7 clocking in two mile, but Mustangs lose to Churchill.

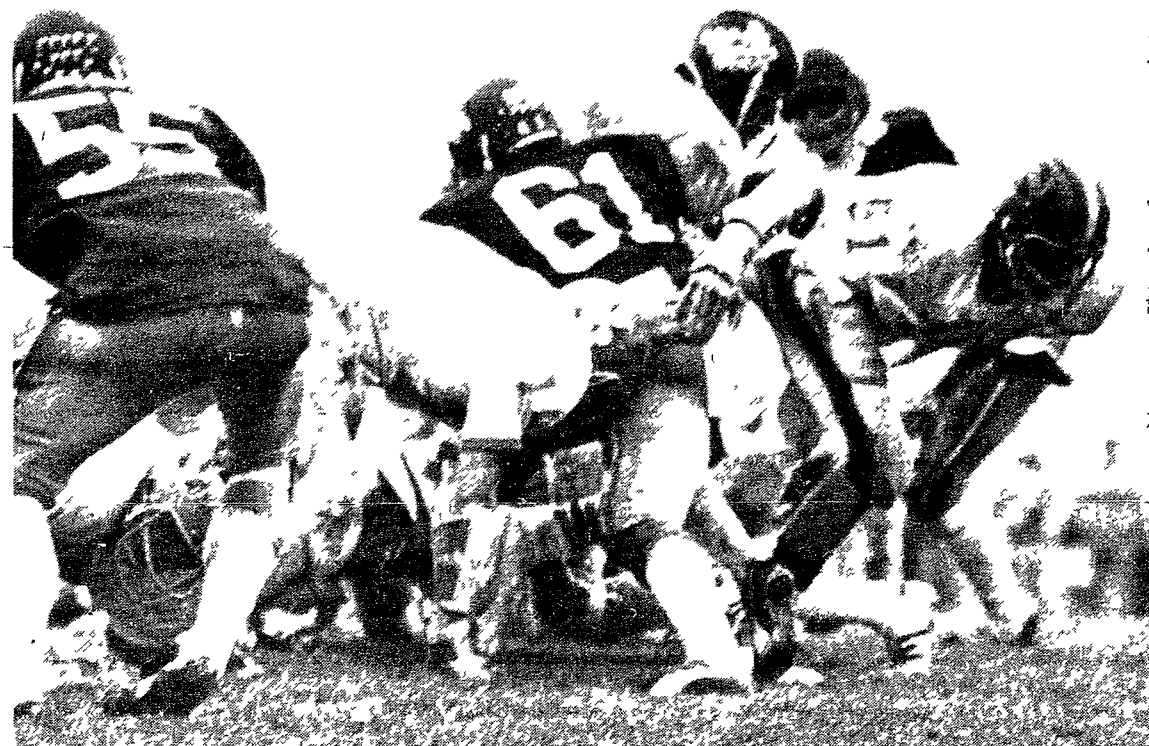
May 2 — Mustangs win crucial tennis meet with 4-3 victory over Western Six contender Farmington Harrison, sewing it up in last match of the day.

May 14 — Track squad tops 16-team field to capture first-place trophy at Cardinal Relays in Jackson, breaking meet record in shuttle relay in the process.

May 21 — Netters qualify for first-ever state tennis meet with second-place finish in regionals.

May 24 — Baseball squad wins three in a row for first time all season, nipping Waterford Mott 1-0 and finishing fourth in the Western Six.

June 1 — Mustangs finish surprising



TURNING POINT — With Joe Schimpf (51) leading the way, quarterback Doug Marzonie (12) dives over for winning touchdown in 20-14 victory over Walled Lake Western during Northville's second Western Six contest. The score, which came

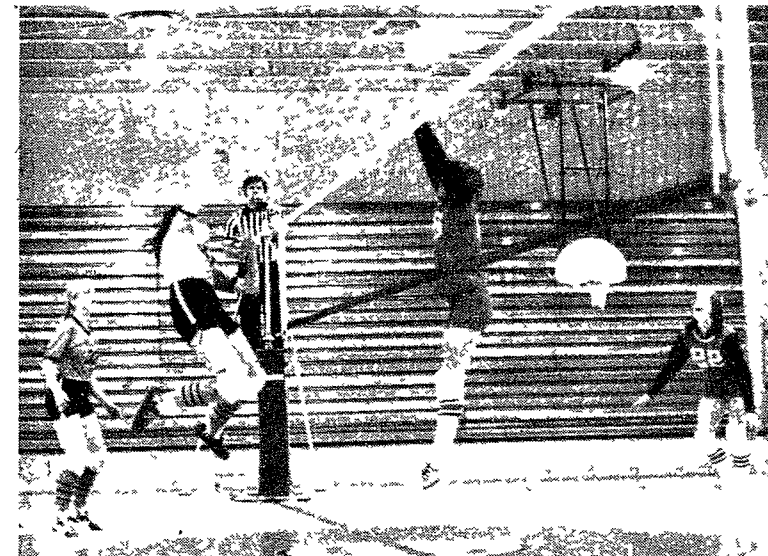
with just four minutes left in the game, might well have been a turning point in the Mustangs' season; they went on to win all but one conference game and finished second to Farmington Harrison.

July 19 — F League's Cardinals bounce back from playoff defeat with eight-run final inning to knock off Giants 11-10 and qualify for state district junior baseball tourney in Northville.

July 22 — Astros win E League baseball title.

July 24 — Union Lake's Kentucky Fried

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Debbie Maguire (spiking) led Mustangs to volleyball title.

Swimmers frustrated; Bentley meet is a tie

Last Tuesday was one of those days Ron Meteyer would just as soon forget. With two of their top swimmers missing and another ailing, Northville's tankers struggled to an 86-86 deadlock with Livonia Bentley at Schoolcraft College.

According to the 29-year-old coach the Bentley meet marked the first time in history of Northville swimming that the Mustangs had tied, and the first time they'd ever failed to beat the Livonia School.

"It was a frustrating night all the way around," Meteyer said of the meet, which put Northville's dual meet record at 1-0-1. "Bentley, I think, was more pleased with the result than we were."

Part of the reason, he noted, was that the Bulldogs came back from a two-point deficit to knot things up in the last event.

The lead see-sawed throughout the 11-event meet, with Northville climbing out to an early 38-24 advantage, then faltering in diving and the 100-yard free style before picking up again.

What made the tie particularly tough on Northville, though, was the absence of swimmers Steve Pyett and Terry Walters, who were on vacation with their families.

"Because we didn't have them we had to change our lineup," Meteyer explained. "As it was (their replacements) swam very well, but we weren't able to put everybody in their strongest events, and that would've made a big difference."

Basically, he said, he was "pleased" with the way the Mustangs performed. They had two placements among the top three finishers in seven events, and they won five of those.

But when it came down to the last event, the 400-yard free style relay, the local swimmers needed a first to win the meet, and they didn't get it.

Trailing 80-78 Bentley won in 3:34.7, picking up eight points to Northville's six and edging the second-place quartet of Jamie Pitak, Derek Gans, and Tim and Tom Cahill by 5.3 seconds. Rick Bargert, Brady Kramer, Bill Lockwood and Bruce Hackmann finished third in 3:51.1.

Carl Haynie, Matt Sullivan, Mark Yanoschik and Gans got the Mustangs off to a winning start with a 1:48.0 clocking in the 200-yard medley relay. Lockwood, John Zimmerman, Dan McMann and Bargert combined for a

third-place finish, giving Northville a quick 10-4 lead.

Tom Cahill followed with a dramatic victory in the 200 free style, coming from behind to nip Bentley's Dave Giandeletti in the last 25 yards. Hackmann finished third and Pitak fifth, making it 20-10.

"I would've been content to end it right there," Meteyer said.

But it was not to be.

Haynie, still fighting an ear infection that's been bothering him in recent weeks, finished second to the Bulldogs' Mark Winter, who set a pool record of 2:07.8, in the individual medley. Tim Cahill and Kramer finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Yanoschik won the 50 free style in 22.8, with Sullivan finishing fourth and Bargert fifth. That gave Northville its biggest lead of the day, 38-24.

It dwindled to 41-37, though, when Bentley "slammed" (finished 1-2-3) the diving competition.

"That's where we're really hurting. We need a second coach," Meteyer said, pointing out that most other Class A schools have more than one coach so that divers can be given more attention in practice.

The Bulldogs took a 49-45 advantage with a 1-2-4 finish in the butterfly (Gans finished third), but from there on in the lead bounced back and forth until the final event.

Yanoschik won the 100 free in 51.0, followed by Tom Cahill in third and Pitak in fourth. Hackmann's 5:32 clocking was good for second in the 500 free while Haynie, Lockwood and Kramer placed 2-3-4 in the back stroke.

In the breast stroke Sullivan finished first in 1:01.9, Tim Cahill third and Zimmerman fifth to set up the tight finish.

"Overall we had some pretty good times," Meteyer observed, "but I think we could've picked up one more point somewhere along the line."

The Mustangs, who finished 14-1 in dual meets and were Western Six champs last year, travel to Walled Lake Western for their second conference meet on January 5. The meet starts at 4 p.m.

According to Meteyer Plymouth Canton appears to be the Mustangs' chief challenger to this season's Western Six crown. Northville meets Canton January 12.

Downs starts Monday

The 35th year of harness racing at Northville Downs officially gets under way next Monday night.

The Downs' 84-night schedule, a loss

Horsemen dispute could delay

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of one date from last year, will continue through April 8. Last winter the local

track enjoyed a 36 percent increase in mutual handle over 1976 despite an attendance drop of over five percent.

Unlike last year, this season's daily double will be followed by perfectas on the third and eighth races. There will also be trifectas on the fifth, seventh and tenth races.

The Jackson-at-Northville meeting, which began its 59-night stand October 24, ends Saturday night.

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Tony Armada was sparkplug of Northville basketball squad last winter

Poor first half spells disaster for Mustangs

So much for trying to ease the schedule.

Despite replacing state powerhouse Divine Child with a supposedly weaker Howell club on this season's basketball slate, Northville suffered the same sorry fate they had with the Dearborn school by dropping a 78-54 decision to the Highlanders last Tuesday night.

Playing on Howell's home court, the Mustangs fell to a 10-2 deficit in the first three minutes of the game and never got close again.

"We played a very poor ball game," coach Walt Koepke said afterwards, adding that it "was probably our worst performance of the season."

Paced by senior sensation Shane Gerkin the Highlanders jumped out to a surprisingly easy 42-24 halftime lead and coasted, snapping a three-game Northville winning streak. By the end of three quarters it was 62-40, and the Howell bench was emptied.

"I don't know what the problem was," Koepke remarked, "but our defense looked just terrible. I think

we're going to be in serious trouble unless we learn to play some defense."

In its first seven games of the season Northville has given up an average of more than 70 points per contest.

While the local club's defense was lacking, though, Howell's was more than adequate.

"It's the kind of defense I'd like us to play," Koepke acknowledged. "Howell just played with tremendous aggressiveness and didn't permit us to do anything. They denied us the ball at every turn."

Offensively the picture wasn't much

1977—a very good year?

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Chicken Colonels win Thomson softball tournament with 33-4 shellacking in title game

July 28 — Triple jumper Leslie Nadeau, shuttle relay team bring home runner-up trophies from Metro Youth Fitness track meet

August 6 — Scott Faustyn, 13, wins annual Northville Soap Box Derby

August 7 — Lyle Self and Fred Cahall win champion flight of Meadowbrook Invitational golf tournament

August 22 — Village Blues finish rec league men's softball season at 18-0, first unbeaten team in recent memory; Casterline finishes 14-0 in women's softball league

August 23 — Joe's Little Bar nips Goat Farm 9-8 for Co-Ed League softball title

August 28 — Goat Farm beats Joe's Little Bar 15-10 and goes on to win Co-Ed playoff championship

September 9 — Mustangs romp past Novi, 21-6, in high school football opener

September 15 — Sophomore Sue Cahill breaks three state qualifying barriers and sets one school record to lead swimmers to season-opening 110-48 victory over Redford Thurston

September 20 — Bruce Roy and Clancy Ely win five-way battle for Northville Golf League championship in one of most exciting finishes ever

September 22 — Girls' basketball squad ends 37-game losing streak with 46-44 triumph over Walled Lake Western; Mustangs rout defending champ Western in girls' swimming, 104-68

September 29 — Cross-country squad hands Livonia Churchill its first league defeat ever with 19-42 thrashing

September 30 — Late touchdown by quarterback Doug Marzoni leads Mustang gridders to clutch 20-14 victory over Walled Lake Western

October 14 — Farmington Harrison spoils Northville's dreams of first Western Six football title with 19-0 skunking, Mustangs' only conference loss of year

October 18 — Girls' netters win Western Six meet at Schoolcraft College, giving them second-place finish overall in conference

October 21 — John Millen's two-yard touchdown plunge in first overtime gives Mustangs surprisingly tough 6-0 football victory over winless Plymouth Canton, locking up second place

October 25 — Harriers shatter seven-year Churchill dynasty by winning

Western Six cross-country title in conference meet at Hines Park; jayvee team slams the league

October 29 — Mustangs' medley relay team sets school record, matches top time in state with first-place finish at Detroit News Girls' Swim Invitational; cross country squad qualifies for state finals with second-place finish at regionals in Howell

November 5 — Despite illness and injuries, Mustangs finish ninth in state Class A cross country finals

November 19 — Girls' swimmers run off with Western Six championship, amassing 303 points in conference meet at Livonia Churchill

December 3 — Sue Cahill wins state championship in individual medley and Mustangs place in six events to lead local swimmers to fourth-place finish in Class A state finals, their highest finish ever

December 9 — Mustangs open home conference basketball season with come-from-behind 72-64 victory over previously unbeaten and defending Western Six champ Livonia Churchill



WINNING FORM — Giants' Chris Dimitroff dives back to second base during his team's 6-5 victory over Cardinals for the F League junior baseball playoff championship last summer. Dimitroff later scored the winning run when a controversial balk call against the Giant's pitcher sent him home from third base.

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Showing up late may have its advantages after all, Northville's jayvee basketball squad is finding.

Delayed by bad weather, Coach Omar Harrison's cagers, were rushed for the second time in a row in their

non-conference game at Howell last Tuesday, but the result was the same as it was at Farmington Harrison the week before.

Paced by Bob Crisan and another phenomenal third-quarter perfor-

mance, the Mustangs rolled to their seventh straight victory of the season with a 65-44 triumph over the Highlanders.

"We just played excellent ball," Harrison bubbled, noting a particularly strong second half. "If we play like that every game we won't lose."

After arriving much later than anticipated and having to cut their pregame warm-ups short, the local hoopers struggled out to a 28-27 half time lead before breaking loose. They outscored Howell 19-7 in the third stanza, then iced the contest with an 18-10 burst in the final eight minutes.

The jayvee Mustangs have now outscored their last three opponents 69-18 in the third quarter, while collecting a 124-104 margin in the other three.

"I think the kids played very good defense," Harrison said of his team's performance. "Howell was a good ball club, really, but we intimidated them in the second half."

He also noted an exceptionally strong shooting game. The Mustangs hit 31 of 51 shots from the floor for an amazing 61 percent accuracy rate.

Crisan with 25 points, Harry Couyoumjan with 16, Steve Bartels with 10 and Ken Weber with eight were Northville's top scorers. All four hit over 60 percent from the floor, and combined they sank 29 of 44 shots (66 percent).

Crisan also had 10 rebounds and eight steals while Bartels led both teams with 14 rebounds.

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New coach, new kids leave volleyball hopes up in air

How do you follow up an act like last year's?

Steve McDonald, Northville's newest volleyball coach, must be wondering. He's taking over the reins of service Stubbins, who in two years of service brought the Mustangs from the bottom of the heap to the top in Western Six competition.

Considering that only three girls are returning from last year's regular varsity squad, which rolled to a 14-4 record on the way to its first conference championship ever, his task won't be easy.

But McDonald, who coached girls' track last year, sees plenty of reason for smiling.

"We're optimistic about how we're going to do," he says. "In some senses it's a rebuilding year, but in others it's not. It's sort of an in-between situation."

"But I can tell you one thing—I know we're going to be competitive."

Although five of last year's varsity

girls are gone now, including All-League sensation Debbie Maguire, the Mustangs return two of their top three spikers from 1977.

Kim Kratz is one of five juniors on the squad and the only underclassman returning from the varsity. She'll combine with Lorri Hopping, a second-team All-League choice last season and one of two co-captains this year, to give Northville a powerful 1-2 punch.

Chris Suddendorf, also a co-captain, is the only other regular returning from last year's varsity. Terry Myers, a member of last year's jayvee team, and Julie Millen, a transfer from Virginia Beach, round out the team's senior contingent.

Two of the Mustangs' most promising juniors will be Diane Perpich, last year's top jayvee spiker, and Susie Heinzman. Also moving up from the jayvees are Cheryl DeHoff and Terry Bongiovanni.

"I really can't say how they're going

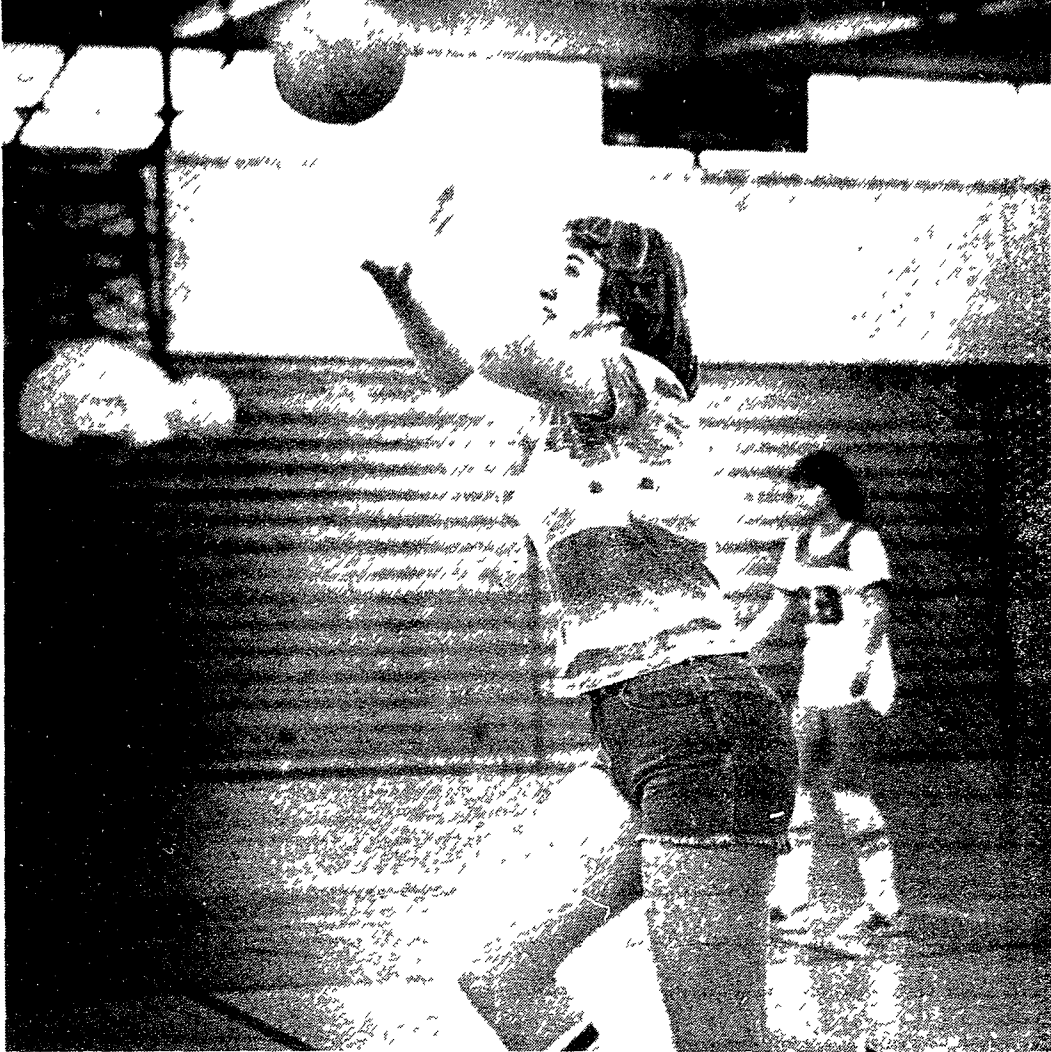
to do," McDonald says of his girls, "but so far they've been working super-hard."

"They seem to be learning well as far as fundamentals are concerned, and that's good. We're going to be counting on a lot from our underclassmen."

Thanks to programs recently promoted at the junior high level the Mustangs had one of their higher turnouts in the past few years, with 45 girls trying out for the team. Only nine were kept on varsity, while 14 others were put on the jayvee squad.

For the first time the jayvees will have their own coach in Louise Hopping, a third-team All-Leaguer from last year's varsity contingent. Her co-captains this season are sophomores Lynn Herald and Kim Kurzawa.

According to Hopping the teams to beat at the varsity level this season will probably be Waterford Mott and Livonia Churchill. Northville opens its season with a conference meet at Mott next Wednesday (January 4).



Terry Myers will join ranks of varsity spikers this season

Life jackets, 'bulk' spark alumni

It seemed only appropriate that the whole thing should be decided by the life jacket relay.

After all, the two teams had battled head-to-head throughout the side stroke relay, and while the leap frog race and tug-of-war were routs, both sides had offered stiff competition on the air mattresses as well as with the kickboards.

Confused? So, undoubtedly, were a few of the 100 to 150 people who showed up at the high school pool last Thursday night.

It was all part of the fun involved in Northville's first annual alumni swimming meet. Coached by former Mustang mentor Ben Lauber, more than a dozen old Northville grads got together and challenged this year's varsity swimming squad to a good old-fashioned round of competition at their own game—and they won, 38-34.

It was hardly what you'd call a normal swimming meet, however.

Instead of conventional events like the individual medley and 200-yard free style, for instance, the two groups competed in such oddities as the tug-of-war and the 200-yard running relay—

and it all took place in the pool. Only three of the 11 events (200-yard medley relay, 200-yard free style relay, and diving) came anywhere near resembling your average high school meet.

In the end it was the alumni's "experience" with the likes of side stroking and life jackets that decided the meet, though.

Varsity coach Ron Meteyer put it even more bluntly.

"I think a lot of their success rested with the extra bulk they had," he chuckled.

That was especially true in the tug-of-war, where alumni giants Pete Talbot, Pete Couze, Randy Roggenbuck and Mark McDaniels (all weighing over 200 pounds) defeated Jamie Pitak, Kurt Varner, Bruce Hackmann and Dave Gallagher with one mighty pull of the rope.

The alumni also "swam" to victory in the side stroke and 200-yard running relays, the run-and-shoot (basketball) and diving contests, and the meet's last event, the life jacket relay.

The varsity boys, of course, had their share of victories as well. After opening

with a narrow triumph in the air mattress relay ("we thought that was tailor-made for the alumni," Meteyer later commented), they won the 200-yard medley and free style relays, the kickboard relay, and the leap frog race.

"I now contend that we have the best leap frog relay in the state," Meteyer said proudly of his contingent, which included Tim and Tom Cahill, Rick Barget, and Meteyer himself.

"The alumni were contending that we had practiced the day before the meet, but I'd like to say right now that it's not true. Let's just say our guys are better frogs."

The losing "frogs" included Bill Bretz, John Pacific, Ed Erdos, and Lauber, who coached the 1973 boys' team to a Class B state swimming championship.

Other Northville alumni who participated in the meet included Jim Wright, Mark Lelek, Joe Devereaux (who won the diving competition), Dennis Weyburne, Saulius Mikalonis and Jeff Guider.

Proceeds from the meet went toward the purchase of new exercise equipment for the Mustang tankers.

No defense, cagers fall to Howell

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Seven Howell players, on the other hand, scored in the first half alone. Three of them hit double figures for the game.

Gerkin topped the winners with 20 points and 11 rebounds (only Harding, with 16, had more) while contributing six assists. John Mack pitched in 14 points and Bob Smith 10 as coach Jerry Johnson's squad upped its season record to 4-2 and broke a two-game losing streak.

"It was a strange ball game," Koepke observed. "We didn't play with any aggressiveness on either offense or defense."

"You have to give credit to Howell, though. They played an excellent ball game and certainly deserved the win."

The Mustangs, now 4-3 on the season and 2-1 in the Western Six, next see action with a non-conference game at Farmington next Tuesday. Three days later they resume conference play when they travel to Plymouth Canton for a game with coach Casey Cavell's

Chiefs, pre-season favorite for this year's Western Six crown.

Northville	12	12	16	14-54
Howell	18	24	20	16-78

Top scorers: Howell—Gerkin 20, Mack 14, Smith 10; Northville—Harding 22, Prom 7

Gymnasts lose opener

Bad weather, bad luck and inexperience worked against Northville's gymnasts last Tuesday as the Mustangs opened their 1977-78 season with a 68-50 loss to Dearborn.

"We sort of had a lot of problems," coach Debbie Davis said, noting that she was unable to meet her girls as planned at the Dearborn school when the team bus arrived because of a snowstorm.

Once the Mustangs began competition their inexperience got the better of them. Their only strong performances came from Sue Kinnaird and Britt Evans.

Kinnaird placed second (6.7) in the vault and just missed qualifying for the state regionals, then placed third (4.35) in the uneven parallel bars and fourth (5.55) in floor exercise. Evans won the floor exercise competition with a 6.7 point total.

"We had a lot of new girls competing for the first time, so we just chalked this one up to experience," Davis said.

The Mustangs' next meet takes place January 9 at Farmington.

Athlete of the week



TOM CAHILL

Northville's swimmers weren't satisfied at all with the tie they had against Livonia Bentley last week, but were it not for a gutsy performance by Tom Cahill the meet would have probably been a loss. After trailing throughout the race in the 200-yard free style, Cahill came on in the last 25 yards to nip Bentley's Dave Giandelelli with a 1:56.5 clocking. The senior free stylist also placed third in the 100 free with a 53.1 clocking and helped the free style squad to a second-place finish in 3:40.0.

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Former player recalls 'the glory years'

BY MIKE LASH

They were the post-World War II glory years of major league baseball. Nellie Fox, Stan Musial, Ted Williams and Warren Spahn were the names making headlines.

The Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves ruled the National League roost. The Yankees were in the midst of the greatest dynasty in baseball history.

And attendance figures were at an all-time high.

Joe Ginsberg remembers those years well.

Joe Ginsberg is an amiable 51-year-old Northville resident who presently works as a representative of Jack Daniels Distillery at its regional office in Farmington.

But at one time his life was professional baseball.

For 14 years he was a major league catcher. His career spanned three decades, and during that time he played in 695 games for seven different clubs.

Used mostly as a back-up, Ginsberg compiled a mediocre .241 lifetime batting average, but his years in baseball are far from forgettable.

"The game was good to me," he acknowledges. "It's given me a lot of wonderful memories, and the chance to be associated with some very fine people."

Some of his most memorable moments came during his tenure with the first major league club he ever played for, the Detroit Tigers.

A left-handed hitting catcher in the late '40's-early '50's era, he played with such Tigers as George Kell, Virgil Trucks, Art Houtteman, Frank House, Gerry Priddy, Vic Wertz, Hoot Evers,

Johnny Lipon, and managers Fred Hutchinson and Red Rolfe.

Many of his teammates, like Harvey Kuenn, Al Kaline, Billy Hoelt and Paul Foytack, were just beginning colorful careers while others, like Hal Newhouser, Dizzy Trout and Bob Swift, were closing out theirs.

Ginsberg spent little over four years of his career with the Detroit organization, but he considers them his favorite. "That's my home town," he says.

Although born in New York City, Ginsberg grew up in northwest Detroit and was a star catcher with Cooley High School in the early 1940's. After spending two years in the Army and three seasons with Detroit farm clubs in Williamsport (Pa.), Jamestown (N.Y.) and Toledo, where he played with the likes of Nellie Fox and Johnny Groth, he joined the Tigers in 1948.

And admittedly it was a big jump.

"Yes, major league ball was somewhat of a change from the minors," he recalls. "One difference was playing in front of big crowds. In the majors you're playing in front of forty thousand, fifty thousand people, and that's a little scary."

Ginsberg appeared in only 11 games that first year, but batted an impressive .361 and helped the Tigers to a fifth-place finish in the American League. He was sent back to the minors for the 1949 season, then returned for three-and-a-half more years with the Detroit club.

He was a regular for the team in 1951 and '52, and during that time became part of a historic game. On May 15, 1952, he caught the first Tiger no-hitter in 40 years.

Virgil Trucks was pitching that day. With a mere 2215 fans in attendance at old Briggs Stadium, Trucks faced just 31 Washington Senator batters in nine innings, and not one got a hit.

Still, the game remained deadlocked at 0-0 until the bottom of the ninth, when Vic Wertz suddenly cracked a two-out bases-empty homer to give Detroit a 1-0 triumph. Ginsberg, anticipating extra innings, had already put his shin guards on.

Trucks went on to become only the third player in major league history to toss two no-hitters in a single season when he repeated the feat against the New York Yankees three months later.

After playing in 280 games and batting .247 for Detroit, Ginsberg was traded to Cleveland in mid-1953. He appeared in 49 games (batting .297) over a span of two seasons for the Indians, and was part of the famous 1954 club that set an all-time American League record for victories with 111 and was the only break in the Yankees' string of pennants from 1949 through 1958.

His fondest baseball memory, though, occurred with neither the Tigers nor Indians. After bouncing around with four other American League teams between 1955 and 1961, Ginsberg was picked up by the New York Mets and caught their first game ever in April of 1962.

Fifteen years later he still remembers that day clearly. Playing at home against the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Mets went 10 innings before bowing, 2-1.

"I went 0 for 3," Ginsberg recalls somewhat sheepishly. "I had a chance to win the game in the ninth. I came up with a man on first and no outs."

Normally a situation like that would call for a sacrifice bunt, he pointed out, but manager Casey Stengel decided to let him swing away.

"Casey was a gambler, anyway, so he said 'go ahead and hit.' So what do I do? I lift a little pop fly that's caught. If I'd have bunted we might have won." The rest is history. The Mets went on to drop their first eight games of the season and set an all-time record for futility, losing 120 games that year.

Ginsberg played only two games for New York before ending his major league career, but he still recalls those early days with affection.

"The fans were great," he says. "On opening day they had parades down Fifth Avenue. Then we only lost eight in a row, but they loved us."

On the ninth day, he recalls, the game was rained out, prompting Stengel to bring out a bottle of champagne.

We asked him what it was for, and

Casey said 'we're going to have a victory party because nobody can beat us today,' " Ginsberg laughs.

And the memories go on. Like the years he played for Paul Richards. Ginsberg spent five seasons under the renowned manager, during which time he accomplished a little-known "first."

"I was the first catcher to use an elephant glove," he recalls proudly. The elephant glove, developed by Richards, was a catcher's mitt with an unusually large pocket used to snare knuckle balls thrown by pitchers like Hoyt Wilhelm, whom Ginsberg caught for several times. It's still occasionally used today.

"The only trouble was that when a runner tried stealing base the ball sometimes got lost (in the webbing of the glove)," he reflects.

Although no longer involved in pro ball in any official capacity Ginsberg is a member of the Detroit Tiger Alumni Association, an organization involved in charity work and with the Special Olympics committee. Other members of the association include former Tigers Al Cicotte, Roy Cullenbine, Hank Aguirre and Charlie Gehringer as well as several players Ginsberg competed with.

He admits he doesn't visit the ball park much any more, although he does occasionally "go down there with some of the old-timers," but still loves the

sport. He doesn't, however, favor some of the changes that have taken place since his playing days.

"(Baseball is) getting to be a game of specialists, as football is," he says, noting such things as the designated hitter rule and the rise of the relief pitcher. "I think the reason is that owners will get more revenue, but it's not always in the interest of the game."

He also feels disfavorable toward the increasing consideration of the home run ball and the declining value of high average hitters.

"It used to be that hitters who batted .195 or .200 couldn't play," he says.

"The home run is more prevalent now than singles and doubles because the ball is livelier, and hitters are swinging for the fences now. (Thus) bunting is becoming a lost art. Managers don't want players to bunt because of the home run."

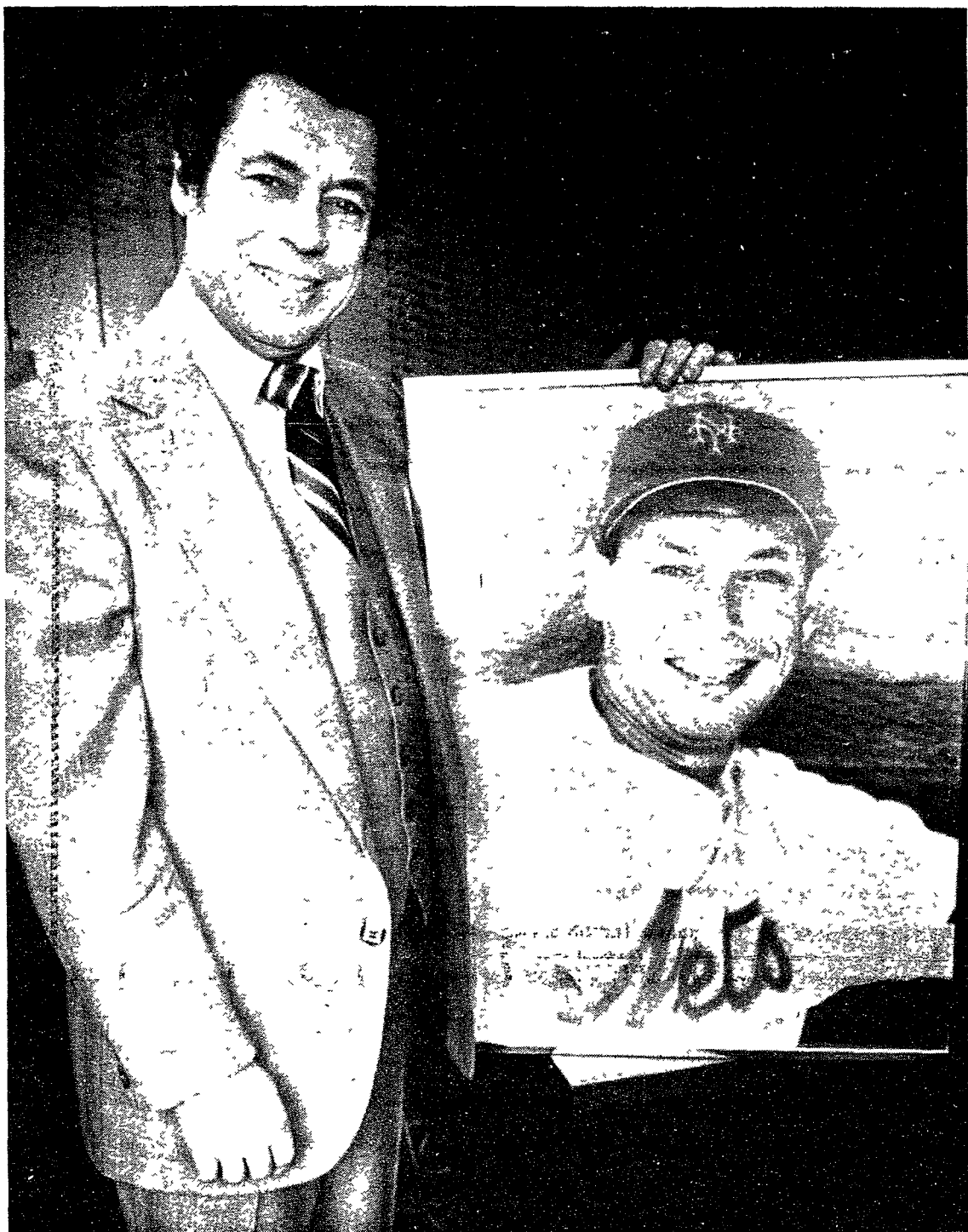
Even the train rides to distant cities, he feels, were something a little more special than today's rapid air travel.

"I really enjoyed the trains," he recalls. "That's one thing that players today are missing."

"I think there was more camaraderie then (in the early '50's) because of it. Things were a little closer."

But baseball is still baseball, and Ginsberg likes it all the same.

"It's a wonderful way to make a living," he says.



Joe Ginsberg stands next to portrait taken during his playing days with the New York Mets

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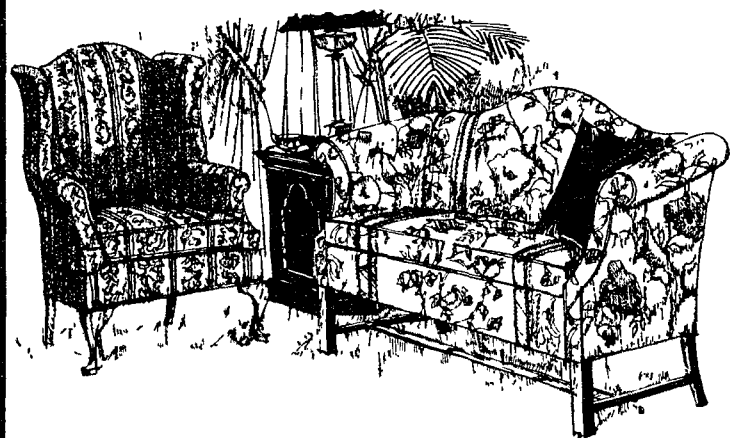
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Shedding some light on solar energy's potential

Maybe it's time to shed a little light on solar energy.

You do remember the sun, don't you? That's the source of energy that's going to let us tell the Arabs to sit on their oil, right? Let them try and place an embargo on sunbeams.

Those who think this way are failing to let the sunshine in on some important

facts, according to a many who makes his livelihood out of studying energy.

Estimates by the more optimistic experts indicate that solar energy could meet only two percent of the nation's needs by 1992, says Irving Sattinger, a research engineer for the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan.

There are hopes that the sun could

provide 70 percent of energy needs, but that goal isn't attainable for at least 200 years, he told an audience at Schoolcraft College recently.

"I tell you this not to discourage you, but to give you a feeling for how big the problem really is," he said.

The next day, in a telephone interview, he stressed that he "really didn't want to be negative" about solar energy.

"I'm positive. But it is important not to have people say it is a panacea."

Rather than a single cure-all, the sun should be viewed as one of several

sources — including nuclear power, conservation and coal — that can reduce the demand of the steadily dwindling supply of fossil fuels such as oil and gas.

"No single solution to the problem is going to suddenly alter the whole picture," he maintains. "All will make a contribution."

But the others have problems not shared by the sun. Coal has environmental drawbacks and capital investment roadblocks which must be overcome. Nuclear power carries safety risks. Conservation efforts may have little effect on a world whose 4 billion population may increase by 50 percent

by the year 2000.

The sun, on the other hand, is safe. In certain instances, it is economical now and will become more so as the cost of alternate fuels skyrockets. And, unlike coal — whose supply diminishes with use — the sun's rays are inexhaustible and their power will be used increasingly in the future.

The development and use of solar energy is important not just in long range terms, but also as a means for delaying the day when fossil fuels are depleted.

The supply of oil and gas will peak in the next 20 to 30 years, says Sattinger, and then start downhill.

Delaying the day that the oil wells run dry gives needed time to develop and perfect alternate energy sources. In this light, the seemingly meager impact that the sun can make on short-term energy needs takes on new importance.

If the sun provided two percent of the nation's energy needs in 1992, it would mean a savings of more than one

quadrillion BTU's that fossil fuels would normally provide.

One quadrillion is a one followed by 15 zeroes. More dramatically, one quadrillion BTU's is the amount of energy contained in a trainload of coal that stretches from New York to Alaska.

When Sattinger talks about solar energy use, he is referring to space heating and cooling, hot water and processed heat.

There are other sun-related energy systems that are being studied. They are:

Thermo-electric, windmills, bio-conversion, photo-cells and ocean-thermal gradients (where energy may be obtained from the temperature changes).

But heating and cooling through the use of solar energy collectors "is the closest to being here right now. In fact, it is here," says Sattinger.

The sun's rays are there for the taking, he adds. They need only be harnessed

Is it feasible in Michigan?

There will be thousands of sun-powered buildings in the United States by 1985, according to the Federal Energy Administration, and most of these will be homes.

But the feasibility of letting the sun heat your home depends on two basic factors

"Where utility costs are highest and sunshine most dependable, that's where solar energy pays off," says an administration official.

Thus the Sunbelt will be and is a prime location for solar energy systems. So is New England which endures the highest energy costs in the nation.

But what about Michigan? Will it pay off to install a solar collector on a new home?

Yes and no, says Irving Sattinger, a research engineer for the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM).

The institute studies indicate that a solar system is a good investment when installed in a home with electric resistance heating. It's still not economical, though, when compared with other conventional energy sources.

A typical, home solar system would consist of rooftop, flat-plate collectors which absorb the sun's rays to heat air or water which is pumped through internal pipes.

A home with 1500 square feet of living space would require about 500 square feet of collector plates for space and hot water heating.

At a cost of \$25 a square collector's foot, that means a \$12,500 investment.

Sattinger says that lump sum can be recovered in reduced electrical bills in 25 years.

"We're very early in the game and there isn't enough experience to say if they will last 25 years," he adds.

At today's prices, a solar energy unit is not a good alternative to gas or oil heat in Michigan. If gas and oil prices continue to rise as expected, Sattinger says the solar system will be a good investment by 1985.

A solar energy unit built in Michigan would only be an auxiliary system. In the example used above, the sun would provide 35 percent of the home's heating needs.

The efficiency of a solar heating is proportional to the amount of energy that falls on a square foot of the collector's plates.

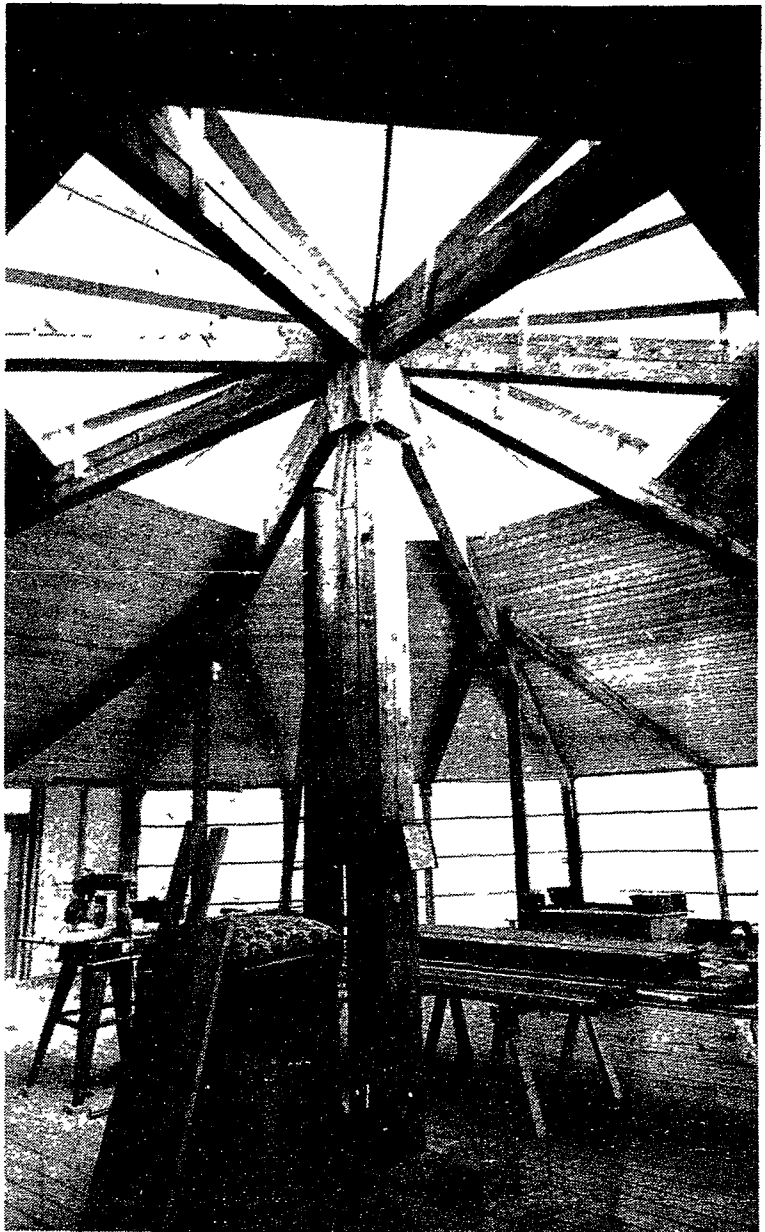
The lower the sun's angle — whether because of a northerly latitude, the winter season or the time of day — the less direct are the rays.

Atmospheric conditions — such as clouds, haze, pollution and humidity — also reduce solar efficiency.

These factors make Michigan a less attractive place for solar energy than, say, Phoenix, but ERIM's research still thinks the sun has a future in Michigan heating.

The institute's studies included such factors as maintenance costs and annual inspection fees.

It also noted that, besides utility savings, both federal and state governments are offering tax credits and property tax exemptions for homeowners who install solar energy systems.



Solar energy's future in Michigan homes is a definite maybe

'Black parishes should be proud'

"Black parishes should be proud to be black and Catholic."

This was one of the main points made by one of five black speakers who took part in a two-day "Ministry to Black Catholics" program attended by 160 priests, religious and laity at St. John's Provincial

Seminary near here last week.

Fr. George H. Clements, pastor of Holy Angels church in the archdiocese of Chicago, stressed the importance of black parishes being family-centered, educationally sound and aggressive in their evangelization.

"The future of the

Catholic Church in the ghettos of America is in achieving indigenous clergy," Fr. Clements said. "Every parish should put energy into working to produce vocations" (His parish, located in the lowest socio-economic area of Chicago, now has 30 young men studying for the priesthood.)

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Dispute could curtail racing

The harness racing script at Northville Downs calls for the curtain to fall Saturday night (New Year's Eve) on the current Jackson-at-Northville meet and re-open Monday night for the 84-night Northville Downs' harness meet.

But because of a dispute between the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association and Northville Downs over purses, there's some question about the curtain rising again next Monday.

That question will be answered tomorrow (Thursday) when Northville Downs calls for entries for Monday night racing. Horsemen have threatened to refuse to enter unless the purse split is increased.

Executive General Manager John Carlo has taken a firm stand that the 43 percent split currently being allocated for purses will remain. He notes it is exactly the share that horsemen have received during the Jackson-at-Northville meet. He also notes that it repre-

sents an increase over last year and that a study by the State Racing Commissioner's Office reveals that the same split will produce an increase in purses of 28 percent for the coming season.

Horsemen want a hike to 50 percent.

Under state law 5 1/2 percent of the total mutual handle (dollars wagered) goes to the state. The state in turn rebates 20 percent of its 5 1/2 percent take to the city government in which the track is located.

Eleven and one-half percent of the mutual remains for the track with 48 percent of this portion being used for purses. A total of 83 percent of the money wagered goes back to bettors holding winning tickets.

Carlo contends that it is illegal for an association of horsemen, which is not a recognized labor union, to "fix prices" by establishing purse percentages.

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Only Northville farmer joins nationwide strike

Northville's last resident farmer is on strike.

Milan George, who has farmed land around Six Mile near Ridge Road all his life, is not walking a picket line. But he says he has joined with farmers across the nation in a strike which began December 14.

George, once the largest dairy farmer in Northville until he switched to grain, is withholding both his grain and beef cattle from the market as his part in the nationwide protest for farm price security. He says he will continue to withhold his stock for an indefinite period of time.

However, George admits that he doesn't know how long he will continue to withhold his product from the market.

"I don't know how long I'll be willing to do this," he said, "but if the movement would gain some momentum in this area, it would help. Then buyers would start watching the

markets a little more closely."

According to George, the farmers' strike is not as well-organized in Michigan as it is in some other Midwestern states and in the far West.

"They're doing a lot more in Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas," George pointed out. "It doesn't seem to be as strong in this part of the country."

George readily admits the strike may not have much real impact upon the economics of farming and farm marketing. But he hopes it will have some effect.

"The best thing about it so far has been the media coverage we've been getting. At least we may be able to make a few people aware of our problems."

"Once people begin to realize that it's not the farmer who is responsible for high prices at the supermarket, we'll be getting somewhere," George said. "At least, this strike might help us make people aware of that."

Who's Who lists Geake

State Senator R. Robert Geake (R-Northville) is one of the few Michigan legislators included in the new 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who in Government."

"I am certainly honored to be a part of this major reference work," Geake said, "I understand that it contains over 18,000 biographical sketches of federal, state and local government officials. Of those, the index indicates that only twelve current members of the Michigan Senate are included."

"Who's Who in Government is a leading reference work," according to James Michelsen, head of the reference division of the Michigan Public Library Unit. Michelsen said the book is unlike some of the "vanity" publications in which people simply pay to be listed. It is published by the respected Marquis Company, who published the original "Who's Who" back around the turn of the century.

1977 crime rate decreases in city

With only a month left in 1977, it's readily apparent that Northville City will have a better crime record this year than in 1976.

The November "Monthly Activity Report," released last week by city police, shows that crime is down for almost all categories — both for last month and for the year to date — when compared with last year.

Only car thefts (three as opposed to one), assaults (seven compared with five), fraud (five to two) and narcotic drug violations (two to zero) were higher in November 1977 than in November 1976 among major crimes.

Overall, year-to-date crimes show a marked decrease in most categories.

Here are the number of complaints recorded through November with 1977 figures listed first, followed by 1976 statistics:

Homicides 0, 0; rapes, includes attempts, 1, 0; robbery 1, 7; aggravated

assault 9, 16; burglary 46, 78; larceny 156, 236; motor vehicle theft 25, 16; assaults 37, 62; arson 8, 4; forgery and counterfeiting 6, 8; fraud 45, 32; embezzlement 1, 0; stolen property 7, 5; vandalism 179, 195; weapons offenses 6, 5.

Prostitution 0, 0; sex offenses 6, 9; narcotic drug violations 25, 11; gambling 0, 0; drunk driving 58, 39; liquor law violations 42, 18; drunkenness 69, 126; disorderly conduct 199, 258; vagrancy 11, 6; juvenile complaints 94, 94; traffic complaints 382, 279.

The only crimes that have shown a significant increase this year are car thefts, arson, fraud, narcotic drug violations, drunk driving and vagrancy.

The 17 vandalism cases in November resulted in damages estimated at \$1046 or \$61 an incident. For the year, the 179 vandalism cases caused an estimated \$18,300 in losses or \$103 an incident.

No comparable vandalism figures were kept last year.

Providence health centers ok'd for Novi, South Lyon

Final authorization has been given for Providence Hospital, Southfield, to develop satellite health care centers in Novi and South Lyon.

Providence has been notified that its application for a certificate of need, which is required by law prior to hospital construction projects, had been approved by the Michigan Department of Public Health.

"The state action enables us to proceed with our plans to build ambulatory care centers to serve the growing population of southwestern Oakland County," said Sister Xavier Ballance, administrator.

"We are now in the process of purchasing property in the two communities and selecting architects for the projects. The new facilities are scheduled to be in operation within 24 months."

"However, because the immediate need for health care in the region is so great, Providence will begin providing services on an interim basis in Novi during early January," Sister Xavier reported.

"The lack of accessible health care which was documented so clearly during the planning process makes it imperative that we launch a service program at the earliest possible date."

The interim facility will be an 1,800 square-foot modular building located at 24050 Meadowbrook, at the corner of Ten Mile Road. The site has been leased to the hospital for one dollar a year by the Security Bank of Novi.

The building will contain five examination rooms, laboratory and radiology units, offices and waiting area. The medical staff will include an internist and a pediatrician. Services will be provided on an appointment basis five days a week.

Appointments now may be scheduled by telephoning 553-2040 and beginning January 2 by calling 478-8040.

"The temporary unit in Novi is just the initial step in fulfilling Providence Hospital's commitment to provide a sophisticated health care system of primary and emergency care to the residents of this area who gave such overwhelming support to our proposal at all stages of the approval process," Sister Xavier stated.

The estimated cost for the permanent Novi and South Lyon centers is \$4,750,000. The South Lyon unit is being planned in close cooperation with the city's economic development corporation.

The satellite programs will be extensions of the hospital's existing emergency department, family practice center and ambulatory care program. They will serve the population of Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake, Lyon Township, Green Oak Township, Novi Township along with parts of Northville and Salem and Northfield Townships.

The area's critical need for emergency care will be met by a 10,000 square-foot emergency facility offering 24-hour services at the Novi unit.

Efforts will be made to develop a network of advanced emergency medical technician services linked to Providence by radio and telemetry equipment in cooperation with the various communities.

Primary medical care at the Novi center will be provided by family practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians and internists. Other specialties, such as cardiology, gastroenterology and surgery, will be represented at the center while other cases will be referred to an appropriate health resource. Other services will include comprehensive vision care, dental care, a pharmacy, mental health

and substance abuse services, physical therapy and community health education.

The South Lyon satellite will be a family practice center containing examination-treatment rooms, vision care area, physical therapy facilities, diagnostic radiology and laboratory services, and mental health area.

Additional services and staffing will be undertaken as the need arises. Patients requiring specialty care not available at South Lyon will be referred to the Novi center, the main hospital or other institutions.

Both centers will have flexibility to expand into larger facilities if future population growth requires.

Hobart looks at '78

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Nancy Soper, now in her second year at Northville, with excellent work with the district's curriculum.

Likewise, Hobart also had praise for Director of Personnel Burton Knighton who, in his first year in the district, was faced with four unsigned contracts including two that were being bargained for the first time.

"That's another reason for optimism," said Hobart. "We have labor peace. All of our contracts have

been successfully concluded. This makes a lot of difference."

Finally, Hobart was more than pleased with the turnout at the high school where morale appears to be way up and complaints are on the way down.

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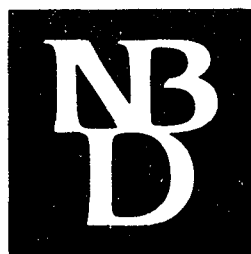
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