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Ladies lead Lakers' 25th graduating class

Two women lead the 25th graduating class of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School.

The 1985 Laker High Valedictorian is Gina Gaskill, daughter of Dennis and Donna Gaskill of Owendale. Salutatorian is Karin Kimmel, daughter of Charles and June Kimmel of Caseville.

Miss Gaskill has earned a 3.92 grade-point average during her three years at Laker High, according to Principal James Ballard. A member of the Laker Marching Band, she is also in the pep band and concert band, winning medals at solo, ensemble and Tri-County. She received the Blue Lake Scholarship two years.

She has participated in forensics, drama club, school plays, cross-country and cheerleading as extracurricular activities. Miss Gaskill has received

many academic awards during her high school career: English, U.S. history, world history, art, biology I, typing, general business, earth science, algebra and U.S. Achievement Awards in band and art.

Miss Gaskill was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year, Student Council representative for two years, "Who's Who Among American Students" and Academic All-American. She has competed at state forensics competition for three years.

She is an active member of Cass City Presbyterian Church, Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club and Precious Paw 4-H Club. She has been a candy-striper, has attended Rotary Leadership Camp and Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences.

Miss Gaskill's future plans include attending Grand Valley State College, to major in interpersonal communications.

Miss Kimmel earned the Salutatory honor with a 3.89



Valedictorian Gina Gaskill

grade-point average. She was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year. As a member of the Laker Band, she is active in



Salutatorian Karin Kimmel

the pep band, pit band and solo and ensemble competition.

Miss Kimmel has participated in cross country,

where she was voted most-improved and most-valuable player, received the outstanding athletic achievement award and made All-

Conference. She was also a member of the track team, participating in the Meet of Champions at Caro and the Champions Invitational at Bad Axe. She played JV volleyball and was voted "most-determined."

Awards Miss Kimmel has received include USAA award in business education, band and leadership, English I, earth science, general business, algebra I, English II, college prep biology, world history, geometry, bookkeeping I and algebra II. She was elected to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and attended Rotary Leadership Camp.

In the summer, Miss Kimmel worked as a candy striper, and also attends Abundant Life Fellowship of Caseville.

Future plans are to attend Saginaw Valley State College in the fall to pursue an education in liberal arts.

Both students will deliver their leadership addresses during Laker High's 25th Commencement Exercises, planned Sunday, May 26 in the high school gymnasium.

Riders needed

Bike riders are needed for the Pigeon area St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon planned Saturday, May 18. Rain date is next day.

Any age person from preschoolers through adults may ride for pledges, with forms available at Cross Lutheran School or Pigeon Elementary School, according to organizer Sally Rummel. She has more information at 453-3329.

Vacancies remain unfilled in Caseville Township

Wanted: Candidates for two positions in Caseville Township.

Appointment of a person to fill the unexpired term of Trustee Michael Power was postponed to the June meeting or later, following Monday night's Township

Board meeting. Power resigned effective May 1, due to his need to spend more time managing his real estate and insurance businesses, Real Estate One and Power Insurance.

Two township residents had sought the appointment,

Lee Meredith and David Bogart. Neither was chosen, and former Treasurer Elaine Cleaver's nomination ended in a 2-2 tie, so no action was taken.

Also, James Reeves' resignation as Township Assessor was officially received, also effective May 1. He said he resigned because the assessor's post is too time-consuming. He will continue as Township Supervisor. Since no township residents had applied for that post and since no properly certified assessors residing in the township appear interested in that job, an out-township person may need to be hired, township officials say.

Discussion will continue at

the June 3 meeting to fill both vacant posts.

RESIDENTIAL AREA? A

group of neighbors questioned whether the Abundant

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Compassionate Friends organize May 14

Interested persons are invited to the organizational meeting of a Thumb Area Chapter of "The Compassionate Friends" on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m., at the Pigeon District Library.

The Compassionate Friends is a self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents and relatives. Purposes of the group are to support and aid parents in the positive resolution of the grief ex-

perienced upon the death of their child, and to foster the physical and emotional health of bereaved parents and siblings.

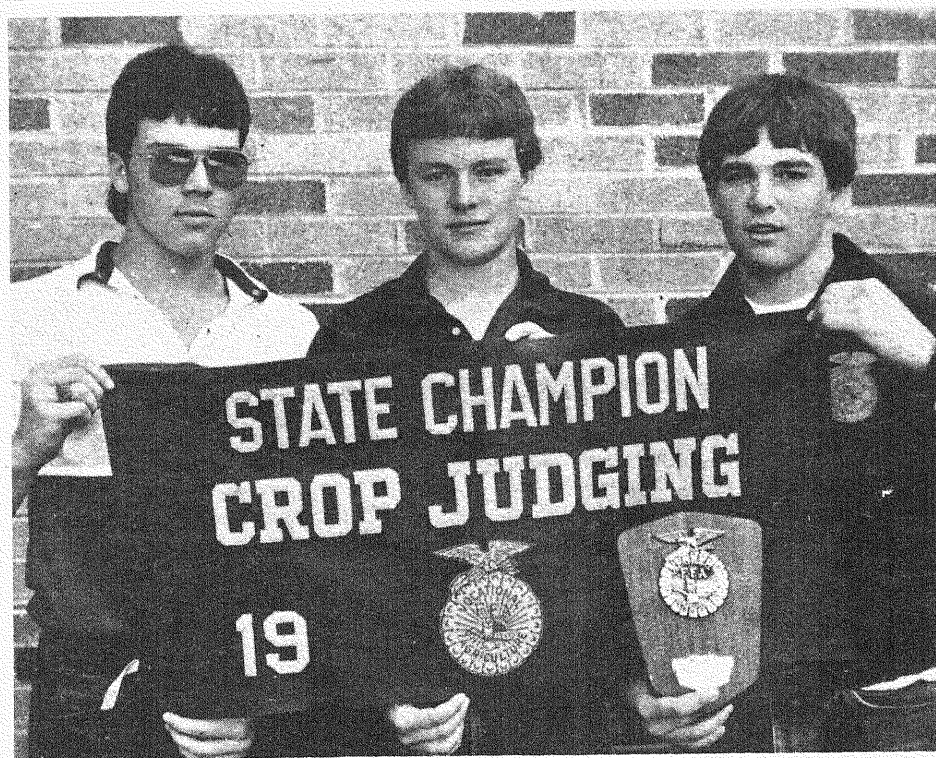
National Compassionate Friends Board member Joseph Rousseau his wife Elizabeth of Saginaw will lead the local organizing effort.

Grief is difficult to bear, and the group offers a chance to share feelings with understanding friends, organizers say.

Thumb school district funding

Here's a breakdown of local funding levels for Thumb Area public school districts, for the 1984-85 year, as compiled by the Michigan Board of Education:

District	No. of Pupils	Per Pupil Spending	Local Tax Revenue Per Pupil	S.E.V.	Millage Levied
Lakers	1386	\$2642	\$2676	\$187,906,473	18.75
Caseville	285	\$2847	\$2932	\$49,595,497	16.25
Owen-Gage	397	\$3035	\$3220	\$45,034,402	26.75
Bad Axe	1498	\$1864	\$1486	\$88,304,135	23.00
Harbor Beach	939	\$2716	\$2786	\$97,771,478	22.23
North Huron	838	\$2690	\$2654	\$98,323,993	21.40
Port Hope	166	\$3261	\$2812	\$24,750,971	17.45
Ubly	875	\$2177	\$2022	\$73,161,789	22.84
Cass City	1804	\$1911	\$1544	\$104,702,356	25.90
Caro	2633	\$1902	\$1105	\$108,724,469	25.00
Vassar	2037	\$1814	\$978	\$87,525,816	22.00
Marlette	1440	\$2030	\$1542	\$84,873,600	25.50
Unionville-Seton	1016	\$2747	\$2742	\$122,910,600	22.00



STATE CHAMPS! The Laker FFA crop judging team followed in the footsteps of the 1980 and 1982 teams by winning a state championship in their division of the Annual State FFA Skills contest on April 20 at MSU in East Lansing.

Team members from left Ken Ziel, Brian Maust and Jim Rosenthal were assigned the task of identifying 30 different weed seeds, 50 weed plants and 30 crop seeds, as well as complete a crop management test during the competition.

See page 2 for additional Laker FFA information.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

Top Laker ag students honored at banquet

Vocational agriculture students were honored last Wednesday at the 25th annual banquet of the Laker chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

The meeting, chaired by outgoing President Dan Bouck, recognized outstanding achievement by Laker FFA members during the past year.

Among greenhands (first year students) the top Star award went to Angie Schuette. Paul Elenbaum received the gold award while bronze went to Roger Renn and silver to Beth Ann Henry.

The Star Agribusinessman Award was presented to Ken Richmond and Mike Trost was awarded the gold.

Scott Krohn was named Star Chapter Farmer, Jim Roestel received the gold, Ray Erner received silver and Brian Maust was awarded bronze.

The DeKalb Award for most outstanding senior was presented to Darrin Lutz.

Barry Maust was recognized for winning the

agricultural fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho award.

In scholarship presentations, Dan Bouck received scholarships from Gettle Implement and Farm Bureau.

Steve Gayari received grants from Farm Bureau and Co-op Elevator, Dan Ritter was awarded the Thumb National Bank scholarship and Leanne Deneen received the FFA scholarship.

In academic awards, Chapter Advisor Don Wheeler named the top students in each of his classes including: Senior - Dan Ritter, Junior - Dan Black, Sophomore - Jim Roestel, Landscaping - Mark Murdoch and Freshman - Paul Elenbaum.

Honorary Chapter Farmer awards were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maust, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roestel, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bouck, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gayari, Sandra Hogan and George Gardy.

Local Interfaith Council Treasurer Nova Jean Miller accepted a check for the por-

tion of CROP funds generated by Laker FFA members during their annual drive. A total of \$3,300 was donated, of which 75% goes overseas and 25% benefits Meals on Wheels in the Pigeon area.

Top salesmen included Dean Roestel with 56 cases of oranges and Jim Roestel with \$200 in seed sales.

AG STARS: FFA award winners from left are DeKalb Star winner Darrin Lutz, Star Greenhand Angie Schuette, Chapter Advisor Don Wheeler, Star Chapter Farmer Scott Krohn and Star Agribusinessman Ken Richmond.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Recipients of college funds were, from left, Steve Gayari, Co-op Elevator and Farm Bureau scholarships; Leanne Deneen, FFA scholarship; Dan Ritter, Thumb National Bank Scholarship, and Dan Bouck, Gettle Implement and Farm Bureau scholarships. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

NEW OFFICERS: Leadership elected for the Laker FFA Chapter during the 1985-86 school year includes: in front from left, President Mike Voelker, Vice-President Barry Haley, and Secretary Lisa...



Mushrooms highlight outdoor report

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK at it, May is the Michigan month for mushrooms and in means mushrooms mushrooms are a favorite spring activity in the Thumb as well as all of northern Michigan. The best time for picking seems to be around the middle of the month, but season-

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Baylor scholarship is Ginter's Division I dream



By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
Another goal of Laker All-State volleyball player Shelby Ginter was realized on April 22 when she signed a letter of intent to attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

An outstanding athlete who makes a habit working to achieve goals for herself, Ginter set her sights on playing Division I college volleyball. Baylor coach Mitch Casteel assured Ginter that her goal was within reach when he told her she had the ability to play at the Division I level in intercollegiate athletic competition.

The Baylor coach observed Ginter play on two separate occasions last summer. The first opportunity came when Casteel served as director at a Sports Camp International volleyball

camp at Laker High. Later last summer Ginter's abilities were observed by her future coach at another volleyball camp at Western Michigan University.

The Laker All-Stater will have a year to adjust to college-level play, as last year's Baylor setter will return for one more year of competition.

Ginter, however, is not upset about performing in a non-starting role for the first time in four years.

"It's like a learning year for me," Ginter says and adds, "I knew if I played at a Division I school, I wouldn't play the first year."

The Thumb native will be one of three freshmen on the young Baylor team next year, and the only one to receive scholarship assistance. The school will pick up \$5,000 of the \$6,900 tuition fee during the first

year and provide a full scholarship for the remaining three years of her eligibility.

Installation Night for VFW, Auxiliary

A joint installation of the officers of the Pigeon VFW Post #2236 and Ladies Auxiliary will be Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Home, Pigeon.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

HURON LAND PURCHASE NEAR?

A 75-acre tract of land adjacent to Wagener County Park south of Harbor Beach is at the top of a list of properties the state Legislature will be asked to purchase this year.

Trustees of the Michigan Land Trust Fund have named the parcel, located along the Lake Huron shoreline, as one of the top funding priorities. It would give county residents and tourists greater recreational opportunities, they say. Action is expected within the next month.

Also originally listed as a top priority - but not expected to be funded this year - are nearly 7000 acres of Detroit Edison-owned land in eastern Huron County, originally purchased as a possible power plant between Bad Axe and Harbor Beach.

UNDERWATER PRESERVE FUNDS?

Huron County Commissioners Thursday approved local funding for the proposed underwater preserve between Port Austin and Harbor Beach totaling about \$13,000 over the next two years.

The money is the local match for a grant from the Historical Preservation Grant Program, to prepare a survey and inventory of the 40-sq.-mile preserve area in the lake. The survey and inventory would protect historical items on shipwrecks within the preserve, says Commissioner Ronald Knoblock (R-Port Austin). The grant had been turned down at the previous County Board meeting, but passed easily last week. Also included is a donation of some "in-kind" labor.

HURON EQUALIZATION OKAYED

County Commissioners Thursday approved the Huron County Equalization Report, which includes a record \$777.52 million in property values.

The report results in smaller rises than had been originally sought by the State Tax Commission. The state originally said county agricultural land values were too low, which the county successfully debated. Then, residential land increases came from the state, which were partly reduced in negotiations.

Oliver Township, including the Village of Elkton, faces the county's largest residential value increase, at nearly 22%. Individual property owners now must personally appear at their Board of Review hearings if they wish to appeal the new figures, due to the longer negotiation period between Acting County Equalization Director Sandra Drews and the State Tax Commission.

The average valuation increase is 3.7%, and here are figures approved (1984 totals in parentheses):

- agriculture \$409.68 million (up 1.45% from 1984's \$403.82 million);
- commercial \$45.17 million (up 3.73% from \$43.54 million);
- industrial \$17.54 million (down nearly 11% from \$19.63 million);
- residential \$262.28 million (up 8.36% from \$242.04 million);
- personal property \$42.49 million (up 5.14% from \$40.42 million).

Major rises, by township, this year include: Caseville residential land up 9.1% or \$4.43 million; Colfax (Bad Axe) residential up 13.3% or \$1.17 million; Fairhaven residential up 5.6% or \$445,606; Oliver (Elkton) residential up 21.7% or \$1.39 million; Sebewaing residential up 6.5% or \$1.2 million, and Winsor (Pigeon) residential up 2.7% or \$280,157.

TUSCOLA SEES \$700 MILLION

Tuscola County property values were approved last week, and the county's assessments stand at a record high \$700 million for 1985.

Tuscola's Equalization Report shows increases of 3.46% over last year, which is leveling off after rises totaling nearly \$200 million in five years. Last year's figure was \$676.87 million, while this year's is \$700.28 million.

Ag values for 1985 are \$360.76 million, commercial values total \$38.94 million and industrial values are \$7.75 million. Residential values are \$292.83 million.

85.7% OF TUSCOLA TAXES PAID

Final figures are in from Tuscola County's 1984 property tax collections, showing 85.7% of taxes were collected during the regular tax period. That's down slightly from 86.7% last year, county officials say.

Denmark and Gifford Townships totaled 96% collections, while Akron followed at 93% and Columbia, Elkland and Tuscola were next at 90%.

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

TAX CREEP - We recently reported here that April 30 was this year's "Tax Freedom Day." Before that day, every cent we've made since Jan. 1 goes to pay local, state and federal taxes. How has that date changed over the years?

Well, "Tax Freedom Day" was Feb. 13 in 1930. Ten years later, it was March 8, 1940. It moved to April 3 in 1950, April 17 in 1960 and April 28 in 1970.

At least we're making some progress. "Tax Freedom Day" was May 4 in 1980, but (for once) it's fallen backwards, to April 30. Wanna bet where it'll go next year?

FESTIVAL FUN - Organizers of this year's Farmers' Festival in Pigeon are planning an "Old-Time Day" on Friday, July 26, probably from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Excellent response was reported at last week's Pigeon Chamber breakfast meeting. Planned are demonstrations of wool spinning, broom making, perhaps making soap and noodles. John Dale Gunden will try to get a blacksmith's shop to display its work from past days, all in downtown Pigeon.

Somebody else had a great idea. Are there any volunteer street musicians who'd care to strum guitars or play horns here and there during the July 25-28 event? They might do very well playing for donations only, and they'd certainly add to the fun atmosphere...

TRAIN TRIP - A hearty 28 souls left Sarnia or Port Huron Saturday to "ride the rails" of Amtrak to Durand (west of Flint). Sally, Sarah and I were among the group, headed through the Sarnia-Port Huron railroad tunnel and on the declining numbers of passenger rail trips offered in the U.S.

After the 25% exchange rate (your dollar goes further in Canada...), we found the train to be very much like an airplane - but more relaxed. Less crowded, too. This was part of the Toronto to Chicago run once daily, and it's a delightful way to travel. Our trains had very nice dining cars (cafeteria-like...), with passable food and drink. Lapeer, Flint and Durand are all three-minute stops, and few folks got on or off.

Our westbound train was maybe half full, while the east-bound trip found nearly every seat taken. The trains ran on time, quietly, with an occasional rocking due to poor rail beds.

Losing Amtrak would be a real shame. Last year, more people rode our U.S. rails than on any single airline, experts say. It costs \$33 per passenger to subsidize every rail trip, David Stockman says - but rail lovers say federal funding totals \$37 per passenger for plane trips, too.

At least Canada still has a viable rail system. You can ride Sarnia to London (about 60 miles) round-trip for \$11 Canadian (about \$8.25 U.S.) certain days. I'll bet many local folks would pay that for a trip to Saginaw's malls, instead of driving...

And yes, that 94-year-old tunnel was marvelous! All of Lake Huron's water flows over it in the St. Clair River!

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "A smile is a light in the window of your face, showing your heart is at home."

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As we see it editorially

College grades are just desserts!

Here's an answer to helping young people get better grades in their classes -- use the traditional U.S. system of material awards.

Psychology students in Lee Light's class at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron have good incentives, thanks to an ingenious system the instructor is using to encourage students to get better grades. Light organized the students in his four classes into small groups to help each other get better grades.

Then, the wife of a local restaurant owner offered a free dinner to anyone who scored an A on a test. That's when it all began!

Local businesses have donated other prizes to students who earn perfect grades, including payment of a \$20 tuition to an investing and financial planning course (paid by a stockbroker, of course). Additional prizes include fine pen sets, a \$30 pair of boots, a pound of homemade fudge and -- to work it off -- \$35 worth of visits to a diet reduction center!

Light is even working on a grand prize: \$1600 toward a new or used car for a student who gets an A in the course. He is asking 16 local car dealers to each contribute \$100. The top student could choose which dealer to buy the auto from.

The prizes have caused lots of college folks to talk, and the chance of winning something has certainly added competition between groups.

The instructor says it would be nice if students viewed good work as its own reward, so material incentives wouldn't be necessary.


"But as you'll notice, that's not the way it works for most," Light says.

And although competition and the chance to win prizes may have won out over ideals, the teamwork aspect of the project is still there, he adds.

To a smaller degree, many students have responded well to incentives for plenty of years. Who didn't work harder for "one more gold star" or for the chance to water the plants back in fourth grade? These college prizes go far beyond that, but the goal is the same -- educational excellence.

Some Thumb Area teachers award candy bars, pencil sets or other treats to students who excel. The object is whether the student is improving over his or her former level, in our opinion. That way, not just the A students are in line for such awards -- and rewards.

College students traditionally have required greater incentives than high schoolers, since they're more wise to the ways of the world. And they definitely have more to gain in THIS class, if they do well in their work!



Roses AND Thorns
"Little Dogs"
By MARK KARLS

Little dogs have been a great help in enabling us to understand people better. But allow me to set up a human situation and then explain it by referring to dogs.

I served three years of active duty as a Naval Officer aboard a destroyer out of Charleston, S.C. During that time our ship had two Captains who were as different as night from day.

The first Captain was called Fast Eddie (not to his face, of course) because he was everywhere at the same time. He had to control everything anyone did. If any officer slipped up, Fast Eddie would immediately take over, that officer out royally in front of the men and then relieve the officer to his state room. Fast Eddie never (and never is the correct word) could allow anyone to act independently of him.

If someone had a message to send out, the Captain always changed the wording before approving it. Kind of like a newspaper editor (now see if this last phrase gets edited out). This was humorous at times because on occasion the Captain did not understand the full intent of the message and his changing of the wording actually destroyed the thought, of course the correct thought had to be gently explained over again to him.

Now it may sound that I am being unfair to Fast Eddie, but every one of the 17 officers on board agreed on the above. Several career officers left the Navy because of him. And Fast Eddie got promoted to Washington.

The second Captain was a different world. He took every opportunity to encourage the men under him to work things out themselves. I will never forget one day when we were sailing in the Mediterranean in tight formation with a group of destroyers surrounding a group of cruisers, amphibious ships and one aircraft carrier. The junior officer conning the ship (piloting) had gotten confused on a maneuver command and was turning the ship into the path of the oncoming aircraft carrier.

Now, if you can imagine our little destroyer -- 1 1/2 football fields long with 300 men -- going up against a carrier over 1000 feet long with 7000 men and weighing over 92,000 tons!!! Well, the Captain easily understood the situation and waited to see what the junior officer would do.

Soon, the lookout on the signal bridge called down that we were about to cross the path of the carrier. The junior officer and the officer of the deck immediately sprang to the starboard bridge to verify the report. Then, "Shift your rudder!" could be heard shrieking from the junior officer's red face. Meanwhile, the Captain remained calmly in his chair throughout.

Finally, we simply stayed out of harm's way until the problem was ascertained, a new solution worked out and we arrived on our newly-assigned station. After all the fireworks were over, the Captain slowly moved from his chair to the starboard bridge wing and asked all personnel there to temporarily vacate the area.

Then he poked his head into the bridge and quietly asked both the junior officer and the officer of the deck to join him on the wing. When they arrived with tail between legs, he asked only one question. That question was, "What did you learn?"

The older and wiser officers were contemplating the difference between the two Captains one day in the wardroom when the most senior officer commented the basic crux. In his opinion, Fast Eddie could not afford anyone to take control because he had no confidence in himself that he could pull us out of danger.

When I was young, we

organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents.

Some parents can cope and adjust to their loss individually, while others find that coping and adjusting is made easier with the support of other parents who have had children die. This is the intention of the Compassionate Friends.

Thank you sincerely for your support of the Compassionate Friends.

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Letter to the Editor
Urges support for parents' group

DEAR EDITOR: In the past two issues of The Progress-Advance you have specially recognized and announced the forthcoming meeting of a group of parents interested in establishing a "Compassionate Friends" chapter here in the Thumb.

As a funeral director, I cannot urge parents who have lost children enough to at least attend this meeting on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library, in order that they might hear who the Compassionate Friends are and who it is for.

The Compassionate Friends, Inc., is a self-help

organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents.

RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
By GEORGE KEIM



DEAR EDITOR: Last Friday night, April 26, I attended the Gideon Banquet at Bad Axe. There was a nice group of people there. I sat across from Orvin Yordy and his wife and we had a very nice visit.

I told him about how it was in Florida in the early 1930s, how I worked eight hours a day for 30 cents an hour making grapefruit juice and how, if I made more than my quota, I could make 40 to 45 cents per hour.

They had a very good meal and a very good program. One man told how he changed his life by reading a Gideon Bible and another one told how they were putting Bibles everywhere people could get at them, especially in hotels and motel rooms.

Well, I'm not much of a traveler, but I found Gideon Bibles in New York, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy, plus here in the USA. They are on reading tables and you can always find one.

One thing I liked about them was they are in the King James Version and like an index. They're written in plain letters, so anybody that can read can get something out of them.

There are a lot of different translations right now, but it is a proven fact that the King James Version is much easier to learn verses from, and I hope the Gideons will always be able to continue their work. We know they will be rewarded for their efforts because it is worthwhile.

When I was young, we

never had so many versions of the Bible. We didn't have so many books on religion. The preachers didn't tell us that in Greek it says so and in Latin it means this. They preached out of the Bible.

Once when I was still quite young, my Father took me to one of the local churches in town for a revival meeting. There was a quartet made up of four pastors and I can still hear them sing.

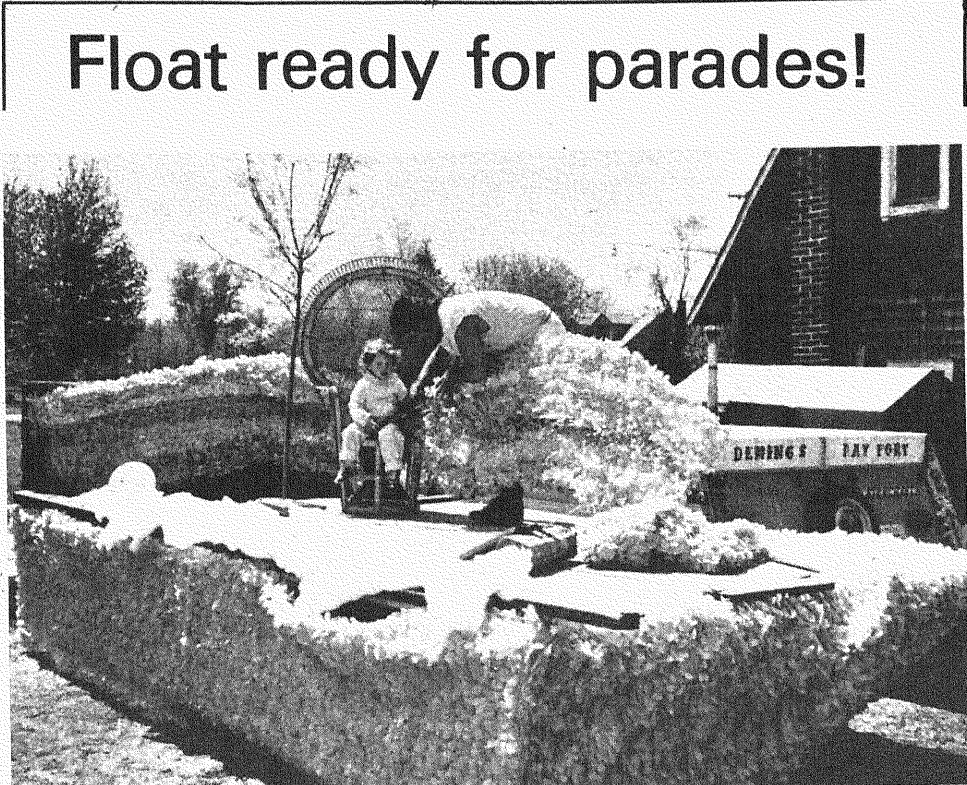
Quartets sang in German and English without accompaniment and when the preacher preached, people listened. Those days, we didn't have much and when often as we do now and when we did, we wanted to hear the Bible preached.

I remember how we used to drive out in the country to our church with a horse and buggy and we'd meet people coming into town to go to church. The people always waved to each other. Dad used to tell us to which church the people went.

Of course, people go a lot faster than they used to, but it's nice to see so many still going to church. One speaker at the banquet quoted a verse from Jeremiah 23:29: "Is not my word like a fire saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

When I worked in the stone quarry, I used to break some big rocks all to pieces. And you come to a place that you don't know what to do, you get your Bible and just take time and think it out, and God's hammer will make it clear to you by breaking it down in small pieces.

SINCERELY YOURS
GEORGE KEIM



BAY PORT READIES its float for a busy roster of summer parades, as this picture shows above. Construction headed by Dean Deming of Bay Port, the float will hold the 1985 Bay Port Queen during her round of festivals. She will be crowned this Saturday, May 11. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

Club news

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

There were 57 people present at the regular weekly meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. The invocation was given by William Prophet. The chairman welcomed long-time absentee members, the Jim Hoffmanns, Secord McMullens and Ellen Tait.

"America" was sung, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Group singing was led by the Gemmells. It was reported that Harold Gregor is convalescing at his son's home in Port Huron following surgery.

Mrs. Eidt reported she received more than 200 Campbell Soup labels to be sent to the Indian orphanage in Arizona.

Blood pressures will be taken May 14. The Birthday Song was sung for George Southworth and the Anniversary Song was sung for the Mike Renns.

Program Chairman Mike Renn introduced Tor Nielsen from the Huron County Mental Health Services, who spoke on the services available from his department.

Della Trudgeon will be in charge of next week's program.

Caseville club meets May 14

The Caseville Library Club will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 12 noon in the Community Room of the Caseville Village-Township Hall.

Guest speaker will be Elaine Connell, fashion coordinator from Delta College.

Mothers' Tea set by Huron Med. Facility

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Thumb area deaths reported

AGNES B. BYLER
1892 - 1985

Agnes B. Byler, age 93, of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, May 4 at Hoosier Hills Nursing Home, North Vernon, Indiana.

She was born February 9, 1892 in Johnson County, Iowa, daughter of the late John and Mary (Swartzendruber) Gunden. On December 17, 1913 she was united in marriage to Jesse Byler in Pigeon. He passed away November 18, 1981. She was a member of Pigeon River Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Byler is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Raymond J. & Pannie Byler, Williamsport, Pa.; eight daughters, Miss Ruth Byler, Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Joseph (Naomi) Swartz, Butlerville, Ind., Mrs. J. Lester (Lois) Brubaker, Smoketown, Pa., Mrs. Raymond (Anna Mae) Swartz, Mt. Morris, Mrs. David (Grace) Swartz, Au Gres, Mrs. Paul (Daisy) Yoder, Harrisonburg, Va., Mrs. Eugene (Alice) Souder, Grottoes, Va., and Mrs. Paul (Arlene) Gingerich, Pigeon; 43 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Albrecht, Pigeon and Miss Laura Gunden, Pigeon.

Two grandsons, one great grandson, five brothers, and six sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8 from the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Rev. Luke Yoder will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

ESTELLE JOHNSON
1915 - 1985

Estelle Johnson of 6868 Prospect St., Caseville, died Tuesday, April 30 at Standish Community Hospital, Standish.

She was born Dec. 17, 1915 in Detroit, daughter of the late Steve and Anna (Martin) Knysz. On April 10, 1939 she was united in marriage to Ray Johnson in Covington, KY. He preceded her in death July 2, 1966.

Mrs. Johnson owned and operated the Riverside Hotel in Caseville from 1954 to 1973 when she retired.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen of Orchard Lake and Walter of Caseville; seven grandchildren; one brother, Walter Knysz of Boyne City. A brother Peter preceded her in death.

Funeral Mass was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 3 at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Rev. Fr. Theo. LaMarre, pastor, officiated with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

A rosary service was conducted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements were handled by the Caseville Chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels.

Other area deaths

Donald Quigley, 73, of Largo, Fla., formerly of Unionville, passed away Apr. 20.
Clara (Soltman) Wilson, 92, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Sherman Township, passed away Apr. 23.

Earl L. Ballagh, 73, of Dearborn Heights, with relatives in Cass City, Ubyly and Harbor Beach, passed away Apr. 23.

Charlotte Lockwood, 54, of Bourbonnais, Ill., formerly of Cass City, passed away Apr. 24.

Florence Bohm, 83, of Unionville, passed away Apr. 25.

Agnes Bismore, 83, of Caro, passed away Apr. 26.

Arnold Kramer, 74, of Sebawaing, passed away Apr. 26.

Arthur Schneider, Sr., 77, of Caro, passed away Apr. 26.

Alvina Rosenthal, 62, of Bad Axe, passed away Apr. 27.

Jason Rumph, 5, of Caro, passed away Apr. 27.

Leonard Bodeis, 68, of Mayville, passed away Apr. 27.

Kristine Golsch, 15, of Caro, passed away Apr. 27.

John Krause, Sr., 89, of Caro, passed away Apr. 27.

Claude Sirdan, 79, of Kingston, formerly of Cass City, passed away Apr. 28.

George Daily, 81, of Port Austin, passed away Apr. 28.

Scott W. Weidner, 25, of Essexville, formerly of Sebawaing, passed away Apr. 28.

Clara J. Turner, 79, of Saginaw, formerly of Caro, passed away Apr. 28.

Helen M. Whittican, 74, of North Street, formerly of Unionville, passed away Apr. 28.

Angus J. McIntyre, 71, of Caseville, passed away Apr. 29.

Angus MacCallum, 73, of Ubyly, passed away Apr. 29.

Pauline (Gabert) Zawiski, 62, of Detroit, formerly of Elkton, passed away Apr. 29.

Estelle Johnson, 69, of Caseville, passed away Apr. 30.

Harold W. Arntz, 74, of Port Hope, passed away Apr. 30.

Barbara Wojtas, 51, of Argyle, passed away Apr. 30.

Reuben Ertler, 81, of Hume Township, passed away May 2.

Frank F. Wovciechowski, 65, of Sand Beach Township, passed away May 3.

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(May 23) "RETURN OF THE JEDI"

Fishermen are Caseville winners!

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James Cervantes of Montrose registered a 14 inch perch that won with a tie-breaking weight of one lb. 14 oz.

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Travels to Germany

A Pigeon student is spending three months in East and West Germany this summer through a program of study and service sponsored by Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

Ann C. Shetler, a junior foods and nutrition major, is the daughter of Leslie and Frances Shetler of Pigeon. She is a 1982 graduate of Laker High School.

The 25 Goshen College students and their two faculty leaders will live in the

In top 10 percent of class

Lon B. Ricker, area native, has been inducted into Alpha Chi honor society in ceremonies at Lake Superior State College.



Lon B. Ricker

In order to be considered eligible for the honor society, the students must be in the top 10 percent of their class.

Lake-Chandler news & notes

Visiting with the William McBrides recently were Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride of Standish; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride of Lake Orion; Mr. and Mrs. John McBride and Tommy of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahearn of Saginaw.

May 8 - Worthy Study Club meets with Helen Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McBride have arrived home after wintering in Texas.

May 12 - Mother's Day. Judy McDowell, Presbytery Hunger Peace Coordinator, will deliver the morning service at the Chandler and Kinde Presbyterian Churches.

Roland and Alberta Nelson arrived home after a few months' vacation in Florida. Corty LeClair of Tustin spent several days in the William McBride home.

Earns MD degree from Wayne State

Jeffrey Neil Love of Pigeon will be among 256 students of Wayne State University School of Medicine to receive a M.D. degree on June 4.

During the ceremonies, guests will listen to speaker Mort Crim, well-known journalist with WDIV-TV, the NBC affiliate in Detroit.

Caseville pre-teen named finalist

Kimberli Dawn Pittenger, age 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Pittenger of Caseville, has been selected as a finalist in the 1985 Miss Michigan National Pre-Teen Pageant set at the Amway

Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, on Aug. 31.

The Miss Michigan National Pre-Teen Pageant is the official state pageant for the Miss National Pre-Teen

Pageant to be held in November. The Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant is now in its fifth year and is affiliated with the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant now in its 14th year.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 savings bond, banner and round trip flight to the National Pageant to compete with

other state winners for the title of Miss National Pre-Teen of 1986. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, talent, interview and appearance.

Pittenger is being sponsored by Beadle Bay Waterfront Properties. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, acting, reading and writing.



Kimberli Dawn Pittenger

Bay Port Talent Show Saturday

Area talent will participate in Bay Port's Talent Show this Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Bay Port School gym.

Three winners will be announced, and a highlight of the evening will be the judging of the Bay Port Queen.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:
I am 77 years old and have about \$4,500 in cash to invest. I recently answered an interesting "Business Opportunities" classified ad in a national tabloid magazine. For \$70,000 I can buy some land in South Africa.

In response to my letter, the land agent phoned me and said there are rumors going around that there might be valuable diamonds on this property and I shouldn't waste any time in buying it.

I have my \$4,500 in cash, which I would use for transportation and some equipment. I offered to pay the balance to the agent from the diamonds I find. No soap! The agent said he might take a little less buy payment must be "cash on the barrel head."

I could mortgage my 18-acre farm — maybe raise about \$60,000. However, something tells me there's no "fish" in the barrel. What do you think? — A.F. Winston, Salem, N.C.

DEAR MR. F.:

The whole thing sounds "fishy" to me, too. Hold on to your nest egg until a more sound opportunity comes along.

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm not one for asking, but my father was killed last year two days before Thanksgiving in a car wreck. He received a VA pension as a widow's mother, my 35 year old retarded brother and I are trying to get Social Security. I'm 17 and only able to work part-time at the hospital so I can't make much money.

I'm asking if you could buy some silk roses for my father's grave site. It looks so empty since all the VA paid for was a small tombstone which hasn't arrived yet. My family and I would be very grateful. — Miss M.N., Brownwood, Tex.

DEAR MISS N.:

So much tragedy for a young girl and her family to endure! It makes words fall short. Please choose any floral arrangement for your father's grave site with the enclosed check, which I send along with my condolences.

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I've been plagued with a stuttering problem most of my life. It's a terrible obstacle to try and overcome when you're nervous, especially during a job interview.

I'm 21 and of an age where I should get a full-time job. But my stuttering prevents me from getting any further than the initial interview and written application. Do you know of any organization that might be able to help me? — S.F., Bloomsburg, Pa.

DEAR S.:

No one needs the added stress of a speech problem during those critical times in our lives. You may contact the National Center for Stuttering, Inc., 200 East 33rd St., New York, N.Y., 10016. Phone number is 800-221-2483.

Bridal shower

Dana Young was honored at a miscellaneous bridal shower on April 20 at the home of Brenda Hill.

Marge McPhee won the door prize. Guests attended from Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville, Filion, Cass City, Bay Port and surrounding areas.

Dana will marry Daniel Edler on June 8.



By PERCY ROSS

They are able to provide free information to individuals seeking treatment. Good luck.

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I am a majorette in the sixth grade. My mom hasn't been working because she is very sick and money has been hard to come by anyway.

We will be getting our uniforms soon. I would love to have this uniform, but they are kinda high. They cost \$60. If you would send me this it would mean the world to me. — K.B., Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR K.:

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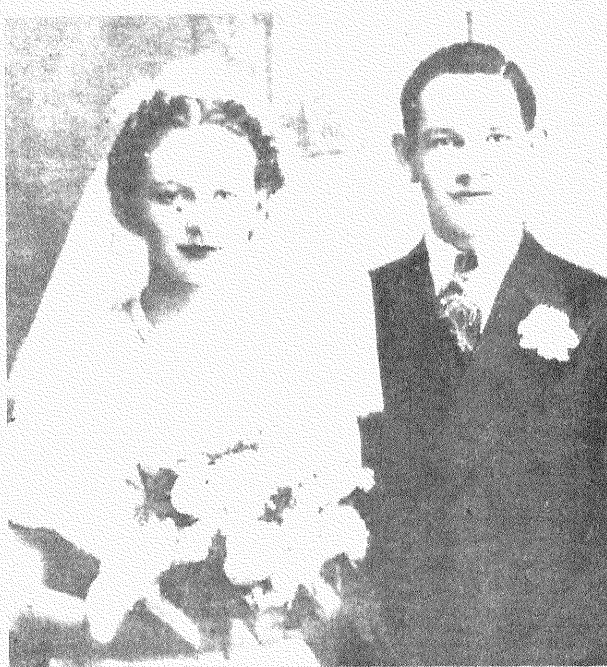
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PIGEON — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Britt of Pigeon will observe their 45th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 8. They were married in Auburn on May 8, 1940, by the Rev. Paul Plueddemann, a lifelong friend of the family. Their attendants were Harold's uncle and aunt, Fred and Mary McKeller of Owendale.

Mr. Britt, known as "Porky", is the son of the late Earl and Marie Britt, and Mrs. Britt is the former Charlotte Musselman, daughter of Emma Musselman of Tawas City, and the late Arthur Musselman.

The Britt's have 4 children, Mrs. Mildred Schuette of Pigeon, Mrs. Jeannie Hattas of Owendale, Mrs. Colleen Chaplinski of Filion and Arthur Britt of Caseville, 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Open House set for couple



Mr. and Mrs. Budd Elenbaum

Mr. and Mrs. Budd Elenbaum of Pigeon will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, May 19 at the Pigeon District Library from 2 to 6 p.m.

The event will be hosted by their children, Daryl and Cheryl Elenbaum of Pigeon, John and Rhonda Elenbaum of Sebawaing, Emily Clarke of Lake Orion, Debra Harder of Pontiac and Marla Elenbaum of Pigeon.

The Elenbaums have eight grandchildren.

Budd Elenbaum and Mary Lou Knechtel were married June 17, 1950 at the Elkton Evangelical Church with the late Rev. L. Burgess officiating.

Budd Elenbaum is the founder and owner of Thumb Truck Equipment, Inc., a Pigeon business for 30 years. The couple requests no gifts.

Homemakers feted May 5-11

By **TREVA DRESSLER**
Huron County Association of Extension Homemakers May 5-11 is recognized as Homemaker's Week.

Huron County Association of Extension Homemakers is an active group of homemakers organized to promote education, leadership and self-improvement programs in family living. Huron County is closely linked with the state and National Association of Extension Homemakers. The state and national associations were chartered in 1936 and are beginning a year-long 50 year anniversary celebration. Huron County women were meeting before the state and national charter. Mrs. Dora Wahl, Huma Extension Study Club, is Huron County's longest serving and active member of Huron County's group with 59 years of service.

Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers has introduced a new program area of education entitled, "The New Homemaker." This work area is geared to women with children under the age of 10. Program emphasis is "Kids and Drugs: What Parents Can Do!" Each year seven educational program areas are

planned for the membership by state program chairmen. The programs are planned for reteaching to study groups by the individual members. The packets contain factual material with the assistance of MSU specialists.

Extension homemakers believe each individual has a special talent to share with

others. This sharing and learning from others is the most important way of improving home and family living and one's self.

Anyone wishing more information about membership or organizing a new group may contact County Chairman Joyce Warren at 453-2951 or Huron County Cooperative Extension Office at 269-9949.

Laker student is named 'Academic All-American'

Robert C. Bannick, son of Mrs. Judith A. Bannick of Elkton and the late Gus Bannick, has been named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council.

The NSEC has established the Academic All-American Scholar Award to offer recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. To be eligible, a student must earn a 3.3 or better grade point average.

Bannick was nominated for the award by Laker High School Science Teacher Den-

nis Gaskill. Bannick's name will appear in the Academic All-American Scholar Directory, which is published nationally.

Quilt exhibit set for August

"The Art of Quilting," a juried exhibition of quilts, is open to all persons living in Michigan and will be open from Aug. 1-30.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Completed entry forms and slides are due by June 15. For more information and entry forms, write: Art-source, 420 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502 or call (313) 238-ARTS.

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Couple sets wedding date



Louks - Avalos

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Louks, Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Apolonio A. Avalos, Hebronville, Tex. would like to announce the engagement of their children, Lisa Gayle Mann and Joel Avalos.

A July 20 wedding is being planned.

June wedding set



Collison - Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collison and Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Sr. of Bay Port announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth and William M. Jr.

The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of Laker High School and is presently employed at Walbro Corp., Caro. Her fiancé is a 1972 graduate of Laker High School and is self-employed. Elizabeth is also the daughter of the late Royce Brown. The couple plans a June 29 wedding.

Church notes

CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN GUILD

Mrs. George McPhee was hostess to the Chandler Presbyterian Guild on Wednesday evening. Mrs. William McPhee was co-hostess.

Mrs. Carl Buerker, president, opened the meeting by reading a poem, "Lord, God of Power and Might." Eleven members responded to roll call with "A Mother's Day Memory."

Mrs. William McCarty presented a lesson for Dr. Poole's book on "Kindness, the Tender Touch." Eleanor Wilson gave a report from the Presbyterian Survey entitled "Excerpts from the proposed life and mission statement of the Presbyterian Church."

Plans were made for the graduate's potluck dinner at the church on May 19. The group plans a booth at the Pigeon Farmers' Festival in July.

The June meeting will be with Mrs. Victor Kain.

It's a boy!

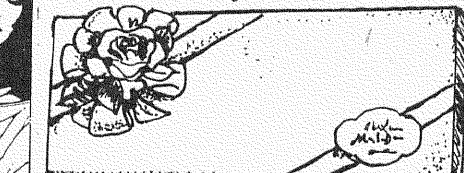
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Snider of Bay City, a son, Cory Donald, on April 29.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orville Snider of Caseville. Maternal grandparents are Arlene Hammerbacker of Kawkawlin and the late Donald Hammerbacker.

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Woods and Waters

By DUANE GUENTHER



Of guides and fish

(Part 1)

Shivering from the biting chill of a pre-dawn, April morning, I glanced at the luminous dials of my wrist watch, 5:30 a.m. — exactly the time my guide had said he would meet me.

I was beginning to question his whereabouts when a battered, brown VW, minus a muffler, roared up behind me and skidded to a stop. A hulk of a man, much bigger than one who should have been jammed into such a small car, slid out from behind the steering wheel and approached me with his hand outstretched, and a wide smile spread across his face.

"Good morning," he said pleasantly. "My name's Ray Schmidt." I had met Ray briefly two years ago at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo in Southfield. As a fishing tackle manufacturer's rep, he manned a booth promoting Sage rods and reels.

What really caught my eye was a 16-foot McKenzie River drift boat outfitted for fly fishing and some literature explaining Ray's second business, a guide service for fly fishermen.

I have always been a trout enthusiast, fishing for browns, rainbows and brookies in the streams and rivers of my native state, but for some reason when it came to the large, anadromous fish, such as steelhead and salmon, the fly rod was put in the closet and replaced by a spinning rod more capable of handling these monstrous fish, or so I thought.

I had always had a dream of battling a good-sized trout on a wisp of a fly rod, and looking at Ray's displays fairly had my blood racing. Ray had been friendly, answering my questions in a quiet, professional manner. His brochure was attractive, especially the cover picture showing Ray kneeling streamside, a fly rod draped across his lap and his thumb hooked through the gills of a 10-pound steelhead.

A quick glance at the prices for a float trip told me my cache of "mad money," tucked safely in the hidden pocket of my billfold, could not be stretched far enough to manage. Even the price for a guided wading trip seemed out of reach of my meager resources.

For some reason I stuck the brochure in my pocket and meandered through the rest of the displays at the Civic Center, poking, touching, dreaming and wishing. When I arrived home, the brochure was pinned to the bulletin board that hangs on my den wall, there to be forgotten until this past Christmas.

A gift of money from my dear, old Mother, and the latest issue of Fly Fishing Magazine caused me to look longingly at the wrinkled piece of paper and its promises of giant fish. Last February, after second guessing myself for weeks prior, I picked up the phone and made arrangements to fish with Ray for a day this spring.

Selecting the second week in April seemed like the obvious move. First, year in and year out, it usually is the peak of the steelhead spawning runs, and second, this was the time of my Easter vacation.

I was fortunate enough to catch Ray with an open date, and a reservation was made. The plans were simple. I would drive to the western part of the state (Ray lives in Manistee), fish a few rivers and the night before my reservation, call my guide and tell him where I was camped.

The next morning, he would pick me up, decide which of the five rivers in the area was the best bet to fish and, if things went right, we would enjoy a great day fishing steelheads with a fly rod.

But things didn't go right. I knew that I was in trouble, when a few days before I was to fish, the western part of Michigan was hit by a torrential rain, followed by a freakish, spring snow storm that dumped an additional 12 inches of the white stuff, on an already soaked, and saturated landscape.

My worst fears were confirmed when I talked to Ray the night before our appointed

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Thinking back, I suppose what depressed me most wasn't the fact that I was dumping a considerable amount of money just to wade a stream in flood stage, or even that my chances of hooking a fish were rather slim, but that I might have to wait another year to finally do battle with a steelhead on a fly rod.

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fishing date. "Duane," he spoke straight from the shoulder, "the only river fishable is the Little Manistee, and that is 24 inches above normal."

I had hoped to fish the famous Pere Marquette and my heart sank. It sank a little lower when Ray continued, "Fishing has been pretty poor. There are lots of steelhead in the rivers, but for the last three days we have only averaged one hook-up per day."

Thinking back, I suppose what depressed me most wasn't the fact that I was dumping a considerable amount of money just to wade a stream in flood stage, or even that my chances of hooking a fish were rather slim, but that I might have to wait another year to finally do battle with a steelhead on a fly rod.

When Ray met me in the campground that frosty April morning, we chatted for a few minutes, and I had little trouble convincing him that we would both be more comfortable driving my truck rather than putting up with the cramped space and ominous roar of his mufflerless VW.

He threw his gear in the back, announced that we would head to the Wellston Inn for breakfast, and as I sped off into the black night for our destination some 17 miles away, Ray began to give me a rundown on the history of the migratory rainbows that we were to fish.

Arriving at the Inn, we found a bustle of activity. Several tables were filled with fishermen, clad in waders and layers of warm clothing. The temperature had dipped to 29 degrees the night before, and although the weatherman called for highs near the 50s, I don't think there was a person in the Inn who believed him.

The Wellston Inn is a classic fisherman's headquarters. An old house that years before was converted into a hotel and restaurant was still the meeting place for anglers searching for fish in both the Big and Little Manistee Rivers, for the aging structure lay between the two.

For a few dollars you could rent an old-fashioned room, which housed a tin bed, tiny dresser and no closets, share a bathroom with several others, and take your meals in a knotty pine paneled dining room, decorated with pictures of jumping trout and warmed by a massive fireplace located at one end.

We dug into steaming plates filled with eggs, potatoes and corned beef hash, and fortified ourselves against the chilly air with three refills of rich, black coffee.

Bringing our waders inside, we sandwiched our bodies inside layers of nylon and neoprene and, checking to see if we had forgotten anything, waddled back to the truck and headed into the inky night to have a go at the river.

(To be continued)

Progress-Advance

sports of the week

Bearcats oust Lakers from county ball tourney

After winning three of four Thumb B Association games last week, the Laker baseball squad ran out of gas against Uby in the Huron County High School Baseball Tournament semi-finals last Saturday.

The Bearcats out-hit Lakers only nine to eight, but crossed the plate 13 times while the Green Machine scored seven runs.

Rob Irion was the losing pitcher for Lakers as the hurled the first four innings before being relieved by Morris Dubs for the final three.

Tim Patterson opened the seventh inning with a home run, but Lakers couldn't overcome an eight-run lead going into the inning. Dave Weisenbaugh belted a double

for Lakers other extra-base hit.

FRIDAY SPLIT: Al Gies picked up a complete-game victory in the first game of a twin-bill against North Branch by a 9-8 margin.

Tim Patterson belted a grand-slam homer in the sixth inning to tie up the score and sent the game into extra innings.

Dan Bouck reached base on an error to open the seventh inning for Lakers and Dave Weisenbaugh belted a double enabling Bouck to score the winning run.

In the rematch, the Broncos edged their Laker hosts 8-6 with a big five-run sixth inning.

Jeff Caverly was the losing pitcher for the home team.

Patterson belted a pair of doubles and a single to pace Laker batters in the game.

TUESDAY SWEEP: Lakers hosted Bad Axe for a doubleheader last Tuesday and sent them on their way with a pair of losses for their efforts.

In a low-scoring opener, Lakers edged the Hatchets 3-1. Bad Axe scored their lone run against Laker winning pitcher Al Gies in the first inning, while the Green and White squad tallied all their runs in the third inning.

Rob Irion batted in a run with a double as Laker's only managed three hits against Hatchet pitcher Darren Spicer.

In the nightcap, Lakers outscored Bad Axe 7-5 to sweep the pair of games.

Laker starter Lonnie Schulz picked up the win and received relief help from Gies for the last 1½ innings.

A five-run third inning by Laker sluggers proved to be the winning margin after they scored a lone run in the second.

Bouck and Scott Rosenthal belted a back-to-back

doubles to highlight the big third inning for Lakers.

Jim Troyer was the losing pitcher and hurled the first three innings, while Greg Or- dus came on to pitch the final three.

Going into this week's action the Laker diamond stars post a 6-2 Thumb B record and stand 12-3 overall.

JVs WIN 3 OF 4: In a

doubleheader last Friday, the Laker junior varsity swept a pair of games at North Branch by 10-9 and 20-3 margins.

Last Tuesday at Bad Axe the junior Lakers upended the Hatchets 12-8, but lost the rematch 5-3.

The Laker Jayvees carry a 5-3 overall record into play this week.



Safe! Laker Jeff Caverly (9) beats the throw to Pitcher Jim Troyer covering home plate after a strikeout pitch to Bob Guigar gets away from Hatchet catcher John Martin. Guigar (3) ran to first base on the passed ball, but was declared out because the base was occupied.

Green returns to softball helm

The Laker softball team continued a downward slide in the Thumb B Association standings despite the return of several familiar faces to the team.

Coach Irene Green is back to guide the team after Sharon Deering, who started the year at the helm, gave up coaching duties to accept

employment outside the area. Green coached the Laker softballers during the 1982-83 season.

Also back on the team is veteran pitcher Shelly Ginter after plans to play spring volleyball fell through.

Last Tuesday Lakers dropped a doubleheader to the

visiting Hatchets of Bad Axe by scores of 7-6 and 7-4.

Shelly Ginter was tagged with the loss in the first game, and Rhonda Baur was the losing hurler in the nightcap.

Betsy Herp picked up the win in the first game for Bad Axe and teammate Tami Cubitt was the winner on the mound in the second contest.

In the opener, Lakers raised the hopes of their fans with an early 5-0 lead at the end of the second inning. However, Bad Axe chipped away with two runs in the third inning, three in the fourth and two in the fifth to edge the Green and White sluggers.

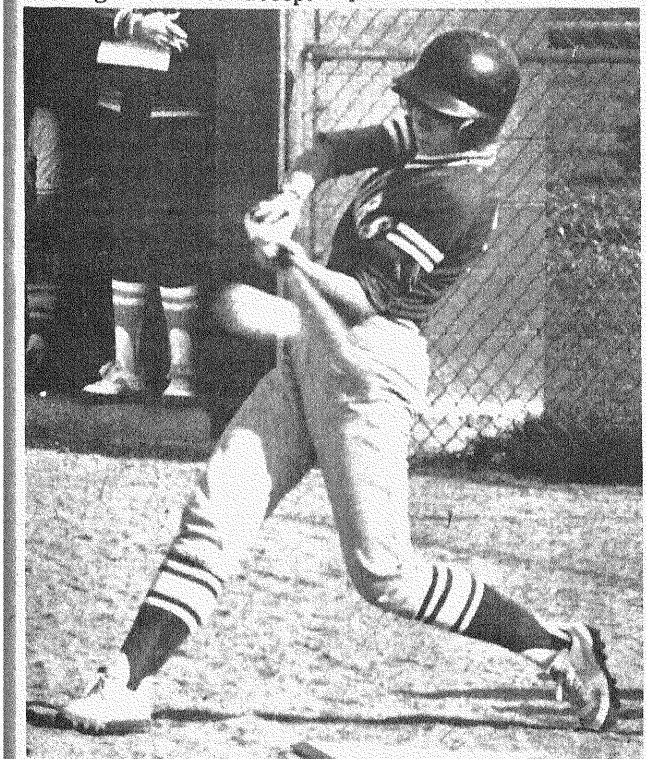
Ginter doubled and Deanne Deming knocked in two RBIs with a pair of singles in four trips to the plate in the first game.

Lynn Drews homered for the Hatchets in the opener. Lynda Brown contributed a round-tripper for Lakers in the second game.

LAST FRIDAY: Lakers were forced to forfeit a pair of games to North Branch to drop their TBA record to 1-7, with a 2-10 overall mark.

The forfeit was the result of a schedule conflict with the Laker Prom.

JVS SPLIT: The junior varsity squad earned a 11-9 victory over North Branch last Friday, but the Broncos bounced back to upend the junior Lakers 17-9 in the second game.



CONTACT: Laker better Cathy Wurst puts the meat of the bat on the ball in a bid for a hit against Bad Axe last week. RICH SWARTZENDORFER PHOTOS

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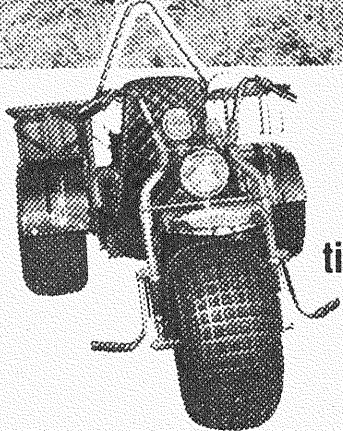
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