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time in the Western Thumb!**

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Abe meets George at Caseville!



'WOULD BE' FRIENDS - "Honest Abe" and "Never Tell a Lie" Washington (a/k/a/ Chris Johnson-baugh and Sue Smith, respectively!) shake hands at

Caseville School's Dress-up Day last Thursday, honoring the famed presidents. The two fourth graders joined other elementary students in dressing for the occasion.
RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

Laker sophomores improve test scores

At a rescheduled meeting of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Board last Tuesday night, 1984 Michigan Assessment Test results for fourth, seventh and tenth graders were reviewed.

The trend toward improvement in 10th grade math and reading scores is continuing. The proportion of students scoring 75% or higher on all objectives in math jumped from 58.9 in 1982 to 79.1 in 1983 and 82.1 in 1984. Similar results in reading show an improvement from 75.8 in 1982 to 89.1 in 1983 and 90.2 in 1984.

High School Guidance Councilor Duane Guenther explained the improvement as being a result by adoption of test passage as a graduation requirement.

The Board discussed providing a similar incentive for seventh graders to raise test scores at that level.

Math scores have improved slightly from 51.4 in 1982 to 55.6 in 1983 and 58.2 in 1984. These results are lower than the state averages of 62.5, 63.8 and 65.7 respectively for those same years.

Reading is also slightly lower. Results at Laker Junior High in 1982 were 75.2 in 1982, 80.1 in 1983 and 70.4 in 1984, compared with state averages of 80.1, 80.2 and 80.8 during the same years.

To encourage seventh graders to exert their best effort, the Board considered requiring students who score less than 75% to retake the test until that score is achieved. Those students who fail to pass the test

would not be promoted to the eighth grade.

No final decision was made on the matter.

At the fourth grade level, high scores were achieved in both math and reading.

The percentage of students achieving 75% or higher in math were: Pigeon - 91.3, Bay Port - 90.5 and Elkton - 78.3, compared with a state average of 82.6.

Similar results in reading show Pigeon at 95.7, Bay Port at 90.5 and Elkton at 76.1 compared to a state average of 77.7.

ABUSE REPORT: Sergeant R. Brent Woodward of the Huron County Sheriff Department showed a film on child abuse to the board and also presented Board Members with other information on the subject.

The film on the child abuse will be shown to elementary students in the district on a parental permission basis, says Superintendent Harry Brunet.

EXTENDED: The contract of Brunet was extended for another year with a 3% pay increase based on raises accorded to other school employes this year. The contract which is retroactive to the first school day in 1985 will increase the superintendent's annual salary to \$36,140.

UNIFORMS: New band uniforms were discussed by the board. Band representatives were asked to present samples of the new outfits at the March Board meeting if possible.



NO 'MICKEY MOUSE' SHOW! - Friday night's halftime show during the Laker vs. Cass City game was anything but "Mickey Mouse"! Spectators and cheerleaders alike enjoyed returning for a moment to their childhoods.

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Go Girls, GooO!

Area businesses and individuals salute the Laker Girls Volleyball Team as it starts District Tournaments this weekend!

SEE PAGES 10 & 11
FOR A SPECIAL SALUTE!



B-I-N-G-O! - Hundreds of people turned out on a dreary Saturday for fun and games at Pigeon Elementary School during the school's annual Basketball Tournament and Carnival.

See inside for winning teams!

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

Children share bond with Long-Term residents



A REFLECTION OF LIFE in the Scheurer Hospital Long-Term Unit will now be viewed through a new full-length mirror, gifted by the Cross Lutheran School chapel donations. Teacher Cindy Engelhard presents the mirror to unit workers, while preschoolers look on.

Preschoolers from Cross Lutheran School, Pigeon and residents of the Scheurer Hospital Long-Term Unit shared a special morning Friday when the youngsters made a visit to present the unit with a gift of a full-length mirror.

The 19 preschoolers, accompanied by teacher Cindy Engelhard, aides Lori Smith and Sandy Renn and several mothers, sang songs and each presented a resident with a drawing he or she made.

"The older people really enjoy little ones," says Janis Buerker, hospital social worker. She and other workers in the unit thanked the preschool for its gift, saying that a mirror was badly needed. The children were also treated with a hospital tour which featured a visit to the emergency room, respiratory therapy department, a hospital room and a hands-on view of several pieces of medical equipment.

All in all, it was a memorable morning, shared by both young and old!



SPANNING THE GENERATIONS with a chat are preschooler Matthew Schaefer and his great-grandfather Floyd "Chib" Langley, a resident of the Long-Term Unit.

Bay Port plans weekend event

At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, Bay Port members donated \$100 for the construction of an additional float to serve the community in area festivities.

Bay Port has a float used to advertise Bay Port Fish Sandwich Day, and the new float, under the sponsorship of Dean Deming of the Float Committee, will carry the

Bay Port Queen.

Plans are in the works for the Bay Port parade to be Saturday, Aug. 3, followed by Bay Port Fish Sandwich Day that day AND ON SUNDAY, Aug. 4. Because of the large demand for the Bay

Port Fish Sandwiches, the Chamber of Commerce decided to turn it into a weekend event this year.

Health clinics set in March

The Huron County Health Department will conduct Tuesday Immunization Clinics on March 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and parents are reminded to bring their child's immunization record.

T.B. testing is also available, at a minimal charge for those receiving the test for employment purposes and free to those believed to have been in contact with a person having T.B.

The Health Department will also hold outreach immunization clinics in Sebewaing on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall, Sebewaing and in Harbor Beach on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community House.

Inspector Gordo's Minute Mystery THE CASE OF The stranded blonde

A look of satisfaction settled on young Harrington's face as he sat at dinner with Inspector Gordo.

"Last week I put to good use my long association with you, Doctor." The handsome youth puffed a moment on his cigar. Then he related what had happened to him.

"I was driving my convertible up to Albany when night overtook me, still 50 miles from my destination. I thought I'd better double-check my route, and so I inquired at a roadside tavern.

"While I was endeavoring to catch the bartender's eye, an extraordinarily beautiful woman sat down on the stool next to mine.

"She begged my forgiveness for speaking, and quite covered with embarrassment, confessed she had left her purse on the bus. What could I do?"

"After three rounds of martinis, she refused another drink, but demurely asked for a quarter for the bus home. 'Nonsense,' I protested and offered her to my car.

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While the term "health maintenance" seems to be just beginning to gain popularity, you should be aware that it has long been the underlying philosophy of chiropractic health care. Chiropractic teaches that the body has an inborn tendency to maintain a state of good health. Given the proper essential ingredients of food, water, rest, clean air, adequate nutrition, and a properly functioning nerve system, the body is capable of maintaining health. Chiropractic is a natural, drugless health care system, which focuses on preventing or correcting the cause, rather than treating the symptoms of illness.

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Front Row: Donna Vanhoutteghem, Chiropractic Life Center.

Laker musicians bring home top district awards



FIRST DIVISION winners pictured here include: in front from left, Carleen Kauffman, Gina Gaskill and Lisa Gaskill; ROW TWO, Rod Wertz, Anne Orth and Beth Ann Henry; ROW THREE, Terry Kauffman, Phil Schadd and Sue Kohr; BACK ROW Dave Ross, Dan Soper and Bryan Wertz.

Laker High School musicians captured nine first division ratings and four second division in district solo and ensemble competition last Saturday at Caro High School. The event was sponsored by District III of Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

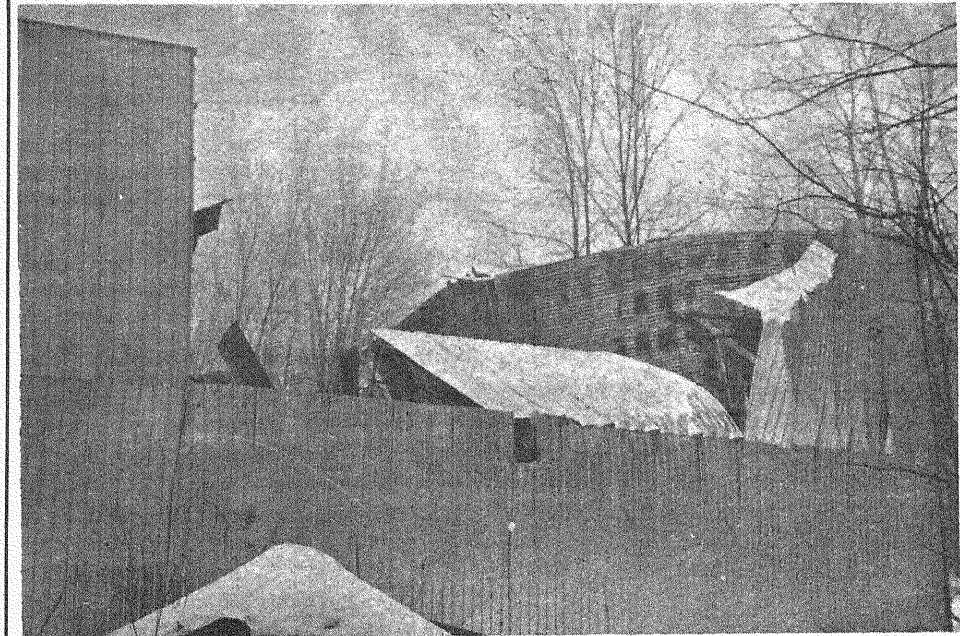
First division winners for Lakers include: a brass ensemble consisting of Dan

Soper, Bryan Wertz, Rod Wertz, Phil Schadd and Dave Ross; Anne Orth with a flute solo; Lisa and Gina Gaskill with a brass duet; Beth Ann Henry with a flute solo; Carleen Kauffman with a flute solo and a piano solo; Terry Kauffman with a flute solo, Susan Kohr with a piano solo, and Lisa Gaskill with a trombone solo.

Second division ratings were earned by Steve Frazo with a French Horn solo; Gina Gaskill with a trumpet solo; Anne Orth and Susan Kersten with a woodwind duet; and Julia Sturm with a flute solo.

All first division winners qualified to participate in state-wide competition at University of Michigan in Flint on March 23.

The snow did it AGAIN!



'SNOW MUCH' DAMAGE — Wet, heavy snow and ice proved to be more than the roof of a boat storage building at Bay Shore Marina could withstand. Pictured here is the building which contains boats damaged by the collapsed roof.

Holy Land slides shown Sunday

Rev. Mark and Sandy Karls of Salem United Methodist Church will present a slide program of their recent tour of the Holy Land this Sunday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the church.

The Karls visited Biblical

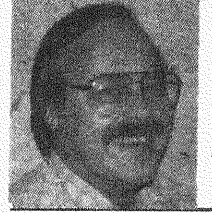
sites and attended daily lectures as part of an Educational Opportunities program. They have nearly 400 slide pictures of places they visited.

A potluck is planned at 6

p.m., followed by the 7 p.m. program, and diners are asked to bring a table service and a dish to pass.

The public is invited to attend both the potluck and slide presentation at Salem United Methodist Church.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT!



It's a Print Extra Notebook AP Style. Truth, justice Stop the Presses Galley. Now is the time for

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

MANY IDEAS — Two of our favorite "D" ladies are preparing for surgery or are recovering from sickness, and we wish them well as their names go on our prayer list.

Dorothy Diener has been writing Pigeon news for us since 1978. She's been under the weather — and we hope you're feeling well again soon, Dorothy!

Agnes DiVincenzo of Caseville is readying for some "doctoring," too. There's no better booster for Caseville, its Community Chest, Scheurer Hospital, Caseville F.O.E. 3690 Aerie and Auxiliary and her other favorite projects than our good friend Agnes! Hope you're 100% better soon, too, Agnes!

GETTING BETTER — The only words we're hearing about Caseville School Supt. Jim Stahl and former Progress-Advance owner Ace Collins after heart treatment or surgery at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital are encouraging. Things seem to be going well. They're on our prayer list, too, and add 'em to yours, please!

Get back to home and work soon, guys!

POTHoles — I've NEVER seen as many (and as large) potholes as those on M-25 (and elsewhere), following "the snow of '85." It's actually stop-and-go driving on some spots on Onondaga and Unionville. Just outside of Unionville

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

TENTATIVE VALUE FACTORS SET — The Huron County Equalization Department has set tentative property value ratios and factors for all municipalities in the county, according to Acting Director Sandra Drews. These ratios and multipliers are subject to change due to actions of assessors, boards of reviews, county commissioners and the State Tax Commission.

Tentative figures for Western Thumb townships are (listed in order of municipality, ratio and factor. All personal ratios are 50, and factors are 1.00):

BROOKFIELD — agricultural 49.92, commercial 50., industrial 50., residential 50.48 — all factors are 1.0;

CASEVILLE — ag 48.91 factor 1.02226, com 49.64, ind 50., res 48.75 factor 1.02564 — all other factors are 1.0;

CHANDLER — ag 49.37, com 50., res 50.39 — all factors are 1.0;

FAIRHAVEN — ag 49.87, com 50., ind 50., res 45.69 factor 1.09433, TC 50. — all other factors are 1.0;

GRANT — ag 50.02, com 50.0, ind 50., res 48.66 factor 1.02754 — all other factors are 1.0;

LAKE — ag 49.15, com 50., res 46.13 factor 1.08389 — all other factors are 1.0;

McKINLEY — ag 48.80 factor 1.02459, com 50., ind 50., res 49.15 — all factors are 1.0;

OLIVER — ag 48.98 factor 1.02089, com 50., ind 50., res 49.24 — all other factors are 1.0;

SEBEWAING — ag 49.09, com 49.93, ind 50., res 49.76 — all factors are 1.0;

WINSOR — ag 48.99 factor 1.02062, com 50., ind 50.0, res 49.06 — all other factors 1.0;

Local township boards of review -- to meet within the com-

March 22 for her part in the death of Robin Adams of Caro, the babysitter who died in 1976. Melba Garza is charged with first-degree murder in the death. Her brother, Melvin Garza was found guilty of first-degree murder Feb. 15 and will coincidentally be sentenced the same day.

Pre-trial proceedings for Melba Garza and sentencing for Melvin Garza will be conducted in Huron County Circuit Court, due to a change of venue from Tuscola County due to pre-trial publicity.

Ronald Bieri, 35 of Caseville, has been sentenced to three years' probation Friday in Huron County Circuit Court for his part in the Sept. 13, 1984 raid which netted \$35,000 in an auto parts "chop shop" operation on Crescent Beach Road. Bieri was charged with concealing or misrepresenting the identity of a pickup truck by removing or defacing serial numbers.

He was ordered by Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock to serve the first 90 days of his sentence in the Huron County Jail, and was ordered to pay a maximum of \$2000 in fines and \$4154 in restitution. Bieri also loses his auto dealing license by the action.

COAST GUARD CUTS FOUGHT — Strong opposition to closure of U.S. Coast Guard stations along the Great Lakes -- including Huron County's only station, at Harbor Beach -- is being heard in Washington, D.C., thanks to Michigan lawmakers.

"The question for the country is whether we want a fully operational Coast Guard or we don't," said Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., at a House subcommittee hearing Feb. 20. "Clearly, this administration does not."

President Reagan has called for closure of nearly

As we see it editorially Leaner kids, sharper minds, too!

Credit must be given when it's due, and one of our state's biggest "monopolies" is due some praise for a change. Michigan Blue Cross and Blue Shield thought pre-teen school children could -- and should -- improve nutrition and physical fitness. So it's working with a pilot school district to do just that.

With the help of 1000 children in Stockbridge Community Schools near Lansing, a BC-BS team set up two 30-minute periods of aerobic exercises twice a week and provided up-to-date nutrition information for in-school and at-home use.

What's been the result for the kindergarten through sixth graders since the fall of 1983? Remarkable!

Tests are showing the children have:

- lower blood pressure readings;
- reduced body fat measurements;
- increased upper body and abdominal strength;
- dramatically increased trunk flexibility, and
- significantly increased cardiovascular endurance.

Stripping away all the technical words leaves one result: *nearly all the students in this test are living better physical lives now, thanks to the improved exercise and nutritional program.*

The "Fitness for Youth" program has a main goal of reducing the risk of heart diseases by motivating the youngsters to start healthy habits -- and continue them. "Good nutrition

and exercise habits learned now can translate later into less frequent medical care -- and ultimately lower medical costs," notes BC-BS Medical Director Dr. Larry Sell.

The Stockbridge kids were no different from other youngsters, we'd bet. They were below the national norm in physical performance and above the norm for body fat and weight. Now, student performance in three of five physical performance tests average in the top 25% of national norms. On average, the kids are now leaner, stronger and more flexible than a year ago -- and Smith Elementary School Principal Don Porter says, "We can judge by their conduct and questions that these children are, in fact, developing a philosophy of life which includes fitness and an awareness of the importance of diet."

So, not only are their bodies in better shape -- it appears the youngsters' minds are, too. All thanks to a better diet and two 30-minute exercise periods per week.

We often don't have nice thoughts about Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Medical insurance is expensive and some of the restrictions and guidelines are excessive -- or too restrictive.

But this effort to help reduce degenerative diseases in our land, which account for three-fourths of all U.S. deaths, is commendable. The Stockbridge kids are living better lives -- and they're no doubt enjoying their living habits, too. That's one of the nice side effects of proper exercise and diet.



Roses AND Thorns

By MARK KARLS



Principles of war
for marriage

I cried after reading George Keim's "Recollection of By-Gone Days" last week. There is a great deal about life that is fair. And of course, there is much about life that is not fair. Probably the greatest unfairness of life is calamity to those who have so much to offer life, while at the same time prosperity to those who take so much away from life.

In marriage there are those like George's where people who want so much to live do not, and those marriages where people who want to die do not. I see part of my input into this community to at least raise the consciousness of people that there is life after the wedding and it is good. How it becomes good involves good principles of war for couples in their battle against the odds of a fulfilling marriage.

Let us meet Jim and Mary (fictional people, of course). Jim is a very good financial provider for his family. He works sometimes 16 hours a day, six days a week. This enables Mary to be with the children at home during their first 18 months of life when 85 percent of their personalities are formed -- the pivotal years I call them (another story for another article).

Jim is work-oriented. He finds a certain sense of accomplishment from his job and is dead tired when arriving home. The last thing Jim wants is more work. Carrying on a discussion with his wife that is deeper than "pass the salt, please" is work for Jim (and most men). So he seeks refuge in front of the TV or behind the newspaper or downstairs with a hobby or into the latest western novel or whatever.

Now Mary is relationship-oriented. She finds certain satisfaction out of just being and relating with people. She has been home with the children all day, which is some form of relating with people. But Mary has not had any adult relationship -- and there is now an adult sitting in the living room in front of the TV.

So Mary moves into the living room, sits next to that adult and proceeds to begin a meaningful relationship with a non-threatening question like, "How was work today?" Jim does not need another work assignment (making conversation) at this time so he avoids the intent of the question by replying, "Okay."

hard work to build up the patience, the resilience to bounce back, the ability to tell a joke, to ability to take a joke, and all the other things men do to be accepted by their peers. The classic nice guy will get up at 2 a.m. and chance a raging blizzard to pull a friend out of a ditch 15 miles away, and the next afternoon in the comfort of his own home will not lift a finger to help his wife clear the table and do the dishes.

Why? His work to win his wife has been completed (he married her). But he still is unsure about his friends and continually needs to win their friendship. A few other factors could be brought up here, but suffice it to say that most men are seen by their peers and friends at work and everywhere else outside the home as a nice guy -- a great guy who would bend over backwards for you. But in the home, forget it!

So Jim has been wounded by a few needles for not relating with his wife. But he is a nice guy and has developed a good capacity to absorb such comments. He does not want to make waves so he, as it were, sweeps these needles under the rug and continues whatever he was doing. Soon more needles are offered by a frustrated Mary until they culminate into a gigantic needle like, "You don't love me anymore!" All these needles re kept securely under the rug, but the pressure is on. The rug is bulging with needles and is like an over-filled balloon ready to burst.

Later in the evening Jim and Mary are at supper and a simple, nothing, insignificant comment is made. But this little thing is like the straw that broke the camel's back. The rug, bulging with the wife's needles and who knows what other pressure situations Jim has had at work and elsewhere, simply explodes. Jim unleashes into a tirade. He takes it out on all present. He may even physically strike his wife or child. Then he rushes from the room.

Jim is really hurting at this time because he really is a nice guy, but has just proven himself a bad guy. In time, he apologizes. He seeks to make things up. He takes Mary out to dinner and a movie. They go for walks together. They talk on the sofa after work. Wow, this is what Mary wanted all along. She does not realize it, but her subconscious mind is being trained to believe that the way to get Jim to be related



FORE!

Tournament
time

By MAVIS PECHETTE

The Ladies Professional Golf Association recently made its annual stop in Sarasota, Fla. The tournament originally was called the Bent Tree Classic in recognition of the host course. The site remains the same, but the event is now billed as the Sarasota Classic.

It is sponsored by a local bank but it takes an army of people to run the tournament. This year the tourney was dedicated to the more than 600 volunteers involved in the operation. Area golfers turn up as ticket takers, program purveyors, marshals at tees, fairways and greens, scoreboard recorders and in a variety of other jobs. Many drive 20, 30 or more miles each day just to be a part. And some of them have been doing this for the 10 years the tournament has been held.

The starts of the event are the LPGA players. Some other celebrities show up on pro-am day and they help to draw a crowd. Gordie Tapp, nattie in knickers, hardly resembled the slob he plays on Hee Haw. Hugh Culverhouse, owner of the Tampa Bay Bucs and sporting an orange outfit, fielded questions about the new Bucs coach with ease. Lou Burdette may not throw the fast ball he did pitching for the New York Yankees in years past but many fans were eager to ask him about it. Baseball fans also had a chance to see Ray Knight, current infielder for the New York Mets. In this crowd though, he is known as the husband of Nancy Lopez.



The weather is always a factor in the success of any golf event. This proved to be true at Sarasota. Wind and afternoon showers afflicted the players in the pro-am on Wednesday. The next day was somewhat better but then Friday came along with clouds and wind right out of the north. In February in Michigan, one expects such circumstances. But in Florida? The temperature was in the low 40s and the wind-chill was close to single digit reading. The golfers were bundled up in jackets, stocking caps, mittens or snowmobile gloves. It was difficult to identify the players, even with a program. As Donna White noted in an interview, "It's not a glamour day for the LPGA!" The gallery was very small and one spectator observed that the beer sales were slow at the concession stands. Coffee seemed to be the hot item of the day, in more ways than one. Saturday warmed up a bit and by Sunday, players and watchers alike were in more summer-like attire. By afternoon, the best-selling items at the stands were visors and suntan creams.

On Sunday the golf got as hot as the weather. The day began with Nancy Lopez and Patty Hayes tied for the lead at five under par. In the nine previous years of the event there had not been a repeat winner and Lopez was aiming to break that string. She claimed the first of her 29 victories at Bent Tree in 1978 and was hoping to get number 30 here also. Her closest rival, Hayes, started the round with three straight bogeys and quickly faded from the competition. In the meantime, Patty Sheehan had a hot putter going for her and closed the gap. She and Lopez kept pace throughout the afternoon. Sheehan was in the next to last group, playing just ahead of Lopez. They both came to the 18th green at under nine for the tournament. Sheehan put her chip shot about eight feet short of the pin and calmly rolled it home to go 10 under. Lopez was standing in the fairway, waiting to hit her second shot on the par five finishing hole. From the reaction of the crowd, she knew what had taken place on the green. That's where she wanted her ball -- up there on the green. She hit a four wood but pushed it a little and the ball ended up under the bleachers. An official ruling gave her a free lift. She was close to the green but a long way from the cup. Her chip shot rolled about eight feet past the hole. The putt just edged to the right of the cup, giving her a par and second place in the tournament.

The finish may be the highlight for some. But as a wrap-up, I'd like to share something that took place on Friday afternoon. A total of 144 LPGA players started golfing on Thursday. After two rounds, about half of them would continue. I was following my partner from a previous pro-am as she struggled through a couple miserable days. She has had her glory days in years past, but was at the tournament "to get some suntan on my legs," she told me. When she finished checking her card after her round, a couple of small lads were waiting for autographs. As she took their programs she asked them if they knew what it's like to finish last. They had a surprised look as she explained how we can't always win and someone has to be in last place. But remember, there will be another day. They nodded their heads and we wished her better luck another day.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days

By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

In some of my last articles, I've written about the deep snow we had in 1946 and 1947. Well, we've had quite a bit of snow since then. It's piled up pretty high.

Back in those days, the snow plows didn't go as often as they do now, and when they did go, they could only plow a narrow strip. Their trucks weren't nearly as big as they are now.

One thing I remember was the wind blew a lot more and harder then than it did this winter.

One morning I was just done choring and one of my neighbors came over and asked me what I was going to do that day. I told him I was going to haul my milk out to the road and he said he was in trouble.

He had 15 cans of milk to haul out by had a truck load of hay by Schmitt's corner and no way to get it in. His cows didn't have anything to eat but bean straw.

Well, I said we'd get together and haul milk and hay. I was the only one who had a team of horses and a bob sleigh, so I hauled my milk out and brought some hay back and took his milk out and brought some more hay in!

Herman Hower had 15 cans of milk and we took his out yet. My wife was in the hospital with my youngest daughter, so I walked into town and the neighbor and his boys hauled hay and milk. We had to go through the fields because the road was shut down.

That night, when he brought the team back, he said he owed me an apology because that summer when I was cultivating beans, he had told me I was foolish for having horses -- and now he has to come and borrow them to keep his cows alive!

Well, some of the snow left and the weather got a little warmer. Then in March, I had some little pigs in several buildings. The last thing I did one night was to throw a big fork full of straw in one of the little buildings.

That night we got another

terrific snow storm. The next morning, there was snow in every building. I looked in the building with the little pigs and the old sow was standing on a snowbank, but the little pigs were down in the straw, nice and warm -- and one of my cows was standing in snow up to her belly! I had to shovel away the snow before I milked her.

A lot of people are worried about the high water when the snow goes away. It says in Job 24:19, "drought and heat consume the snow waters," and as our water table is low and the ground isn't frozen, it can't help but do us a lot of good when it does go.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE KEIM

A letter from a reader Another viewpoint on the Laker athletic program

DEAR EDITOR:

As usual there are two sides to every question. We have read letters in the past two issues of The Progress-Advance which, to my way of thinking, deserve rebuttal.

While growing up, I enjoyed sports and I still do. During my high school days, I was never really good enough to play much varsity football, basketball, baseball or track. So I learned to use a variety of excuses so that I wouldn't have to work hard at athletics.

I have seen and enjoyed a lot of high school games over the years -- football, basketball, cross country, volleyball, etc. It has been fun to watch the kids compete and be challenged to win. But for some strange reason I never feel quite as spirited after watching our kids lose.

High school activities provide an opportunity for all of us to watch our kids grow up, whether it's band, forensics

or athletics. Often kids who excel as ninth graders get sidetracked along the way and are not motivated to work harder. I'm sure there are many reasons. Some become more interested in girls, or boys; some become more interested in cars, jobs, etc. And, unfortunately, some are not motivated at all. That's too bad!

Sports aren't for everyone, but we have had some very good athletes graduate from Lakers. Some have even received college and university scholarships because they have excelled. For that we are proud. We all know that excellence does not come without dedication and hard work.

I know of one basketball player who graduated from Lakers who spent nearly every night after work during the summer shooting baskets to perfect his shot. He practiced dribbling with him on a four-mile run almost every evening. This

exercise doubled as training for cross-country. He practiced high jumping so he could become a better leaper in basketball. He did not have a lot of natural ability, but he worked hard and made the team.

I believe that hard work is rewarded in many ways. One of the most important rewards is the feeling you have about yourself when you know you have done your best. One doesn't have to be the star of the team to gain a feeling of accomplishment. It is unfortunate that some people want to use coaches and teachers as scapegoats for the lack of effort.

In my opinion, Lakers can be very proud of its athletic program and coaches. Almost anyone can participate these days. There is football, golf, cross-country, girls' and boys' basketball, volleyball, wrestling, softball, track, tennis and baseball. If one considers all the team sports that are

available to students, there is something for anyone who is willing to work hard.

In addition, athletic programs help to keep our youth busy and physically healthy. Please don't knock the athletic programs so hard that they are eventually discontinued. We will all be losers for it -- especially the kids.

NAME WITHHELD
BY REQUEST

At St. Mary's for surgery

Mrs. John (Agnes) DiVincents will be a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw following angioplasty surgery there.

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Laker speakers place sixth

In their opening competition of the year, the Laker High Forensics team placed sixth in the 28-school competition at Essexville Garber last Saturday.



Gina and Lisa Gaskill, Robert Bannick, Rhonda Baur and Angie Herford all advanced to the finals in the competition.

Gina Gaskill placed third in dramatic interpretation, Baur placed third in radio, Lisa Gaskill placed third in storytelling, Herford was third in sales and Bannick placed fourth in dramatic interpretation.

Ami Rathje, Don Hacker, Terry Kaufman and Kelly Peck all advanced to the semi-finals in the competition.

FINALISTS: Pictured from left are Lisa Gaskill, Gina Gaskill, Robert Bannick, Rhonda Baur and Angie Herford.

Pigeon District LIBRARY CORNER

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Fairy Tales" will be the theme of Preschool Story Hour on Tuesday, March 5 with the following stories read: "Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby," "The Gingerbread Man" and "Hansel and Gretel."

The children may also learn songs and play games during the two sessions, from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Show and Tell is also planned.

All area preschoolers are invited to attend either session.

NEW BOOKS

Adult Fiction
"Most Cunning Workmen" by Roy Lewis, "The Curse of the Giant Hogweed" by Charlotte MacLeod, "Momo" by Michael Ende, "See You Later, Alligator" by William F. Buckley, "Last Judgment" by Anna Clarke, "Angel of Death" by Anthea Cohen, "Vital Signs" by Barbara Wood.

Non-Fiction
"The Soong Dynasty" by Sterling Seagrave, "The Nightmare Years, 1930-1940" by William L. Shirer, "Fifty

Years with the Tigers" by Fred T. Smith and "The Golden Book of Astronomy."

BOOKS FOR A SNOWY DAY

During these snowy winter days when there is nothing to do outside (except shovel snow), why not snuggle up with a book from the library? We have books for all ages and on just about any subject you can think of. If we don't own what you are looking for, chances are we can get it for you from our interlibrary loan system in just a few days.

Newly-purchased books are located next to the circulation desk. Large-print books are also available by popular authors like Helen Van Slyke, Zane Grey, Lewis Patten, Danielle Steele, Victoria Holt and others. Ask a staff member for assistance. Books, children's toys and games may also be borrowed for a two-week period and may be renewed by phone if you need extra time.

The library is open every-day but Wednesday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Superintendent's Corner



School board members

By HARRY BRUNET
LAKER SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT

Serving on a board of education is perhaps one of the most unheralded elected offices there is today. It doesn't bring the slightest possibility of advancing one's political career. It is an elected position calling for an honest and sincere desire to be part of one of the most visible elements of a community. In our instance, the board of education represents three communities, making up our Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District.

We use the term "visible" because the local school, regardless of where it is in our state, large or small, is a topic of discussion and conversation. The main reason being that all of us went to school at one time or another and have formed opinions and attitudes based on many of our own experiences. Another reason for the school being so visible is that many of us have youngsters attending school or have had youngsters attend at one time or will be having children attend in a future year.

Since the formation of this consolidated school district, the residents, parents, students and all school employees have had the benefit of outstanding boards of education. I make this statement based upon our stable make-up of past boards and our present board. By illustration, when a board of education is constantly changing membership, you can generally expect a school that is having problems. In our school district, we have had a total of 26 board members since our formation in 1958. This stability is definitely a contributing factor in the success of our overall K-12 programs.

Several years ago the school was not expected to provide academic offerings and services that are required today by law. Ten years ago, a school board's main concern was the basic offering of the "three R's." Today, because of the complexity of our society and school organizations, local members must become knowledgeable in a vast arena of school-related laws and mandated programs.

To ensure that our board members are knowledgeable of these requirements, the committee system is used. A committee is made up of three members who will become the expert in a given assignment. They will work with the administration, teachers, negotiators, parents, or any other group or agency. At a regular board meeting the committee will make a report, soliciting questions and contributions from the entire board. Areas assigned to a committee are budget, curriculum, athletics, administrative salaries, insurance, Master Contract, grievance, staff evaluation, transportation, plus other assignments as the need arises. It is after a thorough study and presentation that the entire board takes action.

We are fortunate having the opportunity to work with these excellent boards of education. We need these good people to continue serving our school district. They appreciate your support and, of course, your words of encouragement.

A hole-in-one!

Lois Drury of Pigeon scored a hole-in-one at the Red Reef Golf Course in Boca Raton, Fla. on Feb. 14.

She recorded the ace on a 118 yard par three hole using a seven iron. The event was witnessed by Jack and Doris Logan of Lighthouse Point, Fla.

Lois is a member of the Scenic Golf and Country Club, Pigeon.



Something To Think About

JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE
DIRECTOR

GRIEF AND GUILT

It is normal and healthy for people to grieve after the loss of a loved one. It has been said, in fact, that grief and love are two sides of the same coin. The more one cares about another,

child from illness or accident. A sibling may feel guilty simply for being alive.

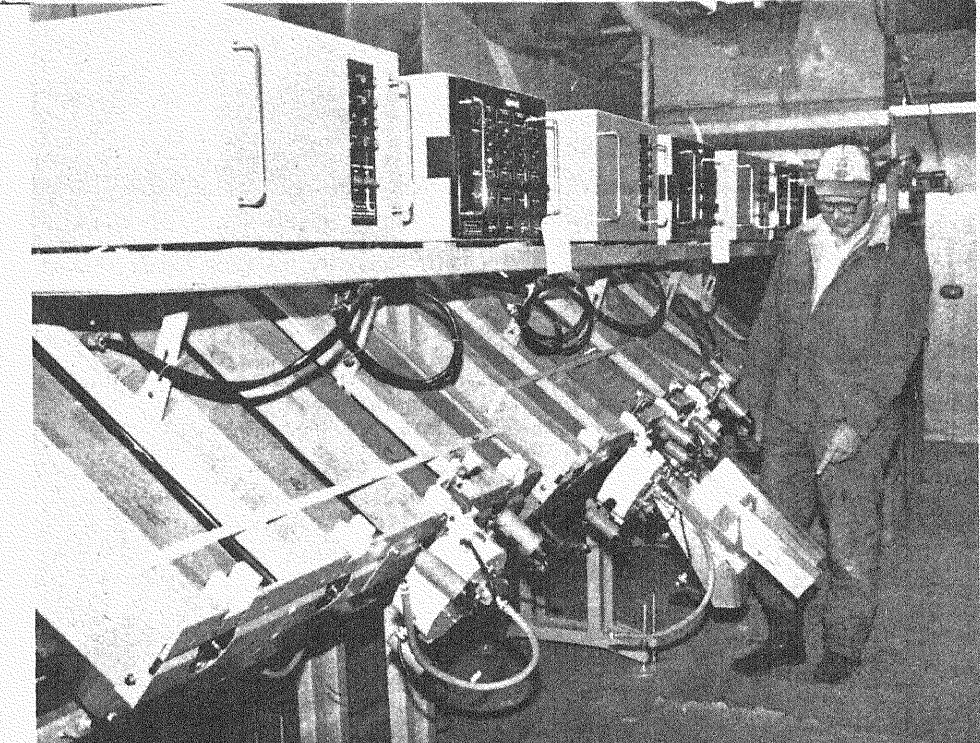
There is no easy answer. Many people who are troubled by overwhelming grief find it

New bean sorter

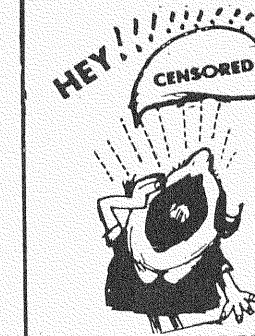
Roger Weidman of the Co-operative Elevator Co., Pigeon, is shown here operating new electric bean sorting machines which are expected to be functioning by mid-March.

These four Scan Core, four channel, roller feed machines are replacing the ones that had been in use since 1966.

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News that counts from Huron County!

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

Week of Feb. 11
Robert C. Lesoski and Kathryn L. Florita.
Tracy Alan Jacobi and Carla May Orbeck.

Week of Feb. 18
Richard Allen Matula and Annette Marie McNeil.

WARRANTY DEEDS

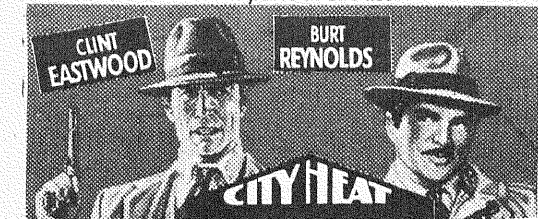
Oscar A. Behm to George M. Behr and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Chandler Twp.
Edna E. Van Houten to Jerome A. Chermak and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 3 of Port Hope.
Robert A. Brobst and wf to Clement M. Kubick and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 19 of Sand Beach.
Robert A. Brobst and wf to Walter A. Brannen Jr. and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Sand Beach.
Clarence Erla and wf to Martin R. Kubacki and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 14 of Bingham Twp.
Carmier F. Kubacki and wf to Martin R. Kubacki and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 14 of Bingham Twp.
Loona B. Earls to Steven P. Claycomb and wf, a parcel of land located in Fair Haven Twp.
Walter W. Bedford and wf to Ray C.

Heckroth and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Chandler Twp.
Kathleen Grego-Hayes to Walter David Gramel, a parcel of land located in Section 13 of Sebawaing Twp.
Alger Horetski and wf to Darrell F. Walsh and wf, a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Hume Twp.
Darrell F. Walsh and wf to David B. Walsh, a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Hume Twp.
John C. Ginter and wf to Robert K. Ginter, a parcel of land located in Village of Elkton.

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THE ELKTON ADVANCE

80 YEARS AGO MARCH 3, 1905

Pigeon streets were blocked with teams Saturday. Pigeon needs more hitching facilities for the horses.

Sol Schluchter has discarded the oil lamps and placed a new gas lighting plant in his store in Pigeon.

Miss Nina McDonald, well-known in Pigeon, was united in marriage with Stephen O'Malley of Bad Axe.

Louis Leipprandt sold his farm one mile north and one mile east of Pigeon to his brother Emil.

The barn and contents on the Carl Schultz farm, two miles east of Pigeon, were destroyed by fire Monday.

Ralph Ballard, the hay buyer of Elkton, is spending the week in Pigeon.

George Fritz, 47, well-known resident of Kilmanagh, died Monday. Hundreds of pounds of pickerel are being brought in each day at Bay Port as trophies of the winter's campaign of the men in the fish shanties.

70 YEARS AGO MARCH 5, 1915

The house on the old Swartz farm south of Pigeon was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The building was occupied by Conrad Deering and was the property of Fred Damm.

A banquet honoring Frank W. Merrick, who was recently appointed state banking commissioner, was held in Hotel Heasty, Pigeon, Thursday evening with 70 friends and business associates present.

MINUTE MYSTERY ANSWER

It is impossible to identify a car at night while looking back into its headlight. The girl could recognize the car which followed them only if she knew beforehand that it would be there.

Ex-Governor Fred Warner was in Pigeon Monday. About 60 neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bean gathered at their home in Winsor Twp. Friday evening for a farewell party. Best wishes of the community go with Mr. Bean and family to their new home in McKinley Twp.

George McGillvary, a former station agent in Elkton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McGillvary, was the victim of an accidental death while working in Chicago. He leaves his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Pigeon Tourist Club met at the home of Mrs. J.E. Wurm. New officers elected were Mrs. George Anklam, Mrs. J.N. Spence, Mrs. W.A. Schriber, Miss Eva Campbell and Miss Jean Duncanson.

60 YEARS AGO MARCH 6, 1925

The large new fish house of the Bay Port Fish Co. was destroyed by fire last Thursday evening with a loss of about \$12,000, partially covered by insurance.

Finances of the village of Pigeon are in excellent shape as the annual financial statement, printed in this issue of the Progress, shows. Cash balance on hand is over \$7,000. Total bonded indebtedness of the village is \$28,000.

President Calvin Coolidge has signed the Kelly postal bill and the RFD mail carriers are getting a raise of \$300 a year in salary.

Try our bulk chocolates at 29 cents per pound. Orr's Drug Store, Pigeon. Adv.

Arthur Newman, McKinley Twp., had the misfortune of breaking his wrist Saturday while cranking his car.

Pigeon village council passed a resolution allowing each trustee and president \$2 for every meeting of the council. The resolution takes

effect with the new council. Clinton and I.O. Wideman, H.A. Henne, Gordon Morris, Bay Port, W. Rehbein, Sebe- waing and Floyd Wilfong, Caseville, returned from LaPorte, Ind. where they have been attending the Oil Pull Tractor School for the past week.

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 1935

The worst blizzard in seven years struck Huron County Sunday evening and continued through Monday. There was no train service on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ackerman, Elkton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 2 with an open house.

A total of 124 quilts of all kinds were on display by Jephthah chapter, OES at the Masonic Temple, Pigeon, on Friday. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Fred Licht, Mrs. William Schaffer, Mrs. S.H. Cochran and Mrs. Edward Wise, Bay Port.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 3, 1955

Honor students of the graduating class of Elkton Community Schools have been announced by Orville H. Snider, principal. They are Miss Janet Thiel, valedictorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thiel and Miss Margaret McCormick, salutatorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick.

Annual Pigeon High School athletic banquet, sponsored jointly by local Lions and Rotary Clubs next Tuesday evening, will be open this year to women, with special invitations extended to mothers and sister of athletes. Banquet committee members are Howard Damm, Bob Kirkpatrick, Kennet McKay and Supt. Russel Tyndall.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 2, 1945

The books of the Pigeon District Library were moved this week from the town hall to the new library building on Nitz Street. The building, formerly the Huron Creamery Co. dairy bar, has been remodeled and redecorated.

Paul Ziel, Owendale, purchased the 110 acre farm in Oliver Twp. east of Pigeon from the Turner Estate.

Alfred Schmidt, Winsor Twp. clerk, announces that he will not be a candidate for the office at the caucus on Saturday, March 3.

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 4, 1965

Floyd E. Lounsbury, 78, Bay Port, passed away Feb. 28. He is survived by his

widow, one son and three daughters. Mrs. Donald Richmond, 59, Detroit, passed away Feb. 26. She is survived by her husband, Donald Richmond, formerly of Pigeon, one daughter and two sons.

The building recently occupied by Mandie's Restaurant on South Main Street, Pigeon, and formerly owned by Henry and Alvira Siewert, has been sold to Meldrum and Dorothy Baerwolf. It is being leased to Polewach Stores, Inc. and will become part of the Pigeon store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rothfuss, Winsor Twp., will observe their golden wedding anniversary on March 10. They had four children, three of whom are living, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gottlieb Yackle, Pigeon, was honored on his 90th birthday anniversary at an open house in the fellowship hall of Pigeon Methodist Church and 125 attended.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 3, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl, Bay Port, purchased the farm formerly known as the Moses Herford farm in Oliver Twp., from Irvin Reibling.

M.L. Ackerman, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis drive for Elkton and community, reports they went well over the top. Quota was \$200 and amount collected was \$306.66.

35 YEARS AGO MARCH 2, 1950

An investiture service of the Brownie Scout program was held at Elkton school auditorium Wednesday evening for two troops. Elkton Community High School basketball team ended the 1949-50 season in second place. Of the 14 league games played, the Elks won three, two of them to Cass City, champions of the Upper Thumb League.

Many improvements and changes have been made in Sleeper State Park during the winter months, according to Ed Griggick, conservation officer who has charge of the work.

Bruce Protzman, Chandler Twp., was recognized by the Huron Soil Conservation District as their conservation cooperator of the year for soil and water conservation practices on his 300-acre dairy farm.

Eduardo Couto, Pigeon Rotary youth exchange student from Brazil and John MacAlpine, Bay Port, have concluded foreign affairs training sessions in Bay City. Their drivers were Asel Collins, James Swartzen-druber, James Ballard and Joe Maust, Jr.

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 4, 1965

Mrs. Clare Swartzen-druber was chosen Mrs. Federation at the meeting of Pigeon Junior Womens' Club at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson. County Sheriff Richard V. Stokan was speaker.

William R. Young, 63, former Chandler Twp. resident, now of Saginaw, died Thursday at Rose Island. He leaves his widow and four children.

31 YEARS AGO MARCH 4, 1954

Fifteen members were present Feb. 25 for the organizational meeting of the North Huron Target Club.

Walter Schuette, Elkton, was elected president of the Huron County Bean Producers Assn. Friday night at the annual business meeting.

The snow was so heavy Monday that it broke down the canopy at the feed room of Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co. The car of Gerry Thiel, which was parked under the canopy, was badly damaged.

FROM THE ELKTON-ADVANCE 45 YEARS AGO FEB. 29, 1940

William Dietzel, who is retiring from the activities of farming, will have a sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday, March 5.

Steps for a Rotary Club in Elkton were taken Friday evening when a group of 15 business and professionals met with the district governor Heinie Hordheim, Owosso, at Elkton High School.

The N.J. Eidt home in Detroit was a happy scene Sunday when the entire Eidt family gathered to spend the day.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. James Bollenbacher of Bay Port announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah A. to Eric J. Herzog, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Herzog of Pigeon.

Deborah attended Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, and is presently employed as a secretary at Laker Junior High School.

Eric is a student at Northern Michigan University at Marquette. He is employed summers with Wiese Masonry of Bay Port.

The engaged couple are both 1981 graduates of Laker High School.

A summer 1986 wedding is being planned.

Area school lunch menus

CASEVILLE SCHOOLS
MONDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich or hot dog, corn.

TUESDAY: Ravioli, bread and butter, ala carte: hamburgers.

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or sloppy joe, green beans.

THURSDAY: Chicken noodle, vegetable or tomato soup, crackers, peanut butter or tuna sandwich.

FRIDAY: Chicken or fish sandwich, baked beans.

LAKER SCHOOLS

Choice of two main dishes daily.

MONDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, sloppy joe and chips, cookie.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, cheeseburger, french fries.

WEDNESDAY: Piz-zaburger, tomato soup with chicken salad sandwich.

THURSDAY: Hard or soft shell taco, hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes.

FRIDAY: Cheesy pizza, fishwich, shoestring potato sticks.

Area couples set weddings



Bastian - Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bastian of Gardena, Calif. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Denise, to Tim Brown, son of Ron and Joan Brown of Caseville.

The bride-elect is a 1978 graduate of Gardena High School. She is currently employed at Yavapai Community Hospital in Prescott, Ariz.

Tim is a 1979 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is presently self-employed as a paint contractor.

A March 16 wedding is planned, followed by a week-long honeymoon to Hawaii and a week's vacation in California.

Bollenbacher - Herzog

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It's twins!

Born to Matthew and Jean (Haist) Zimmerman of Big Rapids, twins, born Feb. 20.

Stuart Allen was born at 12:47 p.m., weighing 3 lbs. 12 oz. His twin sister, Jennie Elizabeth, was born at 12:48 p.m., weighing 3 lbs. 6 oz.

Paternal grandparents are Garnet and Margret Zimmermann of Big Rapids. Maternal grandparents are Dryden and Joann Haist of Pigeon.

Laker grad to tour with Alma Kiltie Band

Suzanne Sprague, a 1983 graduate of Laker High School, will tour with the Alma College Kiltie Band during winter term break, Feb. 27 - March 3.

The Alma College Kiltie Band was honored as the 1984 Michigan Thanksgiving Parade's Award Winning Band. Sprague plays a bass clarinet in the band.

The band will perform concerts at the Community Presbyterian Church in Flint, Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids and First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, and provide music for a chapel service in Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston, Ill. Band members will also spend a weekend in Chicago.

Sprague is the daughter of Gerald and Connie Sprague of Bad Axe.

Guests were Mrs. Joyce McGathy and Thad, Darin McGathy and Susie Emerson, Mrs. Jean Maynard and Stephanie, Ryan and Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Terrian and Amy and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sting and April, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chiotti and Michelle and Tammy Chiotti.

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Persons who are interested in learning how to cook with their microwave

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Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Cass City

High School cafeteria. Basic microwave cooking

principles will be discussed as well as how to convert

conventional recipes to be used in microwave ovens.

Participants will taste their creations and add recipes to their collection, according to

County home economist, who will teach the class.

To register, call Linda Adams, extension home

economist at 673-5999, ext. 228 or 313-648-2515 to register. A very small pre-registration fee is required.

Brenda Cummings, Huron

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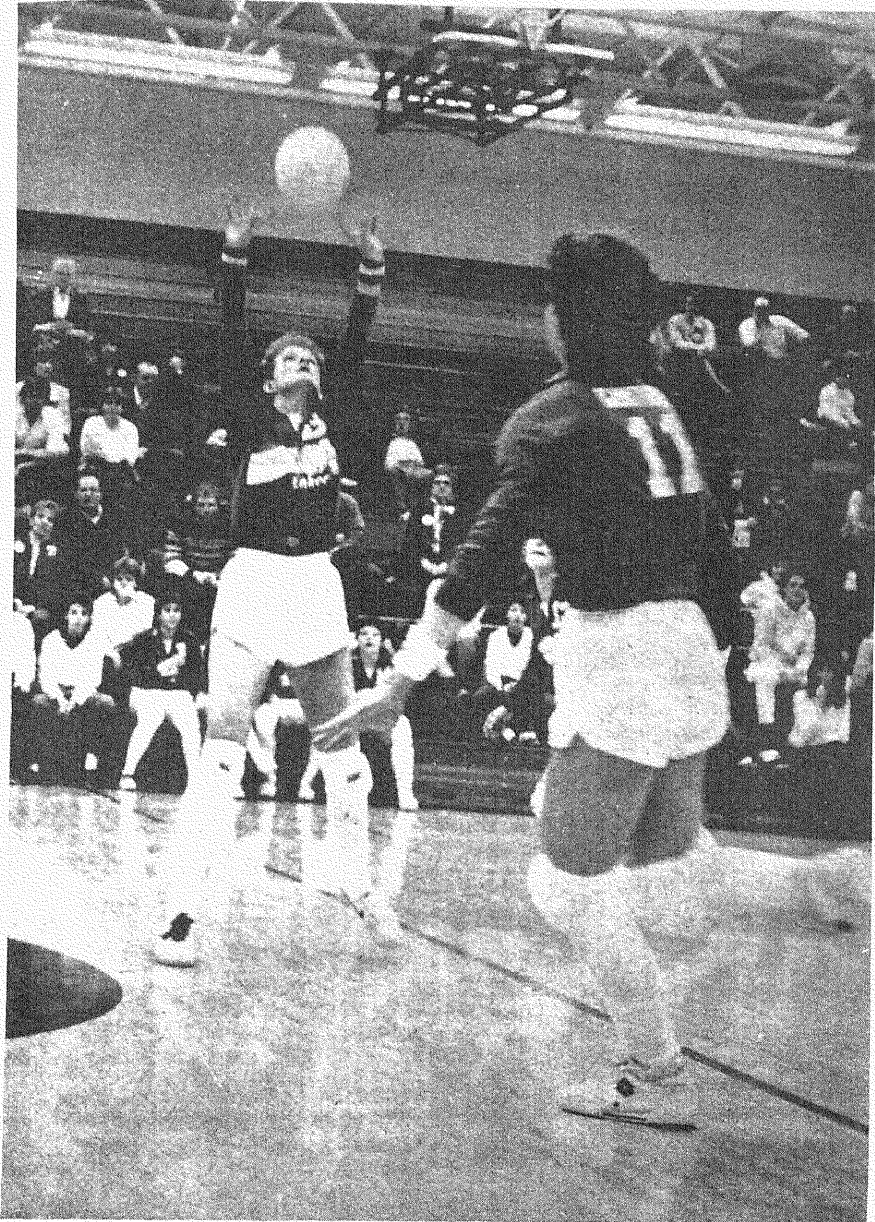
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Best Wishes, Laker Volleyball Team, in District Tournaments!



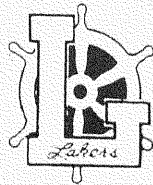
SETTING: Shelly sets the ball as Shelly Ginter (11) moves in to blast a spike.

Congratulations to the Number 1 Class C Volleyball Team in Michigan, according to the Coaches' Poll -- the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port Lakers!

Coach Irene Green and our team have earned their right to compete in District Tournaments as the Thumb's winningest team, compiling a superb 49-3 overall record along the way!

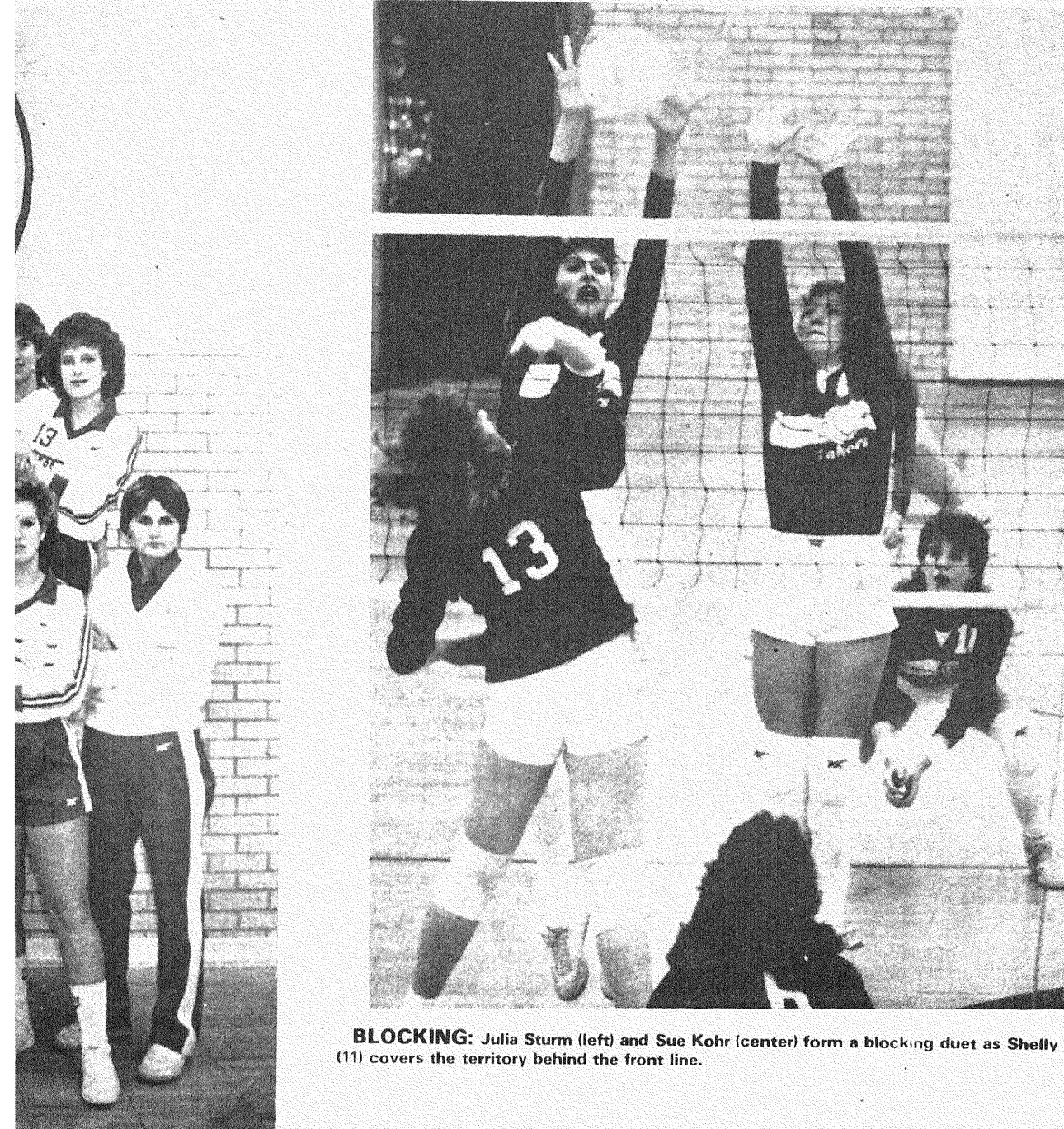
Turn out and support our team as Districts begin this SATURDAY, MARCH 2 at Laker High. First game is at 9 a.m., while the Lakers' first match is at 10 a.m., to play the winner of the Harbor Beach-Marlette game this week.

Best wishes, team -- we're with you all the way!



VARSIITY TEAM MEMBERS: In front from left, ly Henne, Lynda Brown and Coach Irene Green; CENTE left, Chris Steinman, Julia Sturm, Sue Kohr, Shelly Ginter

in District Tournaments! =Bowling=



BLOCKING: Julia Sturm (left) and Sue Kohr (center) form a blocking duet as Shelly Ginter (11) covers the territory behind the front line.

| TUESDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE | | TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Ty's | 16 | June & Fargos | 25 |
| Elkton IGA | 14 | Gary's TV | 18 |
| Sobigo | 13 | *Osentoski Ford Tractor | 17 |
| Pabst | 12 | Pigeon Lumber | 17 |
| High team scores: Ty's 2489 | | *Bob Smith Builders | 16 |
| High individual scores: L. Lowe 579 (219-220), B. Sosnoski 213, D. Sweeney 565 (210), W. Chappel 203, B. Lackie 521. | | *Steinman Agency | 14 |
| Splits: 5-10 K. Fisher; 3-10 R. Krohn, L. Lowe, T. Wills (2), T. Gorkowski; 2-10-7 R. Krohn. | | Carling | 14 |
| | | Active Feed | 14 |
| | | *Clark's Refrig. | 14 |
| | | Dutch Kettle | 12 |
| | | **Osentoski Equipment | 12 |
| | | Kretschmer HC | 7 |
| | | *Incomplete | |

| PIGEON LANES THURSDAY NITERS | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Brighton Metal | 19 1/2 |
| Scheurer Hospital | 18 |
| Gary's TV | 17 |
| Fink's Used Equipment | 16 |
| Pigeon Auto Supply | 15 1/2 |
| J & B Pig. | 15 |
| Lee's Landscaping | 14 |
| Huron Distributing | 14 |
| Pigeon Co-op | 13 |
| Village Barber | 11 1/2 |
| H. McCormicks | 8 1/2 |
| M. Carpenter Const. | 5 |
| High team scores: J & B Pig. 2348 (825), Pigeon Auto Supply 2312 (827), Fink's Used Equip. 2308 (806). | |
| High individual scores: P. Niebel 594 (215-202), J. Blome 558 (222), M. Ropp 519 (179-178), A. Albrecht 519 (171-182), E. Gunden 477 (180), L. Welshans 473, C. Buschlen 459, T. Gnagey 458 (174), E. Rounds 170, B. Dubs 181, B. Pobanz 175. | |
| Splits: 3-10 J. Dunn, W. Kovach; 2-7 S. Buchholz, B. Schulz; 5-7 J. Sturm, M. Murdoch; 5-6-10 J. Tennant; 5-6-8 P. Niebel; 4-5-7 A. Dubs; 4-5 S. Buchholz; 5-6-10 D. Carpenter. | |

| ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Elkton Petroleum | 22 |
| Bud Light | 21 |
| Don's Barber Shop | 17 |
| Thumme Insurance | 17 |
| This 'n That | 11 |
| Ackerman Farms | 10 |
| Bud's Bar | 7 |
| High team scores: This 'n That 2582, Bud's Bar 894, T. Wills 213, J. Jaworski 213. | |
| High individual scores: T. Wills 575, A. Russell 209, J. Schmitt 549 (203), L. Rosenthal 201, L. Deneen 559, D. Deming 530, D. Weiss 527, J. Rich 527, R. Diebel 520, J. Jaworski 515, D. Ackerman 512, M. Krueger 511, B. Pawlowski 503. | |

| GUYS and DOLLS | | ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES | |
|--------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Heck Mallory | 18 | Elkton Co-op | 22 1/2 |
| Beachy Weidman | 18 | Sally's Ceramics | 19 |
| Dubs Smith | 16 | Ty's Bowling | 17 1/2 |
| Blome Gunden | 15 | Ron's Party Store | 16 |
| *Roestel-Rosenthal | 15 | Bud's Bar | 15 |
| Elbing-Roestel | 14 | Elkton IGA | 14 |
| Krohn-Morin | 14 | Knechtel's Market | 13 |
| Dunn-Parrish | 14 | Town Edge Farms | 11 |
| Abbott-Schuette | 12 | High team scores: Elkton Co-op 624, Ron's 1784. | |
| Kretschmer-Thiel | 11 | High individual scores: K. Carr 185, P. Podloskowski 178, C. Reilly 178, M. Errer 170. | |
| Dubs-Pipe | 9 | Splits: 2-7 L. Krohn, D. Damrow; 5-8 D. Saley; 5-10 D. Damrow, P. Podloskowski, J. Kasserman; 5-7 D. Fritz; 3-10 D. Schuette. | |
| *Roestel-Strauch | 8 | | |
| *Incomplete | | | |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----|
| Thumb National Bank | 17 | Riverside Bar | 49 |
| Haist Flowers | 15 | Sportsmans Bar | 42 |
| Bay Port State Bank | 15 | Bluewater Inn | 42 |
| Bay Port Shell | 14 | Pop's Place | 42 |
| Cloverleaf Egg | 13 | Bay Port Hotel | 38 |
| Bay Port Construction | 12 | Duffie's Tavern | 26 |
| Damm's Inc. | 12 | Scenic Bar | 26 |
| Miller High Life | 11 1/2 | June & Fargos | 24 |
| Huron Excavation | 11 | WOMENS' TRAVELING | |
| Varty's | 10 | Sportsmans Bar | 55 |
| Mary Kay Cosmetics | 8 | Bay Port Hotel | 51 |
| Henne Farms | 5 1/2 | Pop's Place | 48 |
| High team scores: Thumb National 2245 (808-776), Huron Excavation 2160, Miller High Life 2145 (747). | | Scenic Bar | 43 |
| High individual scores: M. Ropp 564 (215-103), J. Blome 535 (192-188), D. Yahn 524 (180), N. Wichert 190, S. Buchholz 496 (191), P. Shenk 494 (182), D. Quick 490 (180), C. Damm 482 (177), D. | | Bluewater Inn | 40 |
| | | Riverside Bar | 35 |
| | | June & Fargos | 33 |
| | | Duffie's Tavern | 31 |



SOUND-OFF!

Call 453-2323 anytime to SOUND-OFF. Selected statements will appear in the next Progress-Advance, so watch for yours! Deadline: 5 p.m. Mondays.

To whom it may concern! About the Bay Port tornado! God must love us -- he SPARED our town!

Since there is a new television station in Flint, which we're supposed to be able to get here, when is the cable TV company going to add Channel 66 here?

I am a Laker Junior High School student who went to the Silverdome. I enjoyed the trip and the game, and I hope we do even better next time. But next time, I hope we get better seats.

I think sports at Lakers are getting a bum rap! Let's not lump all sports into one or two that seem to be having problems at this time. Let's not forget that sports give teenagers the chance to learn many new things, as well as to use the academics they've learned all day long.

If you have a teenager unhappy in a certain sport, en-

courage them to explore others. They all count! I'm sure the people in control have gotten the hint. Let not hurt all our kids by getting riled up against a good school with more than one or two sports to offer!

I wish there were more Junior High dances, and I wish they were from 8 to 12.

In answer to the recent caller wondering what the Jews did to deserve the oppression they received from the Nazis in World War II, that's the whole point. They didn't do anything directly. The Nazis just chose them, unfortunately.

Happy belated birthday to Kathy B., from all her friends.

I'm getting sick and tired of going to Laker games and hearing our own fans screaming insults at our own players. They're just kids. If you want to yell at the refs, fine. But

leave the players alone. They're not professionals, just 15 or 16 years old kids who are trying to do their best!

Let's give the players a little more positive encouragement instead of the verbal abuse used by some of the out-of-shape, fair-weather fans who can't run the length of the court, much less shoot a jump shot.

To the people who are letting their dogs run loose in Pigeon: it would be nice if you would follow them, and clean up after them.

I would like to congratulate all the teams that the Laker

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Laker FFA wins 5 regional firsts

FFA took to the regional championship. They all did great. I'd just like to say congratulations, teams!

Tickets for the boys' basketball tournaments will go on sale Thursday and Friday, Feb. 28 and March 1 and also Monday, March 4, from 8 to 3 in the Laker Superintendent's office. Tournaments will be held at Lakers March 4, 5, 6 and 8. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port chapter of Future Farmers of America again dominated the competition at the regional leadership contest last Thursday by earning first place honors in five separate events.

Those Laker students earning first place include: Neil Nuncio in Greenhand Public Speaking; Mark Dubs in Public Speaking; Barry Maust in Extemporaneous Speaking; the Demonstration Team consisting of Darin Lutz, Jeff Krohn and Paul Renn; and the Parliamentary Procedure Team consisting of Stev Gayari, Ron Souva, Leann Deneen, Dan Bouck, Tir Roestel, Dan Ritter, Benadette Voelker and Scot Maust.

The winners will not travel to Michigan State University in East Lansing for the state competition scheduled for March 20-22.

More homework at Caseville?

In a regular meeting on Feb. 18, the Caseville School Board eyed a homework policy for all student. The Board instructed the administration and teaching staff to recommend a policy on homework for Caseville students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

SUMMER CLASSES: High School Principal Paul Ellinger was instructed to conduct a survey of students in grades seven through 12 to determine the level of interest in summer classes

and possible topics for those sessions. The board will consider the survey information and make a decision on summer classes at a later time.

IMPROVEMENTS: Bids on a 15-draw card catalog and additional shelving for the library will be sought by the Board. Also considered for a future project was carpeting a reading area in the library for elementary students.

REPORTS: Curriculum updates were provided to the Board by high school math

teacher Barbara Quinn and fourth grade teacher Robert Reed.

Principal Ellinger also informed the Board that four adult enrichment classes will be offered this year. Topics of the sessions will be CPR, Investments, Staine Glass and Co-ed Volleyball.

CONTRACT TALKS: Board entered a closed session to discuss negotiating strategy for contract talks with teachers. The current contract expires at the end of the 1984-85 school year.

Scheurer Hospital notes

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Feb. 25:

PIGEON: Mrs. Ida Mae Youngs, Master Matthew Stroud, Ervin Sturm, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Diener.

OWENDALE: Mrs. Albert (Winona) Stockwell, Mrs. Elmer (Betty) Nieschulz, Elmer Andrews.

PORT AUSTIN: Edward Pasutin.

BAY PORT: Master Daniel Miller, Master Chase Webber.

SEBEWAING: Mrs. Eula Gibson, Mrs. Lydia Cullen, Jacob Linzner.

CASEVILLE: Angus McIntyre, Mrs. Estelle Johnson, Danny Bieri.

ELKTON: Mrs. Armond (Isabelle) Herford.

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THUMB AREA DEATHS

Betty Graham Houghton, 64, of Farmington, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 1, 1984.

Ethel E. Armstrong, 81, of Florida, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Feb. 7, 1985.

Irvin Schram, 77, of Plymouth, formerly of Sebewaing, passed away Feb. 8.

Francis J. "Frank" Kovacs, 62, of Detroit, formerly of Caro, passed away Feb. 11.

Milton E. Hall, 58, of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, passed away Feb. 13.

Gerald R. Spencer, 77, of Cass City, passed away Feb. 14.

William L. Williamson, 81, of Gagetown, passed away Feb. 14.

Paul Irons, 20, of Drayton Plains, with relatives in Uby, passed away Feb. 15.

Lydia Irons, 78, of Sebewaing, passed away Feb. 17.

Helen L. Gaeth, 66, of Bay Port passed away Feb. 17.

Agnes (Zurek) Mills, 91, of Bad Axe, formerly of Rapcon, passed away Feb. 18.

Elsie T. Gallardo, 89, of Port Hope, passed away Feb. 18.

Joseph Summski, 57, of Caseville, passed away Feb. 18.

John (Jack) Atkinson, 65, of Bay Port, passed away Feb. 19.

John F. Wood, 71, of Minden City, passed away Feb. 19.

Charles H. Bennet, 92, of Harbor Beach, passed away Feb. 20.

Arthur Gettel, 69, of Johannesburg, formerly of Sebewaing, passed away Feb. 20.

Edward F. Heleski, 80, of Bad Axe, passed away Feb. 20.

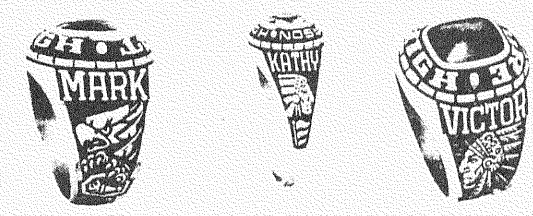
Roland Koch, 84, of Detroit, formerly of Sebewaing, passed away Feb. 20.

Mary A. Schalz, 94, of Kinde, passed away Feb. 22.

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DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm writing this letter for a good friend of mine, because I don't think he knows how to write. I've known him ever since I was a little kid, and I'm 14 now. I think he's about my dad's age -- around 42.

Anyway, the reason I'm writing is to see if you could get him a bicycle. I'm afraid the one he's got now isn't going to last him very much longer. I've seen better bikes sitting in junkyards.

See, he has to have a bike -- it's the only way he can make his living. He runs errands for all kinds of people in town. On his bike he's got a basket mounted over the back tire for when he delivers groceries or whatever it might be. The people pay him what they think the job is worth. He gets 50 cents or a dollar for each run, but it's not enough to buy a good bike. Besides, he's got to buy his own food and all the other things you need to keep yourself going.

Mr. Ross, my friend can't work in a store or bank or do construction like most people. I guess it's because he's retarded and people think he's stupid. I sure don't think so. He's one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Would you please help him out with a better bike? -- D.S. Tulsa, Okla.

DEAR MS. F.: No matter how small a request, I try to go the distance. I read Neil your letter over the phone. He was pleased to sign a recent 8 x 10 color photo with his personal greetings to you. It's in the mail.

DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm writing to ask if you would pay for the cost of helicopter flying lessons. They're offered at an airport close to me.

I just want to make a career of piloting after I earn my license. I figure the lessons are approximately \$100 an hour, with 40 hours needed to obtain a private license. -- M.D.M., Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR MISS M.: I figure you're asking me for \$4,000 for something you might want to do. So now you figure it out: Why didn't Percy mail you a check for \$4,000?

DEAR MR. ROSS: I've been a very ardent fan of Neil Diamond's since he first sang "Cherry, Cherry" in 1968. So much so, that I have every one of his recordings on album, cassette and reel-to-reel. I've seen "The Jazz Singer" at least a dozen times. Whenever possible, I attend every one of his eastern tours, but I never miss any of his Philadelphia concerts. I have written many times



By PERCY ROSS

for his photograph but to no avail! I understand he is extremely busy, so I am not devastated as long as I can see him when he comes East and continue to listen to his recordings constantly.

Mr. Ross, it's a small request, but all I really want is a personalized photograph of Neil. Can you arrange it? -- Ms. R.F., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Health Board sets meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Huron County Community Mental Health Services ACT 258 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting site is in the Mental Health Offices at 1108 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe.

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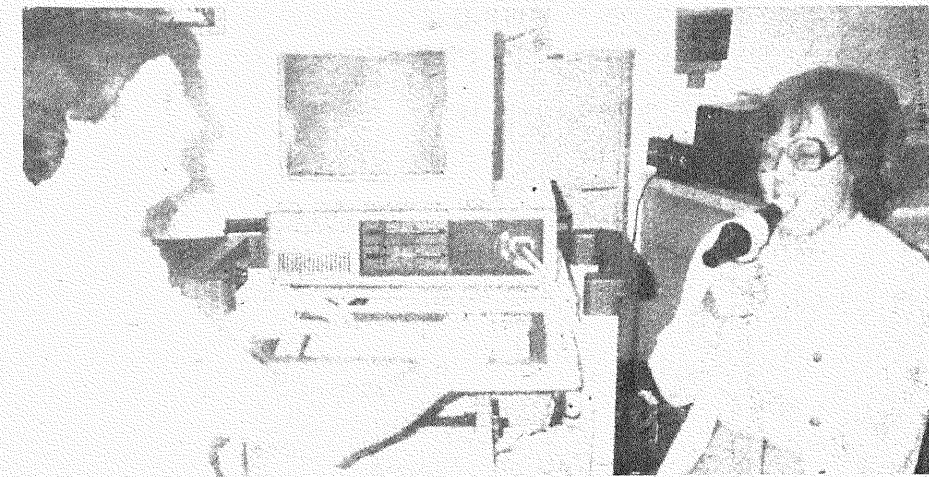
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Rev. Edward J. Arle, Assoc. Pastor
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Area obituaries

EDRIC (BUTCH) GEORGE RAPSON 1911 - 1985

Edric (Butch) Rapson, age 73, of Gageton, passed away Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Allen Park.

He was born Aug. 19, 1911 in Huron County, son of the late Lawrence and Ada (King) Rapson. On June 21, 1957 he was united in marriage to Onnalee Decker Barnes in Bay City. She passed away April 21, 1983. He was a WW II Air Force veteran and member of Top of the Thumb VFW Post No. 2236, Pigeon. Until 1972, he owned and operated Rapson's Market in Gageton.

Mr. Rapson is survived by four daughters, Marna Barnes, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Deanne Rapson, Gageton, Suzanne Rapson, Gaylord, and Janelle Rapson, Phillipine Islands; two sons, Marvin Barnes, Azores and Lawrence Rapson, Clewiston, Fla.; two granddaughters; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) McKee, Pt. Austin and Mrs. Zolla M. (Carol) Kretschmer, San Juan Capistrano, Cal.

A son, John Paul and a sister Mrs. Charles (Rorie) Ellis preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. from the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Myra Sparks, pastor of Gageton United Methodist Church, officiated with cremation to follow.

JOHN (JACK) CLAYTON ATKINSON 1920 - 1985

John (Jack) Atkinson, age 65, of Bay Port, formerly of Flint, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born Jan. 10, 1920 in Flint, son of the late William and Anna (Seeley) Atkinson. On Feb. 24, 1961 he was united in marriage to Beatrice Annibal in Clio. He was a World War II veteran and member of Top of the Thumb VFW Post No. 2236.

Mr. Atkinson is survived by his wife, Beatrice; one daughter, Jacqueline; one brother, William Atkinson, Westland; one sister in Florida.

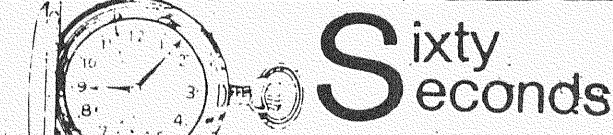
Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 from the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Randy Chamberlin, pastor of Bay Port United Methodist Church, officiated, with burial in New Bay Port Cemetery.

Boards of Review

| OLIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW | | | |
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HALF TIME TREAT - The fans at the Laker High School vs. Cass City game on Friday night watched more than just an exciting game, they were entertained! The entire squad of varsity, JV and freshmen cheerleaders joined in a Mickey Mouse show, complete with songs, dance and costumes and spellbound the spectators. The show was part of Parents' Night festivities, honoring parents of Laker athletes.



Our response to God's goodness

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God declares through Isaiah: "I spread out My hands all day to a rebellious people" -- there was no positive response to His appeal. Of the 10 lepers Jesus healed, only one -- and a Samaritan -- returned to give thanks.

We have so many reasons to be grateful. God blesses us with far greater bounty than a few rose petals.

He does far more than strew out a few crumbs, as we do to feed the birds.

He opens His hand and pours out His blessings.

In Jesus Christ He extends to us "the cup of salvation." And this cup, in the psalmist's words, "runneth over."

To continue in this imagery, Jesus drained the cup of suffering to His bitter dregs -- the dregs of death -- so that we might be refreshed with the sweet water of eternal life.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for opening Your hand to bless us, especially for opening heaven to us through Christ. Amen.

McKinley Township Board Meeting

will be held Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. at the home of Herman Rathke, Supervisor.

Regular board meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at McKinley Township Hall unless otherwise posted.

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Another tourney trophy earned by Laker Spikers

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port volleyball team moved back into first place in the state Class C ratings in last week's coaches poll released last week.

Berrien Springs, which was rated at the top of the standings, registered a loss and dropped to the second slot.

The Laker spikers showed why they are so highly regarded by winning a pair of Thumb B Association matches and the Caseville Invitational Tournament last week, without losing a game.

Last Saturday, tournament foes offered little resistance as Lakers allowed an average of only 3.4 points per game during pool play prior to the single elimination rounds.

Deckerville was the first Laker victim of the day by scores of 15-3, 15-0, followed by Ubyly 15-1, 15-3; Port Hope 15-7, 15-1; Akron-Fairgrove 15-2, 15-4, and Cass City 15-9, 15-4.

In the semifinals, Lakers blasted Owendale-Gagetown 15-0, 15-1. Unionville-Sebewaing was downed 15-3, 15-7 in the finals as Lakers earned the championship trophy.

In pool play Lakers topped their division with a 10-0 record followed by Akron-Fairgrove at 7-3, Port Hope and Cass City at 5-5, Ubyly at 3-7 and Deckerville at 0-10. USA placed first in the other pool with a 9-1 mark, followed by Owen-Gage at 8-2, Caro at 6-4, Caseville at 4-6, Kingston at 2-8 and North Huron at 1-9.

Lakers enter the final week of regular season competition with a 5-0 Thumb B record and a 47-3 overall mark.

Cass City and Caro bowed to the superior play of the Laker squad in league competition last week as they were each unable to win a game in the best-of-five matches.

LAST THURSDAY Lakers overpowered Cass City by scores of 15-4, 15-5 and 15-12. Lynda Brown and Shelly Ginter each scored a dozen points to lead the team, followed by Brenda Baker with seven and Sue Kohr with six. Ginter also added 10 kill assists to the Laker offense.

Top hitters during the match were Brenda Baker and Lynda Brown, each with eight attacks and five kills and Julia Sturm with nine attacks and four kills. The defense was paced by Kohr with five digs and Baker and Brown with four each.

LAST WEDNESDAY Lakers easily decimated the Caro Tigers by 15-0, 15-2 and 15-5 scores. Shelly Ginter again

action this week, followed by Bad Axe and Cass City, both at 3-2.

COMING UP: Lakers are scheduled for a pair of key Thumb B contests to determine the league championship. Lakers will travel to Vassar on Wednesday night then to Bad Axe on Thursday. The district tournament will then be hosted by Lakers on Saturday.

JVs WIN: The Laker junior spikers kept their league win streak intact last week with victories over Cass City and Caro also. The jayvees upended Cass City 15-6, 8-15 and 15-9 last Thursday.

Leading scorers were Rhonda Baur and Kriste Lasceski, each with 10 points and Cathy Wurst with seven.

That win followed on the heels of a 15-5, 15-4 and 15-2 victory over Caro the night before. Lasceski topped JV scoring followed by Rhonda Baur with eight and Gina Esch and Lisa Buschlen with six apiece.

Jackie Ginter blasted seven attacks for the Laker attack.

Coach Pat Bolda also credited Jenny Bollenbacher with aggressive court play and good passing in the Laker victory. The JVs now boast a 5-0 league record and 15-4 overall.

The Laker JVs lead the league with a 5-0 record, followed by Cass City at 3-1 and Caro and Bad Axe, each with 3-2 records.

Varsity sweeps 2 games on Monday

The Laker volleyball squad earned a pair of non-conference match victories on Monday night at home. The state's top team upended Saginaw Valley Lutheran

15-4, 15-8, and Unionville-Sebewaing 15-4, 15-10.

The two match victories improves Laker's overall record to 49-3.



IN THE KNOW

AT LAKER HIGH SCHOOL

By CONSTANCE ABDALLA and C.L. DRUMMOND

Picture this: It's Friday night and we won the game (sounds basically realistic, doesn't it?). You and three of your friends cruise Pigeon for half an hour. Depressed and discouraged after finding out the "hot prospect" you've been following for more than 10 minutes happens to be a teacher you had in seventh grade, you head to the Quik Stop to pig out.

After downing Diet Coke and ice cream bars you decide to cruise the town one more time. The town is deserted. Where is everybody? "They must be at the dance!" someone in the car says. "Well, they MIGHT be there this time," you reply. So you head for the school, pull into the lot and you're shocked — only seven cars. Ok, how many people can you fit into a car? Five, maybe six if someone sticks a leg out the window. So that's 35 to 42 people, give or take 20 to 30 people.

There must be a dance. You can hear the music. "Oh my gosh, another car just pulled in!" We think, maybe people will come to this one. A body emerges from the building and gets in the car and drives away. Ok, there are now 34 to 41 people, give or take 10 to 20 people. The

ple. Ok, four people came in one car and the rest came alone. There are only three people actually dancing! You swear to yourself and your friends this is the last dance you'll ever go to.

Sounds like a bad dream, doesn't it? No! It's reality. Question is, why isn't anyone going to dances? MONEY from dances does go toward the prom fund. As of now the hall for the prom is paid for but the junior class has about \$7.00 left to pay for the meal, decorations and band. Something drastic has to happen or the next bad dream we have could be the prom!

3 Lakers place in regionals

Three Laker grapplers qualified for state competition at last Saturday's regional competition in New Lothrop.

Rob Macdowall placed second in the 185 pound class, while Dan Swartzendruber at 112 and Tim Patterson at 198 each placed second.



HALT: Laker's Brenda Baker at left and Shelly Ginter at right stretch out in an attempt to block a Cass City player's return in a match last Thursday. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

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Rosey nets 27 points in Laker cage victory

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

Though one bullet was dodged last week by the Laker basketball squad, two more Thumb B opponents have their sights set on knocking the Thumb B co-leaders from their lofty perch.

Last Friday night, the third-place Cass City Red Hawks put up a struggle before bowing to Lakers, 61-45.

The visiting Red Hawks quickly scored the first three buckets of the game to serve notice to their Laker hosts that they were not intimidated.

The green and white team, however, didn't lose their composure and battled back to take an 18-10 lead at the end of the opening period. An aggressive Cass City press prompted Laker turnovers just before the halftime buzzer to cut the comfor-

table Laker lead to just four points at halftime.

Lakers gave the Hawks a taste of their own medicine in the second half as an effective pressure defense held Cass City to just eight points in the period.

The home team then put the game out of reach with a 18-10 scoring advantage in the final stanza to claim the win.

Laker scoring leader Scott Rosenthal burned the net for

27 points to lead all scorers in the game. Ron Dubs was the only other Laker in double digits with 12.

Mike Kelly topped Cass City scorers with 15 points, followed by Bryan Beecher with 10.

STANDINGS: Lakers and Vassar are still knotted at the top of the league standings with one loss each, although Vassar was recorded 12 wins to 11 for Lakers, due to a snow out which will be made up this week.

COMING UP: Lakers warm up for tournaments next week with three contests in a four-day period.

On Tuesday, Lakers travel to Caro in a make-up game, host Bay City All Saints on Thursday in another make-up contest, then close out the regular season at Bad Axe on Friday night.

This week Coach Bill McLellan will have to shuffle his starting lineup to replace guard Bill LePage, who was suspended for the year for a training rule violation.

TOURNEY PAIRINGS: Lakers and Ubyly will match up in the opening game of the District 87 Class C basketball tournament at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High on Monday, March 4.

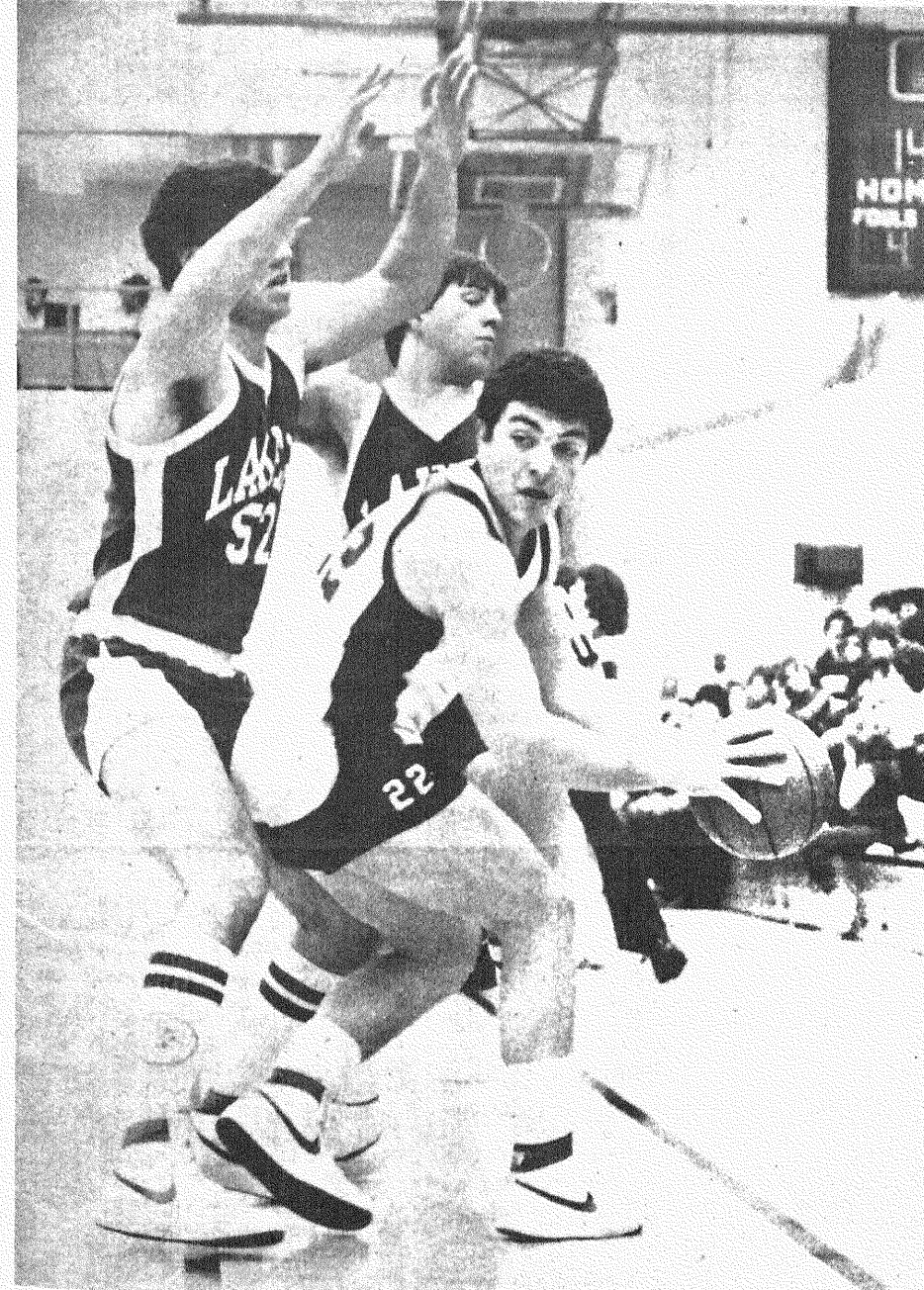
Tuesday night Unionville-Sebewaing and Harbor Beach square off, followed by a game featuring Bad Axe and Monday's winner on Thursday.

The winners of the Tuesday and Wednesday games will then meet in the district finals on Friday.

AT LEFT: Cass City's Brian Beecher finds himself surrounded by Eric Bushey (52) and Bill LePage at right during a Laker full-court press.

The Laker pressure defense forced errors by Cass City which enabled the home team to pull away in the third quarter.

AT RIGHT: Chris Eby (34) of Lakers gets a step on his Red Hawk defender and takes the ball to the hoop in last Friday's Laker victory over Cass City. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS



The games are all slated to tip-off at 7:30.

JV TITLE? The Laker junior varsity team widened its lead in the Thumb B race

after recording a 53-45 victory over Cass City, while Marlette lost to North Branch. The Laker jayvees enter competition this week with an 11-1 Thumb B record, followed by Marlette at 9-3.

The Laker junior cagers got off to a fast start to take a 14-4 lead in the first quarter and held on to win.

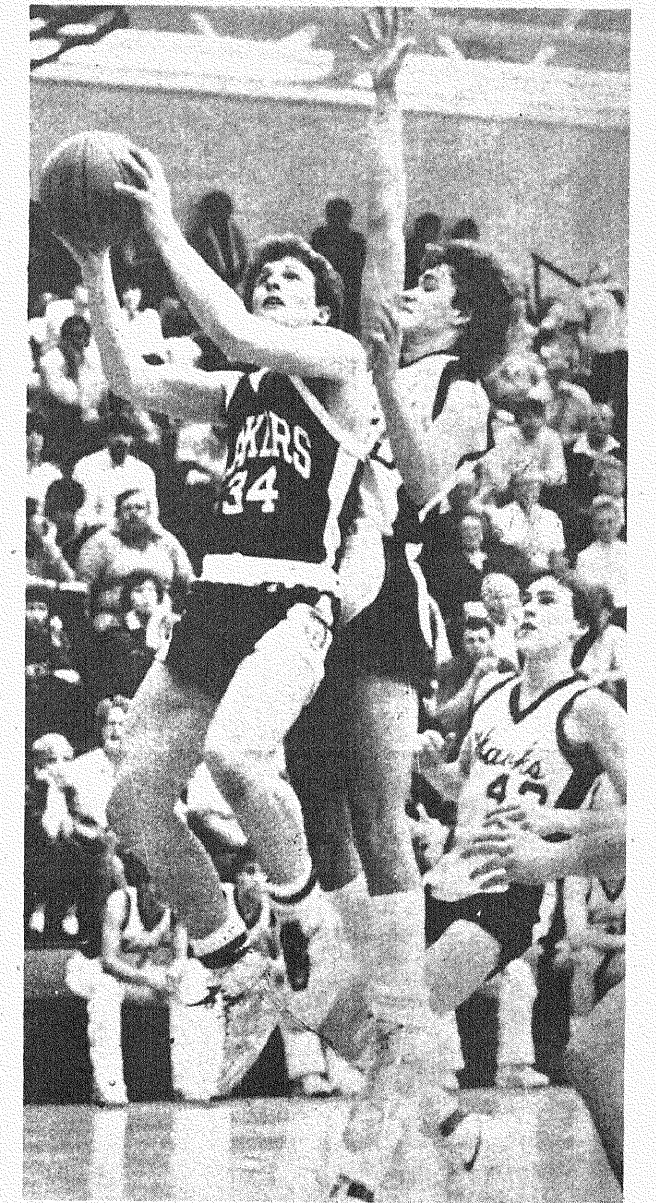
Lakers now lead second place Vassar which has accumulated a 10-3 mark in the Thumb B.

Tom Beer netted 16 points to lead the attack while teammates Craig Haag and Jim Warren each added 11.

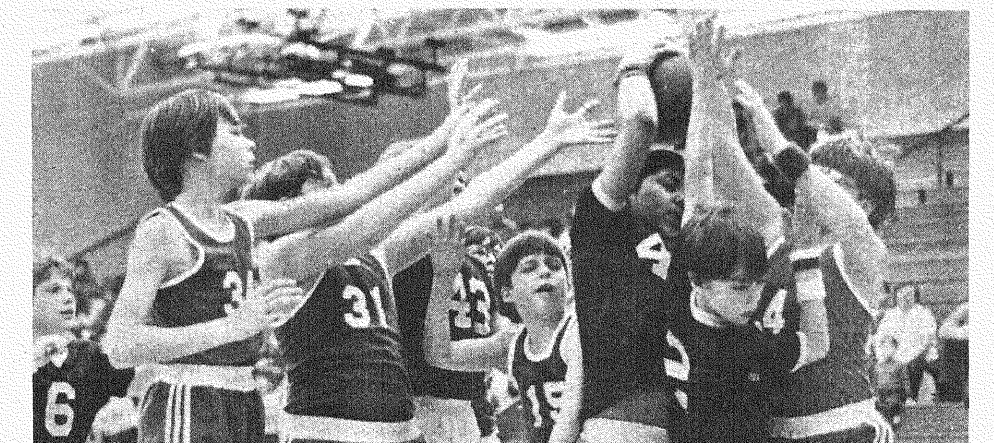
FRESH ROLLS: The Laker Freshmen upped their Thumb B record to 11-1 with an easy 64-31 victory over Cass City.

Dean Roestel paced frosh scoring for Lakers with 12 points. Keven Wissner scored 11 and Jay Anthes netted 10 in the win.

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Chamberlin at March 6 breakfast

Rev. Randy Chamberlin, pastor of Bay Port and Hayes United Methodist Churches will be the speaker at the Community Men's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, March 6, beginning at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pigeon. Following the pancake, sausage and egg breakfast there will be a time of Christian fellowship, prayer and singing, followed by Rev. Chamberlin's Lenten meditation. The public is invited to participate in the monthly event during the winter months.

Rev. Swan speaks at First United Methodist March 2-3

The Rev. Charles L. Swan, retired United Methodist missionary and college professor will be the featured speaker at First United Methodist Church in Pigeon on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3. Dr. Swan was born and educated through high school in India and received a B.A. from University of Chicago, M. Div. for Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University and Ph. D. from Northwestern. On Saturday night, Dr. Swan will present a slide program on India at 7:30 p.m., following a potluck dinner at 6:15. Participants are asked to bring their own table service and food to share. On Sunday morning, the guest speaker will preach during the morning worship service beginning at 10:30. The public is invited to attend the special events on both days.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Board of Education February 19, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Room by President Merin Farver.

Members present: Merin Farver, Bruce Baur, James Clabuesch, Yvonne Bushey, Richard Lockhard, and Sid Smith.
 Members absent: Virginia Leipprandt.

A motion was made by Bruce Baur, seconded by Sid Smith accepting the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

Reports were made by High School Guidance Counselor Duane Guenther, High School Principal James Ballard, Junior High School Principal Ben Phillips, and Director of Elementary Education Fred Joles regarding the Michigan State Assessment tests.

A report was given to the Board regarding the 7th - 12th grade curriculum committee meeting. The topic of discussion was the secondary English program.

Sgt. Brent Woodward of the Huron County Sheriff Department presented a film relative to child abuse.

Superintendent Brunet made a report on the benefits of belonging to the Michigan Out-of-Formula School District Association, citing the one big advantage of the attempt to receive state reimbursement for transportation.

A motion was made by Bruce Baur, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to renew the Superintendent's contract for a three year period at a salary of \$36,140. Motion carried.

The Board was given an update on the purchase of band uniforms for the high school marching and concert bands.

The Board recognized Dan Swartzendruber for being selected as the outstanding wrestler in the recent "B" Conference Wrestling Tournament. The Board also recognized the efforts of bus drivers Don Barbet, Mary Mahlow, and Grace Finkbeiner, and Cheerleading Advisor Lisa DiCamillo for their efforts in the severe storm this past Monday, February 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.
 Respectfully Submitted, James H. Clabuesch Acting Secretary Board of Education

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The Caseville Chamber of Commerce is conducting this 50-50 auction of brand new donated items and quality used goods. Proceeds will go toward helping defray the cost of 1985 Caseville Chamber activities including the Perch Festival, Fireworks, Walleye Tournament, Advertising and Promotion of Caseville.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

10 A.M. Caseville School Gym

ITEMS TO BE SOLD
 School desks; furniture; dinnerware; collectibles; hind quarter of beef; 1985 season's boat dockage (up to 20 ft.); chain saw; weight lifting bench; school jackets; season's passes to Caseville School athletic events; cable TV service; shotgun shell reloader; work lights; slate cutter; fishing charters; carpeting; mini blasters; sporting goods; cast iron duck boot scraper; depression glass; hardwares; kero heater; new clothing; gift certificates; chest freezer; compound bow "outer" RH; airplane tour of eastern Michigan with dinner for two; radios; permanents; printed personal stationery; fruit baskets; foliage plants. OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

MORE ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED!
 Call Rich at 856-2227 for more information and to make your donation. Anyone making donation will receive 50% of the amount this item(s) brings at the auction. Clean out your unneeded items, make some money - and help the Chamber too!

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Thumb Area OUTDOOR REPORT

THE RECENT MOOSE TRADE with Ontario has excited many sportsmen in Michigan. So excited, in fact, that they want to make sure no one even thinks about poaching one. Legislation, nicknamed the "Bullwinkle Bill," has been introduced that would allow judges to sentence moose poachers with penalties that could be as harsh as those which currently exist.

Although the bill is still in its draft stages, support has come quickly from state officials and private citizens. Official support is also com-

ing from the DNR and the state's largest environmental group, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Both the DNR and MUCC believe that a get-tough approach discourages poachers and they are lobbying for the Legislature to approve stiffer fines relating to illegal kills of other wildlife, as well as moose. On the local scene, the members of MUCC's District 9 voted to adopt a resolution supporting increased fines and jail sentences for moose poachers. Some of the table talk suggested that fines be in the \$5,000 range indicating

the seriousness sportsmen feel about the whole matter.

THE RECENT RAINS have turned the ice fishing activities from bad to worse. Locked in the worst perch fishing year in modern-day history, fishermen are now faced with treacherous ice conditions. The DNR and Coast Guard are both warning all fishermen to stay off the ice. Honeycombing has begun and it is impossible to tell where the ice is weak.

THE QUARANTINE HAS BEEN LIFTED on the "blackneck" pheasants which were sent by the Chinese Province of Sichuan to Michigan, and 23 of the 30 who survived are doing well at the Mason Game Farm. The pheasant, part of a plan to restock Michigan with a hardier breed, will be used for breed stock and the first offspring will probably be released in Spring, 1986. It is felt that this specie is more adapted to the habitat conditions that now exist in Michigan.

Pigeon

Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dutcher of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. James Bridges and family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Konen of Grand Rapids were weekend visitors of Mrs. Ann Schuette of Pigeon.

Kevin Ohlrogge and John Trowbridge of Sterling Heights spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ohlrogge and Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

Woods and Waters

By DUANE GUENTHER



Special spots

I once took a college course on stress management. A psychiatrist came to the class with the intention of teaching us how to relax. We were ushered into a carpeted room, asked to pick up a pillow from a pile in the corner, and to lie down in a comfortable position.

After giving us a demonstration of physical relaxation, we were asked to close our eyes and visualize a scene he was about to describe. In a low, calm voice, he proceeded to weave a picture of pine trees tossing in a summer breeze, a small stream rushing over smooth rocks, fleecy clouds drifting in a bright, blue sky, and other natural phenomena.

At the conclusion, he asked each of us to explain our visual picture. It was easy for me for without knowing it, the psychiatrist had described to perfection a special fishing spot I visit frequently. However, I was surprised to learn all the other members of the class also felt that the doctor had been speaking directly to them.

The point of the entire experiment was to illustrate that each person keeps within himself places that are extra special, certain little spots that carry memories of good times, or good things, which most of us visit, if only in our memories, quite often.

The doctor pointed out that all one has to do to cope with the stressful pressures of our day-to-day world, is find a quiet location, close our eyes, and visit one of our special spots for a 10 minute, mini-vacation. The great thing about it is, you can do it at work, whether it be at the office, in the home, or somewhere outside.

Both the doctor and I agree -- two or three of these mini-vacations each day will keep you in excellent mental health, and better yet, it keeps you in tune with those special places in your life.

One of my favorite spots doesn't really exist anymore. I stumbled on it in 1974 and for the next six years it became like a second home to me. I secretly called it my "pheasant ditch." The ditch was really a county drain. Connecting one of the main lines that ran beside a well-traveled road, it provided a spur to accept the tile run-off from the surrounding farm land.

The ditch began in the middle of one of my non-hunting friend's farm, and traversed in an L-shaped fashion until it disappeared onto a neighbor's land.

The neighbor, also, was a non-hunter, and would not let anyone hunt his land. While the neighbor was a clean farmer and worked diligently to rid the ditch of any vegetation which might impede the water, my friend let his 800 yards worth grow up in a mass of cattails and berry-laden bushes.

There were few trees in the ditch, and those that managed to escape the roaring chain saw each winter, were located near the head.

It was almost impossible to see the ditch from the road, and with the open expanse of neatly maintained cash crops surrounding it, one would never expect that it was a virtual pheasant bonanza, but, it was. The ditch provided everything that a pheasant needed.

First, the bottom was covered with a constant flow of water, two to three inches deep. Next, it was laden with all sorts of food for birds. When their supply from the nearby fields was harvested, or plowed under, they could head for the ditch and subsist on the different seeds, grains, buds, and berries.

And last, it provided the perfect cover. Thick stands of cattails flourished in the bottom of the ditch, and the sides were covered with numerous types of weeds, and low ground bushes. It made a fortress-like living quarters for the birds, that protected them from hawks, owls, fox, and best of all man.

During the time that I came to know the "pheasant ditch," pheasant hunting was on a steady decline. Birds were becoming very difficult to locate, and the competition from other hunters was practically nonexistent.

Therefore, when I found it, it became a closely guarded secret, and I went to great pains to make sure others did not find out about it.

My hunting dog at the time, was a young, robust, Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, by the name of Lady. She started out to be a pointer, but the "ditch" broke her of that, and she later became the finest pheasant

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flusher I have ever had the pleasure to hunt behind.

For some reason, she liked heavy cover, and, without any coaxing from me, would stantly head for the thickest mass of vegetation encountered when we were in the field. Our first contact with the ditch came as an accident. Passing the farm, through which it bisected, one fall afternoon, I saw a number of small flocks of ducks working the fields.

I parked the car and Lady and I entered the ditch at one end. My plan was to stay out of sight and work my way to a spot allowing me to pass shoot at some of the mallards diving overhead. That plan never materialized.

We had no sooner hit the bottom of the ditch, when Lady became very birdy. A working with a dog for a few years, you are able to pick up their body language, and they convey messages to you as clearly as they were speaking in English.

Lady was telling me that she had flushed a pheasant, and if I would just hang around for a minute, she would get them in the air.

Numerous times, I would find her tracking to see if she had missed anything, and then she would look at me with her inquisitive eyes, and her pleading look would say, "I know that there are some birds down here, but for some reason I can't seem to 'em to show themselves."

We worked the entire ditch to the end, I forgotting the ducks that passed over our heads, and both puzzled by the absence of any wildlife. I was beginning to relax starting to question the hunting ability of my dog when the air suddenly exploded with a blur of color, cackles, and feathers.

I'm not sure how many pheasants flushed from the end of the ditch that day. I had estimated anywhere from 15 to 20, whatever the number, they caught Lady and me by surprise. I don't believe either of us were totally prepared for wildly flying birds.

I regained my composure long enough to drop one of the large, gaudy roosters that had held his ground a little too long. He to the earth with a resounding thud, Lady pounced on him. She stood over the bird, and turned to look at me, with a look that seemed to say, "See, I told you there was something in that ditch."

During the next six years, the ditch was hunted sparingly. Not wanting to over-exploit this excellent find, it was saved, savored like a goblet of fine wine.

I never took over my limit of two birds although it would have been easy to fill a gunny sack. I never shared it with any of my hunting friends, and to the best of my knowledge, it was not hunted by anyone other than myself, and on occasions, on behalf of my two sons.

The pheasants are not there anymore. The farm has been taken over by another who quickly cut the few remaining trees from the ditch and got rid of the unsightly vegetation that threatened to choke its ability to carry water.

Lady is no longer my hunting dog, perhaps still chases birds for someone in a place I do not understand.

But one thing for sure, if I want to hunt the "ditch" one more time, all I have to do is ease back in my chair and close my eyes.....

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