

# Some sparks, some tinder, but enough fire?

It is idle not to reflect upon some improvements that have been effected in the Public Square over the past several days, because they manifest a rekindling of interest in the future of this community as a market center.

Consider:

1. Richard Utz bought the building next to his at Sandusky and Spring street, remodeled it, installed a handsome brick front and turned it into a credit to the village.

2. The new proprietor of a business that opened Monday, Gwendolyn Clawson, R.N., and her helpers applied elbow grease and paint to the premises they occupy, together with J. Lynn Cashman, installed some curtains and made of the building a pleasant place to stop.

3. Mrs. McClure installed an effective black-and-white sign, identifying her business, over her front door and windows.

4. The new owner of Plymouth Hardware put up a new sign, proudly proclaiming its identity, the first change in nearly 40 years. There are still some among us who refer to the place as "Brown and Miller's", which was, indeed, the style under which it did business, and successfully, for some years. Others will go to their graves calling it "Miller's", or perhaps "Millers'", for each would be correct, depending on the time frame in which the referrer made acquaintance.

5. The village has planted five Bradford pear saplings in the Public Square and six in Sandusky street. This is the first step in a beautification program that will be developed to coincide with 1990, the village's 175th anniversary.

6. The local bank has agreed to donate a substantial parcel of land at Wall street and West Broadway for use by the village as a mini-park. A local appraiser has contributed his services to satisfy the need for a valid appraisal on which to base a request for matching fund financing. The gesture by the bank comes on the heels of an earlier one, when it gave \$5,000 to the Athletic Boosters to defray expenses of its building program.

7. The police chief and his wife will open a Coney Island store at 20 Sandusky street, in premises for long occupied by the late Elton A. Robertson, the electronics wizard.

Taken singly, hardly any of these enhancements makes much of a splash. Taken together, they have a deep impact.

No one should conclude that by effecting these changes we have done enough. Far from it. None of the businesses that is starting is the kind of business that draws crowds of shoppers, folks who're likely to spill over to neighboring stores. But it is better to have downtown space occupied.

There are some in nearby Willard who are frightened that the opening of Ames stores there will deliver the coup de grace to Myrtle avenue. They may be right. It is certainly true that in the past 15 years, the volume of business effected along Walton avenue has increased by geometric proportions. The presence of the huge Discount Drug enterprise compounded the felony. And there is no evidence that downtown Myrtle avenue business has kept that pace.

It is the duty of the entrepreneur to keep up with the times. If he does not, he is doomed. And well he should be.

But his colleagues and neighbors owe him one duty, that time will not change nor circumstances dull. It is that they should first look at his wares, his line of goods, compare it in quality and cost with what is available in the shopping center 20-odd miles, and nearly an hour of driving, away, while assessing against the shopping center price a fair cost for the shopper's time and cost of transportation.

No businessman asks for more. And no customer should accord him less.

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## Nine make 4.0 grades in PHS

Nine pupils made 4.0 grade-point averages for the fourth and final nine week grading period in Plymouth High school, their principal, Granville S. Fleisher, 3rd, announces.

Thirty-two were named to the honor roll and 70 to the merit roll.

Perfect grades were recorded by Tami Book, "Lana Laser, Jari McKinney, Janelle Miller and Bethany Roethlisberger, 12th graders; Terry Hall, 11th grader; Charles Pennell, 10th grader, and Todd Gundrum and Daneill Smart, ninth graders.

Honor roll grades were assigned to James Beck, Rebecca Carey, Shannan Estes, Beth Fenner, Stephen Hall, Heather Howard, David McDonald, Kay Niedermaier, James Rockford, Vicky Stephens, Christian Thompson, Larry Trout and Christine Wilson, 12th graders;

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## Reams sell to Poages

Premises at 116 Sandusky street, for long occupied by the late Edward B. Carpena and more lately by the Byron E. Reams, have been sold by the Reams to David H. and Oecilia H. Poage, Huron county recorder reports.

## Cards ready!

Grade cards for Shiloh Junior High school pupils may be collected by them there during regular office hours until June 30.

## Two Shilohans held in crashes

A 31-year-old Shilohan was arrested during driving after he lost control of his 1972 Oldsmobile in Baseline road east of here Friday morning.

Charles V. Lazer, 163 Euclid avenue, was treated in Shelby Memorial hospital for injuries received when his car went off the right side of the road, struck a ditch, then a fence post, went on and struck a power line.

The car was heavily damaged and towed away.

A 31-year-old Shilohan was summoned Thursday for failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop sign after his pick-up truck struck a sedan in Route 103.

Gerry L. Biesel, 122 Superior street, was driving west in Bullhead road. He halted at the Route 103 crossing, then drove across it, striking a 1986 Ford Escort driven south in Route 103 by Leona M. Wise, 70, Willard.

Neither driver was injured, nor was Mark W. Kamann, 24 Fenner road, Biesel's passenger.

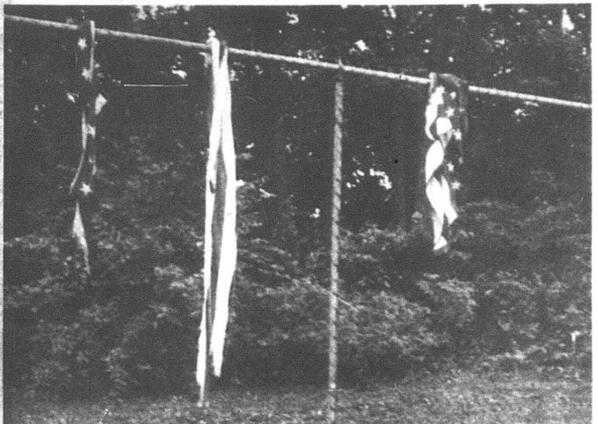
## Oney asks to restore defendants in appeal

Michael Oney, who lives in Noble road at Shiloh, isn't satisfied with how Richland county common pleas court dealt with him.

He appealed a ruling by Judge James Henson that discharged the Mansfield News-Journal, its reporter, Stephen Hradak, and the office of Sheriff Richard Petty as defendants in Oney's suit for damages deriving from publication of his name as an indictee in a drug case when such was not true.

Oney's appeal to the 6th district court of appeals contests the conclusion of the newspaper and its attorney that the sheriff's deputy, he claims, furnished the incorrect information.

A decision is expected by Aug. 1.



## Vandalism

Vandals destroyed the United States flag flying from the pole in Mary Fate park June 11-12, prompting Ehret-Parsel Post 447, American Legion, to offer a cash reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty individual or individuals.

## Faulty application prevents action to abandon street

A snag that developed because the attorney who prepared the application did not complete it properly prevented village council June 9 from acting on the vacating of a street on property conveyed by Banner Industries, Inc. to Plymouth Locomotive International, Inc.

A hearing called for the purpose of hearing objections to the move produced no testimony on either side.

When the application is amended and submitted in proper form by the attorney, the council intends to take prompt action.

Hearing on the 1988 budget will be conducted July 7 at 7 p.m.

EPA inspectors visited the sewer lagoon site June 9. Village Administrator James C. Root told the council he anticipates a report similar to that filed last year, which chided the village for failure to perform some maintenance work. Root pointed out that some work has been done. He has concluded it would be cheaper for the village to hire the work out to a reputable contractor to undertake it in house would necessitate expenditures for new equipment and there is no assurance the present village staff could complete the work.

An agreement was reached by the planning commission of Willard relating to jurisdiction over land lying between Willard and Plymouth. Willard has extended its hegemony to a three mile radius of the city center. The village's comparable area is 1.5 miles. There is an overlap northwest of the village. The agreement is that any land involved will fall under the jurisdiction of the nearest municipality.

Roadways in Greenlawn paving will be added to the conveyance contract awarded to Erie Asphalt, local bidder.

Farmers Home administration sold the village by letter that if it can pay off some of the debt incurred by building the sewer system a savings will result. To do so would require the village to borrow money, so whether the village will proceed with the plan will depend on the rate of interest applicable at the time the decision is made. Under any circumstances, the loan would have to be a long one, in the 40-year range.

## Police chief into hot dogs -

## Three new stores to open on Square

Two new businesses opened their doors in the Public Square this week.

Gwendolyn Clawson, R.N., who has operated her business in her home at Ganges for two years, will conduct Community Care Nursing in the west part of the building at 9-11 West Broadway.

She will furnish registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurses aides to assist the infirm and elderly in their homes.

Nurse Clawson says she "al-ready has a strong list of clients and I anticipate even more as people get to know of our service."

A 1980 alumnus of Plymouth High school who grew up here will open a general insurance agency.

He is J. Lynn Cashman, who formerly operated a similar business together with a realtor's service in Shelby. He is the elder son of the J. Harold Cashmans and resides with them at 131 Mulberry street.

Police Chief Stephen R. Caudill and his wife will open a Coney Island store at 20 Sandusky street. They have redecorated the premises and hope to be open for business by July.

## New flag up for dead veteran

A flag in memory of the late W. Lawrence Cornell, who served with the unit in the South Pacific during World War II, was presented to Mary Fate park Sunday by 37th Division Veterans' association, which met in annual session there.

## Butner left \$150K to daughter, son; will dated Aug. 23

Estate of Dr. Charles O. Butner, Shiloh physician who died Dec. 12 after over 51 years of service to that community, has been appraised at \$160,000, half of it in real estate, the other half in personal property.

Tom Mattox, 16 East Main street, Lexington, was the appraiser appointed by the Richland county probate court.

Dr. Butner's will, witnessed by Robert Green and Nancy Knasus, was executed at Willard Aug. 22, 1986.

It bequeaths his residence property in Superior street, Shiloh, to his children, Mary Ann, now Mrs. Richard Pieratt, 782 Die-

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Mrs. Pieratt is administratrix of the will.

All other assets were directed by the testator to be added to a trust agreement drawn June 24, 1980, naming First National Bank of Ohio at Akron as trustee.

The will notes that a prenuptial agreement was entered into with his second wife, Helen M. with whom a separation agreement was entered into in later. She lives in Apartment 111, Building 93, 2615 North Garden drive, Lake Worth, Fla.

The building housing Dr. Butner's office in East Main street is owned by John G. Butner and John G. Butner, Jr. for sale at \$32,000.



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# Here's what folks did 25, 20, 15, 10, 5 years ago



**25 years ago, 1962**  
The Albert Frank Ramseys celebrated No. 60. They were at Butler June 15, 1902.  
Ripley school closed its doors for the last time.  
Walter L. Chatfield retired effective June 1 as foundry superintendent in the Fate-Root-Heath Co.  
Legion post ordered a 50 x 120 ft. steel and concrete home from Shennago Steel Buildings, Inc., Roscoe Hamman, agent.  
The Russell Norrises marked No. 35.  
Elaine K. Ballitch received a B. S. in her field from Ohio State university. Four Shilohans, Richard Howard, Paul W. Mellick, Frederick L. Rader and Terrence R. Patton, also received OSU degrees.  
L. Deek Van Vranken was interred at New London.  
Yankees led in PML play with 2-and-1 record.  
Fonies won three straight, the 17- to 2-1 conquest of Celeryville, Tim DeWitt recording 15 strikeouts.  
William Ramsey resigned as mathematics teacher and head football coach to go to Findlay High school at Birmingham as head football coach and physical education teacher.  
Since his vacance also resigned as teacher, staff vacancies rose to seven.  
Prices: round steak, 79¢ lb.; rump roast, 89¢ lb.; ground beef, \$1.19 lb.; sliced bacon, 49¢ lb.; wieners, 40¢; Chef's Delight, 2 lb. box for 49¢; California celery, 25¢ a bunch.  
Charles D. Bachrach was promoted to sergeant first class and appointed editor of the Howe Herald, pupil newspaper at Howe Military school, Howe, Ind.

**20 years ago, 1967**  
G. Lyle Grabach, 55, manager of locomotive assets and services in the Fate-Root-Heath Co., died suddenly of heart seizure at his home in Norwalk.  
Five pupils received high honors in the Class of 1967: Janene Cunningham, Phillip Dawson, Linda S. Washburn, Leslie L. Henry and Deborah Dawson.  
Father of Woodrow and Robert Smith, Charles Smith, 79, Richmond township, died suddenly.  
Royd W. Eckstein, Jr., received the M. S. degree in engineering sciences from Purdue university, West Lafayette, Ind.  
Hugh M. Washburn was to his daughter's commencement last week the same suit that he wore at his own commencement at Willard in 1946.  
Denise Koontz received the B. S. degree of Ohio university.  
Prices: patio steaks, 49¢ lb.; chuck roast, 89¢ lb.; English cut roast, 59¢ lb.; chuck steak, 39¢ lb.; family steak, 59¢ lb.; ground beef, 47¢ lb. in lots of three pounds or more; pork chops, 79¢ lb.; bananas, 2 lb. box for 49¢; lemons, 12 for 49¢.  
Allen W. Arnold received the BA degree in English from Bluffton college and signed a contract to teach in Crestview district in western Ohio. His classmates,

James D. Hamman, received a BA degree and will teach and coach football in Cory-Rawdon district west of Findlay.  
The Rev. David G. Miles resigned as Lutheran pastor at Shiloh for reasons of health.  
Jean Ann Lasch was married at Willard to Gary A. Rothbar.  
Father of Mrs. Donald H. Levering, Nathan H. Thompson, 72, Zaniesville, died there.  
Joyce Sloan scored a 4.0 grade-point average in Shiloh Junior High school. Thomas Root, eighth grader, and Shirley Adams, Shiloh Danhoff and David A. Howard, seventh graders, scored 95, or better.  
Joyce A. Fulk will marry Robert D. Enzor on Oct. 22.  
R. Eugene Russell was chosen president, Harmon Sloan vice president and Mrs. J.J. Cihla secretary-treasurer of the Shiloh High School Alumni association.  
A second son was born at Columbus to the Elwood Coombs. Mother is the former Vaughn D'ee Faust.  
Salvatore J. Glorioso was installed as commander of the Richland county American Legion organization.  
Warren E. Mock, instrumental music instructor, married Dawn Mack Senger at Maumee.  
Greg Cashman, 20, won the first annual mini-marathon staged at Athens by the YMCA.  
Suzanne E. Padock was invited to join the College of Wooster swimming team as a free stylist.

**15 years ago, 1972**  
Board of education disputed a portion of the administration in dealing with tardiness. Timothy Root, at 21 the youngest board member ever, said, "If that's the best you can do to insure discipline, it's simply not enough. It's not fair to tamper with the grades. Puniash a pupil for being late, but don't mess with his academic achievement."  
Twelve pupils made 4.0 grades in the high school: Shirley Adams, Norma Barnes, Jane Niermeyer, Rhonda Sloan, Steven Williamson, 12th graders; Willis Cayle, Cindy Daup, John Hayes, Barbara Rettig, Amy Seitz, 11th graders; Deborah Moorman, 10th grader; Marcella Edgeson, Hazel Kinzel, Ella Snipes, ninth graders.  
Karen Barnes was married in First United Presbyterian church to Larry Bond.  
The G. Deming Seymours at Shiloh marked No. 25.  
Ninety-one attended the Girl Scout tea, where 210 awards were distributed.  
Brenda Springer, Class of 1968, received the BS in Ed. degree of Ohio State university.  
Mrs. Maude B. Ferrell, 89, died in Noble road.  
Jack Laser was married in the cathedral at Amana, Eritrea, to Miss Sylvia Russo.  
Three SJHS pupils made 4.0 grade-point averages: John Gullett and Jeffrey Holt, eighth graders and Steven Shutty, seventh grader.

**10 years ago, 1977**  
Should a blue ribbon committee be appointed to advise the board of education in the matter of a new junior high school, Shiloh? Water rates at Shiloh jumped 300 per cent.  
Carl Gasparac's house and barn near Rome went up in smoke.  
Mrs. Edward L. (Ned) Earnest, 84, a former villager, died at Sycamore.  
A 1975 alumnus, Paul E. Beard contacted to Teresa D. Larabee and will marry her at Shelby on July 2.  
The Kenneth D. Humberts marked No. 25 at Shiloh.  
Mark Fidler was named pitcher on the second team, all-Johnny Applered contest selection.  
David C. Pugh received the BS in Agriculture degree of Ohio State university.  
Brian S. Hamman won the Cub Scout fishing derby.

**Five years ago, 1982**  
Brother of Reed White, Donald White, 65, North Fairfield, drowned in Lake Erie.  
Six high school pupils made 4.0 grades: Denise Cobb and Rhonda Walters, 12th graders; Lisa Baldrick, Vickie Brown and Janet Walkers, 11th graders; Kim Wilson, 10th grader.  
William Thompson, 49, Shiloh, died at Mansfield.  
Former teacher of the Rome general store, Mrs. Frank Papazoff, 92, died at Loudonville.  
David A. Howard bought the John K. Conley premises in Porter street.  
Deborah S. McVey was married at Shelby to Eugene E. Cellentoni.  
Mayor respounded the school board, to comply with Ohio law that two members must be of one political party and two of another. These are Wayne H. Strine and A.L. Padock, Jr., Republicans; Frederick E. Ford and Eldon Burkett, Democrats.  
Christopher H. Brown was named to the dean's list by Ohio Northern university.  
Fire Queen Montelle Levering placed third in the Northwest District competition at Gibsonburg.

**BIRTHS**  
A son was born June 11 in Shelby Memorial hospital to the Donald Johnsons, 203 Nichols street.  
A daughter was born June 8 in Willard Area hospital to the Jeffrey Lsons, Plymouth.  
A son was born in Fisher-Titus Memorial hospital, Norwalk, June 9 to the Curtis Newcombs, Plymouth.  
Dianna Conley, 14, Plymouth, Villa gave birth to a son in Shelby Memorial hospital June 9.  
A son was born Saturday in Shelby Memorial hospital to the Kevin Spauldings, Eby road, Shiloh.  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Callahan named their son Zachary Wade. He was born June 4 in Mansfield General hospital and weighed 9 lb., 8 oz. Mother is the former Polly Cornell. Mrs. W. Lawrence Cornell is the maternal grandmother.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**  
Everett Pace was taken to Fisher-Titus Memorial hospital, Norwalk, early Friday morning by Plymouth ambulance squad.  
Mrs. Lizzie Waddles was a patient in Willard Area hospital June 9-11, Ernest Price a patient there June 9-12.  
Sharon Maggard was released at Willard June 9.  
Mrs. Robert Young was admitted to Willard Area hospital Sunday.

**Floridians stop to see Hedeens**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch, Punta Gorda, Fla., were houseguests of the John E. Hedeens over the weekend.

**Bible school set by Shiloh church**  
A new vacation Bible school program has been prepared by Wesley Evangelical church, Route 603, Shiloh.  
"Hallelujah! Jesus is King!" is the theme for the school each weekday from June 22 to 26 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Classes will be offered for all ages from five through 12, kindergarten through sixth grade.  
A variety of crafts, song time, Bible study, puppet shows, and other visual demonstrations in keeping with the theme is offered.  
Additional information or pre-registration may be obtained at church office at Tel. 896-2091 or pre-registration may be obtained at additional information or pre-registration may be obtained at church office at Tel. 896-2091 or paragonage at Tel. 896-3243.

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**Telephone birthday anniversary**  
Date to 687-5511 at least 10 days in advance of date  
June 18  
David Roth Douglas Burrer Denise Day Donna Dawson Shelly Root Eddie Francis, Jr. Mrs. Charles Rowe Mrs. Herbert Artz Mrs. C.T. Strohmenger Mrs. John Hart  
June 19  
Mrs. Arline Schreck Mrs. Joseph Woodmannee June Enos Carl Haas  
June 20  
David Studer Donna Dawson Troy Duane Kinka Mrs. Charles Mink Steven Wilson Sherry Lynn Jones Wayne Gebert Michael G. Courtright Joshua Lawrence Deskins Brett Jeremy Riedinger Michael Sturgill Amanda Sturgill  
June 21  
Mrs. Larry Vanaadale Emma Mosaleete Mrs. J.H. Postema Brenda Caudill Jennifer Rath Jeffrey Burton Melissa Perry Dale R. BAKER  
June 22  
Gerald Lillo Gail J. Kok Marvin Kesler Wayne Robinson Adam DeWitt  
June 23  
Donald Hohler Gary Utas Brad Stumbo  
June 24  
Richard Hursh Ben Rose Randall C. Dininger Florence Danner Alice Owens Rebekah Horan  
Wedding Anniversaries  
June 18  
The Charles Pritchards  
June 19  
The Harold Rosses The Richard Farmwalte The Bryan Mowrys The Allen W. Careys  
June 20  
The Delwin Herzes The Paul Richard Longe, Jr  
June 21  
The Eddie Francis The William Frances  
June 22  
The W.C. Enderbys The Reginald Ganzhorn  
June 24  
The Kevin Eichelberry The Billy Wrights

**Curious salegoers inspected the wares before Auctioneer Charles Miller started to cry in the buyers during the outdoor auction conducted June 10 by Plymouth Area Historical society. This Mennonite gentleman was wraft of a book when The Advertiser's camera turned on him June 10 evening. Sale produced less revenue than managers hoped for but, as one indefatigable worker for PAHS said, "every little bit helps."**

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**'83 alumna wins associate degree**  
Linda K. Steele, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth High school, received her diploma from Lima Technical college June 12. Miss Steele received an associate of applied science degree with a major in dental hygiene. She is the daughter of the Clifford P. Steeles, 106 West High street.  
A Plymouth resident and two Shilohans were among graduates of North Central Technical college, Mansfield, Friday.  
Jacquelyn Ann Vreschburg, 34 North street, received an associate degree in nursing.  
Julie Suzanne VonStein, Shiloh, and Lori Ann Wagner, Shiloh, were awarded associate degrees in accounting.

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# Rain forest, anyone? Maybe it's the heat: here's steak recipe

By AUNT LIZ  
It's not only kids who don't know geography. It's us, too.

Not long ago I read someplace about a postal clerk who said a letter needed more than a 22 cent stamp because it was going to a foreign country — New Mexico!  
Then it was my turn to be absolutely stupid. It all started with a good mystery book set in Olympic National park in Washington where I have never been. At least now I do know where it is because I got our family atlas out. What I did not know was that it has a real rain forest, which I thought was something found only along the Amazon. Since then I have discovered that Puerto Rico has one too.

If I visit to the park out of your vacation plans, then read the book. It is well written by Aaron J. Elkins, who is an anthropologist. His main character is also an anthropologist who can look at a piece of a leg bone and tell just what the person looked like. He also knows his Indians, especially Yahi, who were a prehistoric tribe in California. In the book they were run out by the gold miners and ended up in the rain forest. Sure it's fiction, but could almost be for real. Just ask your happy librarian for the "The Dark Places". It's a nice change from spy stories and ordinary mysteries where you can guess in the first 10 pages whodunnit.

The characters are fun, too. There is an Hawaiian FBI guy who hates rain, which his home state is

noted for, and wishes he could get transferred to Tucson.

Reading, of course, is pure escapism, geography can be learned right in your kitchen.  
USA had a story on famous chefs not long ago, and one, I cannot remember if he was in Louisville or Cincinnati, but in the direction anyway, was beginning to dream up real, down-to-earth dishes.....

The catch was that he said Kentucky Bourbon steak was beginning to become a hot item (at \$25 a serving, no doubt), but he didn't say how to put it together.  
I went through all our cookbooks and looked at Kentucky ones in a couple of libraries, because I figured it was an old one. It was not there. Then the other night I mentioned it to a friend, who might have spent the rest of the night going through her books, also. I found it in one of those benefit deals which a lot of mothers got together to raise money for a school near Cleveland.

I figured it had to be a marinade, and it was.  
It did not specify what kind of steak to use, but good chuck works. If you want to use something like a fillet, then lessen the time it soaks.  
Mix nine tablespoons of bourbon with a half teaspoon of thyme, two tablespoons of vinegar and six tablespoons of soy sauce. Poke it, and keep turning the steaks for about three hours or so, but if you use a cheaper cut, all night.  
They can be grilled or broiled. The marinade can be thickened with a little cornstarch for a gravy if you haven't drunk it, which another friend suggested doing.

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*This high school principal's thoughts on schoolboy athletics ought perhaps to be engraved over the door of every school and required reading for every parent.*

## Fundamental problems of 1980s: grade inflation and sports madness

By Paul R. Getto

There are two fundamental problems with American education in the 1980s. In order of importance they are: 1) grade inflation and 2) sports madness.

Grade inflation is the most serious, because there is no alternative to academic learning and a realistic assessment of a child's progress. Sports madness is equally distressing, potentially tragic, and harmful; there is an alternative — albeit an unpleasant one — eliminate competitive youth sports to save children from their parents.

In an interesting and ironic way, these two dilemmas in our society are related. Generations ago, few people went to school past the early grades. Now the public (and for that matter, educators) wants to keep all children in school until age 18. In this day and age, most people who want to "get anywhere" need to go to school full or part-time until they are between 25 and 30 years old. Also, few people played organized sports a few generations ago. Now there are "kiddie ball leagues" all over the country for almost every imaginable sport.

Now, how can grade inflation and sports madness be related? To a certain extent it is the result of pressure on schools. Schools have been pressured into lowering standards because nearly everyone agrees that all children need to go to school for at least 13 years; they have also been pressured to develop comprehensive activity programs.

The other partner in the problem is some parents. They have forgotten that a "C" is a relatively good grade, and that if it means what it is supposed to mean, most of us should be happy with an average grade. After all, aren't most people average? That's the definition of the word.

Grade inflation is already well-known and established in our society. Incidentally, as grades went up, achievement went down — for more than 20 years! Current college students are finding out that grades are not all that important — achievement is all that really matters. Valedictorians are a dime a dozen at ESU, KSU and KU. If you want to make it, you had better produce, work hard and be thankful if you can earn a "C" in most classes. The only thing which saves 99 percent of us is academic learning.

Sports madness, in other words the application of professional and college value standards to youth sports programs, is related to grade inflation because some parents forget that few people are academic geniuses, and that few children have outstanding athletic ability.

The odds of making a living playing any sport are almost nil, and the chances for most children to get an athletic scholarship at any college are not very good. Sports madness is a national tragedy which is ruining many children, as well as parents and game officials.

The Los Angeles Times recently ran an article about this disease. It included some examples of this illness in its worst

form:

- a. Long Beach, California — \$12,000 is awarded to an umpire who was hit on the head with a baseball bat by an irate parent.
- b. Several states, among them our neighbor Oklahoma, have passed laws requiring security for officials at sporting events.
- c. Huntington Beach, California — a 16-year-old Little League umpire filed charges against a father who broke his arm because the father didn't like a call.
- d. Dublin, Georgia — a midget football league referee filed a \$150,000 claim against a father who broke his rib, and put a knot on his head which required hospitalization. Just a few examples. Others could be listed where teachers went to hospitals because they "graded too hard" and were assaulted by parents or other relatives of their students. What is the cause? Here is what sports psychologists say:

1. Some parents have broken dreams left over from their youth (who doesn't?). They expect their son or daughter to fill up the holes left by those broken dreams.
2. Some parents are more infantile than their children. They attack the outside world — for example an umpire — because of their own sense of inadequacy. In other words, "I don't feel good inside and I'm mad at society, so I'll attack an umpire."
3. A father is locked into a career with no future, so he takes it out on his children and game officials. Often these parents force their children to become athletes, then belittle them when they fail to perform.

What to do? Get the majority of the people to stand up and tell the truth: Kids don't need to win... they already want to win. They need to grow, develop, learn, be with their friends, and have fun. Or as the young athletes often say, "It's a kid's game. Just let us play."

Nelson Hartman, executive secretary of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, has an article in the *National Federation News*. Hartman points out that the real purpose of activities is to teach *Dedication, Determination and Discipline* — something all of us need to succeed as adults.

To summarize: The Albert Einsteins and Larry Birds of the world are few and far between. Let's leave the kids alone and let them grow up to be average people like the majority of the population. Athletic and intellectual geniuses will rise to the top without anyone having to push the issue or demand that a child be brilliant — in class or on the playing field.

The good news is that only 15 to 20 percent of American parents have sports madness. If the other 80 percent stand up for what's right, we might save youth sports for our children.

Getto is principal at Cottontown Falls (Kansas) High School. High School Reprinted from the Kansas State High School Activities Association "Journal"

## Three get jobs as head coaches

By THE OLD TIMER  
Appointment of Don King, a Central State alumnus who was assistant coach at Xenia for eight seasons, to succeed William Lewis as head football coach at South Central leaves one football vacancy in the Firelands conference, that at Crestview, where Steve Fisher jumped to be head man at Senior in Mansfield.

Appointment of two basketball coaches, both Willard products, closed the door for new blood in the Firelands conference cage rackets.

Mike Lillo is the new head honcho at Western Reserve and, to no one's surprise, David E. Hirsch, Jr., is the new head coach at Plymouth.

Hirschy has his hands full. To replace Steve Hall is a monumental task, perhaps an impossible one. Jason Robinson and Mike Lasch are gone. Hirschy will have to build around the intelligent and improving Ron Stephens, who has only one season of eligibility left.

The head baseball job at St. Paul's in Norwalk, left by Bob Lippert, who after several successful seasons decided he wants to make some changes in his life, has not yet been filled.

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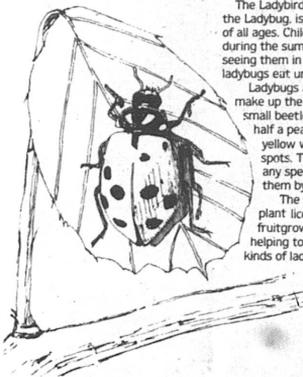
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Ladybugs are in the order Coleoptera and make up the family Coccinellidae. They are a small beetle with a round body shaped like half a pea. They are often bright red or yellow with black, red, white or yellow spots. The markings vary considerably in any species making it difficult to recognize them by color pattern alone.

The primary diet of the ladybugs are plant lice and scale insects. For this reason, fruitgrowers find ladybugs very useful in helping to protect their crops. There are two kinds of ladybugs that harm beans, melons,

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