

As We See It...EDITORIAL

Congressional pay hikes? NO WAY!

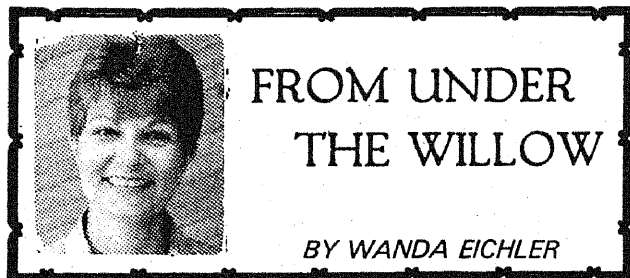
We've just completed the most-wonderful season of all, an especially good time to give unto others as we would hope they would give to us.

But our Washington lawmakers, sadly, don't have the proper Christmas spirit at all. They're more concerned with TAKING instead of GIVING.

A proposal is presently before our Congressmen, seeking to increase congressional pay by 50% -- from the current level of \$89,000 to \$135,000 yearly. Oh, the backers (who are mostly anonymous right now...) say it would all even out, because with the increase they would bar lawmakers from collecting any money for speech-making, which now can generate \$26,850 in additional income for lawmakers each year.

But it wouldn't really even out. Some congressmen don't make that many speeches -- and the proposal would in effect PAY them the money in place of speech-making, without requiring them to utter a word. Besides, in these times of incredible budget overruns, are our lawmakers REALLY worth 50% more than they received last year? Is ANYONE?

We're very pleased to see our own Congressman,



FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

Bits and pieces of January

THERE'S BEEN A NEW AND MILD FLIRTATION going on around our house as Willow has been written for the last few weeks on a laptop computer. These little computers do literally function on one's lap (if that's what you want) and take over the jobs that the bigger computer thought belonged to it alone.

Being the inconsistent person that I am, I managed to get my Willow files quite mixed up between the two machines. So this morning I'm hard at work on the "old" computer but needing some information from the new laptop. Now this is like having two filing cabinets with two alphabetical systems and not knowing which cabinet swallowed which file.

All of this reminds me that computers are only as smart and helpful as what sits above them and diddles with their keys.

NOW COMES THE SPACE IN JANUARY. While it is hard for me to choose a favorite month, January comes close. First, there is the taking down of all the holiday decorations, the cessation of holiday television (including the "bowl" games which are really refrigerator and cupboard games) and the ensuing space that those things leave. In that space, one can insert lots of things.

We like to get out a big jigsaw puzzle or haul out a game that didn't get played over Christmas when it was just too rushed. I like to set out the spinning wheel and rummage through the wool closet to see what sack of fiber calls me to spinning. Then there are the not-quite-finished projects that beckon.

Knitting projects, sewing projects, fix-up-this-corner-of-the-house projects, barn projects, even an outdoor project might pop into the January schedule because now there is time.

That's probably what I love about January. At last there is time to do the ordinary and extraordinary things that the holidays crowd out. The house empties of holidaying and fills with creating and finishing.

FIND A GOOD BOOK. Before the worst of the winter weather sets in, visit the library. Here in Pigeon we're fortunate to have an excellent library at our disposal. I like to keep a book bag filled with one or two mysteries, maybe a bestseller and a craft book or two. To that I'll add some children's books for reading to Peter. The bag gets filled and dragged home where it parks either by the bed or the sofa.

Then when the day has been too much or the small boy in the household is tired of television or reading on his own, we can dip into the book bag and spend a few minutes just reading. Pauline Maust pointed out the delightful children's book, "The Relatives Came" to us over the holidays. Peter and I love that one and even though he's a beginning reader, he can manage most of the words. Then too, I found "Auntie's Knitting Baby," a collection of silly poems with wry humor that I read aloud to both Peter and Liesl.

Libraries are marvelous places, just right for visiting this January when the long nights give us space to read and enjoy books.

Bob Traxler of Bay City, publicly opposing this exorbitant pay hike. He joins eight of Michigan's 20 Congressmen in saying the pay raise is excessive. Cong. Traxler told reporters, "We have a deficit, and we need to do something about it." He called the hikes obscene and inappropriate, saying, "There's something obscene about people voting for their own pay." He expects several bills to kill the pay raise will be drafted in coming weeks.

On the other hand, Rep. Traxler says some form of pay equity is needed for government, since qualified people go to jobs in the better-paying private sector. But, like a pesky fly that won't go away, this pay hike proposal will likely stay buzzing around Washington... until it's enacted.

And until you and other taxpayers foot one more bill that we don't have the money to afford...

Our readers write . . .

He commends Stokan's safety records

DEAR EDITOR:

Sheriff Richard V. Stokan, Huron County Sheriff for 16 years, from January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1988, has dedicated himself to the safety of the citizens he pledged to serve. At the present time, the Huron County Sheriff Department is the only Sheriff Department within the entire State of Michigan that has FULL TIME safety education programs in all of the schools, grades Kindergarten through the twelfth grade. This record was accomplished through the determination and efforts put forth by Sheriff Stokan.

When he took office in 1973, his first task in the area of safety education was to set up the Michigan Pleasure Boating classes within all of our schools. The first year his instructors trained seventh, eighth and ninth graders in water safety. And now that program is still being presented in all our schools to all seventh graders each year. In fact, we are the only County out of the eighty-three that is reaching all available seventh graders each year... thanks to Sheriff Stokan's interest in their personal safety.

From there our programs grew - starting in 1980 with "Safetyville" - the little child-size town that covers 3,000 square feet, complete with buildings, streets, sidewalks, parked cars, traffic signs and signals, and a talking policeman. At the end of seven years of these classes the instructor had talked to over 14,000 children in grades Kindergarten through the first grade. In 1985, this safety program was selected as the "Number 1" child safety program in the United States by the National Traffic Safety Institute in Evanston, IL. This is an honor that Sheriff Stokan is extremely proud.

Then we went on to begin a fingerprinting program called "Operation Identification" where students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade are printed. A robot was purchased through grant money from highway safety planning in Lansing which Sheriff Stokan was responsible for obtaining. The robot, Deputy Ares, goes into all the schools to talk to kids about safety, talks to senior citizens and civic groups, and is in summer parades. After this, Sheriff Stokan came up with the idea of a talking car seat called "Sammy the Seat". This unusual device is great in promoting seat belt usage, an area of great concern to Sheriff Stokan.

Then, in 1983, Sheriff Stokan went into the high schools, personally, and talked to 1,933 students with a new program entitled "Do You Drink and Drive?". Sheriff Stokan has continued to personally talk to this age group each and every year on this vital teenage topic.

His record speaks for itself. Our loss is the Michigan Sheriff Association's gain as Sheriff Stokan moves on to take a position on their staff. Will you please join me and others in wishing him the best of luck in this new area that he is about to undertake.

Thanks, Sheriff, for helping keep our citizens safe!

Sgt. R.B. Woodward
Director of Safety Education

Thanks for Food Pantry support

DEAR EDITOR:

The Pigeon Food Pantry wishes to thank all who helped in our Thanksgiving and Christmas food distribution, especially People's Oil & Gas and Pigeon Chiropractic Life Center.

Please remember the need

continues throughout the year in your donations through your church.

Once again, thank you!
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RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Last Christmas of 1987, I spent the holidays with my daughter in the Netherlands and this Christmas I was with my son at Hesston, Kans.

I got on the plane at Bay City, flew to Chicago and from there to Wichita, Kans., where my son picked me up and took me to his place. That night I went with them to their Christmas program at the school. It was very nice and the place was full.

The people were very friendly but I didn't know anyone but my son and his family. But I didn't feel out of place because people there look just like people in Michigan.

The next day my granddaughters wanted me to go to school with them. My daughter-in-law, who teaches preschoolers, had the day off so she took me to the school. I watched them do their gym exercises and then went to lunch with them.

After a very good dinner, I went to the first grade room for one hour. The teacher asked me to listen while several children read their lessons. I didn't do too badly.

At first I thought I was hard of hearing but the teachers are trained to speak quietly to their children and the children speak quietly to her. I was surprised how quiet the school was!

My son took me to several museums in Wichita. In one place they had some dinosaurs that looked alive. They blinked their eyes and made funny noises. Some kids are scared of them.

Then we went to a Spanish family's home for dinner and had a very good meal. The man is in the United States to get a better knowl-

edge of the Bible. He is a pastor in a small town in Mexico and is an English teacher.

He spoke good English but his wife couldn't understand English. They had a very good meal and I enjoyed it very much.

I was in the town library. It's not as big as ours in Pigeon, but it is very nice. I found out that the librarian knew some people I knew.

I was at a potluck supper and heard one lady speaking Pennsylvania Dutch to her little girl, so I spoke to her and her husband and they were from right where my folks came from. We had a real nice visit.

Their Christmas program at that church was really good and so was the singing. On the last night, we were to a place where they serve Japanese food.

They had chop sticks but they gave me a fork and I got along real good.

The weather was very nice and I walked around town some. Then my son took me to the airport and I started home. The plane was a little late and they had to hurry and feed us before we got to Chicago.

They were late there and Chicago's O'Hare Airport is very big. I had wheelchair service and the girl that pushed me just got me there in time to get to Saginaw. I got home at 1:30 a.m. after having had a very good trip!

In Prov. 18:24 it says, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Well, I found out that if a person just smiles and looks friendly, people will always smile back.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE KEIM

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By Percy Ross

You may write to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number with your letter.

Helping a daughter break the cycle of abuse

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I have a 30 year old daughter who has become severely brainwashed by her husband and a group like the Moonies. Each time she takes a few steps to regain her OWN identity, her husband manages to deprive her of transportation (selling her car) or isolate her (no phone) and moves her way out in the country, only to get her pregnant again. She's made some headway and finally gotten immunizations for their five children. Now a sixth baby was born at home -- same as all the others -- no doctor, no midwife.

She has no money to get her tubes tied. God knows I'd help, but I've just filed bankruptcy, same as my daughter had to do.

I would like financial arrangements to be made directly with a doctor at the hospital, without the money entering my daughter's hands. This way her husband won't be able to damage her anymore. This request is made to prevent her from having any future children who would be born into a life of hunger and abuse. — Mrs. K.P., Seattle, Wash.

DEAR MRS. P.:

Somebody better be willing to stick their neck out and assume some responsibility here, so I'll start.

First off, I've changed your initials and location. Regardless of the criticism I may receive, I'm publicly stating that as long as your daughter wants the procedure done, I'll send YOU the money for her to get a tubal ligation.

What else can I say? It won't necessarily improve her present situation, but at least her horror story won't grow in numbers. Beyond that my hands are tied, so do whatever you can and good luck.

DEAR SIR:

You will appreciate hearing from me, because I don't need anything. As a matter of fact, I'm donating \$1 along with this letter, for you to give to some poor sucker who's come down with arthritis and can't work any longer.

Our washer is working fine, except for an oil trickle from the bottom, which we sop up with old shorts -- Guess whose shorts? Really -- the only problem we have, aside from being on the short end at the close of each month, is with our car. I tell you, that wife of mine is a real lead foot. Always a'hollering "NO POWER! NO POWER!"

Not too long ago she went to Fresno to visit her relations. I took our little Pinto car and yanked that wheezy four banger out and put in a big V8 block from a 4x4 Chevy pickup.

Well, Mr. Ross, she no

sooner got home and headed down to the mini-mart in the car for a diet Pepsi (she's a little on the heavy side) when she tromped down on the gas and blew the rear end right out of it.

In the meantime, here's that \$1 I mentioned, and bless you for your good work. — D.M., Garden Valley, Calif.

DEAR MR. M.:

Thanks a million times over -- not so much for the buck, but for the chuckle. After having dealt with the previous letter, all I can say is, I needed a good laugh in a big way!

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm writing in hopes of obtaining a small amount of money for my son. This may sound unusual, but he wears a size 17 shoe. It's not so unusual when you consider he stands 6 ft. 9 in. tall in his stocking feet.

He has a wife and five children. He is employed and drives a semi, but you can imagine how much it costs to feed a family that size, plus rent, utilities, etc.

We found a shoe store in Chicago where he can get a pair of shoes for \$135. However, he doesn't have the money. So, do what you can and thanks much. — Mrs. M.N., Rockford, Ill.

At best I hope his mood will be tempered when you present him with my check for a pair of new shoes. Best wishes to you and yours.

Women invited to prayer meal

Area women are invited to join in the Elkon Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Elkon Civic Center.

Connie Bunke will lead in a praise time, and sharing, singing and prayer will be included in the morning worship. Child care is available at the Elkon United Methodist Church.

DEAR MRS. N.:
Do I run the risk of your son showing up at my front door, only to slap my face if

I make the statement, "Big Foot is alive and well in Rockford."?

TRACTOR BIDS SOLICITED

The Village of Sebawaing invites you to bid on a loader/tractor for the Village Department of Public Works. Bid request forms are available at the Village Clerk's Office, 108 W. Main, Sebawaing, Michigan, 48759. Bids are due in the Village Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, January 16, 1989. No late bids will be accepted.

The Village of Sebawaing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, reserves all rights granted to it by law, reserves the right to waive formalities, and to take such action as it deems necessary in the best interest of the Village of Sebawaing.

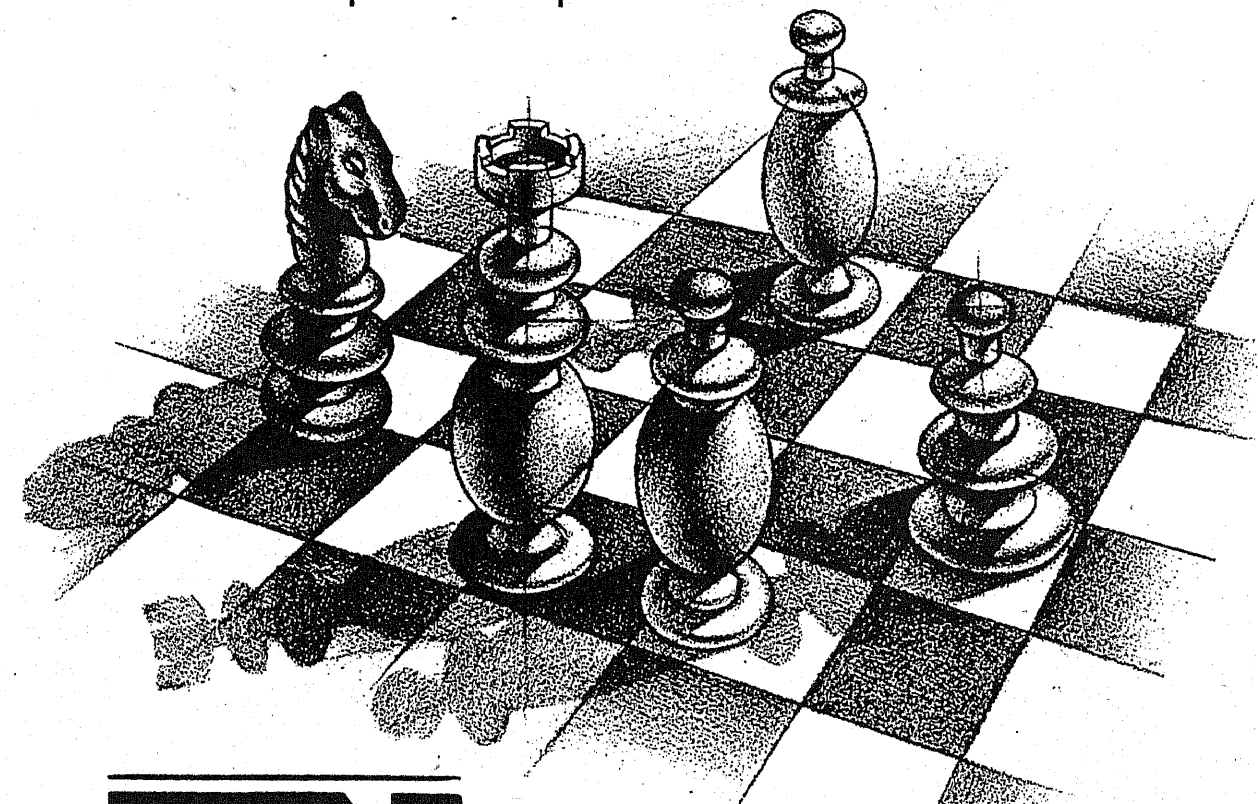
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From the Archives of
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

90 YEARS AGO JAN. 13, 1899

H. Magdsohn leaves for New York Saturday to purchase goods and while there, he will also do some hustling for the proposed Elkton sugar beet factory. Conrad Pfaff, J.J. Campbell, Joe Schluchter, Laughlin and Powell and W.A. Schriber put up ice this week.

John Murlock, who has been employed on Schluchter's farm in Casewille Township, has his foot smashed while hauling logs.

The new saw mill at the Quarries is about completed.

John Diebel states that he will put in a shingle machine this winter if he can get bolts enough to pay him.

80 YEARS AGO JAN. 8, 1909

Mrs. Andrew Trueman, 52, died. She leaves her husband and four children.

Mrs. Thomas Smith, 86, died at the home of her son, Thomas D. of McKinley

Township. She is survived by four sons and two daughters.

David Schweitzer of Bay Port sold his residence to Harvey Dutcher and will move to Beaver Island where he has a saw mill.

Perch are showing up much better now and some of the boys are taking out 100 pounds a day.

John Walker sold his residence in Pigeon to James Michner, who has rented out his farm and will move to town.

Hugh B. Harder sold his farm to Nicholas Hartman and William Trost purchased 80 acres offland from Henry F. Schultz. M. Zehr purchased the James Fox farm east of town. Consideration \$11,000.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Pigeon State Bank, officers and directors were Frank W. Hubbard, Frank W. Merrick, Ernest Clabuesch, Leo Bliss, S.D. McGregor and John Ryan.

At the annual meeting of Huron Creamery Company, Herman Buchholz, Mose Weidman, Edward Woodward, Edward Sturm, were elected as officers and directors are Chris Schuette, Henry Trost, Jr., Carl J. Sting, Edwin Eichler and John Yackie.

70 YEARS AGO JAN. 10, 1919

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt died at his home in Lyster, Bay Monday of acute rheumatism.

Two of our well-known

young people, Jennie Heasty and George Dunn, announced they were married Dec. 28.

John Daus, who was wounded in France, has safely arrived in New York and is in a hospital there.

Thirty young people enjoyed a sleigh ride out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fluegge.

G.D. Defoe succeeds "Pete" Brokins as postmaster at Owendale.

60 YEARS AGO JAN. 11, 1929

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Mrs. Esther L. Seeley, 93, passed away at the home of her son John in Casewille. She is survived by four sons. Peter C. Leiderman, Sr., 70, died at his home in Brookfield Township. He leaves three daughters and four sons.

50 YEARS AGO JAN. 13, 1939

Clayton Eby, 46, Elkton farmer, was fatally injured in an auto accident near Flint. He leaves his widow, one daughter and two sons. Bernard Reilly, 82, pioneer resident of Chandler Township, passed away at his home. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons and four daughters.

New officers of the Elkton

IOOF Lodge are Donald Becker, Walter Severn, Frank Diebel, Duncan Hagel, Frank Snider and Charles Severn.

Directors elected at the Bay Port Bank meeting are John Fahmer, John J. Gillingham, Frank Eisengruber, Otto Schmidt, Herman Henne, Robert Wallace, Lloyd Crane and Warren McIntyre.

The Missionary Society of Kilmarnagh Evangelical Church sponsored a missionary oratorical contest. Winner was Wilma Kuhl and other contestants were Albert Kuhl, Edith Pobanz, Walton Kuhl, Genevieve Deming, Bernard Kuhl and Dale Brown.

40 YEARS AGO JAN. 14, 1949

R. Harry Leslie announced he has sold the Ford tractor and implement business to Leonard and Robert Webber, who have formed the Pigeon Farm Equipment Co.

Military funeral services will be held Sunday in Pigeon Methodist church for Pfc. Donald LeRoy Diebel, who was killed in action in Guam while serving with the U.S. Marines. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Diebel, of Detroit, formerly of Pigeon and a brother, Robert.

A highway truck system will replace the railroad for express and mail shipments into the West Huron area after Saturday, according to Frank Carpenter, PM station agent in Pigeon.

Huron County is ahead of all Michigan counties in gifts to CROP as a total of five carloads of beans and one of wheat have been contributed.

30 YEARS AGO JAN. 8, 1959

Pigeon village maintenance crew has been collect-

ing Christmas trees that will be burned in a giant bonfire Jan. 12 to signal start of the polio fund drive. Firemen will canvass the town that evening so leave porch lights on.

Mary M. Leonhardt, 59, died at her home in Casewille. She is survived by her husband, Ernst, two daughters and three sons.

Parking in Pigeon is being changed from angle to parallel on South Main Street, M-142, according to instructions from Michigan State Highway Department.

In the classifieds: Nice home in Pigeon, 12x20 ft. living room, bedroom, modern kitchen and bath, three nice bedrooms upstairs, garage and 75x140 lot in good location. Sacrifice price of \$6,500.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 58 YEARS AGO DEC. 24, 1931

This week the moving of the village electric light equipment to St. Ignace was completed. The large 50 hp Fairbanks Diesel engine was moved last week, on a large truck and trailer combination and weighed nearly eight tons.

County Treasurer George Alexander says he cannot understand how 842 car loads, or 33.7 million pounds, of beans were imported to this country from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1931, despite the fact that the duty on beans is \$3 a hundred pounds, and that the price received by Huron County farmers for their beans during the same period was from \$3.10 to \$3.75 per hundred pounds. Prices today are \$1.70 per hundred.

Herbert Libkerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Libkerman, has purchased the new Super Service Shell Station at Burnside, Mich., eight miles south of Marlette on the Earl Memorial Highway, M-53. His many Elkton friends wish him every success in his new venture.

Another accident has occurred on the dangerous curve on the State Trunkline, M-81, one mile east of Elkton, where the trunkline crosses the railroad tracks.

Gettel Implement Co. will sponsor a program, Farming Frontiers '69, on Jan. 17 at Laker High School auditorium, according to Clarence Gettel. Prizes will be awarded.

10 YEARS AGO JAN. 11, 1979

Alfred Dietzel of Pigeon

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Drought effect minimal in '89 food outlook

Preliminary 1988 figures show the drastic price increases predicted last summer for food largely did not happen, according to Ada Shinabarger, Michigan State University Food Marketing Specialist.

The final figures won't be tallied until 1989, but preliminary data indicates the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all food in 1988 increased four percent. The CPI for food is forecast to rise by about the same amount in 1989, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

SMALL RISE: The effect of the drought on the 1989 food CPI will be too small to measure after adding about 0.5 percent to 1988 retail food prices.

Factors affecting food prices have impacted different foods in different ways. Strong consumer demand has affected some items more, while higher farm prices and higher processing costs have affected others more.

BEEF production in 1989 is expected to decrease six to eight percent while **PORK** production is likely to remain level. Production of **TURKEYS** and **BROILERS** is slated to increase two to three percent, making poultry prices the most likely to show a slight decrease.

The CPI for **CEREAL** and **BAKERY** products is expected to rise four to seven percent in 1989. Most of the price increase will come from a rise in packaging materials, mirroring 1988 price increases.

VEGETABLE production for the fresh market will likely expand in 1989 because of strong prices to growers last year. Barring drastic inclement weather, 1989 fresh vegetable prices are likely to show little change.

Supplies of **CANNED VEGETABLES** are reduced and will remain low for most of '89. Retail prices will

likely continue to increase as stocks dwindle.

FRESH FRUIT prices are expected to rise at about the same rate as last year. Increased **ORANGE** production this season and the resulting larger supplies of frozen orange juice concentrate will likely result in more stable prices in 1989.

The CPI for **DAIRY** products is expected to rise two to four percent — slightly above the 1988 rate. Retail **EGG** prices will average 15 to 20 percent above 1988's depressed prices. The CPI for **FATS** and **OILS** is expected to rise 4.1 percent.

College offers classes at Skill Center

St. Clair County Community College will offer 18 day and evening classes for the Winter Semester at the Huron Area Skill Center beginning Jan. 9.

Mary Ellen Blum, area coordinator for the college, announced that registration was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3 from 3 to 8 p.m.

Daytime classes include: Foundation Drawing, English Composition II, Introduction to Fiction, Earth Science, History of Western Civilization, Human Growth and Development and Sociology.

Evening classes are Principles of Accounting II, Microorganisms, Principles of Management, Microcomputer Applications, English Composition I and II, Earth Science, History of Modern Civilization, Elementary Algebra, Human Growth and Development and Public Speaking.

All classes offer full college credit and usually meet one or two times a week for 16 weeks. Further information may be obtained by calling 269-6611 or the College Admissions Office at 1-800-553-2427.

Something To Think About

JOHN A. CHAMPAGNE
— DIRECTOR —
HOME CARE TEAM

It should be clearly understood that home care for the terminally ill, while a substitute in some cases for prolonged hospitalization, is NOT a substitute for a doctor's care. It is a complement to it. A patient treated at home by a visiting nurse will almost always remain simultaneously under the jurisdiction of their doctor. This means that from the start, the doctor must be agreeable to working with a patient who requests home care and must be willing to cooperate with home care professionals.

In the preliminary stage of home care, the visiting nurse enters the patient's home, often accompanied by a social worker or other health care professional. Together they make a total assessment of the

domestic situation. Then they devise a plan for home care operation and send their proposal to the doctor. He or she may make suggestions, additions, or draw up a schedule of specific treatments. Then a final plan is drawn up and discussed by all.

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K of C sponsors Free Throw

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is planned for Saturday, Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Laker High School gymnasium.

Sponsoring the annual event is Knights of Columbus Council #8042 of Pigeon-Caseville. Contestants are asked to sign up at the school they are attending.

Nearly 1700 local Knights of Columbus councils hosted a contest last year with more than 120,000 boys and girls from age 10 to 14 working their way through the local, district, regional and state competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation and achievements. Winners receive awards at all levels of the competition.

For more information on the local event, contact Bernard King of Pigeon, 453-3026.

Area school lunch menu

**WEEK OF JAN. 9-13
LAKER SCHOOLS**
Elementary choices daily: cheeseburgers, pizza. Secondary choices daily: pizza, nachos, ravioli, cheeseburgers.

MONDAY: Beans and franks.

TUESDAY: Turkey ala king.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna.

THURSDAY: Swiss steak.

FRIDAY: Chicken.

Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Snider were Mr. and Mrs. A. Wenzel and sons Matthew and Aaron of Freeport, Ill and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Amis of Haslett.

Bill Fischer was home from Flushing for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIlhargie were guests of their daughter and family, Marsha and Craig Brown and family at Grand Blanc for Christmas. Other family members present were Kevin McIlhargie of Sterling Heights, Pam

of Ann Arbor, Sheila of Petosky and Cyril of Chicago.

Rev. Jerry Bedford of Little Rock, Ark. and Neal Bedford of Ann Arbor called their mother, Mrs. Walter Bedford on Christmas Day. Mrs. Bedford wasn't up to making the trip and her sons were unable to come home for the holidays.

Beth Ann Henry of Michigan State University, East Lansing spent the holidays with her parents, Stuart and Carole Henry.

Gerald and Brian McBride of Lake Orion visited Tuesday in the William McBride home. Fred McBride spent Christ-

mas Eve as an overnight guest of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bruce of Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb of Florida visited her sister and husband, Ruth and Ray Heckroth on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bedford of Marion, Ind. visited Mrs. Walter Bedford and attended the Block Christmas gathering at the Elkton Civic Center.

Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison and Fred of Pigeon.

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To the person who grumbled about too many Christmas Carols on the radio: perhaps you should get on your knees and thank the Lord you CAN hear them! There are those of us who love them and since losing our hearing, we cannot. Thus, a big part of the true joy of Christmas is lost to us. And it could happen to you! Think about it and count your blessings. Thank you.

just north of the Specialty House restaurant, on M-25 a mile south of Bay Port, as one example of a bright-glowing house to get you into the holiday spirit...
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lies, a total of 101 individuals were assisted. With your help, each child received a new toy and a new article of clothing. Each family received a certificate to purchase enough food for a holiday meal. Merry Christmas and God Bless, Colleen Poisson, chairman 1988, Caseville Community Christmas Fund.
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have ads on that he will start doing it next week. (WJRT TV-12 in Flint has started using weatherman McMurray on the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts. The contract of former weatherman Tom Stephens was not renewed, observers said.)
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What can we do about these dogs running loose in Bay Port? Pets are wonderful, but not running loose. Thank you.

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Happy Birthday Dana Y. and Chad S.
Yes, I like the fact that people keep their Christmas lights up at least to New Year's. We like seeing them even after Christmas is past.
(We agree, and invite you to see the ultra-decorated house

We would like to thank everyone for the contribution of time, money, food and gifts to this year's Caseville Community Christmas Fund. This year, we were able to help 19 senior citizens, 12 AFC home individuals and 28 families. Of the 28 fami-

Flyer Barb Quinn gets an EXTRA Christmas present!
Barbara Quinn of Caseville received a special Christmas gift last Tuesday, but she didn't mind that this present came two days late. Ms. Quinn was selected as the 125,000th passenger to board a Northwest Airlines flight from Saginaw's Tri-City Airport on Dec. 27 — and has been given two free round-trip tickets to anywhere in the world the airline flies.
She was walking up the

boarding ramp for Northwest Flight 366 to Detroit when airline employees began calling her name. The 60-year-old Caseville teacher was traveling to Denver to visit her children and grandchildren.
"I never win anything," she said with a laugh. "It's very exciting."
Ms. Quinn didn't have to decide exactly where she'd choose to take her flights quite yet, but may consider a trip to Alaska. "I'll see what's available," she told reporters.
She and the other 132 passengers on Flight 366 helped boost Northwest's passenger totals from Tri-City Airport to more than 125,000, a record for the airline's local operation.

Thumb Area OBITUARIES

THEODORE WOELKE 1927 - 1988

Theodore E. (Ted) Woelke, age 61 of Millington, formerly a long-time of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 27 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Flint, after a long illness. He was born Dec. 4, 1927 in Pigeon, son of the late Otto and Christine (Baum) Woelke. He was united in marriage to Connie Shepley in 1955 at West Branch.
Mr. Woelke graduated from Pigeon High School in 1945, where he played basketball and baseball for four years. He spent two years in the Special Services Corps of the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II.
He received his bachelor of arts degree in Education from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. He taught elementary school at Lima, Ohio for two years, then taught social studies and coached at Rose City and Hale. For the past 27 years he taught and coached at Millington High School.
Mr. Woelke was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millington, where he served for many years on the church council. He was also a member of the Michigan Sports Sages and the Millington Lions Club.
He is survived by his wife, Connie, Millington; three daughters, Mrs. Dale (Kimberly) Torrey, Millington, Mrs. David (Tamara) Grover, Oscoda and Mrs. Craig (Michele) Hampton, Westland; two grandchildren, Erik Torrey and Rylee Grover; four sisters, Mrs. Paul (Mildred) Leithart, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Robert (Beatrice) Orr, Livonia, Mrs. Herbert (Gertrude) Schaefer, Hong Kong and Mrs. Jerome (Marion) Bramschreiber, Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Arthur Woelke, Pigeon and several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Rev. David Sherry, pastor, officiated with burial in the Millington Cemetery.
The Hanlin Funeral Home, Millington, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

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TY'S THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Knechtel's Market 3
P & L Party Store 3
Bumhoffer Surge Sales 3
Ty's Bowling Lounge .. 2
Elkton Food Center 2
Video Spotlight 1
Ron's Party Store 1
Pratt's Appl. 1
High team series and game: Video Spotlight 1794, Ty's 619.
High individual scores: S. Hyzer 499 (187), J. Garrick 481 (176), D. Seley 477 (177), D. Schuette 464 (190), J. Rosenthal 450, P. Podlaskowski 188.
Splits converted: 5-6 D. Schuette; 5-7 M. McAlpine, S. Hyzer; 3-10 J. Rosenthal, D. Schuette 464 (190), J. Rosenthal 450, P. Podlaskowski 188.

PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

End of Half
Greenfields Rest. 40 1/2
Damm's Inc. 37
Pigeon Lanes 34 1/2
Village Quik Stop 34
Bay Shore Collision 32
J.O. Wurst Tiling 26 1/2
Pigeon Motor Sales 26
Bay Shore Realty 25 1/2
J & B Plumbing 25
Gettel's 19
High team series and game: Greenfield's 2529 (878), Damm's 2486 (888), Gettel's 865, J & B Plg. 850.
High individual scores: O. Murdoch 586 (221-202), J. Eckel 566 (214), J. Gunden 558 (201), M. Swartzendruber 554, V. Smith 244, M. Rathje 216, F. Strauch 207, T. Drabek 200.

PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Bob Smith Builders 4
Coors 4
Steinman Agency 4
Dutch Kettle 4
Ralph's Tavern 3
Pigeon Inn 1
Farm Crest Foods 1
JuDen's 0
Osenstoski Ford Tractor Country Corner Video .. 0
High team series and game: Steinman Agency 2437 (858).
High individual scores: H. Schuette 555 (211), D. Smith 546, H. Trost 537 (202-201), J. Smith 202.

TY'S TUES.-WED. MENS'

Ty's 75
Thumb Petroleum 51
Elkton Food Ctr. 50 1/2
Pizga Pizza 49
Bud's Bar 46 1/2
Knechtel's Market 43
High team series and game: Ty's 2604.
High individual scores: T. Wills 610 (227-202), V. Zarnke 574 (213-201), D. Sweeney 528 (211), H. Karl 522, D. Born 231.
Splits converted: 2-7 D. Polega, L. Young; 3-10 H. Karl, P. Smith, J. Lackie; 5-7-9 B. Chappell; 5-7 B. Chubb; 3-10, 2-5-7 B. McBride.

PIGEON WED'DAY LADIES LEAGUE

First Half Standings
Bay Port Construction .. 38
Pigeon Auto Supply 38
Haist Flowers 34
Dodge Girls 32
Cloud of Dust Ceramics 31
Bay Port State Bank 30 1/2
JuDen's 29 1/2
Actual series, bowled games of 228, 196 and a 225 on the Gutter Gutters team of the Sunday Night Mixed Doubles League at Blue Water Lanes, Harbor Beach.
Other 550 and higher series bowled were: Sue Arnett 616 and 568, Almac, Bad Axe; Betty Mazure 587, Bad Axe Lanes and Phyllis McIntosh 556, Charmont, Cass City.

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First Half Finals
Berkley Indus. 36
Active Feed 34
Caseville Fruit Market 34
Albrecht Auction 28
Co-op Elevator 26
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High team series and game: Active Feed 2544 (874-887), Co-op Elevator 2464 (812-870), Pigeon Lanes 2429 (849-802).
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Scheurer Aux. quilt winner named

Mrs. Melvin Kuhl of Sebewaing is the lucky winner of the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary Quilt, which was raffled off at the Laker Community Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 3.

Achievements

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Mark D. Wilson, son of Linda A. AcMoody of Elkton recently participated in community relations projects while deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, Calif.
During a port visit to Pattaya Beach, Thailand, Wilson assisted in painting an elementary school building and in distributing supplies and materials to an orphanage and several other schools.

Lake-Chandler News by Mildred Ballagh

How did you enjoy holiday?

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall and sons of Birmingham, Ala. visited his father, Don Hall, a patient at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl entertained for Christmas Dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elenbaum, Nancy and Dan Elenbaum and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elenbaum and children Angel, Jason and Justin, Mrs. Debra Proctor and children Heather and Christopher, all of Mayville; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor and family, Randy and Samantha of Allan Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Booth and sons David, Timothy and Matthew of Alma (they were also weekend guests), Kathleen Reider of Alma College and Jeff Schuette of Pigeon.
Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent from Saturday until Tuesday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McBride and Brian at Lake Orion. Other Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Young of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahearn of Saginaw.
Saturday Christmas guests

'Friends for Life' hold annual meet

The annual "Friends for Life" meeting has been set for Monday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Bad Axe.
"Friends for Life" is based on the hospice concept of caring for the terminally ill — those whose lives are measured in weeks or months.
Persons planning to attend the "Friends for Life" volunteer training class Feb. 2-March 9 are encouraged to contact Barbara Kube at 269-8683 immediately so they may be sent at application. Men and women are needed from all areas of the county, she adds.

Classes will be held at the Bad Axe High School and include an introduction to hospice work, role of a volunteer, communication, medical and social aspects of death and dying, grief and bereavement and spiritual care.

Pigeon news

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Eidt of Sand Point and Mrs. William Parker of Clawson called on Earl Parker at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, recently.

East Huron TV is announcing the closing of the Pigeon store, effective January 1, 1989. We are moving our operations back to our Bad Axe location. We have appreciated your patronage and we hope to serve you in 1989 at our Bad Axe store.

Sincerely, Don & Della Wolschlager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be conducted at the regular council meeting of the Village of Pigeon on January 9, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers. Purpose of the Hearing is to act on a request from Huron Casting, Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District on the following parcel of property:

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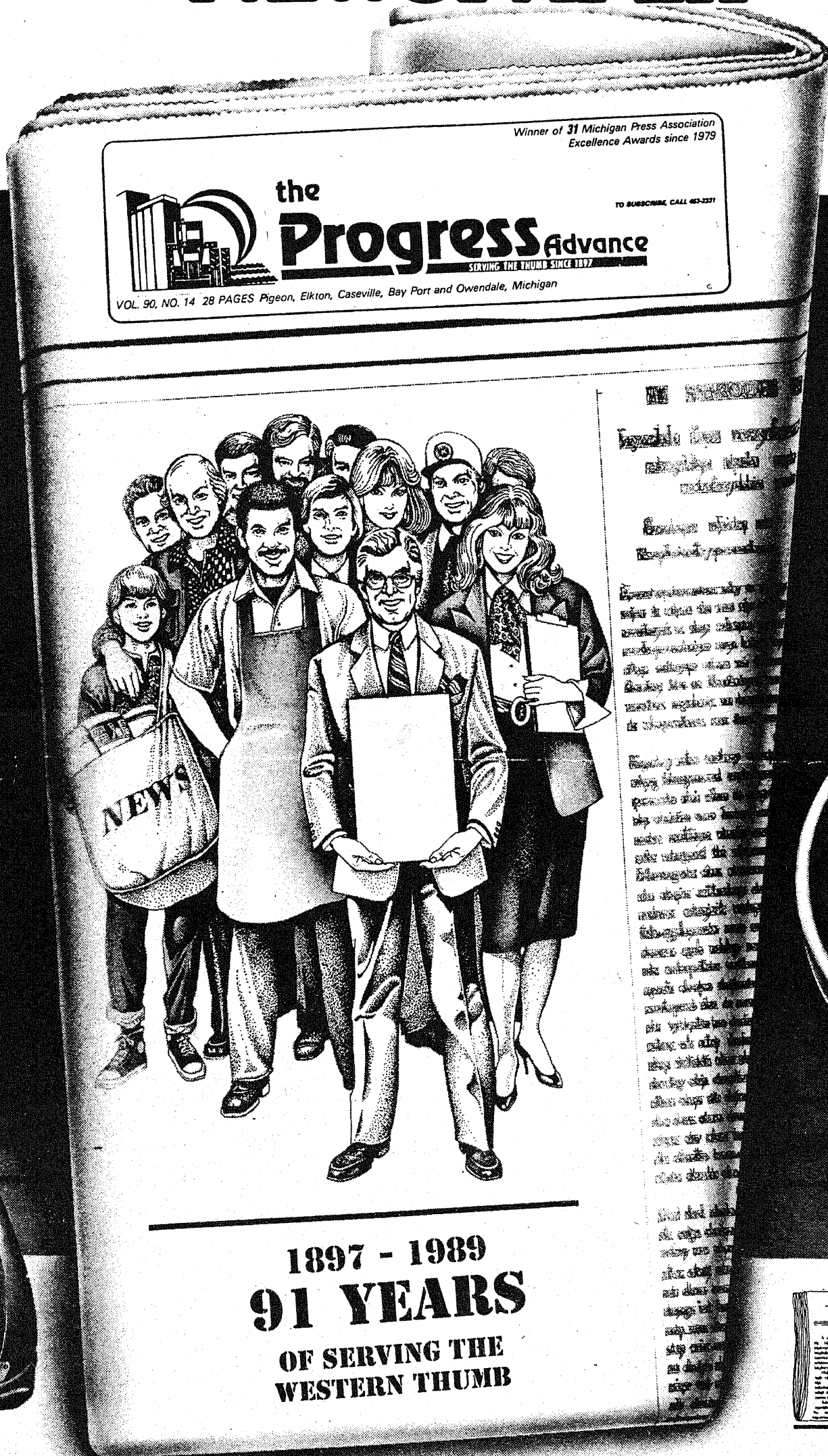
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