

Farmers May Get Reprieve

Farmers will apparently get a reprieve from a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) ruling that would have made anhydrous ammonia, a widely-used fertilizer, prohibitively expensive and difficult to get. Under a pending House funding measure, lawmakers have urged the department to drop its bid to reclassify anhydrous ammonia from a non-flammable to a poisonous gas.

Farm Bureau had opposed the proposal, saying it would cost agriculture millions of dollars and possibly make the fertilizer unavailable. The U.S. Department of Agriculture joined with Farm Bureau in opposing the proposal.

According to Al Almy, director of public affairs for the Michigan Farm Bureau, reclassification of anhydrous ammonia would have caused higher transportation rates. "The current cost of shipping anhydrous ammonia within the U.S. is 53% above the railroad's cost of providing the service. In contrast, the premium paid for shipping poisonous materials by rail is 136% above a railroad's cost," Almy said. "All anhydrous ammonia moving by truck to farm communities would come to a halt if it were classified as a poisonous gas."

Anhydrous ammonia accounts for 45% of the U.S. fertilizer supply.

Students To Name New Space Shuttle

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade across the United States are invited to participate in a national competition to name a new Space Shuttle orbiter for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Interested parties can obtain an Announcement of Opportunity by contacting the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C., which is administering the program for NASA. School

faculty members may request Orbiter-Naming Program Entry Packets by calling (202) 783-5109 or (202) 783-5113, or by writing: NASA Orbiter-Naming Program, Council of Chief State Schools Officers, 400 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 379, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Faculty members must provide their name, the name of their school and the address to which they would like the packet sent.

To enter, elementary and secondary school students will form teams and research a name for the orbiter. Each team, under the guidance of a school faculty

member who will serve as team coordinator, will prepare a classroom project to support and justify the name selected. The name proposed must be the name of a sea vessel used in research or exploration.

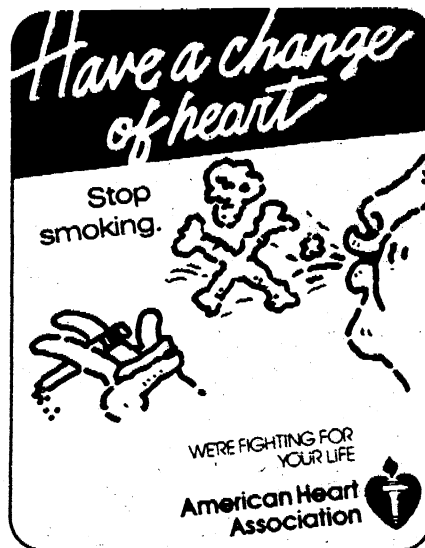
There will be two entry divisions: Division I will include kindergarten through 6th grade and Division II, 7th through 12th grades. Orbiter-naming projects must be completed during the fall semester, and entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1988. Students in public and nonpublic schools are eligible. Winners from each division will

be named at the state level in March 1989. NASA will announce the national winners in each division and the orbiter's name in May 1989.

Representatives of the national winning teams will receive an expense-paid trip to a NASA-related event, and a School Involvement Program will be conducted at the two schools.

The new orbiter, currently designated OV 105, is being built to replace the Challenger and is scheduled to be completed in 1991.

Winners from each division will



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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1988

It's Chicken Time Again!



Thursday, July 21, 1988

35th ANNUAL MANCHESTER CHICKEN BROIL THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1988

- 5:30 p.m. - Glen Erin Pipers arrive at Athletic Field and play for assembled crowd. Terry Carroll, Pipe Major.
- 6:00 p.m. - Secretary of State Richard H. Austin, Acting Governor of Michigan arrives at Athletic Field by helicopter. Met by Governor John B. Swainson, Senator Lana Pollock, Village President Mary Kalleward and Gene Bentschneider, President Manchester Chicken Broil.
- 6:10 p.m. - Glen Erin Pipers escort Secretary of State and party around Athletic Field and to stage.
- 6:15 p.m. - Gene Bentschneider will introduce Governor Swainson and give welcome to the Secretary of State. Swainson will introduce Village President Kalleward, Senator Pollock, and Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.
- 6:20 p.m. - Secretary of State Austin, as acting governor of Michigan will address assembled chicken lovers.
- 6:30 p.m. - Secretary of State will be served the best chicken in Michigan and will be able to greet his many admirers.
- 7:00 p.m. - or whenever - Secretary of State will depart by helicopter from Athletic Field.

Manchester Plastics Plant To Expand

The 70,000 square foot expansion of Manchester Plastics, Inc. has been approved by the Village Council. The site plan had been approved by the Manchester Village Planning Commission at their July 12 regular meeting.

The site plan approval means immediate construction, beginning as soon as August 1.

The larger facility will employ at least 50 more people, "although the nature of the processes is not going to change" according to Emory Jonas, vice president.

Manchester Plastics makes plastic parts for automobiles and has eight divisions in the United States and Canada. The expanded plant will enable the company's increasing operations to run more smoothly. Mr. Jonas stated that they hope to make Manchester the central division of Manchester Plastics, Inc.

Manchester Mill Run Saturday, August 13th

On Saturday, August 13th, the seventh annual Manchester Mill Run will be held.

The races and fun run/walk are being held in conjunction with the Manchester Street Fair. All proceeds will go towards the Manchester Senior Citizens, Manchester Athletic Boosters and Manchester Band Boosters. It is being sponsored by Baker's Dozen, Krauss Pharmacy, Dr. Chiau-Seng Hwang, First of America Bank, Comerica Bank-Jackson, Great Lakes Federal Savings, American Dental Health Service, Dr. Allan Currey, Dr. Bruce Bates, Dr. P. Lamont Okey and Dr's. Virginia Johnson and Evelyn Eccles and Frank's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria.

The race will start and end at the historic Manchester Mill located on Main Street. Check in time is at 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 8:30. There will be a 6.2 mile race, a 2 mile race, and a 2 mile fun run/walk. Trophies will be awarded for first place in each age division for each event. Medals will be awarded for second and third place in each division and event. Ribbons will be awarded to all finishers.

The registration fee of \$4.00 includes a free pancake breakfast at the K of C hall. Breakfast will

be served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. T-shirts will be available the day of the race for pre-registered entrants who have paid for their shirts. Late registrants desiring shirts can purchase them on a first come first serve basis. T-shirts can be mailed to you for a \$2.00 fee.

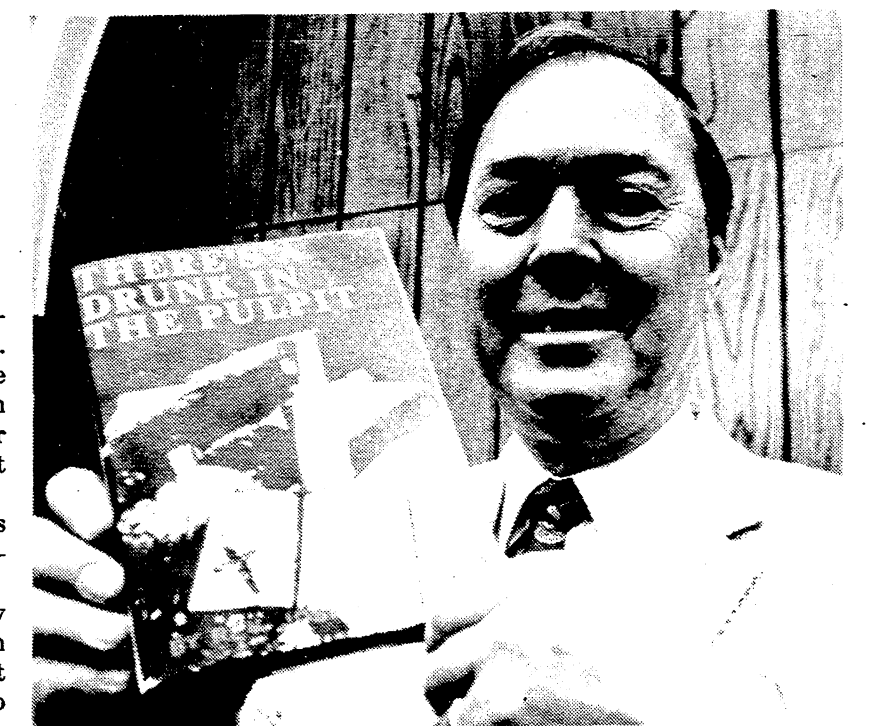
Correction

It was incorrectly stated in last week's Enterprise "Manchester Village Sewer Rates Increase" that, "the water rate will remain 40 cents for every gallon over the first 9,000 gallons, which is free." The correct statement should read "The water rate will remain 40 cents for every 1,000 gallons over the first 9,000 gallons, which is free."

Red Cross Bloodmobile Monday, July 25

American Legion Hall
12 Noon-6 P.M.

Former Minister Now Author



The Reverend Joseph W. Wise, former pastor of Emanuel United Church in Lenoir, N.C. His battle with alcoholism spans almost twenty years of his ministry.

During his visit to Manchester, Rev. Wise will preach at the 9:30 a.m. worship at Emanuel United Church of Christ on July 24. He was pastor of Emanuel from 1972-1978.

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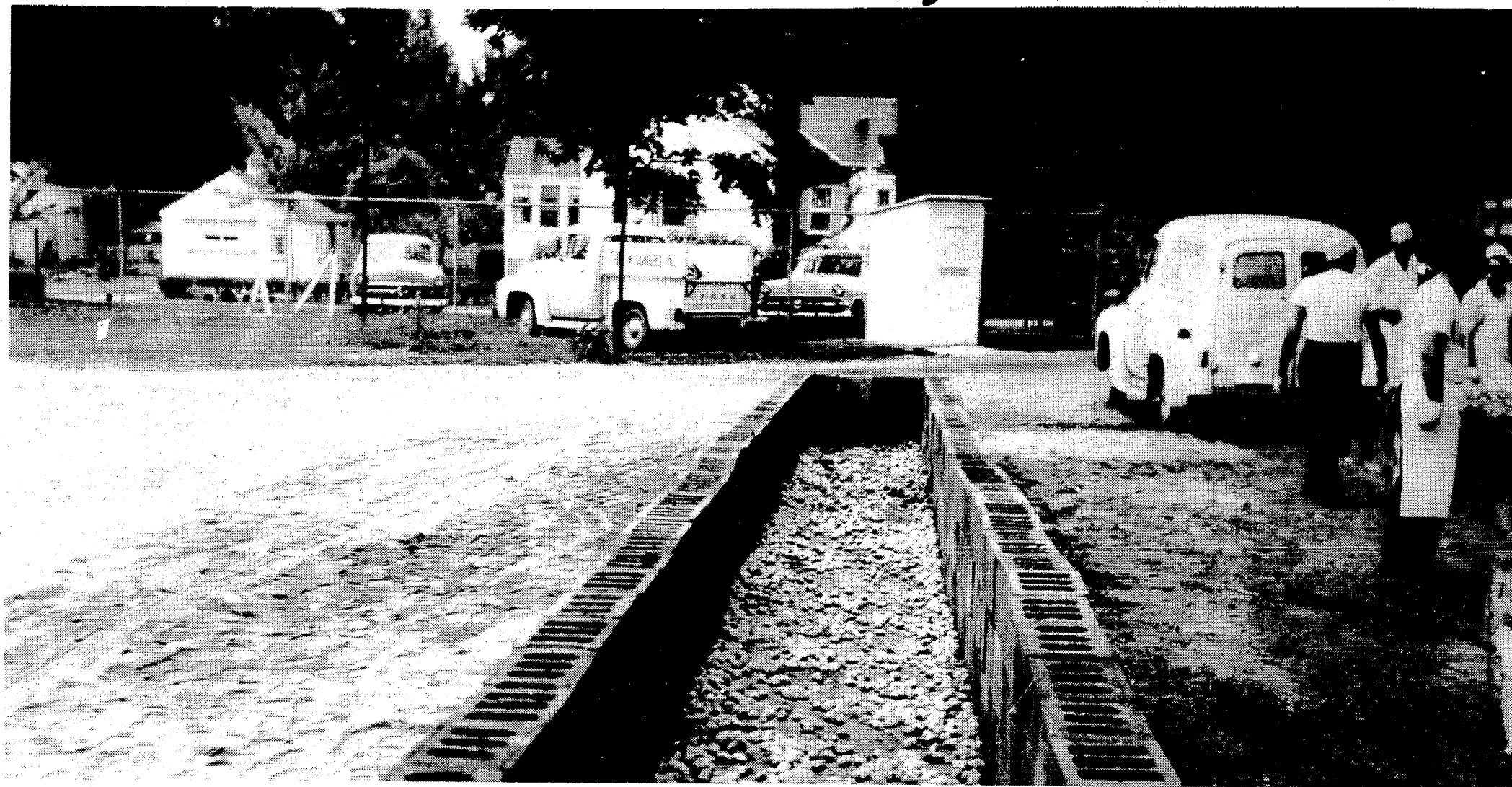
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To the qualified electors of the Township of Sharon

Notice Is Hereby Given That A PRIMARY ELECTION

will be held in SHARON TOWNSHIP on **AUGUST 2, 1988** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- U.S. Senate Representative in Congress - 2nd District
- State Representative - 52nd District
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk/Register of Deeds
- Treasurer
- Drain Commissioner
- County Commissioner - 1st District
- Township Offices:
- Supervisor
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Trustees
- Court of Appeals Judge
- 22nd Circuit Court Judge

Delegates to the County Convention of Democrat, Republican, Tisch Independent Citizens Party.

LIST OF POLLING PLACES
Sharon Township Hall
Corner of Pleasant Lake and Sylvan Roads

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Duane Haselschwerdt
Clerk

Local Student Participates



Linda Hansen

Linda Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hansen was one of 103 high school students to participate in the 1988 Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences at Olivet College June 26 to July 7.

The Summer Institute, sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education, provides five two-week sessions for 525 talented and creative sophomores and juniors in Michigan high schools. Program curriculum provides students with instruction in the arts and sciences plus in-depth exploratory activities. The Olivet program is entitled "Toward the 21st Century: Thinking Strategies in Creative Arts and Social Sciences for the Future."

Students participated in creative arts intensives focusing on creative writing, acting improvisation and jazz technique and theory. The social science intensives investigated the changing issues of race and ethnicity, societal institutions, popular music and personal exploration.

Students also selected from a diverse offering of exploratory sessions designed to create a linkage between the arts and sciences. Sessions included such topics as coping with blindness, alcohol as a family problem and dealing with state legislators.

ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Township of Freedom Notice Is Hereby Given That A

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will be held in FREEDOM TOWNSHIP on **AUGUST 2, 1988** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- U.S. Senate Representative in Congress - 2nd District
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- County Commissioner - 1st District
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- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Trustees
- Constables
- Park Commission
- Court of Appeals Judge
- 22nd Circuit Court Judge

Delegates to the County Convention of Democrat, Republican, Tisch Independent Citizens Party.

LIST OF POLLING PLACES
Freedom Township Hall
11508 Pleasant Lake Road

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7-21, 7-28 Mildred K. Guenther
Clerk

ELECTION NOTICE

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PRIMARY ELECTION

will be held in MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP on **AUGUST 2, 1988** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- U.S. Senate Representative in Congress - 2nd District
- State Representative - 52nd District
- Prosecuting Attorney
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Delegates to the County Convention of Democrat, Republican, Tisch Independent Citizens Party.

LIST OF POLLING PLACES
Manchester Township Hall
275 S. Macomb St.

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7-21, 7-28 Wilma E. Lentz
Clerk

Drought Will Cause Minor Price Increase

Fears of drastically increased food prices because of the drought are unfounded, according to Michigan Farm Bureau's agricultural economist Bob Craig.

"The current drought will affect food prices, both long-term and short-term, but those effects in terms of overall prices will be minimal," Craig said. "Prices of some foods, such as bread, cereals and products containing soybean oil, for example, have already risen to consumers. However, many foods are produced in areas where production is not affected by the drought at this time. Fruits and vegetables are grown largely in the south and west, many of them irrigated so the drought has little affect."

Craig said many products, such as green peas and sweet corn grown in the Great Lakes states and fruits produced in Michigan and Wisconsin, are also grown in other areas so the impact of the drought will be tempered.

"In many foods, the cost of the raw ingredient is only a small portion of the total cost. The raw ingredients in a loaf of bread, for example, account for only 8% of the total retail price. Reduced meat prices, due to liquidation of livestock herds over the next several months because of the drought, could largely offset higher crop prices," he said.

Craig said that during 1988, the consumer price index (CPI) will probably only rise by 1/2 to 1 percentage point as a result of the drought.

"The long-term impact could be greater, perhaps as much as 5% to 8% in 1989, compared to the normal increase of 3% to 5%.

This will largely be the result of higher prices for meat because of forced liquidations this year, and higher feed costs which will also discourage livestock and dairy production," he said.

The fear that food price increases will force up the inflation rate is also unfounded, Craig said, because a 10% increase in food prices would only result in a 1% increase in the consumer price index.

ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Township of Bridgewater Notice Is Hereby Given That A

PRIMARY ELECTION

will be held in BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP on **AUGUST 2, 1988** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- U.S. Senate Representative in Congress - 2nd District
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Bridgewater Township Hall
10990 Clinton Road

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7-21, 7-28 Karen Weidmayer
Clerk

Conservation Planning Update

The Food Security Act (FSA) or 1985 Farm Bill requires all farmers to have an approved Conservation Plan on all highly erodible land (HEL) by January 1, 1990 to maintain eligibility for ANY federal USDA farm program payments.

Many farmers in Washtenaw County have requested plans and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) staff, assisted by the Soil Conservation District, has been diligently working to complete these plans as rapidly as possible. The planning process has gone through quite a few changes since the SCS staff began concentrating on FSA plans last year. The current result of these changes is that the SCS staff will be making determinations for all Highly Erodible Lands and Not Highly Erodible Lands (NHEL) in Washtenaw County by August 30, 1988. If you participate in FmHA, ASCS, or FCIC programs, you will be receiving a copy of those determinations in the mail.

In order for the SCS Staff to complete plans for all those who need them by January 1, 1990, the SCS will need to work with 40% of those who have HEL fields by September 16, 1988 and 70% with HEL fields by December 16, 1988.

For those who have already requested a conservation plan from the Soil Conservation Service you are all set at this step

in the process. You must be prepared to make decisions and plans on all fields marked HEL. You will NOT need to make a plan for any field marked NHEL. You will be contacted by SCS as soon as your name is reached on the Plan Request List to make these plans.

For those who HAVE HEL AND HAVE NOT contacted the SCS Office and requested a compliance plan, it is your choice and responsibility whether you make the request. If you have ALL NHEL fields, you do NOT need to contact the SCS Office; but even if you have only one HEL field you are required to have a conservation plan to remain eligible. The choice is yours.

In addition, persons who plan to improve, drain, modify, or convert a wet area for the purpose of producing a commodity crop are responsible for contacting the ASCS Office one month ahead of your intended alternation. This will enable SCS to make a wetland determination prior to the time of draining, dredging or filling of the wet area.

If you have any questions regarding HEL and NHEL determinations, or would like to add your name to the conservation plan request list, contact the Soil Conservation Service Office, phone: 761-6721.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall on July 13, 1988, with 25 members and 3 guests present. A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all attending. After dinner, the meeting was called to order by President Edna Knauss, and committee reports were given.

Our girls State Representative, Connie Zimmer, gave a fine report on her stay at Girls State this past June.

Membership Chairman, Phyllis Baker, reported that dues for 1988-89 are now payable. Renewal Notices are being mailed out by the National Headquarters, and membership cards will be computerized in accordance with National Headquarters direction.

The Auxiliary voted to furnish the orange juice for the Red Cross Blood Bank to be held in the American Legion Hall on July 25th.

Installation of officers for the 1988-89 year took place, with Vivian Middlemiss acting as installing officer and Helen Hosmer as Sgt. at Arms. Officers installed were: President, Denise Dresch; 1st Vice-President, Mary Poley; 2nd Vice-President, Kay DuRussel; Secretary, Joyce Stein; Treasurer, Phyllis Baker; Sgt. at Arms, T.V. Ludwick; Chaplain, Jacqueline Armentrout; Historian, Della Widmayer; Executive Committee: Edna Knauss, Helen Popkey and Helen Hosmer. Out-going President Edna Knauss, was thanked for her good leadership during the past year.

Any members wishing to participate in the Manchester Fair Parade on August 16th, should call T.V. Ludwick.

Our next meeting will be September 14, 1988. Please note there is no August meeting.

Offers Free Clinic

All present and potential dog owners are invited to the Dog Training and Care Clinic sponsored by the Humane Society of Huron Valley. A wealth of information will be available at this clinic which will be held on Tuesday, July 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Instructors from the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club will be on hand to give valuable tips on topics such as health care, feeding, grooming, housebreaking, obedience training, and dog breed characteristics. There will also be demonstrations by the instructors followed by a question and answer period. The clinic will be held at the Red Historic School House in the Village of Dixboro at the intersection of Plymouth and Cherry Hill Roads. It is free to the public but please, leave your pets at home. Relevant pet care literature will also be available at no cost. For directions and/or more information phone the Education Department at 662-5545.

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Freedom Township Planning Commission

NOTICE OF WORK SESSION PUBLIC INVITED

The Freedom Township Planning Commission will hold a work session with Don Pennington of the Washtenaw County Planning Commission to examine possible changes in the existing township plan. The meeting will be held at the Freedom Township Hall, July 25, at 8:00 p.m.

7-14, 7-21

Bob Miller, Secretary
Freedom Township Planning Commission

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In normally quiet suburbs, the sound of buzz saws and hammers mingles with that of lawn mowers. This clamor is the telltale sign of homeowners who realize the value of home improvements. Add a porch, install a fireplace or landscape your property and you may end up with a more valuable home, as well as a reduced tax bill and decreased tax liability when you sell your home.

According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, you should carefully review your payment options before you hammer a single nail or interview a single contractor. If you need to borrow in order to pay for your home improvements, your best choice is probably a home equity loan, a second mortgage or refinancing. Depending on various factors, you may be able to deduct the interest on loans secured by your first or second home. On the other hand, if you pay for home improvements with your credit card or a personal loan, you can deduct only 40 percent of interest paid in 1988, 20 percent in 1989, 10 percent in 1990 and none thereafter.

On a more positive note, any capital improvement you make - regardless of the method of payment - increases the cost basis of your residence and decreases your taxable profit when you sell your home. Note that capital improvements are not the same as repair or maintenance activities, such as painting walls or fixing a broken window pane. To qualify as a capital improvement, a project must add to the property's value, prolong its life or adapt it to a new use. Repairs just maintain the home in acceptable condition.

To substantiate your home-improvement expenses, keep a file of canceled checks, credit card bills, contractor invoices, receipts for materials, before and after photographs and loan agreements. Don't forget to document the small, do-it-yourself projects, such as installing a new mailbox,

paving your driveway or hooking up an automatic garage-door opener.

Once you decide on a source of funding, and the amount of money you can afford to spend, focus on the various remodeling projects under consideration. Which home improvements would yield the greatest return on your investment? What projects can you manage on your own and which require a contractor?

When it comes to remodeling, individuality has its drawbacks. To one homeowner, a hot tub built into the back porch may be the height of luxury, while to another such a set-up may seem outlandish. If your only concern is creating a home in which you can happily live the rest of your life, by all means, improve your home in whatever way you choose. But if you are concerned about resale value, remember that conformity can pay off when it comes time to sell.

Projects that elevate your property value well above the neighborhood's norm, for

example, are not likely to recover remodeling costs. A six-bedroom house in a community of starter homes is simply out of place - and usually hard to sell. On the other hand, you would do well to bring your house up to par by adding on a second garage in an area dominated by two-garage homes. As a general rule, don't expect to sell your house for more than 20 percent above the average in your area. So if you buy a \$90,000 home in a \$100,000 neighborhood, CPAs advise you to spend no more than \$30,000 in home improvement costs.

Over the years, certain improvements have consistently provided the best cost recovery. Update your kitchen by adding more cabinets or more counter space and you will often recover the amount spent on the renovation. Other enhancements that generally return 50 to 100 percent of their cost include a second bathroom, skylights and expanded closet space. If you don't already have one, a fireplace, particularly a new energy-efficient model, may be one of the best investments you can make. And don't forget that other energy-conservation measures, such as installing storm windows or insulating your attic,

can lower your fuel costs and deliver a return on your investments even if you don't sell.

Now you are ready to decide on who should do the job. Obviously, a lot will depend on your own skills, financial priorities, the nature of the improvement and the amount of time you have available for the project. If you choose the "do-it-yourself" approach, the savings can be considerable. But if you cringe at the thought of plunging a sledge hammer through your bedroom wall, hire a contractor.

Always obtain written estimates from several contractors. Choose two or three, then check with their past customers and with the Better Business Bureau. You may even contact the banks with whom the contractors do business.

Review a sample contract and note what a contractor does and does not agree to do. Who is responsible for clean-up after the work is completed? Is there an additional charge for this service? The contract should also spell out who pays for materials and other related costs. For example, while it may be the contractor's responsibility to obtain building permits for the project, the homeowner usually pays the fees.

In any case, make sure that the permit is obtained - otherwise, you can be liable for the penalty. Since any construction job can run into cost overruns, make sure the contract specifies that any sizeable increase in expenses must first receive your approval.

Before signing the contract, ask the construction company to obtain a certificate of insurance that names you as co-insured for damage or injury. Also, check that the contractors are covered by worker's compensation.

Once you are satisfied with the contract, set up a payment schedule with the contractor. Early payments should allow a company enough money to buy materials and pay workers and subcontractors - but withhold the balance of the fee to use as leverage against completion of the job. Since full payment to the contractor does not prevent suppliers or subcontractors from filing liens against your property, never release the final payment until you have proof that the contractor has paid all parties involved in the project.

Finally, CPAs advise you to carefully weigh all the financial consequences of remodeling before entering into an agreement with a contractor.

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Another Successful Chicken Broil



We enjoyed one of our best years ever. We literally sold out of chicken with an estimated 13,672 dinners. This year we had roving Sweet Adelines with a chorus to sing to our customers.

In addition, Richard H. Austin, Secretary of State Acting Governor was our honored guest brought here by Former Governor John B. Swainson.

We will be able to determine our net profit as soon as everyone

turns in their money and tickets. Co-Chairmen, Gene Bentschneider and Ron Mann think we will be in excess of \$10,000 net.

It has been a great year and we want to thank everyone for their efforts for our 35th Annual Broil.

Farmer's Market August 13th

Attention farmers (and even gardeners)! Set aside Saturday, August 13th, as a time to show the agricultural aspect of our heritage by participating in the "Farmer's Market" section of the Manchester Summer Heritage Celebration.

Heritage Day will feature arts, the Heritage Crafters, kids games, pomp and ceremony to honor the Library's anniversary, and traditional music of all kinds. But that leaves unrecognized the contributions of the farmers. And so it seemed appropriate to devote an area on Heritage Day for a Farmer's Market - of course for the sake of "heritage," but not a little for the sake of good food, too!

All farmer's market type food items are welcome. For more information or to reserve a space, please call Ann Pat at 428-8389 during the daytime.

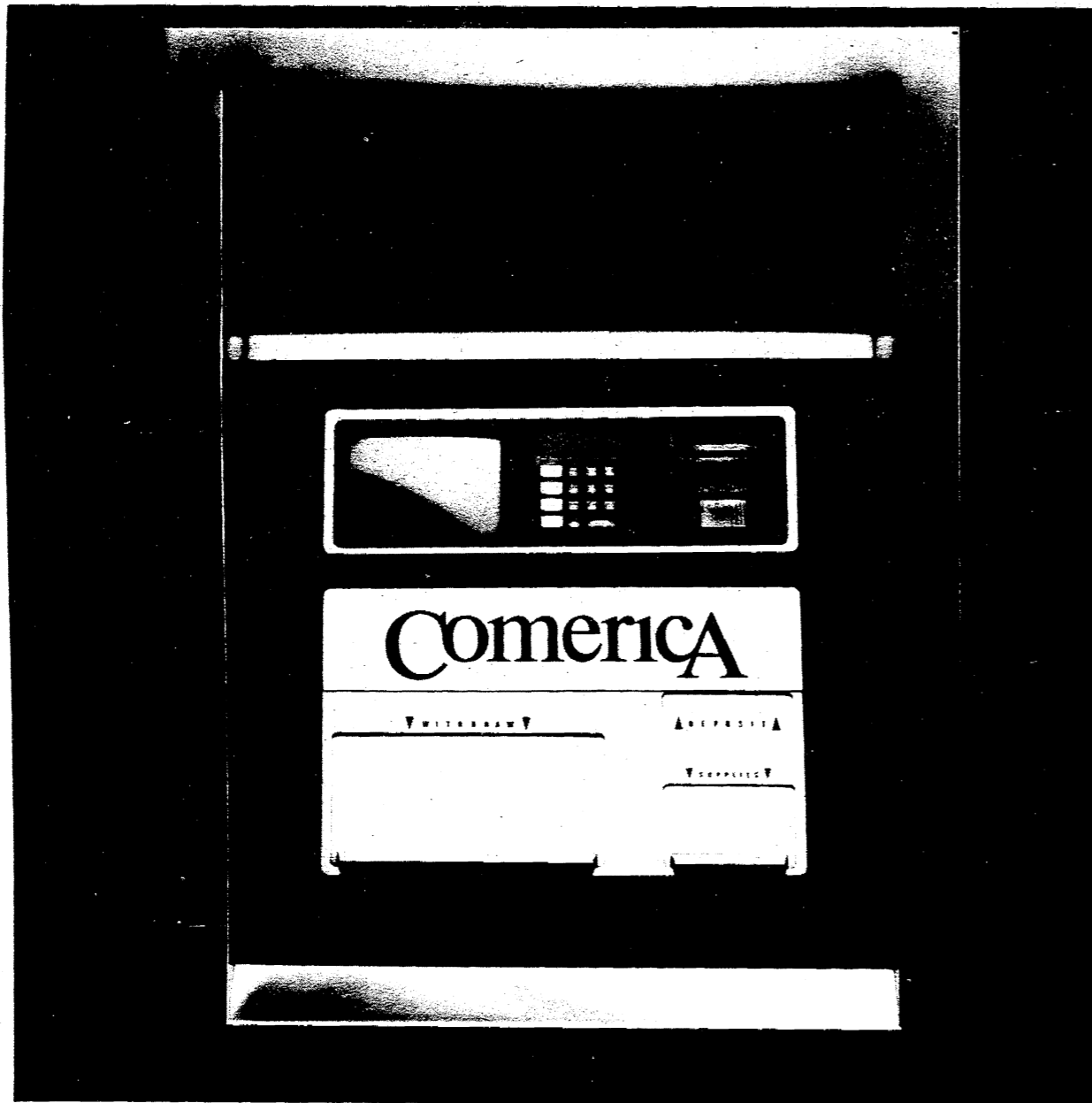
"Larry" Reed



The front page of this week's Manchester Enterprise is dedicated to Lawrence (Larry) K. Reed, who passed away Monday, July 25, 1988. Larry will be sadly missed by all those who remember him "buzzing" the streets of Manchester in his wheelchair or golf cart with a smile on his face.

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