

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Stolaruk Corp. has failed to reclaim the Stickney gravel pit as outlined in a 1979 consent judgment and Independence Township moves for forfeiture of a \$20,000 bond. At a March 19 special meeting, township board members vote 6 to 1 to move on the forfeiture. Treasurer Frederick Ritter is the lone dissenter.

Case Cemetery off Dartmouth Rd. in Independence Township becomes the property of the township following a ruling by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James Thorburn. In December the Clarkston Historical Society petitioned the township to vacate the abandoned property and maintain gravesites for preservation purposes. Now the society's first priority is to install a fence around the land.

There's nowhere to go but up for the Clarkston High School boys' track and field squad, say coaches Walt Wyniemko and Mike Kaul. Last year the team went through the entire season without winning a single meet. Though it wasn't a good year record-wise, Wyniemko says his team was nevertheless competitive. This year, he says, the season opener against Catholic Central should give him "some kind of barometer on where we stand."

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

The strike at Hawk Tool Co. enters its twelfth week as picketers of Local 540 continue to maintain headquarters in the trailer on the corner of Washington and Main streets. Company spokesman Allen Hawke says Hawk Tool is in the process of "phasing out."

Registration forms are available through the Independence Township Recreation Program for Little League Baseball. This year the age limit has been raised and the program will include all boys from eight years through those whose sixteenth birthdays occur no later than Aug. 31, 1971.

Statements made during a press conference by former Independence Supervisor Duane Hursfall explain his views on accusations that he wrongfully applied for rezoning. "I have done nothing illegal or unethical in any real estate transaction I've been a part of," he says in the opening paragraph.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By the Way": Everybody has spring fever. Lawns and gardens are getting the once over and a warm spell has inspired some gardeners to start turning the soil over... The big tree that stood for many years on the Linabury property on S. Main has been cut down. Many people pass the spot and notice that something is missing and they wonder what... Last week the street in the downtown business block was cleaned and what a big improvement that made... Speaking of business, have you noticed all of the buildings that are being started on Dixie? The foundation and some of the walls for Lester Howe's bowling alley are already erected, the blocks are on the grounds for a dry cleaning plant. And, in Clarkston, work has started on the building for the Chrysler-Plymouth Agency.

A film strike is still on at the Drayton Theatre. The Holly Theatre is showing "Along the Navajo Trail" with Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes and "My Reputation" with Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

Forrest Brown of Clarkston is elected president of the Oakland County Holstein Association when it meets with the Macomb County organization in Rochester. A banquet is served and a business meeting is held. Arrangements are being made for a tri-county meeting to be held sometime during the summer.

A large crowd enjoys movies sponsored by the senior class at Clarkston School. The students are trying to raise money for a trip and Wednesday night's films give them a good start. "Popeye" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" create plenty of laughter and the "Passion Play" is interesting and instructive. The young people are to be complimented for the good behavior and quietness they show during the latter, a great Biblical picture.

Specials at the Rudolf Schwarze market this week include beef roast, 15 cents a pound; hamburger, 15 cents a pound; bacon squares, 19 cents a pound; oleo, two pounds for 23 cents; White Lillie Pastry Flour, 24 1/2 pounds for 65 cents; and tissue, six packages for a quarter.

Have an opinion? Write a letter to the editor

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

This and that



I was glad to read the United States has enough money to be able to fork over another \$100 million to Israel so they can fight terrorism.

Of course this is over a two-year period, but it is also in addition to the \$3 billion the US grants Israel annually, and the \$22 million in emergency aid President Clinton authorized at the beginning of the month.

I wish the President would start authorizing some of that money back to us.

The three most popular signs I see on peoples' lawns these days: 1) home for sale; 2) Buchanan for president; 3) No scab papers.

What do you suppose that means?

Here's something interesting I read: "Americans own 250 million pets -- from cats and dogs to horses and skunks. These people spend \$20 billion a year on their pets, while only spending \$15 billion on movies and videos. Grandparents spend more money on their pets than they do on their grandchildren..."

Wow. That info came from syndicated pet columnist Mike Capuzzo.

Speaking of signs: In Oxford Township there are

those looking into the constitutionality of their sign ordinance -- in particular political signs and the time limits placed on them.

As this is a political year it should be interesting to see how this will effect home signage not only in Oxford, but also in every community that has such an ordinance.

A question to the lawyer-types: if one part of an ordinance is unconstitutional, is the entire ordinance unconstitutional or enforceable?

A final quote: "(The system) always wanted everybody to have an equal start, to take care of everybody... We were not brought up to take care of ourselves," Peder Johnson of Sweden.

Johnson and the rest of the Swedes find themselves deep in debt and taxed to the limit because of their welfare system. This issue may topple the Social Democratic Party. And it should be a lesson for Americans.

The more you let the government take care of you, the less likely you will be able to take care of yourself. And, what the government giveth the government can taketh.

Think on that.

What movie should win the Academy Award?

JUDY YOUNG, DAVISBURG: Apollo 13. It was very exciting and had a lot of history with it.



JENNIFER JAUMOTTE, CLARKSTON: Apollo 13. It was a good story with a lot of action and suspense. Even though you knew the outcome, I liked it because it was true.



STEVE SATTLER, OHIO: Apollo 13. It seemed realistic.



CALEB BORCHERS, CLARKSTON: Apollo 13. I think it was informational, yet entertaining.



BECKY BORCHERS, CLARKSTON: Actually I liked Mr. Holland's Opus. I thought it was real good. I'm not a Dreyfuss fan but this one I liked.

