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Clearing up southeast Michigan's waters will be an expensive project — but not as expensive as highway construction.

A report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) puts a \$4.6 billion price tag on the estimated capital costs of making

waters here fishable and swimmable by the mid-1980s.

SEMCOG hired the consulting firm of Chase Mogdis, Inc. to prepare a report on "Economic and Financial Impacts of Pollution Control Alternatives."

A summary of the report was prepared by SEMCOG's Council on Environmental Strategy, chaired by Laqhrup Village Mayor Richard N. Cogger. The summary compares costs of the highway and water quality programs.

THE U.S. Department of Transportation reported that in the decade of 1966-75, some \$180 billion was spent on highway construction in the nation (excluding maintenance and debt retirement), Cogger said.

The capital costs for sewers nationwide in the 20 years from 1976-96 are estimated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at \$150 billion, or \$30 billion less than the highways.

"Thus," said Cogger, "although the estimated costs for water pollution control represent a substantial program, it is a far second to highway construction as a public works program."

The seven-county southeast Michigan region "contains approximately 2.2 per cent of the nation's population (and) would require some 3.1 per cent of the total nationwide estimate," Cogger went on. "Since we are one of the country's most intensive industrial-commercial complexes, this ratio would not appear out of line."

So in a program costing \$150 billion nationwide, southeast Michigan's water program would cost \$4.6 billion, according to the SEMCOG consultant.

That figure breaks down to \$3.1 billion for facilities and \$1.5 billion for stormwater control.

SEMCOG is the state-selected planning agent for a water quality management.

Such a planning process is required under terms of the 1972 Clean Water Act amendments. Sec. 208 of that act mandates attacking the problem of "non-point" pollution—the kind that

comes from road runoffs, farmyards and the like.

"The major costs delineated would have to be spent whether there was a 208 Water Quality Management Plan or not," said Cogger's memo. "However, the plan insures that preventive measures would be implemented and that non-point concerns are addressed."

For southeast Michigan, capital costs for the next 20 years are estimated at \$4.6 billion; operation and maintenance of facilities at \$1.7 billion; enforcement, administration, planning and review at 0.14 billion — a total of \$6.5 billion.

Plymouth-Canton OBITUARIES

RAY F. BOWSER

DR. BERT HUDGINS

Funeral services for Mr. Bowser, 88, of Stark Road, Livonia, were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. William A. Ritter.

Mr. Bowser, who died March 29 in Botsford Osteopathic Hospital, was a retired tool and die machinist, a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 of Livonia. Survivors include: son, Kelly of Ohio; daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Loesch of Plymouth; two sisters, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

TOMMY BEARDEN

Funeral services for Mr. Bearden, 47, of Amelia, Plymouth, were held recently in Winchester, Tenn., with burial at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Tullahoma, Tenn. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Mr. Bearden, who died March 28 in St. Mary Hospital, had moved here two years ago from Westland and was a foreman at Stahl Mfg. Survivors include: wife, Rita; mother, Mrs. Laverne Bearden of Georgia; sons, Butch, Randy, Ronny, Mitchell and Michael; daughter, Michelle; four brothers and five sisters.

A memorial service for Prof. Hudgins, 91, of Plymouth, will be held at 1 p.m. April 4 in Westminster Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell. Burial will be at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Dr. Hudgins, who died March 25 in Oakwood Hospital, was retired professor emeritus at Wayne State University and past chairman of the department of geography at WSU. He had been living in Plymouth with his daughter, Jean Cole. He had taught at Wayne for 37 years and retired in 1957. Dr. Hudgins was associated with the National Council of Geography Teachers, the American Meteorological Society, the Association of American Geographers and was a fellow in the American Association for Advancement of Science. He was the author of numerous books and geography-related publications, and was listed in Who's Who in America. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Illinois State Normal University, MA from the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. from Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Survivors include: daughter, Jean Cole of Plymouth; son, D. Harlan; daughter-in-law, June Hudgins; and grandchildren David, Jeffrey and Nancy Hudgins.

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producing event in one's life. Approaching retirement even topped pregnancy, death of a close friend, or a child leaving home in terms of stress produced.

Northey says people today are encouraged to retire earlier than in the past because of today's economic climate and inflation.

CITING THE GOVERNOR'S last state of the address, Northey says government encourages early retirement. Gov. William Milliken proposed a task force to investigate pre-retirement planning.

Northey says he didn't experience any problems prior to his retirement because he planned for it.

He suggests health care should be of primary concern when approaching retirement. People should then examine their financial situation and plan activities for their free time.

"The hardest person to discipline is yourself—and how to handle free time," he says.

Northey suggests people research how successful retirees have coped

with retirement, develop hobbies and find things to do that interest them.

Men have more problems than women in planning leisure activities during retirement because they were overly disciplined in their work, Northey says. Even their friendships were often only confined to the work place.

"Women have adjusted better because they have so many other things that they like to do—like crafts," he says. "Men need more leisure activities."

Through his discussions and lectures, Northey found people were greatly concerned about two factors of retirement. Their greatest concern was the effect of inflation on their futures, as retirees usually have to cope on fixed incomes.

A CONCERN THAT often materialized during his communications was the loss of prestige when workers (especially men) leave their jobs. Northey says retirement is a great "evener."

"Now the foreman and the factory worker are on the same keel. You're

no longer the supervisor of schools but just a retiree."

Northey stresses that prestige is an artificial creation and therefore nothing to become anxious about.

Another form of friction as a result of loss of prestige can be found in the household—between a husband and wife.

"She gets her social security checks the same as he does," Northey says. "He no longer is the head of the household as he was before."

Northey finds the best way to enjoy retirement is through service to others. He says people who have spent their lives accumulating money to support a family and buy a home should now travel, enjoy life and volunteer their time to others.

Northey's book is under revision and the new version should be done in about six weeks. It will include a new chapter on housing for retirees.

He cites the advantages of selling a home to supplement income. He says the law favors those over 65 who sell by offering a tax break.

Northey says while his book applies

to retirees of many occupations, there is one chapter that deals with the pension program for retiring school employees.

Copies of "Easing into Retirement" can be obtained by writing to: Michigan Education Association, Box 673,

East Lansing, Mich. 48823. The cost is 50 cents for the book plus 50 cents for postage.

from our readers

Sign article unfair to our neighbor?

Editor:

I wish to point out that the article in the Observer on Canton Township's sign ordinance is inaccurate and misleading.

It is inaccurate in that the accompanying photo display of an area of the City of Plymouth, not Plymouth Township, as stated in the caption of the picture. The article is misleading because it implies that the Plymouth Township sign ordinance is too liberal and allows signs that are unreasonably tall or large.

Actually, Plymouth Township's sign ordinance is very restrictive. The maximum allowed height of ground signs is 12 feet if located at the street property line and going up to 25 feet if located at least 13 feet from the property line.

The maximum sign area allowed in commercial zones is 90 square feet. Sequentially lighted signs are prohibited. The number of words or symbols that can be placed on signs is tightly controlled according to the number of street frontages of the property.

Admittedly, one can find many examples of signs that do not comply

with the current ordinance but such signs were constructed prior to passage of the existing ordinance. Unfortunately, signs that pre-date the ordinance are classified as "non-conforming uses" and must be allowed to continue in existence until the owner wishes to reconstruct or other-

wise alter the sign at which time the signs would be required to conform to the current ordinance.

SMITH HORTON
Vice-Chairman
Plymouth Township Planning Commission

All-purpose law off-base?

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enforcing local laws instead of state acts. This enables to police to ask a township attorney—instead of the

county prosecutor—for an arrest warrant, saving considerable time.

Shake-up

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ing inoperable equipment unsheltered on their property.

Stein said last week that there is nothing underhanded in the reorganization of the ordinance department. Stein said that Thompson requested that the ordinance department be made separate from the building department because the volume of work in both areas is increasing.

Old-time barbershop pole is spinning off into oblivion

By W.W. EDGAR

Like the thinning ranks of World War I veterans, the old-fashioned barbershop with the red, white and blue revolving signs is fast passing from view.

One of the few remaining—a pleasant sight to those who recall the old shop where the barber was a master with the comb and shears—is Myron's Barbershop at 917 S. Main, Plymouth.

There, with big bold letters "Barber Shop" and the old-time colored cylinders, is a reminder of the past when the barbershop and country store were the gathering places to air the topics of the day.

WHERE HAVE THE old-time shops gone?

They have given way to what are now termed hair salons, and such modern names as the Clippery, across from the intersection of Starkweather and Main, the Yankee Clipper across from city hall, and the Gentlemen's Hair Salon on Harvey just south of Ann Arbor Trail.

These modern establishments are far removed from the old-time shops in that they concentrate on hair "styling" with prices to match the sophisticated names.

No longer do the men visit these places for a shave or just a haircut. The shaving activity went out with the wind that brought in the electric razor for home use. And no longer can a fellow get what used to be called a "trim."

The modern establishments specialize in styling of long hair, such styles as the Afro and the box top where the hair is made to lay flat and grow on the sides well-out from the ears.

Those parlors or salons are a far cry from the old-time shops which not only employed skilled barbers but also provided a shoe shiner while your hair was being cut. And the reading material on the tables was not the Wall Street Journal or other business magazines, but the Police Gazette—a volume which always was printed on pink paper.

AND ALONG WITH the limbo of forgotten things is the picturesque shelf of private shaving mugs.

It was the custom then to have your own shaving mug and brush. The mug usually carried your initials, often in colorful Old English letters. One of the most important days in a young man's life came when his parents gave him his own shaving mug to place on the shelf—it helped make him part of the community.

These things now are just memories of a forgotten era. But the old-time barber helped to bring on the great change.

It all started when some of the more eager of the old-time barbers, hoping to stand his place apart from the average shop, called it a tonsorial parlor.

From there, through the years, we now have stylist shops and the men working at the chairs no longer are plain barbers—they now are stylists.

But like the veterans' thinning ranks, there always is some old gent still carrying on—Myron's barbershop on S. Main stands almost as a monument to the old-time barbers.

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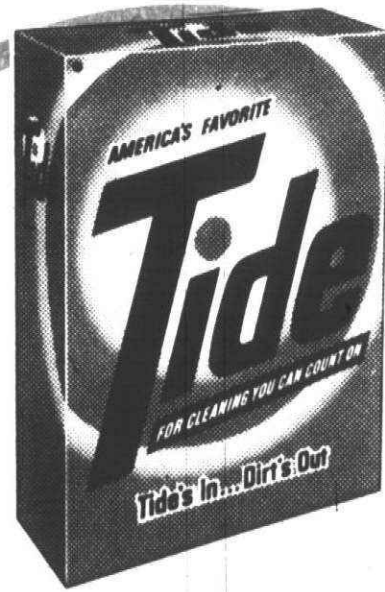


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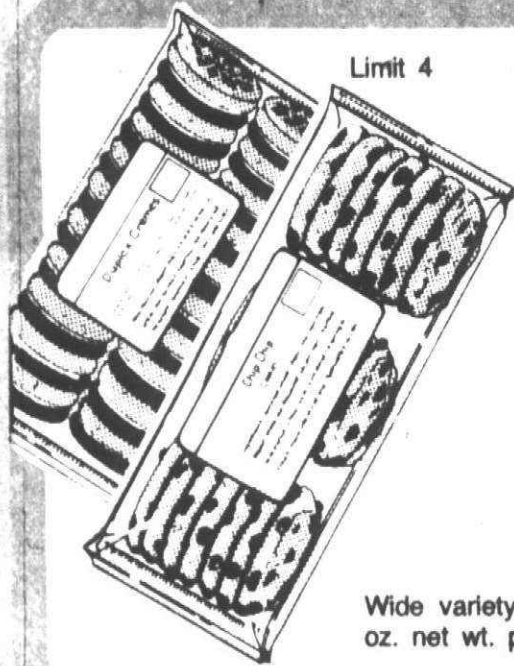


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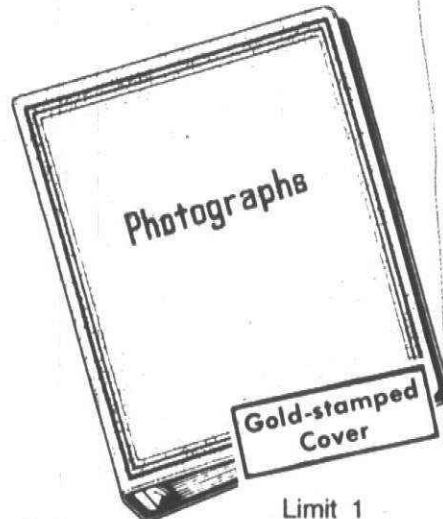
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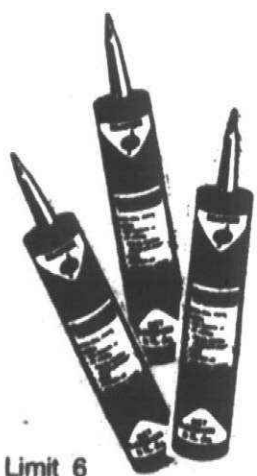
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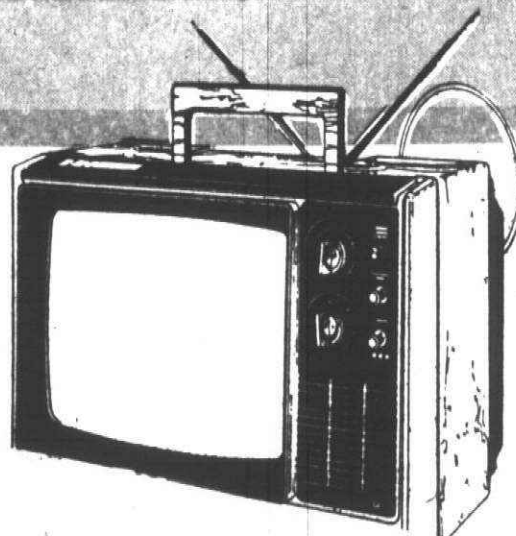


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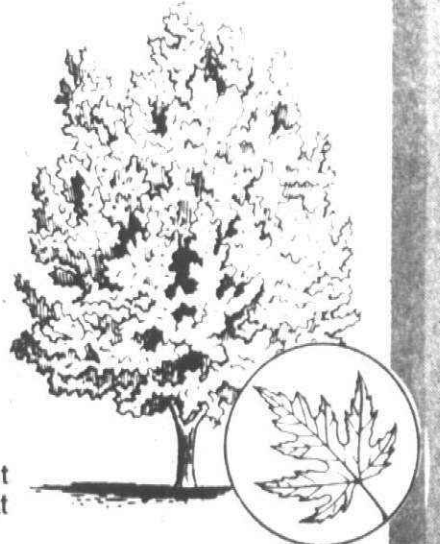


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'We need consistent pitching' - Gilles

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

It's the baseball season again and for Plymouth Salem and its coach Brian Gilles it means another chance for the Suburban Eight League title.

The Rocks won the crown in 1975 (the year they won the state championship) and 1976 before falling to second-place last season with an 8-5 record.

Salem was 12-13 overall last year but Gilles hopes to rebound with players he calls "winners."

This season, Gilles kept eight seniors and 13 juniors for an unusually large 21-member squad. But this doesn't seem to bother the third-year coach.

"We are carrying more kids than ever but if you look at our practices you wouldn't even notice the numbers," the Salem mentor said. "Everyone is always working and the attitude is great."

Gilles sees eight seniors from last year's squad, which finished second to Livonia Bentley. Although two starting pitchers, three infielders and three outfielders are lost to graduation, Gilles still feels he has a strong core of upcoming seniors and a host of tough juniors who will carry his club this season.

HEADING THE list of returning seniors are the Rocks' two starting pitchers, Doug Holloway and Bruce Piper. Both righthanded hurlers also play third base, which is only one of a number of options Gilles has with his starting lineup this season.

While Gilles won't say who his number one pitcher is at this time, he feels that both Piper and Holloway are the keys to the Rocks' success this season.

Last year, Salem was plagued with inconsistent pitching and sloppy infield defense. The Rock coach points this out, shaking his head at last year's statistic of an average of 1.7 opponents' batters reaching base each inning.

"The big thing is that we have to get consistency on the mound," Gilles said. "I don't expect either pitcher to walk people. They can average around five to eight strikeouts each game."

"We've never had trouble hitting the ball in the last two years. We just have to stop putting people on base and eliminate the mental mistakes in the field."

The Rocks' top potential hitters are first-baseman Bob Waite and center-fielder Joe Goodsir. Both sluggers had

outstanding seasons last year and should be the heart of Salem's offensive attack.

Behind Waite at first base is junior Sam Merrill and senior Wally Brown. These two basemen will also vie for the leftfield position.

SALEM HAS A BIG question mark at the keystone positions where all-around athlete Paul Dillon and Mike Michalek are the top candidates for second base and shortstop respectively.

Chris Lock and Bill Kral back up Dillon while Chris Hannan offers a steady glove behind the junior Michalek.

Rightfield is a flexible position where senior John Lewelling, also a back up catcher, Matt Etienne, a junior hurler, and Dillon could play, depending on Gilles' line-up.

Junior Dave Wilcox looks solid behind the plate while John Holdsworth, Barry Owens, Perry Strautz and Dave Runge round out the pitching staff.

Mike Cimino, a junior third baseman, will back up Holloway and Piper, while juniors Bill Harsh and Pete Woodard back up the outfielders.

GILLES THINKS he has many talented players on his squad but admits the question marks are consistent pitching and the youth at a number of key positions.

"I don't know about this team—we'll know in about six to eight weeks," Gilles said. "I look at this team and I see many great possibilities. But I don't know how they will react under pressure."

"We have no set line-up. We've got a lot of moves to make in our batting order depending on certain situations."

The Rocks have five left-handed hitters on the squad, and Gilles said he may use them all at one time in a game. He also marvels at the overall team speed in the outfield and on the basepaths.

Gilles sees a four-team race in the Sub-8 this season with Allen Park the undoubted favorite. The Jaguars have most of their players back from a squad which peaked at the end of last season by advancing to the semifinals of the state tournament.

Gilles also feels that Bentley and Redford will join his squad in battling the Jaguars for the league championship.



Doug Holloway was a reliable starter for the Rocks' last season as a junior. He hopes his control will lead Salem to a successful season. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)



Bruce Piper returns to the Rocks' pitching staff for his senior season with high hopes for a Sub-8 championship. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

Tiano tries to rebuild Canton track program

By ANDY MELIN

Calling it a "rebuilding year," first-year Plymouth Canton optimistic track coach Mike Tiano is optimistic about his new Chief thinclads.

"We're really young. We only have eight seniors," said Tiano. "I'm really pleased with the kids so far," he added. "They're really coming around."

Tiano, who is not a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school system, graduated from Plymouth High School in 1972. He received a bachelor's degree in art and physical education in 1976 from Grand Valley State University.

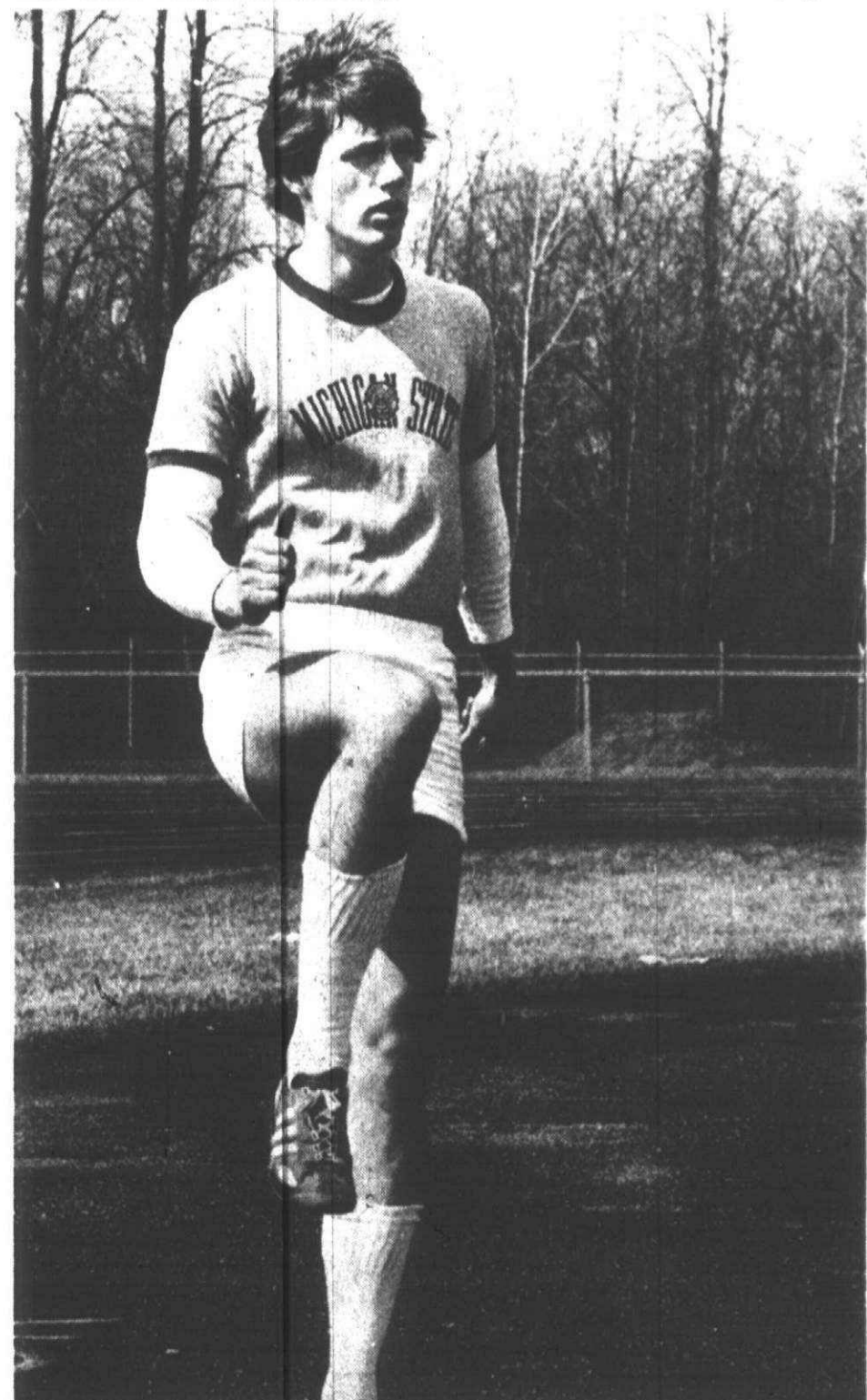
Tiano played football and ran track for three years at Plymouth High, and continued his athletic career with one year of football and track at West Virginia University and Oakland Community College.

He played two years of varsity football and track at Grand Valley in 1974 and 1975.

After his only year of football at Oakland Community College in 1973, Tiano was named honorable mention junior college all-American.

Tiano was an assistant football and

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Dan McGlimm, a sophomore, should be one of the bright spots for the young Chiefs this season. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

Thinclads hope to be contenders

By ANDY MELIN

The Plymouth Salem boys' track team, with a nucleus of 25 seniors, has the potential and balance to be a legitimate contender for the Suburban Eight League championship this season.

Senior tri-captains Mark Choma, Scott Kappler and Bob Shosha will spearhead the Rocks this year. All three supply the squad with fine leadership ability.

Choma and Kappler are each 13-foot-plus pole-vaulters.

Dasher, an All-State football player, was league champion last year in the discus. He also throws the shot put.

"We have good leadership throughout the entire team," said coach Gary Balconi.

This year's team hopes to improve on a 4-3 dual meet record and fifth place finish in the Sub-8 league meet last season.

Walt White, Jerry Basierbe and Tom Kindree, last year's tri-captains, were all lost to graduation.

White was league champion in the mile last year. He also holds the league record in that event.

Both Basierbe and Kindree were top 220-yard dash men.

Balconi feels that Salem's overall strength is in the field events, and weakness is in the low hurdles and high jump.

In the pole-vault, along with Choma and Kappler, is another 13-foot-plus vaulter in junior Dennis Ogden. Junior Jack Wellman and senior Dave Bevermiz are also 12-foot-plus vaulters.

The long jump is another Rock strong suit.

Junior Rich Hanschu and senior Curt Lewis are 20-foot-plus jumpers and finished second and third, respectively, in last year's league meet.

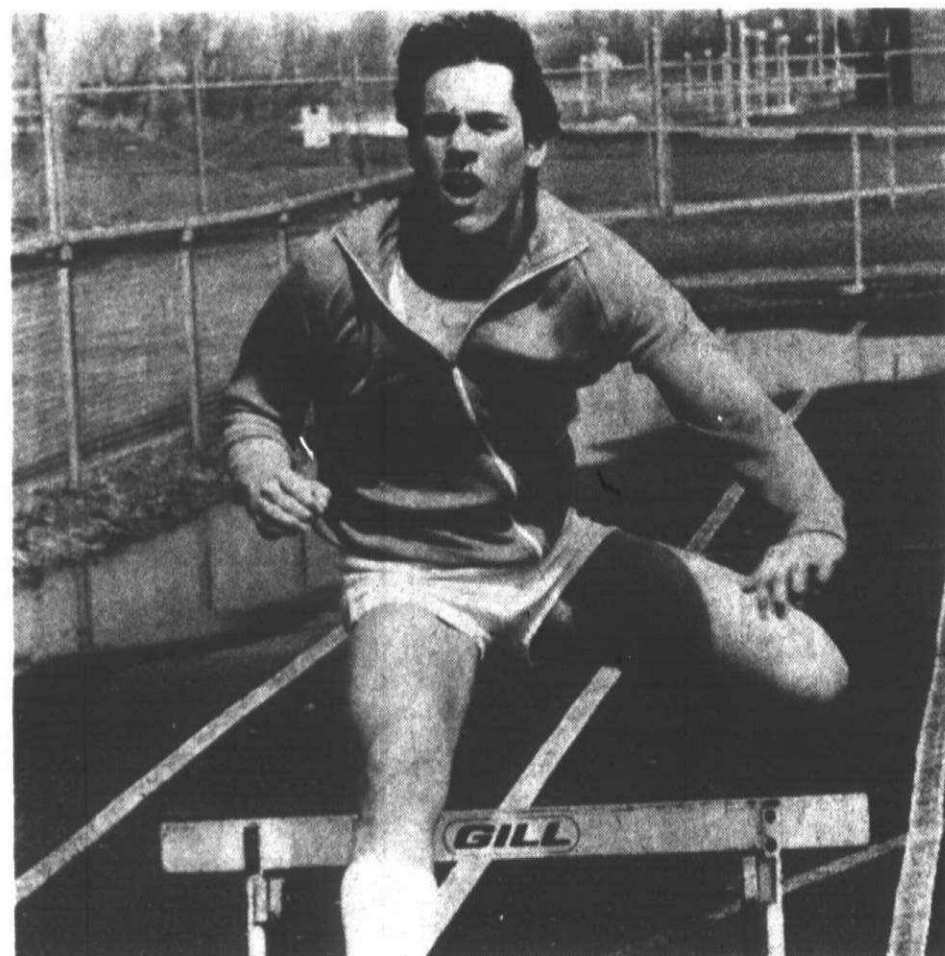
Senior Mike Skone, a meet long jumper, high jumper and hurdler, broke his ankle a few weeks ago and won't be back to peak form until at least mid-season.

Senior Mike Christie and junior Phil Anderson will handle the high jumping chores.

Christie, Anderson, Hanschu, and senior Doug Agnew form a strong group of high hurdlers.

Christie is also a fine low hurdler. He holds the Salem school record in that event with a time of :40.1.

Other low hurdlers will be senior



Mike Christie shows his leaping ability on the low hurdles, during one of the Plymouth Salem track practices. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

Hockey school here

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with the Canadian-American hockey group, will sponsor a fall hockey school the week of Sept. 5 through Sept. 10.

The school will be staffed by qualified CAN-AM personnel. The one-week session will offer a novice program, a boys program, and an adult coaching development program.

The boys program will have two age groups from 8-15 years. A maximum of 45 participants including 4 goalies, will receive 15 hours of instruction for a \$65 fee.

The novice program will teach hockey fundamentals for 5- to 7-year-old icers. There will be a maximum of 45 participants, and eight hours of instruction will cost \$30.

A coaching development program for as many as 40 participants and 12 hours of instruction will cost \$20. Pre-registration, which assures par-

ticipation in the program, will be held from March 31 to April 21. Open registration will be conducted until all vacancies are filled. Dates for the open registration are April 24 to July 31. All registration will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Cheerleading sponsor sought

Plymouth-Canton High School is looking for a new pom-pom (Chieftettes) coach and cheerleading sponsor for the 1978-1979 school year.

Anyone interested in either position should have some interest and knowledge about coordinating either program.

All interested persons should apply in writing to Canton principal Kent Buikema, at 8415 Canton Center road.

BREVITIES



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April 11—A free public introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in room 168 of Plymouth Canton High School. The lecture is sponsored by the International Meditation Society. For more information, contact Bill Doehr at 274-4422.

GIFTED CHILDREN

April 12—The Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented will meet at 8 p.m. in the West Middle School cafeteria for a panel presentation on programs for gifted children. Coffee will be served during an informal discussion beginning at 7:30 p.m.

RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society meets the third Tuesday of the month in the basement of the Plymouth Federal Community Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to attend.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets Tuesdays from 7:30-11:30 p.m. in Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Novice to advanced players attend and instruction is provided to beginners. For information contact Conrad Drake at 387-1881.

PAINT FOR FUN

Paint for Fun meets Thursdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. There is no fee. For information contact Fred Prussing at 455-8894.

PARTY BRIDGE

Party Bridge is each Thursday from 1-4 p.m. in Cultural Center.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Community Chorus, men's and women's choral group, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in vocal room of East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill.

ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY

Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center.

SQUARE DANCING

Learn to square dance with caller Doug Waldren every Wednesday from

7:30 to 10 p.m. in Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, for \$3 per couple, per night. For information call 928-2068.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Wayne County Office of Aging offers a nutrition program Monday through Friday at noon in Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth. This program offers a balanced meal for senior citizens. Reservations may be made at the site, in person, or by calling 453-9703 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Transportation is available through the Canton, Northville, Plymouth YMCA by calling 453-2968. Program is free but 50-cent donations are appreciated.

MOVIES FOR CHILDREN

Free movies for children are shown on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Plymouth Cultural Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Hot dogs and soft drinks available for a nominal charge.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate bridge meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cultural Center. Novice to advance players welcome.

OIL PAINTING

Informal oil painting sessions for those with some experience are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays in the Cultural Center.

FOLK DANCE CLUB

Folk Dance Club meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in Bird Elementary School, 220 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Open to middle school students through adults from novice through experienced. Contact Joe Azbill at 455-6163.

SENIOR GOLF, BOWLING

The Canton Senior Citizens Club is planning to sponsor summer bowling and golf leagues. For information on signing up, call Thelma Ginder at 722-0499 or the Canton recreation office at 391-2777.

SCHOOL FORUM

April 5—The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will hold an open forum at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth Canton High School. All residents and clubs are invited to attend to ask the board members questions on any educational issue in the district.

SC union speaks out

Faculty launches 2d budget attack

Schoolcraft College faculty members might be more inclined to support a property tax increase at the polls "if more attention were paid to instruction."

That message went to the board of trustees from William G. Nickels, chemistry instructor and leader in the Faculty Forum, bargaining agent for 162 full-time instructors and other part-timers.

Nickels at the March 23 board meeting launched the faculty's second consecutive attack in as many meetings on the college's budget priorities.

THE FORUM'S attack was two-pronged:

Nickels said administrators have grown in number from 24 to 36, or by 50 per cent since 1968, while full-time faculty have increased only 17 per cent. And he attacked the policy of

holding the number of full-time faculty stable since 1970 while more than doubling the numbers of part-timers.

"Some decisions have to be made about part-time instructors. We're going to need some full-time instructors. The question is priorities," Nickels said.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT C. Nelson Grote flatly challenged Nickels' statement that there are 36 administrators.

"It's not the Faculty Forum view vs. my view. Administrators are defined by the master contract with SCAAP (the managers' bargaining unit)," said Grote. His count showed 31 administrators.

The faculty spokesman said the union's count included the assistant to the registrar, assistant to the director of college relations, assistant to the director of physical plant, accounting

supervisor and bursar.

Trustees said the reason for hiring part-timers (who are ineligible for fringe benefits, which add one-third to the payroll) is the college's inability to win three straight millage elections.

"It basically goes back to funds in general—to millage," said Trustee Nancie Blatt.

Added Chairman Paul Y. Kadish: "There's no one who wouldn't like to have 95 per cent of the faculty full-time."

NICKELS AND Grote clashed on whether materials and equipment were in short supply.

The Forum spokesman said library investment dollars are fewer today than in 1968; that the biology department has nothing left to buy supplies; physics has only \$24 in its supplies account; and chemistry ran out of

paper towels in the laboratories.

An angry Grote replied that neither he nor academic dean Fred Stefanski had been informed about the supply shortages. "You have an administrative procedure to use for supplies. This shouldn't have had to come before the board," Grote snapped at Nickels.

Citing a case of a sudden need for maintenance of biology microscopes, Grote said, "Several months ago I was advised of the maintenance problem. Stefanski requested \$1,000 from the contingency fund for it. I took care of it the day I got it."

In another faculty matter, Richard T. Arlen, president of the Forum, formally notified the college that the union is ready to open negotiations on a new master contract. The current one expires at the beginning of the fall semester in late August.

RR safety hearing is Wednesday

A special committee studying railroad safety will conduct the first in a series of public hearings at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The hearing will be in Novi High School at 24062 Taft Road.

"I requested that the first hearing be scheduled in Novi because there have been three derailments there recently of trains carrying hazardous materials," said State Rep. Richard Fessler (R-Union Lake), a member of the special committee.

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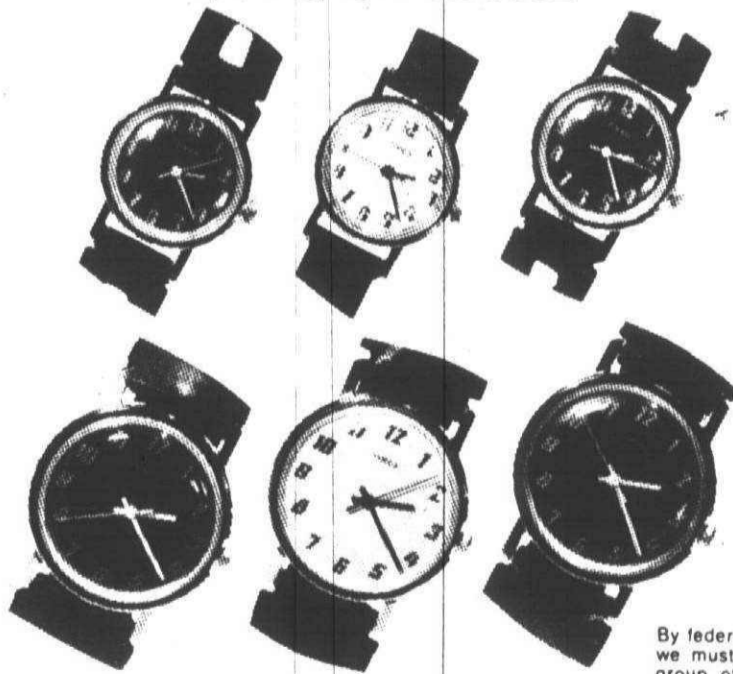
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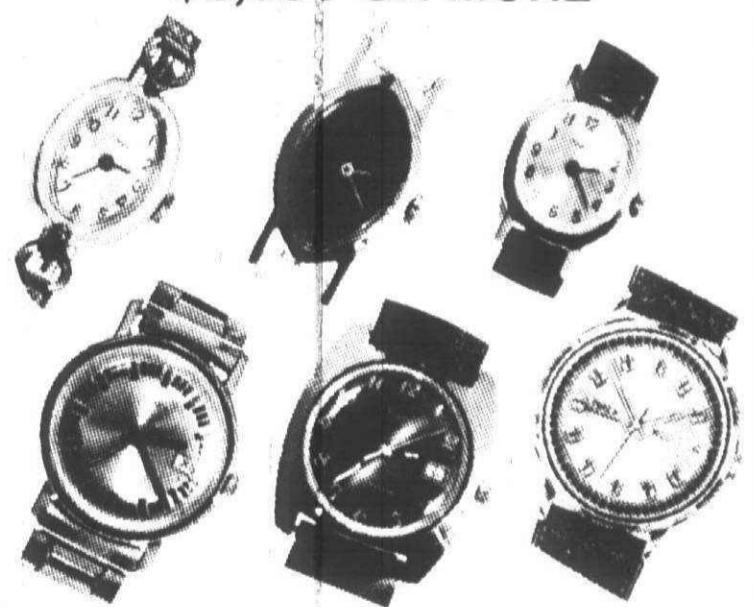
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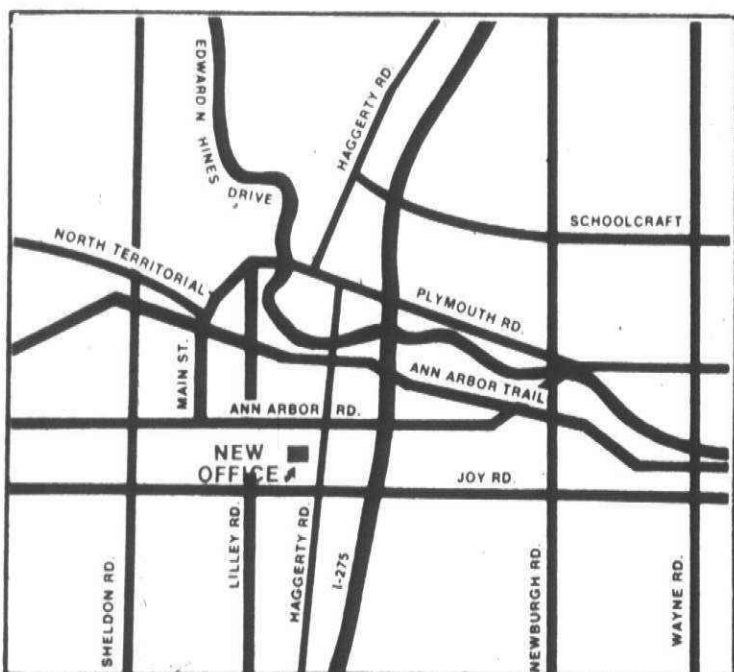
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A reunion—almost

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cially those towards the front of the line. If you haven't got your tabs by today, the lines will be much, much shorter but don't drive there—it might cost you a ticket. (Staff photo)

Business Briefs

ROBERT SANBORN

Robert B. Sanborn of Canton Township has been appointed assistant systems officer in the EDP systems development department of National Bank of Detroit.

As project manager, Sanborn is responsible for the operations and development of the bank's wire transfer systems. In his three years with NBD, he has worked as a systems analyst. Sanborn has a BS degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University, where he was a member of Sigma, the senior men's honorary organization. He received the New Technology Award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for his work on the "space shuttle" program prior to joining NBD. In his free time, he enjoys softball and basketball.

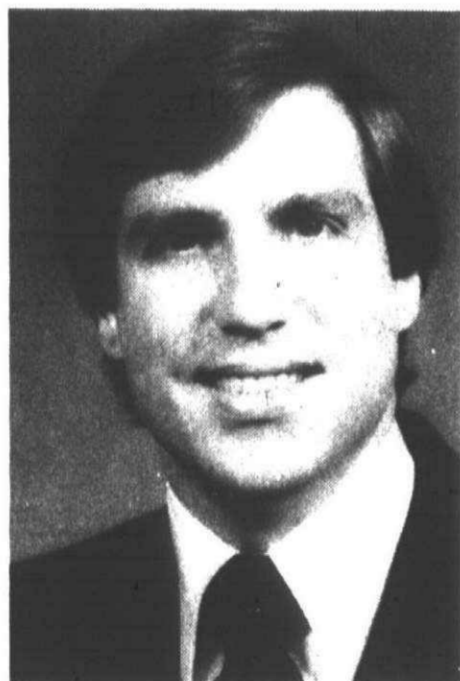


ROBERT SANBORN

STEVEN KIRKPATRICK

Steven M. Kirkpatrick of Plymouth has been appointed marketing manager for the Detroit Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

In his new position, Kirkpatrick is responsible for developing marketing programs for all the company's products. He will direct merchandising, advertising, and market-research. Before joining Detroit Coca-Cola, Kirkpatrick, 29, spent six years with General Foods where he most recently was advertising and merchandising manager for ready-to-drink products. A native of Lafayette, Ind., Kirkpatrick attended MSU on a basketball scholarship and earned a BA in economics and an MBA in finance while at Michigan State.



STEVEN KIRKPATRICK

Petroleum society recognizes SC

Schoolcraft College's petroleum technology program has been listed in the 1978 directory of petroleum engineering schools published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Schoolcraft is among eight technical schools in the United States to offer the program. A second state school, Northwestern Michigan College at Traverse City, also is included.

Schoolcraft's program was developed by instructors John Bedford, coordinator, and William Ryan. It requires 76 credit hours of study, 25 in the area of petroleum, and leads to an associate in science degree.

First begun in the fall of 1976, petroleum technology currently has eight freshmen and eight sophomore students. Openings for additional students are available.

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County supports tougher laws to protect battered women

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners supports "peace bonds" as the first line of defense to protect battered wives and abused children while they wait for a trial or other court action.

The board recently approved a resolution supporting the intent of various bills currently before the legislature that would give battered spouses more legal protection and recourse in the courts.

Courts now authorize a five-day cooling down period before a domestic violence defendant can be brought to trial.

The procedure frequently places a battered wife or child in danger of being beaten up again. If a husband violated a peace bond, he would be fined or put in jail—or both, depending on the circumstances.

The resolution also endorses the following assistance for battered families:

• State or federal funding for emergency shelters and protection.

• The temporary shelter would offer necessary medical treatment, child care services for dependent children of the victim, and information and referral services in marriage counseling, social and mental health services, job-training and legal aid.

• Better police service by urging the state police training council to increase the required number of hours and also improve the training techniques for handling domestic violence cases.

• Faster service by prosecutors and courts in responding to the needs of battered wives and children.

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4. Where will I live? (Consider climate, type of residence, desired lifestyle, economics, health.)

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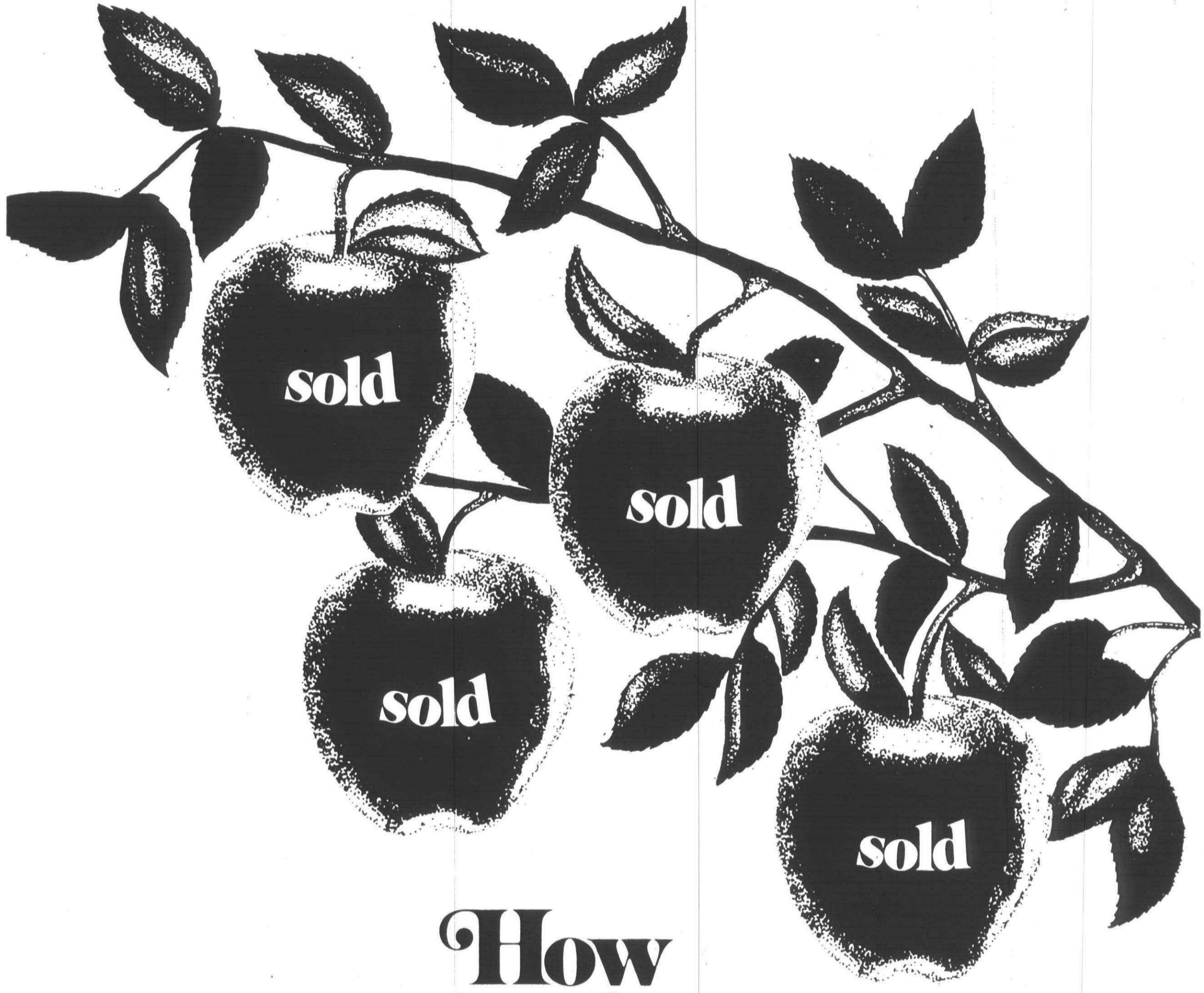
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