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## Officials don't want smaller county board

BY JIM BAUMANN

County commissioners and several other elected and appointed officials last week voiced strong disapproval of the idea of reducing the size of the county board of commissioners.

Their comments were made at a meeting of the Charlevoix County Republicans after three speakers discussed various aspects of county re-apportionment which must be done after every census.

County Prosecutor Scott Beatty outlined the legal considerations which must be considered when a county is reapportioned.

But most of the discussion was generated by Bill Ohle of Horton Bay and Don Smith of Charlevoix. Both are proponents of reducing the number of commissioners on the county board from its present size of 15.

"The question is," Ohle said, "is 15 too big of a number to run anything?"

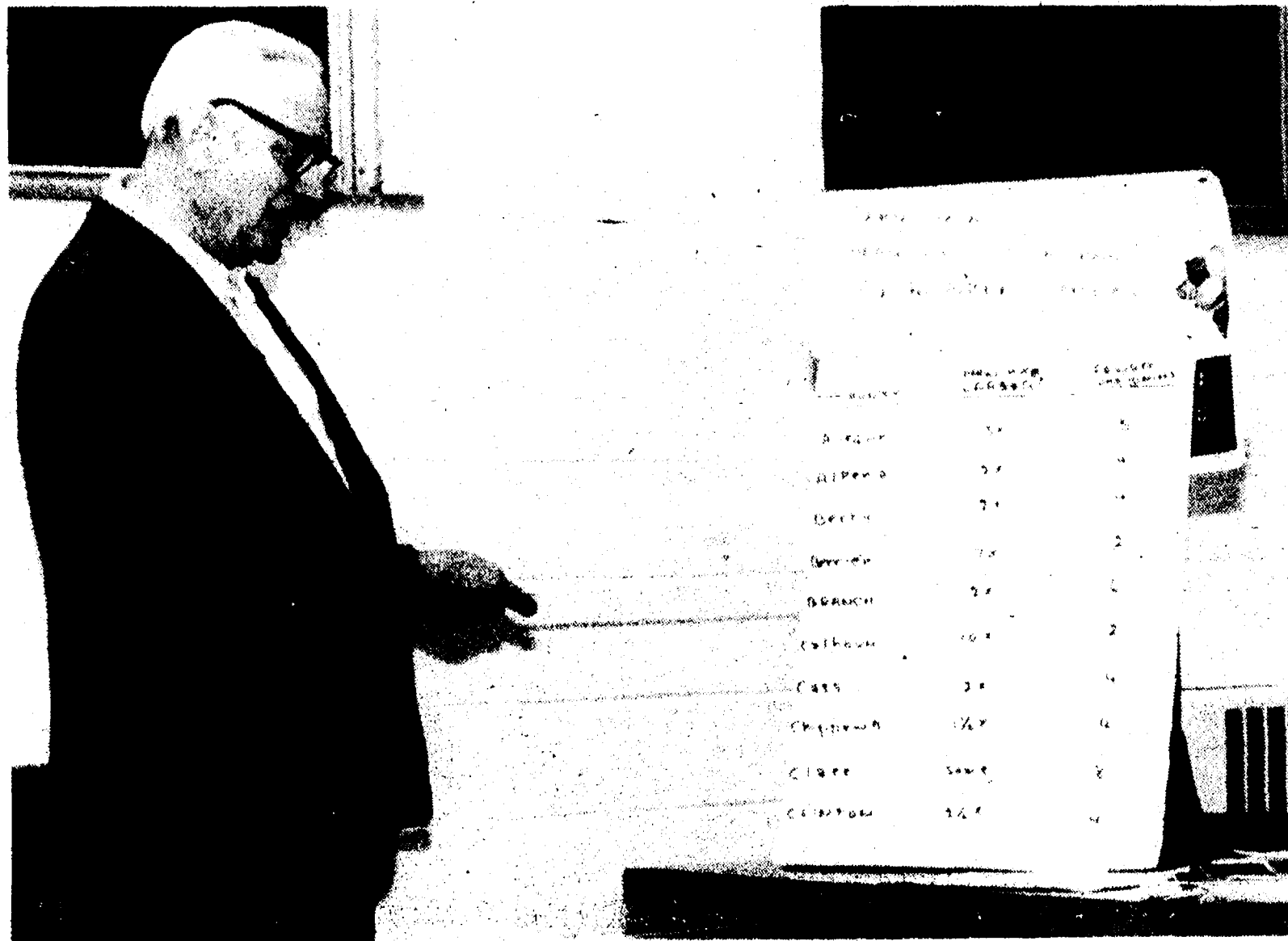
Ohle said most large corporations had boards of directors with 20 or more members, but those boards usually act as rubber stamps. "The executive committee really runs the company," he said.

Ohle listed the size of executive committees of several large corporations, ranging from three members for Ford Motor Company to seven for AT&T and nine for Detroit Edison.

"Why is that? Because too many cooks spoil the pot," he said. "I'm not throwing rocks at the county board. I think Charlevoix is a pretty well run county, but I do think it could be more efficiently managed."

"Are 15 commissioners necessary? The answer to that is clearly no," he said, and he unveiled a chart showing 38 Michigan counties which are larger than Charlevoix County but have smaller boards.

The only argument against a smaller board, Ohle said, is that each commissioner would be representing a larger number of people and therefore might be less in touch with the populace. "Sheer numbers diminish the



Bill Ohle presented a list of 38 counties which are larger than Charlevoix County yet have fewer county commissioners.

possibility of power being concentrated in the hands of a few," Ohle said.

"But if board members are thought to be venal or mischievous, it would be much easier to keep an eye on five or seven of them."

He pointed out that if 10 commissioners were eliminated, about \$35,000 per year could be saved. "We could return that savings to the taxpayers or we could hire a county manager so the small board wouldn't be overwhelmed by all that nonsensical committee work."

Don Smith also thought that greater efficiency and cost savings would result

from a smaller board.

He said a smaller board would be more accountable to the public, "because people would know who they are. A smaller board would be easier to keep track of. How many of you can name all 15 commissioners?"

Smith also thought the present board's committee system resulted in "most decisions being made in committee—outside of public meetings."

"A smaller board could stick more to making policy rather than managing," he said.

One of the most outspoken opponents of the idea of changing the county

commission size was Register of Deeds Stephen Pond.

If there are fewer commissioners, Pond said, "We will probably wind up with a county manager."

The cost of hiring a manager would equal the savings which would result from fewer commissioners, he said. Then, when the cost of added staff, equipment, files and paper is added, a county manager could end up costing more than the present system.

Hard questions should be asked before a change is made, Pond said. "How well does it (a county manager system) work in other counties? How

**We would wind up with a county manager...It would create an entity that is not responsible to the people," said Register of Deeds Stephen Pond.**

many counties have lawsuits going against their county managers?"

"I've heard a lot of bad things about county managers," he said. "It would create an entity that is not responsible to the people."

The main issue to be addressed, Pond said is the question of "whether the 15-member system has worked for this county."

"I think the system has worked well in Charlevoix County."

Commissioner Cass Toton of Boyne City said, "The bottom line is representation." He thought "the little guy on Beaver Island or Hudson Township" would not have as much of a voice in county government if there were only a small number of commissioners.

Bill Ohle responded to Toton's remarks by claiming that even with the present 15 commissioners few people could name one-third of the commissioners—or even their own commissioner.

County Commission Chairman Clyde Cunningham said reducing the size of the board might just raise the amount of salary which would have to be paid to the commissioners who were left.

Commissioner Oscar Ward of Charlevoix said the total of all salaries and expenses paid to the entire board (\$54,361 in 1980) was not that much money. "I doubt if it would even cover the salary of two school administrators."

"The trend lately has been to get away from elected to appointed officials. I'll tell you, that's a dangerous way to travel," Ward said.

Commissioner Oral Sutliff of Boyne City suggested that. "If we're going to start cutting, let's look at the highest budget items, not the lowest."

Sutliff pointed out that the areas of health, social services, public safety and the courts are the major areas where county funds are spent.

Equalization Director Joan Blanchard said she thinks few counties have "commissioners who are as well informed as our commissioners. They have managed well and saved the county money all the way down the line. They've never had a deficit budget," she said.

Bill Peters, a political activist from Charlevoix, was not surprised that many of those attending the meeting were opposed to changing the system. He observed that "Just about everyone who has talked tonight has a job here in the courthouse."

Peters thought the question of reducing the number of commissioners ought to be made mainly on the basis of possible budget savings. He said he would not be in favor of hiring a county manager... "in fact I would battle against it," he said.

Any possible decision to change the number of commissioners would be made by the county reapportionment committee later this year after official census figures arrive.

This committee consists of the County Clerk Jane Brannon, County Prosecutor Scott Beatty, County Treasurer Anah Potter, Democratic Party Chairman Fritz Allard and Republican Chairman Donald Hufford.

## 'Everybody's going to have a computer...'

BY KATHY JOHNSON

"In 10 years everybody is going to have a computer," says Gary Schafer, owner of Schafer's in Boyne City. Schafer is now the representative for Commodore and Radio Shack computers, two of the three largest micro-mini computers in the country.

Schafer explained that when computers first came on the market they were in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range or even more.

Over the last 30 years there have been a lot of innovations as the industry moved into mini-computers which dropped the business computers to \$25,000 and \$30,000 and now into the micro-mini computers which may sell for as low as \$4,000.

Personal computers for the individual are now available for as little as \$300. "In a few years you should be able to

get one that will hook into your TV and only cost \$40 or \$50," said Schafer.

Schafer explained that his store will be dealing in selling complete systems to businesses. "We want to sell systems. A complete system will include the hardware (computer), software (programs), training and maintenance," Schafer said.

"The trick is in finding the right software for the needed application," he said. While almost every company may have accounts receivable, for example, the way that receivable is tied into their other business applications may help determine the type of program they need. Some companies sell services, some sell inventory, some may even resell items. Each of those companies may require a different type of accounts receivable program.

"In terms of micro-mini computers we're the first in the area to offer a

systems approach," said Schafer. "We're here—we're local. We can analyze their needs and provide the service for that system." Schafer said that most business people have cut to the bone, they have little fat in their businesses, but they still need more information than they can afford to get annually. "Especially the small businessman," said Schafer.

"A computer can give them more control and better, more accurate, information."

When an interested person or business contacts Schafer's about a computer or system, the first thing that will happen is that Schafer or one of his staff will "go on a fact finding mission."

This gives the staff an opportunity to visit with the individuals and talk to them about the kind of system they

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## ...and not just for office work

BY KATHY JOHNSON

"Hi! I'm your pet computer. What's your name?"

"Kathy."

"O.K. Kathy, let's play lunar landing."

This is the beginning of just one of the many games you can play if you have your own personal computer. "Lunar landing" is a mathematical game where you are in control of a space ship which is attempting to land.

The ship has X amount of fuel, is traveling at X speed, from a height of X. You determine the speed, which determines how much fuel the space ship will use. The object is to time it just so the ship will land with very little fuel left, but still under its own control without using up too much fuel and crashing—

or landing with too much fuel and exploding.

Other computer games include checkers, craps, slot machine, roulette, baccarat, microchess (with different levels of difficulty), pyramid (break the seal of the pyramid and explore the unknown passages, but beware of the curse), space warp, or invasion force.

You can also produce personalized horoscopes, discuss your problems with "Eliza" (artificial intelligence) or draw and playback animated "movies" on a TRS-80 video screen.

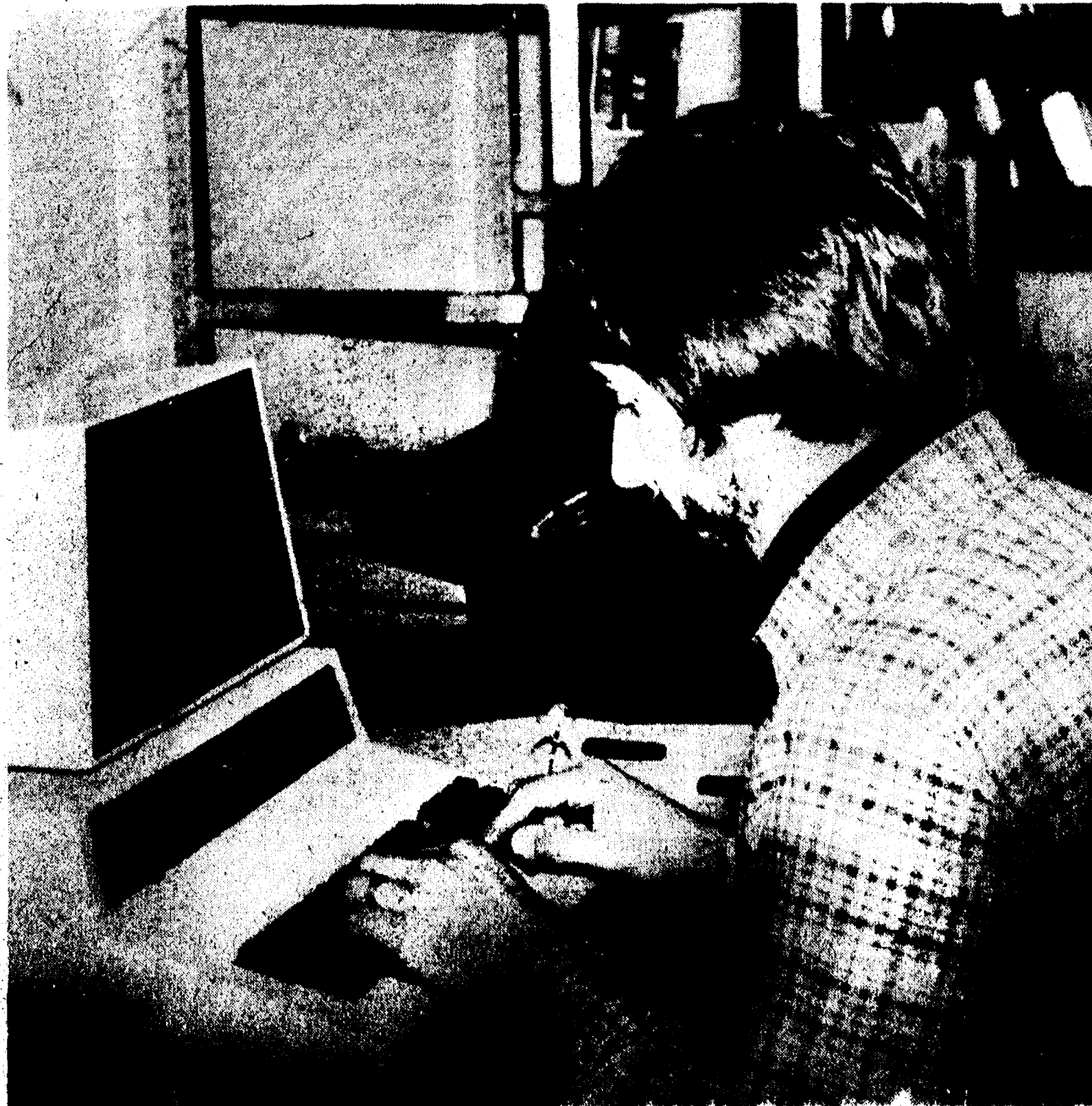
Of course playing computer games can be frustrating. Like husbands, computers are seldom "wrong." For example, you may type in the command

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\*NO @@@?%## I DON'T!**

So I didn't save the recipes. Just remember, when all else fails, read the computer manual. These things are so simple a child can operate them—a bright child with an IQ of 210 perhaps, but a child.



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Whole nations are saddened and go into mourning when their leaders die. Recently, the United States mourned one of its favorite senators, Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey - whose traditional and full-service funeral was of national significance.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and to render tribute to national leaders who have died, we fly our American flags at half-staff. We observe these traditions with patriotic and religious ceremonies. They are, in effect, national funeral ceremonies, indicates Dr. Arthur Freese (Help for your grief" 1977). He feels these national rituals periodically help our country deal with death, and we agree.

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styles and make-up techniques. Refreshments will be served and there will be booths and displays. Admittance is free, but it will be on a first-come, first-served basis by pre-registration. Phone early, 347-6041, and ask for Addie Payne.

### Parents group

There will be a general meeting of Parents Without Partners at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the council chamber room of the Petoskey City County Building. There will be a Chinese Auction and an afterglow. Contact Mike Balgenorth at 582-9297 or Nancy Massey at 347-2078.

### Cancer help

"Coping with Cancer?", an on-going educational support group for people with cancer and their caregivers, will meet Thursday, April 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Boyne City Public Library meeting room. Social worker Mary Frame will speak on stress management and dealing with losses. For information, call Geri Howard at 582-6420 or Rev. Kathleen Smith, 582-2576.

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## Community events

### Senior forum

Bernie Hammond from the East Jordan Ambulance Department will speak at the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street at noon on April 1. Hammond's topic will be first aid.

### Potluck dinner

The Jassamine Rebekah Lodge No. 365 of East Jordan will meet on April 1. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. for Rebekahs and husbands in the Masonic Temple.

### Swimming lessons

Beginning swimming lessons will be sponsored by the East Jordan Community Education program. This will be a five-week course, two days per week (Monday and Thursday). Classes start March 30 and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$25. If you are interested, contact Frank Holes at 536-3241.

### Senior citizens

Esther Livingston, a nurse from the Charlevoix Health Department, will hold a nail clinic at the Boyne City Senior Center on Wednesday, April 1.

### Little League

Registration for Boyne City Little League will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the high school cafeteria. Parents, not players, are to attend this meeting.

### Chamber hours

The Boyne City Area Chamber of Commerce has reduced its office hours for the off season. From now through the month of April, the Chamber office will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Memorial Day

Veterans and others who would be interested in helping observe Memorial Day in Boyne City on Monday, May 25, are asked to contact the Boyne City Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222. A parade and memorial service at Veterans Memorial Park are tentatively planned for Memorial Day.

### Heating assistance

Senior citizens, age 65 or older, are eligible to receive discounted assistance for their home heating bills through Michigan Consolidated Gas. Bring gas statement, senior identification or a driver's license to the senior citizen center in Boyne City Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### In memoriam

IN MEMORY of our beloved mother, Emma Gee. We think of you so often, and you are so sadly missed by your sons, Dale and Russell; their wives, Maxine and Eva, and your grandchildren.

## ANNUAL MEETING South Arm Township

South Arm Township annual meeting will be held at the township hall at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 1981. A hearing will be held on the proposed township budget for the year 1981-82.

A public hearing on the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing funds will also be held at this time. The township board proposes to use the revenue sharing funds for roads. Anticipated funds are \$5,000. Written and oral comments will be accepted.

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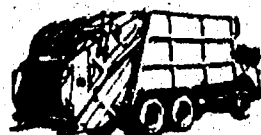
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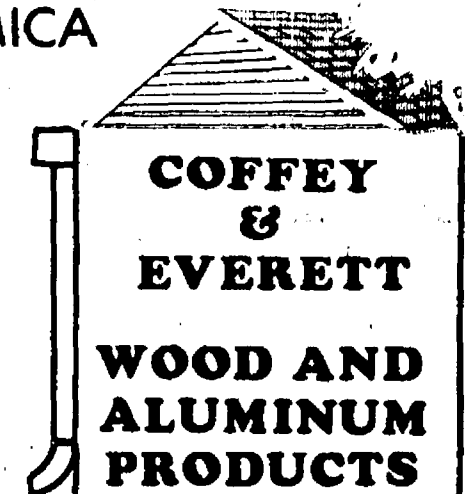
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# Police-youth problems come to a head in EJ

BY BARBARA CRUDEN

**EAST JORDAN** - Following a series of face-offs with the city police, a group of about 15 city residents came to the city council a week ago to complain.

"Kids don't have anything to do except ride around," one said, "and they (the police) just won't leave them be. They follow a kid around until he forgets to turn his blinker on."

The group's grievances went back two years. One said, "I was arrested for assault and battery and had never done it."

He said it had cost him \$900 to prove his innocence.

Mayor Archie Nemecek suggested a meeting with the council police committee, but Vern Stark, a local businessman, said it was too serious, pointing to bruises on one man.

Two weeks ago, a police officer was assaulted, resulting in the arrest of

three: David Stark, 31; Robert Stark, 24; and Dennis Wood, 23.

They were charged with assaulting East Jordan police officer Paul Timmons after Timmons stopped their car.

Vern Stark said he had made four requests for a meeting with the full council with the police department present.

Police Chief Joe Hammond said a response had been mailed to him and "was in his mail box."

"Too late," Stark said.

Mayor Nemecek agreed to a full council meeting for March 24, but it was closed to the public.

City attorney Roy Hayes explained to The Press later, "City council should not and will not substitute for a court." For this reason, the meeting was closed.

Hayes added that the normal procedure is for someone to file a

written complaint. This makes for a serious commitment, he said. But "out of courtesy" the council agreed to meet with the group.

Councilwoman Pat Sweet is on the police committee. At the meeting she responded to the complaints by saying, "We've had a lot of problems with kids raising a lot of hob."

She explained to The Press later that the young people have been treated lightly in the past. She said police officials have tried to sit down and talk with them, but that hasn't seemed to meet the problem.

Other adults get arrested, too, she noted. And these young people will be, too.

Sweet feels they are of an age to assume adult responsibility for what they are doing.

"It's not a get-tough policy," she said. People in East Jordan, however, are "tired of hooliganism."

## Few candidates so far

# School petitions due April 6

This year's school elections will be held on June 8, but school board candidates must turn in their signed nominating petitions by 4 p.m. Monday, April 6.

So far the field is very open for late starters.

In East Jordan, President Mary Jason's term is up, but she said she is still hoping to get to work on her original goals—curriculum and services to students—so she has decided to run again for the four year term.

The other four year term interests board member Ed Drenth, but he as yet remains uncommitted.

Challenger Mike Burr has turned in a petition to run.

In Charlevoix, three vacancies are occurring. Doris Pearl, who filled out the last year of a vacated seat, said she would like to run for a full four-year term. Board member Michael Gibbons will not run again. No petitions have been filed as yet for that two-year term.

President Max Novak has indicated he will seek another term, but no other petitioners have put in an option.

"It's getting on to where I hope we'll be getting some soon," the secretary said.

School board president Art Saworski in Boyne Falls is uncommitted about a four-year term. Fellow member Bob Winhusen also remains undecided.

Boyne City is a little farther ahead. Board member Eleanor West said yes, she would run for one of the four-year terms. Board president George Shiotellis has taken out a petition to run for the other one.

Dr. Richard Mansfield, appointed last year to fill out a term, said his time is taken up to the point he finds he isn't carrying enough of the school board load.

"I'm short-changing my fellow-members," he said. Consequently he is definitely not running for the vacant two-year term.

If you are not a registered voter, May 11 is the last day to register in time for the June 8 election.

# School selling downtown office

**BOYNE CITY** - An insurance agency may replace school administrators in a downtown office building when the transfer of ownership approved by the school board recently is complete.

David G. Williamson, a local insurance agent, approached the Boyne City school board directly with an offer of \$50,000 for the school administration building located at 215 East Water St.

Williamson will make a down payment of \$7,500 and monthly payments of \$500, with the balance of the \$50,000 to be paid in full by June 30, 1982, the end of the next school budget year.

Williamson will not take over the office building until either Sept. 1, 1981 or Jan. 1, 1982, thus permitting the school to continue to occupy the premises for at least the rest of the semester.

The board's approval is subject to legal review. Final acceptance is scheduled for the board's April 14 meeting.

The building's market value was pegged last year by realtors at between \$58,900 and \$66,000. Williamson's lower figure was accepted because of

the early date for final payment.

At school budget hearings last fall, residents asked for the sale of the administration office as a means of putting cash into the school coffers.

The board also set a price of \$5,000 on the old Horton Bay School. Horton Bay United Methodist Church has made two offers on the property which adjoins property owned by Ed Koteskey of Horton Bay.

## A computer for everyone

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need, what they need from a program, whether or not they need a printer, and other questions designed to help Schafer's put together that "system."

Some of the ready-made business programs for computers that Schafer sells include general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, accounts receivable, inventory control, and even real estate programs that can give income analysis, compound interest, internal rate of return, and resale price. The businessman who does a lot of mailings may find

The second offer, made to the board members Monday night, was \$3,500.

The church wants to purchase both pieces of land in order to build a new parsonage. They will then sell the old parsonage.

Church representatives at the meeting said they would take the board's figure to the church members for consideration.

a mailing list program that would suit his needs.

For the individual who is interested in his own personal computer there are small computers available for as little as \$300. With that personal computer, a broad range of possibilities opens as they can select programs to balance checkbooks and maintain monthly budgets, play a variety of games from blackjack to Space Warp, produce astrological horoscopes, or select from several programs to aid their children with math or spelling on a variety of skill levels.

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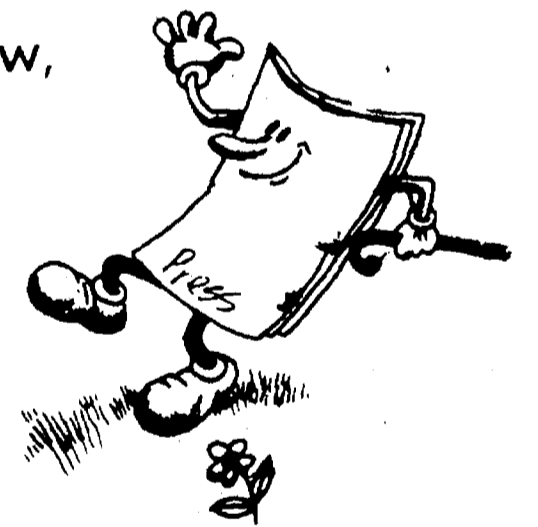


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## Good discussion on county board reduction

The Charlevoix County Republicans last week hosted a good healthy discussion of reapportionment and the possibility of having fewer members on the county board of commissioners. We hope that these discussions can be continued.

How large a county board is most efficient for us? Last week's lively debate brought out a number of good points on both sides of the question.

The major advantages of the 15-member board are better representation, more manpower for committee work, and a general feeling that the current system is working well and success shouldn't be tampered with.

Probable advantages of a smaller board are that decision-making would be faster, fewer board members would be better known to the public, there would be fewer no-contest elections, and that commissioners' salaries and expenses could be saved or diverted to hiring a professional county manager.

Proponents of the current 15-member board pointed out the cost of a manager would be at

least as much if not more than the amount that might be saved by having fewer commissioners.

It seems to us that the direct cost savings either way would be relatively insignificant. The bottom line, we think, is what system would provide better government of our county—a large board of part-time commissioners or a small board with a professionally trained manager.

### Editorial

Some of the Republicans debating the issue last week thought the issue of board size and the county manager shouldn't be mixed—because the reapportionment board will be deciding the number of commissioners, and the commissioners themselves will have to decide whether they want or need a manager.

But the two issues really are closely related. As Register of Deeds Stephen Pond stated, if there are fewer commissioners, they will probably need to hire a manager. He said he thought local officials ought to investigate how well the county manager system works in other counties.

Pond seemed to think that such an investigation might show that many counties are

having problems with their managers. He said he has heard of some counties where the manager and commissioners are suing each other. Having a county manager "would create an entity that is not responsible to the people," he said.

We share Pond's view that the idea ought to be thoroughly investigated before it is adopted locally. But just because a few counties have problems with their managers doesn't mean they all do. If 30 counties have managers and only two have serious problems, those two are probably getting a disproportionate share of media attention.

Wayne County probably has more serious financial problems than any other county in the nation, and it has both a county executive and a large county board. How do you separate the two factors?

Obviously, there are no easy answers. But we feel that local officials ought to at least investigate the idea of reducing the county board and hiring a county manager. It should be looked into with an open mind, and the experiences of smaller, rural counties ought to be considered most heavily.

# Viewpoints

## Letters to the editor

### A trolley for Boyne City?

**Editor,**  
As an out-of-state reader of your newspaper and occasional visitor to Boyne City, I have been particularly interested in your reporting of the saga of the Boyne Valley Railroad.

I am delighted to hear that there is every chance the railroad will be acquired by a new management group and may be running again within the next year or two. Perhaps you would allow me to offer some constructive suggestions and a word or two of friendly warning.

A genuinely historical railroad such as the BVRR offers unparalleled opportunities for a community like Charlevoix County.

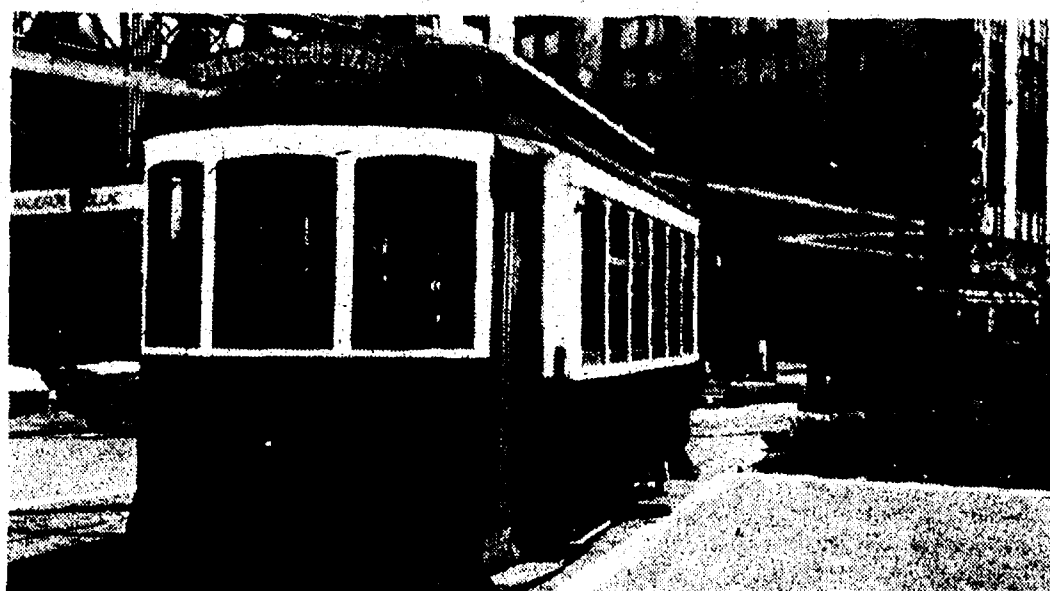
My job as a TV documentary director has taken me around the world and into almost every state of the Union. A cost-effective operation that provides an attraction for the tourist and a genuine benefit for the community means increased trade not only for the railroad, but for stores, motels, vacation businesses and restaurants.

This appears to be the case from California to Vermont, and from Great Britain to Japan. But this success depends on two vital factors, and if the new management of the BVRR overlooks them, their efforts may not meet with the success they deserve.

**THE HIDDEN COSTS**  
Nostalgia is the name of the game for a tourist railroad. That means steam locomotives. Go downtown or to Petoskey and you can see a diesel any day. But a steamer is quite an event.

You only make money if you can offer the public a real event. So, the logic says, buy yourself one or two old steamers and refurbish them. If it's good enough for the Disneyland Railroad, it must be good enough for us.

The cost of the refurbished locomotive is only part of the story, however. Steam locomotives cost a fortune to maintain and operate, even when new. When they're 40 or 50 years old, they demand new parts which cost thousands. New boilers cost tens of thousands. You have to haul a lot of



Detroit has trolleys...why not Boyne City?

visitors to pay for a new boiler.

My experience as a member of two railroad museum societies in California and England leads me to suggest that steam locomotives are fine—but only for holidays and special events, when steam-lovers will pay extra for the special treat. Occasional use means that they wear out less quickly.

So that leaves you with the problem of what to operate the rest of the time. You need something that costs only a few dollars a mile to run, that won't cost much to maintain, and that won't beat the daylight out of the old and rusting trackage every time you make a trip.

**WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE TOURISTS HAVE GONE?**  
The other factor in successful railroad-ing is to ensure that you never have a completely dead season. In Charlevoix County you are lucky. You have the summer vacation crowd, the fall color visitors, and the winter skiing business.

But there are still several months when there aren't too many visitors around, willing to pay out a few dollars for a ride. And yet, you need at least two professional, full-time staff, paid year-around, to ensure that the railroad is professionally run when it's busy. What do they do, in March and April and the winter weekdays?

### THE TROLLEY SOLUTION

It seems to me there is one solution which might solve many of the problems, and it has been tried and tested elsewhere with great success: put in a trolley line.

Downtown Detroit put back the trolleys on the street after an absence of 25 years or more. Today, little red cars rumble through the downtown business district from the Renaissance Center and capture the imagination of the visitor.

Delegates to the Republican Convention rode them, and the city features them on the front of its promotional brochures. San Francisco is world-famous because of its cable cars. San Diego has just built a new trolley line to Mexico. Philadelphia has received new cars from Japan.

The great thing about a trolley is that it evokes all the nostalgia of the past, but it's cheap to operate. When you've finished with it, you switch it off like the TV—it's electric. It weighs one-tenth as much as a steam-loco, so it doesn't destroy the track.

It's full of character, too—imagine the idea of bright red Boyne Valley trolleys, rolling up from the new waterfront marina, through the town and out to Boyne Mountain, with ski racks on

the side. Imagine a year-around service. Better still, imagine a new loop being built along Lake and Water Streets to attract trade to the stores. I understand that the city has plans for upgrading the downtown area: why not build in trackage, as in the Renaissance Center in Detroit? Why not a short branch to the lakefront?

### THE TORONTO CONNECTION

Before your readers dismiss the idea as crazy, they should know that the City of Toronto, Ontario, has 40-year-old trolleys for sale at less than the price of a small new bus. Find volunteers to dress in turn-of-the-century costume on the cars, string up a mile or two of trolley-wire, and the whole operation could be under way in less than a year.

Local residents might be pleased to take the trolley at a quarter a ride downtown. Skiers and vacationers would be happy to use the warm, comfortable cars year-around. Railroad buffs would come for a hundred miles to ride behind the steamers on special holidays. Steamers and trolleys can share the same track, if it's the right gauge.

The BVRR could develop something unique in America—the first non-urban trolley service to be built in half-a-century. It would give unique character to the town. The operation could be gradually introduced and extended over a five-year period. A simple piece of coachwork carpentry could even produce a horse-drawn trolley, hauled up and down the track for a mile or so until the electric line was ready.

The possibilities are endless. The costs need not be great.

It is my profound belief, however, that unless a truly original solution is found to the problem of operation and maintenance costs of the BVRR, and unless a service is provided that is of some use or interest to Boyne City residents, the revitalizing of the railroad will be doomed, yet again, to failure. And next time, the closure may be permanent.

David Kennard  
Los Angeles, CA

## Few towns have their own train

While on vacation in Park City, Utah last week, I came across an advertisement in an entertainment guide that beckoned visitors in the area to take a ride on a passenger train that was built at the turn of the century.

The train ride was billed as a novel experience and one that would take you through scenic canyons and past mountains, meadows and reservoirs. "You might even spot a deer or other wildlife," it claimed.

The ad that piqued my curiosity enough to read through all the copy, made me realize that this "Heber Creeper" was a western counterpart to the Boyne Valley Railroad. I remembered the "Ladybug" engine in Boyne and was a little envious of Heber City for their operating railroad.

Boyne City was fortunate to have its own railroad when in 1976, Hollis Baker sold the old logging line to some 300 local railroad buffs. For four years the town could boast of its waterfront, year-around recreation and an operating railroad.

But because of financial difficulties the BVRR didn't puff through town last summer and it appeared that its stockholders were not going to be able to put it back on the tracks at all.

However, thanks to the diligence and community interest shared by the railroad's board of directors, Boyne City may not lose its railroad identity. Earlier this month a BVRR stockholders' meeting was called to analyze the options that would involve liquidation of assets or the sale of the railroad.

There was no contest. The attending stockholders who represented at least two-thirds of all BVRR shares unanimously agreed to let the board of directors act in the best interest of the

stockholders. The community spirit that had kept the railroad from dying in '76 might keep the railroad alive in the future.

Interest in purchasing the railroad has been expressed by different parties. However, one particular group, Rick and Dave Smith, developers of the Harborage complex in Boyne City, wish to secure a steam engine and haul



Trish Wright

passengers to Boyne Falls and back in the manner that made the BVRR a viable tourist attraction in the past.

Arthur Single, a stock holder present at the meeting, informed the group that three steam engines were currently for sale and that the potential for a steam engine train in Boyne did exist.

A miniature of one of the engines sat on the directors' table during the meeting. Hopefully it represented the locomotive that will be chugging through town in the near future.

In addition to plans for downtown revitalization, industrial parks and swimming beaches, Boyne needs its railroad. The proximity of the rails to Boyne Mountain may make for a unique skier's or golfer's express. And at a time when passenger trains are disappearing, the BVRR would offer our summer visitors with a good old-fashioned train ride unavailable in their own home towns.

## Price of coffee is bad for my body

This column is being written before a live audience that agrees with news reports that say coffee may cause some terrible body upheaval. It's true. Every time I look at the price of coffee my body upheaves.

I went to the board of review and told them that since I was a little short of Susan B's I felt that my property taxes should be shaved to fit my estimation of what it was worth. There are two valuations for my property: The one I carry around in my head and the one I give the tax board. Looking over my estimation, one member asked how I could stand to live in a place like that. Before I left I got to feeling like a Japanese auto in a Chrysler showroom.

Looking out the window Friday I noticed that Spring had crept in under cover of heavy clouds and spitting snow. The chill factor prevented its recogni-

tion. My inability to detect Spring in the air reminded me of the administration's enthusiastic view of our economic future. The optimistic reports from



Marshall Sayles

Washington are so convincing I'm beginning to wonder if peanut butter really is \$2 per pound.

Carol Burnett wants \$10 million from a publication that reported she spilled booze on Henry Kissinger. I'm for Carol all the way. Nobody ever spilled booze on Henry Kissinger. Richard Nixon said that. And if you can't believe Mr. Nixon, who can you believe?

While they are still driving nails in the new Front Street condos we are hearing reports about another that may be built overlooking the narrows at Ironton. I'm anti-condo all the way. But if I could afford it, I'd be among the first to move in. I know I would because I've won every argument I've ever had with myself.

Grandmothers and grandfathers would never have accepted much of today's television and daily newspaper offerings. To them the immodest were walking down the primrose path. The change came when we discovered that "restraint don't sell." Things once whispered are now openly hyped. We've blacktopped the primrose path and opened the gates to let the good times roll. One part of my mind says we are racing toward the everlasting bonfire; the other side says, "Let her rip." What a hell of a state I'm in.

Every time this column hits the newsstands I rush out to find a soothing cup of coffee and safety.

## Tourism is best hope for economy

**Editor,**  
Tourism seems to be the most favored means of improving Boyne City and surrounding area, except for one citizen who wants to go back to the horse and buggy days and eliminate such "eye-

sore" as the Landings. He evidently prefers such architectural masterpieces as the granary, car barn and the building opposite the Landings.

This attitude is reflected in the opposition to the Harborage condo-

minium development. It took three years to get a permit for improvements which will add many millions to the tax roll.

Resort and condominium owners are actually a preferred class of tourist. They pay taxes, live in the area three to six months out of the year, and patronize the local merchants.

The Landings owners paid around \$75,000 in local taxes, which on a per capita basis was perhaps four or five times that paid by local residents. This included about \$30,000 for the school district and yet there was not a single

pupil attending the school.

Tourism is the best hope for the future of Boyne City. Why not make the city and its environment more attractive? Renovate buildings and homes, beautify yards and public areas, clean up the waterfront, repair streets and sidewalks, remove the trash and provide better hotels, motels, restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

It is strictly up to the local citizens to do so. Non-resident resorters and condo owners have no vote.

Kenneth K. Martin  
Lake Park, Fla.

## Garbage in...garbage out

### GIGOACS!

A few years ago I was forcibly introduced to the computer age. My boss, who had long tolerated my hatred of computers (and anything that meant change), said enough was enough and we were going to get a computer.

And we did—an IBM System 32. I was then sent to school to add a variety of new words to my vocabulary—disk, byte, RPG, data base—and to learn to program, be a systems analyst, to learn data entry and the meaning of "GIGOACS."

If you, like I, have had experiences where someone tells you that the reason something occurred is because the "computer fouled up," the odds are that you too have really experienced GIGOACS.

When the lady at your favorite charge

card office tells you the reason that bill, which belonged to someone else, got on your account was because the "computer made a mistake," it was probably GIGOACS.

Kathy Johnson



When the two payments you sent, with the two payment cards to one bank, all got posted to one account and the other is now overdue—and the voice on the phone says, "That was a computer error," what it really means is GIGOACS.

Every computer I ever met had an operator somewhere entering data into that system. As you deal more and more with computers in our area, remember that "hands-on operator" and don't let them get away with it.

"Computer foul-up, error, mistake" are usually synonymous with GIGOACS...which stands for "Garbage in, garbage out, at computer speed!"

Computers are an efficient way of accomplishing a great many things, but a perfect computer with an excellent program is still only as good as the individual entering the data. Don't let "computer errors" turn you off of computers.

A really good computer and program doing a really good job are only extensions of an employee doing a really good job.

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## good bets

**SQUARE DANCE** - A free evening of square and round dancing will be presented at the East Jordan Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Senior citizens will be serving food and refreshments.

## flicks

**CINEMA III** in Charlevoix will show "Popeye," rated PG, starring Robin Williams, this Friday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. 547-4353.

**GASLIGHT CINEMA** in Petoskey will show "Coal Miner's Daughter," rated PG, this Friday through April 2. Showtimes are 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. nightly. This film is nominated for seven Academy Awards including best actress and best picture.

## tunes

**NEW MOGUL INN** on M-75 South, Boyne City, is featuring the group Red Line this Thursday through Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. 582-9955.

**HUGGS**, located in the Holiday Inn on U.S. 131 at the south edge of Petoskey, is featuring the group Linke & McKants every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 347-6041.

**DUFF'S LOUNGE**, one mile north of Young State Park on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, features the group Country Crossroads on Friday and Saturday nights at 9:30 p.m. Duff's is now serving lunch and dinner. 582-9950.

**RYAN'S PUBLIC HOUSE**, on Old State Road off M-75 North, has folk-singer Sean Ryan performing Thursday through Saturday. Entertainment starts at 9:30 p.m. Also happy hour entertainment. 582-6642.

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# Fish, robins and other signs of spring

Today I spotted the first pussy willows growing down by that little spring on my way to the market and I felt the same thrill as I did as a child when I discovered this first sign of spring.

That was a signal to watch for the first robin and the bluebirds. We had bluebirds then, they made nests in the old fence posts. The posts are now gone and so are the bluebirds yet they are still present in my memory. Then we started to look for Ollie Teachout. As soon as the roads were passable Ollie came in his model T Ford loaded down with some kind of merchandise to sell. Sometimes he would be taking subscriptions for the "Michigan Farmer." One time he had a load of brooms, another time, bananas, but usually he had fresh fish.

He lived in Saginaw and he loaded his car with boxes of fish just caught in Saginaw Bay, all packed in ice. Sometimes I think he came to visit

with my father and to eat my mother's cooking more than to sell his wares. He was my father's cousin and they had been friends since boyhood. Mother

## Cooking Yesterday & Today

with Bea Smith



and Dad said that he was a handsome young man. He had the fastest horse and the shiniest buggy around and he married a beautiful girl, Vida, a friend of Mother's.

He inherited property and he and Vida had two sons. Everything looked rosy but one day when Ollie was working on the railroad in Saginaw a train ran over him, cutting off one leg above the knee.

After that things went down hill for Ollie; he received a generous settlement from the railroad company but he seemed to lose the will to succeed.

In his middle years Vida was divorced from him. They had each been going their own way for a number of years, and the last time we heard from him he was selling the "Farm Journal" somewhere in Iowa.

He sent us a picture of himself and his crew eating watermelon at a picnic table. This was as expected because he loved food and weighed over 200 pounds.

Some people might say that his life was a failure, such a fortunate young man with a beautiful start ending up as an itinerant peddler, but through a young girl's eyes he was a terrific person. He was always a gentleman, a happy, generous person with his small gifts for children and love for his old friends.

## Fried Fish

I still love fish fried the way mother did it when Ollie came. He always cleaned the fish for her and she just dipped them in flour and fried them in lard or bacon grease until brown on both sides. Now I dip the fish in a mixture of one-half flour and one-half bread-crumbs and fry in a little non-cholesterol oil in a stickproof pan.

## Stuffed Fish

Speaking of fish, if you are lucky enough to catch a big one, here is a delicious stuffing for it and you can show off the fish in all its glory at the same time. Sometimes dad bought a large lake trout or whitefish. When mother had a big one, she fixed it this way:

- Stuffing:  
2 cups bread crumbs  
1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 small dash cayenne  
1 teaspoon sage  
milk to moisten

Mix all together and stuff your fish. Mother wrapped it in cheesecloth which was saturated with melted butter and baked it at 350 degrees until tender and flakey. Picture this with whole new potatoes with butter and parsley and a lemony dessert. This will feed six hungry people.

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# Neighbors

## East Jordan Garden Club elects officers

Hazel Grace has been elected president of the East Jordan Garden Club. Other officers elected at the group's annual meeting on March 16 were Betty Rison, vice-president; Gladys Sattle, recording secretary; and Evelyn Gidley, treasurer. Hostesses for the meeting were Martha Annear and Essie Ross. Guest speaker was Keith Lamkin of the MUS Cooperative Extension Service.

Scott, Sue and Greg Upton and friend Lisa Weiss, all of Marquette, were home at the Louie Uptons' over the weekend. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upton Sr. of Boyne Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weiss, of Grayling.

Goldie Roof and Georgia Seifert of Boyne City are patients at the Charlevoix Area Hospital this week.

Walter White still remains a patient at Little Traverse Hospital in room 277.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Boutilier spent a few days in Garden City last week visiting their son Bob and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britton went to Lansing to attend the graduation of their son Robert from Michigan State University. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caverly also attended the graduation exercises.

A bridal shower honoring Gigi Guitart was held on Sunday afternoon, at the James Finkbeiner home, hosted by Mary Finkbeiner and Marion Martin. Gigi will become the bride of Mark Crum on June 27.

Mrs. Joy Brooks returned home over

the weekend from spending the past week visiting her sister Alice and Floyd Marcellus in Freesoil.

Troop 278 of the Junior Girl Scouts spent Saturday with fire chief Butch Erber. Erber showed them the fire trucks, let them try on firemen clothing and showed them how to use the equipment.

The Laff-A-Lot Club held their noon luncheon at Ina Oliver's this week. Isa Erber will host their next meeting.

Maude Amesbury has returned to her apartment at Litzenger Place after recuperating at Grandvue Medical Facility.

Beth Hoaglund, a student at Central Michigan University was home over the weekend with her parents, the Neil Hoaglund family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Larr and family were here over the weekend visiting her sister Arlene and Rev. Wayne Bullock and family of Fife Lake.

Baptismal services were held on Sunday, March 22, 1981 at the Methodist Church in Boyne City. Rev. Ray Grienke baptized Bo Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reinhardt and Bo's cousin, Scott Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hobbs.

A St. Patrick's Day dinner was held at the Senior Citizen Center last week with a special corn beef and cabbage meal, followed by cake and ice cream. Tuesday's craft classes included knitting and making dough baskets.

Several seniors enjoyed Wednesday's bowling and hope that the attendance will pick up with the return of those gone south for the winter.

Twenty-five played bingo on Thursday. Winners were Edith Kotellas, Lowell Amesbury, Maurice Stebbins, Rudy Sterly and Bill Haddix. The cover-all prize went to Evelyn Stebbins. The door prize was won by Judy Clark. On Friday, Leah Green gave a slide presentation and talk on the Foster Grandparent Program.



### Social news

NANCY NORTHUP  
582-9174

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Grunch and family returned over the weekend from having spent the past two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Like, in Boise City, Okla.

A baby shower was held at the Free Methodist Fellowship Hall on Thursday night honoring Patsy Johnson and her baby, Axel.

The Dolly Buckingham Past Matrons Club met at the home of Evelyn Gould this month. Devotions were given by Vera Tokoly, Dorothy Christensen and Ruth VanHoesen. The next meeting will be held at the home of Florence Hollaway on April 8.

Welcome Marion Hartwell, newest tenant of the Litzenger Apartments. Hartwell is a Horton Bay native and was the proprietor of the famed restaurant, The Red Fox Inn.



### VFW open house

Quartermaster Don Owens (left) and Provost Marshall Walter Genson (right) welcome Viet Nam Veteran Don Griffith to the VFW Smelt City Post 3675 open house held last Saturday. Griffith is employed by the MESC office in job service and works primarily in the Disabled Veterans' Outreach program assisting veterans in finding jobs and locating employers who have jobs for veterans. The VFW open house was held to honor Korean and Viet Nam veterans.

### BC couple plan wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camburn have announced the engagement of their daughter, Vicki K. Camburn to Daniel J. Finkbeiner. Finkbeiner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Finkbeiner. Both families are Boyne City residents. A May 16 date has been set for the

wedding which will be held in Boyne City at the Christ Lutheran Church. The bride-elect is employed as a hair stylist at New Image Hair Shop in Petoskey. Her fiancée is employed in Bay Shore at the Todd Warner Sculpture Gallery. Photo by Martinchek photography.



Daniel Finkbeiner and Vicki Camburn

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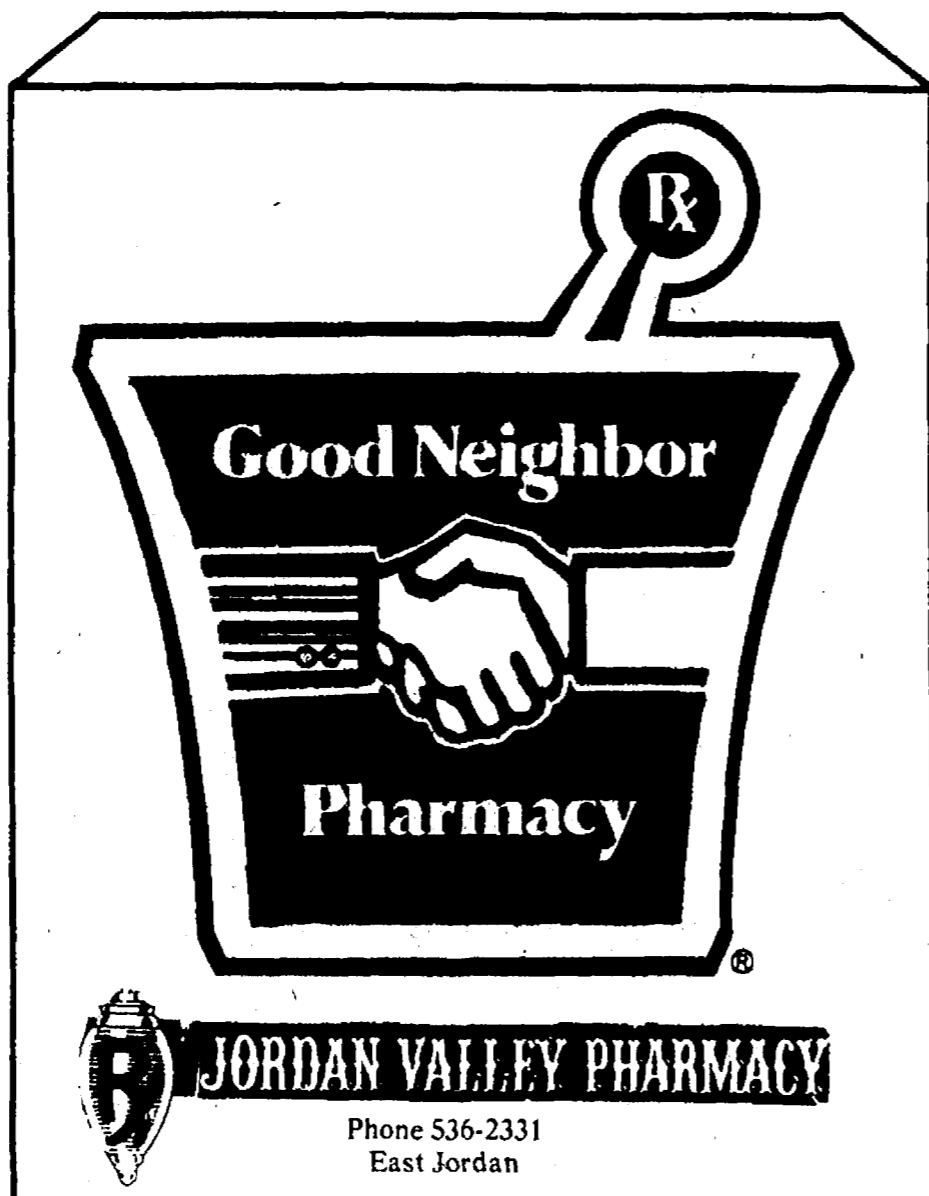
Letters to the editor are also encouraged. Please sign your name

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**Bruce Healey** received a check for \$225.18 for the East Jordan Fourth Grade.

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Catherine and Robert Zavesky

## Flowers decorate wedding altar

Daisies, blue carnations and greens decorated the altar of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City March 21, at Catherine Prebble became the bride of Robert Zavesky.

The afternoon wedding had some 200 guests in attendance as Rev. Milton Walls officiated. The bride wore a gown of imported polyester organza as she approached the altar on the arm of her father, Robert Prebble.

Satin bows decorated the church pews and the bride carried a semi-cascade bouquet of white daisies, blue carnations and babies' breath.

Mrs. Dava Matts offered a program of traditional wedding music accompanied by soloist Rosa Young who sang, "Time in a Bottle," "Lord's Prayer," and "We've Only Just Begun."

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prebble of Boyne City and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zavesky, also of Boyne City.

Debbie Grice was maid of honor. Ms. Grice wore a blue gown and carried a bouquet of daisies and miniature blue carnations and babies' breath. Brides-

maids were Pam Prebble, sister of the bride and Pat Zavesky, sister of the groom.

Dave Kowalski of Chicago attended the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Raymond Gaul of Chicago, and Bob Prebble, brother of the bride. Ushers were John Zavesky and Ray Zavesky, brothers of the groom.

Melanie Hawver, niece of the groom, was the flower girl and the ringbearer was Jimmy Zavesky, nephew of the groom. The rings were carried on a white satin heart-shaped pillow.

A dinner dance reception was held at the American Legion for guests. The reception was given by the parents of the bride and master and mistress of ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prebble of East Jordan.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the home of Ray Zavesky on Friday evening.

The couple will live at R. 1, Lot 28, S. Shore Trailer Park in Petoskey. The bride is employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Rea and the groom is employed by Industrial Magnetics, Inc.

## NMC dean's list includes 11 from county

Eleven students from Charlevoix County were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

Leslie Smith and Paul Varnum of

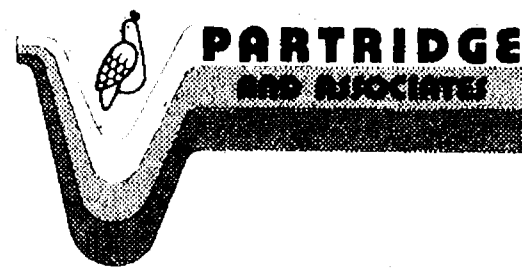
Boyne City High School were among 14 students who earned straight A's.

Others who earned a place on the Dean's List included: Mary Faculak and Gloria Olach of Charlevoix High School;

Michele Houser, Scott Paquette, Paul Skornia and Robert Urman, all of Boyne City High School; Linda Francis and Clea Trumble of East Jordan High School; and Rhonda Zimmerman of Boyne Falls High School.

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### Kevin Michael Kelley

Barbara and Michael K. Kelley of Boyne City are the parents of their first born, a son named Kevin Michael, who was born March 16. Born at Charlevoix Area Hospital, the baby weighed eight pounds, three ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom

### New arrivals

DeNike and Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley of Boyne City. The baby's father is currently stationed overseas with the U.S. Navy.

### Brian Keith Guzniczak

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Guzniczak of Boyne City became the parents of a son, Brian Keith, born March 18, 1981 at the

Charlevoix Area Hospital. Brian weighed seven pounds, one and a half ounces and measured 20 inches at birth. Brian has an older brother, Randy, age one and a half.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gahn of Boyne City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Guzniczak of Boyne City.

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# Public Notices



## Boyne City Commissioners Minutes, March 10, 1981

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOYNE CITY COMMISSION DULY CALLED AND HELD AT THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1981 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Keith Fitzpatrick, commissioners Catherine Jessup, Thelma Behling, Martin Paul and Steven Moody. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Timothy J. Clifton, City Clerk Tom Garlock and city attorney Harvey Varnum, who arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Paul, seconded by Jessup to approve the minutes of the previous meetings of the city commission, as received in their packets. Minutes approved included the following:

- Noon meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1981.
- General Revenue Sharing Proposed Use Hearing of Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1981 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1981 at 7:00 p.m.
- Noon meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1981 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
- Noon meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1981.
- Noon meeting of Tuesday, March 3, 1981.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried. There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

The mayor opened a Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear any comments concerning the city's grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for development of a beach in Veteran's Memorial Park.

There were no comments from the audience and the mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Jessup, seconded by Behling to authorize the city manager to submit a pre-application for a grant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for development of a beach in Veteran's Memorial Park, in the amount of \$205,000.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Jessup, Behling, Paul, Fitzpatrick. Nays: Moody. Motion carried.

The city manager presented his annual message to the City of Boyne City budget for fiscal year 81/82 and transmitted same to the city commission.

A budget review schedule was presented by the city manager to the city commission for their approval. No changes were made in the schedule and hearings will be held Tuesday and Thursday, beginning on Thursday, March 12, 1981 and will run through Tuesday, March 31, 1981.

Moved by Behling, seconded by Moody that the city commission has no objection to Top O'Michigan Rural Electric Company installing two LP gas tanks on their property. Since the tanks are located in Evangeline Township, a township covered by a fire protection contract by the City of Boyne City, the city commission recommends that an addendum be added to all future fire contracts, stipulating that prior to approval of the township board regarding the location of hazardous materials, i.e., LP gas, that the site location be approved by the Boyne City fire chief and the state fire marshal.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried. Don Lockman of the Parks and Recreation Commission gave a slide presentation of Avalanche Preserve, showing the possibilities of improvement for year-around recreation, as well as the timber and fire wood potential to be retrieved from this area. A good forestry program would improve the timber stand and also create an area for the betterment of wildlife.

Mr. Lockman also dwelled upon the erosion problems and what measures could be implemented to stop further problems.

Moved by Jessup, seconded by Fitzpatrick to allow Pat Wulff, chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission, to hold an Easter Sunrise Service at the summit of Avalanche Mountain Preserve.

The city manager gave a report that on Oct. 14, 1980, the city commission approved the appropriation of previously unappropriated building fund monies to purchase paint to paint

the exterior of the city hall garage. A total of \$3,000 was earmarked for the project. The labor required to complete the job will be supplied by the local CETA work service crew. In addition to painting, the exterior of the building will be pointed and repaired where necessary. The only expense which must be absorbed by the city, in addition to paint, is the renting of scaffolding and the acquisition of brushes, rollers and paint trays.

After checking with various local paint suppliers on prices for 100 gallons of paint, the low price was \$10.50 per gallon from the Boyne City Co-operative.

Moved by Behling, seconded by Paul to authorize the purchase of 100 gallons of paint from the Boyne City Co-operative at \$10.50 per gallon, or a total amount of \$1,050.00, to paint the city hall street garage by the local CETA work service crew. Funds are available for this project within the unappropriated building fund revenues.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried.

Moved by Behling, seconded by Jessup to approve the increase in the monthly service fee charge from \$6.38 per month to \$6.70 per month for the Miss Dig communication system.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried. The city manager presented an itemized bill from Lake Associates, Inc., for charges due from the city to Lake Associates for "Piggy Backing" water and sewer line installations along Front Street and Pine Street.

The city commission previously authorized the "Piggy Backing" of the water and sewer lines and the associated costs at their noon meetings held on Oct. 14, 1980 and Nov. 4, 1980.

The actual cost to the city for the "Piggy Backing" of the water and sewer lines was less than anticipated since the existing service connections were not damaged during the construction and hooking up to the new mains was not found to be necessary. The actual cost to the city for the increased sizing of the water and sewer lines is \$16,020. However, 10% or \$1,602 is being retained until project completion

in the spring of 1981. This leaves an amount due at this time to Lake Associates, Inc., of \$14,418, which will be paid March 13, 1981.

The city manager transmitted the monthly financial report for the month of February. The report was ordered filed.

Moved by Behling, seconded by Jessup to accept the donation of \$100.00 from Courter, Inc., for the ambulance service and to express appreciation for said gift.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried. The public is invited to attend the following meetings of board and commissions:

Tuesday, March 31, 1981, at 12:00 noon - Boyne City Commission. Special Budget Review Session - office of the city manager, City Hall.

Thursday, April 2, 1981, at 4:00 p.m. - Boyne City Historical Commission, District Court Magistrate office, City Hall.

Tuesday, April 7, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. - Boyne City Housing Commission, 829 South Park Street at the Litzburger Place.

Thursday, April 9, 1981, at 7:30 - Boyne City Library Board, Boyne City Public Library, 201 East Main Street.

Tuesday, April 14, 1981, at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Boyne City Commission monthly meeting, commission chambers, City Hall.

Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon - Boyne City Commission at the office of the city manager, City Hall.

At 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Behling was excused from the meeting.

Moved by Paul, seconded by Fitzpatrick to re-appoint Catherine C. Jessup and Timothy J. Clifton to the Economic Development Corporation for six year terms, ending March 11, 1987.

Roll call all yeas. Motion carried. Moved by Paul, seconded by Jessup to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Thomas Garlock  
City Clerk

### ANNUAL MEETING Hudson Township

The Annual Meeting of the electors of Hudson Township will be held at the township hall Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. the 1981-82 proposed budget will be presented at that time.

Merry Webb,  
Clerk

### NOTICE Evangeline Township

Annual Meeting  
1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 1981  
at the Town Hall  
H. Anne Thurston  
Clerk

### Hudson Township Planning Board

The Hudson Township Planning Board will hold its regular meeting March 31, 1981, at 7:30 p.m., at the township hall.

Merry Webb, Clerk

### NOTICE Echo Township Annual Meeting

will be held Saturday, March 28, 1981 at 1 p.m. at the Echo Township Hall. Presentation of budget and revenue sharing budget.

Kathy Willson, Clerk  
Echo Township

### Notice of Office Hours Charlevoix County Planning Department

The Charlevoix County Planning Department will be closed March 30, 31, and April 1, and April 6 through April 10. The office will be open on April 2 and 3, for persons needing zoning permits.

### Proceedings of East Jordan City Council

East Jordan City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 17, 1981 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Nemecek presiding and members Sweet, Morris, Gotts and Joseph present.

Minutes were approved and authorization was given to pay \$39,569.50 in bills as presented.

The Lions Club was given permission to use the Tennis Court area for their Polka-fest; Ambulance rates were established at \$35.00 plus \$1.50 per mile; rates were adopted for the Civic Center; the tractor bld was awarded to Galmore's; variances were granted for Vanderwall's sign and house addition; a Special Use Permit to allow an upholstery business was granted for 731 South Maple; a meeting to "Iron things out" with City Superintendent was scheduled for March 21st at 10:30 a.m. (closed at his request) and a group of citizens who came with complaints against the Police Officers were given a tentative meeting date of March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. A copy of the official minutes of the above meeting is posted at City Hall for perusal during normal working hours.

Fern L. Morris, CMC  
City Clerk

