

As we see it

We'd rather buy than make it . . .

Thirty years ago, a young boy became interested in collecting and polishing rocks. Rigging up a coffee can, some polishing sand and a pilfered old motor from a dusty corner of his Dad's workshop, the youngster used wit along with trial-and-error to make a workable stone polishing machine.

In the process, of course, he learned lots about rock tumbling and polishing, not to mention pulleys, sand... and himself.

Enter the 1990s, almost.

A youngster today might get that same unique, creative urge to polish everyday rocks into things of beauty. But in today's society, one of a handful of kids' catalogs will offer a rock tumbler made of plastic, complete with battery-operated (and safety-sealed) motor and generic instruction manual, for \$29.95. A video showing exactly how to use the flimsy machine is available from the manufacturer for another \$9.95, if needed.

Where has America's ingenuity gone? And why did we let it slip away?

Thirty and more years ago, two kids with a piece of string and two tin cans could — and did — spend hours making a crude telephone work.

Total cost: about 2 cents for the string (easily affordable), plus several ounces of brain-power (easily regenerated by the next project).

Today, kids and parents alike instead run to a store and buy walkie-talkies, wireless micro-phones or even cellular phones!

The result is the same, but the method of arriving at the conclusion is far different.

We've become too plastic, too manufactured, too contrived for our own good. Where youngsters in former generations MADE or DISCOVERED how to build a balsa plane or other such item, today youths BUY what they want.

Today's youngsters usually don't even THINK about making something to fulfill their questions. They learn you can purchase whatever it is you need.

We've got news for them. There isn't ALWAYS a machine for the job. Sometimes, you've got to INVENT or CREATE what you need, not just call an 800-phone number and have one shipped directly to you (No C.O.D.s, please...)

The simple, yet meaningfully important, joys and tribulations of building something yourself is being lost these days. American ingenuity is being sacrificed for American convenience.

Oh, sometimes man-made creations worked. Often times, they didn't. At least not on the first try.

So, the inventor had to share his problems and promises with other, hopefully more-wise experts. If a consensus could not be reached, at least several persons had learned the nuts and bolts of how certain systems worked.

Today, we run to the store and buy whatever it is, use it awhile and often discard it. Plastic and even fiberboard replaces sturdy metal or even wood products, because they're cheaper to build and simpler to operate. When we're done with them, we gallantly throw these plastic pieces away.

But there's more to learning about things in general and life in particular. It's more of an experience to be lived, trial and errors intact, than simply to follow in some instruction sheet.

Maybe this is a reason other countries are beating our technology in so many fields. Maybe this is one reason we're not "keeping up" educationally, socially or culturally with other nations in the world. We've become purchasers and acquirers, not tinkers and adventurers. Why, some cars are even coming with a plastic "skin" which resists scratches and scrapes — and can be peeled off for a new application in another color.

There ISN'T always a machine or a procedure for a job. Sometimes, you need a maverick, an experimenter... a DREAMER for the job. That's what Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, Henry Ford and so many others had, a certain fire, desire and zeal.

But it's getting harder to find every day...

So, with all my little charges watered, fed, hayed, grained, and tucked in for the night, I slid the barn door shut and turned to retrieve my horse. I called for him, and he lifted his head from grazing at the sound of his name. With a helpless dread I saw what was about to happen — too late to avoid it! The silver shank of his bit oh-so lightly touched the electric fence, and before I could call his name a second time, my horse was out the driveway and down the road. I watched in horror as he rounded the corner full tilt, paralyzed with fear that a car would come speeding along. I needn't have worried, for even the late Secretariat (may he rest in peace) couldn't have passed my Tex on that "home" stretch (literally!!) I believe all records were shattered as my horse ran a half mile in 18 seconds!! However, it took me about 18 minutes to walk back.

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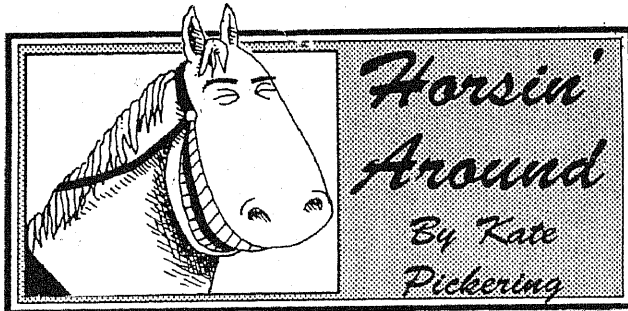
But I learned my lesson, a lesson I should have known after all these years: never drop those reins, girls, and never turn your back!

The other day I was looking for something when I came across a folder with some of my early attempts at writing. Included was an essay entitled "Friends."

It detailed my relationships with two high school girls, a camp buddy with whom I had corresponded for a period of three years and a neighbor lady. The neighbor lady has passed away and I lost track of the camp buddy after college years. But the other two are still among my best friends.

The paper stimulated some thoughts about friends. At the time of that writing I had other friends and over the years I have made many more. Friends are nice to have.

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A GOOD HORSE - A LITTLE JOLT

A good horse is like a good man - no matter how much you love them, or what a good "bargain" you think they are; no matter how close the two of you have become, or how many special moments you've shared; no matter how well you believe he's trained, or how certain you are that you've completely "bonded", you can NEVER trust them implicitly!! Never let go of those reins, and never turn your back on an untethered horse - they'll run for home every time.

My friends/neighbors Gary and Kathy are on vacation this week, riding their horses from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron on the Michigan Trail Riders Association annual "Shore to Shore Ride," held the second week of each October. I have dearly longed to go myself, and I'm hoping by next year we can work things out so's I can, but for this year, like the last five or so, I instead have the honour of caring for my neighbors cats, dogs, chickens, guinea hens, peacocks, turkeys, gerbils, goldfish, canaries, and the one remaining 2 year old filly "Brooke" who's not yet old enough to make the week long trek across the state.

Well, Monday evening - the brisk and cool - was bright and sunny, and after work I decided to ride "Tex" the half mile between the neighbors and us. I'd planned to do my chores then circle around the field, ride through the woods and head for home, sorta kill 2 birds with one stone - Tex needed a workout, and I needed to do the chores before dark. What a handy way to accomplish both. And of course, like a fool, I had complete trust that my horse would behave, and act the perfect gentleman while I scurried around the neighbor's barnyard with water pails and chicken feed, and for the most part he did. He grazed in the yard non-chalantly, he did not step on any cats, or knock any grain cans over, nor did he flirt with the little filly working so hard to get his attention. Like a well-educated, sophisticated fellow, he seemed to be above all the chaos that I know (all too well) horses are capable of creating.

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RECOLLECTIONS
Of By-Gone Days
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:
As you go down the road in the vicinity of Bay Port, you see a lot of bales of bean straw.
Some young fellows asked me what a man would do with it and I had to tell him it made good feed for dry cows and heifers and cows liked it too, but they didn't give much milk on it.
But if you put a little beet molasses on it, the cattle would eat it all up. What they didn't eat would make good bedding.

Back then, most farmers would shred their corn. There were a lot of different corn shredders around and a lot of farmers had their fingers or hands cut off by them. Sometimes they'd even get their arms cut off.
In my last article, I said I had Leonard Baur shred my corn. We used to shred our corn just like we thrashed our grain.

We used to do it after the beans were thrashed and the beets were out. Lots of times we did it just before Christmas.
The shocks used to be frozen down and a lot of rats and mice were in the shocks. Leonard had a Rosenthal shredder and they did a very good job. They were easy to feed.

I used to help shred corn a lot and if I didn't have a team. I used to shovel the corn into the crib.
One man could do it alone, but if they had a certain shredder, it took two good men to keep it up.
Clarence Dietzel used to

borrow my horses to pick up stones and I used to get him to help me at odd jobs. He liked to feed the shudder. He didn't have a family but he had a way with children. My children liked him and used to sit on his lap while he told them stories.
I had Ted Bergman in the corn crib and everything went pretty well. I had a lot of pigs at the time and I had to leave a lot of gates open. They got out and ran all over the place.
When we got done, Leonard asked me how I ever got all those pigs back in. So I took a big pail and went to my slop barrel and went, "WHEEE, WHEEE!" and the pigs came running from all directions.
They came from the corn fields and the back of the barn and way out in the field to get that good buttermilk. They drank themselves so full they couldn't hardly walk. I just shut the gate and I had them back. Leonard said he never saw anything like it!
I could do anything with my horses and cows because I always fed them when they came up. In Prov. 12:10 it says, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."
Well, I never bragged about my righteousness but I always tried to be good to my beasts. I found out if you take care of your animals you didn't have near the trouble you'd have if you pounded them around and didn't feed them right.

Thanks for reading The Progress-Advance. We appreciate it!

FROM UNDER
THE WILLOW
BY WANDA EICHLER

WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK, AFTER A BRIEF INTERLUDE!

THUMB AREA OBITUARIES

ALBERT ENDERUD
1902 - 1989

Albert "Hob" Enderud, age 86 of Elkton, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Autumnwood Nursing Home, Decker-ville.

He was born Nov. 8, 1902 in Fowler, Colo., son of the late Herman and Augusta (Jacobsen) Enderud. He was united in marriage to Thelma Camp, who preceded him in death in 1973.

Mr. Enderud moved from Colorado last spring to live with his daughter in Elkton.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Bonnie) Fritz, Elkton; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fowler with burial in Fowler Cemetery.

Local arrangements were handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

Thanks for reading The Progress-Advance. We appreciate it!

OLIVER C. LEIPPRANDT
1909 - 1989

Oliver C. Leipprandt, age 80 of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

Mr. Leipprandt was born on June 17, 1909 in Pigeon, son of the late William C. and Elizabeth M. (Weidman) Leipprandt. On Dec. 10, 1932 he was united in marriage to Dorothy G. Armbruster in Flint. He was a member of the Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, the former Justice of the Peace for Winsor Twp. and a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy C., Pigeon; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert W. and Beverly Leipprandt, Midland and Donald C. and Carol Leipprandt, Caseville; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a brother, Willis Leipprandt, Pigeon. He was preceded in death by a brother, Waldo Leipprandt.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery, Pigeon.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Memorials may be given in his memory to Huron Medical Care Facility, Cross Lutheran Church or Scheurer Hospital.

OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Edwin Henry, 83, Fairgrove, passed away Oct. 1.

Helen M. VanDyne, 75, Traverse City, formerly of Unionville, passed away Oct. 10.

Guy Blitchfeldt, 82, Stuart, Fla., formerly of Sebewing, passed away Oct. 6.

Delores Osantoski, 57, Port Austin, passed away Oct. 9.

Clarence Parusk, 57, Taylor, formerly of Ubyly, passed away Oct. 10.

Christine Russell, 93, Palms, passed away Oct. 11.

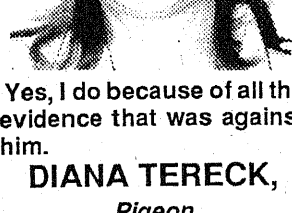
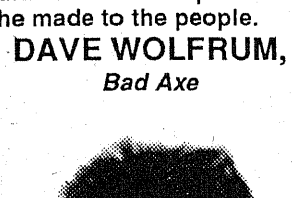
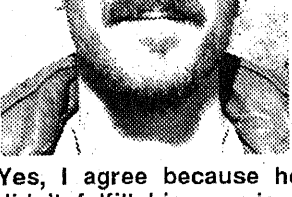
James Weber, 46, Ubyly, passed away Oct. 11.

Local firemen raise \$85,000 to help MDA
During the recent Fire Fighters Crusade Against Dystrophy over Labor Day weekend, Fire Fighters from the 6-county Thumb region raised over \$85,000 to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.
The funds raised support a variety of services includ-

ing clinic at Hurley Medical Center, support groups for patients and their families, 2 research projects at Wayne State University, a week long summer camping program, orthopedic aids, and physical and occupational therapy programs.

WE'RE ASKING YOU

Brenda Buschlen asks:
"Do you agree with the guilty verdict in the Jim Bakker fraud trial? Why or why not?"



Yes, I agree because he seems guilty.
JESSE CASTILLO,
Unionville

Yes, because if all the publicity I have read and heard about his misuse of the PTL funds is true, I feel he is guilty.
DIANE LUNDBERG,
Caseville

Good morning. I just wanted to say we really appreciate all the work the Depners do at their pumpkin patch. My preschoolers always enjoy visiting. We understand there has

Yes, I agree because he didn't fulfill his promises he made to the people.
DAVE WOLFRUM,
Bad Axe

Yes, because Bakker wasn't a very good actor!
MIKE TERRILL,
Midland

Yes, I do because of all the evidence that was against him.
DIANA TERECK,
Pigeon

No, I don't because he was cooperative.
STAN COTTICK,
Pigeon

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We feel there should be a law against leaving road signs standing after a business closes.

A "Lanplighter Restaurant" sign still stands on Caseville Road, even though the business has been closed for some time. Also, Porky's Dairy Barn, which closes in early fall for the season, still has road signs which lead people to believe they are open. At least they could put a "Closed for the Season" strip on the sign for their customers. We are sure it would be an asset to them as well as the Village of Pigeon!

Hi, I would like help preserving the historical marker located on Oak Point. It was put there in the 1930s to mark the beginning of Saginaw Bay, with all the descriptions and definitions. The brass plate has been removed and what remains has been beaten badly with hammers and whatever. Whom do I notify? Thank you, a Concerned Citizen. (Good question. Since this is a local plaque, we've contacted the Huron County Road Commission, which administers the County Parks Commission. Thank you for bringing this to the public's attention. Does anyone else have other suggestions?)

Happy 90th birthday, Mildred W. From the Youngs.

Hope you are planning to come to the Pigeon Conservation Club Pancake Breakfast this Sunday. Profits go to purchase feed for our pheasants. Thank you.

It would be plain courtesy to at least put up "Resume Speed" signs in Owendale, after creeping through the town at 25 mph. Thank you.

About the governor not ending the jail term of the youngster who has cancer, I think the governor did the right thing. The kid robbed and stole from the time he was 10. If his parents want him to come home to die, why didn't they watch over him better when he was already home, so he wouldn't be in the trouble? Don't blame the governor. He didn't do anything wrong.

Why do we have to go the Post Office to get our mail? My sister's family gets hers home-delivered. (Your sister must live in a larger area than this. There are certain guidelines, including population of at least 2000 persons, before house-to-house delivery can be available. Check with your Post Office for more details.)

I like it when the Phone Directory covers are different, county by county. Now, I get confused with Huron, Tuscola and the others because they all look the same.

No one likes paying higher prices for stamps. But just think what you get. They pick up a letter at your house six days a week, deliver it anywhere in the world within a few days. And they charge us 25 cents.

I feel so badly about Jim Bakker. All he did was steal several million dollars from innocent people. I really did feel sad when I saw him crying, but then read a People magazine story that said he does this all the time.

About Proposal A and B, these things are too confused to make any sense. And, taxpayers will end up just paying more. I think we should do what Nancy Reagan told us, "Just say NO."

Why is it that a lot of us parents feel our children are getting too much discipline and not enough education? My daughter feels these days that she's not going to school every day, but rather to prison. Come on, parents, please look into this. My daughter is a very good student with these feelings. Maybe other parents see the same problem I do.

Thanks for the story about the longest-serving fireman, Homer K.

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Thumb Area SPORTS OF THE WEEK

An easy win for the Lady Lakers

By AMY HEIDEN

Last week was very much like a vacation for the Lady Lakers.

There was no game scheduled for Tuesday, and they handily defeated a young Vassar team on Thursday, 66-34.

With five sophomores on the team, the Vulcans will likely be a power in the next couple of years, but for right now, the Lakers got an easy win from them.

BY THE END of the first quarter, the Lakers had run up a huge lead, 22-8, and continued that drive during the second stanza. By the halftime buzzer, the Green had a 41-12 lead.

The Vulcans played with a bit more flair in the second half, outscoring the Lakers in the fourth period 11-9, but that huge early lead could not be overcome, even with the Laker seniors on the bench most of the quarter.

LAKER COACH Paul Beachy said experience brought the win to the Lakers.

"We had a big defensive game. These girls played intense ball in a game where they could take it easy. If we play at the level of the opposition, we're in trouble."

SENIOR GUARD Tracie Henne was the game's high scorer with 21 points, and Brenda Buschlen wasn't far

behind with 21 points. Beth Roostel scored 10 for the Green and White.

The record, a little more than halfway through the season, stands at 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the league.

The team will travel to Bad Axe and Caro this week in two important league games.

JV TEAM: Gordon Murphy's Junior Varsity team didn't fare as well against the Vulcan team, as they lost 39-30.

Sarah Bush was the team's high scorer with 13 points. Their record now stands at 8-4 overall, and 4-2 in the league.

FRESHMEN: The freshman team won their only contest

last week against Ubyly 41-19.

Amanda Barry and Kelly McLellan each had 10 points to pace their team to the win.

SEVENTH GRADE: The Laker Seventh Grade girls' team is sporting a 5-0 record so far in the season. Their biggest win so far was against USA, where they won by a margin of 26 points.

Every other game has seen the Lakers' winning margin in the double digits, too.

Coach David Wojcicki said his leading players are Carolyn Bollenbacher, averaging 8.2 points per game; Jenni Smith, averaging 7.0 points per game; and Michelle Bolida, with 5.8 points per game.

BOWLING

PIGEON THURSDAY NITERS LEAGUE

- Eiftman Hardware 14
- Scheurer Hospital 13
- Want Ads 12
- Pigeon Telephone 12
- Village Barber Shop 11
- Butcher Block 11
- J & B Plg. 11
- Country Maids 10
- Lae's Landscaping 8
- Pigeon Inn 7
- Fink's Farm Equip. 6
- McCormick Motors 5

Butcher Block 2190 (806), Village Barber 2189 (843), Scheurer Hospital 2167 (740).

High individual scores: M. Ropp 515 (219), A. Dubs 512 (223), B. Stahl 502 (193), S. Buchholz 490 (188), P. Parrish 484 (203), L. Welshans 192, J. Gotts 176, G. Smith 170, F. Behm 173, A. Albrecht 176. Splits converted: 4-7-9 B. Stahl; 2-7 H. Collins, P. Niebel, J. Niebel; 5-9-10 H. Collins; 5-10 F. Otto, S. Leipziger, P. Taschner; 3-10 S. McLean, J. Dunn, P. Niebel; 4-5 B. Trost, F. Behm.

TY'S SATURDAY LATE NITERS
Chappel-Russell 3

PIGEON THURSDAY NIGHTERS

- Scheurer Hospital 17
- Eiftman's Hardware 15
- Pigeon Telephone 15

High team series and game: Chappel-Russell 1820, Lackie-Hill 623. High individual score: M. Chappel 204.

High team series and game: Scheurer Hospital 2298 (826), Butcher Block 2140 (740), Lee's Landscaping 2099 (736).

High individual scores: P. Niebel 504 (193), S. Buchholz 490 (173), F. Otto 485 (200), R. Stahl 484 (190), P. Parrish 483 (179), M. Ropp 482 (183), T. Gnagoy 471 (192), P. Taschner 474 (167), A. Albrecht 465 (176), A. Dubs 452 (186), J. Kretschmer 456 (164), G. Smith 455 (178) and C. Haley 450 (174).

Splits converted: 5-8-10 E. Bauss; 3-9-10 S. Buchholz; 9-10 A. Dubs; 5-10 P. Parrish; 2-7 P. Parrish, R. Stahl; 5-7 V. Swartzendruber; 5-6 B. Orlick; 3-10 M. Murdoch, G. Smith, A. Dubs, L. Welshans, C. Poisson.

PIGEON WENS'DAY NITE LADIES

- Gumby's 20
- Ju-Den's 15
- Bay Port Construction 14
- Varty's 14
- Damm's Inc. 12
- Dodge Girls 11
- Bay Port State Bank ... 10
- Cloud of Dust Ceramics 9
- Haist Flowers 8
- Pigeon Auto Supply 7

High team series and game: Pigeon Auto Supply 2251 (773-765-713), Bay Port Construction 2195 (796-732), Varty's 2194 (734-734-726), Gumby's 2153 (806), Dodge Girls 2113 (787), Ju-Den's 754, Cloud of Dust Ceramics 728.

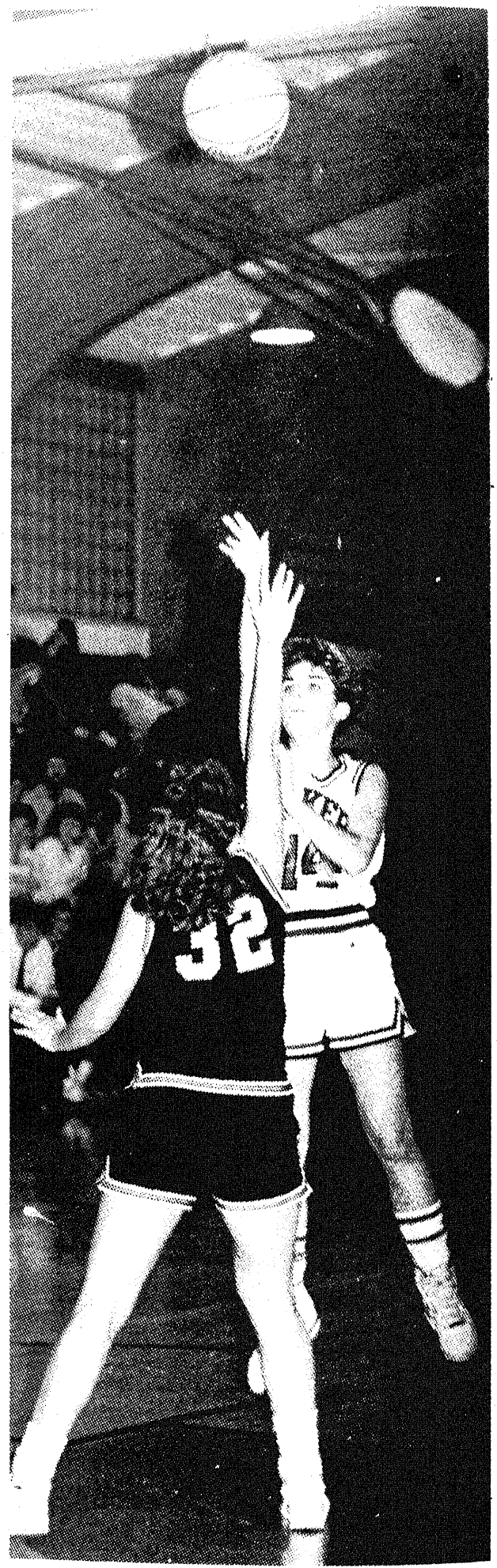
High individual scores: D. Herzog 495 (181), C. Dubs 474 (176), D. Wheeler 472, S. Derezynski 201, D. Fuerst 181, C.J. Damm 175, M. Erer 177, C. Dubs 176, R. Voss 176, W. Dubs 174, D. Vain 173, C.S. Damm 172, N. Wichert 171, L. Fluegge 170.

Splits converted: 5-8-10 C.J. Damm; 3-5-10 H. Strong, T. Bechler; 6-7-10 C.S. Damm; 4-5 C.S. Damm, M. Erer; 2-7 L. Fluegge, B. Anklam, L. Wollfram; 5-7 T. Bechler.

ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

- P & L Party Store 11 1/2
- Bumhoffer Surge Sales 11
- Knechtel's Market 11
- Pratt's Appliance 10 1/2
- Thumb Hardware 10
- Bay Port State Bank 9
- Ron's Party Store 9
- Ty's Lounge 8

High team series and game: P & L Party Store 1777 (641-834). High individual scores: J. Rosenbhal 535 (201-190), B. Forster 200, P. Podzickowski 190, D. Seley 469 (184), D. Schuette 489, L. Tetreau 483.



BRENDA BUSCHLEN fires up an attempt for a Laker basket against Vassar's Kim Knoll, in action last week. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Lakers blank Vulcans in TBA win

By AMY HEIDEN

The Vassar Vulcans were probably real happy to see Reggie Ignash leave the field last Friday night. Ignash scored four touchdowns against the ineffective Vassar defense in the Lakers' 32-0 shutout.

BY THE NUMBERS: Ignash scored his first TD from a Bill McLellan seven-yard pass in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Ignash got two more touchdowns on runs of three and 55 yards.

A McLellan pass to Dan Gonzales set up the two-point

conversion, giving the Lakers a 20-0 halftime lead.

Ignash tore up the field again the third quarter with an 85-yard punt return. Then, in the last period, Mike Schmitt got the last score of the game on a 5-yard run into the end zone.

Ignash carried the ball 15 times for 145 yards to pace the Lakers. His punt return is not counted in rushing yards.

NEARING END: The Lakers play their final conference game of the year Friday against Caro, a must-win

game for them.

A win by the Lakers will put them in a tie for first place with either Millington or Cass City, who have their first matchup of the season Friday. All three teams sport a 5-1 conference record.

The game won't be the end of the season, though, as Harbor Beach comes to Laker Field on Oct 27, in a long-awaited non-conference matchup.

JV WINS: The Laker Junior Varsity got another big win with a 51-6 rout of the Vassar Vulcans.

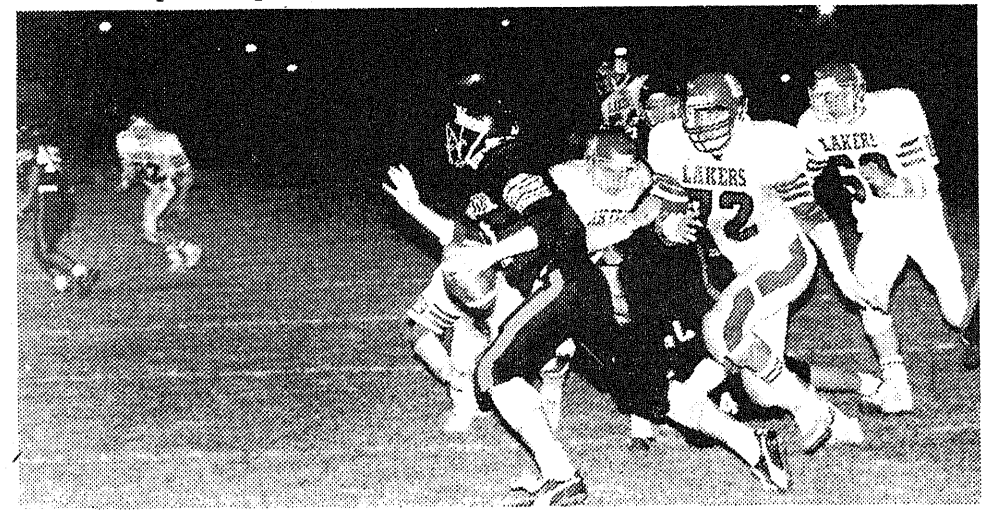
Leading the offense was Kendall Truemmer with four touchdowns, Brian Bollenbacher with two TD's, and Brad Burk with one. Justin Maust was good for two of his three extra point kicks and Brad Burk kicked a PAT, also.

Truemmer rushed for 165 yards in 19 attempts, and the defense was led by Rich Buchholz and Scott Herbert, each with six tackles.

The JV team is undefeated with a 7-0 record.

THUMB B FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Millington	5	1
Lakers	5	1
Cass City	5	1
Caro	3	3
North Branch	3	3
Bad Axe	2	4
Marlette	1	5
Vassar	0	6



LAKER LINEBACKER Brian Bushey (72) breaks through the Vassar line followed closely by Kevin Fritz (62) to sack Vulcan quarterback David Reinfelder for a near-safety. Laker defender Bryan Young (32) provides pass coverage against Vassar's Tony Folino (45) to give Bushey time to make the sack.

BOWLING

PIGEON FRIDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

- Co-op Elevator 13
- Pigeon Lanes 13
- Albrecht Auction 13
- Berkley Industries 13
- Caseville Fruit Market 12
- Active Feed 8

High team series and game: Caseville Fruit Market 2487 (850 - 843), Berkley 2478 (815 - 832 - 831), Albrecht Auction 2454 (813 - 858), Active Feed 2436 (807 - 862), Co-op Elevator (839).

High individual scores: T. Gunden 594 (213 - 211), J.D. Gunden 569 (201), C. Basinger 557, H. Ropp 549, N. Henne 543, M. Swartzendruber 535, D. McAlpine 527, C. Kauffman 512 (201), P. Lang 506, J. Sting 502, R. Damm (211).

Splits converted: 3-10 J. Thick, C. Basinger, J.D. Gunden; 2-7 O. Reed; 4-7-9 G. Deering.

TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS

- H & R Block 9
- Souletown Farms 9
- Miller Lite 8
- Seley Fire Protection 6
- Finkbeiner's Farm Eq. 6
- Ty's Lounge 6
- Farmers Petroleum 5
- Elkton Co-op 2

High team series and game: Souletown Farms 1867, Ty's 679. High individual scores: LADIES — G. Finkbeiner 482 (183), B. Willis 181, J. Deman 177, S. Hyzer 176, P. Prystup 173, K. Herford 172, MENS' — D. Young 553 (187-217), J. Jaworski 520 (204), P. Gayari 504 (181-179), G. Willoughby 224, D. Deman 199, C. Prystup 482 (184).

Splits converted: 2-5-7 E. Gayari; 7-9 D. Deman; 3-10 D. Young; 2-7 R. Elenbaum, G. Finkbeiner; 4-5 B. Willoughby, J. Deman.

GUYS and DOLLS

- Beachy-Weidman ... 7 1/2
- McCrimmon-Cusimano 6
- Parrish-Parrish 5
- Dunn-Seemans 5
- Roestel-Palmer 4
- Heintz-Hundersmarck ... 4
- Dubs-Smith 3 1/2
- Smith-Elbing 3

High team series and game: Alley Cats 1731 (637). High individual scores: M. Erer 505 (204-168), D. McKenzie 483 (164-165-150), M. Chappel 445 (168-156), L. Martin 169, B. Willis 152. Splits converted: 2-7 B. Willis; 5-7-9 M. Chappel; 4-5 C. Krohn.

GUNDEN-RAPSON

- Christner-Henne 1 1/2
- Christner-Henne 1 1/2
- High team series and game: Roestel-Palmer 2014 (714), Dubs-Smith 2010 (739).

High individual scores: LADIES — P. Parrish 461 (191), P. Roestel 472, A. Dubs 459, A. Weidman 455 (177), G. Smith 180, M. Roestel 174; MENS' — L. Smith 588 (246), R. Palter 569 (206), J. Gunden 544, J. Dubs 543 (223), L. Roestel 531, D. Rapson 508.

Six consecutive strikes: L. Smith, J. Dubs. Splits converted: 3-10 G. Smith, R. Rapson, P. Roestel; 5-10 J. Gunden; 2-5-7 D. Deming; 3-7 R. Elbing; 5-6-10 W. Henne; 5-8-10 R. Heintz.

ELKTON MONDAY MENS'

- Don's Barber Shop 26
- Wesleyan Church 22 1/2
- Jim's Garage 19
- Auto Color Profession 18
- Ron's Party Store 17
- Moon Beams 16
- Thumb Petroleum ... 12 1/2
- Finkbeiner's Farm Eq. ... 9

High team series and game: Don's Barber Shop 2676 (919), Finkbeiner's Farm Equip. 2505 (839), Auto Color Professionals 2450 (917).

High individual scores: B. Zeller 624 (223-202), D. Smith 607 (219-204), D. Deming 599 (215-203), B. Pawlowski 583 (204), T. Willis 562 (216), J. Jaworski 561, D. Young 544 (216), D. McAlpine 541 (221), J. Rich 538 (205), M. Krueger 528 (215).

Splits converted: 3-10 A. Tyler, K. Hazard, S. Bannick, D. Schulz; 5-10 R. Diebel; 2-7 K. Hazard, B. McGee; 2-5-7 R. Matejski; 5-7 D. Schulz; 6-7 M. Baker.

TY'S TUESDAY LADIES LEAGUE

- Alley Cats 14
- Channel Dusters 11
- Four Spares 9
- Unpredictables 6

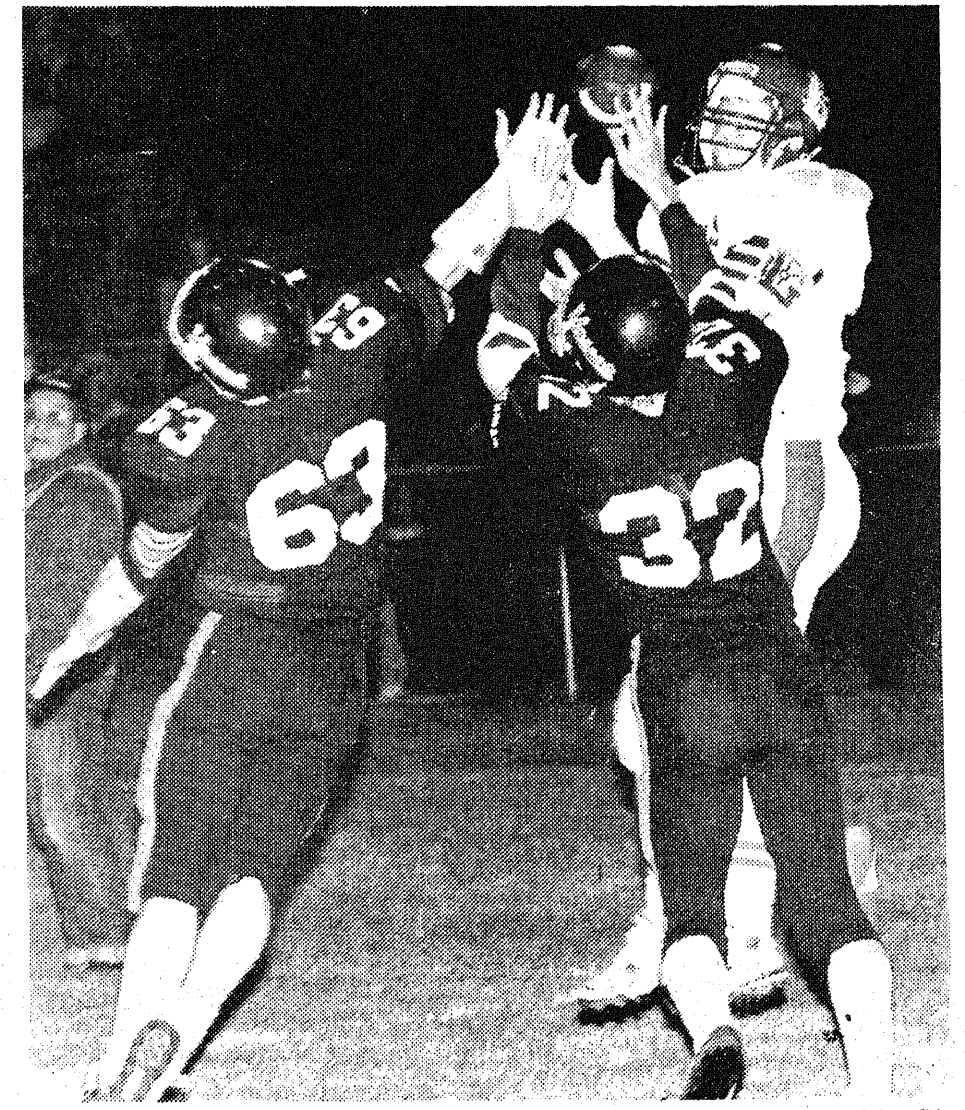
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PIGEON MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE

- Sun Bonnet Bakery 6
- Pigeon Lanes 5
- Diener's Home of FF 5
- Thumbodies 4
- Terra 4
- Yaroch Asphalt 4
- LaFave Steel 4
- Debbie's Catering 4
- Beachy Eggs 4
- Grigg Greenhouse 3
- Pigeon IGA 3
- Town & Country 2

High team series and game: Pigeon Lanes 1874 (676).

High individual scores: J. Deering 476 (191), E. Bennett 476, E. Guster 464 (174), A. Kleinfeld 456 (174), S. Meyersleick 453, V. Pipe 182, J. Christian 182, G. Henne 170, L. Kain 170. Splits converted: 2-7-9 A. Nowaczyk; 2-7 B. Hundersmarck, L. Kretschmer; 5-6-10, 6-7 V. Pipe; 4-7-9 C. Barevich; 3-10, 2-7 F. Schnepf; 5-6, 5-6-10 D. Fuerst; 4-5 V. Doyle; 3-10 J. Deering.



REGGIE IGNASH of Lakers battles with Vassar defenders Matt Eddy (63) and Joe Pintar (32) for possession of a pass at the goal line. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS

Lady Eagles drop one more

By KATHY MEYER

The Caseville Lady Eagles dropped another game last

week to Akron-Fairgrove 75-31 on Thursday night.

The team is hurt by the fact that its leading rebounder, Penny Murdoch,

is sidelined with a sprained ankle.

Charlotte Bieri was the high scorer for the Eagles with 13 points and 16 rebounds.



Caseville's Kirsten Hermanson dribbles past an Akron-Fairgrove defender as the Eagles try, unsuccessfully, for a win.

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90 YEARS AGO NOV. 3, 1899

No services will be held in the M.E. or Evangelical churches next Sunday on account of the dedication of the fine new German M.E. Church. Services will be held at 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. and services will be conducted in both German and English.

The annual migration of men to the lumbering camps of the north has begun. Wages paid are much higher, but the number of men going is not as large as usual.

Ladies Aid from the M.E. Church will serve a supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. J. Campbell. Proceeds to go towards the minister's salary. Price: 10c.

Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Harder, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Leipprandt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul, Mrs. Beach, Miss Deegan, G.C. Heineman and Paul Woodworth attended the social at the Quarries last evening.

Adolph Zinzer is doing the cement work for the walks at Dr. Wurm's new house.

A novel business for a village the size of Pigeon is the work of W.H. Kling, who is painting drop curtains for a number of theaters in the Thumb.

Harvey Thiel and Bob Hyzer left for Albion where they will work in the plow factory.

70 YEARS AGO OCT. 31, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gettel have moved to their new home south of Hayes.

James Bright of Pigeon was the successful bidder for building the Sand Point Road with a price of \$21,800 for the six miles.

Notice—after Nov. 1, I will allow no credit. All meats will be strictly cash. Paul Wachner, Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trost were helped by 150 friends and relatives to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary last Sunday.

80 YEARS AGO NOV. 5, 1909

The bad roads have stopped farmers from hauling beets for a few days.

Gertrude Diebel of Pigeon was the guest of Eva Brown at McKinley on Sunday.

The heavy influx of fish at Bay Port has played havoc with the boys' attendance at school the past two weeks.

Henry Stein, 31, died at the home of his brother, William, Winsor Township supervisor, while on a visit here from St. Clair.

60 YEARS AGO NOV. 1, 1929

John Buerker, 70, died at his home south of Pigeon on Sunday. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Lou and Mary and five sons, Ned, Albert, George, John G. and Gustave.

Having perfect attendance this month in the primary room at Snell School are Walter Luetke, Elizabeth, Albert and Alberta Eden, Edith Wideman, Junior Dutcher, Evelyn Deming, Kathryn Frank, Alta and Edgar

Maust, Paul and Alma Swartzendruber.

An increased production schedule has been set for this month at the Ford Motor Company, calling for an output of 175,000 Model A cars and Model AA trucks.

Post bran flakes 11 cents; gelatin dessert 2/15 cents; sliced pineapple 29 cents a can, tomatoes 17 cents a can, pickles 1 qt. 39 cents, toilet tissues 3 rolls 19 cents at Wallace and Morley Co., Bay Port.

50 YEARS AGO NOV. 3, 1939

Winning prizes at the Halloween party at Pigeon School were Erma Kuch, Josephine Dibden and Pauline Geiger in the high school and Verma Diebel, Margaret Beck and Billy Best in the grades. The downtown parade was cancelled on account of rain.

Rouben Dietzel left for Philadelphia where he will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schuette's children and grandchildren gave Mr. Schuette a surprise birthday in honor of his 60th birthday, with 27 guests present.

40 YEARS AGO NOV. 4, 1949

Pigeon High School seniors have started rehearsals for their senior play and cast members include: Lowell Kraft, Mickey Schulze, Marion Woelke, Warren Clabuesch, Doris Brown, Vernon Kretschmer, Marie Mantel, John Dale Gunden, Jerry Farmer, Dick Henne, Marjorie Orr and Junior McKay.

Mrs. John Dorsch Sr., 86, passed away at her home in

Chandler Township. She leaves three sons, Walter, John and Charles and two daughters, Alvina and Ida.

Thirty-seven Blue Water Inn employees and their wives and husbands staged a surprise party at Caseville for inn owner Bill Dorney, to mark his birthday.

Board of Pigeon Rural Agricultural School will hold a public auction to sell the Big Turner School and a one acre site. Two used school buses will also be sold by Auctioneer Herb Haist.

30 YEARS AGO OCT. 19, 1959

John Gunden, 69, was fatally injured in a farm accident Oct. 22 in Fair Haven Township. He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Iva, Clara and Lala and four sons, Glenn, Olin, John Dale and Delmar.

Pigeon PFA members attending the national PFA convention at Kansas City, Mo. last week were Jerry Beyer, Kurt Richmond, Clare Schuette, George Behm, Darold Schember and Joe Rothfuss.

Clifton Richmond, Pigeon, was re-elected president of Huron County Farm Bureau at the annual banquet meeting.

20 YEARS AGO OCT. 30, 1969

Mrs. Herman Rathke, Mrs. Allan Roth, Rev. Donald King, Mrs. Wayne Sturm, Mrs. Russell Tyndall and Alvin DeGrow will take part in a panel discussion on children's development at the Pigeon PTA meeting Nov. 2.

Becki Thiel was crowned Laker Homecoming Queen

of 1969 during half-time of the Laker-Marlette football game Friday night. Lakers won 28-13.

Elmer W. Kreh, 62, a retired fisherman of Pigeon, died Oct. 26. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mary Lou and Margaret Ann and two sons, Van and Keith.

The former Schumacher's slaughterhouse, Pigeon, has been purchased by Paul Walsh and will now be known as Walsh's Packing and Processing.

A Laker High student, Jay Shetler, Pigeon, was a guest at campus open house at Goshen College.

10 YEARS AGO OCT. 25, 1979

Pigeon Worth White Club members who attended the district convention at Marlette included Mrs. Eleanor Eicher, district president; Mrs. Ernest Clabuesch, Mrs. R.H. Leslie, Mrs. Clarence Gettel, Mrs. C.A. Scheurer, Mrs. R.C. Dixon, Mrs. W.P. Haist, Mrs. Paul Leipprandt, Mrs. Ronald Buchholz, Mrs. Wayne Miller and Mrs. W.R. McIntyre. Attending from the Junior Club were Mrs. Roy Taylor, Mrs. Glenn Schaaf, Mrs. James McBride and Mrs. Arliss Kraft.

More and more sightings of the elusive "Raccoonback" have been reported in the Western Thumb and a photo

of the suspected part-deer, part-raccoon creature can be worth \$1,000 in prizes from Downtown Bay City, Inc.

Ted Leipprandt, manager of the Cooperative Elevator Co., hosted Terry Allen, regional field director of the Pacific Northwest office of CROP. Allen is a Michigan native and has many relatives in Pigeon.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 54 YEARS AGO OCT. 10, 1935

Elkton is the only town of its size in Michigan with three elevators, and that is attracting the interest of district railroad men. The number of carload shipments out of Elkton has grown recently, thanks to one of the finest crops in several years. Elkton Cooperative Elevator shipped 66 carloads of beans and grain during the past six weeks. Grain and bean handling at the Elkton Elevator and the Quinn Elevator has also been very active.

The Elkton Study Club met at the home of Mrs. E.J. Ramseyer for their opening meeting Thursday. President is Mrs. I.O. Kellermann.

Roy Motz threshed Tuesday and yielded 39 bushels of pea beans per acre. He attributes the fine crop to plowing under a large stand of Alfalfa last fall.

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Youth center, renovations planned at Bay Shore

A youth center at Bay Shore Camp is one step closer to reality, following Bay Shore Association's 1989 annual meeting, held on Monday, October 9.

By a unanimous voice vote, members endorsed a proposal that Bay Shore erect a 80 x 110-foot, single-story building that would house a gymnasium/multi-purpose room with stage area and restrooms with showers.

The current proposal replaces a 1987 plan that called for winterized dormitory wings, kitchen, shop area and garage. If constructed, the smaller youth center would be erected in an area where facilities could be added as need and finances dictate.

A second phase of construction would be the remodeling and winterization of the camp's kitchen and dining hall.

Rev. Clare Patton, Bay Shore Association President, stated that the 24-member Board of Directors and the Buildings and Grounds Committee had reservations about the financial commitment required for the 1987 plan. Upon investigation, the committee found that similar buildings at other camps are expensive to maintain and camp directors were forced to seek outside revenue to meet budget expenses.

Rev. Patton estimated construction cost of the smaller building to be in the \$200,000 to \$225,000 range.

The endorsement is not a final vote on the proposed project, but is evidence of general support from the Association. A final decision could be forthcoming at the November 6th BSA Board meeting.

In other business, Camp Director Lew Tibbits reviewed high lights of the 1989 camping season. He stated the number of registered campers increased by approximately 100 this year,

for an all-time high of 728. Many of these campers came from out of state.

Volunteer adult and junior staff numbered 199. The camp was also rented to non-Methodist church groups for retreats.

A new health center was constructed near the north cabin area, and the 1989 Bay Shore Camp benefit auction netted \$10,000. The Association also sold what had been the camp guest house for \$6,000.

Construction on the Rodney Wertz Memorial Tennis Courts has begun and is expected to resume next summer. When completed, the courts could also serve as outdoor basketball courts.

Tibbits pronounced Bay Shore's first basketball camp as "very successful," and confirmed that another basketball session is included in Bay Shore's 1990 schedule.

One major change in next year's camping season is the "switching" of Senior High Camp and Senior Music Camp. Traditionally, Senior Music Camp is held in



BAY SHORE CAMP completed the busiest year in its long history, hosting over 700 campers during the past summer season.


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Service news

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Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Adams is the son of William and Lynda Adams of Elkton.

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Lake-Chandler news items

Cora Martin and Pearl De-achin of Burton and Violet Parks of Davison spent a few days with their sister, Stella O'Connell, to help her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride spent a few days with their son Jerry and his wife Judy McBride at Lake Orion. On Saturday they all visited Corty LeClair at the Veterans' Home in Grand Rapids.

National Holiday — Happy Birthday, Bill! The kids will all be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watterworth returned home after visiting their son Bob and family in Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Balogh spent a few days with Bill and Jan Ballagh of New Lothrop.

Bloodmobile coming to Pigeon

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Pigeon on Monday, Oct. 30 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Pigeon VFW Hall, according to local coordinator Kathy Swartzendruber. The goal for this blood drive will be 60 pints.

Owen-Gage student group elects officers

The Owen-Gage chapter of Business Professionals of America, a vocational student organization, has elected the following officers: President Chad Stirrett, Vice President Debbie Timmons, Secretary Renee Murawski, Treasurer Julie Warack and Student Council representative Missy Susalla.

These officers and their advisor, Peggy Randall, attended a Regional Leadership/Professional Development conference in Franklenthon on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Chapter members recently completed a "Locker-Sign Sale" to commemorate Homecoming Week and are gearing up for a product sales campaign to begin soon.

Proceeds will be used to defray expenses at the weekend state conference at the Renaissance Center in March.

It's a boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Wade (Tracy) Witherspoon of Caseville are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **John Charles ("J.C.")** on Oct. 6 at 5:09 p.m. at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. The newborn weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 8 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ron and Dolores Bieri of Caseville. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Buchholz of Pigeon and the late John Charles Witherspoon.

Proud great-grandparents include Mrs. Edith Karle of Bay Port, Bud and Lorraine Bieri of Caseville, Mrs. Minnie Witherspoon of Filion and Losetta Kadabaugh of Fla., formerly of Pigeon.

Steven and Emily (Herman) Turner of Pigeon would like to announce the birth of their son, **Eric Wesley Turner**. He was born on Oct. 2 at 2:08 a.m. at Huron Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Eileen and Elmer Herman of Elkton. Paternal grandparents are Victoria and Glenn Turner and great-grandmother is Florence Turner, all of Pigeon.

Eric has two brothers, Jesse Glenn and Alex Steven.

Gary and Deb Binder of Cass City are proud parents of a son, **Christopher Adam**, born Friday, Oct. 6 at 8:02 a.m. at Bay Medical Center. Maternal grandparents are Oliver and Juliet Patterson of Cass City. Paternal grandparents are Nelson and Eunice Binder of Pigeon.

He has a sister, Courtney Lynn, age seven.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyzer



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyzer celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Pigeon VFW Hall. Robert Hyzer and Frieda Harton were married by Elder Floyd Horton on Sept. 30, 1944. Their attendants were Donald Hyzer, Leo McIlbargie, Beatrice (Hollingshead) Hubler, now deceased and Dorothy (Roberts) Duggan.

The reception was hosted by the couple and their four children and their spouses, Janice and Tony Foster, Lorna and Randy Baur, Dorothy and Paul Fischer, Martin and Sandra Hyzer. Also attending were the couple's seven grandchildren, Bill and Karrie Fischer, Cheryl Baur, Lori and Dan Hyzer and Moira and Aline Foster.

Three hundred family members, friends and neighbors came from the local area and Ohio, Kentucky, New Mexico, Florida, Texas, Flint, Port Huron, Muskegon, Indiana, Detroit and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Floral arrangements were presented to the Hyzers by Mrs. Creola (Howard) Mustard from Vermillion, Ohio, a long-time friend.



Thanks a Million By Percy Ross

New dentures to brighten smile

DEAR MR. ROSS:

My mom left my dad a year ago, because he was an abusive alcoholic. She left him with neither money nor a job. About three months later, he passed away. My mom blames herself for his death, because she feels it she caused it my leaving him.

She later found out that my dad was buried with her false teeth, because occasionally he would wear them just to annoy her. Luckily she had an extra set, but they are in terrible condition.

They have a big hole in the roof, which makes it hard for her to talk. Also, the teeth themselves are breaking off. She has received an estimate for new dentures, which comes to \$800. The cost is so high because she was born with a cleft palate, and no one in her small town has the technology to help her, so she must go to a larger city.

After finding a job where she makes \$200 a month, she still finds herself struggling to pay the bills. I never would have written you, but financially I can't help and her needs are so great — eating is a part of daily life. My mom is 56 years old. I love her dearly and I don't

want her to suffer anymore. —Ms. J.S., Sioux City, Iowa.

DEAR MS. S.:

Your mother's situation is certainly no joke, but the fact your late father wore your mother's dentures just to irritate her and was then buried with them actually gives your dad the last laugh. There's nothing funny about ill-fitting dentures which don't allow for proper nutrition, and I'm in complete accord that your mother should be helped. If you will give me the name of the dentist who will be fitting the new dentures, I'll make arrangements for a brand new set at no cost to your mother.

I'm sure you find nothing humorous about your mother's dilemma right now. However, if you and your mother live long enough, someday you're destined to see the light side of what was a most unfortunate situation.

—\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$—

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I am a 31 year old man. My wife and I have a baby who is nine months old. I have a mental disability and have been in the state hospital 39 times. I'm also a recovered alcoholic.

Both my wife and I receive disability checks. We just moved into a small house and are fixing it up. My

father-in-law bought us a washer and dryer, but the washer is going to need repairs, estimated at \$100, to get it working.

I'm a hard worker — I buy scrap iron and haul rubbish. This year alone we paid over \$2,000 worth of medical bills. If you would like to help us, we would be grateful to get our washer repaired. —Mr. R.H., Fargo, N.D.

DEAR MR. H.:

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Thumb club news notes

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Forty-five Elkton Seniors attended the Oct. 10 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens when President Mike Renn welcomed members and guest Helen Schultz.

Mildred Tilt offered the table prayer before the potluck meal.

Edna Wakefield and Elizabeth Schelke were in charge of music. "America, the Beautiful" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag given.

Marie Hoffman reported that a card was signed for John Knechtel.

The group was pleased to accept an invitation from Elkton Elementary School to come for dinner on Oct. 25. Program chairman Mike Renn introduced Helen Schulz who spoke on "The Way Things Were." She described the way nurses were trained when she entered the profession and told of her experiences. Sherman Day was to chair the Oct. 17 program. Dolores Gardner was to present the entertainment.

WORTHY STUDY CLUB

Ulla Snider was hostess to the Worthy Study Club for the Oct. 11 meeting, with Janet Garety as co-hostess. A dessert luncheon was served. President Dolores Lukasiak led the group with the Club Collect and Pledge to the Flag. Fifteen members answered roll call with "Name Your Birthstone." Mona McBride will act as secretary and Opal Duffy as publicity during the winter months.

Program Chairman Mona McBride introduced Dee Deford of the County Extension Office, who presented a slide program on "Recy-

cling." She noted that many items commonly used can be recycled, such as plastic milk jugs and juice containers.

Christine Conkey made a motion to write to Barbara Bush to ask about nutrition for school children.

Mildred Tilt offered the table prayer before the potluck meal.

RUSH LAKE FARM BUREAU

The Rush Lake Farm Bureau group met at the home of Opal Duffy for the October meeting. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting.

Mona McBride led in the Pledge to the Flag and the Farm Bureau Creed was read in unison.

Hal Conkey led the discussion topic on "School Finance — the Choice is Yours — Nov. 7 — Proposals A and B."

Opal Duffy led the fun sheet. The Fred McBride's will host the November meeting.

ELKTON WOMANS' CIVIC CLUB

The Elkton Womens' Civic Club met at the home of Emmythe Seley on Thursday.

Thirteen members answered roll call with "Where Are Your Roots?" President Theatta Picklo presided at the meeting. Margaret Taylor, finance chairman, talked about the silent auction scheduled for the next meeting. It was voted to contribute to the Huron County Youth Center.

Betty Elsesser reported that the work crew from the Huron County Jail will clean up the Flowing Well site. This is a continuing club project.

Margaret Taylor presented a travelogue on her recent European trip.

A tape, prepared by Bette Southworth, was played, giving vignettes of her various trips abroad. She was unable to attend the meeting.

The next meeting will be Nov. 2 at the home of Verda Bixler.

BAY PORT WOMAN'S CLUB

The Bay Port Woman's Club met at the home of Betty Rapson at "Betty's Bay House" with 12 members present.

President Margaret Faltny led in the Club Collect and Pledge to the Flag. Donna Deming reported that four cards had been sent.

The following officers were elected: President Margaret Faltny, Vice President Donna Deming, Secretary Alma Stahl and Treasurer Nellie Dutcher.

Donations of \$25.00 to the Bay Port Elementary Library and Pigeon District Library were approved.

Roll call was "A Favorite President."

The ladies present enjoyed an art activity of sewing pumpkin seeds. Prizes were awarded to Nellie Dutcher, Bunne Shaw, Margaret Faltny, Lillian Boegert and Eunice Melinisk.

The hostess served dessert and coffee. The November meeting will be with Margaret Faltny.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

The club met Tuesday, Oct. 10 with 123 members in attendance and one guest, Georgina Farver.

President Margaret Wilhelm thanked Phoebe Pedrotte for the "earlybird" goodies. The secretary and treasurer reports were given.

Chairman Tom Beadle reported for the Advisory Committee that a Halloween Party is set for Oct. 31. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. It was mentioned that small Christmas gifts are being sought from members to be given to area retirement homes.

It was announced that Marie Ellery is recuperating at home. Virginia Bugamelli passed away on Oct. 6.

Celebrating birthdays were Nada Blackburn, Ruby Pennington, Marvin Krebs, Ray Kapcia, Larry Viola, Shirley Ritchie and Julia Lakatos.

Anniversaries are being observed by Ed and Virginia Fitzpatrick, John and Theresa Pravettono and Leo and Gladys Bondy.

Andy Lakatos, reporting for the Nominating Committee, announced that the following will be officers for 1990 by acclamation: President Margaret Wilhelm, Vice President Betty Smith, Secretary Virginia Krieg and Treasurer Norma Farver.

Presentation of plaques to outgoing officers and swearing in of new officers was presided over by Tom Beadle.

Scheurer Hospital Care List

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Oct. 16:

PIGEON: Master Jordan Gunden, Ethel Jamison. BAY PORT: Coral Asselin.

CASEVILLE: June Sisk, Martha Haataja, Master Ian Starr.

PORT AUSTIN: Mary LaCourse, Brent Patterson.

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Someone has said, "To have a friend, you have to be a friend."

USUALLY OUR FRIENDS ENJOY many of the same things we do. A shared interest brings us together and gives us a common bond. That is not always the case, however. We don't always share all our interests with every friend we have.

I do have friends who don't care a bit about golf. They appreciate the fact that I do and often ask about my game. I don't care much about bowling but some of my friends do. It is fun to check their scores and team standing to see how they are doing.

Friends are the ones you turn to when you need help. Perhaps it's a listening ear when something is troubling you. Maybe a friend can suggest a solution or help you to determine what you can do about the situation. The help may be in the form of giving some reading material, hemming a skirt, babysitting for an hour or so, giving you a ride or serving on a committee you chair.

THIS FRIEND BUSINESS IS A TWO-WAY STREET. You have to be willing to do all the above or similar things for your friends, too — whatever your talents allow. I don't think it is always a 50/50 proposition and most people don't keep track. If the relationship turns out to be all one way — one person always receiving and never giving — the friendship probably doesn't last. At times, all we have to give is our need to be helped. But we must be willing to look for the needs of our friends, too.

Friends are those who stand by us when others are downgrading us or spreading rumors. They come to our defense with statements such as, "That's not true!" and rescue us with an explanation of facts. That's called loyalty and is a very important part of friendship.

Another important aspect of friendship is that it is not limited to a certain number. One can have as many friends as one desires. And each friendship is different. I have a different relationship with people in my church, the ones I golf with, bridge players, farm neighbors, my Florida community, fellow volunteers and my family. They are all included as friends, each in a different way.

AND I LOOK FORWARD to making new friends in these and other associations as time goes on. That is another thing about friendship. You don't have to give up one when you make a new one.

Remember: to have a friend you have to be one. And when you have a good one, you've got something very important in life.

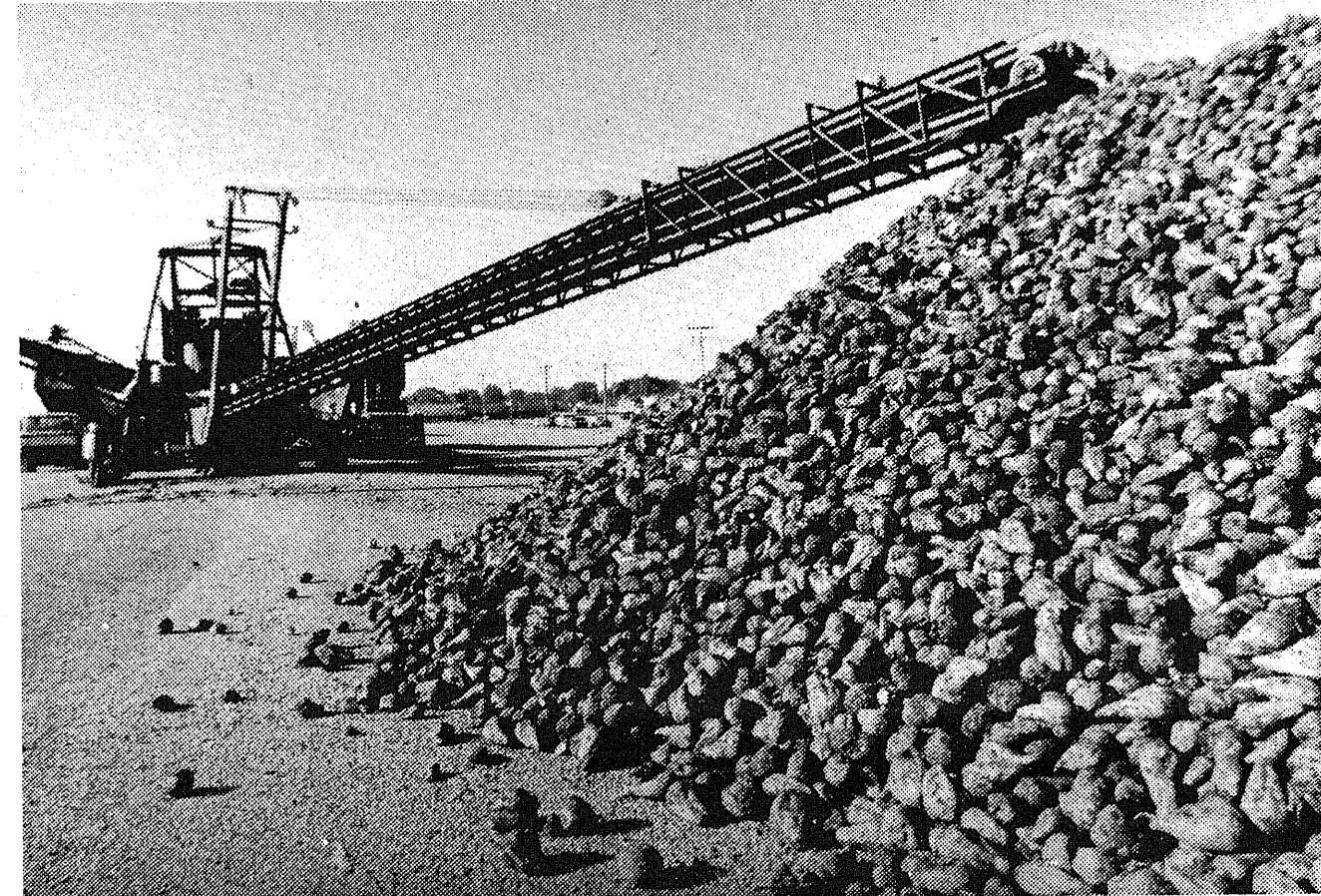
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'89 Harvest May Be Best In Years...

Producers and consumers should be smiling at the latest crop reports from Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and USDA, as they released figures of good yields and high quality in 1989 farm crop production. While frosts in late September and cool weather in October slowed maturity of late-developing crops—notably dry beans—yet record or near-record yields are expected in several crops, MASS stated. Dry beans sustained most damage, but corn and soybeans suffered only minimal losses. Full extent of losses won't be known until harvest is finished.



ABOUT 23% — OR 127,000 TONS — of beets had been received at the Sebewaing plant by Monday morning. With cooler weather predicted for this week, the factory was scheduled to resume taking beets this week.

SOYBEANS
Michigan's 1989 soybean yield is a record 36 bushels per acre. Nationally soybean production is estimated at 1.93 billion bushels, up 24% above 1988.

SMALL GRAINS
Small grain production rebounded sharply over last year's drought-reduced harvest. WINTER WHEAT in Michigan will hit 33.9 million bushels, up 30% over last year. Yields weren't quite as high as expected, but still they average 53 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels over 1988.

Some pockets of frost-damage in late-maturing fields are reported, and some fields are being abandoned.

SUGAR BEETS
Sugar beet yields are expected to average 19.5 tons per acre, but cooler weather and completion of bean harvesting will see a greater concentration of beet harvesting and hauling in the coming weeks.

CORN
Michigan corn yields are forecast at 105 bushels per acre, only 2 bushels below the record yields of 1982. Nationally, corn production is forecast at 7.45 billion bushels, up 2% over last month's forecast and 51% over 1988.

The sharp contrast between 1989 and last year is evident in OATS, according to MASS, which was hard-hit in 1988. This year's 20.1 million bushel crop in Michigan was more than triple the size of last year's.

Average yield here was 67 bushels over acre, equal to 1985's record. Across the US, HARVEST-Continues On FARMWAYS Page 2

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Scientific Seed Studies Enter 2nd Century

It was not uncommon in the late 1800s for farmers to experiment with seed from some of their best crops from the previous year to try to

increase their yields. Sometimes these on-farm efforts were successful, but more often they were not.

The creation of Agricultural Experiment Stations at all land-grant universities under the Hatch Act, signed by President Grover Cleveland in 1887, increased the application of science to crop variety improvement.

Michigan State University is observing the 100th anniversary of its Agricultural Experiment Station, which was created by the state legislature February 26, 1888.

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oats production is estimated at 371 million bushels, up 69% over the low 1988 crop. **BARLEY** production in Michigan was nearly double the low 1988 output, with yields averaging 58 bushels per acre, up 26 bushels over 1988.

last year's drought-stricken numbers. Harvest will continue through late October. Across the U.S., apples are expected to produce 9.63 billion pounds, a 5% increase over last year. Those figures indicate that Michigan produces about 11% of the nation's apple crop.

RYE yields averaged a record 33 bushels per acre in 1989, breaking the previous 1987 record of 32 bushels. Production from 20,000 harvested acres totaled 660,000 bushels. Most of Michigan's rye acreage is seeded as a cover crop.

Michigan State University is primarily through the efforts of AES researchers that Michigan farmers began to better understand the value of scientifically developed crop varieties.

Other crops showed strong upbeats, too.

That's due to freezing temperatures in early May, some diseases in many vineyards and mid-September frosts. Concord Grape harvests will be just about finished now, MASS reported.

ALFALFA HAY in Michigan reached 3.6 tons per acre, up sharply over last year's drought-reduced 2.6 tons.

The U.S. grape crop will reach 5.88 million tons, down about 2% from 1988.

1989 FRUIT

Michigan is expected to produce 15,000 tons of **PRUNES** and **PLUMS**, a third above last year. The national crop is forecast at 50,500 tons—excluding California's—which means Michigan growers produce slightly less than one-third of the nation's prune crop.

Although fruit is a minor farm crop in East Michigan and the Thumb, MASS records show that fruits, too, enjoyed an ideal environment in 1989 compared with 1988.

APPLES, expected to produce one billion pounds, are 20% higher production than

of variety trials and demonstration sites are now commonplace at crop variety research centers throughout the world.

By 1917, its role in seed production had become more formalized, and the Michigan Equipment Association became the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

Formed as a private, non-profit organization for farmers who produced certified field crop seed, MCIA was operated as a project of the MAC Farm Crops Department and was managed by a department faculty member. Today, MCIA is an autonomous, off-campus organization with its own manager and a membership of more than 350 farmers, who produce certified seed on approximately 50,000 acres each year.

The original concept of field testing college-bred seed remains in tact, but before seed can be sold as certified seed, it must undergo extensive field evaluations and laboratory testing. This guarantees farmers that MCIA certified seed will meet specified standards for performance. These standards include germination, vigor and yield.

MCIA retains its close working relationship with MSU and with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, from which it derives its authority for carrying out certification.

The concept and practice

AREA HARVEST REVIEW: SUGAR BEETS

The 1989 sugar beet scene is "good" in the Sebewaing Plant area of the Michigan Sugar Company, and with a little help from the weatherman, it can be "great".

The Sebewaing plant had received 127,000 tons, about 23% of the projected 575,000-ton beet crop. So far 7,000 acres of the 28,000 planted acres had been harvested, Jacoby said.

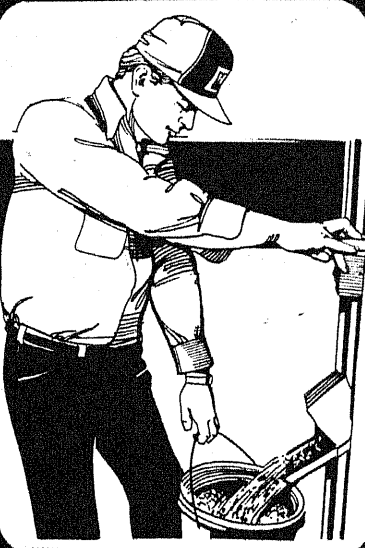
The plant will begin accepting beets again at 7 am Tuesday, October 17 (today) and with cooler weather predicted for the rest of the week, harvesting operations are in for a big boost, according to Richard Jacoby, plant agriculture manager.

The Sebewaing area has yielded 20.5 tons per acre, down slightly from earlier projections of 22 tons. The reduction was caused by a very dry September, Jacoby stated. But, he added, sugar content is "excellent" — slightly over 18% so far.

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Farm Accidents Claim 14 In Michigan...

As of mid-August, 1989, Michigan had recorded 14 farm-related fatalities. This fact was included in

aMSU Agriculture and Natural Resources release stating that vigorous and continuing education is the key to

farm safety. Howard J. Doss, MSU Agriculture Safety Specialist, stated that 9 of the 14

farm deaths were caused by improper use of tractors. He also stated that the rate of farm-related deaths has

continued unabated the past several years.

Nationally, more than 1,500 farmers were killed by farm accidents in 1988 and more than 140,000 suffered disabling injuries ranging from crushed hands to severed legs.

Not tallied are thousands of farmers and farm workers who suffer work-related illnesses caused by excessive exposure to toxic gases, chemicals, dust, sun, noise and other farm hazards.

Nor does the 1500 figure reflect the approximately 300 youngsters under the age of 16 who die each year in farm accidents nor the more than 23,500 who are seriously injured or maimed for life.

The current ag-related death rate is 48 per 100,000 workers, a rate that is 5 times higher than the national average for all industries. Since 1981, the annual death rate in agriculture has exceeded the annual death rate in mining, a profession that was once considered the

nation's most hazardous occupation.

Agricultural safety experts feel that part of the reason the rate is so high is that the US does not have a national farm safety policy, as exists in Germany and Great Britain. For the most part, agriculture is exempt from Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. OSHA standards do not apply to farms with 10 or fewer employees.

Farmers also generally resist any safety policy that they perceive as government encroachment on their freedom, even though farm accidents cost the US economy \$3 billion a year.

"This is just a monstrous, ghoulish problem," Doss says. "There are kids drowning in flowing grain and adults being crushed to death by tractors, shredded by power take-off shafts, and gassed to death by fumes from silos and manure stor-



THE OLD FASHIONED WAY...
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age pits—and it goes on year after year!"

Yet farmers want no national safety regulations, and Doss isn't so sure that would be the correct approach to the problem.

"I don't think you can successfully regulate safety to the farm. There's just too much farmer resistance and it is impossible to make products for the farm that will be completely death-free or accident-free."

Because Doss believes that safety education is the only sensible approach to reducing the annual death toll on farms, he is at odds with the

US Department of Agriculture which he believes has systematically reduced funding for Extension farm safety educational programs during the past decade.

According to Doss, USDA safety education funding amounts to \$970,000 (30¢ per farmer) per year. The

Mine Safety and Health Administration funds a \$163 million annual safety education budget (\$100 per worker.)

"Oh, we have farm safety programs scattered around the country, and some of them are pretty good, but for the most part, the current programs do little more than pay lip service to what is an annual litany of predictable

and preventable carnage," Doss says.

"We need a uniform, in-depth program conducted by safety professionals who will focus on changing attitudes and practices among the people who are actually doing the work on farms."

Doss believes that responsibility for education rests as much with the USDA, universities, rural communities

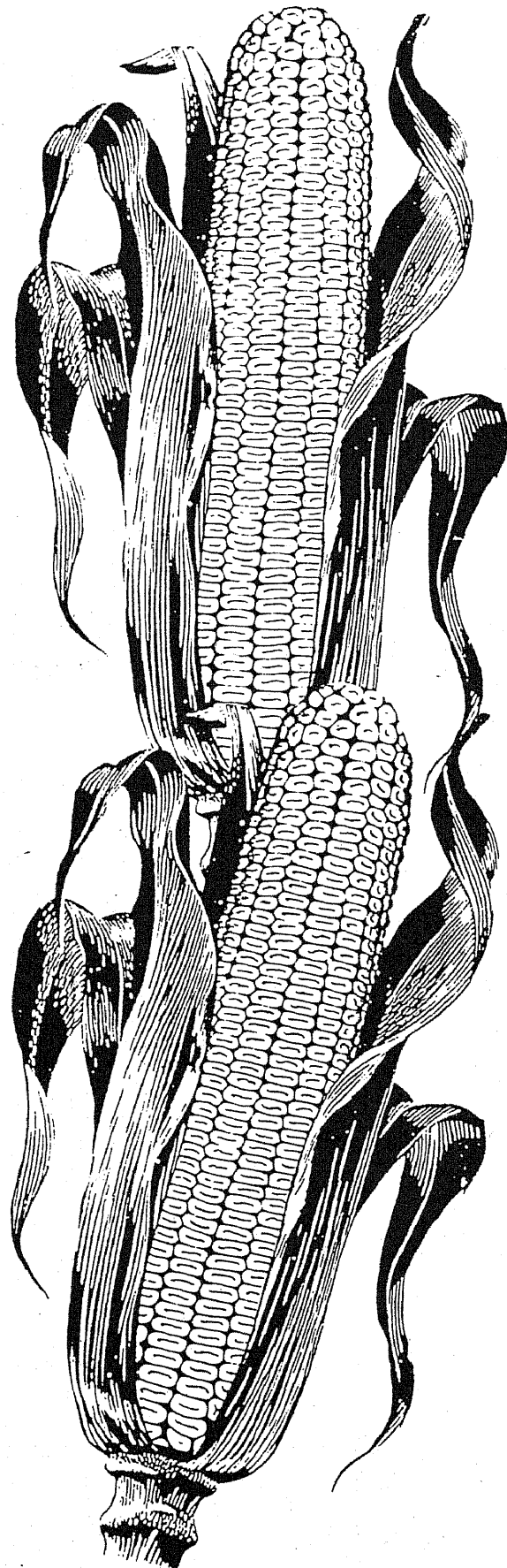
and farm organizations as with farm managers.

"We can crank out all kinds of information about ways to reduce risks and dangers inherent in farming,

and we can make news about families being destroyed when their loved ones are torn apart by machinery," Doss said.

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WATCH OUT: Silo Gas Is Deadly!

As farmers begin the silage harvest, they need to be mindful about the danger of nitrogen dioxide-silo gas—which can accumulate in the silo. It can cause permanent injury or death.

According to MSU Extension Ag-Safety Specialist Howard Doss, silo gas begins to form almost as soon as silo filling begins, with the highest concentrations of nitrogen dioxides occurring about 48 hours later. No one should go into a silo for 4-6 weeks after filling.

Nitrogen dioxide is heavier than air so it may form yellowish layers of mist above the silage or drop down the silo chute. The strong silage odor can mask nitrogen dioxide's bleachlike odor. It may be present even if you can't see or smell it.

When silo gas is highly concentrated, it can kill a person in a matter of seconds,

along with anyone who attempts a rescue.

In low concentrations, silo gas damages the respiratory system. The nitrogen dioxide combines with moisture in the lungs to form nitric acid, which eats away at the lung tissue and can cause permanent damage.

Symptoms of silo gas damage include severe irritation that may lead to inflammation of the lungs, though the victim may feel little pain or discomfort. Exposure symptoms—shortness of breath, a faint feeling and flu-like illness—can frequently be delayed for several days.

It is possible for a person to inhale silo gas for a short time and notice no effects, then go to bed several hours later and die while sleeping because of the fluid that has collected in the lungs.

Frequently, a release

with flu or pneumonia-like symptoms occurs one to two weeks after initial recovery from the exposure.

Doss cautioned that farmers should wear a self-contained breathing apparatus if they must enter a silo. To locate breathing equipment, contact your local fire department or a safety equipment supplier.

Anyone who must enter the silo during or just after filling, should follow these procedures:

- Open a silo door above the silage level to allow any silo gas present to drain out of the silo.
- Run the blower at the base of the silo 15-30 minutes before entering to let fresh air in above the silage.
- Always wear a self-contained breathing apparatus

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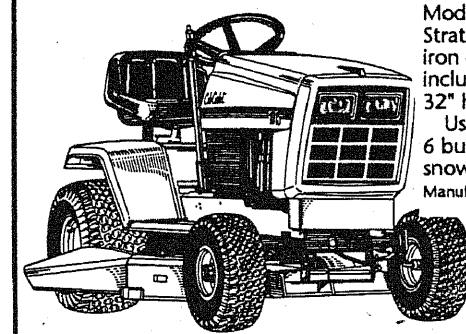


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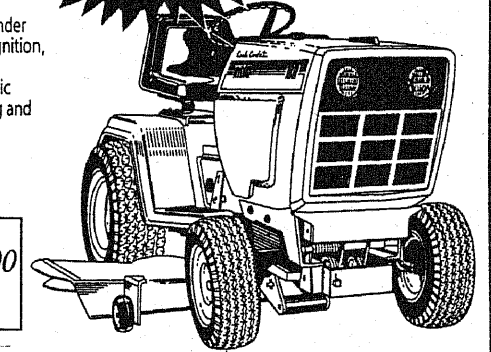
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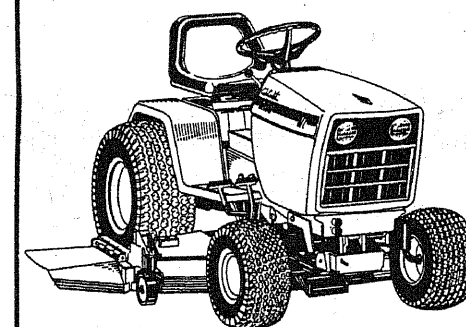


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Controlling Canada Thistle . . .

When combining corn fields this fall, Michigan corn growers are likely to notice infestations of Canada thistle. Infestations of this broadleaf perennial weed increased during the past 2 decades, and favorable growing conditions this spring spurred additional growth of Canada thistle. Canada thistle ranks among

the most persistent weed pests in the upper Midwest, and infests approximately 20% of Michigan corn acres. According to Dr. Karen Renner, Extension weed specialist at Michigan State University, Canada thistle can be a serious economic threat to corn crop yields. In fields with heavy infestations, corn yields may be

increased 10% or more. Canada thistle competes with the crop for nutrients and water due to the extensive perennial root system, and in severe cases Canada thistle can inhibit corn ear formation. According to Renner, Canada thistle can become a problem due to a combination of factors. Unlike other

thistle species, such as bull thistle, which produces seed every 2 years, Canada thistle seeds annually after the first year of shoot growth. Seeds are carried by wind, water or farm equipment to new locations where they can quickly spread and dominate portions of a field. It also has an extensive root system which

is only minimally controlled by most herbicides and new shoots sprout from the root system or pieces of the root each year. To get a head start on controlling Canada thistle this fall, growers are advised to note the locations of the weed at harvest. In some cases fall tillage programs, especially deep tillage, may

help reduce the weed population by exposing the root system to winter weather conditions. Deep tillage such as moldboard plowing and discing, where appropriate, can bring weed roots to the soil surface and dry freeze them in the fall and

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New 4-H Group Is Chartered...

A new program, named Cloverbuds, has been approved by the Tuscola County 4-H Council, and it

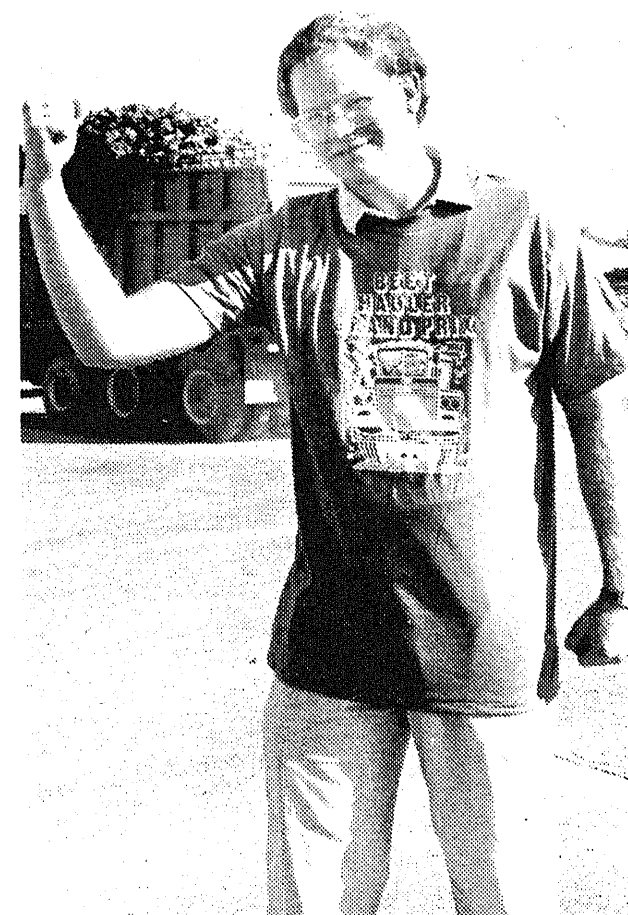
permits 5- to 7-year-olds to be part of 4-H, according to John Wurm, Tuscola 4-H agent.

Another Centennial Farm Honored In Area

Forty Michigan farms, including one located in Huron County, have been certified by the Michigan Historical Commission as Centennial Farms according to Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.

Cloverbuds is a program that gives younger people experiences that well-established clubs have given all along. Wurm said, "With this age group, less emphasis is put on products and more on socialization skills in working with other kids," he added.

The approach for working with 5- to 7-year-olds is to use lots of encouragement. The youth will put a notebook together of each year's experiences, which may include such wide-ranging interests from pressed leaves to pictures of group activities.



The family farm owned by Grace Knaus, located at 3295 Limerick, in Kinde is a newly-certified Michigan Centennial Farm. The Knaus farm has been continuously owned by that family since August of 1879.

To explain the new program, Theresa Silm of St. Johns will speak and train local 4-H people from 7:30-9 pm Monday, October 23, at Indianfields Public Library in Caro. Wurm said she will bring proven methods of working with that younger age group. The training is open to any interested parents or existing leaders.

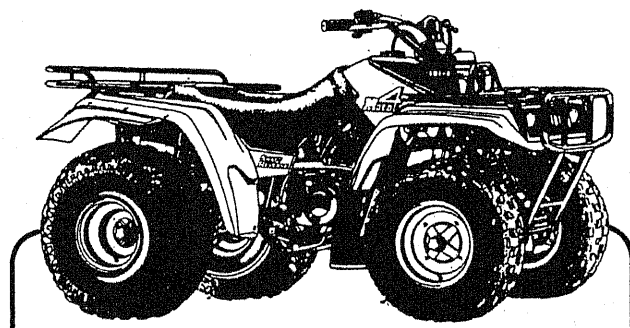
"Since the current Centennial Farm program was begun in 1948, this office has certified more than 6,000 farms as Centennial Farms," said Secretary Austin. "We are pleased to recognize the Knaus family for their com-

mitment to Michigan agriculture, as well as the preservation of our heritage." A Centennial Farm is a farm of 10 or more acres, which has been in the same family for at least 100 years. Owners receive a Michigan Centennial Farm certificate from the Department of State's Bureau of History, and a marker for display at the farm. The on-farm markers are provided by Detroit Edison and Consumers Power Company.

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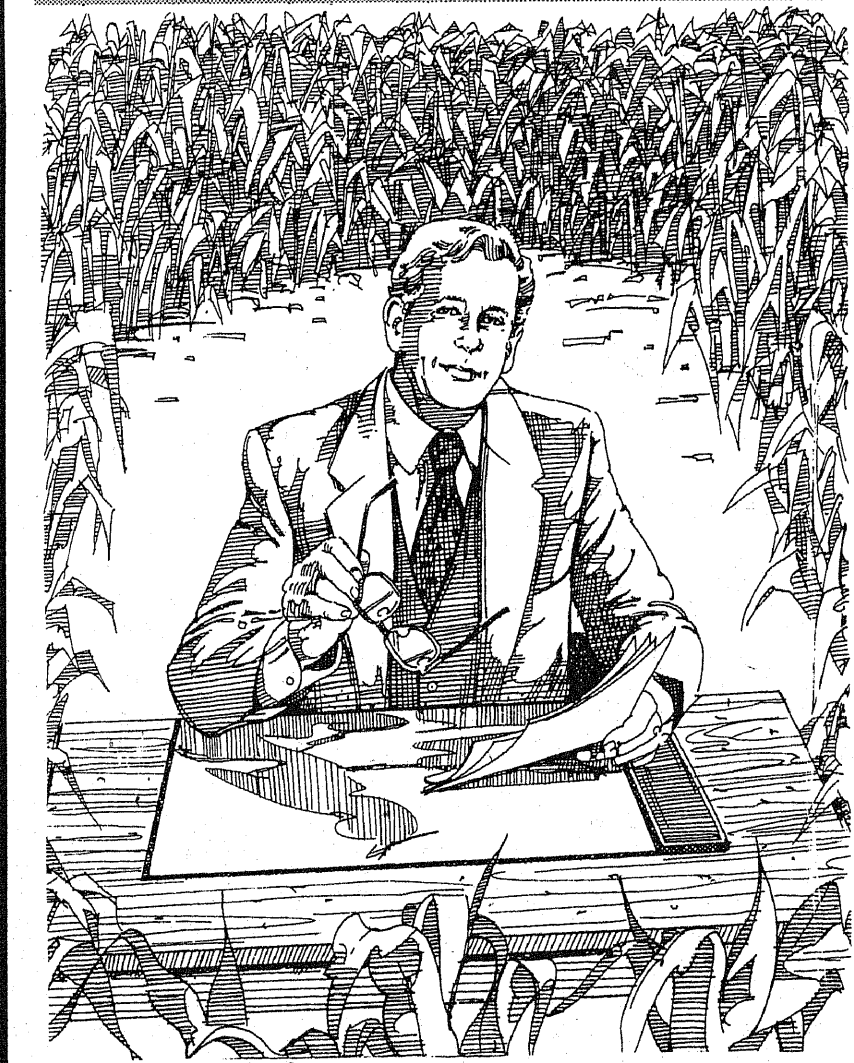
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