

Obituaries

FREDERICK W. KERR

Frederick W. Kerr, lifelong resident of Northville died Feb. 3, 1996. He had been a patient at Beyer Memorial Hospital since Jan. 13 and was 82 when he died.

After graduating from Northville High School, Mr. Kerr earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering and metallurgy from Michigan State University.

A lifelong learner at Schoolcraft College where he received an honorary associate of arts and sciences degree in 1991, he was also a consultant and mentor to many students. He served his country as a captain in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Kerr retired from the Standard Oil Co. after 30 years in 1965. His work took him all over

the Caribbean and South America. He returned to Northville and resumed his professional career as a consultant in an agriculturally related business in South Carolina until 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Sybil; daughter, Sarah Priest and one brother, Kenneth and wife. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Schoolcraft College and Northville District Library.

SHIRLEY L. BALDWIN

Shirley Lots Baldwin of Northville died Feb. 18, 1996, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She

was 60. Mrs. Baldwin was born on July 2, 1935, in Detroit to Leonard Aaron and Elizabeth H. (Haack) Rutz.

Mrs. Baldwin was a lifelong resident of Northville and a member of the Holy Family Church in Novi.

Survivors include husband, John William; son, Kyle Mulligan of Hilton Head, S.C.; sister, Betty (Bill) Grant of Royal Oak; and dearest friends, Frank and Marcia Taylor of Florida, and Loretta Scarlin of Westland.

A service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with Father Andrew Tomasko of Holy Family Church, Novi, officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

The family would appreciate memorials to a charity of choice.

Average wage increase last year largest in nearly decade and a half

Michigan's average weekly wage had its largest increase in 14 years last year as the average wage for 1995 climbed by \$27.17 to \$581.39.

"The state's robust economy in 1995 contributed strongly to the 4.9 percent increase in the average weekly wage for Michigan workers," F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC), said.

The \$27.17 increase last year is the largest dollar hike since 1981, when the average wage grew by \$27.23, and is the fifth largest increase in the last 14 years.

"The factors leading to last year's wage increase were bonus payments to workers and increased working hours," Edwards explained.

The state average weekly wage is based on employment and payroll

data collected from private Michigan employers for the 12 months ending on June 30, 1995. To calculate the wage, MESC uses payroll information from all industries in the state.

The average weekly wage figure is used in the administration of Michigan's workers' disability compensation, handicappers' civil rights and unemployment insurance programs.

Amerman troop collects charity goods for distribution to victims of fire loss

Girl Scouts in Amerman Elementary School Troop 673 assembled Red Cross Friendship Bags which will be given to children who have lost everything when their homes were destroyed by fire.

The bags will be distributed by the Red Cross.

The 15 third graders, along with one second grader, assembled 17 bags on Feb. 8 and included chapstick, toothpaste, toothbrush,

soap, washcloths, games, crossword puzzles, and needlepoint kits as one of the troop's service projects.

Troop members are second grader Andrea Engles, and third graders Amy Knoth, Andrea Moehle, Laura Snearly, Andrea Nido, Heather Zinser, Brooke Richard, Heather Atkinson, Dina Nalilah, Shannon Zingle, Elizabeth Hoffman, Eileen Shechy, Lauren

Chomluk, Marie Ambler, and Jessica Tierman.

Co-leaders are Lillian Knoth and Jeannine Moehle. On hand to help with the project were the co-leaders' daughters Megan Knoth (Daisy) and Laura Moehle (first grade Brownie).

The girls bought the items from donated money they made by collecting pop bottles, doing extra chores and from their allowances.

Preschool plans open house and enrollment day for March 2

Parents are welcome to attend the Northville Co-op Preschool Open House set for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Bring your child to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms.

Parents will be able to enroll their children for fall instruction during the event. Registration requiring a non-refundable deposit

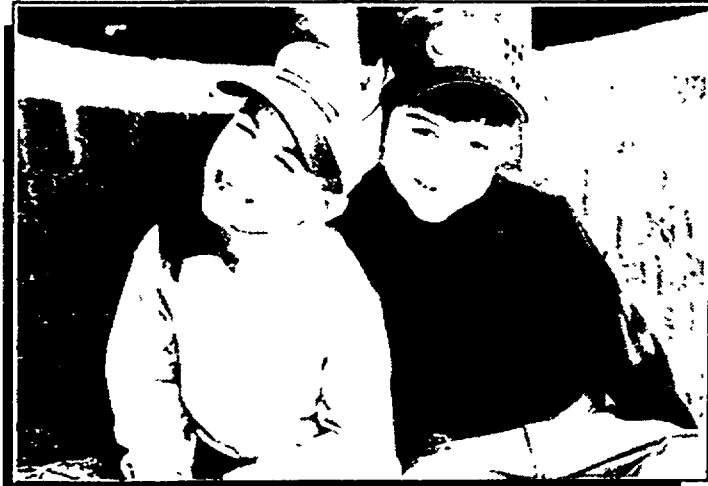
of \$20 plus the first month's tuition will hold a reservation for the 1996-97 school year.

Northville Co-op Preschool consists of parents and teachers working closely together. Members are responsible for assisting in their child's classroom, performing other duties and attending monthly meetings.

Openings are available for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds this fall. Two- and 3-year-olds attend classes two times a week; 4-year-olds are in class three times a week.

The school has been in existence for over 44 years and is located at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main in Northville.

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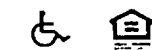
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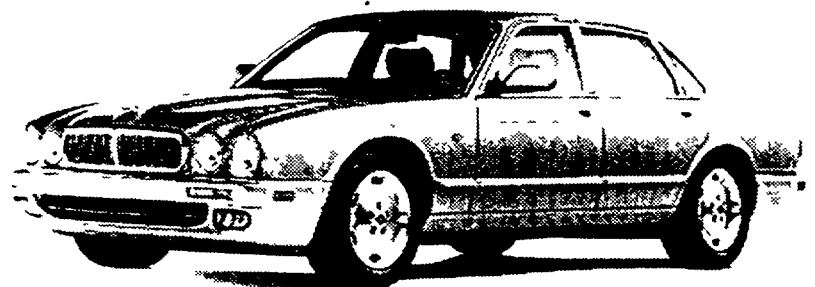
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