

## A look back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Calls to freeze salaries of Independence Township officials fail at the annual meeting Saturday, as residents approve, by a show of hands, an approximate 9.3 percent pay hike for the coming year. The increase boosts the supervisor's salary over the \$30,000 a year mark and the clerk's and treasurer's salaries by more than \$2,000.

Robert Walters says he will not seek re-election for a seat on the Clarkston Board of Education after serving eight years. Incumbent Carolyn Place, who has also served eight years, also says she won't run again. Walters, who is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, says he was not prompted to resign because of current financial problems in the district. "I decided... that I've served now for eight years... I'll try some other things," he says.

An Independence Township woman puts her son's 1981 Chevette over the side of a hill, "Just like the Dukes of Hazard," says an observer. Dolores Rhodes believes the transmission to be in reverse. When she takes her foot off the clutch it goes forward, jumps the curb and travels down a steep embankment until it hits the sidewalk, keeps on rolling and smashes down obstacles before coming to a stop. No one is injured, but the car's windshield has to be replaced.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1971)

The Hawk Tool Company is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for acts of vandalism to property of the owners or employees of the company. A recent wave of vandalism has moved them to take action, they say. The destruction has spread from the Hawk plant on Washington through two other branches. Tires of salaried personnel have been slashed at the plant, at their homes and in the parking lot of Howe Lanes. Other destructive acts have included 100 broken plant windows, the vandalism of a truck and company buildings being smeared with paint.

Application has been made for a state grant for parks and recreation development in Independence Township. The township board votes to accept petitions asking for an election of a township park commission. The township will work toward a two-week deadline on recreation grants. In the application the

site listed is Waterford Hill Golf Course. Two ways of paying for the course could be through the grant and tee fees.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By the Way:" As we go to press we wonder whether we are due for a rain storm or a heavy snow. It has been reported that the West has been blanketed by a heavy snow and that the storm is headed east... The choir at the Clarkston Methodist Church is doing some great planning these days. They have been invited to take part in the Easter Night at the Music Hall in Detroit. Many choirs and choruses will be combined. There will be about 2,000 voices. The choir is also preparing for its regular May Festival... If you have any clothing, furniture or other items, Good Will Industries will come to call in Clarkston on April 12.

Specials at the Village Market this week include young beef liver, 27 cents a pound; Blue Moon Cheese, two packages for a quarter; Silver Cow Milk, three cans for 25 cents; Premier Coffee, a pound for 31 cents; and Birdseye Apricot Halves, a package for 31 cents.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1936)

The junior class of Clarkston High School will present "Our Boarding House," a farcical mix-up in three acts, in the high school auditorium on Friday, April 3. Stage manager is Wilson Denton with the production directed by Virginia LeForge. The cast includes June Dunston, Winifred Miller, Reta Halsey, Angie Marcora, Durward Ash, Lester Spencer, Forrest Irish, Shirley Douglas, Earl Beardslee and Genevieve Beardslee.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Paul Kelly and Arline Judge in "Here Comes Trouble," Richard Arlen and Beryl Mercer in "Three Live Ghosts," Maureen O'Sullivan and Lionel Barrymore in "The Voice of Bugle Ann," Aline MacMahon and Basil Rathbone in "Kind Lady" and Marguerite Churchill and William Gargan in "Man Hunt." Coming are Charlie Chaplin in "Modern Times" and "The Country Doctor."

Specials at Rudy's include veal chops, 22 cents a pound; Royal Coach Tissue Paper, six rolls for a quarter; hamburger, 15 cents a pound; Heinz Tomato Juice, three cans for 25 cents; Excell Crackers, two pounds for 17 cents; and oleo, two pounds for 23 cents.

## Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

*Getting to SOME mail*



I've been derelict in responding to mail the last few months, so I figured I'd dive in and get to a couple of things sent to me.

FYI: These will be the interesting things -- not the slam dunks on my opinions (which there are more than a few).

First, from somebody in the Brandon area a poem called 'America.' I don't know if Edward J. Szach is the author and sender or just the author (that shows you the cultural background I have).

#### America

Our Country is great,  
So our forefathers have said,  
So take a look back instead of ahead.  
It's written about truth and honor and glory,  
So let's not rewrite it for our own style or story.  
So remember these words our forefathers have said,  
And guard our document faithfully,  
or our country is dead.

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And, next on the hit parade:

#### No Wonder I'm Tired

There are 200 million Americans;  
85 million are over 65 and  
76 million are under 21;  
That leaves only 38 million  
to do the work, but  
5 million are in the armed forces.  
That leaves 32 million

to do the work, but  
6 million are on welfare, and  
that leaves 26 million to do the work, but  
15 million work for the  
Government, and that leaves  
11 million to do the work.  
10 million are in school;  
That leaves 1 million to do  
The work, but 750,000 are disabled or sick.  
That leaves 250,000 to do the work.  
Last week there were 249,998  
People in jail;  
And that leaves 2 people to do  
The work.

And since you don't do much  
-- No wonder I'm tired!

I have no idea who sent that in, but I think there's  
450 million Americans.

And, finally from everybody's favorite State  
Representative (just don't let him drive) Dave Jaye:

In the 1995-96 state operating budget, \$5,000  
was allocated for putting fairy tales to rap music;  
\$75,000 for a chauffeur driven limo for Detroit School  
Superintendent; \$268,800 for prison party store scan-  
ners; \$2,991,100 for trial judges salary increases;  
\$360,000 for child care information programs only for  
state employees; \$7,377,100 for bonus welfare pay-  
ments to new immigrants...

... There's more, but I'm outta' space.

## People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

What's your favorite sign  
of spring (besides Girl  
Scout cookies)?

GINA DEW,  
CLARKSTON:  
Puddles of water.



EMILY FINKEN,  
DAVISBURG: When  
the flowers come up  
in the yard.



RACHEL TYLER,  
CLARKSTON: I like it  
when the leaves start  
showing.



CHRISSY FINKEN,  
BRIGHTON: Just  
flowers, I guess.



LINDSEY SAMUEL,  
CLARKSTON: I like  
the leaves on the  
trees and the snow  
melting away.



From Girl Scout Troop 727, Andover Hills EL