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Where are Huron County's worst intersections?

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

What is the most dangerous stretch of road in Huron County?

People throughout the Thumb Area undoubtedly have many different opinions about the answer, but there is no doubt in the mind of Huron County Sheriff Richard V. Stokan.

The stretch of M-53 from the traffic light in downtown Bad Axe, north to the intersection of M-142 is the most hazardous in the area, Stokan says.

As evidence of that fact, he points to a county map which shows all traffic accidents investigated by his department. Each little dot represents a traffic mishap, with those involving personal injuries shown in red.

The cluster of dots on the dangerous stretch of M-53 is the result of the increased traffic to the businesses and restaurants constructed in the last several years on the north side of Bad Axe.

Many of the 20 accidents that happened in that area involved cars that were rear-ended while waiting to make a left turn, deputies say.

A Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project scheduled for next spring, however, should reduce the number of whiplash cases in that area.

After years of pleading by local officials, that stretch of road will be widened to five lanes.

Construction is slated to begin about May 1, 1986 and will probably not be completed until fall, according to MDOT District Engineer John Kelsch.

VARIOUS METHODS: The map of accidents is one of several tools used by the sheriff to help determine more concentrated road patrols by deputies. Other aids include a computer used by the Huron department to provide a printout of location and time of day when the accidents occurred, as well as reports from the MDOT.

Stokan says the map is most useful, since state information is out of date by the time it is forwarded to Huron County. The map provides an overall view at a glance that isn't possible with computer printouts.

OTHER DANGER SPOTS: Another dangerous intersection is M-53 at Sebawaing Road.

Stokan says MDOT uses traffic flow to determine when special warning is necessary at a corner. Although traffic flow didn't meet the requirements at the intersection, Stokan convinced state officials of a need for the current blinking caution light at the site by pointing out the numerous traffic fatalities that occurred at the intersection.

The number of annual traffic fatalities in Huron County is fairly constant at 10-15 deaths, although sometimes the some startling changes can be seen.

In 1973, the highest number fatalities was recorded when 26 people died on Huron County roads in accidents investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

Then - exactly 10 years later - only two accident fatalities represented the lowest yearly total, according to Stokan's records.

TOURISM, ALCOHOL CONTRIBUTE: The Sheriff can see the



WATCHING: Huron County Sheriff Richard V. Stokan and Dispatcher Judy Glaza look over the map maintained by the department, showing accident locations during 1985. The map helps pinpoint excessive trouble spots, to allow more police surveillance or traffic control devices.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

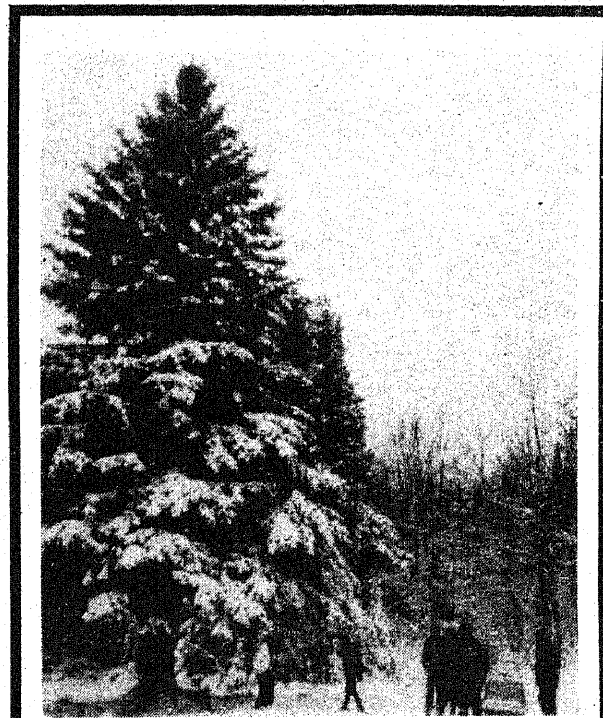
evidence of increased tourism in the Thumb Area by the increased traffic flow all year long.

"There used to be a time when things slowed down here, but that doesn't happen any more. We used to be glad when Labor Day was past because we could skate along until the spring tourist season - but there's no skating anymore," says Stokan.

One encouraging sign for Huron deputies investigating traffic accidents, is smelling less booze at the scene of mishaps. Last year, alcohol was a factor in 25% fewer accidents than in 1983, Stokan says. He attributes the drop to stiffer penalties for drinking drivers in Michigan.

Stokan believes another factor was the informational meetings he and Sheriff's Department Sgt. Brent Woodward of Elkton are conducting with high school students throughout the county. They use actual photos, examples and other graphic devices to show students drinking and driving do not mix.

The Sheriff advises people to drive carefully because even the safest intersection is dangerous if drivers don't pay attention to the road.



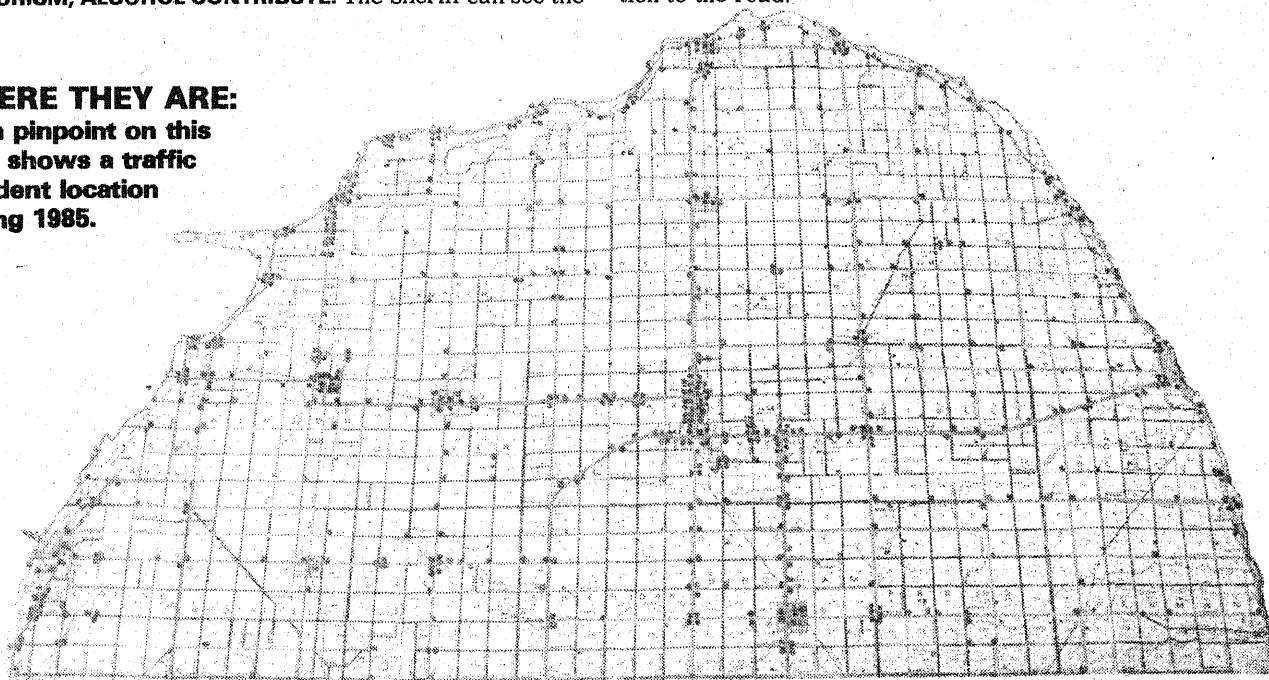
LOCAL ROOTS: That beautiful, 52-year-old white spruce which is the official U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree has special meaning for Betty LePage of Elkton.

The 54-foot-tall beauty lit on the west lawn of the Capitol by House Speaker Thomas O'Neill came from the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula - just a few miles from where Betty grew up. Her father was an Ottawa Ranger for 30 years.

The tree, shown above before cutting, has a 32-foot branch spread. It was decorated with 2500 lights and 5000 ornaments, and was picked to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Toumey Nursery, which provides seedlings to national forests in the Great Lakes states.

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HERE THEY ARE:
Each pinpoint on this map shows a traffic accident location during 1985.



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The 3rd elk hunting season in Michigan became history this past Sunday. Although final reports are not in, it does not look as though all 120 hunters receiving permits filled their tags. By Saturday morning, 97 animals were killed, and so far, the highlight of the hunt was a record-setting bull.

While most hunters selected in this year's hunt were enjoying themselves last week, one hunter from the 1984 hunt didn't fare so well. Howard T. Hecht, 47, of West Branch was convicted by an Alpena jury of killing 4 elk during the season last year. A conviction of this type carries a maximum penalty of 180 days in jail

Thumb Area OUTDOORS

and a \$1,000 fine, court officials have said. Although Mr. Hecht was found guilty, DNR officials contend that Hecht didn't intend to kill 4 elk, but did so because of the "reckless use of a firearm". Witnesses stated that Hecht wounded an animal, and then continued to shoot at the milling herd thus hitting 3 additional elk.

Good reports came in from the Geiger Road access this past weekend, and those fishermen who ventured out were rewarded with some nice catches of good-sized Perch. The cold snap last weekend is sure to strengthen the ice base, but experts warn it will be some time before the bay is frozen strong enough to permit serious fishing.

The winter ice fishing season has begun even though the ice thickness is not safe enough for human traffic. Diehards have been testing the numerous pro-

These are 1985 turkey Christmas winners!

Here are the 21 "Christmas Dinner Winners" whose names were drawn from participating stores in this year's Progress-Advance promotion.

SANDY HYZER, Caseville, at Caseville IGA;
LOIS DIEBEL, Pigeon, at Pigeon Lumber;
BONNIE ROBERTS, Bad Axe, at DeChanes;
SANDY HYZER, Caseville, at McBride Drain Tile;
EVA METZGER, Pigeon, at Diener's Home of Fine Furnishings;
ANN STURM, Elkton, at The Hair Shoppe;
SELMA GEIGER, Harbor Beach, at Tom's Floor Covering, Bad Axe;
JALAIN KUNDINGER, Sebawaing, at Village Qwik Stop;
CLAYTON DIEBEL, Elkton, at Kretzschmer Home Center;
LOIS EVERINGHAM, Caseville, at McCormick Motors;

MARIE WATTS, Elkton, at Lee Steinman Agency;
JANE FAUST, Owendale, at Tony's Lamplighter;
MADELYN KROHN, Elkton, at Thumb Hardware & Appliance Center;
FRANCIS BECKING, Bad Axe, at VanHoutteghem Chiropractic;
IVA BROWN, Pigeon, at Don Erla Foods;
DENISE CARPENTER, Caseville, at Caseville Fruit Market;
JAY BILKE, Caseville, at Butcher Block Meats;
GERTRUDE ROESTEL, Pigeon, at Kent McKenzie Jewelers;
WES MURDOCH, Pigeon, at Pigeon IGA;
GLORIA BELEU, Bad Axe, at Kids' Kastle, and
GEORGE ROEBER, Pigeon, at Bailey Insurance Center.

Winner of the \$25 OVERALL GRAND PRIZE is JOHN KLOSOWSKI, Elkton, as chosen from Thumb Hardware and Appliance Center.

PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS...
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your parents to shop!"

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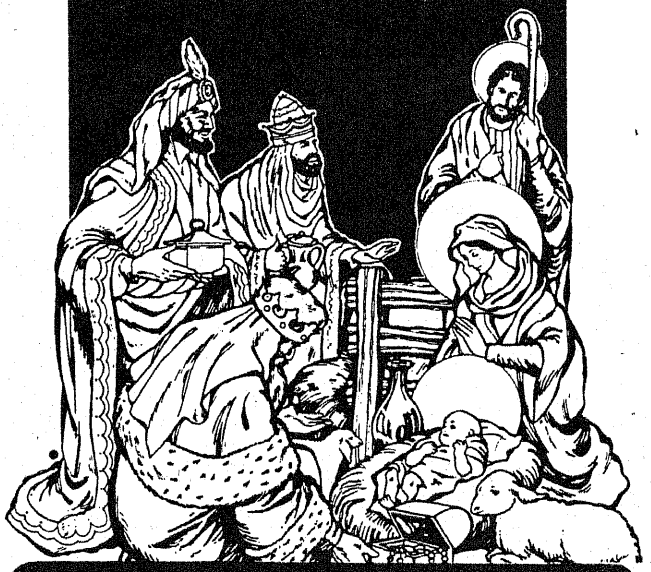
KID'S DRAWING 4 p.m. 12 toys and one bike
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of peace, hope and love.



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BIKE WINNER: J.R. Luttman of Kinde was the third week's bike winner Saturday at the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce's prize drawings. Santa and Mrs. Claus look on. Kids' prize winners were Angie Wichert, Barbie Peck, Adam Dressler, John Trost, Tim Schulz, Kelly Damm and Joshua Dressler, all of Pigeon; Aaron Yenglin of Akron; Cathy Prill of Caseville; Trisha Kuch of Owendale; Scott Anderson of Bay Port and ReBrigham.

Adult winners include Nancy Schuette of Pigeon (shown in picture), Roberta Liston of Pigeon, plus Clayton Olson and Ken Maher, both of Caseville.

Delores Elftman of Pigeon won the telephone donated by Pigeon Telephone Company, and Vince Sturm of Pigeon was winner of the Pigeon Area Jayco's \$100 Shopping Spree.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

LITTLE POPULATION RISE
Tuscola County's population will rise about 25 percent by the year 2010, according to projections by the state's Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis. The results cover the time between 1980 and 2010, a 30-year period.

The number of Huron County residents will grow about 5 percent in that time, state demographers say, while Sanilac County will add 14 percent population. These figures are based on recent trends of birth rates.

In total numbers, the southern lower peninsula will see Michigan's largest growth, primarily south of a line between Muskegon and Bay City. That would represent an average 6 percent growth rate, but totals more than 500,000 more people in that time, the state experts say.

AIDS FOUND IN LAPEER COUNTY
Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties don't have any reported cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), but one case of the fatal disease was reported in Lapeer County last November. The case was reported to the Michigan Department of Public Health last month. As of Dec. 6, there are 106 AIDS cases reported in Michigan.

AIDS is spread by sexual contact, needle sharing or rarely through blood or its components, experts say. Research indicates the disease, which attacks the body's immune system so disease can't be fought off, is not contracted through casual contact.

Figures reported this week show nearly 95 percent of all AIDS cases in the U.S. have occurred in people in one of four distinct groups: homosexual or bisexual men (accounting for three-fourths of all reported cases); Haitian residents (5 percent); intravenous drug abusers (17 percent), and hemophiliacs (less than 1 percent).

Experts say it is impossible to get AIDS while donating blood, and a test is now given to all potential blood donors which reveals if a person has been exposed to the AIDS virus. Only 5 percent of all persons who have come in contact with the disease will get it, they say.

Further information is available by calling the state Public Health Department's AIDS Hot Line, seven days a week, at 1-800-482-2404, ext. 3852.

NEW CENTURY BUYOUT PLANNED
First of America Corporation of Kalamazoo has announced plans to buy NewCentury Bank Corp., of Frankenmuth, to create Michigan's fourth largest bank group. The merger will bring \$19 per share to NewCentury stockholders, for each of NewCentury's 2,788 million shares.

The combined firm, if approved by state and federal regulators, would have assets totaling more than \$6.2 billion. Losses on farm loans and poor management of at least one affiliate were major causes why NewCentury showed an \$8 million loss through September, 1985. Clifford VanDyke will replace Franklin Rittmueller as President and Chief Executive Officer of NewCentury Bank-Bay City.

NewCentury has local offices in Bad Axe, Elkton, Caseville, Kinde, Uby and Minden City. First of America has offices in Sebawaing, Owendale, Gageton, Bad Axe and Harbor Beach.

FRANKENMUTH GETS GRANT
Several Thumb Area communities are hoping for state Commerce Department grants to pay for various improvement projects, but the Fischer Opera Haus in Frankenmuth has already been awarded \$100,000 in its movement project.

The Opera Haus, built in 1896, will be moved to open land north of the Frankenmuth Historical Museum's Main Street location. A new center building will link the two. The grant, one of 20 awarded last week through the Outstate Equity Fund, will help pay moving costs for the Opera House building - part of the \$800,000 total program.

A total of 603 grant applications were considered by the state, in tourism, cultural and creative arts areas. Additional grant awards will be announced after Jan. 1.

BORTEL NOW WILL STAY
Tuscola County Extension Director Bill Bortel had announced last week his plans to leave his 16-year job as head of the Cooperative Extension Service, but he's changed his mind.

He has now announced he and his wife Nancy plan to stay in Caro, instead of assuming the post as Clinton County Extension Director on Feb. 1. Bortel, 51, told reporters he found it "impossible to leave a community, county, people and co-workers I truly love," noting his roots were stronger than he thought.

However, the planned departure of Tuscola County Prosecutor G. Scott Stermer on Jan. 6 to join a Mt. Morris law firm is still on schedule. Stermer and Bortel had both announced plans to leave present positions recently.

CHECK IS SENT TO MEXICO
A check totaling more than \$1500 was sent to Mexico City last month for earthquake relief, thanks to a fund-raising drive by the Caseville Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3690 in recent months.

Mexican Earthquake Relief Fund Chairman George Woiwitowicz said nearly \$1598 had been raised through county-wide donations. The money has been forwarded to the Salvation Army there, he added.

RAIL BUYERS PLEDGE SERVICE
The president of the proposed Huron & Eastern Railway Company pledges to provide better rail service to local shippers - and vowed last week to help attract new industry to the Eastern Thumb Area. John Marino told rail boosters a strong and aggressive industrial development program is planned for the 83-mile right of way formerly belonging to

Election races in Pigeon, Elkton

A large number of candidates have filed - or plan to file - nominating petitions for various village government offices in Pigeon and Elkton, as of noon Tuesday. Filing deadline was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

IN PIGEON, two candidates are seeking the Village President's position being vacated by Norris Diebel. Incumbent Trustee John Schaefer will face former Trustee Dave Geiger for the two-year post, in the Feb. 17 Primary Election. Both are Republicans.

At least four persons are expected to seek the three available Trustee positions, since Schaefer is not running again nor is incumbent James Armbruster. Incumbent Dave McCormick is seeking one of the three

seats, as are former Trustee Ken Licht, plus newcomers Mike Gehrs and Lynn Brown. Timothy Tait and others still had nominating petitions not turned in as of the 12 noon presstime.

No opposition is expected for Village Clerk Bob Brown, Jr., Assessor Roy Lawrence and Treasurer Janet Heckman. All are Republicans.

IN ELKTON, incumbent Clerk Darlene Ginter is being opposed by newcomer Janet Santos in the Republican Primary. Expected to also file are incumbents, President Elmer Ropp, Jr., Trustees Barbara Thompson, Dave Fisher and Terry Heck, plus former Trustee Neilan Hoffman is again seeking one of the three posts. All are Republicans, except Hoffman, a Democrat.

Assessor Phyllis Tamblin and Treasurer Dennis Learman are unopposed.

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

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE! We hope you enjoy the many special stories, poems, Santa letters and other "goodies" you'll find in our holiday special this week! Rather than give you just one day before Christmas to enjoy such unique features next week, we're presenting them a week early...to give you plenty of time to enjoy them. See them throughout this week's paper!

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GLAD TO BE HERE - We, behind the scenes, often think it's a miracle that our editions reach your hands every week on time, without fail.

It's TRULY a miracle your Progress-Advance is here this week!

These words are being typed in a friendly (but far-away) newspaper office in Oxford. We brought our computer typesetting disks and other needed equipment about 80 miles south of Pigeon this past weekend to be run off on compatible equipment, following a machine break-down on Wednesday afternoon.

By the time you read this (hopefully), our typesetter will be fully repaired and operational - and everything will be back to normal. The bad part is we'll be about \$1100 poorer, thanks to expensive machine repair costs...

But it's all part of the game. Farmers and other business folks always have machine break-downs. And actually, we last lost full service on this equipment on (coincidentally) Dec. 15, 1983 - so we've put out 104 Progress-Advance issues without a hitch.

Until today. But that's a pretty good figure, I'd say. Thanks again for extra help from Jim Sherman at The Oxford Leader and to the other Rummels at The Blade-Crescent in Sebawaing.

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ONE OTHER NEW FACT - This has truly been a week of new ideas and experiments. For the first time ever, we are producing this week's paper via a "film-less" system of making printing plates.

In the old days (last week!), we'd make a full-size film negative of each page we prepare, then "strip in" pictures (which are processed separately since some are lighter, darker, etc., than others). That negative is handled and positioned, then the image is burned through the negative onto the printing plate - a 1 1/2-hour process.

With this issue, a new plate-making system at our central printing plant makes a plate directly from these pages. We have to prepare things slightly differently, but the idea is still the same. Time needed for the new system? Twenty seconds to make the plate, and 60 seconds more to "finish it." Can you imagine, 1 1/2 minutes versus 1 1/2 hours?!

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FINGERPRINTERS: These members of the Tip of the Thumb VFW Post 2238 Ladies Auxiliary assisted Huron County Sheriff's Sgt. Brent Woodward in fingerprinting youngsters at Bay Port and Pigeon Elementary Schools.

Standing, from left, are Auxiliary President Phyllis Vollmer, Betty Horn, Erma Rounds, Sgt. Woodward and Verna Thede, while Alyce Kleinfeld sits at the registration table.

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WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DEC. 3, 1985

The regular meeting of the Winsor Township Board was called to order by Robert Armbruster, Supervisor, at 8:00 p.m. on Dec. 3, 1985.

Present: Clare Dast, Robert Armbruster, Martin Rathje, Ray Lutz and Dianne Kohr.
Absent: John Kohr.

A motion was made by Martin Rathje and seconded by Ray Lutz to approve the minutes of the Nov. 5, 1985 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Martin Rathje to pay outstanding bills for the month. Motion carried.

Glen Buschlen and Vince Sturm, representing Winsor Township Water Control Supporters, were present to express their concern over irrigation wells in Winsor Township. They asked that an ordinance be passed to control drilling of wells and pumping of water for irrigation. They also asked for a letter of support from the Winsor Township Board to be published concerning this matter.

A motion was made by Martin Rathje and seconded by Clare Dast to publish a letter of support to Winsor Township Water Control Supporters. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Lutz and seconded by Dianne Kohr to draw up a water control ordinance. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Lutz and seconded by Clare Dast to approve PA 116 to Luke and Cora Yoder, 40 acres in Sec. 20. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Dianne Kohr to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dianne Kohr
Deputy Clerk, Winsor Township

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As we see it editorially...

This is a perfect hugging time!

Hugging time? Actually, what better season of the year than this Christmas holiday lends itself to such a noble - yet simple - idea and ideal? But then, what is hugging time, anyway? Let us explain.

Not only is this the season to be jolly, it's also a perfect time to participate in the hugging campaign being sponsored by the Old Farmer's Almanac. That longtime annual compilation of just about everything started a campaign this year they call "the most successful yet." Their goal is 12 hugs a day for everyone, plus a national hugging holiday.

Almanac Editor Ray Geiger says, "The endorsement of the idea that hugging is an acceptable means of promoting longer life in a less-stressful world is so widely acclaimed and so enthusiastically endorsed that your Editor has extended this promotion yet another year."

The Almanac, remember, has already had extended-year campaigns. Those sages fought for the return of the postmark - and fought to deep-six the nine-digit zip code. But the hug is different, to be sure.

"The hug, the genuine warm, loving, therapeutic hug, the compassionate not passionate kind, given when the hugger knows how and the huggee is willing - that hug is truly blessing.

ed, is ecologically sound and is good both to give and to receive," Geiger notes.

He says his crusade on behalf of the hugging habit was well-received this year. Geiger claims hugging activities, books, T-shirts and other enterprises were very popular. And, with more publicity, he and the other cracker barrels at the Old Farmer's Almanac hope that trend will continue in 1986 - and beyond.

"Your editors confirmed (this year) what they suspected all along - that almost 90 percent of men and women already enjoy hugging and the other 10 percent of them really ought to learn to enjoy it.

"In the year ahead, we are not giving up on the hug campaign," they promise in the new issue, "because a 12-month crusade just isn't enough time to devote to a great big national and even international hugfest."

And why not? If 10 million U.S. citizens are being sought to hold hands in a nationwide human chain May 25, 1986, to help fight hunger, why can't an international hugging day be set aside? After all, we've already got days honoring misguided explorers, groundhogs, jack-o-lanterns and non-smokers.

If and when such a hugging day is set aside, it should be in a cold winter's month, when everybody needs a couple of good hugs anyway. And hugging ambassadors should go forth throughout the land, finding people who especially need hugs - even if they might not think they need 'em.

Hugging is respected (and expected) in many other lands. It should be brought to the forefront in the United States, too, to reduce some pomposity here and there.

Come to think of it, wouldn't Christmas Day be a perfect national hugging day? Most folks already get a head start with family and friends. Or, how about Dec. 26 each year, when more of us should show our thanks for the blessings and presents we've gotten the day before?

Sounds like the makings of a splendid national holiday to us...

Our readers write...
'Join hands, work together'

DEAR EDITOR:
In a matter of days we will be facing a new year. Typically the time when resolutions are made, many in jest, many with good intent. I wonder if one more resolution could be on the minds and lips of our community. It's a simple resolution. "We will join our hands and work together to make our community the envy of all others."

Over the past several years it has become all too easy to be for or against, to name-call and to work against, not for, the community. Caseville has become the laughingstock of the state. This situation cannot be allowed to continue. Love and friendship of our fellow man must be uppermost in all our minds. A smile takes much less physical effort than a frown. Back to the resolution. Can

'No more' for the road

DEAR EDITOR:
Once again the holiday season is upon us. On behalf of the Laker chapter of SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk), we would like to wish everyone a SAFE and HAPPY holiday. Because this is a festive time of year, we would like to take this time to impress upon you to be sensible about the use of alcohol. Buckle down and say "No" to that "one-too-many" drink. If you choose to drink, then don't drive.

Remember to resist the temptation to have "one

more for the road." One more drink can make the difference between life and death. It only takes a fraction of a second. Once life is over, it's over - there are no more tomorrows, no more today's, no more anything. With our combined efforts, we can make this holiday season a safe one - one that we can all live through. After all, like is meant to be lived to its fullest, not to be abruptly ended because of a moment of recklessness.

Sincerely,
Laker SADD chapter

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FORE!
LUCKY!
By MAVIS PECHETTE



"How do you get so lucky?" That's a question asked many times in the past couple of weeks. Who knows the answer? The tickets were drawn at random, in different spots, and by various people. It's pleasing, but embarrassing, to win so many nice gifts.

It is interesting to note the attitudes of people buying tickets for drawings. Working in a booth at a bazaar gives one the opportunity to get an idea of those attitudes. Some say, "I never win anything." Others comment about the donation going for a good cause anyway. Then there are those who buy a bundle of tickets to increase their chances of winning. Some are so positive of winning they leave instructions about how to reach them in case no one answers at the phone number on their ticket.

Some people buy tickets at every booth. Some contribute only to a favorite charity, and others take chances only on prizes they would like to have, just in case theirs is the lucky ticket.

Perhaps it helps to think positive when taking part in a raffle. The power of positive thinking is important to many in all aspects of life. Let me tell you a story about thinking positive.

A man had two sons. As so often happens, one boy was a whiner, always complaining that nothing ever went right for him. His brother had a rosy outlook on life, finding something good in whatever came his way.

The man thought neither of them very realistic, but didn't know how to go about changing the boys' attitudes. He took him problem to a psychologist who devised what he thought might be a solution.

He told the father to fill a room with toys of every kind, candy and bubblegum, games, a shiny bicycle and all sorts of sports equipment. Put the whiner in the room and see if there might be something to bring a smile to his face. When they looked in on him they found him sitting in a corner, pouting. The toy trucks didn't go fast enough to suit him, the bicycle was dumb because it wasn't the right model, he couldn't figure out the games, and he didn't like that kind of candy. Nothing changed about his attitude and outlook.

The son with the sunny disposition was put in a room filled with manure to test his reaction. When the psychologist and the father looked in they were surprised to see the lad shoveling like crazy, moving the manure from one side of the room to the other. They asked him what he was doing. He replied, "I'm looking for the pony. With all the manure, there's got to be a pony in here some place!"

And remember the story about the Trumans. President Harry had used the word "manure" in a story. His wife Bess was chided by a dowager who suggested Harry shouldn't use that word in polite conversation. The First Lady responded, "You don't know how long it took me to get him to use THAT word!"

Keep looking for the pony. You could always name him Lucky!

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
By GEORGE KEIM




DEAR EDITOR,
When Mandie closed her restaurant earlier this year, a big part of Bay Port died out. Everyone I talk to misses her, too.

Many people have moved out and a few have passed away like Chet Beyer and his wife, John Miller's wife and Mike Miller's wife. We were all good friends and were all about the same age.

Plus, many people came in from Pigeon for a meal. Mandie's was one place where you could come as you were and go as you came. A lot of deals were made around that round table.

Lots of times, we were sitting around there shooting the breeze and Kenny Gettel would be the only one smoking. We'd tell him to quit and he said he had his rights. We told him we had our rights, too! Once, he told me to shut up, and all the men told him he had a lot of nerve to tell me to shut up.

Well, that was the way we talked together. And if you couldn't take it, you'd better not give it either.

There used to be some very important people who came in. The bankers and Tom Meyer from WLEW and a lot of the Bay Port women came in, too. And we all seemed like one big family.

The waitresses were good, too. Lots of times, they went out of their way to help us.

There were several guys who used to stick their fingers into another person's coffee. Bill would say it was fresh grease on his finger. Sam went up north to hunt deer and came home without one. And when they asked if he got one, he said he'd gotten one - but gave it to a poor family up north.

Well, whenever we heard a story like that, we never called the teller a liar because we only believed very little that we heard and only half of what we saw!

We certainly all miss Mandie's very much.

Well now, I do without coffee in the morning and I go to Pigeon for dinner. I get good meals there and the service is good. And, I have a lot of friends over there, too. Once in a while, I get salt and pepper shakers in my pockets and once in a while (if I happen to lay my cap on the floor), I get ice in it. I don't know how it gets there because I don't see anybody put it there!

There are a lot of big farmers coming in there to eat and drink coffee. Hugo Leipprandt is one of the oldest ones who comes in and he still helps milk the cows. I am one of the older ones, too, but the farmers speak a lot different language now than we did.

They talk about four wheel tractors and several hundred acres of beets. And when we tell them how we used to do things, they just can't see why we were so dumb - to take beets out by hand or to thrash beans out of the barn.

Well, we wouldn't have done these things, either, if we would have had the big machinery they do now!

In Ecc. 5:12, it says, "the sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep."

Well, I'm not rich so I don't have to be afraid of being cheated out of anything - or how to invest my money to make more.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE KEIM

Christmas Blessings

At this special holiday time, we'd like to take this opportunity to give our Christmas Blessing and Holiday Greetings to all our friends and customers.



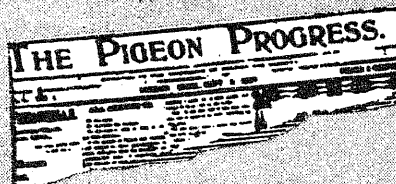
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Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. and
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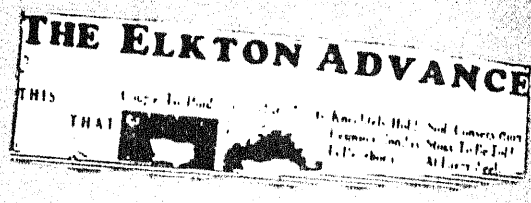
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The Past in Print...



80 YEARS AGO

DEC. 22, 1905
E. W. E. Bundscho and W. A. Schriber are installing new gas lighting systems in their stores at Pigeon.

Royal Baur and Russell Murdoch, Pigeon, are home from M.A.C. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hoffman, Pigeon, are visiting in Ontario this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lee, Bay Port, a daughter on Sunday.

Our sister village of Kinde is to have a fire department.

Fred Schubach, of McKinley Twp., has his new residence almost completed.

John Dannhauser sold his 80-acre farm this week to George Young.

Taxes are 42% lower this year than they were last year.

70 YEARS AGO

DEC. 24, 1915
Star spellers at Chandler No. 5 School are fourth, Selma Beham; third, Florence Yackle and second, Albert Draher. There are 23 boys and 15 girls enrolled in the primary room. Gladys Rafter, teacher.

William Steadman purchased the Joel R. Boshart farm last week and in turn disposed of it to W. S. Gregory.

Morris Brashaw, 80, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George A. Smith, McKinley.

Mrs. John Kipfer, 31, McKinley, passed away Wednesday. She leaves a husband and five small children.

60 YEARS AGO

DEC. 25, 1925
Joseph Mayes, 81, an old pioneer of Grant Twp., died Saturday.

A Christmas program was given by Pigeon High School students Wednesday morning in the school auditorium.

The high school orchestra played and among those on the program were Philipina Baur, Leona Wacker, Elna Clabuesch, Marion Elder, Jack Paul, Ruth Plueddemann and Alice Moeller.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn, Pigeon, entertained the LaF-a-ot Club Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Wes Thiel, Mrs. Fred Walker and H. H. Glew.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Geiger, Pigeon, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gruhn and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gettel and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Truemmer of Kilmanagh and John Geiger and family Sunday in honor of Mrs. Geiger's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCormick and Frances McCormick of Pontiac, are visiting their parents at Caseville.

50 YEARS AGO

DEC. 27, 1935
William Gwinn, 82, oldest pioneer of Caseville Twp., died at his home. He leaves his wife and two sons.

Members of the Pigeon Fire Dept. delivered Christmas packages to 24 area homes. Department members are George Dunn, Ray Beck, William Schluchter, George Hartman, Walter Sturm, Walter Clabuesch, Edwin Haist, Herb Haist, Rollie Smith and Victor Hoppe.

Elkton School Supt. and Mrs. Earl S. Eidt entertained members of the Elkton school faculty at a Christmas party in their home Wednesday evening.

Ralph and Willo Henne of East Lansing are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Henne, Bay Port.

About 40 relatives and friends surprised Henry and Lorenz Clabuesch and Adolph Buchholz at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz, Pigeon, Sunday evening in honor of their birthdays.

40 YEARS AGO
DEC. 21, 1945
Neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey, Pigeon, Friday afternoon to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Pvt. Carl Buerker has advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buerker, Pigeon, of his arrival in France on Nov. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farmer have moved to their new home on Main St. in Caseville.

Mrs. George R. Thompson, 79, nee Elizabeth May Rodda, died at her home at the Bay Port Quarry. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and a son.

David Rothfuss, 79, Fair Haven Twp., died Thursday. Surviving are his widow, three sons and three daughters.

Martin Graves, 83, former Fair Haven farmer, died at his home in Sebawaing. He leaves his widow, two sons and four daughters.

30 YEARS AGO

DEC. 22, 1955
Michigan's Lieut. Gov. Philip A. Hart was speaker at the annual Pigeon Rotary Christmas party held at the Vollmer Hotel.

Gerald Davies was program chairman and other guests were State Treasurer "Sandy" Brown and Bernie McLeish, both of Bay Port.

An early Tuesday morning fire of undetermined origin destroyed the two-room Decker rural school near Pigeon. Loss, partly covered by insurance, was estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Mrs. Alton Putman and her three small children were able to flee the fire early Monday morning that gutted their apartment over a vacant store building in Owendale.

Mrs. Carl Stein, Pigeon, was the winner of a new Frigidaire refrigerator at the Dec. 17 Christmas drawing sponsored by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

20 YEARS AGO
DEC. 23, 1965
Steve Dubs, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dubs, Bay Port,

10 YEARS AGO

DEC. 25, 1975
Cash winners in the third week of Christmas drawings sponsored by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce were Mrs. Bea Paul, Larry Ohlrogge and Hilmar Elbing. Winner of the bicycle was David Wisenbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisenbaugh, Pigeon.

Teachers in the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port School District and board of education have ratified the salary agreement. Base salary for beginning teachers at bachelor degree and master degree will remain the same at \$8670 and \$9200 respectively.

Queenie O. Reeves, 79, Caseville, passed away Dec. 20. She is survived by her sister, Hazel Reeves, sister and brothers-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. May MacMurray, 84, former housekeeper for Fr. Bernard Kirchman at Pigeon, died at Tawas. She is survived by three sons.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES
45 YEARS AGO
DEC. 19, 1940
Relatives and friends helped Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey, Chandler Twp., celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home.

Huron County rural mail carriers and their wives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley J. McCormick, Caseville, Friday evening for their annual Christmas party.

The first adult evening school for farmers at Elkton was organized Wednesday evening at Elkton High School.

40 YEARS AGO
DEC. 20, 1945
Elkton High School basketball team dropped a close game to Bay Port at Bay Port Friday 23-21, but won from Cass City Tuesday evening on the home floor, 34-30.

A second Huron County Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. was organized Friday evening at a meeting in the court house at Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Erb and family have moved into the residence of the late Frank Block in Elkton.

Special Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho-Holiday letters



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? I would like my Mother to get better. And a book. So don't worry about me. And please come through the back door. And no candy!

Your best friend,
MIKKEE L. PEYERK



MORE LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. KROHN'S SECOND GRADE, ELKTON ELEMENTARY

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. EB'S 2ND GRADE, ELKTON ELEMENTARY

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I can't wait 18 more days for Christmas Eve. I'll bet you can't wait for Christmas either. I really would like a headphon set for Christmas. I hope all boys and girls, my Mom and Dad and brother too have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
JASON HEIDEN

DEAR SANTA,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. Do you have a lot of snow at the North Pole? We have two inches. I would like to know what your reindeer eat. Do they eat corn, carrots or grass? I like to eat fruit and candy.

This is what I would like for Christmas, a Cabbage Patch Kid, a game called Bed Bugs, a real pony and Baby Hugs Bear. Don't forget to fill my stocking with lots of goodies.

Have a nice Christmas.
Your friend,
MELISSA BARRY



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Something To Think About
JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE
DIRECTOR

STRESS REACTIONS
Surviving the death of a loved one, especially a child or spouse, ranks very high on the list of stress-producing life events. While a moderate amount of stress may motivate and stimulate us, a high level of stress is potentially harmful to our health.

Evidence indicates that those who are bereaved have a decreased resistance to infections and other diseases, some which may even be life threatening. One study, for instance, showed a striking correlation between severe stress and the onset of cancer.

This stress is also likely to lead to problems in other relationships. The incidence of separation and divorce in parents who experience the death of a young child is exceptionally high. The death rate is higher for bereaved persons than others in the same age and social categories. This is especially true for the first year following the death. It is a critical period during which the health and welfare of the bereaved should be of prime concern.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF WINSOR TOWNSHIP
The 1985 tax levy is for the fiscal years as follows:
County 1-1-1986 to 12-31-1986
Township 4-1-1985 to 3-31-1986
Schools 7-1-1985 to 6-30-1986
Office hours for the collection of taxes will be from 9-12 and 1-5 all Fridays in December, and January 3-10-24, also February 7 and 14.
Clare J. Dast Treasurer

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Are you going to be here on Christmas Eve? Bring me six transformers. I hope Rudolph is all right. Because it might be snowing out.

Your very, very good friend,
NATHAN GOTTS

DEAR SANTA,
I guess you must be busy with your reindeer. How can you get to all the homes in one night? Remember, I'd like a Transformer, He-Man and Sectaur, if you can find them.

Your friend,
TREVOR CARRIVEAU

Greetings of the Season

All the happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of all times... Christmas!

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Turkey, ham bargains Holiday tips for consumers

EAST LANSING — Consumers will have a meat lovers' dilemma in December. Both turkey and ham will be selling at bargain basement prices.

November turkey prices were very attractive, thanks in part to the largest turkey supplies in four years and to retailers selling the birds at loss leaders.

But turkey supplies will begin to overwhelm demand after Thanksgiving. With stockpiles already running 14% ahead of last year, turkey production in the fourth quarter is slated to increase an additional 10% over year-earlier levels. Consumers will pay less for turkey through much of 1986 — as little as 60 cents per pound during the first quarter.

Ham supplies, also at record-high levels, will likewise depress the prices of all pork products. Ham prices are expected to remain depressed through the holiday season and to drop even more after Christmas.

There will be plenty of Michigan apples for holiday eating and gift packs. Farm markets producing their own apples may be your best source.

The citrus outlook remains good as of this date. The 1985-86 orange forecast by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is for a total crop 16% above last year's. Orange juice concentrate prices have fallen for the second time in about three months, and there may be further drops.

Now, the outlook for key holiday baking ingredients. Egg prices are up and will continue to climb for the next two months. Look for lots of specials on raisins as the 1985 crop is second only to last year's whopper.

Peanuts and peanut butter should remain at or near current prices; the 1985 crop is just four percent under last year's record-breaker. Pecans are in short supply and prices are high; the carryover is small and the size of the new crop is questionable. Almond factors remain withdrawn from the market in order to assess the supply situation. Look for higher almond prices when trading resumes. Overall walnut production, on the other hand, is forecast at record-large levels.

Handel's 'Messiah' to air

Handel's "Messiah," performed by the Independence Messiah Choir, soloists and orchestra, will be aired on radio station WLEW FM 92.1 on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 9 p.m.

For 68 years the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has sponsored the performance of Handel's great oratorio and presents it again this Christmas season. Station WLEW is one of more than 1,000 in the United States, Canada, Australia and other countries that will broadcast the program. The performance was held in the Conference Chamber of the Auditorium, world headquarters of the RLDS church in Independence, Mo., before an audience of nearly 5,000.

Local couple sets upcoming wedding



Diener - Rathje

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis W. Diener, Sr., of Pigeon, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Lynn, to John M. Rathje, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje of Pigeon.

Lori is a 1985 graduate of Laker High School and is currently a freshman at Michigan State University, East Lansing. John is a 1984 graduate of Laker High School and is a sophomore at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

Joy to the World

FROM LEFT: Dr. Jim, Jackie, Donna Vanhoutteghem, Jodi Bricker, Tammy Ledford, Sue Jurgess, Donna Burk, Julie Roggenbuck.

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Pigeon District LIBRARY NEWS

HOLIDAY FILM FESTIVAL

The Holiday Film Festival on Saturday, Dec. 21 will be based on "Christmas" and will include a Story Hour time.

Children attending will hear "The Mouse's Terrible Christmas," "Bialosky's Christmas" and "The Grouchy Santa." A Walt Disney film, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," will be shown, a color film of the famous Washington Irving story of the spectral spirits and twilight superstitions that haunt Sleepy Hollow. Games will be played and the children will make a bearded Santa using cotton balls and have a treat.

This Story Hour will be conducted from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for children of all ages in the AV room at the library.

SENIOR CITIZENS FILMS

Senior Citizens are invited to the monthly film festival each third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the AV room of the library.

The films scheduled for Dec. 19 include "When Michigan Was Young — the History of Michigan from the Formation of the Great Lakes to the 20th Century,"

LIBRARY HOURS

The Pigeon District Library will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and will be closed all day Dec. 25 and 26 to allow employees to spend Christmas with their families.

Employees of the library wish all their patrons a very Merry Christmas.

PRESCHOOLERS VISIT LIBRARY

Cross Lutheran Preschool made a field trip to the library on Monday, Dec. 9. The morning class of 20 children and 17 from the afternoon class listened to two stories that library aide Jane Himmel read, "Santa Mouse" and "The Tiniest Christmas Star." "Lollipop Dragon Helps Santa" filmstrip was shown and a memory game was played along with fingerplays. Teacher Cindy Englehardt and Aide Lori Smith accompanied the class.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

No Preschool Story Hours are planned on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 31 because of the holidays. Story Hours will resume on Jan. 7.

All area children age three to five are invited to attend each Tuesday morning at the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions.

Caseville honor roll

Caseville School Principal Paul Ellinger has announced students who have earned positions on the second semester honor roll. An asterisk denotes "all A's."

SENIORS: Michele Ballard, Christine Barton, Amy Bennett, Tracy Bieri, Brenda Cilc, Peter Delmotte, Holly Fibranz, Brenda Geiger, Gail Gembarski, Victoria Goslee, Amy Hartz, Gregory Langley, Patrick McKenna, Thomas Oorbeck, Brett

Service news

Tech. Sgt. Raymond G. Scheuer, son of Helen T. and Cyril Scheuer of Marshfield, Wisc., has been decorated with the fifth award of the Air Force Commendation Medal at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

His wife, Iva, is the daughter of Doris Fisher of Caseville.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Scheuer is a unit training manager with the 366th Headquarters Squadron. He is a 1970 graduate of Columbus High School, Marshfield.

Traxler aide in county

A staff aide to U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) will hold office hours on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the following locations: 10 to 11 a.m., Harbor Beach City Hall; 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bad Axe Courthouse; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sebawaing Village Hall.

CORRECTION

Last week's Library News inadvertently omitted Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bailey as winning a Christmas arrangement for being married 50 years at the annual library dinner.

The library extends its apologies for this error.

No heart is ever far from home during the holidays. Here's hoping Christmas finds you near to those you love.

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Ho-Ho-Holiday letters to Santa

Dear Santa
SANTA LETTERS FROM MRS. KEENA'S SECOND GRADE, BAY PORT

DEAR SANTA,
I am really anxious for Christmas to come. We just now got our tree up. My Mom says I don't need clothes, so don't bring me clothes. And I don't have a Barbie, so don't bring me anything to do with a Barbie. I hope you don't have trouble finding my house Christmas Eve!

YOUR FRIEND,
VICKI GASCHO



DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? I really don't know what I want. I really don't care what I get. I hope you have a good Christmas.

LOVE,
MICQUE PARTLOW



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DEAR SANTA,
My favorite holiday is Christmas. And my favorite season is summer. I'm hope you have a good Christmas. I'd like a Preemie for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Mrs. Claus!

LOVE,
JENNY REXFORD




DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus this year? How are the ReinDeer and Rudolph? I want a Kronoform Robot Robot.

LOVE,
JEREMY GNAGEY




DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
This year for Christmas I want some Sweet Secret dolls and a Preemie. I also want Fire Fly and Glory. I also would like Baby Rainbow Bright and Puppy Britie. I also want some Wazzels. I also want a Pound Puppy and a Barbie doll. I have been very good this year. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? Say Hi to Mrs. Santa Claus for me.

LOVE,
SHAWN DIEBEL




DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
How have you been? I have been good. I want a pound puppy for Christmas. and Mom said that she might get it for me. I want a doll for Christmas. I want a Care-Bear for Christmas, but I want a Care-Bear from you. How is Mrs. Claus. Tell Mrs. Claus that I said "Hi." I just forgot to say Merry Christmas. I hope you can make it to all the kids' houses. I hope you don't forget any kids.

YOUR FRIEND
TAMMY



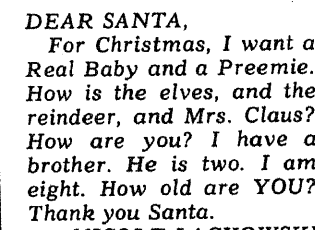
DEAR SANTA,
I want powerglider. I want you to bring me a picture of Rudolph. I have a sister. She is 2. She wants everything. Thank you Santa.

PATRICK MCCARTHY



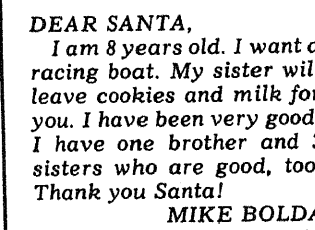
DEAR SANTA,
For Christmas, I want a Real Baby and a Preemie. How is the elves, and the reindeer, and Mrs. Claus? How are you? I have a brother. He is two. I am eight. How old are YOU? Thank you Santa.

NICOLE LACKOWSKI




DEAR SANTA,
I am 8 years old. I want a racing boat. My sister will leave cookies and milk for you. I have been very good. I have one brother and 3 sisters who are good, too. Thank you Santa!

MIKE BOLDA



DEAR SANTA,
I hope there is snow when you come. I want a Preemie and charms. Ok. I hope you will make it here. How is the elves? I'll see you this year!

REBECCA LACKIE




DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a new Barbie. I have a old dog. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Thank you Santa!

AMY LEIPPRANDT



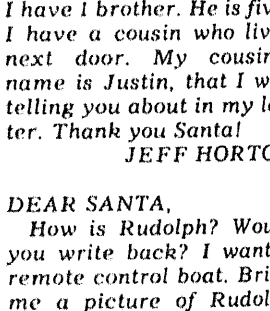
DEAR SANTA,
My name is Gary Chandler. I've tried to be a good boy this year. I would like a jambox, combine and toy snowmobile. I will leave you some milk and cookies and sugar for your reindeer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GARY CHANDLER



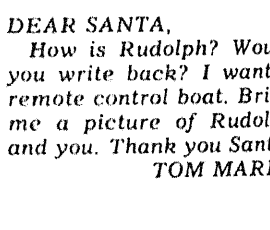
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I want Prime, Megatron and Voltron for Christmas. I have 1 brother. He is five. I have a cousin who lives next door. My cousin's name is Justin, that I was telling you about in my letter. Thank you Santa!

JEFF HORTON



DEAR SANTA,
How is Rudolph? Would you write back? I want a remote control boat. Bring me a picture of Rudolph and you. Thank you Santa.

TOM MARKS



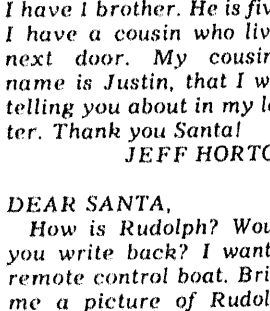
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JEFF HORTON



DEAR SANTA,
I want Prime, Megatron and Voltron for Christmas. I have 1 brother. He is five. I have a cousin who lives next door. My cousin's name is Justin, that I was telling you about in my letter. Thank you Santa!


JEFF HORTON



Ho-Ho-Holiday letters


DEAR SANTA,
What I like for Christmas is a GoBot and some tapes for my raido. And for my Mom, a new set of earrings. For my brother Chad, a new key car. For Mrs. Keena, our teacher, a new bowl of chips. These are not real chips. My brother Jason wants a new truck.

LOVE,
SHAWN DIEBEL



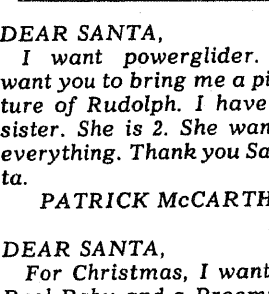
DEAR SANTA CLAUD,
How have you been? I have been good. I want a pound puppy for Christmas. and Mom said that she might get it for me. I want a doll for Christmas. I want a Care-Bear for Christmas, but I want a Care-Bear from you. How is Mrs. Claus. Tell Mrs. Claus that I said "Hi." I just forgot to say Merry Christmas. I hope you can make it to all the kids' houses. I hope you don't forget any kids.

YOUR FRIEND
TAMMY



DEAR SANTA,
I want electric Fiero and a Big Foot and a Black Gold and a Crimson and Crusher and a Pull Sled and a Bike and a mitt and a Baseball and a Baseball Bat.

TREVER HENNE



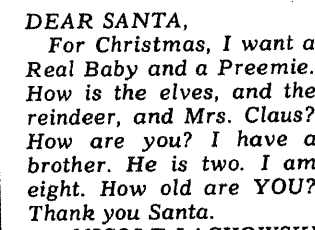
DEAR SANTA,
I want powerglider. I want you to bring me a picture of Rudolph. I have a sister. She is 2. She wants everything. Thank you Santa.

PATRICK MCCARTHY



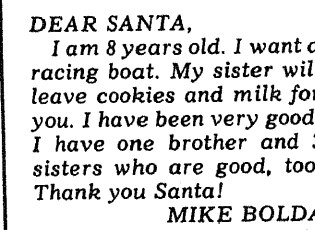
DEAR SANTA,
For Christmas, I want a Real Baby and a Preemie. How is the elves, and the reindeer, and Mrs. Claus? How are you? I have a brother. He is two. I am eight. How old are YOU? Thank you Santa.

NICOLE LACKOWSKI




DEAR SANTA,
I am 8 years old. I want a racing boat. My sister will leave cookies and milk for you. I have been very good. I have one brother and 3 sisters who are good, too. Thank you Santa!

MIKE BOLDA




DEAR SANTA,
I hope there is snow when you come. I want a Preemie and charms. Ok. I hope you will make it here. How is the elves? I'll see you this year!

REBECCA LACKIE



DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a new Barbie. I have a old dog. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. Thank you Santa!

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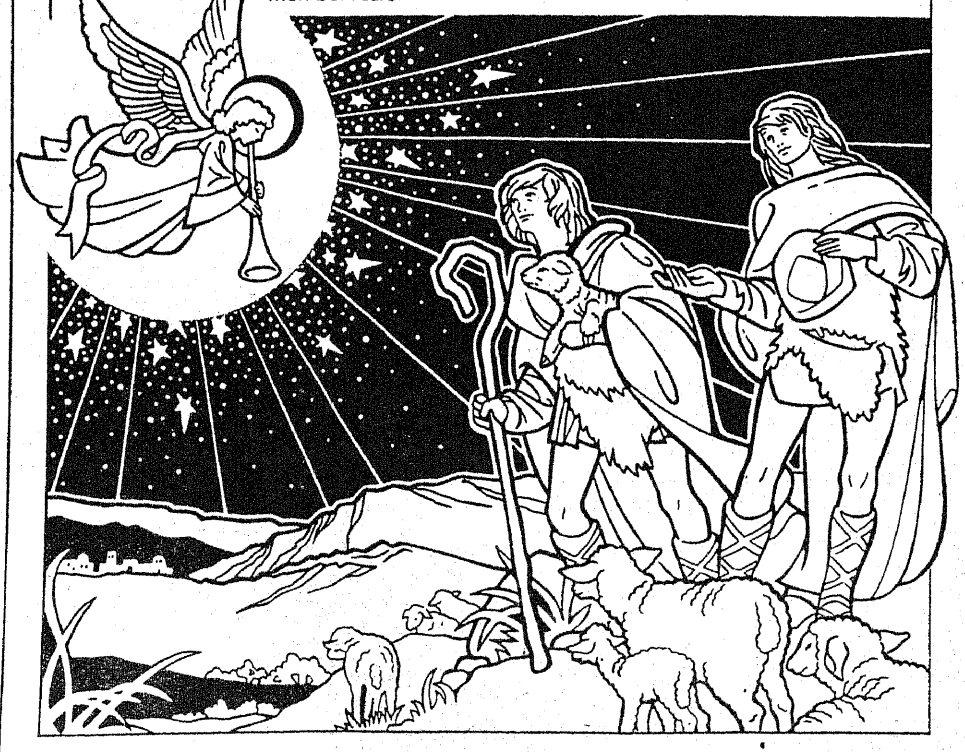
Christmas

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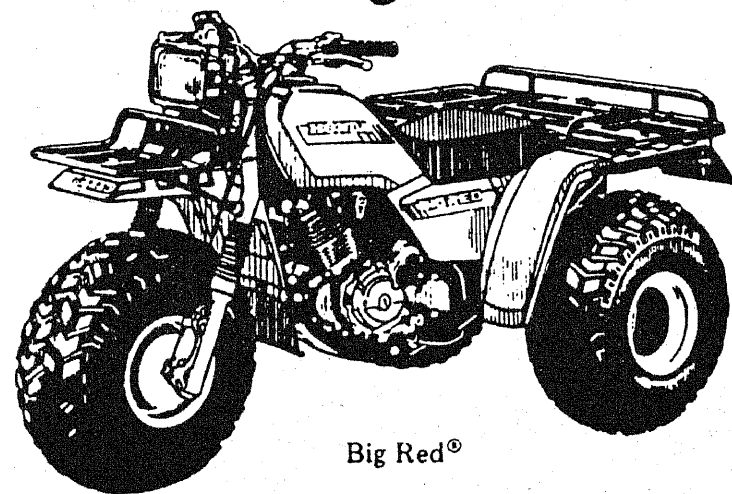
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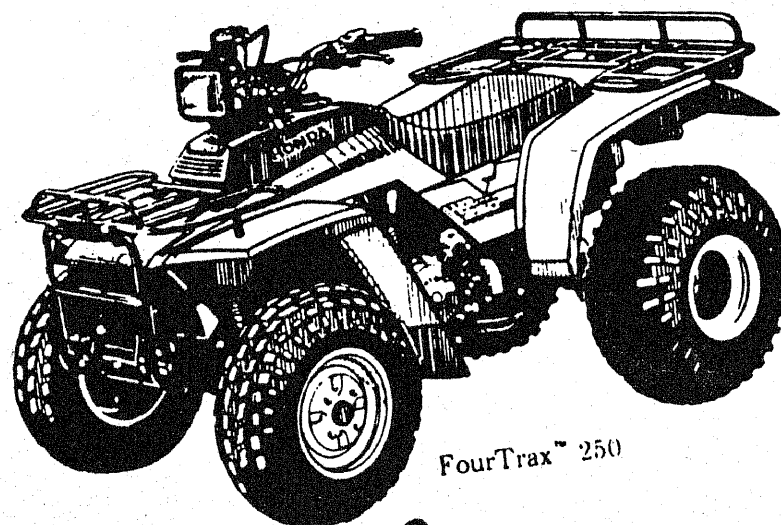
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- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
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- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

LEMON EGGNOG SAUCE

Yield: 2 cups

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 cups dairy eggnog
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons brandy

Combine sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Gradually add eggnog. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Boil and stir two additional minutes. Remove from heat; stir in lemon peel. Add brandy. Pour into bowl. Place waxed paper on surface of sauce. Refrigerate. Serve warm or cold over cake or ice cream. To reheat, place in saucepan over low to medium heat. Stir frequently until heated through. Do not boil. If served cold, additional eggnog or milk may be added to bring to proper consistency.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Cream butter in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add lemon juice. Combine raisins, cherries, walnuts and lemon peel with 1/4 cup of flour. Sift remaining cups flour with baking powder, soda and salt. Blend dry ingredients into creamed mixture. Stir in fruits and nuts. Pour batter into buttered and floured 12-cup bundt pan. Bake 1 hour and 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Turn out on wire rack to cool completely. When cooled, wrap tightly. Cake may be stored up to two weeks in tightly covered container or frozen. Serve slices of cake with Lemon Eggnog Sauce.

*Cake may also be baked in 5 buttered and floured 5 3/4 x 3 1/4 x 2-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350° F 45 to 50 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

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Area obituaries

ALVIN W. ERRER 1933 - 1985



Alvin W. Errer, 52, Colfax Township, owner and operator of Elkton IGA, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12 at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, after a long illness. He was born Sept. 28, 1933 in Sebawaing, son of Amanda (Trautman) Errer and the late Leonard Errer. He married Maxine Lowe July 12, 1958 in Pinconning. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe. Surviving are his wife, Maxine; one daughter, Mrs. Syl (Cheri) Kubiak, Gagetown; two sons, Craig Errer, Bad Axe and Tom Errer, at home; his mother, Amanda, Pigeon; one sister, Dorothy Collison, Pigeon; one brother, Raymond Errer, Bad Axe and several nieces and nephews. Services were held Monday, Dec. 16 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Rev. Roger Heintz, pastor, officiated with burial in Colfax Cemetery. MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

THUMB AREA DEATHS

Susie Burns Hastings, of Manchester, Tenn., formerly of Akron, passed away Nov. 28.
Clark M. Knapp, 78, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Cass City, passed away Dec. 3.
Bessie Battel, 89, of Cass City, passed away Dec. 4.
Lee C. Gunnell, 91, of Cass City, passed away Dec. 5.
Margaret D. MacQueen, 101, of Caro, passed away Dec. 5.
Nina E. Skidmore, 84, of Caro, passed away Dec. 5.
Jerome Meagher, 81, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 7.
Stanley Smalla, 74, of Bingham Township, passed away Dec. 7.
Lee M. Smith, 73, of Cass City, passed away Dec. 7.
Otto W. Kautz, 71, of Sigel Township, passed away Dec. 8.
Arthur H. Werner, 51, of Vassar, formerly of Cass City, passed away Dec. 8.
Clifton L. Griffin, 82, of Colfax Township, passed away Dec. 9.
Albert Maxwell, 71, of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 9.
Claribelle (Reinke) Brown, 66, formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 9.
Earl Kritzman, 85, of Argyle Township, Sanilac County, passed away Dec. 10.
Marjorie G. Jose, 66, of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 11.
Edward G. Golding, Sr., 82, of Cass City, passed away Dec. 11.
Alvin W. Errer, 52, of Colfax Township, passed away Dec. 12.

Service news

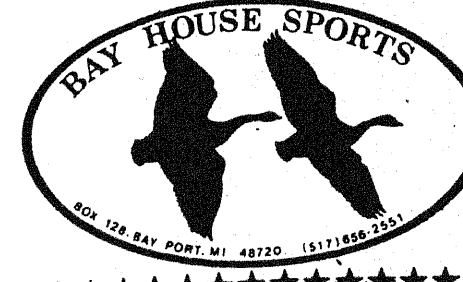
Navy Airman Apprentice Michael A. Hazard, son of Donald W. and Beverly O. Hazard of Bad Axe, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, homeported in Mayport, Fla. A 1984 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon, joined the Navy in July, 1985.

Merry Christmas



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Second-biggest deer season ever

LANSING — Michigan firearm deer hunters took an estimated 163,000 deer this year during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season, according to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologist. Only in 1981 were more deer taken during this season, with a total of 173,000 animals. The 1985 firearm deer harvest was composed of 116,500 bucks and 46,500 antlerless deer, an increase of 26% above that of 1984's firearm deer harvest of 129,000.

The Upper Peninsula take was composed of 19,000 bucks and 4,500 antlerless deer. This total of 23,500 is an increase of 12% over last year's take of 20,900 in the U.P. The northern Lower Peninsula harvest was composed of 67,000 bucks and 21,800 antlerless deer for a total of 88,800 deer, 38% higher than 1984's 64,500 harvest. In the southern Lower Peninsula, 30,500 bucks and 20,200 antlerless deer made up the 50,700 total, a 16% increase over last year's take of 43,600 in this area. DNR's Law Enforcement Division reports preliminary figures of six fatalities and 25 injuries resulting from firearm deer hunting accidents this year, compared to seven fatalities and 29 injuries during the 1984 season.

Conditions were ideal opening day, however, high winds and heavy precipitation during the season resulted in fewer hunting hours. An estimated herd of over a million deer still allowed many hunters to be successful despite the reduction in hunting hours. The archery deer season, which resumed Dec. 1, will run until Jan. 1, 1986.

and Mathew Bushey of Caseville, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology. Commencement speaker was Robert H. Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, who received an honorary doctor of education degree.

NMU degrees awarded to 2

Degrees were conferred on 350 students at Northern Michigan University's mid-year commencement on Saturday, Dec. 14. Two of the students are native residents, including Karen Bacula of Bay Port, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology

James Foster
Patty Diebel
Don Damrow
Mary Damm
Jan Henne
Jalaine Kunding
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Greetings from our Bay Port Office

Greetings from our Pigeon Office...

Merry Christmas

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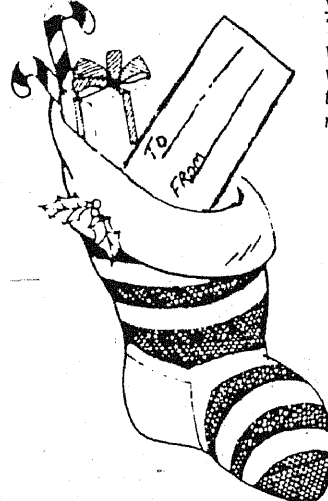
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Elkton kids are makin' their lists... & checking 'em twice!

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. KREB'S 3RD GRADERS, ELKTON ELEMENTARY



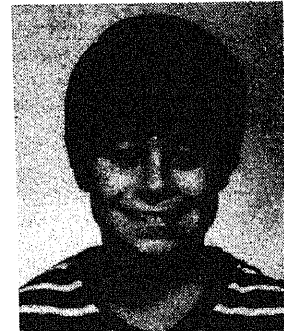
DEAR SANTA, Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus? My favorite month of the year is Christmas. I bet your elves are very busy. This is my Christmas list. I would like some toys. And would you please bring some toys for my animals? Have a nice flight.

Love, KAREN BRUCE



DEAR SANTA, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope your feeling well. I would like one thing for Christmas. I would like everybody to have a happy and a safe Christmas.

Your friend, DAVID FLORES



DEAR SANTA, I bet you have a lot of toys. How is Mrs. Claus? I'm going to set out a snack for you. I hope you won't be too full. And Santa, make sure those reindeer where slippers on their feet or something like that because it's going to be cold this winter. I have to go now, bye-bye.

Love, SARA



DEAR SANTA, How are you? I would like a box of Robotix, a ghetto-blasta, a poster of you and Mrs. Claus and of all your elves. Also a box of magic things and a fake magic cookie. That's all I need.

I will have a glass of something for you to drink. I will also have a present for your elves and Mrs. Claus and you.

If your reindeer get mad that they did not get anything, tell them I will get them something next Christmas. And tell them I said the best Christmas present is Christmas and being Santa's reindeer.

Have the happiest Christmas yet. TIMMY ROBINSON



DEAR SANTA, I like Christmas, but I like you even more. I like when you go, "Ho, ho, ho."

How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she's doing well and are the elves busy, because I have a big Christmas list for my sister Rebecca and me. My sister is three years old.

How is Rudolph and the rest of your reindeer? I hope they're doing good.

My grandma wants a swimming pool in her backyard.

I am being good. Love, JASON CHRISTNER

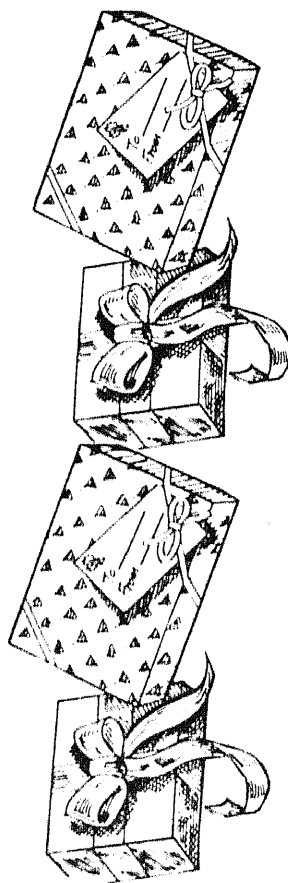


DEAR SANTA CLAUS, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing?

Have you heard that I broke my arm? It happened on Monday, November 30. When I went to the doctor they took me to this one room and the nurse asked me if I liked plaster! Well, that doesn't matter any more.

Well, that's all. Bye, Mr. Santa and Mrs. Santa.

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GREETINGS

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Meatless dishes are popular

The holiday season is upon us once again, and that means plenty of friends, fun and food. Why not try this year to help save money, reduce calories and provide good nutrition by serving meatless dishes as main courses?

Experts say beans and peas are good, inexpensive sources of protein, iron, thiamin, riboflavin and fiber. When combined with rice or corn, they are a complete protein source. Use them in baked beans, soups, casseroles, dips (mashed)

and many Mexican dishes. Try a dip of cooked, mashed and seasoned beans with crackers for a flavorful appetizer, or serve red beans and rice as a holiday treat. Use the leftover dip as a sandwich spread. Remember to rinse, sort and soak beans and peas before using them in cooking.

Nuts and seeds are a quick and tasty way to add nutrients to holiday meals. They supply protein, vitamin B6, phosphorus and minerals. Combine nuts and seeds with grains or animal foods for complete protein.

Add nuts to baked goods, spreads or dips or use them to top vegetables and salads.

For a delicious change this year, try whole wheat bread made with sunflower seeds, millet, sesame or poppy seeds, or make string beans topped with an almond and cornflake crust. Nuts keep best in their shells in a dark, cool, dry place. They can be frozen for longer storage, up to two years. Store shelled nuts in a moisture vapor-proof container in the refrigerator or freezer.

Grains and flours can help stretch the food budget as well as add protein and fiber to the diet. Wheat, rice, cornmeal, oats, barley and rye are some of the readily available grains you can use in your holiday fare. Cornmeal cakes or whole grain breadsticks can be an evening meal treat, or try a barley-cheedar cheese casserole of barley, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and cheddar cheese.

Local club news

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thirty-three members met at the Elkton Civic Center for their weekly meeting and meal. Mae Coote gave the table prayer. "God Bless America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag given.

Birthdays celebrated were for Clayton Gemmel and Vera Sherwood. The Gregors led in group singing.

The secretary's report was given and a letter from Laker Drama Director Mike Terrill was read. His players are staging "My Fair Lady" during the week of Dec. 12-15.

Alvena Walsh reported on members who are ill. Homer Motz has been ill and Joe Torres is still hospitalized. Esther Hodapp has been ill with the flu. Bea Gregor thanked the group for her get-well card.

Lillian Kuntsman asked that all stamps on letters received by saved for a project at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

It was decided to have a ham dinner for Christmas, with Al Knechtel providing the ham.

Mike Renn introduced several members who took part in the open meeting. Goldie Bristol will be guest speaker for next week's program.

OWENDALE WOMANS' CLUB
The Owendale Womens' Club met Wednesday at the Village Hall to pack their annual shut-in fruit boxes. The 13 members then went to the home of Mrs. Kay Erickson for their Christmas

More letters!
FROM BAY PORT

DEAR SANTA: My favorite holiday is Christmas. And my favorite words are Merry Christmas. I'd like a Preemie for Christmas. Santa, where is Rudolph? Merry Christmas, Santa Claus! Thank you Santa!

LOVE, ROBIN VOLLMER

DEAR SANTA: How's Rudolph doing and Mrs. Santa Claus? I would like a picture of both of them for Christmas. I would like Volttron and Transformers. Have a good Christmas!

THANK YOU, SHAWN SWARTZENDRUBER

DEAR SANTA: How is Mrs. Claus? I like Christmas very much. When I grow up, I will help you. How is it up there? I know I will like it. Thank you Santa.

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Here they are: this year's 'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES' winners!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Once again, the decisions have been very, very difficult. But we ALL win!
The Progress-Advance's eighth annual "Christmas Memories" contest again amazes us with the quality and variety of entries. We guarantee you'll get "into the holiday spirit" by reading all these special offerings! Happy holidays to you!

My Favorite Family Christmas Tradition

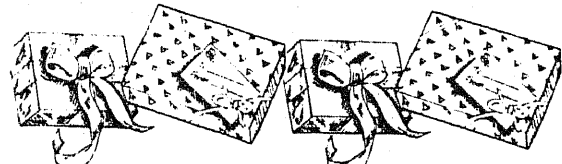
By ERIC McCUMONS, age 13
Caseville

My favorite Christmas tradition, definitely, is the making of peanut brittle.

For as long as I can remember or family has made peanut brittle and passed it out to our relatives and close friends. We usually make about 30 pounds each year and rarely have much left for ourselves.

It takes us about two hours between starting the first batch and putting away the last dish. Later we package and distribute it to people all over the state. We either take it to their home or mail it to them. We often receive compliments about it.

This is one tradition that our family is proud of and hopes to carry on for a long time.



My Mom's Long Christmas

By BRIDGETT MEISSNER, age 14
Caseville

My Mom waited two years for her Christmas wish to come true. In 1983 when it was time to start thinking about Christmas, my Mom only had one thing she wanted. Whenever we asked her what she wanted she always replied, "A new bathroom (new everything)." And I'd say, "Mom, you got to want something else." And she'd say, "No, that's all I want."

So my Dad played a joke on Mom. He asked my sister and me for our Barbie bathroom: sink, cabinet and toilet (we thought maybe he was going to play Barbies or something when he went to bed!). Instead, he wrapped one up for Mom and said that that was her new bathroom.

But when she lifted the lid of the toilet, there were five \$100 bills in the stool — the start of her "Bathroom Money" as Mom and Dad called it.

For the next couple of years on every occasion, Mom's birthday, Valentine's Day, their wedding anniversary and Mother's Day, my Dad always gave her another \$100 or \$50 bill to add to her "Bathroom Money."

This summer, Dad remodeled our old bathroom with everything new. So Mom's Christmas wish finally came true.

UP TO AGE 13
WINNER Eric McCumons
of Caseville
"My Favorite Family Christmas Tradition"

AGES 14 THROUGH 19
WINNER Bridgett Meissner
of Caseville
"My Mom's Long Christmas"

AGES 20 THROUGH 45
WINNER Catherine Pickering
of Bad Axe
"Catherine Pickering & The Silver Skates"

AGES 46 AND UP
WINNER Mary McIlhargie
of Caseville
"The Christmas Cape"

Catherine Pickering and The Silver Skates

By CATHERINE PICKERING,
Bad Axe
Ages 20 - 45

Out of 23 Christmases (let's say 20 of which I have a clear recollection), most have been pleasant. Very few have been distinctly "unpleasant," yet somewhat unpleasant they were. There was the Christmas it rained, and seemed much more like Good Friday than Christmas. There was the year mother was gravely ill. There was the Christmas Eve I got in trouble for breaking my glasses! But more often than not, Christmas morning has dawned warm, cozy, happy and filled with love and anticipation.

It is difficult to distinguish Christmases "enmasse" as I search my memory, since our family has followed identical traditions almost ritualistically (with only minor adjustments... for instance we rise at about 9 a.m. instead of 6 a.m.) since as far back as I can remember. But one Christmas memory stands out above all the others. That one I will share with you now.

When I was seven years old, I aspired to be a figure skater of Olympic calibre. The Pinnebog River runs right behind the house, and I spent a great portion of the winter months in a pair of over-sized mens' hockey skates, pretending to be Peggy Fleming. I was often accompanied by friends and family, but was still more often alone, owing to my dedication to the sport. A year went by and I was progressing nicely, learning to go backwards, trying minor leaps, perfecting my arm and hand movement and balance, and doing about as well as an eight year old can!

Then one day my dearest friend Joanie appeared on the scene and invited me to spend the day with her, skating on their smooth-as-glass pond. I gleefully accepted. However, upon my arrival I soon noticed (much to my dismay) that Joanie was wearing a pair of dainty, snow-white, lace-up, silver-bladed, gleaming figure skates. Suddenly realizing with horror the grave inadequacy of my own "mens' hockey skates," I rushed home and begged my mother for a pair of white figure skates. Christmas

was over for that year, as was my birthday, and any possible feats of accomplishment such as First Communion, Graduation or any other achievements frequently rewarded by gifts. My little life was ruined. I retired the large awkward hockey skates and gave up any ambitions of an Olympic gold. Sad, huh!

Well, as the next Christmas season rolled around, mother asked what we might be writing to Santa for. I immediately piped up that A.L.L. I wanted was a pair of figure skates. Well, as mothers tactfully will, she informed me that figure skates (particularly of the quality I had requested) were an extremely expensive commodity and since Santa had the whole world to figure his budget by, it was very unlikely I would receive a pair! Well!!! If that didn't blow all my faith in ole St. Nick! I wryly reminded her that I would gladly forego anything else Santa might have planned for me in exchange for those skates! With a mother's tenderness and sensitivity, she took my chubby face in her hands and said,

"No!!!"

It was a long, sad Christmas season thinking that the fat man in the red suit, who had come through so faithfully every year for the last nine years, would let me down now!

Christmas morning dawned bright and clear, and as usual we were squirming with anticipation at 6 a.m. By 7 a.m. we could no longer be contained and out to the heavily laden tree we ran and began ripping! In my childish excitement and the fervor of the moment, I had forgotten that I had ever wanted skates! I got a Barbie doll here, a new nightgown there, a panda in my stocking, books, clothes, candy, games, jewelry from Uncle Bill, money from Grandpa, only one package left...

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Stunned, shocked, confused, I ripped all the wrapping off the large box. "Champion Sears Finest Quality Ladies/Girls Figure Skates..." White as snow, lace-up, silver-bladed, gleaming, brand spanking new figure skates. Yeaah, Santa!! Way to go!! In a flash I was dressed and down to the river. My precious skates fit like a second skin!! I was floating, twirling, gliding, "Shuushing" across the smooth ice. Well, actually I suppose I wasn't doing any better than usual, but I sure FELT like Peggy Fleming, and was pretty sure I looked like her, too! I was already dreaming of the cute little figure skating outfit I was going to ask Santa for next year!

The Christmas Cape

By MRS. MARY E. McILHARGIE
Caseville
Ages 46 and up

The most memorable Christmas of my childhood was during the Depression. I was five years old and didn't have a winter coat to wear for church, or the family gathering at my grandparents' house on Christmas Day. Money was so scarce that my Dad borrowed the pennies and one precious dime from my bank. He needed a haircut to look presentable for church.

Our family tradition is to put the tree up Christmas Eve. I remember the squeaky metal candleholders that clipped on to the branches. The candles were lit for a few minutes, after all, the decorations were in place. The kerosene lamp was turned down low, and we enjoyed the candlelight and the fresh smell of the green tree.

Santa came to our house that eve, and under the branches I found a beautiful tan coat. It was trimmed with brown buttons and braid, and best of all, it had a cape. I was so excited that I could hardly get it on, and fell asleep thinking Santa had brought my gift.



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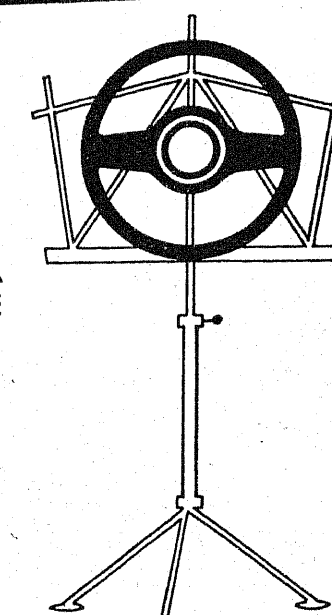
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Christmas Memories

By BECKY OUSLEY, age 13
Caseville

My favorite family photo is of my mom and me. It was Christmas Eve, my first Christmas. My mother was holding me in her arms. I had on an outfit like a baby Santa. It was really cute. It was red and white.

I was a very fat baby. My face was really chubby. The hat was a little big, but when I had it on, it didn't look big at all. The outfit looked as if it was just right for me. My mom looked so happy for me to be there.

That is my favorite family photo.

Christmas

By LISA MADEJ, age 14
Caseville

Christmas is a very special day, where people come together from far away. They laugh and sing As sleigh bells ring And tell stories of Christmas land, And how it began.

With Santa and his elves Making toys to fill the shelves. It's not only the presents I love, But the gift God gave above.

That most special gift God gave us, Is the birth of His Son Jesus.

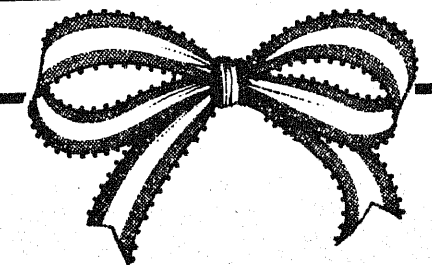
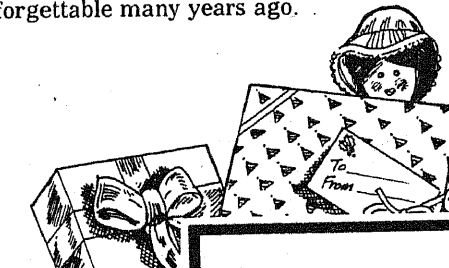
Christmas Blues

By MELODY BLACKMER, age 16
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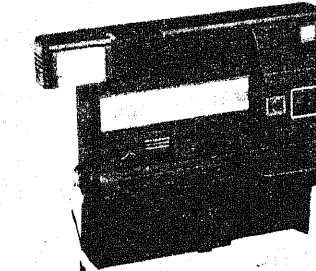
Daddy has passed away, There will be no laughter and no smiles. I won't be the same on Christmas Day, Even if we travel for miles, Christmas turkey on the range,

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More 'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES' of holiday cheer...

Our Family Tradition

By IRMA COLLISON
Age 46 & up

As I read your announcement about the contest, my thoughts were, "What would I write about?" Then as things developed, I knew.

This goes back to my Mother. I don't know as she did a whole lot of other preparation on the day after Thanksgiving but had a "must." She raised geese and we always had a large goose to grace our Thanksgiving table — or at least a duck or two, which my sister raised. These birds yielded a large amount of fat. This she used for her "Lebkuchen," when she always mixed the last Friday in November, baking them as she had time. Other cookies came later, not as many kinds as we have now, but the old German stand-bys — Pfeffernusse, springle, of course, animal cookies.

As my children got older, I remember how much we, as children, enjoyed comparing animal cookies in school. Maybe even swapping a few. As as my children grew up, recipes and ingredients for more varieties and much richer cookies kept coming. I soon realized my children enjoyed the animal cookies the most before Christmas. Afterwards they'd reach for fancier ones.

It wasn't too many years after our oldest started school it became tradition here to bake and decorate animal cookies the day after Thanksgiving. And perhaps a few others, or at least gather the ingredients together. This

longer here, they can go back in memory many times to the fun we had "messing" in Grandma's kitchen.

CARAMEL-COATED YULE LOGS

1/2 cup soft butter	1/2 cup mint extract
1/2 cup light corn syrup	Red, green color
1/2 cup salt	1 lb. caramels
1 t. vanilla	2 T. cream

1 lb. powdered sugar

Blend butter, syrup, salt and vanilla in large bowl. Add sugar all at once. Mix first with a spoon, then by hand. Turn onto a board, dusted with powdered sugar, and knead until very smooth. Divide in half, add red color to one, green to another (be attractive without red or as well). Make rolls about 2 inches in diameter. Store in refrigerator overnight. Heat caramels and cream over low heat, spoon over rolls. Chill a few minutes, roll in finely chopped nuts.

When our oldest granddaughter got oldest enough she could "help" — Grandma went to their house for an animal cookie baking session. Now both our granddaughters and the grandson who joined the family, Mama and Grandma spend a December evening on cookies.

Out of this developed another tradition. Ever since Jill was old enough to make a cookie ball, she has come to Grandma's house one Saturday in December to "help" Grandma bake cookies. Soon Brian was old enough to help — and we do this each year, not only cookies, but candy (you should see the messy hands from soft chocolate mixtures, not to mention the messy table, floor and clothes!), caramel corn, cereal mixture. Even Grandpa can't resist getting in the act every so often. Guess he figures he was missing out.

So far our granddaughter, Beth, has missed out — living in Bay City. But Grandma's hoping that she'll be here long enough some day in December this year that she, her Mom and Grandma can make popcorn balls — Mom's favorite!

I am sure the youngsters won't remember all the trucks and dolls they received from Grandma and Grandpa. But I'm hoping that as they grow older and perhaps we are no

longer here, they can go back in memory many times to the fun we had "messing" in Grandma's kitchen.

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Why Christmas is So Special to Me

By MABEL CLARK, Pigeon
Age 46 & up

Forty-five years ago on Dec. 21, 1940 was my favorite gift my family ever received.

There was a son Charles, three daughters, Loeseta, Loraine and Dora. We were a very happy family and lived on a farm. At Christmastime we always went over to Rush Lake and got our Christmas tree. We didn't have the trimmings like we do now. They were all made by the children. We always had our own goose or duck for our Christmas dinner.

We thought we had our family, but some 9 1/2 years later we were blessed with a beautiful son, whom we named Harold. We thought Charles would never have a brother.

There is always sadness as well as joy in everyone's family. When Charles was called to duty in the Navy, after 11 months we lost him. It was a sad time for the family but we knew he was with his Lord and Saviour with no more tears or troubles.

Then we had a son without a brother. This was my favorite gift. This is why Christmas is very special to me and my family.

MORE "MEMORIES" ON NEXT PAGE



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Special 'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES' shared by young and old

Christmas Means Family

By BRETT OWENS, Caseville

Seventeen Christmas seasons have passed my eyes in this life. It seems like all have something special about them. They were never anything too dramatic, but it was just the Owens family being together.

In my opinion, the time is coming near for people my age to realize that this Christmas holiday will be one of the last while living at home. I must enjoy it. I know that the up-and-coming season will be special, maybe a little more special than any other before.

I started making a life for myself this past fall, away from my family. I know deep in my heart Christmas will be very special.

One can never realize what family is until he or she has separated himself from that type of situation for any period of time. To mention gifts is unnecessary because our family will exchange something much more valuable — "family."

I hope there are more persons like me who will spend the holidays with those they love, at any distance.

Christmas Called Dad

By CARRIE LAPKA, age 16
Caseville

This Christmas is going to be an unusual Christmas. My Mom and Dad have been divorced for almost a year, and this will be our first Christmas without Dad.

My Dad used to bring a lot of happiness to Christmas in our family. But now this Christmas, we'll have to change ways. We'll still have fun this Christmas, even though it may be without Dad. We'll go on loving, giving and sharing.

Dad's hardly around anymore, so it's hard for us to see him and share the Christmas holidays with him. But deep down inside even though Dad won't be here, my two sisters and I still love him!

Christmas To Me Is . . .

By AMY BENNETT, age 17
Caseville

Christ being born
Happiness filling the air
Relatives bringing joy
Icicles shimmering in the sun
Santa brightening the children's day
Time to be with your family
Mistletoe for your honey
Aroma of cooking food
Smiles enlightening everyone's day

Toys for children
Ornaments of many colors and shapes

Christmas

By VICKI GOSLEE, age 17
Caseville

Christmas begins when your hometown adorns itself with brightly colored decorations.

It begins when early-bird shoppers swamp the stores and malls attending to their organized shopping.

It begins when loving parents remind their children to be nice, not naughty for Santa Claus.

It begins when families make plans to meet and share news, gifts and their happiness.

Preparations are made, gifts are purchased and stockings are hung.

A fresh-smelling pine tree is purchased to be adorned with the families' age-old decorations.

Those last minute gifts are shopped for and the crinkle of wrapping paper is heard as presents are covered.

Finally, that special day arrives — gifts are shared by all. A great feast is served, and the whole family overindulges. When the day ends, a peaceful feeling comes over all. Relatives leave to return home and arrangements are made for next year.

Families relax, sit back and feel the let-down that the end of Christmas always brings.

Music of the Christmas Yuletide
Elves making Santa's toys

Ice skating with friends
Snow making everything white and bright

Christmas Blues

By MELODY BLACKMER, age 16
Caseville

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MORE "MEMORIES" ON PAGE 24

Christmas Memory

By LORIE FORMAN, age 17
Caseville

The best thing I can remember about Christmas was having Grandpa Forman with us. One Christmas Eve when Santa Claus walked into our house, my Grandpa's eyes were as big as baseballs. I thought he was going to fall out of the chair.

Our Grandpa would come into the living room Christmas morning with his arms open wide for a big Christmas hug.

I especially remember when Grandpa would sit next to me when he was opening his presents: the smile on his face and the gleam in his eyes when he saw the plaid flannel shirts. There was always a chuckle and a little thank you.

Although Grandpa is no longer with us, his memory always makes Christmas even more special.

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Producing drifts of snow
That all around festoon the ground
And set the trees aglow;
And yet this sight in dazzling white
With silence of the deep
Will let you know, before things grow
The earth must go to sleep.
By any name, the faith you claim
Will show you how we're blessed
With God's great love: the beauty of
Our winter world at rest.

The Night is mother
of the Day,
The Winter of
the Spring
— John Greenleaf Whittier

"He saith to the snow,
be thou on the earth"
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—Gloria Nowak

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And for long centuries since, the eyes of believers have turned back to this sacred day when the Son of God came down from heaven to be our human Brother.

Christmas is the day to which we, too, have been looking forward with eager and expectant hearts.

Let us REJOICE and be GLAD in it!
Let our hearts be filled with joy over the angelic message: "Unto YOU is born this day, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."

Let our hearts be attuned to the angel chorus: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Amid all the distractions of the day may we not forget that Christmas is a day for reverent worship at church and at home - worship of the Babe in the manger, the incarnate Son of God, our Savior and our King.

May our hearts reach the unbounded joy of the hymn writer, who climaxes his beloved Christmas hymn, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," with the triumphant doxology:

"Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given! While angels sing with pious mirth, A glad new year to all the earth!" Amen.

present for the business meeting of the Caseville Retirement Club at the American Legion Hall last week.

President Frank Janes asked all to rise and greet their neighbors at the tables and then led the group in the Lord's Prayer before lunch. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Janes after lunch, then he opened the meeting with thanks to Mary Ellen Janes and Jean Sieland for the "early bird" goodies.

Jeannie Owens gave the secretary's report, followed by Virginia Kreig. The reports were approved and officers thanked by the members.

In the absence of Chairman Tony Zacheretti, the Advisory Board Report was given by Andy Lakatos, stating the response for the cash donations for the Community Christmas baskets was great and all members were thanked.

The Christmas Potluck-Dance is set for Dec. 17 with the club furnishing roast beef. Everyone is asked to bring one can or box of food for the Food Pantry next week for a big response, as there will be no meetings Dec. 24 or Dec. 31, due to the holidays.

Birthdays celebrated include Fred Liston, Hazel Simmons, Katie Ross, Wilford Zamie, Charles Brevard, June Poisson, Carol Yost and Martha Weremiruk.

It was reported that Louella Colangelo is now at Provincial House, Cass City and Chuck Holtz is at his daughter's home, following a heart attack.

Honored by the President were Tony Zacheretti and Andy Lakatos, for taking care of the reports for the newspapers, in the absence of Mildred Beadle's ability to do so for the next several weeks.

Chuck and Betty Pudney then played the fourth mystery tune and stated next week will be the fifth next week will be the fifth and final song in the "Name that Tune" contest, ending at the Christmas Party next week. They then led the group in singing Christmas songs, which were enjoyed by all.

UM women meet

ELKTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Leaders for the December meeting of the United Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall on Monday

'tis the season to be prayerful...

Interfaith group hosts Sharing Time

were Mrs. Don Damrow and Mrs. John Ginter.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Mark Karls of Pigeon, wife of the Salem United Methodist Church pastor. Her message was entitled "A Disciple's Diet," taken from Hebrew 5:11-14.

Vocal selections were presented by Mrs. Damrow with Mrs. Ginter offering meditations. Each member was presented with a bookmark with the caption, "Happiness is the Lord," with members singing the song, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard Seley.

A social hour followed in charge of Mrs. Dennis Weidman and Mrs. Douglas Krohn.

Christian Interfaith Fellowship will have a Sharing Time for its Thursday, Dec. 19 meeting, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Sharing Time gives people an opportunity to share scripture, testimony, praise report or a song. Each person is asked to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share.

Meeting place is the home of Willet and Sylvia Oeschger, 3825 Caro Road, Sebewaing. Free babysitting is available by calling Lori Joles at 883-2076.

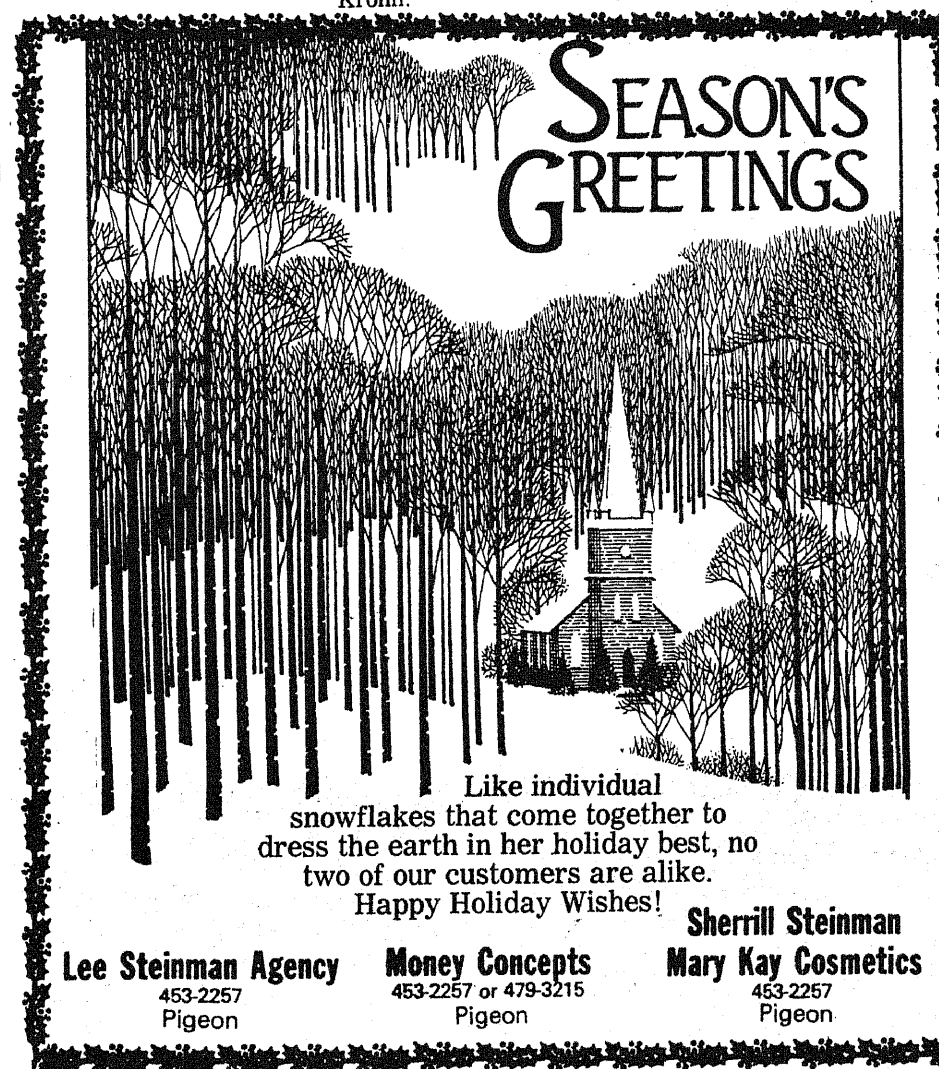
Cantata Sunday at Salem UM

The Senior Choir at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon, will present the Christmas Cantata, "No Greater Love," this Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The morning service will begin one-half hour earlier than usual for this special celebration of Christmas.

The annual children's program and candlelight service is planned Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m.

The public is welcomed to attend, says Pastor Mark A. Karls.



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'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES' by young and old...

A Special Christmas

By MARY MAARSEN-KEIM
The Netherlands
20-45 group

"Your flight number PA 562 will be leaving from Gate 12. Everyone leaving with flight number PA 562 please go to Gate 12."

After having lived for many years in Holland, I wanted to spend one Christmas at home in America. I wanted our three children to see and experience how Christmas was celebrated in America and with my family. The children were eagerly looking forward to going to America in the winter time. This would be the first time that we'd go in the winter. I had told my children many stories about all the snow we used to have and maybe some of the stories were stretched a little. That happens sometimes when a person looks back into the past.

It was exciting making our plans. We bought our plane tickets and we had lots of fun buying Christmas presents for everyone and it seemed like the day would never come that we could fly to Grandpa's house for Christmas.

Then one day about two weeks before we were going to leave, the telephone rang very early in the morning. It was a call from my sister telling me that Grandpa was terribly, terribly sick and in fact, he was so sick that I might not be coming home for a Christmas dinner but for a funeral instead. Grandpa was being transferred from the hospital in Pigeon to the University Hospital in Ann Arbor where my sister worked. She promised to keep in touch with me.

What an unexpected change this was. Grandpa was never sick in his life and now he was practically at death's door and we were on the other side of the ocean. All kinds of thoughts ran through my head after that telephone call and I wasn't sure what to do. I could go home all by myself right away but I couldn't think of how I'd tell the children. Well, children are quite surprising sometimes. I told the children that Grandpa was so sick that he just might not even be able to celebrate Christmas. All three of them started to cry. They felt so sorry for Grandpa. All three of them said they wanted to see him and talk to him. Maybe it would help him to get better. I told the children that maybe Grandpa was too sick to even see them. They couldn't imagine that Grandpa would be so sick that he couldn't see them. Grandpa is so special to them and they are special to Grandpa.

Maybe it wasn't a wise decision in some ways, but we all do things that are unwise sometimes. I decided we were all still going to go home to America and we were going to go straight to Grandpa. I managed to get our plane tickets changed and the school where the children went gave complete cooperation and earlier than we had planned, we left for America. Maybe we'd celebrate Christmas, maybe we wouldn't, but we were going to see Grandpa. That was the most important!

We arrived without any problems in Detroit where my sister was waiting for us. She took us straight away to Grandpa. We came after visiting hours and children weren't really allowed to be on the floor. Grandpa had taken a change for the better and the crisis was past. My sister called the floor to where Grandpa was and told the nurse we had arrived. Grandpa was brought to the lobby with his IV and he was in a wheelchair. Grandpa looked like Santa Claus. He was so glad to see the children and they were so happy that Grandpa was not so sick anymore that he couldn't talk to him.

The children stayed one more day in Ann Arbor and we were all allowed to be with Grandpa outside of the normal visiting hours. Grandpa started to get better so quickly that the doctors said if they didn't find out what had been wrong with him, that he'd be long gone out of the hospital. The two oldest children went home with my brother and I stayed in Ann Arbor with the youngest child. Everyday for a week we spent the whole afternoon and evening with Grandpa. The halls of the hospital were decorated with holly. There was a Christmas tree at the end of each floor. There was soft Christmas music everywhere.

Finally the day came when Grandpa could be released from the hospital and three days before Christmas my brother came to get Grandpa and we all went home to Grandpa's house. The whole family came home from various places and for one whole week our family was together to celebrate Christmas.

It was cold outside and there was lots of snow just like I had told my kids (wasn't I lucky?). Those kids played in the snow, rolled in it and just loved it. We put up a Christmas tree in the house and some of the children made things to put on the tree. We all got colds and when one of us would sneeze another one would catch the bug.

But the most important thing of all was that Grandpa was home for Christmas. It made him so happy that we were all at home and all the noise we made only made him get better faster.

My children spent at Christmas at home in America that time. It could have turned out in a completely different way but it didn't and we have many happy memories of that Christmas in America.

Bay Port Santa letters

DEAR SANTA,
How are your reindeer? How are you? Send me a picture of you. I hope Rudolph leads your reindeer. I want Transformers for Christmas and Optimas Prime. Thank you Santa!
RYAN DEMING

DEAR SANTA,
How have you and Mrs. Claus been? How has Rudolph been? I have been good. I want a water bed, a Hugga-bunch, a purse, a get-to-blasta, a tape recorder, a picture of you and Mrs. Claus, a picture of all your reindeer. Thank you Santa!
CASSANDRA FLORES

DEAR SANTA,
How are your Reindeer? I have been good. Nicole is my best friend in the class. I would like Simon, a real Baby, a toy kitting and a camera. Thank you Santa!
TAMI BIERI

DEAR SANTA,
How are your Reindeer? How are you? Send me your picture and Rudolph's. I want Shockwave, Megatron, a big teddy and a big stuffed snake. I have been a very good boy.
LOVE,
ZACK DEMING

Christmas in a Different Way

By KELLY CILC, age 16
Caseville

Why does Christmas have to be different? I remember when I was a little girl my Grandma would always come to our house for Christmas. She would grab a hold of me and squeeze me until I turned green.

I remember my last Christmas with Grandma. I gave her a present, and tears filled her eyes. It was a little paper flower and a card I had made which told how much I loved her.

It wasn't much, but it made her happy. I'll never forget the look on her face. Christmas just won't be the same without Grandma.

'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES' shared by young and old

Best Christmas Ever

By LUCY COULTER, Elkton
20-45 group

The best Christmas I ever had was last year. It was the best, because the best gift I ever received was the one I gave. Let me explain what I mean by that.

Three years ago this coming Christmas, the children at the church I attended were looking forward to Christmas, but the only thing they had on their minds were Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. They had completely forgotten the fact that the Christ child was born on the day we celebrate. It was really disheartening to the pastor, his wife and all the really devoted Christians at the church.

That same year, my folks, in gratitude for everything the pastor had done for me, donated to the church an artificial Christmas tree. The kids wanted the pastor to put it up but after a meeting with all the adults, it was decided that Christmas was becoming too commercialized so we didn't put the tree up and we voted to put Christ back into Christmas with a puppet show, music and testimonies with the theme of "Decommercializing Christmas."

The pastor made the announcement the following Sunday and he also said that all discussion about Santa Claus and other non-Christian ideals will be restricted to outside the church. The kids got upset and their parents also got upset and started to talk badly about the pastor. That year, Christmas was looking bleak and I wanted to do something to brighten it, so after a lot of prayer, the Lord put a poem into my heart and within an hour I had written it down.



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The next day I let the pastor's wife read it and she began to feel a lot better, and she had me read it during the Christmas program. When I finished reading it, the kids began talking about Baby Jesus instead of Santa.

That same year my Grandma Address became a born-again Christian and so I sent her a copy of the poem called, "Let's Put Christ Back in Christmas." She loved it so much that she kept it and sent a copy to my Aunt Cathy, who led her to the Lord.

Last year I received a Christmas card from Aunt Cathy and she shared with me about how her church was being infiltrated by Santa Claus and Rudolph. She found my poem and she read it in her church's Christmas program also. She told me that a lot of her fellow Christians were really touched by it.

So you see, the best present I ever received was one that I had given because it was given to me by God. And I will always praise Him for that and one last thing, reading the poem has become a tradition of mine. I make it a point to read it during the Christmas season because it was truly a gift from God.

"Let's Put Christ Back in Christmas"

Christmas is coming up again this year,
It's supposed to be a time of cheer,
But lately everywhere I go,
All I see is anger and sorrow.

Stores and homes are adorned with holly,
And the kids look for that man who is jolly,
Some use Christmas as a reason,
To turn this time into a "Gimmie" season.

Some people are worried from night to morn,
And there are others who feel forlorn,
"Times are hard," I hear them say,
And kids think that Santa's gone away.

They cry and look under that tree,
For all the presents, there that should be,
But you know what I see
Through the glitter and glow,
A dark, lowly little barn of centuries ago.

Where a little newborn baby lay,
On his bed of wood and hay,
And Mary with Joseph who lifts their voice,
For a special son in whom we all rejoice.

The shepherds and the animals they all knew,
What this child someday would grow into,
And the wisemen with their gifts and love,
Knew that Baby Jesus was sent from above.

The Bird of Christmas shouldn't be
A partridge, but a dove,
Because it is a symbol of purity and love,
Christmas should be a time to "give" happily,
Of yourself to all of God's family.

So the next time you feel nothing but woe,
Think about that Child of long ago,
And when you start to fret and fuss,
Think, "Let's Put Christ Back in Christmas."

My Favorite Christmas

By PAT OUSLEY, Caseville

My favorite Christmas to remember was in 1969, the year I got married.

I was the first Christmas for us. My father said, "Since you have your own home now, we don't need to put a Christmas tree up this year!" I didn't say too much because I was looking forward to having everyone to OUR new house. But it really did bother me, it just wouldn't be the same "going home" and not having a tree! Even though I tried to talk him into it, I resigned myself to the fact there would be no tree.

A couple of days before Christmas, we went "home" for a visit. I walked through the living room straight to my "old room." When I came through, I still didn't see the "tree." Everyone was smiling very oddly at me. Again I went through the living room, but this time I saw it! My father DID put up a tree and just for me!! I began to cry, I was so surprised and happy. Everyone laughed and even shed a few tears right along with me!

This was when I began to realize my father was a real "softie" though he wanted everyone to think he was "tough."

This was and always will be my most memorable Christmas of all. Especially when I know this year we won't have him around to act like a "Scrooge." Because my father (H. Cliff Baker) passed away very suddenly last Jan. 20, 1985.

I will miss him dearly every day of my life. He was a very special person in my life, but at least I have my favorite memories of holidays past...

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News that counts from HURON COUNTY



from County Register of Deeds **Frances Holdwick**

WARRANTY DEEDS
Week of December 4-11

Ernst Schukraft M.D. P.C. to Ernst Schukraft and Betty L., a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp. John Leonard and Margaret to Bert Scheeres and Lois J., a parcel of land located in Huron Twp. Earl B. Roggenbuck and Brenda L. to Mark A. Tice and Brenda A., a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Bloomfield Twp. Lloyd Wolfe and Ruth to Daniel Baranski and Angeline G., a parcel of land located in Section 31 of Oliver Twp. Fay M. Jeffery to Raymond F. Riddieberger and Donna, a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Sebewaing. Mona Fairbanks and Sue to Raymond E. Riddieberger and Donna, a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Sebewaing. Dorothy Harren to Ronald S. Sieman and Clarice L., a parcel of land located in Section 17 of Sand Beach. Percy J. Nugent and Yvonne to Donnie H. Nugent, a parcel of land located in Verona Twp. Marjorie Builders to Lawrence M. Polaski, a parcel of land located in Sections 23 and 24 of Port Austin Twp. Margaret Ender to Ronald Glotshober

and Bethany E., a parcel of land located in the Village of Fort Hope. Florence G. Ruth to Kenneth J. Ruth, Delbert F. Ruth, William M. Ruth and Clarence M. Ruth Jr., a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp. Jack O. Lea and Joyce L. to Stephan C. Langford and Helen M., a parcel of land located in the Village of Sebewaing. Howard Goreski and Marie to Leonard J. Yaroch, a parcel of land located in Section 18 of Dwight Twp. Nancy J. Rochelieu Whaley to Dick L. Papkey and Brenda V., a parcel of land located in the Village of Owendale. Steven J. Clink, Thomas Grills, Carl Campbell and Catherine Campbell to David A. Arndt and Carolyn A., a parcel of land located in Sherman Twp. Edwin Harris and Barbara G. to Fred J. Ufford and Mary Jo, a parcel of land located in Section 24 of Casaville. Fishers Big Wheel, Inc. to Big Wheel of Michigan Inc., a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.

Clair O. Kramer & Patricia A. Teeple Kenneth W. Walker & Wendy S. McDonald William C. Carr & Deborah J. Bonnette Harold S. Hellig & Charlotte A. Brown Joseph N. DesJardin & Sadie Lyn Fisher

JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE

Helen M. Kopack vs John A. Kopack Mary Helen Willitt vs Darvin Bernard Willitt

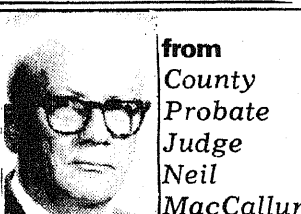
ASSUMED NAMES
Week of December 9

NO. 4093 KORNETTI'S KITCHEN, 42 W. Spring, Port Austin, MI 48467. By: Ronald Kornetti, Phyllis Kornetti, 44 W. Spring, Port Austin, MI 48467. Filed 12/6/85
NO. 4094 MIDWEST HEALTH CARE SERVICES, 15800 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48235. By: Samuel Ajji, President, 19540 Afton, Detroit, MI 48203. Filed: 12/9/85.



from Huron County Clerk **Helen Lemanski**

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Week of December 9



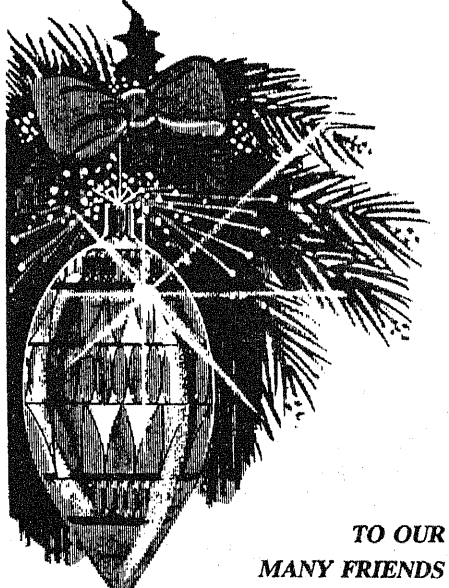
from County Probate Judge **Neil MacCallum**

PROBATE COURT
Week of 12-5 - 12-11

Estate of Richard Eastick, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,474 - Supervised Trusteeship, Order of Adjudgment filed.
Estate of Thelma Nancy Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,036 - Supervised Probate, Inventory filed.
Estate of Cora B. Schneider, Deceased, of Elkton - File 25,593 - Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.
Estate of Rita Ann Maurer, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,396 - Supervised Probate, Receipt of Distributive Share filed.
Estate of Clara M. Richmond, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,815 - Independent Probate, Inventory filed.
Estate of Carmel Florence Johnston, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,930 - Supervised Probate, 2 Receipts of Distributive Shares filed, Order of Discharge filed.
Estate of Carrie E. Feagan, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,604 - Independent Probate, Order filed.
Estate of Thaddeus Joseph Saweryniak, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,470 - Supervised Probate, Third Annual Account of Personal Representative filed, Summer of Services filed.
Estate of Violet M. Summerville, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,964, Will filed.
Estate of Thuman J. Clancy, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 27,25,622 - Supervised Probate, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.
Estate of Myron C. Gunsell, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,534 - Supervised Probate, 2 Waivers and Consents filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of George Pritch, Sr., Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,457 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Carl T. Combs, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,584 - Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.
Estate of Lewis Eastick, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,981 - Supervised Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Publication and Notice of Hearing filed, Petition for Appointment of Guardian ad litem filed, Order Appointing Guardian ad litem filed, Appearance filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Barbara Braun, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,883 - Supervised Probate, Inventory filed, Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.
Estate of John Stanley Prange, Deceased, of Kinde - File 27,935 - Independent Probate, Claims Notice filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Publication and Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of John H. Salke, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,937 - Supervised Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Publication and Notice of Hearing filed.
Estate of Catherine Smith, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 25,280 - Supervised Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of John Theodore Iseler, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 27,665 - Supervised Probate, 5 Affidavits in Support of Petition for Exemption from Michigan Inheritance Tax Pursuant to M.C.L.A. 205.202(i) filed, Waiver and Consent filed.
Estate of Otto Woelke, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 26,984 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Viola C. Leslie, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,101 - Independent Probate, Inheritance Tax Receipt filed.
Estate of Elizabeth C. Harr, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 27,745 - Supervised Probate, Final Account of Personal Representative filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Etta Mae Empson, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,099 - Supervised Probate, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Affidavit filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Publication Notice filed.
Estate of Chester C. Habert, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,257 - Supervised Probate, Order for Partial Distribution filed, Order Allowing Account filed.
Estate of Otto Gettel, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,352 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Louis A. Oantowski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 26,730 - In-

Season's Greetings

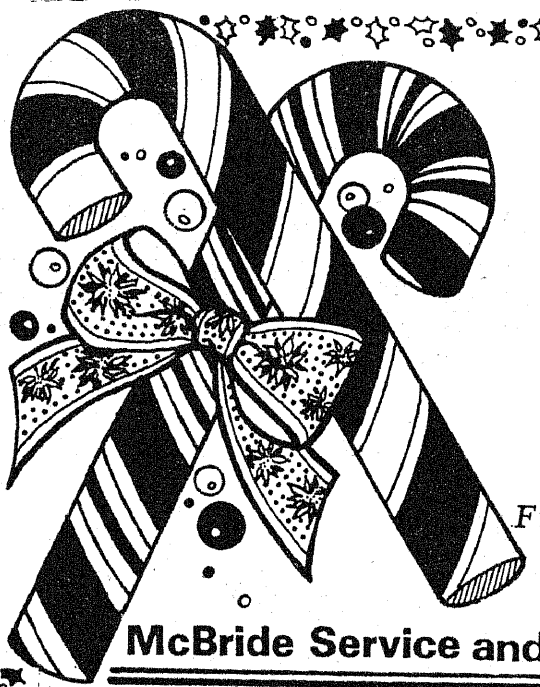


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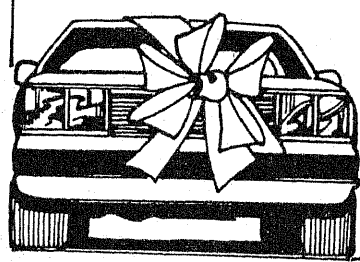
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Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad between Bad Axe and Crosswell.
 "This isn't just a branch line to us," Marino said. "It's our main line. Everything I own is committed here. We are going to have a different incentive to make it work," he told reporters.
 Interstate Commerce Commission approval of the sale is being sought, and the new company could begin service by mid-March. Huron & Eastern plans to lease 50 covered hopper cars for grain shipments, and plans to buy two or three locomotives. Marino previously served as president of state-subsidized railroads in Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties.
 General Manager Jack Emerick will manage the line from an office in Bad Axe, and about 12 people will be hired.

POLICE BLOTTER NEWS
 *Howard Stoller, 21 of Sebawaing, was treated at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, after his southbound auto left Sebawaing Road near Gettel Road about 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. His car entered the ditch and rolled over at least once, landing right-side up. No damage estimate is available.
 *Pamela Gunden, 30 of Bay Port, was treated at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, after her northbound auto went out of control on Caseville Road near Geiger Road about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 8. The car entered the wet ditch and stopped in a plowed field, according to Huron County Sheriff's Deputies.
 *About \$100 in damage was reported early Dec. 8 at the Farmer's Daughter, Oak Beach, in an attempted break-in. A pry tool was used but entry was not gained, deputies say.
 *A rifle valued at \$670 was reported stolen from the house of Ray Krohn, Elkton, last Tuesday. He told deputies the weapon was missing from his N. Moore Road house between Nov. 3 and Nov. 10.
 *Gary Rockefeller, 42 of Gagetown, underwent surgery last Wednesday at Cass City's Hills and Dales Hospital after his left leg was caught in a manure spreader shaft hitched to his tractor. The accident occurred about noon last Wednesday at his Huron Line Road farm.
 *Michael Goslin, 34 of Unionville, was injured about 10:30 a.m. last Wednesday when his auto entered the south ditch on Stein Road near Pobanz Road, southwest of Pigeon. He told Huron County Sheriff's Deputies he fell asleep at the wheel. He was stabilized at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, and transferred to Bay Medical Center, Bay City, for surgery following facial injuries and a fractured jaw.

COURT PROCEEDINGS
 *Dennis Pawloski, 28 of Bad Axe, was found guilty of assault and battery in a jury trial in the courtroom of Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock last week. He had been charged following a June 9 incident involving his child at a Sebawaing area campground investigated by Michigan State Police from the Bad Axe Post. He had originally been charged with cruelty to children, but was found guilty of the lesser charge by the jury. Sentencing is set for Jan. 10.
 *Frank F. Konke, 17 of Caseville, faces a jury trial March 10 on charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer, also in Huron County Circuit Court. This follows an Oct. 31 incident involving Caseville Police Chief Jack Jensen.
 *Danny Wideman, 30 of Bay Port, pled guilty to attempting to obtain drugs by false prescription, in a recent decision before Huron County District Court Judge John Schubel. He was ordered to pay \$200 fines and costs and directed to attend a drug rehabilitation program, following an October incident at a Pigeon pharmacy.
 *Richard Bloye, 49 of Bay Port, pled guilty to malicious destruction of property less than \$100 plus trespassing before Judge Schubel; ordered to serve 15 days in the Huron County Jail and ordered to make restitution, following a Dec. 9 incident in Bay Port. Fair Haven Township Police investigated.

Club news
TIP OF THUMB VFW POST LADIES AUX.
 The regular meeting of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 2236 met Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Pigeon with 22 members present.
 Phyllis Vollmer called the meeting to order, with the meeting open according to the Ritual.
 Five Auxiliary members of Post 2236 attended the 10th District Meeting at Imlay City on Dec. 8.
 Two new outside American Flags were donated to Scheurer Hospital. On Tuesday Huron County Sheriff Sgt. Brent Woodward and auxiliary member fingerprinted the Kindergarten class at Bay Port and Pigeon Elementary Centers. "Identify Your Child" program chairman Verne Theede reported on the project.
 Eleanor Trost reported that the Voice of Democracy Program winners have been announced and the program is complete.
 A thank-you letter was read from the Pigeon Community Food Pantry for the donation. President Vollmer reminded members that 1986 dues are now due and tickets for the New Years' Eve party are available.
 Jackpot winner was Erma Rounds. The next meeting will be Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. A social hour followed the meeting, with refreshments, games, a gift exchange and potluck lunch. Margaret Nieschulz and Eleanor Dubs were hostesses.

Does anyone know where I can sign the petition that is being circulated to put the Legislature on parttime? If so, please respond to SOUND-OFF.
 To the speed racers leaving Laker High School each day: you are endangering innocent people with your lack of attention to cars on the highway and your excess speed. Unmarked police cars should be there to watch and ticket the

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.

many offenders. Slow down, kids, so you can at least grow up.
 *
 Regarding the decorations in Pigeon, I don't have complaints. I just wish there were more of them.
 *
 Recent SOUND-OFFs on the Laker Bazaar need clarification for those not really involved with the bazaar. It was explained to the non-profit groups when they reserved a table that the reason for the date change was the availability of the gym for setting up on Friday evening. This year that happened to be a basketball game then. Other years, it was available.
 *
 The committee does not check with other bazaars as to their schedule. The dedicated NON-PROFIT groups were satisfied with this year's success at the bazaar. There will always be competitive events, regardless of the dates.
 *
 We are very grateful for the

use of the Laker facilities and the fine spirit of cooperation and community interest our bazaars always generate. Thank you, Laker Community Christmas Bazaar Committee.
 *
 Regarding the lights at the west end of town, I'm not wild about the way they're decorated uptown, either...
 *
 We'd like to say congratulations to J.K. of Elkton, who placed number one in solo and ensemble. From your friends in Elkton!
 *
 Thanks, Pigeon Chat and Chew Extension Group, for the lovely box of goodies. God bless you all and a very blessed Christmas. Love, Mabel.
 *
 Who'd want to run for village office anyway? Not me. Nobody cares and nobody alone can change anything anyway. That's how it is.
 *
 This is to the fool who com-

mented they didn't like the lights on the spruce trees west of Pigeon. If they don't meet your expectations, maybe you should do something about it. Yes, fool, do something.
 Like maybe volunteer your time and decorate the trees to your expectations. You could also join a local club and be a chairman for a project to decorate the trees. If you expect more lights, no problem; chair a fund-raiser and purchase more lights.
 But whatever you do, don't just sit there and call into you-know-what and hope no one recognizes your comments. Go ahead, get out there and do something - and leave your name in this community. Personally, with what is available, I think the village crew did a great JOB! Merry Christmas, Pigeon. Signed, Norm Nelson

I disagree about road conditions here. I drive through four other counties nearly every day and generally find Huron County's are some of the best kept, and earliest cleaned, too. If you don't believe me, try driving in Tuscola and elsewhere on a heavy snow day. You'll notice how good Huron crews do as soon as you hit the county line.

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Pigeon locals

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buerker were Mr. and Mrs. Don Greyer-biehl of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schneider and family of Davisburg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schuette had as guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crump and boys, Chris Bressler of Hemlock, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette and boys of Cass City.
 On Thursday Mrs. Elmer Schuette, sons John and James visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taschner in Sebawaing on Friday as Suzanne Schuette returned home for her Christmas break from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zeck of Seattle, Wash. were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Otto. On Sunday, they along with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Auernhammer were godparents for Tracey Lee Otto, who received Holy Baptism as Cross Lutheran Church by Pastor Raymond Orth.
 The Townliners Extension group held its annual Christmas dinner and party for their husbands at Shenanigans in Bad Axe, with 22 present.
 Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sturm were given a surprise 40th wedding anniversary dinner Friday by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sturm and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sturm and family and Jean Sturm at Sherwood on the Hill, Gagetown.
 Mrs. Sally Craig of Richmond was a Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robinson.
 Enjoying the magical Christmas in the Midland arena at the Midland Figure Skating Show were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schnitker of Sebawaing and Mr. and Mrs. John Diener, watching the Diener's granddaughter Jodi Lewis and two other skaters skate to the Chipmunk Song, dressed in appropriate costume. Santa Claus was also there, played by the Dieners' son-in-law, John Lewis.
 Mrs. Tom Miller of Southfield visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Spence and

called Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rathje attended the Farm Bureau convention at Grand Rapids, Monday through Friday. Their daughters, stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje.
 On Friday Mrs. Elsie Kern visited relatives around the Reese area.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kern, Kent and Karl, Richard Welchner and Mrs. Elsie Kern on Saturday attended the Boar Head Festival of Concordia College at the Holy Trinity Chapel. Kim Kern, a student at Concordia College, is a member of the cast.
 Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were among guests at the fourth birthday party for Eric Heintz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Heintz in Caseville on Sunday.

Local club notes
PIGEON LIONS CLUB
 One-hundred Lions, ladies and guests met at Uby Heights Country Club for the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 President Wayne Anderson presented the Pigeon Lions Cooks Gladys Schuette, Wilma Kovach, Irene Voss and Karen Baur. He also introduced guests Mr. and Mrs. Pat King, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje, Dr. and Mrs. Duane Schulze, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Liska, Kathy Kretzschmer and Ralph Kain's daughter Jean.
 A super tail-twisting job was done by Lion Al Abbott, assisted by Todd Bigger and Larry Moss. They also conducted a raffle and passed out gifts.
 Three senior Lions were present, including Past Governor Roy Lawrence, Leo Luedtke and Carl Dast. President Anderson thanked Lion Robert Fluegge for making Christmas Party arrangements.

Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis were Mrs. Larry Kretzschmer of Davison, Mrs. Tom Budae and daughter Amanda of Mt. Morris and Mrs. Richard Jarvis of Frankenmuth.
 Mrs. Losetta Radabaugh and Mrs. Mabel Clark attended a Pre-Christmas Dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buchholz and family while their son, Sp.4 Brian Witherspoon was home. His address is: Sp.4 Brian Witherspoon, 375-70-9439-A. Company, Fourth Specialist Batln., Fort Riley, Kans. 66442-5015. Witherspoon will be stationed in Germany for a few months.
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Dast, Dennis of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Dast and family of Bay City were in Flint Sunday to help celebrate the first birthday of Megan Von-Daggenhausen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lothar Von-Daggenhausen.
 Mrs. Dorothy Young attended a Hair Show sponsored by Kerns on hair-cutting with clippers at Wildwood Farms last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kreuger of Saginaw were recent dinner guests of her sister, Mrs. Viola Schuette.
 Kristi and Megan of Owendale were last weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelmer Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elftman were callers at their home.
 On Sunday Mrs. Florence Quick, Mrs. Ella Ziel, Mrs. Elsie Kern, Mrs. Margaret Dubey and Mrs. Amanda Strauch visited with Mrs. Bertha Janke in Sebawaing.

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HO-HO-HO-HO
FROM BAY PORT

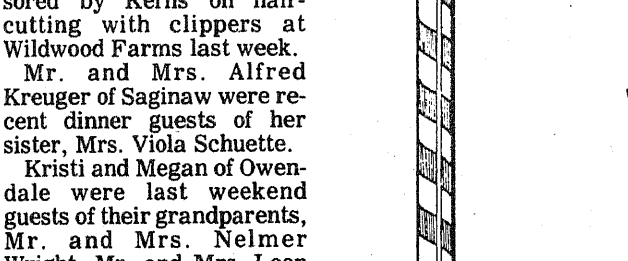
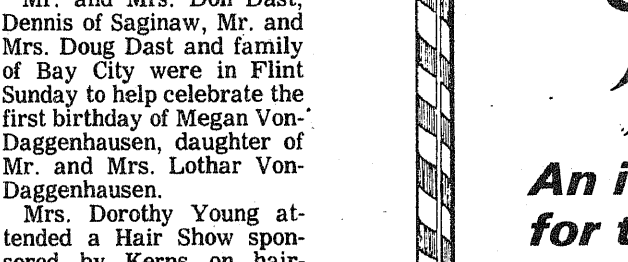
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 DONNY HYDORN

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The Prospective Lake Huron Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. held their annual practice and Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Marian Rathje.
 Mrs. Jan (Mary) Marrsen of Allmsr, Netherlands, is spending two weeks with her father, George Keim and other relatives.
 Mrs. Mary Ropp recently had a weekend guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lotis Miller in Fairview.
 Mrs. Ellen Cepak of Bay City and granddaughter Mrs. Frank Lewandowski and great-granddaughter Meredith of Munger visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Cletus Cregeur on Sunday.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER
Parochial school athletics
 by HARRY BRUNET
LAKER SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Two weeks ago in The Progress-Advance under Mark's column, "All the News That Fits We Print," mention was made of the imbalance that exists between the metropolitan parochial high schools and public schools. My column is going to elaborate on this particular topic.

High schools in our state are divided into four separate classes — A, B, C and D, with the largest being the A's and moving downward in the alphabet. We have little argument with the Class "A" schools or the Class "B" schools in competing with the metropolitan parochial Class "A" or "B." These schools have large talent pools and should be able to hold their own in athletics. The difference in talent is so evident with the smaller Class "C" and "D" parochials.

A few years back, North Huron had an excellent small town Class "D" basketball team. The players had been together since grade school. It was one of those teams that the North Huron people would talk about for years to come. Unfortunately, they had to play a Class "D" power out of the Detroit parochial league and their dream of becoming state champions was shattered.

We make mention of the composition of the North Huron basketball team being together for several years. Such is not the case with the metropolitan parochial schools. They have no boundaries, giving them a large population and area to draw their athletic talent. A more recent illustration came with Class "C" and "D" state championship football playoffs. The Class "D" finalists were Battle Creek St. Phillips and Bessemer from the Upper Peninsula. I would imagine that every able-bodied boy attending Bessemer High School was on that football team. On the other hand, Battle Creek St. Phillips has a talent pool encompassing the metropolitan Battle Creek area and points beyond. The same illustration can be followed with St. Ignace from the Upper Peninsula and Lansing Catholic Central.

Parochial schools were not always placed in this category. At one time their schools were part of the parish and followed the parish boundaries. As the cost of education increased, the small parish high schools would have to close and consolidate with another. An example, in Saginaw we had St. Joseph, St. Stevens, St. Mary, St. Peter and Paul and St. Andrews. Today, there is one central high school.

For argument sake, one could say, look at the large consolidation at Laker. Granted, we have a large geographical area to draw from, but in population we have 1400 students in grades K-12.

If you confront the Michigan High School Athletic Association, they will say we have no problems. They base this on stricter transferring rules between the public school and the parochial school. What the parochial schools are doing now is actually scouting youngsters at the junior high level, getting them to enroll as ninth graders. A typical illustration came with the seven-foot-plus twin brothers who entered Birmingham Brother Rice a year ago.

It would be unjust if we did not condemn our public schools for recruiting violations. A year ago when the Saginaw St. Mary's basketball coach was hired to coach at Buena Vista, his all-state player went along with him. A few years back an all-state quarterback showed up at Grand Blanc after playing the three previous years in Swartz Creek. These types of transfers are not the question. The question we are raising is the talent draw for the Class "C" and "D" school. Currently our high school principal, Jim Ballard, is working on a committee that is investigating this particular problem. It is doubtful that anything will come from this committee's action, but there is an awareness of the numbers the metropolitan area has to draw from.

We are not writing with an attitude of sour grapes toward the parochial schools. In fact, our Laker teams have done extremely well in previous years. The '79 basketball team defeated in order no. 1 ranked St. Peter and Paul, no. 1 ranked Redford St. Mary's and no. 3 ranked Lansing Catholic Central in their quest for a state championship in basketball. In the football playoffs, we defeated Kalamazoo Hackett very handily in 1981. St. Martin de Porres is perhaps a thorn in our side. As stated, it is doubtful that there will ever be any type of separate tournament. Under our present alignment the smaller rural schools have little chance for success.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Sebewaing Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties will hold its annual meeting at the Home Office, located at 24 East Main Street, Sebewaing, Michigan, on Thursday, January 2nd, 1986 at 1:30 p.m.

Business will include the following: (1) Election of two (2) Directors, (2) Reading of annual reports and (3) Transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Clemens Irlon
 Secretary

BOWLING

ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE
 Dec. 2

This 'n' That	52
Bud Light	50
Elkton Petroleum	49
Thumme Insurance	45
Don's Barber Shop	42
Ackerman Farms	36
High team scores: Thumme Insurance 2472 (912), High individual scores: D. Weiss 568 (243).	
Other 200 games: S. Hurlburt 232, D. Deming 203, B. Garrick 201, B. Zeilner 200, L. Deenen 203, K. Thumme 202, W. Forster 201.	
Other 500 series: B. Zeilner 546, L. Deenen 535, S. Hurlburt 530, K. Schember 515, K. Thumme 502, B. Garrick 545, J. Bernhardt 544, D. Deming 521, T. Willis 513.	
Splits: 2-7 7-8 R. Diebel; 2-10 G. Willoughby; 5-10 J. Jaworski.	

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES LEAGUE
 Dec. 9

This 'n' That	54
Bud Light	52
Elkton Petroleum	51
Thumme Insurance	50
Don's Barber Shop	47
Ackerman Farms	41
High team scores: Don's Barber Shop 2565 (926), High individual scores: R. Diebel 589 (227).	
Other 200 games: T. Willis 211-209, K. Thumme 209, E. Ropp 202, J. Jaworski 200.	
Other 500 series: K. Thumme 577, T. Willis 560, B. Zeilner 531, B. Pawlowski 525, E. Ropp 514, J. Bernhardt 511, L. Deenen 511, J. Jaworski 507, S. Hurlburt 504.	

TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Kretzschmer HC	4
Steinman Agency	3
Pigeon Lumber	3
Ralph's Tavern	3
Dutch Kettle	3
Pigeon Inn	3
Carling	1
Arlen's Duck Inn	1
Osentoski Ford Tractor	1
Active Feed	1
Bob Smith Builders	1
Pioneer Cablevision	0
High team scores: Dutch Kettle 2511 (861), Arlen's Duck Inn 863, Ralph's Tavern 859.	
High individual scores: L. Roestel 575 (201), B. Pawlucik 544, R. Elbing 202, R. Niebel 202, H. Schuette 201.	

MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Damm's	32
Pigeon Motor Sales	29
Bay Shore Collision	28
Carling	27 1/2
Pigeon Lanes	27

PIGEON WOMANS' AFTERNOON LEAGUE

Pigeon IGA	28
Grigg Greenhouse	27 1/2
Basinger Poultry Farm	26 1/2
Schember Poultry Farm	24
Sohigro	23 1/2
Diener HFF	23 1/2
Pigeon Lanes	22
Beachy Eggs	21
Moss Builders	19
Town & Country	18
LaFave Steel	18
Shoreline Snowplowing	13

FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Caseville Fruit Market	34
Albrecht Auction Service	33
Active Feed	31
Pigeon Lanes	25
Silver Dollar	23
Co-op Elevator	22
High team scores: Caseville Fruit Market 2507 (843-833-831), Albrecht Auction 2492 (818-897-804), Active Feed 2420 (850-810).	
High individual scores: J. Reed 584 (216), D. Rapson 573 (210), H. Ropp 567 (201), D. Debs 553 (226), M. Swartzendruber 548 (210), R. Graf 542, J.D. Gunden 538, C. Basinger 531, T. Sears 521.	
Splits: 3-10 H. Ropp, T. Gunden, J. Debs, D. McAlpine, D. Dunn; 5-6 H. Ropp; 5-10 T. Gunden, J. Debs; 5-7 R. Graf; 4-7-9 R. Graf; 5-7-9 D. Dunn.	

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES LEAGUE

J & B Plg.	36
Brighton Metal	35
Want Ads	33 1/2
Scheurer Hospital	33
Pigeon Auto Supply	32 1/2
Pigeon Co-op	32
Rapson Foster Care	31 1/2
Lee's Landscaping	30
Fin's Farm Equip.	25 1/2
Village Barber & Styling	18
Gary's TV	15
McCormick Motors	14
High team scores: Rapson Foster Care 2329 (804-789), Brighton Metal 2256 (807), Scheurer Hospital 2217.	
High individual scores: M. Ropp 569 (213-178-178), P. Niebel 534 (185-182), E. Gunden 525 (183-181), D. Basinger 501 (182-178), A. Albrecht 488 (182), L. Weisbach 484 (182), S. Baskholz 484 (181), D. Strauch 480 (182), F. Otto 465 (181), J. Kretzschmer 175.	
Splits: 3-10 E. Turner, C. Poisson; 5-6-10 E. Gaster; 2-7 P. Abdalla, W.	

NOTICE

The Fair Haven Township Federal Revenue Sharing Report for the audit year ending March 31, 1985 is available for public inspection at the residence of the Fair Haven Township Treasurer, 9887 Main Street, Bay Port, Michigan on FRIDAY'S from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. through January 24, 1986.

Cheryl L. Nitz
 Fair Haven
 Township Clerk

WOODS and WATERS
 By DUANE GUENTHER

Fall trout

Of the 8 different species of trout and salmon found in Michigan, 7 spawn in the fall. They are Coho, Pink, Chinook, and Atlantic Salmon; Brown, Brook and Lake Trout, with only the Steelhead, or Rainbow Trout using the spring to procreate. This biological phenomenon is responsible for the fantastic fishing one finds in most major rivers during a period ranging from the 1st of September until well into January.

There has been speculation that once the spawning urge takes over, fish will no longer feed, and any strikes taking place come from instincts perpetuated over the years. However, lately, biologists and fishing guides have begun to realize this is not necessarily true, and fish feed during 3 distinct periods during the spawning run.

The first occurs as the fish congregate at river mouths for their ascension upstream. Large amounts of protein are needed, and most species chase bait fish in an effort to secure the nutrients. The second feeding stage takes place after the fish have reached the spawning grounds and must replenish protein expended during the torturous journey. The third, and final feeding stage comes after spawning and the fish are trying to rebuild strength for winter survival in the river, or the trip back to the lake. Smart fishermen have learned to recognize these periods and reap rewards with better catches.

I remember a great example of the first stage. A couple of years ago, my wife and I were on the west side of the state during an early fall weekend, and by chance stopped in Frankfort for lunch. Frankfort is located at the mouth of the Betsie River and has a beautiful harbor protected on both sides by a breakwall.

After lunch we drove down to the harbor and were amazed by the number of fishermen dotting the top of the structure. All were fishing and all were catching fish. While some were drift fishing with spawn bags and wigglers, most were casting Cleos, and the strikes were fast and furious. These fish were actively striking at the flashing lures that resembled baitfish. I cursed the fact that my fishing rod was at home, and finally had to be satisfied watching, rather than fishing.

Once the trout and salmon enter the stream there are different stages of spawning going on at the same time. While some of the early fish are building redds in preparation for the spawning ritual, other fish are just arriving and will usually feed for awhile before beginning their activity. The trick is

to find a hen fish who is active on her redd and then fish just below her. I don't mean for the bucks, who are patiently waiting for their turn to fertilize the eggs, but rather additional fish who are waiting in a feeding lane for the current to wash the roe in their direction. Spawn bags, or single eggs, that drift drag free through downstream holes are pounced upon with a ferocity that can only come from a starving fish.

When hooked, landed, and gutted, the stomachs of these fish are gorged with spawn and insect larvae — proof enough for me that the fish are feeding during the spawning run. A simple check of the entrails will tell you whether the fish has just arrived at the spawning site, or is spawned out and is staying around to build up its strength.

During the fall spawning run, the steelhead is an active feeder at all times for he does his spawning in the spring. His presence in the river was baffling to fishermen, but now most of them view him as an opportunist. In other words, wherever you find spawning salmon you will always find steelhead lurking nearby.

One of the biggest reasons for my attraction to fall trout fishing is its close relationship to hunting. Your best bet is to stalk the spawning salmon from the river bank, and once they are found, look for a deep hole on the downstream side of the redds. In it will be steelhead — bright and silver, like a freshly minted coin, muscle bolder from years of roaming in the Great Lakes, and like a kid with a chip on his shoulder, full of fight.

On a fishing trip a couple of weeks ago, I hooked a steelhead that jumped 11 times, and roared up and down the river for a solid 10 minutes before he became exhausted enough for me to beach him on a gravel bar. Pounded for pound, he, by far, was the best fighting fish I've encountered. And besides that, he tasted awfully good too....

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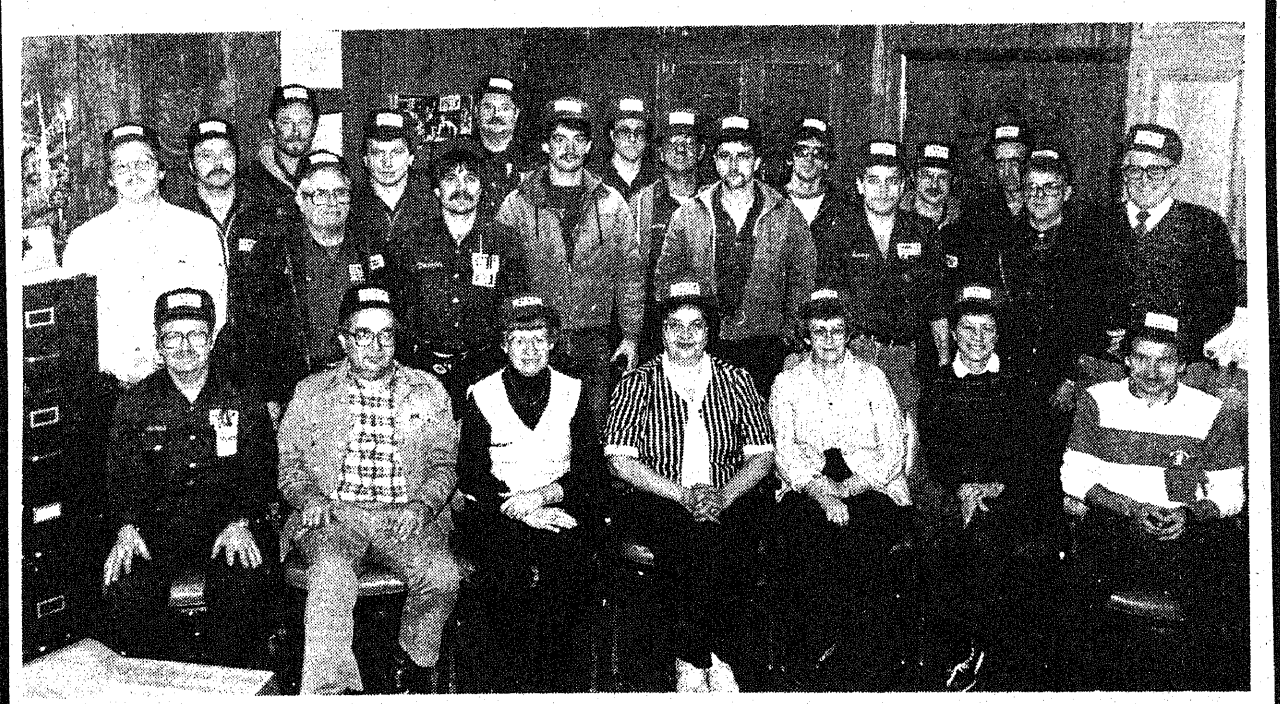
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COMMISSION ORDER
 CFI-121.86
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SIZE LIMIT ON BASS

Under the authority of act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended (being 300.1 through 300.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws) the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 11, 1985, set the size limit on smallmouth and large mouth bass at 12 inches for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1986, through March 31, 1991, on all Michigan waters including the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

This order supersedes the previous order entitled "Size Limit on Bass," dated July 11, 1980, CFI-121.81.

SILENT NIGHT

As the beloved carols ring out at Christmas, we would like to offer up a prayer for lasting harmony.

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 All three offices will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and closed all day Christmas day.

Progress-Advance

sports of the week

Marlette, BA fall to unbeaten Green Machine

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER
The Laker hoop team kept its record unblemished, but not without working for it last Friday night at Marlette.
The visiting Green Machine battled back in the second half to earn a 62-53 victory over the Red Raiders.

After trailing Lakers 12-8 after the first quarter buzzer, the Raiders out-pointed the visitors 19-10 in the second stanza to lead 27-22 at halftime.

A pressure man-to-man Laker defense early in the second half forced some Marlette turnovers and switched the momentum to the Green Machine. Lakers out-pointed Marlette 18-10 in the third quarter and won the game going away with a 22-16 fourth-quarter scoring

advantage over the home team.
Even though the Red Raiders are winless after their first three games Laker Coach Bill McLellan isn't counting them out of the picture.
"(Marlette) just got off to a bad start. They will still be a team to be reckoned with," says McLellan.

Chris Eby provided the offensive leadership for Lakers with 20 points and several key steals in the second half. Mike McArdle added 10 points. Todd Schember pulled down eight rebounds and Tom Beer grabbed six caroms for the winners.

Marlette scoring was paced by Darren Hasen with 23 points, including a 10-10 stint from the foul line in the second quarter.

HATCHETS AXED: Last Tuesday, Bad Axe offered little resistance in both teams' league opener as Lakers romped to a 65-40 victory.

The Green Machine opened up a 31-21 halftime lead, then buried the Hatchets with an 18-5 scoring advantage in the third quarter.

Eby hit 14 points to lead a Laker balanced Laker of-

fense that featured scoring from 11 different players.

Bad Axe was led by Tom Kervin with a dozen points.

THIS WEEK: In the final two games before Christmas break, Lakers travel to Valley Lutheran Tuesday night then have an away game at North Branch on Friday.

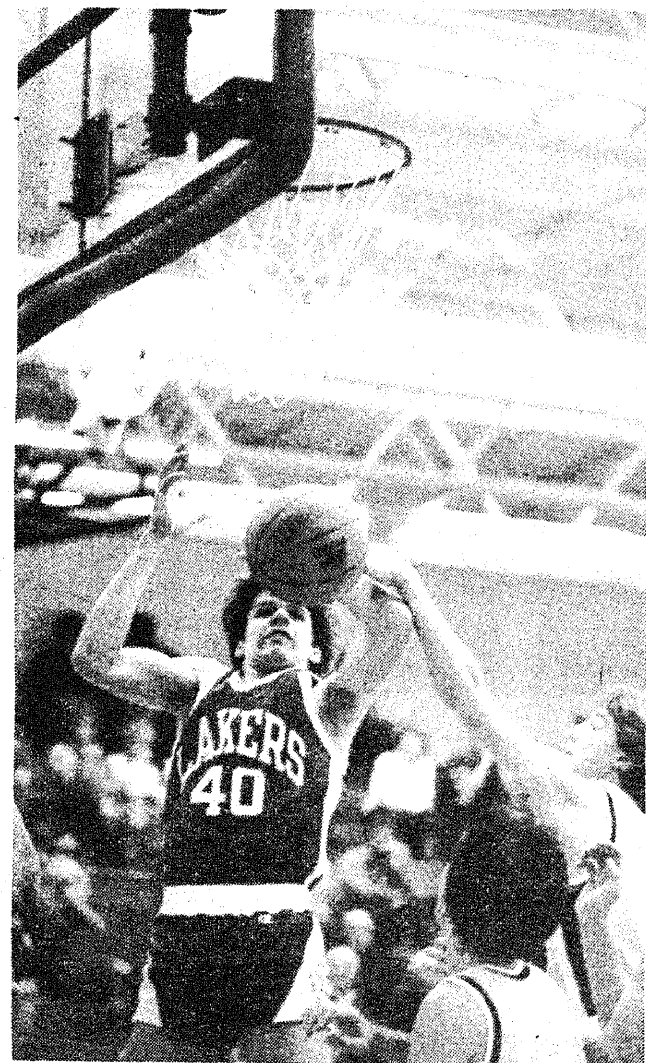
JVs WIN: The Laker Jayvees humbled Marlette, 67-28.

Dean Roestel and John VanValkenburgh each hit 14 points in the win.

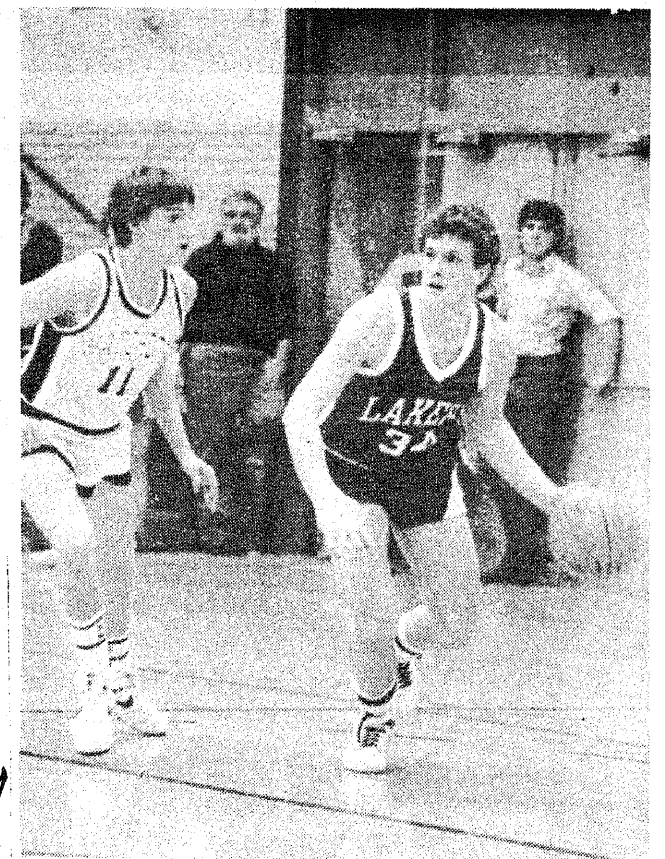
Bad Axe bowed, 72-47, to the junior Lakers. Paul Elenbaum hit 16 and John VanValkenburgh added 15 to lead Laker scoring.

FROSH PERFECT: Kendall Wertz poured in 22 points and Mark Kretschmer netted 17 as Lakers pounded Marlette, 62-35.

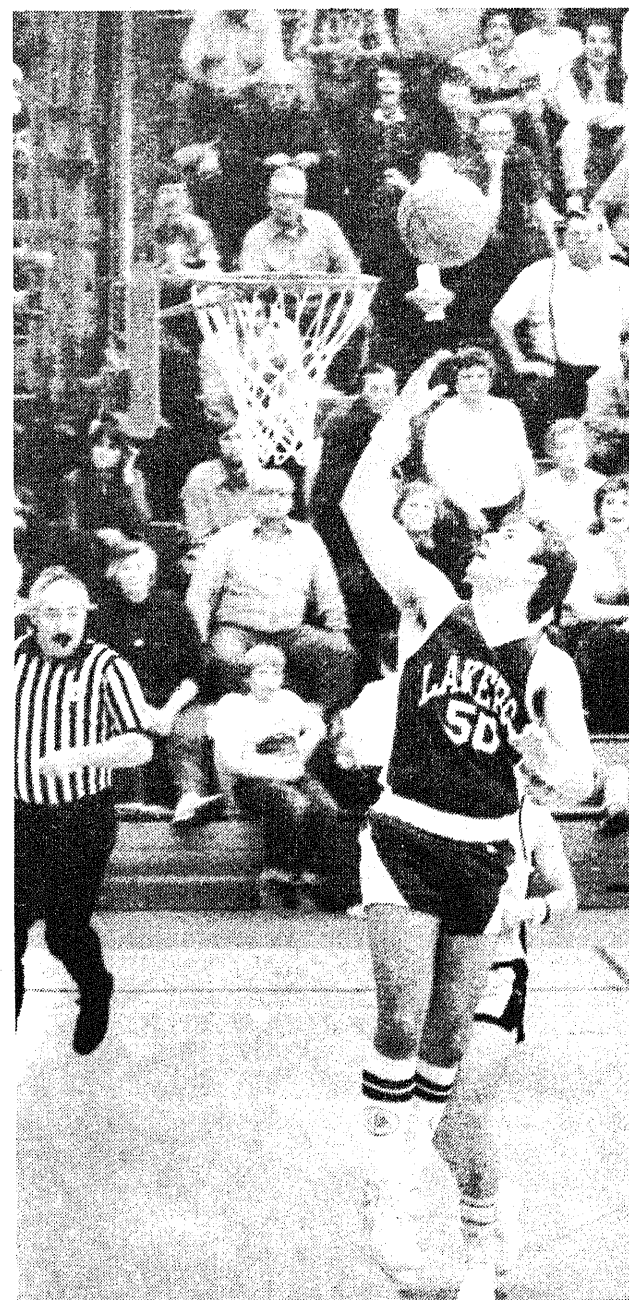
Bad Axe shared the same fate as the Red Raiders to suffer a 72-47 whitewash at the hands of the unbeaten ninth graders. Paul Elenbaum topped freshman scoring with 16 points, followed by VanValkenburgh with 15 in the game.



CONTROL: Lakers' Jeff Smith (40) grabs a loose ball from a pair of Bad Axe players.



PRESS BREAKER: Chris Eby heads upcourt with pressure from Hatchet defender Marty MacAlpine.



LAY-UP: Todd Schember lays in a basket on a fast break in the Laker win over Bad Axe.

Lakers pin Raiders in wrestling season opener

The Laker wrestling team opened its season with 43-36 victory over Marlette last Thursday. Coach Tim Blakeney believes the match was the first time Lakers upended the always-tough Red Raiders.

Match Summary
98 lb. - Jeff Ryan (M) pinned Scot Wessels (L); 105 - Mike Bollenbacher (L) won on a void; 112 - J.D. Talaski (L) pinned Joe Foster (M); 119 - Steve Blossom (M) pinned Paul Renn (L); 126 - Brian McGinnis (M) pinned Wes Russell (L);

132 - Tim Tyler (L) pinned Ward Oshea (M); 138 - Kevin Truerner (L) pinned Shawn Hogan (M); 145 - Armando Guardian (L) pinned Tim Gardner (M); 155 - Jeb Bryan (M) pinned Jerry House (L); 167 - Shane Bennet (M) pinned Kevin McCalpine (L);

185 - Jim Macdowall (L) pinned Tracy Bennet; 198 - Craig Storm (M) pinned Derick Goniwicha (L); and Heavyweight - Pat McArdle (L) pinned Steve Fiscner (M).

Sign up, talents!

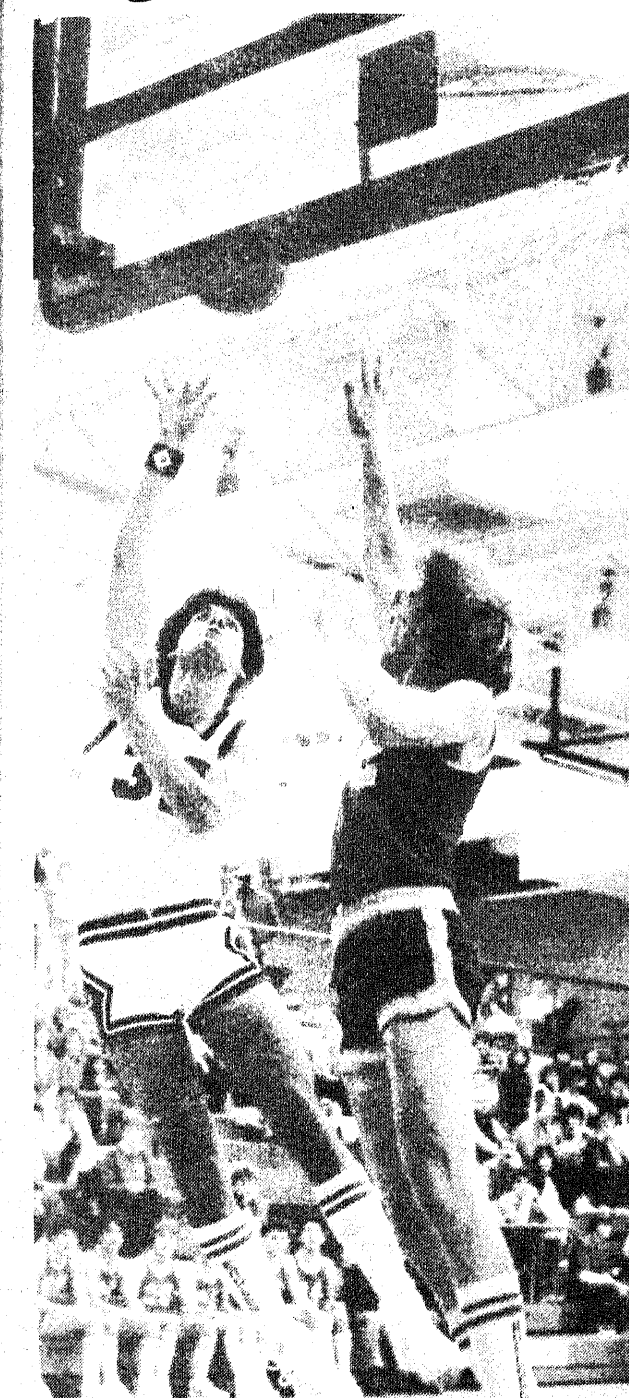
Groups and individuals are now being sought for the Pigeon Winter Carnival Talent Show, to be presented the last weekend in January.

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Eagle defense stifles O-G shooters in 58-35 win



UP AND OVER: Pete Delmotto leaps high to toss in a basket over an Owen-Gage defender.

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

The weather outside the Owen-Gage gymnasium last Friday night was frigid, and the shooting of the home team inside was just as cold.

The Bulldogs hit only 16% of their shots from the floor as Caseville remained undefeated this year with an easy 58-35 victory.

Just as the weatherman can explain the source of the cold temperatures, Caseville Coach Randy Bingham knew what caused Owen-Gage's poor shooting.

"We played good defense. Every coach in America cries for defense, defense, defense, and our kids are doing it. Of all the teams I've ever coached, this team probably plays the best defense," said Bingham.

Dave Simet playing what Bingham called his best ballgame of the year, hit 18 points to match the total of teammate Pete Delmotto. Simet also pulled down 13 rebounds and Delmotto grabbed eight. Nine different Eagles scored in the contest as Bingham gave all his players some game-time.

Stu Stirrett hit 11 points to lead Owen-Gage.

The Bulldogs scored the first basket of the game, but that was all Caseville allowed for the rest of the opening quarter. The Eagles went on to take an 18-2 lead at the end of the period. The Eagles used an effective full-court press led by speedy guard Ray Johnson with seven steals to widen their lead to 34-15 at halftime and 49-24 after three quarters.

Bruce Langley moved up to a starting position, while John Winkler was held in reserve.

"I thought we needed a little more strength on the bench in terms of a big guy. John Winkler was having a tough time scoring and I felt he would be better off the bench and Bruce would give us a little more quickness, and it worked out really well tonight," Bingham said.

A-F FALLS: Bruce Langley drew Bingham's attention in last Tuesday's game with Akron - Fairgrove, when he came off the bench to lead all

scorers in the game with 16 points.

Langley hit 12 of those counters in the second quarter to help the Eagles open up a 28-20 halftime lead after outscoring the Vikings by a single point in the first period.

The depth of the Caseville team was important as starters Simet, Winkler and Johnson all ran into foul trouble.

Johnson added 15 points and three steals and Delmotto netted 10 points and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Viking scoring was led by Brian Wolverton with 13 points and Pete Miklovic with 10.

THIS WEEK: Caseville meets Port Hope on Tuesday and North Huron on Friday in a pair of road games for the Eagles.

JVs SPLIT: The junior Eagles dropped a 76-58 decision to Owen-Gage. Jeff Siegfried scored 15 and Mike Henne netted 13 for Caseville in a losing cause.

Last Tuesday, the jayvees slipped by Akron -

Fairgrove, 64-62. Scott Kelly 14 and Chris Perry scored 11 hit 25 points, Siegfried added to top Caseville scoring.



EYEING THE HOOP: Caseville's Dave Simet sights in the basket as Eagle Ray Johnson (12) and Bulldog Mike Mandich (32) battle for position.

Standings

Thumb B

Lakers	2-0
Cass City	2-0
Caro	1-1
North Branch	1-1
Vassar	1-1
Bad Axe	1-1
Marlette	0-2
Imlay City	0-2

North Central

Thumb D

Caseville	2-0
Deckerville	2-0
North Huron	1-0
Peck	1-1
Owen-Gage	1-1
CPS	1-1
Kingston	0-1
Akron-Fairg.	0-2
Port Hope	0-2

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TOUGH DEFENSE: Eagle guards Tony Seagraves (14) and Ray Johnson, right, pressure Bulldog ball handler Stu Stirrett (14) in a full-court press.

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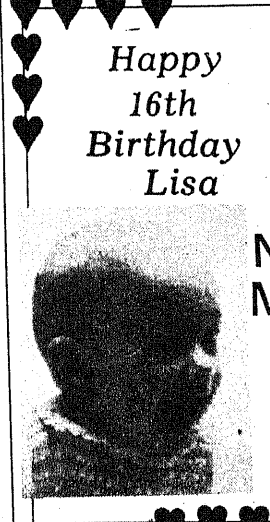
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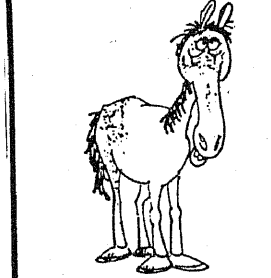
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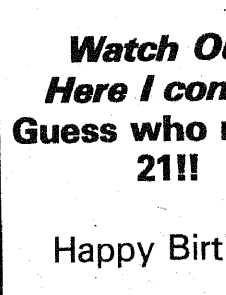
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Public Notice

At a regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Pigeon, conducted on December 9th, 1985 at 7:00 p.m., the Council passed the following new Village Ordinance:

VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER 102: To amend Village Ordinance Number 81 allowing modification of Water and Sewer Rates by Council Resolution rather than by Ordinance Amendment, along with other considerations. EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30th, 1985.

This new ordinance is available for public inspection in the offices of the Village Clerk during normal business hours. A copy is also available for a nominal fee.

R.B. Brown, Jr. Superintendent and Clerk Village of Pigeon

Bedford Disposal

Will not be picking up Christmas or New Years Day but will pick up on Thursday.

School Board Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD OF EDUCATION December 9, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Room by President Bruce Baur. Members present: Bruce Baur, Virginia Leipprandt, Yvonne Bushey, James Clubuesch, Paul Clubuesch, Richard Lockard and Sid Smith. Members absent: none. A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Sid Smith approving the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Connie Smeader, teacher of the federally-funded Head Start program, presented a slide tape show depicting activities that take place during a preschool day. The presentation was put together in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Head Start Program. Hilary Cook, administrator for the Huron County Skill Center, made a presentation regarding the proposed curriculum and building progress report for the Skill Center. Superintendent Brunet made a report on property transfer hearings. He indicated that the hearings were carried over to Monday, Dec. 23.

A motion was made by Dr. Lockard, seconded by Virginia Leipprandt, authorizing a resolution relative to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. In the event a student or employee contracts AIDS, the Superintendent is to notify the Huron County Health Department. A special board meeting will be called, at which time the Board will deliberate the recommendations submitted by the Health Department. This resolution is considered temporary until the state passes specific regulations in handling this particular disease. Motion carried.

Reports were made regarding Reproductive Health and Family Life Education. A discussion was held relative to the pooled liability insurance program being prepared by the Michigan Association of School Boards. Once the program is in place, the Board will make a determination as to participate or not to participate.

A discussion was held relative to Millington High School's entry into the Thumb "B" Conference.

The Board was informed that Mrs. Leipprandt will be chairperson at one of the clinics held at the National School Board Conference in April, 1986.

A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Sid Smith accepting the building rental fees that went into effect September 1985. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James H. Clubuesch, secretary Board of Education

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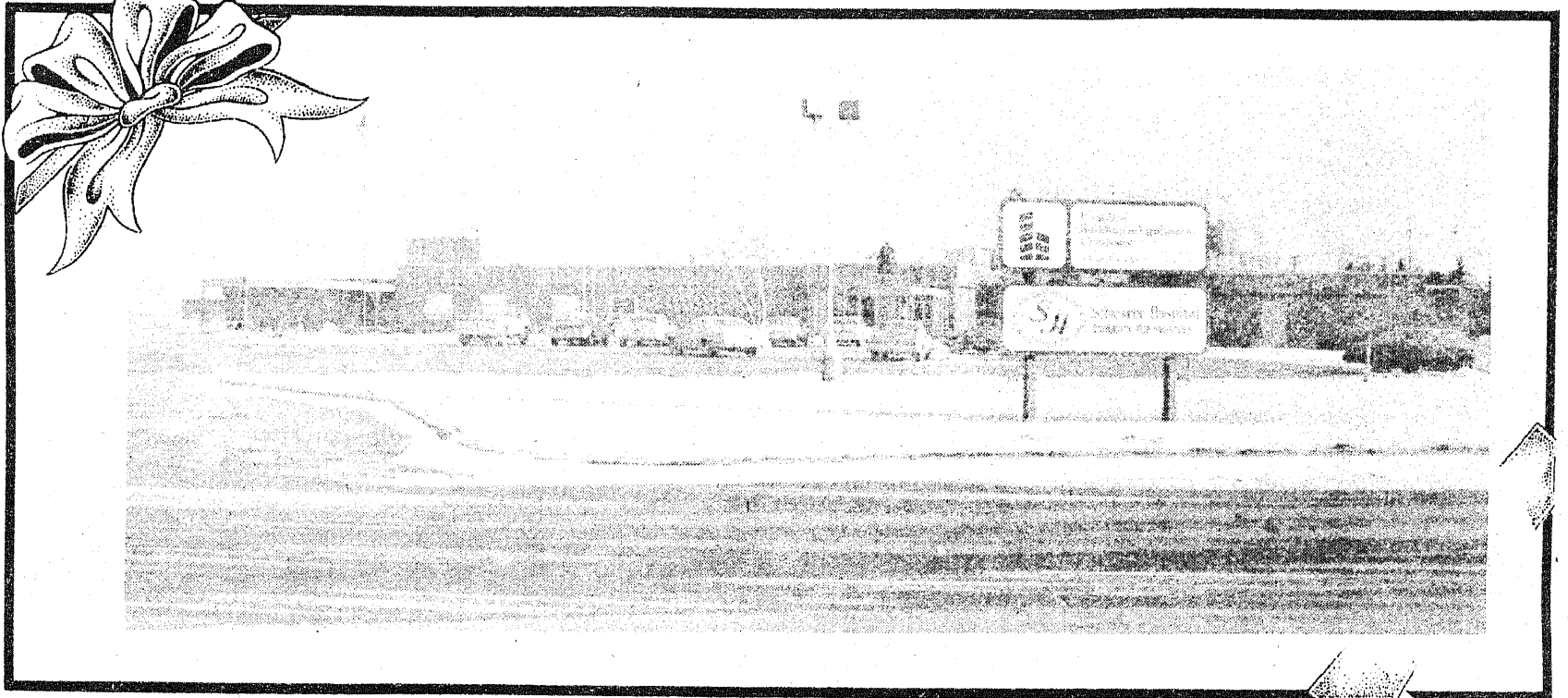
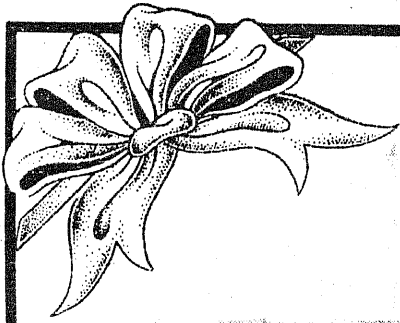
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