



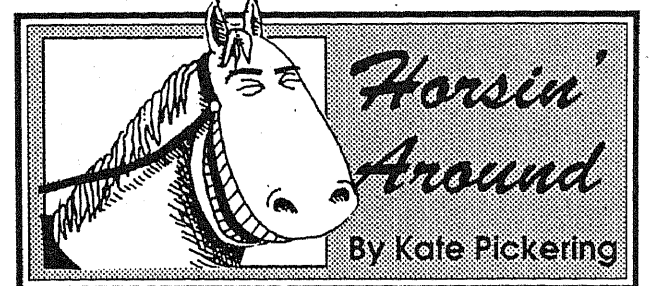
**As we see it**

**Early learnings still give guidance in later life**

Perhaps the most intriguing book published in recent years is Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." He rightly describes it as a compilation of "uncommon thoughts on common things," and he's right! Fulghum says most of what people really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be was learned in kindergarten. "Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School," he says. And, of course, he's right. He lists the primary points to which he refers on the back cover of the paperback edition of his #1 best-selling book -- and it isn't hard to see WHY such common, elementary thoughts can catch the imagination and attention of so many persons. Here's a synopsis of things Fulghum learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life -- learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.

They sound simple, don't they? They sound elementary, don't they? But if you truly explore



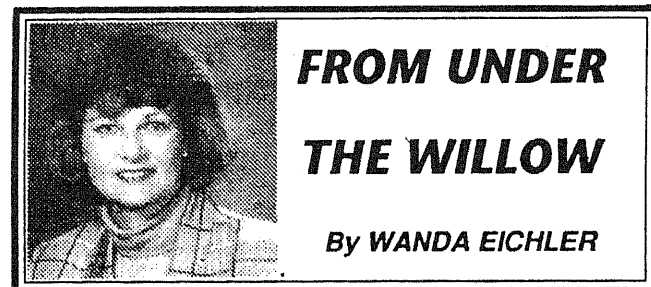
**CURL UP AND . . .**

Oh, the value of a good book! It is nearly impossible, when sifting through row after row of the beautiful, informative, intriguing books which line our local library shelves, to pick just one literary work to check out, take home and curl up with. Like the silly child that I am, I all too often judge and choose a book by its cover - but this system is not as completely devoid of good sense as we have been made to believe by the old axiom which warns against such a book-choosing method. Checking the covers is, after all, the quickest way to scan a large number of books and narrow down the possibilities. If, for instance, you were looking for a romance novel, one glance at a cover which features a petite, raven haired, emerald eyed beauty "bursting out" (if you will) of a low cut, lacy, flouncy, pink, tightly-bodied, civil war era dress, and succumbing to the charms in the arms of a brawny, brazen, bronze-skinned man - you can be pretty sure that romance is exactly what is contained therein! If I am looking for a book about horses, oddly enough many of the covers feature lovely photos of horses at work or play or rest. Cookbooks, of course, almost always sport scenes of decadent, heavily laden tables filled with tantalizing rich food. Kids books generally depict cartoon animals or funny characters of people, and the paperback dime-store western novels are always fronted by a grizzled cowboy, his trusty mount, and a Colt .45. But although a cover can help you to narrow down your choices, or guide you to a particular book section, in the end it is not until you're well into the contents - or perhaps even finished with the work - that you can truly judge for yourself the value and worth of the book. And yes, the same goes for people.

them, these little pearls of wisdom DO offer extremely valuable lifetime help. And isn't it also amazing how such tiny tidbits can be applied to complex issues and subjects -- and still impart direction and wisdom to guide your decision? Fulghum imparts his version of the Storyteller's Creed in the notes "To the Reader from the Author." This mythical creed also offers some useful tips for all types of experiences:

- I believe that Imagination is stronger than knowledge.*
- That myth is more potent than history.*
- That dreams are more powerful than facts.*
- That hope always triumphs over experience.*
- That laughter is the only cure for grief.*
- And I believe that love is stronger than death.*

Fulghum notes that we should remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word we all learned -- the biggest word of all -- LOOK. Everything we need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living. Like an advertised spaghetti sauce always promises, "It's all in there." Lessons, hints, tips, reminders, promises, pledges -- and hopes. And it all began in kindergarten, for us all.



**DEAR SANTA...**

DEAR SANTA, Here it is the second week of December and I'm still not sure what I should ask you to bring me for Christmas. This week I visited my parents' farm in Wisconsin. You will like Wisconsin this Christmas. Last week's snow has made the state a winter wonderland. Tonight as I drove through the little village of Theresa, I almost thought I was in Frankenmuth (minus the chicken). All lit up for Christmas, hilly Theresa was magic with its softly lit snowbanks, iced over river and twinkling lights. Dad and I cut spruces from the garden this afternoon. He had lots of trees from the soil conservation people that he'd planted in the apple orchard. The apple trees need their space, so we cut out a row of spruces. One large one will be our Christmas tree at Graywood Farm in Michigan. Four little ones will go to relatives who will appreciate the fresh cut miniature spruces. Dad and I dug the trees out of snowbanks to cut them. It was the first time that I'd cut Christmas trees with my dad who turned seventy this year. It brought back memories of the lovely red fir trees that father-in-law John used to bring us each Christmas. Mother and dad and I decorated their farmhouse for Christmas this weekend. We wired and hung wreaths. We made bows and arranged creches. We baked cookies and put out the Christmas linens. We strung lights and placed boughs. The farmhouse has a festive, holiday air to it now. Then, we entertained the open house folks on Sunday afternoon. So, anyway, I still can't think of what I'd like for Christmas. I know that you're good at the small stuff, but my kids and husband can take care of that. Maybe you could check into the Peace On Earth stuff again this year. I know that you try real hard with that one each year and then somebody always goes and messes it up. But why don't you give Peace on Earth a try again this year. I figure that maybe you have a little pull, what with you being in the Christmas business and all. With the Mideast mess and all, you could take my request and put it with all the others that you'll get. Add it to the "bring my mom or dad home from the Gulf" requests and the "please don't let there be a war" ones. They're all in the same category. That'd be the best Christmas gift of all, Santa. Peace on Earth, Goodwill for all. Good luck finding it. I'll get the spruces back to Michigan. You watch for Theresa, Wisconsin's lights when you're out on Christmas Eve. We'll have some baked beans warmed up for you when you make the Pigeon pit stop. Meantime, take care of yourself. We sure look forward to seeing you each year.

Your friend,  
**WANDA**

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**RECOLLECTIONS**  
**Of By-Gone Days**  
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR: I, Mary, am taking my father George's place this week. I'm back again in the United States from the Netherlands for three weeks, this time to celebrate my father's 80th birthday. This has been quite a year for my father and we are truly thankful that we can celebrate a birthday. To be able to come home to America in the month of December is very special. Each country has its way of celebrating Christmas. One of the typical things of America are the multi-colored Christmas lights, which are being up so many things. When I fly into Detroit, we drive through Frankenmuth on our way home. The sight of all the Christmas lights which light up a pitch dark countryside is something that never ceases to amaze me. Even when I see it in July, I find it very special. In our town in Holland, only white lights are hung up. It is only in the last couple of years that the Christmas decorations such as hanging up lights has really become a thing to do. One thing I've never seen in Holland are the various kinds of manger scenes all over the place. This is a sacred thing, so the manger scenes are in the church and not on the front lawn or in a store window. I really like this separation between what is considered sacred and secular. I can't seem to appreciate a cabbage patch doll that is supposed

to be Jesus. I enjoy being here right now. We had a couple of stormy days. The wind blew and the snow fell, turning the brown world into a foggy, misty white. We had to stay home because it was too stormy to go out. It brought back memories of when I was still going to school and it would be cancelled because of snow. It will probably be awhile before I get back to this area for a time again, unless something drastic happens. This year I was able to see the Pigeon Area turn from winter to a beautiful spring. This happened in a week's time because of the warm weather in April. Then this summer, I was able to see this area in its full glory. The fields were full of nice looking crops of various kinds and now I am here and we have had snow. I miss the changing of the seasons here. I miss not living in the country and I can't see the sunsets from where I live. I miss the quietness here. We live close to an airport in Holland and it is never quiet. I am truly thankful for the times I could come back this year. I'll take all the good memories back. I'll put them in a magic box and sometimes I'll open the box and pull some things out and once again enjoy them. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1.

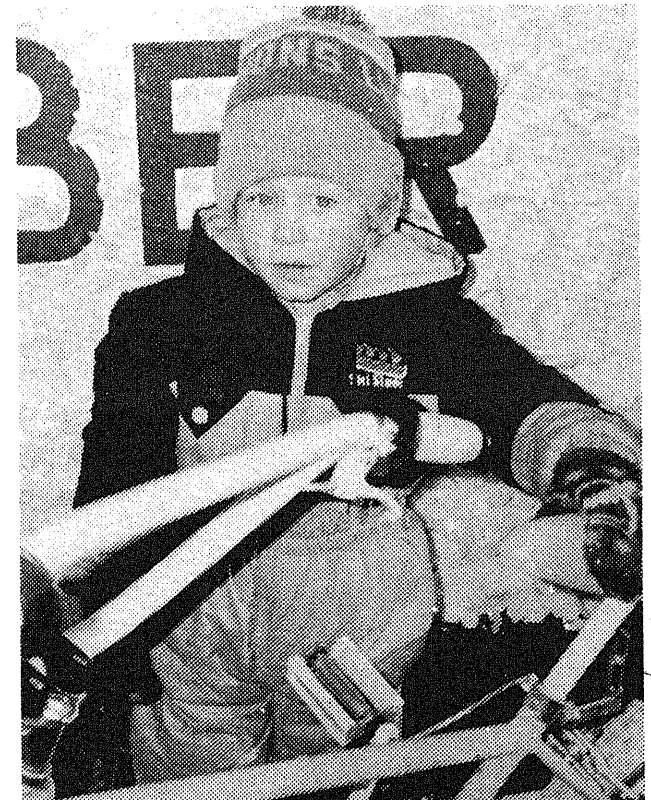
SINCERELY,  
**MARYE MAARSEN-KEIM**

**Letter to the Editor**  
**Saudi soldier advises package senders**  
DEAR EDITOR: I am one of the soldiers you have listed as being in Operation Desert Shield. I would like to give some advice to others. I read in one of your October papers that many people in the Thumb area are donating goods to be sent to the soldiers here. Let me say this first of all: We all really appreciate the thought. It's nice to know that people care about us. But if they want any goods to go to the soldiers they know, send it to them! I'm saying this because most of the goods are sent to

**More winners Saturday!**



**AND MICHAEL SIEWERT!**



**MICHAEL SIEWERT** of Pigeon is this week's bicycle winner in the Dec. 8 Childrens' Christmas Drawing. Next Saturday is the final childrens' and teen drawing.

**COUNTY ROUND-UP** from Page 3

**2-CYLINDER CLUB MEETS**  
The Thumb Two-Cylinder Club met Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the third-floor meeting room of the Huron County Building in Bad Axe. Election of officers for the coming year was conducted, at the open meeting for any interested persons. The club is open to persons interested in the preservation and restoration of John Deere Two-Cylinder tractors, members say, and ownership of a tractor is not a requirement. Yearly dues for individuals and families are available. Persons with questions may call 269-2293 or 678-4220.

**C'ville starts new bus service**  
Early next year, students in the Caseville School District will have no excuse for missing their school bus. A new program called "Here Comes the Bus" will allow families to rent a receiver that picks up a signal when the bus is within two miles. The Caseville Optimists Club proposed the idea in November and it was approved during this month's Caseville Board of Education meeting. The program will cost families \$50 initially, says Caseville Supt. James Stahl.

**Scheurer Mammography Dept. accredited**

**KAY NIESCHULZ . . .**  
**PIGEON'S KAY NIESCHULZ** is \$200 richer in Pigeon shopping money, following her win at Saturday's Adult Drawing in Pigeon. Her key was one of two that fit the lock on the Christmas stage and she selected a box containing the \$200. The other key winner, Orville Reed, will be going on to the Grand Prize Drawing on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Scheurer Hospital's mammography facility in Pigeon has been accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The facility has met the necessary requirements, which include a peer review evaluation of the facility's staff qualifications, equipment, quality control and quality assurance programs, image quality and breast dose. The accreditation must be renewed every three years. More than 900 facilities have been accredited nationwide. This program was started

in response to two major concerns expressed by radiologists, other national medical organizations and the public: that qualified personnel perform and interpret mammograms and that dedicated mammographic equipment be used to ensure that women receive optimum mammographic examinations with the lowest possible risk, experts say. One in 10 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Early detection is the key to survival. Mammography done in conjunction with breast physical examinations provides the most accurate diagnosis of early breast cancer. The American College of Radiology, the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association and nine other major medical organizations, recommend the following guidelines for women without symptoms: ■ Between ages 40-49, a mammogram should be done every one to two years, a physical breast exam every year. ■ After age 50, a mammogram and physical breast exam should be done every year.

**Five Good Reasons To Shop PIGEON . . .**

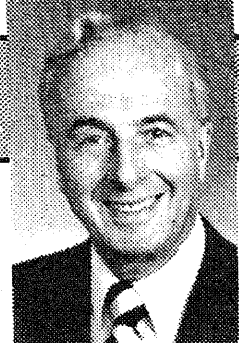
- 1. SELECTION:**  
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"Thanks a Million" By Percy Ross

Send your letters to: PERCY ROSS, c/o Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number.

# Promised land in sight . . .

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
We are hopeful you will assist a very special elderly man, who lives in a small rural area outside Baton Rouge. He and our daughter are close neighbors. He is a black man with less than a grade-school education. In order to support his family, he worked extremely hard for years at any available job.

Now in his mid-70s and partially crippled, he can no longer do day labor. However, he pushes himself to do what he can and maintains a sense of dignity. He grows his own vegetables

year-round. Each fall, he picks pecans and uses income from this to defray the cost of propane, necessary for winter heating. Despite various other hardships, he and his wife take care of three young grandchildren, ages 10 and under. Their home is most humble, in that it has no inside toilet—only an outhouse. I've enclosed a photo of their house with my letter so you can see the outhouse, which is barely showing above the junked truck.

Our request is for a septic tank and its installation. If you provide this, we will supply a toilet and enclose

their back porch for the needed privacy. We have estimated your costs to run about \$950. As I said in the beginning, we are hopeful you will assist.

One thing is for sure—this gentleman would think he was in the "promised land" if his home had the modern convenience of indoor plumbing. Mr. Ross, how about it?—MR. D.H., Baton Rouge, La.

**DEAR MR. H.:**  
I'm offering no explanation, rationalization or words of wisdom. The \$950 check I'm sending you speaks for itself on how I feel regarding your request.

**DEAR MR. PERCY ROSS:**  
I'm a mother with two daughters. The only income I have is Aid to Families with Dependent Children, which is \$118 a month. I wrote you a letter asking for help, and I don't believe you even read it. Why haven't I gotten any answer from you? Is it because I am a black woman?

My daughters—one is nearly blind and the other is nearly deaf—are in great need of your help. Just send \$250 for one and \$475 for the other. Otherwise, I'm going to keep wondering if you really do help people. If I don't hear from you, then I'll know for sure you only help white people and not us blacks.—MS. T.J., Fairfield, Ala.

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
I am a foster-care worker who works with special problem teen-agers. Typically, if they do not make it in our foster homes, with trained foster parents and therapist support, they are placed in group homes or other institutions.

Through my work, I've come in contact with a very special lady who has been helping the more seriously troubled children for many years. I'll call her Mindy in case my letter is published in your column.

Mindy currently has three adolescent boys in her small home. She is working wonders in helping them adapt to community living. She is a very caring person, and this is a major reason the boys accept her correction and direction. Although the state does pay her for working with these boys, it's not enough to cover her household costs. This is why I am writing you. Mindy needs two new

screen doors for her home. I'm sure you can imagine how rough these active boys are on flimsy doors. She just doesn't have the money to replace them at a cost of \$300. I realize you must get tons of requests, so I understand if you can't fulfill this one.—MR. J.B., Ypsilanti, Mich.

**DEAR MR. B.:**  
What I'm doing doesn't hold a candle to what Mindy does. You don't see me taking in troubled teen-age boys. I just dole out a few bucks to the care providers, like Mindy, along with enthusiastic support.

I can imagine how those boys keep Mindy coming and going, so it only makes sense to replace those screen doors. Her \$300 is in the mail, along with this message to her foster kids. "Regarding the new screen doors I've arranged for Mindy, if you get in trouble, you'll find yourselves on the outside looking in. Good luck, fellas!"

**DEAR MS. J.:**  
The only time I know if people are black, white, yellow or red, is when they write that description in their letter. Believe me, very few do. Therefore, I consider myself color-blind when it comes to granting or denying a request.

The reason you're not receiving any help is because I don't believe your request is for real. No one lives on \$118 a month except on the streets. If you can send verification of your income and your daughters' disabilities, I'll reconsider your request.

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# Caseville fetes fall athletes

Caseville High School honored its athletes during their annual Fall Sports Banquet conducted in the school gymnasium on Nov. 27.

The dinner was sponsored by the Class of 1994, under the direction of staff members Lynne Mayes and Ann Davison. The invocation was given by Caseville High student Kimberli Pittenger.

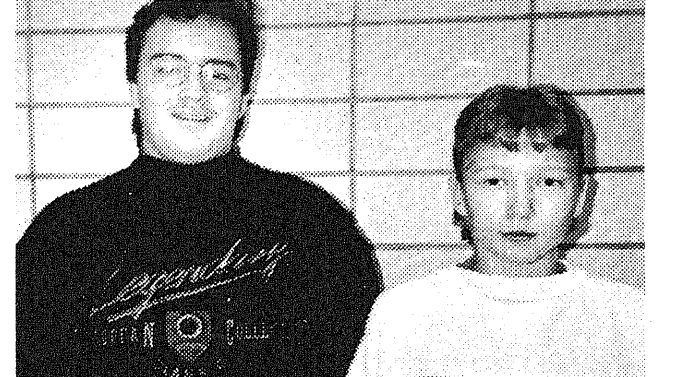
**Varsity cheerleader** awards were presented by Sharon Burnor to Wendy Karl, Teresea Hoffman, Heather Carson, Melissa Thick, Jodi Anczewski, Laura Gavilinski, Terri LaFontaine, Celeste Leach and Stacey Meissner.

**Most valuable** player award for football was presented to Brian Smith by head coach James Burnor. Jeff Brunni received the Most Improved award and the Tony Dubey Inspirational award was presented to Jeff Oorbeck. Tyler Williams and Jeff Oorbeck received Iron Man awards.

First Year awards were presented to Jeff Briesmeister, John LaFontaine, Ryan Lackie, Scott Briesmeister, Brian Smith, Tyler Williams and Jeff Wedding; Second Year award, Tim Wolfe; Fourth year awards, Jeff Brunni, Jeff Oorbeck, Brian Kraus and Mike McCrary.

Participation awards were presented to Bryon Kanyak and Ed Gaertner.

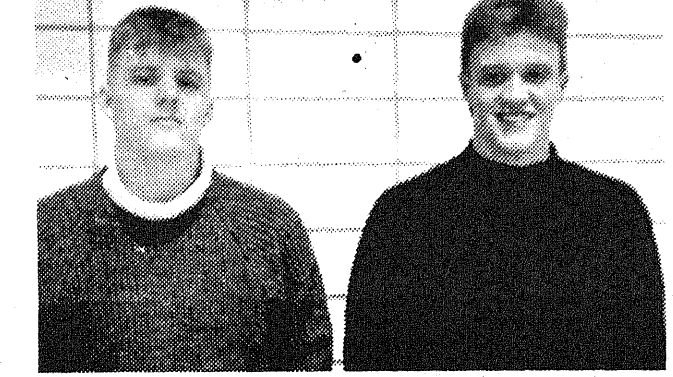
All Conference awards were given to Mike McCrary for defense and Jeff Oorbeck for offense.



**GOLF:** Most Valuable Player, Peter Ruiz de Castilla; Most Improved Player, Daniel Dufty.



**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** Most Valuable Player, Penny Murdoch; Most Improved Player, Marg Bailey.



**FOOTBALL:** Most Valuable Player, Brian Smith; Most Improved Player, Jeff Brunni.

# Obituary

**IRIS IRENE BITTNER**  
1932-1990

Iris Irene Bittner, age 58 of Pigeon, passed away at her residence on Dec. 9 following a long illness.

Mrs. Bittner was born in Huron County on Nov. 1, 1932, daughter of the late Albert and Rose (Raybind) Groth. She was united in marriage to Gustave Bittner. He preceded her in death in 1963. She was a homemaker throughout her lifetime.

She is survived by two daughters, Arlene Bittner, Owendale, Mrs. Clare (Dolly) Morley, Owendale; two sons, Keith of Florida, Clarence, Pigeon; a grandson, Matthew Bittner; two brothers, Richard Groth, Caseville, Melvin Groth, Detroit and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Bittner was preceded in death by a sister, Alberta Eisinger.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Luke Yoder of Pigeon River Mennonite Church officiated with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery.

# Pigeon news notes

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmitzer of Sebawa entertained his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Diener to a fish dinner at the Dutch Kettle Friday night.

Elmer Born accompanied by Clarence Born visited Sunday afternoon with Charles Born, a patient at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

Darrell and Dean Verheaghe of Bay City spent Wednesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kleido and Connie.

Mrs. Elmer Schuette visited Sunday evening with her mother, Mrs. Frank Taschner in Sebawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke traveled to Sterling Heights on Saturday to visit with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela, Kristine and Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were Friday callers at the Case Funeral Home, Saginaw. They paid their respects to the family of Lester Freeman.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman were their daughter, Mrs. Linda Manyen of Bay City and her sister, Mrs. Margaret Eimers, Saginaw.

# Other Thumb Area deaths

Eula Gruber, 63, Cass City, passed away Nov. 29.  
Catherine McCarthy, 78, Cass City, passed away Nov. 29.

Katherine Martin, 80, Howell, formerly of Cass City, passed away Dec. 1.  
Timothy Fisher, 33, Romeo, formerly of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 2.

Dolores Comment, 78, Cass City, formerly of Gagotown, passed away Dec. 3.  
James Hogan, 35, Lapeer, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 3.

Anna Breakie, 95, Inverness, Fla., formerly of Verona Township, passed away Dec. 4.

Eugene Pyrek, 53, Munising, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 4.

Don McAuley, 59, Port Hope, passed away Dec. 5.  
Clara Heiden, 72, Minden City, passed away Dec. 5.

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TAKE NOTICE: On January 7, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Bad Axe, Michigan, before Hon. David L. Claibush Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Robert Blanchard, requesting that his name be changed from Robert Blanchard to Robert Lee Ertman.

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**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

**John A. Champagne**  
— Director —

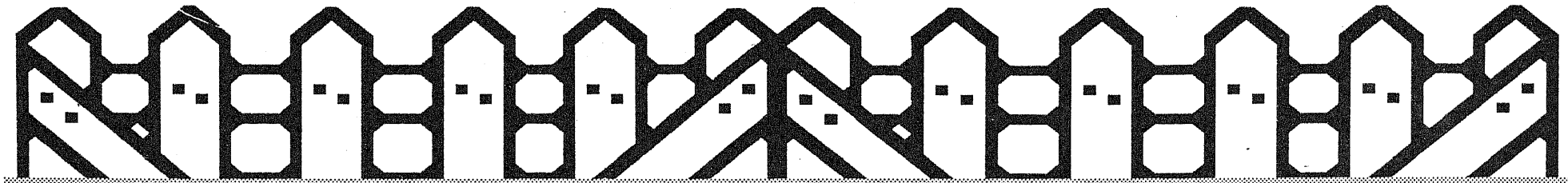
**THERAPY FOR THE DYING**

Therapy is often recommended for terminally ill patients to help them come to grips with their condition. What about the person who does not yet know he is dying? One of the first things that the therapist is how much the patient knows about his condition. If his diagnosis is fatal and he does not know it, the therapist can help him reach an accommodation to his ignorance.

For others, a kind of quasi-acceptance is more appropriate, one made in symbolic language and nonverbal acknowledgements. Whatever accommodation a patient is most capable of, a good therapist will sense it and guide things in this direction.

For some, this accommodations means forcing the fact, bringing the truth into the open, and working from there. Many patients who have been kept in the dark concerning their real diagnosis feel relieved when told the facts. Now at least they know what the enemy really is, and where they really stand.

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# From The Ground Up

## Garden expert gives Yule decorating tips

By ED HUTCHISON

Adding holiday zest to the home and landscape is easy and affordable with the simplest of materials: Evergreen boughs, glass ball ornaments, ribbon and miniature lights.

First, some material basics and then some decorating ideas.

**EVERGREEN BOUGHS** — Use several types for a pleasing blend of texture, color and fragrance. Choices in the Thumb usually include white pine, Scotch pine, blue spruce, white spruce, Douglas fir, cedar, Canadian hemlock and holly.

You may have some of these in your backyard; don't hesitate to take a few snips from various bushes and trees. It won't hurt them. Many places that sell Christmas trees also sell bundles of boughs. Look for bundles with branches with lots of tips 6 to 12 inches long.

**GLASS BALL ORNAMENTS** — Choose a solid color that best complements your decor and buy at least two sizes. Buy the least expensive you can find.

**RIBBON** — Again, choose a complementary color with an appropriate finish for indoor or outdoor use. White or cream are always useful.

The most useful widths for indoor use are one inch and one and one-half inches; for outdoor, three inches wide.

Bows and streamers use a lot of yardage, so consider buying a bolt, especially if it's on sale.

**MINIATURE LIGHTS** — Virtually all are listed by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) and are suitable for outdoor use, but check the package to be sure. The easiest strings to work with are those with 35 or 50 bulbs and with connectors on both ends. It pays to shop around since prices for the same set vary widely.

With supplies in hand, here are some ideas for using them.

**Arrange evergreen boughs** in large pickle crocks or other glazed earthenware and run streamers of narrow ribbon through it. Greens will last longer if stems are in water. It's a good idea to change the water every several days.

Cut the ends of the stems just before arranging and if a shaped arrangement is desired, shredded styrofoam or florist foam (Oasis) packed in the container will hold the stems in place.

**A mantle**, buffet or similar long, narrow surface is easily decorated with boughs laid on the top, starting wide at the center and narrowing at the ends.

Weave ribbon throughout to follow the shape of the boughs and top it with several glass ornaments. A sheet



OUTDOOR LIGHTS are much easier to string on leggy evergreens with spring-loaded clothespins holding them in place.

of plastic food wrap, such as Saran Wrap, will protect wooden surfaces from sap.

Take care to replace the greens as they dry, especially if a fireplace or candles are nearby.

**Deck out the deck** with big, fat red or white bows with 12-inch-long streamers tied to each corner. Big bows are tricky to make so unless you're good at it, have your garden center or florist make them.

**Dress up the outside** of first floor windowsills with evergreen tips and fresh oranges, limes and lemons. This was a popular decoration in Colonial times.

I'm not sure how they did it then, but at my home, we use blocks of styrofoam as a base for the greens and citrus and tie the block to the windowsill with nylon fishing line, securing the line to small nails hidden inside under

the window molding.

To keep the line from cutting into the foam, we ran two thin strips of duct tape near each edge of the block and wrapped the fishing line over it.

**Use spring-loaded clothespins** to attach outdoor lights at various spots on larger trees and shrubs. Often, branches aren't spaced to achieve the most pleasing design from the lights. This is especially true in white pines.

Clothespins help make and keep a design that will last throughout the holidays, in spite of wind and snow that would otherwise disrupt it.

**Trace the trunk** and branches of small deciduous trees with miniature outdoor lights and secure them with twist ties.

The effect is stunning, especially on crabapple and other small trees with lots of branches. This takes a lot of lights (200 to 300 bulbs for an eight-foot tree) but the shimmering result is well worth the cost and effort.

Leave the lights attached after the holidays and turn them on during summer. The foliage brings out a entirely different effect.

**Dress up the mailbox** post with a sheaf of evergreen boughs and add a big bow at the top. The boughs can be stapled to the post if it's wooden or wired if it's metal. The bow should be secured with a long wire.

Read & use The Progress-Advance

Have an item of community interest for next week's paper? Be sure we have it by 9 a.m. Mondays (the earlier the better!)



### "Homes For The Holidays" Was A Huge Success On Sunday, Dec. 9

We Offer Our Specials Thanks To The Community For Your Very Warm Response To Our First Ever Pigeon Homes Tour. We Enjoyed Hosting You As Much As We Hope You Enjoyed The Tour!

Special Thanks To Our Hosts: Pauline Eichler • Elaine Schulze  
Peg McCormick • Bertha McAulay • Stacey Gettel • Mary Gettel  
Your Homes Were Truly Decked Out In Their Holiday Best!

To Our Members Who Were Helpful In Planning The Event, Providing Hostess Help And Making Cookies We Thank You From The Bottom Of Our Hearts.  
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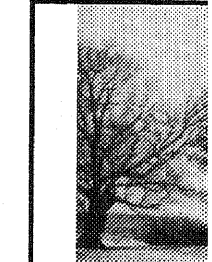
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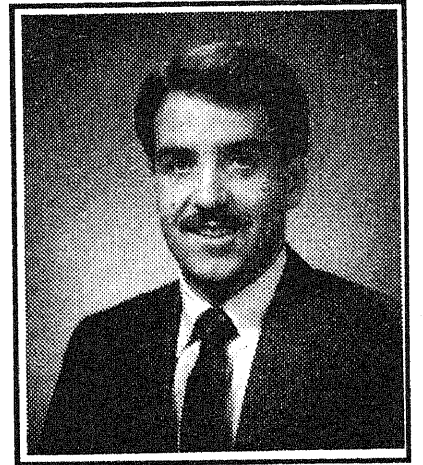
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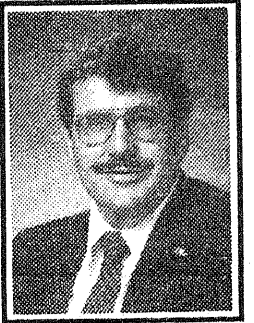
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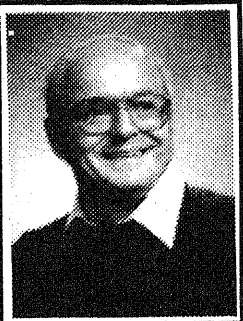
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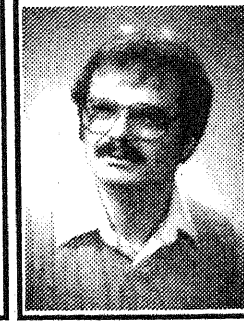
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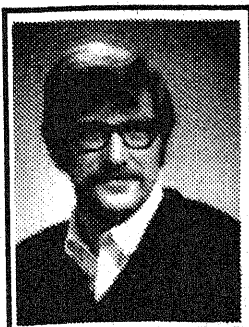
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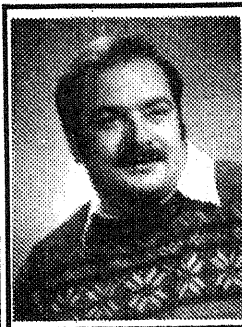
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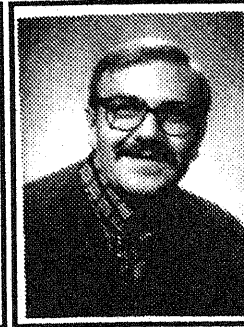
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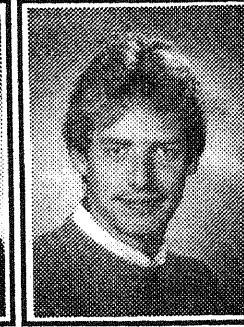
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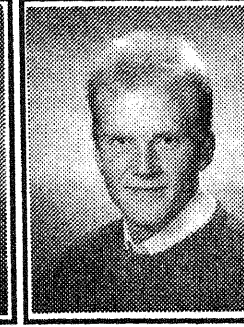
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