

Elston, Rogers are in same bracket again

By MARK MORROW
News-Dispatch Sports Editor

Michigan City Elston's highly-ranked and defending sectional champion Red Devils will have to survive a hornet's nest for the second successive year if they're to keep the state's longest sectional string alive when the 53rd Michigan City Sectional opens next Tuesday at Rogers Gym.

It's another murderers row set up for Elston and Rogers, who fell into the same bracket for the second straight year, while potential powers LaPorte and South Central wait in the wings.

The pairings, drawn at the Indiana High School Athletic Associ-

ation office in the Circle Tower this morning, set up a couple rematches as the seven teams battle for a spot in the March 12-13 South Bend Regional where the Michigan City winner collides with the South Bend champ in the opening round.

LaPorte's Slicers drew the bye for the second consecutive year and will be in the upper bracket with Westville and South Central, while Elston, Rogers, Marquette and New Prairie are on a collision course in the lower bracket.

Westville (3-15) and South Central (16-3) lift the lid on the local shootout next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Elston (18-2) tackles Michigan

City Marquette (6-13) in Wednesday's 7 o'clock opener and Rogers (10-10) takes on New Prairie (2-16) at 8:30.

LaPorte, which enters at 12-4 after winning 11 of its first 14 games, meets the Westville-South Central winner at 7 o'clock and an Elston-Rogers rematch, barring a mishap, would follow at 8:30. The Devils were 78-82 winners in an earlier meeting.

The winners will meet Saturday at 8:15 to settle the argument.

Elston, ranked No. 2 in one prep poll and third in another, will ride an eight-game winning streak into the sectional, as the Devils seek the elusive 20th crown and their 25th in succession.

Rematches will be the early order of business in the Westville-South Central and Rogers-New Prairie tussles, while Elston and Marquette meet for the first time in recent years.

South Central, a physical ballclub capable of landing the knockout punch at any given time, didn't meet Elston or LaPorte during the regular season, but owns victories over the other four teams.

The Slicers, who end regular-season play Friday at South Bend Washington, ransacked Westville by a 56-38 count early in February — and the Blackhawks, with one regular game remaining, are on a seven-game tailspin.

On paper, Elston appears too

strong both offensively and defensively for Marquette — but the Blazers, who close out the regular season Friday at Gary Wirt, are scrappy and aren't likely to roll over and play dead.

Rogers, which has been up-and-down this year but much more competitive than a lot of people might have expected, has enough quickness to give the best of them problems.

The Raiders demoralized New Prairie, 71-43, in the season opener and are expected to hold the upper hand once again. The Cougars' record, however, is deceiving. They've lost several close games and will be out to end an eight-game losing drought Friday at La-

Ville.

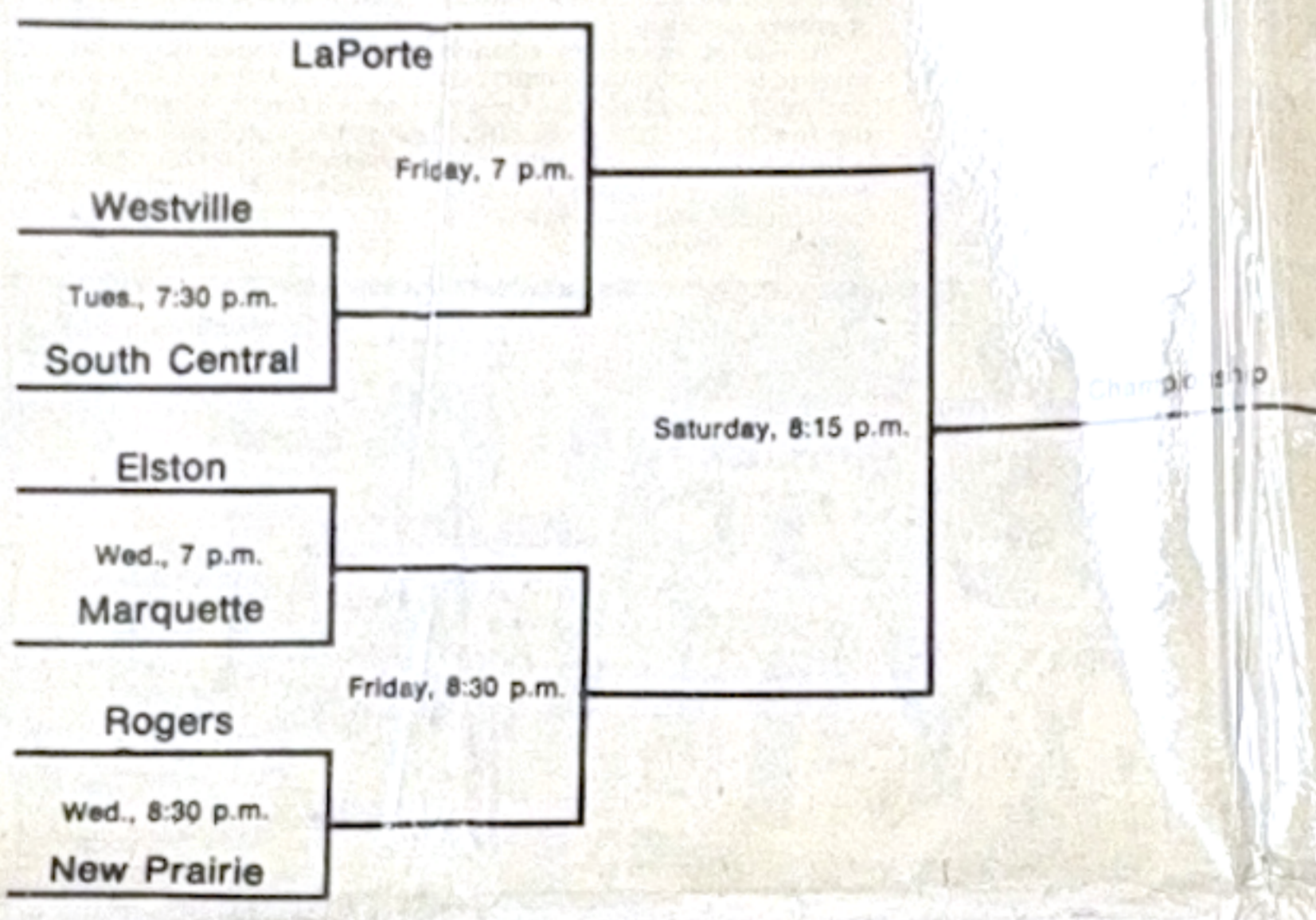
LaPorte has the easiest path to the finals, although the Slicers should have their hands full if they tangle with Tom Lewis' muscular Satellites in the opening semifinal scrap.

The oddsmakers would tell you Elston and LaPorte are the teams to beat and should lock horns in Saturday's title bout.

Elston had to come from behind and shake loose from the Slicers in the regular-season meeting before posting a 63-51 triumph in the final four minutes of play.

Obviously, Elston and LaPorte can't afford to overlook the field and point towards one another.

Michigan City Sectional Pairings



Ford-Reagan: No 'kayo' seen

By WALTER MEARS
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford's narrow victory over Ronald Reagan in New Hampshire's keynote Republican primary points to a long struggle for the Republican presidential nomination. It signals that the knockout blow will be hard to land in the procession of elections.

Ford's victory, and that helps. But the New Hampshire verdict also shows that when they get to the voting booth, Republicans are deeply divided between the man who is president and the man who wants to be.

Georgia's Jimmy Carter was the big winner in the first of the presidential caucuses, a comfortable victory that makes him the frontrunner among Democratic candidates. There are nine still told.

Carter's new mantle is one that can have drawbacks. But it is a giant step forward for the former governor who came to New Hampshire as a nobody more than a year ago and left with first prize.

"I remember when we couldn't find a microphone," said Carter.

He'll find plenty now, for it is both the blessing and the curse of the frontrunning candidate that he faces intense scrutiny every step of the campaign way.

With the ballots counted after an all-night Republican tally awarded Ford his victory, the political caravan breaks camp and moves southward, the Democrats to do battle in Massachusetts next Tuesday, Ford and Reagan to meet again in Florida on March 9.

Ford captured his first statewide political contest with 51 per cent of the vote, a margin of just over 1,300 ballots.



JIMMY CARTER ... Demo front-runner
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With 94 per cent of the vote counted, Ford had 54,051 to Reagan's 52,706.

Among the Democrats, the tally read this way:

- Carter 22,591 or 30 per cent.
- Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona 18,146 or 24 per cent.
- Sen. BIRCH Bayh of Indiana 12,276 or 16 per cent.
- Former Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma 8,628 or 11 per cent.
- Sargent Shriver 6,501 or 9 per cent.
- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, on write-in votes, 4,180 or 6 per cent.

The New Hampshire vote was a preface, to be overtaken within days by the decisions of other voters, in bigger states. Reagan had an apt phrase for it: "One primary does not a summer make."

It will take 31 to do that, in almost weekly competition that won't end until June 8.

Reagan and his managers had

tried hard to convince opinion makers that running reasonably close to Ford was all that should be expected of them. But offstage, Reagan men clearly thought they had the lead and might win outright.

"I feel what's happened tonight is a victory," Reagan said after midnight, with the Republican verdict still in doubt.

"Hogwash," countered Rep. James Cleveland, the Ford campaign chairman. "A victory is a victory, particularly for an incumbent who is making tough decisions against a guy who can come out of the west and make promises every day of the week."

There was another phase in the primary, and Ford was winning that decisively. With the vote count nearing completion, delegates backing him for the nomination led for 19 of the 21 seats New Hampshire will have at the Republican National Convention.

Carter led for 13 of the 17 Democratic delegates, Udall for four.

Howard H. Callaway, Ford's national campaign manager, said Reagan had been beaten in his strongest northern state. Reagan said he had done better than anyone should have expected.

They can argue about that forever — or at least until the next primary. The fact is that Ford won, in a state where Reagan enjoyed the ardent support of the dominant newspaper, the Manchester Union Leader, the backing of Gov. Meldrim Thomson and a superior campaign organization.

Reagan was campaigning today in Illinois, which holds its primary March 16, but by nighttime, he is due in Tampa, Fla. And the New Hampshire loss may well lead him to intensify his personal campaign in Florida.

"They told us that any kind of a victory would help the President in Florida," a Ford campaign strategist said. "Well, we've given them any kind of a victory."

The Reagan ploy had been to try to hold Ford to the standard expected of elected presidents. That's what did in Lyndon B. Johnson eight years ago, when he won the New Hampshire primary but was rated a loser because he only had a seven-point margin.

But Ford is not an elected President. He holds office by appointment and succession. The New Hampshire primary was his first electoral test outside the Grand Rapids, Mich., congressional district that 13 times elected him to the House.

Bayh claimed his third place New Hampshire finish was gratifying. Harris said he had hoped to do better and thinks he will in Massachusetts. Shriver said much the same thing.

Retired Michigan City inventor David Crosthwait Jr. dies

David Nelson Crosthwait Jr., 238 Hendricks St., a retired Dunham-Bush engineer, died at 4 this morning (Feb. 25, 1976) at St. Anthony Hospital, where he had been a patient for two days.

Mr. Crosthwait, who holds 34 United States patents and 80 foreign patents, was honored last spring by Purdue University. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in technology in recognition of his long career of active contributions to the design, installation, testing, balancing and servicing of power plants and heating and ventilating systems.

Funeral service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Carlisle Funeral Home with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday.

Mr. Crosthwait retired in 1969 as technical advisor to Dunham-Bush. During his long career, he developed control systems and the variable vacuum system for heating for such major buildings as Rockefeller Center, Stuyvesant Town, and Parkchester in New York City.

A contributor to trade publications, Mr. Crosthwait rewrote Chapters 15 and 16 of the 1939 edition of the American Society of Heating and Ventilation Engineers Guide and Chapter 29 of the 1959 edition of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers Guide. He also authored Chapter 8 of Steam Heating Systems of the 1966 editions and Chapter 52 of the 1967 edition of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers Guide. He also prepared the basic material for a number of Commercial Standards and Standard Practice Codes.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1913, and was registered as a professional mechanical and electrical engineer by the Council of State Boards. He was licensed in Iowa, Indiana and Illinois.

After his retirement, he continued to teach and write and had taught a course in steam heating theory and controls to instructors of the United Association in a program sponsored by Purdue's School of Technology last summer.

Mr. Crosthwait had lived here for 34 years. He was past president of

the Urban Renewal Commission, had served on the St. Anthony Lay Advisory board from 1967 to 1973, was a former Boy Scout commissioner, past president of Old North Unitarian Church and had served on the board of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., he was the son of Dr. David N. and Minnie L. (Harris) Crosthwait. Survivors include the widow, the former Blanche Ford, a sister, Mrs. Ann Simms, Kansas City, Mo., and a cousin, Dr. L.T. Crosthwait, Detroit.



DAVID CROSTHWAIT JR.

Deaths

David N. Crosthwait Jr., 238 Hendricks St., Otis Graves, 81, 613 Warnke Road.
David Hairston, 55, 321 Village Road.
William Kilgore, 53, 847 Henry St.
Gladys McDonald, 65, 5757 Melton Road, Portage.
Carl Pedersen, 58, Otis.
Anch Smith, 68, 213 E. Sixth St.
(Details on Pages 1, 16, 17)

Weather

Partly cloudy tonight with chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 39. Mostly sunny Thursday and not so warm, high 53. High yesterday 61, low 42.



Kidnap victim escapes

A girl identified as Jan Gleason, 17, of Kalamazoo, Mich., crawls from a car at Stevensville, Mich., after two men inside the auto shot and killed themselves early today, according to Michigan State Police. Jan reportedly was kidnaped. A story is on Page 3. (AP)



Life saving award

The first national honorable mention Life Saving Award for the Singing Sande Girl Scout Council was presented yesterday to Nyeita Irish, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irish, 614 Longwood Drive. The award was given to the fifth grade Joy School student for her quick action Aug. 10, 1974, when she

rescued her sister, Roberta, 4 (center), after the child fell into 10 feet of water in a swimming pool. Their mother, Mrs. Cora Irish, joined in the ceremony during a leader recognition luncheon at the American Legion Post 37 clubrooms. (News-Dispatch photo by Jim Messina)

Party Cookies details future operations here

About 50 to 75 jobs will be created for Michigan City area residents for Michigan City Cookies, Inc., a specialty baker headquartered in Blue Island, Ill., begins operations in the former Keebler Co. building, U.S. 20 and Ohio St.

Company officials announced acquisition of the building at a press conference this morning sponsored by the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce and also attended by Mayor Joseph LaRocco and John Garrettsen of First-Merchants National Bank.

The company plans to both manufacture and warehouse in the 48,000 square foot facility, which includes more than 5,000 square feet of freezer space. Manufactured will be both frozen raw cookie dough and baked old-fashioned cookies, including jumbo chocolate chip, oatmeal, sugar and fruit bars.

Raw cookie dough is sold primarily to schools and in-store bakeries.

Party Cookies manufactures butter cookies for resale in bakeries, supermarket in-store bakeries, mass merchants and specialty food stores and for use in the institution-food industry. It also produces all food industry. It also produces diet cookies, decorated comic cookies, old-fashioned jumbo type cookies, petit-fors, small cakes and the raw cookie dough.

The bakery was founded in 1963 by Chuck Hoch, a second generation baker. His father, Carl Hoch, a master baker, later joined the company.

Chuck Hoch said this morning

the Michigan City plant will more than double the company's present production capabilities at its Blue Island plant.

Hoch said an additional 40-by-90-foot building will be added to the west end of the present structure. It will contain additional freezer space for storage.

The company also will do "extensive landscaping around the building," he said. The building will be painted and the company's own equipment will be installed.

Nine acres of land also was acquired with the building and Hoch said he is optimistic there can be some expansion in the future.

About 40,000 pounds of cookies per shift will be produced initially, he said.

Hoch said the company also examined sites in the suburban Chicago area before choosing Michigan City.

"The building here was ideal for our needs," he said. "It has all the physical facilities we need. The availability of natural gas was also a factor. And we had good cooperation from the city, the chamber of commerce, and Mr. Garrettsen."

Garrettsen said his bank investigated Party Cookies and found its reputation for quality and history of growth excellent.

"Its list of customers contains some of the best in the country, including Marshall Field and Co. and the Jewel Co.," Garrettsen said.

Hoch said the facility here is far superior to the company's Blue Island facility and will become the company's showplace.

The plant manager and other supervisory personnel will be transferred to Michigan City from the Blue Island operation. All other personnel will be hired from the Michigan City area.

Hoch said hiring will begin in May or June. But applications are available at the building, he said, and those wanting to fill them out now will be asked to send them to Blue Island.

Some area residents have already asked for applications, he said.

Dennis Babb will be the plant manager. He and his family will move here soon.

Mayor LaRocco said this morning the city will help the company in any way possible.

Chamber president David Gring said there was "a total community effort to bring Party Cookies here. Without everybody's help we still would be looking for an occupant for this building."

McClung landfill site extension recommended

As expected, a state sanitarian said yesterday he will recommend to the state board of health a six-month extension be granted for the McClung Road landfill.

The state has placed a March 1 deadline on the LaPorte landfill, but LaPorte Mayor Dennis Smith and LaPorte County Health Department Administrator Don Wingstrom have asked for an extension.

Sanitarian George Dayhuff visited LaPorte yesterday to view the McClung Road site and meet with Smith and the LaPorte board of works.

The state is expected to decide whether to okay the extension by Monday.

Meanwhile, LaPorte, Michigan City and county officials will meet Saturday morning here to hear a

presentation on recycling and discuss landfill problems.

County council president Walter Liebig said he received three telephone calls yesterday from prospective landfill site owners, including Nate Winski of Michigan City. He said he referred the calls to the LaPorte County Commissioners, who are spearheading efforts to resolve the problem.

Also yesterday, Eugene Wolff, who owns some property west of Indiana along Indiana 2, reportedly indicated it might be used for a landfill site.

There is a possibility that Walter Small's former landfill on Fall Road may be used. But it is questionable the site will meet new stricter state standards. Also, there is litigation pending against its use by area residents.

Zales announces move to Benton Harbor

Michigan City is losing the Zales Jewelry Co. to Benton Harbor, Mich.

Manager Art Rollins said the store will close its doors at 532 Franklin Square March 11. A date has not been set yet for the opening in Benton Harbor, he said.

Rollins said the downtown market hasn't been the best.

"We haven't been in the red, but we haven't been that much in the black either," he said.

He also cited maintenance costs of the building downtown and upkeep, including utility costs.

He said he did check into the possibility of moving into the Marquette Mall.

"There seemed to be a lot of traffic there. But there also seems to be a lot of industry leaving Michigan City. So we decided to move to Benton Harbor."

He said the Benton Harbor store is in a good location and the building has the needed facilities, including counter space. The store here has advertised a liquidation sale on its fixtures, showcases, storage cabinets and shelves.

Rollins said the sale has gone well and only about eight shelves are left.

He said a sale is planned near the end of February for the store's giftware items.

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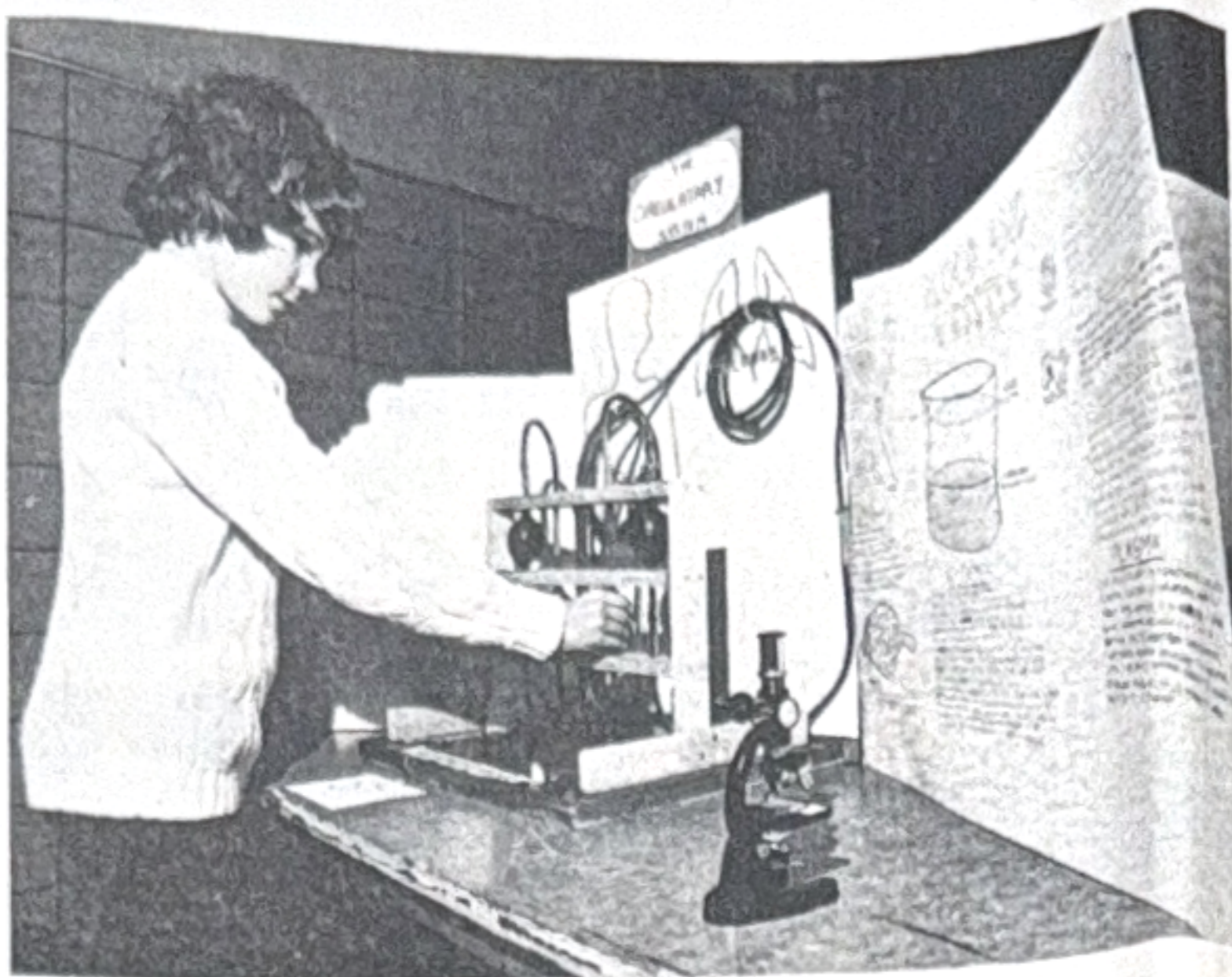
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Display goes up

Sixth grader Dan Sterling sets up his display on the "Circulatory System" during St. Paul Lutheran School's science fair yesterday. (News-Dispatch photo by Jim Messina)

City science fair scheduled at Rogers

The 22nd annual Michigan City area math and science fair sponsored by the Rotary Club will be Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Rogers High cafeteria.

The public has been invited. Two hundred and sixty exhibits are entered, consisting of 144 from high schools and 116 from elementary schools. "Math and miscellaneous" is the largest group.

Exhibits will be judged Saturday morning and awards presented at 4 p.m. Top students will advance to regional fair competition in Valparaiso March 13.

Judges will be George Hultgren, chairman, and Greg Witowski, Eric Hart, John Johnston, Robert Hawthorne, James Alred, Bernice Schaapveld, Les Chapman, Alfred Scherner, Steve Barnes, Tom Cofer, Leo Crabbs, Nancy O'Neal, James Williams, Gail Bernard, Dale Warren, Cliff Hess, Ken Barkes, J.C. Seils, Fred Wingert and Charles Stephens Jr.

The fair committee consists of Gordon Robison, chairman; James Wagner, Richard Cook, Dr. John

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Special awards will be: Rotary Award for Outstanding Senior Division Project, \$25; Rotary Award for Outstanding Junior Division Project, \$25; Artistic Merit by R.A. Wilcox, \$25; Ecology by Capt. Bill Eddy, \$25; Best Project on Nutrition by McDonald's Restaurant, \$25; Best Project on Health by Mid-City Supply, \$25; Best Use of Animals by Irv Levin, \$25; Senior Division science department award, \$15; Senior Division math department award, \$10; Junior Division science department award, \$15; Senior Division math department award, \$10, and best math by Jaymar-Ruby, \$25. Regular awards will be present-

ed in the following categories: Senior Division — biology, chemistry, math and miscellaneous, and physics and health.

Junior division — biology, chemistry, math and miscellaneous, health and physics.

Awards in each category will be first place, \$10 and ribbon; second place, \$5 and ribbon; third place, ribbon and Rotary pen, and honorable mention, ribbon and pen.

First and second place cash awards are through the donations of the three Michigan City banks — Citizens, Lakeshore and First-Mercants National.

Sportswriter Jim Frazier dies

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Gary Post-Tribune sportswriter Jim Frazier died today at his home. He was 62.

Frazier had been makeup editor at the newspaper since 1959. Prior to that, he worked 25 years for the Evansville Courier and Press and served as Sunday sports editor.

Molds display grand prize winner at fair

Sixth grader Lori Peters was the grand prize winner at St. Paul Lutheran School's science fair for her display entitled "Molds."

Other winners were: First grade — Judi Hillmann, first; second grade — Rich Barnes, first; third grade — Kim Kepcha, first, fourth grade — Beth Frame, first, and Rich Cains, second; fifth

grade — Jill Sweeney, first. Also, sixth grade — Dan Sterling and Lori Peters, firsts, and Anne Fleming and Diane Baker, seconds; seventh grade — Randy Ton and Kim O'Leary, firsts, and Shae Peglow and Linda Collins, seconds, and eighth grade — Jamie Fleming, first, and Tim Frame, second.

2 kill selves after Michigan kidnaping

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. — Berrien County police today are trying to determine the identities of two young men who abducted two Kalamazoo young women last night, then committed suicide after police surrounded their car near Stevensville, Mich.

Police said the two kidnapers may have been Detroit youths. The two committed suicide, police said, after being trapped in their overturned car with the kidnap victims for more than an hour last night.

One of the kidnapped girls is recuperating in a Kalamazoo hospital from a gunshot wound to her left elbow. A Stevensville policeman is in Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph, with a leg wound.

The sheriff's office said Vicky Merrifield, 24, and Jan Gleason, 17, both of Kalamazoo, were abducted at gunpoint by two men as they left a Kalamazoo restaurant about 9:30 (EST) last night. The two women reportedly are sisters.

A little after 11 p.m., Bridgman police chief Mike Pedde stopped the kidnapers' car for a routine traffic violation between Bridgman and Interstate 94. Pedde apparently did not know of the kidnaping at

the time, but as he approached the car he was fired upon.

The car sped away, with Pedde in pursuit. As the kidnap car exited at Stevensville, the car went out of control and overturned with all four persons still inside. As police approached the car, more gunfire came from inside, hitting Stevensville policeman Marty Watson.

Police tried to negotiate with the car's occupants but were unsuccessful. About midnight, Mrs. Merrifield was released, and police then learned of the abduction.

Police tried to negotiate for the other girl's release and about 1 a.m. fired tear gas into the car. Gunshots were heard inside the car, and police found the kidnapers dead of self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Mrs. Merrifield was treated at Memorial Hospital for shock. Miss Gleason was transferred to Bronson Memorial Hospital, Kalamazoo, where she is in fair condition after surgery today. Watson is in fair condition at Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph. Police did not know if Miss Gleason was wounded by a police bullet or by the abductors.

Race track construction still under discussion

THREE OAKS, Mich. — The possible construction of a large race track complex in the Three Oaks-New Buffalo area is still under discussion by township officials and an investment group, The News-Dispatch learned today.

Three Oaks Twp. supervisor Alfred Helliga and township zoning board chairman Bernie Crosby both confirmed this morning that township officials met last night with Cassopolis, Mich., real estate developer Victor Spaniolo, a representative of the investment group. Spaniolo could not be reached by phone this morning.

Township officials and the investment group were also meeting in December.

Crosby said the meeting last night was informal and racetrack plans are still in the preliminary stage. He said the investment group wanted to know what requirements have to be met.

It does appear though that plans are almost beyond the talking stage.

Helliga said the zoning board indicated it would favor zoning for the racetrack.

"There was no opposition from the zoning board and I'm sure there won't be any from the township board."

He said, however, that nothing

definite came from the meeting last night. "There are so many different angles to work from."

Helliga said a rough draft of racetrack plans is expected in a couple of weeks.

Among questions to be answered, Helliga said, is whether the soil at the site tests favorably for drainage.

Township officials will probably visit other racing sites to view operations, he said.

Under construction for the track is a 480-acre tract of land on U.S. 12 about two miles west of Three Oaks, Helliga said. A 15,000-seat harness racing track is planned. A horse breeding farm also would be located at the site.

Helliga said there have been rumors of opposition from a couple of area property owners, but "most of the reaction has been favorable."

If the racetrack becomes a possibility, Helliga said, the real estate tax on it could be equal to 30 or 40 per cent of what the township's tax revenue already is. The township would also get a share of money bet at the track.

Spaniolo said in December that the possibility of constructing a racetrack has been discussed for the past few years.

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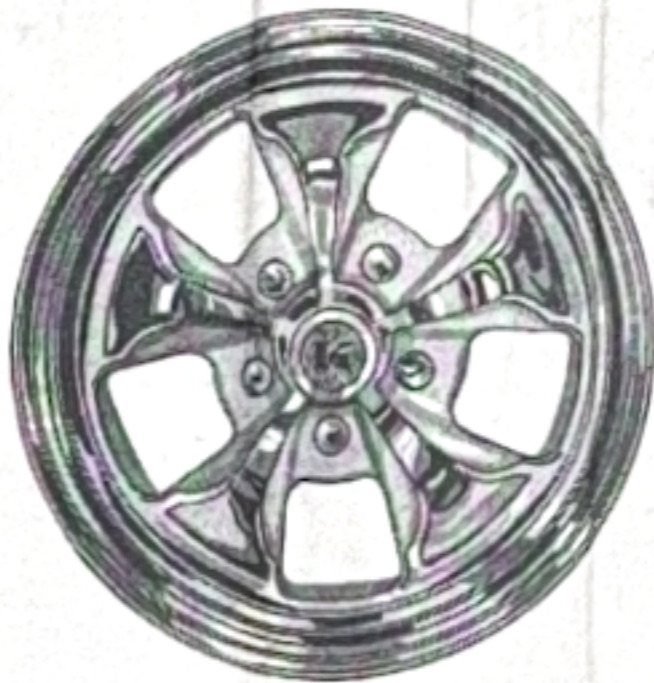
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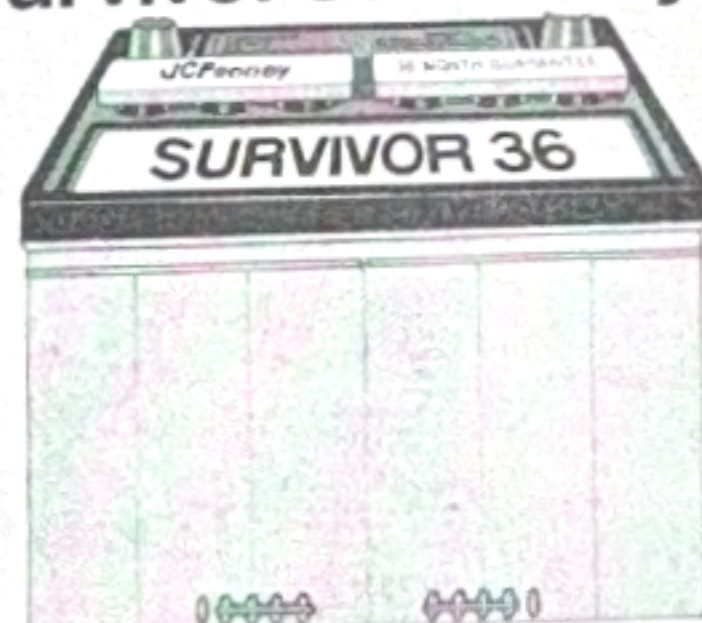
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On the right to bear arms



(Editor's Note: This is the second of a five-part series on the controversial issue of stricter gun control in the United States.)

The most confusing myth in the whole handgun debate is that any licensing or regulation of firearms is widely seen as a violation of the Constitution. It is argued that, if Congress went so far as to ban the manufacture of handguns, this would certainly be struck down by the Supreme Court.

Not so. There is no such constitutional right, but it is widely espoused by gun-control opponents and it deters some legislators and gun-control supporters because the myth sounds so plausible on the surface.

Whenever I write about the need

for stricter gun control, I get numerous letters from readers asking why I am against the Constitution and asserting that the government must not be allowed to "take away our right to 'bear arms.'"

It is an appealing argument unless you read the Constitution.

The Second Amendment does refer to the right, "to bear arms," but the right to bear arms is expressly and exclusively related to the maintenance of a state militia. Here is how it reads:

"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of the free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

This amendment thus authorizes citizens to bear arms in the service of the militia; it does not guarantee

an unrestricted right to own firearms.

The history of the Second Amendment shows that its purpose was to protect the right of the states to maintain their own security forces by forbidding the federal government to infringe upon that right.

This is not just an arguable interpretation by gun-control advocates. It is the unanimous interpretation of the Supreme Court of the United States. Four different cases have come before it centering on this issue and the court has consistently held that the Second Amendment applies only to the maintenance of a state militia and does not guarantee an unlimited right to bear arms.

The judicial precedents are unbroken. They are all to the same ef-

fect; namely, that the amendment protects the collective right of the people to bear arms in a military capacity for the security of the states.

The Supreme Court's rulings go back as far as 1875 and 1886, and the latest came in 1939. In its verdict in *United States vs. Cruikshank*, these are the court's words:

"...the bearing of arms for a lawful purpose is not a right granted by the Constitution. The Second Amendment declares that it shall not be infringed, but this, as has been seen, means no more than it shall not be infringed by Congress."

In *United States vs. Miller*, Justice McReynolds, a judicial conservative, put it this way:

"With obvious purpose to assure

the continuation and render possible the effectiveness of such (militia) forces the declaration and guarantee of the Second Amendment were made. It must be interpreted with that end in view."

In addition, the Supreme Court has stated that the right to possess and bear arms must have a reasonable relationship to maintaining such militia, and has indicated in *United States vs. Tot* that handguns have no such relationship and thus can be regulated by the federal government.

There has been no contrary verdict by the Supreme Court on any occasion.

Despite this clear judicial record, it is evident that there are still proponents and opponents of stricter gun control who, from lack of information, assume there is a

constitutional right to keep and bear arms for personal use. There will continue to be honest differences of opinion on how and how far to go in dealing with handguns, but let's try to keep the debate within the bounds of fact.

A recent letter from a reader challenged me with this argument. He wrote: "On ABC nightly news, Harry Reasoner reported there were more deaths due to choking on food than by handguns. So, now let's outlaw food."

That is absurd. Food is indispensable; handguns are not indispensable. People can't get along without food; people can get along without handguns — and live longer!

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Disturbing clues

Refugee children from Vietnam have evoked some disturbing rumbles within America's educational community — and perhaps disclosed some defects that cry for correction.

A few scattered tests — small and far from conclusive, yet significant — indicate that while language difficulty may cause lags in some subjects, the Vietnamese are way ahead of American kids in math and science.

"The Vietnamese child has a better background in math and science at a lower grade," Alene Grognet, coordinator of a clearing house for educators working with refugees, told a Christian Science Monitor reporter.

"They don't have as many frills as American education does. Education is not fun in

Vietnam."

Another clue came from J. Paul Adkins, a California educator who made some tests during graduate studies of "computation, concepts and basic mathematical skills."

The Vietnamese ranks far above average, the U.S. youngsters far below. Said Adkins: "Our students are alarmingly below average in the basic skills. We've collapsed in the basics."

As educators have been quick to point out, these are fragmentary tests from which no solid conclusions can be drawn.

But as clues, they certainly are disturbing — particularly since they tend to confirm other surfacing evidence that America's educational system is in critical need of hard-nosed scrutiny and reappraisal.

Imagery vs. reality

The AP story of New York was quite touching — at first glance.

Dismissed early Jan. 19, students from Chelsea Vocational High celebrated by piling onto a subway train and tearing three cars apart — smashing seats, breaking windows, terrifying passengers.

Seemingly conscience-stricken, the students subsequently collected \$1,000 — much of it sacrificed lunch money — and gave it to the city to pay for the mindless vandalism.

"We want to apologize to everyone we have offended and we hope that you will forgive us," said Chelsea's student council president.

Inspiring and comforting? Well, not quite. Some things between the lines require scrutiny and reflection.

For one, only four members of the rampaging mob were arrested.

For another, the reparations came from about half of Chelsea's students, and it's a cinch not many vandals were among them.

Finally, that \$1,000 from the students is a mere token payment that can't possibly cover more than a small fraction of the damage someone else will have to pay.

What we have here is a fine, praiseworthy gesture by some decent kids.

But what we also have here is one more case of gently wrist-slapping vicious wrongdoers who ought to be forced to face the consequences of their acts.

So let's not be carried away by pretty imagery that obscures ugly reality.

Max Lerner

My writing desk

ST ANN'S BAY, Jamaica — Happy is the worker who can carry his workshop with him. I have wandered the world somewhat, not least on this paradisaic island (alas, a troubled paradise now), but I have never had any difficulty in taking my workshop along with me.

The trouble with some writers is the writing-desk habit they develop. They get glued to the desk. I can understand the need for regular writing hours and conditions. I think of Thomas Mann, writing "Dr. Faustus" and the Joseph novels, day after day at Pacific Palisades, and then writing about how he wrote them. Mann kept banking hours, and his universe — however spacious imaginatively — was a tidy, orderly universe. But I prefer people like Keats and Nietzsche and D.H. Lawrence, who wandered restlessly in search of the sun, and who carried their imaginative universe with them, in their slender portmanteaus. A writer doesn't belong to his desk. It belongs to him. He creates it wherever he goes.

I don't cry down habit and ritual. I long for them — when I can get them. Give me a chance to establish myself anywhere — even for a week — and I will clear off a table, find a chair, spread out my papers and settle down to the writing at hand. I will do it day after day, until I pack up and try to find a new ritual place. Like most other newspapermen, I am a roving writer animal with a movable lair.

Ernest Hemingway combined the best of the two worlds of a writer — the roaming world and the resting world. For him life was, like Paris, a "movable feast." I visited his Havana home after his death, and saw his writing desk. He worked at it standing up, a sensible thing for a man who paces the room and doesn't want to sit down at each turn. He wrote longhand

and kept track of his progress, noting each day the number of pages and lines he had done.

Every writer does it. I plead guilty, too. It is a way of pacing ourselves, to make sure that the task behind means a real start and that the task ahead is compassable.

There is a beach on this island which just happens to be the most beautiful beach in the world. I have walked it every winter for a week or two, over the years — the same strip of beach, with the same cove for swimming, the same rocks, the

same iridescent expanse of water, the same blue vault of sky. I have my writing desk on this strip of beach. It is a twisted leg of a massive covered-over tree trunk, jutting out of the hard sand like an angry alligator. As long as the sun can elude the clouds I walk between tree stumps and rocks, and each time I reach my writing desk I rescue pad and pen and write down whatever sentence the waves and breeze and sky have put into my head. When the sun gives up, so do I.

I have a writing desk at home in



"And we're not even running!"

New York as well, for most of the year. It is normally so covered with papers, books, typewriter, telephones that the writing space is minimal. Every couple of weeks I sweep the accumulation onto the floor or into packing cartons and start again with a clean slate but little memory of where to find what.

When I travel I do with a makeshift desk in whatever the setting offers. I recall some strange ones: At a long table at our house in Sunder Nagar in Delhi; on a hotel veranda overlooking the marketplace in Phnom Penh; on a houseboat in Kashmir; in the dappled sunlight of an enchanted garden in New Orleans; in a heatless room of a Rome winter, in the Trastevere; on a sundeck in Malibu and another in the Topanga Canyon in California; on a Venice balcony opposite the Church of Santa Maria; in a tiny room on Ile de la Cite, overlooking the Seine; at a bare table in a bare room at the King David in Jerusalem; on the small boat wharf at Santa Barbara; in a pygmy forest in what was once the Congo, now Zaire; in a little grove at a sunny *finca* in Ibiza.

Yeats had a tower to write in, where he was wholly open to the sun. Jefferson had a specially built desk from which he sent his unending stream of letters. Lincoln used whatever he could get, perhaps the back of an envelope on a hard board. Marx used a table at the British Museum. Whatever gives you continuity is your writing equipment.

It is better to carry the continuity in your head than on a desk. Sometimes a dispatch case helps if you are moving fast and there are too many other things rattling around in your head. I am of the school which believes in staying put at a home desk when you must, but using a tree trunk on a far isle when you can.

Los Angeles Times

The Anvil Chorus

Outreach for Youth

Dear Editor: We would like to take a few moments of your time and the time of your readers to present a solution to a possible problem of the future.

Now we understand that almost everyone has solutions to problems, even the ones not yet here, but if we may, we would like to direct attention to a more specific area. That being our young people, our teenagers and young adults.

Teenagers and young adults often bring several things into mind, for example, loud and aggressive music, souped-up cars and drag races, and of course there is always the mischievous activities around the local hang outs. All of these are not actually problems, perhaps to some they may be a nuisance, but the problems lie on other areas, such as, theft of public and personal property, vandalism, gang fights and the most dangerous, drug abuse.

We are not saying that all teens and young adults are involved in or responsible for any or all of the above, but we have conducted a very interesting study, and we think that the average adult, with children or thinking of raising children in the future, will be interested in what we have found. If we have your interest, if you care about your children, or the children of a friend, and care about what they do, or what happens to them, then we think you will be interested in us.

We are Outreach For Youth, Inc., a non-profit organization, incorporated by the State of Indiana. We are currently in the process of attempting to remodel the old Scholl's Dairy building, which we have purchased to convert and use as a youth center.

The youth center we hope to establish will consist of numerous fa-

cilities and activities, specifically oriented to our young people. What we hope to achieve is to offer our young people an alternative, to give something they want and need in an attempt to prevent and reduce the problems mentioned above.

Our study revealed that the young people of Michigan City have almost nothing to do with their free leisure time. They are often bored and, as a result, they become involved in mischievous activities. Often these activities are harmless; they result in no property damage or loss, no personal injury to themselves or others, just a little boisterous fun. But sometimes this is not so. Sometimes our young people become involved in auto thefts, sometimes in vandalism, and sometimes in the injury of themselves or others through the abuse of drugs. This not only hurts them, but it also hurts you, as a member of this community. Directly by the possible damage or loss of your property, indirectly by the use of your tax dollar to pay for juvenile correction or rehabilitation institutions, to pay for court costs and juvenile probation counseling, and to pay for the damage or loss of public property. Think of that for a moment, think of the money spent to repair or replace damaged or stolen property alone.

Our center, built with the ideas and suggestions from our young people, offers to them entertainment and inspiration to become productive citizens in our community. To keep them from carrying a mischievous act too far, from hurting themselves, their friends and you. To teach them what they want to know, to help them excel in their attempt to make this a better life for all of us.

We cannot honestly say we have all of the answers, but we do have some of them, and possibly the way

to a few more through our young people. We can help them, if you will help us, we need your support. We have spent long hours of hard work just to raise the funds to purchase the building we now have. This alone has taken us over a year and we still have a lot more to do. It has been a long hard struggle to make it this far, and now that we have we are not about to quit. But we need the support of this community before we can achieve any more, and if we do not get that support we may lose everything we have accomplished thus far.

Our young people are our future; they are the new leaders that will govern this community, this state and this country. To work for our young people, to help them and protect their future is to protect our own future. If we fail them, we fail for ourselves and our future. So please, do not just sit around and talk to your friends about how young people are today; help us change the way things are, help us give them something worthwhile to do for themselves and for us.

Call us at 872-9875, or stop in our office at 719 E. 10th St.

We are sure that once you have talked to us, have heard what we have to offer you will want to help

mold a new future, a more productive future.

And the next time you hear or read of a young person in trouble, think of what he or she did, and then think of what they could have been doing. We do all the time.

Thom Seymour
General Director
Outreach For Youth, Inc.

Why not recycle?

Dear Editor: I can't understand why our city and county officials are so afraid of recycling our trash.

Each year it costs more for landfill and each year the land will cost more; also each year a recycling plant will cost much more.

It is only common sense in the light of these conditions to start recycling our trash. But then again there is no guarantee that our leaders are picked for common sense but more likely personality and rhetoric during their campaigns for office.

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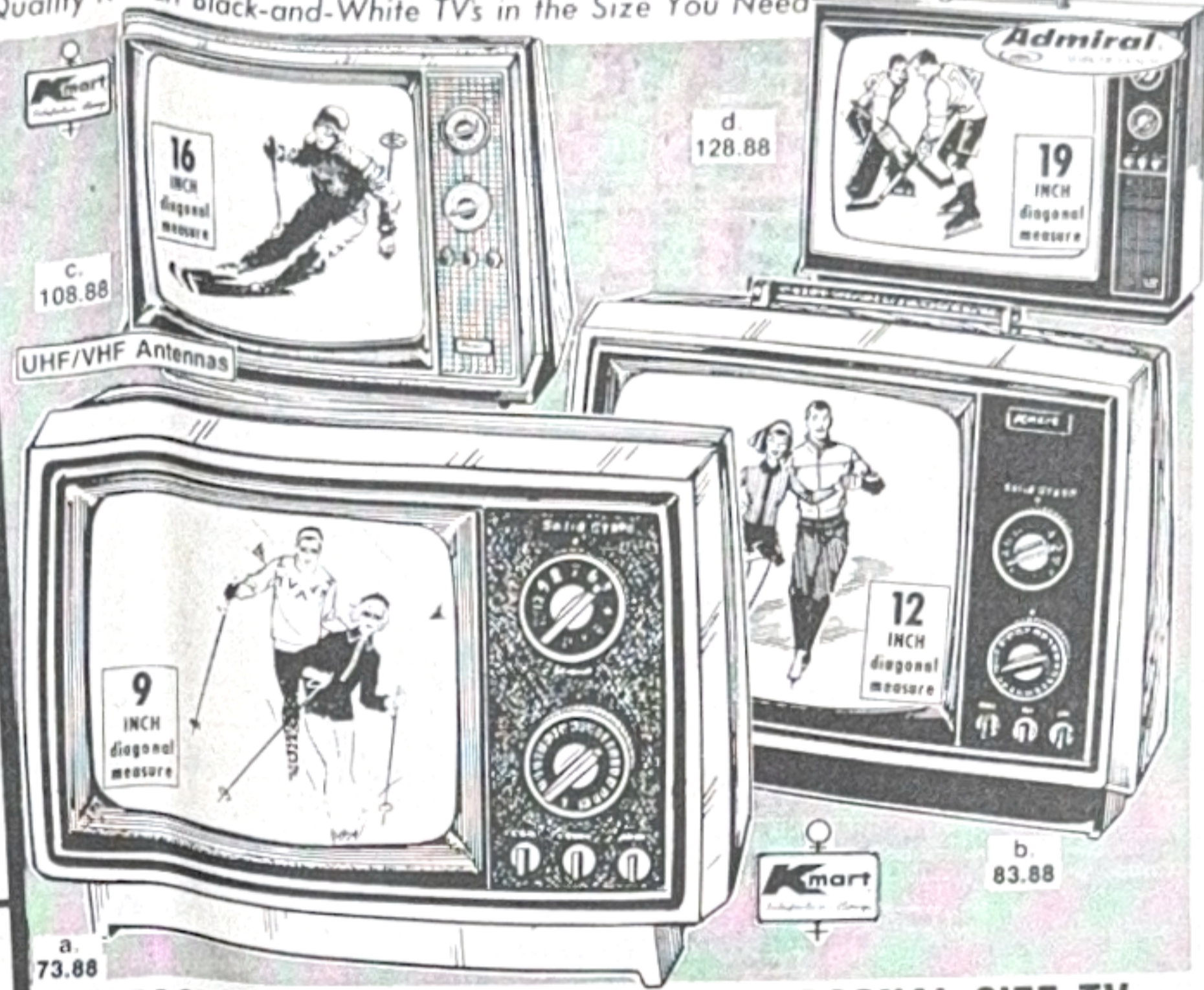
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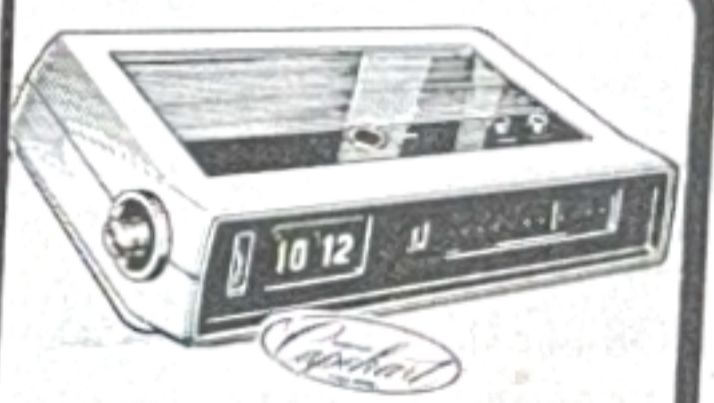
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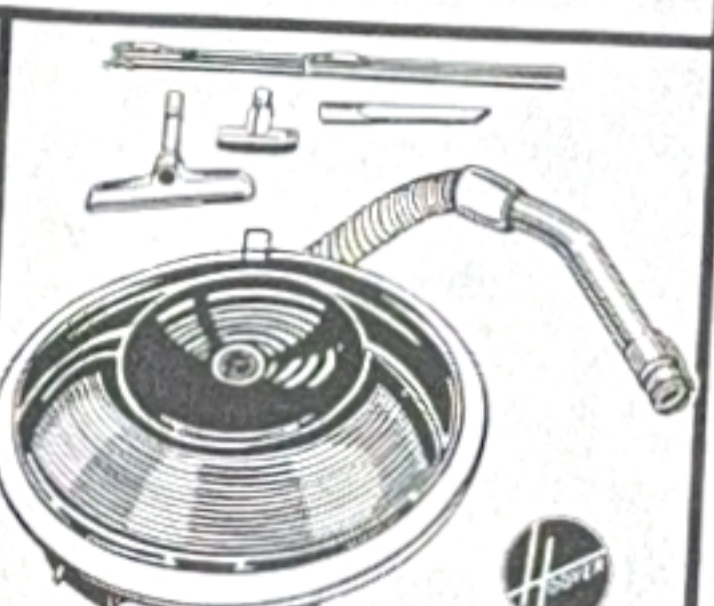
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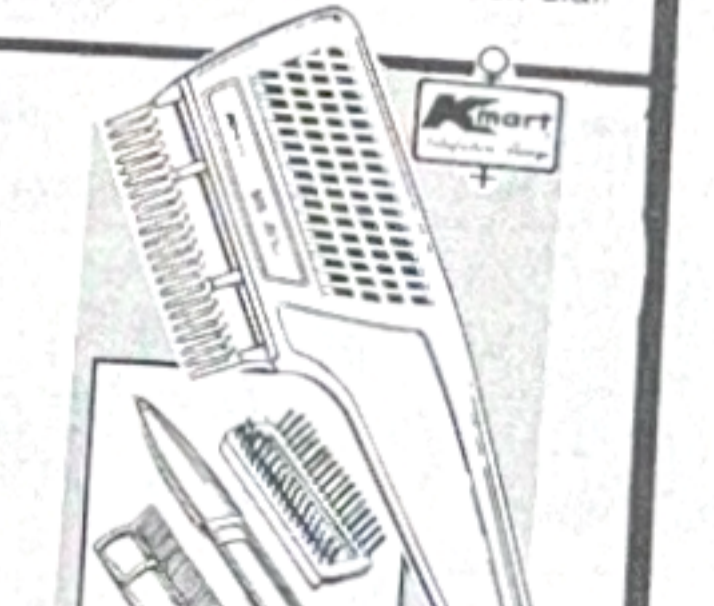
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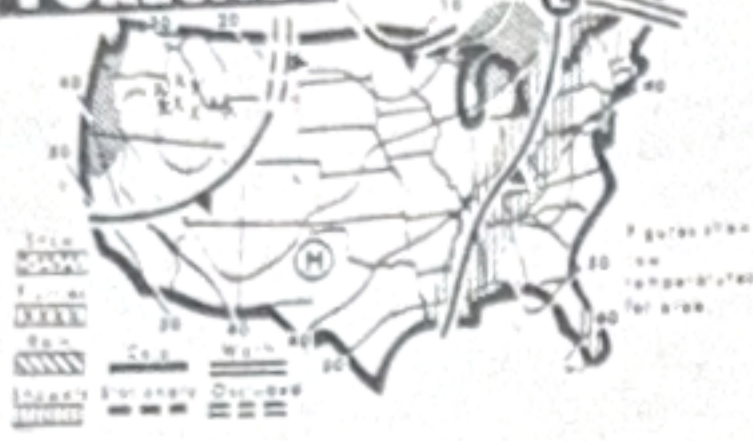
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Weather round-up

Data From NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

FORECAST



Figures show low temperatures expected until tomorrow morning. Isolated precipitation not indicated—consult local forecast.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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6 p.m. 36 Midnight 39 6 a.m. 34 Noon 55

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Police commission suit is continued

A Superior Court 2 hearing on a suit filed by nine police sergeants against the police commission was continued today to give the commission attorney a chance to file a response.

The response is to be completed within a month, and then another hearing will be set.

The sergeants are asking that the commission be mandated to conduct a promotion examination for lieutenant's rank before October. The commission earlier this month announced that all promotion examinations would be given in October, although the last test for the lieutenant rank was given in February 1974.

Unusual accident leaves home without utility services

CHESTERTON, Ind. — A delivery truck owned and operated by Daniel Clark, Harvey, Ill., damaged the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reynolds, 711 S. Jackson Blvd., yesterday without ever leaving the street.

The 13-foot, three-inch high truck struck electric and telephone lines as it traveled down the street at 7 p.m. When the truck tugged the wires loose, impact from the wires

damaged gutters and downspouts, loosened siding on the house and pulled out the electric meter box. Pipes breaking off from the meter box broke the windshield of the Reynolds car parked in the driveway.

Police estimated damage to the home at \$450. Northern Indiana Public Service Co. employees and an electrician worked until mid-

night to restore heat and power. Telephone service was restored by mid-morning today.

In another Chesterton report, Lawrence Janowski, 307 S. 14th St., told police an eight-track tape player, a tool box filled with hand tools and his check book were taken from this truck sometime between 11 p.m. Monday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

Taub sees no need to close any schools

"In our judgment, there is no need in the foreseeable future to close any schools. Statisticians tell us the birth trend is changing and, looking into the 1980s, enrollment will start increasing."

That's how school board president Dr. Robert Taub responded at last night's meeting to an audience member who said there is no reason to expect long-term enrollment increases.

John Locke, Duneland Beach, said births have decreased and there are fewer marriages and more divorces.

In other business, the board — Announced Dr. Karl Richter, rabbi of Sinai Temple who retires this year, will be Elston High's commencement speaker June 3. Since arriving in Michigan City in 1950, Rabbi Richter has been active in community affairs. He received the Michigan City Bar Association's Liberty Bell award in 1969 and the Mayor's Human Relations

Award in 1970.

— Okayed the job description for a vocational career counselor.

— Approved a secondary health textbook selection committee. It includes Robert Harbart, chairman; Paul Michaels and Noel Schlegel, Mich., senior highs; John Pasion, Don Velton and Clyde Luce, junior highs, and Mrs. Donald Hardy, Irv Levin, Mrs. Robert McBride and Mrs. Molly Karstens, community.

— Took under advisement lamp bids from Tri-State, Michigan City, \$5,512; Portage (Ind.) Electric, \$5,610, and Westinghouse Electric, Hammond, Ind., \$6,601.

— Granted a leave of absence extension to Barbara Chestovich, who took a leave of absence for Patricia Johnston, accepted the resignation of Paul Newman, Linda Lee and Patricia Gehring, and terminated Jerry Biller, Sonja Coslet and Diane DeFord when they didn't seek leaves of absence extensions.

Council will continue budget review tonight

The city council finance committee will continue its review of department budgets tonight in the basement of the city police building.

The hearing will begin at 8 p.m. and will include the 1978 budgets of the municipal coach service, parking meter, human relations and engineering departments.

The hearings are for review of

present budgets to learn details of funding prior to preparation of 1977 budgets in August.

The hearing will be preceded by a special board of works hearing on the Elks Lodge petition to vacate an alley.

That hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the police building.

For the record

Meetings

TONIGHT
Elks Lodge, 8 clubrooms.
Great Lakers Auto Club, 7 clubhouse.
Michigan City Chess Club, 6:30, Memorial Park.

Alcoholics Anonymous Al-Anon, 8, 211 E. Sixth St., closed meeting.
DeMolay, 7:30, Masonic Temple.
Neighborhood Centers Board, 7:30, Harborside conference room.

TOMORROW
Board of works, 9 a.m., Warren Bldg. conference room.
Alcoholics Anonymous Al-Anon, 10:30 a.m., 211 E. Sixth St., closed meeting.

Alateen, 7 p.m., 211 E. Sixth St.
Rotary Club, noon, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge.
Kiwanis Club, 6:15 p.m., Holiday Inn.

Protective Animal League, 7:30 p.m., Western NIPSCO, LaPorte.
Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., Barker Civic Center.

Fish and Game Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse.
LaPorte County Labor Council, 7:30 p.m., YMCA.
Knights of Columbus, 8 p.m., 3080 S. Ohio St.

Sanitary District commission, 1:30 p.m., sewage plant.

Births

MEMORIAL
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Keene, 317 Lake Hills Road, a girl, yesterday.

LAPORTE
Mr. and Mrs. David Legner, 809 Kingsport Ave., a girl, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schachno, R.R. 4, Box 44, a boy, yesterday.

Accidents

Parked vehicle owned by J.A.W. Oil Co., LaPorte, and utility pole and cement wall, 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, alley of Michigan City Police Department alley, damage \$250.

Emily Bjornberg, 5 Ponchartrain Tr., Michiana Shores and parked vehicle owned by Jerome Tumm, 208 Robin Dr., Trail Creek, 12:27 p.m. Tuesday, Michigan Blvd. east of Riley Ct., damage \$550.

Fire calls

YESTERDAY
11:45 a.m. — 828 W. Seventh St., check out furnace flames, no fire.

1:55 p.m. — "F" Street, false alarm.
7:09 p.m. — S. Carroll Avenue, shot off open fire hydrant.

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'Queen' touring America

The British rock quartet Queen is touring around America and for those who haven't heard of it there are predictions it's going to be one of the big ones. Those who have heard of it, and are fans, are those who push its recording straight up the best-selling charts the minute they're released and who know all about its black and white "trade-mark" and its theatrical stage show.

Is it weird? Not really, says lead singer Freddie Mercury. "If we were weird on stage, I don't know what you'd say the Tubes would be. It is not a show full of bombs going off. It is music that's the key factor. We're aware that people have come to listen to our music. We couple it with a bit of flashiness and the show business accoutrements that go with it. But the music is not just one big noise. We can be very sophisticated; in fact, we are."

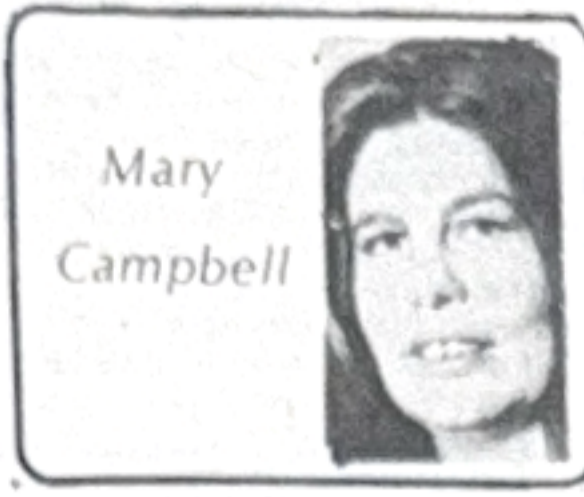
Queen arrives for a tour in America, however, with 25 to 30 in its road crew. One person stands near each performer on stage, just to work quickly if something goes wrong with that performer's musical instrument. Others work lights and amplification systems.

Mercury, 29, is interviewed in his hotel suite on a cold New York day, barefoot, wearing denim shorts, a black and white caftan top, silver snake bracelet around one wrist and black nail polish on one hand, no face makeup.

The shorts, like many things in the group's persona, just happened. "We keep all the good bits and if certain things don't work we forget them." On a previous tour, on a sunny, warm day in Los Angeles, somebody suggested that Mercury sing the encores in shorts and he did. Now he does it, even in wintertime.

The best-known nonmusical trademark of the group is its black and white garb. "In the early days, we just wore black. It was very bold and theatrical. Then we introduced white, for variety, and it just grew and grew."

The group's "coat of arms," which Mercury, who once studied at Ealing School of Art, drew, however, is beautifully colored — pink, blue, gold, white and green. A blue Q, edged in gold, has pink and blue rays radiating outward. Atop the Q is a crab for guitarist Brian May, whose is a Cancer. On either side are lions for drummer Roger Meddows-Taylor and bass guitarist



Mary Campbell

John Deacon, who are Leos. Also on each side are Mercury's Gemini symbols and atop it all is Phoenix rising from flames. The latest album, on Elektra, "A Night at the Opera," is No. 16 on the Feb. 14 best-selling chart and the single from it, "Bohemian Rhapsody," is No. 32 and climbing on the chart of the same date.

"It is an album of very strong songs," Mercury says. "Each one can stand on its own. This is our strongest album in that way. It was hard to title." The title of the album doesn't mean, he says, that it's a concept album, with all songs following a central theme like a rock opera. In fact, it may be the group's most varied album, going from acoustic folk to vaudeville and 1920s and 1930s-influenced and to high-energy rock. "Bohemian Rhapsody" has a quality they think of as opera, though, it is "our way of doing what we think is opera."

The group is an expensive one to move around the world, Mercury says, with all its equipment and its huge road crew. He gives that as the reason for changing from the previous management company to John Reid Enterprises, which also manages Elton John. "That's why we have John Reid — he has lots of money."

And what do Mercury and his fellow musicians think about the predictions and thrust toward superstardom? He says, "We haven't really sort of conjured up anything of what we're trying to do in that line. Every band has that desire to be big. That's one of the things that keeps you going. You've got to have some kind of goal — to get bigger is one. Our aim is to be respected as musicians more than that. I think you can be a very, very big group and still not be respected as musicians. You can be regarded as a phenomenon that is going to dry up very soon. I'd like to be long lasting and then thought about when I'm dead as a musician who was of some worth and some value. That would be nice."

Each of the four members of Queen writes songs.

Top Ten

- Best-selling records of the week based on Cashbox Magazine's nationwide survey:
- "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," Paul Simon
 - "Theme From S.W.A.T.," Rhythm Heritage
 - "I Love To Love You Baby," Donna Summer
 - "All By Myself," Eric Carmen
 - "Love Machine," Miracles
 - "You Sexy Thing," Hot Chocolate
 - "Take It To The Limit," Eagles
 - "I Write The Songs," Barry Manilow
 - "Evil Woman," Electric Light Orchestra
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LaRocco named to board

James LaRocco, 25, 114 Tryon St., was appointed yesterday to the LaPorte County election board by county Democrat chairman Joseph Farina.

LaRocco, a son of Mayor Joseph LaRocco, is president of the Michigan City Democrat Athletic Club, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan City Boys Football League, precinct committeeman for Ward 1, Pct. 3 and has been a state delegate to the Democrat convention.

A street department employee, he and his wife, Patricia, have one son, James II.

LaRocco replaces Dennis Neary on the board. Neary resigned because he is running for the Democrat nomination for state senator.



JAMES LAROCCO

JA members will speak at meeting

Members of the local Junior Achievement will speak on "The History of Free Enterprise" at the Historical Society meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 at Barker Civic Center.

Election '76

Harold Sellers will seek re-election

Harold Sellers, New Prairie school board District 3 member, has announced he will seek re-election.

District 3 includes Galena and Kankakee Twps. Walter Gesse also has announced for the seat.

Anne Daley, 901 Fox St., LaPorte, filed today for the Democrat nomination for county recorder.

William Kanger, 1607 Washington St., Michigan City, Democrat, filed for state delegate and precinct committeeman, Ward 2, Pct. 2.

Republicans filing for precinct committeeman were Virginia Austin, 106 Garden Circle, Springfield Twp.; Robert Hartley, R.R. 1, Hanna, Hanna Twp.; Dr. Edward Young, 610 Lake St., LaPorte, Ward 2, Pct. 1; Lottie Bement, 107 Lincolnway, LaPorte, Ward 1, Pct. 1, and Sylus Miller, 518 Brighton St., LaPorte, Ward 1, Pct. 2.

Thorson talks

"The 3rd District congressman is part of the Eastern liberal estab-

lishment. He has lost touch with his district and with what is happening in the world outside Washington," Thomas Thorson, LaPorte, charged last night in a talk to the LaPorte County Men's Republican Club in Michigan City.

Thorson has announced for the Republican nomination for the 3rd District congressional seat.

"The bureaucrats and liberal congressmen have created a tight little island in Washington where they keep busy feathering their own nests," Thorson said. "The result is inflationary spending attempts on domestic issues and dangerous irresponsibility in foreign policy."

"America's credibility abroad has been seriously undermined by reckless attacks on the CIA and the military originating in Congress. Deliberate leaking of classified information shows the kind of irresponsibility that the American people will have to correct at the ballot

box," Thorson said.

Fund raising planned

The LaPorte County Conrad for Governor Committee will have a fund-raising reception party for Democrat Secretary of State Larry Conrad at St. Joseph Young Men's Society Hall March 5 from 7 p.m. until closing.

Food will be served and entertainment is planned for the \$5 per person affair.

Tickets may be purchased from Michigan City committee members — Evelyn Baker, Etta Cain, Joe Dompke, James Kintzele, Adele Semala, Betty Margraf, Victor Migliore, Louise South and Charlotte Wentland. Other committee members selling tickets include Art Joens, Coolspring Twp.; Don Turner and Sam Kincaid, Springfield Twp.; Pat Quinn, Lincoln Twp., and Alton Bush and Wilbur Flickenger, LaPorte.

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The family of Timothy Doba wish to express our many thanks to Rev. Bruce Weber, the Carlisle Funeral home, the pallbearers, Drs. Pilecki, Predd and Liddell, the Sisters and nurses at St. Anthony's, and all of the friends and relatives who helped us in so many ways during our recent bereavement.

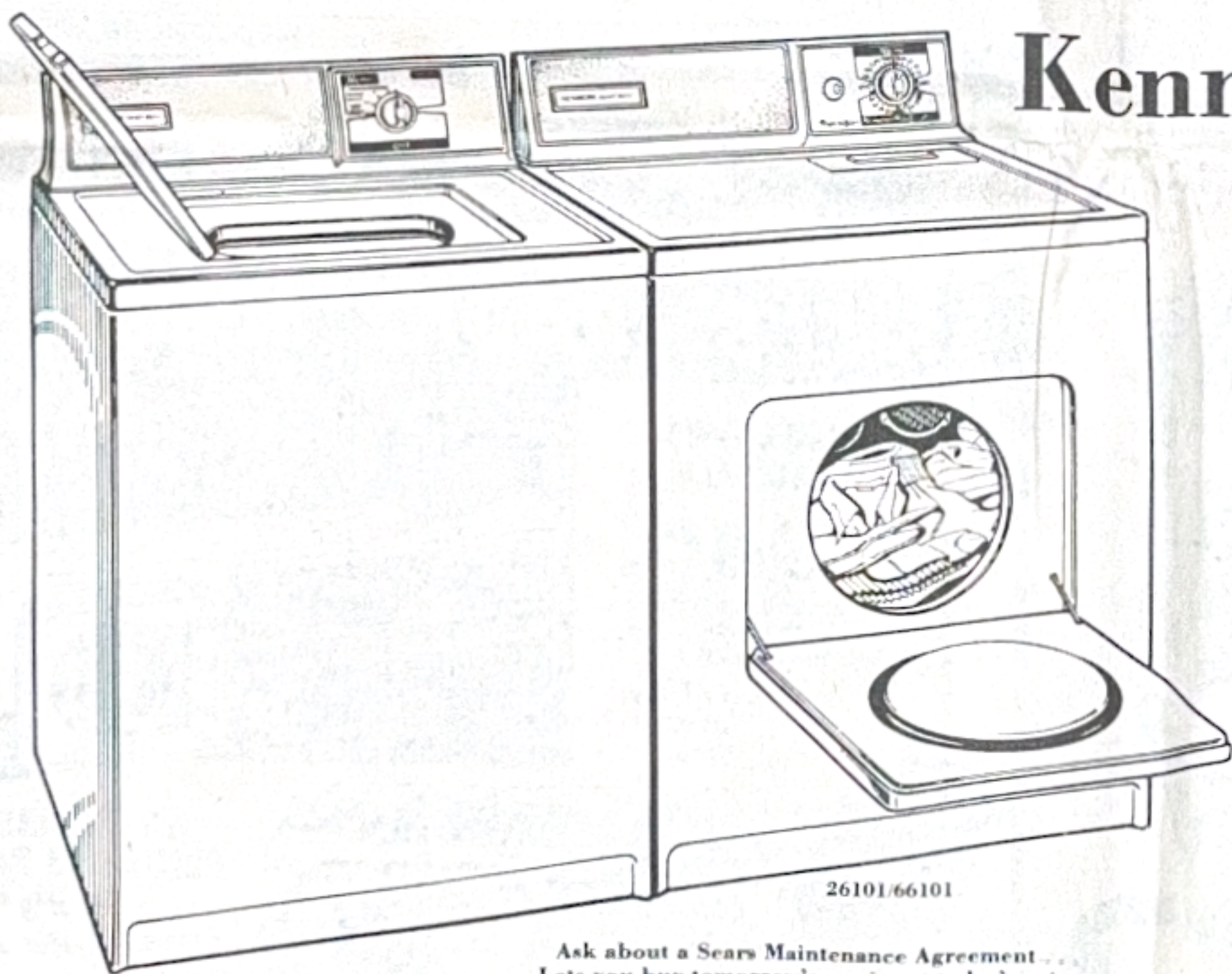
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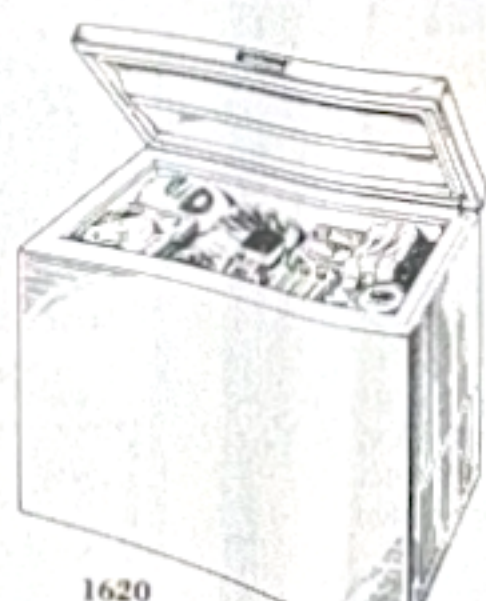
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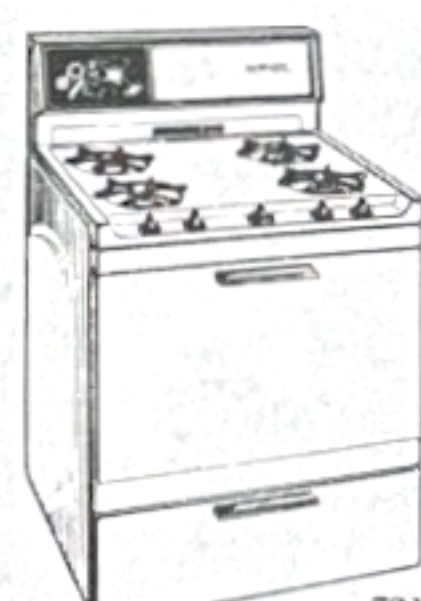
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