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New plant could bring 15 manufacturing jobs to Pigeon

Up to 15 new jobs may be created in the new Axis Machining division of Huron Casting, Inc., which was awarded a 50% property tax cut for 12 years by the Pigeon Village Council Nov. 14.

Huron Casting owners - managers Leroy Wurst, DeVere Sturm and Gary Bendry said the new firm will machine -- or finish -- parts poured by Huron Casting's foundry. This work has formerly been done at another company in Bay City.

TWO NOW: Sturm noted two persons are presently working for the Axis company, and Bendry said it could be a good employer -- "If this grows as it might, there could be 10 or 12 or 15 new jobs in all."

The company is presently working in the building Sturm owns at Michigan Ave., and Brush Street, but they expect all plant facilities will be located at the Huron Casting site at 7050 Hartley Street.

"More and more of our customers are wanting finishing working done," Sturm

told Council. "This is work that was previously done in Bay City. We feel there are jobs we can have in Pigeon that now are being had in Bay City. It's big dollars that we give out for machining operation."

"We feel we can have this in Pigeon," he said.

WHAT'S INVOLVED: Included are eight metal working machines, including a 28" floor drill, a turning center, horizontal and vertical mills and other machinery worth \$179,035 in all. Installation began May 26 and may take up to two years until all work is one on Hartley Street.

Sturm told Council Huron Casting -- Pigeon's biggest employer -- showed 35 people on the original tax abatement request in 1977. Now, 191 employees work two shifts.

Council member Ken Licht voted against the request, noting the present Brush Street location is in a commercial zone not adaptable for such industrial work. "The equipment must be located at the (Huron Cast-

ing) plant site to be eligible," Licht said.

HELP WANTED: The new company is now looking for a supervisor/manager person. Council member Cliff Pobanz said he hoped local people would be considered for employment.

"People here are looking for jobs, yet some (Huron Casting) workers come in from Harbor Beach or other towns." Wurst said owners can't require where workers live, but Sturm noted Huron Casting hires summer workers regularly and as many local people as possible.

EXCEEDS GUIDELINES: Council members expressed concern that about 30% of Pigeon's total equalized value is under tax abatement, meaning the village gets only 50% of what the normal property taxes would be.

Huron Casting has nine of the 15 tax cuts approved since 1977, but Council members noted some or all of the 15 projects may not have been started without the tax relief. "We've added many jobs here," Village
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Hot soup on a cold day



DELICIOUS BEAN SOUP: Scott Meyersieck, left, and Village President Dave Geiger had a warm job on a cold day Saturday, as they dished up the hot bean soup offered free to shoppers in Pigeon by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. There will be more free bean soup this Saturday and every Saturday, now until the \$5,000 grand drawing Saturday, Dec. 17.

Lots of winners on a rainy Saturday afternoon



SHE'S A WINNER: Jackie Dast talks with Santa and Mrs. Claus (out of the rain) about the microwave oven she just won... for shopping in Pigeon!

Plenty of rains came Saturday afternoon, but they brought along more than two dozen winners in Pigeon's second weekly drawing to win \$5,000 in shopping cash for Christmas, 1988.

Barbara Maxwell of Pigeon will be back Saturday, Dec. 17 as one of five finalists for the \$5,000 prize. She and Jackie Dast of Pigeon were the two winners whose keys opened padlocks at the 4 p.m. drawing. Ms. Dast chose the "surprise box" prize instead of a chance at \$5,000 -- and won a \$300 microwave oven purchased from Elftman's Our Own Hardware.

Mrs. Maxwell's ticket came from Orr's Drug Store, while Ms. Dast's was from Pigeon IGA Foodliner.

The other eight finalists -- who each won \$10 in shopping cash -- are Jean Rathje (Laursen's Pharmacy), Mary Orth (Elftman's Hardware), Kathy Hazard (Pigeon IGA),
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Community Christmas Bazaar this Saturday

Area residents are invited to spend Saturday, Dec. 5, browsing and shopping at the eighth annual Community Christmas Bazaar at the Laker High School gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featured at this year's bazaar will be crafts, baked goods, candies, quilt raffles and jewelry.

A luncheon will be served at 12 noon in the cafeteria when homemade soups, sandwiches, pies and cakes will be offered. Take-outs are also available.

Door prizes and free drawings will take place several times during the day. The sponsoring organization is the First United Methodist Women of Pigeon.

Participating groups, all non-profit, include: First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe; Boys Scouts of Caseville, Huron Audobon Society, Bad Axe Child Study Group, Methodist, American Cancer Society, Bay Port RLDS Church, Elkton Wesleyan Church, Sweet Adelines, St. Paul's of Linkville and Hayes United Methodist.

Also displaying and selling are the Pigeon Cub Scouts, the Homemaker Hobby Club, Michigan Avenue Mennonite Youth, Cross Luther League, Alpha Delta Kappa, First United Methodist of Pigeon, Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary, St. John's Episcopal of Sand Point and Trinity of Cass City.

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Boy Scouts fill needy pantries

Boys from Caseville Cub Scout Pack 3540 and Boy Scout Troop 540 would like to thank the people of Caseville and Sand Point for making their first annual food drive for the needy a big success. The Boy Scouts of America asked all packs and troops across the nation to take part in a "National Good Turn." The boys put sacks

on peoples' doors and on Nov. 19, they returned to pick up the sacks filled with food. The boys stated that many of the sacks were heaped with food!

According to Cubmaster Kathy Beachy and Scoutmaster Harry Hermanson, 347 food items were collected with more still coming in. The food will be donated

to food kitchens at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville United Methodist Church and possibly to other local groups for distribution.

Hermanson states they hope to put out even more bags next year and encourages anyone who was missed to make their contribution to one of the local churches.



Caseville Scouts look over some of the food items donated by residents!

Lots to do in Elkton this Sunday during Open House!

It may not be Dec. 25 according to the calendar, but it will look like Christmas in Elkton this Sunday, Dec. 4 when "The Town With A Smile" hosts its popular holiday event, Elkton's Christmas Open House from 1 to 4 p.m.

Elkton is expecting record crowds to shop, visit Santa and (hopefully) win one of the dozens of prizes offered by Elkton merchants. Four lucky winners will take home a "fatter wallet": three people will win \$100 in Elkton Smiling Bucks and a fourth winner will pocket a \$100 Savings Bond.

Lucky winners might include kids, too. Santa will be giving away tickets all afternoon for a lucky boy and girl who will win brand new bicycles. Candy will also be in abundant supply as Santa plans to distribute

enough "sweet stuff" for over 500 children. Children can sit on Santa's lap and tell them their Christmas wishes at Santa's House located in downtown Elkton, from 1 to 4 p.m.

For hungry Elkton visitors, hearty bean soup, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be available throughout town.

Browsers are also encouraged to visit the Village Hall, where an Arts and Crafts Show will be on display.

Elkton plans to roll out its holiday red carpet this Sunday and Chamber President Phyllis Podlaskowski invites all area residents from near and far to enjoy the friendliness and good shopping town of Elkton, "The Town With A Smile."

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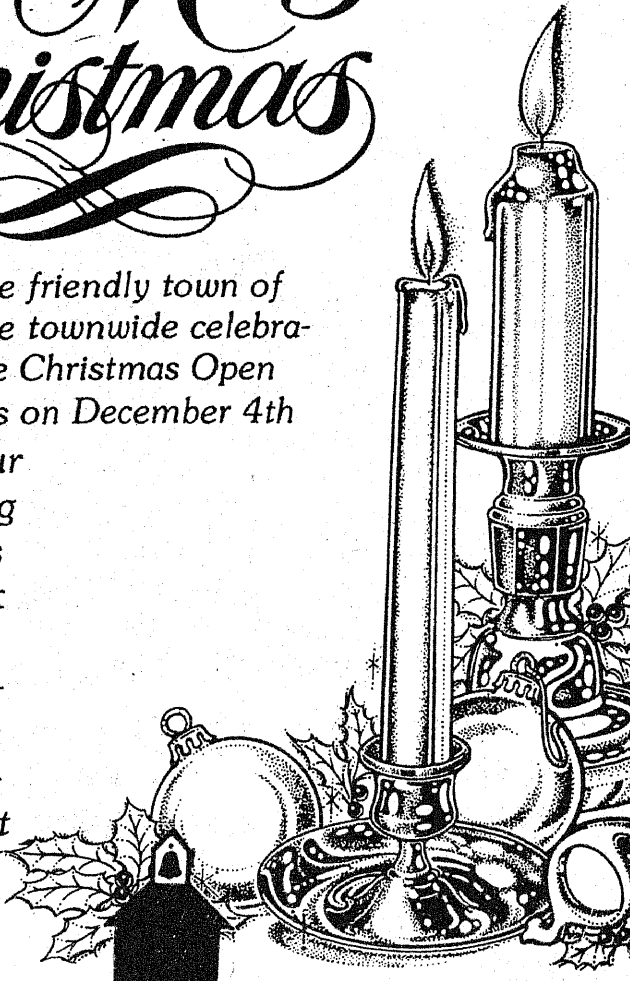
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MSU ag experts see better days ahead for farmers

The decade ahead may be a little brighter for most sectors of agriculture, but its economics will not achieve the robust levels of the 1970's.

Ferris is a Cooperative Extension Service agricultural economist at MSU. Agmod is an econometric model of US and world agriculture designed to focus on the most salient variables for major crops and livestock.

In developing the forecast, Ferris used the computer model to examine commodity data on cattle, hogs, broilers, turkeys, eggs, milk, corn, other feed grains, wheat, soybeans, soybean meal and soybean oil.

Big Boosts in Coarse Grains

Among the resulting expectations is that coarse grain consumption outside of the US will increase by a third between now and the year 2000.

"Though that may seem substantial, per capita consumption will probably not rise much above the peaks reached during the 1970's," Ferris says.

He believes that overseas wheat consumption will increase steadily, reaching about 650 million metric tons by 2000. Consumption outside the US is currently about 500 million metric tons.

Population to Grow

Part of the reason for the increase is the expectation that population outside the US will increase by 23% (from 4.8 billion to 5.9 billion) by 2000. During the same time, the population growth rate in the US will be 12 to 13% (from 241 million to 272 million).

Acreage planted to grains is expected to increase around the world in response to expanding demand. In the US, acreage of corn, wheat and soybeans will increase enough to put some pressure on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve, which may have replaced the set-aside program by 2000.

US grain stocks are expected to remain below levels of the past decade and probably near those seen during the middle 1970's -- around 10 to 30% of use.

More Markets, Less Government

Ferris says that increased returns from marketings will more than offset the expected decline in government payments. By the last half of the 1990s, nominal prices for corn should fluctuate around \$3, wheat

around \$3 to \$4, and soybeans around \$10. Gross margins over variable costs on a real basis (adjusted for inflation) for these crops will likely fluctuate around historical levels.

Per capita consumption of beef and pork is expected to decline, with the decline slowing somewhat during the 1990s. Poultry consumption will probably exceed beef consumption by the end of the next decade. By the year 2000, beef consumption per capita is projected to be at about 60 pounds per person, pork at about 40 pounds, poultry more than 70 pounds per person, and fish about 20 pounds per person on an edible weight basis.

Milk, Eggs Down

Milk and egg production per capita are expected to decline during the next decade. By the year 2000, milk production per capita will have dropped to about 550 pounds per capita and eggs to about 22 dozen per capita. Total milk production, however, is expected to exceed 145 billion pounds, and egg production will exceed 5.8 billion dozen by the turn of the century.

By 2000, nominal prices to farmers are expected to reach about \$1.25 per pound for steers, about 75¢ for hogs, about 60¢ for broilers, about \$1 per dozen for eggs and about \$19 per hundredweight for milk.

Ferris cautions, however, that these prices need to be evaluated in terms of production costs. Returns over feed costs on a real basis (adjusted for inflation) are projected to fluctuate around past levels for cattle and hogs and average below past levels for dairy and poultry. The decline in milk production will be due to lower real support prices for milk, rising feed prices and lags in adjustment to lower returns.

How It Was Figured

Ferris relied on a variety of assumptions while using AGMOD to develop the forecast. Among them are the following:

-- Real consumer income per capita will increase by one percent per year in the US and abroad.

-- Inflation will result in an average increase in the Consumer Price Index of 3 to 4% per year.

-- Real interest rates -- as represented by farm mortgages with Farm Credit Services -- will average about 6%.

-- Crop yields will increase in line with past

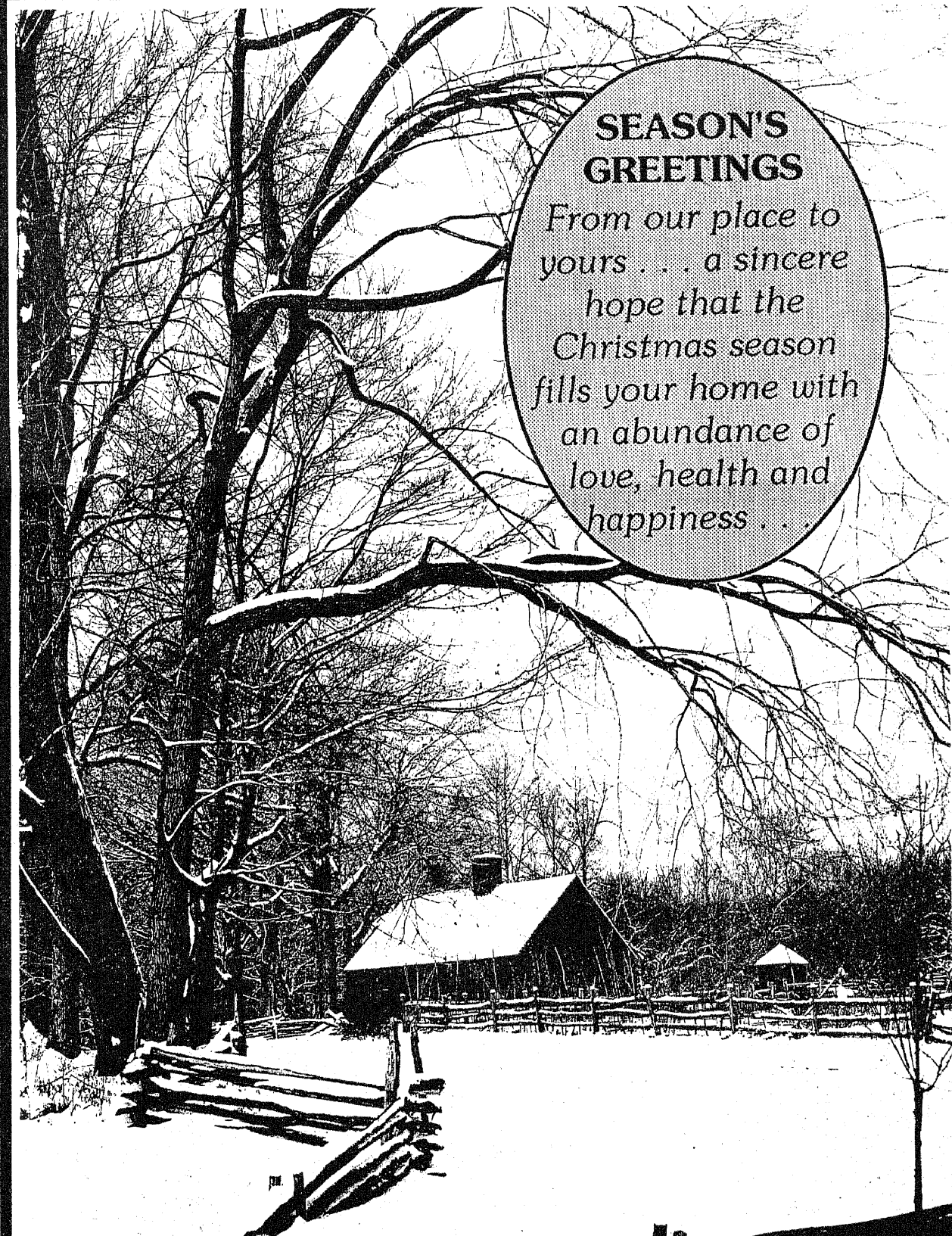
trends.

- Biotechnology will not noticeably enhance trends.
- The Conservation Reserve will reach 45 million

- acres by the early 1990s but not expand to 65 million acres.
- The Food Security Act of 1985 will be continued

into the 1990s. Loan rates and target prices will increase by two percent per year after 1990.

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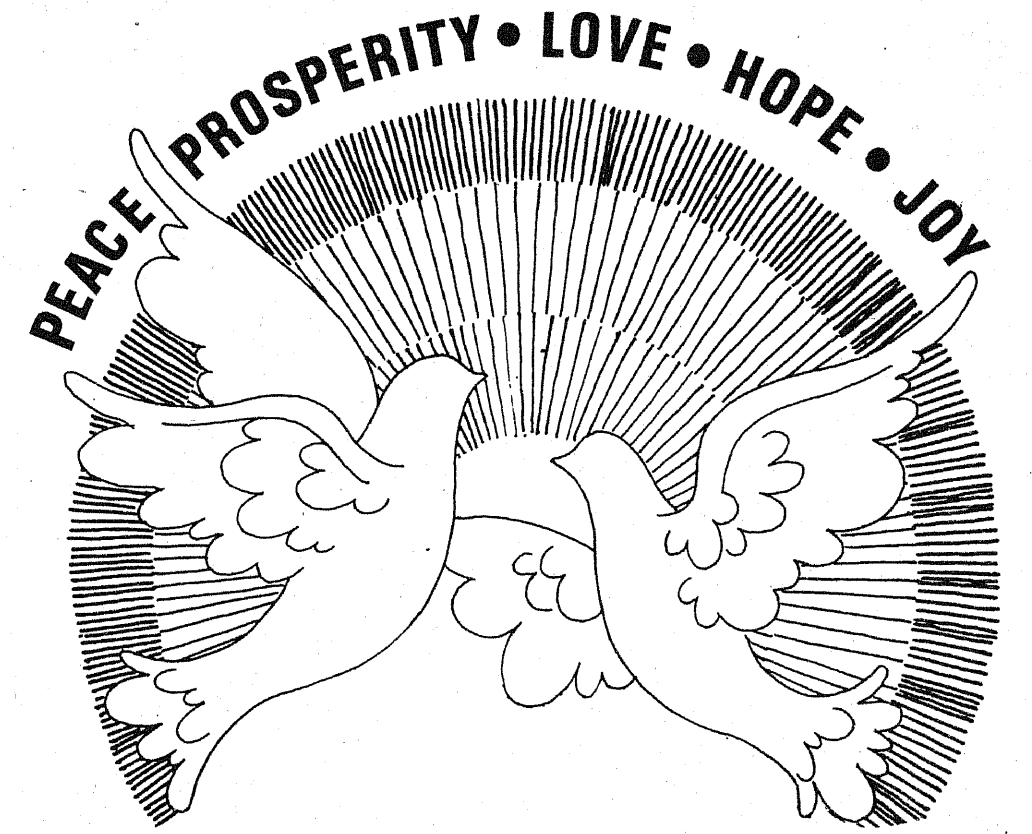
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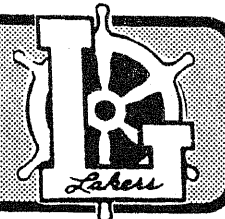
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"LIFE at LAKERS"



Meeting more teachers

By **AMY CSANYI**
 This week I interviewed Mr. Don Wheeler, Mr. George Gardy and Mr. Lee Deneen. These teachers teach exploratory classes, including

Agriculture, Shop and Art.

Center opened, according to Mr. Gardy. His classes still have the same number of students per class, but there aren't as many classes as before. Overall, he says, the number hasn't reduced.

Mr. Wheeler teaches Agriculture and advises the Laker Future Farmers of America chapter. This year he has taken on a new group of students, an eighth grade agriculture class. He is also trying to focus more on the business aspect of farming.

In the past month, Mr. Wheeler took some of his students to Kansas City, Mo. where they competed against 23,000 other FFA members and took tours.

Mr. Wheeler always wanted to teach. Since he was raised on a farm and liked to work with kids, it seemed logical for him to make a career out of teaching. "It was by choice, not chance," he said.

Mr. Gardy, who has been at Lakers for 17 years, teaches beginning drafting, beginning woods, cabinet-making, general metals and physical education.

When I asked him about the importance of shop classes, his response was that it gives the kids a chance to apply the things they learned in other classes to real life.

The number of students in his classes hasn't decreased since the Huron Area Skill

Mr. Deneen, who teaches art, says all the kids at Lakers have art talent. "Hard work will always pay off. Everyone has talent, but some don't discover it until later in life."

The art students at Lakers have several chances to show their talents: at the Traxler Art Competition, the Saginaw Valley State University Show and the Laker Art Show on May 7.

Next week, I will be finishing up the high school teaching staff when I interview Mr. Jack Tyler, Mr. Tim Blakeney, Miss Aileen Ziehm and Mrs. Marsha Leiterman.

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Woods & Waters

By **Duane Guenther**



Weather-wise

My Dad was a great one for predicting the weather.

Long before the John McMurrays, Muddy Waters and Mike Hoffmans appeared on the scene, he did a very credible job.

Not only did he make a daily habit of observing and recording weather conditions, but in his zeal, he unknowingly, or perhaps knowingly, instilled that same quest for knowledge in me.

My Dad was retired while I was growing up, and because of that he seemed more like a Grandpa than a Dad. Almost every morning and evening of my youth, I can remember rhymes and proverbs emitting from his mouth.

"Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning."

Red sky at night, sailors delight."

Or: Rain before seven, stops before eleven."

Or: It's going to rain tomorrow, there's a ring around the moon."

When I was young, I used to think that the rhymes were silly and Dad was just lucky to hit some of his predictions. But after I attended college and took a couple of courses in meteorology I found out that they weren't his rhymes at all, but some universal weather observations passed down from generation to generation.

In a time before weather balloons, satellites, TV weathermen, and all the other scientific paraphernalia, farmers, Great Lakes fishermen, and other outdoor workers had to rely on their ability to decipher sky colors, wind directions, and cloud formations to carry on their business and perhaps save their lives.

In adulthood my interest of the weather continued, and as a devoted outdoorsman have found it invaluable during numerous hunting, fishing and camping endeavors.

Increased my knowledge of the subject by reading such books as *Weather Folklore and Local Weather Signs*, and *Weather Forecasting the Country Way* to name a few. I also got in the habit of recording daily observations and weather outcomes. Before long things began to fall into place and I found out the old-time rhymes really told an accurate weather story.

While I do not profess to be an expert, here are some of my observations and the reason for them.

Let's take the first rhyme. "Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning, Red sky at night, sailors delight."

In our locale, weather moves from west to east. Therefore the sky color at night is a hint of weather to come, while the sky color in the morning is weather passed. The sunlight passes through the atmosphere, in refracted or bent light waves, of different colors. Reds are created when light passes through dust particles in the air.

A gray evening sky tells the observer that clouds are heavy with moisture. Another rhyme states:

"Evening red and morning

gray help the traveler on his way, Evening gray and morning red, brings rain down upon his head."

Clouds also will tell you something about the weather. "Woolly fleeces strewing the heavenly way, No rain disturbs a fine summer day."

The familiar "cotton-ball" clouds against a blue sky indicate fair weather, but if these large cumulus clouds build tall chimneys and have an anvil-shaped head they become cumulus nimbus or "thunderheads" and can cause great damage with hail, lightning and wind.

Hence the saying: "When clouds appear like rocks and towers, The earth's refreshed by frequent showers."

Cirrus and altocumulus clouds create halos around the moon. They are the clouds of the middle atmosphere and carry plenty of water. And the rhyme:

Halo around the sun or moon, Rain or snow very soon."

Winds also help us predict the weather. Fishermen know that fish don't bite during low barometer readings and since easterly winds represent the counterclockwise movement of air around a low pressure system:

Winds from the east, fish bite the least."

While a high pressure has clockwise winds that blow from the west:

"Winds from the west, fish bite the best."

There are lots more rhymes and proverbs which will help each of us become country weather experts.

All we have to do is go outdoors and look at the sky ...

NOTICE
VILLAGE OF PIGEON RESIDENTS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 will be the last day to place leaves by the curb for village pickup. After this date, leaves must be placed in bags for regular trash pickup on Wednesday

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Outdoor Report

The firearm deer season will close on Wednesday. Although no official reports are in, all indications point to a year as good as, or better than, last year. While most of the deer bagged this year have already been taken, hunters still have several chances to fill their tags.

The archery season opens for the second half on December 1 and will remain open through January 1. Hunters may also switch to muzzleloaders for 2 separate seasons, from December 2-11 in the UP and from December 9-18 in the Lower Peninsula. Hunters may use their unfilled tags but must use a muzzleloader of 44 cal. or larger.

Small game hunters can get back into the field on December 1 for the last part of the Grouse season, which runs through January 1. The same time period is also the remaining season for squirrels. Rabbit hunters can extend their season into 1989, with March 1 being the ending date.

Fishing has taken a back seat during the past several weeks, but dedicated anglers have been scoring well on Steelheads in several parts of the State. Both the Big Manistee and the Pere Marquette Rivers on the western part of the state have good runs of fish, while the AuSable and the AuGres Rivers on the east side have been fair to poor.

Some Perch are being caught off the breakwalls and docks within several harbors around the Thumb, but nothing to get excited about.

Pigeon District LIBRARY CORNER

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Winter Time" will be the theme for the Tuesday Preschool Story Hour on Dec. 6 with the stories "The Penguin," "The Mitten" and "Deer in the Snow."

Exercises, fingerplays, a flannelgraph, song and a game will be part of the activities planned for the children.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. A registration fee is required, per family per year.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

"Cake Decorating Fun" will be the theme of the Tuesday, Dec. 6 Coffee Hour featuring Debbie's Cieslinski of Debbie's Catering.

She will demonstrate how to make basic roses, leaves and borders at two sessions, at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Items to bring are a well-done cake out of the pan and one a tray and one small bag of confectioners sugar.

Children, age nine and older, are invited to attend, along with library patrons.

LIBRARY TAX BREAK

Did you know it pays to give to your public library? Under Michigan Law, you are allowed a tax credit of 50% of your contribution (up to \$100 for an individual or \$200 for a couple) to be subtracted directly from taxes owed. This is in addition to the Federal Income Tax deduction.

Your gift, large or small, will be a big help to the library at little cost to you. And it will benefit you, your family and your community.

Support your library — make a tax deductible donation before Dec. 31.

QUILT RAFFLE

The Pigeon District Library would like you to be a winner of a hand-crafted quilt, to be drawn on Dec. 23 at 3 p.m.

The quilt, quilted by the Pigeon District Library Quilt Guild and Friends, is on display in the circulation room of the library.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the library.

BOOKS ARE FOR GIVING

For thoughtful people who wish to add a "personalized" touch to their giving — as an individual or a group — the library is the answer.

A gift to the Pigeon District Library Collection is one of the most satisfying ways that your gift will live, will be cared for and will continue to be used. It can reflect the taste of the giver or, in the case of memorials, the individual in whose memory it is given. It provides an excellent way for an organization to help the community with books or materials in the field in which it is especially interested.

Acknowledgement goes to the donor and the person or the family of the person being honored, and a book plate is placed in the gift book. Interested persons may contact the library at 453-2341.

POETRY CORNER

The Library
 I am the library.
 I am neither walls,
 Nor even the books that
 Stand in rows.
 I am the wisdom
 Of the Universe,
 Captured and arranged
 For you.
 I am an open door,
 ENTER ...

(Anonymous)

Registrations due for poultry tour to Warsaw, Ind.

To provide poultry producers with an opportunity to see an outstanding egg production facility, Thumb area poultry farmers are invited to join in a visit to Creighton Brothers at Warsaw, Ind.

Tour arrangements have been made by Roger Swartzendruber, Huron Extension agricultural agent, and the tour is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8.

Private transportation must be arranged by participants, with assembly at Essenhaus Restaurant, one mile west of Middlebury, Ind., on US-20.

Participants will view the egg processing plant, egg breaking plant and production facilities, following discussions and lunch with

the Creightons. Locals on the tour will start their return to Michigan between 3:30-4 p.m.

The Creightons have a long history of being one of the U.S. leaders in egg production, and this tour offers a unique opportunity to see, visit and exchange ideas with a highly-successful portion of our industry, Swartzendruber added.

A small reservation fee will be charged, and all persons interested are invited to contact Swartzendruber at 104 County Building, Bad Axe, before this Friday, Dec. 2. Plans for pooling rides should also be taken up with the ag agent.