

# The Fulton Patriot's Hometown Business Salute October 12, 1993



Palmer's Chevrolet located on Route 481 is one of the top 100 oldest businesses.

## Palmer Chev. & Buick

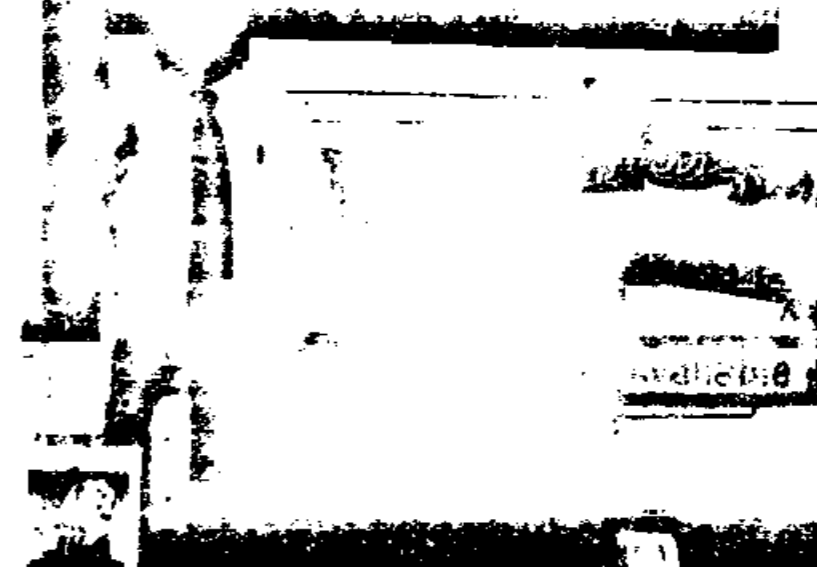
A family business since 1913, Palmer's Granite Garage, Inc., on Route 481, Fulton, has always stressed service to its customers. "We have a history of positive customer reaction at Palmer's," said Service Manager Tim Mahar. "Our customer's satisfaction index has been consistently high." Mahar attributes the service department's success to training and attention to detail for every customer. "Training is important at Palmer's," he said. "Generally, technicians have been with the company a long time and continually upgrade their skills." Palmer's has updated and renovated over the years to keep pace with new technology. The body shop was recently enlarged to add space for new equipment for modern cars. State-of-the-art technology in the service

department is combined with mechanical expertise. Palmer's is a fifth generation business. Most of the staff are long-time employees who know their customers and are knowledgeable in the business. General Manager Paul Hagan has over 20 years experience. Joe White is a member of the Legion of Leaders, Chevrolet's sales honor guild, and has 40 years experience. Bob Rookley has over 20 years experience, and Gary Bourque, John Reynolds, Mike Santoro and Bonnie Busch round out the sales staff. Palmer's also carries a large inventory of quality, late-model used cars and trucks with a variety of vehicles, including some four wheel drive. There is a warranty on all used vehicles. In addition to a complete line of Chevrolets, Palmer's provides Buick luxury cars.



## Pop Pop's

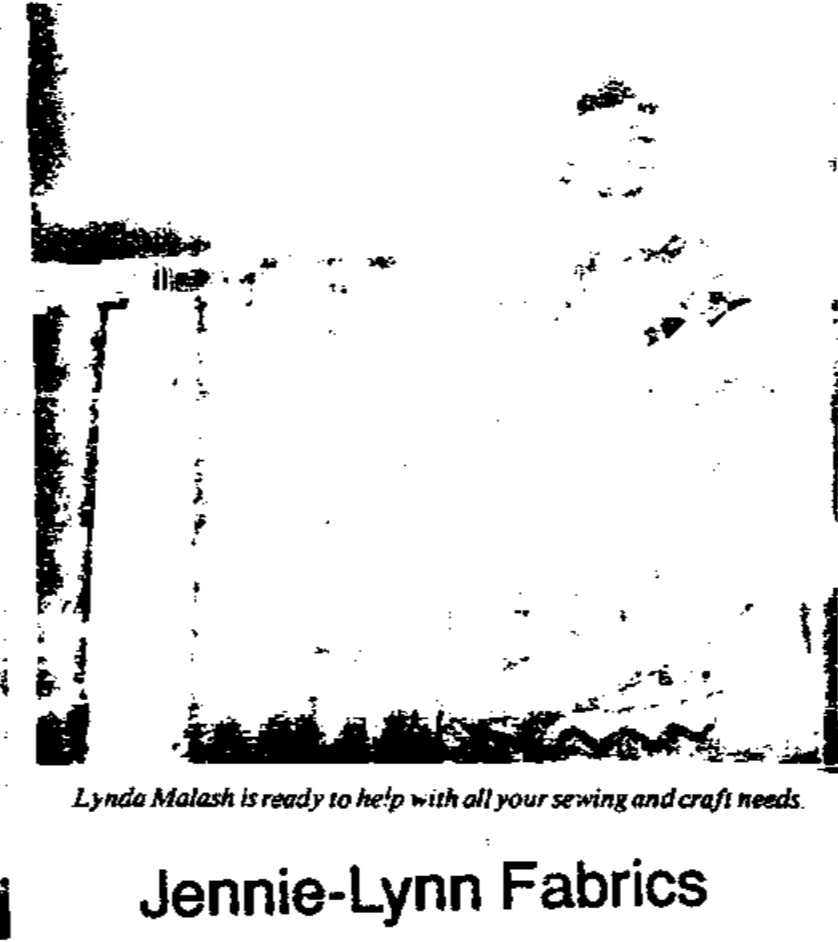
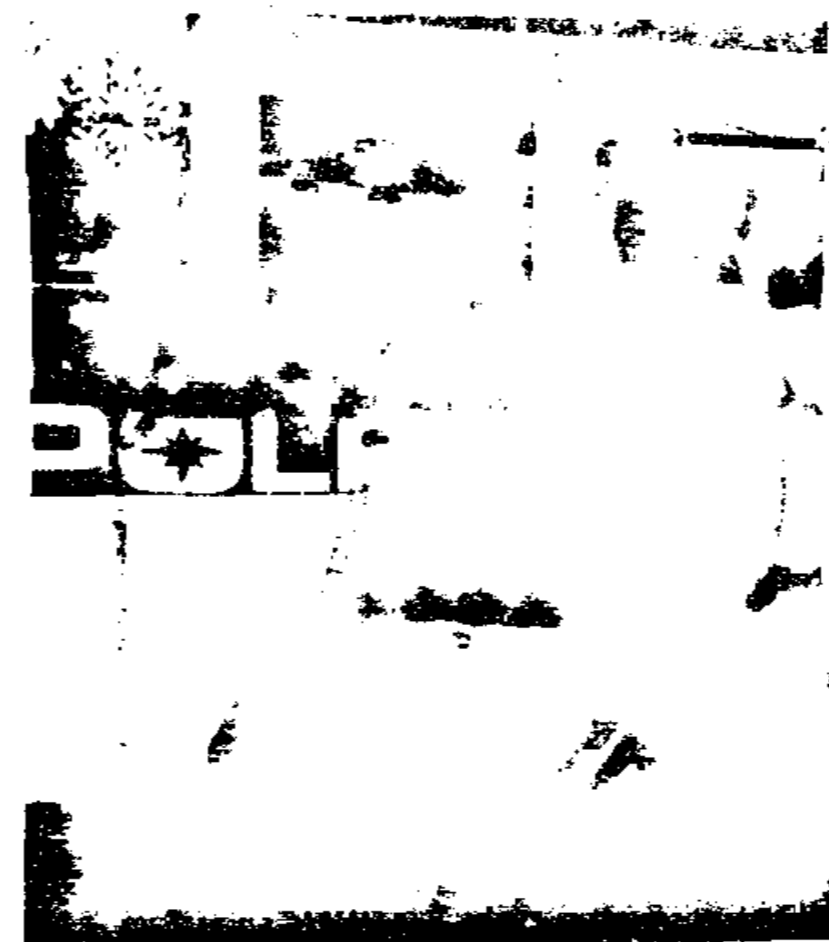
For the past two years Pop Pop's has been serving Horshy ice cream, New York-style bagels, penny candy and so-p and subs at their Canalview Mall location. The local business also can prepare custom-made candy arrangements for all occasions and will host your next children's birthday party. Pop Pop's is family owned and operated. The business is named after Al Squitieri, a city plumber, because his grandchildren call him Pop Pop instead of grandpa. Squitieri's daughter, Lorraine, runs the business. Squitieri has 10 grandchildren who range in age from 2 to 13 years. "We strive to keep our overhead costs down and to create an environment where you can bring your family to enjoy our company and atmosphere as we get to know you," Lorraine said. "A family of five can still treat themselves to ice cream for under \$5. Stop in and introduce your family to our family. We're sure to become fast friends."



Ron Wheeler is owner and auctioneer at the Fulton Auction Center.

## Family Auction Center

Family Auction Center, 1980 by Ron, Dennis and Judy Wheeler. They opened their first store in 1982, the second store in 1992. The business has 20 full-time and 15 part-time employees. Ronald Wheeler, Sr., owner, is a graduate of Certified Auctioneers Institute at Indiana University. Ron Wheeler, Jr. is a graduate of Missouri Auction School, Kansas City. Sandy Criswell is general manager of operations and Family Auction Center's auction division was opened in



Cliff Kolb, Jr., of Crest Automotive shows off his new line of Polaris Snowmobiles.

## Crest Automotive

Crest Automotive, located on Route 1, west, Fulton, features a complete line of snowblowers, lawnmowers, chain saws and trimmers. A new line of Polaris snowmobiles has been added this fall. Other lines offered are Polaris ATVs and Water Craft, Ariens snowblowers, Simplicity and Toro lawn mowers and

tractors, Poulton pro outdoor equipment, Stihl trimmers and chainsaws. Crest Automotive is owned and operated by Cliff Kolb, Sr. and Cliff Kolb, Jr. Cliff Kolb, Sr. started the business 27 years ago, moving the operation to Fulton eight years ago.

Jennie-Lynn's Fabrics 209 Rochester St., Fulton, is a family business owned by the Malash family, Lynda, Mike and Jennifer. The business opened in July, 1980 and has expanded three times. The business offers a large assortment of knit fabrics including Disney and character prints, notions, trims, Kwik-Sew patterns and much more. Lynda noted that the business is open on Thursday evenings

from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ladies only. "This gives moms a chance to come in without the kids for a time of sharing sewing tips and accomplishments. It is a time of idea exchange, conversation and refreshments. We also have a fabric club that saves money on regularly priced merchandise and everyone can be included." She added, "We enjoy our customers and try to extend friendly, courteous service."

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