

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Clarkston students bounce back from the Bangkok flu as class sizes return to a more normal number. Though there are still absentees the high school, which was hardest hit last week, shows a big drop in the number of students calling in sick. Administrators almost shut down Clarkston Junior High on Jan. 14, says William Neff, administrative assistant of elementary education. That day the school reported 320 absentees, an excess of 41 percent of the student body.

Clarkston's parking enforcement officer, Volney Schaffer, turns in his resignation.

Two Independence Township men come home from college to receive the Eagle Award at an awards banquet Jan. 13. Honored are James Blumenschein and Michael Evans.

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

Blizzard-like conditions and near zero visibility hits the Independence Township area with slippery road conditions and heavy wind gusts. Nearly 500 accidents are reported in Oakland County between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, according to Corporal Dorr Wiltse of the Michigan State Police. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. Clarkston school students are on their way home on school buses.

Allan Hawke, vice president and treasurer of Hawk Tool and Engineering Co., moves to close his business in the wake of striking employees. "After the episodes last week when windows were smashed."

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

First-grade teacher Miss H.G. Parsons falls on the gymnasium floor, fracturing her hip. Portions of a letter to The Clarkston News detailing her experience are as follows: When one is happily carrying on their normal life as I was last Thursday at 10 a.m., no

premonition of disaster can be recalled. My little pupils were dancing about me and I was showing them a new game when, as if shot down, I found myself lying on the floor. I heard a loud crack and felt a pain like a sword thrust ... The children stood still and looked at me with horrified faces ... There was the wait, as usual, when hospitals are so crowded but at last I was x-rayed and my injured leg put in its first splints with great care. Then I was placed in a bed by an east window ...

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

News from "Blue and White Flash" (Clarkston School News): Notice! We would like some new yells for CHS. In fact, we need some new ones. We would also like a few cheerleaders—at least, one. If you have any good yells, turn them in to any member of the Blue and White Flash staff ... Do you know that in the amateur program Bart is going to tap dance? Junior is going to play the sax? Tucker is going to play the mouth organ? Hugo is going to imitate birds and animals, especially crows?

Featured at the Holly Theatre over the rest of the month are Dick Powell, Ann Dvorak and Fred Allen in "Thanks a Million," Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray and Robert Young in "The Bride Comes Home" and Norma Shearer, Fredric March and Leslie Howard in "Smilin' Through." Coming next weekend is "Riffraff," starring Jean Harlow.

Specials at Kroger's this week include fresh and canned vegetables and fruits: fresh pulled green onions, a nickel a bunch; Rome Beauty apples, three pounds for a dime; bananas, five cents a pound; Temple oranges, a dozen for 29 cents; Idaho baking potatoes, 10 pounds for 27 cents; Country Club Fruit Cocktail, 17 cents a can; Avondale Tomatoes, two cans for a quarter; Avondale Peas, 10 cents a can; Country Club Red Kidney Beans, three cans for 20 cents; and Country Club Cream Style Golden Bantam Corn, two cans for a quarter.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Happy birthday to you



Thanks to the creative liberties of Sherman Publications, Inc., the entire Rush clan wishes Donald Patrick Rush a happy 32nd birthday.

As readers, you probably recognize us by our names: Donald, Shirley, Patty, Tom, Dylan, Chelsea, BARb, Jeff, Jeremy, Jackie, Nancy, Alex, Grandma, Desiree and Mickey.

Don's mom suggested we share what makes him so special to us.

'Give my regards to Broadway'

Donal, the "girls" affectionately call him, must have been Frank Sinatra in an earlier life. He's prone to breaking into song at any given moment. His all-time favorite selection for karaoke nights at the Clarkston Eagles is "Mack the Knife." Donal knows the words to the most obscure songs. It's served him well in Trivial Pursuit.

'Make My Brown Eyes Blue'

A sap at heart, Donal cries every time he watches "Old Yeller," gets misty eyed when speaking about the Constitution and chokes up when he hears the first few bars of "Danny Boy." He also takes his dog to Dunkin Donuts every Sunday morning, letter her ride in the front seat if she's good.

'If I had a Hammer'

Duct tape and a hammer are his favorite home-improvement tools. Enough said. One footnote: paint works wonders.

'My Favorite Thing'

Don loves golf (coming home with all his clubs is a good sign), the annual McDonald family "McRiver Raid" (the Woodstock of canoe trips), hot food (it's not hot enough if you don't sweat and still have sensation in your tongue) and John Wayne movies



(give him cowboys, marines, guns and the against-all-odds setting any day).

'Walking on Sunshine'

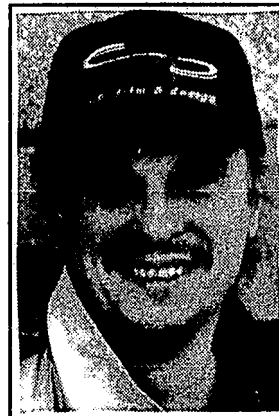
Summer is Donal's favorite season. He is a BBQ Master grilling anything that isn't nailed down. His opponents in sand volleyball beware—if he can't spike the ball he's known to hurl himself at the net just because he can. The "Blues Cruise" via pontoon boat at Jim and Deb's is the pinnacle of this season.

Happy birthday to the original Donald P. Rush.

People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

Who do you like in the Republican presidential primary?



DAN BIRCH, ORTONVILLE: Actually I like that rich guy Forbes and Lamar Alexander.



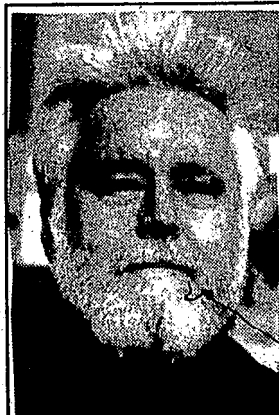
NICOLE COOPER, HOLLY: I let my husband do all the thinking and say who do I vote for this time. I know he's going to vote Republican for sure. It was Pat Buchanan last time we talked. He though he was the one who might give us the straightest story.



MARK TUCCINI, ALLEN PARK: When I was in business with my dad I was heavy-duty Republican. Now I'm working for others and I'm borderline blue collar, leaning toward Democrat. As for a rock-solid decision, I don't know. Jack Kemp, but I'll have to look a little more into Dole too.



NANCY HUMPHREYS, ROCHESTER: I just read a comparison of the tax stands today and I liked Buchanan's statement on how the taxes should be. I thought it was a nice compromise between flat tax and deductions.



R. J. HARMON, GOODRICH: I haven't seen anybody in the Republican party that I like. I feel I'm an independent but I do tend to vote Democrat.