

'Look out for falling bricks!'

First step in monumental changes in the Public Square are under way. Old Smith hotel is being razed. A Mansfield contractor had most of the third story removed by year's end. First National Bank of Mansfield owns the property and will level it and place a parking lot there. The bank has other plans, about which see page 5 today. No development around the Square in this century has been so dramatic or so massive.

Here's mayor's report of state of the village

Pursuant to Section 733.41 of the Revised Code of Ohio, I submit herewith the annual report of the mayor on the state of the village.

I am sorry to say that I do not find it good. As of Dec. 31, 1977, the village was unable to settle a loan of \$15,000 to benefit the general fund and it has been renewed. I confess that I cannot see any time in the near future when the note can be paid. Neither was the village able to settle a loan to benefit the fire fund. Signs are that this loan can be settled when payments due by the village by Plymouth and New Haven townships have been credited to that account.

Commencing Jan. 1, each piece of property in Plymouth became subject to an additional taxation of \$3 for each \$1,000 evaluation, to which most of the owners willingly agreed, and an additional \$4.20 in taxation, to which most of the owners did not willingly agree. Nevertheless, the total tax bill must be paid. That portion of the bill reserved for municipal use is now \$11.80 for each \$1,000 evaluation. This is higher than any municipality in either county. The overall size of the tax bill, in my opinion, militates against the village being successful in any request for fresh taxation to relieve the general fund.

Since the Richland county portion of the village receives the third highest per capita appropriation from the local government fund, and to increase that share would obviously mean that some other municipality would need to accept less than what it now gets, I conclude that the village has effectively exhausted all channels of additional general fund revenue under existing statutes.

Two alternatives are open.

One of these is a village income tax, which can be enacted by the council without a vote by the people. Since I cannot by law cast a vote, either in favor or opposed to such a measure, it will do no harm for me to express my attitude toward it.

An income tax is principally for the purposes of protecting life and property. As such income tax ordinances have been drawn in a score of municipalities, a number of citizens are exempted, despite the fact their demands upon police, fire and street funds are not less than those of citizens not exempted. This is patently unfair.

The cost of administering a village income tax is very high, if not exorbitant. A full-time tax administrator would be necessary. His or her office would need to be rented and equipped. Our aim should be to reduce the number of those who drink from the village trough, not to increase them.

In a town so small, the average citizen has little if any privacy. Persons of some means have even less. If each citizen of Plymouth is required to file a sworn statement of his income, earnings and assets with the village, there are bound to be leaks of confidentiality. Already, a copy of each taxpayer's form 1040 is sent by the federal government to the county auditor, for his confidential use. To have one such sent to the village would merely compound the felony.

Finally, at a time when the retail business community is under heavy fire to survive, and when we find it increasingly more difficult to recruit new investors in retail business, we should not inflict upon them the additional burden of record keeping, report filing and tax withholding incident to a municipal income tax. Our friend Mr. Kraaney has already expressed himself forcefully, on a number of occasions,

on the subject.

The other alternative is to convert a capital asset to liquid cash and to invest that cash in federal notes bearing relatively high rates of interest. I refer to the electric distribution system, about the performance of which I shall remark later. If it were sold for the price common to such transactions over the past 10 years, the village would derive sufficient cash that, if invested wisely at current federal bond interest rates, would produce about \$124,000 in revenue for one calendar year. I need not point out to this council what a remarkable boon this would be for the village fiscal situation.

It is time to talk of priorities and what we need to do to set our house in order and to clear the decks so that we can attack our common problems. The performance of this council during the next year may very well answer the question of whether the problems confronting Plymouth exceed the capability of its citizens to deal with them.

I have given forceful instructions as of today that our records and fiscal reports shall be kept and presented in a more efficient and businesslike fashion.

The council must decide promptly whether it wishes to retain the village administrator system of management or whether it should revert to a trustee of public affairs system. The record will show that I have consistently opposed the village administrator system since it was first introduced. I have not changed my mind. Nevertheless, I have faithfully tried to live with it. I confess that my experience with the system has been fraught with meddling by some who are still members of this council; the best village administrator we ever had was driven from Plymouth because of that meddling. It is obvious there is no money in the budget submitted in July last to pay a village administrator. It is equally obvious that the salary figure set in the pay ordinance is not anywhere near enough to meet the needs of a capable and experienced administrator. It is long past time that the village should realistically appraise its needs and consider the state of the employment market. To get and to hold a suitable administrator will require a much higher salary than what we now offer and if the council intends to implement the ordinance establishing an administrator, it should do so promptly and start by adjusting the salary schedule.

We have not had an administrator for nearly five years. This is a ridiculous situation, ill-becoming the village. If the council should agree that we should abandon the administrator system, I am prepared, as required by law, to submit the names of trustees of public affairs, together with an equitable division of property between the street and utility departments.

A year ago, I said in my annual report that I would not appoint anyone to the police department without an examination. It is, in my judgment, unwise for the village to rely upon funding of a transitory nature to pay employees considered to be of a permanent character. This is why I am opposed to the use of CETA employees in the police department. I would not willingly recommend the hiring of a J. Edgar Hoover as a policeman if his wages were to be paid by CETA, wholly for the reason that the village would be left high and dry when the CETA appropriation terminates or the county decides, in its infinite wisdom, that it doesn't need to pander to Plymouth any more.

An examination will be conducted shortly for the

Removal of Judson A. Morrison as fire chief either by resignation or by a law suit, was requested of village council Tuesday night in a petition signed by 21 members of the department. The petition charges Morrison is "unable to give to the department the leadership and motivation necessary to make it an efficient and competent fire combat team." It said he does not attend training classes, does not respond to "a great many fire calls" and relies on subordinates for administrative and fire fighting functions and fails to provide leadership. Among the signers is James Root, who took his seat Tuesday as a village councilman. The assistant chief, Wallace H. Redden, also signed the petition.

Mayor Elizabeth G. Paddock told the delegation, headed by Kenneth R. Echeberry, village ordinance calls for the appointment of a fire chief by the mayor, with the consent of the council, during February of a numbered year for a term of two years. She took the petition under advisement.

Appointment of Wayne E. Stone, a former crew chief, as new chief was recommended by the 21 signatories. Root was elected president of the club.

Fig Red Booster club will meet in the biology room of the high school Wednesday at 7 p. m.

I have repeatedly submitted to the council recommendations that electric rates should be adjusted upwards. Despite carefully documented evidence, submitted by me, the council refused to do so. We do not build any faithful constituents by lying to it. Anybody who will take the time to consult with the clerk-treasurer can see that the income of the village electrical service is insufficient to meet the ougo. The difference between revenues and expenses is too narrow.

We are under an order of the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals, issued as a condition of its approval of transfer of electric fund money to another fund in 1975, to retain 10 per cent of the putative value of the electric distribution system in an electric reserve fund. By my calculations, this should amount to \$160,000. I shudder to think of what may be the drain on our resources if there occurs a dreadful fire or other disaster that interrupts electric service. As we stand now, we would not have enough money to pay for the materials and labor necessary to restore electric power to each subscriber.

I shall appoint a councilman in whom I have great confidence to head the electric committee. I charge him with the duty of investigating at once whether the system should be sold and by how much the present rates should be raised. So that, if it is the wish of the council not to sell the system, it can be brought to a viable fiscal situation and meet its obligations.

What he should do is to cause a complete inventory of the system to be effected. This has never been done in our history. It should involve a studious and expert analysis of exactly what we have -- for example, we should know the exact cash value at any given time of each transformer, each service pole, each vehicle, each strand of wire and each piece of non-expandable material -- so that we can see exactly what it is we have to market, that is what we decide to do, or what we have to retain as decided by the council system. I have a candidate for such a mission in the wings and will submit his name if the chairman and the council should wish.

He should also reinstitute the time-honored practice of compelling village agencies having separate budgets to reimburse the electric fund for power. I specifically refer to the police, fire, parks, sewer, water, cemetery and park departments. The custom of donating electric services to agencies that are funded by civic contributions, by public subscription campaigns or by charging admission should be stopped. There is an enormous gap between the number of kilowatt hours for which we are billed by Ohio Power Co. and which we bill to our consumers. It is our duty to reduce this gap to manageable proportions.

As of Jan. 1, the village is required to pay unemployment compensation assessments for each of its employees. I urged the previous council to seriously consider whether to retain each employee of the village at a time when not to have done so would have cost the village nothing. It is obvious that any change in staffing will now cost us considerably more than what we have paid the terminated employee.

Ident pro-temore by the council. Root and Councilman James L. Jacobs, Sr., were appointed to see to the firemen's dependency board for one year terms. Fig of Richard J. Reber to about 10 acres of idle land belonging to the village in two sites for three years at \$10,150 was accepted.

Reception set for Meiser

After taking all of July as simple leave, Mrs. Harold Meiser is general chairman of the event. No formal program is planned. Chief Meiser and his wife will be present in the receiving line to greet neighbors, friends, colleagues and out-of-town dignitaries. Meiser retired Dec. 1 for health reasons. He went on sick leave Aug.

It is clear that we must proceed with the 12-inch well that we hope will provide efficient stop-gap water to prevent the difficulties of last year. The new water committee chairman, whom I have chosen carefully because I have confidence in his ability and his dedication to his community, ought to proceed with great force to see to it that the new well is put down and operated by a certified person in whom the public can place its trust and with whom the EPA at Bowling Green can work effectively to insure a safe water supply for the village. I suspect that water rates may need to be adjusted to meet the demands of EPA as to water quality.

This is the 31st year of the village's travail with a sanitary sewer. I resent the implications that since I have been mayor, actions by me, or failure of action by me, have been responsible for failure to complete the sanitary sewer project. The program began in 1947, long before I ever came here, and was well under way long before I ever took a seat around this table.

We expect to go to court later this month to defend ourselves in the suit initiated by American Empire Insurance Co. of Watertown, N. Y. We are confident that we will prevail. Whether the village wins or loses the suit, the sewers must be completed. If the verdict goes against the village, and appeals are rejected, each of us must face an increase of about 300 per cent in our sewer bills, for one year, at least. If the village is successful, we must have an on-site to complete the program and to set to rights to properties and chattels of users that have been damaged or impaired by the construction. I have appointed a vigorous and, I believe, highly capable councilman to head the sewer committee and I hereby charge him to read into the situation quickly and to hold himself available to testify for the village if the need should arise.

This report has been, of necessity, I think, more on the gloomy side than otherwise. I would be dishonest not to make it so. Notwithstanding, it is my honest conviction that there is nothing wrong with Plymouth that a little sensible tinkering cannot cure. We do have an energetic and faithful fire department. Our ambulance service is second to none for miles around. Our municipal park is the envy of every community in either county, although our park board needs to make stronger efforts to encourage those who pay for the park to use it and to insure that when they wish to use it, others have not preempted its use.

Finally, I wish from the bottom of my heart to make a statement about the suit. I have always proceeded on the notion that if one cannot stand the heat, he should not go into the kitchen. To the extent that that heat is levelled against me as a functionary of government, I have no complaint and will measure up to such criticism and its punishment. To the extent that such criticism is levelled against me because I am a woman, which the council did in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977, I must confess a deep feeling of shame that the community which I chose as the place to make my future has behaved in such a cowardly fashion.

My door is always open. I more or less cheerfully respond to such criticism and sometimes obscene telephone calls at 2 a. m. There is nobody in Plymouth who can say that I have not willingly and faithfully dealt with his complaint, consistent with the ordinances, regulations and policies then in force. This is what government is all about. I am honored that the people of Plymouth have, in their wisdom, accorded to me on three occasions the opportunity to exercise their trust.



Among resolutions for 1978 is aim to be nicer to people

Lee Buckingham has been chosen chairman and Roger Smith vice-chairman and Lydel Coder member of the New Haven-richmond committee, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation unit.

Two Plymouth girls attending Pioneer Joint Vocational school have been chosen as officers of Pioneer chapter, Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America Deanna Bernhardt is vice-president and Vicki Niedermeier is chaplain.



Jan. 5
Mrs. Richard Rule
Helen Thompson
Phillip Stone
Kenneth Wolf
Mrs. William Clark
James A. Enderby
Erica Ann Wilbur

Jan. 6
Jennifer Marie Hockenberry
Annica Nicole Broderick
A. Dean Grabach
Gary Ray Smith
Jeremy Artz

Jan. 7
Darren O'Connor
Mrs. Sherman Burns
Mrs. Dorothy Fink

Jan. 8
Donald E. Akers
Lincoln Sprowles
Dana Tuttle
Ranee Lee McKenzie

Jan. 9
Mrs. A. R. Einsel
Mary A. Reeder
Jerry Martin
Ruth A. Wilhelm
Daniel M. Henry
Mrs. Marshall Rose
Larry Smith
Mrs. Harold Teal
John Tuttle

Jan. 10
Russell C. Entler
P. Randy Entler
Robert L. Wirth
Ora Dinger
Richard Curtis

Jan. 11
Tearla Lynn Williams
Victoria Brown
Brian Beebe

Wedding Anniversaries
Jan. 7
The C. D. Wolfords

Jan. 10
The John Dyes

Jan. 11
The Garland Covers

By AUNT LIZ.
Have your New Year's resolutions held up so far?

And is everything put away for another year? It's the putting away that gets me down. Getting it all out is fun. Last year our Christmas tablecloth stayed on the dining room table until the end of January and we had dinner guests, and it had to go to the washing machine. It protected the table and, besides, I like to look at it.

For years our problem has not been starting a new year, it has been finishing up and picking up the pieces of the previous one.

Each year I say I am going to be nicer to people and about this time each year, I kind of decide I have been nice as I can, but people aren't nice. It has got to be me, not everyone else.

We all have our little quirks and probably should put up with each other.

Somehow I do not think this is going to be an easy year. We are really stuck with an energy problem that no one wants to face. I am willing to bet that gasoline will either be rationed or go up in price to the point that it might as well be rationed.

Did you see a food price that went down last year except for weekly specials? There is only one direction they will go.

Somehow we will survive, because we are the best and greatest country in the world. Everyone looks to us, and I really think that we should do more at home in caring for our own people than handing out so much a-

round the world.

After World War II, when Italy had so little to eat, our country sent corn like mad. The Italians considered corn for chickens, not for people. Only when I came up with a recipe for corn fritters would our two Italians eat the stuff. We had a maid and a houseboy out of pure necessity. One carried coal for our furnace up five flights and the other did the family washing in the sink by hand. We paid them very little, really, but we fed them, which was the big thing.

Then the American churches got together to send food, which ended up in black market shops. That is how we could buy American baby food and Jell-O. We should really stop sending some of them what we think they need. We can use it here.

SINCE THIS IS A NEW year and I'm like all other mayors who should work together to make their areas as good as possible (and it takes working together in this day and age), I am not going to get mad at Washington because they do not bother with us; all we need is an influx of about a million people, and then we would be on their lists for this and that.

That is my one resolution: be nice to Washington. Secretly, I plan to be nicer to people, too. But do not blame me for everything that happens. I have spent six years covering up for a lot of people who really were not doing what they should have when they knew they had to do it.

This is now the time to start for the next holiday season. If you start this

now and keep adding to it, when fresh fruits are ready, you will have a lot to give away. Meanwhile, you can dip into it for ice cream or pound cake slices, it is a terrific covering.

Mix three cups of sugar with a cup of pineapple chunks, a cup of diced canned light peaches and an eight ounce jar of maraschino cherries.

Put it in a large jar and stash in a cupboard. Stir it once in a while for two weeks, then each two weeks add only the pineapple, peaches and cherries with a cup of sugar. It will ferment like you will not believe. Then, when June rolls around, you can add fresh fruits to it. Just use it as you want, but never get below three cups in the jar or therefer-

mentation does not work. Since I know nothing about chemistry, I do not understand this, and cooking is pure chemistry.

1971 alumnus to wed teacher



Bonnie Enderby engaged to wed

Betrothal of their younger daughter, Bonnie Kay, to Randy Kennard, son of the Parnell Kennards, Shiloh, is announced by the William C. Enderby, Plymouth route 1.

Miss Enderby is a 1976 alumna of Plymouth High school employed by NorStat, Inc., Norwalk.

Her fiancé was graduated here in 1973. He is employed by Sheller Globe at Norwalk. No date has been set for their wedding.



Jan. 21 date set

Engagement of their daughter, Debra Jo, to Edward Hunter, son of the Robert Hunters, West Broadway, is announced by the Bernard Van Loos, Willard.

The bride-elect is a 1971 alumna of Willard High school and a 1975 graduate of Ashland college with a bachelor of science in education degree. She is a teacher in Ontario High school.

Her fiancé, a 1971 graduate of Plymouth High school, obtained a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast management from the University of Toledo in 1976. He is a news reporter and anchor man for Storer Broadcasting Co.'s Station WSPD in Toledo.

No date has been set for the wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. William Fazio, Orland Park, Ill., spent Dec. 15-18 here with their daughters, Mrs. J. Elaine Tackett and Mrs. Janet Fry, and their sons, William and Gregg. On Christmas weekend they and Jeff Fazio, Lexington, Ky., went to Orland Park.

The Arlie Lewises, Base Line road, were hosts at dinner on Dec. 25 to their children and grandchildren, the Dale Lewises and sons, Mansfield; the Richard Enzors and children, Norwalk; the Maurice Collinsees, Dallas, Tex., and the grandmother of Mrs. Dale Lewis, Mrs. Gladys Bratnard, Boston, Mass.

The George Pierfedicis, Brooklyn, N.Y., were Christmas guests of her parents, the Robert L. McIntires, 70 Plymouth street.

The A. L. Paddock, Jr., 78 Plymouth street, were Christmas guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Paddock, 3rd, Murray, Ky.

Gerald Dannemiller, Willard, was the winner of "the world's largest Christmas stocking" at Plymouth Stocking.

James C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller, left Sunday for Tulsa, Okla., where he has enrolled in Oral Roberts university.

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| \$3,000 | \$99.58 | \$584.88 | \$3,584.88 |
| \$4,000 | \$132.76 | \$779.36 | \$4,779.36 |
| \$5,000 | \$165.96 | \$974.56 | \$5,974.56 |
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South Central edges Plymouth

Clark's scoring in last period decisive

South Central rallied behind Mike Clark late in the game at Greenwich Friday night to squeeze out a 62 to 59 victory over Plymouth.

Until the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter, Plymouth led. Clerk fired home a 20-foot shot that cleared the net just as the horn blared to give the Trojans a 45 to 44 lead.

From there on it was uphill for the Big Red.

Plymouth missed three straight free throws, one of them a technical foul. Clark scored with two straight field goals to make it 49 to 44. Randy Adams shot a free throw and Jeff Ream, who managed 22 points, a career high for him, fired home a field goal. Then the Trojans strung together seven straight points before Plymouth was able to counter with a basket by Bill Tackett, his only one of the night.

Greg Fazio got a pair of charity roses and South Central proceeded to lock up the game with six unanswered points, a bucket by Tom Grafice, two free throws by Tony Hall and another pair by Clark.

Plymouth scored the last eight points of the game but there wasn't enough time to catch up. Coach Keith Diebler

presented a different starting lineup. Blane Baker, who scored 10, was all in with the flu. Adams, Ream, Terry Leah, Jim Wallace and Ron Schuller, who scored six, answered the opening whistle.

Clark and Grafice led the Trojan scorers with 16 apiece. Kevin Wilhelm got 10. Ream and Baker led the Big Red. Most of Ream's scoring was from outside.

Clark scored nine of his total in the last eight minutes and 11 of his 16 points in the last eight minutes on second.

Plymouth shot well enough, with 26 successes in 54 tries, or 48 per cent, and missed half its free throws, which totalled 14. South Central on its home floor shot 49 per cent, with 27 connections in 55 attempts, and missed half of its free throws, which amounted to 16.

It was an evenly matched pair of teams that fought this one, and no Class A basketball fan had cause to argue that his money was not well spent.

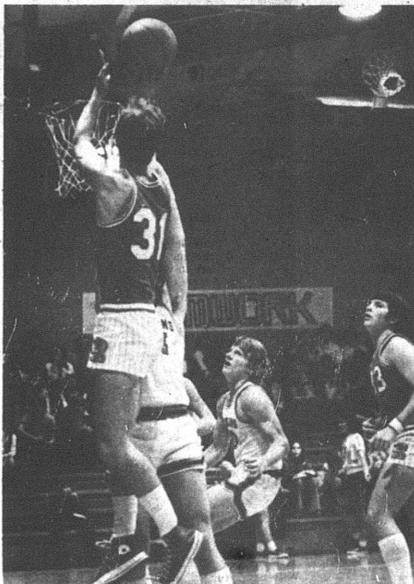
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| K. Wilhelm | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Totals | 27 | 8 | 62 |
| Plymouth | fg | ft | tp |
| Adams | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Baker | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Fazio | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| D. Gillum | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Ream | 11 | 0 | 22 |
| Tackett | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wallace | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Willace | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Totals | 26 | 7 | 59 |

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| Score by periods: | | | |
| S | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| P | 10 | 18 | 15 |

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| Red reserves blew a lead and staggered into overtime, where South Central scored big to win, 54 to 45. | | | |
| Jerry Wheeler scored a career high of 21 for Plymouth. | | | |
| Lineups: | | | |
| South Central | fg | ft | tp |
| Christie | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| Conaway | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Dotson | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Seidel | 6 | 2 | 14 |

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|-----------|----|----|----|
| Hall | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Smith | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Deering | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Totals | 21 | 12 | 54 |
| Plymouth | fg | ft | tp |
| Berberick | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| G. Gillum | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Neeley | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Shaver | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Wheeler | 9 | 3 | 21 |
| Totals | 19 | 7 | 45 |

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| Score by periods: | | | |
| S | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| P | 13 | 12 | 6 |



Jeff Ream was long on this shot in third period at Greenwich Friday, but he made 11 others.

Jumper

-- Jay Haver photo

Baker sets record

A quiet and unassuming six footer of two years of varsity experience set a school record at Lucas Dec. 17.

He scored 46 points in a 32-minute basketball game and for 12 of those minutes he played with four personal fouls.

His name is Blane Baker, an honor roll pupil in the 12th grade who plans to get his diploma in June. Consider what the Lucas coach, Kevin Bright, says of his performance:

"That Baker was hotter than a firecracker. We were trying everything to stop him. We even double-teamed him and he scored. Most of his shots were from outside, too. I honestly felt bad for him after the game because he had such a super game and they still lost."

Baker scored 17 field goals and 12 free throws. The total score of 101 to 69 was a record for a varsity game involving a Plymouth team. But the 10 was his. There are some Plymouth fans who remember when Dan Roseberry, coach at Lexington, smarting over an earlier upset by Plymouth at Plymouth, poured it on in a Johnny Appleseed conference game on the Minutemen floor and wound up with 119 points.

Roseberry didn't take his best players off the floor until less than 20 seconds remained, while the Lexington fans screamed at the top of their lungs for more blood. After the game, Roseberry offered his hand to the Plymouth coach, Bryan Noff, who with a curt jerk of his head told Roseberry what he could do with it.

Baker won his spurs the hard way. He played

freshman ball in 1974-75 and reserve ball in the next season. Last year he won his varsity spurs.

Baker is the son of the Robert Bakers. His teammates describe him as cooperative, not a head-

line hunter, a team player and "a tough man under the boards."

He'll be in action tomorrow when Plymouth resumes its Johnny Appleseed conference slate at Ontario.

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Spartans nip girls

St. Peter's girls are just as good as the boys. The Spartans whipped Plymouth, 50 to 35, in the Ontario Invitational tourney during the holidays.

What hurt Plymouth most was a weak scoring performance in the third period, when the Big Red managed only six points. Plymouth was tied at 18 at the half.

It was no sin to lose to the Spartans, who finished first runner-up in the state tourney last spring.

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| St. Peter's | fg | ft | tp |
| Varga | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| Jo Cowdery | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| Ja Cowdery | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Rogge | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Carmel | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Shoemaker | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 20 | 10 | 50 |

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|----------|----|----|----|
| Plymouth | fg | ft | tp |
| Brown | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| Lewis | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Osborne | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Postema | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Robinson | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 16 | 3 | 35 |

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|-------------------|---|----|----|
| Score by periods: | | | |
| S | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| P | 8 | 10 | 6 |

Linda Osborne scored 21 points to lead Plymouth past Crestview in the semi-final round of the Ontario Class A Invitational Girls' basketball tourney Dec. 19.

Plymouth led throughout. Crestview committed 6 turnovers. Plymouth made only 39. Crestview outrebounded the Big Red, 40 to 36, but shot much less well, 14 per cent to 26 per cent. Melanie Schibley had 10 rebounds.

Bucks' rally wins

Buckeye Central won a narrow 73 to 70 victory over Plymouth here Dec. 23.

Ken Krebs scored 32 points and snared 24 rebounds.

Plymouth stymied the taller, more experienced Bucks for three periods and went into the final eight minutes with a two point advantage.

Krebs and his teammates forged into the lead but Plymouth hung tough

and with two minutes left was only a point off a tie.

Krebs fired home a 10-foot jumper to establish a definitive lead and Jeff Mumea scored with a five-footer, which locked it up for the Bucks.

Lineups:

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|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Buckeye Central | fg | ft | tp |
| Hicks | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Gray | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Crace | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Ehrman | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Snipes | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Krebs | 15 | 2 | 32 |

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| Stacklin | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | 35 | 3 | 73 |

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| Plymouth | fg | ft | tp |
| Adams | 9 | 3 | 21 |
| Baker | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Mumea | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Ream | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Tackett | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| Wallace | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Schuller | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 29 | 12 | 70 |

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|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Score by periods: | | | |
| B | 15 | 20 | 14 |
| P | 22 | 12 | 17 |

Free throws missed: Buckeye Central, 3; Plymouth, 4.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir: The question: will the two new school board members give direction to the building program, passed in November by a narrow margin?

There were some people that followed the bait, believing a fuel economy and avoidance of repair to the present building would solve the problem. Now the school board proposes the building of a gymnasium and a connection to the elementary building, at a cost of nearly a third of the bond issue. Heat and maintenance would be required, also a health clinic room dictated by the state.

The new grade building required a washed gravel base, at a cost of \$9,000. Leave it to the architect for aesthetic add-ons and what do you have in classrooms of knowledge?

I have read of criticism of the new high school at Ontario a few years ago. They had industrial wealth to draw from. Future levies and bond issues for aesthetic add-ons approval will be judged by the present action.

John W. Brook
R. D. 2, Shiloh, Ohio

About letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are always welcome, subject to some rules. They must deal with a subject of common interest, be free of libelous, obscene and impertinent matter, be limited to 250 words, and signed by the writer.

The name of the writer will be concealed on request. Letters that have been previously published elsewhere are not acceptable. The newspaper does not customarily accept letters written by persons not usually residing within its circulation area.

Letters that are typewritten, double spaced, on one side of the sheet, normally receive greater consideration, but others will be accepted.

The newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters to conform with good taste, its rules of style and its rule of brevity.

Letters arguing one political question or another are not accepted after two weeks before an election in which the question is pertinent.

Here're menus in cafeteria

Here're menus in Plymouth school cafeteria for the week:
Today: Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp, raisins, milk.
Tomorrow: Fish sandwich, potato sticks, vegetable, gelatin with whipped topping, milk.
Monday: Hot ham sandwich, buttered peas, fruit, cookie, milk.
Tuesday: Chili, bread and butter, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Law firm to move by Apr. 1

Akers & Akers, local attorneys, have purchased the premises of John H. Robinson in the south side of East Main street and have assigned Bill Collins, a Plymouth contractor, to remodel them into a suite of law offices.

Completion date is anticipated to be during early March.
The building that has housed Plymouth's only law office since 1940, when Donald E. Akers, the senior partner, was admitted to the bar on Aug. 16, the last person in Ohio to be accredited to the bar without a law degree, has been sold to First National Bank of Mansfield for occupancy on Apr. 1.

It is understood the law office building and those east of it will be razed by the bank to prepare a site for a new bank.
A Mansfield contractor engaged by the bank is already in process of razing the old Smith hotel, a landmark in the west side of Sandusky street. By year's end, the third story had been removed. It is the bank's intention to convert the land into a parking lot.

Noah L. Sammons has bought 1.836 acres in Plymouth township, south of Brooks court, from Raymond L. Brooks, Richland county recorder reports.

Vickie L. Echebberger, new member of the village council at Shiloh, has bought 92/100 of an acre in Cass township from Hugh Wallen.
David L. George bought Lot 13 and part of Lot 11, in the south side of East Main street, from Charles Payne, Richland county recorder reports.

Vikes win 13th game in tourney

Fifth grade Vikings are the champions of the 1977 Christmas tourney in Friendly House, Mansfield.

The Vikes outpointed Brinkerhoff, 25 to 15, in the final game.
Plymouth came on strongly with 10 points in the final period to win. Brinkerhoff was held to zero points.

Plymouth coach, Viking center, scored 42 points over the three games.
It was the Vikes' 13th consecutive victory without defeat.

Sixth graders avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of St. Bernard's of New Washington, 57 to 37.

In the Yuletide tourney the sixth graders whipped Taylor Marathon, a previous conqueror of the Vikings, 27 to 12. Mansfield Civitans ousted the local entry in the second round, 30 to 21.

Mike McKenzie scored eight points.
Both teams will be engaged in league play Saturday.

Matmen fall to orthmor

Northmor downed Plymouth in a dual wrestling meet at the Morrow county school Dec. 22. The score was 37 to 24. The Golden Knights recorded four pins. Pete Daron, 105-pounder, scored a pin for Plymouth.

Summary:
98-lb. class: Mark Hoopman (N) pinned Dale Moorman (P); 1:59.
105-lb. class: Pete Daron (P) pinned Steve Ault (N); 3:24.
112-lb. class: Brian Heminger (N) pinned Ken King (P); 2:15.

119-lb. class: Brian Grossman (N) pinned Richard Hopkins (P); 3:52.
126-lb. class: Bill Heminger (N) pinned Jeff Gofnes (P); 3:18.
132-lb. class: Dale Sauter (N), 10, Mary McKenzie (P), 9.

138-lb. class: Kelly Smith (N) 10, Gary Blankenship (P) 3.
145-lb. class: Mike Wheeler (P) 14, Keith Landacker (N), 12.
155-lb. class: Bob Wert (N) 3, Steve Endcott (P) 2.

Kin of Harneys succumbs at 73

Sister of Wallace Harney, Shiloh, Mrs. Clyde Garn, 73, Mansfield, died in General hospital there Dec. 25.

She was ill a long time. Her brother Vivian Harney in Pavia Mar. 8, 1904, she lived in or near Mansfield most of her life. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist church.

She is also survived by her husband, two sons, Robert and Tom, both of Mansfield; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Elliott, Berber, and Mrs. Barbara Baumberger, Mansfield, and a brother, Ray Harney, Mansfield.

Disaster groups to get training

Plymouth community disaster committees will meet this next week for their training sessions that were cancelled in early December because of weather conditions.
The disaster evaluation committee, Thomas Reno and the Rev. John H. Hutchison, Jr., co-chairmen, will meet Monday from 7 to 10 p. m. in the high school library. Disaster evaluation committee site committee chaired by Richard L. Horton will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p. m. There will be a continuation of nine training hours provided by personnel from the Firelands Chapter, American Red Cross. In addition, members of the fire and police departments will be present for this same training. If there are others interested in wishing more information or wishing to attend the training sessions of either committee, the Rev. Mr. Hutchison will respond at 687-6242.

W. P. Linville succumbs at 59

William P. Linville, 59, Plymouth Villa apartments, died there Dec. 24 of a lengthy illness.
He lived here 14 years.
Born Oct. 6, 1918, he was a veteran of Army service in World War II. He was a retired contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, William P. Greenewich, and John, Shiloh; a daughter, Mrs. Irene Triplett, Plymouth, and three brothers, Jim and Nate, Tipp City, and John, Peoria, Ill.
The Rev. John H. Hutchison, Jr., Plymouth United Methodist church, conducted services in Mt. Hope cemetery, Cass township, Dec. 28 at 11 a. m. Burial was by McQuate-Secor Funeral home.

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PMS alumnus in new post

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Marguerite Heifner
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Richard M. Christensen, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Richland County, Ohio. 5,12,9c

ORDINANCE NO. 11-77
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH, OHIO, AMENDING SECTION VI, PARAGRAPH (A) (I), OF ORDINANCE #22-76, PASSED ON SEPT. 7, 1976, BY CHANGING THE COMPENSATION OF THE UTILITY CLERK FROM AN ANNUAL SALARY TO

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Section 1: Effective October 4, 1977, the Utility Clerk shall be paid at the rate of two dollars and sixty-five cents per hour, payable from the following funds, in the amounts hereinafter set forth: Ten (10%) percent from the General Fund, Thirty (30%) percent from the Electric Fund, Thirty (30%) percent from the Sewer Fund and Thirty (30%) percent from the Water Fund.
Section 2: Section VI, Paragraph (A) (I) of Ordinance #22-76, shall be and is hereby amended, set aside and held for naught, except as herein provided. All other provisions of said Ordinance, including the unmodified portion of Section VI, shall remain in full force and effect.
Section 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety for the reason that salaries must be paid to Village employees to insure adequate, safe, and efficient operation of the various departments of the Village, thereby promoting the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of said Village.
Passed this 19th day of December, 1977.
Elizabeth G. Paddock, Mayor
Attest: Anita L. Riedinger, Clerk 5,12c

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