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The Canton Connection

TEENAGE SKI LOVERS may register for a trip to the Alpine Valley resort, sponsored by the Canton recreation department. Cost is \$15 without equipment and \$8.50 with your own equipment. The trip begins at 5 p.m. Friday, March 4. Bus transportation leaves from Township Hall and plans to return shortly after midnight. For more information, call the recreation department at 397-1000.

CANTON'S LIBRARY BOARD will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the library's meeting room on the third floor of Township Hall, on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

DOLLS — ANTIQUE that is, will be discussed and displayed by Pam Flick from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at Canton's library. Flick, president of the Michigan Doll Lover's Guild, will demonstrate the art of mending and reproducing antique dolls. Registration is required. For more information, call 397-0999.

FAME CONTINUES to beckon to Canton's popular senior citizen Kitchen Band. Last year, the group cut a record. Recently, the band applied for an appearance on the TV show, "Real People."

The Kitchen Band, formed in 1977, makes music on buckets, bed pans, kazoes, washboards and other improvised "instruments." The musicians, all senior citizens, have performed all over the Detroit area.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD recently re-appointed Jack Falvo, Helen Wesner and Cathy Sibert to three-year terms on the recreation advisory committee. The committee helps make long-range plans for recreational projects in Canton.

REMEMBER WHEN Gallimore Elementary School raised more than \$2,000 in a readathon drive for the Multiple Sclerosis Society? Guess how many books these students read? Was it 60? 100? 200? 500? No — it was more than 2,300 books.

WANT TO HELP the Friends of the Canton Public Library? Volunteers are needed to price, sort and transport books for the group's annual book sale in April. Book donations may be brought to the library before March 15. For more information, call Carol Dugan, co-chairwoman of the book sale, at 981-1236.

CANTON HIGH school cheerleaders recently placed second in league competition at Northville High School. The host Mustangs won the loop title. Salem high school cheerleaders did not participate in the event.

REPUBLICATION in Canton will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 2780 Denton. The agenda includes election of new officers, setting goals and discussing the future of the organization.

TWO OUTDOOR ice skating rinks are available — free of charge — to all Canton residents. This winter's rinks are at Flodin Park (on Salt between Canton Center and Sheldon) and behind the township's administration building (on Canton Center near Proctor). The activity is sponsored by Canton's recreation department.

Anyone interested in submitting information about Canton Township for "The Canton Connection" may send items to the Canton Observer, 461 S. Main, Plymouth 48170. We ask that you type or print the information and include your name and phone number in case we have any questions. The column runs every Monday.

Police report small rise in thefts last year

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

Canton experienced two homicides during 1982, but break-ins remained about even with the previous year.

Burglars stole more than \$650,000 worth of merchandise and belongings from Canton homes and businesses last year, according to 1982 police statistics.

"This was the first year we analyzed statistics with a computer," Police Chief Jerry Cox said. "It has saved us a tremendous amount of work."

Canton's police department handled 20,390 complaints, which generated 9,499 written reports.

Year-end figures indicate small increases in reported break-ins and larcenies and a decrease in the number of car thefts. There were more reports of fraudulent activities and theft of vehicle parts — presumably for resale.

Cox attributed some of the decline in break-ins to the poor economy. More people are out of work and at home, creating more of a deterrent for would-be burglars, he said.

"There is, in effect, less opportunity," Cox said.

A SAMPLING OF statistical data shows:

• **Homicides.** Two reported cases in 1982, compared to none the year before.

Dolores Federico, 25, of Canton faces a murder charge in the October shooting death of Jess Brown, 27, of Ann Arbor, during an alleged robbery setup.

The skeletonized body of James Earl Belcher, 31, of Inkster was found at a Canton field last December. He had been shot in the head. Police are continuing their investigation.

• **Robberies.** There were 17 reports, an increase of three over 1981. Some robberies were committed with weapons, while others were strong-arm cases, according to reports.

• **Rape.** There were 10 reported cases of forcible rape, a drop of one.

• **Forced-entry burglaries.** A total of 559 cases were reported, up five from the previous year. Jewelry, mon-

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Goal: stop drunk drivers

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

Police Chief Jerry Cox wants to crack down on drunk drivers and get more residents involved in crime prevention.

In outlining his goals for 1983, Cox expressed a desire for a "very strict and enhanced effort to deal with the drinking driver."

There were 306 arrests for drunk driving during 1982, a decline of 54 from the previous year. Since mid-December, there were three fatal traffic accidents on Canton roadways, and alcohol was a significant factor in at least two of the mishaps.

"The accidents in our community are beginning to be more and more serious," Cox said. "There have been injuries, death and dollar loss (to property)."

MANPOWER SHORTAGES and other staffing needs have ruled out a concentrated traffic-enforcement program, Cox said.

Obtaining a federal or state grant for would be the "preferred method" to pay the cost of increased or selective enforcement, Cox said. But if funds aren't available "we may have to assign an (officer) to do that (traffic enforcement) on a random basis," he said.

Canton's high number of drinking-related accidents is related to its location between Ann Arbor to the west and the Livonia-Westland-Garden City population area on the east, Cox said. In addition, there are a "high number" of drinking establishments in the area, Cox said.

"We become a thoroughfare for those people," Cox said.

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GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Youth battle under the boards

The Wings and the Apolos battle for a rebound during junior basketball action at Pioneer Middle School. The organization is in its 19th year of

providing recreation to boys and girls. For more pictures on the league turn to page 3A of today's Observer.

Board expected to end year-round school

The era of year-round school is about to end.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is expected tonight to pass a resolution taking Eriksson and Field elementary schools off the Extended School Year (ESY) schedule for the coming year.

The board meeting will begin at 7:30 tonight on the second floor of administrative offices at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

THE ACTION marks an end in Plymouth-Canton to an era of growth and signals continued declining enrollment as a way of life for the near future.

Originally ESY was tried on a pilot basis at Miller Elementary in Canton, primarily for educational reasons. The schedule then was known popularly as "45-15" as pupils attended school for 45 days and then had 15 days vacation.

As enrollment grew, though, year-round school was expanded to other elementary and to one middle school as a means of absorbing student growth without constructing school buildings or buying large numbers of portable buildings.

By placing a building on a year-round schedule, the district was able to increase that building's enrollment capacity by one-third.

Although less expensive to put a building on ESY than to build schools, the year-round schedule did require more staffing, greater utility consumption, and other increased operational costs from a traditional nine-month schedule.

With declining enrollment already in place in Plymouth-Canton the administration has been gradually taking schools off the ESY schedule to cut operating expenses.

Field and Eriksson, both in Canton Township, are the last two buildings on ESY. Last year the school board took four elementarys (Hulsing, Miller, Is-

bister and Gallimore) off ESY in a cost-cutting move.

Pioneer Middle School also was on ESY at one time and was shifted to a nine-month schedule with grade realignment when ninth graders were shifted to middle school and sixth graders placed at the elementary level.

The administration estimates the district will save about \$250,000 in the next fiscal year by taking Eriksson and Field off ESY.

THE BOARD earlier studied the proposed schedule changes at workshop sessions so tonight's action, if taken, would be a formal adoption of a resolution to set the process in motion. (Earlier the school board held public hearings on eliminating ESY at Eriksson and Field.)

Based on earlier studies, Field's attendance area is expected to remain

the same after it goes off ESY except for about 45 kindergarten pupils who would have gone to Eriksson for one year only. They will attend Field this coming school year. Field's Talented and Gifted (TAG) program has been proposed to be moved to Miller.

Some students from the Cherry Hill-Sheldon area of Canton may be moved from Eriksson to Isbister Elementary.

The schedule changes, and any related moves, will be effective in late August after the last group of students finishes the 1982-83 school year.

Another reaction to declining enrollment besides eliminating ESY has been proposals to close Starkweather and Tanager schools. These ideas and other housing proposals will be discussed by the board at its next workshop meeting on Monday, Feb. 21, at the board offices.

Man caught, search ends

After almost two months at large, William Matney of Westland is in jail, awaiting charges in the December traffic death of a Canton woman.

Canton police arrested Matney of Alamo Court in the Greyhound bus station in Ann Arbor at about 7:45 a.m. Friday. Acting on a tip, officers picked up Matney as he got off a bus from Washington state, said Cpl. Rob Cripe.

Matney, 25, is in Wayne County Jail, awaiting a Feb. 21 preliminary examination on a charge of manslaughter with a motor vehicle. The charge is in connection with the Dec. 17 death of Madonna C. Tharp, 34, of Canton.

MRS. THARP, a nurse at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, was riding with her son Eric, 16. Police said the Tharp vehicle was struck by Matney's car at Sheldon and Cherry Hill.

Matney allegedly fled the state while free on bond. Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court issued a bench warrant for Matney's arrest when he

failed to appear for his preliminary examination Dec. 27.

Police tried to locate Matney in Tennessee and California.

"He was a little bit surprised (to be arrested)," Cripe said. "He didn't resist."

Matney was arraigned Friday at the outcounty branch of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Donald Neitzel of the 28th District Court entered a not-guilty plea in Matney's behalf.

Matney was sent to Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bond.

POLICE REPORTS show the traffic mishap occurred shortly after 5:30 p.m. Dec. 17. The following is what happened, according to police:

The Tharp car was traveling southbound on Sheldon. After checking for clear traffic, Eric Tharp turned eastbound onto Cherry Hill, and was struck on the passenger side by Matney's car.

The impact of the collision spun Tharp's vehicle into the path of a westbound car, resulting in another crash on the passenger side.

Mrs. Tharp was pronounced dead at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center immediately after the accident. No one else was seriously injured.

Matney fled the scene, police said. He was arrested at Queens Way and Cherry Hill by a Westland officer. Investigation showed that Matney was driving with his car headlights off, police said.

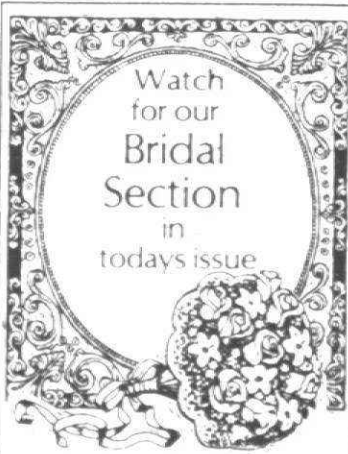
A Breathalyzer examination showed Matney had a blood-alcohol level of 0.28, police said. Under state law, a reading of 0.10 is considered legally drunk.

Manslaughter with a motor vehicle is a felony which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison upon conviction.

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Hospital closing protested

Closing Wayne County General Hospital may not be such a savings for the county, according to some county officials.

In charts assembled by Commissioner Kay Beard, whose districts include Westland where the hospital is located, the county still would face a total cost in the first year of the closing of nearly \$1 million.

An open meeting held last week in Inkster Recreation Center, at which more than 250 persons attended, Beard said this figure would include such ongoing expenses as utilities, insurance, depreciation, supplies and repairs as well as retirement funding, unemployment compensation and retiree's hospitalization insurance.

The county would spend \$4.2 million for employees' accrued vacation and sick time, \$9.2 million in unemployment compensation in which the county is liable for all 52 weeks, and \$800,000 in worker's compensation. There would also be fringes on earnings totaling \$1.6 million, Beard said.

"Contrary to popular belief, patients don't just come from the western Wayne County suburbs. All of Wayne County uses the hospital," she said.

THE HOSPITAL, in the year ending Nov. 30, handled 15,526 out-patients who came from all areas of the county including Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park and the Grosse Pointes. Emergency patients from these areas handled by the hospital totaled 4,222.

Added to these figures, the hospital handled 87,800 out patients from surrounding cities, including Westland, Allen Park, Ecorse, Belleville and Livonia.

Emergency patients from all of Wayne County totaled 31,303.

"Where would all those patients be cared for if the hospital is closed?" Beard asked.

Beard told the gathering that the board of commissioners "does not recommend the closing of the hospital."

"No proposals have come to the commission from Wayne County Executive William Lucas," she added.

neighbors on cable

- CHANNEL 8 Omnicom**
- MONDAY (Feb. 14)**
- 6:30 p.m. — Singletree — program and features on singles life
 - 7 p.m. — Single Touch — Kathy Preece and J.P. McCarthy
 - Guest: Janet Luce, single parent and director of Plymouth Community Family YMCA; and featuring Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners organization
 - 7:30 p.m. — SANDY (Sandy Preblich) — Guest: Representative from the Children's Leukemia Foundation
 - 8 p.m. — Plymouth Profiles (Jack Wilcox) — Guest: Johnny Mann of the Johnny Mann singers
 - 8:30 p.m. — The Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) Job Show — Job listings offered, and Don McGee talks to Joseph McGarvey from the Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS), which lists job requirements
 - 9 p.m. — Senate Majority Report — Discussion on the first days of Gov. James Blanchard's administration
- TUESDAY (Feb. 15)**
- 6:30 p.m. — Singletree
 - 7 p.m. — Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints (Religious programming)
 - 7:30 p.m. — Divine Plan (Bible study) — The Harmony of the Bible
 - 8 p.m. — Beat of the City — Hamtramck local programming
 - 8:30 p.m. — Youth View — Subjects: Pittsfield Profiles; and MESS Job Show
 - 9 p.m. — All Star Review — Variety show at Canton Center Stage
- WEDNESDAY (Feb. 16)**
- 6:30 p.m. — Your Financial Future — History of the stock market, broker-client relationship, and individual retirement accounts
 - 7 p.m. — Hank Luke vs. Crime
 - 7:30 p.m. — SANDY (Sandy Preblich) Subject: Children's Leukemia Foundation
 - 8 p.m. — Plymouth Profiles (Jack Wilcox) Guest: Johnny Mann of the Johnny Mann singers
 - 8:30 p.m. — MESC Job Show — job listings
 - 9 p.m. — Canton post office dedication (taped)
- THURSDAY (Feb. 17)**
- 6:30 p.m. — Singletree
 - 7 p.m. — Single Touch
 - 7:30 p.m. — Divine Plan (Bible study program)
 - 8 p.m. — Beat of the City (Hamtramck programming)
 - 8:30 p.m. — Youth View — Subjects: Pittsfield Profiles; and MESS Job show
 - 9 p.m. — Canton tax forum, presented by Supervisor James Poole
- FRIDAY (Feb. 18)**
- 6 p.m. — Yugoslavian Variety Hour
 - 7 p.m. — Choral Contest; and the Ice Sculpture Spectacular
- Request Day — Anyone interested in viewing a repeat program offered from Omni-8 studios, should call 458-1900 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. today.
- SATURDAY (Feb. 19)**
- 2 p.m. — All Star Review (Program from Canton Center Stage)
 - 3:45 p.m. — Choral Festival; and Ice Sculpture Spectacular

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- PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- Monday, Feb. 14**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Eric Colthurst)
 - 7:30 p.m. — Regular music format with live interviews from WSPD's open house
- Tuesday, Feb. 15**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Bill Miller)
 - 7:30 p.m. — Boys' basketball (Plymouth Salem at Livonia Bentley) Live reporting: Jim Heller, Todd Chatman and Tim Grand
- Wednesday, Feb. 16**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Chuck Ploughman)
 - 7 p.m. — WSPD's News Magazine (Host: June Kirchgatter) Subjects: To be announced.
- Thursday, Feb. 17**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Jim Vermeulen)
 - 7 p.m. — The Tom and Tim Show featuring "Radio Madness" (debut)
- Friday, Feb. 18**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Ron Hanson)
 - 8 p.m. — Album Playback (Host: Joe Blaylock) This week's album features "Long After Dark" by Tom Petty
- Monday, Feb. 21**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Eric Colthurst)
 - 8 p.m. — Off the Dial (Host: Tim Grand) — Punk music special
- Tuesday, Feb. 22**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Eric Colthurst)
 - 2-4 p.m. — Easy listening music (Host: Pam Pavlisca)
- Wednesday, Feb. 23**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Bill Keen)
 - 7 p.m. — WSPD's News Magazine (Host: June Kirchgatter) Subjects: To be announced.
- Thursday, Feb. 24**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Jim McKeon)
 - 7 p.m. — The Odyssey continues (Hosts: Pam Pavlisca, Pam Burton and Derrick Wilson) — Funk music special
- Friday, Feb. 25**
- 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis (Guest: Tim White)
 - 8 p.m. — Album Playback (Host: Joe Blaylock) This week's album features "If That's What It Takes," by Michael McDonald
 - 7:30 p.m. — Boys' basketball (Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs) Teams yet to be determined — Live reporting, Todd Chatman, Jim Heller and Tim Grand
- WSPD expanded broadcasting hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Local news reports will be featured at 7:40 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. daily under the expanded format.
- Editor's note: As a public service, the Plymouth Observer and Canton Observer publish weekly program highlights offered by WSPD-FM radio, 88.1 on the dial. Radio listings will appear in Monday issues of the Observer. WSPD is the student-operated radio station of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Laureate winners announced

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will honor seven students tonight for their outstanding achievements in expressive writing.

During the past summer, members of the District Laureate Board read more than 60 books written by students in grades 1-6.

The Laureate Board selected seven of these works to receive Laureate Prizes for Literature. Those seven will be honored by the school board at its meeting tonight at 7:30.

The authors and their works are: Jeremy Woods, a sixth-grader at Hulsing, author of "Mantiba"; Joshua Worth, a fifth-grader at Farrand, "Search for the Laser Stone"; Wade Ceresa, a fifth-grader at Smith, "The Red Line"; Melissa Ballios, a third-grader at Field, "The Tale of Henry Fieldmouse"; Aaron Karvako, a first-grader at Fiegel, "A Haunted House"; Gary Minneman, a third-grader at Smith, "A Young Astronaut"; and Lesley Carmichael, a sixth-grader at Farrand, "From Sheep to Rainbows."

These students will receive Laureate medals inscribed with their initials during tonight's ceremony. School board members also will interview the authors about their books and future writing plans.

The award-winning books have been published in anthology form. Copies of this anthology will be placed in all elementary and middle school libraries in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to serve as models of excellent writing.

obituaries

CHARLES J. WESTOVER JR.

A memorial service for Mr. Westover, 42, of Ann Arbor, recently was held in the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas J. Cook officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for cancer research or to the University of Pittsburgh library.

Mr. Westover, who died Feb. 5 in Ann Arbor, was born in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957 and from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in 1961. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in biophysics from the University of Pittsburgh. He was employed until 1980 as a research assistant with U-M.

Survivors include: wife, Kathleen of Ann Arbor; father, Dr. Charles J. Westover, M.D., of Plymouth; son, Charles; daughter, Margaret; and brothers, Robert of Cheboygan and David of Livonia.

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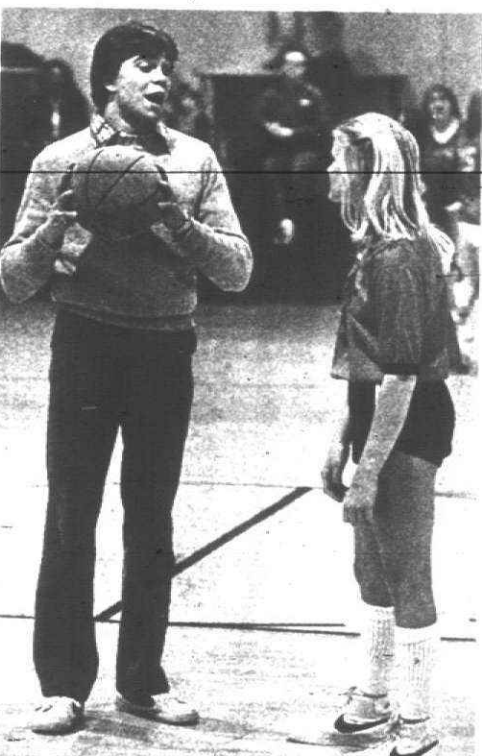
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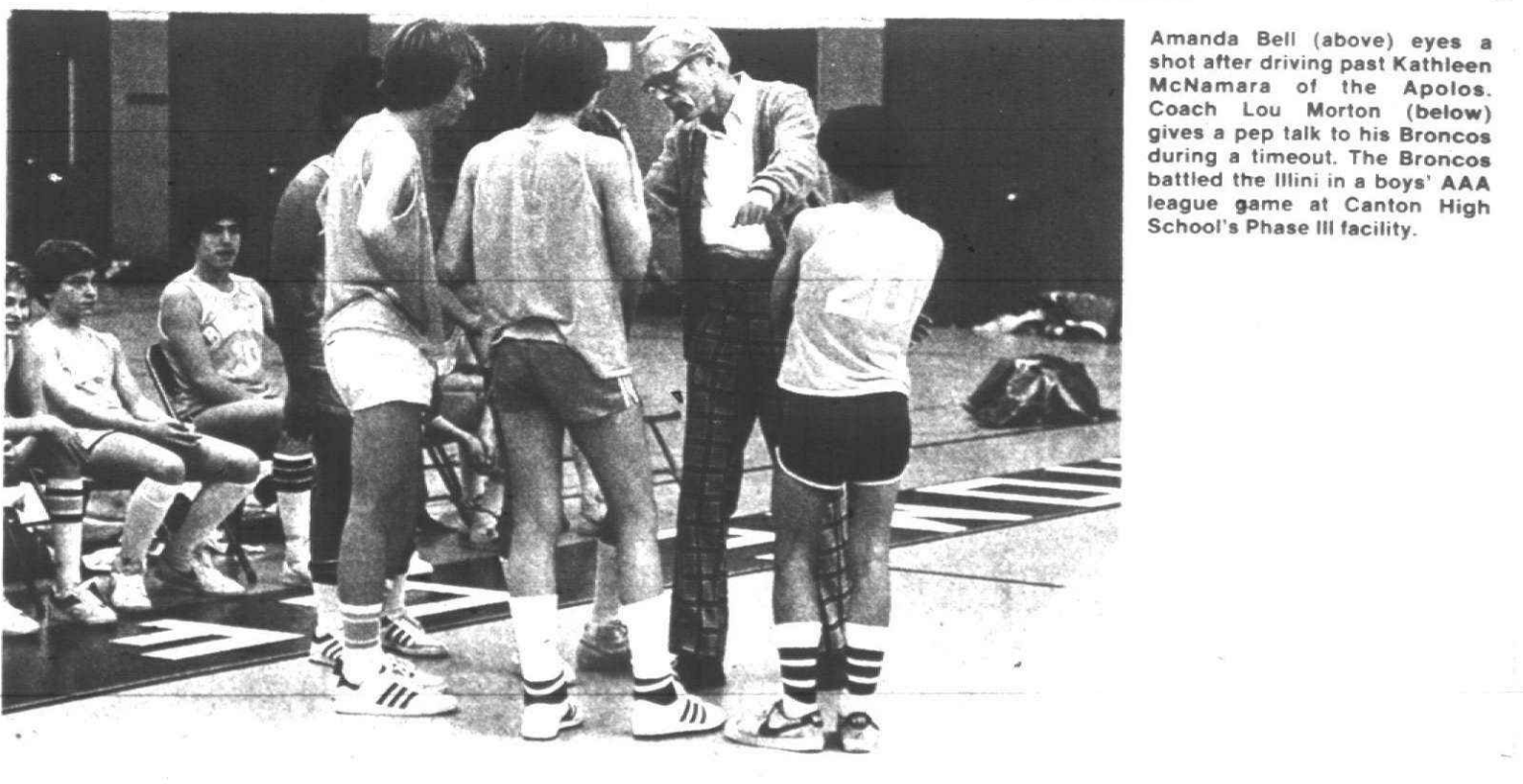
Jeff Nafe, (left), 8, and Matt Look, 8, both play for the Pacers, but decided to work some overtime by helping keep score at one of the AAA league games at Canton High School.



Coach Leigh Langkabel, of the Robins, gives some halftime advice to Megan McGow before the third quarter begins.



Both the tall and the short compete in Plymouth-Canton's Junior Basketball Association. Teammates Missy Smith (2) and Karen Boluch of the Wings practice a defensive drill before their game with the Apolos.



Amanda Bell (above) eyes a shot after driving past Kathleen McNamara of the Apolos. Coach Lou Morton (below) gives a pep talk to his Broncos during a timeout. The Broncos battled the Illini in a boys' AAA league game at Canton High School's Phase III facility.



Tera Shamey, 10 1/2, of the Lakers has trouble explaining the basketball game to an entranced Chelsea Lewis, 7 months, who watches action at Pioneer Middle School.

Cagers crave court contact

PLYMOUTH-CANTON'S Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) celebrates 19 years of competition and service to boys and girls in the community.

The organization provides practice and game action for hundreds of children, grades 3-12. It also serves as an important "feeder program" for future stars on junior varsity and varsity cage squads at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.

Many prep coaches credit their successful programs to Plymouth-Canton little league groups.

School gymnasiums remain crowded on weeknights for practices and on Saturdays for game competition. Eight leagues in various age divisions highlight PCJBA activities.

All players must compete at least one-quarter of each game, according to league rules. The youngest players compete in an instructional league. Each child must play at least one-half of the game in this age division and no standings are tabulated.

Countless coaches, league directors and executive board members aid PCJBA's continued success in the community. More than 300 adult volunteers donate their time and effort to help the program run smoothly.

The organization also offers experience and income to high school students who work as referees each week. In fact, these teen-age officials are the only paid personnel in the association.

Playoff action begins on Feb. 26 at various gymnasiums. Admission is free.

Canton cop shop

by Arlene Funke

FILL 'ER UP: A driver in a 1977 silver Chevrolet got a full tank of gas at the expense of a Canton Amoco service station Feb. 2.

The driver filled his tank with \$26 worth of premium gasoline and drove off without paying, police reports said.

STOLEN SUDS: Beer thieves are giving headaches to Canton merchants.

Male teenagers stole 12-packs of beer from the Star Stop party store on Ford Feb. 2 and from Lawson's on Warren Road Feb. 6, police reports said. In both cases, the thieves ran into the store, grabbed the beer and ran out without paying.

DRUNK-DRIVING CHARGE: A Canton man found lying in an upside-down car has been charged with third-offense drunk driving, a felony.

Michael Lynn Bone, 27, of Windsor Woods, was arraigned Feb. 8 before 35th District Court Judge James Garber. The court entered a not-guilty plea. Bone was released on \$100 bond.

Preliminary examination in district court is Feb. 17.

According to police, Bone was found trying to start his car at Lilley and Palmer early Jan. 1. The

Small rise in break-ins

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ey and tools were the items most often reported stolen.

• Larcenies: This group includes thefts, shoplifting and failure to pay. There were 1,385 reports filed, an increase of 10 from 1981.

• Car theft: There were 167 cases, a decline of 17. There were 43 reports of stolen motor-vehicle parts including a substantially stripped, an increase of 18.

Get tough on drunk drivers

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The police department soon will ask the Township Board to apply to the state for installation of a traffic light at Cherry Hill and Sheldon, site of a fatal accident in December. Statistics are being examined for other intersections, such as Ford Road and Lilley, where two deaths occurred in separate accidents.

THE CHIEF also is examining ways to improve efficiency of officers' time. Cox believes more awareness, self-help and prevention among residents will help in his goal.

For example, the department always has encouraged residents to file police reports, even for very minor thefts and vandalism. But that processing of paperwork is time-consuming and costly.

NOTICE OF HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Canton Township Board of Review will meet starting Tuesday, March 8, 1983 and will continue until all protests are heard. The hours will be 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, and on Tuesday, March 15, the Board will meet from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

All persons protesting their assessments must complete petitions prior to appearing before the board. Petitions may be obtained by calling the Township Offices at 397-1000, or may be picked up at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

JAMES E. POOLE
Supervisor

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Sealed Bids will be received by the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, until 4:30 P.M., March 31, 1983, in the Meeting Room at the Township of Plymouth Hall, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read for the purchase of:

WATER METERS

Specifications may be examined in the Clerk's Office at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

ESTHER HULSING, Clerk

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NOTICE OF BID FOR CALCIUM CHLORIDE

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The chloride must comply to the Wayne County Road Commission's specifications and testing.

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We reserve the right to waive any irregularity in any bid, to accept any bid, or any portion of any bid, or reject any or all bids.

ESTHER HULSING, Clerk

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Slow access causes problems at jail

By Gary M. Cates
staff writer

State and local emergency personnel are upset about procedures for answering emergency runs to the Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo). They say they want a police escort and they want quicker access to emergency cases.

The Feb. 2 death of a DeHoCo inmate recently brought these issues to a head.

DeHoCo Director Emmett Baylor will meet Wednesday to discuss the problems with officials from the Michigan State Police, Plymouth Police, and the Plymouth Township Fire Department.

"Going in that prison is a bad situation for our emergency personnel," said Township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Baylor said he wasn't aware of the problems until recently.

"I understand the apprehension, but it's just a communication problem and we are going to meet to discuss it," Baylor said Friday.

"Once that's completed, I'm sure it will be a different situation," he said.

ON THE Feb. 2 emergency call, 23-year-old inmate died by the time firefighters arrived at his cell. Plymouth emergency personnel had trouble getting a police escort and said that when they arrived at the jail it took too long to reach the cell.

Manuel Thomas of Detroit was pronounced dead-on-arrival at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office still is investigating the cause of death. The investigation will take several weeks.

A DeHoCo official said the prison nurse was called when Thomas started having convulsions.

The nurse requested an ambulance because Thomas was "having trouble getting air."

DeHoCo personnel contacted the fire department at 10:25 p.m.

"They said they needed the EMS unit out there on the double," said Sgt. Fred Honke, one of two ambulance attendants. Firefighter Lawrence Mass accompanied Honke on the run.

"They don't let us know what they have. Most time we get calls and they only say they need the

EMS unit out there on the double," Honke said.

Plymouth police were called by the township fire department at 10:25 that night, right after the DeHoCo call. The firefighters requested a back up for the ambulance but the police refused. Police Chief Carl Berry said that DeHoCo is the city of Detroit's responsibility.

Then the Michigan State Police were called. State troopers Richard Percy and Greg Bristol were sent to the prison.

Bristol said he arrived at DeHoCo before the ambulance, which arrived at 10:33 p.m. — eight minutes after the call.

"That was a normal response time from station (on the Wilcox Road near M-14) out to the prison," Groth said.

The troopers and firefighters were greeted at the door by a correctional officer.

We asked the guard out front what had happened and he said he didn't know, just that we were needed upstairs," Bristol said.

"THE FIREFIGHTERS really didn't know what they had either. My understanding was that they didn't know they were responding to a life and death situation," Bristol said.

Once inside, Honke said the prison nurse informed him she had an inmate "without vital signs."

Bristol and Honke disagree on the amount of time it took from the front door to the second floor cell where Thomas was.

"It took us two to three minutes," Bristol said. Honke said 14 minutes elapsed from DeHoCo's phone call until they reached Thomas, meaning the trip inside DeHoCo took six minutes.

However, both men said the trip inside DeHoCo could have been quicker.

"We had quite a few locked doors to go through," said Bristol. "At no time were we told to wait, it's a little bit quicker," he said.

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"It would have speeded up things if they had the doors open and been prepared for us — but I'm not saying that would have saved the patient," Honke said.

BY THE TIME troopers and firefighters arrived at the cell, Thomas had stopped breathing.

"The patient had no vital signs. He was taken to St. Mary Hospital and pronounced dead," Groth said.

Standard procedure for going into DeHoCo requires a call for police back-up. The township responds to DeHoCo about 12 times a year, he said.

"I want the police to go in there with us and come out of there with us," Groth said.

"It's just harassment and you never know what's going to happen. My men are there to do a job and it's usually life and death," he said.

Honke wants the emergency medical personnel protected when they enter DeHoCo.

"I don't think there's that many guards around. Having a police back-up gives us a little more confidence," Honke said.

"Some of the equipment we take in there can be used as a weapon," he said.

Plymouth Police Chief Carl Berry said his department doesn't make a practice of going into DeHoCo.

"My understanding is that there is suppose to be a sufficient number of guards out there," he said.

THERE IS one guard assigned to each floor, according to Baylor.

"DeHoCo is owned and operated by the city of Detroit and they should have their own police and investigators out there," Berry said.

Views on Dental Health

Philip Meizels
D.D.S., P.C.

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College lost friend when Kehrl died in 1975

(Part XL)

In June 1975 Gene Hirs of Birmingham donated 4,000 shares of Hydramotion Filter Company common stock worth \$20,000 to Schoolcraft College.

Hirs was president of the company, located in Livonia, which had just been sold to Amsted Industries of Chicago.

The gift to Schoolcraft was part of a \$750,000 educational donation Hirs made at the time to 32 recipients throughout the state. He stipulated that the money was to be used for education, not construction purposes.

During the same month, Schoolcraft's board of trustees approved a

five-year lease with the Garden City School District for use of its Harrison Elementary School. It was to open the following July. The Florence School location was used for the 1975-76 year after which college classes were moved to the new location.

At the same meeting, the board accepted a \$109,400 grant from the National Science Foundation for development of a two-year petroleum technology program with John Bedford, Schoolcraft geology instructor, as project director.

It also named Ronald L. Griffith to the position of dean of continuing education and community services. Griffith, who joined the college in 1971,

Courting and working in the 'good old days'

What was it like in your young days when you were finished high school and began courting and entering the work world?

This question is often asked of The Stroller by the young fellows of the modern generation, especially after they have taken their "best" girl to dinner and complained about the high cost of the senior prom when they finished their high school days.

When it is asked, The Stroller is forced to smile for what we now call "the good old days" were far different from what we now experience, especially in terms of money.

For instance when The Stroller was forced to leave school following the death of his father, mother urged him to learn a trade. She advised him that what he had in his head no one could steal from him.

So he entered the employ of the Atlas Portland Cement Co., then the largest in the world — as an apprentice in the machine shop at the going rate of five and one-half cents an hour for the first year and an advance of 10 cents an hour in each of the next three.

He has to smile now when he recalls that when he stepped to the pay window every two weeks, he was given an envelope with \$7.60 enclosed. Imagine that — and he had to pay 10 cents a day for care and carry his own lunch.

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House rents in Detroit, when The Stroller married and started a home, were only \$60 a month. And when the depression came in 1929 the landlord accepted any sum he could afford to pay.

The young folks look with amazement when The Stroller recalls that there were no such things as junior and senior proms in his day. Instead, after commencement exercises in the high

school, the class broke up in small groups and staged an ice cream party on one of the student's homes.

Yes, things are different now. Workers in the steel mill at Ford are paid \$26 an hour. Clerks in the super markets are paid \$16 an hour and young fellows are paid at the rate of \$3 an hour for cutting grass in the summer time at the golf course.

Things are a lot different than they were in what we older folks refer to as "the good old days."

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GORDON C. LIMBURG, City Clerk

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past and present

Sam
Hudson

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earned his bachelor of science and master's of education degrees from Moorhead State University.

In November 1975, the college lost one of its former trustees and good friends, Floyd A. Kehrl, Plymouth banker and Northville resident. Kehrl,

age 72, died of heart failure during surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Kehrl had contributed the carillon tower bells to the college, and had served a six-month's appointed term on the college board. In 1972, Schoolcraft awarded him an honorary associate of applied science degree.

Kehrl, who was born on a turkey farm in Livonia on April 28, 1903, graduated from Plymouth High School. He attended the University of Michigan for a short time before beginning a banking career in Plymouth that lasted 47 years. In addition to the college, his philanthropies benefited many other educational, religious and civic organizations. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

The board also announced that the \$25,000 Louise Thayer Bryan bequest had been invested and the \$1,875 annual income would be used to promote various art forms by attracting to the campus recognized artists, artisans, craftsmen and musicians for lectures, seminars, demonstrations and exhibits.

The gift of \$20,000 in stock made by Gene Hirs had been liquidated. Its \$1,500 annual income was to be spent

AT THE MARCH 24, 1976, meeting of the board, Jeff Stabenau, president of the Schoolcraft Student Senate, asked the trustees to permit students to have a non-voting advisory seat on the college board and to recognize the students as a third party to collective bargaining at the college.

He declared that students, as the

largest group on the campus, should have a committee of three to meet with the college bargaining unit and representatives of the Faculty Forum during wage negotiations.

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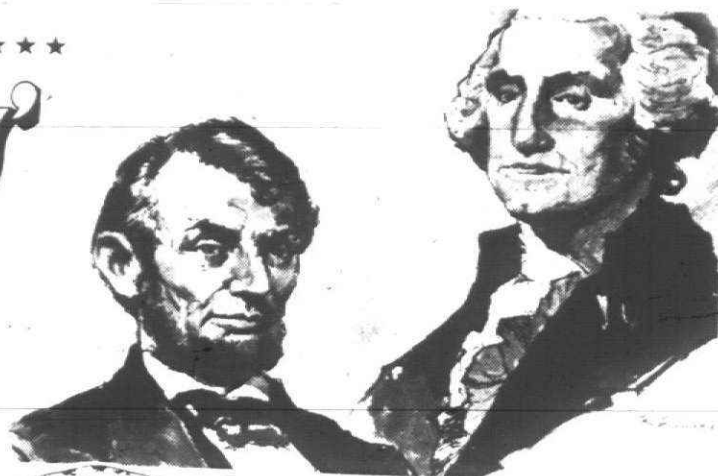
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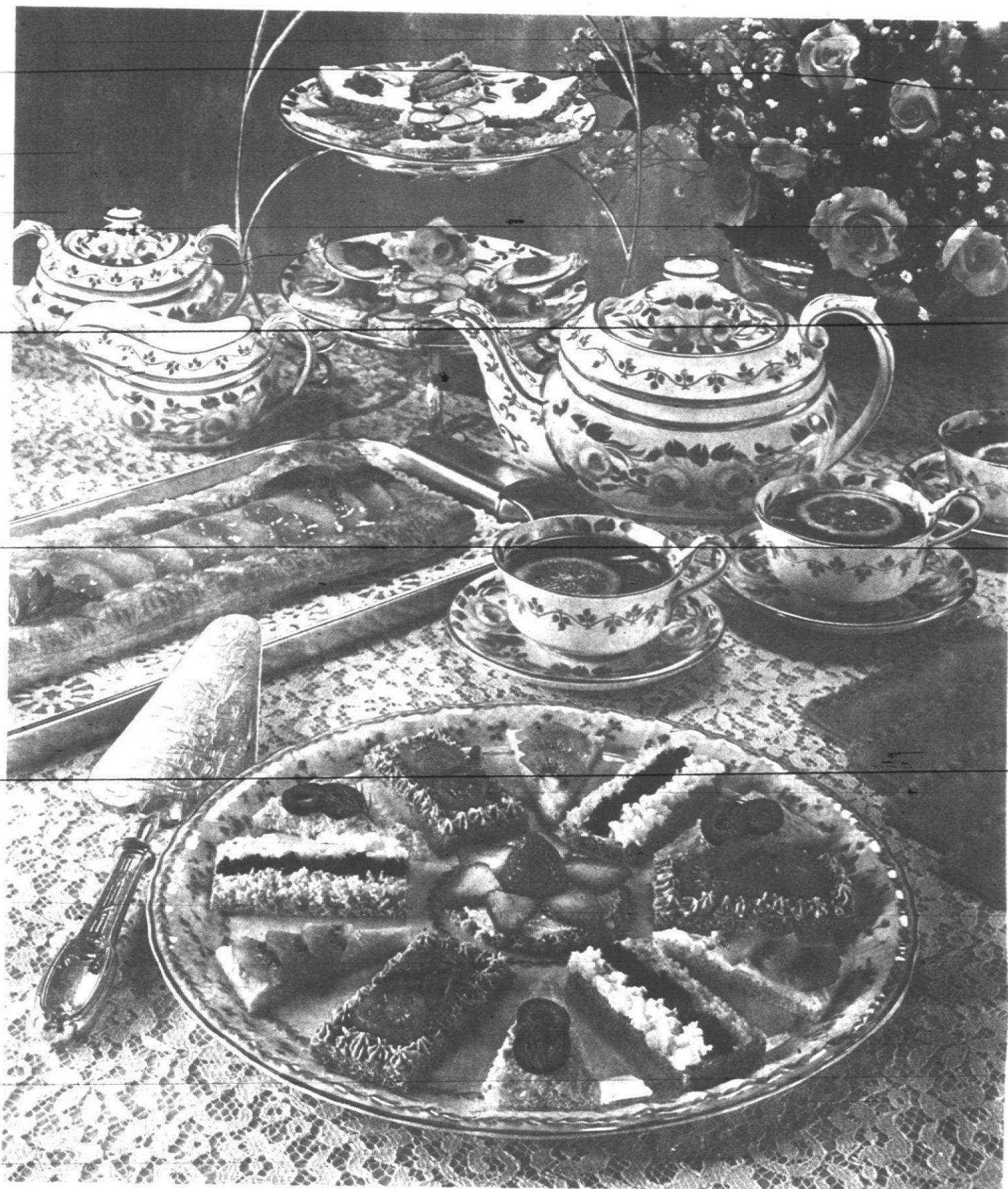


Yes, indeed! All over the country, in the finest hotels and restaurants, the hours between three and five are being devoted to serving that most gracious and relaxed of meals — afternoon tea. In the elegant, flower-filled lounge of the Mayfair Regent Hotel on New York City's Park Avenue, for instance, it's the time to relax with friends and enjoy quiet conversation "over the teacups." Guests are offered a choice of teas, brewed in individual white teapots, carefully kept warm under pretty tea cozies. Sandwiches are made with the thinnest of breads, scones are accompanied by an individual jar of strawberry jam and a little crock of "hard" whipped cream. A selection of luscious cakes is also available, including a delectable pear tart.

Afternoon tea is a delightful way to entertain in your own home. Do it on a weekend or holiday after the workaday week is over. Get out your Sunday-best china and linens; splurge on some pretty flowers. Refreshments can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. Serve traditionally paper-thin sandwiches filled with cucumber slices and watercress sprigs or spread with anchovy paste. Or break with tradition and serve an array of open-faced canapé-style sandwiches. Either kind should start out with the perfect slice for tea sandwiches — very thin bread — white and whole wheat — and just right for tea sandwiches. Directions for these eye-catching, palate-pleasing tidbits follow.

For the pièce de résistance you couldn't do better than to reproduce the Mayfair's pear tart. Start with a sheet of frozen puff pastry to make a flaky tart shell. This is then filled with a creamy custard, topped with fresh pear slices and glazed with apricot preserves.

Make sure that the tea you serve is freshly made, hot and fragrant. Start with a good quality tea to insure that you'll have a brew that relaxes and revives at the same time. Just follow the simple rules below to bring out the fine qualities and full flavor of the particular tea you choose.



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- 1 Frozen Puff Pastry Sheet
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- 1 ripe pear, peeled, cored, halved and thinly sliced crosswise
- 1/3 cup apricot preserves, strained and heated

Thaw puff pastry for 20 minutes, then unfold. On a lightly floured surface, roll one sheet to a 10-1/2 x 17-1/2 inch rectangle. Trim edges so rectangle measures an even 10 x 17 inches. From one short end cut two 1-1/4 inch wide strips. From a long side, cut four 1-1/4 inch wide strips. Moisten the top of all the pastry strips and a 1-1/4 inch wide border around the outside of the pastry rectangle with water. Arrange pastry strips in two layers around edges of rectangle, moist strips down, cutting when necessary, to fit. Press firmly with fingers; then press edges with tines of a fork to seal. Using a sharp knife, make shallow diagonal slashes 1/2 inch apart around pastry border. Transfer tart shell to baking sheet and prick the inside very well with the tines of a fork. Line with wax paper and fill with rice or dried beans. Freeze 30 minutes. Bake in a preheated 425° oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until puffed and golden. Remove, discard wax paper and rice and cool shell completely.

In a bowl, beat egg yolks, sugar and flour together until smooth. In a medium sized saucepan, over moderately high heat, bring milk to a boil. Stirring constantly with a wire whisk, gradually add milk to egg mixture. Return egg-milk mixture to pan, add vanilla and heat over moderately low heat for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and is the consistency of a thick pudding. Pour immediately into a bowl and put a sheet of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the cream. Chill at least 1 hour or until very cold.

Spread cream filling evenly over the inside of the baked tart shell. Top with pear slices and brush with apricot preserves to glaze. Refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours and serve. Makes 1 tart, 8 servings.

TEA SANDWICHES

Using a sharp knife, cut crusts off very thin white and whole wheat bread. Cut bread slices into ovals, diamonds, triangles, squares and other fancy shapes. Top with any of the following:

- Spread with cream cheese and top with red salmon caviar.
- Spread with cream cheese and top with a thin slice of smoked salmon and a sprig of dill.
- Spread with cream cheese or butter and top with sieved egg yolk, black lumpfish caviar and sieved egg white arranged in a stripe pattern.
- Spread with butter and top with thin-slices of cucumber and/or tomato; sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Spread with Blue Cheese Butter* and top with thin-sliced red radishes and capers.
- *BLUE CHEESE BUTTER: Mix 1/2 cup softened butter with 4 ounces crumbled blue cheese. Mix until smooth.
- Spread with Herbed Watercress Butter* and top with sliced cherry tomatoes and a sprig of watercress or thin pieces of smoked salmon.
- *HERBED WATERCRESS BUTTER: In a food processor, put 1/2 cup softened butter, 1 cup packed watercress leaves and 3, 3 inch long pieces of scallion or green onion. Cover and process until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Spread with Strawberry Cream Cheese* and fresh strawberries.
- *STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE: Beat 1/4 cup strawberry preserves with 6 ounces softened cream cheese.
- Spread with Ham and Almond Paté* and top with sliced black olives and a sprig of dill.
- *HAM AND ALMOND PATE: Put 1/4 cup chopped almonds, 1/4 pound boiled ham, 3 ounces softened cream cheese, 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard, 1/8 teaspoon paprika, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 drops Tabasco sauce and 2 to 3 tablespoons sour cream into food processor. Cover and process until smooth.
- Spread with Gingered Cream Cheese* and top with kiwi-fruit slices.
- *GINGERED CREAM CHEESE: Mix 3 ounces softened cheese with 1-1/2 tablespoons finely chopped preserved ginger and 1 tablespoon ginger syrup.
- Spread with Curry-Chutney Butter* and top with a piece of thin-sliced boiled ham.
- *CURRY-CHUTNEY BUTTER: Mix 1/2 cup softened butter with 3/4 teaspoon curry powder and 1-1/2 tablespoons chopped chutney.



THE PERFECT POT OF TEA

- Use a teapot, preheating it by rinsing it out with hot water.
- Bring freshly drawn cold tap water to a full rolling boil.
- Put the tea (one teabag or one teaspoon of loose tea per serving) into warmed teapot.
- Pour the bubbling water (about 5-1/2 ounces per serving) over the tea.
- Cover and let stand 3 to 5 minutes.
- Remove teabags and stir before pouring.
- If you like tea less strong, add a little hot water after the brewing period.
- Serve with milk (not cream) or with lemon slices, and sugar to taste.

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• Y-ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 14 — Plymouth Community Family YMCA annual meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Four Seasons, on Main, Plymouth. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the Y at 453-2904.

• TUMBLING CLASSES

Feb. 14 — A six-week tumbling class takes place for children, ages 4-10, after school weekdays 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. at Starkweather Elementary School. Floor gymnastics and basic tumbling techniques will be taught for ages 4-6 and 6-10 by Randy Lamb. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904 through Feb. 21.

• FREE BAND CONCERT

Feb. 18 — Plymouth's Community Band will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. at the little theater at Plymouth Canton High School, on Canton Center south of Joy. The concert will feature classics, show tunes and Sousa marches.

• TEST RESULTS ARRIVE

Feb. 22, 24 — Parents and students may attend a presentation on test results from the ACT Career Planning Program, Centennial Educational Park (CEP) students took this test last October, and results have arrived. Both sessions will include an interpretation of the test results.

One program takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Canton Little Theatre, in Plymouth Canton High

School on Canton Center south of Joy. Another session takes place at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 in the theater.

• MYSTERY TRIP

Feb. 22 — A mystery trip for one day is offered by the Plymouth recreation department. The excursion begins at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 9:30 a.m. and returns at about 4:15 p.m. Cost is \$20.50 per person, including lunch, a mystery event and tour. Adventurous people interested in this trip should call the Plymouth recreation department (455-6620) for more information.

• PINEWOOD DERBY

Feb. 23 — About 30 people have entered a pinewood derby race at 7 p.m. at Starkweather Elementary School. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by Boy Scout Troop No. 1533 of Starkweather.

• DEATH AND DYING

Feb. 28 — Terry Purvis-Smith, chaplain and consultant from Children's Hospital, will speak on "Death and Dying" at 6:30 p.m. in Room 113A of Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan, Dearborn. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Judy Thomson at 278-3969 or Dolores H. Reynolds at 425-5703.

• BIRD PTO MEETING

March 2 — Bird Elementary School holds its monthly PTO meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school's media center, on Sheldon just north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

• PLYMOUTH TOWN HALL

March 2 — The Plymouth Town Hall series will begin 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Pent Theater with speaker Jack Reynolds, NBC Orient reporter, talking on "China, A Class by Itself." Tickets at \$7.50 per person are sold at the door or

Student radio opening doors

WSPD-FM, the student-operated radio station at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP), will be staging an open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tonight.

The event celebrates the 11th anniversary of WSPD (88.1 FM) plus offers an opportunity for residents to tour facilities and meet the staff.

The radio station is located in Plymouth High School on Joy Road west of Canton Center Road. For more information, call 453-3390.

Staff members also will be on hand to greet visitors in the main lobby of Salem.

from the Plymouth Family YMCA. Luncheon tickets also are available at \$8. The luncheon will be held in the Mayflower Meeting House immediately after the lecture.

• 1983 JUNIOR PROM

March 5 — The Junior Prom for the Plymouth Canton High and Plymouth Salem High classes of '83 will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 5, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. The theme of the prom is "Just You and I" and music will be provided by the band Metro.

• REFRESHER LAMAZE

March 7 — A refresher Lamaze childbirth preparation class will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Tanger Elementary School at 40260 Five Mile, Plymouth. The two-week mini series, offered by Professional Associates in Childbirth Education, is designed for the couple who has taken Lamaze classes within the past 2½ years. A registered nurse will review the stages of labor and delivery, current relaxation and breathing techniques, and present the latest in birthing options. This shortened program eliminates the need for extended baby-sitting costs for children left at home.

• KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 8 — Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford, Canton, will hold kindergarten registration for the 1983-84 school year, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

• CHILDREN WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD

or before Dec. 1 are eligible for school in September. Proof of birth is required. For more information, call Miller school at 455-9710.

• SPRING CRAFT SALE

March 12 — The Canton Jayettes will hold their Spring Art Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Plymouth Canton High School. Table space still is available at \$15 per table to sell your handcrafted items. For registration form, call J.C. Hotline at 981-4191.

• PAID WORK EXPERIENCE

Growth Works, Inc., a non-profit community service agency serving Plymouth and Canton, offers paid work experience opportunities and job search for those ages 18 to 21 living in western Wayne County (excluding the cities of Livonia, Detroit and Dearborn). For more information on job enrollment, call 455-4093.

• DIET SUPPORT GROUP

A Diet Support Group meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays in Room 2401, Plymouth Salem High, Joy just west of Canton Center. Adjust your eating program, weigh-in weekly, phone when there's no progress and help maintain cardiovascular exercise. No charge. For information, call Bill Moon at 459-1880.

• CHARITY COOKIE DRIVE

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Michigan Leukemia Foundation is sponsoring a cookie drive to cover the cost of ongoing research and patient financing in the cure and treatment of allied blood diseases. The cookies, in a Carrier and lives container, are on sale for \$6 per tin. For information, call Jean Chakrabarty at 455-4077 or Mary Dingley at 459-0509. The Western Wayne County Chapter is at 51140 Geddes, Canton Township.

• HAPPY HOUR

The Senior Group meets from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, for card playing. For information, contact Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

• FENCING CLUB

A free fencing club meets Thursdays at Field Elementary School, 1000 Haggerty, Canton Township. Persons with prior fencing experience desired. Contact Bruce Davis at 455-6418.

• SQUARE DANCE CLUB

A square dance club open to all levels of dancers meets 7-10 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month in the Oddfellows Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Main and Haggerty. For more information, call 455-3687. Everyone is welcome. The caller is Bruce Light.

• SELF-HELP GROUP

Recovery Inc., a group which teaches self-help techniques for nervous and depressed persons meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays in Room B-10 of Pioneer Middle School, Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon. Everyone is welcome.

• SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Proprietary special education services for children 6 and younger are available through Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

If you have a child who may be mentally or emotionally impaired, have a physical or visual disability, a hearing or speech impairment or learning disability, call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Farrand Elementary School, 420-0383, for more information.

• ZESTERS

The Zester senior citizens club, Canton, has openings for new members. Eligible are people 55 years and older who live in Canton.

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Residents are encouraged to volunteer their time to deliver meals one day per week to the homebound elderly in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

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By Sherry Kahan
Staff writer

When Cathy Evans talked, the Ford Motor Co. listened.

The Westland resident presented an idea to her boss in the Engine and Electrical Engineering (Triple E) office in Dearborn.

"Why not introduce an employee-involvement program?" she suggested. It's a new concept which allows employees a greater say in work-related situations.

Dave Hagen, chief engineer at Triple E, passed the idea on to his boss and up it went to higher echelons. Each time Evans, at that time a software computer technician, made the presentation.

The answer came down: Go ahead.

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SCOTT SAID that team members received orientation at first on such topics as team building and communication.

"At the end of it we made a commitment to each other to work as a unit," he said. "Before involving ourselves in problem solving, we surveyed problems relative to our group and made a list. By consensus we selected the one we wanted to pursue."

Another Livonian Lee Widmann, principal design engineer, outlined the problem selected.

"We do test work," he said. "Part of the test work is being able to review parts after they complete a test, a hands-on review. The attempt here is to improve efficiency so that design engineers are notified of the availability of these test components. We want to have four or five days to make a review instead of only two or three."

Bill Patterson, product design engineer who lives in Canton, said the team is still fact-finding.

When we feel we have a solution we will present it to our manager," he said. "He's said he will go to bat for us and try to implement it. We'd be gratified if we accomplished something."

FLOYD COMER, a product engineer who also lives in Canton, agreed. "This seems to be a real forum to straighten out inefficiencies in the system," he said.

Widmann added, "The idea of EI is to alleviate frustration. Our goal is to improve the employee's ability to do his job."

Frank Crocco, design product engineer of Utica, observed, "Anytime you can improve the working environment, individuals will be happier and do a better job."

Scott introduced an interesting side effect about the training team members receive.

"Not only do we benefit Ford," he said, "but EI also has an effect on people outside the company and in our own families. One of my problems was not

"It gave us the opportunity to do more things. We are more valued now, more recognized as a group. We're happier."

Two problems attacked by EI team were interoffice mail delivery and manning the phones during lunch. They solved both to their satisfaction. The difficulty with the mail was that each secretary had to appoint someone to deliver it around the Dearborn complex, rather than have a permanent courier, Anderson said.

The solution that management agreed to was to arrange for each supervisor to be responsible for the mail 10 weeks at a time. Tania Parry of West Bloomfield said.

NO TIME WAS lost on a victory party. The women moved on to find a better method to cover the phones at noon. Today one person covers one day a week in rotation.

Like the engineers, the secretaries found that EI had a ripple effect.

"It has benefited the company because it gets more production from us," said Anderson. "The company understands us better. We're solving problems at our own level. It eliminates that burden from management. We're learning to conduct better meetings. We feel better about ourselves."

"I carry the concept into home management," Parry said.

"I'm not a crab when I go home," Beitzel said. She added that a request for cookies this year for the building Christmas party found all groups contributing.

"Gradually people are getting more involved with what goes on in the building. A newsletter was started with the quiet ones who are never involved submitting things to the paper."

WHILE EMPLOYMENT involvement changed the feelings many about their work, for Cathy Evans at 35, it meant a big job change and a step up the corporate ladder. After the pilot program "took off," she became coordinator of EI for 1,500 employees. It's a job that is so new there is no formal Ford job classification for it.

A person who prefers to deal with people rather than machines, Evans doesn't mind shouting from the rooftops about her fondness for her new position.

"I love my job," she said. "It's fantastic. My learning curve has been tremendous. It's exciting. It's challenging. I can't imagine doing anything else."

Four facilitators work with her. Hilma Whipple of Plymouth, John Wyrwas of Southfield, Steve Wilson of Northville and Al Lecc of Allen Park.

She believes strongly in the program, but wants its extent clearly understood.

"We suggest that employees stay away from corporate policy such as reviewing Ford's stock program, and personal problems such as not getting a raise in three years," she said.

She drew attention to the fact that teams make recommendations, but only management has the authority to implement them.

"Some managers consider EI a threat," she said. "There are some skeptics in the organization. Some think we don't have time for EI. My response is we can't afford not to do it."

A survey proved to be reassuring. Members of two departments were surveyed.

One had EI, the other didn't. The people with EI felt better about their jobs than the other group.

"They felt management was listening," Evans said.

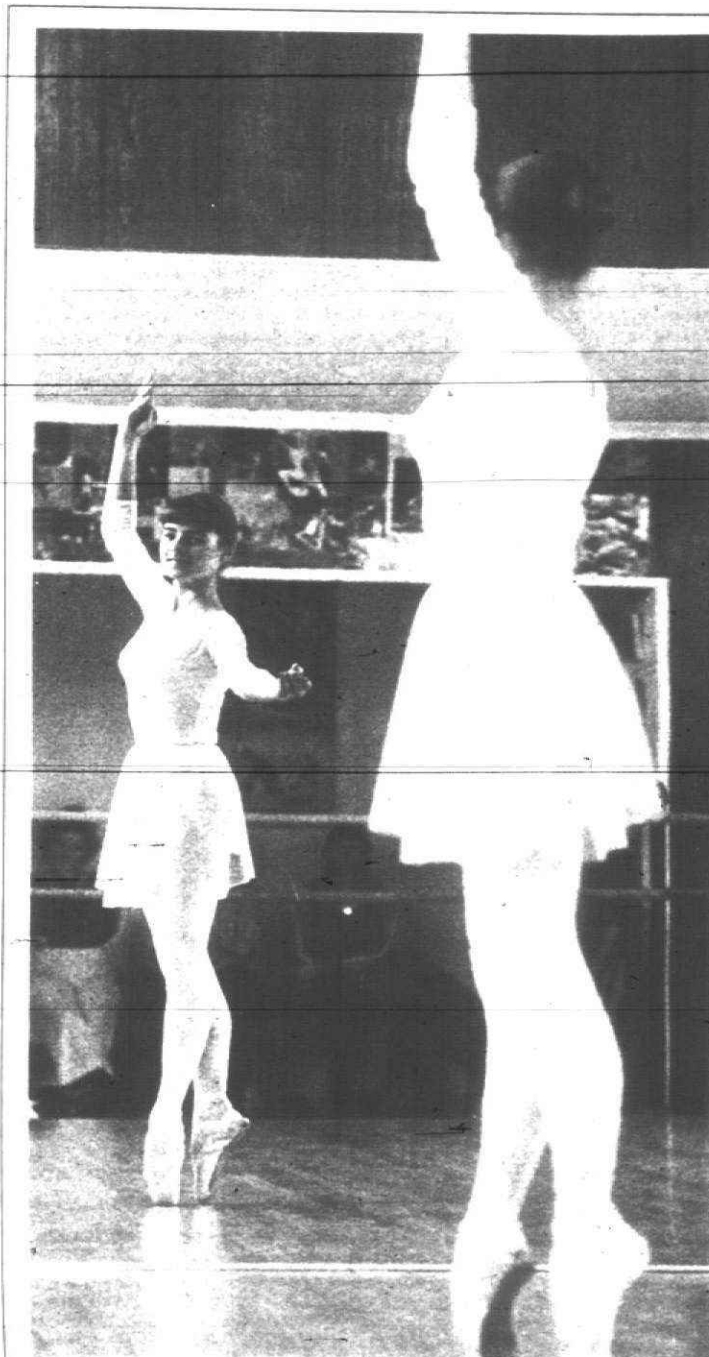
DIANA ANDERSON of Plymouth leads an Employee Involvement team at Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn.

Members of an engineers Employee Involvement team at Ford's discuss a work-related problem at their weekly meeting. From left

are Bill Patterson of Canton, Jim Scott and Lee Widmann of Livonia, Allen Bentley and Jim Lawler of Plymouth.

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Rehearses dance solo

Krista Nielsen, 14, will perform a solo dance at Tuesday night's concert of the Plymouth Youth Symphony. For her first solo with the orchestra, she will dance to "Joy" from "Ladies of the Ballet." Nielsen, who has studied dance for 10 years, is a ninth grader at Lowell Middle School and is taking lessons currently at Dance Unlimited. The concert, directed by Jon Hallfreter with Janita Hauk conducting strings, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Little Theatre of Plymouth Canton High on Joy west of Canton Center Road. A donation of \$1 will be accepted at the door. Winners of the Youth Symphony concerto competition will be announced and three of the winners will perform solos.

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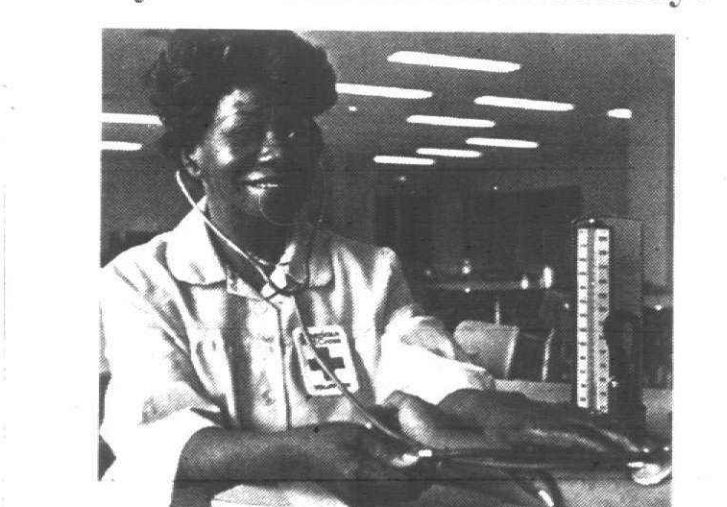
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● ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY
Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society meets at 7:30 tonight in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Al Temple will present a slide program depicting individual member's collections and activities. Guests are welcome.

● CANTON BPW
Canton Business and Professional Women (BPW) will meet tonight in Cypress Garden's Family Restaurant at Sheldon and Ford roads. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m.; with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature candidates for the annual Young Career Woman of the year award.

● PARENT SUPPORT
Parent Support, a group for parents interested in improving parent-child relationships and family communication, will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Jackson Center, 23025 Lyndon between Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. Pat Chobot, a counselor at Plymouth Canton High School with a master's degree in guidance and counseling, will speak on "Kids — Vulnerable Victims of Stress."

● SENIOR HIGH PARTY
A meeting will be at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Room 219 of Plymouth Canton High School for parents interested in helping with the senior party immediately after graduation exercises June 16. The party is a parent-sponsored activity. For information, call Linda Ragan at 420-0910.

● LAMAZE SERIES
A seven-week Lamaze series offered by the Plymouth Childbirth Education Association begins at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Newburg Methodist Church, Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburg, Livonia. For information, call 459-7477.

● GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker, Steven Mrozek, will talk about World War I. Genealogical questions will be answered.

● SENIOR TAX COUNSELING
Income tax counseling will be available free to residents age 60 and older through the Plymouth Northville chapter of the American Association for Retired Persons in Tonquish Creek Manor, Sheridan Street, Plymouth from 1-5 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Wednesday. Bring last year's tax forms with you.

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● GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB
The German-American Club of Plymouth will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Oddfellows Hall. The meeting will include a potluck dinner with members asked to bring a dish to pass.

● EPILEPSY SUPPORT
Epilepsy Support Program, Inc. will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in All Saints Lutheran Church, 8850 Newburg at Joy in Livonia. The speaker will be Virginia Tiekli, a pharmacist from Harper Grace Hospital. All meetings of the self-help group are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

● TOPS MEETING
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Community Moravian Church, Warren west of Canton Center, Canton. For more information, call 981-0446.

● COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
The 65-member Plymouth Community Band, directed by Carl Battistelli, will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Friday in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School. Admission is free. Selections will include "Oberon Overture" by Von Weber, "Aegean Festival Overture" by Andreas Makris, "An Outdoor Adventure" by Aaron Copland, selections from "West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein, and selected march music by John Philip Sousa.

● DAR CITIZENS LUNCH
The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of Plymouth will hold its annual Good Citizens Luncheon at noon Monday, Feb. 21, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Good citizen winners, chosen from senior classes at area high schools, and their mothers will be guests. Bruce Richard will present the program "Highlights of the American Revolution, A Story Our Postage Stamps Tell." Those interested in learning more about the DAR may contact Christine Campbell at 464-1154 or Virginia Simpson at 348-2198.

● WHALE OF A SALE
The Plymouth Symphony League needs donations for its third annual whale of a garage sale. No article is too large or too small. Call Lynn 455-0137, for information or pickup. Sale will be March 25.

● CHILD BIRTH PREPARATION
Childbirth and Family Resources is offering an eight-week course for expectant parents beginning Tuesday, Feb. 22. In addition to Lamaze techniques, the class includes options in childbirth, the birth process, Cesarean delivery, breastfeeding and early parenting skills. Class is limited to seven couples and is held in Plymouth. For information, call Diane Kimball at 459-2360.

● WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY
Self-help group for alcoholic women meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Newman House, Schoolcraft College Campus, Haggerty, Livonia. Hot line, 427-9460, is in operation 24 hours a day.

● CANTON KIWANIS
The Kiwanis Club of Canton meets 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays (except following a holiday) in Denny's Restaurant, Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. New members are welcome. For information, call James Ryan, 459-9300.

● RENT AN ENSEMBLE
A brass and wind ensemble from the Plymouth Youth Symphony, directed by Jon Holtzreiter, is available to provide music at your next party or meeting as part of a fund-raiser by the symphony for its trip in May to perform at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. To rent an ensemble, call 994-0745.

● FRIENDSHIP STATION
Plymouth Township Senior Citizens Club, a group of Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth seniors 55 years and older, meets at the Friendship Station from noon to 3 p.m. for cards or crafts, and from 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays for pinocle. They also have a new pool table for members' use. New members from the township or city are welcomed at any time. For information, call the club president, Eugene Sund, 420-0614.

● ACLED THEATER BENEFIT
A benefit performance of "How the Other Half Loves," a comedy by Alan Ayckbourne, will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, by the Village Players of Birmingham for the Michigan Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (ACLD). Reserve your seat at \$8 per ticket by Feb. 23 by contacting Mrs. M. Stroup, P.O. Box 129, Bloomfield Hills 48013. Proceeds will go to benefit individuals with learning disabilities.

● JENNIFER SCOTT OF CANTON TOWNSHIP WAS AMONG 25 ARE RESIDENTS AGES 13-25 CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1983 FAIRLANE TOWN CENTER FASHION PANEL. She was one of 40 semifinalists competing in a talent, personality, and poise contest held at the center. She is a ninth grade student at Lowell Middle School. As a member of the fashion panel, she gained experience in modeling, dancing, and other performing arts. The '83 fashion panel will be active through November.

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THE DARK CRYSTAL (PG). An adventure-fantasy by the creators of the Muppets features strange, elf-like creatures caught up in a struggle between the forces of good and evil in a setting that resembles J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.

EATING RAOUL (R). Deadpan dialogue and tacky surroundings set the tone for this bizarre comedy about a stuffy couple who come up with an outrageous plan for bankrolling a restaurant.

THE ENTITY (R). Barbara Hershey stars as a woman who experiences the terror of an unknown presence intent on possessing her body and soul.

48 HOURS (R). Action drama with comic flair features Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy as a white cop and a black con who are forced to work together to track down two killers.

FRANCES (R). Powerful drama with Jessica Lange as Frances Farmer, the film actress whose independence and radical views led to a tragic downfall.

GANDHI (PG). Epic film about Mahatma Gandhi, political and spiritual leader who led movement for Indian independence from Britain. Magnificent performance by Ben Kingsley as Gandhi.

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER (PG). Handsome adventure film from Australia presents mountain boy's passage into manhood. Kirk Douglas plays double role as two feuding brothers. Newcomer Tom Burlinson has title role.

SOPHIE'S CHOICE (R). Beautifully acted and photographed film based on William Styron's novel of a Polish immigrant (Meryl Streep), her volatile lover (Kevin Kline) and a young Southern writer (Peter MacNicol) whom they befriend.

THE STING II (PG). Jackie Gleason and Mac Davis are a couple of con men involved in the biggest scam of their careers. Movie also feature Oliver Reed and Karl Malden.

Charbono offers red wine alternate

The wine drinker who is seeking an attractive red alternative to cabernet sauvignon, zinfandel, pinot noir, petite sirah and others has that choice. Consider charbono, a muscular, beefy, usually tannic wine of pleasant dimension.

In spite of the spelling, the origins of the grape appear to be almost certainly French, although it is not produced there as a varietal today. It has been known there under the name charbonneau, but is now a modest success in California under its more Italianate name.

It goes back to well into the last century when it was a sometimes success in California in pre-phylloxera days. There is evidence of an 1882 issue from Inglenook, making it the ancestor of those now being offered. Because of its characteristics, it is often confused with barbera (this even happened at Inglenook for a time, according to old California wine lore), both wines being very earthy and long-lived when vinified for the long life they deserve.

However, only charbono boasts its own society that on occasion gathers in California to taste the comparative efforts of the six winemakers who presently bottle the wine. (The Wine Spectator occasionally reports the results of these unusual evenings.)

FOR A VARIETY of reasons Inglenook is the most noteworthy of the present six producers. The 1977 vintage has just been issued and earned honors in several judgments, a most esteemed issue. Still available on wine store shelves will be earlier vintages,

which should be at affordable prices.

Inglenook has missed a few vintages in the last decade. I have drunk all the vintages I could and find them all full, pleasant and carrying the potential for long bottle life.

Perhaps more than any other winemaker, Inglenook has done yeoman service to keep this grape alive to our attention. (There is a 1978 vintage in the wings.)

But there now are others. Parnucci Winery in Mendocino has a decade or more experience behind it issuing this wine. Most of the bottles tasted suggest that, with age, Parnucci's charbonos tend to be the softest and gentlest around. Try the 1975 vintage currently available.

Franciscan's new release, a 1978, is its first available to us in Michigan. Made from 100 percent charbono grapes (it is not known as a good blender), it is a big and chewy issue. Very nice.

NOT AVAILABLE in Michigan is Ernie Fortino's charbono from the Hecker Pass area of Santa Clara County. He tends to vinify the wine to be more in line with his Italian background than any other. And it is a grape that will take that kind of treatment.

Papagni also makes the wine but I have not been able to find any.

Finally, and most important, and the reason behind this article, is the release of Souverin Cellars. This 1978 issue is currently available locally and, at a very fair price (about \$5.50), is the

wine



Richard Watson

best charbono of the grape by far.

It is not hindered by being the unidimensional beast that it can be at its worst. Rather, the souverain is complex, spicy and rich with lovely aromas. This is a real sleeper of a wine. Try a blind tasting of this with some of

your friends when you really want to amaze them.

Charbono is great as an accompaniment to sharp cheeses, spicy beef dishes and, of course, pastas. It would also stand up well to a hamburger loaded with onions and bleu cheese.

Ernest Jones will lead WSU Symphonic Band

Ernest A. Jones of Bloomfield Hills will be guest conductor with the WSU Symphonic Band, in concert Wednesday at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Jones, a retired advertising executive, will lead the band for "Victory at Sea." He was invited to conduct the band because of his interest in, and support of, the arts, especially Detroit-area orchestras and bands.

Conducting the 80-member band for this special concert will be Harold Arnold of Harper Woods. The concert program will include "The Navy Hymn," "Solo de Concours" with Robert Maniscalco soloist, and "Flourishes."

The Wayne State University Alumni Association will salute band members with an afterglow following the band's concert.

The salute to the band is in recognition of the band's two-week concert tour in China last summer at the invitation of the All-China Youth Federation. The reception will have a Chinese theme. In addition, there will be an exhibit of paintings and photographs of the trip done by Joseph Maniscalco of Detroit, one of the band members.

Tickets for loge seating and the afterglow are \$7.50. General seating tickets are \$4. For further information phone 577-2161.

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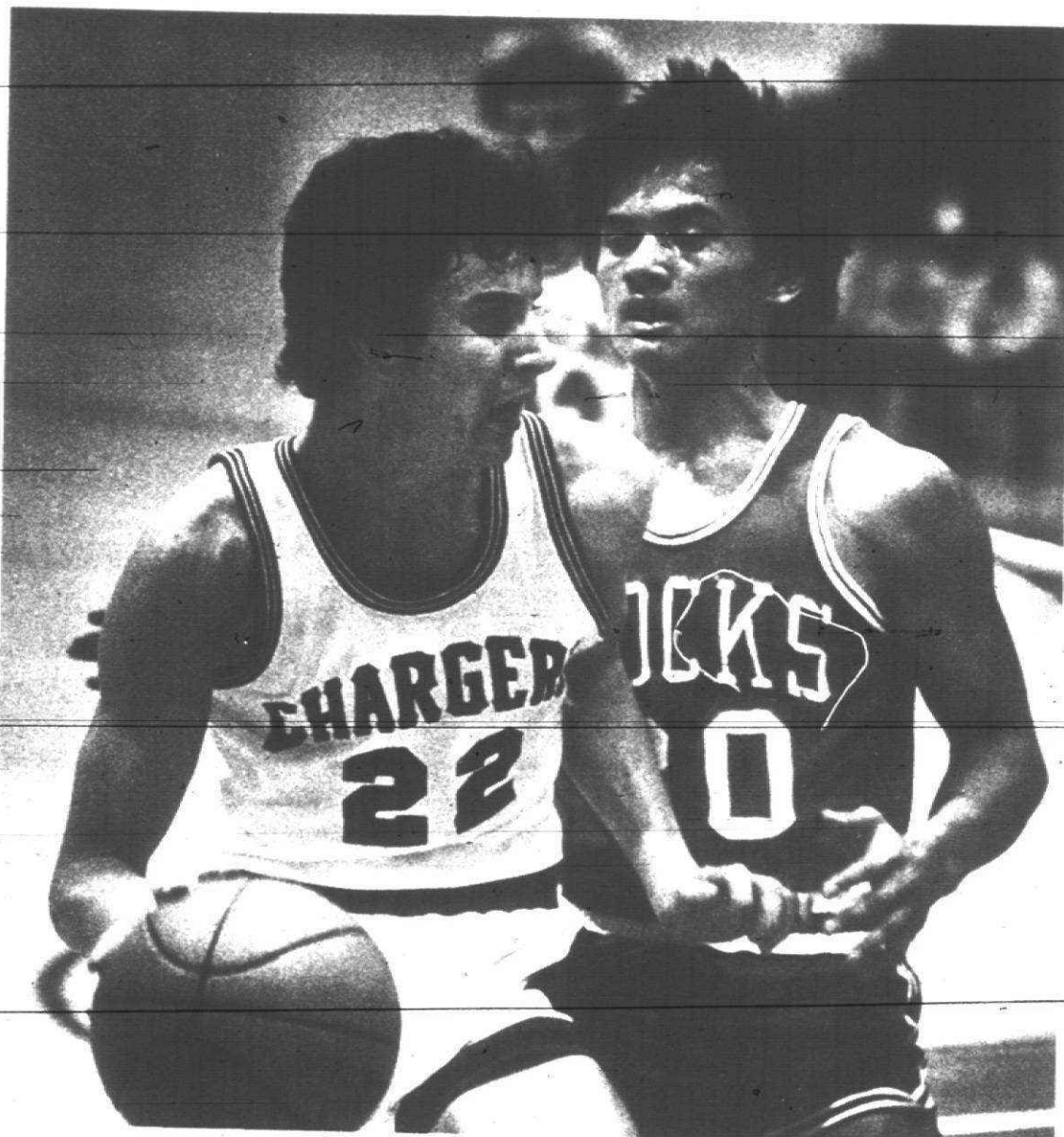
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Glenn Medalle (right) illustrates the swarming defense Salem employed Friday as he moves in on Churchill's Craig Hunter. The Rock defense — and Medalle's 16 points — were key factors in the win.

GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Nothing fancy

Poised Rocks romp over Churchill

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

With the steadiness of an acrobat on a high wire, Plymouth Salem's basketball team methodically disposed of Livonia Churchill Friday night, 48-36, at Churchill.

There was no high drama, no spectacular one-man show, no critical play that turned the tide. Salem just took command early, withstood Churchill's single short rally and won handily.

While not a spectacular spectator's game, it did have significance in the standings. The victory kept Salem even with Livonia Stevenson for the No. 1 berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) playoffs. Churchill has clinched the top position in the WLAA's Western Division with a 9-3 mark. Salem is 10-1 in the Lakes Division.

SALEM SCORED the game's first six points and led by eight, 16-8, midway through the second period. Churchill cut the

margin to four at the intermission (22-18) and tied it early in the second half on consecutive baskets by John Merner.

Glenn Medalle, who turned in another fine offensive performance for Salem by notching 16 points, and Merner traded baskets to leave the score tied at 24-all before the Rocks assumed control. Combining an on-and-off pressure man-to-man defense with a dead-eye outside shooting offense, the Rocks ran off 12 straight points to put the game away.

"You have to credit the Salem defense," said Churchill coach Don Albertson. "When it was 22-22, we took three-to-five bad shots."

"They pushed our guys a step too far, just outside their range, and we were missing."

SALEM COACH Fred Thomann agreed with Albertson's analysis. "We wanted to take Merner away inside and No. 22 (Craig Hunter) away outside," Thomann said. "We didn't want to give (Hunter) any set-up

shots.

"Sometimes we were playing them harder and forcing them out further, then sometimes, when we had a bigger cushion, we played off. But then, those outside shots had to be game-winners."

Which meant that the Chargers were faced with making those outside bombs if they were to overtake Salem. That proved to be too great a task.

The 12-point Rock rally, which included the final 10 points of the third quarter (giving Salem a 34-24 edge) and the first bucket of the fourth, was sparked by Matt Broderick's six points and five Churchill turnovers. Broderick finished with 10 points in the game.

John Cohen, who came off the bench to score six second-quarter points, netted 11 for the game.

Merner had 17 for the contest, including seven from the free throw line in the final quarter, to pace Churchill. Dave Riley and Hunter were next with six apiece.

all in the second half, Phil Graczyk contributed nine.

Canton's overall record is 7-8. Bentley is 4-7 in the WLAA's Lakes Division and 6-9 overall.

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all season," said Van Wagoner. "It's a boost for the whole team, because Bentley is a real good team. When it's winning time, our kids really believe in themselves."

THE VICTORY also kept Canton in the chase for second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) Western Division. The Chiefs are 5-6, a game behind Northville (6-5) with two to play. Canton hosts 3-8 Farmington Harrison Tuesday and travels to winless Walled Lake Western Friday.

Northville, meanwhile, must host Western Division leader Livonia Churchill Tuesday and visit Harrison Friday.

Thomas was not alone in the spotlight for Canton Friday. Sophomore forward Jim Schlicker, who stands 6-foot, limited 6-5 Bentley forward Jim Thorderson to eight points. Schlicker also netted eight points, nabbed 15 rebounds and dished out three assists.

Ron Rienas added 11 points for Canton and Mike Scarpello pumped in 10. Dan Rayes topped Bentley with 21 points,

Inkster Huron Valley Lutheran got the lead early and clung to it the rest of the way to spoil Plymouth Christian's homecoming Friday.

The win dropped the Eagles to 3-8 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (MIAC) and 3-12 overall. Huron Valley is 2-9 in the MIAC and 3-12 overall.

The game was close most of the way, with Plymouth Christian still within six with 1:50 to go. But the Eagles ran out of steam and could never catch Huron Valley.

Brian Spicer, a senior, was Christian's offense, bagging 29 of the team's 37 points. John Briggs tallied 17 for Huron Valley with brother Rich adding 15.

Last Tuesday, Plymouth Christian fell to Warren Baptist Academy, 75-41. Warren Baptist was up by 13 at the half and kept pulling away.

Spicer netted 18 for Christian. Jim Stephens added seven. Jason White, a 6-1 forward, poured in 42 points for Warren Baptist.

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Salem grad helps push Chippewas to the top

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

IT DIDN'T SEEM to be the best time to talk to Patty Weidman about basketball.

The former Plymouth Salem star had missed three Central Michigan University games with a sprained ankle. She returned two weeks ago, but then things went sour for the Chippewas — after winning 10 straight and leading the Mid-American Conference (MAC), they lost three straight.

CMU's third consecutive setback was at home last Wednesday to Northern Illinois, by a 59-54 margin. The loss dropped the Chips into a second-place tie with Toledo in the MAC after eight conference wins in a row. Miami of Ohio remained atop the MAC.

Against Northern, Weidman had her poorest performance: zero-for-four from the field, no free throws, no points. She did nab six rebounds.

"NO, IT WASN'T too good," said Weidman of her performance. But the CMU junior wasn't unhappy, she wasn't distressed. If anything, she was confident, both in her team and herself.

"We're by no means out of it," she said. "We believed we'd be here. It took us a while, but we knew the talent was here all along."

CMU coach Laura Golden may not have been so certain. "I think they've gone beyond what they even anticipated," Golden said. "They've proved a lot since the beginning of the season."

"One of our goals was to go over .500. We've done that. Next, we wanted to make the MAC playoffs (the top four teams qualify). I think we should be able to do that, too."

Part of the reason for the resurgence, from a team that was 11-18 a year ago to MAC frontrunners this season, is Weidman. Golden, in her second season as the Chips' head coach, decided that Weidman was going to make a contribution this year before the season began.

"THE FIRST TWO years Patty was here, she had no pressure to play better," Golden explained. "There wasn't any pressure on her to break into a starting role. If she played well, fine. If she didn't, it didn't matter."

"Now, she's been told that she has all the tools and if she proves herself, she'll play. This has by far been her best season."

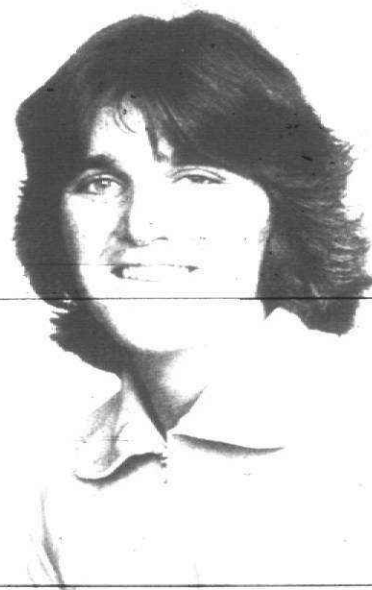
If Golden sounds critical of Weidman's play in her first two years, it's not nearly as bad as Weidman herself makes it sound. "Last year I wasn't aggressive at all," Weidman confessed.

"In practice, they said I was like a little puppy in there. I was afraid to go inside, to drive to the hoop. Once in awhile I'd have a good game, but I wasn't consistent."

Being afraid to go inside is bad for any player, but for a 6-foot center it's ruinous. So Golden decided to change all that.

"COACH GAVE ME an ultimatum," recalled Weidman of a conversation the two had before the season began. "My role on the team was to be a scorer. Coach said, 'If you don't do it, we'll find someone else.'"

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Patty Weidman
coming on strong

"She told me, 'You've got to score.' That was the first time anyone ever said that to me."

With her role defined, Weidman went into this season with a different attitude. "I'm a lot more aggressive," she said, even though she isn't a starter.

Weidman has started for CMU, but Golden found that the junior center responded better coming off the bench.

"We've tried it, and she doesn't play as well starting as she does coming off the bench," Golden said. Indeed, Weidman, who is averaging 8.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, has turned in her best performances as a substitute.

At Kent State earlier this year, she pumped in 17 points and hauled down 11 rebounds in a 72-53 CMU victory.

WEIDMAN DOESN'T mind filling the sixth man role at all. "I almost like coming off the bench better, because I can see what the other team is doing and adjust to it. I get as many minutes as I would if I started, anyway."

Latanga Cox, a freshman, starts at center for CMU. Next year, Weidman thinks she may get a shot at forward. But that's next year. For now,

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Thomas ignites Canton

Plymouth Canton discovered a new way to win Friday night.

Making free throws. In the past, Canton treated the free throw line like an unwanted task instead of a helpful aid. In more than one game, the Chiefs let their poor foul shooting dig their graves, handing the opposing team the shovel to bury them with.

But at home against Livonia Bentley Friday, Canton canned 13 straight from the charity stripe and bounced the Bulldogs, 61-56.

While free throw shooting proved instrumental in the Canton win (the Chiefs made 17 of 21 for the game), what made it possible was the explosive offensive performance by junior guard Gary Thomas.

"HE WAS ON FIRE the whole game," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner. Statistics bear that out, as Thomas connected on 10 of 12 floor shots and five straight free throws to lead all scorers with 25 points.

Canton took the lead in the first quarter and never relinquished it. The Chiefs were up, 12-6, going into the second period and still had that six-point cushion at the half.

Bentley got to within five after three quarters and closed to within a pair, 52-50, late in the fourth. But the Bulldogs never overtook Canton, losing to the Chiefs for the second time this season.

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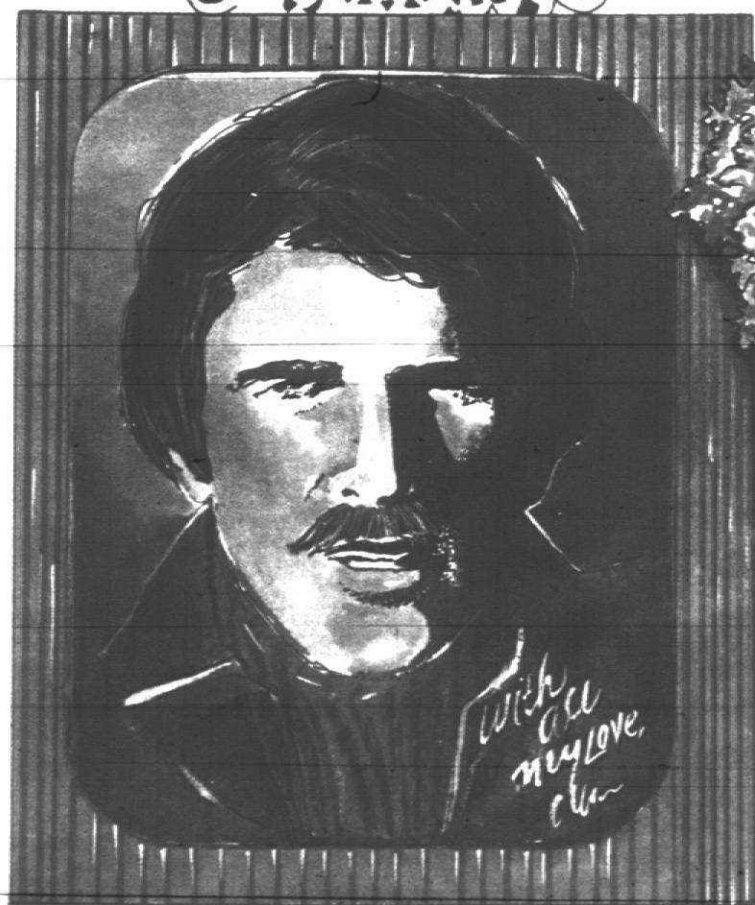
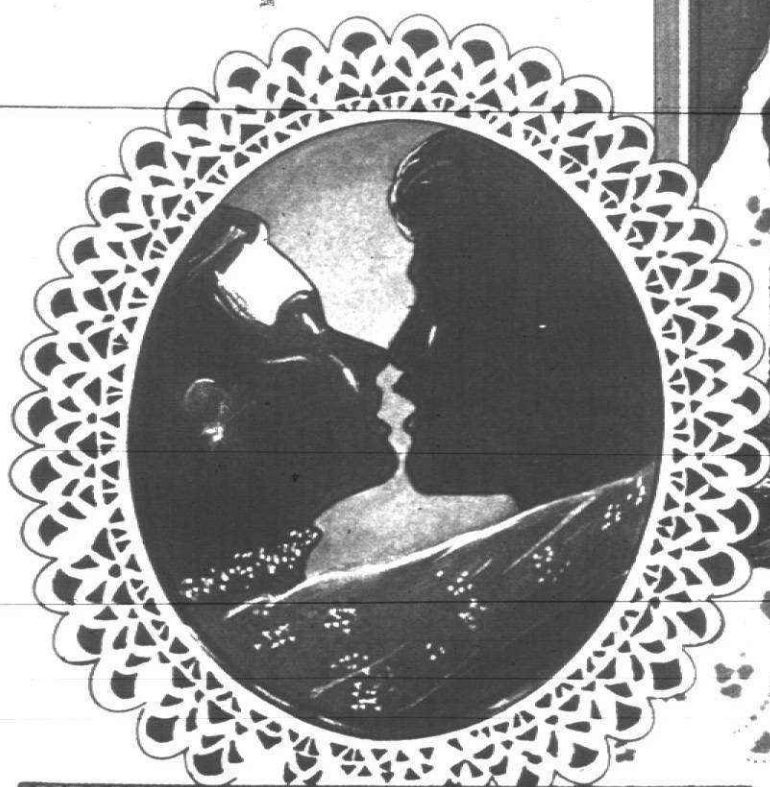
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From the editor...

The stories in this year's Observer & Eccentric bridal section share a common theme. The topic is decisions.

Our main story (Page 3) focuses on the decision to marry, one of the most important an individual makes in his life and yet one which seems to be re-evaluated quite readily today.

In interviews with two psychologists and a minister, we look at what should be considered in selecting a mate for a good, lasting marriage.

Our main feature (Page 3), addresses the decisions that come with a wedding and offers tips on what to consider in choosing rings, a florist, a photographer, the hall.

On pages 5-7, two happily married couples talk about what contributed to their success, including the decision to commit themselves to marriage.

Gerry Maynard of Family and Children Services, in an interview on Page 8, touches on the considerations that should be contemplated before deciding to remarry.

Readers may turn to Page 10 for a list of questions to ask before marrying and to Page 23 for a list of books for further reading on the issues which arise with marriage.

A light story (Page 12) with an accompanying chart (Pages 16-17) looks at the role astrology plays in compatibility, and another light story (on Page 21) peaks at the impact computers may have on meeting Mr./Ms. Right.

— Karen Hermes Smith



In marriage, love isn't enough

The decision to marry is one of the most important an individual makes in his life.

Yet, with the national divorce rate so high, it appears couples head for the altar without giving the decision much thought.

Today, marriage counselors and ministers are encouraging the betrothed to examine their compatibility and resolve their differences before they say, "I do."

The notion is similar to preventative medicine.

Premarital counseling, seminars and books on marriage are among the resources available to couples who want to know whether they're suitable for each other and ready for marriage. They may also consult trusted adults who have been or are married.

'A true friend isn't going to abandon you when times get difficult or when they're put off by your behavior.'

— The Rev. William McIvor

Two suburban marriage counselors and a clergyman, in interviews with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, shared some of the special considerations that should be given before entering into marriage.

LOVE, they said, is important to a relationship, but it's not enough. Friendship and respect are the crucial necessities.

"I always try to find out if they're friends," the Rev. William McIvor said.

of the couples who come to him for marriage at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

Friends stick together and accept each other the way they are, he said. Lovers may not.

"A true friend isn't going to abandon you when times get difficult or when they're put off by your behavior," said McIvor who estimates he's performed 150 weddings in his 10-year career. That devotion, he said, is needed in confronting the day-to-day

problems in a marriage.

Both partners need to be secure in who they are so they don't depend on the other for their happiness and esteem, noted Bernadette Hughes of Troy's Marriage Growth Center.

Otherwise, the relationship is immature with one person taking care of the other as a parent cares for a child, said Hughes who recently conducted a marriage preparation seminar for St. John Fisher Chapel at Oakland University, Rochester.

THAT CAN be burdensome for the one who is doing the caring and cause the one who is being cared for to feel resentful and angry, she said.

"If you're looking to go into mar-

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Check it out

Planning a wedding takes research

Once a couple decides to wed, there are a lot of decisions left to make.

The couple must select the engagement and wedding rings, the wedding gown and tuxedo, the photographer and florist, all the way down to the reception hall and musicians.

They also have to set a date, decide where the wedding will be, agree on its type and size, choose attendants, pick out a wedding cake and arrange the honeymoon.

So what should be considered in making all these decisions?

Suburban merchants, interviewed

by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, offered these suggestions.

THE RINGS

Purchase a loose diamond, then select a setting, said Andrew Rismann of Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, Birmingham.

"Eighty to 90 percent of the value of an engagement ring is in the center stone," Rismann said.

Unless the stone is loose, couples can't examine it for color, clarity or tell if they're getting their "80 percent worth."

Rismann advises couples to view the diamond lying on its side on a white sheet of paper in order to see its color.

"If you look at the top, you only see its brilliance, which will oftentimes mask its color," he said, adding that the whiter a stone is, the better its quality.

Ask the jeweler for a 10-power magnifier to view the stone's clarity. A reputable jeweler, Rismann said, will tell you what to look for, including black carbon spots, fractures and grain lines.

Also, examine the stone's proportions in terms of width to length. "If it's flat, it's going to be dead. It's not going to sparkle," Rismann said.

Finally, couples should determine what they want for the price they can afford. Buying a larger stone with a flaw that's barely detectable under magnification is sometimes better than buying a smaller, perfect one, he said.

In selecting wedding rings, consider quality as well as price and style, Rismann said. Generally, the heavier the ring, the better the quality.

THE GOWN

A wedding gown should fit more than the bride's figure. It should also fit her personality.

"A bride should look to her personality, her look (in selecting a gown)," said Madge Pollak of Creations by Pollak's, Farmington Hills, who will lead a seminar Feb. 25-27 on wedding dress selection at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

It should fit her image of herself.

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Photographer Buz Holzman, who with his wife owns two area studios, straightens Carole Schumacher's gown before taking her wedding portrait. The Holz-

mans advise couples to review a photographer's work before hiring him or her to record their wedding in pictures.

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Honesty's behind their happiness

When David Cameron of Livonia calls the Dairy Council of Michigan and asks to talk to the prettiest girl there, the receptionists know he is talking about his wife, Irene, the council's director of communications.

Still lovebirds after nearly 35 years, the Camerons say their marriage is successful because of their honesty with each other.

Neither one holds in feelings, they said, so there's no chance for anger to grow and fester.

"When we fight, it happens right then," said Cameron, a sales representative for Korest-Peterson Co. in Detroit and a Livonia school board trustee. "We get it done and over with."

The couple met as freshmen in the Slippery Rock State College dining room in Slippery Rock, Pa. Each was 19. They found during a two-year courtship that they shared many

**'When we fight . . . we
get it done and over
with.'**

— David Cameron
married 34 years

of the same philosophies and goals, which they discussed in depth.

The both believed in commitment in marriage. "I think you should stay in there and fight and dig," Mrs. Cameron said.

The Camerons also share an important ingredient in a successful marriage — friendship. "He always has said I'm his best friend," Mrs. Cameron said. And, now that their children — David, 28, and Wendy, 23 — are adults, the couple are enjoying what they call their second honeymoon.



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David and Irene Cameron of Livonia credit honesty with their successful marriage.

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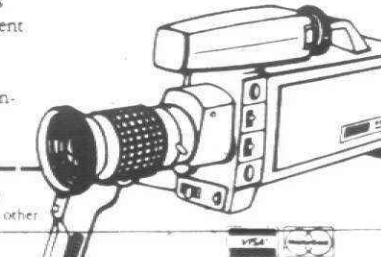
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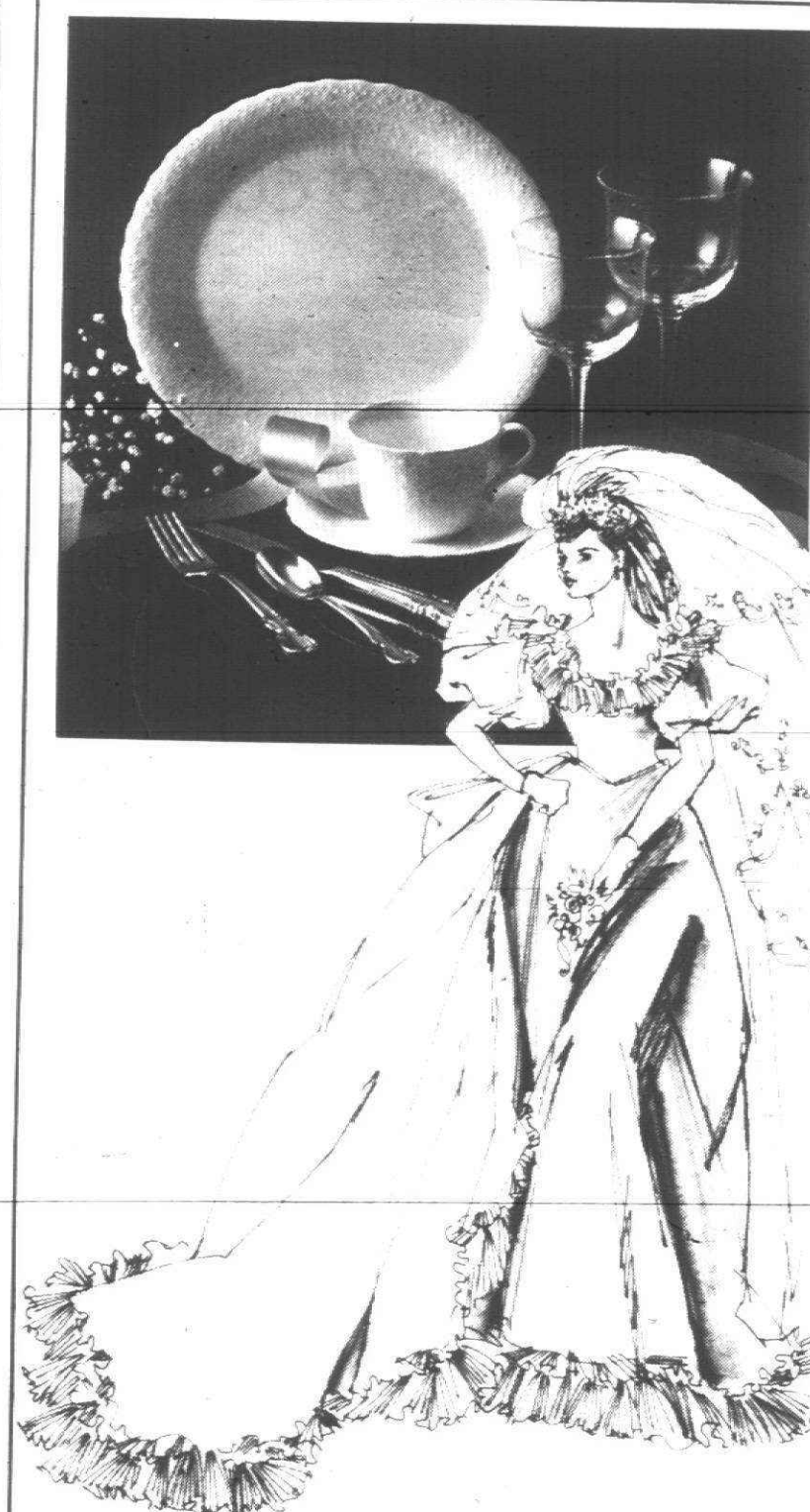
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Remarriage

It's a lot more complicated than the first time

By Karen Hermes Smith
staff writer

In contemplating remarriage, special consideration should be given to the problems that come with it.

"It's a lot more complicated than the first time around," especially if children are involved, said Gerry May-

nard of Family and Children Services of Oakland who has conducted several workshops on remarriage.

National statistics analyzed in 1976 indicate that 44 percent of remarriages wind up in divorce court, compared to 38 percent of first-time marriages, Maynard said. And most of the remarriages that falter are those with

children from a prior union, he said.

Part of the problem is that the responsibility for children is split among five sources when a marriage breaks up and both partners remarry — the natural parents, two new spouses and the court.

The parent who is not granted custody of the children frequently feels deprived, which complicates his relationship with his own children as well as those in his new marriage.

THERE'S NO traditional way to handle the problems that arise, since divorce and remarriage are only a generation or two old, Maynard said.

The non-profit Family and Children Services has offices in Berkley, Clarkston, Ferndale, Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake. Maynard is director of family and individual counseling.

Remarried himself, he has conducted workshops for the Detroit area chapter of Family Service Association of America, Detroit School District's adult education program and Channel 62.

Before remarrying, divorced persons should give themselves a couple years to objectively look at what they con-

tributed to the breakup (with or without a professional's help) and deal with the loneliness, anger and financial aspects that follow divorce, Maynard said.

"When you've done that, you have a pretty good shot at making it the second time around," he said.

Of the two individuals involved in a divorce, the "dumpee" generally takes a harder look at himself and his contribution to the marriage's failure than the "dumper," Maynard noted, since the dumper believes his actions were justified.

IF MARRYING a divorced person, Maynard suggests waiting until he or she has gone through the same process of analyzing what he or she contributed to the first marriage's breakup.

"I'd look for somebody who had resolved their first marriage," Maynard said. "I wouldn't want a person who had regrets or was trying to prove something."

After remarriage, Maynard warns, once-divorced persons shouldn't expect their children to replace their absent natural parent with a step-parent.

Before marriage Questions to ask

Many questions can be asked by persons planning to marry. Some may be relevant for one couple, but not for another. The questions listed below form only a partial list. They are intended to provide some guidance to common areas of trouble.

The questions, when answered, can give clues that problems may develop down the line.

They are meant to serve as a discussion guide, as a basis for reflection and, if serious concern arises in trying to answer them, as an indication that professional help might be needed.

The questions:

COMMUNICATION — How open and clear is your communication? Can each of you express love, agreement, disagreement, anger, wishes, fantasies, anxiety and a wide range of feelings and be understood by the other?

DIFFERENCES — What are the major differences between you and how effectively can you deal with them? Do you have ways of resolving differences, which leave each of you feeling comfortable?

FAMILIES — What kind of relationship do each of you have with the other's family? Are you overattached to your parents? Estranged? Do either of you resent members of the other's family? How effectively can the two of you deal with both families?

MARRIAGE — Do you hope for and expect the same kind of marriage? The same kind of relationship? Have you talked about the kind of marriages your parents had? Who will be responsible for the home, finances, shopping and children, if you plan to have them? Are roles determined by sex? Or are they determined by individual interests, abilities and available time?

SEX — How similar or different are your attitudes on the frequency of sexual relations, sexual fidelity, who initiates sex, and the means of achieving sexual gratification and compatibility? How does love, caring and consideration relate to sexual expression and gratification?

MONEY — How do each of you feel money should be gained, used and controlled?

FRIENDS — What do you think of the friends of your partner? What do

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Are marriages made in heaven?

People shouldn't let astrology dictate who and when they should marry, but they can use it to help them understand their partners and their relationships with them, according to psychic astrologer Jacqui Kendall of Birmingham.

"I do not believe certain signs should not go with another," said Kendall, who does radio and television shows for Southfield's WXYZ and teaches parapsychology at the community houses in Birmingham and Rochester.

"All matches are OK," she said. Some are just more compatible than others.

The most tumultuous match is between a fire (Aries, Sagittarius, Leo) and water sign (Cancer, Pisces, Scorpio), said Kendall, who wrote a pamphlet titled "Couplings" on the relationships between signs.

If the person with the fire sign is strong, and his partner with the water sign is shallow, the fire sign can "dry up" the water sign, she said.

HOWEVER, if the water sign is overly strong, it can "put out" the fire sign.

The perfect match, Kendall said, is two air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) with the same goals and desires. However, if a Libra and Aquarius, for example, are moving in

opposite directions, the result can be a tornado.

A match between a water and earth sign (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) can result in a lot of mudslinging, Kendall said. And two fire signs will have a highly intense relationship while two earth signs will make mountains out of molehills.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana of Wales are both water signs (he's a Scorpio; she's a Cancer) with a lot of depth, Kendall said. "Each one wants to seek his own level" and have his or her own way.

John F. Kennedy, a Gemini, was an air sign; Jacqueline, a Leo, is a fire sign. "We know there was some fanning of the flames in that relationship," Kendall said.

Women who are looking for lovers will find them in men with Scorpio and Libra signs. Those who want supporters should look for men with earth signs, Kendall said. And those who want their husbands also to be their best friend should seek out an Aquarius.

LEO MEN make good husbands, as long as their wives play to their egos.

Pisces women make sensitive wives, those with earth signs make good

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A daily decision

Reaffirming commitment

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riage to be saved, be taken care of, it doesn't happen," agreed Bob Tolles of Plymouth's Associated Counseling Services.

When both partners are self-secure, they can enrich each other's lives, Hughes said.

Communication is a must, the authorities agreed.

"Relationships can endure almost anything except bad communication," McIvor said.

In a relationship where a couple isn't conversing, one partner may always win arguments and get his way while the other covers up his feelings.

That doesn't necessarily mean the relationship isn't workable, Hughes warns. It does mean the couple's communication skills need honing.

Compatibility is another important factor. One way to tell whether you're a good match, said Hughes, is to ask these questions: "Can I be myself when I'm with him or her?" and "Do I feel happy when I introduce this person to someone else?"

Warnings that the relationship may

not work, include repetitive arguments about the same problems which have no solutions, hot and cold emotions, impatience with the other person's qualities and excessive desire to change the other person, Tolles said.

PRACTICAL issues couples should discuss before marrying include how they'll handle money, resolve conflict, whether they'll have a family and how they'll rear children, and how they'll express affection and spirituality, Hughes said.

Once couples decide to marry, they have to reaffirm their decision to be married every day to keep the relationship strong, the experts said.

"You have to keep working at the process of building and growing together," Tolles said.

"It's an ongoing process," Hughes agreed. "The decision has to be made each day to commit yourself to marriage and keep working on it. And it doesn't come naturally — it just isn't so. But that (working on it) is where the satisfaction comes in."

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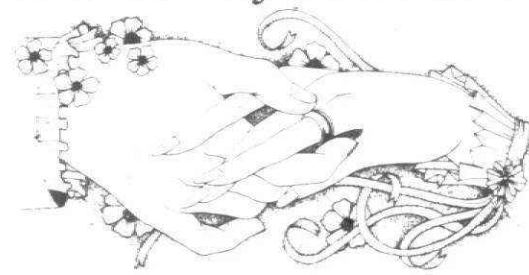
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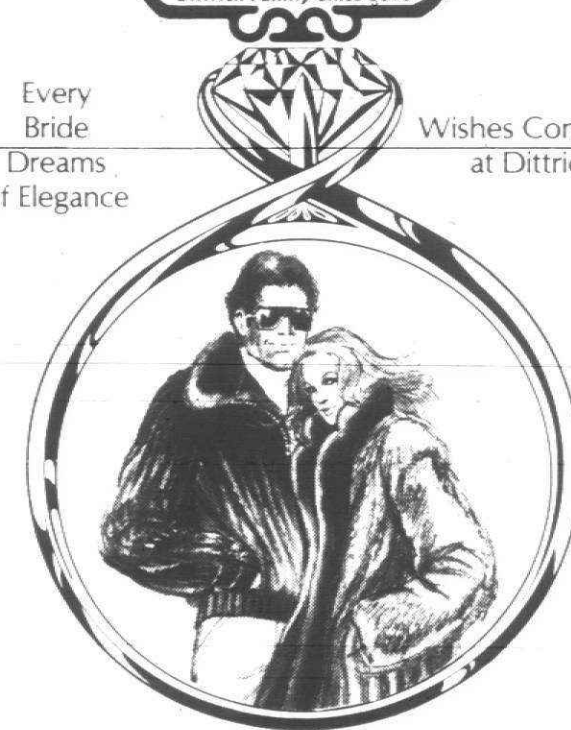
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"The computer can do anything you want it to," said Dave Vreeland, systems analyst for Online Design Inc., a Birmingham-based computer consulting and designing firm.

"If you put in vital attributes, something that correlates to a successful marriage, you can match those to people."

'The problem with computers is they're purely logical. When getting into marriage, that's emotions.'

— Larry Reinhart
programmer analyst

Men who value friendship and honesty as most important in a marriage, for example, could be matched with women who feel the same way, he said.

However, Larry Reinhart, programmer analyst at Southfield's Lawrence Institute of Technology, believes that, while computers may match people for dates, they're too limited to match people for marriage.

"The problem with computers is they're purely logical," Reinhart said. "When getting into marriage, that's emotions. Computers can't handle emotions."

Compare your compatibility

Birth Date	Sun Sign	Symbol	Ruling Planet
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Apr. 20 - May 20	Taurus	♉	Venus
May 21 - Jun. 21	Gemini	♊	Mercury
Jun. 22 - Jul. 21	Cancer	♋	Moon
Jul. 22 - Aug. 21	Leo	♌	Sun
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Sep. 23 - Oct. 22	Libra	♎	Venus
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21	Scorpio	♏	Pluto & Mars
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21	Sagittarius	♐	Jupiter
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20	Capricorn	♑	Saturn
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19	Aquarius	♒	Uranus
Feb. 20 - Mar. 20	Pisces	♓	Neptune

Locate your own and your partner's astrological symbols on the chart above.

		Males											
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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Planning the big day

Review their work before hiring wedding contractors

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agreed Ruth Seligson of Today's Bride, Birmingham.

In choosing a gown, Seligson suggested brides ask the opinion of either their mother or a friend.

The season and the nature of the wedding are other considerations in choosing a gown, the two women said. A winter wedding generally requires a closed neck and long sleeves. A formal wedding requires a formal dress.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Before signing a studio contract, couples should look at the work of the photographer who will do the actual shooting, advised Eileen Holzman who, with her husband, Buz, owns Birmingham Photographers in Birmingham and Buz Holzman Photography in Southfield.

Frequently, studios will show samples of work done by some of their photographers. "But when they send someone out to shoot your wedding, it (can be) another person whose work you haven't seen," Holzman said.

Couples should think twice about hiring a studio or photographer who seems hurried or insensitive, Holzman said. They may wind up being pushy during the wedding and hurry the couple along at the reception, rushing them to cut the cake and throw the bouquet.

Also, Holzman advised, look for hidden costs. Some photographers charge for extra mileage or limit the hours they will spend on a job.

Select a photographer affiliated with the Detroit Professional Photographers Association, Holzman said. "That way you know you're dealing with someone committed to a certain level of quality and ethics."

THE HALL

Couples should sample the food a hall serves before renting one.

"What it boils down to is, the bride and groom are feeding a vast number

of friends and relatives," said Chuck DeSantis, food and beverage director for Troy's Hilton Inn. "If the food is of good quality, if the guests get a good meal, it's not hard after that to get people to rave about the wedding."

If the hall has a dining room, DeSantis suggested a couple eat there first to sample the food and critique the service.

Other considerations include whether the hall can comfortably seat the number of guests planned, whether parking is adequate and whether the tables are round or rectangular.

In addition, he said, couples should check whether the hall uses linen or paper tablecloths, china or Corningware, glass or plastic glasses and silver or stainless steel flatware.

They should also find out what brands of liquor are served, how much is charged per glass (not bottle), and whether bartenders are provided, he said.

Then, DeSantis suggested, find out what extras are available. Sometimes, he said, hotels give the bride and groom a free night on the house.

The object, DeSantis concluded, is for couples to find the highest quality hall for their money.

THE BAND

"Price is always a question with bands," said Dan Yessian of Dan Yessian Associates Inc., a Farmington Hills talent agency. "Unfortunately, it always seems to take precedence over quality."

Many couples are willing to spend \$10-\$15 per plate for 200 guests at the reception, but won't shell out \$500-\$800 for a good band, Yessian said.

Yet, he said, the guests spend three to four hours dancing, compared to only an hour eating. Yessian said that the quality of the music often determines the quality of the evening.

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— Eileen Holzman
studio owner

THE FLORIST

In picking a florist, couples should make sure the business has the capacity to do the job the couple wants done, advised Larry Turowski, manager of Fairlane Florist in Dearborn. Fairlane also has a store in West Bloomfield.

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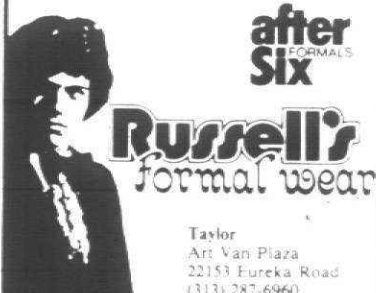
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"A Couple's Guide to Communica-

tion" written by J. Gottman, C. Notarius, J. Gonso, H. Markham, published in 1976 by Research Press Co. in Champaign, Ill.

"Making It Together as a Two Career Couple" by Marjorie and Morton Shaevitzi, 1979, Houghton Mifflin in Boston, Mass.

"Unconditional Love" by John Powell, 1978, Argus Communications, Allen, Texas.

"Pairing" by George Bach and Ronald Deutsch, 1971, Avon, New York, N.Y.

"Why Marriage: A Reality Therapist

Today, marriage counselors and ministers are encouraging the betrothed to examine their compatibility and resolve their differences before they say 'I do.' These books are available to aid couples in that endeavor.

Looks at Married Life" by Edward Ford, 1974, Argus Communications, Allen, Texas.

This list was compiled by marriage counselor Bob Tolles of Associated Counseling Services, Plymouth.

Checking the stars

Questions to ask

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mothers, and Scorpio women have a passion for life. "If her (a Scorpio woman's) husband happens to be that passion, he's got it made for life," Kendall said.

Gemini, Libra and Aquarius men make better second than first husbands, Kendall said, because they require a lot of attention, something they probably can't get when young children are in the house.

In choosing a wedding date, couples may look to the meaning behind the number, Kendall said.

The first, 10th, 19th and 28th day of

the month signal a new beginning; the second, 11th, 20th and 29th are couple days, perfect for getting married on, she said.

The third, 12th, 21st and 30th are family days, good for couples who want to have children. The fourth, 13th, 22 and 31st are strong days; the fifth, 14th and 23rd are adventurous and independent days, good for marriages between two.

The sixth, 15th and 24th days are affectionate, fun days. The seventh, 16th and 25th, quiet and spiritual. The eighth, 17th and 26th are business-oriented, better for starting up a business than marrying and the ninth, 18th and 27th are humanistic, romantic days.

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your friends mean to you? What understanding do you have about friendships with the opposite sex or at work? Can you have shared friends and your own individual friends as well?

INTERESTS — Are different interests permitted or resented? Are different interests divisive? Can you balance your needs for shared time, parallel time (time spent close to one another, but doing something different) and private time?

VALUES — Do you have general agreement on morality, religion, education, social and political matters and the place each one belongs in your relationship and marriage?

One last question: Do you view a relationship and particularly a mar-

riage as something that "comes naturally" or as something that is difficult to maintain and that requires hard work?

"All of the research done on marriage over the past half century can be summed up in six words. 'Select well and work like hell.'"

The preceding questions were put together by Dr. William Nichols of Beverly Hills. Dr. Nichols is a past president of both the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the National Council on Family Relations.

A clinical psychologist and family therapist with offices in Bingham Farms, Southfield and Grosse Pointe, Dr. Nichols has written articles for Parents' magazine and The Eccentric.

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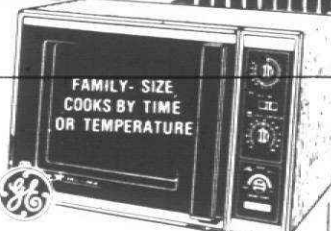
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