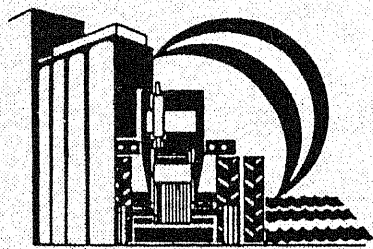


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Lakers vote Aug. 27; seeking 7.5 mills before school opens

By RICH

SWARTZENDRUBER

At the direction of a petition from 452 Laker voters, the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port School Board will conduct another special millage election for school operations.

The election is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27 (just days before students are scheduled to begin classes on Sept. 1) with a single 7.5-mill, one-year proposal on the ballot.

MANDATORY: The issue was forced on the Laker Board because state law requires a special election be scheduled when a school board is petitioned for an election by at least 5% of the registered voters in the district.

Approximately 250 signatures of Laker voters are needed to call an election.

Attorney Gordon VanWieren of Lansing was present at the meeting last Friday night when the petition was presented. He works for the firm Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg which represents Lakers and about 400 other school districts across the state.

He pointed out the proposal appearing on the ballot only asks for 7.5 mills for one year to be used for general operating revenue.

PETITION: The opening paragraph of the petition urges the Laker Board to use the revenue from the millage increase to restore bus transportation, extra-curricular activities and conduct classes at the Bay Port Elementary center.

All those programs have been cut from the present Laker operating plan, following millage defeats in April and June elections. Similar 10-mill requests lost 1312-1182 on April 6 and 1358-1260 on June 8.

VanWieren pointed out the Board is not legally bound to follow the suggestions in the petition if the millage passes.

Board members said those items would probably all be restored if the 7.5-mill proposal passes, but said they could not make any guarantees.

RECALL THREAT: Attorney Dale Cubitt, who presented the petition to the Board, said he represents a group of people who want to keep the Bay Port Elementary center open. He warned board members of dire conse-

quences if his group's wishes are not met.

"We would hope that this board would affirmatively state that they will follow the intentions of the people as stated in that petition.

"Because it would be our intention that if this board, after receiving this millage did not use it for purposes for which this petition was circulated, that there would be recall petitions against those responsible," said Cubitt.

COST STUDY: Board President Bruce Baur reported the teacher costs showing the district spends more per pupil to keep the Bay Port Elementary center open due to smaller enrollment there.

Bay Port has 141 students and 6.5 teachers for an average of 21.7 students per class. Elkton has 403 students and 13 teachers for an average of 31 and Pigeon has 191 students and 6.5 teachers for an average of 29.5.

Using the average teacher cost of \$24,300, it costs \$1,119 per student at Bay Port, \$826 per student at Pigeon and \$783 per student at Elkton for teacher expenses.

Baur explained that was the reason the Board closed the Bay Port center as a cost cutting measure.

PRIORITIES: Trustee Dr. Richard Lockard said any cost-cutting measures by the Board were made to best educate the Laker students, not to punish anyone for turning down past millage proposals.

He said the board's first priority was to ensure that Laker graduates can be contributing members of society. He said priority two is to not waste money and the third priority is to not upset people.

"This is the first time since I've been on the board... that the Board's been forced by millage votes to upset people. If it comes down to a choice between upsetting parents or short-changing kids, the board is forced to upset parents," said Lockard.

FUTURE: The Board had asked for 10 mills to avoid another millage increase next year, said Lockard.

"I don't think that 7.5 mills for one year is any better than 10 mills for two years. I think when the board comes back next year... and they start talking about a renewal of 7.5 mills and an additional 6.5 (mills), that anybody's going to be any happier than

they were this year.

"So we're setting ourselves up to go through this fight every year," he added.

UNITY NEEDED: Several of the 150 people present at the meeting urged the people to not fight among themselves and work to pass the next millage election.

YES Committee Chairman Sue Sturm said that group did everything it could to pass the last two millage elections and will not be involved in this election.

She pointed out it now will be up to those who care about the school to voted for

the millage and make sure others who support the increase also vote.

Tempers flared several times during the meeting, especially regarding the decision to close Bay Port school causing others to avoid making statements that cause ill will.

"We're trying our very best to heal the wounds and get on with our school," said former Board member Roland Henne of Bay Port.

DECISIONS: Because the election will be scheduled so close to the beginning of the upcoming school year, the Board must make some

tough decisions at the regular August Board Meeting slated for Aug. 10.

The Board:

■ Must decide whether to prepare to start school using the cuts already outlined under the present 17.75 millage rate (including pay-to-play sports, closing Bay Port Elementary School and cutting busing) and then be ready to move students back to the sites they were last year if the millage passes, or;

■ Prepare to open school with the same programs as last year and hope the millage passes, with extensive class and building

changes if the millage fails.

■ The Board must also decide whether to ask the Laker Education Association to delay the start of the school, so the millage outcome will be known in time to prepare for the results.

Currently the school calendar is part of the master teacher contract and can't be altered without LEA approval.

Those questions are expected to be answered at the August Laker Board meeting, again scheduled for the Laker Auditorium to handle the numerous people expected to attend.

Pigeon oks joint airport participation

Pigeon Village Council voted 5-1 Monday night to join the Village of Caseville as a co-sponsor of the proposed area joint airport commission, to oversee the Bay Area Airport to be built five miles north of Pigeon between Crescent Beach and Dunn Roads.

Council members said they favor participation in such a regional airport plan, as long as at least two other governments join in the plan. Member Ken Licht cast the only dissenting vote.

BIG STEP: Longtime airport proponent Lowell Kraft thanked the group for the support, noting airport backing by various governments could improve chances for faster federal funding of 90%

of the \$1.2 million project. Such funding could be possible in fiscal year 1988, which starts Oct. 1.

He said the airport's environmental impact report is expected in September, and he said he sees no problems with support from several local governments. Earlier, Kraft had told Council members, "It will take some courage and guts to go along with (airport support)."

AIDING AREA: Member Neal Eichler said such an airport would build tourism for the entire Western Huron County area. He said the more people backing such a plan, the better it will fare.

Member Mike Gehrs said, "My concern is that the people

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Angela is Owendale's '150' Queen!

Angela Bolzman was crowned Owendale's Sesquicentennial Queen Friday night, during the town's celebration honoring Michigan's 150th birthday.

She reigned during Friday and Saturday's events, including the 11 a.m. parade through town.

Chosen as first runner-up was Dawn Dorsch, and Patricia Ondrajka was named second runner-up.

Other events included a horseshoe contest, ice cream social, magic show featuring R.B. Woodward, Mark Hinds singing "Kenny Rogers," Lions Chicken BBQ, kids' games, bed race, pony pull and racing action at Owendale Speedway.



QUEEN'S ADVICE: 1986 Pigeon Farmers' Festival Queen Jill Krohn, center, chats with the 15 candidates in the 1987 Queen's Contest, as judged last week at the Pigeon District Library.

The judges know... but the rest of us won't find out who won until Friday night, July 24, during the 14th annual free Friday night stage show!
RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO

INSIDE: Chinese visitors see rural Thumb Area up close!

SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS!

Phone book 'name' fun can be found here!

By MARK RUMMEL
1987's edition of the Huron County Directory is out, and it's filled with much more than names, addresses and phone numbers of nearly every local resident.

From the first listings — "A Cut Above" in Harbor Beach and "A-1 Tom's Floor Covering" in Bad Axe — to the last ones — Dirk Zylstra of Bad Axe and B. Zywicki in Caseville — you'll find approximately 18,522 persons and businesses listed.

Here's a simple explanation of several of those names, proving there's often more here — in the County Directory, for instance — than meets the eye.

PRESIDENTS: Considering our national leaders, there are 16 Abrahams but only three Lincolns listed. And, speaking of presidents, there are no Reagans, but nine Carters (including two Jimmys), two Fords, four Nixons, 36 Johnsons (no LBJs), 20 Kennedys (one Jack and two Johns) — but no Eisenhowers or Trumans. There are also no Washingtons or Jeffersons, by the way.

Famous local names in history don't fare well today, according to the pages of the 1987 Huron County Directory.

Former Michigan Gov. Albert E. Sleeper has no apparent relatives, as only two "Sleeper" entries are listed (both are businesses). Former U.S. President William McKinley has no namesakes now, and famous scholar and orator William

Lyon Phelps has just one namesake this year.

OTHER NAMES: Several wonderful ironies are seen. For instance, Huron County has nine Thicks, but no Thins. There are five Littles and no Bigs (but there is one Bigger.)

There are three Bergers, one no Shakes or Fries (there is one Freiburger, however.)

Three Carrs are listed, but no Trucks. Three listings for people named Buss are included, however.

There are three Callenders, but no Dates. There are 10 Parks, but no Rivers or Canoes. We have five Brooks, but no Streams.

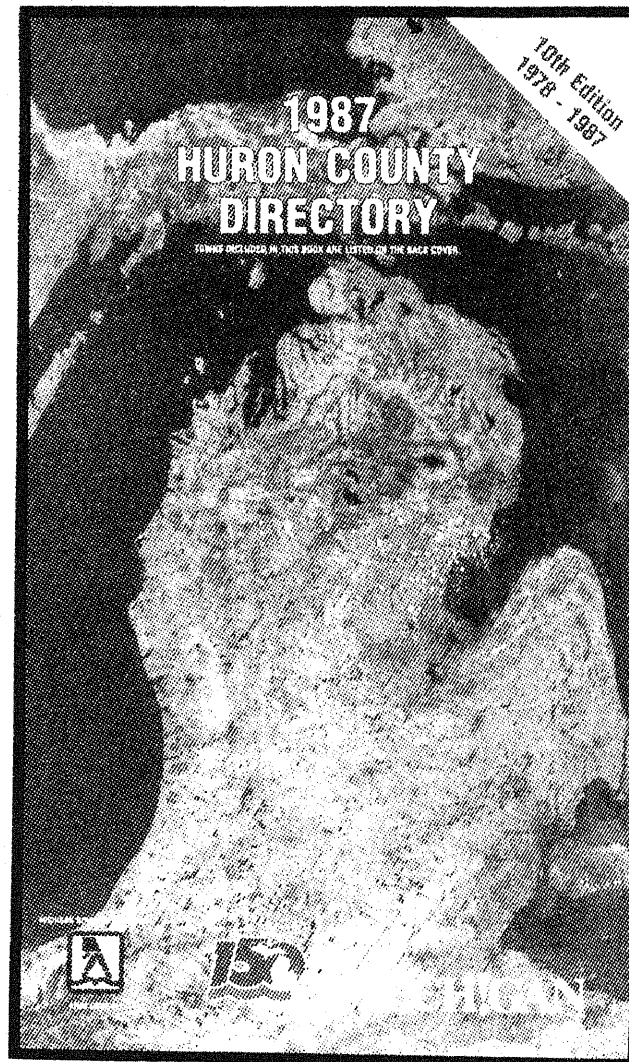
Churchwise, there are seven Chappels, 8 Parrishes, two Temples, five folks named Church and two Pastors — but no Priests. There are eight Wings but no Prayers included.

There are 16 Abrahams, one Issacs and nine Jacobs — and 18 Ruths, in deference to the ladies. There are no Cleopatras, but three Anthonys... four Moses and no Aarons.

EVEN MORE: Listed are four Rhoads, no Streets — but 16 Strieters. There are two folks named Running and 12 Walkers.

Cheese-wise, there are four Limbergers, three Collys, one Swiss — but no Cheddars or Monteray Jacks.

There is one Beer, three Beers, 27 Champagnes and five Winemans. There are 15 Damms, but no Nations — seven Bells, but no Whistles. In the animal category,



THE 1987 HURON COUNTY Directory is out, and is filled with more than 18,500 names and business phone numbers. The cover features an image of Michigan produced by a Coastal Zone Color Scanner aboard the NIMBUS-7 satellite as it passed 600 miles overhead on June 11, 1980.

If you think you can't have any fun reading a telephone book, think again...

Take a trip through your directory listings, and see that there are seven Chappels, eight Parrishes, two Temples, five folks named Church and two Pastors...

There are no Bees, but 17 Stings. There are even three folks named Beitz (pronounced "Bites.") There are no Bats, but one Belfry.

There are six Beavers, 10 listings for Wolfe, five named Fox — and one Parrott.

For sports (?) lovers, are 3 people named Bates and two Fish — plus 40 Fishers. No Baseballs or Footballs are found, though.

There are no Ifs, Ands but one Butts.

There's an "Active Feed" and "Active Industries," but no Lazys.

Huron County has four Bankers, 15 Carpenters, 40 Cooks, six Farmers, one Shumaker and no Shepherds. There are 15 Bakers, too — but no Candlestick Makers.

MORE AND MORE: There is one Beard, one Shaver and 22 Schaves — but no Whiskers or Moustaches.

There is one Near but no Fatts, two Knights and nine Days. We have four Parents but no Children. For firework lovers, there are no Firecrackers — but 54 Booms.

Finally, Huron County has six Blacks, 13 Greens, six Greens and 14 Whites.

BACKGROUND: The 334-page book, distributed free to every address each year, is produced by

Michigan Directory Company of Pigeon, as have all nine previous books.

The company lists 19 employees, and Willis "Bill" Hengy is chairman and Joanne Hengy is president. Karen Peter is general manager.

While the Huron County Directory was the first of its kind anywhere in this area, Michigan Directory now produces similar annual books for eight other places — Counties of Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair, Shiawassee and Arenac-N. Bay, plus communities of Frankenmuth and Oxford-Lake Orion.

In all, Michigan Directory produces more than 187,000 books each year, serving a total population of 483,000 people.

The green "Public Service" section is especially popular, listing such things as churches, libraries, parks, service organizations, town maps, governmental locations and leaders — and showing state Zip Codes, plus seating plans for the Pontiac Silverdome and Tiger Stadium.

The books are distributed free of charge to consumers and businesses, while bold-face listings and Yellow Pages advertisements provide income for the expenses involved.

Roberta Richmond is ready to close the book on her career

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

After working with the public for about 47 years, Roberta Richmond is enjoying a little more leisure time with her retirement as Pigeon District Librarian.

She will meet the public officially one more time, however, at an Open House in her honor at Pigeon District Library on Sunday, July 26 from 2-4 p.m.

She will continue to work with the public in an unofficial capacity as she points to an increase in volunteer work with church and community groups as part of her retirement plans.

OTHER CHORES: Miss Richmond also plans to catch up on some household chores and just enjoy the reduction of stress that goes along with the librarian's duties.

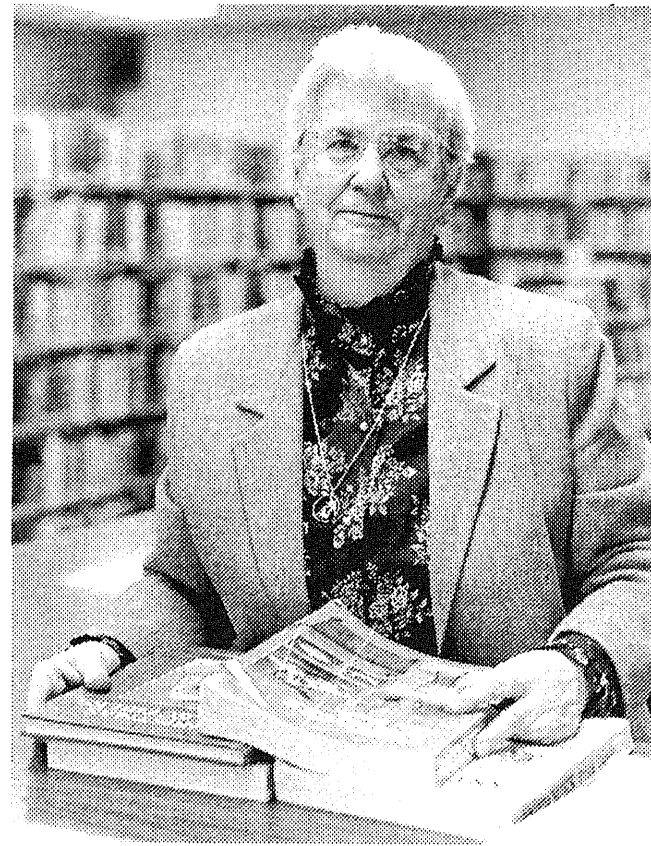
"I'm glad I had the experience," she says but also adds, "It feels like a load has been lifted (since retiring)."

Her first "people" job was that of a secretary for Pigeon High School for about 13 years, followed by a nine-year tenure at Thumb Publications, Inc., 10 years at McIntyre Insurance Agency and the last 17 years as Librarian at Pigeon District Library.

CHANGES: Expansion and growth of the library is the biggest change she points to during her years as librarian. From the original library which now serves as the children's room when she became librarian, PDL as undergone two building projects.

Another big change was the introduction of video tapes as part of the library inventory in 1981. Although she admits video viewing might be using some time patrons could be spending reading books, Miss Richmond believes the video tapes perform a positive function.

"That program brings



ROBERTA RICHMOND

people into the library that you wouldn't ordinarily reach," she points out.

She also reports overheard a parent tell a child a particular tape could be checked out, but only if the child agreed to read a minimum number of books.

TOYS INCLUDED: Toys were introduced into the library inventory as part of a state pilot program.

Although she had some concerns initially that the library would be turned into a baby-sitting service, Miss Richmond now speaks highly of the addition.

"I realize the importance of drawing children into the program. I've watched the child go from the toy to the book with no problem," she says.

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OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!
STILL FOOLIN' THEM — Jerry Muentener of the Co-op Elevator says it's still happening.

He got a phone call that wanted to do a story about the aerial storage silos talked about on our April Fool's front page three months ago!

The radio newsman was looking for a story, and didn't realize the tale wasn't real! They got their tip from the Thumb Area Consortium's "Wilson Street Journal," which first carried the story as fact (without checking it out, as they should have...)

ONE WEEK AWAY — While we're celebrating (are we?), remember Pigeon's 14th Farmers' Festival is just one week away. We'll be sending about 12,000 copies of our official Festival Edition to nearly every home in this part of the Thumb — and your ad message can still be included.

Just let Deb McBride know what you'd like, before this Friday at 5 p.m. We'll include your message, to be presented to an estimated 27,000 readers!

INVENTORS — Sally and I have a six-year-old daughter named Sarah who LOVES to invent things, such as games and toys. Now and then, old Dad helps in the construction — such as making a scooter from some wood and an old roller skate two weeks ago.

But another kindergartener, Michael Bysief of Olean, N.Y., recently won a prize. His electric toilet paper dispenser was one of the entries honored in the 1987 Invent American national awards program.

Now, how does a kindergartener figure out something like that??

WISH I'D SAID THAT — "A smile goes a long way, but you're the one who must start it on its journey!" (Karl Hertz)

Perch: SPORTSMEN: Commercial netters ruining our sport

Under a program that could change forever the pattern of Saginaw Bay fishing, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission Friday voted to buy the 27 licenses held by full- and part-time commercial fishermen around the Bay, the majority of them in the Bay Port - Sebawaing - Fish Point area.

In so doing, Saginaw Bay waters will be turned over to sport fishermen.

That program, if finally adopted with proper state funding for the buyout, will open the Bay to sport fishermen, many of whom have long clamored to oust the commercial fishermen and leave more room for themselves.

NEW DIRECTION: Friday's decision to purchase the licenses was made by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, which sets policy for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The vote sets the new direction, but there are many details that must be worked out, including how to compensate the commercial fishermen for their licenses and fishing gear. The commission ordered the DNR fisheries division to present a detailed plan when the policy body meets in Muskegon Heights Aug. 5-7.

Members of District 9 Michigan United Conservation Clubs, many from the Upper Thumb, reported on Thursday's communication to the Commission, as presented by club representatives on one side and commercial fishermen on the other.

IN FAVOR: Virgil Bouck of Pigeon, MUCC director, submitted a two-page letter and nine pages of maps and reports to MNRC, and asked for a restriction on Perch netting off Sand Point, AuGres and in the "slot," — a long, narrow, northeast-southwest channel just west of the inner islands between Sand Point and Fish Point.

He wrote that in the spring, larger Perch, ready to spawn, move from the outer Bay to the protected shallows in the inner Bay. Perch follow the deeper channels adjacent to marshes and shallows in their migration, along routes well known to commercial and sport fishermen.

"This is where the conflict is centered," his letter stated, and that is where commercial fishermen concentrate their nets as soon as ice conditions permit. In that way, Bouck claims, the majority of large Perch are taken before they spawn, leaving smaller 5-8-inch Perch to reproduce.

When such fish are filleted, they weigh only one to one-and-one-half ounces, he wrote, while filets of commercially-caught fish, which are 8 1/2 to 12 inches, weigh 1 3/4 to 8 ounces. He said his family's experience is that more than 90% of Perch they catch are under 8 1/2 inches.

SHOWS PROOF: To substantiate his claims, he offered a map that shows 40 nets permitted in a 4-square mile (2 miles x 2 miles) area north of Sand Point on the east shore of Saginaw Bay.

In 1986, he said, Saginaw Bay yielded 66,800 pounds of commercially-caught Yellow Perch, of which 56%,

or 37,520 pounds were netted in and around the Bay Port area.

Bouck's letter stated that there are 27 commercial fishing licenses on Saginaw Bay, allowing 358 trap nets, 1.7 million feet of trotlines and 46,000 feet of large mesh gill nets. He called that "far in excess" of what is reasonable for Saginaw Bay, which is 30 miles long with a mean depth of 15 feet and a maximum of 46 feet.

In addition, other catches are 61 tons of Suckers, 28 tons of Quillbacks, 19 tons of Sheepshead, 10 tons of White Bass and nearly 10 tons of a mixture of Crappies, Menominees and Bullheads.

Last year the Saginaw Bay commercial harvest included 46,000 pounds of Whitefish. In Lake Huron, including Saginaw Bay, 817,900 pounds of Whitefish were harvested.

In that way, he said, commercial fishermen will harvest the choice Perch as

COMMERCIAL: Our 15% catch will be missed

When the Natural Resources Commission voted last week for the State of Michigan to remove commercial fishermen from Saginaw Bay by buying out their licenses and gear, they were bowing to political pressure from sports fishermen.

That's the belief of Forrest Williams, one of the owners of Bay Port Fish Company, who says that if the buyout program goes through, it will cost many jobs for Michigan — and will have many other impacts.

They include depriving non-fishermen from enjoying restaurant and home-prepared fresh fish, and causing harm — not help — to Perch populations, because it has been the commercial fishermen who have been removing hundreds of tons of harmful Carp and Catfish that destroy Perch and Walleye eggs.

Besides, Williams adds, commercial fishermen take only 15% of the Perch caught in Saginaw Bay. Sport fishermen take 85% of the Perch caught, and "yet they

blame the commercial fishermen because the sport fishermen are catching small ones."

ALL WET: Williams says it's "ludicrous" to suppose all Perch in Saginaw Bay come into one small two-mile by two-mile square at the north end of Sand Point.

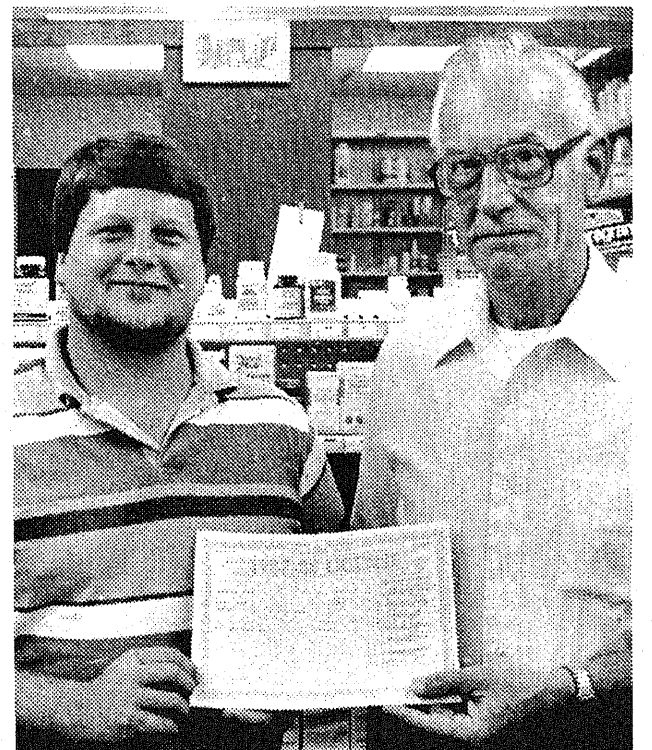
"There are plenty of big Perch out there in the Bay, but just because the sport fishermen can't catch them they say there aren't any," Williams adds.

He scoffs at the notion that the 33 tons taken in a full year by commercial fishermen make as much impact as sports fishermen claim.

"Why would our 15% catch harm the Perch population so much, while the 85% taken by sport fishermen have no impact?" he asks.

COOPERATE: The fish company owner says sport and commercial fishermen should work together, instead of fighting. He repeats their records indicate there are lots of Perch in the Bay, "plenty for everyone."

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LICENSE TRANSFER: After more than 50 years in the Orr family, Pigeon's only package liquor store was transferred from Orr's Drug Store to Village Quik Stop last Friday. The license was acquired by Robert H. Orr in the early 1930s, about a year after the end of prohibition.

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As we see it editorially

Laker voters getting what they wanted

The recent talk of circulating recall petitions against some members of the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District adds a new level of drama -- and sheer nonsense -- to an already unfortunate situation.


A group of unhappy district residents -- whose main rallying point is attempting to keep Bay Port Elementary School open -- is forcing the Laker Board to conduct an Aug. 27 special election to decide for the third time whether or not to approve an operational millage increase. For the first time in recent memory, the Laker Board has indeed modified its basic millage request, now seeking 7.5 mills for one year, instead of the formerly-voted 10-mill proposal.

Led by an attorney (which supposedly somehow adds more credibility to that viewpoint), the Bay Port supporters Friday told the Board to call the special election. And, they stated, keep the Bay Port center open -- or recall petitions will be sought against "those responsible" for closing it.

Where have these "supporters" been, during the past four Laker elections? Voters have soundly defeated millage renewals (plus increases) last June 9, Sept. 15, this past April 6 and this past June 8. For four times, the majority of Laker voters directed the Board to spend less, cut the budget and make do.

Now, when the Board does that -- and votes to end school busing, extra-curricular events and close the Bay Port center -- these people rise up and DEMAND another vote.

How many chances do they want? How many chances do they deserve??



From Under The Willow
Reporting the good... and the bad
By WANDA EICHLER

We're pretty insulated from the world, those of us who live in the Thumb. Last week's Inkster police tragedy is a stark reminder of the harshness and ugliness of a world that the Thumb usually doesn't see.

I've been away from home for almost two weeks, just returning last Friday. I tried not to read newspapers and watched very little television news. I did enjoy getting most of my news from National Public Radio stations as I drove through Michigan and Wisconsin.

Somehow though, the reports of the three murdered Inkster police officers brought graphic reality to me. Many people live with a desperation that we do not always sense. Little value is placed on life, let alone on quality of life.

Two of the reporters who were among 10 or so that the Detroit Free Press assigned to the Inkster story were the two reporters who have either come to Pigeon or communicated with some of us here. David Crumm, whose father is former pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebawaing, set up the interview times and made general contacts for the story about CROP's 40th anniversary. David McHugh, born and raised in Mt. Clemens, came to Pigeon and interviewed CROP Drive participants. He returned the last week of June for the Blessing of the Beans ceremony. Both young men were a part of the Free Press team that reported the Inkster story.

I've thought a lot about that contrast. The Blessing of the CROP Beans is a far cry from murdered police officers. Both Davids were dealing with the grim reality of senseless death during last week's tragedy while just weeks before, they were in our area reporting a story of hope and help.

The old song and dance about journalism is that the sensational stories sell the papers. That's true, but another side of the public clamors for "good news." In life, as in newspapers, the two go side by side. My return from vacation has been heightened by the knowledge of the contrasting journalistic work that two reporters whom I now know as people, not bylines in a big city newspaper, have had to do.

It's hard to imagine the tense job that reporting police murders would be. Dealing with the slain police officers' families, tracking down grotesque details, getting the story straight in the midst of a senseless situation is hard, invading work. On the other hand, Thumb area folks were glad to tell the CROP story, but did so almost modestly. After all, shipments of surplus commodities through CROP and other agencies is part of Thumb tradition.

Put all this together and what do we conclude? Not much, except that life is full of difficult, heartwrenching times and life has heartwarming moments, too. Two young Free Press reporters just doing their jobs in the last few weeks have brought that lesson home. Once again, the hardness of life bumps up against the triumph of life and we are made humble by the contrast of the two.

To the Laker Board's credit, the cuts they made July 6 were fair and did not directly impact the educational process. No school time was cut, and -- while sports, busing and close-to-home schools are desired -- they're not essential to a good education.

Now, however, the recall petitioners are blaming the Board for making those cuts -- even when Laker voters have four times tied the Board's hands by not providing the same levels of funding as were available in past years!

These problems are not the Board's fault -- yet they're being wrongly blamed for these decisions which must be made!

From this vantage point, we believe a 7.5-mill request is the MINIMUM amount needed to maintain the excellence Laker voters have received from their district. We've ALWAYS favored these past four millage requests, primarily because that's what the Board says is required. That group of seven residents and taxpayers is well-qualified to judge and decide -- better than most of us less-informed residents.

For the fifth time in the last 13 months, we believe this millage request should be approved by voters. And we obviously prefer keeping things as they've been -- including operation of the Bay Port center, so important to that town. But the voters are the only ones who have the power to truly make it happen.

And so, the letter of the law is being followed. Another election will be conducted, and the results will decide what course of school activity will be followed this school year. Great confusion will likely result if the Bay Port building, scheduled for closure, must be quickly readied for service. And, layoffs in bus maintenance jobs have already been made, and those persons may not be available if the jobs are suddenly offered again.

But to blame the Laker Board of Education for simply doing its job -- in response to the decisions made by a majority of election voters -- is wrong, wrong, wrong. There's bitterness involved here, but it's a two-way street.

The Board will likely confront a similar situation a year from now, since the request being sought is for just one year. They're being asked to produce more with less, and it's not always possible. They deserve better treatment -- and respect -- than they've received.

People who pass a 7.5-mill request now will certainly be faced with the need for 10, 12 or more mills next year. We'll see anguish and cuts needed again -- guaranteed.

And anyone who says Board members should be recalled simply for doing their jobs should get more education themselves. Where were these people with all the answers before the last four elections?

The Laker District must truly work together to continue achieving excellence -- or it will surely lose the vast advantages has enjoyed for nearly 30 years.

A reader writes

She loves reading George Keim's weekly column!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter, an open "fan letter" for George Keim's column, is reprinted here for our readers.)

DEAR GEORGE: The Progress comes and right away, we see what George Keim has to say. Nostalgia hovers o'er every word

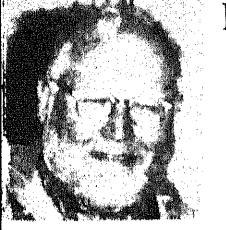

Of things he's done and things he's heard. He's traveled widely in his day. Made lots of friends along the way. So let us toast this man we praise, George Keim, the host of "By-Gone Days!"

MOST SINCERELY, MRS. PAUL FOSTER, Costa Mesa, Calif.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR: This time of the year when it is dry and hot and farmers are cultivating their corn and beans and beets, you drive out over the county and see farmers combining their wheat and other grains and putting up their hay. It brings back memories -- some nice ones and some not so nice. I believe that outside of shocking that old bearded barley, putting up hay was the hardest job on the farm. I worked out a lot and almost every farmer I worked for had a different way of going at it, but it was hard work no matter how you did it. We used to wait until it was ready to cut and would watch the weather. Then, you'd take your mower and hitch your horses to it and start mowing. Back in those days, there were a lot of birds that made their nests in the hayfield. You'd often mow a pheasant's legs off or run over their nests. Then you'd take your side delivery rake and rake it in windrows. After it had dried, lots of people would mow their hay on a Saturday, so it could dry over Sunday. I only know of one fellow who said it wasn't right to do that, but haying was such hard work that you never saw anybody put up hay on a Sunday. When the hay was dry enough, you'd take your team and wagon and hook the hay loader on and start. If you were a good man, you could get back to the loader and almost load as fast as the team would go. And if you had a good man loading the front end of the wagon, it didn't take long to load a load of hay. We used to put slings on the wagon to unload it. Usually, three slings were a load, unless you had a big wagon and had a long way to go. Then you'd put on four slings. When you got to the barn, you'd hook the slings on the hay car and hitch the teams on it and pull the hay up in the mow. Almost every farmer had a hay track in his barn. One farmer I worked for had a wooden track in his barn and every year he'd put his hired man into a barrel and pull him along the track, making him grease the track with axle grease so it would slide easier. It always was the hired man's job to mow away the hay. If you had a nice big hip roof barn, you could swing the hay "way back into the corner. One farmer I worked for wasn't any good when it came to trip the rope and once he tried it almost on top of me. It made me a little mad and I told him if he ever did it again, he could mow his own hay. I guess it helped because he was a little more careful. Once we were loading hay and a rain storm came up. We just got into the barn and down it came! The boss ran for the house. It rained almost two hours and I got caught up in my sleep, but when the boss came out, he balled me out for now mowing the hay back while it rained. In Gen. 8:22, it says, "While the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest shall not cease," so even if it's hot or cold or dry somewhere on this earth, there will be something growing. SINCERELY YOURS, GEORGE KEIM

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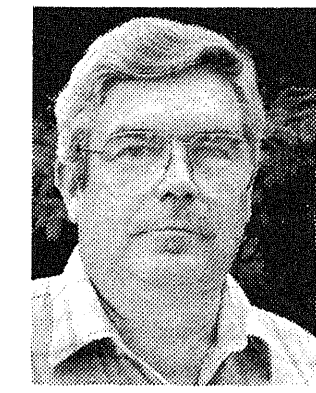
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We welcome your letters to the editor, on subjects of general interest to Progress-Advance readers and local residents. All letters should be received by 5 p.m. Friday for consideration to be published in the following Wednesday's issue. Submission grants the right to reasonably edit or condense such letters, while maintaining the direction, style and purpose of the writer's intention. Please submit only original letters. We will not publish copies of letters sent to other newspapers, nor do we publish photo-copies of such letters. Please include an address and phone number for verification.

Elkton summer program ends; Cunningham fills vacant seat

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

An on-going dispute between former Elkton DPW worker Bob Bumhoffer and the village will result in the loss of Summer Youth Employment Program workers. Bumhoffer was laid off last fall due to lack of work and was not recalled this spring when the present three-man crew was able to handle the job.



RON CUNNINGHAM

At last Tuesday's Elkton Council meeting, the labor relations committee reported Bumhoffer filed a grievance with the Thumb Area Consortium which supplies summer youth workers to the village. He stated in the complaint that summer workers were assigned duties which he should have been recalled to work to perform.

At a meeting on June 4 with the labor relations committee, TAC Executive Director Marvin Pichla asked the village to remove the summer workers until the grievance was settled. The committee then decided to drop participation in the summer work program, rather than spend village funds to win a favorable decision on the grievance. Committee members, Alfredo Santos, Sr. and Barb Thompson stressed, however, the village had not done anything wrong in the matter.

As part of the grievance, Bumhoffer asked for back pay for the four-week period in which the summer workers performed duties in the village, reimbursement of expenses resulting from filing the grievance and asked to return to work on the DPW crew.

By pulling out of the summer employment program, the grievance with TAC was nullified. Elkton President noted Bumhoffer would have to file a formal grievance with the village if he wished to pursue the matter. At that time, local and state the grievance would be handled strictly according to local and state guidelines for municipal employees, added Ropp.

He also noted the summer workers jobs consisted only of cutting grass for the village during the four weeks they were working. CUNNINGHAM TAPPED: After a short discussion, Ron Cunningham was appointed by Ropp and approved by Council to trustee seat

Pigeon probably wouldn't qualify for a traffic light at the present time also on the basis of vehicles counted. "If (Pigeon) didn't have that light already, they wouldn't get one," Ropp reports being told by a state transportation official.

Council will bolster its request for the traffic signal with a history of accidents at that intersection. It will note the fact that traffic will increase greatly this fall due to private vehicles used to transport children to school.

OTHER BIZ: Council also:

■ Heard a report by Summer Recreation Director Melissa Bambach on activities of the program. She is being assisted by Jill Metzger.
■ Set a price of \$6,000 on the lot north of H&H Insulation on the site formerly owned by the box factory, and
■ Granted a zoning variance to Jim Carter who asked permission to build a garage located 18 feet from the street rather than the required 25 feet.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the
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Charter Number 15817 Comptroller of the Currency Seventh District _____

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,946
Interest-bearing balances	0-
Securities	17,595
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1,200
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	62,121
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	550
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	61,571
Assets held in trading accounts	0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	1,131
Other real estate owned	603
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0-
Intangible assets	0-
Other assets	1,996
Total assets	86,042
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	3,418
Interest-bearing	75,877
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	0-
Noninterest-bearing	0-
Interest-bearing	0-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0-
Other borrowed money	0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	0-
Other liabilities	818
Total liabilities	80,113
Limited-life preferred stock	0-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	0-
Common stock	526
Surplus	1,118
Undivided profits and capital reserves	4,285
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0-
Total equity capital	5,929
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	86,042

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

John B. Schaefer
Name
Vice President and Trust Officer
Title


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Members and friends of the Pigeon Historical Society: we need your usable rummage for our annual rummage sale July 23-25. Call 453-3715 or 453-2375 for pickup. Thank you.

Nice job, Arlin and Sue. Thanks for the air machine. We needed that.

Yes, I'd like to know if the teachers are going to take a pay freeze in the Laker district as

they have in other districts?

Why do so many people drive fast?

I really think the school board is in a big mess, with people out getting petitions to reopen Bay Port Elementary. If they'd stop trying to compare us with Class A and B schools and stop spending so much money on sports and more on a good education, we'd do fine. Do we really need

to add on to the press box, get new field goal poles and a new track, etc.?

How dare we talk about Jim and Tammy badly? They're the best thing that's ever happened to Christianity and salvation? Let me tell you, the only salvation they're worried about is their own. And the only praying they do is on the misfortune of the uneducated. Come on, buddy, either grow one or strap one on.

I believe Jim and Tammy Baker were "talked about badly" because they were poor stewards. They begged for money on behalf of the starving poor and then kept that money for themselves, so they could live in luxury. Read Luke 16: 19-31.

Boy Scouts are selling M&M candies in and around town, to make money for camping trips. To help the group, contact any one of the Boy Scouts for M&Ms. Thank you.

Nice story on Caseville's Harvard man, Chris M., and best wishes, Naomi J.

My sincere thank you to Dr. Lockard for talking to everyone at the Friday night school board meeting like we were adults. It's rather disheartening to attend meetings and get a speech intended for people with a second grade mentality. Thanks again, Dr. L.

Attention 1967 Laker graduates: If you'd like to attend the 20-year reunion, we can still accept your reservation, but only until July 17. Call 375-2218.

We made it through another year twin Jeannine. Hope you have a super day on the 15th. Also happy birthday to postal

employees, Marty Thiel and Barb McCallum. Another Postal Person, Jeannette McDonald, Owendale.

To anyone interested in performing in the first Farmers' Festival Lip-Sync contest Wednesday, July 22, call Sally R. at 453-2331 or 453-3329. Three spots are still open.

Well, Mr. B., you should be real happy now. You pigs drop your trash in the sandpit and now it's locked up. You should be real proud of yourselves. We all in Bay Port are.

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Daughter of a bean grower? Queens' Contest is for you!

Friday, July 24, is the final date daughters of Huron

County bean growers may enter competition for the ti-

Owen-Gage lists honor students

Students from Owen-Gage High School who have achieved a listing on the honor for the sixth six-week marking period are named here (an asterick denotes "all A's":

SENIORS: *Cindy Enderle, Mike Bolzman, Janice Cummins, Roxanne Gettel, Lisa Edwards, Barb Hellebuyck, Shereen Kroll Guilds, Michelle McPhail, Gabe Milbocker, Sandra Miller, Kendre Reehl, Tiffany Reinhardt, Terry Thorp.

JUNIORS: *Jill Janke, *Susan Salcido, Jane Billy, Brad Copeland, Marcie Draschil, Gina Errer, Lloyd Fritz, Tamara Kady, Ellen Lymburner, Sharon Parker, Amy Thies.

SOPHOMORES: Shirley Ashmore, Paul Damm, Rebecca Emmons, Jodie Fritz, Andrea Goslin, Dawn Holland, Heidi Jaworski, Patti Ondrajka, Emily Weisenbach.

FRESHMEN: *Stacey Enderle, *Marla Goslin, *Krista Grassman, Brian Guthrie.

EIGHTH GRADERS: Marilyn Abfalter, Sarah Carnegie, Michelle Glasgow, Jodie Joes, Mike Kady, Michelle Metzger, Connie Miller, Michelle Peters, Lori Radabaugh, Bethany Rayl, Vickie Ricker, David Thomas, Debra Thorp, Kathy Wildman.

SEVENTH GRADERS: *Angie Gruber (semester), Barb Kowalski, John Maurer, Aimee Merchant, Renee

of 1987 Huron County Bean Queen, according to Jim LeCureux, county extension agent.

Sponsored by the Huron Murawski, Mickey Parks, Deb Timmons.

County Bean Growers' Association and Huron County elevators, the contest is open to single, young women between the ages of 18 and 25. Each candidate will be asked various questions concerning the production of beans.

queen, Julie Booms of Ruth, will crown the 1987 Bean Queen Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Huron Community Fair. Gifts for the Queen and candidates will be furnished by Huron County businesses.

represent bean growers at various promotional activities, including winter Bean Day, fair promotions and parades.

Interested young ladies should send their name, address and telephone number to: Cooperative Extension Service, 104 County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413, or call 269-9949 for more details.

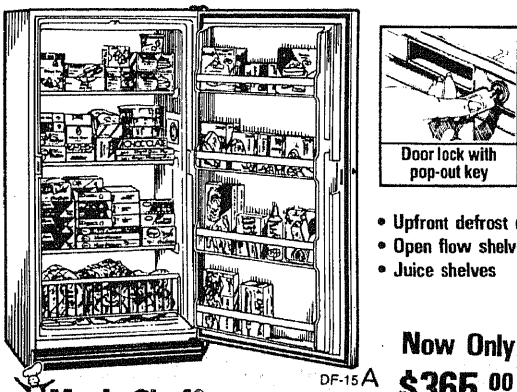
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LOCAL UNIT	YEARS EFFECTIVE
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By Chandler Township:2.00 Mills	1987 Roads
By Elktion-Pigeon-Bay Port School District:1.00 Mill	1987-1988 Inc. Roads
By Elktion-Pigeon-Bay Port School District:5.00 Mills	1987
By North Huron School District:3.50 Mills	1987-1989 Inc.
By Huron Intermediate School District:12.75 Mills	1987-1988 Inc.
By Huron Intermediate School District:1.00 Mill	Unlimited
By Huron Intermediate School District:1.49 Mill	Unlimited

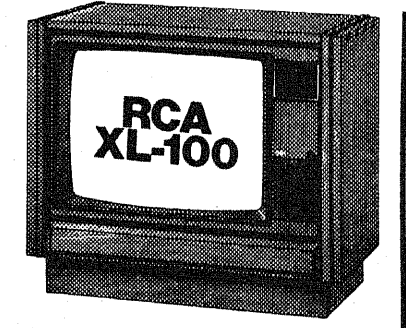
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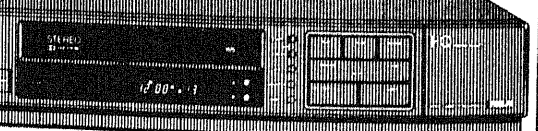
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The Past in Print...

THE ELKTON ADVANCE

JULY 12, 1907

P.L. Fritz, Pigeon, has purchased a Maxwell automobile.

Memo Weidman raised a fine new barn on Monday. The Winsor Twp. board has purchased a stone crusher at a cost of \$3,000. A lease has been secured from John Zinser for stone at 5c a yard. One mile of state road will be built between sections 10 and 15 this year.

J.W. Thiel has been engaged to teach the Quarry School for the next school year.

George Stott has been hired to manage the new Wallace & Orr Elevator at Linkville.

Miss Frieda Diefenbach and Adolph Zinser were united in marriage Wednesday.

Mrs. Leonard Sylvester, 85, died at her home in Fair Haven Twp. She leaves her husband and five children.

70 YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1917

Annual meeting of Pigeon School Dist. 4, Winsor, was held in the high school room Monday evening. Balance on hand is \$41,102.21 after expenses for the year of \$11,159.32 were deducted. Albert Kleinschmit was re-elected and Henry Moeller was elected to succeed Hugh B. Harder.

185 Pigeon Red Cross

June and surgical dressings were sent as they are needed for sick and wounded soldiers in European hospitals. U.S. soldiers are at the front and many more will follow so many dressings are needed. Remember to do your part.

Billy Boatwright of Caseville, who enlisted in Co. G Cavalry of Canada, expects to leave for France sometime this week.

The Peoples Alliance met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Broderick, Pigeon. New officers are Mrs. Jacob Wurtz, Norman Eckstein, Zera Foster, Anna Jahr and Vern Geiger.

60 YEARS AGO

JULY 8, 1927

A number of friends gave Miss Pearl Schumacher, Pigeon, a surprise party Monday evening.

Miss Minnie Walker is home from Ann Arbor to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright have moved into the Julius Cramer residence in Pigeon.

Mrs. Walter McLean, Pigeon, entertained three tables at bridge Thursday afternoon in honor of her guest Miss Flossie McCarter. Prizes were won by Mrs. P.L. Fritz and Mrs. C.L. Taylor.

The electric line to Cres-

pleted and now that resort has the benefit of electric lights. The line was put in by Michigan Electric Power Co.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 9, 1937

Mrs. Hannah Davidson Gotta, 89, a county pioneer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Stewart, McKinley. She is survived by four daughters and six sons.

Two young sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel DesJardine of Filion were drowned Monday in the dredge cut at Mud Creek, north of Bay Port. The family had been attending the Horton family reunion.

John Zinser, 81, well-known area resident, died at his home Monday. He leaves three stepchildren and a brother.

Mrs. John Smith Jewel, 71, nee Mary M. Turner, passed away Monday at her home in Bay Port. Surviving are her husband, a son and daughter and two stepchildren.

40 YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1947

Martin Sturm, 81, Pigeon, a pioneer of this area, died at his home Sunday. He leaves his wife and five children.

Leo Bliss, who has been associated with Pigeon State Bank for 25 years, has resigned his position as cashier and will become cashier and chairman of the board of directors of the new Midland National Bank, Midland.

William Rolph, 92, Elkton,

died at his home July 9. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters.

Lloyd Alfred Luettkie, 21, Bay Port, died at the Veterans Hospital, Fort Custer after a long illness. He served in the Navy during World War II. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Oscar Graves, a sister and three brothers, including his twin brother.

A total of \$2,196 in fox bounties was paid out in Huron County during the first six months this year according to Edward Swackhamer, county clerk. Through June 30 there were 366 fox killed and \$6 is paid for each fox killed.

30 YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1957

Some 425 persons attended the 11th triennial Elkton Alumni reunion and homecoming celebration last weekend. Miss Mary Beth Hay, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Hay, was crowned homecoming queen.

Pigeon High School classes of 1936 and 1937 held a combined reunion Saturday night at Hotel Vollmer with 28 members present.

Mrs. John Schultz Deiner, 86, nee Bertha Radloff, Pigeon, passed away July 2. She leaves a daughter, a son, three stepdaughters and two stepsons.

Alfred W. Hoppe, 65, East Granby, Conn., a Pigeon native, died May 29. He leaves his wife, three brothers and six sisters.

Kenneth Ginter was

Elkton School board of education. Other officers are Wager Clunis and Mrs. Edith Quinn. Trustees are Clarence Champagne and Robert Cole.

20 YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1967

Second Lieut. James D. Bruni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bruni, Pigeon, graduated July 7 from infantry officer candidate course at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been assigned to an airborne unit and will be stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Two Pigeon girls won awards at CMU's annual high school music camp. They are Yvonne Geiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Geiger and Jeanne Gettel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gettel.

Mrs. Jonathan Roth, 72, passed away July 8 at her home in Elkton. She is survived by her husband, a daughter and a son.

Mrs. Roy Miles, 54, died July 11 in Pigeon. She leaves her husband, a daughter and her mother, Mrs. Cora Beatrice, Alma.

Mrs. John Whelihan, 73, passed away July 11 in Pigeon. Surviving are her husband, a daughter and three sons.

Mrs. Victor Spiels, 84, died July 11 in Pigeon. She leaves a daughter.

10 YEARS AGO

JULY 14, 1977

Pigeon's annual Farmers' Days Festival is planned July 29-30 with a kids' parade, festival parade, quilt and art shows, baby crawl, flea market, chicken barbecue and many other events.

Mrs. Henry Herzog, 89, Pigeon, passed away July 5. Surviving are four sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Rheinheimer, Pigeon, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a lawn party at the home of Leona and Greta Albrecht, sisters of Mrs. Rheinheimer. The Rheinheimers have two sons.

Classes of 1936 and 1937 of Pigeon High School held a joint reunion at the Pigeon Library community rooms Saturday evening, July 2

members were Bill Buchholz, Bill Hoppe and Art Keltborn.

Scott Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, is the new owner of the Standard Service Station in Bay Port, having purchased it from John Grant Dutcher.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES

51 YEARS AGO

JULY 16, 1936

To Whom It May Concern: Preachers, Blacksmiths and Saloon keepers — to settle the argument of the price of ice. It will be 60c a hundred delivered or 50c if you get it yourself. Your iceman, Keith Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. William Batson of Flint are parents of twin boys, born July 13. Mrs. Batson was formerly Sarah Kasserman, Elkton.

Funeral services for Rev. John G. Stirtion, 50, were held in Elkton Methodist Church by Pastor W.P. Ainsworth.

44 YEARS AGO

JULY 15, 1943

Through the Swedish Red Cross, official notice has been received by Clayton Keillor, who lives on a farm in Oliver Twp., that his brother, Pvt. Clare Keillor, 30, previously reported missing in action in North Africa, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Adam Paulaski, 53, passed away at his farm home near Elkton.

Howard A. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Elliott, Elkton, has enrolled in the school for torpedo men at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

37 YEARS AGO

JULY 20, 1950

The Pillsbury Flashes, who have lost only one game this season, will play a team of chosen Elkton softball players at Elkton Saturday evening. Players on both teams are 18 year of age and younger.

Mrs. John Depner, Jr. entertained 18 children and their mothers at a birthday party honoring her daughter on her second birthday.

Foreign Exchange Students View Life On A Michigan Farm

Hands Across The Ocean

The Peoples Republic of China is the only nation in the history of the world to have a population of one billion people, so they wouldn't miss 50 citizens who are studying and teaching at Wayne State University, Detroit.

When those 50 travel into the Thumb and visit the Glen and Erma Maust farm, and then attend the Owendale Homecoming parade Saturday, they're extremely visible and noticeable.

Their trip to the Thumb was arranged by Rev. Joe Lorencz, international specialist for the Intersociety Christian Fellowship at WSU, who takes student groups all over Michigan to show them how Americans live, work and play.

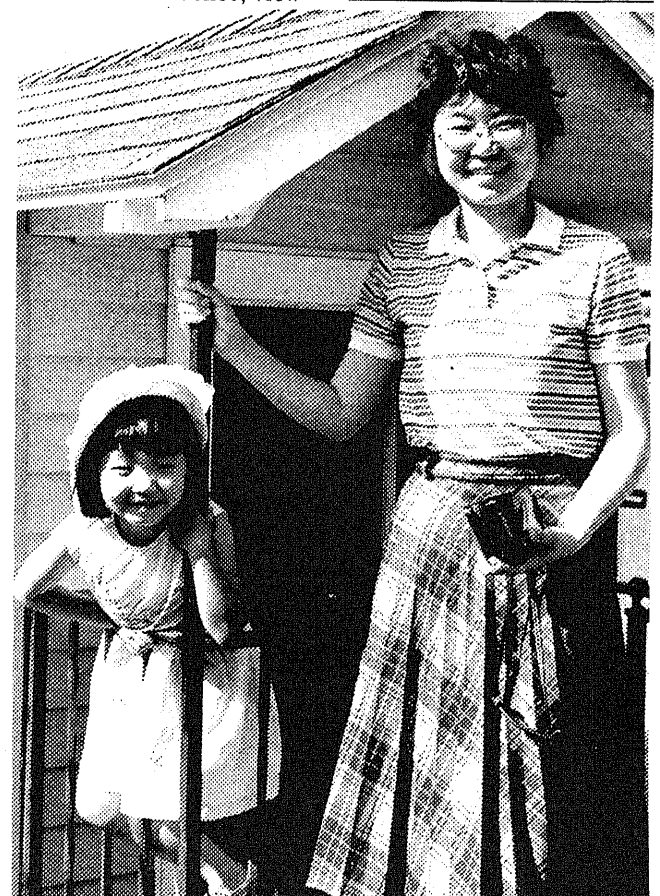
In addition to Chinese nationals, there were also students from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, Poland and Colombia in the Thumb-visiting contingent.

Pastor Lorencz, a native of the Owendale area and son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lorencz, said that in 1980-81 there were only 2 or 3 Chinese nationals at Wayne State. Today there are more than 150 students and scholars and their dependents.

On the Maust farm, 854 South Bay Port Road, Bay

Port, they saw turkeys, Holstein calves, a black sheep and Shetland pony, watched a goat being milked and took a try at it themselves, and visited the historic farm residence, view-

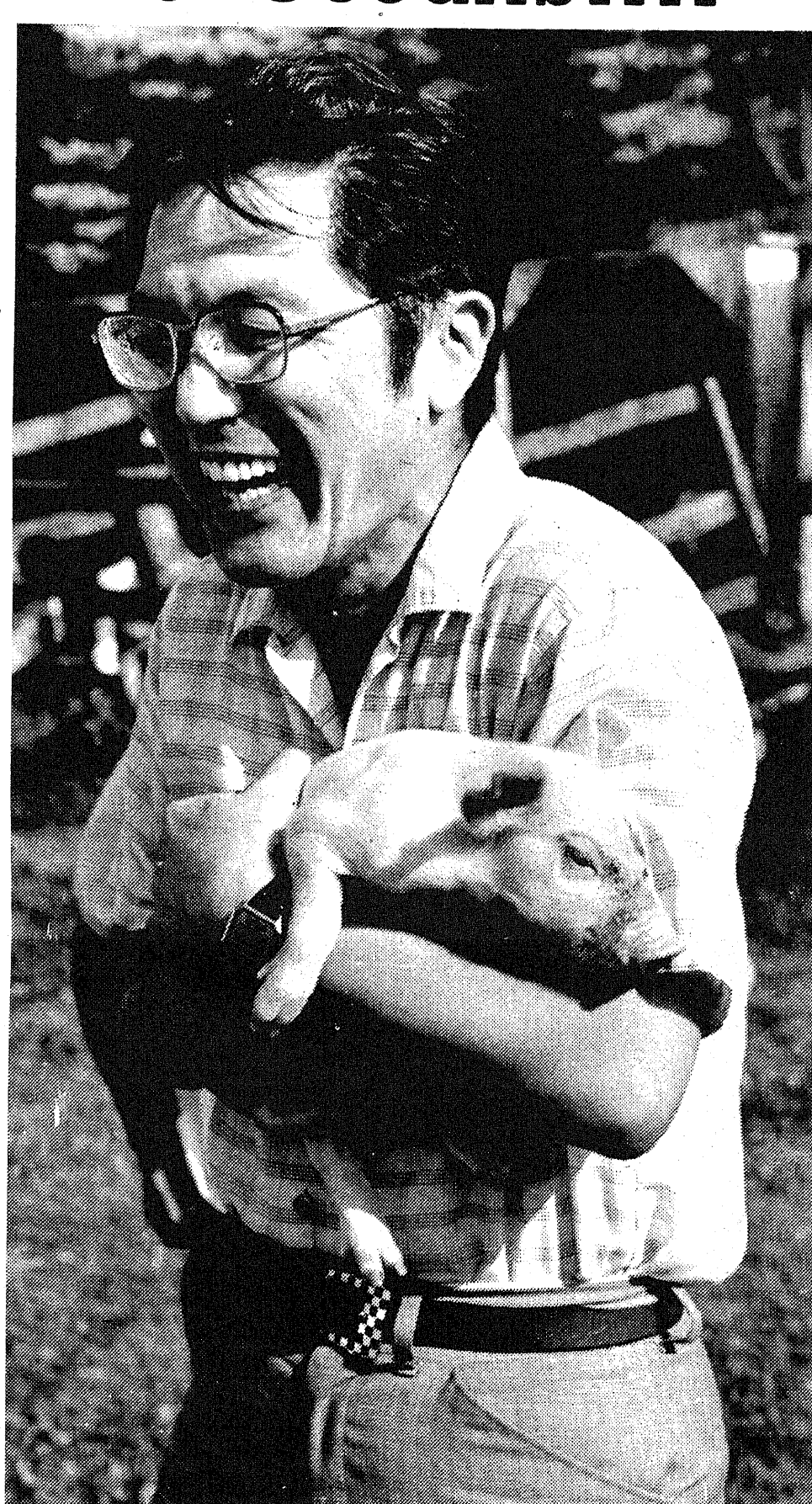
ed a child's playhouse and a model church, enjoyed a hayride and appreciated iced soft drinks and snacks on a hot, dry Saturday morning.



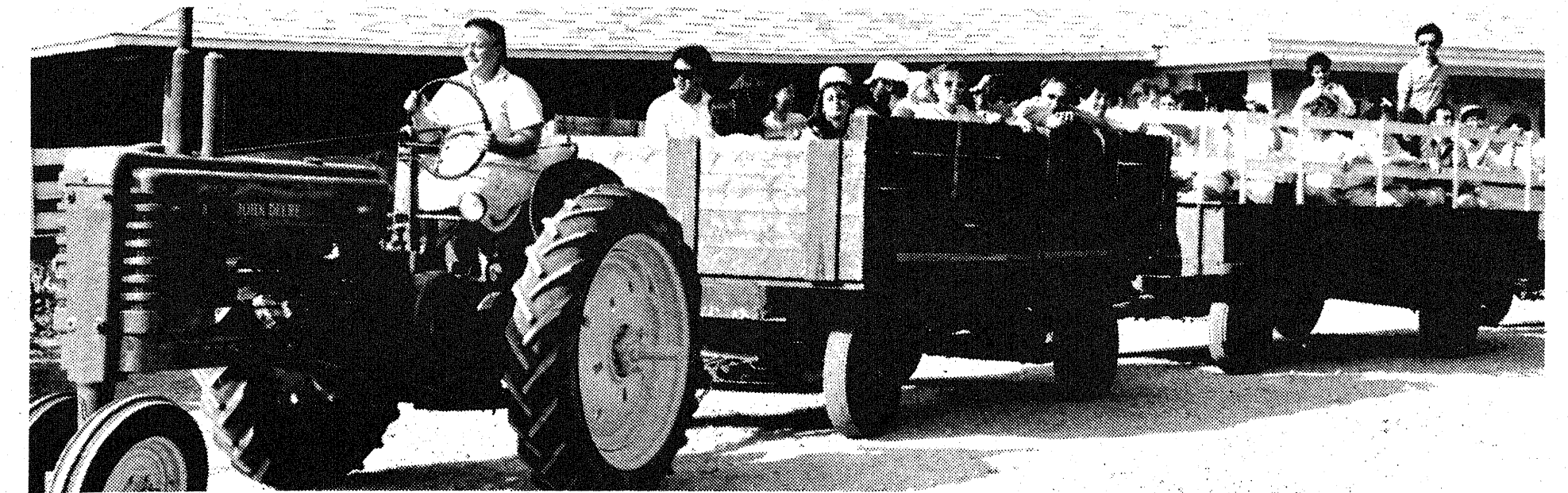
A CHILD'S PLAYHOUSE made an instant hit with this Chinese girl and her mother.



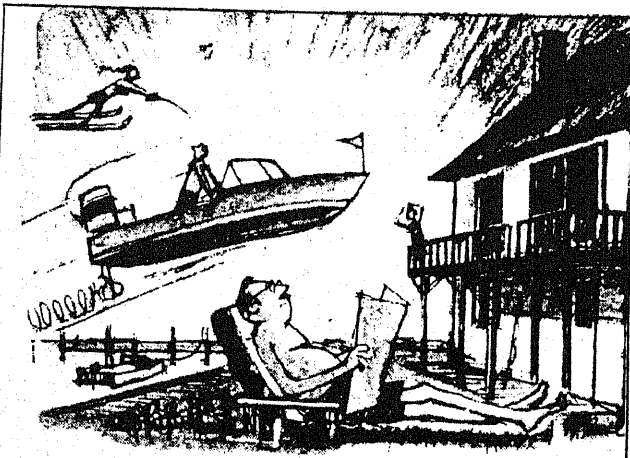
TO START THE TOUR, Erma Maust, at right center, told visitors about farming. Structures in back are calf pens.



CHINA RAISES more pigs than any other nation on earth, so this visitor has good reason to laugh as he sees the high quality porkers on the Maust farm.



AFTER EXPLANATIONS, Mrs. Maust starts hayride and tour by driving tractor herself.



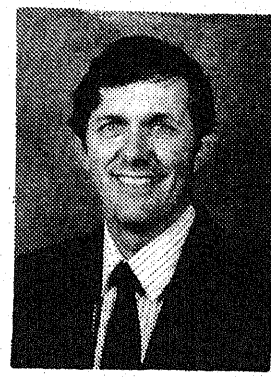
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Mary Kurzer weds Warren Kuhl at Trinity UM

Mary Catherine Kurzer became the bride of Warren Lee Kuhl during a candlelit, double-ring wedding ceremony on Saturday, May 30, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebawaing.

Rev. Lawrence Brooks and Rev. Willis Brown officiated for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer

Kurzer, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kuhl of Sebawaing. Carol Kersten was organist, and Susan and Sandra Kersten were singers.

A single white rose adorned the altar, representing the loving memory of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Catherine (Kitty) Kurzer. The rose was later placed at Mrs. Kurzer's gravesite.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white taffeta gown styled after a ballgown look. The embroidered yoke and collar of Schifflly lace enhanced the off-shoulder illusion, and her ballgown sleeves were accented with Venice lace, pearls and sequins.

Her A-line skirt was topped with a fitted, princess bodice, and lace and ruffles embellished her cathedral-length train.

Miss Kurzer wore a matching headpiece and veil to complete her wedding ensemble, and she carried a colonial-style bouquet of white silk roses and green ivy garnished with lily of the valley, baby's breath and pearls. A centered, small red rose accented her floral arrangement.

Attending as matron of honor was Sandra Edler of Pigeon. She wore an off-the-shoulder ballgown of satin and lace, featuring spaghetti straps and accented with ruffles around the bodice. Her overskirt fell from a fitted waist, and was scalloped around the bottom with bows.

She carried a fan accented with blue roses, and trimmed in baby's breath, lace, pearls and ribbon.



Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lee Kuhl

Bridesmaids were Cynthia Miller of Unionville, Elizabeth Homestead of Linwood, sister of the bride; Beth Jacoby of Wisner and Becky Haag of Kilmanagh, sister of the bridegroom.

They were attired identically with the matron of honor and also carried floral arrangements.

Flower girl was Catherine Homestead of Linwood, while bride's shadow was Michelle Homestead, both nieces of the bride. They wore dresses similar to those of the bridesmaids. Catherine carried a smaller version of the bridesmaids' fans, while Michelle carried a replica of the bride's bouquet.

Standing as best man for his cousin was Philip Kuhl of Sebawaing. Groomsmen were Eric Helms of Bay Port, Randall Edler of Pigeon, Tom Kuhl of Sebawaing, brother of the bridegroom, and Jim Kegerreis of Sebawaing, brother of the bride.

Ringbear was Benjamin Haag of Kilmanagh, while bridegroom's shadow was Michael Kuhl. Both are nephews of the bridegroom.

Ushers were Kevin Kuhl of Sebawaing, brother of the bridegroom, and Arno Ruthenberg of Owendale. The newlyweds greeted

Pigeon news

By DOROTHY DIENER

Jeanette Licht of Fort Wayne, Ind. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Licht over the Fourth of July weekend. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Licht and grandson Jonathan, Mr. and Mrs. James Licht, Jeremy and Katie, Mrs. Frieda Neurath and Mrs. Frieda Heintz.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tebado of Swartz Creek traveled to Bad Axe on Sunday to visit her father, Cletus Cregeur at the Huron Medical Care Facility. They also visited her mother, Mrs. Cregeur, in Pigeon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eberly were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Miller of Maumee, Ohio.

Mrs. Frank Deming and

son Tom attended the Family Support Picnic at Evergreen Park on Sunday.

John Trowbridge and children of Warren were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

Marijn Rathje, who was a surgical patient at Bay Medical Center, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Jimmy and 15 Luther Leaguers from Cross Lutheran church had a swimming party at the home of Mrs. Sorenson in Elkton on Sunday.

Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann were among guests at a 30th Anniversary party for Karl Leppien, celebrating his years as a Certified Public Accountant, at the Sheraton Inn, Saginaw on Sunday.

Her prospective groom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He is employed as a Nuclear Product Sales Manager by GE Medical Systems in Atlanta, Ga.

An October wedding is being planned.

Baptism

Jeremy John Miller, son of Kathy (Shevchenko) and John Miller of Avoca, was baptized June 27 at Emanuel Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Yale with Pastor E. Schaeve officiating.

Jeremy's godparents are Linda (Shevchenko) and Roger Fritz of Owendale.

Engaged

Dast-Tuma

Marian and Richard Dast of Pigeon announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne, to Paul Tuma, son of Suzanne Lucas of Phillips, Wisc. and Dr. Robert Tuma of Mazomanie, Wisc.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ferris State College. She is presently employed as a Nuclear Applications Specialist by GE Medical Systems residing in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Her prospective groom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He is employed as a Nuclear Product Sales Manager by GE Medical Systems in Atlanta, Ga.

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Junior golfers lauded

Sixteen participants in the Scenic Golf and Country Club Junior Golf program swung their way into golf lessons, practice and play, and finished the season with a tournament conducted July 8.

First division winners were Jeff Brunni and runner-up Dan McBride. Second division winners were Ross Duprey and runner-up Annette Weidman. Third division winners were Kathy Wagner and runner-up Betsy Drury.

Three special skills plaques were awarded to Jeff Brunni, Ross Duprey and Traci Henderson.

Hospital Notes

Patients at Sch. Hosp. on Monday, July 13:

SEBEWAING: Ms. Gwen Schaefer and Earl Schaefer; CASEVILLE: Mike Taschner; PIGEON: Victoria LaFrance and Pearl Kretschmer; OWENDALE: Betty Faulk; FAIRGROVE: Phyllis Spencer.

BIRTH: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Lori) Davidson of Pigeon, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth on July 12, 1987.

Pigeon folks visit

Mrs. Amanda Strauch, Mrs. Ella Ziel and Mrs. Elsie Kern visited Margaret Fahrner at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fahrner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Reibling and son Duane of Winter Haven, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gouge and family of Buehler, Kans., Dr. Cleason Dietzel of Burlington, Va. were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Verna Dietzel.

Pastor Kenneth Dietzel and Mrs. Verna Dietzel accompanied Dr. Cleason Dietzel to Tri City Airport for his return trip home. In the morning they attended services at a Mennonite service in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher of Warren were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Ann Schuette, Robert Schuette, son Scott of Auburn, Todd Bridges of Midland spent Sunday, Scott and Todd remained to spend more time with their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Snyder spent the weekend in Lewiston, in northern Michigan.

It's a boy!

Charles David McCormick of Pigeon was born Wednesday, July 1 at 7:38 a.m. at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon to parents Dave and Peggy McCormick.

The infant weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 3/4 inches long.

He has two sisters, Marisa, age five and Lauren, age 22 months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gettel and Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick, all of Pigeon. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Ethel Oeschger and great-grandmother is Mrs. Iva Sturm.

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Pigeon Council

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ple of Pigeon should not have to pay tax dollar one for this. I think we'd be wrong if we'd have the village of Pigeon financially support this now, in any way."

Member David McCormick, who made the motion

supporting the plan, added, "Our intention is to not have the village pay anything for this." Member Bob Fluegge agreed, saying, "If we can set it up with that thought in mind, then I am for it."

Kraft noted some govern-

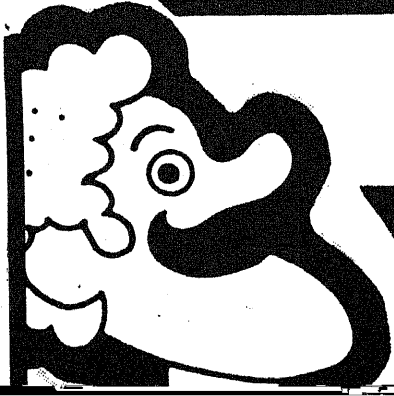
ment agency has to be liable for such a project, to receive federal funds. "Someone has to be on the hook. That's how you get the 90% and 5% (state share). I want to be fair about that, and clear about that." The 5% local match portion has already been raised.

OTHERS SOUGHT: Kraft says he hopes Winsor Fair Haven and McKinley Townships join in the plan, and noted others will also be sought. He said he believes Caseville Township officials -- where the airport site is located and which first supported the airport plan in

1980 -- ultimately "will see the wisdom of being part of the airport commission, since it's in their township."

A majority of the present Caseville Township Board, however, voted in the past year to step out of the project.

BRIGHT FUTURE: Fluegge noted, "I'm looking at what's for the good of the entire community. When you go around the bay to Tawas, you'll see what's been done there. The same could be done in the western part of Huron County."



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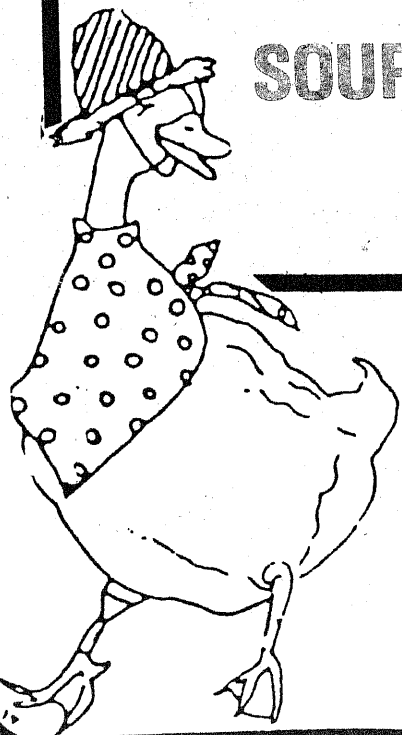
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