

# Survey: voters want same services for less money

Citizens from the 28th District seem to want the same state services for less money, according to a survey published by state Sen. Alvin Degrow, R-Pigeon.

In a questionnaire sent to 111 constituents, 91.5 percent of those replying said they do not want a tax hike in order to balance the state budget.

However, in all but two cases, a majority of the same people responded they would like to see the amount of services provided remain the same.

The two exceptions were in the areas of welfare costs and transportation. Approximately 40 percent said less money could be spent on welfare, compared to 21

percent who said they wanted the amount to stay the same and 39 percent who wanted a welfare increase.

Only 29 percent of those surveyed wished to see transportation spending remain the same. Slightly more than 39 percent said less money could be directed to the state's roads; 31.5 percent said more should be spent in that area.

Constituents were closely divided on the issue of the environment with 35 percent in favor of increased environmental spending, 35.5 who said they wanted it to stay as it is and 29.5 in favor of less.

Fifty-nine percent voted to keep education expenditures right where they are.

On other issues, the survey reported that 87.5 percent of the respondents were in favor of reinstating the death penalty for serious crimes.

The law and order stance was continued as 53.5 percent said they would be in favor of additional prisons being built, even in their own community, to alleviate overcrowding in present penal institutions.

But if it were up to the people of this area, money would not be spent to build those prisons. Sixty-two percent said spending on corrections facilities in Michigan should stay at the present level, while 20.5 said prison facilities should be expanded.

Only 10.5 percent said they would be in favor of granting early releases to prisoners to alleviate overcrowding.

However, 90 percent favored letting those convicted of minor offenses pay their debt to society by doing community service work rather than serving jail terms or paying a fine.

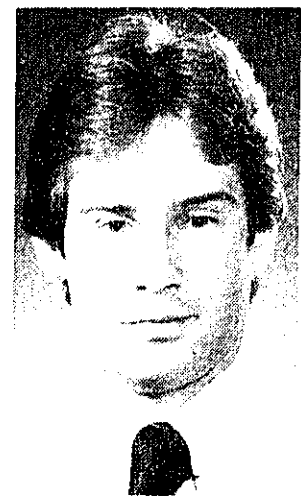
The level of state public protection is fine right where it is, according to the survey. Only 15.5 voted to increase funding of the state police, compared to 63 percent who wanted the same and 21.5 percent who said

less could be spent in that area.

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## Keating graduates at Northwood

Edward M. Keating graduated in May from Northwood Institute in Midland with a bachelor of business administration degree.



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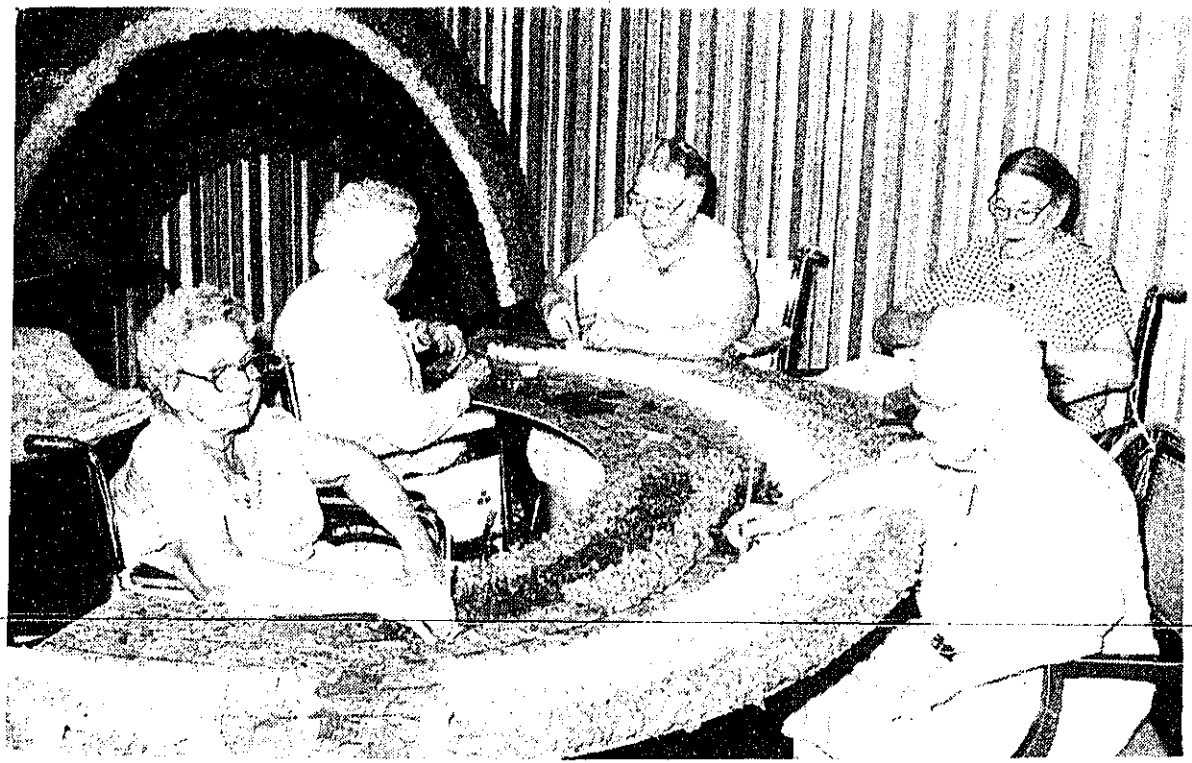
A 1975 graduate of Cass City High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keating, 6401 Huron Street.

He is now employed as a credit analyst at Michigan National Bank in downtown Saginaw.

He attended Central Michigan University for two years, then transferred to Northwood in 1977, where he received an associate of art degree in automotive marketing last year.

At Northwood, he received a certificate as display captain of the auto, truck and parts show in October, 1978. He received another certificate in recognition of meeting the requirements of the CAM Program of the National Automobile Dealers Association for automotive dealership accounting.

He was elected a member of the Automotive Organization Team in October, 1978.



**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS** -- The Provincial House float won first place in last year's Cass City Fourth of July parade. Residents are hoping this year's sequel will be as successful. Gluing on paper flowers last week were, clockwise from left, Lena Drews, Charlotte Bishop (back to camera), Evelyn Gruber, Susie Gruber, and Susan Gilbert. Theme of the float, as evidenced by the rainbow they are making and the completed one in the background, is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

## Auxiliary elects officers

Twelve members answered roll call Monday evening when the American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Eva Bair as co-hostess.

During the business meeting officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, Elizabeth Stine; first vice-president, Frankie Anker; second vice-president, Rosella Cherry; secretary, Reva M. Little; treasurer, Marion McClorey; chaplain, Verna McConnell; historian, Mayme Guild, and sergeant-at-arms, Gertrude Erla.

Executive committee members are Ann Klinkman, Mayme Guild and Eugene Keller.

Games and refreshments followed the business meeting. The door prize went to Eugene Keller.

The July meeting will be with Mrs. Little.



"LEARN TO STEER" is what the contestants were trying to tell each other in the wheelbarrow race for Campbell Elementary School fifth graders last Thursday, the final full-day of school. Other games were also played. Field games were conducted at Evergreen and Deford schools earlier in the week.

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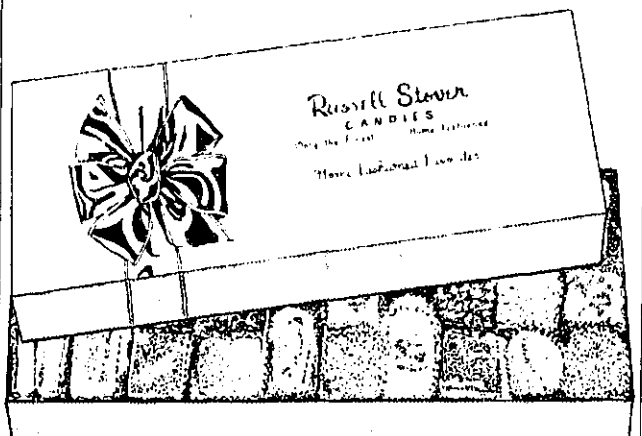
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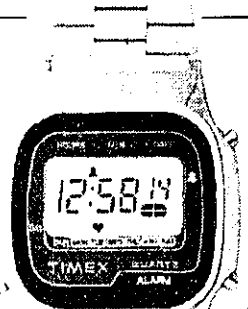
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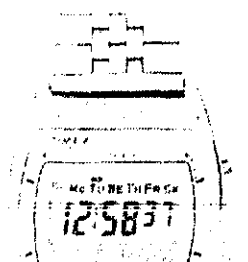
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