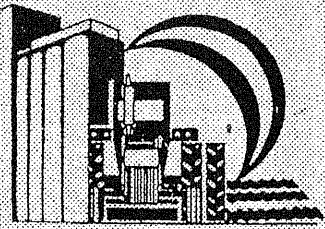


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It's
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AutumnFest memories...



NEWLY-CROWNED Elkton Teen Queen Kirsti Gaeth smiles and waves at the crowd during last Saturday's big parade.



ALONG WITH celebrating 62 years of marriage, Secord and Ina McMullen were chosen as the Senior King and Queen by the Elkton Senior Citizens Club.

Bay Port Fish Co. to grow Perch

DETROIT—A plan by Bay Port Fish Company of Bay Port, that could revolutionize the fish-consuming market, has been awarded a \$224,919 grant by the National Science Foundation under the US Small Business Administration's Small Business Innovation Research Program.

The research and development proposal, submitted by Bay Port Fish Company, has been named Commercially Viable Perch Culture System. It is identified as offering "the greatest potential in its field for meeting the department's research and development needs".

According to Bay Port Fish President Forrest Williams, under the program, the company would produce Perch commercially, starting a "crop" in the egg stage, through fry and fingerling stages from their own brood stock.

Market fish would be grown in temperature-controlled tanks, where they are brought from 3-inch to 8-

inch marketable size in 8 months.

"Fish are highly-efficient in converting food to meat when they are grown under controlled ideal conditions", Williams said.

Even in a food-rich water body such as Saginaw Bay, it takes Perch somewhere between 3-4 years to make that kind of growth, Williams explained.

"There's such an unbelievable demand for Perch", he stated, "so Michigan-grown Perch would help the US balance of trade, by giving us home-grown fish instead of Canadian imports".

Williams credited Senator Jim Barcia for being an early supporter of the Bay Port Fish Company's project, and expressed his pleasure with the new grant.

He said that Perch brood stock is grown in ponds, and that fish eggs are fertilized, hatched and taken, with computer-controlled temperatures throughout the various stages.

For growing market fish,

tanks are used so there is a minimum of loss of fish or of energy.

A new additional step in the technology is testing other species of fish in the Perch tanks, which enables both species to supplement each others' environment. "We don't say much about this yet", Williams declared, "but it looks very promising".

Raymond L. Harshman, Michigan District director of Small Business Administration, said that the SBIR program, which provided the Bay Port Fish award, "is aimed at stimulating technological innovation".

It encourages qualified small high-tech firms to compete for federal research awards and provides incentives for conversion of research results into commercial applications, Harshman concluded.

"And that is exactly what we're trying to do with our Perch culture operation", Williams stated.



HERE'S the Bay Port Fish Company's main fish house.

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

IT'S STATE QUEEN DONNA SUE!

Saginaw candidate Donna Sue Wendland was crowned Michigan Bean Queen Labor Day in Fairgove during the annual Michigan Bean Festival.

She competed against Tuscola County Bean Queen Anna Marie Mossner of Frankenmuth and Huron County Bean Queen Gretchen Ann Haley of Owendale.

Wendland is attending Howard's Beauty Academy for a license in Cosmetology and Delta College for classes in small business management.

She plans to use her dual educational background to own and operate her own beauty shop.

ELECTRIC RATES TO RISE

Thumb Electric Cooperative will raise its electrical service rates by 2.7%, following recent action by the Michigan Public Service Commission. The increase, TEC's first since January, 1988, will allow it to maintain and improve its electrical supply system.

The average bill will increase \$2 per month for an average member-customer using 800 kilowatt-hours of service.

TEC provides electrical service to 10,000 member-owners throughout Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties, from headquarters in Ubyly.

BUS SAFETY PROBLEMS?

Buses are rolling for the 1990-91 school year, but some area school bus drivers are unhappy with newly-implemented changes in bus laws and want them changed again.

The changes don't give auto drivers enough warning to stop, the bus drivers say, causing skidding and potential accidents. They say too little publicity has been made available on the subject.

The new law reads, "effective Aug. 15, Michigan school bus drivers of buses equipped with only the four overhead red flashing lights will use the HAZARD lights not less than

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Knights benefit mentally impaired

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8042 Caseville/Pigeon, presented checks totaling \$1,992.00 to programs for the mentally impaired. These funds were collected during the annual drive in the communities of Bay Port, Caseville, Elkton and Pigeon.

Participating in the drive were the Knights, the K of C Ladies Auxillary, family and friends.

New parenting class starts this Sunday

Would you like to share the joys and frustrations of parenting with others? The class will continue to meet on Sundays throughout the fall. Those interested are welcome to join, organizers say.



Look for our new dinner menu premiering on Monday September 17

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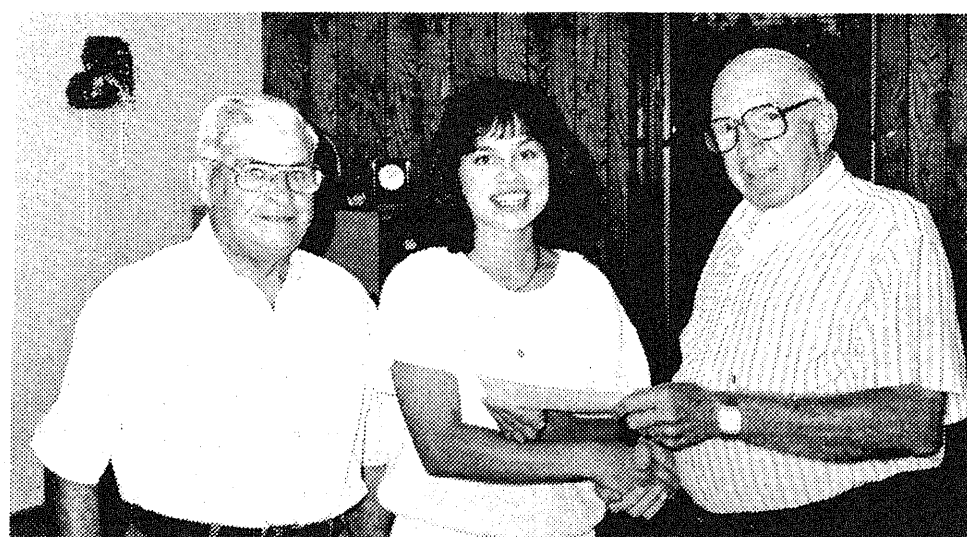
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HENRY ZAKRZEWSKI AND CHAIRMAN Frank Janes present a check for \$398.40 to Douglas Brining in support of the 4-H Handi-Riders.



HENRY ZAKRZEWSKI AND CHAIRMAN Frank Janes present a check for \$796.80 to Dale Hill to benefit Huron County Special Olympics.

— Congratulations —



Elkton Teen Queen

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An Elkton visit they'll never forget!

By AMY HEIDEN

When Don Brown visited the Outdoorama in Detroit last March, he never dreamed that he'd be traveling to Elkton Labor Day weekend.

The Outdoorama showcased communities from all over the country and Michigan, and the Village of Elkton was represented as well.

Brown was invited to enter his name in a drawing for a trip to Elkton during AutumnFest, and to his surprise, he was the winner. He and wife Patt, and daughter and son-in-law Shelley and Alex Vince, visited the village during AutumnFest, and were lodged at the Hitching Post Inn, in the new bed and breakfast section of the restaurant.

The Browns hail from Riga, Mich., about halfway between Adrian and the Ohio state line. He says that Riga is smaller than Elkton, and the surrounding area is much the same as the Thumb, with most of the land used for farming.

But unlike the Thumb, where the nearest large city is nearly an hour away, Riga is only about 15 miles from Toledo.

"When people asked us if we found anything to do, they didn't know we were from a small town, too," Brown chuckles.



DON AND PATT BROWN, left, and Alex and Shelley Vince, right, enjoy a few moments in the sitting room of the Hitching Post Inn, which has recently opened a bed and breakfast. The two couples visited Elkton during the AutumnFest celebration.

The family did find plenty to do, enjoying most of the AutumnFest activities and taking time to visit several antique shops in the area. They also took a self-guided

tour of the Thumb Area, following the shoreline from Harbor Beach to Caseville. Shelley mentioned some of the towns on their tour, remembering Bay Port's slogan—"Where the fish caught the man"—but not the name of the village.

Brown says he checked on the charter fishing out of Port Austin and probably will come back to take a charter he says. He's an avid fisherman, traveling all over the state and country to try his luck.

"We've traveled Michigan quite a bit, but have never come up here to the Thumb," he says. But he gets plenty of fishing in when he's home, too, because he lives only 17 miles from Lake Erie.

The visitors were impressed with the hospitality of their host village, and say they enjoyed the AutumnFest. "It was really well done," Brown says.

The Browns and Vincs were comfortable staying at the Hitching Post Inn, where owners Frank and Lottie Podzervienskis have recently finished two rooms of their planned nine-room bed and breakfast. Two bedrooms are substantially finished, along with a sitting room furnished with a TV and VCR.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM! DESK-CLEARING: ■ CROWDED PAPER — a few things have been added this week, while a few items are missing. "LISTENING EAR" isn't appearing this week, due to space limitations. Watch for it -- plus several items submitted by nice folks this past week -- right here next Wednesday.

We DO have a new feature called "Kidd Kolumn" appearing on Page 20 this week. It will be published every now and then, just for our little readers. Hope your KIDDS like it! Also, our popular "How Does Your Garden Grow?" column starts up this week. See Page 5, and share your favorite "garden biggies" with us right here next week!

NAMES IN THE NEWS: It seems lots of local folks have been featured in big-city papers in recent days. Some of them include Dorothy Elssesser of Elkton, with a "Frankenmuth Beans" recipe in the Bay City Times, Bad Axe's Dorothy Braden with a spaghetti sauce recipe in the same place, Sand Pointer J. Palmer Crawford's letter to the editor in a recent Detroit Free Press and others...

WORKING/PLAYING AT FERRIS: The new edition of the "1990 Bulldog Volleyball" program from Ferris State University in Big Rapids features some local stand-outs.

On Page 6, Bay Port's Tracie Henne and Pigeon's Connie Schulz are pictured. Both are freshmen outside hitters on the Bulldog team of Coach Jill Hirschinger. Looking good!

EVER HEAR OF THIS? An acquaintance made a point about saying "thank you" too much. She notes that she (like many other folks) often says "thank you" out of habit... and usually at an improper time. "I thanked a policeman once for giving me a ticket, and then I thanked our village treasurer for letting me pay my taxes!" she told us.

How about YOU? Have you ever said "thanks" at a time you really didn't mean it? We've all done it, haven't we? Drop us a line, and we'll share some of the better stories...

DON'T MISS... this Saturday's 11th annual Bay Shore Camp Benefit. An auction at 10 a.m. features R. Dale Wertz and some GREAT items, at the Bay Shore Camp site at 450 N. Miller, Sebawaing (just west of the Michigan Sugar Factory). Plus, face painting, haircuts and other unique offerings are planned.

Probably the most interesting is the 9 a.m. Pie Contest. They're auctioned off (for a good cause!) and offer a DELICIOUS prize! Last year's top pie brought nearly \$100...

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "The reason most people don't recognize opportunity is that it's disguised as hard work!"

Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

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200 feet before the stop to alert motorists of the impending stop. Drivers will park the bus as far to the right side of the roadway or private road as possible, DE-ACTIVATE the hazard warning lights, and ACTIVATE the alternately flashing red overhead lights while receiving or discharging pupils.

"Hazard lights must be activated before a stop. Red lights shall be activated only after a complete stop."

The new law requires drivers to stop 20 ft. from a stopped bus when the red lights are on.

There have been bus driver complaints in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Unionville - Sebawaing, Cass City and Caro school districts, among others, officials say.

The bus stop law is so new the Michigan State Police don't have the language on rules, school officials add.

MUTUAL ELECTS NEW LEADER



Wendell L. Evans, Jr. has been elected President and Chairman of the Board of Mutual Savings and Loan Association, headquartered in Bay City.

Mutual Savings, which has offices in Pigeon, Sebawaing and Cass City as well as 25 other offices, accepted the resignation of Chairman Ronald Gaffe.

Evans' appointment as head of Mutual Savings is the latest step in his 24-year career in the financial industry.

He came to Bay City from Missouri Savings Association of St. Louis, Mo., where he served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board since January, 1989.

Federal regulatory authorities had requested that Evans move to St. Louis to stabilize the insolvent institution and prepare it for recapitalization. The company now is going through the recapitalization.

Mutual Savings has assets of \$775 million.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court (Huron County), Judge Karl Kraus recently heard the pleas of or passed judgment on:

■ Bradley S. Neuville, 22 of Caro, pled guilty to drunken driving, following a recent incident on Dunn Road, Chandler Township; ordered to serve five days in Huron County Jail, pay \$670 fines and costs, attend outpatient rehabilitative counseling and loses driver's license for one year;

■ Susan A. Jones, 38 of Grand Blanc, pled guilty to impaired driving, following an incident on M-25 in Fair Haven Township; \$470 fines and costs, attend counseling and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Matthew S. Brown, 20 of Salt Lake City, Utah, pled guilty to driving with license suspended, following an incident in Caseville Township; three days in jail and \$150 fines and costs;

■ Stephen E. Crepeau, 31 of Flint, pled guilty to drunken driving, following an incident on M-53 in Meade Township; four days in jail, \$670 fines and costs and loses driver's license for one year;

■ Ricky A. Dube, 24 of Caseville, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$470 fines and costs, attend counseling and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Scott K. Lounsbury, 22 of Memphis, Mich., pled guilty to driving with license suspended, following an incident on M-25 in McKinley Township; \$100 fines and costs;

■ Alec E. Reich, 23 of Warren, pled guilty to impaired driving, following an incident on Spring Street, Port Austin; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Gregory M. Bryzik, 19 of Sterling Heights, found guilty of drunken driving, following an incident at Caseville County Park; five days in jail, \$570 fines and costs, attend counseling and loses driver's license for six months, and

■ Roger E. Kaminski, Garden City, pled guilty to impaired driving, following an incident on Main Street in Kinde; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days.

LOOKING FOR SERVICE NAMES!

If you have a son, daughter, friend, neighbor or relative serving in the Saudi Arabia or elsewhere in the Mideast — we'd like his or her address!

The Progress-Advance plans to publish names and addresses of service people in an upcoming issue, so friends may write to them as the peace-keeping conflict continues.

Included should be the addressee's name, rank, social security number and unit. We'll publish them as received. Small packages are now being accepted, too — with special emphasis expected prior to Christmas this year.

Send your person's information to: OPERATION DESERT SHIELD c/o The Progress-Advance P.O. Box 589 Pigeon, MICH 48755

For more information, interested persons may call Ray Licht at 453-3744.

Hunting safety class Sept. 17-20

Interested hunters can learn about safety by signing up for "Hunter Safety Classes," sponsored jointly by the Caseville Rod and Gun Club and the Pigeon Conservation Club.

Registration will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Caseville Rod and Gun Club, located on Dunn Road.

Classes are scheduled for Monday through Thursday, Sept. 17-20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students must attend all sessions to earn certification under the Michigan Hunter Education Program.

Young hunters must be able to prove they will reach their 12th birthday during this hunting season to be able to attend these classes. Those aged 12 to 16 must have a certificate to hunt.

No make-up classes are scheduled, organizers say. The Michigan Hunter Education Program has been recognized by the National Rifle Association as one of the top 10 in North America.

All instructors for the Caseville course have met NRA and Michigan requirements and are fully licensed.

For more information, interested persons may call Ray Licht at 453-3744.

As we see it

These add up to real dollars!

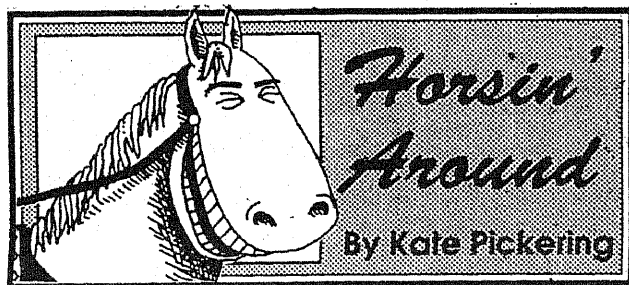
We grow tired of hearing about huge spending figures coming from Lansing and Washington, and yet we would have a difficult time grasping them in "real" terms ourselves. The government has talked about millions and billions for so long that we never hear about programs costing just \$100,000 or even one or two million -- it's always in huge multiples of those vast figures.

And likewise, the BIGGEST number we hear about is our U.S. budget, set in January for \$1.15 trillion -- but sure to be higher in large part due to the ongoing Mideast conflict.

So just how much IS a trillion dollars? Well, here are several ways to describe that much money:

- In dollar bills placed end-to-end, a trillion dollars would stretch around the earth 3,600 times;
- It would reach to the moon and back 500 times;
- With that much money, every resident in the city of Detroit could be made a millionaire;
- Everyone in Michigan could be given a \$120,000 Rolls Royce -- with change left over;
- You could have given \$12 to every human being who has ever lived and died on this earth;
- You could give everyone in the world today \$250;
- Or, you could have quite a memorable day playing the Lotto.

If you're still confused about a trillion (which is 1000 times a billion), or a billion (which is 1000 times a million, or even if you wonder about a



THE FACE OF IGNORANCE

I wonder if you could help me out a little bit here. I have a small problem. It is something like a handicap, yet I am not handicapped. This "problem" is a bit similar to racial discrimination - but I am not really part of any racial minority. The implications are something like those experienced in sexism - and yet it has nothing to do with being male or female.

Still, the barriers are a lot like the barriers scaled daily by the handicapped, or by victims of racial and sexual discrimination. So similar, in fact, that I'm just going to leave it at that - I'm not going to be any more specific about my particular "problem."

I will be very specific, instead, about what I want you to do for me, and for the handicapped, those of differing ethnic backgrounds, and for men and women who are unjustly stereotyped.

We just want what everybody wants... to be free. I want to be free to do and see and have the things that intrigue and delight me. I want to be free to try something new - to develop a new skill, to take advantage of every available opportunity. I want to be free from stereotyping, free from judgment, free from discrimination. I don't want to be labeled, or have it decided for me that my physical or mental or emotional limitations prevent me from doing certain things. I want to TRY first.

I want to be able to travel anywhere in this world unimpeded, if I have the means. I want to do the job for you if I possess all the necessary qualifications. I want to recreate where and how I like, if the mood so strikes me.

And where do you come in? It's so simple! It will be the easiest and most rewarding thing anyone has ever asked you to do...

— you can just be fair —

You can be kind and open-minded. You can remember to treat me and every human being on earth - civilly, and you can speak to me with a civil tongue... keep your preconceived notions wadded up in the attic at home, along with the other dusty old antiques.

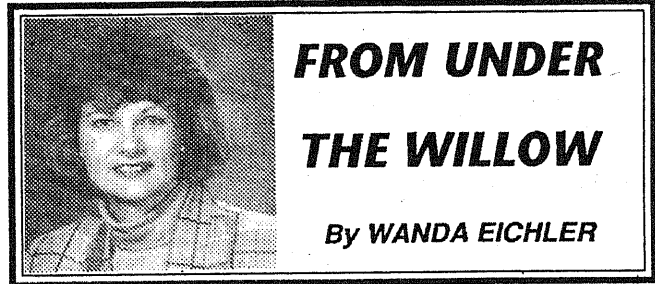
You can be welcoming. You can be non-judgmental. You can step back and let me have a turn. You can let me - or anyone else - try something new if we darned well please, without (snide) comments or malice, thank you very much, but with - instead - a little encouragement.

And lastly, you can contain your sneers, and those looks of surprise, or disgust, or disbelief when you see me, or see me doing something that you don't think fits your personal almighty plan of right and wrong. Besides, all that that "gawky" expression looks like to me is the face of ignorance.

million (which is 1000 times one thousand), think about these comparisons to a billion:

- One billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb had not been exploded;
- One billion minutes ago, Christ still walked the earth;
- One billion hours ago, evolutionists claim people lived in caves...
- ... and one billion dollars ago -- in terms of government spending -- was a few hours earlier today.

Now, do you still wonder why inflation continues to destroy our nation... and us individually?



GOLDEN AUTUMN

September is the month of gold. Time of golden yellows and soft burnished tans and flaming oranges, September is when time and colors turn together.

Bean fields across the Thumb of Michigan are ripening. A few have reached the point of harvest and have been threshed. Only the shreds of plants remain in those fields. Fields waiting harvest are dappled with greens and yellows. These are not the deep and bright colors of the early spring flowers. A field of dry beans that is turning looks more like a patchwork quilt that has been used year after year—there is a mellowness to the color of change and ripening.

Roadsides repeat the theme with their long acre after acre of goldenrod. Often silhouetted against the deep green of pines or the soft green of maples and oaks, the goldenrod's plumes wave in the winds of fall. Like a sea of soft gold, the goldenrod waves in the fall season of harvest and football, of ripe tomatoes and frost warnings, of Canada geese overhead and frosty dew underfoot.

The golden moon of September, the big harvest moon, dominates the sky. Red as it rises, turning orange yellow as it takes its place high in the nighttime sky, the moon displays its craters and mountain ranges clearly to human eyes. We tell our children that the dust in the air causes the beautiful moons. For generations mothers and fathers have been telling stories about the moon to children enchanted by the big orb hanging so close, yet so far.

September's wealth lies in the often forgotten "givens" of life. It lies in the sights of bean fields waiting for harvest, in the goldenrod that stretches mile after mile, and in the golden harvest moon. "All that glitters is not gold," says the wisdom of the ages.

In September nature glows and we know that we are richly blessed to witness another golden autumn.

MDA gets \$7530 in Thumb

Local volunteers gathered more than \$7530 in separate pledge drives during the Labor Day Weekend for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In Bad Axe, the Huron County pledge center received \$5476 in donations during the Labor Day telethon, up about \$500 from last year, officials said. In all, \$270 was received from the fish bowl and \$79 from the carnival and bake sale. The Moose Lodge of Bad Axe collected an additional \$905 in a car-to-car collection in Bad Axe over the weekend, for a Bad Axe total of \$6730.

From Sebawaing, Muscular Dystrophy's coffers are \$800 richer thanks to Sue Damm of Bay Port, who spearheaded eight volunteers to raise funds.

MDA had decided to cancel the pledge center in Sebawaing this year because of lack of participation from donors, but Damm and her volunteers conducted their own drive with a bake sale in front of Luke's Market and road block collection sites that netted over \$800.

The donations were presented to the central MDA collection site at the Hampton Mall on Labor Day.

Pigeon local news items

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schulz spend last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulz. Their sisters from Grand Rapids gathered for a "get-together" at the Schulz's cottage at Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. David Elftman returned home after visiting her sister, Carol Buerker and

helped her move into a new home while there. Mrs. Elsie Kern attended a funeral at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville Friday morning. Friday afternoon and Saturday she visited with relatives and friends in Reese and was an overnight guest of her sister,

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RECOLLECTIONS
Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAREditor:

The bean harvest is on or coming pretty fast. The beans look good, but it's like counting your eggs before they are hatched.

You never know what your beans will do 'til you have them threshed and sold. Then sometimes if you get a good price for them you are happy, but a lot of times they go up after you sold them and you wish you'd kept them.

But, if you do they'll come down and then you think of all the money you lost several days ago.

I was talking with some men my age and we talked about how we used to haul beans into the barn and let them sit there— for sometimes a month. And it didn't seem to matter if they were a little green—you'd put the green ones on the outside and they'd come out good. Then we started to stunk them.

One young farmer asked how we did that. Well, we'd put some straw on the ground and stack the beans on it.

Some people put an iron post in the middle of the pile and stacked the beans around them. You could almost get beans out of the water holes and let them in the stacks 'til they froze and you could still thresh them and get them out nice and white.

One fall it was very wet and I still had a team of horses and I was pulling beans and stacking them.

Well, I went up town to get

some cow chop made and when I got home my wife said there was a man there that wanted to borrow my horses to pull his beans. He said that after he had his beans off he'd come and help me.

Well, that guy had once told me that I was a fool for having horses and of course I didn't let my horses go. I and along with some other farmers had left some beans go unharvested because it was too wet.

Once I had five acres insured and it was too wet to harvest them and I got my insurance on them. I asked what I should do with them and the man said they were ours, so I told my son to sharpen the bean knives up and when the ground was froze we got them off.

I showed him how to stack them and we got a neighbor to come with his combine and threshed them and got \$250 worth of beans. Yet in James 5:7 it says "Behold the Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth."

Well, a farmer is a "Husbandman" and I am an old man, but back in the old days, if I had beans ready to take off and it rained a lot, I and the other farmers would have stacked our beans.

But back then we only had not over 50 acres of beans and now some people have 1200 acres of them.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE KEIM

Letter to the Editor

Kiwanis Peanut Sale was big success!

DEAR EDITOR: Community response to the Kiwanis Peanuts for Kids Day was the best ever. Once again, through their generosity, supporters demonstrated that programs for children are a top priority for them, as it is for Kiwanians.

We are dedicated to see that their donations are put to good use in sponsoring programs for our kids, such as

scholarships, leader development seminars, preschool, etc.
Two areas of support that often go unheralded are the media, who alert their readers and listeners to the event and the tourists visiting our community, who give so generously. The Kiwanis Club of Caseville salutes you as valued facets of our success.

THANK YOU,
CHARLES V. KIRK,
President,
Caseville Kiwanis Club



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Ernel Hill's garden on Mabel Street in Pigeon must be growing "like a weed" — only his garden is producing bright red, ripe tomatoes!

Hill, who admits to having "a green thumb," had to take a backseat in gardening this year, due to a heart surgery he underwent in the spring. But his wife, Dale, who says she's a gardening novice, tended the tomato plants under the watchful eye of her supervising husband — and came up with a crop of beauties, including this 2 1/2 lb. beef-steak variety.

Ernel hopes to be back in the garden next year, rather than just watching, but credits his wife with an excellent garden yield this year. "I just sat there and supervised," he said with a smile!

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HOW TO PREPARE AND ORGANIZE YOUR "TRASH" FOR RECYCLING:

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GLASS: We accept clear, brown and green glass. Wash and separate.

TIN: Remember! Tin WILL attract a magnet - take off top & bottom of cans, remove labels, wash & flatten (a can crusher can be used if bottom does not come off.) Please note that canning lids, jar caps, etc. CANNOT be recycled due to the rubber seal on the inside.

ALUMINUM: Aluminum WILL NOT attract a magnet - clean and flatten.

MILK JUGS: We cannot accept the ring or cap - wash and flatten.

NEWSPRINT: All newsprint accepted - try to remove "shiny" print from your papers such as the Parade Magazine, K-mart flyers etc. These papers - like magazines - do not recycle. Tie-up papers or put in sacks.

Service news

Air Force Sgt. William J. Bruni has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

Bruni is the son of Arlene Fritz and stepson of Hazen Fritz of 2300 Brown Road, Sebawaing, MI.

Sgt. Fritz is a 1982 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon, MI.

He is an aerospace propulsion specialist.

Local news

Mrs. Avis Cregeur was among the guests at the 50th wedding anniversary dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cregeur, held at the Uby Fox Hunter's Club on Sunday, Sept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker were Labor Day weekend guests of her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkleman.

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Lakers shoot down Caro's Eagles, 66-0



IN FOR SIX: Laker running back Reggie Ignash scores one of his three touchdowns in Friday night's victory over Caro. AT LEFT, Mike Keefer (54) provides a key block. IN CENTER, Ignash gets past Caro's Doug Botkins (42), and AT RIGHT, even Laker quarterback Jeremy Esch (24) signals the touchdown. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS



The Lakers put together a strong, balanced attack and numbed Caro Friday night to grab their second straight win and first league victory, in a 66-0 romp over the Tigers in football action.



with 52 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dan Gonzales. Kendal Truemaner, Brian Bollenbacher and Shawn Christner each scored TDs. Wissner kicked four PATs, and Bollenbacher and Truemaner each romped in for two extra points. No mercy rule after 45 or more points was adopted this year by the Thumb B League.

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Reggie Ignash carried nine times and scored three of the nine Laker TDs, while Eric Wissner scored twice. Quarterback Jeremy Esch was 3-5

Caseville sports news
 By KATHY MEYER
 The Caseville girls basketball team lost to an extremely good North Huron team, 73-21.

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Lee's Landscaping	3
Butcher Block	1
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Dutch Kettle	1
McCormick Motors	1
Pigeon Telephone	1
J & B Plumbing & Htg.	0

High team series and game: Village Barber 2220, Kuhl Lumber 2203 (760), Butcher Block 2150 (780), Scheurer Hospital 752.

High games and series: N. Niebel 525 (187-181), Angle Dube 504, M. Murdoch 487 (190), P. Parrish 479 (200), E. Turner 472, S. Buchholz 471, M. Ropp 468, F. Otto 460 (189), B. Schulz 187, A. Dube 187, B. Heintz 186, T. Gnagey 183, S. Sling 180, C. Taschner 173.

Spills converted: 2-7 D. Swartzen-druber, V. Haag, M. Murdoch; 5-6 B. Trost, S. Sling; 3-10 S. McLean, V. Haag; 3-9-10 A. Buechlein.

FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Co-op Elevator	4
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Pigeon Lanes	2
Caseville Fruit Market	2
Albrecht Auction Serv.	1
Berkley Industries	0

High individual scores: J.D. Gundan 583, P. Lang 526 (206), D. McAlpine 523 (209), C. Basinger 522, R. Nowaczyk 514, C. Henne 512 (206), A. Gies 205.

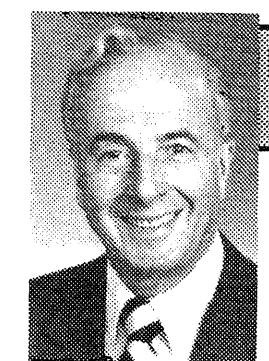
Spills converted: 3-10 D. McAlpine, C. Kaufman, J. Schember; 5-10 D. McAlpine; 2-7 L. Albrecht, N. Henne; 7-8 J. Thick; 2-5-7 C. Henne.

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Thanks a Million By Percy Ross

One-month reprieve on its way . . .

DEAR MR. ROSS:
 The first time I wrote, I asked for help in buying my children school clothes. You chose not to help me, I wrote again asking for help in paying my son's orthodontist bill. You chose not to help me.

Now I'm writing for me. I'm 51 and have never had much. I'm sitting here tonight feeling sorry for myself, knowing that there is no way I'm ever going to be able to buy anything extra. I work as many hours as I can and still can't make ends meet. The carpet in my living room is 18 years old and looks more like a rag than carpet. With the exception of one bed, the furniture in my bedroom is at least 20 years old and falling apart.

I had a week's stay in the hospital during which I healed real well. My dad's insurance covered part of the bills, and Dad is paying the rest in installments.

But this is my problem—I just can't saddle my dad with any more bills. His insurance won't pay for a prosthetic device and the fittings into my shoe so I can walk. Without them, my foot goes sideways.

The device costs \$571, and I'm asking if you could help me out. I hate asking people for things as I've never had to do this before.

Mr. Ross, all I want out of life is to walk and get myself a job. When the doctor said how much it would cost, my mom said, "If there's a will, there's a way."

If you can't help me, I'll understand, but I just thought I would try. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs. I'm a clean-cut young man who just wants to get a fair shake out of life.—MR. J.D., Columbus, Ohio

DEAR MS. R.:
 If you think most Americans are paying their bills on time, you're living in an illusionary world. Middle-class Americans are so over-extended in their monthly charges, it's pitiful.

You're asking for a one-month reprieve—just a little extra cash on hand. You got it. My \$200 check is on the way. So why am I helping you now? I figure with a little break this month, you'll

Pigeon

The Townliners group will begin their regular meetings on Monday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Noreen Ohlrogge.

The Esther Circle of Cross Lutheran women met Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elsie Sturm with Mrs. Viola Hall presenting the topic.

The Lydia Circle of Cross Lutheran women met Monday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sandy Reinhold of Sebewaing. The topic was presented by Mrs. Ruth Schuette.

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fact, he waited until a month before the wedding to cancel out.

Maybe that was a blessing judging from all that has happened, but I am still out a lot of money. I had been saving that money to get a car, and I guess that dream is out just like the wedding dream.

Meanwhile, my son and I are walking, and I feel a little guilty constantly asking people for rides. This is one reason I chose to get off welfare and join the military. It just happened that I met up with a loser.

But he won't keep me down for long. I hope you can help me out. Thanks in advance.—MS. B.S., Carlisle, Penn.

ence and perhaps a more discerning eye in finding a suitable husband.

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LEONA ROEBER 1915-1990

Leona Agnes Roeber, age 75 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 4 at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, after a short illness.

She was born April 15, 1915 in Pigeon, daughter of the late William and Mary (Rehbein) Roeber.

She was a homemaker throughout her life.

Mrs. Roeber is survived by one son, James (Onalee) Roeber, Utica; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Marguerite Chesney, Vassar and Mrs. George (Irene) Gardy, Bay Port; two brothers, Arthur Roeber, Pigeon and George Roeber, Bay Port and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert, in 1974.

Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m. Friday at Meyer-sieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rev. Luke Yoder, pastor at Pigeon River Mennonite Church, officiated, with burial in New Bay Port Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in her memory to the organization of the donor's choice.

HERBERT W. HUTCHINS 1927-1990

Herbert W. Hutchins, age 63 of Sand Point, passed away Thursday, Aug. 30 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a short illness.

Mr. Hutchins was born June 28, 1927 in Flint, son of Mrs. Leata (Harder) Hutchins and the late Fred Hutchins. He was united in marriage to Betty Ann Schmidt on June 23, 1956 in Sebawaing.

He was a graduate of Central Michigan University and received his law degree from Detroit College of Law. He operated a private practice in Melvindale for a number of years, was the assistant city attorney in Flint, the assistant Genesee County attorney and the Bay City city attorney.

He also served as Caseville Housing Commission attorney. Mr. Hutchins was a member of the Michigan Bar Association and Scenic Golf and Country Club, Pigeon.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; one daughter, Sarah (Mike) Hohman, Monroe; two sons, Richard Hutchins, Essexville and Robert Hutchins, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; three grandchildren; his mother, Leata Hutchins, Flint; three brothers; Ronald Hutchins, Flint, Merrel (Merne) Hutchins, Clare and Richard (Mary) Hutchins, St. Johns and two sisters; Helen (David) Damouth, Rochester, N.Y. and Joy (Robert) Merritt, Columbus, OH.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Sept. 3 from the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. The Rev. John

Mueller, pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sand Point, officiated with burial in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, or the Good Shepherd Organ Fund.

OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Freida Ittner, 94, Auburn, with local relatives, passed away Aug. 27.

Bessie Hahn, 92, Unionville, passed away Aug. 30.

John Bolda, 91, Port Austin, passed away Aug. 31.

Clara Christoson, 83, Bad Axe, passed away Sept. 1.

Herta Werner, 79, Gage-ton, passed away Sept. 2.

Beatrice Heinrich, 80, Port Austin, passed away Sept. 2.

William Leonard, 91, Harbor Beach, passed away Sept. 3.

Sylvester Byarski, 62, Port Austin, passed away Sept. 3.

Thumb Area Grain MARKETS

As of Monday, Sept. 10

Wheat	\$2.34
Corn	2.34
New Crop Corn	2.06
Oats (Grade A)	1.20
Oats (Grade B)	1.10
Soybeans	5.95
New Crop Soys	5.91
Navy Beans	17.00
N-Crop Navies	17.00

Pigeon local news

The Luther League of Cross Lutheran Church met Sunday, Sept 9 at 6 p.m. at the school. The meeting began with a Favorite Foods Fiesta with Kim Sturm in charge of games. Robin Sturm had devotions, Peter Shupe and Melissa Haley presented the topic in skit form.

Mrs. Beverly Simmons of Caseville entertained on Sunday her sisters and their families with a birthday surprise party for Mrs. Frank Deming.

Mrs. Ruth Schuette, Dorotha Schuette, Mrs. Gertrude Schuette, Mrs. Viola Hall, Mrs. Hilda Trost and Mrs. Martha Licht of Cross Lutheran Women entertained the residents of Luther Manor in Saginaw on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Auerhauer and family of Frankenmuth were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton. Labor Day weekend guests

of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Colli-son and Fred were, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sattler and Beth Ann of Bay City. Sunday guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wangelin of Sterling Heights. A Monday caller was, Mrs. Eileen Kraft of Fullerton, Calif.

Labor Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje were, Mrs. Lenore Galsterer and Mrs. Gib Heinliene of Frankenmuth.

Thanks for reading
The Progress-Advance

Akron State Bank names director

Joseph J. Maust, chairman of the board of Akron State Bank, has announced the appointment of Thomas Dillon as a new bank director.

Dillon is the Administrative Director of the Tuscola County Department of Social Services, which employs over 70.



THOMAS DILLON

"Mr. Dillon's appointment fits in well with the bank's long-range plans and our new Caro office," explains Maust. "Representation from the Caro area is of key importance to the bank."

Dillon, a Caro native, earned his Master's degree from the University of Michigan. He and his wife Roxanne have four daughters, Michelle, Danielle, Carey and Amy.

Akron State Bank was chartered in 1926 and has offices in Akron and Caro. Other board members include Joseph Maust, Myra Gerstenschlager, T. Wayne Elliott, Byron S. Prime, Nelson F. Kramer and Allen G. Quick, president and chief executive officer.

THE PAST IN PRINT

From The Archives Of
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

90 YEARS AGO SEPT. 28, 1900

Jas. Richmond left Monday for Saginaw where he resumes his studies at Saginaw Medical College.

The 6:27 p.m. passenger train on the Pere Marquette killed two horses belonging to Mrs. Hoenberger, just west of Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wag-ester, Mrs. Matt Richmond and daughter, Anna, Eli Wil-fong, Louis Staubus, Henry Moeller Jr., Leonard Eber-lein and Arthur White at- tended the fair at Bad Axe yesterday.

The new Evangelical Church at Linkville will be dedicated Sunday with services in German and Eng-lish.

William Heavly disposed of his horse livery business to Frank Shoefeldt and he plans many improvements in the service.

**80 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 30, 1910**

Amie Gwinn and Flora Richmond left for Ypsilanti where they will attend school. Mesdames Thomas

Thiel, Joseph Schluchter and Geroge Schnell and William Schluchter were in Caseville Monday.

The rain gave the crew drilling the well for Pigeon's water works a vacation Saturday and Monday. The drillers are working in two shifts.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Maust of Fair Haven Town-ship, a son.

Josephine, three-week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Merrick, died Monday.

**70 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 24, 1920**

The \$5,000 electric light bond issue in Elkton carried by a vote of 62 to 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Swart-zendruber of McKinley re- turned from a 10-day visit in Canada.

Norman Ramseyer of Elkton returned home from a two-month visit in Arizona.

Ford, the universal car, an- nounces reduction in prices: regular touring \$440; with starter \$510; runabout \$395; trucks with pneu- matic tires \$545 at H.B. Harder, Pigeon-Bad Axe.

Farmers in the Port Hope area have organized a coop-erative elevator company and purchased the local ele- vator for \$15,000.

**60 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 26, 1930**

Richard Gwinn, 74, a pio- neer of Caseville Township, was killed by a hit and run driver while attending a Methodist Conference at Flint. He is survived by two daughters and one son.

Louis Kain, 72, a pioneer of Winsor Township, passed away Saturday in Sebe- waing. Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, one son and two stepsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sturm, Fred Elbing and John Voel- ker returned home from a three-month visit in Ger- many.

The safe in the Pere Mar- quette Station in Sebawaing was blown open by robbers and about \$890 was taken.

Frank Murphy, a native of Harbor Beach, was sworn in as mayor of Detroit.

**50 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 27, 1940**

Pigeon board of education

has purchased a third school bus to take care of the 16 students from north of here and relieve overcrowding of the other two buses.

Mrs. Peter Platt, 57, passed away at her home south of Pigeon. Besides her hus- band, she leaves four daugh- ters and two sons.

Gordon Dafoe, 81, former Owendale postmaster, died Friday. Surviving are one sister and five grandchild- ren.

Over 500 attended the showing by S & S Motor Sales of the new 1941 Dodge and Plymouth cars and trucks in their new building. Prizes were won by Victor Esch, Edward Oeschger, Henry Roessel, Walter Koeh- ler, Otto Woelke, William Schultz, Olga Schuette, Otto Finkbeiner, Henry Fischer, William Swantz, Keith Rothfuss, Otto Trost and Alex Mitin.

**40 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 29, 1950**

Otto Finkbeiner, 48, promi- nent Winsor Township farmer, was killed in an auto collision near Linkville. He is survived by his widow and two children.

Class presidents elected at Pigeon Rural Agricultural School include: seniors Naomi Kraft; juniors Lois Perry; sophomores Aaron Gettel; freshmen Barbara Bailey; eighth grade Lola Hanniman and seventh grade Karen Damm. Ted Leipprandt was chosen president of the Student Council.

George Stoeckle, Jr., of Owendale was killed in ac- tion in Korea Sept. 2. This was the first death from the Thumb Area in the Korean War.

Mrs. Sophia D. Smith, 83 of McKinley Township, died Tuesday. Four sons survive her. They are Stanley, San- born, Alfred and John G.

**30 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 29, 1960**

New officers of Elkton Study Club, which is begin-

ning its 50th year, are Mrs. William McCarty, Mrs. Wager Clunis, Mrs. James Castle and Mrs. Orville Snider.

Fire of undetermined origin caused at least \$25,000 loss at the Mike Renn farm in Oliver Township. Two barns and 100 tons of hay were destroyed.

Andrew J. Loddell, 60 of Bay Port, died Sept. 14. Sur- viving are two sisters and three brothers.

Burton Perry, 65, formerly of Caseville, passed away in Saginaw. He leaves his wife, a son and three daughters.

Mrs. Joann Schember, formerly of Elkton, graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing, Detroit. She is the daughter of Mrs. Al- bertina Miller and the late John J. Miller of Elkton.

**20 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 24, 1970**

Larry Lee Gnagey, 17, of rural Bay Port, was killed in a two-car collision near Elkton. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gnagey, two sisters and one brother.

William Bechler, 71, re- tired Pigeon food and pro- duce distributor, died Sun- day. Surviving are his widow, three sons, Robert, Roland and Clare and one daughter, Pearl.

Seven members of Pigeon Rotary Club and their fami- lies served as hosts to six young business and profes- sional men, four from South Africa and two from Rhode- sia, during a five-day visit in this area.

Mrs. Donna M. Iddings, 45, passed away at her home in Elkton. Survivors are her husband, Glenn and one daughter, Darlene.

Herman C. Krohn, 85 of Pig- eon, died Sept. 17. He is survived by one son, Ar- nold.

Frank Smith, 87, passed away at his home Sept. 20. He is survived by his wife Mabel, and two sons, Cor- nelius and Allen.

**10 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 18, 1980**

Mr. and Mrs. George Mein- heit celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a service of thanksgiving at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, on Aug. 31. Approxi- mately 100 guests were in attendance.

George Keim returned home Monday after touring in Europe for several weeks with a group, including Pas- tor Martin Seitz, formerly of Pigeon.

Township offices, fire and emergency vehicles for Ol- iver Township are now housed in the completed township building, located on Hoffman Street near the present Elkton Village Hall.

Six members of the Pigeon High School graduating class of 1930 gathered to- gether to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Those attend- ing were George and Gladys Smith, Floyd and Edna Woodward, Irene (Damm) Davis and her husband, Ray, Lulu (Wurtz) Nienstedt and her husband, George, Dor- othy (Richmond) Bagren and Alice (Moeller) Yackle and her husband, Carl.

Now showing at Bad Axe Theatre "Brubaker" starring Robert Redford.

Chuck Mansfield of Caseville has started the Western Thumb's first 24-hour taxi service, called Caseville Cab.

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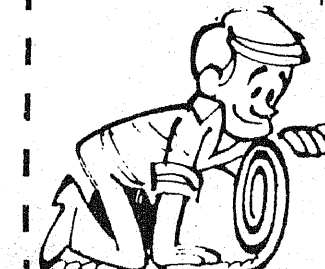
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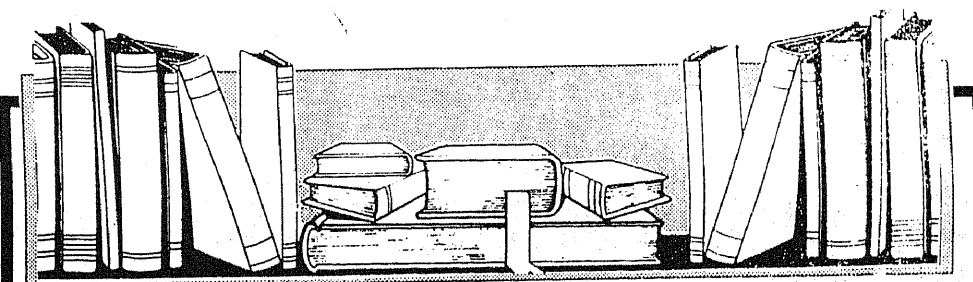
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— Family reunions —

DEMING-MILLER FAMILY

The 53rd annual Deming-Miller reunion was held at the William and Elsie Miller farm near Caro on Sunday, Aug. 19.

A total of 63 family members and four guests were present for the potluck meal. Following dinner, a business meeting was held where these officers were elected for two years: President Darl Deming; Secretary/Treasurer Agnes Talaski; Games Craig and Wendy Hewitt. One marriage and three births were recorded.

Get-well wishes and a card was signed by family members for Ida Haag.

Family members enjoyed afternoon games with prizes awarded to: Jeff Talaski, Michael Finkbeiner, Craig and Wendy Hewitt, Shandon Geilhart, Travis Deming and Desiree Parrent. Horse-shoes were played and visiting and music by Bill Miller were enjoyed.

The oldest person present was Chet King, later joined by Bea Hewitt, while the youngest was Amber Hewitt, age 1 1/2.

The 1991 reunion has been set for the same place on the third Sunday of August.

ROTH FAMILY

The 41st Roth reunion was held at the home of Ted and Marie Eby of Elkton with 60 relatives in attendance from Novi, Livonia, Brighton, Flint, Rochester, Unionville, Elkton and Caseville.

Ted Eby and Debbie Shaw were in charge of the business meeting, when Tony Miele and Sharon Mielie were voted as president and secretary.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed, followed by games and visiting. Recognition was given to the Richard Koons family, coming the farthest (Livonia) and the youngest, Laura Mielie of Brighton.

The next reunion will be in 1992.

GUNDEN FAMILY

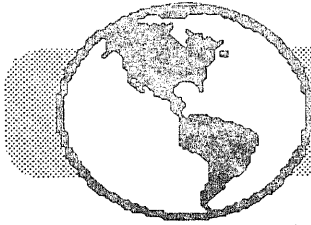
Descendants of John and Rachel Gunden gathered at the Bay Shore Camp, Sebewaing for a weekend reunion on Aug. 31 through Sept. 2.

Approximately 109 persons, including guests, attended. Family members came from Michigan, Florida, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, Ontario and Alberta.

Much time was spent reminiscing and playing games. Saturday evening was an evening of talent with family members participating in humorous skits, readings and instrumental music.

A Sunday morning church service was held with John Gunden of Orlando, Fla. in charge. He gave an inspirational message on our christian family heritage.

Sadly missed members, Clara Stalter and Mike Sape, who passed away during the past year, were also remembered on this day.



Around The World... with Brenda Buschlen



Greetings from Fish Hoek, South Africa! I started on my trip on Thursday, July 26 at 2:05 p.m. leaving from Tri-City Airport in Saginaw.

After a tearful good-bye with my family, I walked down the long, empty hallway leading to my plane wondering what would happen during my upcoming year.

An hour later I was sitting in the Chicago O'Hare Airport waiting out my 4 1/2 hour layover. Chicago was the main meeting place for Rotary Youth Exchange Students and close to 40 students were, like myself, on their way to South Africa. My seven hour flight to London went by quickly and I was then, for the first time, in a foreign country.

Once everyone got their passports stamped we all met up with our travel agent from Washington, Ed Peikarczyk. He made sure we got out of the airport safely so we could spend our 12 1/2 hour layover touring some parts of London.

Some of the sights I saw were Big Ben, Westminster Abby, Trafalgar Square, and Buckingham Palace.

I was disappointed with Buckingham Palace. I guess I thought it would be more attractive from the outside, like in fairytale storybooks. Instead it was bleak and dreary. The tall, black iron gates with a shimmering gold color at the top did catch my eye though. They sur-

rounded the gigantic building keeping the curious tourists a safe distance from the Royal Family. Not a Queen, Prince or Princess was seen that day!

Next was the 13-hour flight to Johannesburg. I thought it would never end! But at last it did and I rushed to make my connecting flight to Cape Town, just barely making it!

Taking a seat by the window, I observed the land of my new country on my final two hour flight. Flying out of Johannesburg the land was flat, bare and dry, almost lifeless and there seemed to be a lot of unused land.

The closer I got to the Cape region the more beautiful the scenery became! Huge mountains provide breathtaking sights and green slopes sweep down to the blue water which surround the Cape point.

The reason for the land contrast between the Cape Region and the Transvaal Region (that's where Johannesburg is located) is because the Cape has a winter rainfall and the Transvaal has a summer rainfall.

It was 12:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. Michigan time) when my plane landed safely in Cape Town, ending my lengthy trip. Now the real start of my trip was about to begin!

With butterflies in my stomach, I made my way into the airport terminal anxiously looking for my new host family and counselors.

My host mom, Wendy, two host sisters, Samantha and Tessa, my counselor, John Orton, his wife, Barbara and teenage kids, Nicky and Matthew and Rotary President Richard Collings and his wife, Audrey were all there to greet me with smiles and open arms.

After all the introductions were over, I went to pick up my luggage. Surprise! It never made my flight. It was still back in Johannesburg! It did arrive two hours later on the next flight, so I was relieved! Other than that little incident I never had any problems with my luggage.

My Rotary navy blue blazer helped me get through the custom lines easily each time I got on and off the plane. Not once did I ever have to get my bags searched.

When I finally went to bed at 8 p.m. that evening, I was asleep before my head hit the pillow. After all, I had been awake and traveling for close to 48 hours (give or take a few hours of light sleep)! After three or four days of rest I was recuperated from my jet lag.

My first host family which I am staying with are the Wrenchs. My host dad, Ian, works as the Sales Director for Food Can Manufacturing Company. He is 44 years old and enjoys hiking, reading and fiddling with his computer.

My host mom, Wendy, is a 44-year-old housewife, who likes to knit, read and has a

weak spot when it comes to chocolates (just like me)! Next is 18-year-old Jason. Since Jason is away doing his mandatory military training in the Army at the moment, I have taken over his room.

Samantha (Sam) is my 16-year-old host sister who spends time playing the piano, dancing, reading or going out with friends and is in the same grade as I am, Standard 9. Last, but not least, is the very energetic 5 1/2-year-old, Tessa. She loves playing with her preschool friends and with the family poodle, Candy.

They have all made me feel very welcome and each day I become more comfortable with my new lifestyle. I was sort of shy and quiet (which is not like me) at the beginning, but now I'm gradually coming out of my shell, but it still is taking me some time to adjust to everything.

The house I'm living in is about a 20 minute walk to the main street in Fish Hoek. With 12,500 people, Fish Hoek is mainly a holiday town for tourists.

I hope everything is well in Pigeon and the Thumb, and I will continue to write back to The Progress-Advance, hopefully every month, so I can share my experiences

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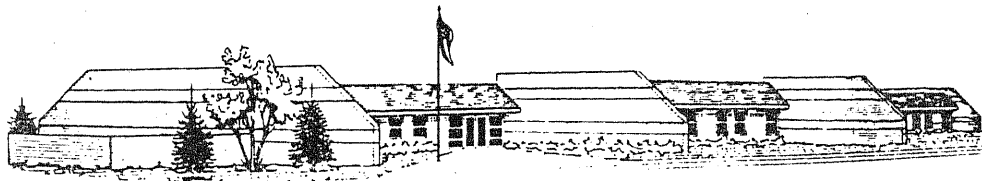
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