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places and faces

THE FINAL public hearing on a plan to close three elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland district will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the John Glenn High School auditorium. The board is expected to vote that night on the proposal to close Washington, Tinkham and McKee schools.

After a brief presentation on the proposal, questions will be accepted, first in writing and later at the microphones, from the audience.

Moderating the program will be Superintendent Timothy Dyer, his executive assistant Georgina Cseresznye and assistant superintendent for business John Baracy.

CHAMBER OF Commerce members will be selecting four directors for its board this week. Votes are due at noon Friday.

Candidates are Westley Allen, manager at the Wayne office of the Detroit Edison Co.; Jack Glyshaw, manager at the Westland J.C. Penney store; Daryl Howell DPM, a podiatrist; Michael Mijal, owner of Westland Electronics; Robert Mink, a certified public accountant;

Edward E. Nawotka, a dentist operating his own office; Thomas Taylor, former Westland mayor and an agent of tax-sheltered products for Nationwide Life; and Frank Weber, district internal services superintendent for Consumers Power.

EIGHT MEMBERS of Scout Troop 745 from St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland recently were awarded the Ad Altare Dei Religious Award for Catholic Scouts. Recipients were Jeff Wleczorek, John Schott, Peter Neicarz, Shinoo Mapleton, Mark Kohls, Dave Immerfall, Jeff Hasenau and Steven Frayer.

The award culminated 10 weeks of independent and classroom work which the boys completed.

CENTRAL CITY Park now has a thirst quencher, thanks to the Bank of the Commonwealth. Manager Darlene Feucht recently presented the Central City Park Association with a \$200 check for the purchase of a drinking fountain. The fountain will be located in the park behind city hall.

The association is responsible for finding funds to help furnish the park.

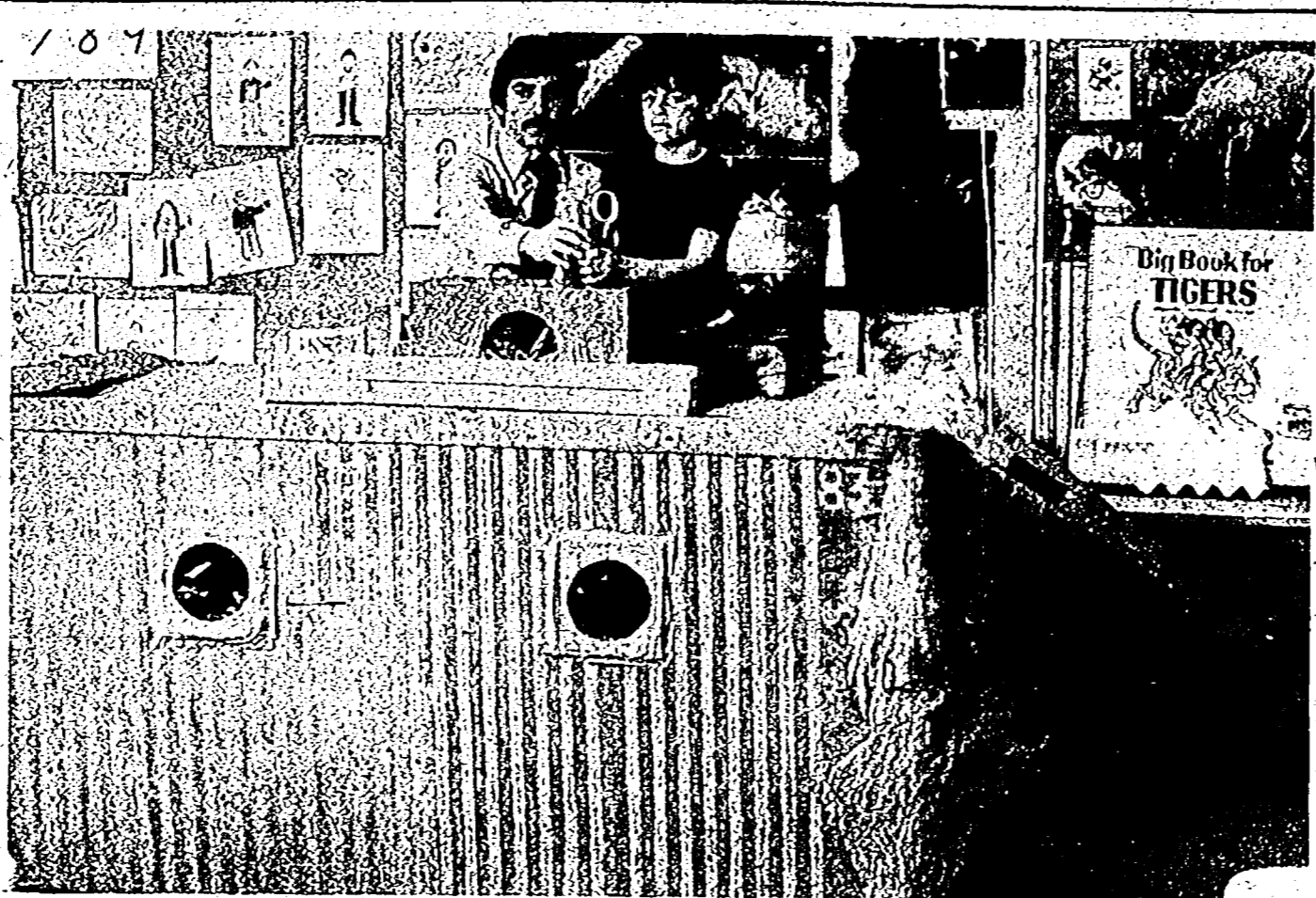
SENIORS AT the Wayne-Westland schools senior citizen center were turning various shades of green when 400 gathered at John Marshall Junior High to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Perhaps greenest of them all was Chuck Gldeau, vice president of the Wednesday club, who showed up with green hair, mustache and eyebrows.

A week later, 150 seniors were at it again, this time sampling desserts entered by members in a contest. Helping to work off some of those calories, the seniors rounded off the event with some dancing.

THE FIRST induction ceremony of the David Amerman Chapter of the National Honor Society will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Franklin High School. The society is limited to junior and seniors who have maintained a consistent grade point average of 3.2 or higher and who have demonstrated outstanding service to their school, leadership and good citizenship.

The chapter has been named for the first principal of Franklin, David Amerman, who will be present at the ceremony along with his wife. Giving the keynote speech will be Dr. Richard Thorderson of Livonia, who is vice president for enrollment services and admissions at Wayne State University.

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Chris Smith helps Sean Japenga, 7, adjust the periscope on the USS Vandenberg that will be entered in the Wayne-Westland school science fair.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Kids dive into project for school science fair

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

second-grade class at Vandenberg Elementary School. The 21 youngsters just built a submarine for \$8, plus a few spare parts and a couple of appliance-sized cardboard cartons. That kind of cost con-

The Pentagon could take a few lessons in limiting spending for defense build up from Chris Smith's first- and

tainment comes from experience.

"Nine years ago I did this with a fifth-grade class in my first year of teaching," said Smith. "This is the second time. The first and second graders have been a real delight."

"They did a super job of painting, mixing and using papier-mache. The sixth grade helped with the striping."

CALLED THE U.S.S. Vandenberg, the 10-foot long sub will be entered in the Wayne-Westland school science fair, which will be open to the public from 8-8:30 p.m. April 19 at John Glenn High School.

The sub, which "seats four comfortably," comes complete with dials, gauges, cellophane windows, lights, fish, a periscope, tape recorder and telegraph.

The \$8 paid for cellophane and the periscope. Smith's parents donated the cardboard boxes.

Smith said that he will be teaching the children Morse code, but in the meantime, the kids use the sub as a special place to sink into a book.

Jena Blaszkewicz, 8, said that she learned how to build submarines using wheat paste and paint.

Asked what the papier-mache was like, seven-year-old Sean Japenga said, "It was goeey, like the oatmeal I ate today."

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Michael Redd, 7, and Tanya Hooper, 7, enjoy a chance to listen to a tape recorder or read a book in the 10-foot submarine their class built.

Council to reach out, touch 2,000 Westland voters

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

day's meeting. Councilwoman Nancy Neal was absent.

As part of a program to improve communications between city government and Westland citizens, a questionnaire prepared by the Westland City Council will be mailed to 2,000 city residents.

The program, proposed by Councilman Kent Herbert at last week's council meeting, also calls for a quarterly newsletter, a "question of the month" to accompany the water bills, and support of Mayor Charles Pickering's town hall meetings.

Herbert said the questionnaire, which will be sent twice a year to a "statistical sample" of residents chosen at random by computer, would be an "insignificant" expense, compared to other recent mailings by the city. It would be paid for by council funds.

"We spent all the mailing and paperwork to stuff 25,000 notices to tell people their assessments were going down, and I think that was something they would have noticed in three months anyway," Herbert said.

"I think it's important we get that (questionnaire) in time for the budget hearings."

The council approved the questionnaire proposal by a 5-1 vote at Mon-

CASTING THE only vote against the questionnaire was Councilman Ben DeHart, who made a motion that it come from the administration and the council both. DeHart's motion died for lack of support.

Herbert prepared a sample questionnaire for Monday's meeting. It contained nine questions asking residents which programs they would prefer to have cut or increased, and on library services, wage freezes, unpaved roads, water meter reading, street lighting and the mayor's salary.

The council voted 6-0 Monday to approve support of the town hall meetings initiated recently by the mayor. It also voted 6-0 to table the newsletter and postpone the "question of the month."

The newsletter would be similar to that of the Wayne-Westland Schools, Herbert explained. He said Pickering could have his own section in the newsletter.

The publication would tell residents what services are available and draw in the areas of the city that feel "isolated," according to the councilman.

"I believe a newsletter would help

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Police issue warning to area shoppers

A fleet-footed purse snatcher, who police say has struck several times in the area, grabbed a Westland woman's purse outside a supermarket in a shopping center last Wednesday night.

The woman told police she was entering the Regal Supermarket at 8 p.m. when the suspect approached her from the rear and grabbed her purse.

Police said the 47-year-old woman fell to the ground and was dragged between 15 and 20 feet, scraping her face on the cement as she tried to hang on to her purse.

An 18-year-old Garden City man saw the incident and chased the suspect but slipped and fell, losing sight of the robber, police said.

The robbery was the fifth or sixth case involving the same suspect, according to police.

Police are urging shoppers to watch for anyone loitering around stores and are asking them to call police if suspicious people are spotted. Shoppers are also being advised not to set their purses down outside vehicles while loading groceries.

THE VICTIM in the theft, which took place outside the Regal Supermarket, 1615 Merriman, described the suspect to police as a thin black man, five feet 10 inches and weighing 145 pounds. He had a long face and wore a beige jacket, beige hat and dark pants.

"The suspect has been frequenting that area," Westland Police Sgt. Robert Barthold said. "We've had some other reports from that same shopping center. People have chased this guy, but he runs like a reindeer."

"Somebody's really having a field day taking these purses," Barthold added. "People are pretty preoccupied when they go into a store, but sometimes it pays to be observant of who is hanging around when you go in there."

Police believe that the robber is dropped off in the area and runs to the vehicle after snatching a purse. A white, four-door Chevette and a brown 1978 Thunderbird were spotted in two of the cases, according to Barthold.

Barthold said most of the incidents took place in the evening.

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Board hears fewer tax appeals

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

It had been a familiar scene in the Westland City Council chambers over the past three weeks: Property owners of all ages from all areas of the city held photographs, tax forms and information from real estate firms.

Some were angry, some were confused. All were there to appeal their assessments before the three-member Westland board of review.

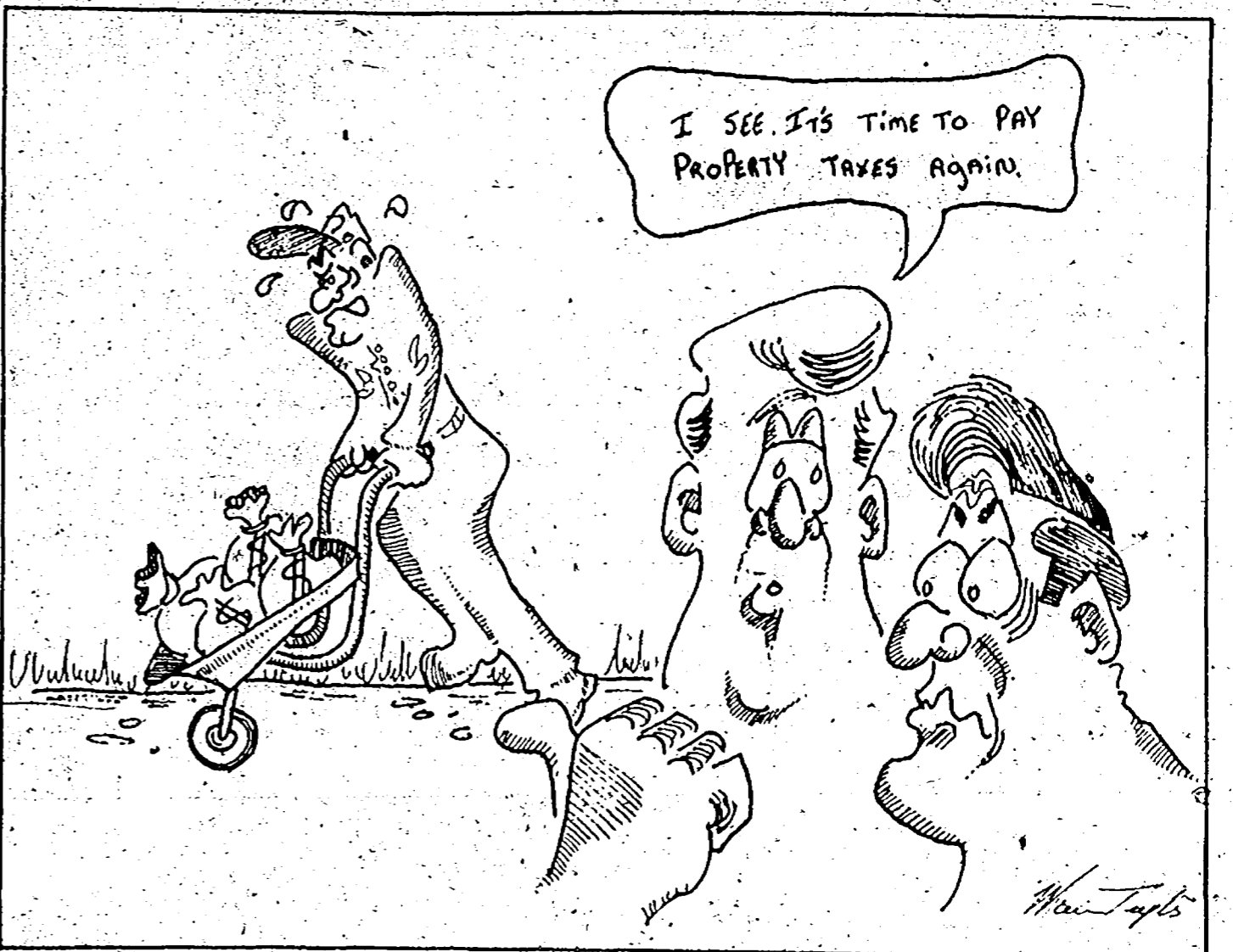
An estimated 800 residents and 150 to 200 commercial property owners appeared in nine days of board sessions to appeal their assessments this month. The figure is less than 50 percent of those who appealed in 1982, according to Helen Kraft of the assessor's office. Last year, the sessions had to be extended an additional several days.

"This year everyone was notified of a 7.94 percent reduction. Many found the assessments much more in line, so they felt there was no need to appeal," Kraft said.

THOSE WHO wanted to appeal filled out a form and waited to be called before board members Mildred Rady, Dick Manke and Elmer Prater. The city doesn't have the staff to schedule appointments, Kraft said.

Cases are reviewed individually. Persons who appealed will be notified of the board's decision by the end of

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Police still search for missing girl

By Bill Casper
staff writer

Township police are still looking for a missing 19-year-old Redford woman who they think was abducted over a week ago as she was walking home, on Five Mile near Lola Valley park.

Police think the woman was seen almost nude and with her hands tied behind her back March 20 at Annapolis and Inkster roads in Inkster by motorists.

Christina Lynn Castiglione, who lives with her parents on MacArthur, was last seen by her boyfriend and some friends March 19, according to Jan Schroeder, Redford youth bureau officer.

Schroeder said it may have been Castiglione that at least two persons saw between 6 and 7 p.m. the next day.

She said a motorist and his fiancée reported to police that they saw "a woman, wearing only a pair of beige, bikini panties and a pair of orange socks with dark stripes, with her hands tied behind her back" at the Inkster intersection.

The motorist said the woman turned her back toward his car as if to reveal that her hands were tied behind her back.

"THE COUPLE drove about a half block to the fiancée's home and called Inkster police," Schroeder said. "They returned to the intersection where they saw the woman, but she was gone. The couple said they did not see anyone else at the street corner."

When police arrived, they could find no trace of the woman.

"The physical description of the



Christina Castiglione, missing since March 19

woman they saw matches that of Christina," she said. "We of course can't be sure it was her, but I'm not ruling out that possibility at this time."

"I wish I knew why they didn't stop," Schroeder said. "I didn't even bother to ask because I was so grateful just to have a witness who provided us with our only piece of evidence."

"I informed Christina's mother of Sunday's incident and she confirmed that her daughter owned clothing similar to that described by the witnesses," Schroeder said. "Her mother said Christina only had one pair of beige bikini panties and she could not find them."

"The couple also said they saw a black garment, possibly a sweater, at the woman's feet. Christina was wearing a gray sweat shirt at the time of her disappearance," Schroeder said.

"At this point, even if what the witnesses saw is not related to Christina's disappearance, this situation does not

look good," she said. "I've learned that Christina had a habit of hitchhiking and I have to suspect foul play is involved in her disappearance."

SCHROEDER SAID the intersection area of Annapolis and Inkster has several light commercial buildings, a small senior citizen housing complex and an open field. She said the intersection is fairly busy and it is quite possible that someone else may have seen something not yet reported to police.

"We're requesting help from anyone who may have seen anything between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday (March 19) when she disappeared," Schroeder said. "Possibly a motorist on Five Mile may have seen her being picked up or forced into a car."

"We would also like to talk to anyone who may have seen the woman at Annapolis and Inkster between 6 and 7 p.m. Sunday," she said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Redford police at 537-2425 or 537-3030.

Schroeder said Castiglione's boyfriend and some friends said they were on their way to a party and were in a car on Five Mile near Lola Valley park when they saw Castiglione walking in the same direction they were driving.

The group stopped at a party store at Five Mile and Beech Daly and waited for her to get there, she said.

When she didn't show up, they began looking for her, but they couldn't find her, Schroeder said.

Castiglione's mother, Beatrice, said she is still hoping that her daughter is alive.

"SHE ALWAYS calls if she's going to

be out late and I know of no reason why she'd just run away," said Mrs. Castiglione. "She is at a point in her life where she is trying to decide what to do with her future. She has a job, but she has indicated she is bored with it and she has talked about joining the Army."

"I'm hoping that maybe she went to Florida to visit her sister Anna or her aunt who is living with my mother. She apparently told some friends at work that she would like to talk to her aunt," said Mrs. Castiglione.

She described her daughter as a tomboy who loves to play all sports and loves the outdoors. She is outgoing and has many friends.

Castiglione is a 1982 graduate of Redford Union High School. She has been working for Detroit Edison through a temporary employment agency.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Fitting the rear bulkhead onto the 10-foot submarine are 8-year-old youngsters Inez Johnson and Jena Blaskiewicz.

Youngsters hoist anchor

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Sean added that the class has learned "lots of science stuff."

Inez Johnson, 8, confirmed Sean's assessment, noting that the class had seen a movie about submarines and what lives in the sea.

Knowing that the district was about to have a science fair, Smith said he "thought why not build one and try to get it in. Normally, there aren't too many first- and second-grade classes who enter."

"It breaks all rules for the science fair. It's too big, but I talked with the coordinator. He said there was no cat-

egory for it, but he'd try to get it in," said Smith.

THE CLASS has worked on the project for about six weeks during their regular classes, said Smith.

This is his first year teaching at Vandenberg. One of the teachers targeted annually for layoff due to declining enrollment, Smith taught at Jefferson last year and at Monroe for seven years before that.

"This was a new experience," said Smith, admitting he was "a little hesitant at first. I taught fifth- and sixth-grade classes before, but it's been a great experience."

Council plans newsletter

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improve citizen awareness," Herbert said. "It's a good way for the citizens to help guide the council. It would improve our decision making."

DeHart and Councilman Robert Wagner wanted to see a cost figure on the newsletter before deciding. The newsletter and "question of the month" would be discussed in study sessions with the mayor, the council agreed.

"Maybe community leaders could raise funds," Wagner said concerning the newsletter. "It needs a little more discussion before we adopt it."

THE MAYOR said that the idea of a newsletter was excellent, but he said he was concerned about who would do it and how much it would cost.

and talk with the council about it," Mayor Charles Pickering said, adding that there is "no way" the newsletter could be mailed out.

Pickering said he was concerned about possible use of the questionnaire for political reasons "rather than for actual data," and he said that the questions would have to be worded carefully so that biased answers weren't received.

He added that he was concerned about why DeHart's proposal that he be given a chance to review the questionnaire and add questions died for lack of support.

"The idea of gaining citizens' opinions is important," Pickering said. "The more communication we have, the better we'll all be."

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Water main relocation to pump up Norwayne

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

Westland City Council has approved a \$100,000 contract calling for improvements to the water lines in the Norwayne housing area.

Public Service Superintendent Arthur Wittala said the changes will improve water pressure and, as a result, fire protection.

The work will involve relocating water lines from the rear easement of homes to the streets and increasing the water lines' diameter to at least six inches, Wittala said.

"During the war years, when that subdivision was developed, the water lines were two to four inches in diameter and would go to the rear easement," he explained.

Work will begin in mid-April and should take 60 days, he said. Funds for the job will come from federal community development block grant money, Wittala said.

The block grant money will also pay some \$28,000 in engineering costs related to the project. The cost

By a 6-0 vote last Monday, the council approved a contract with the Romulus firm of Pritula and Sons Excavating, the lowest of 11 bidders.

The firm had been recommended by the public service department and engineering consultants McDonnell Proudfoot and Associates, Inc. Councilwoman Nancy Neal was absent.

The next lowest bid, from the J. Yates Co. of Oxford, was for \$131,652. Other bids ranged from \$134,227 to \$166,897.

Asked by the council why Pritula and Sons' bid was so much lower, Public Service Director Henry Lundquist said the Romulus firm was familiar with Westland.

Under an alternate in the bid specifications, the city would provide eight hydrants only and the contractor would provide tees, valves, valve boxes and installation.

If the alternate was approved, the contract from Pritula and Sons would total \$95,919. The contract from the J. Yates Co. would total \$125,852. With the alternate, the remaining bids would range from \$130,227 to \$156,497.

However, the public service department and purchasing division said it would cost the city more to provide the hydrants.

In other action at the March 21 meeting, the council conducted a public hearing on whether to vacate the sidewalk abutting two lots in Norwayne Subdivision No. 3 at the northern end of Oceana Court.

The planning department recommended that the vacation of the sidewalk be approved. The department said that sidewalks are now along Dorsey and can be used. Eliminating the sidewalk will reduce access to the residences and offer safety protection, according to the department.

Assessments drop for most Westland property owners

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April. Kraft estimated that 60 percent of those who appealed last year received a reduction in their assessments.

Most of the reductions are good for one year. Some reductions, "very, very few," according to Manke, are permanent. These usually involve a structural change, he said.

One of those waiting to see the board last Wednesday was Don Maggard, 38. He explained that the assessment said his home, which is brick on one side and aluminum on the others, is worth only \$10,000 less than a full-brick home across the street from it.

"We're being judged by other homes and that's not fair," he said. "If I could get that (amount), I would put it on the market tomorrow."

"They dropped (the assessment) down last year," Maggard added. "They've been pretty fair about it."

ALSO WAITING to see the board last week were John and Catherine Kecskes, who are in their middle and late 60s. The couple was accompanied by a representative of the Realty World firm.

"It's outrageous on how they're overassessed," said Alvin Bright Jr., Realty World investment division manager and registered investment advisor. "They've never been available to challenge or knew it was possible to challenge."

Bright said a computer printout showed that all brick ranch homes, similar to the Kecskes', in a

three square mile area had an average sale price of \$42,600 and a maximum price of \$58,000. The city ruled that the Kecskes' home was worth \$70,000, he said.

"The first thing you know they tax you to death," John Kecskes said. "They keep throwing it to you."

Others had harsh comments about their taxes. Mel Green, who said he would appeal his assessment last week, charged that the city was deliberately overassessing homes in order to get more money. The Greens' 1983 assessed valuation was \$24,240, while a real estate agency put the value at \$17,600.

"Why don't they just hire a real estate agency instead of paying an assessor?" Green asked. "They know the value of the homes and know what they're selling for. The assessor doesn't know what he's doing."

KRAFT SAID a real estate firm isn't authorized by law to conduct the assessments.

A 58-year-old barber, who asked not to be identified, made his first appeal before the board last week.

"This is the first time I feel it's never going to stop," he said. "Now your taxes are more than the rent, your utilities are more than the rent."

"They're way overcharging," he went on. "They want to run in the red all the time. They've got to get better management in there. I think they'll just continue taxing until they have a tea party, that's what I believe. I don't think they'll ever stop."

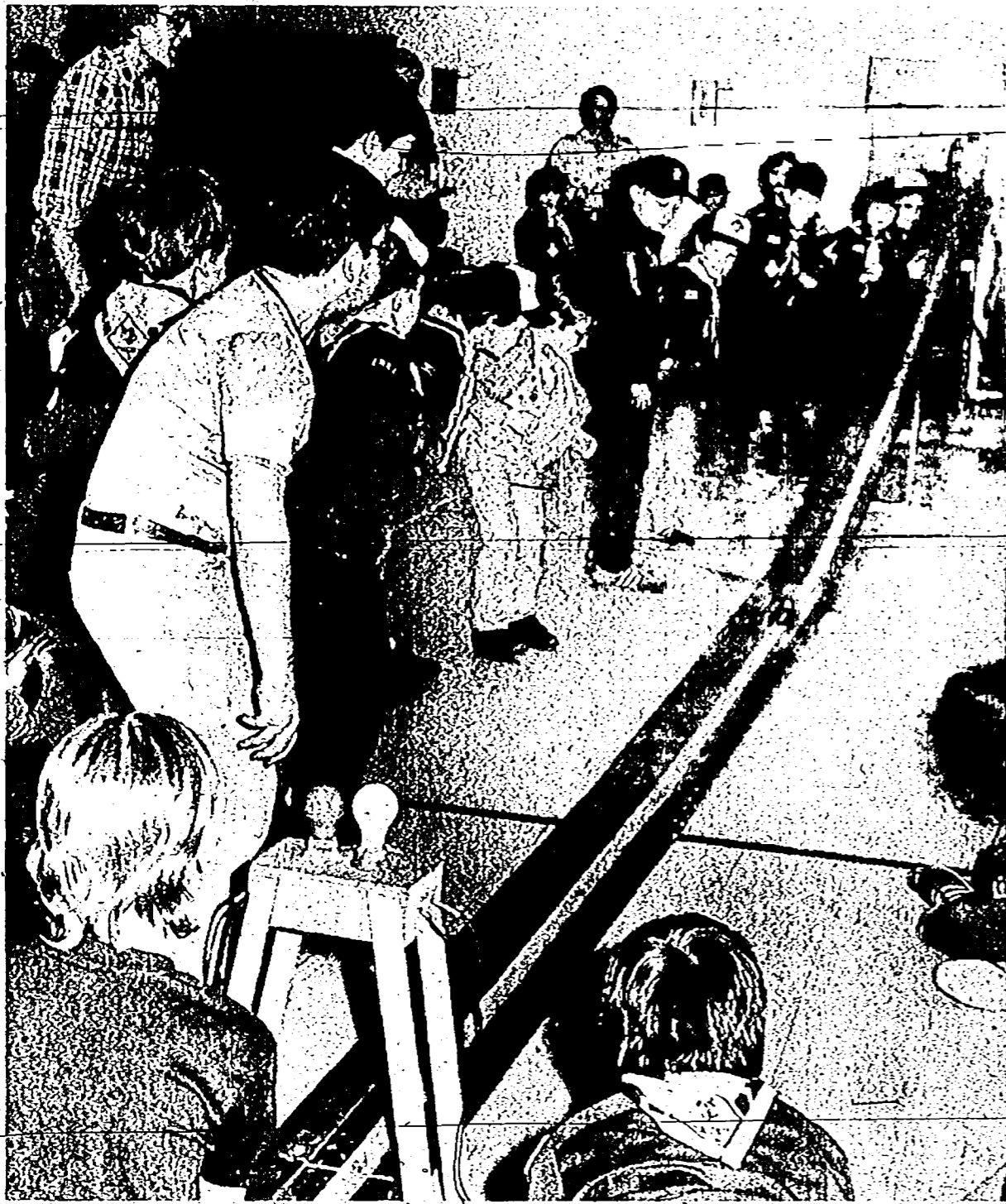


Preparing for the start of the big race, Joshua Craven carefully oils the wheels of his Pinewood Derby model car. Most of the 30 members of Cub Scout Pack 774 entered cars in the race.

Bobby Francis, 9, waits anxiously as his car is weighed by a volunteer from the pack. Maximum weight for the miniature Grand Prix models is 5 ounces.

They're off!

Dads help Cub Scouts race in derby



Concentrating on the track his car will take, Brian Gist (above) waits for the race to begin. Then plummeting down the wooden track (left), the cars race for the finish as member of Cub Scout Pack 774 at Wildwood School cheer for their favorites. The cars are made from kits by the Cub Scouts with the help of their fathers. The work includes carving, sanding and painting. When completed, the cars' maximum weight is 5 ounces.



Giving a winning kiss to mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hoffman, is their 7-year-old son Derek, who won a trophy in the father and son event.

Police suspect thieves use snowmobiles

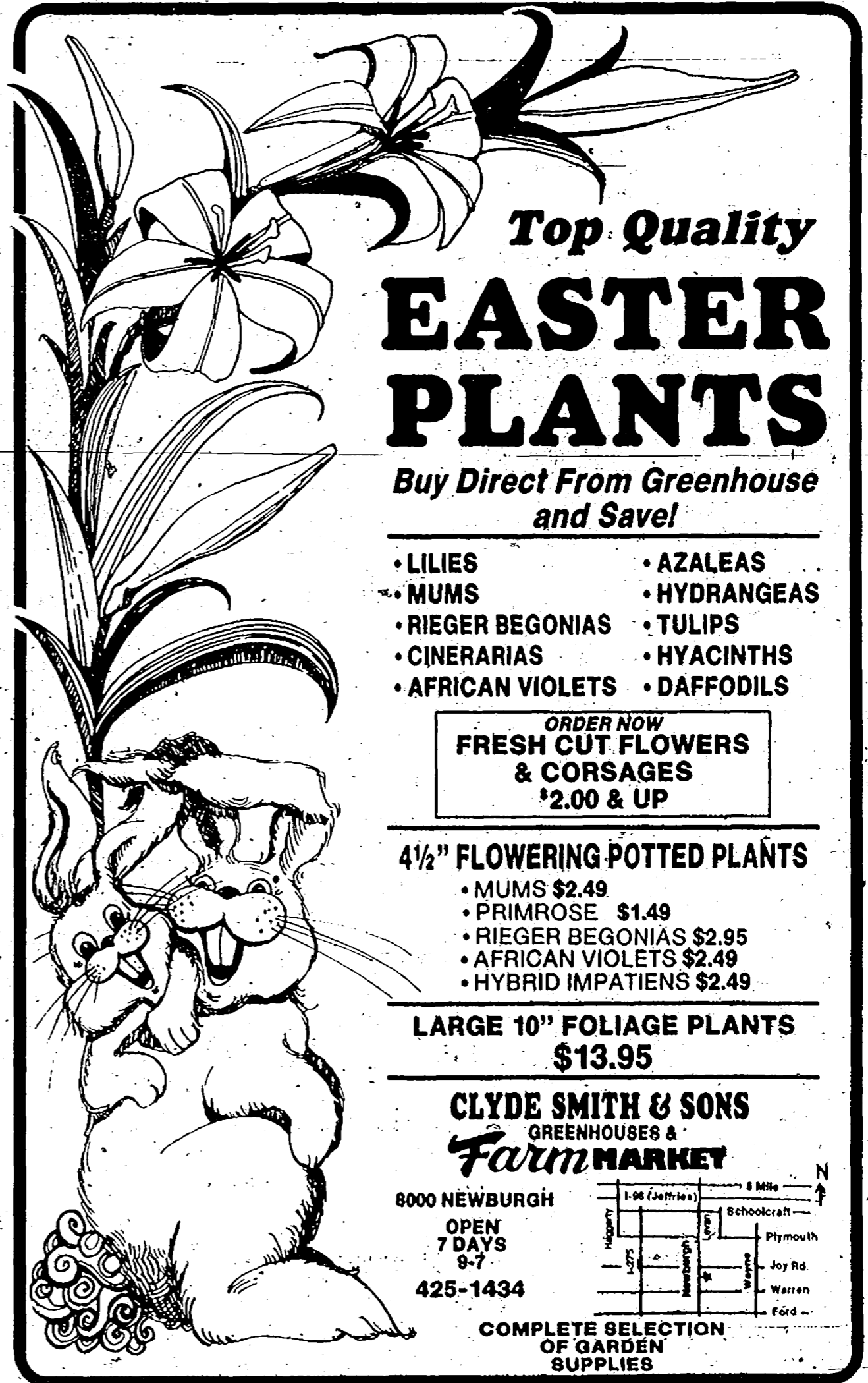
An unknown number of snowmobiling thieves took some \$2,500 worth of items from vehicles parked at 39000 Ford Road early last week, police said.

A 40-channel CB radio, a jack and fuel were taken from an unattended truck be-

tween 6 p.m. last Monday and 7 a.m. the following day, according to police. The robbers entered the truck by breaking through a side window.

In addition, five heavy-duty steel tarps, miscellaneous chains and binders were stolen from a 40-foot trailer.

The culprits apparently traveled on snowmobiles on nearby railroad tracks and made several trips to carry the stolen goods, police said. Some ropes and bindings were recovered at Warren Avenue and the tracks, where it appeared the robbers transferred the items to a car or truck.



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Senate Dems 'put it together' on income tax hike

By Tim Richard
staff writer

In the end, there was no compromise. On the kind of straight party-line votes that Michigan hadn't seen for years, the state Legislature last week passed a personal income tax increase close to the levels asked for by Gov. James Blanchard.

"We put it together in there," said Sen. Phillip O. Mastin, D-Pontiac, as he emerged from a Democratic caucus prior to the vote. "We sounded out a few of their guys to see what they can go for." Mastin said there were no party-to-party negotiations.

"We're going to gamble the Democrats don't have 20 votes," said Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Union Lake, the minority whip. "Then we'll try to amend it."

MASTIN WAS exactly right, and the GOP gamble lost. Senate Democrats picked up the one Republican vote they needed, and Blanchard's tax proposal became law.

The key vote came Thursday evening when 19 Democrats and Republican Harry DeMaso of Battle Creek provided a 20-18 state Senate majority over 17 Republicans and one Democrat Gilbert DiNello of East Detroit. The majority passed two bills to raise the income tax rate to 6.35 percent from the current 4.6 percent.

Friday, the House concurred in the Senate version on a 58-50 vote. All 58 yes votes were Democrats. The 47 Republicans were joined by three Democrats in opposition. Abstaining were two Democrats, including Rep. Edward Mahalak of Romulus.

A 1.5 percent increase in the operating rate, and a 0.25 increase for debt retirement will be retroactive to Jan. 1. The operating rate will be adjusted downward as unemployment falls but cannot be adjusted upward if joblessness worsens.

The Legislature rejected bipartisan attempts to place a sales tax increase on

the ballot. Legislators didn't even discuss on the floor such proposals as lowering property tax assessments and reducing the single business tax.

THE DISPLAY of old-fashioned party discipline came a week after Senate GOP Leader John Engler of Mt. Pleasant held out the olive branch of possible compromise. Engler announced a majority of his caucus would support a tax increase if Democrats would agree to modifications.

"I agreed with the majority of the Republican caucus," said Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville. "We said that no income tax should be considered that doesn't have 1) a definite termination date, and 2) some provision for business climate improvement."

"The Democrats didn't seem receptive to either, Blanchard is setting as his highest priority a tax that will last four years. Republicans also don't want to fund any budget we haven't seen, and we haven't seen his budget," said Geake.

Blanchard appealed to Republican senators to vote in favor of the bill finally approved. He said, "It is a lasting

solution to our state's fiscal problems."

A major part of the GOP strategy was Geake's proposed bill to ease the burden of the single business tax on small firms to the tune of \$175 million. The third-term senator credited the Livonia Chamber of Commerce for the ideas.

Geake's bill called for removing workers' comp insurance premiums and unemployment comp taxes from the SBT base, allowing 100 percent of research and development expenses to be subtracted from the SBT obligation, and making a 1984 break for small firms retroactive to the first of 1983.

UNLIKE THE House battle of March 2 which was over quickly, the Senate vote was delayed by closed caucuses and small meetings.

DiNello, the maverick Democrat, spent much time closeted with Sen. Patrick McCollough, D-Dearborn, on compromise amendments. McCollough, describing himself as "a conservative who doesn't want to see my state besmirched by bankruptcy," finally voted with his party.

There were other unsuccessful

maneuvers to make the tax bite more palatable.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Southfield, joined Sen. John Kelly, D-Detroit, in proposing a public vote on raising the sales tax to 6 percent from 4 percent. Faxon sought to use the sales tax revenue to provide state aid to the growing list of "out-of-formula" school districts, arguing that 20 percent of sales tax revenue comes from non-residents of Michigan. DiNello said his constituents in town meetings clearly favored a sales tax increase. Kelly sought a 1983 election on the proposed constitutional amendment.

Sen. Edgar Fredricks, R-Holland, of-

ered an amendment to raise the portion of the state budget going to K-12 education from the current 14 percent to 16 percent in 1985 and then upwards to 20 percent after 1988. It was defeated on a 16-16 party line vote.

Fredricks also sought to require that property assessments be pared to 40 percent of true market value instead of the current 50 percent. His proposal was declared out of order by the presiding chairman, Sen. Joseph Conroy, D-Flint, who was upheld in a 17-17 vote.

THE LEGISLATURE'S action received predictable reviews.

Michigan Education Association President Keith Geiger released a survey by Nordhaus Research Inc. of Farmington Hills indicating 56 percent of Michiganians favor increased funding for K-12 schools and 41 percent favor more for universities, too. MEA is the parent organization of most local teachers' unions.

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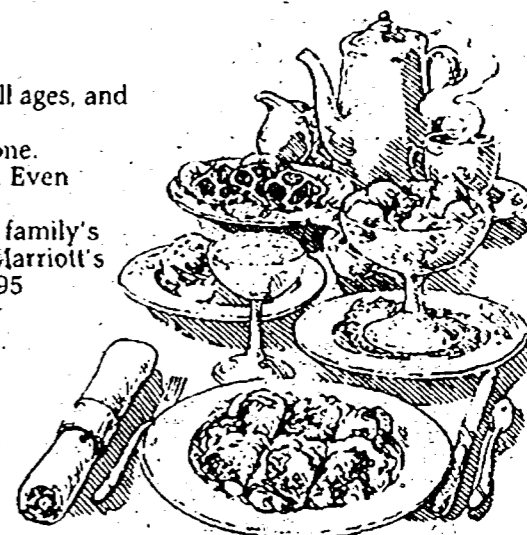
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Spring arrives when Easter Sunday falls, no matter what the date. There's the promise of azaleas, tulips, lilies and daffodils as flowers begin to blossom and their scent fills the air.

Countries celebrate Easter with varied customs — many with song, dance and the exchange of gifts. Americans add a touch of finery to their costumes by wearing something new, while children join in the classic Easter Egg Hunt and spend a happy hour searching for brilliantly-dyed eggs.

The Easter feast is a joyous and light-hearted one. Traditionally, great roasts of lamb and fowl, absent during Lent, were prepared for a meal as elaborate as means allowed. Sometimes the feast began as soon as the church bell struck midnight on Holy Saturday, when parishioners brought food to the church to be blessed.

For this year's holiday meal, Leg of Lamb with Grapefruit Marinade makes a spectacular presentation. New Zealand Spring lamb, nurtured on mother's milk and green pasture grasses in that benevolent climate, then flash-frozen at the peak of tenderness, is readily available. After thawing, the lamb rests overnight in a sparkling marinade composed of Florida grapefruit juice blended with olive oil and seasoned with rosemary, thyme and garlic. The marinade is used to baste the meat while roasting and makes a piquant sauce to be served at the table. Grapefruit juice works its magic on the succulent lamb, enhancing its delicate flavor and adding a zesty citrus quality.

Orange Sherbet Mold can be served as an accompaniment to the roast, or as a dessert. Its exuberant flavor comes from freshly-squeezed orange juice, the fruit-picked just a few days earlier in the Florida groves. Sweetened with honey and blended with orange ice, the mold is topped with orange sections bursting with juice. Orange Sherbet Mold offers a complete change to taste and texture and complements the robust flavor of the roast lamb.

A perfectly brewed pot of tea completes the holiday feast. Tea has been the symbol of hospitality since earliest recorded time. It has been traditionally offered to strangers to signify good will and shared with friends on social occasions. A good quality tea guarantees full aroma and flavor and the clean, gentle taste can be enjoyed throughout the meal. It gives a gentle lift without a let-down afterwards. To make tea, fresh, cold water brought to a rolling boil should be added to an already warmed pot. Use one tea bag or one teaspoon of tea per cup of water and brew it for three to five minutes.

A delectable lamb roast, zesty citrus mold, garden vegetable and refreshing pot of tea plus a terrific dessert add up to a dinner as festive as the holiday itself. And, it allows time for the chef to march in the Easter parade.



Grapefruit Marinade Lamb

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| 1 frozen leg of lamb (about 5 pounds), thawed | 2 teaspoons dried leaf thyme, crumbled |
| 3 cups grapefruit juice | 3 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1/2 cup olive oil | 1 tablespoon flour |
| 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crumbled | Salt and pepper |

With sharp knife, remove "fell" and fat from lamb. In medium bowl combine grapefruit juice, olive oil, rosemary, thyme, and garlic; mix well. Place lamb in heavy plastic bag just large enough to hold lamb comfortably. Pour marinade over lamb. Press air out of bag. Seal bag. Turn bag to coat lamb with marinade. Refrigerate overnight. To cook, place lamb, meaty-side-up on rack in roasting pan. Roast in a 325°F. oven, 1 hour 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 140°F. for rare, 160°F. for medium, 170°F. for well-done. Baste with marinade every 30 minutes during roasting. Remove meat to serving platter. Allow to "rest" 10 minutes before serving. Add flour to roasting pan. Stir over medium heat one minute. Gradually stir in remaining 1 to 1 1/4 cups grapefruit marinade. Cook until thickened. Gravy may be thinned if necessary with water or grapefruit juice. Season to taste, YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

Carving Lamb Legs

- Place roast flat side down on carving board with shank (narrow end) to your right. From left to right slice down to bone, then make horizontal cut along bone to free slices.
- Remove slices from roast.
- Slice butt (wide end) in toward bone.
- Lift roast and turn over.
- Replace roast on carving board.
- Carve balance of roast down to bone, then make horizontal cut along bone to free slices.
- Trim remaining meat off bone.

Tea Tips

- Preheat your teapot by rinsing it out with hot water. This keeps the tea hot during brewing.
- Always use freshly drawn water. Water that has been standing and reheated gives tea a flat taste.
- Don't judge the strength of tea by color. Some teas brew light, some dark. Brew by the clock.
- If you like weak tea, add a little hot water to your tea after the full brewing period.
- Stir tea before pouring to make sure it's uniformly strong.
- Serve tea with milk (not cream) to let the true flavor of the tea come through. Or with lemon to point up its flavor.

Orange Sherbet Mold

First gelatine layer:

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| 1 envelope unflavored gelatine | 2 tablespoons honey |
| 1 3/4 cups orange juice, divided | 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned |

In medium saucepan sprinkle gelatine over 3/4 cup cold orange juice; let stand 1 minute. Stir over low heat until gelatine is completely dissolved, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in remaining 1 cup cold orange juice and honey. Chill until consistency of unbeaten egg white. Meanwhile, arrange orange sections on bottom of a 6-cup mold, reserving 8 sections to garnish serving plate. Pour gelatine mixture into mold. Chill until firm.

Sherbet layer:

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| 2 envelopes unflavored gelatine | 1 pint orange sherbet |
| 1 3/4 cups orange juice, divided | |

In medium saucepan sprinkle gelatine over 1 cup cold orange juice; let stand 1 minute. Stir over low heat until gelatine is completely dissolved, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in remaining 3/4 cup cold orange juice and sherbet. Stir until sherbet dissolves. Chill mixture until consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Pour over firm gelatine mixture in mold. Chill 6 to 8 hours, until firm. Unmold. Garnish plate with reserved orange sections. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

Table Talk

A beautifully set table and decorated food platters make ordinary food taste like ambrosia. Decorations call for more imagination than money. Some suggestions:

- Glazed orange slices cover a ham roast, keeping it moist and adding flavor.
- If your china is patterned, pick up small plates in solid complementary colors for contrast.
- Make fruit and vegetable flowers. Use a sharp knife to carve and toothpicks to hold the pattern. Don't be shy...nature rarely makes a perfect daisy.
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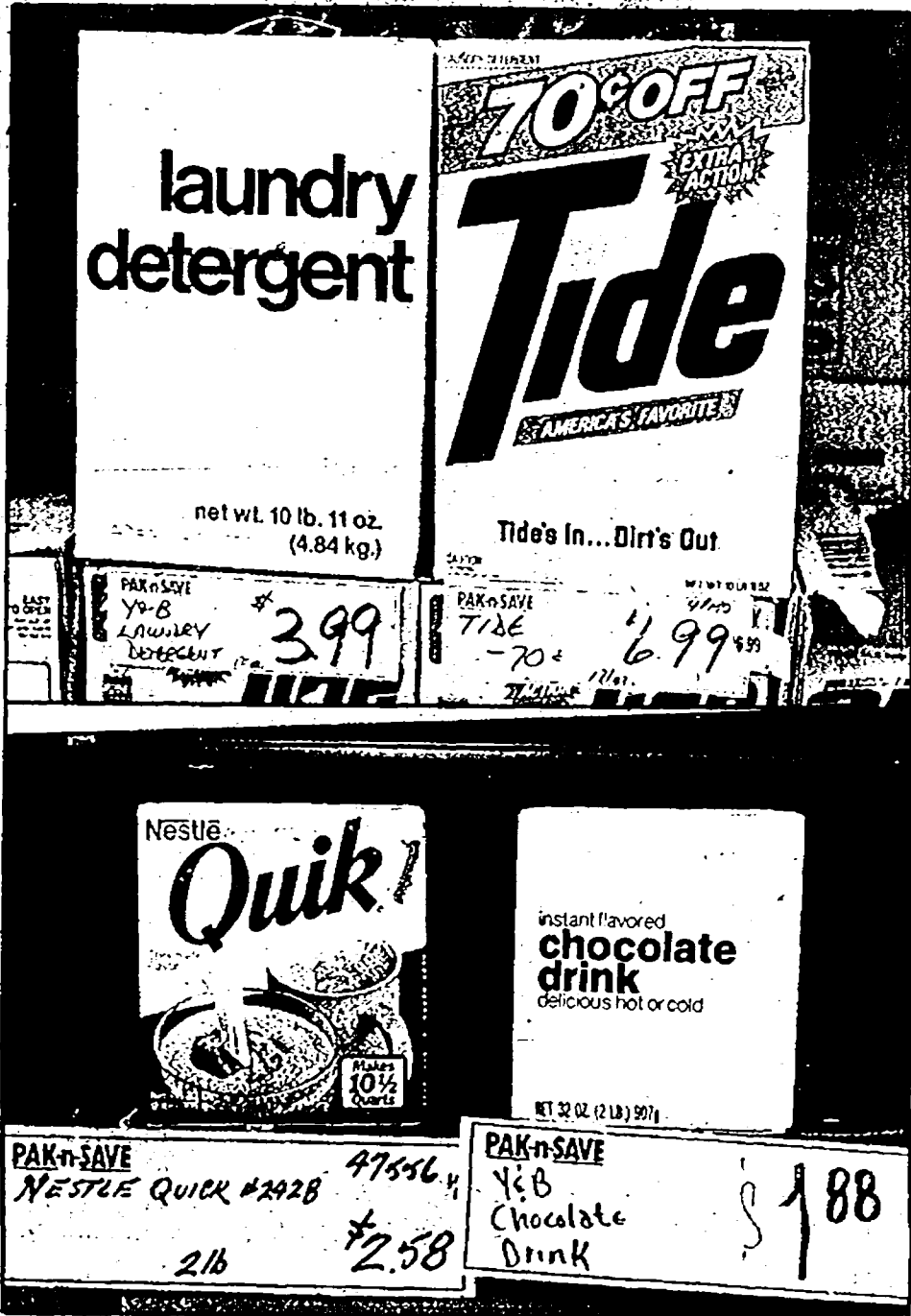
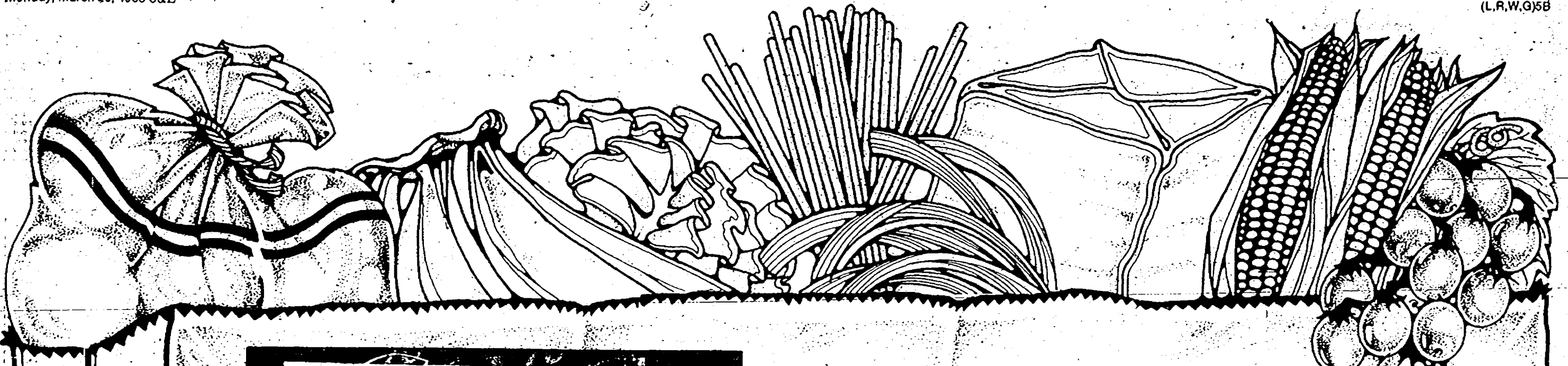
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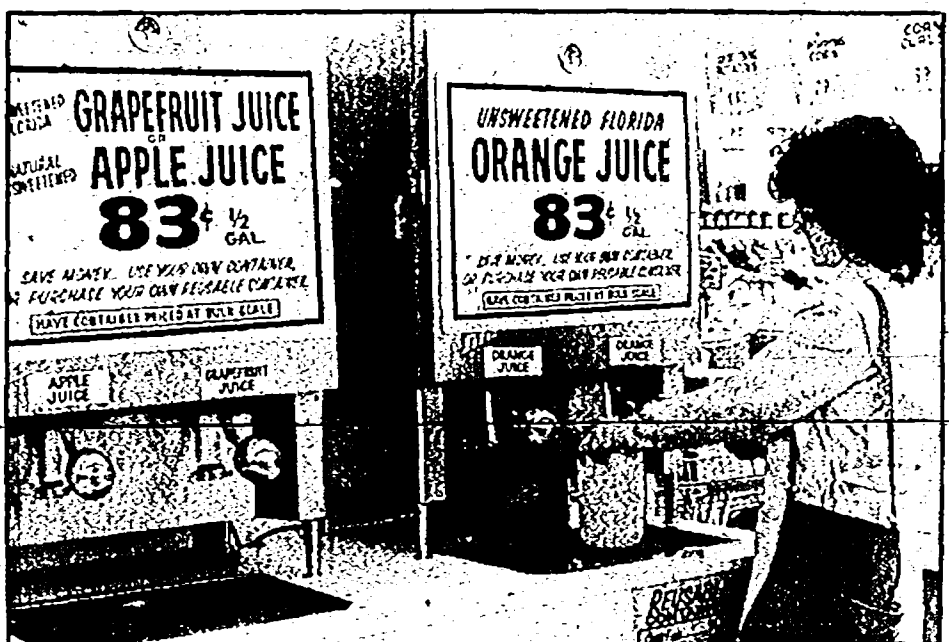
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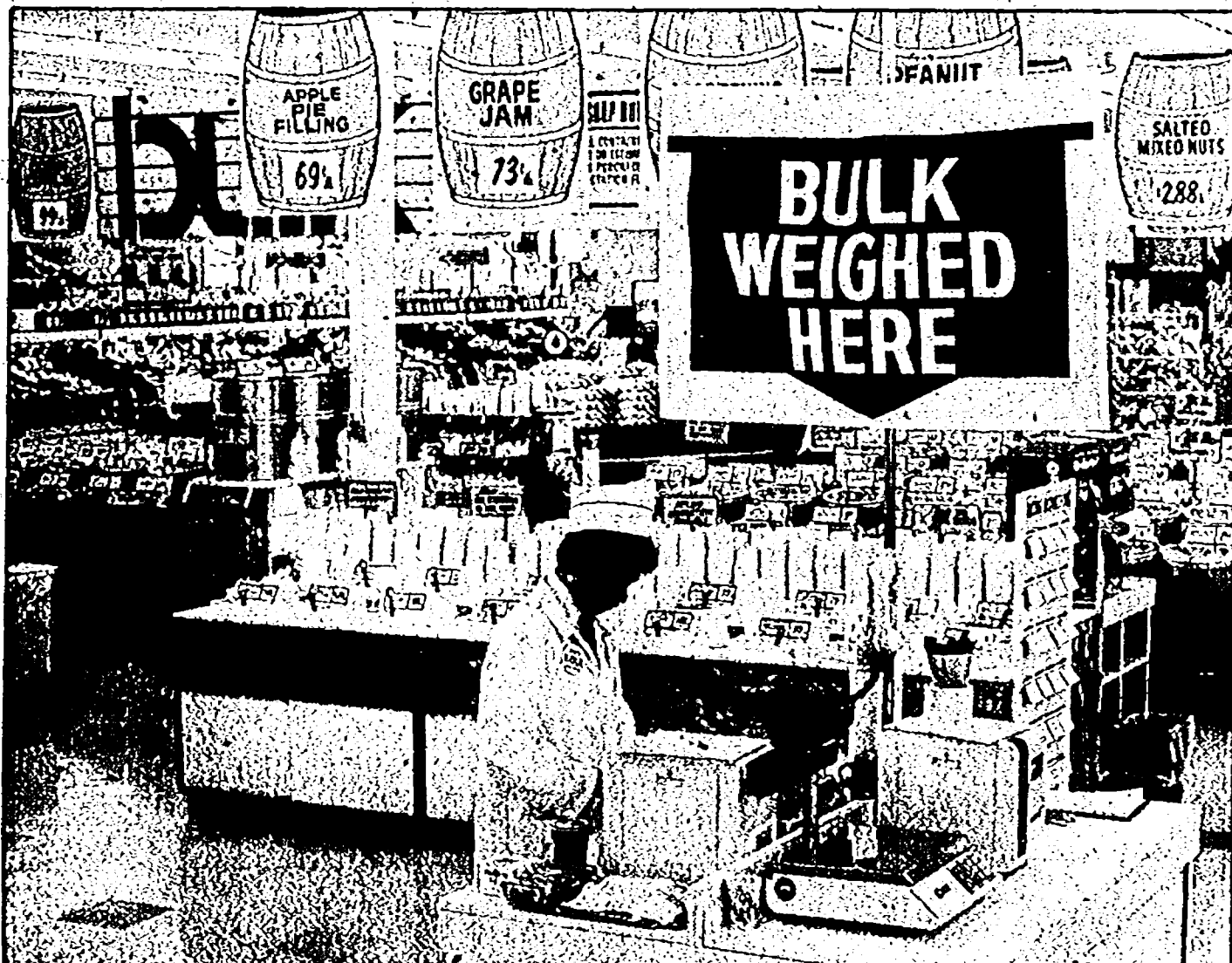
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It's easy to see why "plain Janes" are popular with shoppers. These two items are from Chatham's Livonia Pak-n-Save store where even name brands are cheaper than they are in other supermarkets. A frillless store interior minus fancy displays help cut operational overhead, thus allowing the store to pass on the savings to customers with lower prices.



Alice Towler of Westland pours some orange juice at the Farmer Jack bulk store.



For the unfussy do-it-yourselfer, the bulk food store offers plenty of bargains.



Don Bentley of Garden City scoops out some yellow cake from a bin in the bulk food store. Tight-fitting plastic lids keep the foods from contamination.

'Plain Janes' - few frills but super (market) buys

By Ann Shaw
special writer

HOW DO YOU LIKE your tomatoes? Whole, halved or maybe in spaghetti? If you're the cook, you can choose between a name brand, a private label or house brand, or a generic, no-name brand.

National brands, house brands and no-brands are most likely found on the shelves of every major retail grocery store in your neighborhood. But that wasn't always the case.

Six years ago, shopping for tomatoes and many other items was easier because there wasn't the barrage of labels and non-labels to ponder.

But clearly the no-label — or "plain Janes" as they are called in the retail food industry — have had an impact on the shopping habits of consumers. And one thing is certain, sales figures show that they're here to stay for a while.

NO-BRAND, GENERIC PRODUCTS first hit the

shelves of the Jewel Tea Co. in Chicago in 1977. The idea was simple, the experiment bold: provide the same quantity and same nourishment at less cost to the consumer.

As the "plain Janes" gained space on the shelves, the signal to the major chains was clear — people were buying generic products.

This fact set the stage for another approach to food merchandising by the major chains and that was to provide the consumer with yet another second-tier choice — something between the bottom-line no-name brands and the top of the line, name brands.

Filling that gap was their own private or house label that are also known in the trade as "neo-generics".

The results are enlightening. In 1982, sales of private label and no-name brand items amounted to an estimated \$16 billion or a combined 16 percent of \$100 billion worth of warehoused products.

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Buying it in bulk brings bigger savings

By Ann Shaw
special writer

Borman Foods is one of the major area supermarket chains that has expanded the use of no-brand items in its Farmer Jack supermarkets.

But Borman has carried it a step further in an effort to provide first-rate quality with up to 50 percent savings of shelved national brands.

It's bulk shopping — not exactly a new idea as American shopping goes, but nobody's thought about it on a large scale for a long time.

At the Farmer Jack store at Ford and Wildwood roads in Westland, consumers can decide just how much flour, sugar or coffee they want. Items are not packaged, but sold in bulk, stored in clear plastic bins.

THE SAVINGS to the shopper obviously comes as the result of eliminating the expense of packaging and labeling. A random sample of the savings is persuasive. An 18-ounce jar of national brand peanut butter sells for \$1.88. Eighteen ounces of bulk peanut butter sells for 93 cents. Two pounds of packaged flour sells for 88 cents. One pound of bulk flour sells for 15 cents. Shelved, brand name bread sticks sell for \$2.88. Bulk bread sticks are \$1.99.

The Westland store is one of six bulk stores that Borman has opened for the experiment. It's the

only one in the Observer circulation area.

The 2,000-square-foot bulk area has more than 20 rows containing 200 items. The items are rotated daily to avoid becoming stale; the area is immaculate, and every precaution has been taken for sanitation. The bins are covered with securely-fitting but easily opened lids. A dipping utensil is attached to every bin. Free containers are with an arm's reach. The shopper scoops out the amount desired and then goes to the weigh station in the area where the product is weighed and priced.

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED bright signs warn of "no bare hands."

Among the 200 items available in bulk are: salt, flour, sugar, brown sugar, pancake mix, pizza crust mix, spices, pie filling, dried fruit, pretzels, oyster crackers, salad croutons, a variety of nuts, popcorn, rice, candies, cookies and dried dog food.

Ingredients are posted in easy-to-read locations and mixing instructions are also available. The area also has fresh orange and apple juices.

Marquart said they are pleased with the response to the bulk areas.

However, there is one group that is concerned with the concept. The Michigan Department of Agriculture conducted public hearings Friday in Lansing on proposed amendments to "establish a specific method of sale for bulk foods in order to protect the foods from adulteration."

In the meantime, Marquart said, "We have no plans to close any bulk stores."

Staff photos by Art Emanuele

Payne captures 1st Golden Gloves title



Craig Payne national champ

By Brad Emons staff writer

"We did it!" exclaimed coach Paul Soucy late Saturday night after Livonia's Craig Payne captured his first National Golden Gloves super-heavy-weight crown in Albuquerque, N.M.

Payne, 21, a runner-up the past year in the U.S. Amateur and Golden Gloves championships, won

the title by beating 16-year-old Mike Tyson of New York in a decision.

"It was one of Craig's toughest fights ever — brutal," Soucy said. "This kid (Tyson) is an up-and-comer."

In Friday's semifinals, Payne turned back Nathaniel Fitch of Hawaii, while Tyson upset defending champ Warren Thompson of Baltimore, Md.

Payne's victory also gave Michigan the team

title. Three other Detroit-area fighters won crowns.

"Craig was looking like the old Craig here," Soucy said. "But we're going to have to get him even tougher. He'll be going to Cuba next week as part of the U.S. boxing team."

The Livonia boxer bounced back after a pair of sluggish performances last month in Europe. Although he was practicing at the Olympic Training Camp in Colorado Springs, his weight ballooned near 230 pounds.

He then returned home and has been training under Soucy and Dick Quilton at the Livonia Boxing Club.

Payne advanced through the ranks with two wins last Tuesday night, decisioning A.B. Lamb of Texas and forcing Derwin Harris of Grand Rapids out of contention with a dislocated shoulder. The next night Payne won his quarterfinal berth with a decision over Wes Smith of Tennessee.

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1983 volleyball standouts

All-Area girls dig their game

By Brad Emons and C.J. Risak staff writers

Follow the bouncing ball. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But you've got to know what to do with it when you reach it.

Those are the basic ingredients in volleyball. It becomes far more complex, of course. Teamwork, striking power and leaping ability are some of the key ingredients every volleyball contingent needs to succeed.

In the Observer area this past season, there were several teams that had the right combinations in abundant doses. And the players who helped their teams attain such lofty status are those who have been chosen by the area's coaches to the 1983 All-Area Girls' Volleyball Team.

The coaches selected two nine-member teams. It was not an easy selection process. Several of the girls honored will continue playing volleyball in the years ahead, recipients of college scholarships.

Here are the players the coaches voted to honor.

FIRST TEAM

Julie Burton, Redford Bishop Borgess — An All-Catholic League selection; Burton, a senior, was a solid all-around performer at both the net and in the back row. This is Burton's third year on the All-Area squad.

Borgess coach Jerry Abraham called Burton "a very intelligent hitter/blocker and an excellent back-row player." The Spartan co-captain also excels in the classroom — she carries a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Johna Gambotto, Redford Bishop Borgess — Gambotto shared both co-captain duties and all-around volleyball ability with Burton on a Borgess team that ran up a 51-6 record, including a Catholic League championship.

Gambotto, a senior who has a 3.4 GPA, was a "powerful left side hitter/blocker," Abraham said. Her ability earned her a spot on the All-Catholic League team. She will continue to play volleyball next season at Central Michigan University.

Kim Halkey, Livonia Franklin — The senior co-captain was an All-Area pick and was a member of the All-Northwest Suburban League's (NSL) second team last year. Hard work paid off for Halkey; she was a first team All-NSL choice this season.

An excellent setter, digger and passer, Halkey was a 93 percent server, including 45 aces.

Dhana Ponnors, Livonia Stevenson — What Ponnors contributed to Stevenson's program is best described by coach Lee Cagle: "She led our team with her enthusiasm, consistent play and desire to win. Her outstanding setting and defense will be a standard for all future Spartans."

Ponnors, a senior, was the team Most Valuable Player and a two-time All-NSL choice.

Amy Livsey, Redford Union — Livsey filled the middle hitter position for RU and reaped All-Area and All-NSL honors in each of the past two seasons. The 5-foot-8 senior co-captain was "very quick and aggressive; effectively mixed hard hits with tips to keep the defense off balance," according to coach Jim Gibbons.

Livsey compiled 85 aces during the season. Next year, she will play at Eastern Michigan University.

Julie Barden, Redford Union — Barden, a senior, was on the All-League and All-NSL second teams a year ago. She made the jump to first team in both this season.

A 5-3 senior setter, Barden was called an "excellent server and setter; cool under pressure," by Gibbons. Barden called the offense for the Panthers.

Patricia Wang, Livonia Bentley — Wang contributed to Bentley's success by providing "a stable force on the court both offensively and defensively," according to Bulldog coach Dana Hardwidge.

Wang, a senior hitter, was an All-Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) selection and was named to the All-Tournament team at the Schoolcraft Invitational. She was Bentley's MVP for the season.

Susan Trembath, Livonia Churchill — Trembath's quick feet and excellent hands made her a natural for the setter's position. Her aggressiveness in getting to the ball helped her take full advantage of her talents.

A senior co-captain, Trembath played middle back on defense, which Charger coach Michael Hughes called "the most important spot for an aggressive player." Her serving was superb — she served six or more points in five contests this season. Trembath was an All-WLAA pick.

Teri Evans, Livonia Churchill — The senior middle hitter "hits smart down the line and moves with great intelligence on offense," according to Hughes.

An All-WLAA Western Division choice, Evans was a tough server who collected six or more points in nine games for the Chargers this season.

SECOND TEAM

Jacque Merrifield, Plymouth Salem — The 5-foot-7 senior was the Rocks' most consistent hitter and was a team leader for coach Jeannie Martin.

Merrifield was named to the Western Lakes All-Conference team. She is best known for her talents on the basketball court where she reaped a berth in the coaches' All-Star game this June. Recently was recognized as an honorable mention All-American in USA Today.

Beth Wesman, Livonia Churchill — Wesman, a senior, filled two roles to the Chargers this season. Her normal position was as an outside hitter, but she had "excellent hands," according to Hughes, which led to some duty as a second setter when the team needed it.

An aggressive defender, Wesman "played superbly down the stretch in the struggle for the league championship," Hughes said, a battle Churchill won with an 8-0 mark. Wesman was an All-WLAA Western Division pick.

Carolyn Smith, Livonia Franklin — Despite her sophomore status, Smith showed "tremendous quickness and agility and was a hard worker," in the opinion of coach John Miltz.

Smith was a 92 percent server. She piled up 39 aces and 101 kills en route to All-NSL honors.

Angela Porter, Livonia Bentley — Porter was "an asset offensively because of her mobility, setting ability and great court sense," coach Hardwidge said.

Voted Bentley's Most Improved Player, Porter, a senior setter, showed steady improvement throughout the season and developed into a controlling force on the court, according to her coach.

Denise Wright, Plymouth Canton — An All-WLAA selection, Wright excelled as a setter for the Chiefs.

"Her strengths are that she is very aggressive, she's a good hustler, and she made excellent placement on her sets," said Canton coach Rick Solarz, who called the senior the team's best player.

Kellie Szabo, Redford Union — The 5-9 junior's hitting prowess made her a second-team All-NSL pick this season.

A "good athlete," Szabo developed into an "excellent hitter and served tough in key situations all year," coach Gibbons said.

Linda Loeffler, Livonia Stevenson — Loeffler's "hard work during the preseason paid off for the Spartans," coach Cagle said.

An All-WLAA Lakes Division choice, Loeffler provided strong all-around play.

A setter, Loeffler is the player Cagle plans to build the team around next season.

Megan McCarthy, Redford Bishop Borgess — McCarthy joined team-



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Churchill's Teri Evans was named to the All-Area team.

mates Burton and Gambotto as a first-team All-Catholic selection. A senior setter, McCarthy was the team quarterback.

She is a fine leader and a great floor general," coach Abraham said. McCarthy is also a National Honor Society member with a 3.8 GPA.

Cindy Isenegger, Redford Thurston

— Isenegger was Thurston's MVP this season and was twice named to the All-NSL second squad.

A "very aggressive player," according to coach Chris Wandys, Isenegger "will hustle for any ball. She's smart and will try and catch the other team off guard," Wandys said, adding: "She does not give up."



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New Titan cage coach plans to build within

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Dewayne Jones, the highly successful Oakland University coach who recently quit that school to take over the troubled women's basketball program at the University of Detroit, is a man of principle.

He won't borrow from Peter to pay Paul, or, in this case, take players from the talented bunch he coached at Oakland as a quick fix for a U-D team that went 7-20 last season and is returning 12 of 13 players.

One might expect Jones to bring

along a player or two from Oakland — after all, coaches going from junior colleges to four-year schools or from Division II to Division I often take their stars with them. The players already know the coaching system, and it helps limit recruiting pressures.

But Jones, who coached the Lady Pioneers to a 23-4 season and a spot in the Division II playoffs, won't go that route.

"NO, I HAVEN'T encouraged any of the Oakland players to transfer over," said Jones from his U-D office. "It's not my way to take players from one situation to another.

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"It's best they stay at Oakland. I wouldn't do that; I wouldn't put Oakland in a position of taking their team away.

"And I wouldn't put the onus on us here at Detroit. I'm not going to bring some players in here who have played for me

for two years. That wouldn't make for a good situation."

Which means he is going to have to rebuild U-D through recruiting, though at this late date, many of the top high school seniors have already been wooed and won by other universities.

"It's been really hectic," said Jones of his first week with the Lady Titans. "We gotta schedule and recruit, that's the main thing.

"Our scheduling and recruiting is of the utmost importance. And in the meantime, you've got to meet with the players, become familiar with the university, you know, procedures and

things."

JONES, WHO HAS been coaching women for five of the eight years he's been a coach, admits it might be nice to coach the men in Division I some day, but he isn't using the U-D women's program as a stepping stone.

"I don't look to leave here and go coach men's Division I or go coach men's Division II or anything like that. I just want to make the most of the job while I'm here.

"I don't have my eyes set on anything beyond that. My job right now is to get the program here back to what it was."

In many ways, coaching women is more rewarding than coaching men, Jones said.

"To me, they're more willing to take instructions, take directions. You can ask them to do things, and they'll go ahead and do it, and you don't have to give them 55 reasons why.

"And they'll execute as well as they can, (though) you can do more with the guys as far as technical things on the floor."

BESIDES RECRUITING and scheduling, Jones is finagling as much of a budget and as many scholarships as he can from Brad Kinsman, the U-D athletic director.

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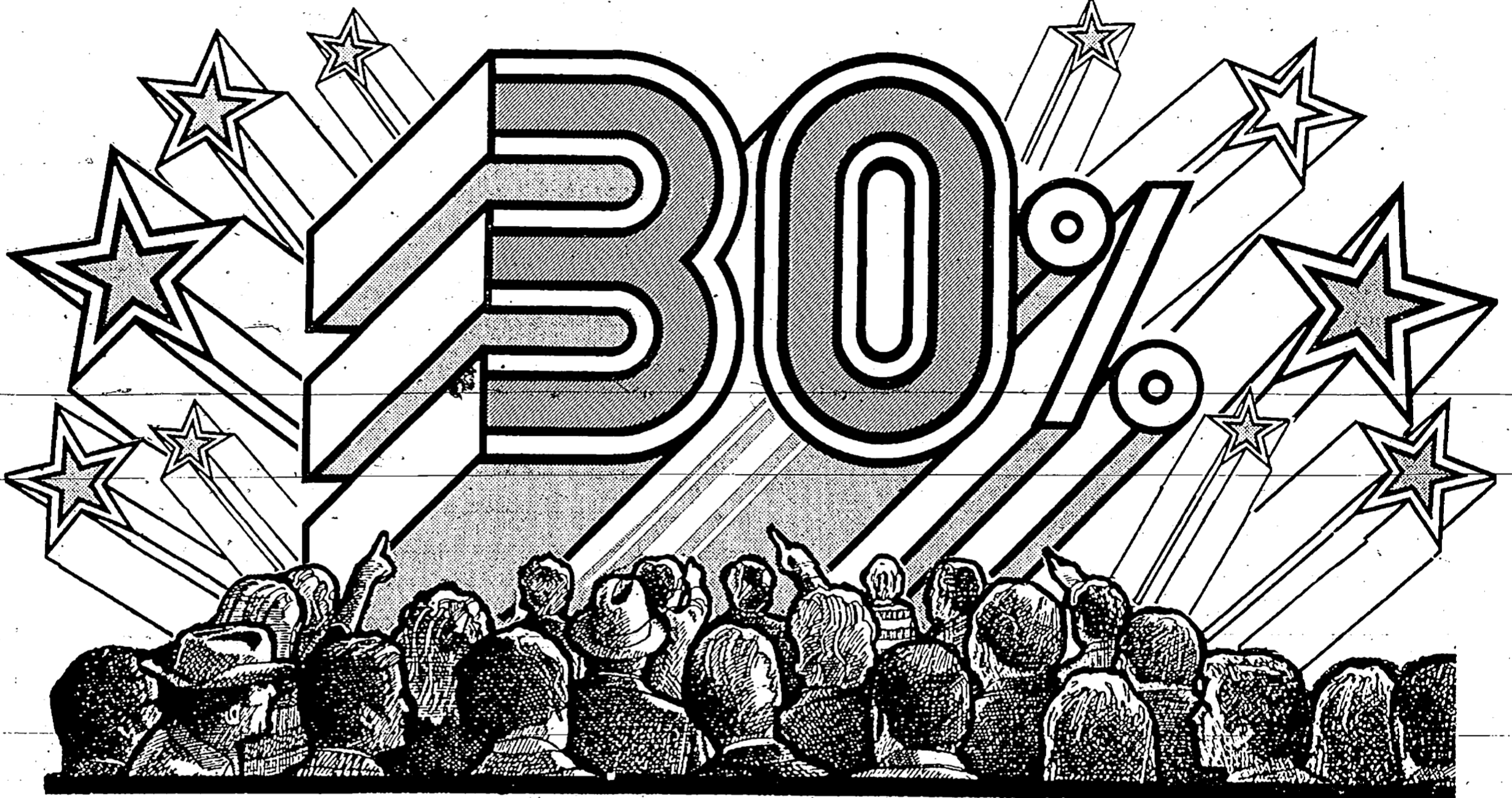
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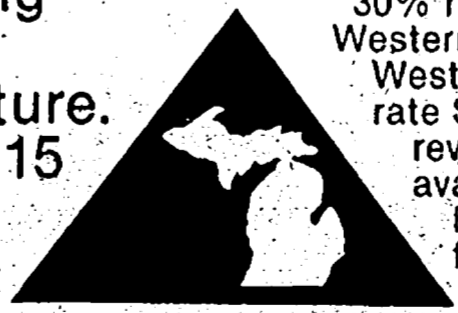
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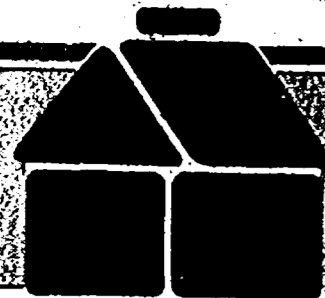
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