

# Goodbye to barns... From Front Page

and following the end of World War II, many county farmers had plenty of barn raisings due to suspicious fires.

**SUSCEPTIBLE TO FIRE:** "All the farmers' boys who didn't have to serve because they were in agriculture, their barns were burned. My dad's barn was one of them. There were just piles and piles of burned barns," Smith says.

"Whoever burned them is apparently dead and gone because it stopped soon after the war ended. Someone was obviously mad because these boys didn't serve in the armed forces." Thousands of dollars worth of livestock were killed and many homesteads were jeopardized due to the fires, Smith and others recall.

Dick McBride, who was Sheriff during the war years, took plaster casts of the tracks found at the Smith farm, and two nights later, his barn was burned to the ground -- and his locally famous white show horses were lost.

What scared Smith most, though, was the fact that the arsonist knew that the barn would be empty and the night winds blew from the northeast, towards the rest of the farm buildings.

"I believe it was meant to take all the buildings down," Smith says.

**FIRE PROBLEMS WORSEN:** The old wooden barns are a fire trap, Smith believes, especially if the barn is only partially filled with hay or straw.

"Once a fire really gets going in a dry old barn, nothing can stop it," he says. By state law, fire departments are required to extinguish a blaze, but most often a blazing barn cannot be saved, according to former Oliver Township Fire Chief Dennis Young.

"We try to keep other buildings around the barn from catching fire," Young says.

**RECENT FIRES, BAD WEATHER:** Unfortunately, the local fire departments have contended with at least three major barn fires in the last 18 months, with barns belonging to Dale Schulz, Ron Schulz and Jim Swartzendruber burning.

Ron Schulz's barn was used as a wood-working shop, while Dale Schulz's was used for dairy cattle and hay storage, and Swartzendruber's stored hay and straw.

Harsh weather also takes its toll on the old barns. In June 1984, a tornado blasted it way from Bay Port northeast to Pinnebog, creating Huron County's worst natural disaster since the Great Fire of 1881.

More than \$1.2 million in damages were reported, including 100 trees, 23 barns, five silos and four houses.

But high winds, whether caused by a tornado or simply a blip in the jet stream, are enemies of the old barns, because loose boards or shingles can be lost. Then the wind has its way with the barn, sometimes causing irreparable damage.

**IRREPLACABLE LOSSES:** But no matter what the barn is used for, it's a traumatic experience to lose it. Storage and animals are lost, but a little piece of history dies too when the old barns burn or are knocked down by high winds.

One farmer who asked not to be identified said that it's easier to watch a barn slowly deteriorate than it is to watch it burn to the ground in a few moments or fall in the face of high winds.

"At least there's a chance of repairing it if it's still sitting on the farm, even if it isn't being used.

"But a fire, that's different. It's like watching a little bit of history die. They go so fast, and the firemen just can't stop it. And if the wind catches them just right, there's not a thing you can do."

**WELL-MADE:** Why are so many of those old barns still standing when the

lifespan of some new buildings can only be guaranteed for 25 years?

According to Smith, the native materials used were much stronger than what can be obtained today.

"We had beech, white oak, ash. The stuff in lumber yards now, you couldn't build a barn with it. I've had a couple of people approach me to build a plank-frame barn and I've told them I didn't want anything to do with it."

And the knowledge to build those plank-frame barns is held by only a few builders in the Thumb now.

"It's a dying art," Smith says. Every barn erected included the ideas of the builder, and Smith says that "only the good ideas are still standing. That's good engineering."

**MODERN REPLACEMENTS:** As the ravages of age, weather, and fire take their toll on the old barns, they're being replaced by post-frame buildings with all working space on the ground floor.

With round bales of hay becoming more popular, equipment must be used to move the bales and a one-story building is simply more efficient. And, cleaning up animal waste is much easier in a one-story facility, where payloaders can be brought in to remove soiled straw in a short period of time.

One drawback of the old barns, Smith says, is the lack of good ventilation for animals.

"With the low profit margins in raising animals, they have to be kept healthy and that's hard to do with poor ventilation."

Jim Seley, who owns a farm south of Elkton, still uses his barn to house his dairy cattle, but uses a milking parlor. His barn, the original barn built in 1904, also houses hay and straw, some machinery, and numerous cats and kittens, a fixture in any barn to control the mouse population.

"MEANT TO BE HERE:" He says the barn must be "meant to be here," since it has withstood two fires within 10 years. In earlier days, wheat was stored on the floor of the barn and Seley fondly remembers burying himself in that sweet-smelling wheat when he was a child.

"We'd swing out over the floor and drop into the wheat," Seley says.

Fond memories are one of the many reasons why many barns are still standing in the area despite outliving their usefulness. When Jim Swartzendruber's barn burned in December, he says his daughters were the members of the family most affected.

"They cried and said, 'But Dad, we used to play in that barn!' We all had tears in our eyes, but they took it the hardest," Swartzendruber says. He admits that the barn not only had some monetary value, but a lot of sentimental value, too.

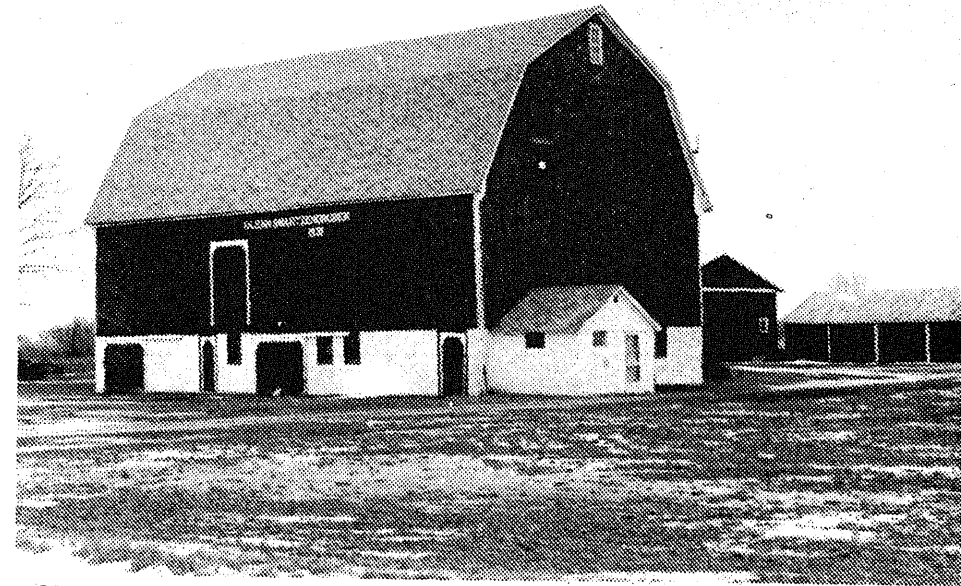
**REPAIRS ARE VALUED:** Bob Smith has seen that sentimentality in farmers coming to him asking about repairs on their old barns.

"There's a lot of sentimental value in the old barns, sure. Some farmers will ask me to come look at their barn and they'll say, 'give me your honest opinion on the condition of the barn and if you think it's worth a new roof or new siding, I want to keep it. I may never use it, but I want to keep it.'"

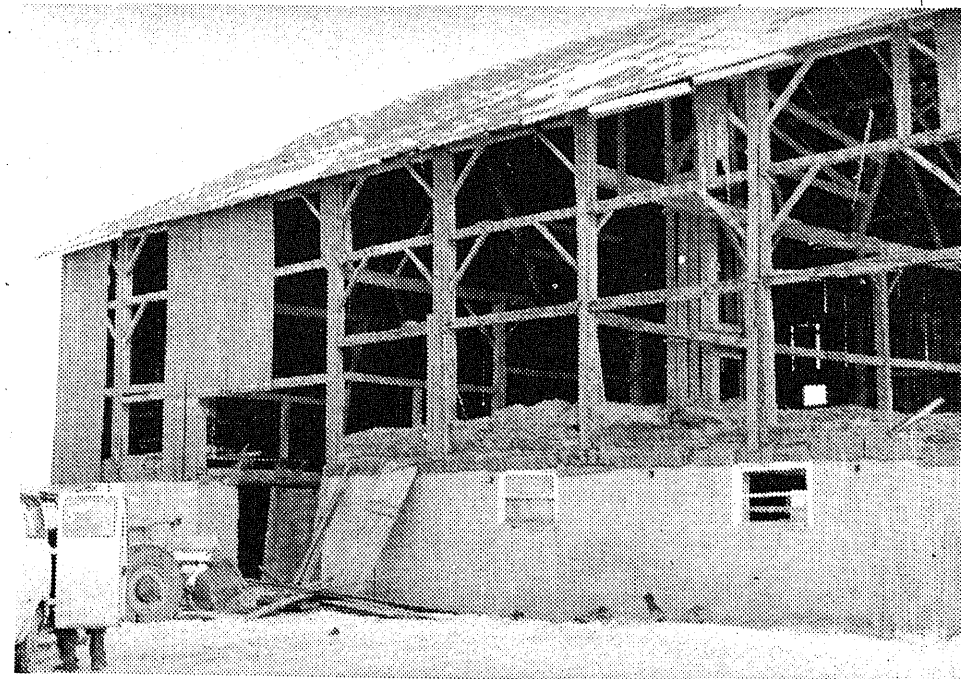
The great old wooden barns still serve a purpose, but Smith admits they're a dying breed. "A lot of people say it's said to see the barns go, and maybe it is.

"But it's an era that's gone. Compare them with the horse and buggy. Would you like to go back to the days when we had no cars? Old barns are a thing of the past. They're going to disappear."

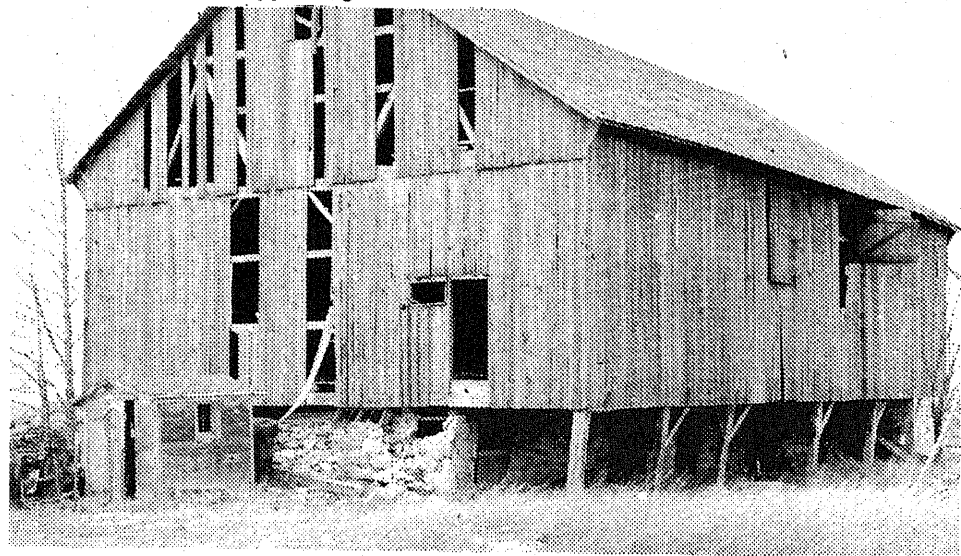
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Glenn and Erma Swartzendruber's barn on Notter Road is used only for storage now, but is still maintained in good condition.



One more victim of time, this timber-frame barn belonging to Bud and Lydia Decker on Pigeon Road is being torn down due to deterioration. The barn was built in 1900 by Mrs. Decker's grandfather, Fred Fluegge. "I bet in 25 years, all the old barns around here will be gone," Bud Decker says. And that fear is echoed by others in the area who also agree that the barns are disappearing.



More and more barns are simply "getting tired," and it shows...



A barn's worst enemy is fire, which spreads quickly in the dry wood and dust atmosphere. And, when they're gone, old-style barns aren't being rebuilt...



## Thanks a Million 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.

### Rebuilding an old home for a new life

DEAR MR. ROSS:

This is on behalf of my foster daughter, who lived with me during her teen years. I knew she had a terrible childhood, but until this year I never fully understood the extent. Her father sexually and physically abused her. She never confided in anyone because her mother told her, "All men are like that." She was left feeling responsible for the injustice inflicted upon her.

Recently she called me from a shelter for abused women. It turns out her husband is also abusive. In addition to the beatings and verbal cruelty he inflicted upon her, she has three small children who were also being abused.

As if that weren't enough, she was diagnosed with cancer this year and is now in remission. Due to fatigue from the chemotherapy, she can only work part-time.

She is now receiving counseling and legal help from the shelter and will shortly be returning to her house. A few others and I are helping her make it a home again, in which she can feel comfortable and free from violence.

What none of us can come up with is money to re-carpet her living room. The carpet is old and badly bloodstained from her last beating. We will paint and generally fix up the house, but new carpet is simply more than we can afford. Would you be willing to help?

As I write this, I see the whole story as such a nightmare, it's almost unbelievable. If you should publish my letter, please don't use our names. — Mrs. R.W., Tucson, Ariz.

DEAR MRS. A.: You can post the "condemned" sign at the "Roach Motel" because we're going to put those critters six feet under. My check is on the way to get both houses

DEAR MRS. W.:

Good Lord, rip that damn, cruddy carpet out and replace it by means of my forthcoming check. It makes me so angry when I hear of these situations where a person, especially a woman, has been victimized repeatedly throughout her life. No one, and I mean NO ONE, deserves that kind of treatment.

But through my anger and yes, the tears, I feel a ray of hope. That hope stems from you because of your willingness to lend support to your foster daughter so she may one day learn to trust in people again. God bless you for being there to help. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm writing about a problem my husband I have. We have a neighbor who moved in a few months ago and he has lots of problems with roaches.

We are experiencing this roach problem ourselves and it's no picnic. What I'm asking for is enough money to have both homes exterminated.

I'm speaking for my husband and I, as well as our neighbor, when I tell you none of us will ever be able to afford it. "Why?" you may ask — because my husband only makes \$150 a week and our neighbor lives off Social Security.

Help! — before these critters take over our humble homes — Mrs. J.A., Savannah, Ga.

DEAR MRS. A.:

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exterminated... and may they rest in peace. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

DEAR MR. ROSS: Frankly, I'm puzzled! I read your column faithfully and know you help a lot of people. I wrote you three

months ago and received help, but not nearly enough. I realize I didn't state an amount up front like most of your greedy readers do — I left it up to your discretion. Sorry, but I feel your discretion lacking, because I'm no better off today than

I was three months ago. So I won't bother you again on this matter. I'll just sit back and wait, and see if you do anything. — Mr. F.J., Denver, Colo.

DEAR MR. J.: Well, there's your answer

as to why nothing is happening at this time. As long as you sit back and wait for others to do all the work... you'd be wise to be a little less rude and a bit more gracious about whatever should come your way. — \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ —

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TUESDAY: Pizza or hot dog.

WEDNESDAY: Stew and biscuits, bread and butter or macaroni and cheese.

THURSDAY: NO LUNCH SERVED (half day).

FRIDAY: NO LUNCH SERVED (half day).

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— ANXIETY ATTACKS —

Anxiety attacks may be a sign that something has gone wrong with the mourning process, that in some way it has been subverted or repressed.

It is not unusual, for instance, to find that people who bottle up their grief experience sudden heart palpitation, seizures of irrational fear, an inability to catch their breath, a tendency to frequent swallowing, and that they can undergo these symptoms many months after the death. Such a response may be a reaction to repressed grief that was never aired. It may also be a reflex of one's own death fears, triggered by the death of someone close.

Anxiety attacks are not necessarily a sign for alarm among the bereaved if they take place within the first year of mourning, if they do not happen too frequently, if they do not continue to occur regularly over a long period of time, and if they do not become so intense they cripple normal functioning.

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# The Past In Print

*From the archives of  
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### 90 YEARS AGO JAN. 20, 1899

A large number of our school pupils are confined to their homes with the grippe.

Pick out your masks for the Masquerade Ball at Leipprandt Bros.

A necktie social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Einwacher died Sunday.

Nelson Broderick and Miss Susie Gotts were married at the home of the bride's parents at Gotts Corners.

John H. Richmond shipped a carload of baled hay to New York.

J.J. Campbell of Pigeon has been appointed as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. Warner.

Mrs. Fred Elbing, 41, died at her home a mile north of Pigeon. She is survived by her husband and 10 children.

Wallace, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Schluchter of McKinley Township, died at his home. He had been attending school at Bay City and was taken down with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Fred Kirby, 32, died at her home near Linkville. She leaves her husband and six small children.

Tom Brown of Bay Port is hauling wood to town from Sand Point.

The ice men are jubilant over the weather as several ice houses have been filled now.

Noah Wilfong of McKinley passed away at the age of 64. He leaves his wife.

Vern Geiger left for Ypsilanti where he will attend school.

Mrs. Tilman Stauffer has purchased the Lyman Gregory house in the Gould Addition.

At the Gem Theatre — Annette Kellerman in "Daughter of the Gods," a big special in eight parts. Admission 25 cents plus 3 cents tax; children 15 cents plus 2 cents tax.

Norman Maier and Walter McLean attended a meeting of the YMCA at Bad Axe.

Next number of the Lecture Course will be Thursday evening at the Gem Theatre with the Bryn Mawr Entertainers giving dramatic readings, a pianist and lyric soprano.

Worth While Club met at the home of Mrs. P.L. Fritz. Mrs. H.O. Paul and Mrs. Maurice Paupel assisted with the program on American Arts.

Winsor-Oliver Home Management group met with Mrs. Joe Kisner. Mrs. Alfred Deichman and Mrs. Kisner gave the program.

Daniel McCallum, former Grant Township resident, died Jan. 12. He leaves his wife and three step-children.

Elizabeth Danks, 60, passed away after a short illness. She leaves her husband,

John, one daughter and four sons.

August Rathke, 86, died at his home near Pigeon. He is survived by three daughters and one son.

John Yantzi, 71, passed away at his home in Pigeon. His widow, two daughters and one son survive.

Henry Meier, station agent for the C & O Railroad at Elkton for 49 years, retired. His successor will be Oscar Isler of Applegate.

Don Parrish of Pigeon set the series record at Pigeon Lanes, rolling a 718 series on the June & Fargo's team.

Grace MacKenzie of Caseville was a \$1,000 winner in the Michigan Lottery.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES  
58 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 31, 1931

Would you realize there are 220 state employees drawing salary of \$5,000 or more each year? The Governor earns \$5,000 while three State Supreme Court Justices earn \$12,000 each.

Holiday business was satisfactory for Elkton Merchants, despite condition of the weather.

William F. Rolph, 36 of Owendale, passed away Dec. 24. He leaves his wife and three children.

We wish to thank the business men who remembered us with gifts at Christmas; for the good service rendered. Elkton Telephone Operators.

Miss Elna Clabuesch became the bride of Adolph Bucholtz at the Berne Lutheran Church. Rev. G.F. Wacker performed the ceremony Dec. 26.

Elkton, Owendale and Gageton Schools have organized a new sports league for football, basketball and baseball. It replaces the "Tip of the Thumb League," of which Elkton was once a member.

Christopher Murdoch, Debbie Malpass and Kenny Hill, eighth graders at Caseville School, are first, second and third place winners in the 10th annual "America and Me" contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

Burt Keefer has been hired as Field Representative for the Pigeon Cooperative Electric.

Whether you're married or thinking about getting married: You'll want to read every page of The Progress-Advance's special Bridal Edition in Section B of this week's paper.

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The Ice Skating Rink at the Caseville Village - Township Park near the water tower is now open for skating. Times are, weekdays 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the warming building is open during those hours for ice skaters.

Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan, Michigan. That's 21 times, to match the victory. Great job, Bo and the boys, we're proud of you.

Boy, it really makes me mad when a Caseville restaurant closes for a few months in the winter. To me, that's a good example of summer businesses not caring enough about local people.

I believe Christmas is getting too much commercialized. Maybe some folks need to be reminded that without our Saviour's birth, where would we be? Happy New Year, H.M.

Mom and Pop, we hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to "bug off" saying our clock is running out to have a kid. You had us kids when you wanted, so let us get to know each other and lead our lives. God will take care of us.

Be careful when you go to the full-serve gas stations. Some charge 13 cents more per gallon. Did you know that? (It's true, but we should caution this isn't the case in Pigeon or this nearby area - but it does occur elsewhere.)

I just went to the store and noticed you almost can't buy things made in glass anymore. Almost everything, like pop bottles, are in plastic now. It's easier and cheaper to make them out of glass. Why don't we?

On Wednesday morning, a friend told me she saw a rainbow. But it wasn't raining, it was snowing. Impossible, right? (Your friend indeed saw a rainbow - or perhaps it should be called a "snowbow.")

How can the county government elect a newcomer as the leader? He doesn't even know his way around yet, and he's in charge? There certainly is a grudge against the western part of the county, that's for sure. That is ridiculous!

I think the people who have shared money or food or something here at Christmas should be congratulated and thanked for helping others less fortunate.

It sounds to me like we should just let Oliver North off. He's a proud American who did his job. He doesn't deserve this.

Why are the lights always on at that bakery in Sebewaing? Don't they ever close?

Confidential to Elkton Fire Dept. booster: check the facts. You took a cheap shot. And, it's unsafe and unfair to generalize on anything like this, fire departments or businesses.

Yea, yea, yea, we like to see Christmas lights. But now enough's enough. Turn them off, certainly by New Year's Day or so.

The box where my gas meter is making a noise, like a squeak. Is this dangerous? It doesn't sound good.

Laker Athletic Boosters will meet Monday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m., in the Laker High Student Center. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

There's an untrue rumor going around Caseville, to the effect that the many good projects now going on are the result of the elected leaders, or at least the recently-elected ones. That's not true!

(We checked with some people who know, and they said many natural gas meters squeal or make some noises, when there's some kind of friction in the meter. It's probably not dangerous, and may result in slightly-lower gas bills since it means the meter is slowing down.)

On the news, they said this shooting down of the Libyan planes happened while we were on a "training" mission. But do we have to train there, right by their country? Why can't we train our pilots off Hawaii

I would like to say Happy New Year to the best wife in the world, from your husband, me.

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Elkton Food Center ..... 2
Ty's ..... 2
Pizga Pizza ..... 0

High team series and game: 2571. High individual scores: B. McBride 570 (223), V. Zarnke 537, D. Sweeney 534, F. Thompson 521 (206), J. Daming 503, B. Chappel 502, B. Farver 500.

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES

- Dodge Girls ..... 4
Bay Port State Bank ..... 4
Damm's Inc ..... 4
Bay Port Construction ..... 3
Gumby's ..... 3
Country Lane Video ..... 2
Cloud of Dust Ceramics ..... 2

High individual scores: M. Ropp 577 (172-238), E. Rounds 538 (162-193), S. Buchholz 496 (178), J. Gots 489 (179), P. Niebel 477 (168), A. Dubs 476 (203), T. Gnagay 476 (179), B. Heintz 470, C. Haley 468 (175), J. Otto 462 (196), E. Gunden 459, L. Hill 455 (178), J. Sturm 453, B. Pobanz 183, B. Trost 180.

Five consecutive strikes: M. Ropp. Splits converted: 4-7-10, 2-7 C. Thiel; 5-7, 2-7 J. Niebel; 3-10, 2-7 E. Turner; 5-7-10 L. Smith; 5-6-10 D. Schulz; 5-10 J. Poisson; 3-10 A. Albrecht; 2-7 J. Stoeckle, H. Ruby, L. Kunisch, A. Lackie, E. Rounds, F. Behm, J. Kretzschmer; 7-8 C. Poisson.

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PIGEON TUESDAY LADIES LEAGUE

- Sun Bonnet Bakery ..... 4
Diener's Home of FF ..... 4
Pigeon IGA ..... 3
Grigg Greenhouse ..... 3
Town & Country ..... 3
Thumbodies ..... 3
Pigeon Lanes ..... 1
Debbie's Catering ..... 1
LaFave Steel ..... 1
Terra ..... 1
Beachy Eggs ..... 0
Yaroch Asphalt ..... 0

High team series and game: Pigeon IGA 1867 (670), Grigg Greenhouse 1759 (600-613), Sun Bonnet Bakery 1722 (611). High individual scores: J. Chrisiner 544 (210), J. Deering

PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

- Greenfields Restau ..... 4
Gettel's ..... 4
Pigeon Lanes ..... 3
Bay Shore Collision ..... 3
Village Qwik Stop ..... 1
J & B Plum,bing ..... 1
J.O. Wurst Tiling ..... 0
Bay Shore Realty ..... 0
\*Damm's, Inc. .... 0
\*Pigeon Motor Sales ... 0
\*Incomplete

High team series and game: Greenfield's 2622 (888-888), Pigeon Lanes 2518 (922), Gettel's 2514 (906), J.O. Wurst Tiling 2489 (855), J & B Pig. 870. High individual scores: O. Murdoch 595 (205-203), F. Strauch 579 (234), Troy Gunden 578 (216), T. Drabek 572 (204-291), D. Parrish 565 (201), M. Swartzendruber 560 (205), T. Swartzendruber 557 (202), B. Stahl 543 (201), L. Albrecht 540, V. Smith 540 (207), J. Eckel 219, J. Gunden 202.

ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE

- First Half Finals
Ron's Party Store ..... 75
Don's Barber Shop ..... 72
Wesleyan Church ..... 58
Jim's Garage ..... 48
Auto Color ..... 47 1/2
Moon Beams ..... 42
Finkbeiner's Farm ..... 41
Hazard's Hotsy ..... 36 1/2

High team series and game: Ron's Party Store 2640 (910), Don's Barber Shop 2438 (896), Auto Color Professionals 2338 (842). High individual scores: D. Smith 562 (200), D. Daming 550 (203-200), D. Schulz 547 (203), T. Wills 538, D. McAlpine 533 (211), S. Schulze 515, K. Hazard 507.

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TY'S G'MA & G'PA LEAGUE

- Buchholz-Rosenthal .. 16
Schember-Rosenthal .. 12
Gayari-Morin ..... 10
Krohn-Klosowski ..... 10

High team series and game: Buchholz-Rosenthal 1946 (662). High individual scores: M. Rosenthal 511 (208), J. Rosenthal 438 (172), K. Schember 496 (190), C. Buchholz 494 (189), J. Rosenthal 438 (172).

Splits converted: 5-10 L. Smith; 5-7 M. Albrecht; 234, A. Collins 200, P. Swartzendruber 200.

Woods & Waters

By Duane Guenther



Let there be light

"You can't do it," squealed my oldest son. "It's a trick, it's a trick," chimed in his younger brother.

"Quit fooling around and turn off that light or these kids will never get to sleep," Sweetwife said. Her soft but stern voice put an end to the teasing.

We were tent camping in the Appalachian Mountains and I had made the boast that I could turn off the light and be in bed before it got dark.

Poised in the middle of the tent, I leaned in the direction of my cot and slowly turned the lantern knob to the "off" position. The lantern hissed and sputtered and slowly began to dim. Instead of a mad dash, I sauntered toward the cot, slipped off my moccasins, eased inside the sleeping and slowly zipped up. At that precise moment, the lantern gave a final pop and the lights went out. The boys shrieked in delight, Sweetwife grumbled good-naturedly and we all went to sleep.

Being able to beat the light to bed is just one of the many features that makes the Coleman lantern the most indispensable pieces of outdoor

equipment one can own. Born in a man's mind 88 years ago, this wonderful white-gas contraption has eased the lives of millions of people who choose to live out of the mainstream that we call civilization.

The Coleman Company is a leader in the production of outdoor equipment. At the present time they market a complete line ranging from canoes to camping trailers. But, a few years back when you mentioned Coleman you were talking about gas stoves and lanterns.

It is impossible to imagine the multi uses this ingenious lighting device has performed. Aside from being a household word in hunting and fishing camps the world over, the light has also aided surgeons in far away countries, expeditions to mountain tops, and emergency

The Coleman lantern is a unique lighting device that takes liquid gasoline, and by using a small tube-like generator, heats the liquid into a vapor which is ignited within fragile mantles to produce a blinding, but brilliant light to conquer darkness. With its guidance, fish

With its guidance, fish have been cleaned, animals gutted, paths found, fish speared, wood chopped, poker played, supper cooked, and the list goes on and on.

I bought my first Coleman lantern while I was still in high school. It was a single mantle affair whose main purpose was to accompany me on night-time sojourns to the Wiscoggin Creek in search of springtime suckers. In those days, a plane flying overhead might have easily mistaken the creek for a landing strip as each spring night would find both banks lined with hopeful spears holding their Colemans aloft.

When I graduated to more complicated outdoor safaris, a double-mantle model was added to my equipment list. This produced ample light for the Northern Michigan deer hunts as well as the nighttime Walleye fishing on Houghton Lake. It even lit up my college apartment during exam week when a winter storm knocked down all the power lines in the surrounding area.

My small lantern was traded away for a fishing rod and the larger one bounced out of my buddy's pickup shortly before I was married.

Outdoors in the Thumb

Michigan residents are urged to participate in the annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey conducted by the Michigan DNR. The process is quite simple. If you should see a Bald Eagle between January 5-19, it should be reported to the DNR. A record 389 eagles were observed during last year's survey, with over 1,300 responses providing the raw data. If you are one of the lucky people who sees the great American symbol during this period, send a postcard with the date, time, specific location, number of eagles, and any other pertinent information to: EAGLE ALERT, DNR Nongame Wildlife Program, Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909.

Ice fishing swung into high gear during the past weekend. Cold temperatures stiffened the ice and anglers responded by pouring out in record numbers last weekend. Nice catches were reported at Mud Creek, near Heisterman Island, and off the VFW at Sebewaing. While the fish were not always real big, a few fishermen reported some in the 10-11 inch class.

The Gateway Sportsmen's Club west of Unionville is sponsoring its annual winter Archery League on Wednesday nights, (with a shoot Saturday for those who can't make it on Wednesday). The cost is \$20.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for members.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN: The Village Deputy Clerk will be at 6767 Main Street, Caseville, Michigan on Monday, January 16, 1989, from 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of completing the registration of electors of said Village, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition: Shall the proposed revised charter for the Village of Caseville as drafted by the Charter Commission be adopted? YES ( ) NO ( ) JANICE PRILL Deputy Village Clerk

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## Pigeon news

By **DOROTHY DIENER**  
The Townliner Extension group will meet Monday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ruth Schuette. The group will then visit Betty's Boutique, Bad Axe, for a scarf demonstration by Betty Champagne. They will then return to the Schuette home for their meeting and lunch. The Just-A-Mere Farm Bureau group will meet Jan. 12 for a dinner at the home of Mrs. Viola Schuette at 6 m. rather than the usual meeting time of 8 p.m.

Spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McArdle and Tony were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Niedrich of New York, Phil McArdle of North Carolina, A.M.N. Rebecca McArdle, who is stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo. They all enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Denay and family in Bay City.

Last Thursday Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann visited Ruth Clabuesch at the Lutheran Home in Frankemuth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fritz and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pionk and Shannon hosted a family Christmas party New Year's Eve. Guests were Jim and Jill Avery of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Avery and family of Caro, Pam Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson and family of Fairgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schulz and family of Sebewaung, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Borp and family and Miss Kriste Lasceski of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born and Hollie were New Year's Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolak and family in Warren.

## Caseville School in the News!



By **CHARLOTTE BIERI and KARI NEVIN**

**WINNERS, ALL!:** Mrs. Lynne Mayes' classes have been engaged in "Writing Workshop" and have produced a great deal of writing in the past six weeks. Many of the authors have been published in the *Huron Daily Tribune's* "Attune" page and some writers have been declared winners in various contests.

Seventh grader Laura Gavilinski won \$10 in The Progress-Advance Christmas Memories writing contest for her short story entitled "Christmas Memories." Mrs. Mayes also won \$10 for her poem entitled "Times Change."

Missy Thack, another seventh grader, won first prize in the Pigeon District Library's Youth Author contest with her short story entitled "Too Much of a Good Thing," which she wrote and illustrated.

**SEMESTER SPEECHES:** Topics have been chosen and research is being completed as students prepare for a three to five minute informative speech to be delivered as part of their semester exam during the week of Jan. 16.

Subjects range from "Fashions of the 50s" to "Robots in the Home."

**CONGRATULATIONS!:** Hats off to the Caseville Students Against Driving Drunk chapter for paying for part of an ad which ran in local papers on New Year's Eve with the message, "Don't Drink and Drive."

**JH BOYS' BASKETBALL:** The seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball team has been practicing for their first game Jan. 16 at home against Owen-Gage.

Coach Jim Burnor states, "Everyone is working hard and they have great attitudes. When the boys are in practice, they hustle, they're aggressive and they don't mind the running."

Seventh grade team members include Ed Gaertner, Gene Dambrowski, Brian Kanyak, Bobby Samborski and Chris Stahl. Eighth grade team members include Tony Kanyak, Ryan Lackie, Tyler Williams, Dan Duffy, Randy Britt and Kevin McLean.

### Pigeon news

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shetler visited Dr. Dan and Tamela Puffenberger over the New Year holiday, traveling to Caves Cove, Tenn. and Cherokee, N.C.

The Puffenbergers send their best wishes of a prosperous New Year to Pigeon.

## Thumb Area club news

### ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

President Mike Renn welcomed 39 members to the Jan. 3 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. A special welcome was extended to guest Beatrice Gebauer and to returning member Alvena Walsh.

Ardis Gemmill offered the table prayer preceding the potluck dinner.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "America" and the reciting of the Pledge to the Flag. Bessie Overton was thanked for letting the group celebrate her birthday with ice cream and cake.

Christmas greetings were received from Dan and Mildred Dietzel, Bill and Agnes Moran, Robert and Eleanor Izzo and Catherine Protzman. Special messages were also received from the Frank Rosses, Alvena Walsh, Lena Roberts and Ina McMullen.

Good Cheer Chairman Marie Hoffman announced that a birthday card has been signed for Secord McMullen, who is not in good health. The Birthday Song was sung for him even though he is in Florida. A get-well card was also signed for Mary Day.

Bernice Eidt announced that 2,200 Campbell labels had been sent to Children's Haven International during 1988, earning a record for the Elkton Senior Citizens.

Blood pressures were scheduled to be taken prior to the Jan. 10 meeting, which Sherman Day was to chair.

Several members shared readings and anecdotes as they participated in an open meeting conducted by President Renn.

### CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

There were 119 members at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Caseville Retirement Club at the American Legion Hall.

Five new members were

introduced and welcomed by President Margaret Wilhelm: Betty and Ray Smith, Mary and Phil Battersbaugh and Gloria Frank.

Welcome back were Gerry Dominiak, Marie Darby and Rose Koenig.

President Wilhelm asked all to stand and greet their neighbors, then led in The Lord's Prayer. The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting.

Wilhelm thanked Ceil Peyok, Stella Budrick, Lu Bartman, Marge Heckman, Gert Cudnohufsky and Onalee Ewald for the "early-bird" goodies and also thanked the kitchen help.

Travel Chairman Ray Gerard reported the final payment for the Midland trip is to be paid Jan. 10. He also reported on future trips.

A moment of silent prayer was held for Sister Rose Delourds. A thank-you was read from the Caseville Community Fund.

Celebrating birthdays were Les Simmons, Valerie Kundrat, Noreen Klonowski, Jeanne Owens and Elvie Battane.

Feted for their anniversary were Lawrence and Noreen Ohlrogge.

Hospitalized are Pauline Moncus and Art Morisine at St. Mary's, Saginaw. Ill at home are Peg Hill, Ella Marries and Harold Dunning, who is having tests.

### Pigeon news

Spending Christmas weekend with Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker. Wednesday morning visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke and children of Sterling Heights. Wednesday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Westphal and children of Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke.

On Thursday morning Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann attended funeral services for Pastor Herbert Dornbrock at Christ Lutheran Church, Reese.

President Wilhelm reported on several places offering a Senior Citizen discount, including the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth and Frank's Barber Shop, Caseville.

Sue Reynold announced a Roast Beef dinner on Jan. 17. Wilhelm reminded all that 1989 dues are due and members should sign up for eggs.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUX.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. by President Marie Darby with prayer by chaplain Mary Gardner.

Secretary Eileen Tait is enjoying a visit with her husband Kathy and her husband and in her absence, Marion Parent read the minutes of the last meeting. A financial report was given by Treasurer Dorothy Beadle.

Thank-you notes were received by Steven Batzer and the Caseville Community Christmas Fund.

Money was sent to Saginaw Veterans' Hospital to help purchase new furniture. Members entertaining the residents of Sunny Acres Nursing Center for this month are Norma Farver, Marge Deming, Marie Darby, Frances Becker and Velma Meyers.

The meeting closed early due to inclement weather.

### CHANDLER GUILD

Members of the Chandler Presbyterian Guild met with Mildred Ballagh on Jan. 4 to prepare yearbooks for 1989. Marviline Richards was co-hostess. A dessert luncheon was served.

Marge McPhee presided at the meeting and offered prayer. The least coin selection from the Circle of Prayer was read by Margaret Young who also read the minutes of the last meeting.

Meetings will resume in March with hostess Marviline Richards.

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## Goodbye to barns... From Page 6

And when they do, the face of the landscape will be changed drastically. The old barns will live only in photographs and the occasional barn preserved solely as an historical artifact.

Some say that although the new pole-frame barns are more efficient, they are "bland and non-descript," and add no character to the farmstead.

Coilik, working in conjunction with "Successful Farming" magazine and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to save and restore old barns.

The magazine and the Trust created the Barn Again program to "solicit suggestions from farmers as to how barns might be preserved or renovated for new uses."

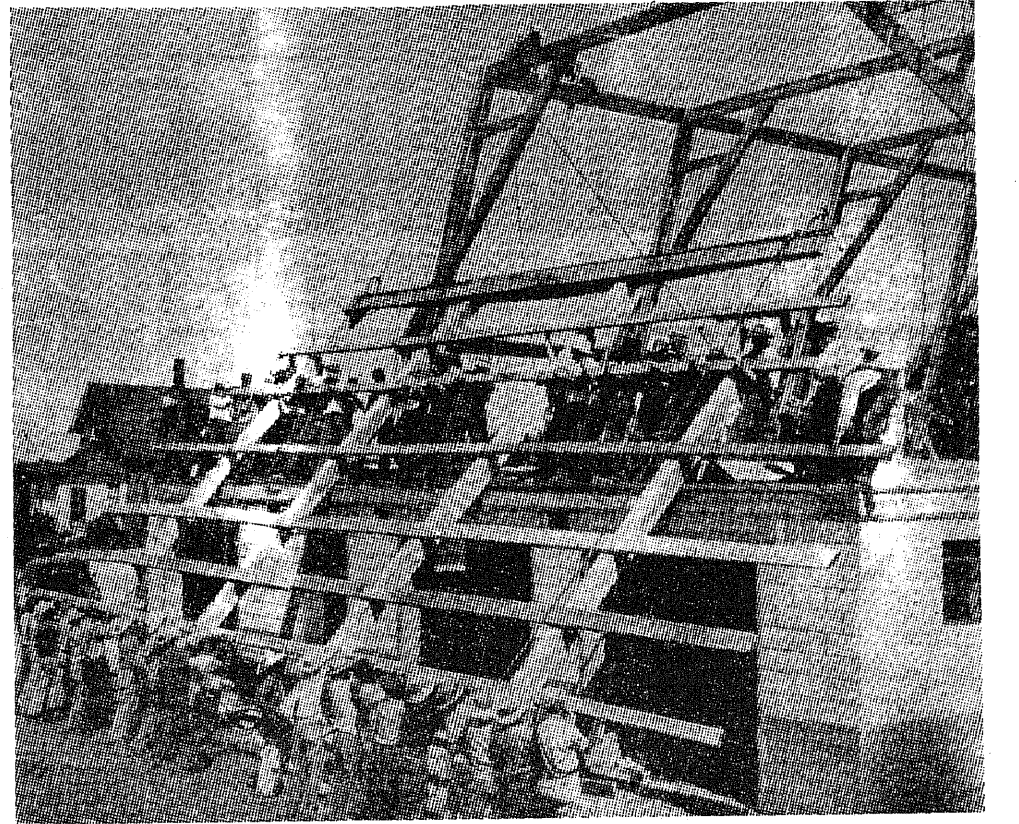
The magazine describes the efforts of Ciolik to save barns, working with the needs of farmers to find innovative ways to adapt barns to today's requirements. He started out as a dismantler of barns, labeling the pieces and reconstructing them, often as residences in another state.

**BARN AGAIN:** There are those, though, who are hoping to preserve old barns.

The March/April issue of "Michigan History," a magazine published by the Michigan Department of State, describes the efforts of Birch Run resident David



Burning barns are fierce, hard-to-contain fire infernos...



This photo, from the July 16, 1954, issue of The Pigeon Progress, shows a plank-frame barn on the James Smith property northwest of Pigeon in the process of construction. The farm and barn is now owned by Smith's son, Sid. Easily visible are the "bents" which provided the main support for the rafters of the barn. This was one of the last barns of this type erected in the area, and one of the last built by master barn builder Ace Reno, according to Smith.

**Want more facts on the 'Barn Again' program?**

For more information on the Barn Again program, contact "Successful Farming," 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50336 (515) 284-2802; the National Trust for Historic Preservation (Mountain/Plains Regional Office), 511 16th Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 623-1504; or David Ciolik, 194 East Curtis Road, Birch Run, MI 48415, (517) 777-5316.

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**Pigeon folks make holiday travel news**

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton spent New Year's weekend with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton and family in Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison accompanied their granddaughter, Beth Ann Sattler to Bay City on Tuesday after spending her Christmas vacation with the Collisons.

On Sunday Mrs. Dorothy Reinker, Mrs. Amanda Strauch, Mrs. Clara Gettel, Mrs. Florence Quick, Mrs. Ella Ziel and Mrs. Elsie Kern visited Margaret Gettel at the Talaski Home in Rapson and Elsie Bolzman at the Health Care Center in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Kay Baker and daughter Stacey Siewert of Paulding, Ohio spent Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gascho and family spent the holidays with Mrs. Lydia Teuscher and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gascho and other relatives.

The family of Mrs. Vera Dietzel held their Christmas gathering at her home on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Jimmy spent New Year's Weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gascho and family spent the holidays with Mrs. Lydia spending the holidays in Florida, enjoying Disney World and attending the Michigan State "Gator Bowl" game.

Mrs. James Bridges of Midland and Mrs. Ray Konen of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with their mother, Mrs. Ann Schuette.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schulze spent New Year's weekend at their place near Spratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roestel and family returned home Wednesday after spending several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Baerwolf was their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Baerwolf of Allen Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmitter of Sebewaung were Tuesday guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Diener.

**WALLPAPER SALE!**

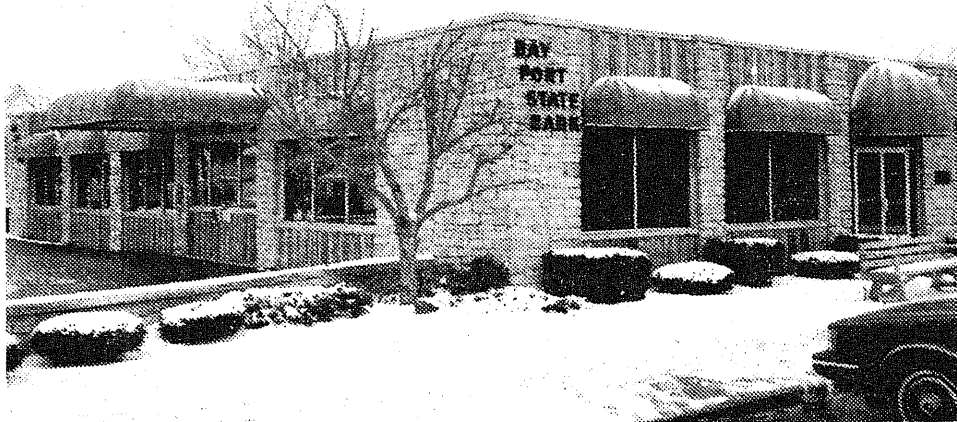
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**NEW LOOK:** The main office of Bay Port State Bank is sporting a bright new look these days, as these blue awnings have been added to the building at the corner of M-25 and Promenade Street in Bay Port.

The awnings and general building improvements have also helped spruce up the Bay Port location of the U.S. Postal Service, which shares the former Wallace and Morley Company headquarters building.



## New WLEW-FM on the air!

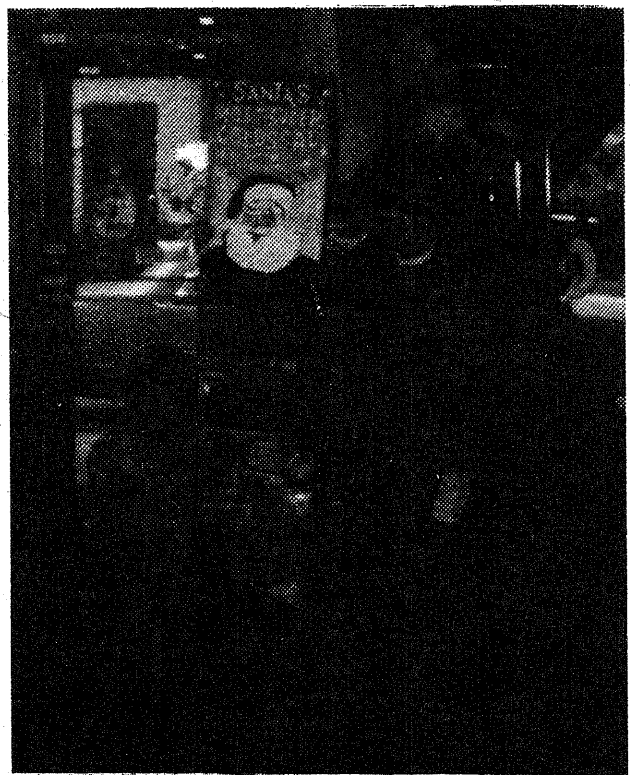


**NEW TOWER FOR WLEW-FM:** If you've wondered what that tower with red lights is that's visible northeast of Elkton, wonder no more. WLEW-FM was to go on the air with its new broadcasting tower, greater power and different frequency this past Monday morning, if all technical equipment is operating properly.

Formerly, the station operated at 92.1 on the FM dial, with 3000 watts of power from its 280-ft. tall tower on M-53 just southwest of Bad Axe. Now, the new station will broadcast a 50,000-watt signal throughout mid-Michigan from this 545-ft. tall tower on Fillion Road west of Pinnebog, on the new 102.1 FM frequency.

The computer-programmed station will offer programming 24 hours a day, as will sister AM station WLEW-AM, 1340. No other changes are expected at the AM station.

HERE, workers add another leg to the antenna at the new WLEW-FM site, prior to installing the antenna.



**A STUFFED STOCKING!** - That's what five year old James McKnight of Pigeon won in a holiday promotion at Kretzschmer Hardware, Pigeon. He is the son of Greg and Betty McKnight of Pigeon. Here, he stands with his stocking full of toys and Kretzschmer Hardware owner June Kretzschmer.

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# Newlywed love nests . . . They come in all shapes, sizes and prices!

**By AMY HEIDEN**  
Young couples planning to marry today have a number of housing options available to them. Apartments, condos, mobile homes, modular homes, rental houses, and purchased housing are all available in our area, ranging from the smallest studio apartments to the largest homes with several acres of land.

**LITTLE MONEY:** But most young couples starting their lives together are most likely starting out without a large nest egg to be used as a down payment for a house. And it's always been the American dream to own your own home. Increasingly, it's taking two incomes to purchase and maintain a house, and many couples choose to rent while they save their money for a down payment.

Stanette Malosky of Bud Leigh Realty in Caseville says there are starter homes, averaging in the mid 20's, (mid-\$20,000) available in the area, but it takes some looking to find them.

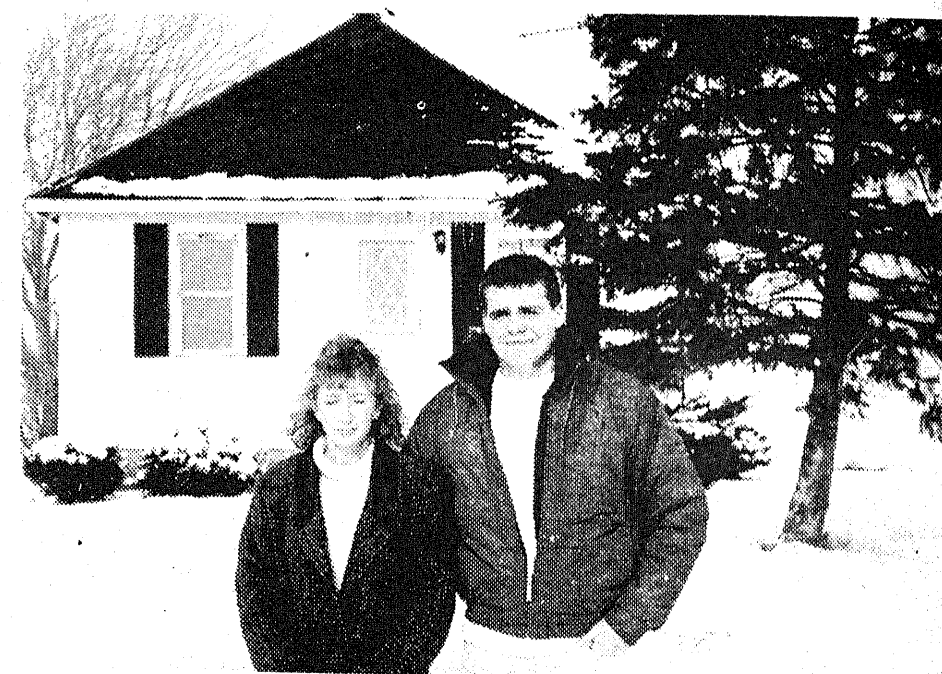
"With a starter home, you would only need a little bit of money down. There are some mobile homes available, but

again, it takes some looking. Unfortunately, some people want to start off big, and you just can't do that," Malosky says.

**EXAMPLES:** Lynette Bushey and Keith Baur, who are planning to be married in April, plan to make their home in a mobile home near Caseville, at least for a few years. Presently, Baur is paying off student loans and saving for a down payment on their first new house. "We may buy or build one ourselves. It depends on what you see."

**Con't on Page 4**

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# Keeping in-laws from becoming out-laws

**By SALLY RUMMEL**  
How well you've raised your children to live independently from you will largely affect the kind of "in-law" you will be when your children marry.

That's the opinion of several family therapists who see family problems every day at their jobs at the Huron County Mental Health Department.

**TALK TOGETHER:** Scott Richards, an outpatient therapist who deals with many Huron County families, suggests that good communication between in-laws and their sons and daughters-in-law begins when parents have raised their children to make their own decisions.

"Once two people marry," Richards says, "the two of them as a couple should be their central focus. The married couple needs to make their own decisions, even if those decisions are ones that parents and in-laws might not agree with."

He adds that some young people, attempting to separate themselves from their parents, actually make decisions exactly the opposite of what their parents/in-laws would make, but Richards emphasizes that this is just as "unhealthy" as complying with their wishes.

"Couples who do exactly the opposite of what their parents/in-laws want are still living under their influence," he explains.

**YOUR OWN SPACE:** Sandy Jensen, clinical psychologist at Huron County Mental Health, deals with the in-law issue as she works with families everyday, and is also an "in-law" herself. She stresses the need for young couples to have

"space" to make their own decisions as a twosome and explains that parents/in-laws should learn their boundaries and stick with

them. This is especially important, she adds, when so many local young couples have one or both sets of in-laws living nearby or in the same communities. "All the individuals in an extended family have

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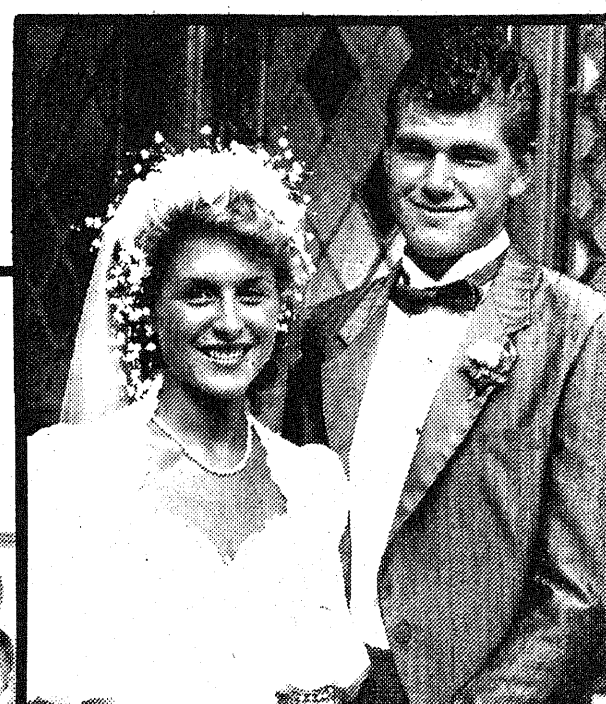
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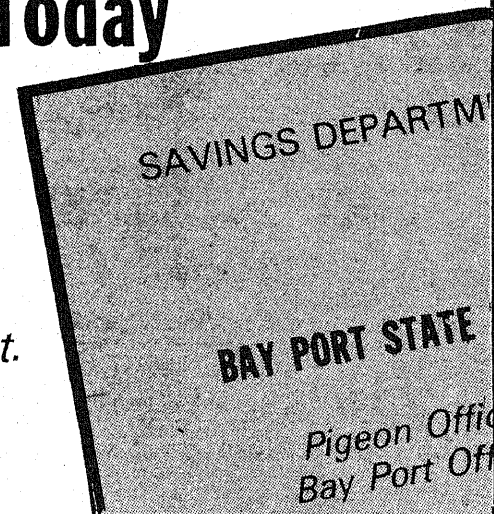
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## One couple's story Con't from Page 5

from Central Michigan University in 1987 with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, is presently employed by Comfort Inn of Saginaw as a night clerk/auditor. He's hoping for future employment which will provide a large enough income to support a family, but is now working to gain experience in the hotel industry.

Tracy, who will graduate from CMU this May with a degree in Elementary Education, begins student teaching this week at Bad Axe, where she will learn first-hand how to teach first and fourth grade students.

Where their professional lives take them after the wedding will largely depend on where the teaching jobs are. Both Tracy and Don hope that Michigan will remain

their home, but are open to leaving their native state if more lucrative jobs are available elsewhere.

It is likely their first home after their June wedding will be Saginaw, to be close to Don's place of employment. According to Tracy, most school districts hire in July and August, and where she can find her best opportunity will determine their next home.

**ABUSYYEAR:** Most of the actual wedding plans were made when the couple first became engaged on Nov. 2, 1987 after 4 years of dating.

The most important details, like securing Tracy's church, Salem United Methodist in Pigeon and the Pigeon VFW Hall, were done right away, then many of the other details fell into place.

Soon after, she and Don hired a DJ to provide entertainment at the reception, which will include 350 to 400 guests, then secured B.J. Wilson Studio, Bad Axe as their wedding photographer.

**GOOD FORTUNE:** Tracy fell into a lucky situation when she went wedding gown shopping soon after her engagement.

Her timing was right to purchase a dress on sale in Frankenmuth, so without the waiting and expense of a custom-ordered gown, Tracy has the most important dress of her life — her wedding gown — waiting in her closet for the big day. All she needs now to complete her bridal attire will be either a veil or picture hat.

**LEVEL-HEADED:** Tracy put practicality ahead of tradition in her decision to have most of her wedding party, plus fiancée Don, accompany her to find a dress — but she

### In-laws

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explains Keim. He feels that parents can be helpful to their adult children who plan to marry in areas of life that take experience, like finances, yet giving them room to make the final decisions and, of course, not responding to a failed decision with "I told you so."

**MAJOR POINT:** The number one word in Keim's marriage counseling vocabulary is COMMITMENT, and he sees the need for commitment on the part of the couple... and supported by the in-laws.

He defines commitment as "getting through those times when the marriage is experiencing difficulty, through personal or professional worries, doubts about the relationship, etc."

Because obtaining a divorce appears to be an easy solution in the '80s, Keim says that a young couple needs the support of their parents and in-laws to best weather marital difficulties.

"If parents have enabled their children to be independent outside the household before they marry, they can be more objective and not to easily torn emotionally to one person or the other in the relationship."

**BEST GIFT:** He adds that the best wedding gift parents can give their married children are the attributes of thrift, consistent work habits, discipline and spiritual guidance as their children were growing up.

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Once they are married, Keim adds "thoughtfulness" to that list, stressing the importance of remembering special dates like birthdays, anniversaries and sharing the excitement of special achievements like promotions, graduations, etc.

He and his wife, Joyce have been married for 17 years and are the parents of three children ranging in age from nine to 15.

**NO JOKES:** He says that "in-law" jokes are off-limits in their home.

"We try to keep our extended families close, even though many of us live far away from each other," explains Keim.

The Keims visit Joyce's parents in Tennessee once every year as a family, then twice a year Joyce takes the children for a visit on her own. Her parents also come to the Keim's Bay Port home twice a year, so the families do see quite a bit of each other.

"We have a family camping week every year with Joyce's two sisters and her one brother and their families, plus her parents, and each family takes a turn hosting the camping event each year. And at Christmas time we exchange names for gifts," Keim explains.

Since Wayne's father, George Keim, lives nearby, they also have a close relationship with him, although Wayne admits his father likes to live his life pretty independently.

**MORE ADVICE:** Getting along well with one's in-laws is a topic of such universal interest that internationally syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers published a list of "By-Laws for In-Laws" in a column dated May 11, 1988 addressing the topic. Here goes:

1) DON'T FEEL YOU ARE ENTITLED to know everything about your

married children's lives (who they entertain, what they do every night, how much money they make, what their friends are up to, etc.).

2) DON'T COMPLAIN THAT VISITS with your children and grandchildren are too infrequent. If your son takes you to lunch, don't tell him it should be every month, and then call him to make

sure it is. Be content with whatever time he can give you.

3) DON'T TRY TO FORCE your married children to spend time with their married siblings. We are old enough to arrange our time together. (My mother-in-law is constantly suggesting that we should entertain my brother and his wife every week. We love them,

but neither of us has the time, money or desire to do so.)

4) DON'T CORRECT YOUR GRANDCHILD-

REN constantly, nor should you expect perfection. Enjoy them. Raising

them is not your job. 5) DON'T ASK TO BE

INCLUDED when your married children tell you of some special plans. If

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### Making family choices...

Where do we spend the holidays THIS year? Many newly-married couples have just completed their first round of "holiday juggling" and they probably are wondering what happened to the phrase "Happy Holidays!"

While Christmas 1988 is now but a memory, take heart in knowing that some thoughtful planning beforehand could make the 1989 holidays more happy and less "Bah-humbug!"

"Communication is the key," according to family therapist Scott Richards of the Huron County Mental Health Department. NOT planning the holidays ahead of time will guarantee holiday unhappiness and frustrated expectations. Richards advises open communication between both sets of parents so that a workable holiday schedule can be arranged. He says for his family, a rotating system has worked well. "We plan to spend Thanksgiving one year at my parents' and Christmas at my wife's folks, then alternate the next year," he explains.

Flexibility is also the key, says Richards, who adds that many families celebrate the holidays on different days than Dec. 25 to accommodate family schedules. "If you can get around Santa Claus coming down the chimney on Christmas Eve and have him visit your family another day," winks Richards, "you may have a much more enjoyable holiday!"

### TOASTS TO HAPPINESS

Friendly salutes: from old Scotland—"here's to us, there's none better"; from France—"a votre sante" (to your health); from Spain—"Health, wealth, love and the time to enjoy them" (Saludos, pesetas, amor, y el tiempo por las gustado); from Germany—"Prosit" (health, pronounced "prost"); from Israel—"L'chayim" (health); from Japan—"Kampei" (good luck).

1) DON'T FEEL YOU ARE ENTITLED to know everything about your

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if available. He fits wedding ceremonies in around resolving traffic and other violations.

"We're today's version of the old justice of the peace. I don't do weddings on weekends, but I'm here Mondays through Fridays.

"I have them look at each other, face to face, and hold hands, as we perform the ceremony. After that, the witnesses often clap and yell as the bride and groom kiss, and they hug and cry. It's an affectionate time. "Start to finish, with filling out forms and so on, everything takes about half an hour."

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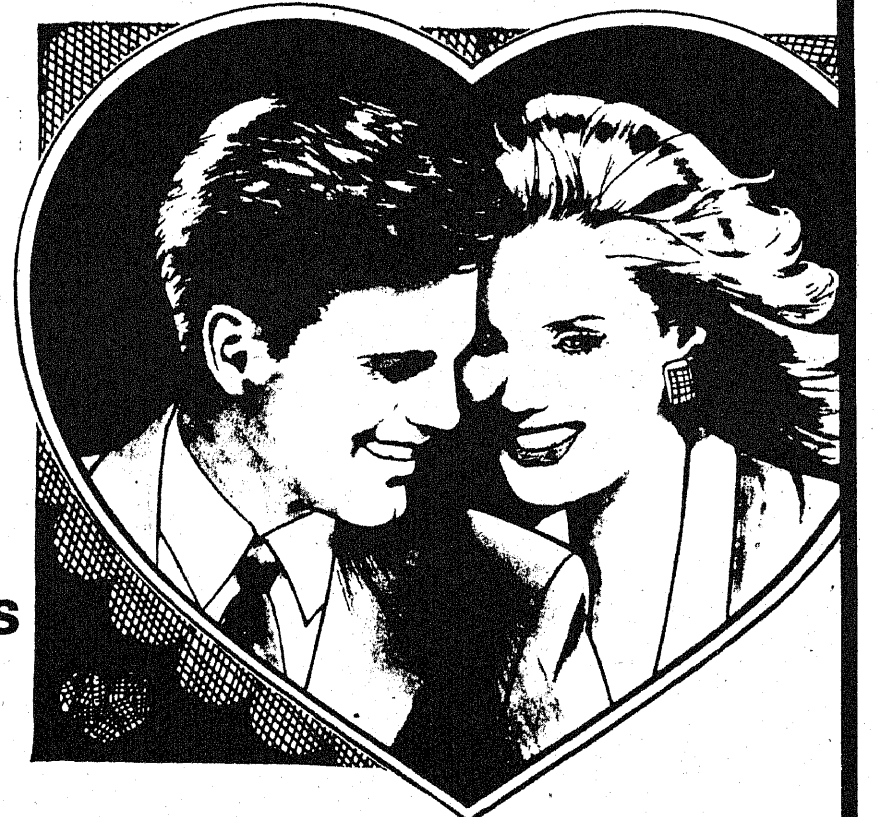
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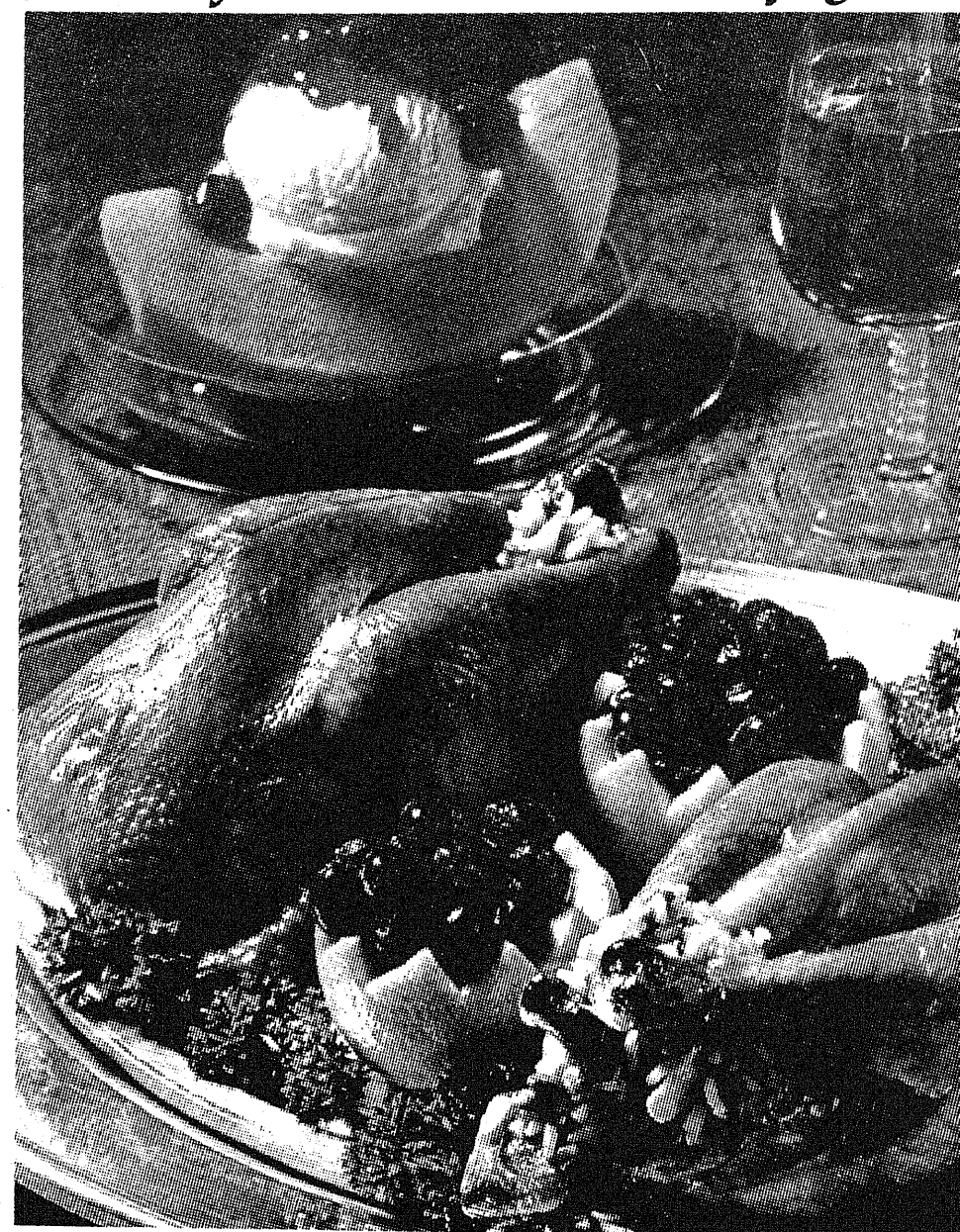
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### MENU

#### Candlelight Dinner

Savory Tomato Soup  
Cornish Game Hens with Rice Stuffing  
Buttered Brussels Sprouts  
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Raspberry-melon Boats  
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#### CORNISH GAME HENS WITH RICE STUFFING

- 2 1-pound Cornish game hens
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup uncooked long-grain rice
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup water
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 3-ounce can chopped mushrooms, drained (1/2 cup)

Season game hens inside and out with salt and pepper. In small saucepan, cook almonds, onion, and rice in butter for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add water, bouillon cube, lemon juice, and salt. Bring mixture to boiling, stirring to dissolve bouillon cube. Reduce heat; cover and cook slowly about 20 to 25 minutes or till liquid is absorbed and rice is fluffy. Stir in the drained mushrooms.

Lightly stuff birds with rice mixture. Place breast up on rack in shallow baking pan. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Roast covered in hot oven (400°) for 30 minutes. Uncover and roast 1 hour longer or till drumstick can be twisted easily in socket. Brush birds with melted butter during last 15 minutes of roasting time. Makes 2 servings.

#### SAVORY TOMATO SOUP

- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 1 8-ounce can stewed tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup dry white wine or water
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 2 slices crisp-cooked bacon, crumbled

Cook celery and onion in butter till tender but not brown. Blend in flour. Add remaining ingredients, except bacon; cook and stir till slightly thick. Reduce heat; cook slowly 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Garnish with bacon. Makes 2 servings.

#### SPICY

#### CRANBERRIES

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 inches stick cinnamon
- 1 cup fresh cranberries

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they want to include you, they will.

6) DON'T CRITICIZE YOUR CHILD in front of his or her spouse and don't criticize the spouse. Neither one appreciates this.

7) DON'T PHONE EVERY DAY unless you are asked to do so.

8) DON'T DROP IN unexpectedly. Ever.

9) DO DEVELOP YOUR OWN FRIENDSHIPS and your own hobbies. Your children should not be made to feel responsible for entertaining you.

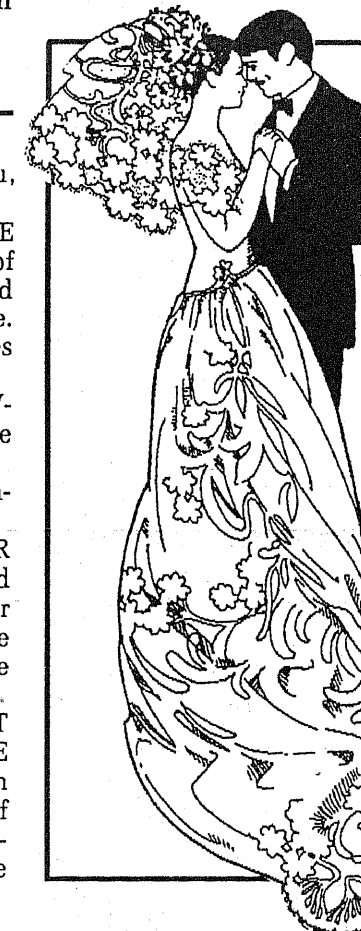
10) DO COMPLIMENT YOUR CHILD'S SPOUSE and say thank you when thanks are due instead of behaving as if a thoughtful gesture took little time and no effort.

#### RASPBERRY-MELON BOATS

- 1 10-ounce package frozen red raspberries, thawed
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 small cantaloupe, chilled
- Vanilla ice cream

Drain raspberries, reserving 1/2 cup syrup. To syrup, add orange juice. In small saucepan, mix cornstarch and sugar; gradually stir in raspberry-orange syrup. Bring to boiling, stirring constantly; cook till thick and bubbly. Cool sauce; add drained raspberries.

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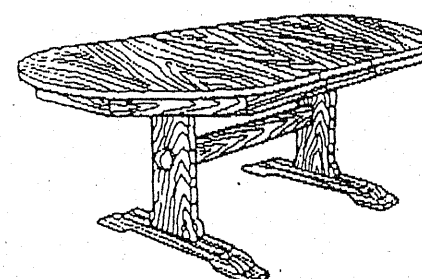
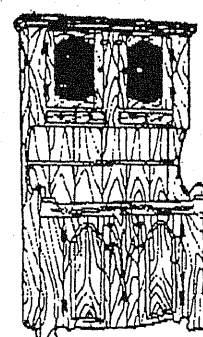
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