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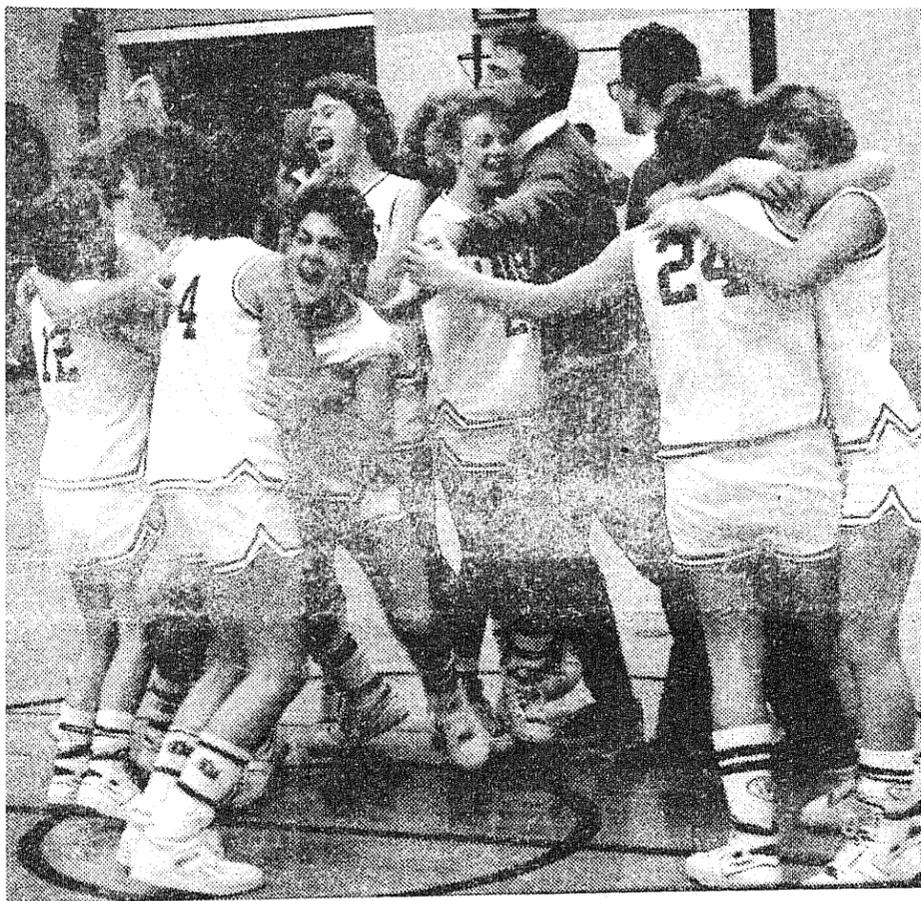
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 1987  
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IT'S "PIGEON OPEN HOUSE"  
TIME IN THE WESTERN THUMB!

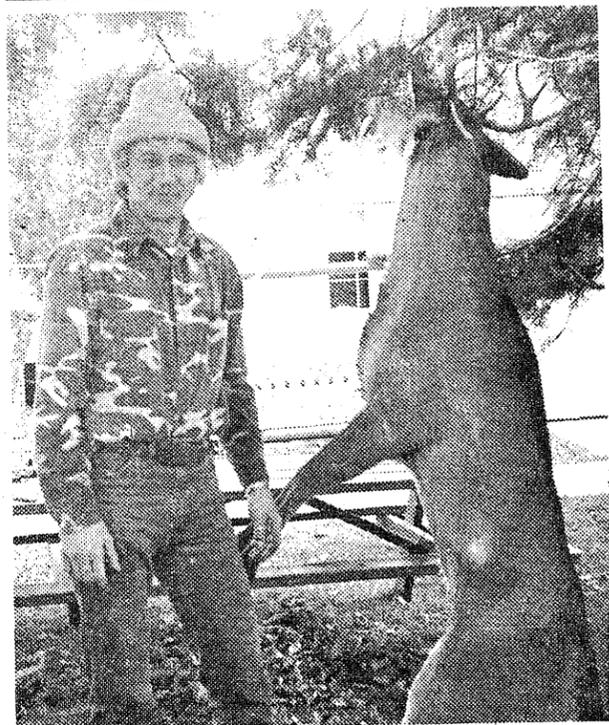
Nearly every store in Pigeon will be open this Sunday, for the annual Pigeon Open House. Shop locally - BEFORE going to the city - and SAVE!

## Lakers are league champs!



Coach Paul Beachy's Laker High Girls' Basketball Team rejoices as they win a share of the Thumb B Association championship, by defeating North Branch 58-50. See more inside!

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO



**HE GOT HIS:** A lucky shot on Opening Day of the firearm Deer Season Sunday resulted in a big buck for Pigeon hunter Robert Damm. Hunting in state land near Owendale, Damm got this nine-point buck at 10:30 a.m., just a few hours after the 1987 season began.

He's not the only excited person in his household: his wife Karen ran to the telephone as soon as her husband called with the good news... and she wins \$25 for being the first "Deer Widow" to report a successful hunt to The Progress-Advance!

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO



**SETTING THE STAGE:** The Pigeon Chamber of Commerce has been hard at work readying the largest Christmas Promotion it has ever arranged - the 1987 Christmas Car Giveaway.

Here, Chamber President Mike LePage shows the public the stage where all the action will take place beginning at this Sunday's Pigeon Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. and then on other drawing dates, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and the final drawing on Dec. 19.

Area shoppers will have an opportunity to win a brand-new 1988 automobile, beginning this Sunday. No purchase is necessary for one ticket, but the more shoppers spend in Pigeon, the more tickets they will receive to enter in the drawing.

Ten names will be drawn at each weekly event. All will be given a key and will attempt to open a lock. Two keys will be successful, qualifying the key-holders for the Grand Prize Drawing on Dec. 19.

The other eight names who had been drawn will receive Pigeon Money as a consolation prize.

Locally famous emcee Dale Wertz will be on hand for the five-week promotion and entertainment is planned prior to each drawing, for special holiday enjoyment.

PHOTO BY AMY HEIDEN

## Many food buys this Thanksgiving!

**EAST LANSING** — Food shoppers can look forward to one of the most economical Thanksgiving holidays in recent history.

For openers, frozen turkeys have been selling at or near last year's feature prices for some months. Retailers will sweeten the deal even more with pre-Thanksgiving features.

Reasons for the bonanza are 2-fold — a record-high production up a sharp 20% from last year to 2.84 billion pounds and overall turkey stocks up 24%. With supplies this plentiful, retailers have indicated they will be making purchases as needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas rather than buying for both holidays together as most have done in the past. Thus, buyers are gambling that prices will go down even farther after Thanksgiving.

Large crops of many of the other traditional holiday foods also will hold down the cost of Thanksgiving dinner for those who choose to dine at home. Good crops of fresh white potatoes across the country are holding prices down. Sweet potatoes and yams are also offered at attractive prices.

The forecast for the 1987 US cranberry crop is 3.68 million barrels — down fractionally from last year. Look for smaller berries due to a severe drought during the summer.

The US and the Michigan apple crops are very large this year, and prices are way

under those of a year ago. At today's prices, shoppers may want to feature apple pie or at least apple desserts this month.

Relish plates are a modern addition to traditional holiday dinners. Shoppers should find excellent quality carrots, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, radishes and green onions at attractive prices. Don't forget to make pickles a part of the relish plate as Michigan is the No. 1 producer of pickling cucumbers in the country.

The USDA forecast of all US orange output for the 1987-88 season is 183 million boxes — 1% higher than a year ago. But California navel crop is substantially smaller and ripening has been delayed. Grapefruit output for the 1987-88 season is 60.4 million boxes — 4% above that of a year ago.

*It's Sunday shopping time in Pigeon this weekend!*

Pigeon stores are open this Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. for to bring you the FIRST chance to make Christmas gift decisions! Plus, the Lake Huron Chapter Sweet Adelines will present musical entertainment at 3:30 p.m. downtown.

The "Risk-Off" drawing for the 1988 automobile being given away FREE is at 4:15, presented by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. The "Buy's FREE Book Sale" will close for the 1987 season on Nov. 21.

INSIDE: Holiday Gift Guides are here! See the special sections inside!

# We say 'bye' to Rich and 'hi' to Amy!

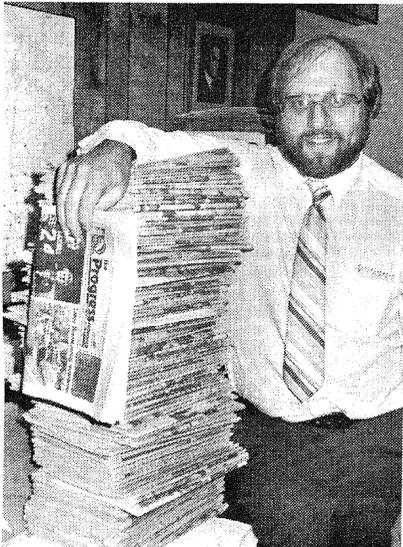
Two local residents have begun new careers, and both their actions will impact future issues of this newspaper.

■ **Former Progress-Advance News Editor Rich Swartzendruber** has traded his writing pencils for grading pencils, as he returned to his first love — teaching — on Nov. 2.

Swartzendruber now teaches a class of sixth graders at Bad Axe Intermediate School, after having been employed by The Progress-Advance for more than five years.

In that time, he has helped publish over 260 issues of The Progress-Advance, the stack of which is pictured here with him.

Rich has been a pretty amazing guy, to be sure. His only "journalism" training involved being an avid reader and sports lover. Through careful attention and hard work, he's become a truly excellent reporter, photographer and interviewer — who has also received some newspaper job offers in recent months.



FORMER NEWS EDITOR Rich Swartzendruber has helped produce over 260 issues of The Progress-Advance.

He'll be missed greatly, but his friends here wish him all the best.

Another exciting event has changed Swartzendruber's life: he and his wife Nancy have welcomed a new son, Shawn Gregory, who was born Nov. 11. Congratulations, Rich and Nancy, and "big brother" A.J.!

■ **And, Elkton resident Amy Heiden** has turned her love of writing into a new career, as she has been named Progress-Advance News Editor by Publishers Sally and Mark Rummel.

A resident of Elkton since 1979, Heiden came to the Thumb after a two-year stint in the U.S. Army in Ft. Riley, Kans. Previously, she made her home in Big Stone Gap, Va., where she graduated from Powell Valley High School in 1972 and attended Mountain Empire Community College.

She and her husband, Jim are the parents of a son, Christopher, age 3½.  
Welcome to The Progress-Advance, Amy!



'NEW NEWS EDITOR Amy Heiden has brought her love of the written word into her new position at The Progress-Advance.

PHOTOS BY SALLY RUMMEL

## Thumb club news

### CASEVILLE AMER. LEGION AUX. POST 523

The American Legion Auxiliary held their Nov. 4 meeting at the American Legion Hall. A potluck supper at 6 p.m. was followed by a 7 p.m. social hour and 8 p.m. meeting.

The meeting was opened by President Marie Darby, with prayer by Chaplain Mary Gardner, Secretary Eileen Tait and Treasurer Dorothy Beadle gave their reports.

It was reported that winter meetings in December, January, February and March will begin at 7 p.m.

The following donations were made: a donation was sent to the Chaplain of four Chaplains, \$100 each to St. Roch's Caseville Community Food Pantry, Clothe-A-Child.

Monies were also sent to Girls' State, which will accommodate two local girls

this next year. A thank-you was read by the Kunding family for the funeral dinner.

The Bloodmobile on Nov. 19 was emphasized, as blood and plasma are desperately needed, according to the Red Cross.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.



Dear Betty Crocker

Q. If hollandaise sauce curdles as it cooks, can it be saved?

A. Yes! Add about one tablespoon boiling water per ¼ cup hollandaise and beat vigorously with a hand beater until sauce is smooth.

## Pigeon folks visit

By DOROTHY DIENER Mrs. Frank Deming went to Marquette Wednesday to a medical conference for Family Support. On Thursday, she also attended the Social Security conference for family support in Grayling.

On Sunday, Mrs. Mel Tebedo of Swartz Creek and her granddaughter, Wendy Morton of Flint, were guests of her mother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Avis Cregeur.

Pastor Ronald Diener of Williston, Ohio, returned home Saturday after visiting through Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Diener and other local relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith entertained Sunday for their son Jimmy's seventh birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Weiss, Mr.

and Mrs. John Smith of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Edon and daughters Rachel and Rebecca, Patti Weiss of Saginaw and Mrs. Betty Schulze.

Mrs. Norman Zeilinger and Miss Mary Zeilinger of Frankenmuth visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lohrmann of Kalamazoo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edler and family.

Mrs. Mike Stevenson and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roestel, to help Kevin celebrate his birthday.

Leon Elftman and son Larry of Pinconning were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelmer Wright.

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The Laker Drama Club presents . . .

## 'Alice in Wonderland'

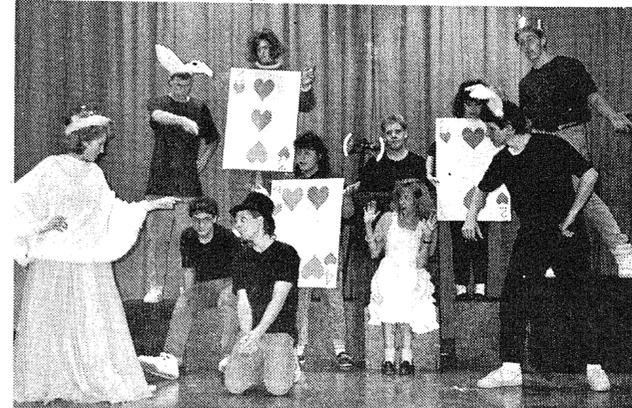
"Alice in Wonderland" is this year's production by the Laker Drama Club.

Cast members include Ginger Claubesch, Carl Heiden, Chad Russell, Wes

Russell, Traci Anderson, Paula Klosowski, John Redmond, Brian Swartzendruber and Casey Haley, and is directed by Laker instructor Mike Terrill. Performances are Friday,

Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Laker Auditorium.

Admission will be charged at the door with special prices for students.



LAKER HIGH DRAMA CLUB rehearses "Alice in Wonderland."

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30 Now is the time for Notebook

OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!  
GOODBYE TO A FRIEND — Longtime Caseville residents George and Lu Nienstedt sent us a note from their Mesa, Ariz., retirement home. George writes:

"I have always enjoyed your articles about my longtime friend, Francis Crawford. I wonder if you are aware he passed away on March 27 of this year. He would have been 95 years old on April 24. He was buried in Lansing on March 31."

No, we weren't aware, and are sorry to hear that one of OUR friends passed away, too. We'll try getting some more details, George. Thanks for the tip-off.

The Nienstedts haven't been back to Michigan for more than four years, but tell us "maybe we will make it back next summer." Hope to see you then!

A FAVORITE PLACE — A new exhibit opened last week at one of Michigan's great treasures, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

"The Automobile in American Life" is the first step in converting the museum into a series of meaningful exhibits — rather than the packrat's collection founded by the original Henry Ford in 1929.

The exhibit takes visitors on a chronological journey from early bikes and motorcycle through the early 1980s. The cars, two abreast, form a multi-level roadway leading tourists through stores and roadside signs of each era.

For instance, there's a complete Holiday Inn motel room and the first style of its sign from the early 1960s, as well as a 1960 neon McDonald's sign — advertising 15-cent hamburgers.

There's a 1915 Conoco gas pump, a 1940s Texaco gas station, a 1946 diner, an old A&W Root Beer mug sign, Burma-Shave signs and much more.

The Rummel crew saw this display under construction earlier this year and can't wait to see it completed. The \$6 million exhibit is open nearly every day of the year, at the Henry Ford Museum - Greenfield Village site near downtown Dearborn, about 2½ hours south of here. Call (313) 271-9363 for details...

HMMMM — We know of a gentleman who donated a new loud speaker to his church in fond memory of his wife...

Then we hear of the retired man who was arrested for shoplifting. He said people kept telling him to take things easy...

SO LITTLE, SO FRUSTRATING — Do you get as angry as I do when one of those little "blow in" cards falls into your lap from your favorite magazine (and then another and another)? They're a hassle for readers, but they're GREAT marketing tools, says David Lee of the Magazine Publishers Association.

He says those "subscribe now" cards help keep magazine costs down — because about 5% of all the 266 million magazine orders last year came from such cards. That's more than 13 million!

TRUTHFUL WORDS — Our church newsletter carried this item which we'll willingly steal:

"Many people observe one Thanksgiving Day and 364 days of complaining. Perhaps we ought to reverse it, and crowd all of our grumbling into one day — and celebrate 364 days of Thanksgiving!" (Makes sense to us).

WISH I'D SAID THAT — "Failure often results because the person followed the path of least PERSISTENCE!" (apologizes and thanks to Luke Yoder!)

## Laker Band Boosters plan Dec. 17 concert

The Laker High Band Boosters met Nov. 10 in the High School band room. Vice President Diana Kausch conducted the meeting.

By-laws Committee Chairman Nola Kauffman presented the revised by-laws and statement of purpose, which were approved.

Diana Kausch presented scheduling committee report. A letter has been drafted to send to Supt. Harry Brunet.

Nola Kauffman was added to the publicity committee for the coming year.

Volunteers were taken for other committees, to help with the Christmas concert Dec. 17. The uniforms will be handed out early in December.

Special upcoming events will be the Bob Olson Big Band Concert on Jan. 20, 1988, and the Feb. 5 Soup and Sandwich Supper.

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### WASTE STATION OK'ED

Huron County Commissioners voted last week to accept a \$286,000 state grant to build a solid waste transfer station at the Cove Landfill, south of Uby.

The action ends neighborhood complaints of possibly locating the station at the former Oliver Township landfill site, two miles north of Elkton on Berne Road. There, adjacent landowners complained that the transfer station could include blowing debris, and county officials later learned more than \$250,000 in road work would be needed to upgrade Berne and Elkton Roads to handle large transfer trucks.

Commissioners agreed that the Cove site would house the compacting and storage building, and said it would be transferred to the former Sigel Township landfill site east of Bad Axe if problems developed at the private Cove location. The third and final choice would be the Oliver landfill location, they agreed.

### CABLE TV FOR OWENDALE

Owendale Village Council voted last week to establish a combined Owendale and Gageton cable television system for 15 years with Cablevision Company of Bridgeport.

The company expects to begin construction next spring, to offer 18 channels at about \$14 monthly per home. A \$100,000 satellite receiving station will be built midway between the towns, and some residents along Owendale Road outside the Owendale could also get cable service hooked up.

### REDUCING AREA AUTO THEFTS

Michigan State Police have created a new task force to crack down on auto thefts in the Thumb Area. The Automobile Theft Prevention Authority has granted funding to the Bluewater Auto Theft Enforcement Team, to be known as "B.A.T.E."

The team consists of State Police officers who specialize in investigating and preventing auto thefts in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties, to work in cooperation with other local police agencies. It is based at the St. Clair Post, south of Port Huron.

Phone number is 1-800-242-HEAT or (313) 329-2233, says Sgt. Marvin Nunn of the St. Clair Post. The H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) program offers cash rewards to people providing information on car theft and insurance fraud.

### LEADERS NOT 'POT' USERS

Only one of Michigan legislators in Washington, D.C., admit to marijuana use in their younger years — and he now regrets having used the illegal substance.

Sixteen U.S. Senators and Representatives polled by the Associated Press said they had never used marijuana or other controlled substances recreationally. Two declined comment and another didn't reply to the news group's questions, according to reports.

Locally, Bay City Democrat Bob Traxler, age 56, says he has never used drugs recreationally, as did U.S. Sens. Carl Levin, 53 of Detroit, and Donald Riegle, 49 of Flint.

At least one lawmaker, Rep. Bill Schutte, 34 of Sanford, admits he smoked marijuana while in college — but says he wouldn't do so again, if he had to decide again.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

In Tuscola County Circuit Court, Judge Patrick Joslyn sentenced:

■ Tamara K. Marker, 25 of Unionville, to serve one year in the Tuscola County Jail, with six months deferred, pay \$3500 in fines and costs, and ordered Marker not to associate with any minor child under 18 years of age, following Marker's Oct. 6 conviction on a charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct. The conviction followed her guilty plea to sexual conduct with a person under the age of 13 on Nov. 15, 1984 in Unionville, according to court records.

■ In 73rd District Court, First Division (Huron County), Judge John Schubel heard these pleas and made these determinations:

■ Rickey L. Birchfield, 29 of Port Austin, pled guilty to drunken driving; sentenced to 10 days in the Huron County Jail, \$650 fines and costs and loss of driving rights for 12 months.

■ Randall L. Hessler, 24 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driving rights for three months.

■ Kurt R. Pankau, 22 of Port Austin, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driving rights for three months.

■ Ellen R. Proper, 29 of Port Austin, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driving rights for three months.

■ Nicholas M. Proper, 34 of Caseville, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driving rights for three months.

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## Obituaries

### GEORGE LISKA 1911 - 1987

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Nov. 9 for George Liska, age 76, of Caseville, who passed away Friday, Nov. 6 at the Huron Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe.

He was born on June 18, 1911 in Caseville, son of the late Michael and Elizabeth (Stinka) Liska. He married the former Emily Havlick on Sept. 21, 1935 in Detroit.

He was formerly employed by the Michigan Stove Works in Detroit for many years before returning to Caseville in 1947. He was then employed as an independent builder through Caseville Lumber Company and built many homes in Caseville and the shoreline area.

Surviving are his wife, Emily; four sons, Glenn of Italy, Allan of Pigeon, Anthony and Donn, both of Caseville; three grandchildren and two sisters, Olga Mikel, Muskegon and Emily Zimmerman, Westland.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Caseville chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels, Elkton and Caseville. The Rev. John Hamilton, pastor of Caseville United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

### STANLEY EARL MARTIN 1903 - 1987

Stanley Earl Martin, age 84, of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Huron Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe.

He was born Nov. 10, 1903, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin in Mt. Albert, Ontario, Canada. On Dec. 10, 1947, he was united in marriage to Phyllis I. Thompson in Napoleon, Ohio.

He was a member of the Caseville United Methodist Church, the Winsor Lodge F. & A.M. #420, the Moslem Shrine, the Highland Band and Optimist International.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis I. Pigeon; two sons, Stephen E. Martin, Utica and Harold J. Martin, Ann Arbor; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Barbara) Schendel, Plymouth and Ms. Donna Martin, Rochester; seven grandchildren and one brother, F. Mike Martin, Toronto, Ont.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother. Funeral services for Mr. Martin were private.

Memorial gifts may be given in his memory to the Caseville United Methodist Church, Caseville. For further information, contact the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

### CHRISTINE ELIZABETH ELSESSER 1909 - 1987

Christine Elizabeth Elssesser, age 78, of Owendale, died Sunday, Nov. 15 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a short illness.

She was born Oct. 16, 1909 in Germany, daughter of the late Nick and Anna Gabriel. She was united in marriage to William Elssesser on May 4, 1929 in Sebawaing. He preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1977. Mrs. Elssesser was a member of the Owendale United Methodist Church.

Surviving her are two sons, Otto, Unionville and William, St. Petersburg, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Donna Gansell and Mrs. Virginia Kain, both of Owendale and Mrs. Paul (Diane) Lesoski, Elkton; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Nick Gabriel, Algonac and Chris Gabriel, Mt. Clemens; two sisters, Mrs. Raymond (Anna) Apers, St. Clair Shores and Mary Gabriel, Lexington.

Two grandchildren, one great-grandson and a brother, Henry, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Elkton Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels. Rev. Zina Bennett, pastor of the Owendale United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in the Grant Township Cemetery.

### KENNETH ROSS MACKENZIE 1912 - 1987

Kenneth Ross MacKenzie, age 74, of Caseville Township, died Sunday, Nov. 15 at Scheurer Hospital, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Dec. 15, 1912 in Petrolia, Ontario, Canada. He was the son of the late Hugh and Winifred MacKenzie. In September, 1940, he was united in marriage to Grace Kasmeski in Detroit. The couple moved to Caseville in September, 1971, after his retirement from Chrysler, where he was employed since 1935. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3690, Caseville.

Surviving him are his wife, Grace; a son, Franklin of Caseville and a sister, Jean Winstruth of Warren.

A brother, Hugh, preceded him in death.

Private committal service and burial will be at the Caseville Township Cemetery.

### As we see it editorially

## 'Latch Key' is excellent, helpful idea...

Last week's announcement that a "Latch Key" program to watch over youngsters after school each day in the Laker District should instill some good feelings in the minds of local folks. It's an idea to solve a situation that's hard to remedy, and it better uses the very school buildings we already have on hand.

Surely, that's a positive sign these days. And, if it properly develops, the Laker Latch Key program should give some folks an even better impression of the already excellent school system serving this area.

Laker Supt. Harry Brunet started the ball rolling, as he asked his staff for comments on setting up such a program. In it, children of working parents could stay after school one or more days each week, to be monitored by adults -- and picked up by parents on their way home from work.

Staff members agreed to the need -- and desirability -- and soon a survey was drawn up,

which has been sent to parents for their comments. We'd bet most replies will be favorable, since access to computers, gyms, study areas and even "answer people" are possible for youngsters right in their school buildings.

Many details must be worked out, but the spirit and direction of this idea are right. It's one more example of a public body, the school district in this case, finding a need -- and filling it.

Latch Key programs work well in other districts, even though none are located nearby. Studies show that more and more parents need such a service (as pointed out in stories elsewhere in this issue), and we'll bet it is well-received if and when implemented in the future. There's definitely a need here, and elsewhere, too.

What more can people ask for from their local governments? Laker leaders don't have to perform this service, but are choosing to -- not for profit, but for service.

We hope some often-vocal school opponents remember this, when the time seems ripe to complain and criticize. Yes, local schools DO give many valuable pluses to their communities. The Laker Latch Key program is just one...



**From Under The Willow**  
Is there really a rural crisis?  
By WANDA EICHLER

Is there really a rural crisis? That haunting question hangs over rural America with everpresent uncertainty. In the Thumb we like to be insulated from thinking about crisis. After all, the dictionary defines crisis as "a crucial situation, a situation whose outcome decides whether possible bad consequences will follow."

Thumb land is fertile, our farms have a history of excellent production and we've come to think of life as being very stable here. But then came the price fluctuations and devaluation of the dollar in the late 1970s. Next came low prices for products sold and high dollar figures on borrowed money.

Rains and flooding in the fall of 1986 left a sense of unreality. Never before had this part of the Thumb seen such fall weather conditions. Things won't get worse than this, we said.

But we were wrong. Spring planting was nourished by what moisture was in the ground, a few light rains and the occasional heavy morning dew. Otherwise, in another freak streak of weather, a strip of the Thumb did not see rain until mid-July.

We started to notice economic signs we hadn't seen before. There were auctions, more than just dairy people retiring from farming under the dairy herd buyout. More than farmers in their 50s and 60s who said it was time to retire. Some who auctioned out had been young farm families, people in their 30s and their leaving the community meant fewer in Sunday morning church, fewer kids in the schools and one less family in the neighborhood.

All the while, we turned our heads away from any talk of a crisis. No, we said, things are okay here in the Western Thumb. Last December, the Huron County Cooperative Extension called together lenders, farmers, clergy, social service, mental health and others concerned about the crisis. Cooperative Extension agents and Michigan State University people talked serious talk about crisis and how one could get through it. They offered help in dealing with stress.

Throughout the winter, several church sponsored events were held that pointed to deeper problems than just those that had been inflicted by the bad weather of 1986. Who would be making decisions about the declining tax base? What if the economy doesn't come back like we figured?

Will we have to go to minimum maintenance roads like western states have? Could our county come to the point where it will have to combine services with Tuscola and Sanilac Counties to the south? When we have to eliminate some government services, what will go and who will be hurt the most?

So as harvest finishes this fall, things should look good if one looks at the amount of harvest successfully delivered to local elevators and to the best plant.

The reality for one-third of the 1200 farms in Huron County is that things are marginal at best, according to the Cooperative Extension. Tuscola County Cooperative Extension estimates that 300-500 farm families out of the county's 1700 farms could need help in meeting their basic needs this winter.

The stock market collapse, a tightening margin in livestock raising, low bean prices, continuing difficulty in obtaining loans -- all are contributing factors toward making farming a rough situation for many right now. And as farms go in Huron County, so goes the economy.

Many farms in the Thumb are possibly not going to make it. The loss of those families and the income that they have the potential of producing and their presence in communities will be felt for years to come. For every six farms that go out of business, one business closes up in town. Land is removed from tax rolls. Population shrinks as families leave. School enrollments go down. Government services decline.

Is there a rural crisis? The economic undercurrent is there. And if, indeed, crisis is a turning point, then we are there.



**FORE!**  
Take a breather  
By MAVIS PECHETTE

"Take a breather." That is what the American Cancer Society is asking all smokers to do on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The Great American Smokeout is a special day. On that day, smokers can prove to themselves that quitting is possible -- and not as difficult as it might seem. By successfully giving up cigarettes for 24 hours, they are encouraged to quit for good.

The ACS is asking the nation's 54 million smokers to "Just Say Yes." It hopes at least one in five smokers will say "Yes" to taking part in the 11th annual Great American Smokeout. A Gallup survey showed that 23.8 million smokers participated in the G.A.S. in 1986, by quitting or cutting down for the day.

The G.A.S. is a light-hearted event but it is a serious attempt to deal with a serious issue. Each year 350,000 Americans die of smoking-related illnesses. The only way to stop this needless waste is to convince smokers that quitting is desirable and possible.

The G.A.S. isn't just for smokers. Too many people, especially young people, think chewing tobacco and dipping snuff are safe alternatives to smoking. The fact is these are not harmless substitutes and many users unknowingly risk their health for a dip or chew. All you smokeless tobacco users -- the G.A.S. is for you, too.

How does one get involved in the Great American Smokeout? First of all, say "Yes" and decide that Thursday, Nov. 19 will be a day without tobacco.

Prepare for that day. Don't stock up on cigarettes just in case your resolve gives out. Instead, get a supply of chewing gum, celery and carrot sticks, sunflower seeds, lemon drops or cinnamon sticks. Substitutes, they are called.

When you arise on Thursday morning, be sure all cigarettes, cans of snuff and packages of chew are gone. Make it easier on yourself by not having any tobacco in sight.

Eat three or more small meals during the day. This maintains constant blood sugar levels, helping to prevent urges to smoke. If a cigarette usually follows a meal, get up from the table and do something else. Work a crossword puzzle, knit a sweater, fix something around the house or shampoo the dog. Keep busy. Exercise to help relieve tension. Park the car a block or two from your destination and walk the rest of the way. Take a walk around the block. If it is too cold for walking, exercise in your home. Jog in place, go up and down stairs, practice touching your toes or doing jumping jacks.

When the urge to smoke hits, take a deep breath. Hold it a second and then release it very, very slowly. Taking deep, rhythmic breaths is similar to smoking, only you'll inhale clean air, not poisonous gases.

When tempted to take a cigarette, think of a negative image about smoking. How many sweaters have burn holes? How about that beautiful table with the char mark where the cigarette fell out of the ashtray? Remember that black mark on the white carpet where the ashes fell off? Do you really like that coughing spell you go through every morning?

If you are not a user of tobacco, you can still join in the Great American Smokeout. Adopt a smoker. Give that person support and encouragement on Thursday. Don't nag your smoker, but let that person know you care and are concerned. Help the smoker by taking him or her to lunch and by sitting in the non-smoking section of the restaurant. Offer gum or stick cinnamon during the day. Plan some activity where smoking is impossible. Go to a swimming pool, for instance, go outdoors for a breathing break during a break from work.

Let's all take a breather on Thursday, Nov. 19, the Great American Smokeout. It's a healthy thing to do.

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**RECOLLECTIONS**  
of By-Gone Days  
By GEORGE KEIM



DEAR EDITOR:  
Last Wednesday was Veterans Day. We used to call it Armistice Day, because that was the day the Germans quit fighting World War I.

About two weeks before, there had been a false alarm and the whistle on the Farmers Elevator and Mill blew and the church bells rang. People were pretty well worked up.

But on Nov. 11, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the morning, it was the real thing and people really whooped it up.

Then, on the next day, Dr. Wurm (who was at the time) Village President, at the time) came and told my Dad that he was supposed to blow that whistle one hour. My Dad was fireman at the Mill.

Well, Dad was expecting it and had on a good head of steam in the boiler. He tied the whistle down and let her blow!

If you are around 75 or so, you might remember that old whistle, or one like it. It was a steam boat whistle and could be heard many miles away. Some folks just could hardly stand it!

Then, Frank Diebel's younger brother came over and asked if he could toot the whistle a little. Dad said yes, so he started to toot it and made such a noise that Dr. Wurm came over and told him to lay off a little -- and blow it longer but not so jerky!

All the bells in town were ringing and we school kids and the kids from Berne Lutheran and Cross Lutheran had to march around town. They had a lot of old cars all decorated up and they were tooting their horns.

We marched down John Street, which was just a lane with a dirt road and ditch and fence on both sides.

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## Letters from our readers . . .

### Former P-A News Editor says, 'Thanks to all for five great years'

DEAR EDITOR:

With Thanksgiving Day soon upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to many people who helped make my five years as news editor a treasured experience.

I am especially grateful to Progress - Advance Publishers Mark and Sally Rummel, who took a chance on a teacher with no journalism background to help produce the newspaper.

I give them credit for any writing talent I may have developed while working at The Progress. Not only did Mark willingly share his vast knowledge of journalism, both he and Sally were very supportive and encouraging of my efforts.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have worked for and with them.

To my wife Nancy goes my deep thanks for putting up with my absence from home during many evening and weekend hours I spent covering news events.

We both would have preferred to spend that time together, but we understood that is part of the newspaper business.

My thanks also extends to the many people in the community who were helpful and cooperative regarding news stories. The gracious and encouraging comments by Progress - Advance readers have also been greatly appreciated.

These past five years have given me a new appreciation for the quality of life in a rural, small town area. I know of no other place I would rather live and raise a

family than right here in the Thumb.

Returning to the classroom as a teacher has been my goal for the last several years and now that dream has been fulfilled. I will do my best in that position to help my students grow socially and emotionally as well as academically, so our community will become an even better place as the

result of these future leaders.

My request to people in the Western Thumb is to continue to support The Progress - Advance. At a time when many small-town weekly newspapers are closing their doors, Mark and Sally Rummel have dedicated themselves to not only keeping the presses rolling, but also to providing this

community with a quality publication of local news. They can count on me as one of their many loyal readers in the years ahead.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER  
Former Progress-Advance News Editor



**WINNER OF THE PRIZE** drawing at the Michelle Anklam Family Benefit Teen Dance at the VFW Hall in Pigeon on Saturday, Nov. 7 was Angie Schuette, Elkton. Schuette is shown here with the stereo she won.

### Elsie Kern appreciates support for volunteerism

DEAR EDITOR:

The blessing of the Lord be upon you and all you are doing for our Huron County.

I would like to express my heartfelt thank-you to you all who have helped in making my day, as I received the "Huron County 150 Michigan First Lady Award."

It was a beautiful day, a memorable day to be given such a great honor at the Clarion Hotel in Lansing. The Sesquicentennial Com-

mittee, which sponsored the award, and Paula Blanchard helped make the day one I will never forget. To receive such a great honor makes one feel very humble and I praise the Lord for His goodness He so richly, daily showers on me.

There were over 1,000 people present, including nine relatives and friends who attended with me. The food was delicious and each of the 150 honorees was called one

by one to receive her award. We each had our picture taken with Paula Blanchard as our biographies were read.

Again, thank you for the publicity you have given me in the local newspaper. Your kindness shall never be forgotten.

ELSIE KERN

### Service news

Army Staff Sgt. Alan D. Born, son of Don Born of Elkton, and Barbara Reidel of Sebawaing have participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '87 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units to quickly link reinforcing units with their pre-positioned equipment.

Born is a multi-channel communications system operator with the Seventh Signal Battalion in West Germany.

### Kent Henne improving at St. Mary's

Bay Port resident Kent Henne, age 40, who was injured in a truck accident Nov. 2 west of Pigeon on M-142, continues to improve at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

Henne is scheduled for surgery in the near future to place pins in his fractured pelvis.

Friends of the family have placed canisters in local stores to collect donations to defray the cost of travel and other expenses not covered by insurance.

### Winter is here in D.C.!

Mrs. Viola Schuette of Pigeon received a phone call from her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Greene Keyes, who lives in the Washington D.C. area.

"Yes, we have 12 inches of snow," Mrs. Keyes said, noting our nation's capital was completely blocked in and closed.

She finally made it to work after much delay, but had to stay all night at the hospital where she is employed.

Tim, her husband, couldn't get away from home -- much less get to work, in the biggest November blizzard there on record.

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would like to announce to the residents of the Upper Thumb a new ALLERGY TESTING TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRAM.

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sports of the week

# Lady Lakers break Bronco winning streak

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

Often games billed as showdowns prove to be let-downs — but the girls' basketball battle last Friday between North Branch and Lakers provided top-quality hoop action in front of a packed Bronco gym with 800 people.

Going into the game, the Lady Lakers were faced with playing the role of bridesmaid to North Branch in the Thumb B Association for the second straight year.

The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port girls, however, beat the odds and earned a share of the league title with a 58-50 victory.

**PAYBACKS:** The victory avenged a Lakers' only league loss this season at the hands of the Broncos in the Laker gym. It also ended a North Branch 30-game TBA win streak.

The co-championship marks the first league girls' hoop title for Lakers since 1982. On the other hand, North Branch has won the TBA crown in four of the past five years.

**HAPPINESS:** A long Laker victory celebration at mid-court following the emotional win was led by Laker Coach Paul Beachy who

turned a backflip in his enthusiasm. "It was hard work for us to win," declared Beachy. "I was so pleased. (The Laker players) have been working hard all year and it's nice to see them come away with something because our girls deserve it."

**OUTSIZED:** He also credited his players with playing up to their potential (and possibly beyond) with regards to rebounding against the tall Bronco squad.

"They might have had the size on us, but the girls just sometimes play over their heads. They did tonight. We did better than what I expected on the boards. We got our share of rebounds down the line," Beachy added.

**PRaise:** He also credited North Branch for a fine performance by saying, "They've got a great team. They hung in there. I wasn't sure we were going to win it until about 10 seconds left when we were up by about six points."

Bronco Coach Tim Zeeman returned the compliment, saying, "They played a good ball game. They came down here and took it away from us. They out-hustled us and played hard basketball."

"We could have played better, but I don't want to take anything from our kids and say we played like crap because we didn't. They out-hustled us and that's it."

**LAKER LEAD:** The visitors led most of the game which was played out in a series of spurts of momentum.

Lakers biggest lead came early in the game with a 15-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Broncos then battled back to knot the score at 17-17. A seven-point streak by Lakers gave them a 24-21 lead at halftime.

After North Branch tied the score at 24-24, Lakers again matched their biggest lead of the game at 39-30 late in the third quarter.

North Branch again responded with a five-point scoring binge in the final minute of the period to narrow the gap to 39-35 going in to the final stanza.

**TRAP SOLVED:** The Bronco half-court, trapping defense that tripped up Lakers earlier in the year was not as effective last Friday.

After turning over the ball the first two times they attacked that defense, Lakers regained their poise after hitting several lay-ups over North Branch players who were overshifted in the trapping action.

**KEY SHOTS:** After converting only three of 11 free throws into points in the first three quarters, Laker shooters canned 11 of 15 foul shots in the fourth quarter in what proved to be the difference in the game. North Branch was cold at the charity stripe throughout the game as they were 8-23 from the free throw line.

**LEADERS:** Connie Schulz led all scorers with 16 points for Lakers. Lisa Buschlen netted 13 and Vicki Winter added 10 for the winners.

Six of Winter's points were recorded in the third quarter when North Branch threatened to rally and swing momentum their way.

"Defensively we couldn't move our feet and Winter went right through us and drilled a couple of buckets. She played a good ballgame tonight. I wasn't really counting on her playing as well as she did," noted Coach Zeeman after the game.

North Branch scoring was led by Stacy Lamphere with 15 points and Katrina Costello with 13.

**VICTORY, TOO:** Last Tuesday, Lakers upended Bad Axe, 74-28 on the Hatchets' home court.

After opening up a 37-19 halftime lead, Lakers held Bad Axe to just nine points in the final two quarters while rolling up 24 points in the final stanza alone.

Schulz hit 21 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Lakers. Lisa Buschlen added 13 points, Winter contributed six steals and Tracie Henne grabbed seven rebounds for the winners.

Kathy Rogers led Bad Axe scoring with 11 points.

**RECORD:** Lakers finish the regular season with a 13-1 Thumb B record and a 17-2 overall mark.

**TOURNEY GAME:** The Lady Lakers can't afford a let-down after the victory over North Branch. On Saturday night, Lakers will face Thurn C League champion Harbor Beach squad in the first game of a district tournament doubleheader at Unionville - Sebawaing High.

Tip-off time will be 6:30 p.m. The winner of the Laker - Harbor Beach game is expected to be the favorite to win the district championship.

Laker Coach Beachy was asked how he felt about the two top teams squaring off in the opening game of the tournament.

"I'm happy. I'm glad we have to play them. I don't think we should have to wait for any preliminaries. Let's just go at it," was his reply.

Following the victory over North Branch Beachy said, "Now we know we can beat good teams and Harbor Beach is going to be tougher than nails. We've got to get right back up for it."

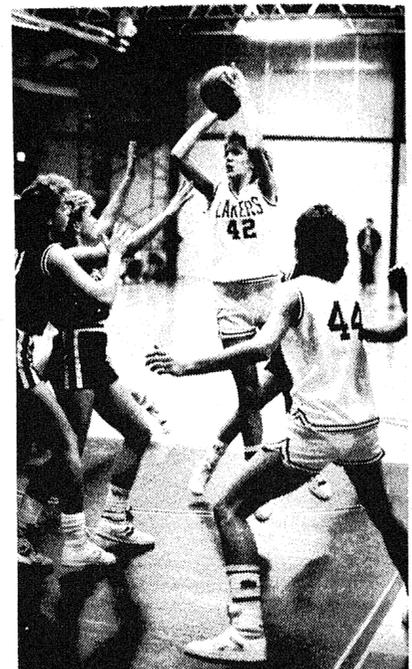
**JV CHAMPS!** The Laker junior varsity also tied for the Thumb B championship with North Branch, despite losing their last two games of the year.

The Broncos beat the junior Lakers, 57-38 in their final contest of the season. Jodi Weisenbach and Hollie Born each scored eight

points for Lakers in a losing cause.

Earlier last week, Bad Axe handed Lakers a close 51-49 defeat. Born scored 15 points

and Weisenbach hit 12 to lead Laker junior varsity scoring. Coach Gordie Murphy's squad finished with an 11-3 league record and 12-8 overall mark.



LAKER HIGH SCORER Connie Schulz, #42, shoots while Bronco guards surround her. Laker player Tracie Henne, #44, stands ready to assist.

## Named 'Coach of Year'

The Laker gridders earned their way to the top of the Thumb B League, following a season which ended 6-1 in league action and 8-1 in non-league competition.

For his leadership in guiding the Green Machine to the top spot, Coach Bill McLellan is recognized as Thumb B League "Coach of the Year."

Laker gridders who earned First Team All-Conference honors include:

OFFENSE, seniors Jay Bushey and Kevin Wissner, guards; junior Eric Buschlen, tackle; senior Paul Eienbaum, end and honorary captain; senior Jay Anthes, quarterback; senior Dean Roestel, running back; junior Kendall Wertz, placekicker; DEFENSE, junior Jody Caverly, interior line; junior



COACH BILL McLELLAN

Mark Kretzschmer, end; senior Kel Hell, linebacker. Named to the Second Team, All-Conference was senior Jeff Sturm, safety and All-Conference Honorable Mentions include junior Ed Bach and junior Shawn Parrish.

## Named All-Conference

Several local high school gridders have achieved placement on the North Central Thumb "D" League All-Conference Football Team, according to NCTL spokesmen.

Nick Pavlichek, a junior at Owen-Gage Schools, is a member of the First Team, as an offensive end and on

the Second-Team, as a defensive linebacker.

Earning honorable mention positions on both the offensive and defensive teams for Caseville School is Jeremy Steinman, son of Lee and Sherril Steinman.

Also winning an honorable mention position is Chris Abbe of Owen-Gage High School.

## Caseville girls' final loss

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

In their final league game, the Caseville girls' basketball team dropped a 63-13 loss to Deckerville.

The Lady Eagles scored eight points in the second quarter, but managed only a pair of points in each of the first and third quarters. In the final stanza, Caseville

could only net one free throw against the dominant Deckerville squad.

Kim Madej led Caseville scoring with nine of the home team's 13 points.

Deckerville was led by Melinda Philpot with 20 points.

**RECORD:** Caseville's record falls to 6-10 in North Central

Thumb League action and 6-13 overall.

**COMING UP:** Caseville will warm up for the district tournament by hosting a non-conference game with North Branch Wesleyan Academy on Tuesday night.

**JVs LOSE:** The Caseville junior varsity dropped a 52-20 decision to Deckerville in the preliminary contest.

## Thumb Ag Day set Dec. 11

Thumb Ag Day is coming Friday, Dec. 11, at Colony House, Cass City — offering guest speakers covering farm

mining topics, ag displays and exhibits.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the program will continue to 4 p.m., with information on spring cropping and livestock planning, presented by staffs of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Cooperative Extension Services.

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

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small-town atmosphere rarely offered to them, says Music Director and Conductor Don Jaeger.

Friday and Saturday concerts begin at 8:15 p.m., with open rehearsals starting Saturday at 9:30 a.m. A lecture concerning the forthcoming music starts at 7 p.m. nightly. Sunday's concert begins at 3:15 p.m., with the lecture starting at 2 p.m. More Bach Festival information is available by calling 872-3465.

## VETS FACILITY IS FAVORED

Tuscola County Commissioners have voted 6-1 to support efforts of Sen. James Barcia (D-Bay City) to establish a long-term care facility for veterans in Tuscola County's capital of Caro.

Sen. Barcia announced earlier this month he is seeking funds to perform a feasibility study of a Thumb Area veteran's facility. Caro residents Mr. and Mrs. William Ashbreck have agreed to donate 12 acres of land to the project, located on Luder Road north of Caro.

If such a facility is possible in the Thumb, observers point out, it may be located in other counties or at other locations, depending on the feasibility study.

## SANILAC VIDEO IS HERE!

A promotional video showing the beauty and business highlights of Sanilac County is now available at that county's libraries.

Titled "Michigan's Sanilac County — The Choice is Yours," the program was produced by the Sanilac Economic Growth Corp to help attract new business and industry. It promotes the quality of life, educational standards, industry, ag and tourist elements of the county. More information is available from the Growth Corp office, 16 N. Morse Street, Sandusky.

## TEACHERS EARN STATE GRANTS

Five local teaching groups have earned Teacher Mini-Grants from the State Board of Education in Lansing, part of 200 such awards presented this year. The grants allow students to conduct small projects in and for their classrooms, based on their requests for funding, state officials say. Local winners include:

■ **HURON COUNTY** — Huron ISD Skill Center: Marsha Bennett \$300, Dave Buryzyk \$300, Doreen Paganini \$723, Betty Shetter \$564 and Marilee Schock \$616; Owen-Gage Elementary School: Carol Wildman \$750, and Harbor Beach High, Wayne Kadar \$275.

■ **TUSCOLA COUNTY** — Tuscola ISD Area Skill Center: Ron Barrons \$350, and Larry Krueger \$639, and Caro Community Schools, Cottage 7: Sharon Schutzler \$600.

## Are YOU a Sports Editor?

The Progress-Advance is in need of a local person to take and coordinate sports photos, write game results and other sports stories for our newspaper each week.

This Sports Editor would be responsible for all sports coverage in the newspaper, and could develop themes, columns and other aspects to continue the excellent work by outgoing Editor Rich Swartzendruber.

Several afternoons and evenings each week will be required, and good knowledge of English language — plus typing skills — are helpful. Please tell us why you'd like this position, in writing, by replying to:

SPORTS EDITOR  
c/o Sally & Mark Rummel  
The Progress-Advance  
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## Farm disaster 10 years ago!

Seeing an agricultural area declared a "disaster area" isn't new in Michigan — just 10 years Huron County was judged by the Michigan Department of Agriculture as "hardest hit" due to drought first, then excessive rainfall.

On Oct. 27, 1977, then-Governor William Milliken listed four counties as "disaster areas" for a total of \$21.3 million in crop losses.

Of that total, Huron County was considered top loser, with \$9.3 million in losses, making farmers eligible for 750 emergency loans.

**LOCAL IMPACT:** The three other "disaster areas" were Saginaw County with \$5.9 million losses for 50 emergency loans, Sanilac with \$3.2 million losses for 100 loans and Tuscola County with \$2.8 million losses and eligible for 70 loans.

Losses were caused by a "combination of drought and excessive rainfall," explained later as "drought-caused losses."

**THEN, RAIN:** This was

compounded by "extreme wet weather in August, September and October, which prevented harvesting field crops such as dry beans, corn and

forage crops," according to news reports published in The Progress-Advance. The total 970 emergency grants would permit low-interest loans to farmers.

## Lake levels going down... down, down, down, down.

DOWN, down, DOWN, down... DOWN, down, DOWN, down...

Water levels in Lakes Huron and Michigan were 24 inches below one year ago, and about four inches under the close of August, 1987.

Those are figures from the Detroit District of US Army Corps of Engineers in reporting Great Lakes water levels.

That new mark was about 13 inches below the long-term average, which is 19 inches below the all-time September monthly mean high, set in 1986.

That mark is still about 45 inches above the all-time September monthly mean low, set in 1964.

Lakes Huron and Michigan have been in declining levels through

most of 1987.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The six-month forecast — which is the maximum for Corps of Engineers' projections — state that levels at the end of March, 1988, will still be well above the long-term average.

The forecasts show that at the end of October, Lakes Huron and Michigan will be about four inches below the end-of-September levels and they will continue their seasonal decline into February.

At the end of March, 1988, the lakes are expected to be 19 inches below what they were at the same time in 1987.

## Pigeon folks visit

By DOROTHY DIENER

Joe and Virginia Savoyard of Anchorville were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Walter Hartman.

Robert Drabek of Grand Terrace, Calif., is spending several days with his relatives. David Vollmer and Mrs. Amanda Strauch attended the Vienna Boys' Choir Concert at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts near Detroit Sunday.

On Monday, Pastor R. Pfaff, Mrs. Marge Roemer, Mrs. Sharon Kern, Mrs. Dorothy Geyer and Mrs. Edna Truemmer attended the 15th First Lady Award celebration at the Clarion Hotel, Lansing. At the event, Mrs. Elsie Kern was among the honorees. Her sons, Pastor Dale Kern of Stryker, Ohio, and Dennis Kern of St. Joseph also attended.

Spending Friday through Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hahn in Unionville was Mrs. Howard Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mohr, Sr., visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Mohr, Jr., and son in Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dutcher of Sterling Heights spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Ann Schuette.

## Pigeon District Library News & Notes

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

"Thanksgiving" will be the theme of the Nov. 24 Preschool Story Hour with stories "Why We Have Thanksgiving" and "Sometimes It's Turkey, Sometimes It's Feathers."

Exercises, fingerplays and a song will be a part of the activities planned for the children. A special filmstrip, "Lollipop Dragon's Thanksgiving" is also planned. The children will receive a take-home project.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. A registration fee is required, per family per year.

### NEW BOOKS

Mystery "The Cherry Blossom Corpse" by Robert Barnard.

"The Death Tape" by Kate Gullison. "Fast Fade" by Arthur Lyons. "What Bloody Man Is That?" by Simon Brett. "Death Speaks Softly" by Anthea Fraser. "Knight Fall" by Lawrence Payne. "The Thistlewood Plot" by JG Jefferies. "Tricks" by Ed McBain and "Happy Are Those Who Thirst For Justice" by Andrew Greeley.

Western "The Cowboy Conspiracy" by Larry Names. "Deadly Companions" by Nelson Nye. "The Kings of San Carlos" by James Haley and "Luke Sutton Hired Gun" by Leo Kelley.

### ADULT COFFEE HOUR SUMMARY

"Christmas Decorations" was the theme of the Adult Coffee Hour on Nov. 10 when Carol Mallory of Haist Flowers demonstrated a wreath and tree decoration, plus bow-making for the holidays.

She demonstrated how the wreath could be changed

### - PUBLIC NOTICE -

The Village of Pigeon will conduct its primary and annual elections on February 15, 1988 and March 14, 1988 respectively.

The following offices will be open for election at this time: President, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and 3 Trustees. Each office is for a two year term.

Nominating petitions may be picked up at the Village Clerk's office for residents interested in submitting their name for the positions mentioned. Petitions must be returned to the Clerk by Tuesday, December 15, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.

Janet Heckman, Clerk



LAKER PLAYER MARILYN KRANZ, #30 carries the ball low before attempting a basket with Laker's Jackie Ginter, #20, ready to help.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS





# Woods & Waters

## Up, down or inside

BY DUANE GUENTHER

Within the last month I have read more than a dozen deer hunting how-to-do-it articles and I must admit, I'm pretty confused. One of them told me the advantages of hunting from a tree blind. (Only legal in Michigan if you're hunting with a bow and arrow.) Another stated the only way to hunt deer was to plop yourself at the base of a tree and sit there all season, something is bound to come your way, it stated.

A well-known outdoor writer expounded the fact that "real" deer hunters get up in the morning, head through the woods until they cut a fresh track and then dog the deer into submission. Yet another claimed that as long as you were going to sit out in the woods all day you may as well be comfortable and enjoy a real blind, complete with telephone, TV, running water, heat, beds and all the other comforts of modern living. Still another stated the blind must be made out of natural materials so the deer will not become suspicious.

To the unsuspecting nirod who gleans the printed page for the secrets of hunting success, there seems to be an enormous amount of contradictions. Most hunters, myself included, feel the way they hunt, or were taught to hunt, is the only way, at least for them. At this time, I'm sorry to report that as incredible as it sounds, I have finally figured out that many different methods can be equally successful or unsuccessful depending on who you are. In other words, most deer are killed by accident, and if you're lucky you connect, and if you're unlucky, (like me and a couple hundred thousand other guys) you'll get skunked year after year.

My first deer hunting ventures came from the pages of history. Tent camps, struck in the most remote sections of public land that could be found, offering little in the way of conveniences. If you were to be a deer hunter, you had to be tough, or so my hunting companions thought.

Rising at dawn's early light, we trudged into the dark woods, found a stump and plunked down to spend the rest of the day in anticipated expectation. My limit was about half an hour and then I began to fidget. It's hard to hunt deer when you're fidgeting. Deer usually run by during a particularly violent fidget and you miss a golden opportunity for yet another year. I stump hunted until one of my buddies got shot in the leg sitting at the base of a stump. From that time on, I decided that was a bad place to sit.

For a few years, I played down rifle hunting and got deeply involved in bow hunting. I moved from stumps to tree plat-

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forms. It cut down on the fidgeting, for if you fidgeted a little too much in a tree blind, you could fall out. That would be OK if you fell on a deer, but most times you fell on the ground—that wasn't OK.

I never fell out of a tree blind. I guess it was because I never stayed in the tree long enough to fall out. Besides, I am afraid of heights.

My interest swung back to rifle hunting, and living up north at the time, gave me ample opportunity to hone my skills in the sport of "walking up a buck". This is the simplest form of deer hunting. You take a leisure walk in the woods and sooner or later you jump a buck who races towards a guy sitting beside a stump or up in a tree blind. They shoot the buck and if you're lucky you get there in time to help them gut it out and haul it back to their car. Works great, but I never could figure out how to get to the stump or the tree blind before the deer.

As I grew older, the idea of a permanent blind with all the comforts of home grew more appealing, one that could be dragged behind a tractor to your favorite hunting spot and enjoyed throughout the season. The one problem was I didn't own any land on which to drag the blind, and I was afraid to put one on public land for fear someone might drag it away. So I thought the next best thing was to walk around on opening morning and knock on the door of all the permanent blinds I could find and ask the occupants if I could hunt with them. I haven't found a blind to use as yet, but I'm not sure I want to hunt out of one anyway. It seems that after you sit in one for awhile you get real grouchy and learn to swear alot.

This year I think I have really found the method for successful deer hunting. I plan to sit by a deer crossing sign on the highway and wait for a car to hit one. (A deer that is, not a sign.)

# BOWL!

### MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Pigeon Lanes	30
George's Bar	27
Millers	22 1/2
Pigeon Motor Sales	20
Qwik Stop	19
Damm's Inc.	18 1/2
Bay Shore Collision	18
J & B Pig.	15
J.O. Wurst Tiling	13
Wash Packing	12
Bay Shore Realty	11
Brighton Metal	10

High team series and game: George's Bar 2708 (945-885-878), Damm's 2555 (898-856), Millers 2518 (861), J & B Pig. 2460 (875), Wash Packing 864.

High individual scores: D. Diener 635 (254-218), T. Koch 607 (226), V. Smith 583 (214), J. Dunn 572 (203-203), M. Swartzendruber 568 (213), D. Schulz 568 (212), B. Anthes 562 (207), L. Smith 559, R. Klein 558 (206), R. Gotts 205, N. Benitez 201.

### TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Arlen's Duck Inn	25
Dutch Kettle	24
Kretzschmer HC	21
Pigeon Inn	20
Pigeon Lumber	19
Steinman Agency	17
Pioneer Cablevision	16
*Farm Crest Foods	16
Cours	16
Ralph's Tavern	15
**Bob Smith Builders	12
**Osentoski Ford Tractor	7

High team series and game: Arlen's Duck Inn 2570 (860-857-853), Cours 853 (210-207), B. Pawluk 570 (215), H. Schuette 551 (203), J. Gunden 545, B. Smith 211, N. Likka 211, L. Roestel 203.

### WEDNESDAY LADIES

Varty's	30
Cloud of Dust Ceramics	25
JuDen's	25
Haist Flowers	24 1/2
Ralph's Tavern	23 1/2
Bay Port State Bank	22 1/2
Damm's Inc.	21 1/2
Miller High Life	21
Village Qwik Stop	20
Bay Port Construction	19
Pigeon Auto Supply	19
Country Lane Video	13

High team series and game: JuDen's 2204 (751-747-706), Bay Port State Bank 2168 (725-724-719), Bay Port Construction 743, Varty's 720, Miller High Life 714-704.

High individual scores: G. Finkbeiner 517 (176-171-170), G. Carpenter 500 (186), L. Rollo 489 (175), J. Deering 475 (189), D. Deming 474 (185), D. Yahn 474 (177), L. Fluegge 472, M. Erer 190, D. Herzog 178, V. Forster 174, A. Gotham 170.

### THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Elkton Co-op	26 1/2
Knechtel's Market	26
Ron's Party Store	24 1/2
G.W. Engine Repair	23
Ty's Bowling	21
Video Spotlight	14
Elkton Food Center	14
Bud's Bar	11

High team series and game: Knechtel's 1830 (651).

High individual scores: M. Erer 529 (207-177), D. Damrow 510 (189), J. Rosenthal 510 (171-181), D. Seley 202, P. Podloskowski 177.

### FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE

Pigeon Lanes	29
Active Feed	27
Co-op Elevator	18
Caseville Fruit Market	18
Albrecht Auction Service	17
Silver Dollar	11

High Series: Caseville Fruit Market 2624 (862-841-921), Co-op Elevator 2428 (820).

High Individuals: C. Basinger 585 (201-214), D. Deering 564 (200), H. Ropp 558 (200-201), C. Kauffman 539 (200), T. Gunden 528 (203), D. McAlpine 528, R. Damm 518, O. Reed 516, E. Herzog 513 and H. Trost 503.

### SATURDAY 9 P.M. MIXED DOUBLES

Lackie-Weiss	7
Russell-Chappel	4
Lackie-Knechtel	4
Farver-Ackerman	1

High team series and game: Lackie-Knechtel 1862 (636).

High individual scores: WOMEN -- A. Lackie 487, D. Weiss 180; MEN -- A. Russell 524 (187), D. Weiss 225, J. Lackie 505 (188).

### TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS

G.W. Engine Repair	14
H & R Block	13
Video Spotlight	12
Miller Lite	10
Pigza Pizza	10
Ty's Bowling Lounge	10
Souletown Farms	6
Finkbeiner's Farm Equip.	5

High team series and game: G. W. Engine Repair 1868 (641).

High individual scores: WOMEN -- S. Hyzer 476 (185), L. Armbruster 185; MEN -- T. Wills 594 (222-211), J. Jaworski 553 (199-185), R. Diebel 519 (203), D. Schulz 513 (181), D. Deman 487 (195).

### GUYS and DOLLS

Gunden-Rapson	18
Christner-Henne	17
Roestel-Strauch	16
Elbing-Roestel	14 1/2
Cusimano-McCrimmon	13
Beachy-Weidman	12
*Heintz-Hundersmarck	11
*Kretzschmer-Thiel	11
Dubs-Smith	10 1/2
Marin-Rowe	9
Dunn-Seemann	9
Dietzel-Swartzendruber	2

High team series and game: Gunden-Rapson 2066 (742), Heintz-Hundersmarck 2034 (711-699).

High individual scores: WOMEN -- B. Heintz 497 (181-177), J. Kretzschmer 491 (172), E. Gunden 490 (172), J. Beachy 484 (201), T. Dietzel 463 (189); MEN -- D. Rapson 636 (268), D. Parrish 574 (204), J. Gunden 557 (217), L. Smith 525, J. Christner 524, R. Heintz 518, W. Henne 511, J. Dunn 509, F. Hundersmarck 507, N. Cusimano 222.

### ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE

Jim's Garage	45
Finkbeiner's Farm Equip.	39
Don's Barber Shop	35
Auto Color Professionals	31
Thumme Insurance	29
Hazard's Hotsy	29
Moon Beams	25
Elkton Petroleum	19

High team series and game: Jim's Garage 2601 (920), Auto Color Professionals 2506 (848), Moon Beams -- 2492 (840).

High individual scores: Kinsey Hazard 592 (211), D. Smith 573, T. Kempsky 553 (208), D. Kowbel 549 (213), L. Deneen 545, G. Kilgus 541 (222), J. Rich 535 (233), R. Diebel 534 (210), K. Schember 522 (201), D. Weiss 511, J. Jaworski 508, Ken Hazard 505 (211), J. Bernhardt 504.

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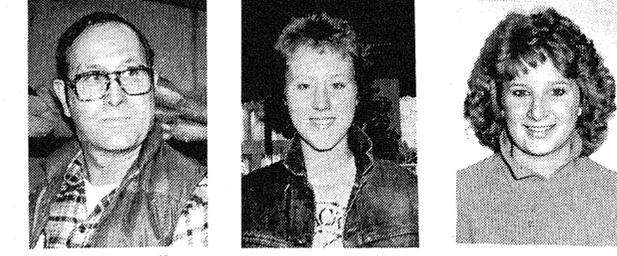
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# We're Asking YOU....

THIS WEEK'S "WE'RE ASKING YOU" QUESTION, ASKED BY RENEE BUSHEY AND KRIS MCBRIDE: *Do you agree with the decision to have Allen Ginsberg withdraw his name as a U.S. Supreme Court nominee? Why or why not?*



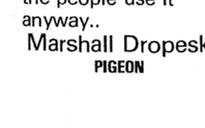
Yes, because of the length of time he used it, before stopping.

Gerald Ross  
CASEVILLE



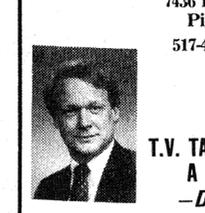
I don't see why it should reject him. Ninety percent of all the people use it anyway.

Marshall Dropeski  
PIGEON



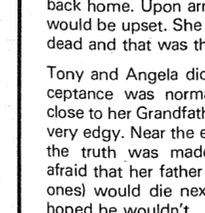
No, because drug use doesn't have anything to do with being on the Supreme Court.

Janine Schulz  
PIGEON



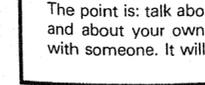
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News briefs

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Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Eidt of Sand Point attended the birthday party of their great-grandson, Anthony David, son of David and Kay Eidt at his home on Sand Point. The youngster blew out the "one" candle on his cake, which was shaped like a little boy. He received many gifts, especially enjoying new toys.

Top Thumb Bowler of the Week

Marge Ritter of Bad Axe was named the Thumb Area Womens' Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Oct. 19-25.

Ritter, who bowls for the Osentoski Farm Equipment team on the Sunday 9 p.m. Mixed Doubles League at Bad Axe Lanes, rolled a 577 actual series.

Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Ethel Shaw 567, Bad Axe Lanes; Donna Schuette 566, Ty's, Elkton; Barb Scott 563, Alamo, Bad Axe; Bea Harwood 563, Biff's, Kinde; Emily Ginter 560, Bad Axe Lanes; Pam Corcoran 559, Charmont, Cass City; Sharon DeLong 556, Charmont, Cass City; Connie Swartzendruber 552, Crazy Horse, Uby and Birdie Heintz 551, Pigeon Lanes.

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MENS' MIDWEST

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It's a boy!

A newborn son, David Robert, has joined the Don and Barb Faupel family of Elkton, following his birth on Nov. 9 at Saginaw General Hospital.

The infant weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Bay Port. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Newell Wightman of Caseville and the late David Faupel.

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### REGULAR MEETING - November 3, 1987

The regular meeting for the Elkton Village Council was called to order by President Ropp at 7:30 p.m. Present: Thompson, Santos, Koehler, Fisher, Cunningham and Wilson. Absent: none.

Minutes were approved as read.

Discussion held on the review of Policies for Dealy Force & Firearms for the Police Dept. Subject was tabled until Special Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Hunter, owner of the Post Office property was present to further discuss possible ways of extension project of the Post Office. This will be reviewed Nov. 12, 1987 Special meeting.

Ambulance co-ordinator, Diane Sikoski informed council the need to purchase a one-man cot. She was referred to discuss issue with the ambulance committee.

Motion by Santos to go on record as opposing the hog farm operation proposed to be built in Oliver Township supported by Fisher. Carried.

Motion by Fisher supported by Wilson to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Thompson supported by Wilson to support the Education Employee Credit Union to locate an office trailer at the location of the old railroad depot was located for 3-5 years while looking for a location to build new place with a drive-thru service. This is pending on lease from CSX Transportation and their requirements. Carried.

Filing petitions for expiring offices as follows: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and three councilmembers are due December 15, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. All are for a two-year term. Petitions can be picked up in the Clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by JANET SANTOS, Village Clerk



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We've collected some family traditions that may make the holidays come alive for you and your loved ones.

- The tiny wrapped gifts or candies together to make Advent banners for the children. Beginning Dec. 1, they open one each day until Christmas Eve.
- If you have a creche, put the wise men in corners of the room. Move them closer to the manger as Christmas approaches.
- On Christmas Eve, have the youngest member of your family place the baby Jesus in the manger.
- Mount your greeting cards on a wall, forming a tree-shaped pyramid.
- Cut snowflakes out of white tissue paper. Place them in windows with double-stick transparent tape.
- Play tapes or records of Christmas carols while you and your family decorate the tree. Burn pine-scented candles.
- Put crystals that make colored flames in your fireplace (available at hardware stores).
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# Celebrating The Christmas Traditions

When you hear the words "holiday tradition," what comes to mind? Stuffing spilling from a steaming turkey?

"Traditions are formed through meaningful repetition," says Parents magazine. "Even small traditions can take on meaning if they're linked to feelings of joy." Here are a few suggestions for traditions to enhance your holidays. Each has a history that makes it meaningful.

**A-WASSAILING WE WILL GO**  
For this one, the rule is "The more the merrier." Invite friends to join your family after dinner one evening before Christmas. Stroll through your neighborhood, stopping to sing "Silent Night," "Deck The Halls," "Joy to the World," etc. Afterward, enjoy warm cider and Christmas cookies.

Toast each other with, "Wassell!" This Anglo-Saxon term means "be well." The correct response is, "Drinc-bell!" which means "drink well." In medieval England during the holiday season the poor would go from door to door, begging (in rhyme) for cups of heated ale from the wassail bowls of the wealthy. In time, wassailing also came to mean caroling.

**WRITE A WISH LIST**  
Have your children write letters to St. Nicholas, listing the toys they would like to receive in order of importance. They can draw pictures of the gifts, too. Keep the letters to put in a scrapbook to show them when they're older. St. Nicholas was a much-loved

bishop who lived in part of the Roman Empire during the 4th or 5th century. He was famous for his love of children, for whom he performed miracles of healing. He

also was known for giving gifts in secret.

In the early 1800s, Professor Clement C. Moore described St. Nicholas in a poem he wrote to

entertain his children, titled "The Night Before Christmas." The

### CHRISTMAS IQ

(Careful! These are as tricky as a Grinch.)

#### Questions:

1. What is the gift of the fourth day of Christmas?
2. What is Scrooge's last name?
3. What Christmas tradition do we owe to the Pilgrims?
4. Who began as a 1939 Montgomery Ward Company promotion?
5. What does the "X" in "Xmas" stand for?

#### Answers:

1. Colly birds (a kind of crow). No point for "calling" birds!
  2. Scrooge is Scrooge's last name. His first name is Ebenezer.
  3. None. Because of its pagan traditions, celebrating Christmas was outlawed in early Colonial America.
  4. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.
  5. The Greek letter Chi, for the first letter in "Christos," according to Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary.
- Score:  
1-2 right, resident of Whoville.  
3-5 right, Grinch-slayer.



**TREE TALK** — These Early American themed decorations are just part of the cornucopia of handcrafted decorations available to this year's revelers.

poem became so popular that since then Americans have thought of St. Nicholas as "a jolly old elf" with a round belly, a white beard and twinkling eyes.

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First be sure they understand "The Nutcracker" story line; brightly painted wooden nutcrackers that looked like soldiers were popular toys in Russia 150 years ago. Two children, Clara and Fritz, receive one on Christmas Eve. It comes to life and leads the Nutcracker turns into a handsome prince who takes Clara into an enchanted kingdom where they find the Sugarplum Fairy.

Don't overlook Dickens. Remember the first time you saw Tiny Tim's crutch at the end of the TV movie? And how you cried? No Christmas is complete without "A Christmas Carol." You and your family can either read the story aloud, watch a rerun on TV, rent the movie for your VCR or attend a local theater production.

Dickens wrote the story during a few months in 1843. It was not immediately successful. But when he read it aloud on speaking tours of the United States, crowds as large as 25,000 came to hear it.

Whatever traditions you and your family share, remember this advice from authors Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheli in their book, "Unplug the Christmas Machine" (Quill): "In the long run, people rarely remember what they gave to each other, but they remember what they did together. The greatest gift you can give a child are happy memories."

## In Other Lands.....

**Hawaii's First Christmas**  
Hawaii held its first official Christmas celebration in 1862. Cannons on the rim of Punchbowl Crater boomed out a welcome over the roof of the royal palace where King Kamehameha IV was being cheered by hundreds of well-wishers. (CNS)

**In Some Countries The Turkey Is Fish**

about fascinating local customs such as the holiday fish dinner.

In Mexico, on Christmas Eve, it's customary to serve cod or other fish prepared with olive oil, capers and potatoes.

In Poland, the classic dinner consists of boiled potatoes and herring.

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## Wrapping Your Home Like A Gift.....

Make your home a delightful gift to family and friends each time you welcome a guest inside. Like tearing into a present with a bright bow on top, they'll rejoice in your festive decorations from the minute you open the door.

**WREATHS**  
With a little creativity, their first peek at your holiday spirit can be more than a plain green wreath on your door. If it's greenery you like, then cover the entire door with large sprigs of evergreen.

Tie the ends of branches together in a circle. Hide the string with a big plaid bow or another light-weight design in the center. Consider fabric, wood, reed or tin shapes.

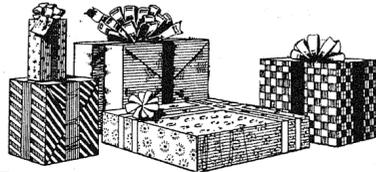
More traditional wreaths can

still have clever new twists. "Creative Ideas for Christmas 1987" by Oxmoor House publishers has dozens of fantastic designs.

One interesting idea is a raffia and rag wreath. Begin with raffia cut in 8-inch strips and a 10-inch wire form. (Hint: Make your own form with a clothes hanger.) For bright accents, rip red and green fabric into long 1-inch-wide strips, then cut these into 6-inch lengths.

Bend raffia in half, fold the loop around the wire form, and pull loose ends through the loop on the other side. Attach raffia until the wreath is full. Then attach fabric in the same manner. Space two to three colorful pieces between groups of six or eight raffia strips. The wreath acts as a frame when you dangle a favorite ornament or two down from the top of

the wreath. Cut nylon thread in lengths that will put the ornament in the center of the circle. When thinking of wreaths, don't



forget the doors inside your house. Light fluffy wreaths, such as those made from dried flowers, look terrific on bedroom doors. Choose rich, elegant designs for the dining room.

For the kitchen, there are two ideas that are great for the holidays, but are super year-round, too. Make a bright red-pepper wreath by covering a 12-inch straw form with large peppers. Give them a seasonal look with a sprig of greenery or a shiny green bow at the top of the wreath.

Another easy design for the kitchen is a eucalyptus wreath. Wire overlapping eucalyptus branches to a straw or Styrofoam form. Then tie on three clusters of garlic heads. A large red bow or raffia and berries give it a holiday flavor; remove these when the new year begins.

Turn any wreath into a table-top centerpiece. Some that work well are evergreen, moss and pine cone wreaths. Place a tall hurricane lantern glass shell in the center with a single large candle inside.

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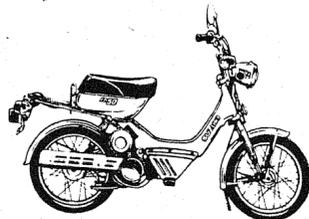
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# Christmas Toy Tips For Your Tots....

When you play Santa, what toys will you choose? There are thousands on the market. Some are excellent. Others are just plain silly. How do you tell the difference?

- Look for toys that:
- are well-constructed, sturdy and safe;
  - have educational value, or are useful;
  - are tried-and-true classics or are new and innovative;
  - allow the child to be creative;
  - maintain interest for more than a few minutes;
  - and, most importantly, are fun.
- These are pretty stiff guidelines, but not impossible. What follows is a Santa's bagful of ideas. All have been selected with an eye to the above, and on their ability to fulfill the sugarplum dreams of today's children. You will find

them in toy departments and specialty shops.

### TODDLER TOYS

Push-with-plus is sure to please your family's youngest consumer — and a non-toxic product from Crayola will make Mom happy, too.

• Alpha Critters (from Special Effects). Bright-colored fantasy animals in the shape of alphabet letters. Each 6-inch plush toy has ears, bug-eyes and a nose, many have toes or tails, depending on the shape of the letters.

• "Pat the Bunny" book and boxed set. "Pat the Bunny" is the classic Golden touch-and-feel book that invites the child to pet a soft, furry bunny enclosed in its pages. Now you can buy a cuddly, plush bunny, too, boxed with the book

for easy wrapping.

• Crayola Washable Markers. Finally, a fashionable felt marking pen. You still may not want your toddlers to draw on their clothes, but at least now it's not the laundry disaster it used to be.

### PRESCHOOL PALS

Few items from Santa's workshop are as hot as "interactive" talking toys. Teddy Ruxpin was a furred trailblazer. New toys that move as they talk are leaping onto toy store shelves, ready to chat with children. Here are a few worth listening to:

• Corky, Cricket, the 1987 doll of the year from Playmates, now has a younger brother, Corky. This red-haired, freckled fellow comes with a cassette tape of jokes, songs, educational games and

### TOYS THAT TEACH

- Fisher Price Kitchen.
- Aristoplay board game, "Where in the World?"
- The Bubble Thing, by Wham-O.
- Bushnell Star Machine.
- Connor Videomarts computer system.
- Playmates "Corky" interactive talking doll.
- Pound Pups Watch Pups, from Tonka.
- Crayola Washable Markers.
- Playmobil Pirate Ship.

role-playing adventures.

- Shadow. Meet Cricket and Corky's talking kitten. This 10-inch marvel meows for 30 minutes

about pet care and comes with grooming brush, feeding dish and blue ribbon.

• Big Bird Storymagic toy and "satellite" toys. Big Bird isn't the only "Sesame Street" character who will orate this Christmas. As their mouths move in sync with their stories, the pupils of Cookie Monster's eyes rotate, and Oscar the Grouch pops in and out of his trash can. Both work in conjunction with Big Bird. By Ideal.

• Imagine it's Christmas afternoon. What toys will your kids be playing with? How 'bout two weeks later? What follows are a few that they'll love even past Easter.

• Fun With Food (Fisher Price). Now kids can crack open pretend eggs that slide sunny-side up into a pan that makes a sizzling sound and "cooks" on a small two burner stove. Among the innovative items in this new line is a life-size kitchen

center on wheels. Some of the phony foods actually change color as they "cook."

• The Bubble Thing. Remember the colored plastic bottles of soapy liquid Mom used to buy you at the five-and-dime? And the teacup-size bubbles you made? Now, imagine making iridescent bubbles as big as you are. Bigger. New from Wham-O, The Bubble Thing is a traditional toy taken to the ultimate. Be sure to let the kids play with it, too!

• Pound Puppy Watch Pups. The little puppy's collar is a wristwatch. He hugs your child's lower forearm with his extra long Velcro-fastening forepaws. By Tonka.

• Pirate Ship. This Playmobil square-rigger is made of sturdy plastic, and comes with five pirates, scaffolding, a crow's nest, a

Or arrange a grouping of smaller candles in different heights and diameters within the circle.

### WINDOWS

Garlands of greenery across your window make the whole room seem to dance. Craft garlands also from moss or straw, with bows on the ends or baby's breath and ribbon laced around and through it.

Small sprigs of greenery work well in windows too. Wrap a paper or fabric dolly around tiny bunches of pine, holly and berries, or dried flowers. Then hang the cones upside down with satin ribbon streamers.

A silhouette of tatting or lace always stands out when you hang it flat in a window pane. Or create the look of lace from paper. Light-

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ly draw designs with a pencil then use a craft knife and cutting board to etch them away.

Another bright idea is a clothesline of miniature quilts across the center of the window. Just sew tiny 6-inch versions of the real thing, or quilt around small cross-stitch designs and add binding.

### WRAPPINGS

Take a tip from Family Circle for gifts that look as great on the outside as they are on the inside. The presents placed around the tree become decorations themselves when you use a little ingenuity in wrapping them.

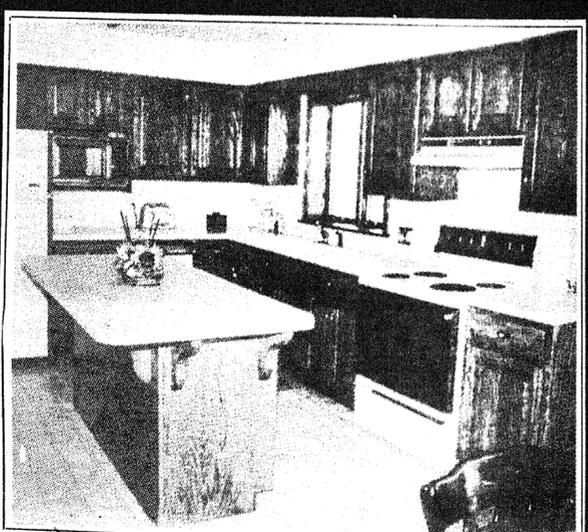
Help count down the days until Christmas by using a large December calendar page as your wrapping paper. Make sure the most important day shows. Photo-

copy the page for extra wrapping sheets.

If you saved last year's Christmas cards or see a new design you especially like, cut out the scenes and adorn gifts with them. First wrap with paper and glue the card on top.

Other smart substitutes for bows are paper-doll snowmen wrapped around the gift or a straw trivet attached with double-stick tape. A tinsel-topped package really shines.

Even if you have your gifts wrapped at the department store, you can add your personal stamp. Spray adhesive on top and sprinkle glitter lightly across the package. Or tie an old school days photo of the recipient to the bow. That's sure to make everyone smile.



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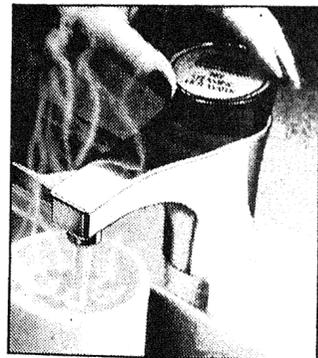
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**Christmas Gingerbread Memories.....**

Even Abe Lincoln liked gingerbread. "I don't s'pose anybody on Earth likes gingerbread better than I do and gets less 'n I do," said the 16th president.

Everyone has his preference for Christmas when gingerbread has a way of disappearing after an open oven sends a spicy aromatic message through the house.

Everyone has his preference for this holiday treat. Some like it hot off the rack, moistened with warm maple syrup to create a soupy gingerbread pudding. Some like it dipped in milk, or topped with a foamy ridge of fresh whipped cream.

Gingerbread got its origins from the Greeks. In the third century B.C., the Greeks mixed honey, flour, ginger and spices into brick-like hardness.

Today, gingerbread bricks get a special form for the Christmas holidays. At cooking classes around the country, students gather with teachers such as California's Lois Stanton, learning how to make the yuletide gingerbread house.

Stanton is a mistress of Victorian gingerbread houses and Swiss chalets. But those traditional forms don't limit her inspiration. One year, it was gingerbread heart houses. Another year, it was a barn filled with animals based on a Kansas farm of her childhood.

ensure thorough drying of all parts.



Look for unusual candies and cookies at your supermarket or drugstore to help with the trimmings. Some other tips for building a gingerbread house include:

- For strong mortar use royal icing, a meringue powder (available in cake-decorating supply shops) that is combined with water and powdered sugar.
- For shingles and tiles, use a pastry bag filled with icing to create scallops and other rooftop shapes.
- For bushes, trees and other landscape decorations, use green mint gum drops.
- For fences, use ribbon candies and peppermint swirls. The latter also make good rooftop additions.
- For outlining roofs, use red and black rope licorice.
- For snow drifts and chimney smoke, try marshmallows, and for all-over glittery effect, silver balls and sprinkles.

where spices and dried fruits replace the traditional candies!

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE**  
(From *Metropolitan Home*)

- 2 cups honey
- 5 cups sugar
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 3 whole eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 5 pounds all-purpose flour
- 1 cup baking powder
- 1 tablespoon EACH ground ginger, cinnamon and cloves
- 1 teaspoon EACH nutmeg and salt
- Cardboard and tape

**Frosting:**  
3 egg whites  
1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted  
Various candies for decoration

In a large pot, mix honey, sugar and butter. Stir over medium heat until butter melts. Add lemon juice, whole eggs, egg yolks, then all of the dry ingredients. Stir until dough is mixed, but still lumpy.

Remove dough from pot and when cool enough to handle, knead with floured hands on a floured surface until dough forms a smooth ball; cover.

To make the "foundation" cardboard house, cut 4 pieces of cardboard 7x10 inches (2 for side walls, 2 for roof) and 2 pieces 7x11 inches (for the ends of the house). Mark off 7 inches on both 11-inch panels for shaping the pointed gables. Then cut from this mark to the center of the top of the cardboard.

Tape sides together; attach roof with tape; place house on a cardboard foundation and tape down.

Roll out a piece of the dough on a floured surface until ¼-inch thick. Cut dough the same size as the cardboard pieces; accuracy isn't important since the cookie pieces can be trimmed with a sharp knife after baking.

Bake on a greased cookie sheet at 350 F for 30-35 minutes, or until dough is browned. Cut remaining dough into chimney pieces and extra holiday cookie shapes.

For the chimney, cut a piece 1x2 inches, another 1x1½ inches and 2 more 1x2-inch pieces for the sides (make diagonal cuts on the short ends so chimney will fit roof). Bake these pieces and cookies in a 350 F oven for 20-25 minutes.

When cool, spread a thin layer of frosting "glue" on the cardboard (one wall at a time). If gingerbread doesn't fit, trim, then press in place.

To prepare frosting, beat egg whites with confectioners' sugar until mixture holds its shape. Use it to glue together house and chimney. While the house is drying, keep the frosting covered with a damp cloth.

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# Planning A Safe Holiday Season.....

In theory, the holiday season is a time for "good will toward men," "peace on Earth" and "tidings of comfort and joy." But more often, the holiday spirit is liberally spiced with stress, spent credit cards and a carload of non-returnable gag gifts to fill your attic.

Amidst the gift-buying, cookie-baking, tree-decorating, party-going, card-writing hustle and bustle of Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's, it's easy to wonder why all the fuss and bother.

It is possible, however, to get it all done (within reason) and still enjoy a holiday season that might even convert Ebenezer Scrooge. It only requires a calm approach, planning, and some self-control.

**STRESS CONTROL**  
OK, there's one week left before Christmas and you have 26 dozen cookies to bake, little Johnny needs his shepherd costume for the Christmas pageant in two days, 236 cards need to be addressed yet and you still haven't found a gift for Uncle Herbert who lives four time zones away. Situation: hopeless. So relax. You may not be able to solve all the urgent needs of the moment, but you can still enjoy your holiday.

The best gift you can give is

your own positive attitude. Everything won't ever get done. It's not supposed to get done. So, take a breath, and consider some of these possibilities:  
• Work smarter, not harder. Take a break from whatever is causing you pressure and do something that gives you immediate gratification. Address 10 Christmas cards and then go back to the cookie dough. Or, instead of scribbling across that mountain of envelopes in a rush, take the time to write a meaningful note to someone you haven't seen in a long time but miss dearly.  
• Remember that you don't have to do everything you may think

you should. People most in danger of succumbing to stress during the holidays are those who feel they have to make everybody else happy, have a hard time setting boundaries and saying no.  
• Plan ahead. Make lists and schedules. Don't overschedule — leave some time open for yourself and your family.  
• Shop by catalog. It may be a bit more expensive, but it will save you time.  
• Spend a day baking cookies with a friend. You can be partners in giving by sending the tasties to mutual friends.  
• Kids feel stress too. For the wee folk in your house, don't begin the Christmas hype until about two weeks before the holidays. Their sense of time is different from adults. They'll want the gifts and goodies right away. Also, don't push Santa Claus on a child's psyche. Large, bearded men in funny outfits sometimes can seem threatening to a child.  
• Take time out, alone or with the family, to watch videos or read holiday stories. The gospel accounts by Matthew and Luke of Jesus' birth are naturals for Christmastime.

Other classics sure to get you in the holiday spirit include Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," O. Henry's short story "Gift of the Magi" and "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement Moore. You can also watch videos ("It's a Wonderful Life," "Scrooge,") or listen to Christmas carols and other traditional favorites (Handel's "Messiah" and "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky).

whom you don't really like anyway. In fact, you'll enjoy the holidays more if you give less and plan more, says Nancy Wallace of the Center for Personal Development in Westminster, Calif. To buy much-appreciated gifts, without getting your credit cards repossessed, try these tips:  
• Make a budget. How much can you afford?  
• Make a gift list. Estimate the cost of each gift liberally. Never go shopping without your list. The first time you go shopping, only take your list. No money or credit cards.  
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# Ideas For Your Own Tannenbaum.....

It just wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas tree. More than any other decoration, the tree symbolizes the season.



**YULE STYLE** — Redbird Christmas cards and gift tags decorate a tabletop tree with a custom look that's perfect for office, foyer or child's room.

More than 60 million trees were decorated in homes last year, and this year the number undoubtedly will increase. In fact, many homes decorate more than one tree, in keeping with the European tradition of having one tree for every child in the house.

George Sebra, Christmas buyer for J.C. Penney, has noticed a new trend in Christmas tree fashion — themed trees.

"We see that the most popular decorating themes reflect a nostalgia for the Christmases and handicrafts of the past: Victorian romantic, antique toys, Early American, Old World European and teddy bear, Santa and angel ornaments are some of the most sought-after in our stores."

Seasonal color combinations of decorations also can establish

themes: white and silver for crystal frost, red and white for candy cane. A theme for a tree does not have to be expensive. Decorate with small white lights or lights of just one color and a large number of solid-colored Christmas balls. These create a rich background on the tree against which the theme decorations can stand out.

A Swedish Christmas is a perfect way to add an international touch to a tree. Traditionally, Scandinavian children hang red apples and paper flags from various nations on the branches. Use small red fruits or buy the apple-shaped ornaments.

Homemade ornaments and decorations add a nice touch to a tree. Let children spruce up old tree ornaments with spray adhesive and sprinkle-on glitter. They can even

arrange sequins to spell their names on plain ball ornaments.

If you live near a wooded area, gather pinecones in various sizes. Spray with gold or silver paint and sprinkle with glitter. Attach to the tree with pipe cleaners.

Beautiful garlands can be created by stringing together cranberries, popcorn and spray-painted macaroni noodles. A time-consuming but worthwhile project, this is a good way to occupy housebound children.

To make your tree lighting special, Frank LaGuisa, the General Electric lighting specialist who designs the lighting for the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C., offers the following suggestions for adding to the festivity of the season while brightening your home:

■ Use an adequate number of bulbs. Determine the maximum number of miniature lights required for your tree by multiplying the tree's width in feet by eight times its height. If you're using larger, egg-shaped bulbs with screw-thread base, the maximum number of bulbs is the tree's width in feet multiplied by three times its height. The minimum number of lamps used should not be less than one-half of the maximum number.

■ Use light bulb colors in the same family. Blue and green are cool colors. Red, orange, yellow and white are warm. Set the tone of your decorations by using either cool or warm colors.

■ Avoid red, yellow, amber and pink lamps for floodlighting evergreens. They tend to turn the tree



color to muddy brown. Blue or green floodlights, clear and deluxe mercury lamps, or clear and phosphor-coated metal-halide lamps will enhance evergreen colors.

■ Consider transparent light bulbs instead of color-coated ones. The filaments shining through create an effect of more sparkle and glitter.

■ Create special effects. For example, intersperse 15 percent to 20 percent miniature sparkling lights with regular sets to create an illusion of wind rustling through the boughs.

■ Select an alternative way to place bulbs on the tree. Random placement is the most common, but you can create a "teepee" of light strings over the tree. Another idea is to build a spiral of lights around the tree. Lights must be close together, so overlap two strings and maintain an even spiral. Draping light strings in horizontal loops around the tree will work, too. Again, it is necessary to place the bulbs close together.

■ Illuminate indoor trees as well as evergreens to add drama to the holiday setting. One approach is to simply up- or down-light such plants as rubber trees, ficus and palms from a single direction. To avoid damaging the plant's leaves, lamps of 75 watts or higher should be at least 4 feet from the foliage.

Apartment dwellers may wish to choose an alternative to the traditional floor-to-ceiling tree, and there are many choices to make. One stunning solution to the space problem is the poinsettia pyramid. Arrange 10 plants on boxes of varying heights to create a vaguely tree-like effect.

Large potted plants can be decorated with garlands and ornaments. Even large cactuses look festive with bows impaled on their spines. Heap piles of shiny balls in empty fishbowls for a glittery centerpiece.

Create a Christmas ornament mobile and hang from a ceiling. Spray a pine-scented air freshener or light a bayberry candle to scent the air.

Hold a Christmas tree-trimming party as a major holiday event. Have Christmas carols playing on the stereo and offer tiny Christmas ball ornaments to each guest. Send out invitations attached to candy canes.

Have the tree lights already placed on the tree to avoid frustration and delays, and separate ornaments into piles for each. Have boxes of extra hangers available to replace missing or broken ones.

Serve assorted cookies.

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- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

Cream sugar and butter. Add eggs and mix well. Combine soda and baking powder with 1 cup flour. Add remaining flour alternately with cream and buttermilk. Combine with sugar and butter/egg mixture. Drop onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 F for about 14 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with additional sugar.



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# For Delicious Christmas Presents.....

With today's high prices, we seem to get caught up in the idea of buying a gift that will last.

Edible gifts won't have a long shelf life, but their memory will last long after the batteries in the kids' toys die. Indeed, recipients of sumptuous edible gifts will carry the memory on their palates until next Christmas — when they eagerly will be awaiting more such fare from you.

Even the busiest gift-giver can bring special joy to friends, setting aside a day or two to cook up several batches of one or more homemade treats, then packaging portions in airtight boxes, jars or crocks decorated with festive touches of ribbon or holly. There's nothing quite like the satisfaction of doing it yourself, and nothing shows thoughtfulness and caring quite so well.

Containers for food gifts are especially nice if they are reusable. A ribboned basket, wooden serving plate, lidded jar, decorative bottle, pretty tin — all can be dressed up with ribbons, bells and

festive papers to create a lovely gift.

Wrapping is almost as important as the gift, but it doesn't have to be expensive. Try covering coffee cans with fabric. Wallpaper or brown craft paper tied with colored cord make fine wrappings. Plastic wrap used for food gifts is ideal because the food shows through. Just tie with colorful yarn and add a gift card to let the recipient know who took the time to "cook up a little love." Include the recipe for an extra thoughtful touch.

Your local grocery store will carry all necessary ingredients for

your baked gifts. For packaging, try gift shops, flea markets, craft shops, bazaars, department and drug stores, discount houses and boutiques.

### FOR SWEET TOOTH

The standard edible Christmas gift consists of cookies and candy. The following recipes are sure to sweeten even the grumpiest Mr. Scrooge on your gift list.

**Candy Bar Cookies**  
Dough. Cream ¾ cup butter or margarine and ¾ cup sifted powdered sugar. Add powdered sugar slowly. Add 2 tablespoons evapo-

rated milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon salt and mix well. Blend in 2 cups flour. On floured surface, roll out dough to about ¼ inch and cut out circles with cookie cutter or glass. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 12 to 16 minutes in 325 F oven.

**Caramel Filling** Combine in double boiler ¼ pound (about 30) light caramels and ¼ cup evaporated milk. Heat until melted, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and add ¼ cup butter or margarine, 1 cup sifted powdered sugar and 1 cup chopped pecans. Mix well. Place atop cookies be-

fore mixture cools.  
**Chocolate Topping** Melt ¾ cup semisweet chocolate bits with ¼ cup evaporated milk over low heat, stirring regularly. After melted, stir in 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 1 teaspoon vanilla and one-third cup sifted powdered sugar. Stir until smooth. Spoon on top of caramel filling. Top off cookies with pecan half.

1 cup cream  
2 teaspoons vanilla

Put all ingredients in a heavy saucepan. Let boil, stirring constantly until a few drops of the mixture in cold water form a firm ball. Remove from heat and pour into buttered 8x8-inch pan. Cut when cool and wrap in waxed paper.

**Grandma Dunbar's Vanilla Caramels**  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup light corn syrup  
¼ cup butter or margarine

**Cappuccino Fudge**  
¼ cup butter  
1½ cups sugar  
Two-thirds cup evaporated milk

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"It's Christmas" by Jack Prelutsky; Scholastic Inc.; 48 pages; \$2.50 paperback (ages 4-9).

Poet Jack Prelutsky dwells on the human foibles of families celebrating Christmas, from a child's cheerful point of view. It matters not that "Dad sings like a buffalo, and Mother like a moose," as long as the family goes caroling together. His simple verses poke fun to put some perspective into the hectic holiday preparations.

Some of Prelutsky's poems are better than others, and some have made it into other Christmas collections in the august company of Charles Dickens and Clement Moore. This particular one-man show, illustrated in red and green by Marilyn Hafner, could be a definite day brightener when the cat climbs the Christmas tree.

"The Merry Christmas Book"; illustrated by Denise Fleming; Random House; 48 pages; \$7.95 (ages 4-8).

The book is subtitled "A first book of holiday stories and poems," and it is not the last word in Christmas collections. Overstimulation undermines its appeal. The revised standard rendition of the Gospels takes enough of the poetry out of the nativity story for children to grasp it, without resorting to Deborah Hautzig's even more limited-vocabulary adaptation.

But the carols and poems are intact, if the stories are not, including Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" (which should be titled correctly "A Visit from St. Nicholas"). The illustrations are traditionally pleasant, like all those indeterminate Christmas cards on the racks that "will do" in an economy move.

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1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
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2 tablespoons brandy

Bring butter, sugar, milk, cream and salt to full boil. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients.

Beat with wooden spoon and spread in 7x11-inch foil-lined pan. Chill, cut into squares.

**Turtles**  
Whole pecans  
1 cup evaporated milk  
¼ cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup dark corn syrup  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 (6-ounce) package semisweet chocolate pieces, melted

In small saucepan, heat butter and evaporated milk until butter is melted. In separate 2-quart saucepan, cook sugar, corn syrup

and salt over medium heat to firm-ball stage (244 F), stirring often. Slowly stir in hot milk mixture so sugar mixture does not stop boiling. Stirring constantly, cook mixture until candy reaches firm-ball stage again.

Remove pan from heat and stir in vanilla. Cool caramel to room temperature.

On waxed paper, arrange 4 pecans per turtle and place 1 heaping teaspoon of cooled caramel on each. Let cool until firm. Spread melted chocolate on top to cover caramel. Let cool until hardened.

**HOLIDAY BREADS**  
Another baked favorite at Christmas is breads. These can be made in mini loaves for singles or full-size for families.

These recipes are easy-to-prepare and are quick rising. They also can be made early and frozen. To freeze, wrap package tightly in foil, then wrap in plastic wrap. When ready to give as gifts, wrap the loaves in colorful plastic wrap and tie with fancy ribbons.

**Pumpkin-Apple Quick Bread**  
2 eggs  
¼ cup vegetable oil

1 cup cooked, pureed pumpkin (fresh or canned)  
¼ cup light brown sugar  
¼ cup frozen pure apple juice concentrate, defrosted  
Grated rind of 1 orange, plus 1 tablespoon orange juice  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
1 cup unbleached white flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
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¼ cup coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans

Preheat oven to 350 F. In large mixing bowl beat together eggs and oil. Blend in pumpkin, sugar, apple juice concentrate, orange rind and orange juice. Set aside.

Sift together the flours and all

remaining ingredients except floured 8x12-inch loaf pan and nuts. Fold gently into pumpkin bake in oven 50-60 minutes, or mixture, stirring until well blended. Fold in nuts. Turn batter into buttered and

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comes out clean. Turn onto wire rack to cool.  
Makes 1 loaf.

**Holiday Ram Bread**  
¼ cup butter or margarine, at room temperature  
3 tablespoons light brown sugar  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1½ cups milk OR 1 cup milk and ¼ cup buttermilk  
¼ cup dark rum  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1½ cups whole wheat flour  
1½ cups unbleached white flour  
1 tablespoon wheat germ  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans  
¼ cup raisins or currants

Preheat oven to 375 F.  
In large mixing bowl cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat well, then blend in milk, rum and vanilla. Set aside.  
In medium mixing bowl combine all remaining ingredients except nuts and raisins or currants. Toss with fork to combine.

Add to liquid ingredients, stirring just enough to moisten, then stir in remaining ingredients.

Turn batter into a buttered and floured 8x4x2-inch loaf pan. Bake in oven 50-60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Turn loaf onto wire rack to cool.  
Makes 1 loaf.

**NOT SO SWEET**

But enough sugar, let's add some spice to Christmas gifts. For those on your gift list who are health conscious or dieting (if that's possible during the holidays) the recipes below offer a choice. They are easy to make up in sufficient quantity, at surprisingly low cost, although they look and taste "gourmet." Each of these goodies owes its distinctive yet delicate flavor and delightful hint of fragrance in large part to 100 percent pure olive oil.  
Olive oil has no cholesterol — an important consideration with so many people on reduced fat diets these days. The bonus is that it's also high in monounsaturates, which carry beneficial high density lipoproteins that actively combat cholesterol formations. These recipes from Filippo Berio Olive

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**Herb-Seasoned Dipping Sauce**  
1 cup fresh watercress  
¼ cup Italian parsley  
¼ cup fresh dill  
¼ cup fresh spinach leaves  
½ cup Italian olive oil  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
¼ cup plain yogurt  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper

In a food processor, combine first 4 ingredients. Blend. Add remaining ingredients. Blend well. Makes about 1½ cups sauce. ¼ cup contains 120 calories.

**Sensational Marinara Sauce**  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 medium clove garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons Italian olive oil  
1 (25-ounce) package strained, crushed fresh tomatoes  
2 tablespoons parsley  
1 teaspoon basil, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon sugar

In 3-quart saucepan, saute onion and garlic in olive oil until onion is tender, stirring often. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until blended.  
Makes about 2½ cups sauce.

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**TREATS-**  
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**HOT OFF THE GRILL**  
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■ Smoked nuts are the perfect gift for the busy party-giver. In a shallow aluminum foil tray, spread plain or salted peanuts, pecans, almonds or filberts. Add a handful of soaked hickory chips to low coals in covered cooker or water smoker. Place tray of nuts on grid, cover and smoke for about two hours. Store in tightly sealed plastic bags or jars. Package in pretty gift tins or small interesting jars.  
■ For those who never have

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■ If you're famous for your barbecues, why not package an assortment of the sauces, marinades and butters that gained you your reputation? Or try some of these:  
— Stir a bit of white wine and ginger into apricot or peach preserves as a glaze for chicken or pork.  
— Soy sauce, ketchup, crushed garlic, cut-up scallions and dark corn syrup thinned with water turn grilled ribs into a feast.  
— A tangy mustard mixed into

apple cider and port wine with a bit of brown sugar or honey enhances ham or pork.

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# The Christmas Tune Trivia Test....

- Sure, you may know the German words to "Silent Night," but do you know the names of the Singing Dogs on "Jingle Bells?" Neither do we. But we do have the answers for the quiz below. See if you can figure them out, too.
- In "The 12 Days of Christmas," the nine ladies were:
    - Dancing
    - Leaping
    - Swimming
    - Milking
  - Bing Crosby's version of "White Christmas" is an all-time hit, but the song also was a million seller for:
    - Freddie Martin
    - Tommy Dorsey
    - Vic Damone
    - Fred Astaire
  - "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" was recorded by:
    - Bobby Vee
    - Molly Bee
    - Brenda Lee
    - No one
  - "Oh, tidings of comfort and joy" is a refrain in which carol:
    - "Deck the Halls"
    - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
    - "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"
    - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
  - Complete the thought in this million-selling record - "All I Want for Christmas":
    - Is my two front teeth
    - Is to spend it with you
    - Is my tax refund
    - Is the gift of love
  - Cowboy star Gene Autry cowrote which Christmas song hit:
    - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
    - "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town"
    - "Jingle Bells"
    - "Here Comes Santa Claus"
  - In "The 12 Days of Christmas," how many birds were given away:
    - 10
    - 12
    - 23
    - None
  - Which of the following was not a Christmas record:
    - "Nuttin' for Christmas"
    - "Cha-Cha With Me, Santa, Santa"
    - "I Yust Go Nuts at Christmas"
    - "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"
  - Which of these songs was written most recently:
    - "Jingle Bells"
    - "Winter Wonderland"
    - "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
    - "I'll Be Home for Christmas"
  - Authorship of "Away in a Manger" was credited at one time to which of these religious leaders:
    - Martin Luther
    - St. Francis of Assisi
    - Pope Pius X
    - Charles Wesley
  - "Silver Bells" made its debut in which movie:
    - "Miracle on 34th Street"
    - "The Lemon Drop Kid"
    - "Miracle of the Bells"
    - "Guys and Dolls"
  - The origin of "Silent Night" is:
    - English
    - French
    - Welsh
    - German
  - Johnny Marks wrote which of these Christmas songs:
    - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
    - "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"
    - "A Holly Jolly Christmas"
    - All of the above
  - "O Come All Ye Faithful" is translated from the Latin:
    - Semper Fidelis
    - Adestis Fideles
    - Veni, Vidi, Vici
    - Caveat Emptor
  - Henry Wardsworth Longfellow wrote the lyrics to which of these carols:
    - "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"
    - "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
    - "O Holy Night"
    - "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"
  - Before Gene Autry recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the song was turned down by:
    - Frank Sinatra
    - Bing Crosby
    - Dennis Day
    - Theodore, Simon and Alvin
  - Lyrics have been put to the music of "O, Tannenbaum" to honor which state:
 

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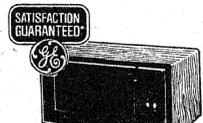


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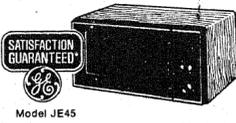
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# HOLIDAY SHOPPER



## Tips & Treats For A Sweet Holiday....

If you take 37 cups of flour, 16 cups of sugar, 18 teaspoons of vanilla, 20 eggs and a variety of other baking ingredients, add two days and a lot of energy, you'll end up with about 400 Christmas cookies gleaned from a dozen or so recipes.

About two weeks before Christmas, set aside two full days devoted to baking. If you have little

ones, let them help. After one batch of cookies they'll be content to retire to official cookie-taster status and you can move ahead more quickly on your project.

Two traditional cookies that are fun and easy for the kids to help with are Grandma Dunbar's Sugar Cookies and Emma's Applesauce Cookies. The recipes were transcribed as these grandmothers measured out the batches in handfuls of this and pinches of that.

Baking cookies on the mass scale needed to fill large Christmas lists requires some preplanning and organization, especially if you plan to make a variety of

cookies. Following is a suggested plan of attack:

- Pull out all recipes to be used and prioritize. Put the ones your recipients simply can't live without on top and those that could be passed over if you run out of time on the bottom.
- Go through each recipe listing the ingredients and quantities needed, categorizing as you go — flour, sugar, salt, etc.
- Tally your list then take an inventory of what you already have on hand. Make a trip to the supermarket to buy what you still need.
- Start your baking day early. Clear a large counter space and

organize your ingredients, measuring implements, mixing bowls and cooking sheets. Of course, after one or two batches of cookies all the organization will turn into chaos, but what a delicious chaos it will be.

**TRADITIONAL COOKIES**  
Try these traditional cookie recipes from the Midwest kitchens of the late Mattie Dunbar and Emma Jones:

**Grandma Dunbar's Sugar Cookies**  
1 cup vegetable shortening  
2 eggs

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## TUNES- From Page 24

18. "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" was a hit for which child singer:  
A. Ronnie Howard  
B. Brenda Lee  
C. Jimmy Boyd  
D. Eddie Hodges

19. "White Christmas" was introduced in this Bing Crosby movie:  
A. "Holiday Inn"  
B. "White Christmas"  
C. "Going My Way"  
D. "High Society"

- ANSWERS**  
1. A. They were dancing. Lords were a-leaping, swans a-swimming and maids a-milking.  
2. A. Freddie Martin and his band had a million-selling version in 1942, while Frank Sinatra sold a million in 1944.

3. C. Brenda Lee's song topped the million mark in 1960.  
4. B. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."  
5. A. "My two front teeth" were all Spike Jones and His City Slickers asked Santa for in 1948; but they got, instead, a million-selling record.

6. D. Gene Autry and Oakley Haldeman collaborated on the 1947 hit, "Here Comes Santa Claus."  
7. C. There were 23 birds in all — one partridge, two turtle doves, three French hens, four calling birds, six geese and seven swans.

8. B. The others really were Christmas recordings.  
9. D. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" was a World War II (1943) smash for Bing Crosby. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" goes back to 1850, "Jingle Bells" to 1859 and "Winter Wonderland" to 1934.

10. A. When published in 1885, James R. Murray credited "Away in a Manger" this way: "Composed by Martin Luther for his children and still sung by German mothers to their little ones." Historians today doubt that, tending to attribute it to Murray.

11. B. "The Lemon Drop Kid," a 1951 film starring Bob Hope in a Damon Runyon role, offered "Silver Bells."  
12. D. "Silent Night" was introduced in Germany in 1818 as "Stille Nacht."

13. D. Johnny Marks wrote them all, although the lyrics to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" were based on Robert L. May's book.

14. B. "Adestes Fideles."  
15. A. "I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet, the words repeat, of peace on earth, good will to men."

16. B. The king of Christmas songs, Bing Crosby, rejected "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and Gene Autry will be ever grateful.  
17. C. "Maryland, My Maryland" has the same music as "O, Tannenbaum" (Christmas tree in German).

18. C. Jimmy Boyd was 13 in 1952 when his "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" was a smash.  
19. A. "Holiday Inn" marked the debut of "White Christmas." Bing Crosby sang it to Marjorie Reynolds, who later would play William Bendix's wife in TV's "The Life of Riley."

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## COOKIE-From Page 27

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 cups applesauce
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 cups raisins
- 2 cups chopped nuts (use your favorite)

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat, then mix in vanilla and orange peel. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk and mix until a smooth dough is formed. On floured board roll 1/4-inch thick and cut with decorative Christmas cookie cutters. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets about 12 minutes at 375 F.

To add Christmas sparkle, you can sprinkle colored sugars or candy decorations on the cookies prior to baking. Or add icing after baking and decorate cookies with candy sprinkles. For icing, mix powdered sugar, softened butter or margarine, vanilla or almond extract and water to desired consistency.

Emma's Applesauce Cookies  
1 cup shortening

2 cups sugar  
2 beaten eggs  
2 cups applesauce  
3 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 cups raisins  
2 cups chopped nuts (use your favorite)

Cream shortening and sugar, then add beaten eggs and blend. Stir in applesauce and add sifted dry ingredients, mix well. Fold in raisins and nuts. Drop batter from a teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes at 400 F.

### DECORATING WITH COOKIES

Christmas cookies can form the

### YULEFACTS

Christmas cards which feature Santa Claus:



centerpiece of a holiday dessert table and they can turn an ordinary Christmas tree into a magical winter scene.

The custom of decorating the Christmas tree with cookies has a long history, leading back to pre-Christian times when a small evergreen tree was brought inside for the winter to brighten the home and serve as a reminder that spring would eventually come. This was known as the yule tree.

A closer antecedent of our Christmas tree was a stage prop in a popular 11th century European religious play of the story of Adam and Eve. A fir tree, hung with apples, represented the Garden of Eden and was known as the "Paradise Tree." When such plays were forbidden during the 15th century, people began to bring trees into their homes on the feast day of Adam and Eve, Dec. 24.

It came to represent not only

the tree from which Eve plucked the apple, but also the Tree of Life. Hence it was hung not only with red apples, but with wafers representing the eucharist. From the wafers comes our custom of hanging pastry, candy and cookies on Christmas trees.

The following recipes can be used to make this year's tree-trimming an especially delicious affair.

### Swedish

- Wishing Cookies**
- 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1 cup butter or margarine
  - 1 1/2 cups sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 2 tablespoons molasses
  - 1 tablespoon water
  - 1/4 teaspoon grated orange or lemon peel

Lace icing to decorate (recipe follows)

Stir together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. In a large mixing bowl, beat butter or margarine until softened. Add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg, molasses, water and peel, and beat well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating until well-mixed. Cover and chill about 2 hours or until easy to handle.

On floured surface roll out dough 1/4-inch thick. Cut with cookie cutters. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a 375 F oven about 8 minutes or until done. Remove and cool.

With decorating bag and writing tip, pipe on a design with lace icing. Makes about 100.

Lace Icing  
Stir together 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and enough light cream or milk

(about 2 tablespoons) to make icing of piping consistency. (From "Better Homes and Gardens Cookies for Christmas".)

- American Poinsettia Balls**
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1/2 cup butter or margarine
  - One-third cup honey
  - 1 egg yolk
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons finely shredded orange peel
  - 4 teaspoons orange juice
  - 1 slightly beaten egg white
  - 1 cup finely chopped pecans
  - 1/2 cup red candied cherries (3 ounces)

Stir together flour, baking soda, salt and nutmeg. In a small mixer

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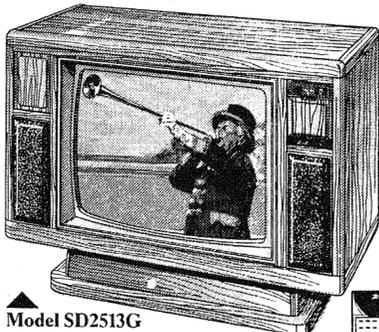
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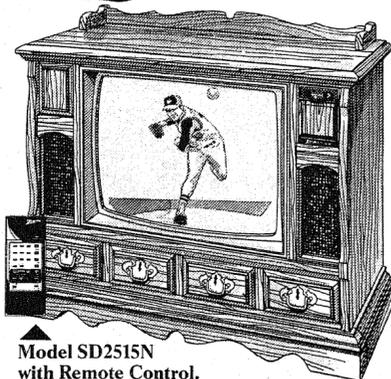
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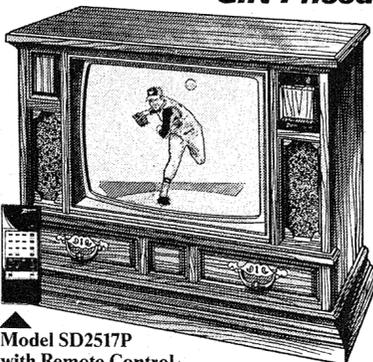


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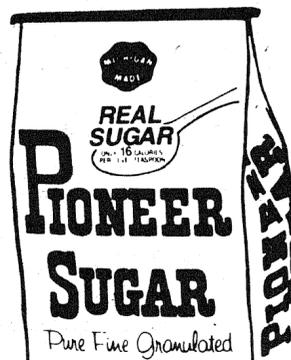
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bowl, beat butter or margarine until softened. Beat in honey. Add egg yolk, orange peel and orange juice and beat well. Add flour mixture and beat until well-mixed. Cover and chill at least 3 hours or until easy to handle.

Shape into 1-inch balls. Dip in egg white, then roll in nuts. Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Cut each cherry into 6- to 8-inch petals. Place 4 or 5 petals on top of each ball and press lightly.

Bake in 325 F oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until done. Remove and cool.

**DREAMING OF A BROWN CHRISTMAS**  
Christmas wouldn't be complete without a batch or two of chocolate cookies, and Hershey's Cocoa has provided us with some sumptuous chocolate recipes.

#### Cocoa Ginerbread Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup molasses  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Cream butter or margarine and sugar in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; blend well.

In separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. Beat well. Cover bowl tightly; chill about 2 hours or until firm enough

to roll.

Roll a small amount of dough at a time 1/4-inch thick on lightly floured surface; cut into desired shapes. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 F for 7 to 8 minutes or until set. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on wire rack. Makes about 4 dozen.

#### Cocoa-Pecan Kiss Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine, softened  
Two-thirds cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
One and two-thirds cups unsifted all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa  
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans  
54 Hershey's Kisses (9-ounce package), unwrapped  
Powdered sugar

Cream butter or margarine, sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Combine flour and cocoa; blend into creamed mixture. Add pecans; beat on low speed until well blended. Chill dough 1 hour or until firm enough to handle.

Shape scant tablespoon of dough around each unwrapped Kiss, covering Kiss completely; shape into balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 F for 10 to 12 minutes or until almost set. Cool slightly. Remove from cookie sheet; cool completely on wire rack. Roll in powdered sugar. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.

#### BAKING SHORTCUTS

To facilitate your cookie baking, call your food processor and microwave oven into use.

Your food processor can be used to sift powdered sugar and shred chocolate, as well as for whipping

up the dough.

Try out your food processor on this tasty delight.

#### Raspberry Foldovers

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup unsalted butter, cut into chunks  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, cut into chunks  
1/4 cup ice water  
1 tablespoon milk  
Raspberry jam  
Powdered sugar

Place cream cheese chunks, flour, butter and salt in food processor work bowl fitted with metal blade. Process by pulsing several times, scraping down sides of work bowl. Add milk and ice water through feed tube while machine is on. Processed dough should not be smooth, but rather like popcorn in appearance.

Divide dough in half; roll out each half into a 10-inch square about 1/4-inch thick. Cut rolled out dough into 2-inch squares. Place 1/2 teaspoon of jam in center of each square. Dampen two opposite corners of each square with water and pinch firmly together over center of jam. Place on greased baking sheet and bake in 400 F oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove immediately to cooling rack. Cool. Sift powdered sugar over top of cookies if desired.

Cookies can be made in your microwave, but not all recipes are adaptable. Bar cookies tend to turn out better than drop cookies because of the way the microwave hits them as they bake. Test one cookie from the first batch as a gauge for the following batches. If it is too hard, shorten the cooking time.

One disadvantage to microwav-

ing cookies is limited space. While two sheets of cookies will fit in a traditional oven, only a dozen or so can be cooked in the microwave.

Remember when microwaving cookies, the ovens vary in wattage and the recipes may need to be adjusted accordingly.

Try this quick recipe in your microwave:

**Easy Nut Balls**  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup margarine  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 1/4 cups sifted flour  
Two-thirds cup almonds, finely chopped  
Powdered sugar

Cream butter, margarine, sugar, salt and vanilla. Stir flour in gradually. Add chopped almonds and mix well.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Line bottom of 9x13-inch glass dish with waxed paper. Place 8 cookies in 2 rows. Leave 2 inches between cookies.

Microwave for 3 1/2 minutes at medium high.

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