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## Days of Yore: Castles in a Class



CASTLES IN THE SCHOOLROOM, not to be confused with castles in the air, were constructed by Virginia Murray's 6th grade students at Houghton School, in a

project on Medieval times. With their handiwork, left to right, are Vicky Smiley, Miss Murray, Mary Lirones, and Don Schreiber.

## Hornets Trounce Clinton, Upset Favored Dundee

The Hornet varsity led all the way, in a non-league tilt at Clinton, Tuesday, to a final 71-53.

Saline held the Redskins scoreless until the middle of the first quarter; and the topheavy score was 18-6 for the Hornets at the end of that period. It balanced slightly at the half . . . to 30-23; and the third quarter ended 43-36.

High scorers were Wyman Osterhout, who accounted for 17; Rodney White, 14; Wes Gall, 13; and Glenn Burkhardt, 10. Gall also snapped up the most rebounds, 14; with Osterhout snagging 9. Yet the Hornets were out rebounded 47-42 and responsible for 21 errors. They also had 17 recoveries and 15 assists.

The Saline Hornets shot a hot 38.6 per cent as opposed to 21 per cent for the Dundee Vikings in their upset 74 - 59 victory over the Vikes Friday night.

The triumph puts the Hornets in third place and gives them an excellent chance at the number two spot.

Dundee just couldn't find the basket, even though they had 12 chances more. Saline scored 27 of 70 field goal tries as opposed to 17 of 82 for the Vikings.

Saline scored the first goal and then built up an 8 - 2 lead. The Vikings closed the gap in a few seconds, but were unable to surpass the Hornets. Again Saline took the lead, and even though Dundee surges made that lead questionable at times, the Hornets led throughout the remainder of the game.

Statistically, Saline played one of the best games of the year. They broke even on turnovers with 16 errors and 16 recoveries. Team play was also at a high as Saline recorded 14 assists.

Scoring was well distributed as the Hornets had four players in double figures. Captain Wes Gall had a fine night, pacing the victors with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Wyman Osterhout also had 10 caroms and he bucketed 12. Glenn Burkhardt netted 11 and Rod White contributed 10.

Don DeSmith, who scored 37 points against the Hornets on the first meeting of the two teams, was again high Viking scorer, but this time he was held to 16. Dick Boldt and Bill Busch, who scored 14 and 10 points respectively, were the other double figured Vikings.

Pete Slesky, a sophomore is again with the varsity to help bridge the gap left by Jerry Hill. Hill is to undergo knee surgery later this month. Slesky was cited by Coach Jim Bradley as having "played real well. He didn't lose the ball and he scored nine points. You can't ask too much more from a sophomore," said Bradley.

"Gall and Morton really hit some real key buckets too," added Bradley. "Now we know that we can get second."

Saline is presently in third place, behind Dundee and league - leading Milan. Milan and Dundee will meet again in three weeks. If Milan wins, Saline and Dundee will end the season tied for second; and if Dundee wins, then Dundee will share championship honors. Saline will then be in sole possession of second place. This prospectus will be valid only if Milan and Dundee continue to win until their clash and the Hornets take the rest of their games.

The next test for Saline will be at home this Friday against Dexter.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Milan	9	2	Lincoln	6	5
Dundee	8	3	Dexter	4	7
Saline	7	4	South Lyon	3	8
Chelsea	6	5	Novi	1	10

## Local Boy Scout Earns Eagle Badge

Mike Makielski, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Makielski of 7130 Platt Rd., will receive the highest award in Boy Scouting, at a Court of Honor Thursday night.

Mike will become an Eagle Scout at the ceremony, to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kettering Elementary School in Ypsilanti. Although he attends Saline High School (a freshman), he is a member of Ypsilanti Troop 291. He became acquainted with members of that troop and joined it because it has used the woodlot at his home for camping for the past nine years.

Mike entered Scouting at the Cub level and has been a Boy Scout for four years. He attained Star rank in December, 1968; and received his Life Scout badge in February, 1969.

### License Plates to be Sold in Saline

The 1970 vehicle license plates will be sold in Saline on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Addie Drews, a Secretary of State branch office representative from Ann Arbor, has sold plates in Saline one or two Saturdays each year for several years.

Although the deadline on passenger plates has been extended this year to March 31, the 1970 truck license plates must be on the vehicle by Feb. 28.

### Happyland Rides to Return for Fair

Happyland Shows will provide the Midway rides and shows again at the 1970 Saline Community Fair.

Problems that included a delay in setting up rides at last year's Fair have been ironed out, Fair Board members learned at their meeting Monday night. Happyland has guaranteed that three rides will be open for operation by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the first day of the Fair.

The company has also guaranteed that all rides will be open by noon on the Wednesday of the Fair, for Children's Day, and that tickets for the "kiddie rides" will be five for \$1.

No admission will be charged at the Fairgrounds until 4 p.m. Tuesday when the rides open.

The Fair will also feature a pony ride this year, not part of the Happyland concession. It will be operated by a local 4-H Club.

Fair Board officers, Albert Gall, Ray Girbach, and Webb Harwood, attended the recent state meeting of the Michigan Association of Fairs.

### City Assessor "Keeping Current"

City Assessor Dick Cole is "keeping current" with the meetings throughout the area on tax assessments, by attending all possible meetings on the subject, he said.

He attended a session Monday evening in Ann Arbor and plans to attend another, Wednesday evening, at Pittsfield Township Hall.

All local assessors will meet with representatives of the State Tax Commission on Feb. 23, at Pittsfield Grange.

In the City of Saline, tax re - evaluation notices will be sent out the first week of March.

### BLUE, GOLD BANQUETS PLANNED

Cub Scout Pack 464 will meet for the annual Blue and Gold Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Jensen School.

The Blue and Gold Banquet of Pack 474, also at Jensen School, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

### LIVESTOCK BANQUET SLATED

The annual Washtenaw County Livestock Banquet will be held at Saline High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The Saline High School Dixieland Band will provide entertainment.

Featured speaker will be Bob Miller, representative of the Dale Carnegie Leadership Training Institute. Door prizes will be awarded.

The annual Livestock Tour is scheduled on Thursday, March 5, to visit cow - calf facilities of the Calderone - Curran Ranches near Grass Lake, and the feedlot of Lyle Cunningham of Concord.

### York Considers Anti-Noise Law

An anti - noise ordinance has been considered by York Township Board, and referred to the planning commission for study.

The subject came up, according to Township Clerk Russell Wanty, because of complaints of noise at the Teamsters' Recreation Center last Labor Day weekend, and snowmobiles elsewhere in the township.

"But you have to consider these things carefully," Wanty said. "We're mostly agricultural now, but we may not be for very many years."

### UNION FARM BUREAU TO MEET

Union Farm Bureau group will meet at 8:30 p.m. Friday, at the Ed Rentschler home on Austin Rd.

## School Board To Decide On Tax Vote

Faced with the discrepant facts that Chelsea's school millage easily passed and Ypsilanti's didn't, the Saline Board of Education tonight will consider how soon to put school millage needs on the ballot in this district.

The Board earlier had decided to "wait and see how other millage elections turn out in this area" before deciding whether to hold a special election for operating millage, before the regular school election in June.

Up for renewal is the 10.98 extra voted millage approved for the Saline schools last year. The Board has indicated it will not seek an increase.

In Chelsea, a school millage renewal of 10.98 was recently approved by a good - sized margin. But Ypsilanti school voters Monday rejected a request for 5 mills, a renewal of millage which expired in December; another 6 mills will expire later this year.

The Saline Board is also in the predicament of trying to figure out how much good an increased district valuation will do . . . if any. "The higher the valuation goes, the less state aid you get," Superintendent Harold Hintz explained. Pittsfield's valuation was upped about 35 per cent last year in this school district; other townships in the district are now facing valuation boosts.

State aid is figured on a formula of so much per child multiplied by the number of students, minus the deductible millage based on valuation. The Governor's educational reform proposal would raise deductible millage from 9 to 14 mills.

Said Hintz, of the fluctuating local valuation and state aid picture: "I hope we won't lose more than we gain."

## SHS STUDENTS WIN FIRSTS, SECONDS IN DISTRICT MEET

Saline Band members were outstanding at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday. Of 18 Saline entries, seven received "first" ratings, and 11 won "seconds".

The local group was judged at Schoolcraft College, one of two sites where the District event is being held on two week - ends. There are 10,000 entries from this district alone.

The Saline firsts, 14 of whom have elected to take part in the State Festival later, include four soloists, Eddie Aluk, Dave Carman, Jerry Dennison, and Gary Jahnke.

Also awarded first ratings were a French horn duet by Sarah Christner and Pam Smith; a woodwind quintet: Noreen Ferris, Cheryl Mayer, Ruth Esch, Janet Heinger, and Sarah Christner; and a brass sextet: Jane Steiner, Linda Thomas, Pam Smith, Mark Gage, Fred Beal, and Jerry Dennison.

### CIRCLE PLANS SALAD LUNCHEON

Dorcas Circle of the Methodist Church will serve a salad luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Men will be welcome.

## Old Auto Lore: First Place in a Famous Race



A RELIC OF 1912, BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED, is a new landmark on Spring St. The ancient touring car is now the property of Mr. and Mrs. Mike May. They bought it two weeks ago for several times the price it sold for when it was a factory-new Metz: \$495.

According to Mike, who knows his antique cars, the Metz was quite a model in its day, but, like so many other makes, it failed to survive the wild competition among the hundreds of auto manufacturers in the early 20th century. A grand total of 80 Metzses were turned out in the car's factory at Waltham, Mass. It was advertised as capable of reaching a breath-taking 50 mph,

and in 1913 the Metz Model 22, just like Mike's, won the famous Glidden Cross-Country Tour from Minneapolis to Buffalo. It won against many higher-priced cars, and enjoyed a surge of popularity as a result. But in the next Glidden Tour, says Mike, the competition rigged the road, entering cars and contestants whose main responsibility was to waylay the Metz and block its progress, allowing other slower makes to win. Whether the loss of this race was responsible or not, Mike doesn't know for sure . . . but the Metzses' days were ended not long afterward. But even today the car seems to



reflect the pride of the makers, with its shining brass nameplate, carbide and kerosene lamps, and squeeze-pump air horn that sounds like an arrogant moose call.

Mike, a production supervisor at the Saline Ford plant, plans to do some restorative work on the Metz. Then it'll join the growing May fleet of antique cars that already includes a '15 Ford.

Above, Mike gives the crank a twirl under the fascinated gaze of Harry Anderson, left. At right, Harry tries out the Metz's "mother-in-law" seat, a rather uncomfortable solo bucket out back in the rain and wind.