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## International friendship spans many miles

By WANDA EICHLER

International youth "exchange programs" often cross miles, but for the Jim Swartzendruber family, an exchange effort is forming that spans years.

Dr. Edgard DeSousa and his 19 year old daughter, Beatriz, departed for New York on Friday, Dec. 28 after spending the Christmas holiday with the Swartzendruber family in Pigeon. Beatriz, a Rotary Exchange student, has made her home at the Swartzendrubers throughout all of 1979 as she has attended Laker High School.

The exchange between the DeSousa and Swartzendruber families began in 1976 when Luzia DeSousa, Beatriz' older sister, came to Pigeon as a Rotary Exchange student. Luzia stayed with the Jim Hartman family, the Gene Poirier family and finally with the Swartzendrubers. Her mother and father came to visit her in the summer of 1976 and met Jim and Arlene Swartzendruber at that time.

After Luzia returned home, the Swartzendrubers planned a winter trip to Brazil with the idea of taking a side trip away from the attractions of Rio de Janeiro to Campinas, where the DeSousa family lives and where Dr. DeSousa is a practicing oral surgeon. The Swartzendrubers enjoyed their stay in Campinas, a large city in the interior of Brazil, due to the hospitality of their Brazilian friends.

Last January, Beatriz DeSousa came to



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS - Meeting recently in Pigeon were, from left, host Jim Swartzendruber, Dr. Edgard DeSousa and his daughter Beatriz, hostess Arlene Swartzendruber and another local exchange student, Tracy Robertson of Tasmania. (PHOTO BY WANDA EICHLER)

America to stay with the Swartzendrubers for a year. So this Christmas marks the third meeting for the DeSousas and the Swartzendrubers.

Dr. DeSousa and Beatriz will travel for about a

month before their eventual return to Campinas. New York, Washington D.C., Dallas, Mexico City, Acapulco and Bogota are among their planned stops in the month ahead.



**AUCTION COMING JAN. 12** - Many items from the former Pigeon High School will be offered during the Auction Sale planned at the school beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Hundreds of desks, childrens' chairs, benches, fire extinguishers, racks, bookcases and lockers will be for sale, according to Laker Supt. Harry J. Brunet. The 1917 building will be torn down next spring, since renovation costs prevent its re-use. The building was vacated when Laker Junior High students moved into their new building earlier this year.

R.D. Wertz of Thumb Auction Service will be in charge of the sale.

## Winter guide available

To celebrate the oncoming tourist season, the East Michigan Tourist Association (EMTA) has announced that its 1980 "East Michigan Winter Guide" is ready for distribution.

The full color, 48-page guide contains detailed information on cross country and downhill skiing, snowmobiling and features on ice fishing and winter camping.

Fourth-eight cross country ski trails are described including length, location, services and information contact persons. "This is a 200% increase in the past two years in nordic skiing trails in East Michigan", stated James Hall, association president. The winter guide lists 15 resorts offering rental equipment and instruction; with some offering weekend packages featuring cross - country skiing for families."

Over one hundred snowmobile trails are also fully described. Layouts of the region's ten ski parks and resorts are included.

Best ice fishing lakes in East Michigan are listed for all the East Michigan counties.

Information on winter

camping includes descriptions of private campgrounds in East Michigan; locations, services and facilities plus phone numbers are included.

The Winter Travel Guide

is available without charge by writing or phoning the EMTA Winter Travel Guide, 1 Wenonah Park, Bay City, MI. 48706. In the 517 Area, 1-800-322-4825. Other areas 517/895-8823.

## THUMB DATELINE

**Thursday, Jan. 3** - Don't forget to write "1980" on checks and everything else!

Pigeon Conservation Club meets at 8 p.m. at the clubhouse.

**Friday, Jan. 4** - Junk collection day in Pigeon for residences.

**Saturday, Jan. 5** - Tip of the Thumb Singles Dance at Bad Axe United Methodist Gym, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments and guest night. Music by "Lynn's Two."

**Monday, Jan. 7** - Laker Study Group meeting at 7 p.m. at Pigeon Elementary School.

**Tuesday, Jan. 8** - Elkton Village Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in village chambers.

Laker School Board meets at 8 p.m. at Laker High.

**Wednesday, Jan. 9** - Huron County Mental Health Services Act 258 Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at 602 N. Port Crescent, Bad Axe.



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## Final bike winner! →

Christine Gretch, 10, of Owendale, is the fourth and final children's bicycle winner awarded this past holiday season by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. Chris, a student at Pigeon Elementary School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gretch.

Other weekly winners on Dec. 22 included Karen Trost, Kevin Sturm, Melissa Liska, Shawn Swartzendruber, Ginny McGathy, Shelly Finkbeiner, Jeff Smith, Mitch Feast and Jason Sturm, all of Pigeon, Scott Richmond, Tami Bieri and Bryan Wertz, all of Bay Port, Johnny Finn and Steve Konyak, both of Caseville and Greg Eremia of Unionville.

Directing children's activities for the Pigeon Chamber this year was Clark Eftman.



## Agencies promote 'buckling up'

In 1977, there were 374,751 reported accidents on Michigan highways. Thirty percent of these accidents resulted in injury or death. At least 166,389 people were

reported as injured...and 1,950 people died.

Most studies have shown that, on the average, less than 20% of all drivers use safety belts, with a slightly

lower rate for other adult passengers. Of all young children, only about 7% are using appropriate restraints.

In an effort to combat these statistics and increase the number of vehicle occupants restrained and protected from the worst consequences of a crash, members of the Professional Insurance Agents of Michigan are distributing "We Need You - Buckle-Up" bumper stickers around the state.

The Power Agency of Caseville is a participant in this campaign. Mike Power and his staff are letting people in this community know that:

1. Lap belts have been proven to reduce the likelihood of fatal injury for adults by 40%. Lap/shoulder belt combinations are even better, reducing the chance of death by more than 60%.

2. Your chances of avoiding moderate or critical injuries in a crash improve by 31% if you wear just a lap belt, and with a lap/shoulder combination, the possibility of serious injury goes down by at least 57%.

3. But the greatest level of safety is given a child transported in a safely constructed restraint device. Such devices have been shown to reduce the chance of fatal injury by more than 90%...and to reduce the chance of serious injury by up to 78%.

The Professional Insurance Agents of Michigan, an affiliate of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, represent over 1,400 independent insurance agents throughout the state.

## Markets

Navy Beans	\$18.50
Soybeans	5.85
Wheat	3.80
Corn	2.39
Oats	1.65
Rye	2.50
No bid on barley	

## It sure has been warm and brown!

George Swartzendruber says weather conditions are probably warmer and drier for this time of year than they've ever been -- and he should know.

His father has kept track of daily temperatures for many years, and George says those records show the 40 and 42 degree weather we've experienced since Christmas is unique.

"And the rainfall we got this fall was amazing, too," George says. The Bay Port, Caseville and Sebawaing areas received 7.2 inches of rain from May to September, which is less than half of the 15 inches of rain annually falling.

"I hope 1980 will be more normal," George says.

## Michigan high standards assure quality meats

Good things growing in Michigan include 682,000 head of cattle and calves sold in 1978, according to the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture.

Meat from a single beef steer will make about 720 quarter-pound hamburger patties, enough for a family of four to have hamburgers each day for nearly six months.

Michigan's ground beef, hamburger and other meats such as sausage, hot dogs and luncheon varieties are especially flavorful and wholesome because the state's standards for ground meats are the highest in the nation.

MDA meat inspection officials say only skeletal meat with no meat by-products can be manufactured into comminuted meats in state-inspected plants. Hamburger may contain up to 30 percent fat, ground beef 20 percent, and seasonings are not allowed, except for monosodium glutamate, if properly labeled on the package. Comminuted meats are routinely sampled at food markets by MDA food inspectors and tested for compliance with Michigan law.

Sausage must be made of only skeletal meat and contain at least 12 percent protein. Addition of water, vegetable protein, cereal, vegetable or soya flours is not allowed. Up to four percent non-fat dry milk may be used as a binder, provided the product is not labeled "all meat."

Sausage products manufactured by federal regulations are permitted supplements such as vegetable protein and meat by-products like hearts, stomach and tongue. Federal standards have no

minimum protein requirements.

To tell whether products you buy meet Michigan standards, read the label. A quick glance at the ingredient list will show contents.

## Obtain free map

Lansing -- Frustrated with folding, unfolding and juggling two to five maps when you travel from state to state in the Great Lakes region? A compact, easy to read map of major highways in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin is available free from the Michigan Trucking Association.

The map is one page, measures just 8½ by 11 inches and all five states are visible in one glance.

To obtain the free map, write to: Michigan Trucking Association, 501 S. Capital Ave., Suite 325, Lansing, MI 48933.



Let's make our New Year goal universal peace. To all our good patrons, sincere words of thanks, and may we all look forward to a prosperous 1980.

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### OBSERVATIONS BY THE EDITOR AND OTHERS

THIRD YEAR -- Sally and I are beginning our third year at the helm of The Progress-Advance with this issue, and we want to sincerely thank everyone who has helped make it possible. We LOVE it here in the Thumb, and we look forward to giving you your 20c worth each week for many, many years!

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BYE, BYE '70s -- We've received many comments and compliments about last week's special Section B, "The 1970s: an Unforgettable Decade." We're glad you enjoyed it. We realize now that at least one death was omitted -- the Dec. 27, 1977 passing of former State Sen. George Dunn of Pigeon. We'll be glad to publish any others we missed, if you'll let us know. (Extra copies ARE available at our office.)

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE '80s -- Here are a few slightly thoughtful things we have to look forward to, as this century's eighth decade dawns:

-- You have eaten nine pounds of pickles in the past year, if you're an average consumer, according to Pickle Packers International. All Americans ate 23 billion pickles last year, with Kosher dills leading the pack.

-- MSU researchers say state-grown onions should be better, more affordable and easier to buy in the future, thanks to the new Spartan Banner 80 seed developed after 15 years of research. This hard, globe-shaped, yellow onion has good storability and high yield and is resistant to most fungus diseases that keep seed in short supply.

-- A recent study showed that Grosse Pointe South High School students spend about \$5,000 each year on individual needs such as hair care, snacks, cigarettes and alcohol. The Detroit area school poll showed students spending the following average amounts MONTHLY:

- \$46 on clothes;
- \$21 on lunches;
- \$5 on car payments;
- \$19 on gas and oil;
- \$16 on music and music training;
- \$22 on sports equipment;
- \$10 on parties;
- \$38 on cigarettes, and
- \$80 on alcohol, marijuana and other drugs.

At first some skeptics laughed at some of the figures in the poll, but they're possible. Not figured monthly were trip costs to Florida or elsewhere over Christmas and Easter holidays. Wonder what local students spend monthly and annually on such items?

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GUINNESS RECORD BOOK UPDATE -- Our neighborly friend Eleanor (Eicher) Trost gave us an explanation for the apparent omission of Pigeon's 1978 Diamond Jubilee Ox Roast (with 40-plus hinds of beef) from the 1980 Guinness Book of World Records for "World's Largest Barbecue," as reported here recently.

Her son, Allison Eicher of Bloomfield Hills, headed up the barbecuing group which served more than 5,700 persons that July 23 day. He says the Guinness people had further questions about the actual pounds of meat served on those hinds, and that explanations weren't accepted until after the barbecue section of the 1980 book was already being printed. So, watch for it in the 1981 Guinness Book!

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FAVORITE ENVELOPE -- A label company from Chicago sent us our favorite envelope of the week recently. The interesting envelope was tightly sealed but seemed awfully light and with good reason -- there was nothing inside! Hard to sell anything if the message doesn't get there!

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CHANNEL 19 BOOSTERS -- Recent donors to WUCM TV-19 from our Thumb Area include the Bruce McCormicks of Caseville, the John Pattersons of Bad Axe and the Dr. D.E. Rawsons of Cass City. Your contribution is welcomed by Channel 19, in care of Delta College, University Center, Mich., 48710.

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WISH I'D SAID THAT -- Middle age is when actions creak louder than words!

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As we see it editorially

# Control that 'off-on' switch!

Actor Bob Keeshan -- better known as TV's gentle "Captain Kangaroo" -- isn't gentle at all, when it comes to complaints about sex and violence on television today, which often can be viewed by children easily.

He strongly tells parents who don't like this suggestive type of television that they DO have control over the situation. It's time they take the problem into their own hands, Keeshan says.

"There's an ingenious device found on every set -- it's labeled 'off and on,'" the 30-year TV veteran says. "Parents endorse bad television for their children by failing to put limits on TV viewing."

Most shows seen by young children aren't aimed at youngsters, he says. During the day, little ones watch daily serials ("soap operas") and game shows geared for adults. Anyone who hasn't seen the afternoon "soaps" lately might not believe them today. Where simple, interpersonal relationships once reigned, today's themes include incest, murder and other crimes, abortion and other once-taboo subjects.

This is not to say these themes aren't relevant -- but they aren't necessarily fitting for children today, either. And if you think daytime TV is potentially harmful for kids, look at the cop shows, sexy situation comedies and sophisticated movies seen on nightly TV.

Keeshan says the number of children under 12 watching nighttime TV is over 5 million nationwide at 10:30 p.m. -- and doesn't drop below 1 million kiddie viewers until midnight. An average U.S. home has the TV on nearly nine hours each day and children today spend more

time in front of the set than they do in school. By the time each child reaches the age of 18, he or she has seen more than 20,000 murders, on the average.

His answer is simple and it's certainly worth repeating *and DOING*: "If we could get American parents to stop using television as a babysitter, we would have no further discussion of the matter." And if all of us would use that little "off and on" knob for our children and ourselves more often, we'd probably enjoy life more, too.

## PETE PROGRESS SAYS:



**"My uncle Herb gave up his job because of illness. He got SICK of it!"**

## Letters to Cousin Gus

Dear Cousin Gus:

The Christmas Season again and this Sunday we listened to music as recorded by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The two hours began with "The First Noel" and ended with the "Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah."

The last song recalled an interesting incident but because its reference to the Christmas spirit is somewhat negative, this letter will be mailed after Dec. 25. Knowing you to be a sensitive soul, I will not risk spoiling your happy holiday mood.

During my second year at Albion, I kept the college bursar off my back my working as night chef in Bacon's Restaurant. That year, Prof. Cozine, head of the Music Dept., went all out with his annual presentation of "The Messiah."

He engaged four Chicago soloists to sing with the college choir. It was an ambitious undertaking that was a happy success -- Town and gown responded and the college chapel was jammed.

That semester, I had a few dates with a shy little sophomore from Ironwood who had the laboratory desk next to mine in Biology II. Nothing like bug and frog dissection to stimulate conversation and common interests. As a church choir member at home she was familiar with "Messiah" music -- I had never heard it so we decided to go.

The performance was on Thursday night which posed a problem. Thursday nights the boss gladdened the hearts of his poker pals at the Moose Hall every week. We compromised -- I agreed to be back at the restaurant at 11 o'clock. That would give him an hour of poker and save him some money.

Thrilled by the music and Ruth's fervent "good night," I was on cloud nine when I got to the restaurant. There were few customers and I started to close up when two

persons barged through the front door. They had been drinking a bit and upon recognizing them I dropped through Cloud Nine with a dull thud.

The basso and the soprano from Chicago wanted food and a place to wait. The New York-Chicago train, scheduled to pick them up at 12:15 a.m. was an hour late out of Detroit and the depot waiting room was cold and dreary.

The basso brushed aside my words about midnight, closing with a wave of his hand, "Give us the biggest steaks in the house with french fries." French fries were out so I gave them hash browns.

As the food was being prepared, they called for coffee and lace it generously from a pint flask. "Just to warm up a bit." They came into the kitchen and sang snatches of "The Messiah" in full voice. "Practicing for our concert tomorrow night." Once the food was prepared, there was no more nonsense -- they ate like threshers -- a maximum of gusto and a minimum of manner.

That hour was one of traumatic adjustment for me. Two hours before, the talented performance of glorious music had placed those two on a towering pedestal. Here in a small town restaurant they were earthy commoners even as the taxicab driver around the corner or the butcher down the street. Rather enlightening to a naive farmer lad.

As the basso paid the bill, he tossed two dollars to me. "For you. Best steak I've had in a month." His companion grabbed his wallet and took out a few more bills. "Don't be cheap. This kid is working his way through college."

On my way home at 1 a.m., with five bucks in my pocket, I was back on cloud nine.

O.W. Baur  
Royal Oak, Mich.

## From Under the Willow

By Wanda Eichler

### Bits and Pieces

HOW GREEN WAS MY CHRISTMAS! There's no complaining about the weather when we've had days as lovely as the last week has been. Most of us could have done without the depressing rain on Christmas Eve, but it was great to see green grass glinting in our backyard during the days since. Our children are so disappointed in the weather, though.

It seems that upon the advice of mother, their grandmother went ahead and gave them sets of plastic skis for Christmas. The pain of not having snow was getting to Willie by the day after Christmas.

Since the weather forecast was for slight flurries on Dec. 26, I reassured him that it just might snow because the weatherman was saying "chance of flurries." He mulled that comment around his little brain for awhile and then came back into the kitchen with a question.

"Mother, what time will the flurries be?"

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THOSE OF US WHO BOUGHT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at Oppenheims in Bay City don't have to worry about returning gifts. The fire that leveled Oppenheim's to the ground and lower on Christmas Eve took care of that.

"It better fit. I bought it at Oppenheim's" was probably heard around more than one tree in the Thumb area on Christmas morning.

The fire brought even bigger disappointment with it, too. A local bride who has been planning her wedding in March for quite some time knew that now she and her bridesmaids would have to start all over on the hunt for dresses.

Feeling somewhat down, she and a friend who is to be in the wedding party headed for Bad Axe. While trying on bridal dresses, the bride-to-be thought that she spotted another dress on the rack that looked very much like the dress that had been incinerated in Bay City on Christmas Eve. Closer inspection proved that it was indeed the same dress, was available in her size in stock, and, wonder of wonders, it cost \$11.00 less.

In more ways than one, it pays to shop local, doesn't it? What a lift that dress will be for the March bride who lost her gown and found it again!

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I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, my readers, again for your reassuring comments throughout the year. I'm glad for your criticisms and your compliments. Thanks for following the "Willow" each week and Happy New Year... from under the Willow that shades us all.

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## 'Nuff Said By Audrey Collins This 'n That

Yossarian, our half-chicken/half-cat, cowers under a chair as race cars whirr and Simon beeps. He will be glad to see the kids go back to school after the holiday vacation so he can rest undisturbed in his favorite chair.

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Sister Alice's husband Tom says of Simon, an electronic game of concentration and memory exercise, "I thought you just looked at it and it drove you crazy."

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Denny says he can't remember ever going Christmas caroling in the rain before; but we did it in 1979, the same wonderful year that brought us snow on Palm Sunday.

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Why is it that a boy could spend all day in the toy department without tiring, but 30 seconds in the clothing department is more than he can tolerate?

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Santa knows best. Under our tree this year: fleecy housecoats, wooly afghans, toasty knit caps and mittens, soft flannel shirts, warm nighties, corduroy trousers, layered sweaters and vests...

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"I'm going cold turkey," says Amy as she reaches for the leftovers of our Christmas feast.

It weren't for leftovers, the people who cook meals for the family would never get a vacation. You know the old saying, "Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to die." Well, at our house it's "Everybody wants to eat, but nobody wants to cook."

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Helen Woodward writes to say her inventive husband Ray made her an oven out of aluminum printing sheets. She uses the oven with her wood stove. Helen asks, "Do they sell these aluminum sheets at The Progress-Advance?" They sure do! We use ours to line the back of the fireplace, which reflects heat outward into the room. Ray and Helen, our readers would like to know more about your oven. Sounds like a real energy saver!

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We are learning about what they call "gopher wood." Our woodpile is made up exclusively of that variety. It gets its name because as soon as you put one log on the fire, you have to quick "go-fer" another one.

A piece of wisdom we picked up from the natives -- your woodpile should be less than half gone when February arrives.

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Better than presents, better than the egg nog and pferneuse, better than the shimmering Christmas tree, have been letters from family and friends. This touch from home has warmed the cockles of our hearts (whatever they are!) and made our Christmas almost as cheerful as if we were right there.

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I never make New Year's resolutions because I am forgetful and undisciplined. Besides, when I make promises and don't keep them, I carry a big load of guilt around. So who needs it?

This is the year I make an exception, however. I resolve, whatever comes, to meet life with a thankful heart, not looking greedily at what I don't have, but gratefully at the blessings which overflow in our lives.

Happy New Year!

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# Letters to the Editor

*Tax reduction coming for Gen Tel*

Dear Editor:

It is that time of year again that one feels they should evaluate the blessings they have received during the past year. A sort of "take stock time. . ."

Among them surely would be the blessing of living in a land which has been so blessed by our Almighty Father, that the beautiful things in life still exist. Such a place is our small community.

Often times we feel the pressures of life, and the unrest all around us is almost overwhelming. But you have only to look around to see the evidence of love in so many forms. As we care for others we are automatically sharing love, and it multiplies itself. No other definition tells it so well as I Corinthians 15: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass on a tinkling cymbal."

This act of love has become so apparent in our community with the continuing of the Meals on Wheels Project. The volunteers are saying to the shut-ins, "We bring you food for the body but most important, we bring love and concern for you." No one can measure the real significance of a friendly caller each day when the hours are long and lonely. Many times family members are far away and there is no one to rely upon.

This is the beginning of our fifth year of service to the area. We experience a constant turnover of people needing the service. Of course, without the cooperation of many beautiful people, this would not all be possible.

First, the concern of the hospital administration who permits the use of the kitchen and the preparation of the excellent meals. Then, Mrs. Henkelmann and her staff who give so unselfishly of their time for this. The, the large number of people who deliver the meals from Pigeon to Mud Creek to Bay Port. It would be impossible to list them all, as many have substitutes to fill in for them.

Lastly, those that give financially to subsidize the program for those that cannot pay the full amount on their limited incomes. Right now we would like to extend another large thank-you to the FFA boys and girls at Laker High School who again this year have given us 25% of the CROP Drive proceeds. They are super young people and deserve our heartfelt gratitude. Their contribution of \$875 is indeed helpful to our continuance.

The absence of any federal or state funding makes us a unique project in these days of government handouts. Indeed we need to feel proud of this community as we demonstrate that "we care enough to do it ourselves." All donations are tax free, as we are a non-profit group.

May God richly bless all of you who have shared of yourself in some way!!

Interfaith Council of Church Women  
Mae Yackle, coordinator  
Bertha Schulz, treas.

Dear Editor:

I have read with interest your edition of Dec. 27 recapping significant events and occurrences in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port area during the decade of the 1970's.

It is certainly a well-prepared issue and is deserving of compliments to you and your staff; however, I was somewhat disappointed to note that there is no mention anywhere in the article of significant County road and bridge improvement work that has been accomplished in the area during the past 10 years.

A few items that would be worthy of mention include the following:

1970 -- New bridge on Weale Rd. at Pigeon River \$50,000.00.  
1970 -- New bridge on N. Caseville Rd. at Pigeon River \$100,000.00.

1971 -- New bridge on Berne Rd. at Pigeon River \$50,000.00.  
1972-73 -- Henne Rd. reconstruction, M-25 to Pobanz Rd. \$100,000.00.

1974-75 -- Bay Port Rd. reconstruction, M-142 to M-25 \$150,000.00.  
1975-76 -- Crescent Beach Rd. reconstruction, M-25 to Caseville Rd. \$150,000.00.

1976 -- N. Caseville Rd. reconstruction, M-142 to M-25 \$250,000.00.

1977 -- Berne Rd. reconstruction, Gagetown Rd. to Elkton Rd. \$150,000.00.

1978 -- Completion of Filion Rd. across entire County (last section opened between M-25 and Caseville Rd.) \$1,200,000.00.

1979 -- Bay Port Rd. reconstruction, Stein Rd. to Geiger Rd. \$100,000.00.

Continued best wishes to all of you for a healthy and pleasant decade of the 1980's.

Sincerely,  
Robert M. Tufts, P.E.  
County Highway Engineer and  
Deputy Drain Commissioner for  
the Huron Co. Road Commission

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# Elktion News

by Kami Buchholz  
375-4011

The Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Kreh of Peru, Ind. spent Wednesday until Saturday as guests of his mother, Mrs. Verda Kreh. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morley of Bad Axe spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Verda Kreh. They also visited with her sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Kreh.

Roland Krause of Berkley and Howard Krause of Coleman also visited during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson celebrated Christmas Day with the family clan. Those who met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson were Mrs. Lucille Thompson, Todd Thompson, Karen Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Champagne and daughters Michelle and Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Champagne and daughter Jill, all of Elktion, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Totten, Robert Totten, Patrick Totten and Mr. and Mrs. Randy DePottey, all of Birch Run.

Those who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Reibling to ring in the New Year were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heckroth of Caseville, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Faist and Mr. and Mrs. David Reibling.

A Christmas Day dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lackie and daughters Laura and Lisa. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Lackie and daughter Beckey of Mud Creek, Mr. and Mrs. William Lackie, Mrs. Edith Lackie, Mrs. Flossie Lackie, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Randall, all of Bad Axe, Pauline Lackie of

Beulah and Mrs. Alice Stone of Warren.

Spending several days during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Ackerman and family were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and daughters Paula and Jami of Western Springs, Ill.

Mrs. Marie McGee's sons and daughters, along with their families, were home on Christmas Day for a family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cannon of Bradenton, Fla. visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kreh during the Christmas vacation.

Dr. Paul Buchholz and family of Highland Park, Ill. and Sylvia Buchholz of New York City were home during the holidays visiting their father, Ted Buchholz.

On Thursday, Jan. 3 (tonight) at the weekly meeting of the Elktion Rotary Club, the guest speaker will be State Sen. Alvin DeGrow, who will show slides of his recent trip

to Taiwan. The meeting will begin at 6:10 p.m.

The Elktion Rotary Club officers elected for 1980 are President Edward Woelfert, Vice President Ken Thumme, Sr. and Secretary-Treasurer Jean Charest. The newly-elected officers will take office the first of July.

Paul Buchholz was a guest speaker last Thursday evening at the Elktion Rotary Club. He has been a school administrator for the past 20 years. His topic of discussion was "The problems children face in suburban, urban and rural areas."

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# BOWLING

## FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

Pigeon Supermarket	6
Pigeon Lanes	5
Co-Op Elevator	4.5
Bay Port Hotel	4.5
Silver Dollar	3
Active Feed	1

High team scores: S.Mkt. 2557 (907-814-836); Co-Op 2530 (850-921); A. Feed 2463 (836-835).

High individual scores: C. Basinger 631 (228-220); N. Libka 554; H. Haire 551; J.D. Gunden 543; J. McArdle 531 (213); R. Damm 527 (220); M. Graf 514; P. Libka 512; W. Haire 508 (204).

## PIGEON LANES THURSDAY NIGHTERS

Harry's Girls	4
Beachy's Chicks	4
People's Oil & Gas	3
Johnson's Marina	3
Pigeon Sunoco	2
Purina Girls	2
J & B Htg.	2
Pigeon Co-op Oil	2
Want Ads	1
Fink's Used Equipment	1
Wicke Homes	0
Scenic Realty	0

High team scores: Pigeon Sunoco 2213 (771-755); Purina Girls 2191 (796); Harry's Girls 2173; Peoples Oil (756).

High individual scores: J. Blome 548 (187-184-177); P. Niebel 527 (194-173); M. Ropp 511 (180); D. Strauch 510 (190-171); F. Otto 506 (199); J. Otto 486 (190); L. Elbing 474 (193); W. Kovach 471 (175-171); J. Muentener 469 (171); E. Rounds 468 (186); T. Shepherd 463; C. Wolfram (177); D. Dubs (173); K. Damm (170).

## ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Ty's Lounge	3
First National Bank	3
Elktion Co-op	3
Varty's	3
Made Rite	1
Haley Oil	1
Ron's Party Store	1
Pigeon IGA	1

High team scores: Ty's 2216 (816-767). High individual scores: D. Fritz 503 (180-180); D. Schuette 501 (170-192); M. Deming(183); S. Dean (175); G. Rolph (172); L. Bruderick (170).

Splits: 5-10 D. Seley, S. Buschlen, B. Heiden; 3-10 D. Seley; 5-7-9 L. Bruderick.

Splits: 5-10 D. Steinman; 5-7 J. Gielow, J. Otto; 2-10 H. Collins; 4-5 L. King, J. Vollmer, F. Dubs; 5-6 L. Welshans, C. Buerker; 4-5 3-10 D. Dubs; 3-10 J. Blome, L. Elbing, W. Kovach, F. Otto (2), E. Rounds; 2-7 D. Basinger, L. Gardy, A. McCormick, M. Murdoch, M. Ropp.

## Pigeon area

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brueggeman and Hans entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schuette of Sebewing on Christmas eve and Christmas day. Christmas evening they spent with Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder.

Miss Jeanette Licht of Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Alfaro and children of Bay City spent several days over the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht.

Mr. Leo Armstrong of Bad Axe had Christmas dinner with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Cregeur.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greyerbiehl of Rochester are spending the Christmas holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buerker. On

Christmas eve they entertained for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schneider of Clarkston, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerker and Janice of Elktion.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Robinson entertained their family at a Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. James Casey and family of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean and family and Al.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje recently attended the funeral of Miss Christine Mossner at Saginaw.

Mrs. Norman Zeilinder and son Herbert and Miss Irene Zeilinder of Frankenthum spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje.

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80 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 5, 1900

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Schlucter are the proud parents of a girl which arrived Friday evening last.

Frank Bliss has opened his harness shop and is ready for business. He is located north of the railroad in Elkton.

A large number of our people stayed up late Sunday in order to experience the sensation of passing from the 19th into the 20th century.

The rooms in the back of W.A. Schriber's building are being renovated and will be occupied by the Knights of the Loyal Guards as meeting rooms.

John Diebel received a young daughter as a Christmas present.

70 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 7, 1910

A number of young people from Snell School enjoyed a sleigh ride to Sebewaing Saturday evening where they went through the sugar factory.

The evening train to Bad Axe killed two valuable horses near Grassmere. They were the property of T.B. Sotham of the Grassmere farm.

New officers of the Berne Lutheran Church are August Stute, Charles Sting, John Strieter, Henry Meyer and William Rathje. There are 77 voting members and the financial report shows the society to be in a very prosperous condition.

Officers of the Winsor School for the ensuing year are Sam Wurtz, George Braun, William C. Soldan and John Wurtz.

Harvey Dutcher of Bay Port is the champion handler of the spear, having landed 377 pounds of perch Monday.

60 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 9, 1929

Representatives of Kinde, Bad Axe, Owendale and Pigeon met in Pigeon to go further into the question of a central power plant to furnish juice to a number of county towns.

Mrs. John Gettel, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Scheurer of Sebewaing. She leaves 12 children, Henry, Charles, Fred, Godfrey, Jacob, William, August, Mrs. Chris Finkbeiner, Mrs. Joseph Gruehn, Mrs. Gotlieb Volz, Mrs. Jacob Wagester and Mrs. Scheurer.

Sol Schlucter has purchased the Bert Baur building, formerly occupied by Mrs. Gardiner's restaurant, and will have the grand opening of his grocery store on Jan. 17. Four will be only \$10 per barrel.

E.J. Gerby has purchased the building he now occupies with his jewelry store from George Anklaam.

50 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 3, 1930

Rhea Haist became the bride of John Christner in a ceremony Tuesday evening performed by the Rev. F.W. Fall at the parsonage.

Former Michigan Governor Albert E. Sleeper observed his 67th birthday quietly at his home in Bad Axe.

Mrs. James A. Leslie, 67, died at her home in Applegate. She was mother of Harry Leslie of Pigeon.

Greenview Hatchery at Caseville enlarged its capacity by installation of a Mammoth Electric incubator and moved to a large building.

Ervin Trost and Walter Buchholz went to Saginaw where they will be employed.

Tressa, Frances and Irene Neibaur of Detroit spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neibaur.

40 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 5, 1940

The fine general office building and super-service station of the Cooperative Elevator and Milling Assn. will have a formal opening Saturday. Souvenirs will be given to all visitors.

Mrs. Amanda Wintler sold her place of business to Arnold and Raymond Heckman. The business will continue as a barber shop and tavern.

Arthur McIntosh, 83, of Lake Township, died at the home of his son in Detroit. He leaves four sons and a stepson.

Officers elected at the first meeting of the adult agricultural evening school are Walter Bedford, Stanley Murdoch and Richard Baur.

A recreation program for women will be held Tuesday night at the high school gym. Doris Ebert, W.P.A. leader for Pigeon, is in charge.

New officers of Pigeon Worth While Club are Mrs. B.M. Hamill, Mrs. Arthur Schumacher, Mrs. Harry McKay, Mrs. Walter Clabuesch and Mrs. Vaughn Hudson.

30 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 5, 1950

Members of Cross Lutheran Church met at the church school auditorium Monday evening to honor Rev. and Mrs. E.G. Richey on their retirement after 48 years in the ministry, and to present them with a new automobile.

Fifty relatives and friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elftman at their

home on New Year's Day to help them celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Earl Maust left Sunday to teach Bible School in Baden, Ontario.

Relatives and friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kretzschmer at their home Dec. 30 in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

Dolores Shetler, Leona Beachy, Delmar Eichler and Dale Shetler returned to Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. on Wednesday.

The new 1950 Dodge car went on display at J.E. Paul's Motor Sales in Pigeon.

20 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 7, 1960

A carload of beans, purchased with money donated in Huron County to the Christian Rural Overseas Program, started from Pigeon on its journey to help feed hungry persons in Poland. Taking part in the services were E.T. Leipprandt, Rev. Byron Chapman, Rev. Fr. Bernard Kirchman, Rev. Leland Penzien and Rev. Donald King.

In its first year of operating under the primary election system in place of holding a caucus, Pigeon will not have a primary election since there is no opposition. Filing on the Republican ticket are Arthur Schumacher, Otto Woelke, Clare Dast, Leo Luedtke, Jr., Walter Sturm, Lorenz Clabuesch and Don Brown.

A benefit party is planned for the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Heleski of Pigeon, who lost their belongings in a fire New Year's Eve, as the family was saving the house to attend church.

Aaron Ruby, 79, died Dec. 31. He leaves his widow, three daughters and two sons.

Clara Maier, 76, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Buerker, Pigeon. She leaves her sister and two brothers.

10 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 1, 1970

More than \$1,000 worth of gifts were won by some lucky Pigeon shoppers at the

final Chamber of Commerce prize drawing. Winners were Gary Richmond, Lupe Flores, Mrs. Ewald Beyer, Mrs. Delmar Miller, Mrs. Reva Peterson, Clarence Swartzendruber, Don Roestel, Bob Kunding, Albert Schulze, Gerald Elenbaum, Willis Yackle, Joe Ruth and Mrs. Harold Schulz.

Mrs. Lowell Kraft won the snowmobile given by the Pigeon Lions Club in the Christmas drawing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Christner will be guests of honor at an open house for their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 4 in St. Francis Borgia Hall, Pigeon, hosted by their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Christner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diachenko and families and PFC Glen Christner.

Wesley E. Oeschger, 75, of Pigeon, died Friday. He is survived by two sons, Edward and Willet, and two daughters, Lucille and Alice.

Frank O. Henne, 75, died Dec. 25. He leaves his wife and three daughters.

Historical Society features local history review

A slide and tape program about the history of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties will be the feature at the Pigeon Historical Society meeting on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library Community Room.

The slide program was prepared in 1976 as a Bicentennial effort by historically oriented Thumb residents, Don Richards, Geneva Richards and Paul Soini. Schools, churches, building sites, former governor's homes, the lakeshore and many other Thumb area landmarks are included in the program. Covering from the ice-age to Skylab in its focus, the program gives a

capsule look at Michigan's Thumb.

Paul Soini wrote the script for the program while Geneva Richards did the musical adaptations. Don Richards assembled the 160 slides and does the narration.

The program is 45 minutes long and comes highly recommended by local historical society members. Richards figures that the program has been shown over 200 times throughout the state already.

Because of the informative nature of the program, the Pigeon Historical Society is inviting the public to this meeting.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Preschool Story Hour at the Pigeon District Library will feature the stories, "Count on Calico Cat" and "Who Said Meow." Action games, flannel board stories and fingerplays are all included in the hour's activities for boys and girls.

Two sessions are scheduled with the first one from 9 to 10 a.m. and the second from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Marilyn Maust, Jerry Klein and Shirley Tappenden are in charge of both sessions and all area preschoolers are invited to attend.

**SATURDAY STORY HOUR**

"Mr. Egbert Nosh" and "Secret Box" are the featured stories for Saturday Story Hour on Jan. 5.

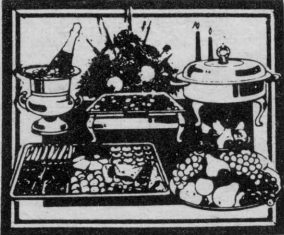
A filmstrip, games and surprise activities are planned for the kindergarten through third grade children.

The Saturday Story Hour begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

A schedule is available at the library with the name of films, dates and length of time for film festivals for the coming months.

## "Our Michigan Kitchen"

By Mr. Jean Charest



For hundreds of thousands of years, the human race ate its food raw. But sometime between the first taming of fire in about 500,000 B.C. and the appearance on the prehistoric scene of Neanderthal man, cooking was discovered.

This helped to make a number of formerly indigestible foods edible. It also increased the nutritive value of others, since heat helps to break down fibers and release protein and carbohydrates. The result may have been improved health and longer life for developing man. The distinguished American anthropologist Carleton Coon has even suggested that "the introduction of cooking may well have been the decisive factor in leading man from a primarily animal existence into one that was more fully human."

To date, little is known about prehistoric cooking. In fact, what happened in the kitchen between the first culinary use of fire and the evolution of pottery containers tens of thousands of years later is almost entirely open to conjecture.

Roasting -- probably the first method used -- may have been discovered when someone accidentally dropped a cut of meat in the fire and was unable to retrieve it until the flames died down. But however palatable roasted meat proved to be, and however welcome a hot meal in ice-age conditions, the technique was wasteful because of the shrinkage inevitable with high temperature cooking. At some stage, however, the prehistoric cook discovered that meat done in the embers lost less weight than it did when tossed on a blazing fire.

Cooking tough roots in the embers -- a logical next step -- may sometimes have been productive only of charred ruin. On a flat stone next to the fire, however, turnips and onions could be baked in their jackets with a fair measure of success.

But what happened next? Did cooking development stop dead at this stage for tens of thousands of years? Archeology says it did. There are, however, many ways of cooking which would have few, if any, distinctive archeological traces or clues.

True pottery was not evolved until almost 6000 B.C., but its earliest ancestor might well have put in an appearance when he may have realized that the caked and dirty piglet he had so carelessly laid down in a patch of mud produced a much more succulent roast than its cleaner kin. In areas where vegetation was lush, a wrapping of large leaves could be used to protect meat from the flame. Spit-roasting would be a discovery made, perhaps, by hunters far from base -- hungry, in a hurry, and observant enough to have noticed that small pieces of meat cooked more quickly than larger ones.

But how the process of boiling was discovered -- as it appears to have been long before the invention of pottery or the development of metal-working techniques -- is a much more difficult problem. It is believed that water was brought to a boil by heating stones or pebbles and placing them in the jar of water. When the water was hot, small pieces of meat and roots were added. And thusly was the stew or ragout invented.

During these cold winter months, you will find that the entire family will enjoy a stew. Grandmother had a favorite recipe which was given to her by Great-grandmother when she came to Michigan as a bride. Her recipe may have originated in Germany, Poland, France or Russia, but it had enough magic in it to keep Grandpa close to home.

### HUNGARIAN GOULASH (7 to 8 Servings)

Ingredients:

- 2-1/2 lbs. stewing beef, 1" cubes
- 4 large onions
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 cans (1 lb. size) tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons tomato puree'
- 2 or 3 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 1 cup hot water
- 2-1/2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and quartered
- Seasoned flour
- Oil or butter

**Step 1:** Trim fat from meat and cut into cubes. Dust with seasoned flour. Peel potatoes and keep them in cold salted water for the time being. Peel and slice the onions and chop the garlic.

**Step 2:** Heat the butter or oil in a heavy pan and fry the meat until brown. Add onions and garlic and cook for a few minutes longer. Now add all the other ingredients, except the potatoes, and stir well to mix. Cover the pan, if you don't have a heavy pan it might be better to transfer the dish to the oven, in a casserole, to finish cooking, and simmer over a very low heat for 2-3 hours.

## Stewing Together

depending on the meat. Half an hour before serving, boil the potatoes for 15 minutes and add to the goulash for the final ten minutes. Serve on boiled wide noodles.

### BRUNSWICK STEW (6 Servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 Stewing chicken (about 4 pounds)
- Boiling water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 lb. cubed beef
- 1 can (1 lb.) tomatoes with juice
- 2 pkgs. (10 oz. ea.) frozen lima beans
- 1 can (12 or 15 oz.) kernel corn
- 1 can (1 lb.) cut okra
- Few drops hot-pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup flour mixed with 1/2 cup cold water (optional)

**Step 1:** Cover chicken and beef with boiling water; cover, simmer 1/2 hour. Add salt, onions and tomatoes; simmer 1/2 hour. Lift out chicken, cool enough to handle. Remove meat from bones in as large pieces as possible. Return meat to kettle. Add lima beans, corn and okra (including liquid). Add hot pepper sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Cook 1/2 hour longer. (If desired, stew may be thickened, slightly with 1/4 cup flour mixed to a smooth paste with 1/2 cup cold water).

This stew is very popular in Georgia and if you manage to catch a squirrel it can be added to the stew in place of the beef.

### ITALIAN SAUSAGE & BEEF STEW (5 Servings)

Ingredients:

- 6 sweet Italian sausages (1 lb.)
- 1 lb. beef chuck, cut in 1" cubes
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium green peppers, seeded and cut in eighths
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 2 cans (1 lb. ea.) red kidney beans, drained
- 1 teaspoon basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 beef bouillon cubes dissolved in 1 cup boiling water

**Step 1:** In a heavy skillet over medium heat brown sausage well. Cut each link in thirds and place in 2-1/2 to 3 quart casserole. Drain fat from skillet, reserving 2 tablespoons. Brown beef in 1 tablespoon, then turn into casserole.

**Step 2:** Cook onion and garlic in remaining tablespoon fat until tender; add green peppers and cook 1 minute longer, stirring. Turn out into casserole. Add potatoes and beans. Sprinkle with seasonings and mix lightly. Add bouillon, cover and bake in 350° oven 1 hour and 15 minutes or until beef and potatoes are tender.

This goes well with a warm crusty bread, tossed salad and a red wine.

Questions for Mr. Charest? Write The Progress-Advance, Box 460, Pigeon, MI 48755.

## School Menu

The menu for the upcoming week at Pigeon Elementary School, subject to change, will be:

**MONDAY:** Pizza, vegetable, fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Grilled turkey and cheese on bun, potato rounds, vegetable, pudding and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Italian Noodles, hot rolls, salad, dessert and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, butter or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Hot dogs, baked beans, salad, dessert and milk.

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