

# A look back

## 15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Although a millage request for Clarkston Schools will appear on the June 8 ballot, the amount the schools will ask voters to approve has yet to be set. The school board votes unanimously to place the millage request on the ballot at the February 24 special meeting. About 27 members react to the proposed \$1 million in cuts needed to balance the school budget.

Those vying for Clarkston Village Council seats during the March 9 election are Ruth Basinger, David Raup, James Schultz and James Weber. They are asked about issues that include the widening of M-15, a ban on leaf burning in the village, the purchasing of water rights for the Mill Pond and views on a historic district ordinance, currently under consideration by the Village Council.

For the first time in 44 years, Rudy's Market closes on a Saturday. The marriage of Rudy's son Fred to Doreen Frietag marks the reason for the momentous occasion.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1971)

The annual village election will be held Monday, March 8 at the polls at the Village Hall on Main St. The election will fill the offices of president, clerk, treasurer, three trustees and an assessor. Heading a list of unopposed candidates is incumbent Donald Cooper who is seeking the office of president for the second term. Others unopposed include Artemus Pappas, clerk; his wife Mary Ann Pappas, treasurer; Richard Johnson, trustee; and Ralph Thayer, assessor. Newcomers Thomas Irwin and Floyd Tower are seeking trustee seats.

The strike by members of Local 540 of the UAW against the Hawk Tool and Engineering Company on Washington St. in Clarkston is into its eighth week. Pickets have been stationed near the plant since Jan. 7.

The Clarkston Wolves close their season with a second-half victory over the Brighton Bulldogs, 69-63. They finish 7-7 in Wayne Oakland play and 8-8 overall.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By the Way": All around we hear "Spring is here" and the weatherman almost verified it when he predicted a March like that of 1945 ... Since having the call from Mrs. Peterson at Walters Lake

about seeing five robins on Tuesday, a call came from Herbert T. Baynes to tell us that there were two robins in their yard on Wednesday. Besides that sign of spring, he saw a flock of geese flying toward the northwest ... Less than a week ago some of the farmers were plowing through the snow on the side roads, this week they are plowing through mud.

Great buys at Terry's market this week are lard, two pounds for 35 cents; Aunt Jane's Pure Peach Preserves, a jar for 35 cents; Wheaties, two large-size boxes for 29 cents; ready-to-roll pie crust, a package for 21 cents; fresh herring fillets, 40 cents a pound; and Old Dutch Cleanser, a can for 7 cents.

## 60 YEARS AGO (1936)

Betty Walter is nominated by the seniors and faculty of Clarkston High School in the "Best Citizen Contest" conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The final selection will be made by the DAR at their state conference to be held in April with the winner getting a free trip to Washington.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Franchot Tone and Madge Evans in "Exclusive Story," Margaret Lindsay and Warren Hull in "Personal Maid's Secret," Wallace Beery and Lionel Barrymore in "Ah, Wilderness!" and Frank Morgan in "The Perfect Gentleman."

Specials at Waterbury's Home Market this week include lean beef short ribs, 14 cents a pound; California peaches, two large cans for 27 cents; red kidney beans, three cans for a quarter, oleo, two pounds for 25 cents; mackerel, three cans for a quarter; and Defiance Ketchup, 14 ounces for a dime.

# Insider

## Don't call it purple

At the Feb. 27 Clarkston City Council meeting, councilman Walt Gamble reacted to a discussion about other communities which apply more stringent regulations concerning paint jobs in historic districts. "Gee, I guess I'll have to change the color of my house," Gamble quipped, imagining the same situation in Clarkston. The new council member is known for his eggplant-colored home.

# People Poll

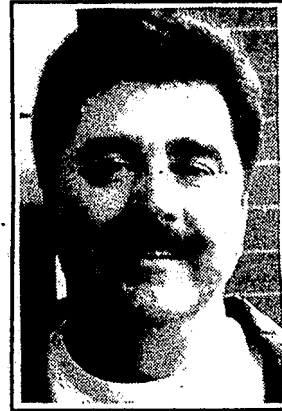
By Eileen Oxley

## Seen any good potholes lately?

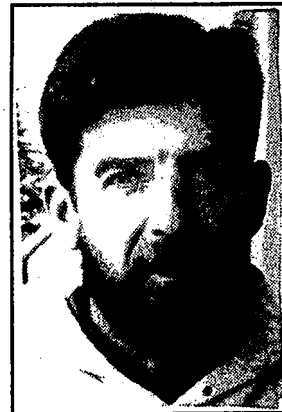
**KELLY KILGORE, CLARKSTON:** Yeah, actually I have, on White Lake Rd. There's a huge one in between Dixie and Andersonville roads. As a matter of fact, we hit it the other day.



**RICHARD BAKER, CLARKSTON:** Yeah, everywhere you drive. You sometimes feel 'em before you see 'em.



**EDWARD ROONEY, GOODRICH:** I've seen a lot of them but I can't remember where they are.



**AZEL BERTRAM, CLARKSTON:** Sashabaw Rd., north of Clarkston Rd. at Sashabaw (Creek) Meadows. Last week we had eight cars sitting there with flat tires. One neighbor collected all the hubcaps. There were 16.



**TRACINICKEL, CLARKSTON:** Golly, I don't think I have. I drive only 1/4 mile to work.



# Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

*It's that time of year*



*I just love this time of year ...*

Living on a dirt road my 1994 Pontiac that's 'sposed to be red is not. Melting snow, rain, mist -- all this stuff means I usually don't wash my car until the end of March.

You'll know it's me when you see a rolling mud bucket cruising your street.

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*Love it when the snow melts ...*

This is when I get to see what I missed during the winter in Mickey's dog area. Where's my shovel and rubber boots?

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*While this time of year and this type of weather is a pain in the neck, it could be a heck of a lot worse ...*

At least when we have weather that goes from 30 degrees to 50, then back in a span of 72 hours, we know the good stuff is on its way.

A 50 degree day every other week or so is good for the soul. The warm sunshine on my face puts me in a cheery mood. That's a good thing, because it wasn't that long ago that it was 10 degrees with a windchill reading below zero.

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*And, since the warmer weather will soon be here*

*on a regular basis ...*

This past weekend I saw quite a few folks out in their yards pruning trees, picking up twigs, etcetera, etcetera.

I felt kind of guilty not doing the same thing. Something. I suppose since the warmer weather is inching forward it's time for me to start planning for yard work.

I know I have to sharpen my blades; put the lawn mower back together; drive the dirt roads and look for more football sized rock turned up by the snow plows; plan where my hot-pepper garden will go; clean a place for wildflowers; prune the fruit trees; pull out an old flag pole; find a place for a new flag pole; and rake some leaves. Not to mention clean out the garage.

That's just to start ...

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*Who says the grass is always greener on the other side ...?*

With the warmer weather comes more daylight. While that is sort of invigorating, and it is a real bonus to be able to leave work in the light, it also means I'll have more time to do all the stuff I have to do.

Maybe the darkness and cold wasn't so bad after all? At least I got more sleep.