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A time for thankful families to gather together

Thanksgiving time in the Ed and Wanda Eichler Family includes more than just a big meal, parades and football games.

The Pigeon area family enjoys a song around their pump organ, to include religious involvement in Thanksgiving 1983.

Shown singing with their parents are seven-year-old Liesl, 10-year-old Willie and two-year-old Peter.

It Is For These, My Thanks I Give

By MARY LEIPPRANDT

*It was a golden sunrise that I saw,
Sweet music had played and I heard.
The scent of the rose is mine to inhale;
And with tongue, I can speak by word...*

*The mile was rough, but I could walk.
I have cradled small babes in my arms.
I have felt soft winds blow through my hair,
And I can value true friendship's charms.*

*My hands have soothed the sickened brow.
I have tasted delicate fruits.
My head can lift unto the sky,
or it can bow to earthly roots.*

*My thoughts can be vast, or sometimes
shallow.*

*I can feel joy, sorrow, or fear;
My heart can have mingled feelings;
My eyes can twinkle, or they can tear.*

*My body can feel warmth or coldness;
My soul has knowledge of God.
I can give vent to troubled feelings,
Or I am able to give praise and sweet laud.*

*This great gift that was given to me
Is this life on earth that I live.
These treasured things gold cannot buy.
---It is for these, My thanks I give.*

Pigeon drawings begin Friday night

The 1983 Christmas season gets underway officially Friday night, as Pigeon Chamber of Commerce stores begin the year with a visit from Santa and the lighting of Pigeon's Community Christmas Tree, erected by the Pigeon Jaycees.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will bring Shivers the Snowman to town Friday at 6 p.m., to greet local kids. They'll be meeting children and giving out candy treats until 8 p.m.,

when they'll help light the Community Christmas Tree located uptown.

The public is invited to bring homemade ornaments to help decorate that tree, one of the largest in the entire area, according to Chamber spokesman June Kretzschmer.

A children's prize drawing will be held following the tree lighting, to give away more than a dozen goodies for boys and girls. Included is a brand new bike.

An adult drawing will follow about 8:15 p.m., with entry coupons available at Pigeon Chamber of Commerce members for each \$5 of merchandise sold. Shopping

Trinity plans service

Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church of Elkton invites the public to its special Thanksgiving Service at 10 a.m. Thursday morning.

ing cash prizes of \$100 will be given out to adults present at the drawing, in lots of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10.

Next week and future week drawings will be conducted Saturday afternoons, and sleigh rides through downtown will be offered Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We invite you to come to Pigeon this holiday season, to shop right near home for the items you really need."

Give us Christmas memories!

It's time to put on your thinking cap -- and get out your writing pen -- for the fifth annual Progress-Advance "Christmas Memories Essay Contest."

Entries recalling "My Favorite Christmas Present Ever" are invited to be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. Each essay should be 400 words or less.

As in past years, winners will be chosen in four age groups: up to 13 years; 14 through 19 years; 20 through 45 years, and 46 and older.

Cash prizes will be awarded, and selected winning entries will appear in our Christmas Greetings Edition on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

We again invite you to share a little part of your best Christmas memories. Entries may be dropped off or mailed to The Progress-Advance, 7232 E. Michigan Ave., Pigeon.

Enter this week -- and share part of your Christmas with others here in the Thumb area!



Shopping is fun

Cross Lutheran School preschoolers enjoyed a trip to Fluegge Foods in Pigeon last Wednesday, perhaps even more than shopping with Mom!

Teacher Cindy Engelhard wanted to teach the youngsters first-hand about the four food groups, especially before they sit down to a Thanksgiving feast at home. So she arranged a tour of Fluegge Foods with owners Otto and Loraine Fluegge.

AT LEFT, Teacher Cindy Engelhard supervises the youngsters as they look over Fluegge's meat department.

AT RIGHT, Mrs. Fluegge gives two preschoolers a better view of the baked goods for sale at the store.



News that COUNTS . . . from the COUNTY

Kilmanagh News Items

MRS. ARTHUR GAETH
Mrs. Edla Ertel attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Soule at Uby on Sunday.

Mrs. Amanda Strauch and Mrs. Dave Vollmer of Pigeon attended "Fiddler on the Roof" Sunday, performed by the Port Austin Community Players.

Mrs. Lydia Gaeth and Tuesday visitors of Mrs. Frieda Adler of Owendale. Lloyd Polley of AuGres was a Wednesday evening caller of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer.

her recent trip to Scotland. Other visitors were Devi Perry, Nina McCormick and Margie Krizmanich and Margie Krizmanich of Owendale church with John Lawrence. Get-well cards were signed and sent.

The December meeting will be a Christmas dinner meeting at the Bad Axe RLDS Church.

from Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Week of November 7, 1983
Craig W. Erer and Sheila A. Gonwicha.
Ronald James Bamback and Shelly Faye Langley.
Michael A. Harner and Lynnette A. Davis.
Daniel Volmering and Ladonna M. Maurer.
Scott D. Langley and Elaine C. Valz.
Neal L. Laeder and Nancy A. Volmering.

from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

WARRANTY DEEDS
November 9-15, 1983
Doris E. Western to Edward H. Krajewski & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 7 of Hume Twp.
Doris E. Western to Emil J. Bandurkiewicz & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 7 of Hume Twp.
Bernard J. Roggenback by Conservator to Harold J. McTaggart & Wf; a parcel of land located in Sections 19, 20, 21, 30 of Sherman Twp.
Maurice M. Alderwaldreit & Wf to Bernard J. Tali & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 24 of Casewille Twp.
Robert W. Minkler & Wf to Walter Schuhmacher; a parcel of land located in Section 28 of Verona Twp.
Robert W. Minkler & Wf to Walter Schuhmacher; a parcel of land located in Section 28 of Verona Twp.
Walter Schuhmacher & Wf to Roy S. Young & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 28 of Verona.
George E. Benko & Wf to James A. Lewandowski & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Gore Twp.
The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company to U.S. Manufacturing Corporation; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.

from County Probate Judge Neil MacCallum

PROBATE COURT
Week of November 10-16, 1983
Estate of Arthur Lorenz, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 26,684 - Supervised Probate. Inventory filed. Annual Account of Personal Representative filed.
Estate of Hannah McQueen, Deceased, of Owendale - File 27,011 - Supervised Probate. Inventory filed. Motion for Authority to Settle Claim and for Distribution of Proceeds filed. Eight Waivers and Consents filed.
Estate of Frank Severn, Deceased, of Elton - File 27,112 - Supervised Probate. Will filed. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed. Waiver and Consent filed. Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Personal Representative filed. Bond of Fiduciary filed. Letters of Authority filed. Inventory filed.

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Estate of Robert F. Rushing, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,949 - Independent Probate. Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Clarence Miller, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 26,946 - Independent Probate. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed. Order of Adjudgment filed. Order Determining Heirs filed.
Estate of Willard Perkins, Deceased, of Casewille - File 27,110 - Supervised Probate. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed.
Estate of Kenneth L. House, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,170 - Supervised Probate. Order Allowing Account filed. Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Arthur G. Henne, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 26,598 - Independent Probate. Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Gertrude Oswald, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 24,378 - Supervised Probate. Annual Account of Trustee filed. Two Waivers and Consents filed. Order Allowing Account filed.

JUDGEMENTS OF DIVORCE
Diana Mae Spencer vs. Clarence Spencer, Jr.
Diana L. Goreski vs. Kevin J. Goreski.

ASSUMED NAMES
Week of November 14, 1983
No. 3385 - Thrifty Mart, 9811 Main St., Bay Port, MI 48720; By: Edward F.

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Enter your 'li'l elf' in the 1983 Santa's Little Elves Baby Photo Contest

NEW CONTEST RULES

1. No larger than a 3x5 picture.
2. Babies born from June 1, 1982 are eligible.
3. Put baby's name, sex, parents' names, address and phone number on back of picture.
4. Submit picture to Janette Farver, Elton, MI 48731 by Friday, Nov. 25.
5. Photos available for pick-up after 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at Elton Village Hall Bazaar or call 375-2771 to claim photo.
6. Voting by the public - a penny equals one vote.
7. Winners will be notified Monday, Dec. 5.

Photos will be on display Monday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 2 at Elton Community Bank and Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Christmas Bazaar.

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Mayer serves as 'medical missionary'

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

In recent years the U.S. government became concerned with political developments in Central America; but former Pigeon resident Verda Mayer has put her concern for the people of that area in action by sharing her medical skills and Christian faith with them for over 10 years.

Mayer, a registered nurse, accepted a church missions assignment in 1967 by traveling to Costa Rica where she worked in a government medical clinic in a secluded area of the country near Panama. The closest medical help was 40 miles away, and reached only by traveling 20 miles on a road to a river crossed by boat, with the final 20 miles covered by train.

She worked four years at the clinic there with another American nurse, attending to the medical needs of the Blacks, Indians, Spanish and a few Chinese and Americans who lived in the vicinity.

The primary mode of transportation used by Mayer to make house calls was a small motorcycle.

She encountered many different medical problems and ailments.

Cuts, snakebites, pneumonia and many contagious diseases were among the problems treated by the American missionary nurse.

Vaccination was an important activity due to the prevalent contagious diseases, says Mayer.

She also worked with nutrition and prenatal care of pregnant women. The two American nurses also helped with home deliveries of babies there.

In 1972 Mayer was transferred by her mission board to Nicaragua to establish a clinic in the heart of the country where no government medical help was available.

The clinic was set up at Rio Blanco, a secluded rural village.



VERDA MAYER holds a piece of Central American pottery that she brought back with her to the U.S.

First Christmas home in many years!

Former Pigeon resident Verda Mayer is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with family members in United States this year, after spending 14 of the last 15 Christmas seasons in Central America. The rainy season is just beginning at Christmas in Nicaragua, with temperatures ranging from the 80's in the big cities to the 70's in the countryside located in the mountains.

A contrast in the celebration of Christmas between the rich and poor in the third world country is very apparent, Mayer says.

Gifts are not exchanged in poor families, and house decorations are usually limited to nativity scenes and handmade objects.

The wealthier families are able to bend to the influence of western culture with Christmas trees, blinking lights, house decorations and gifts, notes Mayer.

A major emphasis among the poor people is a Christmas meal, usually shared with family members or friends. The traditional meal is served at midnight on Christmas eve.

Mayer says the traditional main course for the meal is Naca Tamale, a combination of vegetables and meat rolled in a corn flour dough. The popular treat is boiled in water after being wrapped in banana leaves, she adds.

Though some Nicaraguans celebrate Christmas by drinking alcoholic beverages as they do during most holidays, the primary emphasis is on food.

The people there show hospitality by sharing what they have, which is food, concludes Mayer.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT!

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AP Style Now is the time for Flash

OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

HAPPY DAY - We hope you and yours have a very merry turkey day this Thursday. If you're driving elsewhere, do so carefully. If you're eating, do so moderately.

But enjoy...and remember the real purpose of Thanksgiving!

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ONE OF OUR BEST - This Thanksgiving "Gift Guide" special section is one of our biggest (and we'll say one of the best!) editions we put out each year. We hope you enjoy it, too!

Special thanks go to Ad Manager Debby McBride and News Editor Rich Swartzendruber for their outstanding jobs. We're certain you'll find lots of good shopping ideas **RIGHT HERE CLOSE TO YOUR HOME** on our pages.

And, to the hundreds of local families who are getting this issue as a "sample copy," we hope you like what you see. Use the handy form below to subscribe (at just 21 cents a week!) so you don't miss a single issue. Join the nearly 3000 families right here, near you, who read our pages every week!

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FAR-AWAY BALLOON - The Roger and Linda Fritz Family north of Owendale found a balloon recently that landed in a field near their house from Oak Lawn Community High School in Illinois. They sent it back to Oak Lawn's Co-op Education Department - and learned the distance winners came from Belgrade, Montana in the west and Plainfield, Connecticut in the east.

That's a lot of mileage for little helium balloons from Illinois.

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SEMI-SWEET UPDATE: In recent weeks in this space, we've been lamenting the fact that no good U.S. chocolate maker puts out a semi-sweet chocolate bar. The best we've found (after examining three more this week, in fact - one Greek, one German and another Swiss) is the Swiss "Tobler Tradition" candy bar.

It's still a shame that the best U.S. semi-sweet chocolate is the "chips" (officially they're morsels) made by Nestle. Why don't they put them into candy bars? They'd be easier to handle than snitching handfuls of chips from recipes!

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WISH I'D SAID THAT - The real need today is for less publicity on how to stay young...and more on how to grow up!

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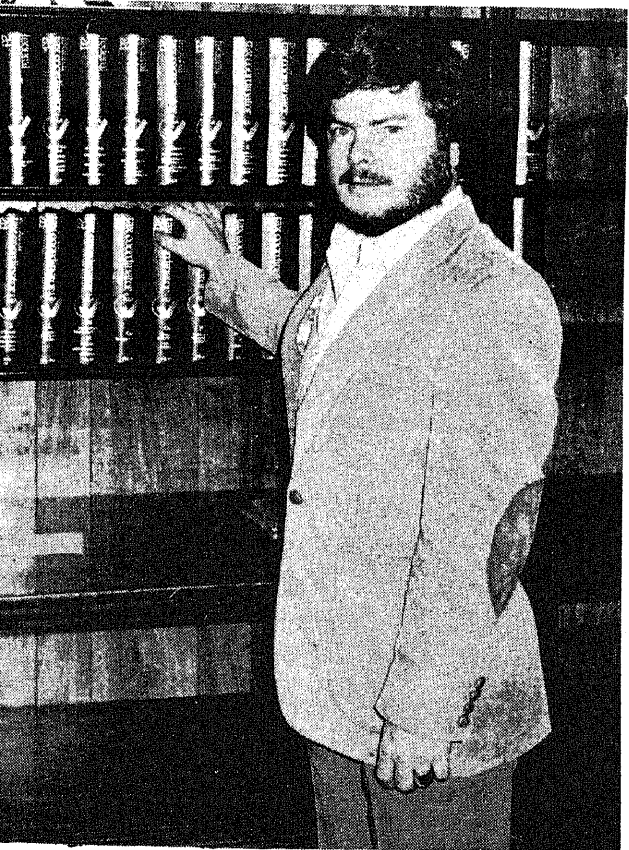
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Learn world-wide Christmas customs in Section B!

New CPA office open for business



Cass City's Shaw ready for Shuttle!

A Thumb Area man will really go out of this world this coming Monday!

For the first time in history, a local resident will leave the confines of the earth, as Cass City native Brewster Shaw, Jr. will pilot the Space Shuttle Columbia Nov. 28.

All systems are go for the launch which has been delayed twice in recent months. The mission will carry the \$800 million Spacelab scientific laboratory.

Dozens of Cass City residents will be on hand at Florida's Cape Canaveral to witness the flight, called Columbia-Spacelab 1. Included will be the 38-year-old pilot's parents, Brewster and Leone Shaw, who own a 180-acre farm on Pringle Road near Cass City.

Shaw, an Air Force major, is married and has three children. He was one of 15 pilots chosen from 35 picked for shuttle flights. More than 8000 people applied for the program.

Also on board are Commander John Young, scientists Ulf Merfeld, Robert Parker, Owen Garriott and Byron Lichtenberg - who will conduct 71 experiments.

Elton Jaycettes offer baby photo contest

Parents of "li'l elves" aged 1 1/2 years and under (as of June 1, 1982) are invited to submit photographs to the Elton Jaycettes for the 1983 Santa's Elves Baby Photo Contest.

According to Chairman Janette Farver, youngsters' pictures will be on display at Community Bank, Elton from this Monday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 2. Baby pictures will also be displayed Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Christmas Bazaar during the annual Elton Open House.

The public is invited to vote for babies on the basis of a penny per vote, with the winner announced on Monday, Dec. 5. "The contest has been a popular one in the past, because it's fun for people to see pictures of all the local babies," adds Farver. The Jaycettes use the money raised for community projects, she says.

Anyone wishing to submit a picture, no larger than a 3x5, may do so by contacting Chairman Farver at 375-4433 or Jaycette President Mary Beth Nintz at 375-2771.

Submitted pictures will be available for pick-up after 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 or by calling 375-2771.

Bloodmobile under quota in Elton

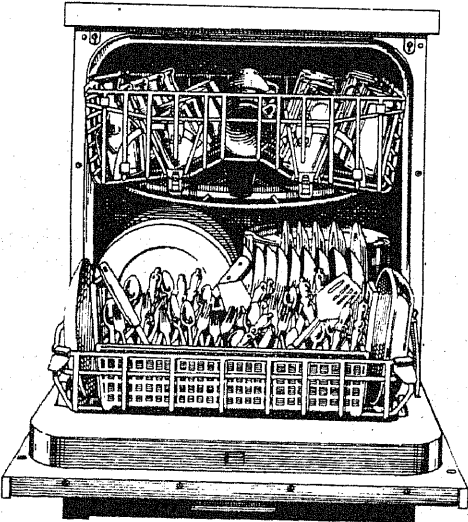
While 54 residents turned out Monday to give blood in Elton, only 40 good units of blood were collected, putting Elton 10 units behind its goal of 50.

Bloodmobile Coordinator John Champagne of the Elton Jaycettes, four donors are recognized as "Gallon Donors": Floyd Thompson and Jim Ciesielski, one gallon each; Keith Walker, two gallons and Gerald "Hap" Forester, four gallons.

Brewster Shaw, Jr. Pilots Nov. 28 Shuttle

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Heavy Thanksgiving travel expected

More travelers will be on the road and in the air headed for family Thanksgiving gatherings this holiday compared to last year, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"A year-long upturn in domestic travel should continue through our Thanksgiving bookings," said Jim Drury, Auto Club's Travel Operations manager. "The major factors are the improved economy and our increased travel promotion. Auto Club cruise and air ticket sales for the first nine months of this year are up more than 20% compared to a year ago," Drury said.

"Bus tour bookings are running about even with last year's while rail ticket sales are down slightly."

Major air carriers surveyed by the Auto Club reported up to a six percent increase in ticket sales for the Thanksgiving period. None of the airlines has added extra flights.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has measured a 3.5% increase in the number of miles driven by state motorists so far this year over 1982 and that trend should continue during Thanksgiving. Over the Thanksgiving period, more than 350 million miles are expected to be logged by

motorists in Michigan. The 102-hour holiday runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 23) through midnight Sunday (Nov. 27). Last Thanksgiving Day holiday, 27 persons were killed in 23 traffic accidents on Michigan roads. That compares to 13 fatalities in 1981, according to the Auto Club. More than 80% of those killed over Thanksgiving last year were less than 25 miles away from home. Alcohol was known or suspected in more than half of the fatal accidents.

Bay Port couple marks 25th year



Mr. and Mrs. Al Deming

Mr. and Mrs. Al (Donna) Deming of Bay Port celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of wedding vows on Nov. 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, with Rev. Robert Pfaff officiating.

Al Deming and Donna Deeg were married Nov. 7, 1958 at St. John's. Their attendants were Bill and Julie Deming of Saginaw, Mrs. Judy Eggert of Waterford, Fred Gnagoy of Sebawaing, Mrs. Diane McGee of Elkton, Miss LouAnn Gnagoy of Salsburg and Roger Haag of Muskegon.

The couple has three children, Dean, Denean and Deanne, who hosted an Open House for their parents in the church basement, attended by over 200 family members and friends.

Weekly school menus

CASEVILLE SCHOOLS
MONDAY: Stew, biscuits, bread and butter, ala carte; hamburger.

TUESDAY: Pizza, no ala carte.

WEDNESDAY: Sliced ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread and butter, ala carte; hot dog.

THURSDAY: Creamy Macaroni and cheese, pizza-burger or egg salad sandwich.

FRIDAY: Tony's Pizza, fishwich/french fries or chicken salad sandwich with french fries.

LAKER SCHOOLS
 Salad bar will feature daily a choice of hot vegetable, canned or fresh fruit, chopped lettuce and accompaniments. Additional items added when available. Chocolate milk on Monday. White milk Monday through Friday. Daily choice of three main dishes.

MONDAY: Tony's Pizza, barbecue on bun/fries, egg salad sandwich/fries.

TUESDAY: Meaty lasagna, hot dog on

bun/fries, cheese sandwich/fries.

WEDNESDAY: Tony's Pizza, taco pocket, char-burger on bun, cookie.

THURSDAY: Hamburgers or hot dogs, french fries, no ala carte.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese or ham sandwich on a bun, green beans, ala carte; ham sandwich.

CROSS LUTHERAN
MONDAY: Ravioli, lettuce salad, pineapple, bread and butter.

TUESDAY: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, cherry dessert, bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hobos, fries, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, peaches/pears, bread and milk.

FRIDAY: Pot pies, lettuce salad, apple, bread and milk.

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF HURON

File No. 27,112
 In the matter of Frank Severn, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE: On December 7, 1983 at 9:30 a.m., in the probate courtroom, Bad Axe, Michigan, before Hon. Neil R. MacCallum Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on determination of heirs.


TAKE NOTICE: On the petition of Clarence L. Severn, the Will of the Deceased, dated May 26, 1968, was admitted to probate and the administration of the estate was granted to Clarence L. Severn.

Creditors are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Clarence L. Severn, Personal Representative, 341 E. Lawrence St., Royal Oak, Michigan 48073, and proof thereof with copies of the claim filed with the Court on or before February 1, 1984. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Frank Severn was a resident of Oliver Township, Huron County, Michigan, and died November 6, 1983, and his social security number was 381-38-7377.

Dated November 14, 1983.
 Clarence L. Severn
 Petitioner
 341 E. Lawrence St.
 Royal Oak, Michigan 48073
 313-585-1572

Attorney For Petitioner:
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 Clark & Clark, P.C.
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Engagement announced

Maust - Myers

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maust of Bay Port have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Joy, to H. Timothy Myers, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Myers of Rt. 1, Fults Run, Va.

The bride-elect, who earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Eastern Mennonite College, is employed by Pleasant View Home, Inc. in Broadway, Va. Myers, a graduate of Washington Erving High School in Clarksburg, West Va., works at R.R. Donnelly & Sons Company in Harrisonburg, Va. A June 16, 1984 wedding is being planned.

ENGAGED?

Let your friends in the community know by submitting a news story in The Progress-Advance
Deadline: 5 p.m. Mondays



HAPPY WITH HAND-ME-DOWNS! - Owners of Caseville's newest business, The Children's Exchange, have "put a lot of stock" into the notion of selling top-condition second-hand children's clothing and equipment.

Owners Dana Willenberg, at left, and her mother Ginny Deming, will hold their grand opening on Saturday, Dec. 3 at their store's location at 7259 Pt. Austin Rd., Caseville. They are offering a large selection of nearly-new children's clothing sizes infant through eight, and infant and child equipment, including carseats, high chairs, playpens, toys and more.

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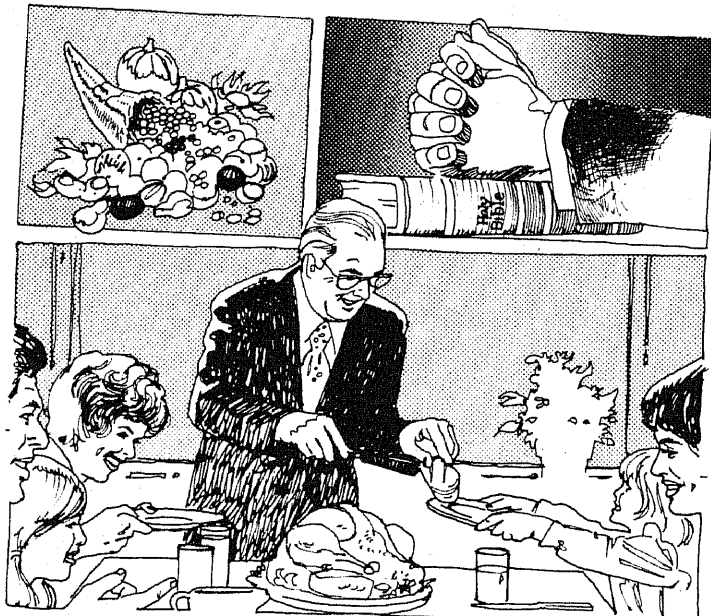
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Pigeon River hosts meeting series



J.C. Wenger

The public is invited to attend a series of four meetings hosted by Pigeon River Mennonite Church on Nov. 25-27, featuring speaker J.C. Wenger.

Absent Catholics invited to church

Bishop Kenneth E. Untener recently extended a personal invitation to inactive Roman Catholics in the Saginaw Diocese to return to their parishes on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26 and 27.

Church news and notes

FAITHFUL FRIENDS The Faithful Friends of the Caseville RLDS Church conducted their November meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Hyzer with Mrs. Olson McCallum presiding.

Cross plans holiday bazaar

A Christmas Bazaar for students and the public is planned for Thursday, Dec. 1 at Cross Lutheran School, Pigeon.



GOSPEL SINGERS PERFORM - "The Galileans," a gospel singing group from Detroit, will be in concert at the Elkton Missionary Church this Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Thumb Cantata performs Sunday

The Cantata Chorale, welcome the Advent-Christmas season with two eight area churches, will begin this Sunday, Nov. 27 with a 3 p.m. performance at Cross Lutheran Church.



"What's your trouble?"

Read Isaiah 26:1-6 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me; and him who comes to Me I will not cast out. John 6:37 One doesn't need to be an analyst to detect that something countenance is downcast.

Church notes

CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN GUILD Twelve members answered roll call with "What I am Thankful For," when the guild conducted its November meeting at the home of Margaret Fleming.

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Mayer leads way to better health in Central America

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"The road stopped when you came to that town," says Mayer. "The people would come in from all over by horse or walk," she adds.

"I did pretty much the same thing as in Costa Rica, except some problems were much more acute," Mayer says. "The people were much poorer and malaria was much more serious."

She says the situation there was frustrating because many people returned with the same diseases.

This prompted efforts to teach health practices to the people there. Classes for local health leaders were also established to train them in health services.

After a year and a half, Mayer returned to the States for a furlough, then returned to Nicaragua for the next eight years to coordinate a rural health program.

She directed about 10 American nurses in four different parts of the country. The focus of their mission changed somewhat to stress training of lay people methods of medical treatment.

About 90% of diseases and health needs of the inhabitants in the secluded areas could be treated by locally trained health leaders, she explains.

Some of the reasons for that belief include: the bulk of human illnesses are comprised by only a few diseases, most illnesses are easily determined by easily recognized symptoms and can be cured by simple medicines and remedies, she says.

Improvement of sanitation practices taught by the missionaries, such as the use of pure water and latrines reduced medical problems drastically.

"The key was getting them to see how they can help themselves," says Mayer.

The local health leaders were able to treat most of the problems they encountered, and referred those which required more medical knowledge to doctors.

Mayer served in Nicaragua during the Sandinista revolution during 1978-79, but left the country less than two weeks before the Somoza government was toppled. She had intended to work with refugees across the border in Costa Rica, but returned to Nicaragua just two weeks after the fighting ended.

The health leader program continued after the Sandinistas took over the government on July 19, 1979 with very few problems, says Mayer.

In 1982 it was decided to turn the health program over to the native Nicaraguans trained by the American missionaries.

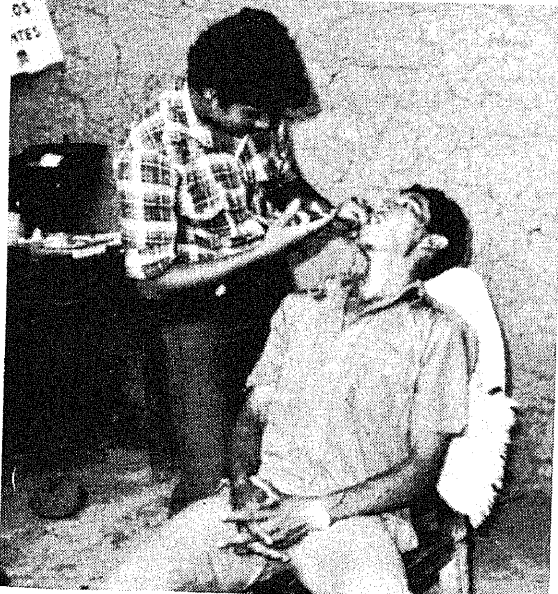
"Our goal at the beginning of the program was to work ourselves out of a job," Mayer says. The purpose of teaching the nationals health skills was to make them less dependent on outside help, she adds.

The decision to turn the program over to nationals was influenced by warnings from the government in 1982 that grow-

ing anti-American feelings in the countryside could present a danger to their safety in rural areas.

The missionary nurse returned to the U.S. in July of this year after wrapping up all the details of shifting responsibility for the health program to national control.

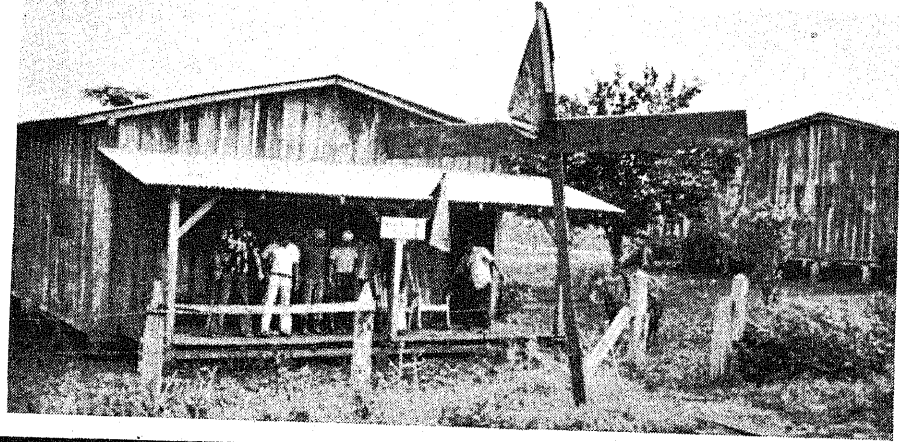
In addition to sharing her medical skills and knowledge, Mayer was able to communicate her faith to the people of Central America she encountered.



SEBERIANO GRANADO, 17, traveled in rural Nicaragua pulling teeth under the supervision of the mission organization coordinated by Mayer. He was trained by a dentist in Managua.



GRANADO OFTEN used a mule to transport his heavy dental instruments to isolated areas.



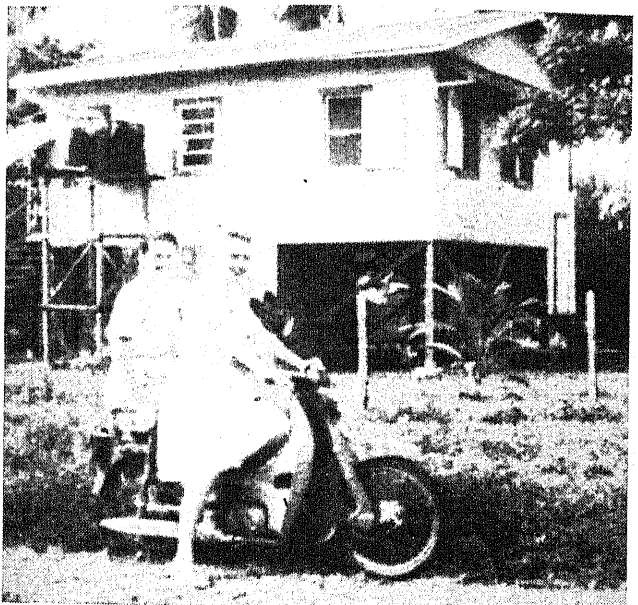
SANDINISTA FIGHTERS assemble on the porch of the residence where Mayer and her co-workers lived in Nicaragua until two weeks before the fighting ended. The Sandinista flag is flown in the front yard on a makeshift flagpole. The dwelling, owned by the village, reverted to use by the Americans when they returned several weeks after hostilities ceased.

Pictorial views of Central American life

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AN ORAL POLIO vaccine is administered to Costa Rican natives by Mayer.



VERDA MAYER and fellow nurse Katie Yoder display their primary means of transportation in front of their residence at Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica.



'SWEET VENTURE' IN- TO CANDY-MAKING -

Members of the Rebekah Circle of United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Pigeon met recently to make hard candy to sell at the Community Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Laker High School.

PICTURED ON TOP, from left, are Roseann Seemann, Harriett Sturm, Florence Kerr, Harriett Collins and Elaine Weidman, as they roll the 10 flavors of candy into sugar.

PICTURED AT RIGHT, are "candy cooks," from left, Mabel Sturm, Florence Kerr, Mae Yackle, Harriett Collins and Dora Kullinger.

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Views On Dental Health

By **MRS. ARTHUR GAETH**

The Widows' Club of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, met Wednesday afternoon in the church basement for a November potluck dinner.

After dinner, Pastor Pfaff had a Bible quiz and several readings were given. Then card bingo was played and guests were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pfaff and Rev. and Mrs. Edward Reinker.

World's Most Prevalent Disease

What is the world's most prevalent disease? If your answer is the common cold you're wrong! Tooth decay is the most universal disease in the world. Only a minute fraction of the world's people are free of it. Only two percent of the American population has been spared. Earliest cavities show up right after primary teeth erupt. The average 13-year-old already has at least five cavities in permanent teeth. Girls seem to get more cavities than boys; but then, girls get their teeth sooner.

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