

Where to now?

At this time of year the departments of health of each of Ohio's 88 counties make annual reports. The report, prescribed by law, includes number of illegitimate births in the county in the past year.

Time was when illegitimacy was a legal, social, political and moral stigma. The political stigma was dealt with almost a century ago; illegitimate children do not by such birth lose franchise. Society has more or less dealt with the social and moral aspects; the attitude of most folks now is "the poor soul couldn't help it, and besides, it doesn't change the smile on his face nor the pimples on his shoulders."

Legally, the illegitimate cannot inherit the estate of its father unless said father publicly acknowledges the child's relationship to him before the demise of the sire.

To which the street-wise citizen is wont to remark, "Big deal, most of the fathers of illegitimate babies born these days don't have a pit to sit and hiss in nor a window to throw it out of." Probably true.

So why the concern about the number of illegitimate children born during 1987, or 1986, or 1985, or any recent year?

The concern devolves from these facts:

A single mother is, for the most part, not rich, not employed at high pay, not able to engage capable folks to look after the child while she works for enough to support them both, and such other siblings as may be in the family, perhaps not able to be trained to compete for such jobs. She is also hardly mature enough intellectually and psychologically, in all probability, to care for the child herself.

Ergo, said mother often seeks public support. That support derives from the public tax bill. And it is the proliferation of expense in that category that exacerbates a good many citizens.

Just how bad is the situation?

These are raw data from the most recent reports:

	White	R
1982	91	309
1983	141	259

In 1986, in Richland county alone, there were 380 such births, 153 of them to unmarried women under 20 years of age, including four under 15 years of age. In Huron county the number was 169.

Let there be those who ascribe these awful facts to racial differences, let's look dispassionately at some recent data for Richland county (Huron county does not have a large non-white population):

1983: Illegitimate Births by Race

	White	Non-White
Manassett	95	94
Shelby	11	0
Rest of county	84	9

Richland county's data relating to age of mothers at parturition of illegitimate child during 1986 are significant.

Total Illegitimate	380
Mother aged under 15	4
Mother aged 15-19	149
Mother aged 20-24	140
Mother aged 25-29	57
Mother aged 30-34	21
Mother aged 35-39	8
Mother aged 40-44	0
Mother 45 and over	1

It's hard to quibble with the facts.

What should we do with them?

Ay, there's the rub:

Does it stand to reason that if the family hasn't done or isn't doing its job, that if the churches, try though they do, are not making significant progress, perhaps because they are loath to call a spade a spade, somebody has to step in, and that somebody is the public schools?

So when's the last time you've heard, or even heard tell of, any member of the board of education or of school management discussing how we ought to deal with this lamentable situation? Save to say that it's no business of ours, that is?

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'Police too strict with tickets,' merchants tell village council

"You are driving our customers away", was the cry Jan. 26 of the most of the merchants of the Public Square.

"The crux of their complaints was that the police department is issuing too many summonses for traffic violations and to the wrong persons."

"Plymouth has become a real speed-trap", was the general complaint.

Ron Akers said the police department is giving out tickets that he thinks are unjust.

His complaint stems from a customer canceling a good size order for carpeting. She realized she was late for her appointment and drove past his business establishment in the northeast side of the Square, where there were no lights so did not stop but continued on. The arresting officer considered it a violation because the area is for parking and not through traffic.

The Willard woman paid a waiver for the violation and revoked her carpet order.

Police Chief Stephen J. Caudill and the three members of the safety committee, Roy Barber, E. Adrian Cole and Mrs. A.L. Paddock, Jr., said that he could have explained the situation to the officer and it would have been understood or she could have appeared in Mayor Keith A. Hebbel's court and explained to him.

The area has been a bone of contention before. A Bucyrus driver was ticketed. It was agreed

that the sign saying the area is for parking is not large enough and those from out of the village are simply not aware of it.

Cole defended the police department vigorously, saying it is merely doing its job, which it is sworn to do: to uphold the constitutions of the United States and Ohio and the ordinances of the Village of Plymouth.

Caudill said that if officers should ignore traffic violators, they would be derelict in their duty. "They can appear in court and the mayor will listen to them", he said. Mrs. Paddock said she could remember years back when Trux street residents complained of speeders and a number of rather prominent villagers were picked up, including some who lived in Trux street. That ended all the complaints, she said.

Caudill said no one is issued a summons unless the officer notes the accused is at least 10 miles over the posted speed limit. He pointed out that 100 speeding violation summonses were issued during December, but more than 90 warnings were also given.

Each member of the safety committee said he has been charged with speeding in other communities, knowing he was wrong. Another complaint was that the arresting officers are rude. Caudill has issued an order that all arrests will be made with a smile. But, he added, "violators are violators".

H. James Fidler complained that his Drive-Thru was identified as selling beer that ended up in the

hands of an unscrupulous person. What occurred was that it was bought legitimately, then turned over to the younger man. In the police log it was identified to lead others to believe the Drive-Thru was the guilty party.

David Egner was also present to ask about erecting a sign on the tree lawn to identify his service repair shop at Sandusky and Brazilian streets.

Several years ago the council decreed there would be no signs in the tree lawn and they were all removed at considerable expense. He said one has recently appeared. This also brought up the display of merchandise in front of businesses. Mrs. Paddock said it would be discussed with the full council.

The ordinances are to be researched and will be discussed fully at the next council meeting Feb. 9.

Finally, the safety committee got down to what it really convened to do: to discuss a change of ambulance rates with Fire Chief Terry Hopkins. He has suggested several changes because the squad is better trained and more capable than it was before. The charges have not been altered for almost six years. Supplies cost more today

than they did then. The ambulance squad has been self-supporting since it began. No tax money goes into it. Those who use it are the ones who support it.

One problem Hopkins brought up is that when a new vehicle is purchased this year, the squad will be more capable of what is called "transportation runs", by which a person needs to be taken either to a hospital or a rest home and it is not an emergency. In the past, the squad did not want to tie up one vehicle in fear there would be a genuine emergency.

Another problem, Hopkins said, is when the police department calls and the person it is dealing with has somewhat sobered up and does not want to be taken any place. He cited one case of an intoxicated person who said he was having a heart attack and wanted to be taken to Mansfield General hospital. Hopkins said, "No, you go to Willard as an emergency." This changed the man's health problem immediately. He simply wanted a free ride to Mansfield.

The squad cannot ignore a call by the police who is also trying to handle problems properly. Such calls cost money, Hopkins said, but the ambulance fund cannot charge the police fund, so the costs are swallowed.

Hopkins gave credit to Mrs. William Burkett, who has taken over the ambulance billings. She has slowly been able to collect some back bills that had been ignored by those who were served. Another problem Hopkins has had to deal with is those on welfare who use the squad a great deal. Only about 40 per cent of the bill is paid, and then, only after much paper work.

No decisions were reached. The committee promised they will be forthcoming and in line with nearby squads, most likely less than privately run squads.

Two run afoul of demon rum

Cerris Tuttle, 32, 64 Mulberry street, was arrested early Sunday at East Main and Trux streets on a charge of public intoxication.

He was found by police to be staggering in the street.

A 22-year-old Curtiss drive man was convicted in Shelby Municipal court of drunken driving Jan. 26 and jailed for 30 days with a fine of \$350.

Driver's license of Scott A. Masters was suspended for 60 days. So were 27 days of the jail sentence, on condition there is no similar violation for one year.

R. J. Tilton, native, 54, buried here

Interment took place here Monday for Raymond J. Tilton, 54, New London, a Plymouth native who lived most of his life in or near Greenwich, where he was employed by Akron Standard Mold Co. for 34 years.

Death was caused by heart seizure.

A member of New London Aerie F.O.E., he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Connie Porter, Columbus; Mrs. Regina Lucal, Greenwich, and Mrs. April Donahue, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; a son, Jay, Halbert AFB, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Barbara Rogers, Ashland; three brothers, Wayne, Dayton; Danny, Melrose, Fla., and Dwight, New London, and eight grandchildren.

His father, Oliver, died in 1982, his mother, Elizabeth, in 1985.

The Rev. Myron Ramsey conducted services at Greenwich Monday at 1 p.m.

Three more seek office at Norwalk

One scorecard may not be enough to identify all of the candidates for public office in Huron county during the May primary.

Three additional Democrats have stepped into the ring. These are Thomas Killbane, Greenwich, who operates an outdoor advertising agency, who will seek his party's nomination to oust Richard Rensch (D-Minn) in the General Assembly; Dennis Tromboli, a Norwalk lawyer, who aims for the post of county prosecutor and would face the former incumbent, Richard B. Hauser, for the post nomination, and Lawrence Helt, incumbent engineer. Timothy Riley is the only declared HOP candidate for that office.

Richard Dowell, Willard attorney, is an independent candidate for county prosecutor.

Two crashes, alleged theft investigated

A vehicle driven by Frank Burks, a schoolboy who lives in Parsel road, skidded off West Broadway in a snowstorm Jan. 26 at 4:20 p.m. He was unhurt. His vehicle, somewhat damaged, was pulled from the ditch.

David Handshoe reported to police Jan. 27 at 6:20 p.m. that tapes and speakers were taken from his car parked at Plymouth Villa.

Vehicles driven by Angela L. Jessie, 172 Beelman street, and Richard Rhine, Greenwich route 1, collided Jan. 28 at 4:40 p.m. at 262 Sandusky street. No one was injured. The Rhine car was unoccupied.

Youth, 18, held as vandal

Deceptive thief bilks Shilohan

Theft by deception is suspected after a report Saturday evening from Vinken Closet, hard by the village hall in West Main street, Shiloh, that a VCP and three films rented to a customer Jan. 25 were not returned as promised.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating with some reference to a recent incident of a similar nature at the store in Shenandoah.

Youth, 18, held as vandal

An 18-year-old Plymouth youth and his confederate, also 18, have been arrested at Willard on charges of felony vandalism of more than \$300 damage to Schaffer Motor Sales, Route 224, during December.

Roger Collins, Plymouth, and John Cummings, Attica, were arrested on warrants issued by Norwalk Municipal court and freed on bonds on \$1,000 each. They pleaded Tuesday.



Champion!

Dave Powers swept to championship of Firelands conference 185-lb. class by aggressive tactics that overcame best the opposition could offer. In first preliminary bout, he won hands down.

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

Ah, to remember golden days, great dessert

25 years ago, 1963

Average income of Mr. Plymouth:	H	R
\$7,000-\$7,999	553	971
\$8,000-\$8,999	437	761
\$9,000-\$9,999	238	566
\$10,000 plus	608	1,390

Note: H means Huron county as a whole; R means Richland county as a whole

Shelby and Willard data:

S	W
\$7,000-\$7,999	256
\$8,000-\$8,999	253
\$9,000-\$9,999	150
\$10,000 plus	445

Population in Plymouth by 1985 will be 3,463, planners said in a prepared announcement. This increase will require a new elementary school, a new side of Springmill road about 1 1/2 miles south of Plymouth, a park of about 300 acres shared equally by Shiloh, Plymouth and Shelby, in the general vicinity of Hazel Brush, Bowman street and Miller roads, and establishment of an upland water reservoir to serve Plymouth and Shiloh.

Community chest distributed 86 percent of its goal of \$3,500 to nine agencies.

Five high school and two junior high school pupils made 4.0 grade point averages. These were L. Diane Buckman, 11th grader; E. Jane Fenner, 10th grader; Suzanne E. Paddock and Kenneth Springer, ninth graders; Amy Setz and Deborah Dawson, eighth graders.

Phil Fletcher scored 12 points, Ontario 64, Red 45.

Martha Louise Bross, Monroe-Veale high school graduate of 1960, returned to marry Phillip Ray Ranney, 1960 alumna of Plymouth High school.

Village council at Shiloh was held Feb. 4.

Mrs. David Holt
Donald Hugh
Janice Newmeyer
Mrs. R. N. Hatch
James Moch
Merrill Allen
Rhonda Erwin
Thomas Trout

Feb. 5

Larry L. Lowery
John Fox
Mrs. Julie Tash
Karnel Edler
Eddie Fletcher

Feb. 6

Raymond N. Hatch
Duane Keene
Cynthia Renee Hammon
Richard Bookwalter
Arvil Stidman
Margaret Fox
Mrs. Linda Spears

Feb. 7

Randy Kessler
Haldon Cheesman
Terry Parrigan
Timothy Parrigan
Cory Lynn Spears
Timothy Redden
The Rev. H. L. Dague
Mrs. Donald Shaver
Richard Stroup
J. L. Kennedy
Paicard Anbro
Mrs. A. L. Paddock, Jr.
Shelly Renee Ousley
Tina Amburgy

Feb. 8

Chad Stumbo
Mrs. Raymond Riedinger
Mrs. Mabel Garrett
Cory Cunningham, Jr.
Loretta Saxon
Todd Bowman
Tad Stumbo

Feb. 9

Billy Akers

Feb. 10

Thomas
Victoria B.
Barrie Fetter.
Mrs. George L. . . ., Jr.
Tony Hicks

Wedding Anniversary in the West Feb. 4

The James B. Reynolds

Feb. 5

The M. M. McDouglas

divided on how to act on a petition filed by Ronald and Gladys Keesey to vacate an alley off Main street between Narrow and Prospect streets.

A son was born at Jackson, Mich., to the Delmer Barnhalls. Mother is the former Judy Ruld, daughter of the Robert Raddis and granddaughter of Mrs. D. Karl McCinty.

Miss Donna Applegate, bride-elect of John Becker Root, was guest of honor at a shower hosted by her fiancée's aunt, Mrs. H. James Root.

Board of Education and Shiloh's village council sought to iron out their differences regarding assessment of \$3,185 for sanitary sewers at the rate of \$2.10 a linear foot.

Prices: Hams, whole or half, 59¢ lb.; jowl bacon, 19¢ lb.; end sliced, 3 lb. for 89¢; Bologna, 49¢ lb.; pork, 19¢ lb.; Folger's coffee, 3 lb. for \$1.69; Folger's instant coffee, 10 oz. jar, 99¢.

Phil Fletcher led Plymouth over Belleville, 44 to 42, with two free throws in the last 20 seconds.

Howard Wynn scored 10 and Chip Paddock six, Plymouth Reserves 26, Belleville Reserves 24.

Buckeye Central upset Plymouth, in two overtimes, 75 to 69, Hoffman scoring 24 points.

Plymouth defeated Northwood, 64 to 49, for its 11th straight, Hoffman scoring 18.

Prices: Butter, 69¢ lb.; large eggs, 38¢ doz.; bacon, 59¢ lb.; ground beef, 1 lb. boxed ham, 99¢ lb.; spare ribs, 59¢ lb.

Jason Tyler, their second son and fourth child, was born to the Rev. and Mrs. John H. Worth on Jan. 24.

The David H. Bachrach married No. 29 as hosts to their daughter, Diana, a teacher in Chester, Ind., and son, Charles D., Rochester, N.Y.

Three Plymouth alumnae are dean's list students in Ashland college.

These are Lisa Baldrige Taylor, daughter of the Homer Baldriges, Route 603, who now lives in Mansfield, a senior majoring in nutrition; Fayette Hudson Adams, daughter of Mrs. Willie Hudson, Shelby, and the late Mr. Hudson, and wife of Randy A. Adams, 194 Springmill road, a junior majoring in elementary education, and the Susan Beebe, daughter of the Dennis Beebe, 370 West Broadway, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, who has been named to the dean's list during each semester of her enrollment at Ashland.

20 years ago, 1968

Robert L. Meiser agreed to defer his retirement as chief of police.

Patrolman Mark Didion was suspended by the chief for conduct detrimental to the force, specifically, drunken and disorderly behavior in the Willard police station.

A 20-month-old Shiloh girl was dead on arrival at Willard, her 18-year-old mother, Jeardine Booker Mills, and her close friend, Danny Patrick, arrested in connection with the child's death by brain.

School budget for 1968: \$945,920.

Mrs. Charles Barr, 90, 57 Trux street, died at Shelby.

Big Red won the Johnny Appleseed conference championship.

Squad: Larry Barnal, assistant coach; Ron Hostler, coach; Larry Kamann, Dave McKown, Jim Clark, Gene and Dwayne Kok, Ned Redman, Tom Rook, Larry Kenner, Jim Fenner, Joe Dausp, Vance Hoffman, Kenny Foreman and Richard Van Wagner, manager, and Thomas Henry, assistant manager.

Lexington 108, Plymouth 50. Coach Bryan J. Neff refused to shake the proffered hand on Dan Roseberry, Minuteman coach, after the ignominious defeat.

Crestview 67, Plymouth 59 in two overtimes. Craig McPherson scored 22 and Ray Hughes 20 for the Big Red.

Ned McDowell, a former Shiloh, son of the late Ed and Helen McDowell, died at Columbus.

10 years ago, 1978

Will ambulance service be available without fee to all residents, \$4,000 for the general fund? Village council will debate that question.

Worst storm of the century peaked at Shiloh.

Richard C. Haas, 64, died of cancer at Mansfield.

Al H. Newmyer, 75, Mills road, died at Cleveland.

Richard S. Stover, 49, former village utilities employee, died at Mansfield.

Bert Koontz, 82, formerly of Plymouth, died at Tampa, Fla.

Prices: Ham, whole or half, \$1.38 lb.; spare ribs, \$1.18 lb.; turkey drumsticks, 38¢ lb.; boneless ham, \$1.78 lb.; beef liver, 50¢ lb.

15 years ago, 1973

William L. Van Wagner will succeed Woodrow Smith, retired, as assistant chief of police.

Dean Ann Smith, a 1964 alumna of Plymouth High school, became the first woman officer in local banking circles when she was elected assistant cashier by Peoples National bank.

Kenneth Huston resigned as police officer at Shiloh.

Joseph J. Ghila was appointed first chief at Shiloh.

Uncle of Mrs. G. Thomas Moore, Leroy Edward Barnhouse, 66, Greenwield, died at Mansfield.

Prices: Pork roast, 49¢ lb.; pork cutlets, 89¢ lb.; spare ribs, 79¢ lb.; turkey fillets, 69¢ lb.; corned beef brisket, \$1.09 lb.; tom turkeys, 49¢ lb.; hen turkeys, 59¢ lb.; bacon, 69¢ lb.

Mother of G. Deming Seymour, Shiloh, Mrs. Alice Moulton, 90, died at Ravenna.

R. Keith Dawson, 60, died of cancer at Mansfield.

Five years ago, 1983

Seven high school pupils made 4.0 grade-point averages: Vickie Brown, Fred Caywood and Janet Walters, 12th graders; Debra Collins, 11th grader; Renee Carter, 10th grader; Marilyn Tackett and Kevin Taylor, ninth graders.

Salvatore J. Glorioso was feted at dinner by friends on the occasion of his retirement from Plymouth Locomotive Works, Inc.

Mother of Mrs. Ivan Hawk, Mrs. Robert L. Shackelford, 88, died at New Philadelphia.

Cory Hillis, 78, New Haven, was killed in a collision in Route 103.

Ontario 77, Red 54, Rod Hampton scoring 19 points.

Randy Myers was chosen president by Busy Finners 4-H club.

Alfonso Del Pozo; "The Changing Times - Colonies of the North and South, 1700-1800"; John Gray; "Space Shuttle"; Derek Kren; "History of Shiloh"; Kris Snyder; "History of Plymouth Locomotives"; Mark Hill;

Also, "Liberalizing the College Campus the Past 30 Years"; Laura Spence; "Medical Technology"; "Miles of Water"; "Henry Wilson; "Combs"; "Christopher Columbus"; Melissa Collins; "Indians and Settlers"; Perry Elliott; "Housing"; Peggy Helms; "The Indians That Came to Plymouth"; Tammy Isaac;

Also, "Women in Politics"; Laura Paul; "Witch's Trials"; Rachel DeLombard; "Abraham Lincoln"; Tammy Gayheart; "Burger"; "Larrick Hicker"; "Henry Wilson and the Assembly Line"; Leonard Koeman; "Education: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"; Terry Branham; "History of the U.S. Marine Corps"; Terry Wilson;

Also, "Fashion"; Danya Pritchard; "Davey Crockett"; Trena Snipes; "Ab Lincoln"; Timothy Chiles; "John F. Kennedy"; Jennifer Young;

Also, "Lewis and Clark Expedition"; Rodney Reed; "Capital Punishment"; Jennifer Cole; "Euthanasia"; Terry Hall; "Child Abuse and Neglect"; Angie Cook; all terms papers.

Also, "Underground Railroad"; Jennifer Chase; Peggy Helms; Rachel Hill and Karla Christoff, parchment film.

By AUNT LIZ

People are really funny. More for the birds than anything else. And sometimes I think the birds are smarter than we are. Remember one of our furry friends that played with them. They entered the game with real spirit and would swoop down on her while she jumped trying to get them. She never did. They would end up sitting in our tulip tree, laughing at her. (Ed note: Can birds laugh?)

Christmas was a real experience. We were nicely invited to a beautiful Christmas eve dinner with friends of our son and daughter-in-law. They had one set of parents visiting from Dallas. We had never met any of them before but knew so much about them.

So there we all are arriving into a smallish living room in a very stylish town house in Alexandria and everyone greeting everyone. The visiting father was kind of standing alone, so I went up to him and said politely, "I am Chip's mother, Elizabeth." He announced he was COLONEL . . . My first thought was, dear God, I have corporal written all over my face. I thought I had hidden it there. I was wearing my best dress and old mink. I said I was really sorry to throw out when a friend advised me to put it in the dryer for a few seconds and it will revive. It did.

Long ago I learned that when one put on a uniform, one changed personality completely. But to still be playing games after so many years is beyond my thinking.

This nice man served like all of us in World War II and I bet never got past major's first lieutenant, then he got in the National Guard, which he I am glad exists. It was a sideline for him while he made a bunch of money otherwise, but this is what he really counted on.

No one the whole evening called him anything but Colonel. I never heard his first name, and I bet our children don't even know it. Now that I look back on it all, I am still catering to the MAJOR. He will be sitting in his chair gulping a football game, and yell for help like a dish of ice cream, so dumb corporal gets it for him. Mostly because if he does it, he doesn't get so much as when he gets his own.

Then we had one other experience over Christmas. One night we had dinner with friends we had lived with when we all started out in Italy.

When our hostess opened the door, her first words were, "Liz, you don't change and you are not dying your hair." Here was blacker than I remembered. Their other guests were nice except for the guy who had also lived in Genoa with us and had a new wife. The one we all knew was really nice. He went back home and has become a rather distinguished professor of

Breznicki selected as 'King of Hearts'

Eric Breznicki, 407 West Broadway, a 12th grader in Plymouth High school, will be King of Hearts at the annual dance in Plymouth High school sponsored by cheerleaders tomorrow from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Carters relate F-R-H tale

The Roy Carters spoke of the history of the Fate-Root-Heath Co., with particular reference to his late father, Floyd, for many years chief of the firm. It was the firm's annual meeting of Plymouth Area Historical society Jan. 25.

Police to sell carnation vases

Policemen's association will deliver carnation bud vases for St. Valentine's day.

Inquiries at 687-8836 will be dealt with promptly. The bud vases will be hand delivered.

Mrs. Harrison to be married

Karen S. Mumea Harrison, North street, not employed, and William E. Stewart, Plymouth, 11th street, who applied in Huron county probate court a divorce in January.

Two bake sales are set for this year.

First will occur June 8 during the fourth annual occasion. The second will be during the annual Firemen's Festival Aug. 5-6.

Fountain fund has reached \$338.

The society discussed preparation of a 1988 calendar with birthday and wedding anniversary of residents, settled meetings, special occasions and such, with the cooperation of high school art classes.

history in a nice California college. He acted just like a school teacher, standing in front of the fireplace holding forth, because the other couple were former students and the husband had been an ambassador to some small place. They were lovely people who have a daughter at Wooster, which they chose purposely because the poor gal had been raised out of the country and would have a hard time fitting in with ordinary Americans who have never lived any other place. Wooster has a lot of foreign students, and Americans who are children of missionaries. All I could say to that mother was that she could look forward to the fact that Wooster graduates marry Wooster graduates. I know from experience.

But back to our little professor. I can remember all of us in Genoa. They cheated like most on the black market. We could all get stuff from Rome which we either ate, smoked or drank. They didn't, just did it and went home plain rich. When they would be invited to dinner they did not eat all day. No one can really believe this, but it is true.

I stayed with the first wife for a couple days when the men had to go some place and I said I would share our food, mostly meat, so I could eat. It was very acceptable. Then one morning their maid came to me and said, "Signora, please clean up completely. I am tired of this and that so I can't do it. We were the only Americans who did not keep their food under lock and key. The rest do it out. We really did not have any place to do it, and I know that everytime our good looking houseboy was asked to a party he furnished half the food. We had it, not too much, but enough to share in the neighborhood. But we did have one maid who was a real character. She very carefully steamed open cartons of cigarettes and snatched a pack out of each one. I 12 think I remember the first "defective" carton I opened, which we figured was a mistake here in Virginia. Then came the rest of them and we caught on.

And the whole countryside is beginning to catch on that the foods eaten years back before nouveau cuisine took over are the best.

Even the most gourmetish of gourmet restaurants are back to meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

There was one dessert I remember from way back which was a real treat. This was in the days of meat coming in a bottle with two inches of cream on top which my mother would save so there would be enough to whip it. Today you can use a commercial cream. Find a box of plain chocolate wafers, which is not too easy. Stack about four or five with the cream in the middle and chill. They are delicious.

Never be a dirty bird.

'68 class head dies of AIDS in Georgia

The president of the Class of 1968, Plymouth High school, who came back to his alma mater as a teacher, died in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 27 of AIDS.

Thomas Todd Strohmenger was 36, born to the Clarence Todd Strohmengers on Jan. 4, 1950, in Mansfield. His father came here in 1964 as superintendent of schools. An outstanding musician during his high school years — he was chosen outstanding 11th grader in the band, in which he played trombone, he was named outstanding tenor in the chorus in the 12th grade, he was a superb pianist and won several state prizes for his skill — he excelled in other facets of his education here. He was a member of Louis Bromfield Chapter, National Honor society, a consistent honor roll pupil, a member of the annual staff and a member of the Thespian club. He matriculated in Heidelberg college, Tiffin, and received his degree of bachelor of science in music in 1972.

He taught in Ohio schools four years. He served one contract here, after his father had left to become an assistant superintendent of Richland county schools, and left because his marriage was deteriorating and eventually terminated. He and his wife lived at 9½ East Main street.

Since 1978, he has worked in and near Atlanta as a waiter

Memorial services were conducted in Atlanta Thursday and from First English Lutheran church in Mansfield Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to his parents, now residing in Charleston, W. Va., he is survived by a sister, LaAnn, now Mrs. Clinton Steele, Hayward, Cal., a brother, Tracy, serving in the Army at Ft. Campbell, Ky., two aunts in Mansfield and three nephews.

Memorial contributions to the American Federation of AIDS Research, 40 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y., 10019, are suggested.

Figleys sell parcel here; restaurant sold

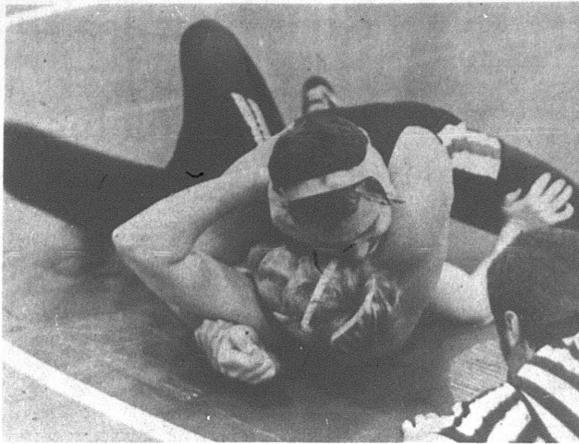
Lyle Brad Figley is the alienee of a parcel in Sandusky street owned by Gordon L. and Romona F. Figley, Huron county recorder reports.

Garden Spot Restaurant, Inc. has been conveyed to Wes Gardner Building & Decorating, Inc.



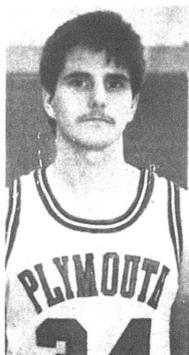
ALWAYS SHOP AT HOME FIRST

			
Tom Secor	Ruth Secor	Ray Secor	Gus Secor
			
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Greg Burks stopped his man, Kevin Forbush, Black River, in semi-finals of heavyweight competition in annual Firelands conference championships at Collins Saturday. That's he on top. Burks excels also in football, where he played tackle both ways when he wasn't hurt, and track and field.

Finalist



Co-Capt. Lance Combs, No. 34, doesn't score so much as his coach and Red fans would like, but he's a balance wheel in the Plymouth machine. He excels in the classroom and on the baseball diamond and runs with the cross country squad.

Leo McQuillen succumbs at 67

Services were conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. from Adario Methodist church by the Rev. Dean Roush for Leo McQuillen, 67, Shiloh route 1, a life resident of Butler township, who died unexpectedly at his home Jan. 26.

He was a farmer and school bus driver for Crestview district widely known as solicitor for support of the annual Butler Farmers' Institute. Earlier he was employed by both the Franklin township and Richland county highway departments.

During World War II he served in the Army in the South Pacific and later in the Army of Occupation in Japan.

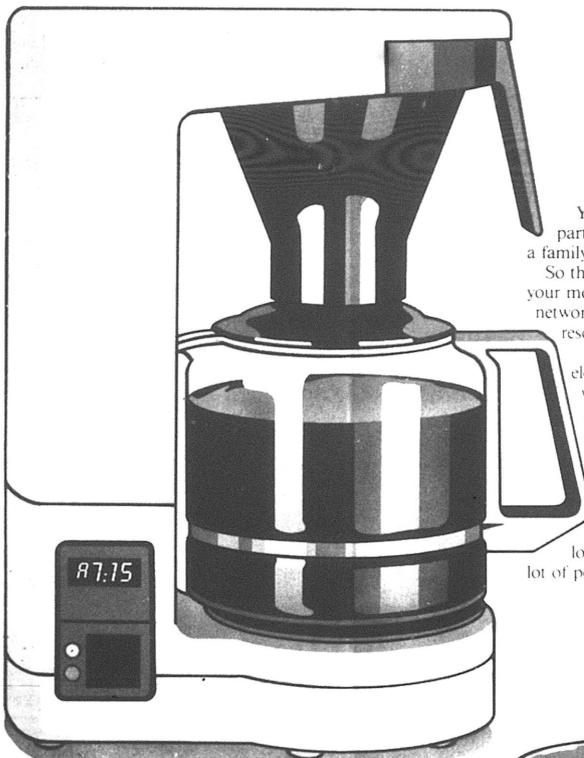
He was a member of McVey Post 16, American Legion, Mansfield, and a board member of the Farmers' Institute.

Born Aug. 12, 1920, he was widowed by Eileen McQuillen in 1985. His father, Efflo (Babe), died in 1962.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; four sons, Robert, Willard, Charles, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Terry, North Fairfield, and Patrick, Galion; three daughters, Mary Gene, now Mrs. Clonasa Bowen, Mansfield; Joan, now Mrs. Ernest Nunes, Highland, Cal.; and Marie, now Mrs. Gary Louellyn, Medicine Lake, Wash.; his mother, Mrs. Edna Dick, San Bernardino, Cal.; four sisters, Mrs. Verda Kaytor and Velma June McQuillen, San Bernardino, Cal.; Treva, now Mrs. Dwight Doggett, Apopka, Fla.; and Maxine, now Mrs. George Sipe, Mansfield; three step-sons, David Catron, Onalaska, Wash.; Ronald Catron, Shelby, Wash.; Ronald Catron, police dispatcher and mayor's court bailiff here, and Roger Catron, Shelby; a step-daughter, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thomas Brown, Shelby; and two step-sisters, Imogene, now Mrs. William Neer, Ashland, and Elsie, now Mrs. Richard Fox, Greenwich. There are 17 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and one step great-granddaughter.

Interment was in Butler township cemetery.

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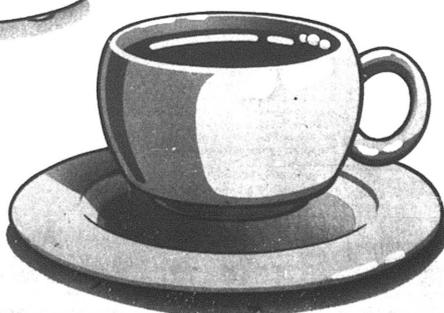
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Powers winner of title

Dave Powers Saturday won the 1988 Firelands conference 189-pound wrestling championship.

He did so by beating Jason Collins, Monroeville, 22 to 6 in the final bout.

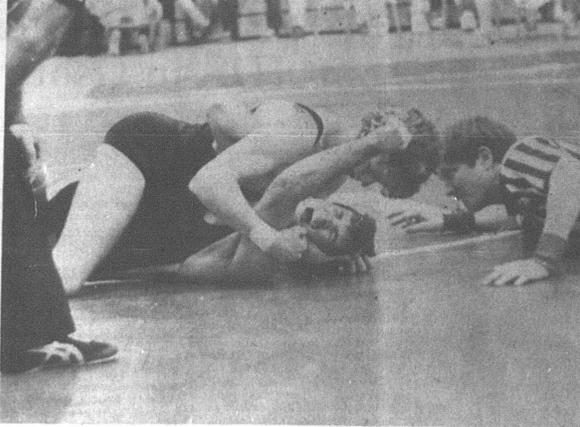
No Plymouth wrestler in the history of the sport here has won a championship by such a decisive margin.

Two Big Red wrestlers were defeated in the finals and compelled to settle for second places. These are Robert Smith, 130 pounds, defeated by Dwight Rice, Black River, the team champion with 164 points, 12 to 5, and Greg Burka, another standout football player, pinned by Dave Rospert of St. Paul's in the heavyweight division after two minutes 51 seconds.

New Lon was second with 130 1/2, St. Paul's third with 125, Mapleton fourth with 96, Plymouth fifth with 82, Crestview sixth with 72 1/2, Western Reserve seventh with 58, Monroeville eighth with 42, South Central does not compete.

Duane Adams placed third in the 112-pound division by pinning Bob Gross, New Lon, in 6:45.

Scott Gano took fourth in the 119-pound class, defeated in the consolation round by Ben Temple, Black River, 9 to 2.



Pirate wins

Bob Temple, Black River, manhandles Scott Gano, Plymouth, in 119-lb. class during annual Firelands conference wrestling championships at Collins Saturday. Red placed fifth. Pirates won it for third year.

Eungard's shot leads 'Riders over Red, 67-65

Seventh graders win second at South Central

Seventh grade boys' basketball team coached by John Hart is 2-and-0, defeating Norwalk St. Paul's, 39 to 19, at Shiloh and South Central at North Fairfield, 29 to 27.

John Hill and Foster Dials led the 7th grade in scoring with eight points apiece.

On January 20, Chris Moyer led all scorers with 15 points in a 45-32 victory over New London.

At North Fairfield against South Central, the Trojans won, 37 to 21. Bryan Hall and Homer Hawk scored four points apiece.

Here's slate this week —

Here's slate of Firelands conference basketball for this week:

TOMORROW:
Plymouth at Mapleton;
Black River at Crestview;
Monroeville at Western Reserve;
St. Paul's at New London.

SATURDAY:
Western Reserve at Firelands;
Mapleton at South Central;
Buckeye at Black River.

Here're results of last week —

Here're scores last week:
New London 99, Mapleton 43;
St. Paul's 70, Black River 55;
Monroeville 78, Danbury 58;
Crestview 60, South Central 59;
Western Reserve 67, Plymouth 65;
South Central 57, Loudonville 53 (OT);
Hilldale 64, Mapleton 52.

Here's all-Red all-time team

By THE OLD TIMER
From time to time, probably to provoke argument, the O.T. is asked to select his team of teams among Big Red players of the past 34 seasons.

And he has done just that. "A man would be a fool," he says, "not to choose right off the top the two most prolific scorers in Plymouth history. And rightly so. Old Bookwalter, who played a generation ago, at center, for Coach Harold Daup's team, and Steve Hall, who was graduated last year, could play for anybody."

Bookwalter would be the center and Hall the shooting guard. Point guard? Jimmy Hamman, Class of 1983. Not the greatest scorer, although on occasion he led the Big Red on the scoreboard. But certainly the most consistent basketball head Plymouth has seen in 34 seasons.

A great passer, strong on defense, a fine team leader and "the head" the indefinable something you offer to the small player that if he were bigger, perhaps wouldn't

be there, that desire to excel, that ability to draw it up from under the waistband?"

The forwards?
Ray Hughes and Rodney Hampton.

Hughes was not so appreciated while he played here, but he could shoot, outside or inside. He knew what to do with the ball when he got it. He wasn't a ball hog, his passing skills were exemplary. He was an outstanding dribbler, good on defense and simply sensational on attack. He played for a team that didn't go anywhere but he had it all.

Hampton is left-handed, but not in the head. He knew what to do and how to do it. He was a strong team player, a good leader, a sound student of the game. Who could leave him off such a squad as this?

A second team?
Try Craig McPherson at center. He was advanced beyond his peer group, didn't play any lower level competition, having been pro-

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Plymouth by four and made only half as many mistakes on offense. Plymouth was seven-of-13, the Roughriders five-of-10 in the last eight minutes. Plymouth was perfect from the line with the two shots by Schutte. Western Reserve was five-of-eight at the penalty line.

Of Plymouth's total of 17 turnovers, nine were unforced errors. Only four of Western Reserve's 12 errors were unforced. The 'Riders rebounded 30 times, Plymouth 28.

Overall, Plymouth was 26-of-55, Western Reserve 23-of-51. At the line the 'Riders shot 20 of 30, Plymouth 11 of 14.

This was as close as they come. Plymouth didn't have quite enough to pull it out.

Bloomfield scored 17 and Schutte 12, the only two among eight who scored in double figures.

The visitors had four in double figures, led by Jackson at 17, Dave Burka at 15, Scott Sowers at 11 and Fairchild 10.

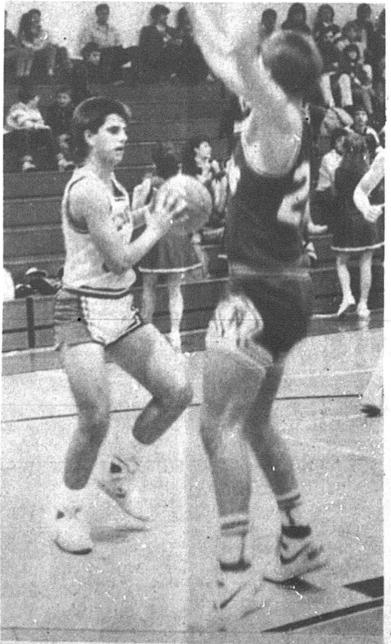
Western Reserve	3e	2e	ft	Plymouth	3e	2e	ft
Burke	0	5	5 15	Stone	1	0	0 3
Fairchild	0	4	2 10	Branham	1	3	9
Sowers	0	5	1 11	Gibson	0	2	0 4
Eungard	1	0	5 8	Chaffins	0	1	1 3
Jackson	0	6	5 17	Myers	0	6	1 13
Moore	0	2	2 6	Wagers	0	1	0 2
Totals	1	22	20 67	Totals	2	13	2 34

Plymouth	3e	2e	ft	Totals
Combs	0	5	0 6	
Stephens	0	2	2 6	
Bloomfield	1	6	2 17	
T. Hall	0	3	2 6	
To, Wilson	1	0	0 6	
Haymond	0	3	0 6	
Schutte	0	4	2 12	
Breznicki	0	2	1 5	
Totals	2	24	11 65	

Score by periods:
W 11 18 22 16 — 67
P 19 16 13 17 — 65

Visitors outscored Plymouth early and prevailed in the reserve game, 41 to 34.

Western Reserve	3e	2e	ft	Plymouth	3e	2e	ft
Burke	0	1	0 2	Moore	0	1	0 2
Wood	0	2	0 4	B. Eungard	0	4	0 8
Montgomery	1	4	0 11	Gieseche	0	3	0 6
Wolfe	0	0	2 2	Wolfe	0	0	2 2
Fratelli	0	1	0 2	Sherill	0	2	0 4
Sherill	0	2	0 4	Totals	1	18	24 1



Co-Capt. Lance Combs — that's Tony Haymond at right — seeks to pass beyond Scott Sowers of Western Reserve.

In league play —

Girls blow lead, rally at end, down Mapleton

Big Red girls frittered away an enormous lead of 12 points in the first period here Thursday and hung on for a narrow 42 to 40 victory over Mapleton in Firelands conference play.

By winning Plymouth raised its record overall to 9-and-5 and its conference slate to 7-and-4. The Mounties are now 8-and-7 and 6-and-4.

This was not an artistic triumph. But they all count and two or three days hence hardly anyone will remember what a poor exhibition this was.

Plymouth began with a tremendous storm, ran off eight points, four by Kim Gibson, and seemed likely to make a blowout of it early on.

The Mounties ran the first 10 points of the second quarter and were back in the ball game. They never got so close as to tie the game but they reached two points upon several occasions.

In fact, the Mounties started the fourth period in that position. When Miss Laser canned one from 14 feet and Tracie Kamann offset two free throws by Jennifer Steiner with two of her own, then Plymouth led by four.

After Mapleton's leading scorer shot one free throw, Sheri Wagers, who was four-for-five from the penalty stripe in the last eight minutes, boosted Plymouth with a pair of free throws. This built the lead to five points at 36 to 31. When Miss Ritchey banged a field goal off a rebound — the Mounties outbounded Plymouth by one, 37 to 36 — it took Miss Wagers's shot from nine feet to reestablish the lead at 37 to 36.

Miss Ritchey was to score two more buckets before a last-second shot by Heather Hickey cut Plymouth's lead to two. Two free throws by Miss Gibson and two more by the redoubtable Miss Wagers led the Big Red to the Promised Land.

Each team got off 60 shots from the field. Plymouth canned 16, Mapleton 15. Each team sank 10.

free throws, Plymouth in 17 shots, the Mounties in 23.

The Big Red made 21 errors on offense, 18 of them unforced, a wretched performance. All of the turnovers in the final period, five of them, were the result of unforced errors.

Lineups:	Plymouth	3e	2e	ft
D. Branham	0	1	0 2	
Paulo	0	2	0 4	
Wagers	0	5	4 14	
Laser	0	3	1 7	
Gibson	0	5	2 12	
Kamann	0	0	3 3	
Totals	0	16	10 42	

Mapleton	3e	2e	ft
Ritchey	0	6	4 16
Rafel	0	3	1 7
Hickey	0	1	0 2
Seibert	0	1	0 2
Steiner	0	2	2 6
McCounell	0	1	0 2
Mohrman	0	1	0 2
Totals	0	15	10 40

Score by periods:
M 2 17 9 12 — 40
P 14 6 10 12 — 42

Red reserves took an early lead and, led by Kathy Farmer's 16 points, trounced the visitors, 32 to 21.

Lineups:	Mapleton	3e	2e	ft
Plymouth	0	4	0 16	
Burrer	0	2	0 4	
Thompson	0	1	2 4	
Tackett	0	0	2 2	
Hill	0	2	0 4	
Kamann	0	1	0 2	
Totals	0	14	4 32	

Mapleton	3e	2e	ft
Smith	0	4	2 10
Stryckoff	0	1	1 3
Shank	0	1	0 2
Gess	0	1	0 2
Zillner	0	1	0 2
Zellner	0	1	0 2
Totals	0	9	3 21

Score by periods:
M 8 4 6 3 — 21
P 10 6 10 6 — 32

Girls defeated by Western Reserve

Western Reserve outscored Plymouth in the final eight minutes at Collins Jan. 26 and won a Firelands conference contest, 52 to 49, in girls' competition.

"We killed ourselves from the foul line," said Coach Mike Badertacher. "We were only four-for-12 in the fourth quarter. We did what we wanted to do: we shut down their big girls. But you can win if you can't hit your free throw line."

Donell Branham scored 12 points while eighth rebounder, Sheri Wagers chipped in with 10 points, two games behind St. Paul's and So did Kim Gibson, who took down one in arrears of Mapleton. The seven rebounds.

The Big Red shot 40 times and five-canned 17 and converted only 14 of 30 from the penalty stripe. It erred on offense 19 times and rebounded 38 shots.

Western Reserve	3e	2e	ft
C. mahi	0	1	2 4
Sommers	0	5	2 12
Bredlowe	0	7	0 14
Shaffer	0	4	0 8
Petrey	0	4	2 10
Johannsen	0	1	0 2
V. Mahi	0	1	0 2
Totals	0	23	6 32

Plymouth	3e	2e	ft
D. Branham	0	4	4 12
Paulo	0	2	0 2
Farnor	0	3	0 6
Wagers	0	5	4 10
Laser	0	2	3 7
Gibson	0	4	2 10
Snipes	0	1	1 3
Totals	0	17	14 48

Score by periods:
P 15 8 9 10 — 48
W 10 10 12 20 — 52

Red reserves prevailed, 34 to 30.

Lineups:	Plymouth	3e	2e	ft
Farnor	0	1	4 6	
Burrer	0	6	2 14	
Thompson	0	5	0 10	
Tackett	0	0	2 2	
Hill	0	1	0 2	
Totals	0	13	8 34	

Score by periods:
P 6 10 8 10 — 34
W 6 6 6 12 — 30

Den leaders and committee members of the Cub Scout program are invited to the round table in Ontario United Methodist church today at 6:30 p.m.

Recognition program will be conducted Wednesday in Renaissance theatre, Mansfield. Cubmaster Mark Sheely and Scoutmaster Fred J. Buzard will furnish details.

Annual bow-a-thon at Rhythmic Bowl, Shelby, will be conducted Feb. 20. Scouts will solicit contributions of a few cents for each pin. Minimum pledge is 10 cents a pin.

Winners in the annual father-son cake bake contest conducted in Shret-Farrel Post 447, American Legion, Jan. 25 were as follows:

Christopher Sheely, most original; a bowling alley by Scott Albright, best theme; a Denver Bronco football player by Scott Krietzmeier, funniest.

Matthew Buzard received a gold arrow point, Eric Van Loo, Christopher Chase and Brad Picklesimer, Bobast badges.

15 false utterance counts against Attican continued

Fifteen counts of false utterance against an Attica woman were continued by Mayor Keith A. Hebble Jan. 27 because the accused did not appear.

Bench warrant will issue for Sheila K. Bailey.

A bench warrant will also issue for Clifford E. Benner, Shelby, charged with speeding; Kendra D. Bowers, Greenwich, accused of stop sign violation; Charles D. Endicott, Mansfield, charged with speeding, and Doris J. Holmer, Attica, accused of speeding.

Gregory W. Gresser, Smithville, pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs. All but seven days of the sentence and \$350 of the fine were suspended on condition of no similar convictions within one year. His operator's license was suspended for 60 days.

Charge of drunken driving against Reginald L. Boner, Mt. Gilead, was amended to physical control of a vehicle while impaired. He was convicted and fined \$507 and sentenced to three days in jail. Sentence and \$150 of fine were suspended on condition of no similar conviction for one year.

Steven R. Tuttle, Willard, was fined \$30 for public intoxication. Charge of consumption of alcohol while under age against Robert L. Hamman, 18, Plymouth, was dismissed. Rationale of the court is that felony charges pend against the accused, to one of which he has already pleaded no contest. If punishment of incarceration against him do not ensue, the misdemeanor charge can be revived. Meanwhile, it is expensive to the court to continue the misdemeanor charge.

Randy L. Postema, Plymouth,

accused of furnishing alcohol to Hamman, pleaded not guilty. Police Chief Stephen J. Casidill was at pains to inform the court there was no intent by the police department to imply that the vendor at 57 Brazilian street illegally or improperly sold an alcoholic beverage to Hamman, but that Postema bought it there and at another place supplied it to Hamman.

Albert L. Chandler, Willard, paid \$15 for no display of a turn signal.

Tammy Sue Kegley, Plymouth, paid \$15 for failure to stop within an assured clear distance.

Theresa A. Gurule, Willard, was fined \$50 and costs for having an expired license. She was fined \$36 and costs for speeding.

Michael F. Webster, Mansfield, paid \$15 for display of expired license tags.

Roger Fletcher, Willard, and Roger D. Hammon, Jr., Shelby, were fined \$15 each for unsafe exhausts.

Charge of assault against Randy L. Barnett, Plymouth, was continued for disposition.

Speeders dealt with: Gordon C. Albert, Greenwich, \$38; James R. Darrow, Concord, \$44; Gwendolyn A. Humphrey, Willard, \$22; Thomas Richard Beach, Vermilion, \$32; Joseph M. Amato, Shelby, \$40; Lora J. Tackett, Willard, \$22.

LaCherri D. Fenner, Plymouth, was fined \$15 for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Gregory M. Kirk, Galion, and William E. McMellen, Willard, pleaded not guilty to charges of speeding. Kirk was heard yesterday. A deviation in McMellen's case is pending.

Here're excerpts from the log of Plymouth Police department:

Jan. 25, 10:49 p.m.: Suspicious truck reported in Plymouth-Springmill road. County sheriff notified.

Jan. 25, 11:19: Neighbor in Portner street complained of juvenile driving four-wheeled terrain vehicle in reckless fashion in street.

Jan. 26, 12:45 a.m.: Open door found at high school.

Jan. 26, 11 a.m.: Suspicious circumstances at Marathon station taken under investigation.

Jan. 26, 1 p.m.: Car lockout reported at 503 S. Bob's Cafe, driver accommodated.

Jan. 27, 1:07 a.m.: Open door at high school closed by officer.

Jan. 27, 1:20 p.m.: Vehicle complaint at waterworks looked into.

Jan. 27, 5:05 p.m.: Animal

complaint at 79 North street dealt with.

Jan. 28, 1:20 a.m.: Automobile obstruction at 57 Plymouth street dealt with.

Jan. 28, 4:40 p.m.: Collision at 262 Sandusky street dealt with.

Jan. 28, 1:20 a.m.: Open door at Plymouth street address dealt with.

Jan. 29, 10:20 a.m.: Suspicious circumstances at 86 Park avenue dealt with.

Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.: Animal complaint in Preston road referred to county authorities.

Jan. 29, 4:53 p.m.: Four-wheeled vehicle complaint lodged at Brazilian and Light streets.

Jan. 29, 8:17 p.m.: Thomas Craig summoned at West High and Railroad streets for headlamp violation. Warrant from Wadsworth Police department enforced.

Jan. 29, 11:23 p.m.: Juvenile complaint at Wall street and Mills avenue dealt with.

Jan. 30, 1:10 a.m.: Domestic dispute in front of 8 West Main street dealt with.

Jan. 30, 3:42 p.m.: Edward Spillman, Jr., Mansfield, summoned for open container violation at Sandusky and North streets.

Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.: Matthew W. Archer arrested at 160 Trux street on warrant.

Jan. 31, 12:19 a.m.: Arrest made in Public Square for public intoxication.

Jan. 31, 2:10 a.m.: Arrest on Ontario Police department warrant made in Trux street.

Jan. 31, 7:50 p.m.: Vehicle complaint in rear of Fidd's Drive Trux dealt with.

Mrs. Layne files for divorce

Dakota Layne, 156 Maple street, is suing Richard county domestic relations court in a suit for divorce from Samuel G. Layne. Hivor Hollow Bible Home court.

All-time Red team selected

motated to the varsity because he was big and stong and coachable and had talent. What a finer player he would have been when he was a 12th grader had he not come to his peak the season before.

Ray Einsel, it is claimed here, is the best all-around athlete to play for Plymouth since 1954. A splendid quarterback, he was a great guard. Pity is he played for a team that lost 47 straight before it went to New Haven and beat the Yellow Jackets on that postage stamp floor. He could do everything. Injuries and recovery from surgery slowed him down some in his last year or he'd be a first team choice.

His teammate, Ted Fox, was small, quick, understood the game, a fine shooter, a strong competitor, excellent on defense, a great floor man. Wouldn't it be great to have five more like him!

Milford Williams was an inheritor of the Shiloh program. So was Craig Harny. Both could play for anybody. Williams tended to be moody and Harny would blow hot and medium. Seldom cold. His shot from the corner was a thing to behold. Williams was cool, steady, un-like a demon, play defense, do it all.

These will do for anybody, with apologies to some others who could also play like Vance Hoffman, Brad Ream and a few others

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The IRS Community Outreach Program provides groups of taxpayers such as retirees, people, farmers, self-employed people and many others with free tax help and information. Call the IRS number listed in your phone book.

Tom Dunlap
Huron County Sheriff

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Praise, explanation, complaint in editor's bag this week



Sir:

It is not often that an obituary is written as well or as interesting as that which appeared in your Jan. 21 edition.

Jan. 21 edition concerning my cousins, James and Nathaniel Spear, Jr. I am now the oldest survivor of the Spear family and spent many delightful days in Plymouth and accompanied Nathaniel to Plymouth for the sequia thaniel to Plymouth for the sequia thaniel in 1965. At that time I had occasion to visit with some of the old timers who remembered my family well. Please accept my sincere thanks for your thorough and erudite history of my Plymouth connection.

Best wishes to you and The Advertiser in your 135th year.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Spear,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

This is the best way I can think of to get a couple of points across. First of all, there are laws, most of them state laws, that the village must follow.

No one wants to waste money on a speeding ticket, so why doesn't he start reading the signs? Certainly, there are a few cases that can be excused, but very few on traffic violations.

Why do those who must drive through the village to reach their work-places think they can really whop through? Those who live in Shelby slow down when they hit the city limits, and those going down Myrtle avenue in Willard know very well it is a 25-mile zone.

Why do drivers ignore school zones? One merchant told me that the driver who regularly brings her supplies got picked up for that. My first thought was maybe our reputation is getting out of

bounds, so why not pick out a few kids?

Most of those picked up are merely passing through town, eager to get home after a long day or close to being late to punch in. I can lie in bed and hear them late at night or at the crack of dawn and I'm whipping past our house, and I know they are well over 35 miles an hour. (Our house is in a 25-mile zone.)

Years ago I had to do an errand in Shiloh very early and ended up behind what I thought was a high school pupil who was late for school. For the heck of it, I decided to keep up with him. After a few minutes, I was doing 80 and he was still ahead of me. No wonder people get killed on Route 603.

The police department is merely doing what it job calls for. Maybe it is the merchants who want to blame someone for their lack of sales.

Sir:

In regards to the operating levy for Plymouth Local schools, I do not think the people of Plymouth will fund athletics at the cost of education.

I have lived in Plymouth a long time. My daughter got a good education in grade school which allowed her to excel in high school. The parents I know in Plymouth have always supported education and athletics in that order but before we were always asked for input, free discussion of the issues at hand took place at several meetings before things like cutting teachers was decided.

If children don't get a good grade school education they certainly won't get a good high school one. They are taught how to study, how to read and to enjoy reading in grade school. If they don't learn to read in grade school the only way they will learn will be in remedial reading classes, just enough to graduate, at extra cost to them and the taxpayer. There are children in our high school now who can't read and I know one mother who is bitter about it. Do we want to add to their number?

Everyone who knows me knows I am an avid sports fan and I hate to see anything cut.

I find it hard to believe state law will not allow us to run our schools in the most economical way possible and still give each pupil a good education from the bottom up. If you are overstuffed at the top you cut the top or you don't stay in business. If it is in fact state law, cuts must be made at the bottom then we taxpayers and parents should be talking to people at the state level along with our elected officials who make state law. Parents and grandparents, law.

Parents and grandparents, we have excellent grade school teachers. Let's fight to keep them. Classes of 30 or more are too big. They don't have them in high school.

Phyllis J. Burton
(Mrs. Ernest Burton)
99 Mulberry street,
Plymouth

Sheriff lauds staff of 31

Sir:

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As the sheriff of Huron county, I have come to expect and must deal with many personal attacks. However, when these attacks extend to the men and women of this department I feel that I must speak out. I am proud of my co-workers and feel that these accusations are both unjust and unfair.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Phoebe Neesley, Plymouth, was discharged Jan. 27 by Willard Area hospital, which discharged Johnny Hollenbaugh, Shiloh, and Mahrie Harris, Plymouth, who underwent abdominal surgery, Jan. 29.

Cynthia Lynch, Plymouth, and Mrs. A.C. Brumvack, the former Elda Myers, and Flora Baldrige, Plymouth, were admitted at Willard Jan. 30.

Elana Wilcox, Plymouth, was admitted at Willard Jan. 30.

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Cynthia Lynch, Plymouth, and Mrs. A.C. Brumvack, the former Elda Myers, and Flora Baldrige, Plymouth, were admitted at Willard Jan. 30.

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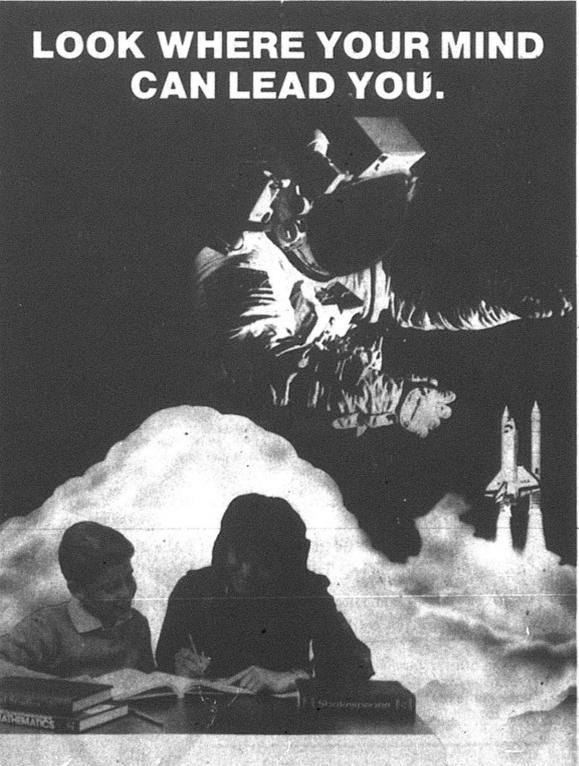
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