

**It's Christmas Memories
time in the Western Thumb!**

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Damms have 'tree-ditional Christmas!'

The Bob Damm Family of Pigeon enjoys a special time at Christmas, as do most Thumb Area families.

Bob, his wife Karen and daughters Teri, Tammy and Christy decorate their holiday tree in old-fashioned style, using special ornaments, tinsel and lights with reflectors behind.

Each daughter adds an ornament each year which are just their own. For instance, oldest daughter Teri -- a freshman at Michigan State University -- just happened to add a green and white MSU ornament this year!

The family enjoys decorating their house on Berne Street for Christmas, preparing holiday goodies and sharing the love and friendship of family members.

Here, looking over their tree with manger scene beneath are, kneeling from left, 13-year-old Christy and 16-year-old Tammy. Standing at left is 18-year-old Teri, while Dad and Mom stand at right.



HEY KIDS!

Chat with Santa
tonight: 453-2222

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IT'S FREE AND IT'S FUN, TOO!



Now you see it...soon you won't. Demolition began Tuesday on this long-standing block of Pigeon stores, making way for the new Mutual Savings and Loan Association one-story, ranch style office at 75 S. Main.

Mutual site work begins

Demolition work began in earnest Tuesday for the eastern block of buildings on S. Main Street in Pigeon, as Mutual Savings and Loan Association begins work on its new one-story office and drive-in complex.

The former Spence Jewelry building (recently Village Pizzeria), the former Mutual Savings office, the former Elsie's Coffee Shop location and two vacant sites are being razed for the new construction on the site bounded by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway tracks, S. Main and Nitz Streets.

Mutual is temporarily occupy-

ing the former Gamble toy store location at 87 S. Main, just north of the Pigeon District Library, as seen in extreme right in the photo. That toy store location will be renovated for business use or sale when the Mutual construction project is complete, expected in mid-spring.

Area Supervisor Les Shetler says the 2600-sq.-ft. project has a total value of about \$500,000. It will feature two drive-in windows, a night deposit box and something new -- a drive-up or walk-up automatic teller machine linked to the MagicLine system.

As we see it editorially

'Glory to God,' the angels sing...

RECOLLECTIONS of by-gone days



of by-gone days

By GEORGE KEIM

Ever since I can remember, we farmers always had something to grumble about.

box social at our school. Once in a while, some public entertainment. Jobs were hard to get and if you were lucky enough to have one, you'd get \$15 to \$20 dollars per month.

The farmers would say "It's too wet" or "It was too dry" or the price of things they sold was too low and what they bought was too high...

On the farm, lots of fellows worked for their board. I was lucky enough to have a job for \$25 per month, and I got my pay every month. One time my boss paid me with a \$20 bill.

Gas was two gallons for 25 cents. One man asked me, where I got all that money, I told him I got \$25 per month wages.

Next Monday morning, a young man came to see my boss. They talked for a while and I heard my boss tell him he was too cheap and to go away.

A quick explanation from a bystander revealed that the town of Pigeon was still some journey off and the best bet would be to catch a ride into Bay City and hitchhike the highway to Pigeon.

As he started walking east on M-25, he noticed a sign pointing to the Bay Medical Center. The young Israeli knew there would be many there who would welcome his company, so he stopped in.

As the Intensive Care Unit was his first choice to visit, but he was denied entrance because the patients there were so critical that only close family members were permitted. As he was leaving that unit a patient was being wheeled out to the elevator to be taken down to surgery.

Losing his bearings for a moment, the Israeli began wandering around town and thinking why he was asked to leave the hospital. He noticed a beautiful church along the way and absolutely knew that many of his friends worshipped there.

He passed by some very large and expensive homes along the road. He could not help but wonder if any of his friends resided there. It was very difficult finding a ride because the traffic was light and sidewalks were deserted.

Soon a car sped by, stopped at a red light and a young woman was pushed out the passenger door. She seemed hardened and cold, but as the Israeli approached her, she turned on the charm and began to inquire all about the young man.

They arrived just as the program had ended and in time for the food. Some people looked a little upset to see them come in from the outside and go directly to the refreshment table but no one stopped them.

They filled up on all the goodies and soon the punch was gone. Since more people were waiting for refreshments, water had to be put in the punch bowls. The young Israeli was sorry that others had been left out so he touched the punch bowls and immediately the liquid turned a dark red.

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"Glory to God," the angels sang. "Praises to Christ, the newborn King. Peace be on earth, good will to men."

Here -- with the angels -- sing again!

"Glory to God," we all should sing! "Praises to Christ, our new born king. Peace be on earth, good will to men -- good will to men."



Roses and Thorns

By Mark Karls

How silently, how silently

The first person to take some of the red liquid was Rev. Mark Karls of Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon.

The young Israeli then confessed to Rev. Karls that he was the one who spiked the punch. Noticing the new face in town, Rev. Karls soon discovered the young man was from Jerusalem, and even was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

So the quick pastor invited the young man to the Salem church for the Sunday before Christmas to give the children's sermon and share about Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The young Israeli did not seem to mind being identified with the sinners, even eating with them, and they were always interested in gathering to hear him tell of deep insights about life and God.

Time had passed so quickly with his new friends that the young Israeli soon realized Christmas Sunday had arrived. He invited Mary and the man and all their friends to visit Rev. Karls' church in Pigeon for Christmas worship.

As they entered the church the place was packed. One person commented that the attendance proved it was Christmas Sunday. However, the usher claimed the front pews had plenty of space, so Mary, the man, the Israeli and their friends were escorted to the front.

As the service began Rev. Karls came out in his flowing black robe and could not help but notice the unique group sitting directly in front of him. He looked a little perplexed and seemed not to notice the young Israeli sitting with them.

As the service closed, Rev. Karls moved to the rear to greet the people as they left. Since the young Israeli and his friends were sitting in the front, they were the last ones out.

When Rev. Karls and the young Israeli finally met, the young Israeli praised the warmth of the church and the spiritual awareness of the congregation and the sermon that said the truth and the choir that truly sang praise to God -- but he thought he was supposed to have a chance to share in the service and Rev. Karls never glanced at him once during the program.

Rev. Karls immediately responded that with the hustle and bustle of Christmas, things get pretty crammed and there simply was not sufficient time for the young Israeli.

The young man replied that he understood, then left with Mary, the man from Bad Axe and all their friends.

On Christmas day the young Israeli was taken back to Tri City airport by the man from Bad Axe and Mary, and all their friends came along too. As he departed to return to Jerusalem he hugged everyone who came and said, "My Father promised that whoever receives me receives Him as well. I will never forget your receiving me into your lives and homes and my Father is waiting in anticipation to show His gratitude for this. I am going to miss you, but rest assured that we will be reunited again someday. Bless you all."

WRITER'S NOTE: Upon completion of this article, I sat at the typewriter and cried like a baby. I hope you understand my heart. I certainly hope all of you understand the depth of this Christmas season. How silently, how silently!

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Season's Greetings



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John Schaefer



Jennifer Wissner



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Dorothy Graf



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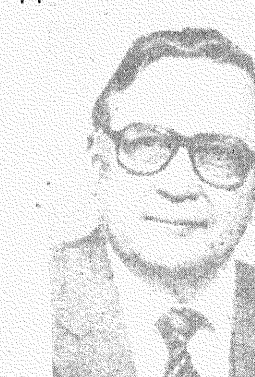
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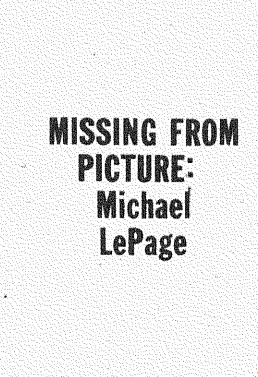
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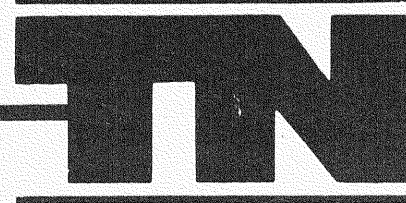


Ruth Walsh



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We will be closing Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 31 at 3 p.m.

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Posing with Santa!



OVER 60 area children gathered Saturday at the Pigeon Elementary School gym to enjoy a hot dog lunch, a magic show by R.B. Woodward and a visit with Santa as part of the annual "Lunch With Santa" program offered by the Pigeon Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce.

AT LEFT, a young girl exchanges her gift list with Santa for a candy cane as dozens of children wait to visit with him and have their pictures taken.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

Santa, I'd like this and this . . .

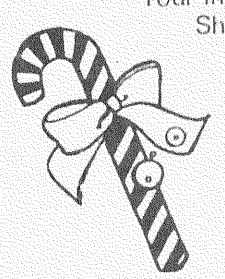
Dear Santa:
I want a baby sister. If you have any Rainbow Brite dolls, I would like one, please. Also, I'd like one for my stepsister. My brother would like a Gettobuster and some tapes to go with it. My mom would like a baby sister, too. My dad would like a baby brother.

Love,
Michelle Smith



Dear Santa:
My mom had a baby boy. I want a radio. We

have two dogs, Mandy and Nakna. We have six cats and three horses. I have a sister, Nike.



Your friend,
Shawn

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a jackknife, a choo-choo train, three matchbox cars and a Air blaster. We're going to have a baby, so please leave a present! My address is 2304 Gagetown Rd., Pigeon. We were very good all year.

Your friend,
Daniel Eichler

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Kathryn and I am eight years old. My dad is the village manager of Pigeon. My mom works for MariAnne. My grandma lives in Florida. My brother is in the Army. My sister is in California and married. What I want for Christmas is a Cabbage Patch Clubhouse. I have two Cabbage Patch Kids and I need a place to put them.

Your friend,
Kathryn Anne Brown

Dear Santa:
I'm going to tell you what my family and especially me, want. My dad would like a new wallet. My mom would like a book. My sister would like new jewelry. My brother would like a remote control car. I would like a transformer, Octomus Prune, a new He-Man figure, stomper water demon, matchbox cars, Hardy Boys books and GI Joe figures.

Your friend,
Eric Maust

Honored for 16 Co-op years



Albert Eberly, left, received gifts and recognition for 16 years of employment at

Cooperative Elevator Co., Pigeon. He plans retirement at the end of the year.

Here's hospital address for Pigeonite

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziel and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Heckman spent Sunday in Ann Arbor, visiting their brother Wayne Lawrence,

who is a patient at the University of Michigan Hospital. Friends wishing to send cards may send them to:

Wayne Lawrence, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Street, Ninth Floor Room 9444, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

To the Customers of
People's Oil & Gas Company
& **Peoples Choice Markets:**

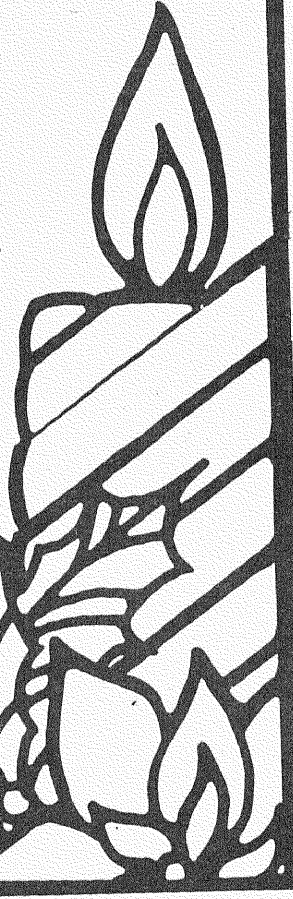
For the past two years the response to our new program for the Christmas Season has been so good, we have decided to continue it again this year. Instead of giving out small gifts to our customers, we will contribute to certain service organizations that have Christmas programs for the needy in the communities where we do business.

It is because of **your loyal patronage** that we are able to do this so we feel this gift is from **People's Oil & Gas Company and its loyal customers.**

May Your Holiday Season
Be a Happy One!

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Babcock wins Hong Kong trip



Matt Babcock

McCormick Motors Service Manager Matthew Babcock and his wife Mary recently returned from an all-expense paid trip to Hong Kong and China.

Babcock was awarded the grand travel award as the winner of a contest between Chevrolet service managers throughout the state of Michigan. The competition involved parts and labor sales over and above a set objective, according to Dave McCormick of McCormick Motors, Pigeon.

Babcock says he and his wife enjoyed the trip a great deal. The oriental people and communities created a very favorable impression, he adds.

Merry Christmas



Front row: Bill Diachenko, Beth Tibbits, Jim Armbruster, Marv Swartzendruber, Ervin Haley, Ollie Leitch, Clarence Gettel. Back row: Stan Shetler, Fred Whaley, Ed Ulrich, Tom Voss, Don Heck, Mark Gettel.

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Holidays

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& Wayne Lawrence Families

The Heckman Barber Shop

Merry Christmas

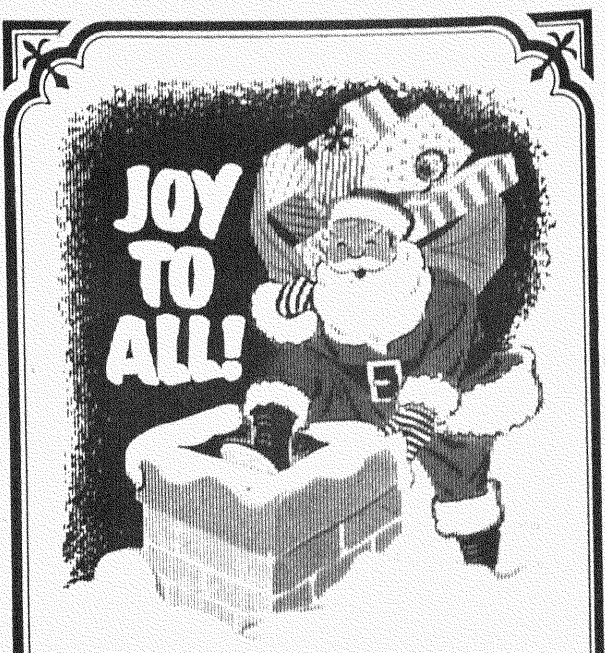
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Front row: Millie Schuette, Kathy Karle, Becki DeSloover, Charlie Mascarro, Scott Pobanz, Colleen Reilly, Mary Kropp, Mary Thick. Back row: Orville Schuette, Lorraine Kohl, Todd Schuette, Dan Chisolm, Mike McArdle, Tim Schuette.



Santa's here to gift all with the merriest of Christmas wishes!

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30 S. Main St. - Pigeon
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



To Each & Everyone From the Staff & Management of the



Co-op Elevator Co.

PIGEON ELKTON AKRON

THE PIGEON PROGRESS. **The Past in Print** THE ELKTON ADVANCE

80 YEARS AGO
DEC. 30, 1904

W.H. Wallace, Bay Port, started Wednesday morning on a business trip to Germany in the interests of the sugar beet industry.

James Garety, the hustling blacksmith at Owendale, has moved a residence house from Rescue to the village.

Pigeon village council proceedings: village marshal's salary set at \$60 per year; treasurer's salary \$10 for this year; clerk's salary \$30 for the year.

The lighthouses on the lakes have been closed for the season.

David Schweitzer has moved his saw mill from near Tarry to 1 1/2 miles east of Kilmanagh.

Michigan Bulletin of Vital Statistics reports 19 deaths in Huron County for November.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doepker and Ruban Zimmer left Pigeon Monday for Woodville, Ohio, where they will visit for a few weeks.

Louis Denner and Miss May Wilkie, two well-known Sebawaung young people, were united in marriage last week.

70 YEARS AGO
DEC. 25, 1914

Caseville Lodge F & AM installed the following officers: Neil McLean, Charles Johnson, Fred Woodworth, Gordon Winholt, Robert Smith, William Wilson, A.D. Smalley, W.B. Young, Robert Adams and R. Fitchett.

Have you tried Blue Bird Flour — selected from Kansas hard wheat — cyclone flour, going at \$5.50 per barrel — Pigeon Elevator Co., Geo. Wilfong, mgr. Adv.

A barn belonging to William Baker, living one-mile south of Elkton, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. Mr. Baker was bagging beans by the light of a lantern when it was overturned, setting the straw on the floor afire. Loss in grain and building will be about \$1,500.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Diefenbach, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Diefenbach, Pigeon, are spending the holidays in Detroit.

60 YEARS AGO
DEC. 26, 1924

Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Sturm of Detroit are spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yackie, McKinley Twp.

Harold and Olin Oeschger, Kilmanagh, who are attending college at Naperville, are home for the holidays.

Coming to the Gem Theatre, Pigeon: Thomas Meighan in "The Alaskan;" also Charlie Chaplin in "Easy Street." Jan. 1-2. 10 cents and 20 cents.

Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League, the Pigeon Methodist Episcopal congregation will have a watch-night service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sturm. There will also be games and refreshments.

Bay Port News: Wildfowl

Bay is dotted with fish shanties and perch are very plentiful. Automobiles are driving over the ice on the bay with apparent safety.

Warren Henne is home from Albion College to spend Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Henne at Bay Port.

50 YEARS AGO
DEC. 28, 1934

Fire destroyed the Pigeon Evangelical Church early Monday morning. The building and all the fixtures are a total loss, estimated at \$23,000, covered by \$12,000 insurance. The substantial building was a brick veneer with a stone basement and was erected in 1909 under the pastorate of Rev. Charles Rodesiller.

Elkton News: Charles Heck is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heck over the holidays; Raymond Gascho of Remus is visiting at the home of his father, John Gascho; Miss Margaret Fox of Lansing is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H.J. Fox; Etril Miller of Mt. Pleasant is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller; Miss Delores Eby of Bay City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Eby.

According to the Elkton Advance, William Bittner sold his 76-acre farm west of Elkton to Edward Gilna, Utica for \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellicott, Rescue, entertained about 84 friends Thursday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Paul Esch, Raymond Byler and Miss Leanna Miller, who are attending the EMS school at Harrisonburg, Va., are spending their vacations at their homes in Pigeon.

40 YEARS AGO
DEC. 29, 1944

Mrs. John A. McLean, nee

Lydia B. Rather, 71, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn, Pigeon. She is survived by a son and grand-son.

Supt. George Carpenter of Pigeon Rural Ag High School announced that Adam Worle of St. Ignace will fill the position of principal and science teacher at the school, beginning Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Nijie Wideman, Bay Port, received a letter dated Aug. 28 from their son, Pvt. Ed Wideman, a prisoner of the Germans.

Archie Kauffman, who has operated an apiary one mile north of Pigeon for several years, sold his equipment to Leon Neeb of Caseville. Mr. Kaufman will move to St. Johns, where he purchased a large apiary.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heckroth, Caseville, was the scene of a wedding Sunday when their daughter, Lela, became the bride of Calvin Reibling, Elkton.

Pvt. James L. Kreh of the U.S. Marine Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Kreh, has been transferred to a base in the Pacific area.

30 YEARS AGO
DEC. 30, 1954

Thomas Eden, 87, Lincoln Twp., died Wednesday in Pigeon. He leaves his widow, two daughters and five sons.

Herbert Albrecht, Pigeon, is a recent graduate of the Reppert School of Auctioneering at Decatur, Ind.

Martin McGee, Elkton, arrived home Friday after sailing the lakes during the summer.

Mrs. Earl Graves entertained her pedro club at her Bay Port home with a Christmas party Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. John Gillingham Sr. and Mrs. Ada Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pantelis and son Steve of Bay Port attended the Michigan Mink Breeder

Show in Grand Rapids on Saturday.

Worthy Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Morgan. Taking part in the program were Mrs. Fred Watterworth, Mrs. Bert Braun, Mrs. Byron Groff.

20 YEARS AGO
DEC. 31, 1964

Winners of \$1,293 worth of Christmas bonus prizes given by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce were Eugene Kosinski, Port Austin; Richard Koehler, Phyllis Pitcher, Elkton; Mrs. Kenneth Yahn, Clarence Born, Donald Roestel, Martin Schuette and Wayne Dubs, all of Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker, life-long residents of the Pigeon area, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 19 at a dinner given by their family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Decker. They have three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Alfred Roberts, manager of the Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon and Pigeon Cooperative Oil Co., has been elected chairman of the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives Council.

Fred Millard, 87, passed away Dec. 23 near Pigeon. He is survived by three daughters.

Martin McGee, 54, passed away Dec. 26 at his home in Elkton. He leaves his widow, four daughters and three sons.

10 YEARS AGO
DEC. 31, 1974

Third annual "Burning of the Greens" will be Sunday, Jan. 5 at Pigeon Elementary School grounds. Pigeon Area Jaycees will pick up Christmas trees in town on Jan. 4.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, has had a Christmas tree (Christ's Monograms) for the past few years that has nearly touched the ceiling. The Christmas have been made by Mrs. Alvin Rathje, Mrs. Art Luedtke and Mrs. Harold Weidman.

New officers were installed at the December meeting of Elkton United Methodist Women. Mrs. Roger Haley, Mrs. Coulson Blair, Mrs. Emory Motz and Mrs. Bruce Krohn. The program was directed by Mrs. Alvin Bittner and Mrs. Mervin Snider.

A group of ladies entertained Mrs. Irene Baer and Ella Cain, Elkton, at a birthday dinner at the Lunch Bucket. Birthday cake was served later at the home of Ina Anderson.

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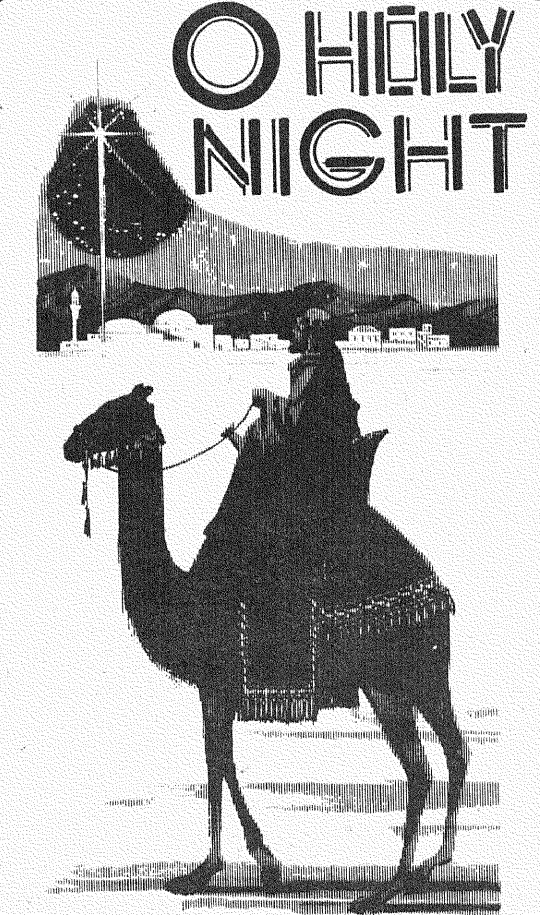
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SEN. JAMES BARCIA, State Capitol, Room 127-A, Lansing, MI 48909, phone 373-1777.

O HOLY NIGHT



May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world and its people. We wish you all the best this holiday season.

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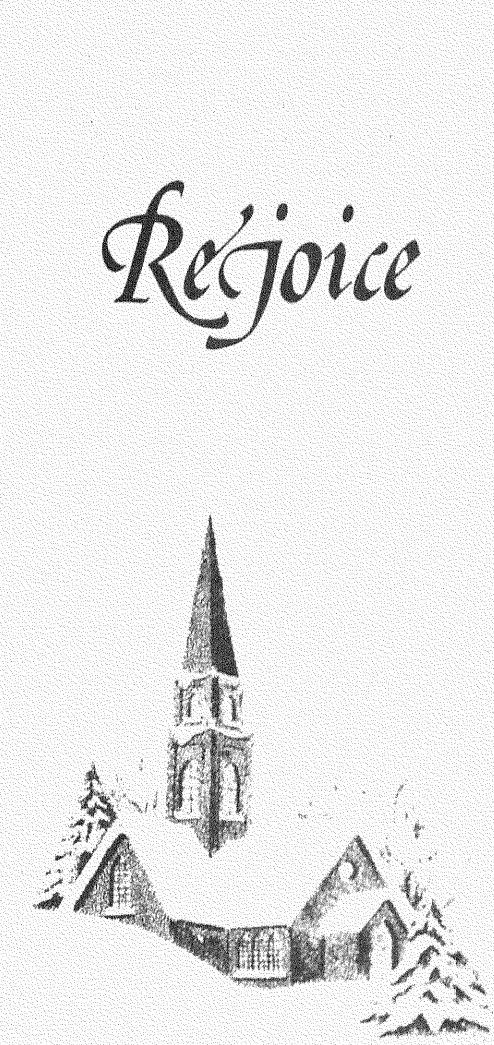
JOYOUS NOEL



May you love and be loved this holiday season, may you give and receive. Above all else, it's time for sharing! Christmas is the most wonderful season of the year.

Ralph Harder
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Rejoice



Let hearts be glad at Christmas ... the Prince of Peace is born to us!

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Happy Holidays



It's here!
"Pigeonopoly" games are here. They make a GREAT gift and they're fun to play, too! Just \$10 each, while they last, at Kretzschmer Home Center, John Walsh CPA Office and from any Pigeon Area Jaycee! Get yours now!

START IN PIGEON!

Come to Pigeon this Saturday!

Santa, Mrs. Claus and Shivers the Snowman will be in Pigeon this Saturday, Dec. 22 from 2-4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS HOURS
Dec. 17-22 ... open 'til 9
Christmas Eve ... open 'til 5
SOME STORES MAY CLOSE EARLIER

PRIZES
•CHILDREN'S DRAWING
Bike each week & 15 toys!
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One ticket received for each \$5 purchase
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Must be present to win!

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— THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING IN PIGEON THIS HOLIDAY SEASON —

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Paulette and Duane plan to wed
Tait - Brown
Mr. and Mrs. James Tait of Caseville and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Braun of Elkton announce the engagement of their children, Paulette Juliann Tait and Duane William Braun.
The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Laker High School and her fiancé is employed at A. Reibling Farms.
A March 30, 1985 wedding is being planned.



It's a boy!

Jeff and Sally Schnake of Bay Port are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Friday, Dec. 7 at Saginaw General Hospital.
The infant weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 18 inches long.

Gemmells plan Golden Wedding Open House



Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gemmell

An Open House will be held in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gemmell of Elkton, hosted by their children, on Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Elkton Civic Center.
The couple welcomes their friends and relatives to attend.

Christmas Dreams Come True at Layher's
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CHRISTMAS HOURS:
Tues., Dec. 18 - Fri., Dec. 21 till 8 pm
Sat., Dec. 22 till 4:30
Sun., Dec. 23 1 pm - 4 pm
Mon., Dec. 24 till 4 pm

December club news

WORTHY STUDY
A planned potluck dinner featured the December meeting of the Worthy Study Club Thursday evening in the home of Mona and Fred McBride. Husbands were guests.
The social hour began with group singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Morse Beach at the piano. Lola Tropea read several poems pertaining to Christmas from Ideal. Lola sang solos, "O Holy Night" and "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus," which was dramatized by Ula and Orville Snider. Charades was directed by Mrs. Emma Potter. Mrs. William Dufty gave readings "Grandpa" and "At Christmas." Lola and Mrs. Dufty sang a duet, "Oh, How I Missed You Tonight."
The program closed with the group singing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."
Gifts were exchanged.

RUSH LAKE FARM BUREAU
A planned potluck chicken dinner was enjoyed by eight members of the Rush Lake Farm Bureau group when they met Dec. 13 for their Christmas meeting in the home of Fred and Mona McBride.
Mrs. Fred McBride led the group in the Pledge to the Flag. Mrs. William McBride gave a report on the Huron County Womens' activities.
Mrs. Roy Dufty led the discussion topic, "Promotion and Advertising of Agricultural Projects" and read the Fun Sheet.
Gifts were exchanged.
The January meeting will be at the Roy Dufty's.

Betty Shetler, Marion Rathje and Peggy Hartman accompanied by Pauline Eichler at the piano, entertained by singing Christmas songs and carols.
Donations were disbursed to the Pigeon District Library, school band uniforms, community welfare and Meals on Wheels.
Kathy Clabuesch was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar.
The next meeting will be Guest Night at Pigeon District Library in February.

Pigeonite on Dean's List at MTU

Kevin J. Laursen of Pigeon, a sophomore in business administration, has earned placement on the fall quarter's Dean's List at Michigan Technological University.
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Laursen, he earned at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

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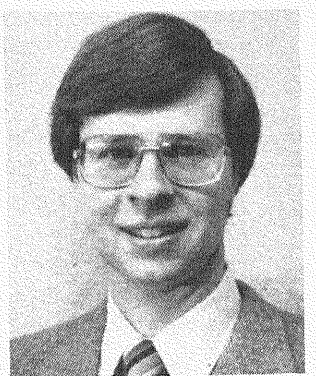
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McCumons readies for Scottish trip



Brent L. McCumons

Brent L. McCumons of Caseville is one of five outstanding young business and professional men from this area who have been selected to visit Scotland as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from April 9 through May 21, 1985.
Group Study Exchange is an educational program providing travel grants for exchange of teams, within a two year period, between paired Rotary districts in different countries. More than 10,000 persons from 147 countries have participated in the program since 1965, according to GSE Chairman Charles H. Kern.

While in Scotland, team members will observe their hosts' way of life, as well as study the nation's economic, social and cultural characteristics through travel and discussions within the participating Rotary District.
Accompanying the team will be Charles Kern, co-owner of Kern's Sausages of Frankenmuth. He is a Rotarian who is representing Rotary District 631 Gov. Karl J. Leppien of Alma.
A similar team from Scotland was hosted in this area this past May and June.

Pigeon District LIBRARY CORNER

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS
As the end of 1984 approaches and you are thinking of collecting receipts and check stubs for tax returns, don't forget to consider a tax deductible gift to your public library.
A donation to the library is not only a gift but also makes you eligible for a deduction on both Federal and Michigan Income Tax returns.
Assume a married couple makes a \$200 donation. They would receive a \$100 credit on their state income tax return, plus a \$200 deduction on their federal tax return. If they are in the 30% tax bracket, they would receive a \$60 benefit on their federal return. The result is that the donation of \$200 actually costs \$40 as an out-of-pocket expense. This example is true up to a total of \$400 for married couples filing jointly. Complete donation information under State Public Act 332 is available at the library.
As you can see, a donation to the library can be very inexpensive considering the potential tax savings. The actual cost may be small but the benefits to the library, the community and you can be very substantial.

are invited to a Saturday Story Hour on Dec. 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. Peggy Karl plans games, a take-home craft and Christmas stories for the children. A filmstrip, "How We Got Our Christmas Customs," will be shown.
Saturday Story Hour is held once a month at the library. The specific dates will be posted in the library or watch your local paper for details.

LIBRARY HOURS
The library will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and will re-open Thursday, Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Library hours on New Year's Eve will be the same as above, reopening on Thursday, Jan. 3.
The next Preschool Story Hour will be Tuesday, Jan. 8 because both holidays fall on Tuesday this year.
The library staff wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, and appreciates your patronage and support.

NEW BOOKS
Adult Fiction
"Ride a Pale Horse" by Helen MacInnes, "Illusions of Love" by Cynthia Freeman, "The State of Stony Lonesome" by Jessamyn West, "Swallow" by D.M. Thomas, "The Unhanged Man" by Alan Hunter, "The Sicilian" by Mario Puzo.

SATURDAY STORY HOUR
Children in grades kindergarten through third

Junior Adult
"Brazil" by Wilbur Cross, "Gramma's Stories and Rhymes for Little Christians" by Margaret Lang, "Football, You are the Coach" and "Basketball, You are the Coach" by Nathan Aaseng, "The Value of Giving" and "The Value of Adventure" by Ann Donegan Johnson.
Adult Non-Fiction
"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" by Karen Cure, "A Family Christmas" by Reader's Digest Association, "Will Rogers, Film Star" by Bryan B. Sterling, "Money Angles" by Andrew Tobias, "Seashore Life" by Andrew Campbell, "The Revolutionary War" by Douglas Welsh.

Lake-Chandler

By MILDRED BALLAGH
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Groff of Essexville were Tuesday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Dufty. The Duftys and Groffs were Wednesday dinner guests of Fred and Mona McBride.
Cathy Stoeckle, team leader of Avon, entertained at a noon luncheon at the Lamplighter Restaurant, Pigeon, on Thursday. Guests were Caroline Deming, Katie McAlpine, Joyce Roth, Mrs. Elenbaum, Opal Dufty and Joanne Beachy. There was a Christmas gift exchange.

It's a boy!
A son, Jason Earl, was born to Clifford and Marie Maust of R#1 Box 11, Macon, Miss. 39341 on Saturday, Dec. 15.
Jason's grandparents are Glenn and Erma Maust of Bay Port and Tom and Joyce Miller of Macon, Miss. Earl Maust of Sarasota, Fla. is his great-grandfather.

Merry Christmas

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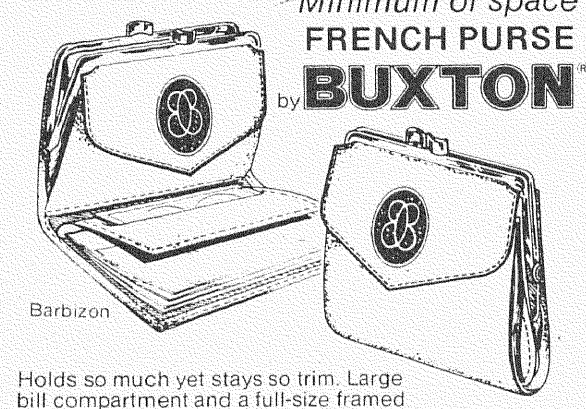


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Margaret Beadle is VFW winner

TOP VOICE! — Margaret Beadle of Caseville High School handed in the winning essay during the 1984 Voice of Democracy essay contest, sponsored annually by the Pigeon VFW Post #2236 and its auxiliary.

Coming in second and third place, respectively, were Shelly Ginter and Michelle Henne, both of Laker High School. Pictured here are, from left, Phyllis Vollmer president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, handing certificates to Margaret Beadle and Shelly Ginter, and Bill Schuetz, commander of the VFW Post #2236.



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My Pledge to America

By MARGARET BEADLE

As I approached adulthood, I begin to realize the many decisions and responsibilities I will be facing as I practice becoming a good citizen. I pledge to make decisions to help my country develop and become a better place to live, for not only myself but for the many people around me. I realize there will be many standards and guidelines I will have to set for myself, so I can become a better citizen. I also promise to learn why the government takes the actions it does on these issues and how each issue will affect the economy of America.

The first major responsibility I will meet is the right to vote. Voting is a difficult task. Going through the process of examining the good and bad points of a candidate for office and deciding which candidate will help better my country. I promise never to discriminate against a candidate because of his or her sex, color, creed or race. If the candidate is best for the position, he or she should be in that position.

If there is a need for change in my country, I will support that change only if I feel it will better the economy and society. I pledge to be anti-nuclear. The last thing America needs is to be involved in a nuclear war.

There won't be anyone left after the war to celebrate a victory because the entire world will be desolate.

The American way of equality, individuality and freedom to do what one pleases under limitations of the laws are the best standards America has. These standards are just a few reasons why I love my country and the America way.

America allows me to be myself; therefore I pledge to stand up for America. If someone puts down my country, I'll defend her as I would defend myself if put in the same spot.

America is not only a part of a continent, it is a part of me. If that dissident thinks America is such a bad country to live in, let him see the awful life the people that live in communist countries have. I would hate to have to be told where I can work and what I can stand for, morally and socially.

The communist people have no rights at all. The communists' lives are full of suffering, whereas in the United States, we have many opportunities to fulfill our dreams. Of course, limitations are set, but they are only there to guide us in the right direction and protect us.

America is my homeland, the place I'll always be, and I pledge to be always loyal and give my fullest potential to her.

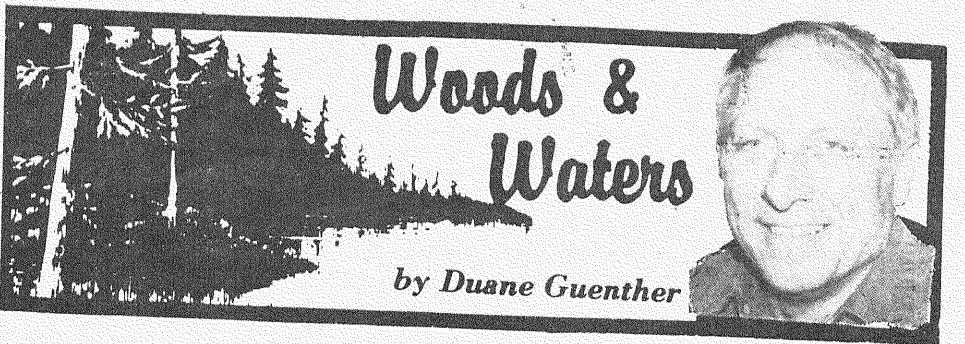
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Woods & Waters

by Duane Guenther

Winter Grouse

Finding ruffed grouse can be as simple as — knowing what food they prefer to eat — and being able to locate it. Experienced grouse hunters have long known that "Old Ruff" seldom ventures very far from food, that is, during normal fall weather. But Michigan's late grouse season is often plagued by snows and freezing temperatures of early winter, and grouse hunting methods take on a new twist.

The rule of thumb is — heavy weather will send birds into heavy cover. At the first biting winds of December, when the snow rattles off the stubborn oak leaves, they'll bunch up in the thickest part of the woodlot. Some of their favorite haunts will be the gnarled tangles of grape vines, tree-top blowdowns, thickets near young stands of aspens, or best of all, dense masses of evergreens. During this time they will forsake their food supply and opt for protection from the elements.

While they do not give up eating altogether, the one aspect of early winter that seems to affect their habits the most is snow. Cold temperatures also play an important role as tree roosting birds will lose body heat and fat reserves at an alarming rate. But during the December portion of the season, snow is the most important key.

My recipe for winter grouse hunting success goes something like this. When early snows cover the ground, hunt the heavy cover. If the ground is bare, the birds will fill be bunched up, but they will be centered around their food supply. In our area, this could be serviceberry, birch, thornapple, spen, corn or their all-time favorite, gray dogwood. While these supplies may not look plentiful as they did in the fall, the bushes are still covered with some of the withered fruit.

Another point to remember is that the ruffed grouse will usually pick out a drumming or mating area during the fall and remain there throughout the winter. Being able to spot a good-sized drumming log next to a likely-looking food and cover habitat will sure hunting success.

The Thumb area of Michigan is often overlooked as a suitable grouse-hunting region. Because of this, grouse hunters are a rarity, and that suits me just fine. While it's true that our county does not have the acres associated with prime grouse cover, we do indeed have small woodlots of mature hardwoods that are ringed with aspens, raspberries, serviceberries and gray dogwood. Other areas nearby which, in the way, sport good-sized public hunting lands, offer thick stands of evergreens, low brushlands and abundant food supplies. The only difference between the grouse lands of the north and our offerings is that ours tend to be smaller.

When I moved into this area after being used to grouse hunting in Gladwin County, it took me a few years to figure things out.

Now after 20 years of chasing Michigan's number one gamebird in the Thumb region, I have developed a pretty good method. Each year I tramp the local woodlots in search of the elusive grouse. When I find him, I make notes, in one of the small flat books I keep for this purpose. I use colored pencils to indicate the time of day, and the specific weather conditions. I've put together a colorful map which

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I've entitled "grouse tendencies." But the proof is in the pudding.

Last year, when an early December snow covered the landscape, a bright, cold Saturday morning found Lady and me heading south to the Tuscola County Line and a special spot marked in purple on my map. Briar, my English Setter, stayed at home as I found out years ago that a new snow renders a pointing dog almost useless. Lady was a good flusher and that's what would be needed on this day.

I parked the car at the side of a gravel road and within minutes, my dog and I were deep in a cedar swamp. We were heading for a little ridge that was loaded with gray dogwood and toppled cedar trees. The year before, this same spot had produced some excellent shooting; I had been saving this place all year, and felt a little flushed with excitement as we neared the rise.

This was drumming habitat, and snow or no snow, the birds would be scooting along the ground until they hit one of the wind-topped cedars that littered the area. There they would hole up until rooted out by my dog.

The first blow-down produced three birds. Flushing wildly in front of the dog, they caught me by surprise and my first shot of the morning did little more than punch the crisp air full of 7 1/2 shot-sized holes. I vowed to be more prepared as Lady approached the next cedar tangle, but a similar incident took place. This time my excuse was that the birds found an escape route that kept a screen of cedars between them and my hastily-aimed gun barrel.

Lady and I moved 12 birds in two hours that morning, not because she was a great grouse dog or because we had stumbled on a hidden grouse preserve, but rather because I had done some simple homework and chose to hunt the heavy cover this snowy December morning.

However, finding the birds was only half of the problem. The other was, that I had to hit 'em....

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The Sebawaing Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties will hold its annual meeting, at the Home Office, located at 24 East Main Street, Sebawaing, Michigan, on Thursday, January 3rd, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. Business will include the following: (1) Election of two (2) Directors, (2) Reading of annual reports, (3) Proposed amendments to the Corporate Charter and Articles to change from a Farm Mutual to a General Mutual (Multi-Lines) Insurance Company, and (4) transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Clemens Irion, Secretary

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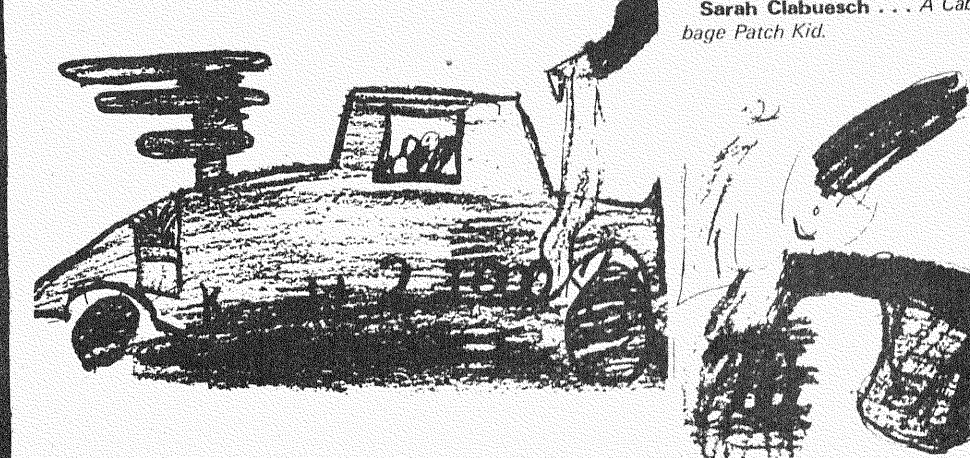
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Snow or no snow, hundreds of residents have enjoyed Saturday wagon rides around Pigeon, as part of the town's holiday celebration. This Saturday will be the last day for the free rides, which are offered throughout the afternoon by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce.

Pigeon children write Santa!
These Pigeon Elementary School first graders had the right idea. They each wrote a letter to Santa requesting their Christmas wishes, and here's their list

- Christina Kauffman . . .** A Cabbage Patch Doll and My Little Pony.
- Jami Walsh . . .** A Dottie Dog and My Little Pony Stable.
- Donovan Maust . . .** A Gobot watch.
- Jeremy Briesmeister . . .** A Plug-In Three-wheeler.
- Jeffrey Smith . . .** A Knight Rider Remote Control.
- Angela Weidman . . .** A watch.
- Janelle Wiederhold . . .** A doll.
- Robin Vollmer . . .** A Cabbage Patch Kid and a bike.
- Kari Gehrs . . .** A Barbie Dream Dancer.
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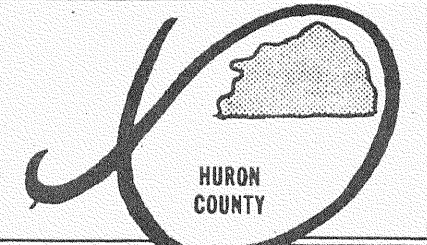
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MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Week of December 10

Russell Sampson & Georgina Licari. Thomas J. Nickerson & Betty J. Parie.
Mark S. Glaza & Tammy A. Talaski. Roger Apley & Kim Voelker. Alan English & Mary Girardin.

JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE

Nancy Carol Wintergerst vs. William Anthony Wintergerst.
Geraldine Palicke vs. Eugene J. Palicke, Sr.
Dennis J. Bechter vs. Martha R. Bechter.
John Bryant Guza vs. Bonnie L. Guza.
John M. Desrosiers vs. Jean E. Desrosiers.
Kelly Lynn Heilig vs. Harold Solon Heilig.
Susan M. Rochefort vs. Alan L. Rochefort.
Judith Alexander vs. John Alexander.

ASSUMED NAMES
Week of December 10

DISSOLUTION: Caserville Amusement Center, 6376 Main St., Caserville, Michigan. By: Mary Alice Kowalewski, Caserville, Michigan. Filed: 12-4-84.
No. 3904. Caserville Amusement Center, 6376 Main St., Caserville, Michigan. By: Merry Jan Hanley, Caserville, Michigan. Filed: 12-4-84.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Week of December 6-12

Robert F. Bolger & WI and Thomas J. Bolger & WI to Jeffrey J. Horst & WI; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Sebewaing Twp.
Rose Marie Bruce to Gray Talaski & WI; a parcel of land located in Section 3 of Huron Twp.
Neil M. Kitchen & WI to Neil Kevin Kitchen & WI; a parcel of land located in Section 16 of Hume Twp.
Eric J. DeKays & WI to William D. Schlegelmich & WI; a parcel of land located in Section 25 of Port Austin Twp.
Federal National Mortgage Association to Lynn R. Arnold and Debbie M. Arnold; a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Sebewaing Twp.
Agnes Tice to Agnes Tice and David A. Tice; a parcel of land located in Section 15 of Huron Twp.
Frank LaFare & WI to Janet M. Schultz; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.
Beatrice Clark to Billy C. Lester & WI; a parcel of land located in Rubicon Twp.

JUDGE OF PROBATE
Week of December 6-12

Estate of Michael B. Krawczyk, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,991 - Independent Probate. Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Clarence R. Wrubel, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 26,977 - Independent Probate. Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Frank Tombusch, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,243 - Independent Probate. Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Margaret B. Karg, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 27,554 - Will filed.
Estate of Mary A. Stefan, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,520 - Independent Probate. Certificate of Completion filed.
Estate of Otto Schilze, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,478. Petition for Exemption from Michigan Inheritance Tax Pursuant to MCLA 205-202 (d) filed. 2 Affidavits in Support of Petition for Exemption from Michigan Inheritance Tax Pursuant to MCLA 205-202 (d) filed. Notice of Hearing filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Monica Ruth Conrad, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,666 - Supervised Probate. Waiver and Consent filed.
Estate of Richard Eastick, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 26,743 - Supervised Probate. Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed.
Estate of Leona A. Pollum, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 26,743 - Supervised Probate. Order Determining Heirs filed. Final Account of Personal Representative filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail and by Personal Service filed.
Estate of William D. Wisenbaugh, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,068 - Independent Probate. Inventory filed. Final Account of Personal Representative filed.
Estate of Anker M. Anderson, Deceased, of Caserville - File 27,395 - Supervised Probate. Objection to Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Russell D. Amos, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,900 - Supervised Trusteeship. Bond of Fiduciary filed. Letters of Authority filed.

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Leland T. Schmucker to Richard Messing; a parcel of land located in Sections 11 and 12 of Sand Beach Twp.
Walter J. Glaza & WI to Mark Glaza; a parcel of land located in Section 27 of Bingham Twp.
Harold J. Deering & WI to Popton, Inc.; a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Paris Twp.
Popton, Inc. to Michael T. Cottick & WI and Jerome M. Bouveratte & WI; a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Paris Twp.

Estate of Lydia Albracht, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,536 - Independent Probate. Proof of Publication filed. Order Determining Heirs filed.
Estate of Florence A. Hazel, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,544 - Supervised Probate. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed. 3 Waivers and Consents filed. Proof of Probate of Will filed. Order Admitting Will to Probate and to Appoint Personal Representative. Bond of Fiduciary filed. Letters of Authority filed.
Estate of Welma M. Henne, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,551 - Supervised Probate. Will filed. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Testimony Interested Parties filed. Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed.
Estate of Clara K. Loeffler, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,483 - Supervised Probate. Proof of Publication filed. Inventory filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Munro S. Schultz, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 26,064 - Supervised Probate. Proof of Publication filed.
Estate of Carmal Grundman Johnston, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,938 - Supervised Probate. Amended Inventory filed. First and Final Account of Personal Representative filed. 6 Waivers and Consents filed. Certificate of Opinion filed.
Estate of James O. Barth, Deceased, of Caserville - File 27,530 - Independent Probate. Proof of Publication filed.
Estate of E.J. Clabusch, Deceased, of Pigeon - File 27,552 - Independent Probate. Will filed. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed. Register's Order filed. Acceptance of Trust filed. Letters of Authority filed.
Estate of Clarence V. Palach, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,305 - Supervised Probate. Order Authorizing Settlement of Claim of Decedent's Estate filed. Order Authorizing Settlement filed.
Estate of Clara Emma Townley, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,123 - Supervised Probate. Report of Sale of Real Estate and Petition for Confirmation filed. Notice of Hearing filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of George Schilke, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,838 - Supervised Probate. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Frederick Louis Sienand, Deceased, of Caserville - File 27,397 - Independent Probate. Final Account of Personal Representative filed.
Estate of Charles H. Riddle, Deceased, of Caserville - File 18,304 - Supervised Trusteeship. Bond of Fiduciary filed. Letters of Authority filed.
Estate of Donald S. Campbell, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,476 - Supervised Probate. Order Closing Hearing of Claims filed.
Estate of Kenneth W. Stauffer, Deceased, of Elkton - File 27,509 - Independent Probate. Order Determining Heirs filed.
Estate of Jennie Frey, Deceased, of Caserville - File 27,505 - Independent Probate. Order Determining Heirs filed.
Estate of Margaret W. Luck, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,404 - Supervised Probate. Notice of Hearing filed. Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.
Estate of Thaddeus J. Sawaryniak, Deceased, of Port Hope - File 26,470 - Supervised Probate. Order of Adjudgment filed.

from County Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick

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PIGEON WINNERS: Fourth weekly winners awarded Saturday during the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce's children's and adult drawings are shown here with Santa and Mrs. Claus. They are Brandon Anderson of Bay Port, bike winner, and June Sturm of Pigeon, \$100 shopping money winner. Other adult winners were Lenore Schwanitz of Pigeon for \$50 and Robert Faust of Owendale for \$25 in shopping money.

Children's toy winners were: Jason Gaeth, Anne Sturm, Gary McAlpine, Christy Abdalla, Michelle Orentoski, Jackie Karle, Teri Fritz and Brandon Fritz, all of Pigeon; Chantroy Wolfe, Sunshine Rettelle and Nicholas Protzman, all of Caseville; Lauren Webber of Bay Port; Steve Kauffman and Jeff Haley, both of Elkton and Heather Clark of Bad Axe.

The final drawing is planned this Saturday at 4 p.m.

School Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Board of Education
December 10, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Room by President Merlin Farver.

Members Present: Merlin Farver, Bruce Baur, Virginia Leipprandt, Yvonne Burhey, James Clabuesch, Richard Lockard, and Sid Smith

Members Absent: None

A motion was made by Yvonne Bushey, seconded by James Clabuesch accepting the consent agenda. Motion carried.

The Board entered into a discussion relative to the effect that a Huron County Skill Center may or may not have on present ongoing high school programs. The main purpose of the discussion is to work out problems areas prior to sending students to the area center.

Board Secretary Virginia Leipprandt, Chairperson of the Curriculum Study Committee, gave a report of the December 4, 1984, meeting relative to the secondary curriculum study. The recent North Central Accreditation report is being reviewed along with suggested program improvements for the 1985-86 school year. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 1985.

Junior High Principals Ben Phillips made a presentation regarding special education of ferents in grades 7-12. It was indicated that there was an overload at the secondary special education level and by mandate of the Department of Education, an additional special education teacher may have to be employed.

Athletic Director Robert Drury went through the expenses encountered with outfitting and supporting the high school football program. The total outlay in equipment alone for the high school football program is \$24,000. He indicated one of the biggest expenses in preparation for each football season is the reconditioning of the protective pads and helmets, especially the helmet which has to meet national safety standards. He also informed the Board that an arrangement had been agreed upon between Harbor Beach, Bad Axe, Uby, Unionville-Sebewaing, and Laker High School whereby the district tournaments will be rotated annually between Unionville-Sebewaing and Laker High School.

A motion was made by Sid Smith, seconded by Bruce Baur commending the Pigeon Lions Club and the Laker Athletic Boosters for each donating \$500 to the Laker High School Football Lighting Fund. Motion carried.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Laker Cross Country Coach Dennis Gaskill. Mr. Gaskill had been the Cross Country Coach for the past ten years.

Board Secretary and representative to the Michigan Association of School Boards, Virginia Leipprandt, made a report on a recent MANSB meeting of the state directors.

A motion was made by Bruce Baur, seconded by Sid Smith to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 10:10 p.m. with a motion by Bruce Baur, seconded by James Clabuesch to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia E. Leipprandt, Secretary
Board of Education

Village Minutes

Regular Meeting
December 4, 1984

The regular meeting of the village council for the Village of Elkton was called to order by President Ropp at 7:30 p.m. Council members present B. Thompson, F. Santos, D. Fisher, T. Heck and C. Russell. Absent Neilan Hoffman.

With no additions or corrections the minutes stand approved as read.

Motion by Santos supported by Thompson that the clerk will send a letter to Mr. Phil Neeb stating that the village recognizes that he owns the parking lot in the west alley. Mr. Neeb asked for the letter stating the above. Motion carried.

Trustee seats of Claren Russell, Neilan Hoffman and Fred Santos are expiring. Also, due to the resignation of former Pres. Haley the president must run for one year. Petitions can be picked up at the clerk's office and must be returned by December 18, 1984.

Motion by Russell supported by Fisher to approve payment of bills totaling \$3031.38. Carried.

Ideas for revenue sharing were discussed. Several ideas included a study by an engineering firm to look at plans for an industrial park, a sewer cleaning truck, hiring a person to interest people and businesses to come in the village, storage building for equipment and sidewalk. A public hearing will be held on January 8, 1985 for Federal Revenue Sharing at 8:00 a.m. Elmer Ropp, Terry Heck and Claren Russell will meet with Mr. John Ferris on several matters before the next council meeting.

Terry Heck reported that the Community Club will not sponsor the summer festival next year.

Claren Russell read a letter from a visitor in our village that feels he was ticked off unfairly. He parked on the sidewalk which he has done for years and never ticketed. Other people were given warnings and he was given a ticket. President Ropp recommended that tickets be written for this offense in the future. Motion by Russell supported by Heck that the village reimburse his \$5.00 ticket and change the ticket to a warning and a letter be sent. Roll call vote Russell-yea, Heck-yea, Fisher-yea, Santos-yea, Thompson-yea and Ropp-yea. Motion carried.

A flag was donated to the village by Cal and Lela Reibling. Claren Russell asked Walt Forster to check with the VFW to see if they were interested in handling donations of flags to the village in the future.

Motion by Santos supported by Russell to join the Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$50.00 per year. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Elmer Ropp, President
Darlene R. Ginter, Clerk

Santa hears from more kids

Dear Santa:

I want a radio and a jewelry box. How are you doing? I'm doing good. How is Mrs. Santa doing?

Love,

Sherry Kovach



Dear Santa:

How are you? I'm fine. I want Baby Skates doll and I want skates and I want earphones. Hohoho! Merry Christmas!

Love,

Brandi Jean Gaeth

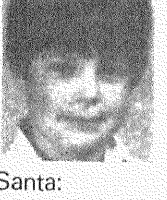


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Your friend,

Nate Brown



Dear Santa:

I've been good this year. I want everything in the whole wide world except girls stuff.

Love,

Matt Stroud



Dear Santa:

How are your reindeer doing? I want a puppy and cat and a dog.

Love,

Misty Karle



Dear Santa:

How have you been this year?

Love,

Bill Lubeski



Dear Santa:

I've been good this year. I want good things this year. How have you and Miss Santa Claus been?

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Jaime Niebel



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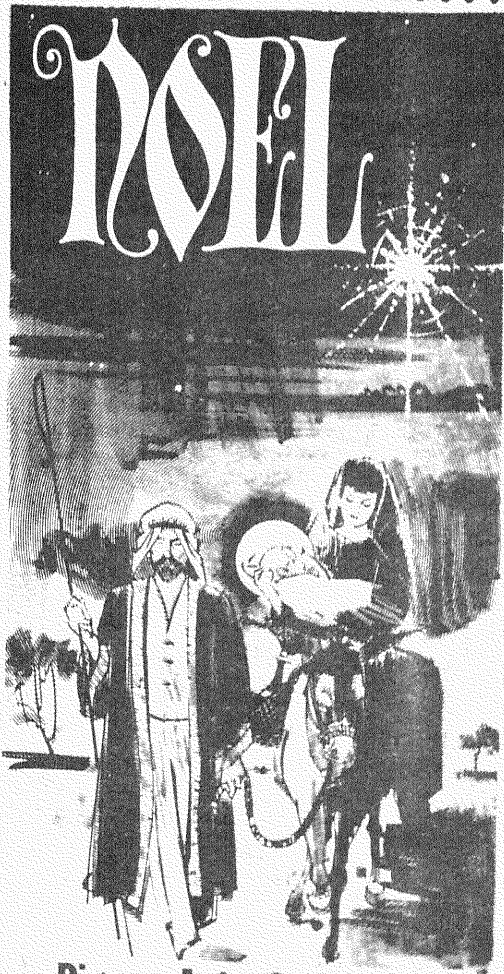
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Elkton native named 'top secretary'

Linda Dufty, a 1963 graduate of Elkton High School, has been named Secretary of the Year by the Chippewa of Professional Secretaries International.

Ms. Dufty was chapter president from 1982-1984 and recording secretary from 1980-1982. She serves on Northwood Institute's Advisory Board for the secretarial department's curriculum and is also enrolled in Northwood's Business Management external degree program. She and her two children reside in Midland.

Ms. Dufty was selected as the top secretary for 1984 among four candidates on the basis of educational advancement, certified professional secretary status, business experience, chapter activities, community involvement and recommendations from chapter members.

Selection of the Secretary of the Year was made at the chapter's November meeting. Ms. Dufty received a trophy and check for \$2,000 at the reception which followed the meeting.

Club news

FLOWING WELL FARM BUREAU

The Flowing Well Farm Bureau group met in the Ervin Schlabach home for their December meeting. A potluck meal preceded the meeting.

There were 16 present for the meeting, which Harold Gregor opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Margaret Ginter led in singing Christmas carols, followed by a group of ladies who sang a Christmas number.

The Gregors were in charge of a musical program. Francis Wilson sang "O Holy Night." No business was conducted and each member was given a gift.

BAY PORT WOMANS' CLUB

The Bay Port Womens' Club met at the home of Mrs. William Shaw of Pigeon for their Christmas meeting with eight members attending.

The ladies packed plates for shut-ins and had dinner at The Lamplighter Restaurant, Pigeon.

The group returned to Mrs. Shaw's for a meeting and party with games and a gift exchange. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Opanasenko were prize winners.

The next meeting will be March 12 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Raegert.

PIGEON LIONS

Ninety-six Lions, wives and guests met at Sherwood-on-the-Hill, Gagetown on Saturday, Dec. 8 for the club's annual Christmas Party.

President Dave Clabuesch called the meeting to order and asked a moment of silence for the families of charter members "Doc" LaMere and Roy Lawrence, whose wife Bernice passed away. After the invocation, guests enjoyed a ham and chicken dinner.

Clabuesch reminded members to sell tickets for the Christmas Shopping Spree drawing, which will be Dec. 22 at the Pigeon IGA.

Included on the program were a gift exchange, headed by Santa's helpers Larry Moss and Jim Dunn.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 at the Pigeon VFW Hall. George Gady will be program chairman.

Area native promoted

Arthur H. Rathke, a native of Pigeon, now of Sterling Heights, has been named manager of Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) Project at TRW's Steering & Suspension Division facility in Sterling Heights.

In his new position, Rathke will work with Division Information Services staff to implement CIM, which involves using computers to plan and schedule purchasing, manufacturing and delivery activities. Rathke's is the pilot program for the four-plant division.

He joined TRW in 1981 as industrial engineer and for a brief stint, was supervisor of the tool room in 1983.

He holds an MS in industrial engineering from Wayne State University and a BS in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University. He is a member of Institute

of Industrial Engineers, Engineering Society of Detroit, Society of Automotive Engineers and Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

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Santa's mailbox!

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Andie

Dear Santa:

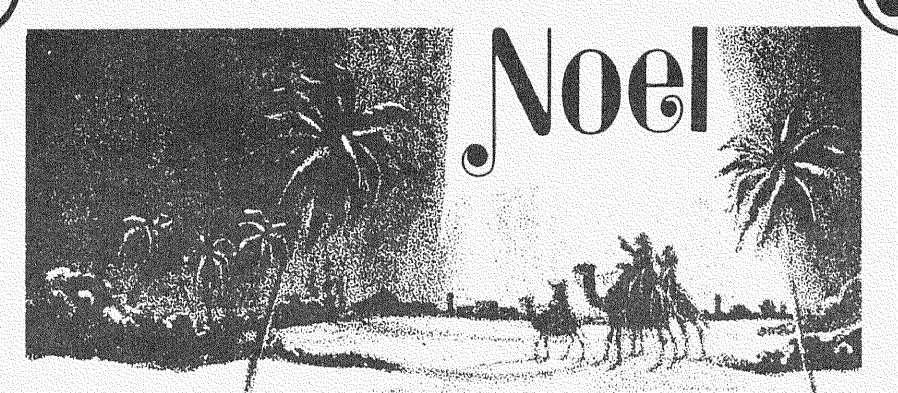
I have been pretty good all year. I have helped mom with the dishes and fed my dog. I'd like a Cabbage Patch Kid and if you have one for my sister, Candi has been good too. My house is the one with sugar cookies on the table for you.

Love,
Nanette

Dear Santa:

All I would want this year is a robot. For my mom I'd like carpeting and for my dad I'd like a tool set. For my grandma I'd like dish cloths. I also wish all the children in the world to have a present for Christmas too.

Your friend,
Danny Baranski



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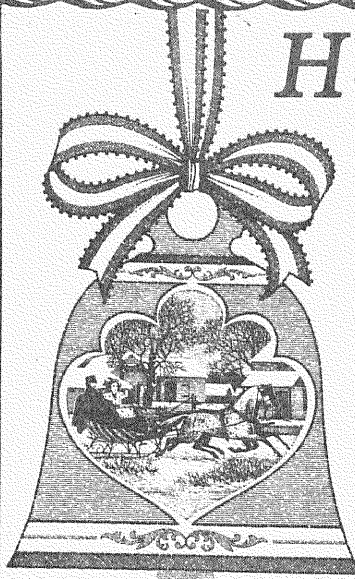
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Here are winners in our 7th annual



**CATEGORY:
AGES 46
AND OLDER**

'I'll never forget that gift'

By RONALD McCLUMPHA

The wind was blowing, leaves were flying and the sky had that gray cast which is often seen in the fall, before the first snow flies.

I was walking up the hill where atop stood the bleak, dark red brick form so familiar to me — Mercy Hospital. As I entered the doors into the bustling lobby, I decided to visit the small chapel on the way to the bank of elevators, so noisily moving people to their various destinations.

The chapel was dimly lit, and the votive lights seemed to glow very brightly from their stands near the altar. Several Sisters were kneeling in prayer or contemplation, as I entered a pew and placed the kneeling bench on the floor.

It had been several weeks since I had heard that dread word CANCER and I remembered how stern the doctor had looked when he told me my Mother would not survive until Christmas. It was Dec. 24th. My prayers were many and my mother's recovery was always foremost. When I had finished, I returned to the center of activity and took that crowded elevator to the fifth floor.

I thought of the past year and all the sorrow and disappointments my Mother and I had faced, and I wondered, "What kind of Christmas is this?"

When I got to my Mother's room, with my arms full of presents, the Sister opened the door for me.

There sat my Mother looking as beautiful as ever, all dressed in her best robe. There was a cot in the corner so that I might spend Christmas Eve in the room, since Mom and I had no one else.

I dropped the presents on the bed and threw my arms around her and kissed her again and again.

There were tears in our eyes and she smiled and said, "Merry Christmas, darling?"

As I held her, I raised my eyes to Heaven and thanked God for the finest Christmas present I had ever had — the gift of life for my beautiful Mother, at least for the present.

Every moment was cherished and I'll never forget that gift, for my Mother passed away the following year.

'My favorite Christmas gift ever'

By MABEL BOTWRIGHT CLARK

In my 82 years of life, I have had many sad memories and many happy memories. I would rather remember my happy ones, for God took care of my sad ones.

In time of trouble, we all help one another. I had a lovely family of two boys and three girls. In 1942 our son then, but his father passed away in 1950, was called to duty in the Navy. Christmas was coming and he planned on being home for Christmas dinner. So we prepared a nice big dinner. We waited and waited. It came to be 3 p.m. and no Charles yet. We thought his plans had been changed. We sat around our dining room table, had a prayer and ate our dinner.

We had just finished and were cleaning up when I walked our son with a buddy. They had hitchhiked from Kinde with their packs on their backs, about 20 or more miles.

So we all started over again. What a joyful day and dinner! They told me the meal was fit for a king, and that was my favorite Christmas gift ever.

'My Favorite Christmas Gift Ever'

By MILDRED (Mrs. Victor) KAIN

For almost seven decades, I've eagerly anticipated and enjoyed Christmas seasons as times for family gatherings, warm messages from far-away friends and special outpourings of love, sharing and universal good will.

But just recently, I already received Christmas 1984 gifts that all the money in the world could not buy two new grandchildren, my first ever!

Little Adam was born to the Richard Kains a few weeks ago, and tiny Rachel arrived at the Gerald Kains a short time later. These two are surely the most beautiful babies anywhere, even to my unprejudiced (?) eye!

So, my Christmas has started early this year with the gift of my first grand children to enhance the holidays. May you also have a blessed Christmas.

Christmas memories are wonderful, and apparently lots of folks enjoy sharing them.

Excellent response has been the rule in the past six years we've conducted our "Christmas Memories Writing Contest" — and this seventh year is no exception.

Nothing gets you into the holiday spirit more than sharing happy moments with others, as these nice people do to help brighten this Progress-Advance Christmas Edition. We've enjoyed reading and judging these essays!

Winners have been announced in three age categories, from among more than 100 entries received. They are:

AGES 46 & OLDER: tie for winner, **Ronald McClumpha** of Pigeon and **Mabel Clark** of Pigeon. Runners-up **George Keim** of Bay Port, **Mildred (Mrs. Victor) Kain** of Fillion and **Erma (Mrs. Glenn) Maust** of Bay Port.

AGES 20-45: winner **Myrna Born** of Pigeon. Runner-up **Susan Damm** of Bay Port.

AGES 14-19: four-way tie, **Chris Gretch** of Owendale, **Colleen Kopack** of Pigeon, **Margaret Beadle** and **Brett Henke**, both of Caseville.

'Favorite Christmas'

By GEORGE KEIM

I've been around for quite awhile, so I don't know which Christmas meant the most to me. But on Christmas Day of 1918 or 1919, we lived in Pigeon. There was still a lot of flu around and times were pretty hard.

My folks let us children know there wouldn't be much for Christmas, although stuff was cheap then compared with today. But money was very hard to get. We never hung up stockings but put a plate at the table where we sat to eat. We always had some candy and peanuts and sometimes an orange. And if we had any presents, they were by our plates.

Well, on Christmas morning, we got up early. I did have a little toy at my plate and some candy and peanuts. Mother had a good breakfast of fried corn mush and beef gravy.

Dad went over to Oscar Paff's farm to borrow a horse to hitch to our surrey, to go to our Grandma Swartzen-druher's place for dinner. When he got there, the horse he wanted was sick with the colic, but Oscar let him have a big work horse called Bell. She was so big he could hardly get her into the shafts. Well, we got loaded up and it was very cold. We didn't know anything about chill factors in those days, and when it was cold it just was cold.

We drove west of Pigeon on what is now M-142. The wind was from the northwest and very cold. We had side curtains on the surrey, but the wind was very cold, and Dad didn't like to make old Bell run too much because work horses don't trot like driving horses do.

We drove to the corner of Risky Road and then south to Weale Road. There were a lot of trees and woods along the road, which helped some, but we were very cold when we got to Grandma's place. Uncle Dan Swartzen-druher and his wife lived at Grandma's place and Uncle George P. Miller and Aunt Mary were there, too.

Grandma had a very good dinner. We didn't have chicken or turkey, but the mashed potatoes and beef gravy and baked apples and side dishes were so good that even if it was cold, it was worth the trip.

My cousins Floyd and Charlie Miller were there and my sisters were there. We played a little and about four o'clock we started home.

The wind had gone down, so it wasn't quite as cold. On the way home, old Bell wanted to get home. It was almost dark 'til we got there.

Mother made fire while Dad took old Bell home. Grandpa Keim was staying with us at the time, but one of our neighbors had come over and got his dinner for him. We were tired, but happy.

Some time ago, I heard a woman say she's glad Christmas comes only once a year, because she just doesn't know what to get for her children.

People do spend a lot over Christmas. I wouldn't want to go back and ride an open buggy on a zero morning, but I'm glad I had those experiences.

And even now, when a person gives me just a pair of socks or some little gift, I appreciate it because it's the love that's back of it that counts.

And to all my friends everywhere, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

'My favorite (special) Christmas gift'

By ERMA MAUST

Several years ago, I faced a siege of major surgery after Thanksgiving and just got home from the hospital before Christmas. So I had missed all the nice things that go with Christmas, like programs and the calendars that our local business people give out at Christmas time.

I saw Glenn had his lovely calendar hanging above his desk from the Co-op Oil Company and wondered if he had gotten me one, and he said, "No."

And since a calendar like that meant so much to me to have as a diary-record to write on each square information about each school when the teacher would call for placing reservations to visit our farm, I got my weak bones up and called Ralph Limberger at the gas station. I told Ralph I didn't like to be a beggar, but would he still

have a calendar left that I could use? Ralph said no, he had given them all out and no more were left.

Of course, I was saddened to think I had missed out on that goodie. So I thanked him and thought I would just pick up a big plain one in a stationery store when I'd be able to again go shopping. So I hobbled back to my bed and was listening to Family Life Radio when the dog began to bark and Glenn went to look out the dining room window. He said, "Oh, goodness, not again today! The gas man is pulling up to the house door."

He had just filled up with fuel oil the day before, and poor Glenn could not imagine it needed filling again as his first thought hit his brain. But no — here came the gas man just a 'trottin' like Santa himself with a calendar for me!

So there he stood, telling us how Ralph had radioed him on the run and was searching to see if anyone had an extra calendar. The driver did, so Ralph told him to drop it off to me!

I was so embarrassed I could have died to think the gas truck came to deliver a calendar to me, but in reality I just loved it so much all year. Because each day when I wrote a new school coming to the farm, the kindness of Ralph became more of a blessing. That calendar was a 365-day gift that daily reminded me of a businessman who cared!



CATEGORY: AGES 20-45

'Christmas isn't just gifts'

By MYRNA BORN

I fondly remember the Christmas I received my first watch. It was a special gift, because we very seldom received expensive gifts because of our large family.

Now, many years later, I realize that gifts aren't the most important part of Christmas. It is the deeper, more meaningful memories and feelings we cherish most.

Christmas is a family time. I lost my stepfather, my mother and grandmother within a year and four months of each other. My grandfather died six years ago. Before that, no one in the immediate family died who was close to me.

Little did I realize this would change our family traditions. We no longer could go over to my parents' on Christmas Eve. Grandpa couldn't have us over, so we had to have him over to our house. We were always close, my grandpa and I. He was the special "father" image I clung to when my parents were divorced when I was only two years old.

Grandpa wasn't an old fashioned person — he was a "neat person," as some would say. I remember all the times he bounced me on his knee and rode me around piggy-back clinging to his neck. Laughter rang through the house, with Grandma shouting, "Not so loud."

I especially remember the last Christmas he was with us. He came out to our house with my brother-in-law and family who were staying with him, because he could no longer stay alone. The family Christmas party was going to be at his house because of Grandpa's health.

They were borrowing my electric roaster, chairs and card table. When they were ready to leave, grandpa took a glance over the house. As I recall now, it was like a last look (I won't be back to see it again look).

He died about two weeks after our party. It was like losing my mother all over again. Grandpa was like a father to me, and it seemed like I had no one left.

I now think back over the years and some of the best gifts were the memories of loved ones who gave so much of themselves to make us what we are. That kind of giving is the special love that God gave to us by sending His Son, Jesus, on that Christmas so long ago.

Christmas Memories Contest!

No winners were announced in the 13 and under age group, but several of the more interesting entries are published throughout this week's Progress-Advance Christmas Edition.

Special mention should be made recognizing the students of **Mary Kay Quinn's** classes at Caseville High School. They submitted many entries.

Honorable Mention 14-19 age winners from Mrs. Quinn's classes include **Carrie Zollner, Richie Simpson, Tom Fibranz, Vicky Karle, Daniel Depner, Becky Dubey, Jeff Siegfried, Charles Morden, Carletta Sovey, Jenny Krause and Julie Barton.**

Semi-finalists from Mrs. Quinn's group include **Brenda Johnson, Chris Kopack, Tracy Bieri, Amy Conrad, Renee Simpson, Jeremy Steinman, Ron Wally, Pam Wolfe, Jim Steinman, Mike Henne, Lisa Bilkie, Paul Bieri, Sally Gembarski, Bridgett Meissner, Chris McLean, Cindy Eimers, Christy Jablonski and Troy Hartz.**

As we've said, we are happy to award cash prizes to first-place winners — and we're honored these people took time from busy holiday schedules to share some happiness with us all. Read — and enjoy these happy holidays!

'A time for giving'

By SUSAN M. DAMM

Christmas is a time for giving. Giving gifts, giving friendship and giving love.

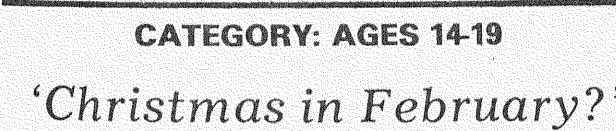
I would like to make this letter my best Christmas gift ever.

I'm sure you have all seen the reports on the starving people in Ethiopia. With Christmas nearing, now is the time to open our hearts to these people.

If everyone in this community would go to their cupboards and donate a canned good, we could feed a lot of starving children and adults.

I believe the people of Pigeon and our area are kind and giving. Won't you please open your hearts to save a life? Let's make this "PIGEON'S best Christmas gift ever." Let's give the gift of life!

Anyone wishing to donate food may contact me at 656-7135 anytime, or at 10055 Weale Road, Bay Port.



CATEGORY: AGES 14-19

'Christmas in February?'

By CHRIS GRETCH

My Christmas memories aren't too far away to remember. In fact, it was only last year when I ended up having Christmas in February.

A couple of days before Christmas, my Grandma went into the hospital with cancer. She was really sick and ended up being there until the beginning of February.

My Grandpa wouldn't put the Christmas lights on or open gifts until Grandma came home.

Finally, when Grandma came home, Grandpa turned on the Christmas lights. The people who went by in their cars thought it was strange to have the lights still shining in February.

My family, aunts, uncles and cousins went to Grandma's house for a Christmas dinner. Mom and I went over early to help Grandma fix the Christmas duck.

After we ate, Grandma and Grandpa opened the many presents everyone bought for them. They were both very happy with their gifts.

Even though Grandma won't be with us this Christmas, she will still be with us in our hearts. We loved her so.

'My favorite Christmas gift ever'

By COLLEEN KOPACK

It's really not easy to say which Christmas gift I like the best. It takes so much thought and feeling to give someone a gift. All of my Christmases have been full of great joy and happiness.

If I have to choose which one I have liked best, I would say it was the Christmas when I was 10 years old. The whole year I had asked my mother to stop smoking and all I ever got in return was, "When the time is right."

It seemed as if the time was never going to be right for her to stop smoking. So, as the months went by, she still kept smoking.

December came and we were all in the Christmas mood. We woke up Christmas morning and after all the presents under the tree were opened, we were all thanking each other.

My dad said, "Oh, we forgot one!" He pointed toward the upper branches of our Christmas tree. It was a card addressed to me. I opened it and read it aloud. The message was, "Colleen, well, the time is right. I have decided to stop my smoking and I am doing this for myself, not you. I only wish I would have decided to do this before now. Love, Mom."

I looked at her when I finished. She was looking at me. I was so happy. This present made my whole Christmas, and by this great gift, I also learned that gifts are not only material possessions. They come really from the heart.

Santa gets lots of mail from kids!

Dear Santa:
I love you very much. The thing I want the most is what you can find in your bag. I am not picky. Maybe I will see you. I often need a glass of water at night. I love you very much.

Sunny Herford
P.S. I will be at my Grandma's and Grandpa's in Florida.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some tapes. You dont have to. How is Mrs. Santa doing? You have a lot of good boys and girls. Please bring me a Chatty Patty. Is it snowing at the North Pole? It is snowing very, very hard here. It is like a blizzard! I hope you will make it here.

Love,
Becky Smith

Dear Santa:
My name is Kara Langley. I'm nine years old. I have been very good. Could I please have some toys for Christmas? I have made a list for you: My Little Pony stable, Cabbage Patch clothes, Cristle Barbie, Dream Dancer, Rose Petal dolls, Great Shape Barbie, Friend Bear or Fun-shine Bear and clothes.

Your friend,
Kara

Dear Santa:
I am always satisfied what I get for Christmas. How are the reindeer? I hope they are having fun down there. I bet that you are busy. Are the elves playing jokes on you? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? I love cookies. I will try to write back.

Love,
Eli Binder

Dear Santa:
I have been very good. I help mom wash dishes and help Jimmy with his homework. Jimmy is in kindergarten. I'm in third. Mrs. Gehrs my teacher. Mrs. Keena is Jimmy's teacher. Jimmy's six. I'm nine and I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid.

Merry Christmas,
Kim

Dear Santa:
I have been very good this year. My sister wants a Care Bear for Christmas. Santa, will you please give me an Electric Football game and five He-man guys? I like Rudolph. He's my favorite reindeer.

Love,
Matt Pauley

Dear Santa:
Please can I have a Cabbage Patch doll for Christmas and please can I have a game to play with for Christmas?

Love,
Gretchen Eichler

Dear Santa:
I was a good boy. Please give me He-Man guys and please give me four-whealers.

Love,
Nathan Schweitzer

Dear Santa:
I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid for Christmas and a football. My sister wants Rainbow Brite for Christmas.

Thank you,
Sarah Dietzel

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I would like a Go Bot watch. My brother would like a He-Man guy. My dad would like some camera stuff. My mom would like some earrings for Christmas. We are going to visit our relatives in California. Is it cold up at the North Pole? Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Jon Love

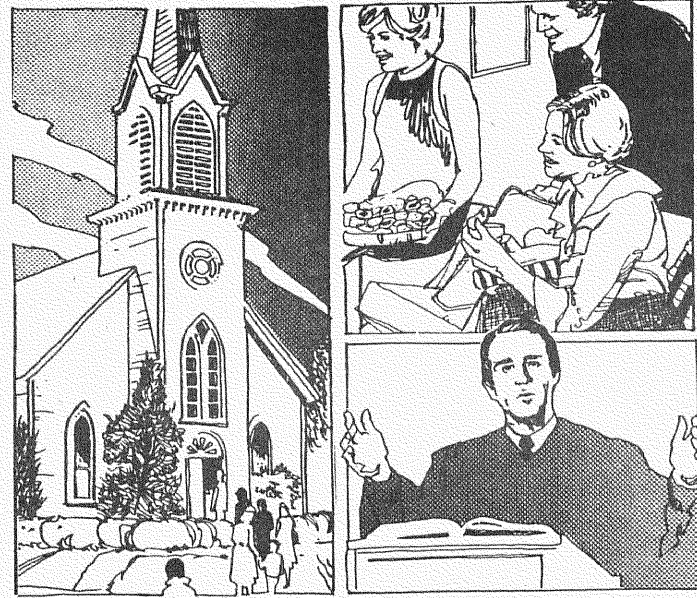
Dear Mr. Claus:
I have been a good boy. Here is a list of things my little sister wants: a Mickey Mouse talking phone, a pair of E.T. slippers and a Cabbage Patch Kid. Here is a list of things my big sister wants: high tops. Here is a list of things my mom wants: us to be happy. I want He-Man.

Your friend,
Mike Appleby



Take your entire family to church this Christmas season!

GOD SENDS THE GIFT OF HIS LOVE FOR US ALL TO SHARE



December has become the grand Finale of the year, When festive gatherings are planned; The season of good cheer. No matter what you celebrate According to your creed, The holidays commemorate A joyous time indeed, When you're invited to re-new Your faith without delay; Your House of Worship urges you To enter there and pray. While some light candles with a prayer And others deck the hall, Throughout this season that we share God's love will bless us all.

True love's the gift which God has given. — Sir Walter Scott
... every man hath his proper gift of God." — 1 Corinthians 7:7

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAND POINT
ST. JOHN'S BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL, PORT AUSTIN
KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOWAH'S WITNESSES, BAD AXE
ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH
ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP
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Other samplings' from Santa's mailbox

Dear Santa: I've been good this Christmas and I have a list to give you. You can pick any kind of toy you want to give me. Here's my list to give me: Rainbow Brite doll, Cabbage Patch Kid, roller skates and Bake-It oven and clothes. Your friend, Shelly Finkbeiner
Dear Santa: How are you? I'm fine. I was good all year. So I get lots of presents, right?! I hope so. I'd like a Mandy doll, a sleeping bag and anything else you can think of. Is it cold at the North Pole? It's not snowing here. I have to go now. Please bring me my present. Bye! Your friend, Liesl Eichler

Dear Santa: I would like lots of things for Christmas, but the thing I want most is for there to be peace everywhere, no more fighting! One thing I would like is to have a pony! I love everyone in the world, especially my family. Your friend, Julie Schulz
Dear Santa: I am eight years old. I have brown hair and I'm in third grade. I would like Crystle Barbie, Poochie and a Barbie car. I live 5830 Berne Road. I have five people in my family. Your friend, Jennifer K.

Dear Santa: First of all, I want to thank you for all the gifts you brought me last year. Again this year I have been very, very good boy, as usual and I ask that you bring me these things. I want a jack knife, telescope, a science set and a remote control car. That's all for now, Santa. Your friend, Kirk
Dear Santa: Hi! Just a short list. This is what I want for Christmas: Cabbage Patch doll, hat and scarf set, earring tree and Dream Dancer. I have been hanging up my clothes and making my bed. Also, I have been setting table, clearing table and doing lots of other things. My brother, Brian, has been making a special effort to clean his room. This is what he wants: Dukes of Hazzard walkie talkies, plow and four-wheel drive tractor. Thanks for other years. Your friend, Jill Collison

Sixty Seconds Christmas is for all of God's children

Read Isaiah 9:2-7
Unto us a Child is Born; unto us a Son is given. Isaiah 9:6
Christmas honors the birth of a Child who divided history into two parts: the time before and after His birth. God had intervened before in history. Moses, as a baby cast into the Nile River and guarded by his sister, was God's rescuer of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Soon after His birth, Jesus was marked for death by a tyrant, but was watched over by Mary and Joseph. God wanted this Child to be the Rescuer of all people from the dread slavery of sin. Moses' birth was hidden from the world. But with Jesus it was different. The world heard the news of His birth from angels, who in essence repeated what Isaiah has said: "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given" — God's Son. Our children are gifts from God. Jesus is God's special Child-given as a gift to all fathers and mothers, all people and their children. This Child, God's own Son, would be obedient to Him unto death, even death on a cross. Yes, Christmas is for children — all God's children, young and old. Born of a woman, born under the Law. He fulfilled the Law for all and paid the price for the sins of all. Dearest Jesus, Holy Child, son of God, our Brother dear, we thank You for becoming one of us and for giving us a place in the family of our heavenly Father. Amen.

Dear Santa: I want some toys and other things for Christmas. I want some He-Man guy equipment, GI Joe guys, equipment, transformers, I also want Face and Hannibal Ewoks, Knight Rider, Mickel Jackson and leather pants, shirts, sweater. Your friend, Norman Christner
Dear Santa Claus: I want lots of presents for Christmas. What I want the most is: My Little Pony Stable, My Little Pony Shower and Cabbage Patch Doll. My mom and dad would like a satellite for the TV. My sister wants a ghet-toblaster. My brother would like a 12 speed bike. Santa I am going to leave you some cookies and milk. OK? Your friend, April Smith

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SOUND-OFF!

Call 453-2323 anytime to SOUND-OFF. Selected statements will appear in the next Progress-Advance, so watch for yours! Deadline: 5 p.m. Mondays.

EARLY DEADLINE
NEXT TWO WEEKS: 6 p.m.
SATURDAYS, DEC. 22 AND 29.

Please save your deposit bottles and cans for the Pigeon Elementary School - Pigeon District Library fund drive. Call an elementary student or deliver them to the school on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 3:30. Thank you. Signed, the Pigeon Elementary Parents and Teachers for Children.

To the person or persons responsible for the theft of two emergency lights from two parked cars on Paul Street Saturday night in Pigeon: do you know why we have them? If you stop and think about it, they are to warn you we have an emergency and need to get to something called an am-

balance. Think of what can happen to you as a patient if the crew gets tied up in traffic. Please return them, with no questions asked.

Brenda B., happy 18th birthday. Love, your ECSSA friends. Have a good year. We love you.

A "long distance call" was just received from Santa. He is loading his bag with a good supply of bags of nuts and candy. Saturday, Dec. 22 is the day, at 1 p.m., that he will arrive to make his headquarters at the Bay Port State Bank. Due to the uncertainty or snow, Santa will arrive on a bright and shiny fire truck, as sponsored by the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce. Kids, come see Santa.

I'd like to invite the people of Pigeon and surrounding area to come to Elkton and see what a beautiful, lit-up town is on display for all the people to see. We've very proud of our town. Thank you.

The Pigeon Area Jaycees wish to thank Clare Swartzendruber for the tree, Damm's, Inc. for the lot and Kretzschmer Home Center for the lights for our community Christmas tree. We appreciate your help!

I thought the Christmas program at Pigeon River Mennonite Church was excellent on Sunday night. Everyone did a wonderful job. You could tell that a lot of work went into planning all of it.

Scheurer Hospital notes

Patients in Scheurer Hospital on Monday, Dec. 17:
PIGEON: Mrs. Anna Sitts, Mrs. Timothy (Sandra) Samczyk, Mrs. Geraldine Steinman, Ms. Pauline Swartzendruber, Carl P. Dast, Mrs. Lorena Thich, Mrs. AnnaMarie Ginther.

Carolyn Price earns R.N. certification

Carolyn Price has been notified that she has passed her Michigan State Board Exam as a Registered Nurse.

She graduated this year with a B.S. degree from Oakland University, Rochester.

She is currently employed at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Falls Church, Va.

Price is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Krohn of Elkton.



Carolyn Price

SEBEWAING: M Alberta Gruhn, M Clarence (Florence) Witt Mrs. Robert E. (Barba) Diebel.

UNIONVILLE: M Michelle Sting, GAGETOWN: Mrs. El Deeg.

FILION: Mrs. Flo (Agnes) Kanaski, ELKTON: Floyd Snay, CASEVILLE: M William E. (Lisa) Karl.

BIRTHS: Mr. and M William E. (Lisa) Ka Caseville, a son, Willie Johnhoward, on Dec. 17.

LONG-TERM UNI David Banda, Oscar Beh Mrs. Mollie Deering, M Alice Diebel, Mrs. Mart Dressler, Charles Fri Mrs. Dora Gettel, Jo Knight, Mrs. Helen Jede Floyd Langley, Andre Mischung, Mrs. Mah Morlock, Preston Murdock Mrs. Leta Osborne, M Viola Peterson, Earl R son, Mrs. Lena Schillir Mrs. Dorothy Shaw, M Florence Wolfram, M Lena Eisengruber.

Santa gets lots of mail from kids!

Dear Santa: How are you and your reindeer? I'm fine. I want a lots of things this year. I hope you don't have any trouble finding my house. Merry Christmas!



Love, Vicki Gascho

Dear Santa: I would like a Barbie doll and a crayon box. How are your reindeer? I am having fun.



Your friend, Kari Swartzendruber

Dear Santa Claus: How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want Baby Alive.



Love, Tammy Dilleree



Dear Santa: I'm trying to be good for the toys I want. I want Big Foot and the sled too. I want a pump bb gun, BMX bike and a controlled tank.



Love, Ronnie Bruce

Dear Santa: How is Mrs. Claus? I want He-Man and Skeleton.



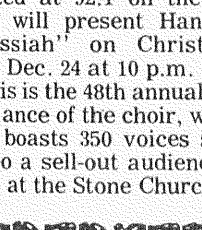
Your friend, Travis Sprague

Dear Santa: I hope your reindeer are doing good. I would like a Rainbow Bright doll for Christmas. There are eleven days to Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas.



Love, Jennifer Smith

Dear Santa: How are you and Mrs. Claus? And how are your reindeer? And I want lots of toys.



Love, Shawn Diebel

Dear Santa: How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want Big Foot and the Pole sled. Merry Christmas.



Love, Darren Smith

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the McKinley Township will be held Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985 - 1:30 at the Herman Rathke Home, 6764 Berne Rd., Pigeon, MI.
Signed, Chuck Leipprandt, Clerk

Seasons Greetings To Everyone From

From left to right: Mary Schuette, Jan Lenda, Sandy Hyzer, Jan Jolly, Debbie Russell.

Huron Casting

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Elkton - 375-2220

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Homemade Summer Sausage

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Good health, good cheer to you this Yuletide.

The management & staff wish you & yours a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We will be closed Christmas Day

Lamplighter Restaurant

7608 W. Pigeon Rd. • Pigeon • 453-3663

Merry Christmas

From the Staff at:

The Hair Shoppe

Of Elkton

Top left to right: Mary Furness, June Winchester, Pam Roestel, Mary Motz, Connie Lorkowski.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From our staff - to your home

Sales & Service Staff: Top left, seated: Judy Smith, Mary Thiel. Standing: Dale Wertz, Dave McCormick, Jim McCormick, Gene Hamilton.

Body Shop Staff: Top right: Mark Smith, Paul Langlois, Mike Morris.

Parts & Service: Lower left: Matt Babcock, Jeanne McGraw, Pinky Oesch.

Body & Service: Lower right photo: Left to right: Bill Fitzpatrick, Randy Snieckowski, Duane Baur, Clark Faist, Dennis Chandler. Missing from photo Mark Gettel.

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Joyous Noel

Blessings to all our friends!

Scheurer Hospital
170 N. Caseville Rd. • Pigeon • 453-3223

Cards are special part of Christmas

Dear Editor:
I realize this topic of "Why Send Christmas Cards?" isn't the theme of your 1984 Christmas Writing Contest, but I hope you will publish it in your Christmas issue.

Have you ever thought of why you send Christmas cards? Habit, everyone else does, or do you really send them with the proper thought in mind? Over the years, we've been receiving fewer and fewer cards at holiday time. I realize that many of our tight budgets can't take the added strain of postage and cards, but to stop sending Christmas cards...to me that would be awfully disappointing. If I didn't receive a card and note from my favorite high school teacher and family in PA, or that very favorite cousin who seems more like a sister, or that dear aunt out in California, or even from my own two sons at college at Kalamazoo, my during pre-Christmas activity would be BLAH.

Christmas cards are a tradition. Did you know that they were invented in 1875 by Louis Prang of Roxbury, Mass.? He engraved a batch of very special cards and sent them off to England. They sold so swiftly he made another batch to sell at home.

Christmas cards, to me, are as much a part of this joyous holiday season as are the gaily lit trees, the decorated cookies, candy-making, shopping. So what if they cost 20 cents to mail? My friends and family are worth that for that one day of the year we keep in touch.

I admit, all this pre-holiday preparation has become so commercial. With TV ads, magazines and newspapers pushing holiday even before Halloween is over, it's enough to turn us into Scrouge.

Don't take it out on your attitude. Think about the real reason you are sending that card, smile with remembrances past, address that card and note to one you care for. It means a lot.

Do you know the delight in a child's eyes when he or she receives a card especially for them or a teenager receiving a card from that secret admirer, or the elderly getting a note from a dear friend they may not have seen for 20 or 30 years, or a

young husband, bashfully mailing a card to his wife of less than a year when he knows he will see her across the dinner table. It is worth it, believe me. You see, for the past 25 years, I have been seeing those smiles, those happy faces for work in a post office. Believe me, it's worth every penny.

I recall an elderly lady who lives alone out in the country and each December, she never failed to send a card to her rural carrier and myself, properly addressed and stamped showing her appreciation of previous service. She couldn't really afford it, for she lived in a tar paper house very meagerly, with only a few stray cats for company. To me, she had the true meaning of Christmas. I

will miss that card this season as you see, she passed away. I remember her with a smile. A lovely memory, don't you agree?

Why do I send Christmas cards? I think I have touched on many reasons but the main one, is by mailing cards to our loved ones, we are remembering the birth day of that tiny Baby, long ago in Bethlehem, who came into this world for all of us.

I hope and pray the Christmas card tradition never stops. It's too much of a link to our daily lives, and the one custom of everyone's favorite holiday, CHRISTMAS. Let's keep Christ and His love in our hearts during this holiday.

Merry Christmas,
Jeanette McDonald
Owendale

'Dear Santa...'

Dear Santa:
I like Santa Claus. I want a rough Rider, a remote control car, truck or tank, four Hardy Boys books (over 56) and two rockets, please!

Your friend,
Kevin Jantzi

Dear Santa:
I would like a stuffed unicorn and a game an lots of presents and some reindeer toys and one dog and a flowergirl.

From Sarah E

Dear Santa:
I would like Snak Mountain, a game please a book and please, a sled

Mark Wisneski

Dear Santa:
I would like Baby Need a Name and Rainbov Brite. Santa, have I been good? Is Rudolph OK? hope you're happy! I like you a lot!

Love,
Stephanie Niebe

Dear Santa:
Please may I have a doll or a Rainbow Brite?

Love,
Sarah Champagne

Dear Santa:
Last year my favorite thing I got was a bike Maybe this year would be better. I hope this time maybe I will get something nice like a GoBot.

From
Ben Sturr

Dear Santa:
My favorite thing is My Little Pony. Please can I have a sticker book and Hi-Ho Cherry O game?

Love,
Kristi Heintz

Dear Santa:
I like Rudolph. This Christmas it is going to snow a lot. I would like a computer game.

Love,
Bobby Orr

Dear Santa:
I would like a doll. Is Rudolph going to lead this year? We put up our Christmas tree. I would like a game.

From,
Jodi Wisneski

Blessings

Sherry's Dance Studio
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As we recall that holy night, we ask His blessings upon you and your family.

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856-2802

Inspector Gordo's Minute Mystery
THE CASE OF THE Pudgy Playboy

It was the steadfast ambition of American toothpaste model Bette Ellen, "the girl with the million-dollar smile," to acquire a corner of the wealth of Far Eastern playboy Abka Fazzal.

Ungraciously, the pudgy Fazzal was more bewitched by food than amour. So Bette was compelled to rest her charms and exercise her wits.

Over a table creaking with silver serving dishes the determined adventuress stared darkly as Fazzal shoveled a crab meat ravigotte.

At 8:30 p.m., a waiter entered the suire and served the dessert - blueberry pie surmounted by avocado sherbert - and coffee.

Fazzal gulped nearly all the dessert before mousing a massive belch. Eyes rolling, he toppled off the chair.

Fifteen minutes later Bette's urgent call for help fetched Inspector Gordo, a guest in the hotel.

Bette admitted him to Fazzal's suite. She was able to smile bravely, a flexion which not only demonstrated her wonderful pluck but also displayed her dazzling white teeth to full advantage. She opened her baby blue eyes wide and pointed. Fazzal lay on his back, burping drowsily.

Gordo reported the incident to the local police. "The piece of pie left on Fazzal's plate contained knockout drops. Miss Ellen said she ate all of her before passing out, and so a test was impossible.

What about Fazzal's jewels, stolen while the pair were unconscious?" asked the chief of police.

"That question is one for Miss Ellen," replied Gordo. "She was unquestionably in on the robbery."

HOW DID GORDO KNOW?

ANSWER ON PAGE 33

Elementary children fill Santa's mailbox!

Dear Santa:
How are your reindeer? I want a My Little Pony and the game Operation.

Your friend,
Jennifer Collins



Dear Santa:
I want a four-wheeler and a Big Foot. Have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Jason Sears



Dear Santa:
How are the reindeer? How is Miss. Santa? I want a Care Bear, a Cabbage Patch.

Your friend,
Carolyn Bollenbacher



crasher and a BB pellet gun.

Love,
Troy Eberly



Dear Santa:
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a good Christmas. But I do not know what I want yet.

Love,
Micque Partlow



Dear Santa:
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you can find are toys. And I want a lot of toys too. I hope you do not get lost. And Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jenny Murdoch

Dear Santa:
I want a Big Foot and a pool sled and a four-wheeler.

Love,
Trevor Henne



Dear Santa:
How are you doing at the North Pole? This year I want a big remote control boat and a Big Foot.

Love,
Gary Chandler



Dear Santa:
I've been good this year. I want good things this year. How are you and Miss Santa Claus?

Your friend,
Heather Anderson

WARM WISHES

Laursen's Pharmacy
7297 Mich. Ave. • Pigeon • 453-2712
Jim, Fran, Metta, Alice, Margaret, Betty, Betty Ann, Karen, Kevin & Kurt.

Dear Santa:
How are you doing? I want a lot of gifts this year. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jeremy Gnagey



Dear Santa:
How is Miss. Claus? I want a BMX bike and Big Foot and the sled.

Love,
Jeremy Halleck

Dear Santa:
How are you doing up at the north pole? This is what I want, a Premie and a radio.

Love,
Michelle Bolde



GREETINGS

Chiming in with this expression of our hopes for you at Christmas — joy to all!

Agrico Farm Center
415 S. Main • Pigeon • 453-2260
Bill Zimmer, Manager

GREETINGS

Our very best wishes for a warm, happy holiday season.

John Walsh, CPA
24 S. Main • Pigeon • 453-3456

Glad Tidings

May the peace of that blessed night be with you and yours. We're wishing you much joy!

Lee's Landscaping
44 Bay Port Rd. - Bay Port - 453-391 J

Joey

Here's a very special wish for you at Christmas!

Schaaf Plumbing and Heating
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St. John's girls take second

The Girls' Basketball Team of St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Berne, earned the Consolation Championship in their recent tournament play. The team lost its first game to Christ-Bethany of Saginaw 22-17, then won its next two in the double-elimination tournament — 24-19 over Bay City Mt. Olive and 27-12 over St. John's of Bay City, in the eight-team tourney. Coach Al Selbig said the team's 68 points in three games was the highest total in four years. Team members shown with their trophy are, front row from left, Tracy Roestel, Angie Schaaf, Lynn Roestel and Kristin Krohn. Second row includes Joan Birsching, Kami Rathje, Beth Roestel and Heather Clark, with Coach Selbig standing in rear.



BOWLING

Table of bowling league scores for Pigeon Wednesday Night Ladies, Tuesday Classic League, Pigeon Thursday Niters League, Pigeon Women's Afternoon League, Monday Major League, Elktion Tuesday Night Mens' League, Elktion Monday Mens' League, Elktion Thursday Night Ladies, Pool League, and Womens' Traveling leagues.

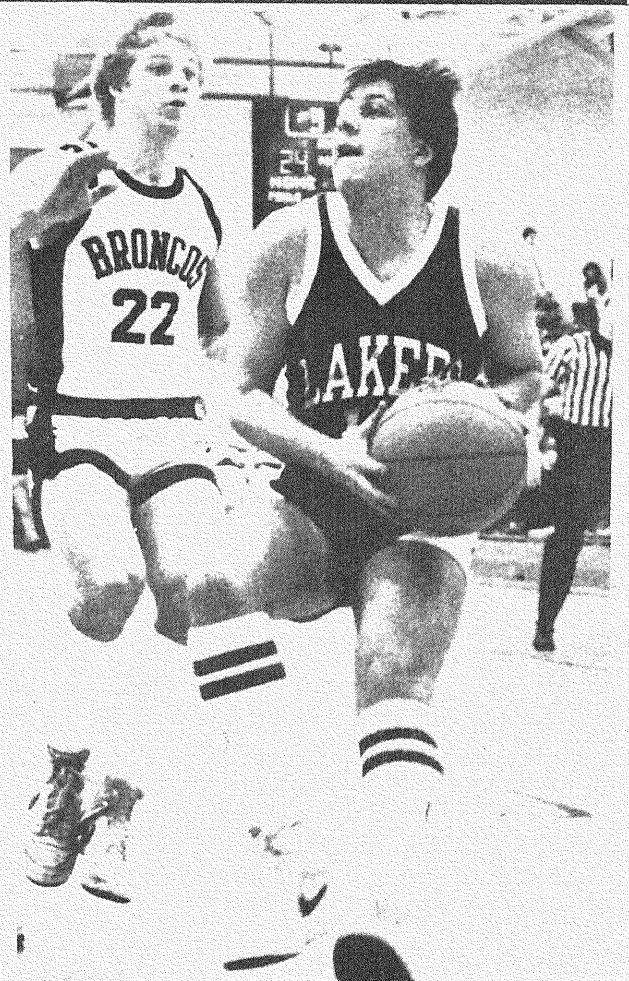
Lakers demolish Broncos

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

Playing a good team that has something to prove can be very depressing, as the North Branch Broncos found out last Friday night at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High. The Lakers hammered the hapless Broncos 76-35 to prove to themselves they can "put other teams away" early. The Green and White cagers wanted to prove they can maintain a lead throughout the game, after allowing Marlette to rally from a seven point deficit to send the game into overtime last Tuesday night. The Lakers then regrouped to claim a 69-65 victory in the extra three minutes of play. The Broncos were steamrolled by Lakers from the opening tip-off, as the Green Hoop Machine piled up an 18-1 first quarter lead and stretched it out to 34-14 by halftime. Subs from the Laker bench maintained the pattern of dominance as Coach Bill McLellan cleared the bench

in the second quarter. "We came out with the idea of putting them away in the third quarter," McLellan said after the game. That plan was executed to perfection as his "starting five" returned to action at the beginning of the second half. Lakers outscored the Broncos, 24-8 in the third quarter to ice the game. The Green quintet brushed up on their full-court press early in the second half with an aggressive attitude usually displayed only when trailing on the scoreboard. "We wanted to work on some things because it's early in the year," McLellan said about the unusual tactic for a team with a big lead. Buck LePage took charge of the Laker offense in the first half as he canned 13 points by the midpoint of the game. Scott Rosenthal then shouldered the offensive responsibility by netting 16 points in the second half to take game scoring honors with a total of 22. LePage added seven points in the final two quarters to finish with 20 for the game. Ron Dubs con-

tributed 10 points to the Laker attack. Rosenthal and Eric Bushey each grabbed eight rebounds in the game. No Broncos hit double digits as Scott Lampere led North Branch scoring with nine points. OVERTIME SCARE: Lakers didn't display that "killer instinct" last Tuesday. They opened a 38-31 halftime lead over Marlette, only to see the Red Raiders charge back in the fourth quarter to tie the game at the end of regulation. Marlette used a full-court press to pressure Lakers at the beginning of the game and take a 16-12 lead into the second quarter. The Green Machine's offense started clicking in the second stanza as they poured in 26 points to 15 for the Red Raiders. Lakers cooled off in the final quarter to score only five points after each team scored 16 points in the third period. Marlette knotted the score at 59-59 when Brian Hirsch hit a bucket with nine seconds remaining in the



Leppprandt has yet to taste defeat as a coach after his squad rolled up two more victories last week. On Tuesday, the Laker Freshman team downed Marlette 65-46 after trailing 14-10 at the end of the first quarter.



We wish you joy during this holiest of times.

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From the staff-management at Bay Port State Bank



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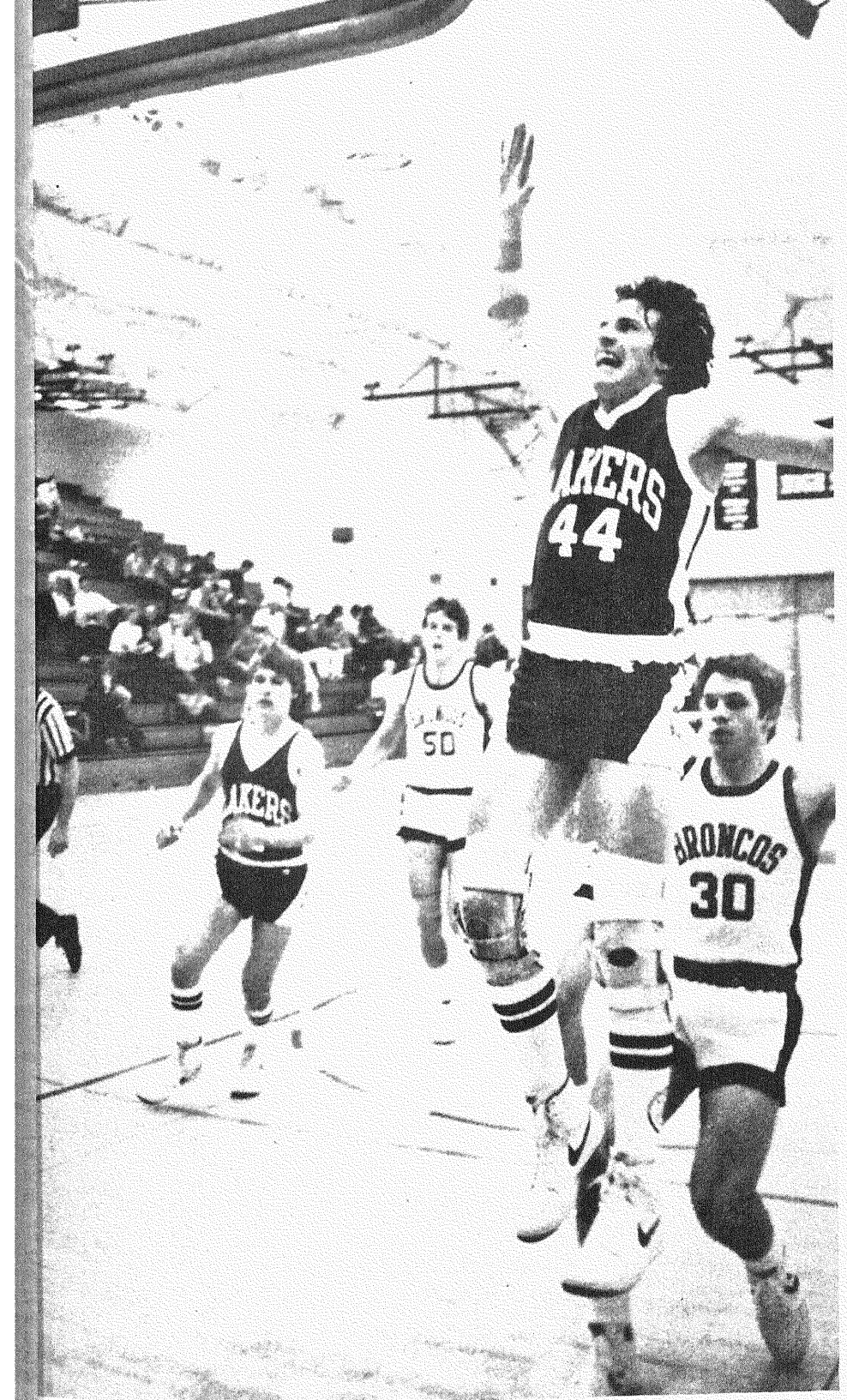
Pigeon Office: Left to right: Mary Jo Schmidt, Kay Fortsch, Mary Damm.

For our staff to enjoy the holidays with their families we shall be closing at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve Day and at 3 p.m. on New Years Eve day.

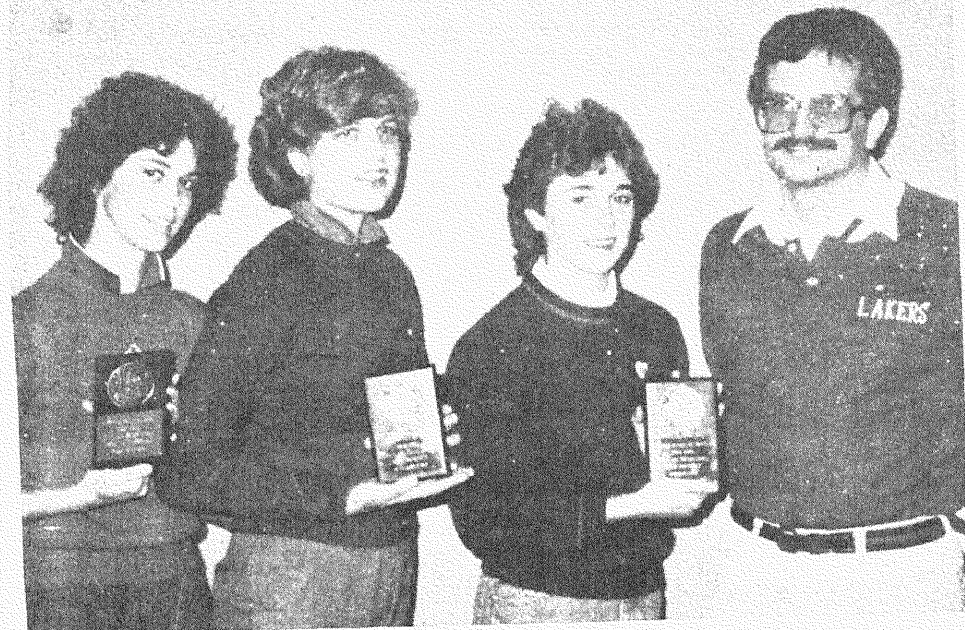
BAY PORT STATE BANK logo and address information for Pigeon Office and Bay Port Office.

Advertisement for Village Qwik Stop featuring a 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' banner, a photo of staff in Santa hats, and a promotion for Pepsi (\$1.99) and McDonald's Chip Dips (59c).

Local bowling — in your Progress-Advance



HELLO-O-O BUCKET: Laker Scott Rosenthal renews his acquaintance with the basket on his way to scoring 22 points against North Branch.



HONORED ATHLETES: Laker athletes recently honored at a student assembly include these junior varsity and freshmen award winners.
ABOVE: From left are Most Determined Angie Herford, Most Improved Beth Ann Henry, Most Valuable Rhonda Baur and Girls' Junior Varsity Coach Gordie Murphy.
AT RIGHT: In front from left, freshman honorees Most Improved Brian Kohl, Most Valuable Jeff Sturm and Most Determined Kel Hill.
In back, JV award winners Most Determined Lenny Wing, Most Improved Ray Deering and Most Valuable Brad Krohn.



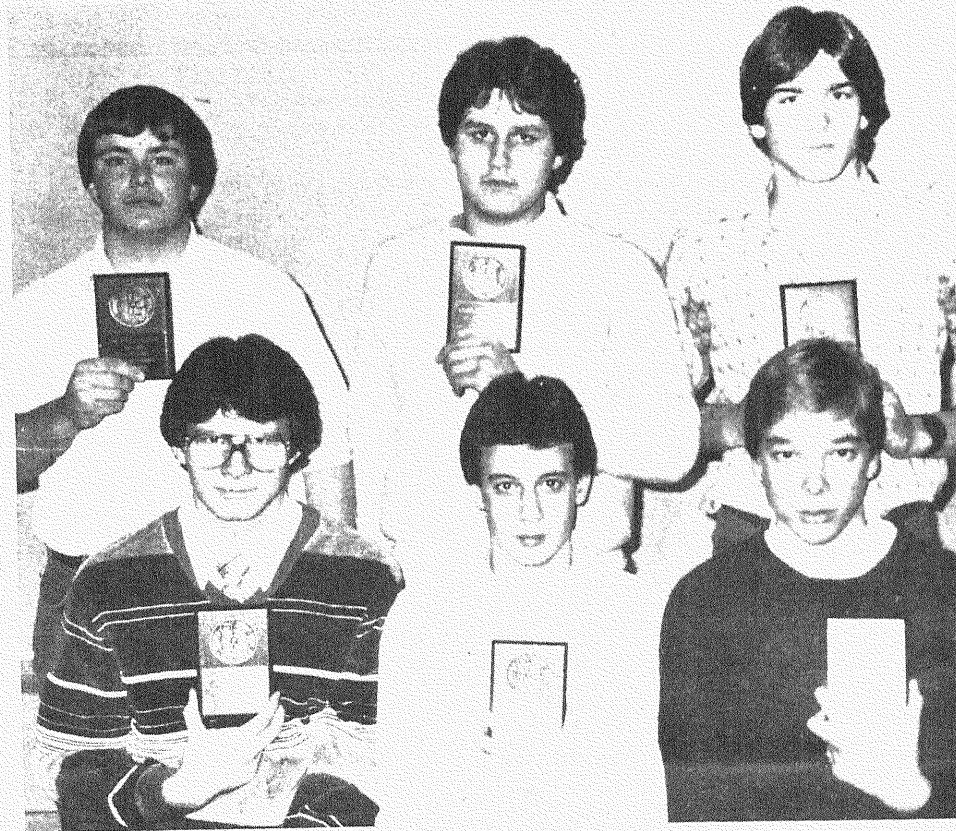
Thanks to all of you who signed the card on the main bulletin board in the high school for Jodi Metzger. Any other cards or letters should be sent in care of Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital.
 If you get a craving for chocolate, look for a drama student. They are selling **candy bars** to fund the Wizard of Oz. Many Laker students entered the "What

IN THE KNOW...

AT LAKER HIGH SCHOOL

By CONSTANCE ABDALLA and C.L. DRUMMOND

Christmas Means to Me," a contest sponsored by a local newspaper. A check will go to the winning school.
The wrestling team beat Vassar last Wednesday on Parents' Night and they will play against Caro at Lakers this Wednesday.
The basketball team beat the Broncos 76-36 on their homecourt Friday night. There was a dance following the game, sponsored by the sophomore class.
Christmas vacation begins Dec. 21 and will last until Jan. 1. Have fun!
 Less than one week until **Christmas**, the countdown for late shoppers begins. Congratulations to those whose shopping is done.
 Have a very Merry Christmas!

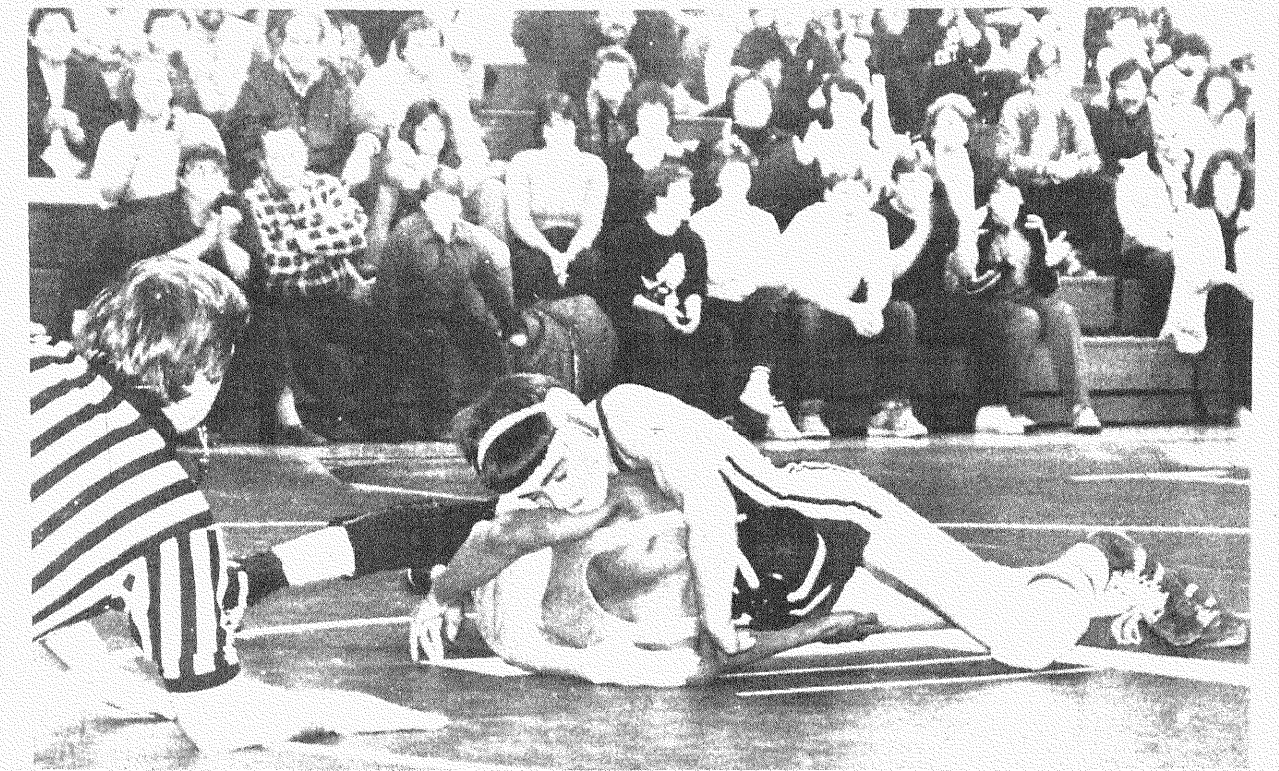


TBA names top girls' cagers

Four Laker Girls' Basketball players achieved post-season honors in the Thumb B Association All-Conference selections.
 Laker's Sue Kohr was named to the First Team along with Marcia DeLorenzo of Caro, Janelle Nellenbach of North Branch, Ann Barnett of Vassar and Marla Long of Marlette.
 The Second Team consisted of Lori Johnston of Bad Axe, Beth Stockford of Caro, Kathy Lengemann of Imlay City, Sandy Taylor of Marlette and Laura Lee of Vassar.
 Honorable Mention was accorded to Shelly Ginter, Julia Sturm and Chris Steinman of Lakers; Mary Blakey, Tracey Galsterer and Patty Brissette of Caro; Shannon McIntosh of Cass City; Thonda Thomas of Marlette; Brenda Ruhlman of North Branch, and Renee Schiefer of Vassar.
 Coach Tom Dillabough of the Thumb B Champion Caro Tigers was named Coach of the Year.

Laker wrestlers pin Vassar

Laker grapplers grabbed a share of the Thumb B lead with a 44-26 victory over Vassar in their league opener.
 Rick Norey's squad was cheered on by family members at the match which honored parents of the wrestlers.
MATCH SUMMARY: 98 lbs., Robby Sears (L) won on a void; 105 lbs., Mike Bollenbacher (L) outpointed Carlos Torres (V); 112 lbs., Dan Swartzendruber (L) pinned Wilbert Lyles (V); 119 lbs., Scott Bruener (V) won on a void; 126 lbs., Tim Tyler (L) outpointed Matt Terburgh (V); 132 lbs., Dan Mead (V) pinned Leland Fratt (L); 138 lbs., Dave Johnston (V) pinned Gary Abdalla; 145 lbs., Rob Maier (V) pinned Joe Haley (L); 155 lbs., Rick Wise (L) and



TWIST AND SHOUT: Laker Dan Swartzendruber (on top) twists Vassar's Wilbert Lyles on his way to a pin in their match as the referee checks the action closely.
 RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

Caseville School IN THE NEWS

By GAIL GEMBARSKI and VICKI GOSLEE

DRESS-UP DAY WINNERS NAMED

The results of the Wednesday, Dec. 12 Dress-Up Day were announced in sixth hour. Congratulations go out to the seventh grade for having 95% of their classmates dressed up. Juniors came in second with 45% and eighth grade came in third with 41%.

The seventh grade was treated to an early lunch for one week, starting Dec. 13.
UPCOMING...
 Dec. 20: Elementary Christmas Program at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.
 Dec. 21: Boys' basketball at Port Hope.
 Dec. 24 - Jan. 2: No school, Christmas vacation!

YOUNGSTERS PRESENT YULE PROGRAM

"Stars Over Christmas" is the theme of the elementary grade's Christmas program, which will describe how Christmas was celebrated in different countries during different periods, according to Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Scepanski.
 The program, set for Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the gym, will include grades K-6.

TEST RESULTS AVAILABLE

The results of the PSAT testings are in. Anyone wishing to find out the results may contact Mr. Gruezke. Students are asked to bring money to pay for the test.

A HOLIDAY PARTY FOR 4th GRADERS

How would you like to attend a Christmas Party that has been a tradition for 15 years? Most of the fourth graders at CPS would, and this year they may.

The party is sponsored by the Caseville Kiwanis and is for fourth graders only. The reason for this, as stated by Kiwanis member Bill Goslee, is, "This way we generally can get most of the students in the school at a party. We found fourth grade to be a good grade because not many kids move away in that year."
 The highlights of the party are a visit from Santa, who

will bring all of the children a present, and a luncheon.

CONGRATS TO...

Mr. Gulash and his junior and senior high bands and vocal classes for their Christmas concert.
 Sally Gembariski for her achievement at JH Solo Ensemble for being the only JH musician to receive a medal. Good work on your II rating.

George Bednerek for beginning his second season coaching the junior high boys' basketball team. He has had four years of varsity and five years of JV experience. The team is made up of 10 eighth graders and eight seventh graders. He plans on a learning-filled year teaching fundamentals.

CHEERS FOR KATHY!

Kathy Beachy took over as Junior High cheerleading advisor. It is her first experience as advisor but she had been a cheerleader in high school.

The squad consists of six eighth graders: Renee Simpson, Sally Gembariski, Carletta Sovey, Christy Jablonski, Becky Dubey and Jenny Schultz and eight seventh graders: Charlotte Bieri, Teri Cassada, Kristen Hermanson, Brenda Lapka, Becky OUsley, Brandy Ploe, Jodi and Terri Powers.

A-F DEFEATS EAGLES

Akron-Fairgrove came from a 9-11 first quarter deficit to outscore Caseville 16-8 and take a 25-19 lead into the lockerroom. Sophomore Bruce Langley led the Eagles with 17 points and Matt Kraus tossed in 13 points, but it wasn't enough and Caseville was defeated 37-47.

EAGLE CAGERS LOSE TO A-F

Caseville Varsity Cagers lost a 14-5 half-time lead and fell 34-37 to Akron-Fairgrove. The Eagles' offense couldn't put anything

together while the Vikings worked smoothly. The Eagles were outscored 5-18 in the third stanza. Caseville almost pulled off a comeback in the last quarter by outscoring A-F only to fall short by three points.
 Junior Dave Simet led CHS with 10 points and Ray Johnson hitting eight points.

NURSERY STUDENTS VISIT

The Tom Thumb Nursery School visited the high school library on Dec. 12 for a story of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" read by Librarian Mrs. Ignatowski. They also enjoyed Christmas cookies and juice.

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Bowler of the week

The Thumb Area Womens' Association top bowler for Nov. 26-Dec. 2 is Sharon DeLong, who bowled a 581 actual series (169-225-187) on the Charmont League at Charmont Lanes, Cass City.
 Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Joycelynn Blome 597, Pigeon; Sharon Schornack 570, Bad Axe Lanes; Sue Arnett 563, Biff's, Kinde; Judy Ostrander 560, Bad Axe Lanes; Elaine Romain 556, Charmont; Joyce LaRoche 555, Charmont; June Lapp 554, Charmont; Pat McIntosh 553, Charmont; Wanda Sorrell 553, Biff's, Kinde; Becky Deering 551, Charmont and Linda Yost 551, Charmont.

TOP TAWBA AVERAGES As of Dec. 2

Joycelynn Blome	Pigeon 181
Jean Morell	Charmont 174
Sue Arnett	Biff's, Kinde 173
June Lapp	Charmont 171
Joyce LaRoche	Charmont 170
Sharon Schornack	Charmont 170
Sharon DeLong	Charmont 169
Ethel Gunden	Pigeon 169
Bea Harwood	Biff's, Kinde 169
Florence Penfold	Biff's, Kinde 169

Merry Christmas

Michigan Directory Employees Wish You All a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Standing from left to right: Carrie Damm, Naomi Wichert, Beverly Williams, Shirley Kraft, Karen Peter. Sitting: Bel Atkinson, Nancy Mallory.
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JOY AND PEACE



In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

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Thumb Area obituaries for the week

CHARLES F. BARTH, JR.
1906-1984

Charles F. Barth, Jr., 78 of Saginaw and Sand Point, passed away Sunday, Dec. 16 at Saginaw General Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Oct. 27, 1906 in Milwaukee, Wis., and attended the University of Michigan. He was united in marriage to Adeline Lierman on April 22, 1931. He had been employed by General Motors for 39 years, the last 36 in Saginaw. He retired from Saginaw Chevrolet Service Parts in 1969.

Mr. Barth was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church and had served as Junior and Senior Warden, Vestryman and had held various offices and committee members in the Diocese of Michigan, also serving as a delegate to the National Episcopal Church Conventions.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, a member of the Germania of Saginaw, the Saginaw Country Club and the B.P.O.E. No. 47.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline; two daughters, Jane Barth of Collegeville, Pa. and Susan Langhorne of Atlanta, Ga., and three grandchildren, Patricia, Charles and Paul Langhorne.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Michigan at Hancock Streets, Saginaw. The Right Rev. H. Coleman McGeehee and Rev. Charles Stuart officiated, with entombment in Oakwood Mausoleum, Gratiot Road, Saginaw.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Rexford C.S. Homes Fund of St. John's Episcopal Church or the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan Retired Priest's Fund. Case Funeral Home, Saginaw, handled arrangements.

THUMB AREA DEATHS

Janet (Craig) Thomas, 87, of Hayward, Calif., passed away Sept. 5.
Desert Sun with mixed emotions. I read your column in the Desert Sun with mixed emotions. I'm retired, two years your senior and am much wealthier than you, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Pardon my frankness, but I seriously question your methods of giving. I'm proud to say I make contributions of over a million dollars per year. This year alone I will have given healthy sums to the Heart Association, Salvation Army, Cancer Society and Red Cross, to list only a few.

If you can't assist everyone who needs help, you shouldn't single out individuals on the basis of your sole judgment. You should distribute your wealth the same way I do. That's where it does the most good. — Mr. C.R., Palm Springs, Calif.

DEAR MR. R.:
It's great we live in America and are free to dispose of our wealth as we see fit.

I appreciate your giving to those fine charities. Your type of philanthropy is important so those organizations can continue their good work.

My giving, however, is focused on individuals who need a helping hand and generally have no one else to turn to. Granted, I can't help everyone who writes me, but I try to help as many as possible and that's all any one man can do.

DEAR MR. ROSS:
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By PERCY ROSS

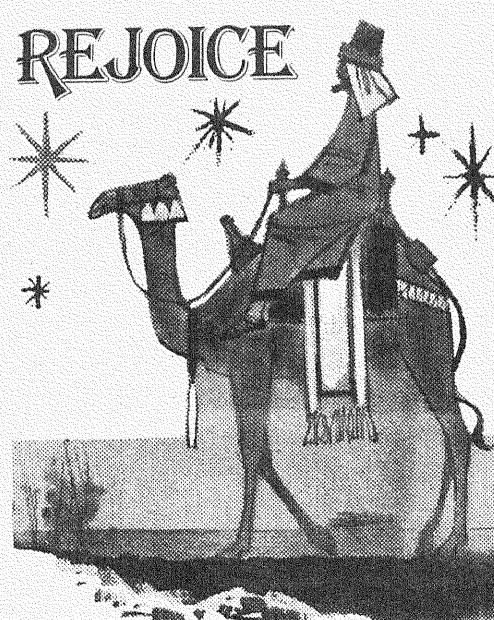
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LAWRENCE P. O'CONNELL
1921 - 1984

Lawrence P. O'Connell, age 63, of Brookfield Township, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Hills & Dales Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Dec. 1, 1921 in Owendale, son of the late Cornelius and Lydia (Rothe) O'Connell. On Nov. 24, 1945 he was united in marriage to Irene H. Katnik in Gageton.

Mr. O'Connell is survived by his wife Irene H.; one son, Michael J., Naples, Maine; two grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Haug, Port Huron, Mrs. Margaret Felix, Pontiac, Mrs. Eleanor Burt, Pontiac, and Mrs. Florence Weir, Berkley; two brothers, Leo O'Connell, Owendale, and Robert O'Connell, Bloomfield Hills. Several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral Mass was conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton. Rev. Fr. Julius Splet officiated with burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

DOROTHY E. KNOLL
1914 - 1984

Dorothy E. Knoll, age 70, of Sebewaing, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13 at her home.

She was born Sept. 27, 1914 at Elkton, daughter of the late John and Flora (Harder) Bittner. She married Ralph Knoll who passed away in 1960. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh; where she was a member of the Ladies' Aid and the Widow's Club.

Mrs. Knoll is survived by cousins, Raymond and Mary Nimitz, Caseville; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Yutzi, La Mesa, Cal., and Mrs. Lucille Bittner, Arizona; one nephew, Gerald Yutzi, California.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. from the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Robert Pfaff, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, officiated, with burial in the church cemetery.

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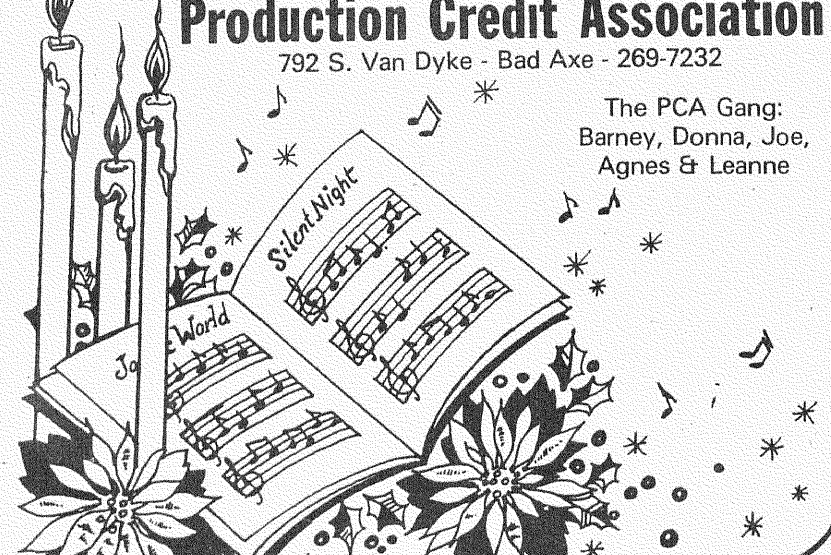


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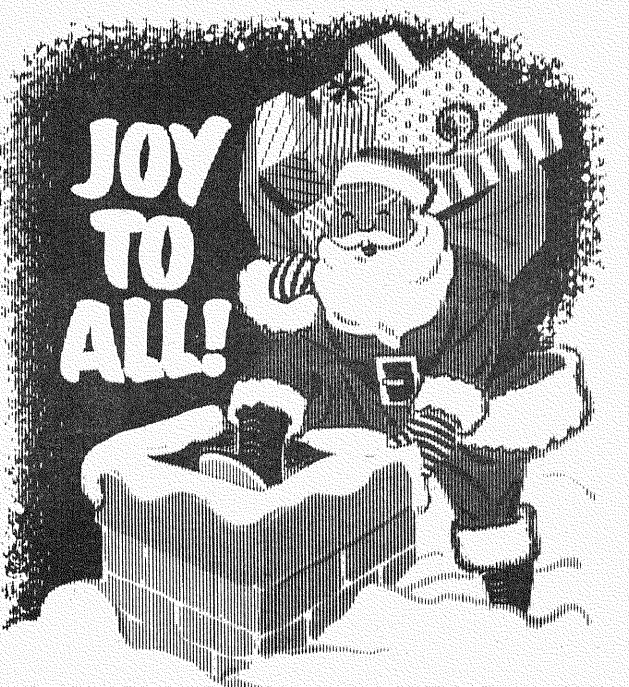
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Cheryl L. Nitz
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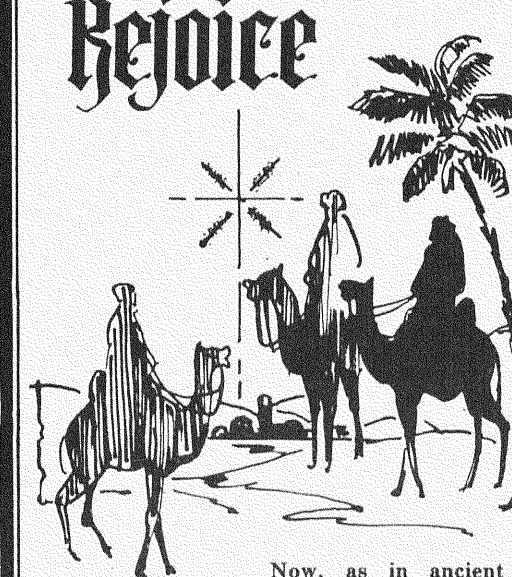


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Holidays mean visiting in Pigeon

By DOROTHY DIENER
Enjoying a Christmas family gathering with their father, Wilmer Squires on Sunday were his daughters, Mrs. Beverly Simmons of Caseville, Mrs. Deanna Bergman of Saginaw, Mrs. Virginia Fribranz, Mrs. Wilma Deming of near Bay Port, his granddaughter Mrs. Dorothy Deming and his great-grandson Travis. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke returned to their home on Wednesday after spending Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke and Pamela in Sterling Heights. On Tuesday they attended the Christmas concert given by the Rochester Community Band. Arthur and Debbie are members of the band. Mrs. Louann Sattler and daughter Beth Ann of Bay City were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collision. On Sunday they attended Mrs. Amanda

Errer's 90th birthday open house at Cross Lutheran School. Suzanne Schuette, a student at CMU, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette. Having Christmas dinner on Thursday, Dec. 13 with 22 members and two guests of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, Ladies Aid. Pastor Pfaff led devotions with a Christian glow presentation, followed by a skit, Christmas carols and Christmas bingo. In charge were Mrs. Ida Haag, Mrs. Esther Haag and Mrs. Elsie Kern. On Wednesday, Mrs. Elsie Kern attended the funeral of her cousin, Louis Reinert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millington. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pionk for the fifth birthday of their granddaughter, Shannon. Mrs. Frieda Heintz entertained for a Sunday pre-Christmas dinner, her brothers and sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Stecker of Sebewaing, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Licht. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje were Tuesday guests of Prof. Randy and Mrs. Rathje and family in Saginaw. In the evening they attended the basketball game at Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw. Visiting with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarvis on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis of Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gemmell of Elkton were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Laura Jimpkowski. An evening caller was Mrs. Iva Andrews of Owendale. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Terech



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Eagles lose pair in league play

After early success in their season opener, the Caseville Eagles have been grounded with a pair of losses last week in North Central D League action. In a defense struggle, the Eagles established a 14-5 lead at halftime against Akron-Fairgrove last Friday night before they bowed out, 37-34.

Neither team could find the mark as Caseville scored seven points in each of the first two quarters. The Vikings were even colder with only a pair of points in the first period and three in the second stanza. The game was decided in the third quarter when Akron-Fairgrove took the advantage by outpointing the Eagles 18-5 after the mid-point. The lead proved to be overwhelming to Caseville who came up short on their comeback bid. Dave Simet netted 10 points to pace Eagle scoring in the defensive struggle. Viking's Mark Lasceni matched those 10 points for the winners. **EAGLES KINGED:** Kingston crowned Caseville, 87-50 in the league opener for the two squads last Tuesday. The Cardinals started fast and never looked back as they opened up a 21-3 lead in

the opening period and stretched the advantage to 41-17 at halftime. Kingston continued to pull away in the second half to claim the win. Eagle Coach Randy Bingham credited Kingston with a fine performance. He added that one key to the Cardinal victory was their rebounding dominance. "They just killed us on the boards," declared the Eagle mentor. **STANDINGS:** The Eagles enter action this week tied with Owen-Gage for the NCCL basement with 0-2 records. Carsonville-Port Sanilac and Pexico each sport 2-0 league marks to claim the top spot. **THIS WEEK:** The Eagles were scheduled to host Owen-Gage on Tuesday night, then travel to Port Hope on Friday. **JVs LOSE:** The junior Eagles followed the varsity example by dropping a pair of losses last week. Last Tuesday the Caseville

JV lost to Kingston, 69-28, and then came up on the short end of a 47-37 decision to Akron-Fairgrove on Friday. Matt Krause led Eagle JV scoring against Kingston with 10 points, and added 13 in the contest with Akron-Fairgrove. Bruce Langley took Caseville JV scoring honors against Akron-Fairgrove with 17 points. **MINUTE MYSTERY ANSWER**

Gordo know that Bette Ellen had not eaten the drugged blueberry pie, and therefore she was conscious during the robbery. If she had eaten it, her teeth "fifteen minutes later" would not have been "dazzling white." They would have been stained blue from the berries.

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POINTS ON ONE ANTLER and eight on the other) and weighed in at 625 lbs., field dressed. Using the common 1/3 rule, the elk probably would have tipped the scales at about 1,000 lbs. live weight.

ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES released by the Department of Natural Resources, Michigan deer hunters had the eighth best hunting season on record in 1984. Information was gathered by means of the annual traffic survey, and showed that the 750,000 nimrods took 129,000 deer, eight percent more than last year's firearm kill of 119,000. The buck harvest was 101,700, up 15% from the 88,200 taken last fall. The buck harvest was the sixth best on record. The poor buck kill last year was blamed on the weather, and many biologists thought that with a higher than average winter deer kill, the 1984 season may not look bright. But nature fooled everyone and produced plenty of bucks for the hunters. *****

JUST ABOUT EVERYONE CONNECTED with the 1984 elk hunt termed it a huge success. As of 2:30 p.m. Saturday, with only one more day of the six-day season left, 48 of the 50 permit holders had bagged their elk. Of the two unsuccessful hunters, one was an archer who was having trouble getting close enough for a shot and the other, Jim Wichert, a former Pigeon resident gave up the hunt when his father, Al Wichert, who was accompanying him, suffered a stroke. The largest of the 10 bulls bagged was a 7 x 8 (seven

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WINSOR LODGE #420 F & AM
The annual installation of officers of Winsor Lodge #420 F & AM was held Dec. 10 at Winsor Temple, Pigeon. Prior to the installation, members and friends gathered for a potluck dinner. Honored guests and installing officers were Kenneth Bolton, Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Michigan; Thomas C. Cross, Worshipful Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge F & AM of Michigan; John Orr, Past Master of Winsor Lodge and John Melson,

East Lincoln Lodge #210, who formed the installing team. Newly installed officers are Worshipful Master William Diebel, Senior Warden Ronald Snider, Junior Warden Robert Towler, Secretary Floyd Henne, Senior Deacon Dale Melson, Junior Deacon Dan Campbell, Stewards Lester Fogle and Russell Allen, Tyler John Flint. The coming year was dedicated to learning, growing and sharing in the manner befitting a worthy brotherhood of men, and pledges of support were given by members of the local affiliated bodies.

ELKTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mrs. Myra Sparks, pastor of Owenton Methodist Church, presented a new dimension on the Christmas story as she showed slides with commentary of the Holy Land at the December meeting of the Elkton UM Women in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evening. She also told the story of "The Littlest Angel," and favored with a vocal solo, "Oh, God, Stand By Me." Program leaders were Mrs. Keith Carr and Mrs. Robert Dubey. Chris Blair and Steve Kauffman favored with an instrumental duet, accompanied by Mrs. Calvin Kauffman on the piano. Mrs. Hudson Hedley presided and offered the meditation period. Mrs. Richard Fritz had charge of devotions. Rev. Ron Iris installed newly-elected officers in a ceremony which emphasized the purpose of United Methodist Women. Officers are President Mrs. Clifford Weidman; Co-Vice Presidents Mrs. John Blair and Mrs. Ralph Lackie; Secretary Mrs. Dennis Weidman, Treasurer Mrs. Robert Dubey, Secretary of Program Resources Mrs. Dale Ackerman; Chairman of Christian Personhood Mrs. Richard Fritz; Christian Social Involvement Mrs. Bruce Krohn; Supportive Community Mrs. Ervin Schlabach; Membership Mrs. Arnold Russell; Christian Global Concern Mrs. Mervin Snider; Local Church Responsibilities Co-Chairpersons Mrs. Ray Heckroth and Mrs. Max Riiter. A Love Offering was taken for Chelsea Nursing home. Meetings will resume Feb. 11.



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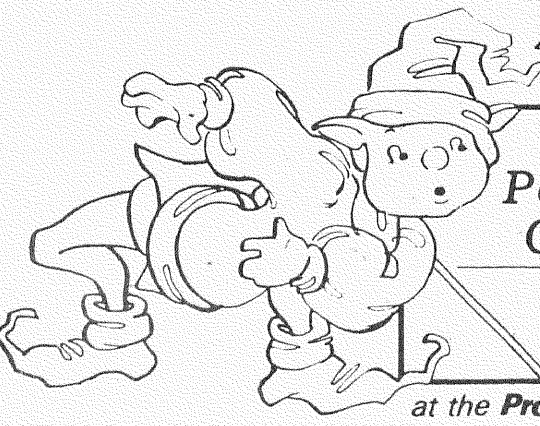
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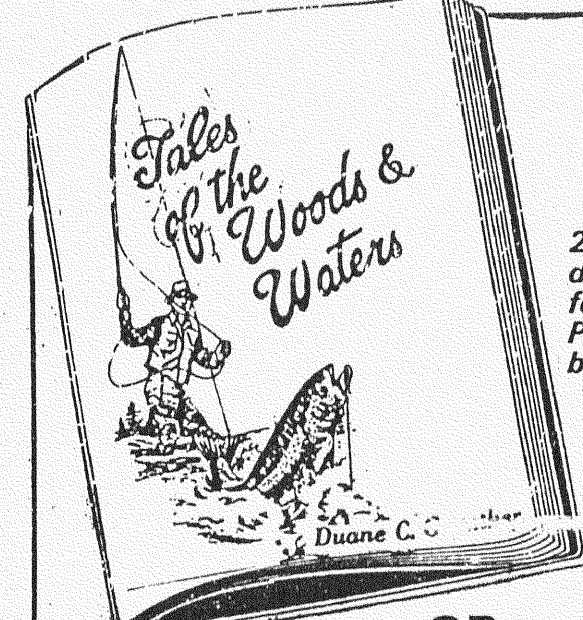
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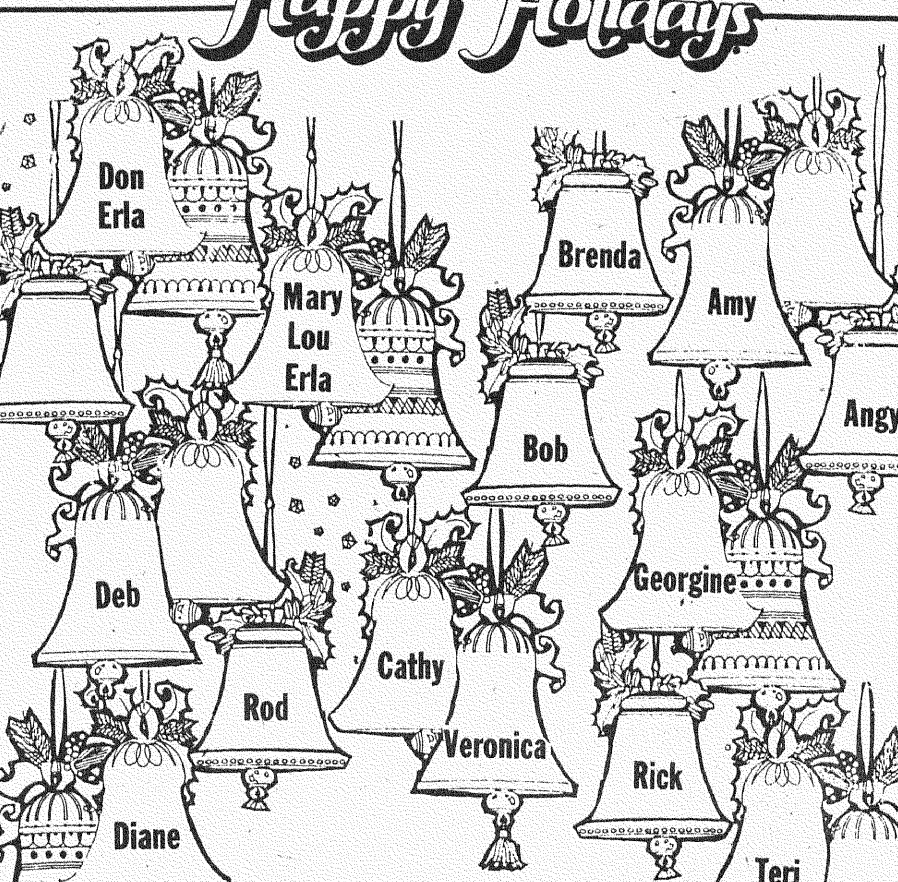
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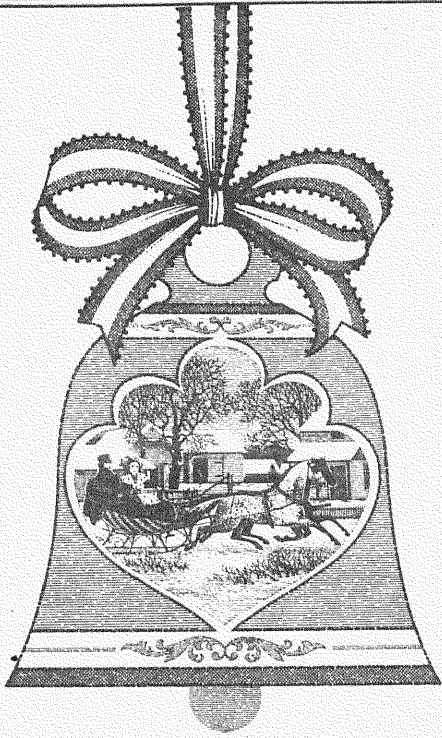
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