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year of growth and expansion in Thumb

1984'S TOP STORY IN THE THUMB:

An astounding year of growth and development in Pigeon and area! More than a dozen businesses spend millions of dollars to build, expand or offer new services in 1984. They include Active Feed Co., Bay Port State Bank, Diener's Home of Fine Furnishings, J & B Plumbing & Heating, Kent McKenzie Jewelers, McCormick Motors, Michigan Directory Co., Mutual Savings & Loan, Pigeon District Library, Pigeon Manufacturing Corp., Scheurer Hospital, plus proposed plans for 24 new apartments and a new county road commission garage in coming months and years.

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JANUARY, 1984

JANUARY'S TOP STORY: TROUBLE IN GOVERNMENT — Pigeon Village administration employees, Administrator **JOE McARDLE** and Secretary **NANCY HECK**, are put on probation by the Village Council for 60 days for cooperation difficulties.

McArdle later resigns her part-time job, and **McArdle** is fired the administrator's job.

Pigeon business outlook looks brighter, as McCormick Motors, Bay Port State Bank and Pigs-R-Us are on the rise.

Huron County's first baby born in 1984 is **JESSICA N. Jan. 4** daughter of **RANDY** and **TERRI BORN** of Pigeon, born at Scheurer Hospital.

Pigeon Village workers earn raises between five and ten percent.

Elkton employees see an average increase of 5.2%, beginning March 1.

Postal carrier **CAL ANKLAM** retires from the Pigeon where he has served for 30 years, and marks the occasion with an Open House at the Anklam home. His father, the late **EDWARD J. ANKLAM**, had carried the same route 15 years before his son.

State Rep. **DICK ALLEN** visits Laker Junior High School to bring state government into WAYNE CUMBER civics class.

N. SMEADER of Pigeon joins the Bluewater Youth Center Campus Life staff.

V. RAY R. OHLENDORF is installed as new pastor of Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville.

Spikers win first Klinger-Dast Invitational Tournament held at Lakers. The event is named for **HARRY GER**, deceased and **CARL DAST**, avid local sports fan.

During the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are "incumbents" **JOHN WALSH** and **RON KROHN** and newcomers **LORRAINE FLUEGGE** and **DALE LEPAGE**.

Caseville gets \$24,000 grant from the state DNR to improve parking lots and public toilets at the Caseville wall.

RORY RENN of Pigeon is re-elected president of the Local of Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Three winners in the Pigeon VFW Post #2236 annual of Democracy Contest are **AILEEN SIMET**, first and **MICHELLE STAHL**, second place, both of Caseville High School and **DALE BANNICK** of Laker High School.

Over 300 pigs lose their lives in a barn fire northwest of Caseville, owned by **RICHARD WELCHNER** of Owendale.

Family and friends mark the 97th birthday of **MRS. EMILY WING** with a dinner at her home.

Seventeen new members are inducted into the Laker Honorary #1 Club, including **JOHN RATHJE**, **DALE INGER**, **AMY BUCHHOLZ**, **WENDY HAMMEL**, **SCHULTZE**, **MIKE TERRILL**, **KRIS McARDLE**, **E. KRETZSCHMER**, **GRACE FINKBEINER**, **N. KOHR**, **LISA DICAMILLO**, **MELISSA DIETZEL** and **AWN SCHUETTE**.

Thumb National Bank & Trust Company Chairman of Board **E.J. CLABUESCH** donates 120 tickets to send 120 graders in the Laker School District to the Shrine in Saginaw.

Elkton weather cooperates for the Pigeon Winter Car-sponsored by the Pigeon Area Jaycees and Jaycettes at the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

MARY WESTERN, age 50, of Bad Axe was found dead in a snowshovel wound to the back, and Michigan State Police are investigating.

Rotarians inducted into the Pigeon Rotary Club are **JOHN SHETLER**, **JOHN SHETLER**, **DENNIS SHETLER** and **REV. MARK KARLS**.

Over 400 attend the annual John Deere '84 Farming Days at Gettel Implement, Pigeon.

Elktonite **DOROTHY COLLISON** named Employee of the Year at Scheurer Hospital, where she has worked for 15 years.



RALPH IDEN of Bad Axe has been named first executive director of the Huron County Economic Development Corporation.

Nine area residents take home plaques following the Pigeon Winter Carnival Outstanding Young People Banquet: **DAVE JARVIS**, outstanding young businessman; **MARY AVALOS** and **CAROL WEITZEL**, outstanding young health professionals; **KATHY EICHLER**, outstanding young mother; **WANDA EICHLER**, outstanding young woman; **KAREN GEHRS** and **DICK PAULY**, outstanding young educators; **CAROL WEITZEL**, outstanding young health professional; **CAROL MALLORY**, outstanding young businesswoman and **PAUL CLABUESCH**, outstanding young man. Earning a Distinguished Service Award from the Pigeon Jaycees and Jaycettes is **BUD (Santa) SCHAAF**.

ROBIN BOND of Caseville High School is crowned 1984 Caseville Snow Bonanza Queen to reign over Snow Bonanza festivities.

JANUARY DEATH: **Stefa T. Maziarz**, age 85 of Elkton.

FEBRUARY, 1984

FEBRUARY'S TOP STORY: GOING UP! Spring completion dates are seen for the new McCormick Motors and Bay Port State Bank office construction projects at the west end of Pigeon, helping revitalize the local business community.

Four new members of the Laker #1 Club are **BRIAN KROHN**, **TERI DAMM**, **GINA GASKILL** and **LORI DIENER**.

WAYNE "BUTCH" OTTO retires from Village Barber & Styling of Pigeon after 16 years of ownership, and his partner, **LARRY SMITH**, takes over.

Two new employees begin at McCormick Motors, **DALE WERTZ** as vehicle salesman and **MATT BABCOCK**, service manager.

Caseville welcomes visitors to its annual Snow Bonanza. The Class C All-State Football First Team member **JOHN RATHJE**, a Laker senior, decides to play football at Central Michigan University.

Bay Port's Team Blue places fourth in Thunder Bay 250 Snowmobile Race at Alpena, according to driver **DUANE BAUR**.

SANDY FRITZ of Elkton earns a Gold Key Merit Award at the annual Scholastic Art Awards Show at Hampton Square Mall.

Named to the Lions All-State Band are **JENNIFER GAYARI** and **STEVE KLEIN**.

JOHN AVALOS family loses their home and belongings in a fire which swept through their mobile home.

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Looking ahead to '85

By **RICH SWARTZENDRUBER**

If you were asked for your impressions of the year 1984, what would you say?

Some Western Thumb Area residents did just that this week — and gave generally positive images of the past 12 months.

Bay Port Fish Company owner **Forrest Williams** says an increasing demand for fish and cleaner water in Lake Huron have contributed to make 1984 a good year. Sales of whitefish have gone up in the past year, partly due to the high price for the freshwater favorite perch, **Williams** says.

Mother Nature provided the biggest setback last spring when heavy ice kept fishing boats dry docked until May, he adds.

Williams hopes the demand for fish will continue to increase in the year ahead and plans to capitalize on the situation by opening a seafood market in Caseville early in 1985.

Also a member of the Caseville Village Council, **Williams** is encouraged by the business growth in the community and area, he adds.

Caseville Village President Janice Prill also is pleased with new business and construction projects during the past year.

These include the \$1.7 million senior citizens' housing project, location of a OB-GYN doctor and veterinary doctor's office and the reopening of the Blue Water Inn under new management. She praises the efforts by former Caseville Mayor **John DiVincentis** in bringing to reality the housing project, where occupancy should begin early this new year.

"I've learned a lot about government and people in general," says **Prill** about her experience as head of Caseville Village government since taking office in March.

In looking to the upcoming year, **Prill** says "major money" must be spent to upgrade Caseville DPW equipment and machinery. Another project to be tackled is sidewalk improvement, **Prill** says.

Business expansion is also a goal for 1985 for Elkton, according to **Elkton Village President Elmer Ropp, Jr.**

A long-range plan to attract business location and residential construction is needed, he says.

The improved economy in 1984 was reflected in the production by Elkton's industrial backbone, Active Industries — which provides about half the village property tax base. "Active is really going to town," **Ropp** says, of the busy company. He adds he hopes that trend continues throughout 1985.

Those involved in the agriculture industry had less to smile about with low crop prices in 1984. "I really don't take a negative view of 1984," says **Elkton dairy farmer Jim Seley**. "It's just what you make of it. You can always complain about the low crop prices, but you just have to make the best of the situation."

"You gotta push the pencil a little more than you used to," **Seley** says. "You just have to cut corners where you can — you must cut down on expenses."

Cooperative Elevator Manager Ted Leipprandt of Pigeon says a cooperative effort of bankers, landowners, farmers and suppliers will be needed in the next few years to preserve the "family farm."

Leipprandt urges farmers to consider the long term effect and not be satisfied to have just "made it through another year." Careful long term planning is needed to insure the survival of the family farmer.

PREDICTIONS — Please turn to Page 7

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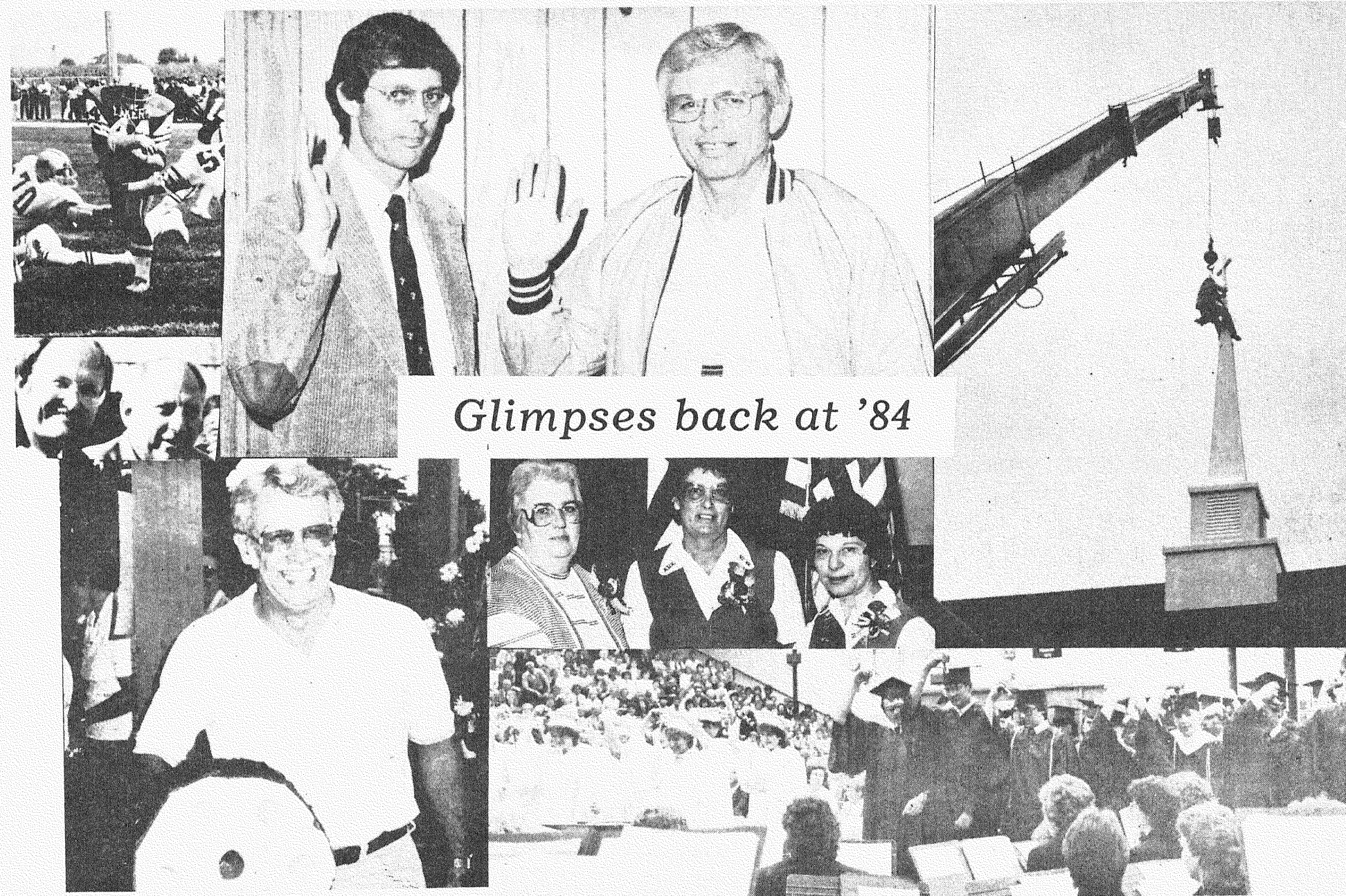
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Glimpses back at '84

Bay Port plans Chamber dinner

Bay Port Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 in Fairhaven Twp. Hall, located next to Fairhaven Fire Hall. Ralph Hudson of East Michigan Tourist Association, Bay City, will present a program on tourism, according to Henry Engelhard, chairman of Chamber publicity.

The public is invited to attend, but tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from any Chamber member, or by calling Bay Port 656-2391 or 656-2921.



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OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM! HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope this 1985 year is an excellent one for you and your family. Besides, it's the only one we've got -- so best wishes!

NAME-DROPPING -- Let's go visiting some local folks who've earned recognition: Congratulations to **Ed and Wanda Eichler** of Pigeon, who were featured in a full-color front page picture story on celebrating Christmas, Eichler-style, in The Bay City Times. Nicely done!

And, congratulations to **Mary Wing**, former area resident. Mary was featured in a big picture in a Dec. 21 page 3 story in the Detroit Free Press, for her work in the Lutheran Church's "Project Compassion." She and husband Tom have moved to Detroit and say they're enjoying the adjustment.

Forrest Williams of Bay Port Fish Company has big plans, as predicted in Rich Swartzendruber's Page 1 "Predictions" story. He plans to open a seafood market in Caseville early this year -- which may be very interesting for fish-lovers!

HOPE YOU LIKE IT -- We're always happy to present Huron County's original "Year In Review" looking back at 1984. We've done these continually since 1978, and it's surprising how much change, growth (and hopefully improvement) comes about each year.

Not that each year does not bring sadness, too. They always do. But it's fascinating to look back and remember the year that was. Thanks especially to Co-Publisher Sally Ann Rummel, for her excellent work in compiling this year's presentation.

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- A home is that place with a loved one in look!

Program repeated

By popular request, the Pigeon River Mennonite Church Christmas program will be repeated on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

The featured part of the program is a musical drama, "Hark, The Herald Angel," about an angel choir preparing to announce the birth of Christ to earthlings.

The singing by children aged 5-13 is accompanied by instruments including trombone, trumpet, flute, oboe, piano, guitar and bass guitar.

The public is invited to attend the presentation free of charge.

Visitors in Elkton

Visitors over the Christmas Holidays at the Theo H. Buchholz home in Elkton were Dr. Paul Buchholz with his wife Maureen and daughter Shoshana for the Chicago area, Sylvia Richard and Kim, and a family friend, Alicia Szyffer of New York City.

Richard's daughter, Karen Buchholz, a student at Arizona University at Tucson, also visited her grandfather Theo Buchholz. Karen has participated in two tennis tournaments in Chicago and New York City.

Caseville gettin' cooler

More freezer storage space will soon become available at Caseville Public School. At its regular December meeting, the Caseville Board of Education accepted a \$3,380 bid of Rapson Refrigeration of Bad Axe for a three-door freezer for the school's hot lunch program. The Rapson bid was the lowest of six bids received, according to Superintendent James Stahl.

BOOK BUY: Board also approved the purchase of 45 English grammar textbooks at a cost of \$474.25, Stahl says.

ACADEMIC PLANS: The administrators were directed to analyze the recommendations of a

Citizen's Curriculum Committee on the subject of individualized learning plans and present a report by September, 1985.

Industrial Education instructor George Bednerek and Science teacher Gerald Winkler informed the Board of the objectives in their subject areas as part of an ongoing review of the curriculum.

NEGOTIATORS: Board members Carl Stelter, Ken Hill and Robert Kunder were appointed represent the board during negotiations for a new teacher contract at Caseville. The current agreement expires in June, 1985, Stahl says.

Thumb Plumbers assist Saginaw home

SPECIAL GIFT: The Thumb Area Plumbing and Mechanical Contractor's Association (TAPMCA) volunteered some time and effort to help folks in distress to ease life's pains.

The professional group recently installed a large new hot water heater at Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw, Inc., 479 Shattuck Road, Saginaw, with the help of a donated water heater from State Industries of Ashland, Tenn.

Here, Lyle Shetler, left, and Terry McDurmon of TAPMCA inspect the installation at the Saginaw residence.

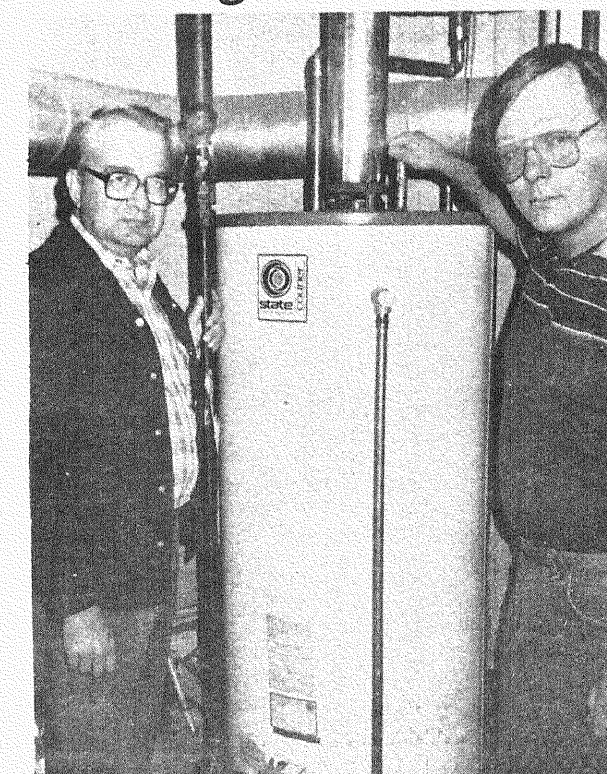
Hospitality House is a home-away-from-home for persons who have hospital patients in the Saginaw area. After starting in mid-April, 1984, the volunteer group served nearly 200 people as guests in its first four months of operation -- including 50 from the Thumb Area.

Lodging is provided free, with contributions accepted from people living too far for daily trips back home. The average resident's stay is about three days.

HHH Executive Director Joey McDonald thanked the TAPMCA group for the water heater donation, saying "Most mornings, the water heater we had barely made it through two showers."

"Now, everyone can relax with a hot bath or shower. It means a lot to a person who has sat at the hospital, sometimes day and night, to come home and relax," Ms. McDonald added.

Shetler represents Shetler Plumbing & Heating of Pigeon and Cass City, and McDurmon represents Caro Plumbing & Heating.



As we see it editorially

Run government more business-like!

The New Year, of course, is the time for annual change -- to make resolutions, improvements, go on diets and try other betterments personally, socially and professionally. Here's one idea, where we'd all benefit if certain changes were made to more closely deal in reality:

Why can't our government be run more like a business?

The same conditions -- profitability and genuine service need, heading the list -- which businesses need to stay in existence should apply to most branches of our leadership on local, state and national levels.

Now, local government comes closest to this ideal already. It's understandable. The local town or township government must not spend any more than it takes in because it's close to the voters. A voter will collar a township supervisor at the grocery store or corral a village council member at the gas station to grumble about too few services -- or too much taxation.

So we know those folks are listening -- because we can get their attention easily.

It's not the same story on the state or national levels, however.

Those leaders -- whom we also elect -- are somewhat insulated from direct constituent contact. They are elected and re-elected via slick TV campaign ads which show us a glossy coated version of what they do. The one-on-one involvement is practically non-existent.

It's at its very worst in our nation's capital, more so even than in Lansing.

A national government leader spoke on TV news this past weekend, noting your or my business or family can't get away with spending \$200 billion more than it takes in. Why should our federal government be allowed to, he wisely asked?



Roses and Thorns

By Mark Karls

It's a kid's world

The following is a true story that happened fairly recently. Robert was a 10 year old terror. His family doctor related that every time Robert visited the clinic, there was utter panic. Robert would remove pages from the telephone book. He would clear the receptionist's desk articles all over the floor. He would march into the doctor's inner office and play with the expensive utensils. And all the while Robert was expressing himself, his mother would just sit there and shake her head as if to say, "I've done what I could and can no longer control him."

During a recent visit the doctor noticed that Robert had some cavities in his teeth that needed filling. The doctor was caught between a rock and a hard place. Professionally he was bound to refer Robert to a local dentist. Socially the doctor knew all the local dentists and did not want to risk his friendships by unleashing Robert on one of them. But the doctor decided to refer Robert to an older and very wise dentist who had tremendous patience.

When Robert entered the dentist's inner office, the wise and tender dentist said, "Would you like to sit in that chair please, Robert?" "Fat chance," Robert replied as he jostled with his latest victim. Without much hesitation, the doctor's eyes narrowed and his vocal volume lowered with the next volley. "Robert," he said, "you are going to sit in that chair whether you like it or not."

At this point, Robert knew he was up against a tough one. But the dentist was much larger and stronger than he. So Robert threatened, "If you make me sit in that chair, then I am going to take off all my clothes." Without so much as batting an eyelash, the dentist responded, "Drop 'em!"

Why, Robert was so furious that he flung his shoes across the office and then proceeded to decorate said office with various exterior articles of his clothing. When finished, Robert stood there in his underwear waiting for his opponent's next move. The doctor made that next move by asking, "Are you ready to sit in the chair, Robert?"

Robert was beside himself. "You weren't listening," he shouted. "I said if you make me sit in that chair, then I was going to take off ALL my clothes." Again without any delay, the dentist queried, "What's taking you so long? -- Drop 'em!" Upon which Robert completed his interior decoration of the dental office in early underwear.

A very surprising thing happened at this point. Standing there as naked as the day he was born, Robert proceeded to the chair, sat down, and became perfectly cooperative through all the drilling and filling by the dentist. When his work was completed, the dentist (fine gentleman that he was) went all around his office and picked up every piece of Robert's clothing and said, "You're done now, Robert. You can get out of the chair and go home." "Gimme my clothes then," demanded Robert. Very calmly and quietly the doctor

We think that's a good question.

This urge to cut the deficit should take top priority when our well-paid leaders get back to work in Washington later this month. You and I have to pay the price when our checkbooks or home finances don't balance. Why shouldn't our government have to stop spending when the money runs out?

Why does excessive defense spending continue -- and escalate, nationally? Statewide, why does Detroit always get the lion's share of all grant money, out of proportion to its population?

If our government had to pay its own way, some things would be done differently. And it would be about time, too.

Consider those three people stranded off Bay Port because of shifting ice conditions this past weekend? At 11 p.m. that night, our U.S. Coast Guard dispatched searchers, helicopters and other expensive rescue aids to bring them back from Maisou Island.

That's wonderful. And needed. But what would unthinking fishermen do if they realized they'd be getting a bill for \$1000 or more for the expensive costs of such a rescue? Of course, people would pay it!

The point is: folks should be more accountable for what they do. If you venture on the ice too early in the season and don't watch what's happening, shouldn't you have to pay for it yourself?

Instead of saddling innocent folks, who were smartly snuggling at home at the time?

Get with it, governments. If you had to run as businesses do, things would be different in our world.

And it would be about time...

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RECOLLECTIONS



of by-gone days

By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Time slips by pretty fast and we are all getting older. As we look back over the years, we all have had experiences which were good and some not so good.

Back in 1934, I got interested in going to Florida to work in the celery fields at Sarasota. There was a man

who wrote in a paper my father got, saying anybody who came down there could get a job. So I wrote him a letter and he invited me to come.

So I got ready to go, and I drove down with a couple from Pigeon. In the meantime, they had a frost that froze the celery -- so when I got there, the man said he was sorry but there was no work to be had. There were some other boys coming from Ohio, and I couldn't stay at his place because there wasn't enough room for all of us.

Well, I sure was disappointed and for a while I sure wished I were at home. Then I went back to Tampa where there was a small Mennonite Church. I shared a room with a man from Pennsylvania.

I didn't know anybody and the next day was Christmas. I wasn't invited anywhere, so I just went out for a walk. Everything looked nice and green, but it didn't look nice to me because I was very homesick.

Sixty Seconds
A wise prayer

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12

Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is! Psalm 39:4

No truth is more obvious than the brevity and frailty of life. At the longest, it is brief, particularly if we count the time spent in sleep or dissipated with trifles; it is frail, carrying in it the germs of decay and dissolution.

Utterly uncertain, the strongest life may in an instant snap like a thread. Who can escape this fact?

Still, people are apt to think that only the others are mortal. The picture Charles Dickens drew of a lawyer who was always harping on the duty of making one's will, but who himself died intestate, is a profile of human nature.

The personal prayer of the psalmist is also for us: "Teach us to number our days." It is a wise prayer, for nothing less than the divine teaching can cure our follies.

As pilgrims, we are to be "those who wait for the Lord." If I am a believer in Jesus, a child of God by faith, then the keys of my life and death are in the hands once nailed to the cross for my sins.

Death will come as His messenger, but because of my faith in Him I can look into the dark angel's face and smile.

He who has prepared me for this day is my God, who has given me the Holy Spirit as His guarantee.

Gracious Lord, grant me heaven's wisdom to count my days and, as I count them, to look hopefully beyond my life here. Amen.

1984: The Year in Review — Spring sees growth, grief

FEBRUARY — Continued from Front Page

Winner of the \$25 prize in the 1984 Caseville Snow Bonanza Fishing Contest is THAD BEADLE of Caseville. VIRGIL BOUCK of Pigeon retires after 22½ years of service with the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services office in Caro.

Pigeon Village starts weekly trash pick-up. A 25 year old Pigeon man is charged with assault with intent to commit murder after the stabbing of JOSEPH K. GUSTER, 26, outside the Riverside Bar, Caseville.

Laker volleyballers win championship trophy by defeating Bay City John Glenn, after both teams advanced to the finals without losing a game.

Over \$4,000 is raised locally for the CROP Drive, 25% of which goes to the local Meals on Wheels program.

Incumbent Village Council member PAUL WALSH is defeated in his bid for a second term on the council. Top vote-getters are DAVE McCORMICK and JOHN SCHAEFER.

Twelve named State Farmers at National FFA Convention: STEVE TAIT, GARY GILBERT, GRANT FLUEGGE, MARY McARDLE, DAWN SCHUETTE, JIM GILBERT, DAVID VOELKER, MIKE LICHT, DONALD YOUNG, BRIAN HENRY, ROBERT ROSS and LORI HAZARD.

Elkton Lions member ELMER ROPP, Jr., is named "Citizen of the Year" by the Lions for outstanding community contributions.

Scheurer Hospital opens its doors for Pediatric Tours for elementary students.

Plans are well underway for Elkton's "Old Fashioned Days" June 15-17, nearly 60 Community Club members at the planning dinner in February learned.

Caseville gears up for cable TV installation by Pioneer Cablevision, which also serves Pigeon and Elkton.

Thirty-five ice fishermen are stranded on Wildfowl Bay's thin ice and had to be rescued when large ice chunks floated away from the Mud Creek area.

The Laker Curriculum Committee is recognized for its work in bringing educational excellence to Bay Port, Pigeon and Elkton.

Pigeon Motor Sales Inc. adds more showroom space by remodeling its existing building.

Four hundred persons attend Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Elementary Basketball Tournament, with winning teams being Elkton White team (boys) and Bay Port Gulls (girls).

Laker Forensics Team places sixth out of 32 schools in the Essexville Garber Forensics Tournament.

FEBRUARY DEATHS: Edna W. McLeish, age 84 of Bay Port; Mary Buerker, age 99 of Pigeon; Fr. Achilles Edeleny, age 72, of Caseville; Ruth Templeton of Monroe; Albert Edward Tillman, age 66 of Pigeon; Delyle Donald Deering, age 55 of Bay Port; Arthur Albert Newman, age 95 of Pigeon; Dr. Eugene A. Hand, M.D., age 74 of Pigeon; Rose Kolter, age 73 of Bad Axe; Alice Foster, age 85 of Pigeon; Mary M. Snider, age 97, of Elkton; Victor Colbeck, age 66 of Caseville; Paul Pavlichek, age 72 of Owendale; Amelia Sparschu, age 76 of Port Huron, formerly of Elkton; Lawrence Gornowicz, Sr., age 72 of Pigeon; Martha Begalka of Pigeon; J. Martin Snider, age 63, formerly of Elkton.

MARCH, 1984

MARCH'S TOP STORY: MORE GROWTH — Active Feed of Pigeon announces plans for \$1.5 million expansion for an egg processing and packaging facility at 6761 Haist Road, to add 15 jobs.

Laker Volleyball team wins first District Championship, then regionals!

Four break-ins were reported in Pigeon, at The Progress-Advance office, June & Fargo's Bar, Eicher's Cleaners and McCormick Motors. An average of \$100 damage was done in each business.

MARTIN SCHUETTE of Pigeon is new commander of the Saginaw Bay Power Squadron.

DON HAIST, son of WILLARD and LEAH HAIST of Pigeon, is recognized as "Middle School Administrator of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators' Conference. He serves as principal of USA Middle School.

MIKE and PEGGY HEINTZ take over as new owners of the Pigeon Inn and plan grand opening festivities this month.

ED OESCHGER earns Farm Bureau Insurance Group's 1983 Distinguished Sales Award.

Laker Basketballers end season with 65-54 win over Marlette Red Raiders.

Janice Prill upends incumbent John Parr in Caseville's Mayoral Election.

Laker seniors AMY BUCHHOLZ and WALLY FISHER win in state contests for BOEC annual competition at the RenCen, Detroit.

Long-time Chairman of the Board of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. E.J. CLABUESCH passes away after a banking and community service career which spanned almost five decades.

JOSEPH McARDLE is let go of his position as Pigeon Village Clerk, and another clerk will be appointed within 90 days.

Pigeon Lions Club Bowling Team takes first place in the State Lion Bowling Tourney in Lansing.

Pigeon native SALLY DITTMAN is named principal at Vassar Central Elementary School.

Champagne Funeral Chapel's Caseville location ready for use.

Laker Band scores a 1 rating in district competition at the high school.

SHELLY GINTER and JOHN RATHJE are named All-Staters for their performances during the past season.

CHRIS PERRY of Caseville School is top writer in the 15th annual America and Me Essay contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

Caseville Public Schools will successfully seek its first operating millage increase in a dozen years.

CMU junior ROB HERZOG is starting receiver for the Chippewas this year.

MARCH DEATHS: Myrtle I. Couch, age 66 of Bay Port; Lucille H. Snider, age 74 of Pigeon; Wanda T. Dillon, former area resident; Virgil E. House, age 81 of Bay Port; Mrs. John E. Stewart, age 92 of Hume Twp.; Louis F. Pechette, age 59 of Caseville; Joseph Wertz, age 74 of Pigeon; Charles Heckroth, age 95 of Elkton; Eva M. Faust, age 87 of Pigeon; Hazel E. Thompson, age 78 of Bay City; E.J. Clabuesch, age 63 of Pigeon; Tammy Jo Danks, age 2 of Pigeon; Clarence (Casey) Perry, 55 of Caseville; Otto Schulze, age 77 of Pigeon; Mona M. Mast, age 97 of Bay City, formerly of Sebawaing, Karl T. Germain, age 78 of Oscoda, formerly of Bay Port.

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APRIL, 1984

APRIL'S TOP STORY: AIRPORT GRIEF — Tempers simmer in Caseville Township, where disgruntled citizens seeking an advisory vote on the planned \$1.1 million Caseville Township Airport threaten recall of township officials. Supervisor JAMES REEVES and other leaders point out three legal options say such a vote isn't possible, since state and federal aeronautics funding is involved.

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Effective January 1, 1985
The minimum deposit requirements on your HIFI and Super Now Accounts drops to \$1,000.

According to new federal regulations, we can give you more for your money. If the average balance for the month on your HIFI or Super Now Account is \$1,000, you will not be service charged. Plus, you will earn a high rate of interest on your money. However, if you still maintain an average balance for the month of \$2500, we will pay an even higher, money-market rate of interest.

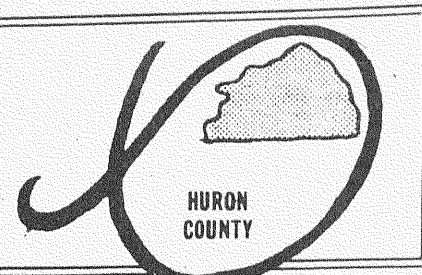
For complete details, call or stop in and talk to the friendly people at Thumb National.

Thumb National Bank & Trust
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Pigeon
453-3113

Cass City
872-4311

News that COUNTS... from the COUNTY



from
Huron
County
Clerk
Helen
Lemanski

COUNTY CLERK MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Week of December 24

Edward Charles Ashmore and Alex
sandra Baetica McCain.
Donald M. Siemen and Kimberly R.
Tageson.
Richard Snyder and Roselyn Rock.
Duane Siemen and Gail Stanton.

ASSUMED NAMES

Week of December 24

No. 3911 Pitcher's Ban Franklin, 244
N. Center Street, Sebawing, Michigan
48759. By: J. C. Pitcher and Marilyn
Pitcher, 396 S. Center, Sebawing,
Michigan 48759. Filed 12-19-84.
No. 3912 Kohnz Floor Coverings, 12
North Center Street, Sebawing, Michi-
gan 48759. By: John W. Kohnz and
Kayleen K. Kohnz, 11165 Gremel Road,
Sebawing, Michigan 48759. Filed
12-26-84.
No. 3913 Bud Leigh Realty, 3408
Thomas Road, Filton, Michigan 48432.
By: Lynn R. Leigh, 3408 Thomas Road,
Filton, Michigan 48432. Filed
12-26-84.

CO-PARTNERSHIP

Week of December 24

No. 763 Mossbacher Michigan 1984C
Partnership, 1300 Main Street, Suite
2100, Houston, Texas 77002. By: W.
T. Menallo, 1300 Main Street, Suite
2100, Houston, Texas 77002. Filed
12-26-84.

Business CARDS

Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

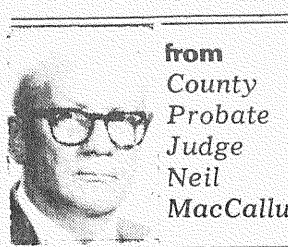


from
County
Register
of Deeds
Frances
Holdwick

REGISTER OF DEEDS

December 19 - 21, 1984

Lee E. Steinman & Wf to John F.
Gilbert & Wf a parcel of land in Section
8 of Caseville Township.
Terry H. Jones & Wf to Dana E.
Marlowe & Wf a parcel of land in Sec-
tion 8 of Sebawing Township.
Estate of Peter F. Koss to James E.
Gougeon & Wf a parcel located 19 of
Sand Beach Township.
Eva Hubbard to Jacob F. Masker &
Wf a parcel of land in the Village of Port
Austin.
Dan B. Conklin & Wf to Donald Cot-
trell & Wf a parcel of land in Port Austin
Township.
Reeva Peter to Mark J. Smith a parcel of
land in Section 28 of Fair Haven
Township.
Frank A. Smaglin & Wf to Robert D.
Tenbusch & Wf a parcel of land located
in Section 9 of Sigel Township.
Mark A. Fitzgerald & Wf to Thomas A.
Egleston & Wf 2 parcels of land on Sec-
tion 12 of Caseville Township.
John F. Schweninger & Wf to
Michael P. Schweninger & Wf a parcel
of land located in Section 13 of Lake
Township.
Westland Properties to Francis R.
Varty & Wf a parcel located in Section
24 of Calfax Township.



from
County
Probate
Judge
Neil
MacCallum

PROBATE COURT

Week of December 20 - 26

Estate of Angeline Branst, De-
ceased, of Port Austin, File 27,955.
Independent Probate, Publication and
Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Monica Ruth Conrad,
Deceased, of Port Austin, File 26,660.
Supervised Probate, 2 Waivers and
Consents filed. Petition for Partial
Distribution filed. Order for Partial
Distribution filed.
Estate of Lulu D. Winslow, De-
ceased, of Bad Axe, File 26,917.
Supervised Probate, Notice of Hearing
filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail
filed.
Estate of Howard Harris, Deceased,
of Bad Axe, File 27,567. Petition and
Order to Open Safe Deposit Box to Lo-
cate Will or Burial Deed filed.
Estate of Leona A. Pollum, De-
ceased, of Bad Axe, File 26,743.
Supervised Probate, Proof of Service
by Certified Mail and by Personal Ser-
vice filed.
Estate of Esther E. Whitehouse, De-
ceased, of Sebawing, File 26,348.
Motion to Compel Payment of Net In-
come of Trust, To Appoint an Interim
Trustee during Pendency of Action and
for Accounting of Trust Assets, Re-
ports and Disbursements filed. Notice
of Hearing filed. Proof of Service by
Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Peter Francis Koss, De-
ceased, of Harbor Beach, File 27,039.
Supervised Probate, Report of Sale of
Real Estate and Petition for Confirma-
tion filed. Bond of Fiduciary filed.
Notice of Hearing filed. Proof of Service
by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Welda M. Henne, De-
ceased, of Sebawing, File 27,551.
Supervised Probate, Proof of Service
by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Otto Schulze, Deceased,
of Pigeon, File 27,478. Order Pursuant to
MCLA 205.202 (d) filed.
Estate of Clara Harford, Deceased,
of Elktion, File 27,493. Supervised Pro-
bate, Order Determining Heirs filed.
Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.
Final Account of Personal Representa-
tive filed. Waiver and Consent filed.
Estate of John Joseph Shaddock,
Deceased, of Port Austin, File 27,491.
Supervised Probate, Order Closing
Hearing of Claims filed.
Estate of Gertrude Collins, Deceased,
of Bad Axe, File 27,549. Independent
Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed.
Estate of Luella M. Ritter, Deceased,
of Bad Axe, File 27,304. Independent

Probate, Inheritance Tax Receipt filed.
Estate of Achilles Edelenyi, De-
ceased, of Caseville, File 27,273. In-
heritance Tax Receipt filed.
Estate of Richard Eslick, Deceased,
of Sebawing, File 26,474. Supervised
Probate, Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Margaret W. Luck, De-
ceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,404.
Supervised Probate, Inheritance Tax
Receipt filed. Order of Adjudgment fil-
ed.
Estate of Thomas Eddy, Deceased,
of Bad Axe, File 26,982. Supervised Pro-
bate, Waiver and Consent filed. Receipt
of Distributive Share filed. Order Allow-
ing Final Account and Assigning
Residue filed. Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Ellen M. Schmidt, Deceased,
of Pigeon, File 27,084. Supervised
Probate, Annual Account of Personal
Representative filed.
Estate of Mary Rose Gucwa, De-
ceased, of Port Austin, File 27,179.
Supervised Probate, Final Account of
Personal Representative filed, 7
Waivers and Consents filed.
Estate of John Paul Clemens,
Deceased, of Filton, File 27,210.
Supervised Probate, Order of Discharge
filed.
Estate of Hilda M. Schultz, De-
ceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,569. Will
filed.

Bowling news

PIGEON THURSDAY NITERS LEAGUE

Brighton Metal 4
Huron Distributing 3 1/2
Village Barber & Styling 3
J & B Big & Htg. 3
Fink's Used Equip. 3
Scheurer Hospital 3
Pigeon Co-op 1
H. Carpenter Const. 1
Gary's TV 1
McCormick Motors 1/2
Lee's Landscaping 0
Pigeon Auto Supply 0
High team scores: Brighton Metal 2191
(763), J & B Big 2151 (791), Fink's Used
Equip. 2086.
High individual scores: M. Ropp 525
(181-178), P. Niebel 517 (196-175), E.
Gunden 490 (186), E. Rounds 483, R. Duf-
fy 469 (177), A. Albrecht 468, P. Parrish
467 (179), G. Smith 1906, S. Buchholz
174, I. Shepherd 174, M. Murdoch 172, J.
Tennant 170.
Splits: 5-4-5-7 5-7 L. Welshans; 5-7 D.
Strauch, B. Johnson; 4-5-7 T. Cnager, L.
Hewlett; 2-7 M. Ropp; 3-10 A. Albrecht, F.
Otto, J. Tennant.

FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Active Feed 4
Caseville Fruit Market 3
Pigeon Lanes 2
Silver Dollar 2
Albrecht Auction Service 1
Co-op Elevator 0
High team scores: Active Feed 2630
(914-824-892).
High individual scores: C. Basinger 585
(212), J.D. Gunden 573 (205), L. Albrecht
554, D. Dubs 530, D. Deering 507, D.
Dunn 500.
Splits: 3-10 R. Graf; 5-6 J. Dubs.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES - PIGEON LANES FIRST HALF STANDINGS

Damm's Inc. 33
Bay Port Shell 32
Haid's Flowers 32
Bay Port State Bank 32
Varty's 32
Cloverleaf Egg 31
Huron Excavation 30
Henne Farms 30
Thumb National Bank 30
Miller High Life 29
Mary Kay Cosmetics 26
Bay Port Construction 24
High Individual Game: Joycelyn Blome
195, Dolores Yahn 193, Joycelyn Blome
187.
High Individual Series: Joycelyn Blome
564, Dolores Yahn 486, Pam Sears 473
High Team Game: Miller High Life 783,
Thumb National Bank 751, Damm's Inc.
741.
High Team Series: Miller High Life
2234, Damm's Inc. 2149, Thumb National
Bank 2145.
Splits: 3-10 Rita Sweeney, Wanda Dubs,
Peggy Parrish; 4-10 Helen Strong; 4-5
Pam Roestel; 5-10 Cindy Farver; 5-7 Con-
nie S. Damm, Dolores Yahn; 5-6 Noel
Wichert; 9-10 Sherri Kraft; 4-5-7 Hene
Chittit; 5-6-10 Kelly Henne.

Lake-Chandler holiday visits

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Mr. and Mrs. William
McBride visited their son
and family, Mr. and Mrs.
Gerald McBride at Lake
Orion.

Rev. Jerry Bedford of Lit-
tle Rock, Ark. is visiting his
parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Bedford, Friday din-
ner guests of the Bedfords
were Willis and Mae Yackle
of Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stiener
and family Su Ann, Michael
and Sheri of Fort Wayne,
Ind. spent several days with
their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Kuhl. The Kuhls and
guests spent Christmas day
at the Lloyd Kuhl home at
Sebawing.

Christmas guests of Mr.
and Mrs. William Ballagh
were Mr. and Mrs. William
Ballagh, Lisa and Andy of
New Lothrop and Mary
Ballagh of Three Rivers. An-
dy and Mary spent a few
days.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Reibling
spent a few days, including
Christmas, with their
daughter and family, Mr.
and Mrs. Sid Holodnick in
Oberlin, Ohio.

Mrs. Marguerite Rogers
entertained some 25
members of her families at a
Christmas eve buffet dinner.
Thursday evening dinner
guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Kuhl were Mr. and
Mrs. Arnold Reibling, Mr.
and Mrs. Cal Reibling, Mr.
and Mrs. Dave Reibling of
Elktion and Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Reibling of Caseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerker
were Christmas guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Buerker in Pigeon. Other
guests were Mr. and Mrs.
Don Greyerbiehl of Ro-
chester and Janis
Buerker of Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bed-
ford and son Bryce of Col-
dwater and Bonnie of
Kalamazoo were Christmas
Eve overnight guests of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Bedford. They were
Christmas guests of their
mother, Mrs. Lucy Dietzel in
Elktion.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall and
sons Jeffrey and Timothy of
Trustville, Ala. are spending
the holidays with their
parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Hall and Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Leipprandt.

Spending the holidays with
their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Mervin Snider were Mr. and
Mrs. Tom Ammiss of East
Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Al
Wenzel and sons Aaron and

Matthew of Freeport, Ill.
and Mr. and Mrs. Russell
Snider of Glendale, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Col-
lison and son Fred of Pigeon
were Tuesday dinner guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl.

Mr. and Mrs. George
Southworth and their
children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray
Wakefield of Adrian, Mr.
and Mrs. Duane Southworth
of Flint, Bette Southworth
of Elktion, Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Leipprandt and
daughter Julie and a foreign
exchange student, driceli
Gomez had dinner together
at Franklin Inn on Saturday,
returning to the Southworth
home for dessert to
celebrate the birthday of
Dorothy Wakefield and
Duane Southworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl
and holiday guests, Mr. and
Mrs. John Stiener and fam-
ily of Fort Wayne, Ind. were
guests at a pre-Christmas
dinner on Sunday with their
daughter and family, Ron
and Marilyn Elenbaum,
Daniel and Nancy at
Mayville. Other guests were
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Booth
and sons, David, Timothy
and Matthew of Alma; Mr.
and Mrs. Michael Proctor
and daughter Heather,
Kimberly Hollenbeck and
son Chris, Mr. and Mrs.
Timothy Elenbaum and son
Timothy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Elenbaum and daughter
Angel of Mayville.

Christmas guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Roy Duffy were
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duffy
and children Kim, Rick and
Tami, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt
Richmond and daughter An-
drea of Caseville, Jim Duffy
and friend Stacy, Suzy and
Jeff Duffy of Mt. Pleasant.
Suzy stayed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross,
celebrating their 60th wed-
ding anniversary in their
home on Christmas Eve, are
thanking their many friends
and relatives for their cards,
visits and phone calls.
Despite the bad weather,
many family members
came. Guests were Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Saylor of Grand
Blanc; Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Ross of Mt. Morris; Mr. and
Mrs. Delos Ross; Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Karle and son John
Howard, Caseville; Mr. and
Mrs. Tom Ferguson, George
and friend Holly of Bay Port.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ferguson
of Traverse City; Mr. and
Mrs. Conrad McIlhargie of
Elktion; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse
Avalos and children Nanette
and Candice of Pigeon.

BOARD MINUTES

WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Dec. 4, 1984

The regular meeting of the Winsor Twp. Board was called to order by Robert Arm-
bruster, supervisor, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4, 1984.
Present: Robert Armbruster, Clare Dast, John Kohr, Ray Lutz and Martin Rathje.
Absent: none.
The minutes of the Nov. 6, 1984 meeting were read and approved with a motion by
Clare Dast and seconded by Ray Lutz. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Martin Rathje to pay outstanding
bills for the month. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Ray Lutz and seconded by Clare Dast to send three firemen to
the Emergency First Responder Course, presented by the Huron County Emergency
Management. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Ray Lutz and seconded by John Kohr to replace tractors at the
cemetery with John Deere 283 and 116 and to go with the annual replacement program
presented by Gettel Imp. Co. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Ray Lutz to issue the following
building permits: Leon Henne, addition to house, \$15,16; Gale Maust, addition to house,
\$15,12; James Clabuesch, Pole Shed, \$29,20. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Ray Lutz, and seconded by Martin Rathje to approve a request by
Luke Toder and wife, Cora, to remove 1.03 acres from enrollment in P.A. 116, Contract
32-7833-123187 Between the State of Michigan and Lake and Cora Toder, WI, located
within T16-R10E and described as follows: Comm at the S.1/4 corner of Sec. 20 Winsor
Twp. thru E. along the South Line of said Sec. 530.77 ft. to PDB to N. 300 ft. to PDB,
being part of the west 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 Sec. 20, Winsor Twp., Huron County, containing 1.03
acres of land. Motion carried.
A motion was made by John Kohr and seconded by Clare Dast to adjourn. Motion car-
ried.

John P. Kohr,
Winsor Twp. Clerk

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Forty Pigeon Headstart children raise nearly \$400 for
Easter Seals by "Jumping for Joy."

RON and JUDY COBB, owners of Pigeon's Ben
Franklin Store, open Lakeside Variety in Caseville.
Scheurer Hospital announces its CommuCare pro-
gram, allowing daily checks on invalid, homebound peo-
ple.

The Huron County Tourist Association announces its
"ANY-TIME" (269-8463) phone number for 24-hour
tourism information. Statewide, dial 1-800-801-1450.

Village Pizzeria changes its location in Pigeon and of-
fers more seating and a number of video games.

More construction in Pigeon! Excavation begins for
Michigan Directory Company's new location on M-142.

DEBRA WEISS of Elktion and TERI DAMM of Pigeon
lead Laker High School's Class of 1984 as valedictorian
and salutatorian, respectively. Also in the "Top Ten" are
TINA DANNIS, JOHN RATHJE, BRENDA RICHMOND,
JILL KROHN, BRIAN ELSTON, KRISTINE MCARDLE,
JANICE BUSHEY and ELIZABETH MELENDORF.
Long-time Huron County Treasurer ARNOLD
SCHWEITZER was guest of honor at a retirement party
attended by 150 guests.

Pigeon Village Marshall DAVE WICHERT resigns his
post to return to work for the state DNR.

Caseville's annual Perch Festival runs April 20-29 — and
an \$18,000 walleye tournament is planned Aug. 18-26, both
sponsored by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce.

APRIL DEATHS: Mary K. Dutcher, age 79 of Bay Port;
Orville Bouck, age 70 of Caseville; Edgar Dinkel, age 68 of
Sebawing; Elda M. Hinsberger, age 82 of Pigeon; Mrs.
Bernard O'Connor, age 77 of Chandler Twp.; Ronald E.
Haley, Jr., age two; John Grant Dutcher, age 57 of Bay
Port; Nick Bambach, Jr., age 71 of Meade Twp.; Allan S.
Gwinn, age 84 of Caseville; Anna Smith, age 87; Ervin
Trost, age 75 of Pigeon; Mrs. Pauline (Diener) Burdeno of
DeBarry, Fla.

MAY, 1984

MAY'S TOP STORY: HEY, LOOK US OVER — GOV.
JAMES BLANCHARD takes a whirlwind tour of Huron Coun-
ty, making stops at Active Feed Co., The Cooperative
Elevator Co. and Pigs-R-Us in Pigeon.

Wind storms cause major damage in the Thumb area,
including downed power lines, knocked down trees, torn
siding, etc.

WANDA EICHLER of Pigeon is one of 16 official
delegates from the Detroit Conference to attend the top
legislative body of the United Methodist Church in
Baltimore, Md.

Laker netters sweep first-place honors in Yale Doubles
Invitational Tourney.

Bay Port State Bank names RON MCCLUMPHA as new
vice president.

Elktion Village President RANDY HALEY surprised the
council with his resignation.

New presidents of the Pigeon Jaycees and Jaycettes
were installed at the groups' joint banquet, including
Jaycette President TAMMY ELENBAUM and Jaycee
President BRUCE KINGSBURY.

New pastor of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church,
Pigeon is REV. FR. BERNARD L. SKORNIA, who suc-
ceeds retiring pastor, REV. FR. MICHAEL WOLF.

DODY YAHN of Pigeon is top bowler in the Thumb area
following a tournament to determine "Bowler of the
Year."

\$1.728 million Caseville senior citizen building begins
with groundbreaking.

Pillsbury breaks plant ground for new dry bean and
grain plant at Owendale.

Candidates sought for summer queen's contest at Bay
Port.

Caseville Library Club gives \$3630 to Scheurer Hospital.
ELAINE ROPP is presented with a 30-year service pin
from Scheurer Hospital Board President ELDON
DIETZEL and NORRIS DIEBEL and DOROTHY COL-
LISON earn their 25 year pin.

Pigeon sixth grader DEBBIE CHRISTNER spelled
down the competition at the fourth annual Laker Spelling
Bee, outspelling the other three finalists with the word
"cemetery."

Eight scholars lead Caseville High School: JOHN
BADLE, GARY MILLER, DAN MURDOCH, DAN
OSENTOSKI, AILEEN SIMET, MICHELLE SIMET,
WAYNE SIMMONS, JERRY WINKLER.
Receiving scholarships at the annual Laker FFA Ban-
quet are GRANT FLUEGGE, from Thumb National Bank
& Trust; MARY MCARDLE, from the Cooperative
Elevator; TRACY TAGESON, the FFA scholarship and
DAWN SCHUETTE, from Gettel Implement.

Scheurer Hospital fund-raiser draws crowd of 300 to
Laker High School for dinner and entertainment.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville, burns
\$85,000 mortgage, 10 years and one day after the May 19,
1974 dedication of the new building.

New Elktion Council member ELMER ROPP, JR. is
sworn in as interim mayor to fill the vacancy left when
RANDY HALEY resigned unexpectedly.

A new steppe perches atop Bay Port RLDS Church with
the aid of a skilled construction crew.

Top cookie sellers from Pigeon Brownie Troop #895 are
MICHELLE ANKLAM, KIMBERLY FROST and CHRIS-
TI DAMM and Caseville Brownie Troop #686 member
STACY MEISSNER.

An Owendale woman MRS. BRUCE RICKER is Huron
County's first fire fatality in more than seven years.

New commander of the Pigeon VFW Post #2236 is BILL
SCHUETZ and the auxiliary leader is President PHYLLIS
VOLLMER.

Pigeon River Mennonite Church installs a new associate
pastor, KEN DIETZEL. Prior to this, he served as pastor
of Germfask Mennonite Church in the Upper Peninsula.

MARION STROZIER of WNEF-TV5 spoke to nearly
2000 parents, relatives and friends of the 100 graduates of

Governor tours, disaster strikes



LOOKING BACK: Governor James Blanchard, left, and
State Ag Director Paul Kindinger inspect a young pig at the Pigs-
R-Us farrowing plant south of Pigeon, during their May 4 trip
through Huron County's ag areas.

The officials also toured Active Feed Company, the
Cooperative Elevator Company of Pigeon and other places dur-

Laker High School's Class of 1984. Also speaking were
Valedictorian DEBRA WEISS, Salutatorian TERI DAMM
and Class President BRIAN ELSTON.

MAY DEATHS: Irven J. Coote, age 86 of Elktion; Shawn
M. Eady, age 17 of Pigeon; Anna Kerr Fyfe, age 97,
daughter of a Huron County pioneer; Carrie Finkbeiner,
age 88 of Pigeon; Imogene Pauline Ricker, age 57 of
Owendale and Otto Gettel, age 86 of Pigeon.

JUNE, 1984

JUNE'S TOP STORIES: (Tie) BUSY MONTH — \$1.2 million
tornado causes worst natural disaster in area in nearly 100
years; first area homicide in nearly 10 years.
A June 12 tornado cuts a 12-mile path of destruction
from Bay Port northeast to Pinnebog, destroying 23
barns, damaging four houses, uprooting 100 trees and
creating Huron County's worst natural disaster since the
Great Fire of 1881.

1984: The Year in Review

AHEAD TO '85:

Predictions say '85 should be good

PREDICTIONS — Continued from Front Page

"Let's all hope and pray that 1985 brings better commodity
and livestock prices than 1984," Leipprandt says.

Pigeon automobile dealer Dave McCormick of McCormick
Motor Sales, Inc., says 1984 was a good year for his business.
He said sales of new cars exceeded expectations because of
the commodity prices for his farmer customers. Part of the
sales jump might have been due to increased showroom traffic
in the new facility constructed by the firm at Pigeon's west
end in mid-1984, McCormick says.

Also a member of the Pigeon Village Council, McCormick
says 1984 is best remembered for getting the village police
department and bookkeeping running smoothly. A new police
chief and village administrator contributed to straightening
out snags in those departments, says McCormick.

Looking ahead to 1985, Pigeon residents can expect to see
the purchase of a new water tower as Council's most impor-
tant agenda item, McCormick says. "We don't want to spent
the money, but we don't have any choice," the Councilman
says about the expensive project.

One 1985 price increase that affects most people is the price
of a first class stamp. Bay Port Postmaster Audrey Henne
notes that most individuals haven't complained much to her
about the three-cent jump in the stamp price, to 23 cents
soon.

Henne says only good-natured teasing about a pay increase
being responsible for the stamp price hike have been the only
comments she received.

Henne says she noticed an increase in post office business
as a result of the upswing in the economy, compared with
past years.

The most positive aspect of peoples' attitudes about 1985
was the hope that the future will bring peace and prosperity
to everyone in the Thumb Area and throughout the world.

Caseville Police seek murder charges against RAY-
MOND SCHWEITZER, age 71 of Pigeon, in the shotgun
death of PATRICK J. ROGERS, age 24, outside
Schweitzer's home. It's the Western Thumb's first murder
in at least eight years.

Charges and countercharges about the proposed
Caseville Airport get hot at a meeting, attended by
members of the "Concerned Citizens of Caseville," a
group which opposes building the \$1.1 million general
aviation facility in an area bounded by Crescent Beach,
Caseville and Dunn Rds. and M-25. Recall petitions are be-
ing circulated against township officials.

MARK and JEAN KRUEGER of Elktion are new owners
of This 'n That, a new variety store in Elktion.

New owner of the Gamble Store in Pigeon is CLARK
ELFTMAN, following sale of the store by DRYDEN and
JOANN HAIST of Pigeon.

New Pigeon Administrator BOB BROWN digs into his
new post, and an Open House is planned to welcome him
and his family.

Bay Port fifth grader TAMMY SMITH is the winning
writer of the annual Bay Port essay contest, sponsored by
the Bay Port Historical Society.

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THE PIGEON PROGRESS

The Past in Print

THE ELKTON ADVANCE

80 YEARS AGO

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JAN. 7, 1915

Northern Star Arbor A.O.G. elected the following officers Monday: James Foster, Jacob Geiger, Lawrence Decker, George Pfaff, Oscar Pfaff, Mrs. Anna Hartman, Fred Base and Adolph Zinzer.

John Walter Symons and Miss Ora Wallace of Saginaw were united in marriage Monday.

Carloads of ice are being shipped from Caseville to points along the Grand Trunk. About 25 men are engaged in harvesting the ice at Caseville.

Mrs. George D. Smith, nee Flora Ellen Campbell, died at her home in McKinley Twp. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Two barns and contents on the farm of William Polley, west of Owendale, were destroyed by fire Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diebel, Pigeon, a son last Wednesday.

Albert Case, who is attending college at Ypsilanti, visited with friends here over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wachner have moved from Gagetown to Pigeon and are living on South Main Street.

The Pigeon Cooperative Elevator Co. accepted the of-

fer of Leipprandt Bros. for the purchase of the elevator and grist mill for \$22,500.

About 22 friends gave Adolph Zinzer a birthday surprise party at his Pigeon home Monday evening.

John Gillingham of Los Angeles, Calif. called on old friends in Pigeon Wednesday.

60 YEARS AGO
JAN. 9, 1925

Henry Elftman and Miss Minnie Sweetzer were united in marriage on New Year's Day.

Edmund Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel (Good) and Miss Bernadine Kretzschmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kretzschmer, were united in marriage on Dec. 27 in Detroit.

Martin Brendel has gone to Big Rapids where he will attend college.

Miss Iva Leinbach has returned to Mt. Pleasant to attend school.

Ladies of the Pigeon Tourist Club are moving the public library from the town hall to the Community House where the library will now be located.

C.F. Bache has returned to Flint after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. T.F. Schmuck at Elkton.

Miss Grace Dietzel returned to Naperville Friday after spending the holidays at Elkton.

50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 11, 1935

Bernard Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartman and Miss Anna Stoeckle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stoeckle, were united in marriage on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rather, East Lansing, formerly of Bay Port, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week.

Henry Deming, 84, Bay Port, died on New Year's Day. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

Walter Bittner left for the CCC camp at Manistiquie, after a few days with his parents at Elkton.

Mrs. Josephine Miholin has rented the Solomon Knechtel residence in Elkton.

Congregation of Pigeon Evangelical Church has decided to build a new church to replace the one destroyed by fire on Dec. 24.

Building committee members are John Voelker, Ezra Maierle, Edwin Eichler, Thomas Maxwell, Harry Kretzschmer, Emerald Fahrner, Rev. G.C. Murbach, Noah Geiger and Mose Braun.

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JAN. 12, 1945

The following area registrants will report Jan. 17 for induction into the armed forces: Bradley Wightman, Caseville; Raymond Sparks, Neilan, Hoff, Milford, Ewald, Elkton; Arnold Koch, Sebewaing.

Mrs. Grover Pitcher, Sebewaing, received word from the U.S. Navy that her nephew, Arlington Collier, Seaman First Class, was killed in action while in service of his country. He had been in the South Pacific area. He was born near Sebewaing and leaves a wife.

Herb Haist, auctioneer at the Kauffman auction sale Saturday, stated that the Elias Wideman home at Berne was sold August Rathke; the old Mennonite church at Berne was sold to Albert Bechler and Herklas Dietzel purchased the building in Pigeon. The Kauffman family has moved to St. Johns.

Joseph Gruhn, 81, Sebewaing, died Jan. 1. He is survived by one son, Henry and one daughter, Mrs. H.F. Thumme, Sebewaing.

McKinley Farmers' Club

30 YEARS AGO

JAN. 13, 1955

Miss Pauline Helen Krohn, 36, Pigeon, died Sunday after a long illness. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krohn, Oliver Twp., and two brothers. For the past 10 years she has served as a nurse's aid at Scheurer Hospital.

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20 YEARS AGO

JAN. 14, 1965

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Break-in thieves made off with more than \$1,000 in cash and other valuable papers from the Martin Meyer grocery store at Bay Port Sunday night, according to Deputy Sheriff Floy Harder. Also broken into the same night was the Silver Dollar Bay in Bay Port were about \$125 was taken.

Miss Lenore M. Torres, Elkton, recently completed the secretarial course at Saginaw Business Institute and is now employed as a secretary at the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland.

The certified public accounting officers of Karl Leppien and Co., Pigeon and Jack A. LaBreck, Jr., CPA, Saginaw, have announced their merger as of Jan. 1 and will be known as Leppien, Moore and LaBreck, Certified Public Accountants. They will have four offices at Pigeon, Bad Axe, Caro and Saginaw.

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By DOROTHY DIENER

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Celebrating Christmas last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelmer Wright were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elftman and family of Pinconning, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Haley and family of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Eichler and Burton and Mrs. Alfred Eichler.

Mrs. Ada Brown was a Christmas Day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Binder and family.

Spending the holidays with their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Alfaro and children of Plymouth, Minn., and Jeannette Licht of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Having Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keim were Mrs. Mary Ropp and Dorothy Keim.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitin entertained at a pre-Christmas dinner on Dec. 23 at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. David Mitin in Capac. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Einhardt, Adam and Emily of Romeo, Lisa Mitin of Lansing, Jim Coe and son Jason of Ionia.

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Couple celebrates 60 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Esch

Lewis and Maggie Esch celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, Dec. 30 at the Towers, at Glencroft, Glendale, Ariz.

Lewis Esch and Maggie Wideman were married Dec. 25, 1924 at Pigeon and resided in the vicinity of Pigeon and Caseville until they moved to Glendale, Ariz. in 1974.

They have four children: Clayton of Pigeon, Eldora (Mrs. Lloyd Eicher) of Littleton, Colo., Dwight of Valley Center, Calif. and Marilyn (Mrs. Jack Ludwig) of Phoenix, Ariz. The couple also have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Health Department sets immunization clinics

Immunization clinics provided by the Huron County Health Department are scheduled for each Tuesday in January, with the exception of Jan. 1.

Clinic hours are 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., with T.B. testing available from 8:30-10 a.m.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and immunization records furnished will be appreciated.

Outreach clinics will also be conducted in Harbor Beach and Sebawaing at the same time at the WIC program.

In Sebawaing, the clinic and WIC programs are

scheduled at Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 513 Washington Street from 1-4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

The Harbor Beach clinic is scheduled the first Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.-Noon at the Community House.

Elkton news

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Lake-Chandler holiday news

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIlhargie were Cyril McIlhargie of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Brown and son Cullen of Grand Blanc, Sheila McIlhargie of Charlevoix and Pam McIlhargie of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gotts, Mrs. H. Kreh, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gotts and children Marcel, Nathan and Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erer and family Ray, Kari and Kami, Mr. and Mrs. John Dallas and daughter Nicole were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Turner and family of Deckerville.

Roland Dast visited his sister, Willo Buck, in Saginaw for several days and called on the George Gattas family. Roland and his sister spent Christmas Day at the Vern Drayton home in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Southworth of Ithaca spent Christmas with their mother, Bette Southworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McBride spent Christmas until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McBride and family at Tawas.

Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m.: The Chandler Presbyterian

Guild meets with Mrs. Carl Buerker.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leipprandt were Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall and sons Jeffrey and Timothy of Trustville, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Leipprandt and children Philip and Christopher, Caseville; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leipprandt and daughters Stephanie, Rebecca, Nicole and Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. George Southworth of Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Don Ahearn in Saginaw.

Couple announces engagement plans

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson of Pigeon wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue Ellen, to Andrew Riesterer, son of Jeanne A. Riesterer of Roseville.

Sue Ellen is a 1980 graduate of Laker High School and a 1982 graduate of Ferris State College with an Associates degree in cosmetology. She is currently employed at Panapoulos Salons of West Michigan, Kalamazoo.

Andrew is a 1980 graduate of Carl Brabec High School, Roseville and a 1984 graduate of Ferris State College with a B.S. in transportation technology. He is currently employed at Drumm Oldsmobile, Inc., East Detroit.

A Sept. 14, 1985 wedding is being planned.

Anderson -
Riesterer



Sue Anderson

SVSC sets registration

Saginaw Valley State College will offer a variety of classes this winter at Cass City High School, beginning Monday, Jan. 7.

The final day of registration and counseling will be Jan. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Cass City High School Library.

Winter Term classes will include: Elements of Composition II, Advanced Composition, History of English Language, Country Music, Adolescent Psychology, Principles of Sociology, Managerial Accounting, Cost Accounting, Organization and Administration, Intermediate Algebra, Biostatistics, Finite Math, Basic (computer science).

Band Boosters meet Tuesday

Laker Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the band room.

All parents of junior and senior high band students are urged to attend. Also, any other persons interested in boosting the band program are invited.

Business will include a report on the Christmas raffle of hams and turkeys and sketches of proposed new band uniforms will be presented.

Graduate of Texas A & M

Dennis J. Moore of Cypress, Tex., formerly of Elkton, graduated Dec. 8 from Texas A & M University with a B.S. degree in Industrial Education.

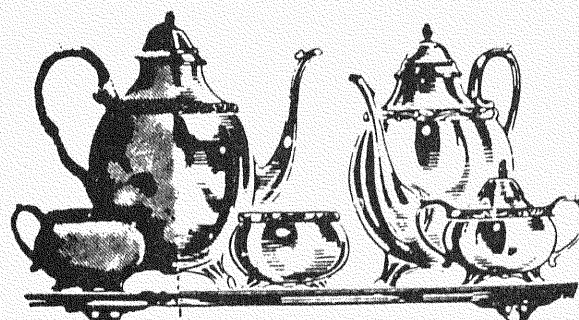
He has accepted a position with the Cypress Fairbanks Intermediate School District at Watkins Junior High School, Houston, Tex.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Elkton.

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MONDAY: Ham sandwich or hot dog, scalloped potatoes, ala carte: ham sandwich.

TUESDAY: Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy and bread and butter.

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich or pizza sub, corn.

THURSDAY: Pizza or hot dog.

FRIDAY: Hamburgers and french fries.

LAKER SCHOOLS
Third choice all week is sloppy joe on bun.

MONDAY: Cheesy pizza, cheeseburger on bun, french fries.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, spaghetti and meatballs, french fries.

WEDNESDAY: Piz-zaburger, chili and cheese sandwich, potato chips.

THURSDAY: Chalupa/taco, goulash, rice pudding.

FRIDAY: Wet burritos (cheese and sauce), fishwich, scalloped or oven-browned potatoes.

CROSS LUTHERAN
MONDAY: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, peaches/pears, bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Fish stick, hot dog, fries, baked beans, apple, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger stew, lettuce salad, applesauce, bread and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, raisins, milk.

FRIDAY: Soups (noodle or tomato), sandwiches (peanut butter, cheese or salmon), crackers, peaches/pears, milk.

Pigeon man at financial meet in Florida

Lee Steinman, president of Money Concepts of Michigan, Inc., attended the Council of Presidents and Chief Executives Meeting of Money Concepts International, Inc. in Miami Beach, Fla. Dec. 9-14.

The annual planning meeting, held at the Fontainebleau Hotel, was attended by the principal officers of Money Concepts Financial Planning Centers from throughout the U.S., the Caribbean, Canada, Ireland, Australia and the United Kingdom.

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PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

TOY SURVEY CONDUCTED

Four years ago, Michigan State University's Department of Family and Child Ecology received a grant and donated \$1500 worth of late-elementary and high school games, toys and puzzles to the Pigeon District Library. The purpose of this donation was to conduct a study between the student's school studies and activities compared to leisure time spent playing with games and puzzles.

A letter and participation form will be mailed to about 50 families who have borrowed these games from the library. Personnel from the Department of Family and Child Ecology will conduct the parents of the students by phone for the interview, which will consist of questions relating to how much time was spent using the particular game, was it a family project, how old was the student using the game and how much time was spent each day compared with TV viewing. Parents wishing to participate in the study are asked to return the form to the library by Jan. 15, indicating the most convenient time for the college personnel to contact them.

The data collected from the interviews will be used to better evaluate the usage of toys, games and puzzles used by late-elementary and high school students.

VIDEO TAPE CLUB

The library is making plans for the 1985 Video Tape Club and asks that any patrons who plan to discontinue their tape club membership notify the librarian better evaluate the amount of tapes to be ordered this quarter and plan for the tape selection process. Current members are reminded that dues for January, February, March may be paid during the first two weeks of January.

Any persons interested in joining the Video Tape Club may contact the library.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Tuesday morning Preschool Story Hour on Jan. 8 will host Sgt. Brent Woodward of the Huron County Sheriff's Dept. during both sessions.

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Tait, Drury named to bank board

Bernard (Bud) Tait and Robert J. Drury have been elected directors of the Bay Port State Bank, according to Robert E. Drury, board chairman.

Tait has been a local farmer for 35 years, attended Elkton schools and has been active in farm organizations. Since 1981 he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Elkton Co-op. He has also served on the council of St. Felix Catholic Church for two terms. He resides in Caseville with his wife and three children.

Drury is business manager of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University with B.S. and M.A. degrees and has previously been employed by John F. Kennedy Education Center and the Ann Arbor Bank. He is a member of the Caseville Township Board of Review, Scheurer Hospital Board of Directors and the Huron County Vocational Advisory Committee. He is also treasurer of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville. He and his wife are the parents of three daughters.

"We feel fortunate to have these two men join our Board and feel they will make substantial contributions to the continued growth of the bank," says Bay Port State Bank President James V. Foster.

Pigeon news

On Christmas Day, the families of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis gathered at their home at different times. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis and boys of Frankenmuth, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kretschmer and family of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jarvis and girls and Dennis.

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Pigeon area holiday news happenings

Mrs. Kay Baker and Stacey of Paulding, Ohio and other family members were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Beyer.

Christmas week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Alfaro and children of Plymouth, Minn. and Jeanette Licht of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swartzendruber and family of Sioux Falls, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. John Weier and family of Freeman, S.D. and Roger Swartzendruber of Lansing were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartzendruber.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mitin entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mitin, Amy and Andy, Mr. and Mrs. John Reabe of Memphis, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mitin of Lansing.

The children and families of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leipprandt enjoyed a Christmas dinner together.

A pre-Christmas day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Turner included Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Killinger and children of Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Santos and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Turner, all of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Novak and children of Bay Port and Mrs. Florence Turner and Angie Turner.

Traxler aide here Thursday

A staff aide to U.S. Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) will conduct office hours in the Thumb area

DNR wood expert coming

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Area Forester Roger Hoeksema will be in Huron County on Jan. 9 to provide information on the sale of timber, timber stand improvement, tree planting and firewood management.

Individuals who have questions concerning the management of woodlots can make an appointment to meet with Hoeksema by calling the Soil Conservation Service office in Bad Axe, according to District Conservationist Robert Law.

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Something To Think About

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BREAKING NEWS TO A CHILD

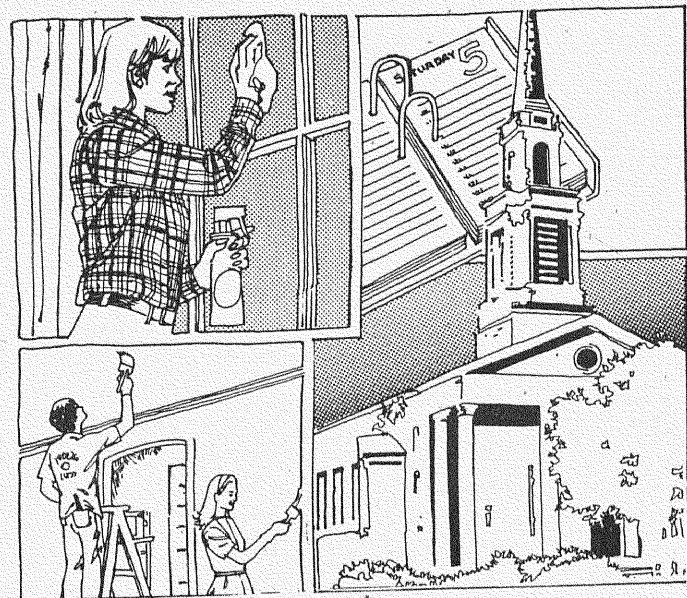
It is important that a youngster be informed IMMEDIATELY of the death of a loved one. If possible, he should be told by a parent or someone close to him, in a familiar setting such as the home. A delay in informing the child only increases the likelihood that he will learn of the death under less than ideal circumstances.

The need to break the sad news expeditiously does not mean that it should be done with any less gentleness or sensitivity. One experienced professional suggests that the adult begin with a discussion of nature, of the

flowering and fruiting of plants, of their fading away in the fall and winter. Emphasis should be on the

Start the New Year right by attending a local church

INSTEAD OF MARKING TIME THIS YEAR, MAKE IT COUNT



The calendar upon the wall
Will give us reason to recall
The fact that time goes by so fast;
Another year has joined the past.
We can't believe the old one's gone,
And yet it pays to look upon
The one that we have left behind;
For in all likelihood we'll find
That of the projects we'd begun,
A great amount remain undone.
But first and foremost we should heed
The tenets of our chosen creed,
And starting out next Sabbath day,
Attend the services and pray;
While asking God, with all our might,
To help us start this new year right.

— Gloria Nowak

Hope smiles on the
threshold of the year
to come, whispering
that it will be happier.
— Alfred, Lord Tennyson

"...let us go on
unto perfection... And
this will we do, if
God permit."
— Hebrews 6:1, 3

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Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass 9 a.m.
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Fr. Theodore LaMarre
Saturday Mass 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.

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Rev. Brent McCumons
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Nursery 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Early Service 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. Donald O. Cramm
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON
Rev. Mark Karls
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.

BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Randy Chamberlin
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.

HAVES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Randy Chamberlin
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Kersten
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Myra L. Sparks
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

GAGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Myra L. Sparks
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study

ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron Iris
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.

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Rev. Stewart L. Justin
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
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Pastor Rev. Bart Phelps
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, BAY PORT
Elder Ervin Huey
Church School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE
Pastor Ronald R. Kuenzli
Early Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 10:10 a.m.
Preaching Service 11 a.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CASEVILLE
Elder, Olson McCallum
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT
Fr. James Sorenson
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL, PORT AUSTIN
Vicar Fr. Elam Peckford
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JERUSALEM WITNESSES BAD AXE
Rev. A. Public Bell
Discourse 11 a.m. Congregational study of "The Watchtower"

MISSIONARY CHURCH BAD AXE
Rev. Alan Yerke
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Worship Hour 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Adult Bible Study

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Don Patterson, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

PIGEON RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH
Lake Yoder, Pastor
Kenneth Dietzel, Associate Pastor
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Communion 2nd and 4th Sunday every month

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Rev. Paul Schies
Church Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month

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Rev. Randall P. Schultz
Missouri Synod
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Advent Service 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINCOLNE
Missouri Synod
Rev. Ray R. Ollendorf
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE
Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Philip K. Press
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month

NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING
Wisconsin Synod
Rev. Jonathan Stern
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING
Missouri Synod
Rev. Donald Detering
Rev. Edward J. Arle, Assoc. Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON
American Lutheran Church
Raymond E. Orth, Pastor
Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BAY PORT
Rev. Eric A. Lambert
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Communion first and third Sunday

HICKORY BIBLE CHURCH
Corner of Frederick
Fourth, Sebewaing
Pastor Mike Frazho
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Area men invited to breakfast

The January Community lens' Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 2 (today) at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Following the breakfast will be a time of singing, then a devotional led by Rev. Dale Bird, chaplain of the Pigeon and Tuscola County jails. The meeting ends by 8 a.m.

All of the men of the community are invited to attend. A free-will offering is received each month to cover the cost of the food.

General Tel lets you interrupt

Many telephone customers may not know it, but they can interrupt a telephone conversation in progress — for a price, says Lowell Kinney State Public Affairs Director, General Telephone of Michigan.

For less than one dollar, a telephone user can ask an operator to interrupt a telephone conversation to inform the people talking that another party wants to place a call to the busy line. The people engaged in the telephone conversation can agree to terminate their call or refuse to have their call interrupted.

The 95 cent cost of this service established in the April rate award provided Michigan Bell by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). Since General Telephone concurs with Michigan Bell on the interruption service, the price applies to its customers as well. The 95 cent service interruption charge doesn't include the cost of the call following the interruption, adds Kinney.

While interruption service is available in most communities in Michigan, it can be used only within the "LATA" from which a person is calling. (A LATA is a geographical region resembling somewhat the zones designated by area codes).

Thumb Area obituaries

MRS. LILLIAN DOEPKER 1905 - 1984

Mrs. Lillian Doecker, age 79, of New Hudson, formerly of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 25 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

She was born May 27, 1905 in Detroit and married Ervin Doecker, with whom she had four children. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Milford and a member of the New Hudson Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Doecker is survived by her children, Dale of Farmington Hills, Lowell and Keith, both of New Hudson and Mark of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and sisters Tillie Haak and Elsie Melchert, both of New Hudson, Emelia Goodfellow of Wixom and Frieda Hartwig of South Lyon.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford. Pastor Donald Simon officiated with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lynch & Sons (Richardson-Bird Chapel) of Milford.

EDWARD OTTO ELSHOLZ 1887 - 1984

Edward O. Elsholz, age 97, of Sandusky, passed away Christmas Day at his home.

Mr. Elsholz is survived by his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth; three daughters, Mrs. Strieter, Mrs. Irwin one son, Clarence of Peck; three daughters, Mrs. Irwin (Leota) Sheldon of Sandusky, Mrs. Meldrum (Dorothy) Baerwolf of Pigeon and Mrs. Stuart (Thelma) Armstead of Snover; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 28 at the Hacker Funeral Parlor, Sandusky, with Rev. David Peabody officiating. Interment was in Zion Cemetery, Watertown.

ERVIN F. STRIETER 1913 - 1984

Ervin F. Strieter, age 71, of Bay Port, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, at his home.

He was born Oct. 2, 1913 in McKinley Township, son of the late Henry and Pauline (Beyer) Strieter. On March 4, 1940 he was united in marriage to Bertha E. Baur in Sylvania, Ohio. He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, and for many years a McKinley Township Trustee.

Mr. Strieter is survived by his wife, Bertha E.; two sons, Richard E., Bay Port and Allen H., Haslett; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Ann) Paulin, Marquette; four grandchildren, Heidilyn, Michael, Marisa and John; one sister Adelia Wurtz, Saginaw.

One sister, Judith Wing preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. Rev. Philip K. Press officiated, with burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

VIRGIL BECKER 1912 - 1984

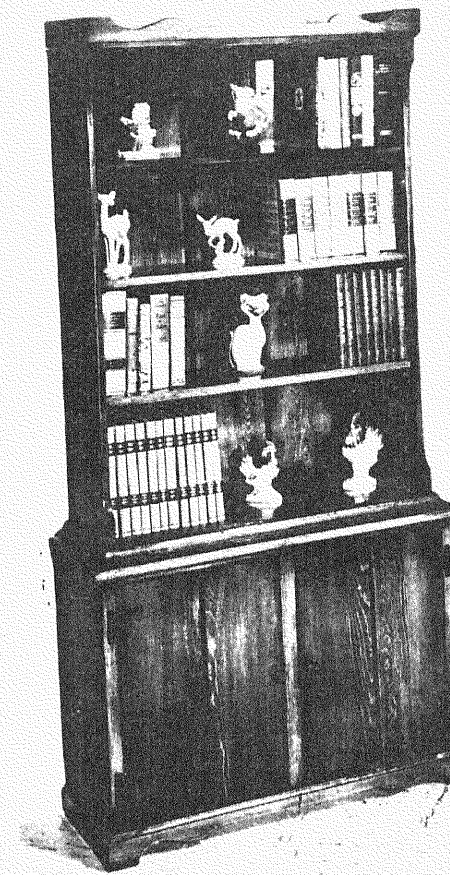
Virgil Becker, age 72, of Bay Port, passed away Wednesday, December 26 at Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City.

He was born September 19, 1912 in Elkton, son of the late Jacob and Pearl (Morell) Becker. On October 18, 1941 he was united in marriage to Frances M. Frank in Pigeon. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon.

Mr. Becker is survived by his wife, Frances M.; one sister, Mrs. Lila Frank, Bad Axe; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 29 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Ben Skornia officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Scripture service was read Friday at 8 p.m.

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Secretary of State Richard Austin advises motorists to transact business in branch offices on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Many motorists are buying plates and renewing licenses on Monday and Friday, leaving the three mid-week days relatively uncongested, Austin says.

"Our offices are always available to serve the public, but right now we can do it quicker during mid-week," says Austin.

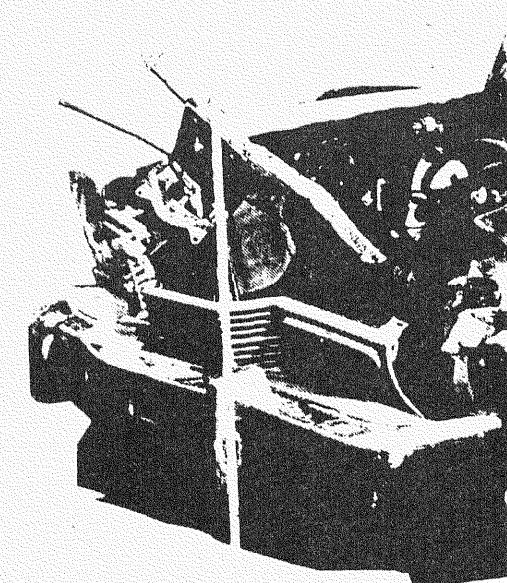
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What occurs if you suffer a Whiplash?



When the neck is forced to move past its normal limits of mobility, the muscles stretch and ligaments may tear. This is a sprain. This type of injury, popularly known as "whiplash" most often, but not always, happens in auto accidents. When a car is hit from behind, the person's head snaps backward as the body is thrown forward. The reverse happens when a car hits a solid object. The head keeps moving forward as the body suddenly stops. The head may then snap backward on the rebound. When the head moves one way and the body another, the shock is felt in the neck.

Whiplash neck injuries are among the fastest growing health problems today. Common symptoms resulting from an untreated whiplash injury may include headache, neck pain and stiffness, stiff neck, muscle spasms, dizziness, pain and/or numbness in one or both arms, to name a few. A simple, painless spinal examination can quickly reveal if you can be helped by chiropractic. Knowing what causes whiplash tells us that derangement of the bones of the neck causes the symptoms. No whiplash injury was ever caused by a lack of medicine. Why be sick when you can be well?

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