

PP220 487-0003 27/82  
PIGEON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PIGEON, MI

48755

*It's Christmas Memory  
time in the Western Thumb!*

SEE WRITING WINNERS STARTING ON PAGE 9

# the **Progress** Advance

25¢

VOL. 86, NO. 25

36 PAGES

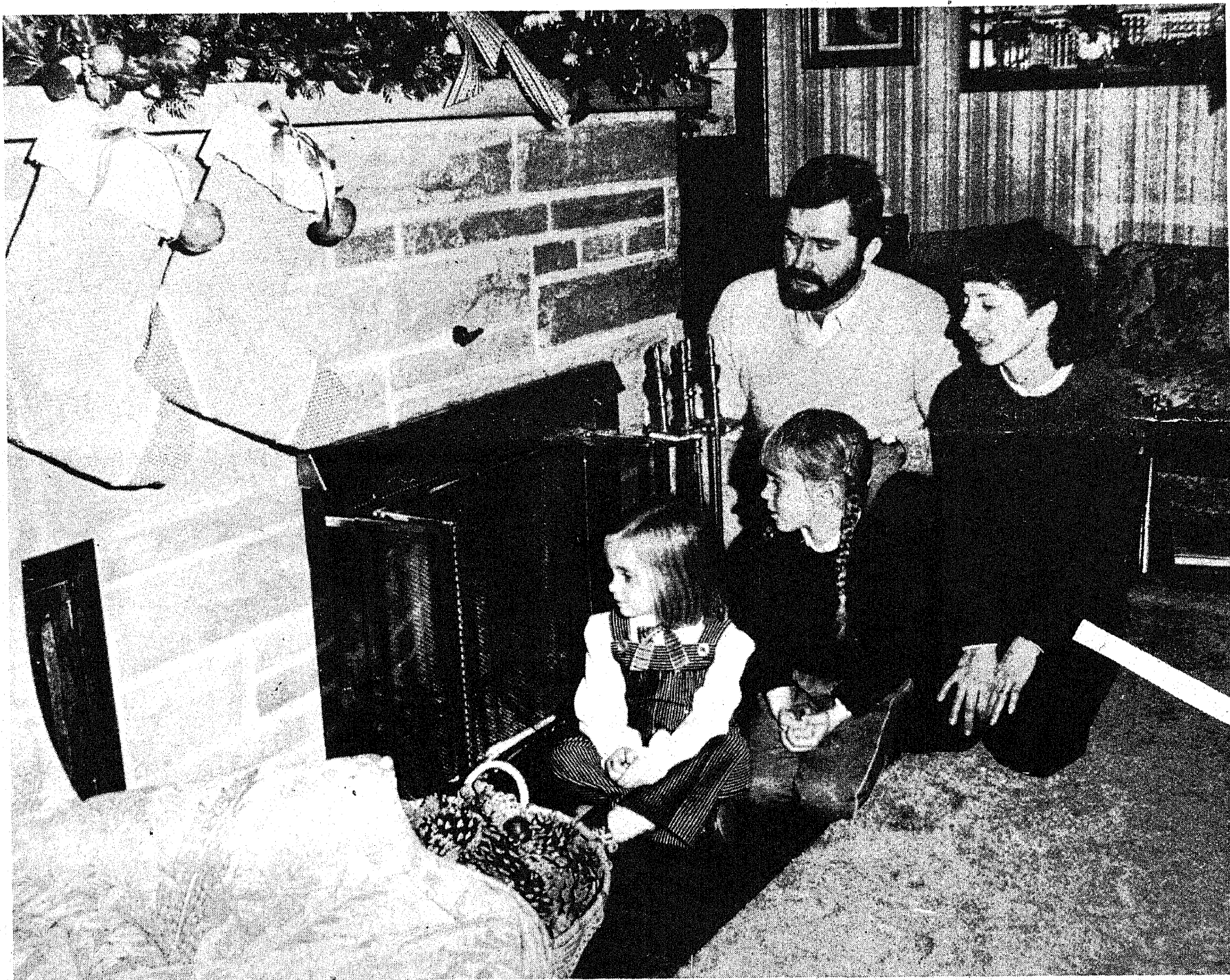
WITH WINSOR TWP. SECTION

Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville, Bay Port and Owendale, Michigan

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1983  
THROUGH TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 1983

Winner of 18  
Michigan Press Association  
Awards since 1979

## 'How's he do that again, Mom?'



"You say Santa Claus comes down this skinny little chimney on Christmas Eve, Dad & Mom?"

"In THIS little space – with all those gifts?"

"Of course, he can, Kate. That's what helps make Santa so special!"

Four-year-old Kate and her big sister, six-year-old Kristen, are ready and waiting for the wonder of Christmas. They're the daughters of Ron and Patti Damm, of Caseville Road, Pigeon.

The family has hung their stockings with care, certainly in hopes that St. Nicholas soon will be coming there with gifts, toys and other goodies.

And the two little girls probably won't be disappointed, either – since their folks say both Kate and Kristen have been quite good this year.

Thousands of area children will have special surprises under their Christmas trees Sunday, during this wondrous holiday season. Most youngsters have been good, too – at least in these past few days "when Santa is really watching closely."

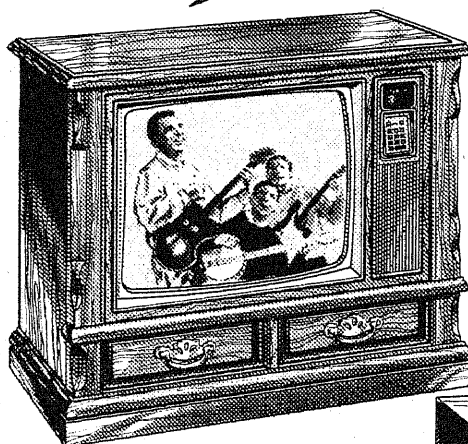
This holiday is also an opportunity to remember the true meaning of Christmas. It's an excellent time to remember the light of that manger scene in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago – a light that could never be stilled on this bright holiday.

RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO



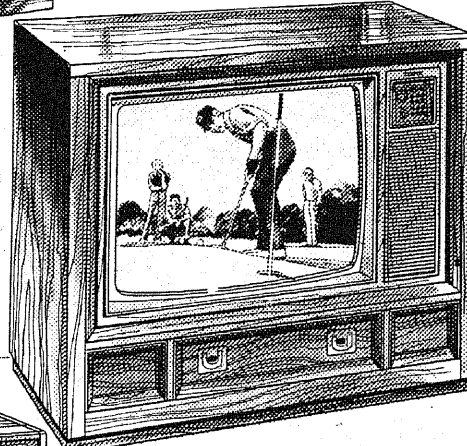
# CHRISTMAS SALE

on **ZENITH** TV's



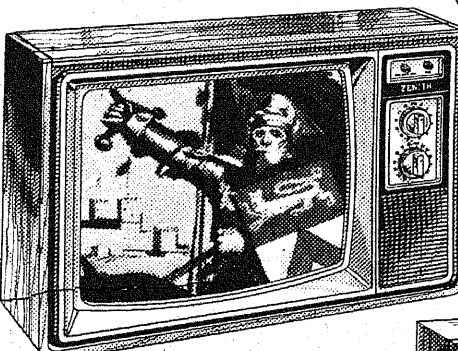
**65** YEARS OF LEADERSHIP  
The quality goes in before the name goes on®

**25" CONSOLE TV**  
DIAGONAL  
MODEL Z2516NK • Country styled console. Simulated Nutmeg Oak 157 Channel Capability. Keyboard Touch-Command Channel Selection. Electronic Tuning. Reliable 100% Modular Z-1 Chassis. Chromasharp Picture Tube. Chromatic One-Button Color Control.



**25" CONSOLE TV**  
DIAGONAL  
MODEL Z2504K • Smart Transitional styling. Popular simulated grained Oak. Chromasharp Picture Tube. Dependable 100% Modular Z-1 Chassis. Quartz-Electronic Keyboard Tuning. Auto-Control Color System.

**ZENITH** The quality goes in before the name goes on®



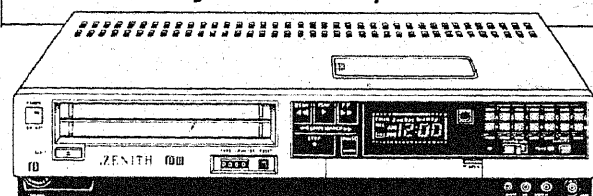
**19" TABLE TV**  
DIAGONAL  
MODEL Z1908W • Decorator-Compact Styling. Simulated American Walnut. Chromasharp Picture Tube. Z-1 Chassis. Super Video Range Tuning System. Synchronomatic 70-Position UHF Channel Selector.



**19" TABLE TV**  
DIAGONAL  
WITH REMOTE CONTROL  
MODEL SZ1927W • Computer Space Command 2400 Remote Control. Up/Down Channel Scanning and direct channel access. Quartz-Electronic Keyboard Tuning. 157 Channel Capability. Chromatic One-Button Color Control. Simulated Spartan Walnut.

The Affordable VCR with a "Touch of Class"

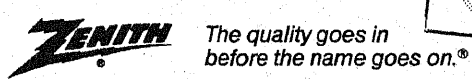
**ZENITH HI-TECH VR8510**  
It Only Looks Expensive



**ZENITH BETA PERFORMANCE—YOUR BEST VALUE!**  
• Low-profile, front-load cabinet - just 3 1/4" high  
• Accurate Electronic Tuning with Touch-Command channel selection  
• Super-Scan Speed Search picture review during fast forward and rewind  
• Pause-Stop Action with picture  
• Electronic Feather-Touch controls  
• Tape Counter  
• Electronic Clock with digital readout  
• Beta III Record - Beta III/II Playback  
• Advanced infrared technology lets you give recording and playback commands from across the room.

**WIRELESS, INFRARED REMOTE VIDEO ACTION CONTROL**

Optional At Extra Cost



**THUMB HARDWARE & Appliance Center**  
23 N. Main ELKTON 375-2530



## Children 'inked' for IDs



By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

"Operation Identification," a program which involves taking fingerprints to aid in identification of missing children, began in the Laker School District last week.

Above, Elkton Elementary students Joy Adams, left and Brent McIlhargie from Miss Bush's first grade class get "inked" by Huron Sheriff Deputy Brent Woodward, left, and Fairhaven Township Police Chief Donald Hydrun.

Woodward stated that students who are absent when the fingerprints are taken can receive the service free of charge at the License Bureau at the Huron County Sheriff Department in Bad Axe.

Many hands were cleaned with the special soap provided. Doris Seley is shown, below right, helping first grader Moira Foster get her hands spotted before returning to class.

## Club news

### RUSH LAKE FARM BUREAU

The Rush Lake Farm Bureau group met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duffy, enjoying a potluck dinner.

Mona McBride presided at the business session, leading in the Pledge to the Flag. Opal Duffy led the discussion topic, "Part-Time Legislature - Pro and Con." The next meeting will be with the William Ballaghs.

### PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF HURON

File No. 15,621  
Estate of William H. Wallace, Dec., Trust f/b/o William H. Wallace III L.I.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 4, 1984 at 11:00 a.m., in the probate courtroom Bad Axe, Michigan, before Hon. Neil R. MacCallum Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held. On the Petition of Second National Bank of Saginaw, Trustee of said Estate, praying that its Twenty-Ninth Annual Account be allowed in the respects set forth in said Petition.

Dated: December 13, 1983  
Second National Bank of Saginaw, Trustee  
101 N. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, Michigan  
Richard A. Mertz (P17645)  
Attorney at Law  
2407 Peale Drive  
Saginaw, Michigan 48602



## CASEVILLE FISH CO.

6635 Harbor Dr. Caseville 856-2662

(Near the "Break Wall")

:- OPEN DAILY :-

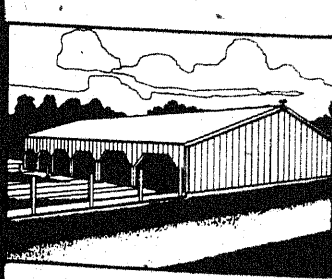
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Fresh & Smoked Fish**

Featuring: Alaskan King Crab, Scallops, Shrimp, Lobster Tails

**Fresh Lake Huron Fish**

## Wick Buildings®



Livestock finishing unit

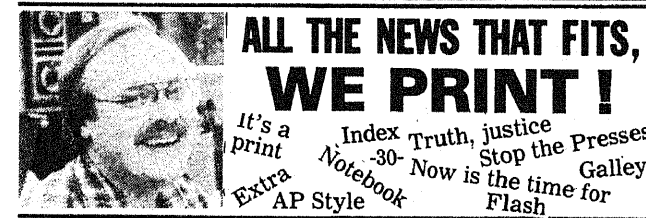
- Competitively priced
- Quality materials
- Experienced crews
- 28 gauge steel
- Screw fastened roofs
- Solar Options

Call

**Booms Construction**  
1170 N. Van Dyke - Bad Axe - 269-8562



**FINAL WINNERS:** Jenny Wheeler of Pigeon won the final bike awarded last Saturday by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce in its 1983 Christmas giveaway. She's shown here with Mr. and Mrs. Claus plus telephone winner April Henne of Bay Port and \$50 shopping winner Sue Hallock of Pigeon, right. Other kids' winners were: Angie Lawrence, Melissa Liska, Cassie Flores, Bryon Swartzendruber, Tina Dubs, Marcie Rathje, Chad Pobanz and Wendy Russell, all of Pigeon.



OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

**MORE INK** - The Western Thumb Area has gotten lots of printing ink in big-time dailies in recent weeks. We mentioned Joe Maust Jr., and his Active Feed Company's story in the Detroit Free Press two Sundays ago.

Then, last Sunday, Elkton Elementary School Teachers Kathi Weidman, Mike Lang and other computer-users were highlighted in an excellent story in The Bay City Times. Caseville High School's pioneering sex education program was featured this past Sunday in the Bay City paper, with Teachers Jerry Winkler and Debra Fritz, plus Caseville High Principal Paul Ellinger quoted.

**EARLY DEADLINES** - To give our staff a very, very unusual two-day holiday vacation, we're moving deadlines ahead for news stories and pictures for next week's paper. Please submit news stories by 3 p.m. this Friday for next week's paper. Final ad deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

These special deadlines will be in force next week (Friday, Dec. 30) for the Wednesday, Jan. 4 issue, too. Our office will be closed all-day on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2 - as will most businesses in the Western Thumb. Everybody needs two days off in a row every now and then!

**NICE IDEA** - Canadian Postal Service people have the right idea. Canadians are able to mail letters and Christmas cards for the bargain rate of 10 cents during the week of Dec. 11-17. It's a nice idea to give something back during the year, especially when people's tight budgets really need it!

**LOTS OF GIFTING** - Shoppers in the U.S. spend \$125 billion in retail sales during December - including more than \$25 billion on Christmas gifts alone! That's what the New York research group known as the Conference Board estimates.

Assuming there are 230 million of us in the U.S., that averages out to \$108 each spent just on Christmas gifts! Do you get the feeling you're doing MORE than your share? And that someone else (obviously) is doing LESS?!!

**WISH I'D SAID THAT** - The Christmas log is a heartwarming sight! (John O'Brien, Jr.)

## Inspector Gordo's Minute Mystery THE CASE OF THE Bomb thrower

Lying in the tree house, young Ronnie Metz looked across the street and saw the lights go off in the house belonging to Cyril Mall, the outspoken candidate for the state senate.

Ronnie checked his watch. Ten past midnight. Deciding that a tree house wasn't such a hot place to spend the night after all, Jimmy was about to start for bed. Then he noticed the dark colored convertible.

It was creeping slowly along the deserted street, its lights out. As it passed under the street lamp, Jimmy saw a man behind the wheel, another standing in the back.

"Aim for the bay window," said the driver. "And don't throw a fifty-eight-footer."

"Don't worry," said the standing man. He drew back his arm and threw. Then the car shot away in a roar of acceleration.

A moment later the bomb exploded on Cyril Mall's lawn. Inspector Gordo, investigating the case, questioned young Ronnie at great length. But the boy could provide no further information.

"Mall has received several threatening letters during the campaign," the chief told Inspector Gordo later. "The bomb apparently was intended to explode inside the house, but the bomber misjudged the distance. I doubt if we'll ever catch him."

"You've got one excellent lead," said Gordo. "I should concentrate on the local baseball teams. Start your questioning with the catchers."

Why did Gordo want to question the catchers?

Answer on Page 8

## Winter Carnival coming to Pigeon

Due to a large number of requests, a Talent Show is being planned as part of the 1984 Winter Carnival, continuing a tradition which was started last year.

Sponsored by the Pigeon Area Jaycees and Jaycettes in conjunction with the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, this year's Winter Carnival Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Laker Junior High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The show will be divided into four age groups: juvenile (four to seven), youth (eight to 12), teen (13 to 18) and adult (over age 18). Cash prizes will be offered in each age group for first place group, first place individual and overall in each category. Refreshments will be offered and admission will be charged at the door.

People interested in participating in the Talent Show are invited to contact Tammy Elenbaum at 453-2439 before Friday, Jan. 20.

Other Winter Carnival activities, including broomball, tug-of-war, saucer pull and mystery games will be played on Wednesday, Jan. 25 through Friday, Jan. 27. A Merchant and Craft/Demo Sale will again be conducted this year, on Friday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pigeon VFW Hall. Area organizations, retailers and individuals are invited to set up their booths and share crafts, films, retail items, brochures or other ideas with the general public. Sign up for a space by calling 453-3329, 453-3308 or 453-2506.

Teens are invited to an "After the Game" Dance on Friday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring music by "The Sound Machine." An admission will be charged at the door.

A highlight of the weekend will be the annual Dinner, Dance and Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 28. Added this year will be a "social hour" from 4 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at "Out of the Blue," all at the Pigeon VFW Hall.

Capping off the long weekend's events will be snowmobile and three-wheeler drag races, with registration from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and the race beginning at 1 p.m. Race location is one mile south of Laker High School on Maxwell Road. Anyone wishing more information may call Steve MacAlpine at 453-3171.

For more information on any events, contact Doug or Rhonda Buehler at 453-3308 or 453-2506, Randy Elenbaum at 453-2439, Sally Rummel at 453-3329 or Karen Schuette at 375-2568.

**First '84 baby time!**  
The first baby born at Pigeon's Scheurer Hospital in 1984 will be welcomed with gifts from the Pigeon Junior Woman's Club.

A \$15 gift certificate at the Polewack Store and a \$25 savings account will be presented, says President Patty Schulze. Any merchants who would like to present additional gifts should contact Barb Trost at 453-2943.



Vern, June, Mac, Clark, April, Tammy, Julie

**Kretschmer Home Center**

7274 Michigan Ave - Pigeon - 453-3231

## Christmas Blessings

Otto & Loraine Fluegge, Veronica Fluegge, Sue Bouck, Jean Nieschulz, Joyce Lynn Blome, Jeanne McGraw, Georgene Beckett, Grant Fluegge, Rhoda Fluegge, Regina Fluegge, Debra Swartzendruber, Mike Schember & Leigh Ellen Fluegge too!

We give Green Stamps

## Fluegge Foods

100 Ruppert St. - Pigeon - 453-3809

*As Christmas comes, soft and still,  
May the spirit of peace gently fill  
Your heart and home  
with love and goodwill.*

**Nancy's of Pigeon**

**Seagull Mall Of Caseville**



## As we see it editorially

## A story to outlast all others...

Hundreds of thousands of books, pamphlets and other written works are published each year. Still, the "Greatest Story Ever Told" stands alone for clarity, directness, impact -- and importance to all living creatures. We're proud to live in a land where we may freely share this with you and your family.

You've probably heard it a hundred times, but it's still the best story ever. Season's Greetings!

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David,)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

## Pete Progress says:

"What do you give a pig with a sore throat?"

"Oinkment," of course!"



## Letter to the Editor

## Family resource book available

Dear Editor: On a recent trip to Ontario, Judy and I discovered a book that we felt would be of tremendous interest to the people of the West Huron area. With this in mind we purchased a copy and gave it to the Pigeon District Library.

The title is "Our Village of Morriston." It is the history of many families that moved from Morriston, Ont. to the Thumb. If you are doing family research and your

name is Weiner-Winer, Wyse, Stahl, Bauman, Bowman, Mast, Haist, Morlock, Gregor, Leith, Beiber-Beaver, Schneff, Moatz, Osche-Oaks, Sieber, Jacobs, Telfer, Stein, Braun-Brown, Martin, Bott, Bach, Wurtz, Schlegel, Fischer, Fritz, Barth, Fahrner, Schultz, Gayer, Finkbeiner, Stewart and others, then you should read this history.

Sincerely,  
Alvin J. DeGrow

## Letters to My Cousin Gus

Dear Cousin Gus:

Outside a cold and blustery December night -- inside there is warmth, comfort and Christmas music on the FM radio. That led to conversation about Santa Claus and childhood years. Interesting, because in those days Mama and I lived in different worlds. The Foster farm was several miles south of town. They were Scotch-English Presbyterians. The Baur farm was a mile north of town -- they were German Methodists. "And me'er the twain shall meet." That is, until high school days.

Mama was seven years old when the family had the first Christmas tree. This was not a must item for them as for German families. Yes, they had plum pudding, but so springerles, lebkuchen or snitzbrot. She could not recall "speaking pieces" at a Christmas Eve program but remembered that she and her cousin, Helen McAulay, sang a duet that sparked some enthusiasm from those proper Presbyterians.

Santa Claus was as practical as Kris Kringle. He brought needed articles of clothing but few toys. One year with rare insight he brought Mama a set of small dishes and Helen, who lived just down the road, a small

stove that could be fired. That promoted neighborhood status and socializing in proper style. Mama said they served scones at their high teas. Another year Santa got an assist from her Dad -- she received a small sled made of barrel staves which provided good coasting down the river bank adjacent to the barn. Her first clue to one of the realities of life.

So much for yesterday. As for today, the year has been a good one. There are minor problems but we adjust: Mama with ease and serenity and I with difficulty and impatience. There are inconsistencies. She has trouble reading to point type, but at a glance, can spot the places I miss when mopping the kitchen floor. Hearing the doorbell or the Sunday sermon gives me trouble, but I never miss her low-voiced call to the dinner table. I help washing the dishes and she helps driving the car. We acknowledge an ever-changing world but are firm on one point -- we are not going to get a home computer.

So much for today. As for tomorrow, Mama has asked Santa Claus for a new cookbook and I asked for a two-year extension on my Time magazine subscription.

O.W. Baur

## the Progress-Advance

USPS 6046-8000

Mark & Sally Rummel, Publishers

Published every Wednesday morning by Thumb Publications, Inc., to serve Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville, Bay Port, Owendale and Michigan's Western Thumb Area. Entered as Second Class Matter at the Post Office, Pigeon, Huron County, MI, 48755, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Our address is 7232 E. Michigan Ave., Pigeon, and our telephone number is 517/453-2331. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

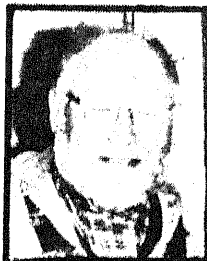
We also offer fine printing for all your needs -- ask us for a price estimate! Use our Dupli-Kwik Instant Printing Service and mail your parcels via UPS and other methods every day.

Subscriptions: \$11.00 for 52 issues (one year) in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties; \$14.00 for 52 issues (one year) elsewhere in the U.S.

## RECOLLECTIONS

of by-gone days

By GEORGE KEIM



DEAR EDITOR,

In the last issue's "Past in Print" from 50 years ago, it said the Lutheran Church Band played at the Community Christmas Program in Pigeon, and that Rev. Walker spoke. There was a huge crowd there, according to the story -- and I was there.

I remember the town was full of people and Rev. Burkley of the Methodist Church led in the singing. Everybody joined in and people were all happy. It was a clear night and there was a lot of snow on the ground, but it wasn't too cold.

Santa Claus was there and he helped pass out the Christmas packs. He had been told by Willis Leipprandt, who was town marshal, to get out and mix with the people. So he walked up and down the street, shook hands, called people by name and talked German with the older people.

They couldn't figure out how Santa Claus was German! He gave one old lady a pack of candy and her old man told him not to get too fresh with his wife! When the people sang, he

helped and one woman said he could sing better bass than she ever heard before. When they passed out the candy, one little boy cried. He was scared of Santa. Well, he's a grandpa now. I don't know if he's still afraid of Santa Claus or not!

After the meeting, people all went into the town hall and the kids all told Santa what they wanted. And if he would have brought all he promised, he'd have to bring a pretty big truck! I hope he'll not be punished for telling the kids he'd bring them the things they asked for -- and then didn't.

Christmas is still a nice time of the year. I have learned that no matter how small a gift is, if the person who gives it wants to cheer up somebody, the person who gets it should be a grateful receiver.

In Num. 32:23, it says "be sure your sin will find you out." Well, I don't think I sinned, but Wellington Hallocher who was President of Pigeon asked me to be Santa Claus on that occasion and I did just that!

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

## Dear Mom &amp; Dad

Please send \$\$\$

By KAMI BUCHHOLZ  
CMU SENIOR



By KAMI BUCHHOLZ Here's just a few things that have been brought to my attention -- most pertain to CMU.

Noticed in the last edition of the CMU bulletin which has class listings for the winter semester, that the next to the back page has a word search puzzle. I'm sure this is the latest in an attempt to relieve some of the anxiety present in the LONG Drop and Add lines. There are 30 hidden words in the puzzle, but I would much rather spend my time picking up credit hours as opposed to looking for the words "credit hours" in the puzzle.

This is the first semester that I have had bad luck at getting money back for my books. Not that I ever get an exorbitant amount of money back, but I do think that \$1.50 in cash for books that cost close to \$100 is a bit disgusting. Guess this was

just the semester for professors to decide on new editions for the coming year's courses.

Seems those Cabbage Patch Kids are really in the news these days. There most definitely is something to the old notion of supply and demand. Remember when canning lids were in great demand because of a limited supply?

Anyone out there who can't seem to come up with a clever way to disguise a record album -- here's a tip. Wrap the album up and draw lines on the paper to show the creases of an envelope, then paste a stamp on it and put the receiver's name in the places you normally place the names on an envelope. I can't take credit for the idea -- read it in a magazine.

Be sure to have a super week!

## Thumb Outdoor Report

By DUANE GUENTHER

While the cold weather we have been experiencing last week may cause loud groans from the "indoor" type, winter fishermen have cheered the formation of an early, solid ice base on the Bay. Last weekend found most areas inside the islands to have at least four to five inches of clear ice. Limited winds during this same period has left the ice smooth, with few cracks and ice ridges.

While the early ice brings about great fishing, it can also bring about tragedy. Last year 12 people lost their lives in Michigan when they broke through the ice, either in a vehicle or on foot. This number may not seem high, but when compared to the seven people who died during the 1983 deer season, it makes ice fishing more dangerous than deer hunting.

When venturing out on early ice, watch for bluish ice as a safety sign and avoid honey-combed or ice with

dark spots. A good guide is: one person on skis, 1 1/2 inches; one person on foot, two inches; group or snowmobile, five inches and car, 7 1/2 inches.

Early fishing has been very good along the east shore of Saginaw Bay. Lots of fish were on the ice last weekend, but most of them ran very small. Geiger Road and Mud Creek seemed to be the best, with good ice reaching out two to three miles from shore.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE THUMB AREA is going to receive some of the 300 South Dakota pheasants that the DNR hopes to get in January. Some of the birds will be retained at the Mason Game Farm and others will be released at the Fish Point Wildlife Area. Meanwhile, the DNR is also in touch with Chinese representatives through the Michigan Department of Commerce in hopes of getting some birds directly from China to release in the wild.

## Thumb club news &amp; notes

## TIP OF THE THUMB LADIES AUX. #2236

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #2236 was held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 with 23 members present.

Marie Stirrett reported on the District meeting in Caro on Dec. 11. Department President Ruth Anderson made her official visit. The Mid-Winter Conference in Lansing is set for Jan. 27-29 with the Hilton Inn as Department Headquarters. National Home Chairman Julie Ann Witkovsky reported that there are presently 93 children at the home in Eaton Rapids.

The Cancer Insurance will be the same in 1984 as it was for 1983.

Voice of Democracy program in the local schools was held the following winners: first place, Aileen Sinet and second place,

Michelle Stahl, both of Caseville Schools; third place, Dale Bannick, Laker High School.

The membership chairman reported that the auxiliary has 80 paid members for 1984. Members must have their dues in by Jan. 1 for 1984.

Gift certificates will be given to a needy veteran family for Christmas in the Pigeon community. Plans for the New Years Eve party were discussed.

Bertha Schultz would like to hear from her Pigeon friends. Her address is 1112 Sixth St., Apt. 25, Tillamook, Oregon 97141.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 10, with the auditing of the books.

A social hour was held with Jessie Otto and Jean Grandsen in charge. The evening was spent in playing cards and exchanging Christmas gifts.

## School Board Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD OF EDUCATION DECEMBER 13, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Elkton Elementary School by President Merlin Farver.

Members present: Merlin Farver, John Champagne, Virginia Leipprandt, Bruce Baur, Yvonne Bushey, James Clabuesch and Sid Smith.

Absent members: none.

A motion was made by John Champagne, seconded by Sid Smith to accept the current agenda. Motion carried.

The Board visited one of the classrooms that was recently winterized with thermopane windows and block-filled insulation. The Board also received a report regarding the pneumatic thermostat system recently installed in the Elkton Elementary Building.

Board Trustee Virginia Leipprandt gave a presentation relative to her involvement in a committee of citizens, students, administration and teacher input relative to the goals, objectives and philosophy in preparation for the upcoming North Central Accreditation inspection.

Elementary Principals Scott Siakel and Lynn Stahl made a presentation to the Board regarding the on-going review of the elementary curriculum and comparing our elementary offerings with the state Minimal Performance Objectives.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding a recent state school board publication entitled, "Seven Roads to Excellence." The main thrust of the discussion was the various studies that had been conducted regarding public education and needs for bringing about improvements.

Resident Gerald Elenbaum made an appeal to the Board of Education to pursue a rehearing of five parcels of property valued in excess of \$544,000 that was transferred from the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District to the Owendale-Gagetown School District.

A motion was made by John Champagne, seconded by James Clabuesch to render appeals to the State Board of Education regarding the transfers. Motion carried.

The Board was informed that the fingerprinting project was completed and was a complete success.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to write a letter of commendation to the donors of money to offset the cost of the new lighting system at the Laker Football Field. Those who contributed are as follows: Pigeon Lions Club, Pigeon Rotary Club, Elkton Lions Club, Pigeon North White Club, Mary Jane Voelker, Elkton Rotary Club, Townliners Extension Club, Laker Athletic Boosters, Mae and Willis Yackie.

A motion was made by Bruce Baur, seconded by Yvonne Bushey accepting the bid of Meadows Bus Resale located in North Carolina for \$4,700 for a 1976 International diesel bus, and to award the sale of a 1975 Ford gasoline bus to Blue Water Youth for Christ at a quoted price of \$1,560. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Champagne,  
secretary

## WINNING STAMP DESIGNS -- Caseville Postmaster Jeanine Tait presents stamp collecting kits to the winners of the Stamp Design Contest for grades four through six at Caseville Public School.

From left are Tait, fourth grade winner Nathan Neal, fifth grade winner Lamont Lenar, sixth grade winner Terri Power and Elementary Principal Ken Gruetzke. Caseville postal employees Sylvia Kanyak and Kurt Richmond judged the design contest.



From left to right, top to bottom, E.J. Clabuesch, Nelson Binder, Jane Schultz, James Schumacher, Ann Newman, Arthur Luedtke, Agnes Wooster, Dawn Schuette, Dorothy Graf, Isabel Leipprandt, John Schaefer, Sandra Heck, Nancy Duse, Patricia Tate, JoAnne Jahr, Joan Haas, Jennifer Wissner, Paul Clabuesch, Orlando Flores, Mary Otto, Kathleen Murdoch, Jill Terrian, Ruth Walsh, William Weitzel. Missing from photos: Jay Dubey, Connie Gunden & Shivaun Forster.

**TN**

**Thumb National Bank & Trust**

MEMBER FDIC

PIGEON  
453-3113

CASS CITY  
872-4311



## Dec. 31 cut-off for ASCS bases

Notices of bases and yields were mailed to area farmers by the Huron County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office on Dec. 1, says County Executive Director Jimmy LaVoie. These notices indicate the acreage base established on each farm for wheat, corn, oats and barley. In addition to the base figure, the notice also includes the yields for these crops assigned to each farm. LaVoie encourages farmers to bring in produc-

tion records for the last five years to prove their yield. This establishes their yield at the average of the five-year period. Production records can be produced at the ASCS Office up to 60 days before the harvest of each crop for 1984. If yields cannot be proven, the ASCS office will accept appeals until Dec. 31. To appeal, farmers must stop at the office and file a written appeal stating why the yield should be raised, instructs LaVoie.

## 40 Thumb kids on 'Who's Who' list

More than 40 Thumb area students have been included in the 17th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Selection is based on high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service.

Among those from the Western Thumb include:

**PIGEON:** Corinne Booth, Teri Damm, Kristine McArchie, John Rathje, Mary Schuette, Todd Smith, Cindy Trost, David Voelker and Donald Young.

**ELKTON:** Linda Clark, Jeffery Hacker, Brian Krohn, Jill Krohn, Lisa Lackie, Mary McArdie, Pamela Smith and Debra Weiss.

**CASEVILLE:** Janice

## Hear Messiah on Christmas Eve

Handel's Messiah, performed by the Independence Messiah Choir, soloists and orchestra, will be heard from station WLEW FM on Christmas Eve, this Saturday, Dec. 24 at 10:10 p.m.

For 66 years the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has sponsored the performance of Handel's great oratorio and presents it

again this year during the Christmas season.

Station WLEW is one of more than 1,000 in the U.S., Canada, Australia and other countries that will broadcast the program. The performance was held in the Conference Chamber of the Auditorium world headquarters of the church in Independence, Mo. before an audience of nearly five thousand persons.

## From the Elkton Advance Files of 54 years ago!

54 YEARS AGO  
DEC. 24, 1929

Charles E. Southworth, Elkton farmer, received a letter from U.S. Senator A.H. Vandenberg assuring him that a tariff of \$3 on beans is absolutely necessary to protect the American farmer and that he has been at work on this problem for three months.

A benefit dance for the Elkton baseball club and park will be given Jan. 1, 1930 at Elkton opera house. Bill Shaw's favorite orchestra will be there and a real time is anticipated. You are all welcome. Gents 75c, ladies free.

The fast Pigeon basketball club defeated the Elkton basketball team by a score of 28-17 Thursday night at Pigeon high school gym. Kidder, Knechtel, Bouck, Snider and Smith composed the Elkton opening line-up and Ginter, Gebauer and Steinhurst relieved some of

the boys. Mr. Kidder and coach and club captain.

At Main Street, Elkton, Willis-Knight and Whippet sales and service: clean-up sale on used cars with free 1930 license plates with every used car selling over \$50. 1928 Whippet six roadster \$450; 1925 Overland sedan \$245; 1924 Ford sedan \$75; 1925 Hudson coach \$245; 1923 Ford coupe \$25; 1926 Ford truck \$175.

Joseph Focht has rented the 80 acre farm of Frank Snyder for 1930.

Harold Gregor, who moved to Pigeon, is now on the road selling Atwater Kent radio sets.

Elkton Home Furnishing class will meet at the home of Mrs. Milton Dibb Jan. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snider motored to Bay City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krohn spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson.

## New farm licensing bill signed

**FARM LAW SIGNED:** The new Michigan Farm Licensing law is signed into existence by Gov. James Blanchard, right, while the bill's sponsor, State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Fairgrove), looks on, left.

Also attending the bill-signing ceremony at the capitol building were Bob Smith, Michigan Farm Bureau, Rep. Carl Gnodtke, Rep. Bob Bender and Ron Nelson of Farm Bureau.

The new law corrects inequities in the old law and provides farmers with greater options at harvest time, Rep. Allen says.

## Milk lowers blood pressure

Evidence appears to be mounting that adequate calcium intake is a first line of defense against high blood pressure, according to Irene Cameron of the Dairy Council of Michigan.

According to a study conducted by Ackley, Barrett-Corner and Suarez at the University of California, San Diego, men with high blood pressures (hypertension) were shown to drink significantly less milk on a daily basis than those with normal blood pressures.

Calcium is the component in milk and other dairy foods suspected of offering some protection against high blood pressure. An explanation seems to be that calcium

relaxes the muscles around the blood vessel, offering less resistance to blood flow, says Cameron.

Also, an increase in calcium intake has been shown to lower blood pressure. Dr. Jose Belizan and associates from the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama, Guatemala City, and The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, demonstrated that calcium supplements of one gram each day (equivalent to about three eight-ounce glasses of milk) were effective in significantly lowering blood pressure in 30 healthy young adults, Cameron concludes.

## Ag loans help farmers

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) provided loans to 1,152 Michigan farmers in fiscal year 1983, which ended on Sept. 30, according to FmHA State Director Calvin C. Lutz.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides loan assistance to farmers who need credit but cannot get it from a private bank or other lending institutions. The loans are to be repaid in full, plus interest, to the U.S. Government.

A breakdown of farmer program preliminary totals show that Michigan FmHA provided 1,143 farm operating loans for \$35.5

million, 265 farm ownership loans for \$18.7 million, 206 natural disaster loans for \$13.1 million and 27 soil and water loans for \$908,460. Some farmers received more than one type of loan, Lutz notes.

The Bad Axe FmHA office provides credit and supervision to 268 farmers in Huron and Sanilac Counties. During fiscal year 1983, the Bad Axe office provided 89 natural disaster emergency loans for over \$3 million; 84 operating loans for \$2.39 million, 15 farm ownership loans for \$1.9 million and three soil and water loans for \$60,500.

## Laker FFA'ers honored



**Troy Schuette**  
Troy Schuette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schuette of Elkton, has been chosen "Laker Future Farmers of America Student for December."

He has served on the CROP Committee, supervised farming committee, top soil judge in the Laker FFA, sold citrus fruit, participated in the CROP Drive and was in the Poultry Contest at Michigan State University.

His production projects have included beef, poultry, crops of corn, wheat and navy beans.

**Darrin Lutz**

Darrin Lutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lutz of Sebawaing, has been chosen "Laker Future Farmer of America Student for November."

He has served on the Supervised Farming Committee, helped harvest the corn plot, attended the National FFA Convention, sold citrus fruit, participated in the CROP Drive and was in the Poultry Contest at Michigan State University.

His production projects have included dairy cattle, poultry, hogs, crops of wheat, corn and navy beans.



The Progress-Advance and Pigeon Co-op present

## Out in the field

### USA SNAPSHOTS

A LOOK AT INTERESTING NATIONAL STATISTICS

#### Public timberlands

Oregon has the most publicly-owned commercial timberland - including federal, state and county lands - in the United States. Here are the states with the most (figures in millions of acres):

STATE	TIMBERLAND ACRES
Oregon.....	15.1 million
Alabama.....	10.9 million
Idaho.....	10.5 million
Montana.....	9.8 million
Washington.....	9.2 million
California.....	8.7 million
Colorado.....	8.2 million
Minnesota.....	7.3 million
MICHIGAN.....	6.4 million
Wisconsin.....	4.7 million

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

### SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN

We welcome your favorite recipes (no more than three at a time, please), which should be sent to:

"SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN"  
c/o The Progress-Advance  
P.O. Box 460  
Pigeon, MI 48755

We don't care if you copy them down from memory or send us a photo-copy from a favorite cookbook. Give them to us, with your name and address. We're looking for December (cookies, candies and the such) favorites -- so send them in!

#### POINSETTA COOKIES

Shredded coconut adds moisture to these delicious Christmas cookies.

2 c. confectioner's sugar  
1 c. butter or margarine  
2 eggs  
1 t. vanilla  
3 c. flour  
1 t. salt

1 c. shredded coconut  
1 c. butterscotch chips  
White sugar  
½ c. candied red cherries, cut in wedges

Beat together confectioner's sugar and butter. Add eggs and vanilla. Stir together flour and salt and stir into batter.

Mixture. Add coconut and ¾ c. of the butterscotch chips. Chill dough until firm. Roll into 1" balls. Flatten cookie with bottom of glass dipped in a bowl of the white sugar. Place a butterscotch morsel in center of each cookie.

Place cherry wedge in a circle to resemble a poinsetta. Bake at 375°F for about 12 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

**Helpful tip** ... Unglue stamps that are stuck together by running a warm iron over them and separating them before the glue sets again.

## Roadside stands flourish as small-scale farming rises

"140,000 California farmers sold about \$400 million-worth of produce..."

Small-scale farming--all but written off a decade ago--has become American agriculture's new growth field.

According to data developed in the Census Bureau's most recent four-year reporting period, the number of U.S. farms with less than 100 acres increased by 21 percent between 1974 and 1978. Such enterprises, now represent 45 percent of all American farms.

When the U.S. Department of Agriculture's income definition of small farms is applied, the scope of this growth sector becomes even more clear. Small farms--defined as those with annual sales of less than \$40,000--accounted for 72 percent of all U.S. farms in 1981. The turnaround in small-scale agriculture is confirmed by the growth in the number of farms with modest investments in equipment. According to the Census Bureau, there's been a 30 percent increase in the ranks of farms owning machinery worth between \$5,000 and \$9,999. And sales of under 30-horsepower tractors, grew from 6.4 percent of the total market in 1973 to an astonishing 27.9 percent in 1982.

There's been a significant change in the demographics of small farming, too. Part-time farmers now dominate the under-\$20,000 gross receipts category, and the last Census survey revealed that the number of farm operators who claimed non-farm jobs as their principal

occupation increased by 35 percent. These "weekenders" or "sundowners"--estimated to be some 700,000 strong--boast net family incomes that exceed the median nonmetropolitan income.

The extent to which off-farm jobs subsidize part-time, small-scale farm operations is impressive: A 1981 U.S.D.A. study revealed that off-farm income accounted for over 85 percent of the cash intake of farms with sales of under \$20,000.

The growth of part-time, small-scale farming has been accompanied by an increase in the direct marketing of produce from farm to consumer. It is estimated, for example, that there are more than 22,000 roadside stands and pick-your-own operations across the country. Farmers' markets are experiencing a similar boom. In 1982, there were 68 certified farmers' markets in California--compared to 34 in 1980 and 12 in 1978--at which time it was reported that 140,000 farmers sold about \$400 million-worth of produce directly to consumers.

Concurrent with the growth of part-time farming is an upswing in the

country's rural population. Between 1970 and 1980, the rural gain has been 16 percent compared to 10 percent for metropolitan areas.

Experts are predicting double-digit increases in the number of part-time, small-scale farms through the year 2000. At that time, predicts Luther Tweeten, professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University, farming will be dominated by two groups: a few large farms producing most of the output and a large number of part-time small farms accounting for the majority of all farms. Tweeten adds, "Families will live on small farms not because they know of or have no alternatives, but primarily because they prefer farming and rural residence as a way of life and have the off-farm income to finance that consumption preference."

President Ronald Reagan agrees that many of the new small farmers are adopting a rewarding lifestyle. In a letter to the U.S.D.A., sponsored Special Symposium on Small Farm Research, the President noted that "small farms provide a way of life for hundreds of thousands of

American families. They enable many of our citizens to live in a rural environment where they prefer to raise their families and to stay in touch with this nation's great heritage."

The President also appreciates the economic importance of small agriculture. "Small farms provide a significant part of some specialty crops," he explained. "They help local communities maintain a diversity of food production which could be vital in case of any major disruption of the food distribution system."

According to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block, "agriculture is ideally suited for the family." According to "Enterprise Farming"--the Ford Tractor-sponsored how-to magazine for small acreage farmers--the Secretary noted that "the family farm can use family labor. It can weather the storms and tough times. The family does not have to struggle with labor contracts, executive consulting fees, lawyers, and everything else. I'm of the opinion the family farm is going to be in good shape."

Concurrent with the growth of part-time farming is an upswing in the

## Thumb Grain MARKETS

at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20

White Wheat . . . bu. \$3.27

(Up 10 cents from last week's \$3.17)

NEW CROP WHEAT: \$3.33

Red Wheat . . . bu. 3.27

(Up 10 cents from last week's 3.17)

Corn . . . bu. 3.16

(Up 6 cents from last week's 3.10)

NEW CROP CORN: 2.43

Soybeans . . . bu. 7.53

(Up 6 cents from last week's 7.47)

Oats . . . bu. 2.15

(Unchanged from last week's 2.15)

Rye . . . bu. 3.00

(Unchanged from last week's 3.00)

Morex Barley . . bu. 2.80

(Unchanged from last week's 2.80)

Navy Beans . . . cwt. 24.00

(Unchanged from last week)

## FARM NOTEBOOK...

Things pretty well quiet down now through Christmas and New Year's holidays, as we count our blessings and opportunities of the past year -- and look ahead to 1984's challenges.

**Certified Seed Marketing Seminar** is coming Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. Watch for details.

**Michigan Crop Improvement Association's Annual Field Seed Membership Meeting** is also hosted by the Bavarian Inn, on Thursday, Jan. 5. More details soon.

**Michigan Soybean Association** has its annual meeting at Ann Arbor's Marriott Inn on Friday, Jan. 6. For details, contact regional soybean manager Doug Leith at (614) 864-7692 or State President Grant Putnam at 655-2083.

Looking further ahead, Jan. 12 is the date for the **Tuscola Bean Day** at the Akron-Fairgrove VFW Hall. Call the Extension Office in Caro at 673-5999 for more facts.

**Farm Building Contractors Conference** is set for Jan. 11-12 at the Sheraton Inn in Lansing. For details, contact Barbara Brochu, MSU Department of Ag Engineering, at 355-3477.

**State 4-H Council Meeting** is coming to Kettunen Center, Tustin, Jan. 27-28.

Circle Wednesday, Feb. 8 on your calendar. That's the date for the **1984 State Bean Day** at the Saginaw Civic Center. The biennial event features more than 50 exhibits and presentations on the latest research information and market updates. Doors open at 9 a.m. It's sponsored by the Michigan Bean Commission, state Bean Shippers Association, Cooperative Extension Service and industries providing supplies and services to the Michigan dry edible bean industry. For details, call 373-0090.



# Blessings to All

May this message convey to you, our customers and patrons, our best wishes for a joyful, blessed Christmas. We look forward to working together in the coming year!

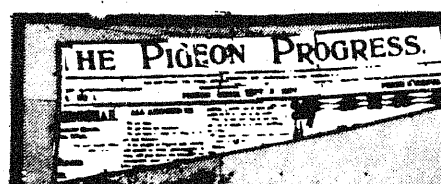
**Co-op Elevator Co.**  
PIGEON ELKTON AKRON

**Pigeon Co-op Oil Co.**

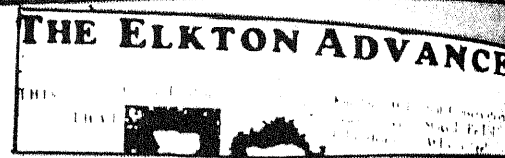


# See the Co-op Elevator for your farm needs!





## The Past in Print



### 80 YEARS AGO JAN. 1, 1904

More than 560 people were killed during a fire in the Iroquois Theatre, the newest and largest in Chicago. Fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Bluebeard," the first play produced in the theatre since its erection.

E.F. Hess is conducting a going-out-of-business sale at his store in Pigeon, with entire stock of clothing, hats, caps, furnishings, cloaks, furs, millinery, rugs on sale, also a driving horse, three buggies, two lots and some household furniture. Adv. George Sting sold his farm north of Pigeon to John Ulrich, of New York state. Mr. Sting has purchased his old home farm in Sebawaing Township.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John

Streeter, Pigeon, a son on Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Thick, Pigeon, a daughter, on Thursday.

Devere Wilfong, who is now employed in Minneapolis, MN, is spending the holidays with his parents in Caseville Township.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Riley, Bay Port, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frenzel, Pigeon, Christmas week.

Henrich Meyer, a former employee of the Bay Port Quarry, is now located in Ranstad, Obersewer, Germany, and renewed his Progress subscription this week. He wrote that he can't get along without the Progress.

**70 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 2, 1914**

D.J. Shetler purchased the Henry Bach 40-acre farm

last week.

Charles Sturm and Miss Gertrude Miller, Both of McKinley, were married last Wednesday.

Fred Jacobs and Mrs. Louise Clabusch were married Tuesday.

Kinde suffered a \$40,000 fire loss Monday night when five business buildings and stocks of merchandise were destroyed.

William Wilson has installed a new lighting system in his meat market at Caseville. It was purchased from William Karr.

Pigeon State Bank, capital \$20,000; surplus \$5,000. Officers are F.W. Hubbard, A.L. Wright and F.W. Merick. We pay 4% interest on savings deposits. Adv.

John Stoelt, 53, Pigeon, died at the hospital in Sebawaing. He leaves a wife and a number of children.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nott and children arrived in Pigeon from Hastings, MN. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. M. Nott, McKinley, until their household goods arrive. They will live in Pigeon.

**60 YEARS AGO**

Copies of the Progress from Jan.-March 1924 are missing from the files.

**50 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 5, 1934**

Mrs. Mary Parks, 71, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.K. Nicholl, Caseville. She is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Peter Rasmussen, 81, Grant Township, died Dec. 30. He leaves one son, Oscar.

W.J. Steadman, president pro tem of Pigeon board of education, announced that the C.W.A. granted \$4,700 to the Pigeon school district. Plans are to re-decorate the interior of the entire building, grading and tiling school grounds, water mains, shrubbery and trees and building of two tennis courts. Wages for common labor will be 50¢ an hour with slightly higher scale for skilled labor.

New officers of Elkton Evangelical Ladies Aid are Mrs. W.G. Schiele, Mrs. S.

Eidt, Mrs. M.C. Ginter and Mrs. Elizabeth Motz.

Class of 1933 of Pigeon High School had a banquet at the Wigwam in Caro New Year's Eve.

Joseph Wertz, Floyd Steckley and Misses Marie Gascho and Erma Keim are attending Bible School at Harrisonburg, VA.

**10 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 7, 1944**

George V. Hartman became the new publisher of the Pigeon Progress, having purchased it from George H.A. Shaw, who founded the Progress and published it for 47 years. Mr. Hartman became the publisher of the Elkton Advance in 1937.

Jacob Heck, 80, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schweitzer. For a number of years, Mr. Heck conducted a flour and grist mill and coal yard at Linkville. He is survived by his widow.

Thomas Smith, 65, Caseville Township, died Friday. He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter.

Mrs. Barbara Jeffrey Dibb, 86, formerly of Elkton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Taylor, Detroit.

Frank W. Hubbard, 80, Detroit and Thumb banker, died at his home in Detroit. He founded a number of banks in this area and also was founder of Michigan Pressed Brick Co. in Detroit.

Jack Oesch, Pigeon, received word of the death of his father, John Oesch, at Zurich, Ont. Mr. Oesch and Clarence Eichler went to Zurich Tuesday.

**30 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 1, 1954**

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. R. Limberger, a daughter, JoAnn, on Dec. 30.

Cpl. Willard Kuhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kuhl, Sebawaing, Sgt. Gordon Sturrt, son of Mrs. Minnie Sturrt, Elkton and P.C. Walter Forster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Forster, Elkton, spent Christmas together in Korea. They are all serving with the 82nd engineering pipeline co. in Korea.

The new, ultra-modern home of Pigeon State Bank will hold an open house Jan. 7. The drive-in window, first of its kind in Huron County, has been put into operation, according to E.J. Clabusch, cashier.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Young, Chandler Township, was observed at a dinner for 30 guests in their home.

Mrs. Amanda Gettel, 51, died at her home in Brookfield Township. She leaves her husband, Albert, six sons and five daughters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbard, 85, widow of Frank W. Hubbard and formerly of this county, died at her Grasse Pointe home. She is survived by two daughters and a son.

Fred S. Riker, 65, former Caseville plumber, died Monday. He is survived by his wife.

**20 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 2, 1964**

Don Henry Sturm, 47, Pigeon, passed away Dec. 28. He is survived by two daughters and one son, his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Sturm. He and his father have owned and operated C.F. Sturm and Son automobile agency in Pigeon since 1936.

Mrs. Henrietta Rohle, 99, died Dec. 25. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, she leaves two daughters and one son.

Robert E. Hyzer, 74, Kinde, a Pigeon native, died Tuesday. Survivors are his widow, four sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. McCormick were guests of Buick Motors Co. on a five-day trip to the Bahamas, an award for outstanding leadership in sales. Mr. McCormick is sales manager for C.F. Sturm & Son, Pigeon.

Winning \$1,270 worth of prizes in Pigeon's Christmas drawing Monday were Mrs. Henry Elbing, Mrs. August Metzger, Albert Schulze, Lyn Kauffman, Calvin Anklam, Mrs. Ruby Ewald, Mrs. Minnie Wing, Delton Stalter, Pigeon; Mrs. Ailene Curran, Carl Schuette.

Elkton; Albert Deming, Sr., Allen Strieter, Bay Port; Ray Lutz, Mrs. John Lerner, Sebawaing.

**10 YEARS AGO  
JAN. 3, 1973**

Ed Good Sr., Gagetown, was the winner of a snowmobile given by the Pigeon Lions Club Dec. 22. He was presented the keys by Ronald Heckman, Lions Club President. Raffle proceeds will go toward the club's Scheurer Hospital building fund pledge.

Area students named Ferris State College honors list include Carol Webber, Pigeon; Heather Hay, Elkton; Debra Ziehm, Owendale; Debra Draschil, Sebawaing.

Charlie Benda, for more than 25 years an employee of Pigeon Telephone Co., announced his resignation as of Dec. 31. He and his wife, the former Mary Dobrowsky, Pigeon live on a 160-acre farm near Caseville. They have three children.

Pigeon Area Jaycees, in cooperation with the Rev. Web Simpson, 1st United Methodist Church, invite all area residents to participate in "Burning of the Greens" Jan. 6 behind Pigeon Elementary School. Trees will be collected Jan. 5.

Raymond E. Fritz, 60, Owendale, died Dec. 29. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Raymond Jr., Arnold and Edward, mother, Mrs. Emelia Fritz.

Cindy Oesch of Essexville School of Nursing, Bay City, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oesch, Jr., Pigeon.

**MINUTE MYSTERY  
ANSWER**

Everyone knows it's sixty feet, six inches from the pitching rubber to home plate, but only catchers call those low pitches which bounce in front of the plate "fifty-eight footers."

### Progress-Advance 1983 Writing Contest

# My favorite Christmas present ever!

It's happened again, for the fifth straight year!

Local folks have taken pencils, pens or typewriters in hand to share a few special Christmas memories. This fifth annual Progress-Advance "Christmas Memories" Writing Contest found more entries than ever before, in four age categories.

First-Place Winner in the under-13 age group is **Trisha Kuch of Owendale**. Honorable Mention winners are **Louie Harder, Jamie Grigg and Jason Stahl, all of Bay Port**.

Two First-Place Winners tied in the 14-19 age group. **Erin Barton and Michelle Stahl, both of Caseville**, were chosen for top honors. Honorable Mention winners (some not published) include **Tina Bieri and Matthew Kraus, both of Pigeon**, **Tracy Simpson, Greg Langley and John Winkler, all of Caseville**.

First-Place Winner in the 20-45 age group is **Robert Faust of Owendale**. Honorable Mention winner in this group is **Susan Damm of Bay Port**.



FIRST-PLACE WINNER:  
UNDER-13 AGE GROUP

## My Favorite Present

TRISHA KUCH  
OWENDALE

My favorite Christmas present ever was when I was four years old and got a new Big Wheel. I came home from church on Christmas Eve with Mom, Dad and my big brother. Santa had already been to our house. There it sat: a Big Wheel bright red and blue in color with a little color plate with my name on it. Oh was I excited, just like my big brothers I could reach the pedals and ride all by myself.

It made the neat sound of "click, click" when I rode

it. I had a pink tricycle, but it made no noise. Mom and Dad bought me a horn, but it just wasn't the same. My brother and I could play together down in the basement. We played traffic. He had a pretend gas pump, sometimes we even raced to see who could go the fastest, even though we weren't supposed to.

I loved my new Big Wheel. Santa was so good to me, it was my best present. It looked so pretty sitting by the Christmas tree, I'll never forget it.

FIRST-PLACE WINNER:  
20-45 AGE GROUP

## December is a special month

ROBERT FAUST  
OWENDALE



My favorite Christmas present ever was in December 1979. I gave Jane Ann an engagement ring and she agreed to marry me. It was one of the happiest days of my life.

My first wife died at a very young age. I was left to raise a two year old little girl. I thought the day would never come when I would meet the right woman and mother for my daughter. There was no one but the housekeeper to see her off to school, kiss her bruises, help with her spelling words. Oh, how I wanted at Christmas for my daughter and I to have a family. It was such a special month: my daughter's birthday, the birth of our Savior and I had no one to celebrate all this with.

Then I met a young lady from Bay City. She was divorced with two small children, a boy eight years old and a girl five years old. They were also all in need of a

family life. Well, in December, Jane Ann agreed to marry me. We were married July 19, 1980. We then became a beautiful family. I have everything I ever wanted: a wife and mother for my daughter. We now share everything together: the bad times of growing up, the fighting and sharing of brothers and sisters.

My wife and I share the disappointments in life together, but we also share the many happy times we have that our three children give us. My life has truly been fulfilled. I have a wife, mother for my daughter, I have a new son and daughter whom I love very much. This is my favorite Christmas present ever because December is a very special month.

We get to celebrate the birth of our Savior, which to me is quite a celebration because He has answered all my prayers I ever dreamed of.

## 'Tis the season...



Co-Publishers Mark and Sally Rummel



Thumb Publications, Inc., staff members, from left, include Rich Swartzendruber, Tamara T. Dell, Melissa Bivens, Marge Heckman, Janet Heckman, Tammy Chiotti, Donna Jacobs, Debby McBride, Bill Esch and Linda Fritz.

Special thanks are coming your way from all of us. Your hometown newspaper and printing company has served the Western Thumb since 1897. We appreciate the invitation into your home each week. Merry Christmas to you and yours this season!

the **Progress-Advance**

7232 E. MICHIGAN AVE.

THUMB PUBLICATIONS, INC.

PIGEON

**Bad Axe Theatre**  
Wed.-Tues. Dec. 21-27  
Show 7:00 - 9:00  
Closed Dec. 24

He has everything at stake.  
He can't afford to lose.  
He's got to make all the right moves.

**Tom Cruise**  
**All The Right Moves**

"Don't miss ALL THE RIGHT MOVES... especially winning work from Tom Cruise."

Stephen Schaefer, US Magazine

**Annabelle's**  
A Classic, Casual Restaurant  
883-3551  
42 N. Center  
Downtown Sebawaing

Thank you for your patronage and wishing you a very "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year"

**CHRISTMAS HOURS**  
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday  
December 24, 25 & 26

- Complete Lunch & Dinner Menus
- Daily Kitchen Creations
- Your Favorite Cocktails
- Children's Menu available at all times

Catering Available

**GIFT SUGGESTION**

If Uncle Harry is hard to fit, or Aunt Harriet already has everything, remember Annabelle's Gift Certificates for a truly unique holiday treat. Since they're available in any amount and good at any time, you can be sure that a delicious gift from Annabelle's will be appreciated by anyone on your Christmas list.

Log Cabin

**CASS THEATRE**  
Cass City

872-2252 • Cass City  
OPEN EVERY NIGHT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
Dec. 25 thru Jan. 2  
CHRISTMAS thru WEDNESDAY  
Dec. 25 thru 28 (4 Days)  
Christmas 7:30 & 9:30  
Mon.-Tues.-Wed. 8:00 ONLY  
Reg. Prices - Children \$1.00  
Adults \$2.50

**SEAN CONNERY**  
is JAMES BOND in

**NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN**

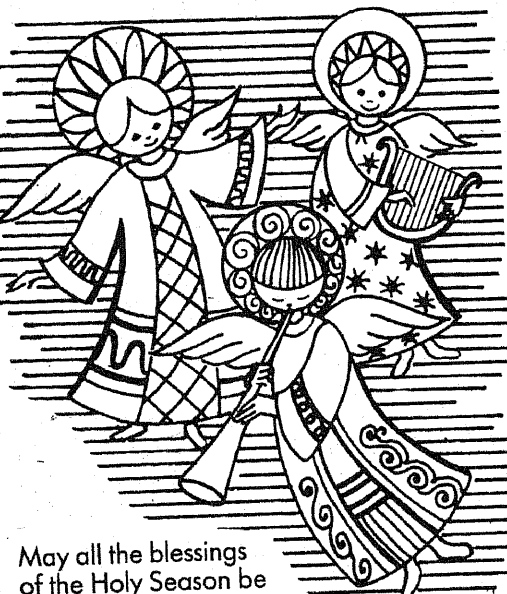
**STARTS THURSDAY DEC. 29**  
Thurs. thru Mon.  
The movie everyone is talking about  
**THE BIG CHILL**  
NOTE: The perfect movie to see on New Years Eve, and New Years Day.

**New Year's Eve Ball**  
Dec. 31, 1983  
9:00 p.m. - ?

VFW Post #2236  
and Auxiliary, Pigeon  
LUNCH & SET-UP  
**\$12<sup>50</sup> Per Person**  
**B.Y.O.B**  
Live Music By  
"Destiny"



## season's best



## Mutual Savings & Loan Association

75 S. Main  
Pigeon - 453-2900

## Brochures & BOOKLETS

Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

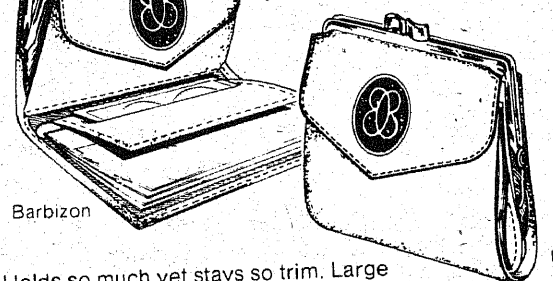
## We'll Give You Printing ESTIMATES

Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

## Time's Running Out!



## Multitude of features—Minimum of space FRENCH PURSE by BUXTON



Holds so much yet stays so trim. Large bill compartment and a full-size framed coin purse. Also removable 3-place card-photo windows including 2 special spare key pockets. Credit card slots. Beautiful fashion in top grain leathers. Also available in other styles and colors.

Orr's Drug Store, Inc.

26 S. Main • Pigeon • Phone 453-2234

## 1983 Writing Contest

## My favorite Christmas present ever!

### My Favorite Present

MICHELLE STAHL  
CASEVILLE

The favorite Christmas present I ever received was the Christmas of 1977. I was in the third grade, 10 years old, and anxiously awaiting my presents from Santa. The anticipation was mounting as I began to think about going to Grandma Dubey's house with the pretty fireplace and all the decorations. Then off to Grandma Stahl's house where there would be at least 25 relatives.

Dec. 24th came and I had a fever of 103, but I took a nap and afterwards, my fever was gone. My Mom and Dad let me go to the big Christmas Eve program at church that night. Then I came home and we had all our relatives over for a big Christmas Eve party which we have every year. My Mom told Aunt Cathy about my having a fever and she said, "Maybe she has chicken pox!"

They checked for any marks of any kind and I did have ONE mark, but Mom didn't know if it was a chicken pox or not. I went to bed with not a worry in my head. When I got up the next morning, I was covered from head to toe with chicken pox! There were chicken pox everywhere I looked on my body. I even had some in my ears, nose and throat.

Of course, Mom and Dad said I would have to stay home because I would contaminate everyone. I didn't care whether I contaminated everyone or not! I wanted to see what Santa Claus had left me at Grandma's. Mom and Dad would not let me go anywhere, no matter how much I pleaded.

But, Dad stayed home with me all day. Mom and my brother went to Grandma's and had the traditional Christmas dinner, while I had tantalizing chicken soup.

Of course I played with my new toys and slept all day.

I was very, very happy that my Dad loved me enough to stay home on Christmas Day, because in my mind that was a huge sacrifice.

It was on that day that I realized that my family love and my health meant more than any game or toy I could ever get from Santa. That Christmas of 1977 I received the gift of appreciation. In my mind, this was the best and most important gift I have ever received.

## EYE OPENERS

By Dr. Douglas A. Buehler, Optometrist

### DUMB OR SHORTSIGHTED?

President Reagan recently told a group of students that he had eyesight made him think that he was dumb when he attended high school—because he had trouble seeing the blackboard. How sad!

Q. Is the eye test a child receives at school adequate to determine whether or not he sees well?

A. Usually not. Generally the classroom teacher checks each child's vision by putting up a Snellen Chart—the one with the big E—at the front of the room. Each child is asked to read the 20/20 line from a distance of 20 feet.

Only the ability to see a row of letters from a distance is being measured. If your child's name is towards the end of the alphabet, he's probably memorized the "passing line" by the time it is his turn. He may not even be seeing the distant letters clearly, yet no one else will know. Even if he can use the letters, this test does not indicate how much he has to strain to see.

This testing totally ignores your child's near vision (imperative for reading!), eye coordination, ability to focus on objects, depth perception, and astigmatism. Problems in any of these visual areas can make your child appear dumb even if he is really very, very smart.

Presented as a service to the community by  
Dr. Douglas A. Buehler  
OPTOMETRIST  
7267 W. Michigan Avenue  
Pigeon, Michigan  
PHONE 453-2506

More Christmas Memories on Page 17



### A medium-size Teddy Bear

ERIN BARTON  
CASEVILLE

The best Christmas present I ever received was a medium-sized Teddy Bear that was light brown in color. I was about four years old at the time. Not being a very creative kid, I, of course, named it "Teddy." This is the story of how "Teddy" ended up under our Christmas tree one year.

It was nearing Christmas and my two sisters and I were shopping with Mom (not knowing then that she was a helper of Santa's). We were walking through the stores trying to see everything in sight when all of a sudden I glanced up to see an adorable brown Teddy Bear clinging to a pole. Its arms were wrapped around the pole so tightly that it did not even slide down. The moment I saw the teddy my eyes lit up so brightly my mother must have known right then how much I really wanted that bear. I pointed the bear out to Mom and tried to describe how much I loved it. But she kept walking.

I should have known then that she wouldn't buy it if I was standing right there, so I got the point across how much I wanted it and then I walked away. I strayed away from her and met up with her a few minutes later. Before we left to store I to see once again the bear I wanted so badly. When we reached the counter that the bear was on, I suddenly stopped. The bear was gone! How could anyone go off and buy the bear, the bear that was supposed to be mine! Well, being all four, naturally I had a fit. I cried all the way home.

When Christmas morning rolled around I was so excited. Just knowing Santa had come to my house that previous night was enough to make any kid die from excitement. There was one thing about that morning that kept me from going crazy with excitement. I knew I would not receive the Teddy Bear.

If anyone has ever told you that Christmas is not full of surprises they have to be joking. Because to my great shock and surprise, the last present I opened was the little brown bear. I had no idea that Mom had bought that bear (I went and had that huge fit for nothing). Mom bought the bear, not anyone else. I was so happy that day because that was the day I received my very best Christmas present.

### A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

to Caseville High School teacher Mary K. Quinn and her 10th grade students, for making the 1983 Progress-Advance "Christmas Memories" contest a special writing project for her students.

Thanks to writers not previously mentioned - Chris Barton, Gail Gembariski, Amy Hartz, Samantha Lapka, Roseann Strozski, Kelly Wolfe, Peter Delmatte, Michele Ballard, James Pionk, Steve Pyc, Brenda Cile, Holly Fibranz, Kristin Nevin, Vicki Goslee, Joel Krause, Tony Seagraves, David Simel, Brenda Geiger, Yvonne Miller and Michelle Kier. Happiest of holidays to you all!

ALSO, a very interesting entry from Lucille Barnes of Golts Corner was received in the 45 Up age category. Thanks to the creative writer of that entry!

## GREETINGS

During the festive holiday season we would like to thank you for your business in 1983. We look forward to serving you in 1984!

From the employees of

CASEVILLE

IGA

Closed  
Dec. 26  
& Jan. 2

6704 Main St. - Caseville - 856-2802  
Mon.-Thurs. 8-6 - Fri. 8-8 - Sat. 8-7 - Sun. 9-3

## Children 'open hearts' to Santa with letters

### Dear Santa Clause,

Forgive me, please, because I was a bad girl this year. I will be a good girl next year. This is what I would like: boots, Barbie swimming pool, Todd, Tracy, TV, snoopy bike, snow cone machine, Ken's clothes, cash register, typewriter, Barbie Beauty Salon, Barbie Snack Shack, Strawberry Shortcake, slippers.

We still believe in you, Santa Clause.

Love always,  
Wendy Magold

### To Santa,

I would like a Care Bear and a Strawberry Shortcake Doll and a Barbie Townhouse and roller-skates and a miniature doll and I have been good.

Love,  
Jennifer Harder  
Bay Port



### Dear Santa,

I've been bad a lot this year. I will not be bad next year. I want: Pipeline, Castle Grayskull, Star Wars Air Hammer, Mr. T., Atari Soccerball, Pac-Man Watch.

From,  
Keith Magold



## Best Wishes

Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy, peace and happiness.

John Walsh, CPA

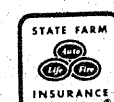
24 S. Main - Pigeon - 453-3456

## Holiday with Care

Enjoy yourself. And if your holiday plans include some driving, please drive WITH EXTRA CARE so you and your family can enjoy many holidays to come!

DAVE  
ANDERSON  
7575 Pigeon Road  
Pigeon • 453-3441

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.  
STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES  
Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois.



SANTA CLAUS IS AIDED in his correspondence by the Pigeon Area Jaycettes, who make sure he receives all his mail on time.

### Dear Santa,

I love you! I want a Strawberry Shortcake Doll. Tell Rudolph I said Hi. Have a Merry Christmas.

Angie Prill

I will put some milk and cookies out for you on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,  
Angela Eisiliones  
Bay Port

### To Santa Claus,

I would like a dollhouse, Baby That-a-Way, babyskates, Cabbage Patch doll, Strawberry Shortcake, a watch, a pair of shoes, Happy Returns, some bobs, some clothes, some pencils, a ruler, some crayons, tub town, some money, Care Bears set, some longjohns, a little radio.



### Dear Santa,

I am 10 years old. This is what I would like for Christmas: a bike, dress boots, clothes, a basketball, a Christmas dress, stereo and a tetherball and a cassette recorder.

Well, that's it for this year. I love you. Bye.

### Your friend,

Christina Eisiliones  
P.S. I am in the fifth grade at Bay Port School. My teacher is Mrs. Gail Schmuck of Unionville.

P.S.S. Also I would like a sleeping bag, Cabbage Patch Doll. Bye.



MORE LETTERS ON  
PAGE 16

## Views On Dental Health

EDWARD HOLTZHOUSE, D.D.S.

### Why A Gold Crown

You normally associate gold crowns with kings or queens. But the average person can have a gold crown also - not on his head but in his mouth. And it will probably be a lot more practical than the king's head piece.

Cast gold crowns cover the cusps (chewing surface) of back teeth entirely, as well as three or more other surfaces. They fit over the remaining portion of a prepared tooth. Crowns are used to restore proper tooth form and contours for the correct biting function when much of the tooth is extensively damaged.

Gold is an ideal restorative material for use in reforming the shape and function of a tooth. In fact, of all restorative materials, gold is the strongest and most long-lasting. There are other reasons for the use of gold as well as long-life. Gold can provide maximum resistance against the forces of chewing on tooth surfaces. Fluids in the mouth cannot affect gold. Gold will not shrink or expand once it has been cemented into the prepared surface. Breakage of the restoration is less likely.

Prepared as a public service to promote better dental health. From the office of Edward P. Holtzhouse, D.D.S., 33 North Wright Street, Elkhart, Phone: (517) 375-4255.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

To the Customers of People's Oil & Gas Company:

Last year we initiated a new program for the Christmas Season, the response was so good we decided to continue it again this year. Instead of giving out small gifts to our customers, we will contribute to certain service organizations that have Christmas programs for the needy in the communities where we do business.

It is because of your loyal patronage that we are able to do this so we feel this gift is from People's Oil & Gas Company and its loyal customers.

Have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

PEOPLE'S OIL & GAS CO.

453-2114

PIGEON





**25% off**  
All dresses  
All sizes  
newborn to 14

**25% off**  
on all  
Christmas Items  
•Pajamas  
•Baby Bibs & Booties  
•Barrettes & Jewelry

Offer Good Dec. 20 - Dec. 24

**Kid's Kastle**  
253 E. Huron  
Bad Axe  
269-7411

Sign up for  
free drawing

Open Mon.-Fri. 9-9  
Sat. 9-5 - Open Dec. 26 9-5

**Business FORMS**  
Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

**Numbered TICKETS**  
Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

**"JOYFUL NOISE UN-TO THE LORD"** - The Cross Lutheran Preschool Class of Pigeon concluded a tour of Scheurer Hospital last week by singing Christmas carols for long-term residents. The young musicians used percussion instruments to accompany the singing on this song led by teacher Cindy Englehardt.

The class also donated a Fisher-Price toy doctor kit to the hospital for use by young patients.



## Thumb area club news and notes

**ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Thirty-three Elkton Senior Citizens were greeted by President George Southworth.

A moment of silence was observed for Rev. Mae Shupe, who passed away on Saturday. A welcome was extended to Bea and Harold Gregor.

"God Bless America" was sung and the Pledge to the Flag recited. The Gregors

led the group in singing several Christmas carols and Ted Buchholz sang "Silent Night" in German.

Ray English, Hazel Beach, Vera Sherwood, Clayton Gemmel and Elizabeth Wilhelm all celebrated birthdays. The 49th wedding anniversary of the Clayton Gemmels was recognized. It was noted that Al Knechtel is still a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, but is slowly recovering.

The next meeting of the group will be Jan. 3, 1984. The Gemmels were thanked for filling in for the Gregors while Bea was ill. Guest speaker Hazel Beach spoke of a three-week

trip she took in the fall. The program ended with all the men singing "Star of the East," and a reminder that no meetings are planned until the first week of January.

**CASEVILLE ALTERNATOR & STARTER SHOP**

Authorized Sales and Warranty

**New & Rebuilt**

Lucas  
Delco  
Motorola  
Nihoff

Electrical & Automotive Supplies

Nippondenso  
Tecumseh  
Prestolite  
Leece-Neville

Open 7 Days  
**856-4260**

5979 Port Austin Road  
1 Mile Northwest of Caseville

**Homemade Gifts For That Special Person on Your Christmas List.**

**Stocking Stuffers**

- Homemade Chocolate
- Terry Bears in a Teddy Bear Box \$2.00
- Decorative money tins.
- Stickers & sticker books.

**By The People**

Mon., Sat. - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 104 Scott St., Bad Axe  
Thurs.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 269-2222  
Next to Montgomery Ward's

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE GROUP**

**START PAYING YOURSELF for a CHANGE**

with an **I.R.A. INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT**

from Farm Bureau Annuity Company  
Still Earning 11.4%

**Why Use Annuity**

1. Income you can't outlive.
2. Semicompulsory for easier savings.
3. Flexibility - numerous payout choices.
4. Proceeds not part of probate estate.
5. No maintenance charges.

**STOP IN and let OUR COMPUTER SHOW YOU a RETIREMENT INCOME YOU CAN'T OUTLIVE**

**Arliss Kraft**

Phone 856-3105  
Farm Bureau Insurance Group  
6815 Main St. - Caseville



## Our Michigan Kitchen By Mr. Jean Charest

### Celebrate winter by creating a stew

The delight of eating is the only enjoyment that belongs to all weathers, to all conditions, and to all ages. The impressions of a good dinner are always durable and comforting. A good menu is not a long list of chemical formulas and laboratory analyses, but a list of dishes, agreeable to the eye and the tongue, dishes that tempt and awaken the laggard appetite by exciting the gastric juices and by repairing the loss that the human body sustains.

The ultimate purpose of good cooking is to contribute to the preservation of man by the means of good, healthy, and agreeable nourishment. In the exercise of this virtue, cooking embraces all aspects of human life, from cradle to grave, and sustains a long list of human activities: agriculture, which produces; commerce, which trades; chemistry, which analyzes; industry, which processes and transports; medicine, which studies and examines; political economy, which furnishes resources and general satisfaction, which is attained by a judicious combination of all of these.

Every winter most people begin to recall a stew "that Dad enjoyed and of which Mother was justly proud."

There have always been some very good stews, just as there have been some very bad of indifferent stews!

A stew can be a colorful, flavorful, mouth-watering dish, or it can be anemic, and completely insipid-all depending on how it is handled and what goes into its making. The French term for a stew is "Ragout" (pronounced rag-oo). Typical ragouts have larger pieces of meat than do goulashes and the vegetables are frequently used only as flavoring. Perhaps ragout does sound more elegant than stew, but after all, it's not what is in the name that counts, but rather what is in the stew. In a stew, environment rules over heredity. The choice of vegetables is a wide one, but unfortunately, this choice is not exercised as it should be and as a consequence the general run of stews lacks interest and variety.

Stewing differs from boiling in the fact that the juices of the meat, fish, poultry, game or vegetables, or even fruits are dissolved in the heated liquid, usually water, unless otherwise indicated, whereas in boiling, the juices are kept from passing out into the liquid by coagulation of the external surface of the food mass, which is usually first seared (in meat, fish, poultry and game), then immersed suddenly into boiling fluid. The proper temperature for stewing is between 135°F and 160°F.

In thick stew, the juices dissolved in the water are eaten together with the cooked food, but in some instances, as in the making of beef tea and some soups, the aqueous solution only is used. Obviously the more the food is subdivided the greater the surface exposed to the solvent action of the liquid, hence, the thorough mincing of meat which is to be used in the preparation of beef tea. If such minced meat (in beef tea) has been soaked for a long time in cold water, a part of the albumin and the extractive materials are obtained in solution, but the meat which is left is colorless, tasteless and unpalatable.

The manner in which stewing differs from other cooking processes is that instead of the meat itself surrounding and enveloping the juices, as it should when boiled, fried or roasted, in a stew we demand that the juices shall surround or envelope the meat to replace those juices which have passed out into the surrounding liquid. After the meat has been stewing for sometime a scum containing a little coagulated albumin and more or less fat is usually seen floating on the surface. This is often removed by the cook in the preparation of beef tea and stew in order to make it more palatable and more agreeable to the eye, but its removal is at the expense of considerable nutritious material.

As both the solid substance of the meat and vegetables and the liquid materials which have been extracted from them are eaten together in the stew, this is an economical form of preparing food. Nothing is lost by evaporation, and nothing is thrown away except the bones.

When we were children our favorite stew was made entirely of fresh pork. Mother made use of large 4-gallon stew pot for her "Quebec Ragout de Pattes et de Boulettes." On many occasions she "lovingly" assembled this delicious stew which was made of fresh pork hocks, pork meatballs with an equally delicious rich brown gravy. When the hocks and meatballs had been devoured we always enjoyed the gravy on bread.

#### QUEBEC RAGOUT WITH PORK HOCKS & MEATBALLS

Will serve six or seven.

3 lb. pork hocks, cut in pieces  
1 t. coarse salt  
1/4 t. pepper  
1/2 t. cinnamon  
1/4 t. ground cloves  
1/8 t. nutmeg

2 T. fat  
6 c. warm water  
1 c. onions, sliced thin  
5 or 6 T. browned flour  
1/2 c. water

Roll the hocks in a mixture of the salt, pepper, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Melt the fat in a heavy saucepan. Brown the hocks until dark brown in color (there lies the secret for a successful ragout). When the meat is well browned, add the onions and stir around until light brown, add the warm water. Cover and simmer until the hocks are tender, approximately 3 hours.

Shake together in a glass jar, the browned flour and 1/2 c. water. Pour into the broth and cook while stirring, until of a good thick consistency.

**Meatballs for Ragout**

1 1/4 lb. fresh lean pork  
1 small onion, minced  
2 T. parsley  
1/4 t. ginger

1/4 t. cinnamon  
1/4 t. ground cloves  
1/4 t. dry mustard  
2 slices bread, diced  
1/2 c. milk

Put the pork through the meat grinder three times. Add the onions, parsley, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and dry mustard. Add the bread soaked in milk and blended in a paste. Add salt and pepper. Shape mixture into 1 1/2" balls and add the ragout broth, about 45 minutes before serving, simmering slowly.

In our house we serve this lovely ragout with small or medium sized boiled potatoes and a green salad on the side. On one occasion this was also accompanied by a side dish of canned stewed tomatoes which had been lightly laced with vinegar (1 T. of vinegar to 1 lb. of tomatoes).

**Carbonnade Flamande**

This stew is originally Flemish but after many centuries it has become a national dish in Belgium. (Serves four).

2 lbs. chuck steak, cubed  
Flour  
1 large onion, sliced  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
1-12 oz. can beer  
1 bay leaf, crumbled  
1/4 t. thyme  
1 t. salt

Fresh ground pepper to taste

Very simple procedure: Dredge beef in flour and brown in hot oil in large skillet or Dutch oven. Remove steak and add onion and garlic. Saute for 5 minutes. Return beef to pan and add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for about 2 1/2 hours or until beef is tender. Serve with vegetables and homemade type bread.

# Merry Christmas

The Village of Elkton will be accepting bids for the annual audit for year ending February 29, 1984. The bids will be awarded on January 3, 1984. Bids must be in the clerks office by 7:00 p.m.

Also, the insurance and garbage bid is being let out at this time. It will be awarded March 6, 1984.

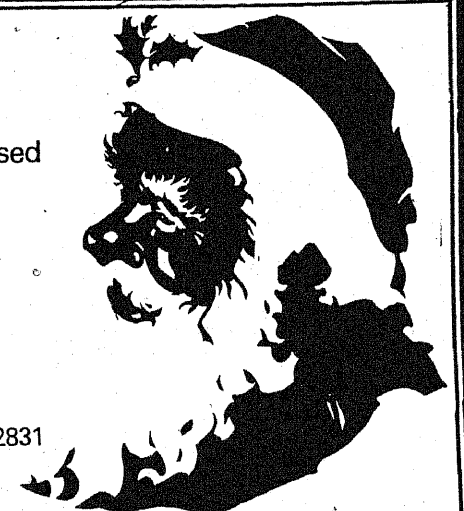
The village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Darlene Ginter, Clerk**

**NOTICE**  
Effective Dec. 24, we will be closed for the holiday 'til Jan. 9, 1984.

**Thank You For Your Past Patronage**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**Wallace Stone Plant**  
8785 Ribble Road Ln. - Bay Port - 656-2831



**SONY**

**XO-5**  
AM/FM STEREO DECK RECEIVER

Reg. \$589.95  
Now **\$475.00**

Reg. \$610.00  
Sale Price **\$369.95**

**SL-5000**  
BETAMAX VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER

Reg. \$169.95  
Only **\$109.95**

Save **\$60.00**

**ICPS-6**  
COMPACT AM-FM STEREO CASSETTE-CORDER

Reg. \$54.95  
Now **\$49.95**

Reg. \$159.95  
Now **\$109.95**

**SRF-33W**  
WALKMAN® AM/FM RADIO

**TCS-310**  
PERSONAL, PORTABLE STEREO CASSETTE-CORDER

**Diener Electric**  
Pigeon "We service what we sell" 453-3941  
Frigidaire, KitchenAid, Litton, Jenn-Air, Sony  
Serving Dealer - Licensed Electrical Contractor  
WIRING and SUPPLIES

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Shivers the Snowman -- plus the 70 member merchants of the PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- thank you for shopping in our town this year.

And GOOD NEWS -- there are still THOUSANDS of last-minute specials in all our stores...and we also offer fast and friendly service at fair prices! Shop at home right now -- most stores open every night now until Christmas!

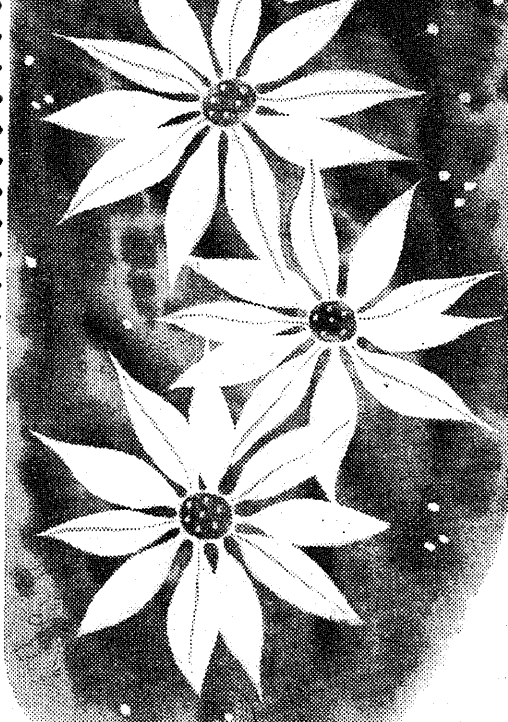
We wish your family a Merry Christmas and invite you to shop in Pigeon year-round. Happy Holidays!

REMEMBER: MOST STORES WILL CLOSE BY 5 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE  
MOST STORES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 26 FOR EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS  
PLEASE MAKE ALL EXCHANGES BY MONDAY, JAN. 9, 1984

Santa Claus waves in front of the area's BIGGEST CHRISTMAS TREE, helping beautify the free-parking town of Pigeon.



## Yuletide Cheer



Hoping that Christmas and the New Year bring you joyful hours, pleasant memories and much happiness.

**Pigeon Telephone Co.**  
7585 Pigeon Road  
Pigeon - 453-3321

## MTU honors list names 2 residents

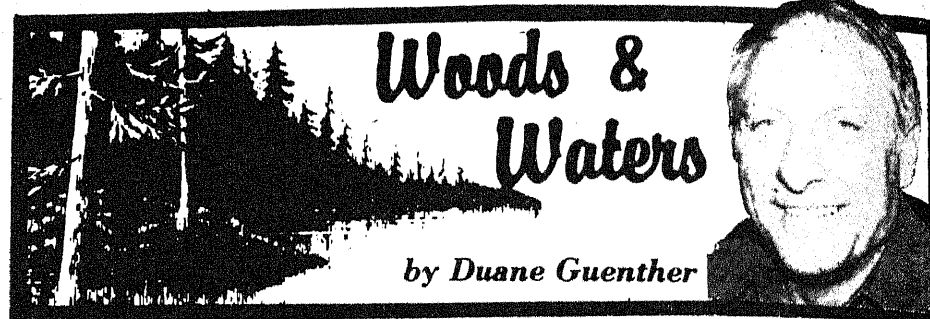
Jeffrey Elston and Kevin Laursen, both of Pigeon, were recently named to the fall quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University. Elston and Laursen, both freshmen in chemical engineering, earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to achieve the honor.



## Rejoice

May the guiding star of Christmas light your way.

**Wiese Floor Covering**  
8846 Unionville Rd.  
Sebewaing - 883-3750



## Woods & Waters

by Duane Guenther

## Christmas dinner

*Jacob had made up his mind that it was his responsibility to supply the turkey. He did not have any money to buy one. The sale of furs from his fall trapline had produced just enough to cover the presents for mom and his little sister Ruth. There was only one alternative left.*

Materializing from the aspen thicket on the right side of the clearing, three turkeys made their way up the rise. The first two were medium-sized hens, but the last one was a fat, handsome gobbler. The birds continued up the hill and stopped right in front of the spruce tree hiding Jacob. While Jacob's hands grew clammy against the gun barrel, the turkeys began scratching for the leftover acorns.

Jacob slowly lifted the gun. The gold-beaded sight rested on the lower part of the turkey's head. It was so simple. Squeeze the trigger, he thought to himself. Squeeze the trigger and you have Christmas dinner. The bead stayed on the turkey's head, wavering slightly, and Jacob's finger began to tighten. What would dad think if he were here? The thought crossed his mind. Would he be terribly disappointed? He had been so patient in teaching me about the outdoors, how to love and respect it.

The gun lowered. Jacob sighed deeply and stepped out of the spruce branches. The turkeys flushed wildly, and in an instant the clearing was empty.

The dogs were glad to see him, and yapped nicely as he fastened the ropes that had restrained them. With Suzy and Buddie leading the way, Jacob headed for home.

As Jacob rounded the corner of the shed, he was surprised to see Mr. Sampson's car parked in the drive. Dark green in color, with the seal of a conservation officer embossed on both doors and a whip antenna protruding out of the rear fender, it was a car that put fear in the hearts of poachers. He put the dogs away and left his gun in the shed.

He entered the back door and closed it with a bang. Stripping off his boots and coat, he walked in the kitchen. Mr. Sampson and his mother were seated at the table, coffee cups emitting clouds of steam in front of them. They both were smiling. His eyes swept the room and came to rest on the fat Canada goose lying on the drainage board of the sink.

"Look what John brought us," Jacob's mother broke the silence.

"Caught some unlucky poachers down by the river last night," Mr. Sampson said. "They had shot three geese out of the flock that winters there."

He took a sip of coffee and reached for a cookie from the plate that mother had set on the table.

"I took them over to the nursing facility, but they could only use two," he continued. "Thought maybe you and your mom would like the other one."

Jacob felt his face flush as he walked to the sink and hefted the large bird. Did they know what he had been up to? His mind questioned.

"You know how to clean a bird like that?" Mr. Sampson questioned.

"Well, er," Jacob stammered. "I suppose it would be the same way you would clean a turkey," Jacob's mother said, with a twinkle in her eye.

The room was quiet except for Jacob's pounding heart.

## News that COUNTS . . . from the COUNTY



from  
Huron  
County  
Clerk  
Helen  
Lemanski

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Week of December 12, 1983  
Michael Doer and Paula Auvil, Jeffrey P. Bushey and Amy L. Chisom.  
Week of Dec. 5  
David E. Peck and Beth E. Hewitt, Scott Alan Wisner and Jennifer Sue Enr.

**JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE**  
Week of December 12, 1983  
Linda M. Lescaki vs. Kenneth A. Lescaki.  
Gail Ilene Apley vs. Curtis Lee Apley.  
Theodore N. Freilach vs. Barbara A. Freilach.

Week of 11/30 - 12/7  
James O. Wurst vs. Betty L. Wurst, Robert W. Tamblin vs. Vicky June Tamblin.  
Jennifer Gayle Buhr vs. Paul F. Buhr, Joseph Adam Wroblewski vs. Julie Ann Wroblewski.  
Daniel C. Wagner vs. Marguerite A. Wagner.

**ASSUMED NAMES**  
Week of December 12, 1983  
No. 3402 - Valley Products, 2583 Sand Beach Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413; By: Richard R. Booms and Constance B. Booms, 2581 Sand Beach Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413; Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3403 - Castle Oil Co., 328 State St., 527 School St. & 317 N. Huron Ave., Harbor Beach, MI 48441; By: Jeffrey M. Castle, 128 S. First St., Harbor Beach, MI 48441; Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3404 - The Gas Stop, 95 West Spring Street, Port Austin, MI 48467;

By: Kenneth J. Seale, 184 Farrar, Port Austin, MI 48467; Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3405 - Dorothy's Flowers, 1205 Schock Rd., Harbor Beach, MI 48441; By: Dorothy Holdwick, 1205 Schock Rd., Harbor Beach, MI 48441; Filed: 12/13/83.  
No. 3406 - Huron Coin, Box 495, Elkton, MI 48751; By: Donald H. Stern, Box 495, Elkton, MI 48751; Filed: 12/13/83.

Week of December 5  
No. 3396 City Cleaners, 123 Scott St., Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Steven Peruski & Margaret Peruski, Morrison Road, Uby, MI 48475. Filed: 12/22/83.  
No. 3397 Huron Fish Co., 7843 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing, MI 48759. By: Robert F. Bolger & Thomas J. Bolger, 8501 Schomaker Rd., Sebewaing, MI & Michael F. Bolger, 7843 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing, MI. Filed: 12/25/83.  
No. 3398 C. Products, 1390 S. Brown Rd., Pigeon, MI 48755. By: Mary L. Treunmer, 1390 S. Brown Rd., Pigeon, MI 48755. Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3399 Uby Village Market, 2166 Main Street, Uby, MI 48475. By: Robert C. Stevens, 5001 Lakeshore, Harbor Beach, MI 48441 & Allen B. Stevens, 2084 Military, Port Huron, MI 48060. Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3400 Sallie's Attic, 3484 North Van Dyke, Fillon, MI 48432. By: Sallie A. Walter & P. J. Walter, 3555 Ferdinand Drive, Port Hope, MI 48468. Filed: 12/8/83.  
No. 3401 Thumb Bookkeeping and Tax Service, 122 N. Henselman St., Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Arthur A. Micklash, 1655 S. Hallams, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 12/7/83.

**WARRANTY DEEDS**  
December 6-13, 1983

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert L. Lorentz, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 27,007 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Jean Bolger, Deceased, of Sebewaing - File 26,878 - Independent Probate, inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of Frank E. Bodla, Deceased, of Port Austin - File 26,883 - Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.  
Estate of Burnette R. Zellman, Deceased, of Harbor Beach - File 27,140 - Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register of Ordinary Filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed.  
Estate of John Kramarenko, Jr., Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,060 - Independent Probate, Petition for Court Supervision filed.  
Estate of Henry M. Mainik, Deceased, of Uby - File 27,088 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Final Account of Independent Personal Representative filed, Closing Statement filed.

from  
County  
Register  
of Deeds  
Frances  
Holdwick

Robert J. Gudeanu Sr. & Wf to Robert J. Gudeanu Jr. & Wf and Debra M. Gudeanu; a parcel of land located in Port Austin Twp.  
Leroy F. Nawrocki & Wf to Bernard L. Tountant & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Port Austin Twp.  
Victor C. Kriewall & Wf to Paul Weiner & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Rubicon Twp.  
Lina Drury to Robert Drury; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Dan Kirtle and George Kirtle to William Traynor & Wf; a parcel of land located in Cassville Twp.  
Mary Carson to Kevin M. McGrall & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Verona Twp.  
Joseph Perry & Wf to Daniel Hack & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 35 of Cassville Twp.  
George D. Beadle & Wf to Richard J. Johns & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 10 of Cassville Twp.  
Thomas Eddy, Estate to Thomas J. Leppand; a parcel of land located in Section 30 of Huron Twp.  
Edna L. Palon to Dorothy B. Midgley; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Clarence Bill & Wf to Robert E. Boettcher; a parcel of land located in Section 9 of Sebewaing Twp.  
Robert L. Tschirhart & Wf to First National Bank of Bad Axe; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
First National Bank of Bad Axe to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Norbert Kramer & Wf to Gerald Wolschleger & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 20 of Sherman Twp.  
Joseph Stein & Wf to Russell R. Fleharty & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.

located in Section 12 of Cassville Twp.  
Mary B. Martin to Alexander T. Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Philip W. Provot & Wf to Patrick E. Provot; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Colfax Twp.  
Robert J. Juth & Wf to Howard Lee Willis & Wf; a parcel of land located in the City of Harbor Beach.  
Richard Warchuck, Sr. & Wf to Randall J. Warchuck & Wf; a parcel of land located in Section 29 of Sherman Twp.

from  
County  
Probate  
Judge  
Neil  
MacCallum

**PROBATE COURT**  
Week of December 1-7  
Estate of Thelma N. Horn, Deceased, of Bay Port - File 27,038 - Independent Probate, inventory filed, Proof of Service of Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Sophie B. Majewski, Deceased, of Bad Axe - File 27,015 - Supervised Probate, inventory filed, Estate of Herbert



# Hundreds of letters fill Santa's North Pole mailbox

Dear Santa,  
I am only five years old, so mommy is writing this letter.

I would like come cars, clothes, firetruck, new boots, coat, a little radio, new gloves.

I will put cookies and milk out for you on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,  
Jason Eiliones,  
Bay Port



Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I'm going to lay out something for your reindeer to eat. This is what I want for Christmas. I want an Y-Wing Fighter, G.I. Joe Set, Luke Skywalker, Jedi Knight Suit, Hot Wheels Loop and Shoot Racetrack, Hotwheels car and a shift 4x4 truck.

I'll leave some cookies for you.

Your friend,  
Jeremy Meyersieck

Dear Santa,  
I want a Kimberly Doll for Christmas. I want the one that is a cheerleader. This year I'm staying home. I always go to my grandma's.

Happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Christy Abdalla



Dear Santa,  
How is the weather at the North Pole? I want a tape recorder and a new bike for Christmas. How are the reindeer?

Write back soon.  
Your friend,  
Doni Motz



Dear Santa,  
Could I please have My Little Pony with that stable, a new watch, jeans and a big bear. My brother would like a new bike. Dad would like a sports book. My sister would like a new bike, too.

Merry Christmas to all!  
Love,  
Dawn Marie Schulz

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? I'm fine. I can't wait until you come to our school. Sure hope you like our songs we have for you. I like to hear you say "Ho Ho" and laugh. I like to listen to your bells ring. I like what you give us for our Christmas treat.

Your friend,  
Tina Dubs



Dear Santa,  
What I want is a Care Bear. His name is Bedtime. I also want a stuffed reindeer and maybe a camera, too. Or maybe I will get a dog. We are going to my grandma's to eat.

Your friend,  
Wendy Osentoski



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the gentle joys of this blessed season be with you and your family this Christmas and always.

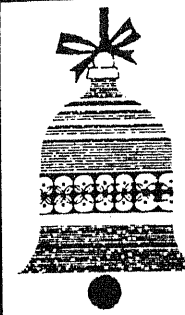
Lee Steinman Agency  
453-2257

Money Concepts  
453-2257 or 479-3215

Sherrill Steinman  
Mary Kay Cosmetics  
453-2257



FIRST-PLACE WINNER:  
46-UP AGE GROUP



'Santa's big hug and kiss'

PHYLLIS BOOTH  
PIGEON

I have had many special Christmases and many special gifts, but the one that stands out in my mind and is relived every year is the first Christmas after I was married and came home for a visit to celebrate the holiday. We lived in Mt. Pleasant and we were going home to Cadillac. It had been several months since I had seen my sisters and family. I sure was excited about the trip. My father was working at JCPenneys at the time in the Mens' Department. As we drove through town we decided to stop and see my father before we drove to my folks' home.

We walked into the Penneys store, and who should we see but Santa Claus. I stood there watching him talking to little children and how he enjoyed his job. All at once his head turned to me... put his arms around me and gave me a big hug and kiss. All the little children forgotten, just Santa and me. Let me tell you I was the happiest person in Cadillac that day. Each year this means more to me, as my father has been gone for about 13 years now. But whenever I see a Santa I stop and watch him... and remember.

The Ducks of Hazard

LOUIE HARDER  
BAY PORT  
AGE: to 13

My favorite toy is my race track. It's the Ducks of Hazard. I got it last year. My mom gets me one about every year. My brother and I play with it after school. I'm going to buy my cousin one. I am going to his house to give it to him. Then he will have six of them.

A smile on our faces

JASON ALLEN STAHL  
BAY PORT  
AGE: to 13

My favorite Christmas present was a train set. I got it last year. My brother and I opened it. When we opened it, my mom and dad saw a smile on our faces. That was my favorite Christmas present ever.

1983  
Writing Contest

## My favorite Christmas present ever!

Husband and son are gifts

SUSAN M. DAMM  
BAY PORT  
AGE: 20-45

Christmas is a time for joy and love and the best Christmas present I ever received was given to me last year... it was my husband, Jim. The Lord gave me the joy and love I never knew existed.

My husband showed me just how beautiful a Christmas could be. We spent our day with our families but it was later that night that our true Christmas began. We shared our feelings of love and gave thanks to all that God had given us.

We now have a wonderful son and we are looking forward to teaching him the true meaning of Christmas.

LOVE  
Our son is now 7½ months old and he is the brightest thing in our lives. He brings us laughter and happiness every day. We try our best to teach him right from wrong and how to respect other peoples' things. He is so young and so fragile. Sometimes we don't realize just how lucky we are to have him. I often think of the children of the world that will go hungry on Christmas and have no gifts to open. So from this year on, I am going to make a special effort to help any way I can to bring a little more joy to a child who needs it. Other people could do this too and make Christmas Day a special one for some child whose parents could not afford a gift. I wish everyone in the community would donate a gift or some of their time to a needy child. Just think how much love we would be sharing... and isn't that God would want us to do?

I have a wonderful husband and a beautiful son to be thankful for... they are my favorite Christmas presents EVER!

Hadn't I been good?

TRACY SIMPSON  
CASEVILLE  
GORY:

Christmas Eve was finally here. I couldn't get my mind off the one and only thing that I really wanted. When my mom told me to put cookies and milk out for Santa Claus, I figured I'd try to bribe Santa with an extra huge cookie with pink frosting all over it. When it was time to go to bed, I couldn't fall asleep. All I could think about was the Raggedy Ann that I wanted so badly.

The next morning my brother and sister came running into my room to wake me up. I ran out of my bed as fast as lightning into the living room. The room was

dark except for the Christmas tree lights flashing different colors everywhere. Under the tree presents scattered everywhere wrapped in bright red and green. I couldn't believe my eyes. Santa had finally come. My mom passed out our gifts. At first I opened mine very slowly hoping to find Raggedy Ann. When I started getting down to the last three gifts, I opened them as fast as I could to get the paper off, in hopes of finding my doll. I was shocked that I didn't get it - hadn't I been a good girl all year? My mother asked me if I liked all my presents. I said I liked them very much because I did. I was just disappointed because I didn't get my one wish that year.

Then there was a knock at the door. I ran to open it and there was a huge present sitting on the porch wrapped in red paper. It had my name on a little card, and on it, it said, "Sorry, Santa forgot to give this one to you." I opened it and it was the biggest Raggedy Ann doll that I had ever seen. That was the best Christmas ever.

My Favorite Present Ever

MRS. VICTOR KAIN  
FILION  
AGE: 45 AND UP

(A cup of coffee for my favorite soldier)

The winter of 1943-44 was a cold one! It seemed even colder to the guards who manned a small military post in New Jersey during World War II, especially those men who were on duty for the midnight shift.

Directly across the road from the post lived a man who worked from 3 to 11 p.m. He was the father of three children who were the ages of the younger soldiers stationed there. He realized that some of the fellows, just out of high school, were lonely in an unfamiliar place, uncertain of the future and more than a little homesick.

Upon arriving home from work one night before Christmas, he took some coffee to the guard. "Thank you so much!" exclaimed the soldier (my husband). "You can't possibly know how much this means to me!" Suddenly, the frigid air seemed warmer to him.

A nightly "Coffee for the Guard" custom then continued until after my husband, Vic, was transferred to overseas duty.

Forty years have passed. I do not know if this thoughtful, caring man is still living. But I do know that scattered over these United States, some very grateful veterans and at least one veteran's wife have repeated many times, "Thank you so much, Mr. Van Wart!"

More Christmas Memories on Page 22

LAST  
MINUTE

AFFORDABLE GIFTS

Magazine Table  
\$34<sup>95</sup>  
Satow's  
"Home of Fine Furnishings"  
126 E. Main • Seward • 883-3690

Model B450 - Regular \$395.00  
Now \$275<sup>00</sup>  
Diener Electric  
19 S. Main St. • Pigeon  
453-3941

Sharp Carousel®  
Microwave Ovens.  
They turn the food so you don't have to.  
\$249<sup>95</sup>  
Kretzschmer Home Center  
7274 Michigan Ave - Pigeon  
453-3231

8- and 10-hp Snow Blowers  
Big capacity, two-stage snow blowers have five forward speeds and reverse. An optional walk-under cab is available.  
Gettel Implement  
91 N. Caseville Rd.  
Pigeon - 453-3332

Tractors and Snow Throwers  
JD Finance Now - No Interest till April 1984  
Gettel Implement  
91 N. Caseville Rd.  
Pigeon - 453-3332

## Holiday Greetings



Santa's on his way with a sackful of presents and best wishes for a cheery holiday.

Ralph Harder  
Plbg. & Htg.

Bay Port - 656-3791



Seasons Greetings  
From All of us At



SHETLER

PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

Pigeon - 453-3531 • Cass City - 872-5084





May all the joys of the Christmas season bring you newfound happiness!

### Schaaf Plumbing & Heating

7226 E. Michigan - Pigeon - 453-3889  
From The Glen  
Schaaf Family



## SOUND-OFF!

Call 453-2323 anytime day or night to record your SOUND-OFF message. Selected statements will appear weekly in The Progress-Advance...so watch for yours!

I was surprised to read about someone complaining that people in our area were not helping people who have lost their home to fire. They certainly didn't check this out. As a local store manager, I've seen many people, businesses and organizations helping these families recently with small and large amounts of gift certificates from our store. I applaud these wonderful people.

More lights will be added in Pigeon, but will you honor the 12 days of Christmas by keeping a light shining, instead of just after Thanksgiving? Thank you.

I hope the male school bus driver near Elkton begins stopping for stop signs. Not only does it set a bad example, but it's dangerous. Someone could get hurt. Thank you.

On behalf of our 70 members, the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce says thank you very much to the thousands of people who've come to shop for Christmas here. We appreciate your support. Happiest of holidays to you all.

We look forward to nearly double the number of Christmas lights and decorations on our friendly, tree-lined streets next holiday season. Don't stay away too long!

I agree with Duane Guenther's comments about early ice. It offers good fishing, but I couldn't believe so many people are out there too far on the bay with heavy snowmobiles - and even some cars. Let's use more common sense here!

What gives? I was charged \$2 to watch 40 minutes of wrestling at Laker's the other night. I was five to 10 minutes early before the match started, but noticed people who arrived five

### Christmas Eve service planned

A special Christmas Eve service is planned at Kilmanagh United Methodist Church, beginning at 7:45 p.m.

The first part of the service will be a children's program of singing and Bible verses led by Suzanne Kuhl, following by an offering for the United Methodist Children's Home in Detroit. The cantata, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," will be featured in the second half of the service. The choirs of Kilmanagh and Sebawaing United Methodist churches will combine to present the cantata.

The choir director is Carol Kersten, with narration provided by Melvin Kuhl and Maria Elenbaum. Soloists include Bruce Kuhl, singing "Silent Night" and Kevin Kuhl, singing "O Holy Night." Host pastor Rev. Robert Kersten invites the public to attend the special Christmas presentation.

minutes after the match started were let in free. I will be darned if I'll again pay \$2 for 40 minutes of wrestling. I have always supported football and basketball.

Thank you for the story and pictures on the new National Honor Society members at Laker High. It's very nice and refreshing to see young people honored for scholastics, not just sports, sports, sports. Scholarship will matter more in the long run, anyway.

I would like to respond to SOUND-OFF from Dec. 14. Reference is made to the complaint regarding "there isn't any way to help people who have lost their home in time of fire." The individual went on to say the churches, etc. should do more.

I agree with the second part, somewhat, but perhaps the complaint doesn't know that much is being done, not only in times of (need) fire, but wherever a need is prevalent.

We give to C.R.O.P., Outreach International, Meals on Wheels and many other worthy causes. Maybe we should do more and perhaps we will. We have participated in special drives.

We at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) in Bay Port started several

years ago, giving food baskets at the holiday season. It was because of this that our people at a Commission meeting suggested that we receive food offerings each communion Sunday. This has been overwhelmingly supported! In conjunction with this food received and therefore a pantry established, the Human Development Commission (HDC) joined with us in this effort.

This year we have given several hundreds of dollars (or are ready to give) of food for families who need help. Many suggestions from community people have been checked out and the needs met.

In observance of the holidays, Mutual Savings of Pigeon will be closed all day Dec. 24 and Dec. 26, 1983 and Jan. 2, 1984. We will, however, be open for business Dec. 31, 1983.

## MUTUAL SAVINGS

Pigeon - 75 S. Main St. - 453-2900



### DINING ROOM SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Broiled Ham Steak \$4.25  
Choice of potato, salad & roll.

### BAKERY SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Asst. Cookies - Reg. \$1.19 Now 99¢  
Just in time for Parties & Family Gatherings

### ENJOY OUR HUGE SMORGASBORD

Served from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. \$5.95  
Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday

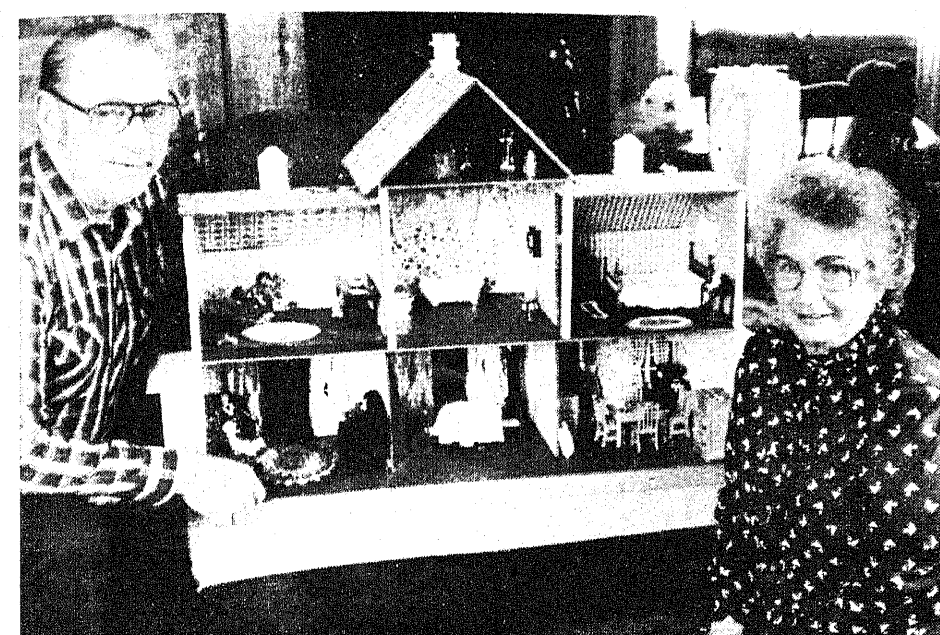
Open til 2 p.m. Christmas Eve Day  
Closed Christmas Day - Open Dec. 26

### Merry Christmas From All Of Us!!

The Lamplighter Restaurant  
and Bake Shoppe

Pigeon - 453-3663 - 1/4 mile west of Pigeon IGA

## 'Fit for a Queen . . .'



A LABOR OF LOVE is what this dollhouse will represent to two young granddaughters of Nadine and Don Barbret of Caseville this Christmas.

Jennifer, age nine and Sarah, age seven, daughters of the Barbret's oldest son, Tom and his wife Marlene of Troy, will find this handcrafted dollhouse representing hundreds of hours, under the Christmas tree this Sunday.

According to the Barbrets, there are over 1100 pieces of cedarshake shingles individually placed on the house, and it took an entire day just to wallpaper the rooms. But Don Barbret claims that the most trying job of all was painting the outside.

They say that the furnishing of the house is not yet complete, and hope that Santa will remember to leave a few additions when he stops at the Troy home Christmas Eve . . .

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Our Friends  
Merry X-mas & Best Wishes  
For 1984

June & Fargo's  
Main St. - Bar & Grill  
Lunch Specials - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday  
Home of the Thumburger  
15 S. Main - Pigeon - 453-2083

Business  
FORMS

Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

Numbered  
TICKETS

Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

Chandler Township Board will meet  
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1984 instead of  
Monday, Jan. 2, 1984.

Glen Iddings  
Chandler  
Township Clerk

Kohtz Floor Covering will be closed  
Dec. 24 & 26, 1983.

Kohtz Floor  
Covering

12 N. Center - Sebawaing - 883-3331

Congratulations to the winners of the Mutual Savings drawings during Thumb Ag Day held in Cass City on Dec. 10. Harold Ballagh, Cass City & Roy C. Schulz, Unionville each received a \$50.00 savings account. A special thank you to the people that took time to stop by our booth and register.

## MUTUAL SAVINGS

Member FSLIC

Cass City - Pigeon - Sebawaing



Holiday  
Greetings!

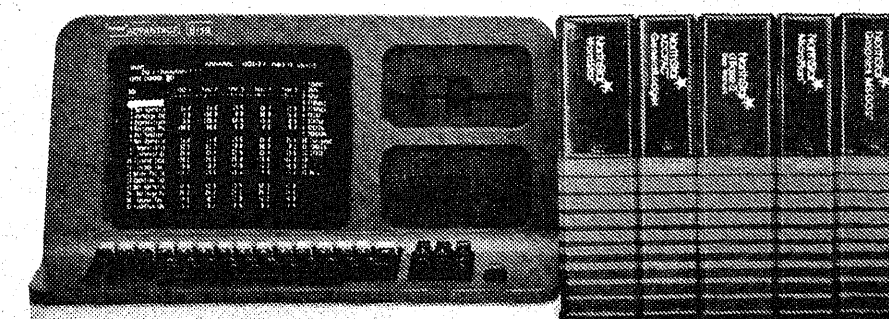
We extend to you, our  
valued customers, the  
sincerest wishes for a  
joyous Christmas season.

Thank you all for your loyal support  
during our 1st year at our new location.

### The Hair Shoppe

Main St. • Elkton • 375-2762

## North Star offers you FREE Software worth up to \$1250.



Buy a North Star  
ADVANTAGE or HORIZON  
with dual floppy disks  
and get your choice of  
FREE Software worth  
up to \$1250.

Maurer's  
Business Systems

108 S. Port Crescent  
Bad Axe - 269-6073

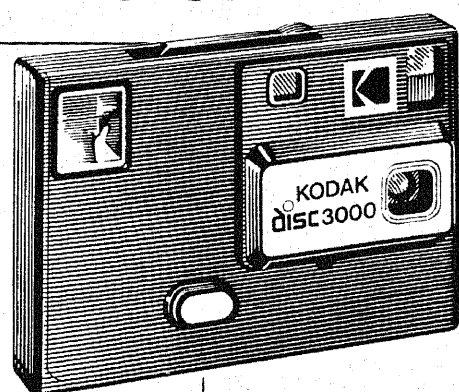
No other microcomputer maker gives you more valuable flexibility than North Star. With the new FLEXI-BUNDLE™ plan, when you buy an 8-bit or 16-bit ADVANTAGE or HORIZON you can select, free of charge, one of four operating systems plus your choice of available software packages. Choose from General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Order Entry & Invoicing, dBASE II, NorthWord II, Enhanced WordStar, MailMerge, Enhanced MicroPlan, and our exclusive ImageMaker, the most sophisticated graphics software package on the market. You get software tailored to your equipment, your needs. For all the details, call us today.

NorthStar

Enhanced WordStar and MailMerge are trademarks of MicroPro International Corporation. Enhanced MicroPlan is a trademark of Chang Laboratories, Inc. dBASE II is a trademark of Ashton-Tate. The NorthStar logo, FLEXI-BUNDLE, NorthWord II, ImageMaker, HORIZON and all other products are either trademarks or registered trademarks of North Star Computers, Inc. © 1983 North Star Computers, Inc.

## A Christmas SPECIAL

Kodak's  
newest and  
lowest priced  
disc camera  
is here!



KODAK  
DISC  
3000  
Camera

Automatic film advance  
plus built-in automatic  
flash.  
Press one button, advanced  
electronics do the rest.  
Full Three-Year Warranty\*

\*Ask us for details on Kodak's  
Three-Year Warranty. If the  
camera doesn't work with normal  
film, return it to us and  
Kodak will repair it without  
charge.



Have A Happy  
Holiday From

Orr's Drug  
Store, Inc.

26 S. Main - Pigeon - 453-2234



## Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday and Every Sunday

EACH FAITH MUST LEARN  
TO SHARE GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.

— Author Unknown

"Every good gift... is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights."

— James 1:17

Now the holiday season's upon us once more, With observances founded on Biblical lore And our family traditions, which mostly decree Having tinsel and light bulbs adorning a tree Or a series of candles increasing each night, Making either occasion more festive and bright. And so, holiday blessings, whatever your creed; May the joys of the season bring lessons to heed, When you make it a part of your schedule to pray At the place where you worship the Lord in your way;

For you'll find that no present can ever compare With the love He has given, which all of us share.

— Gloria Nowak

## This Page Compliments of the Following Merchants

## NIETZKE, FAUPEL &amp; SCHAFER, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Pigeon Phone 453-3122

## ACTIVE FEED COMPANY

Feed Manufacturing - Egg Production

Pigeon Phone 453-2472

## BERNE ENTERPRISES, INC.

Foundry Division

Pigeon Phone 453-3235

## DIENER ELECTRIC, INC.

Electrical Wiring & Refrigeration Appliances

Pigeon Phone 453-3941 Dennis & Carol

## DAMM'S, INC.

White - New Idea - Gehl

Pigeon Phone 453-2531

## DUTCH KETTLE RESTAURANT

Featuring Home Cooked Meals

Pigeon Phone 453-2332

## GETTEL IMPLEMENT COMPANY

John Deere

Pigeon Bad Axe Sebawaing

## RALPH HARDER PLUMBING &amp; HEATING

Licensed Master Plumber

Bay Port Phone 656-3791

## J &amp; B PLUMBING &amp; HEATING, INC.

Plumbing Supplies - Heating & Cooling

Pigeon Phone 453-3931

## KRAFT, INC.

"Tile Drainage by KRAFTsmanship"

Pigeon Phone 453-3641

## KRETSCHMER HOME CENTER

Appliance & Hardware Sales & Service

Pigeon Phone 453-3231

## PEOPLE'S OIL &amp; GAS CO., INC.

Pigeon 453-2114 Shell Caseville 856-2750 Bad Axe 269-8011 Products Sebawaing 883-3911

## Children - Call PHONE-A-STORY

Daily at 453-3111

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Daniel Meddaugh

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday evening 7 p.m.

Family night 7 p.m.

## CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Filion Road

Pastor Prv. James Brazell

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.

## FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner M-25 and Haist Road

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Praise 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Mid-week 7 p.m.

Thursday 7 p.m.

"Word of Life" Youth

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Nursery provided

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SEBWAING

Rev. Brent McCumons

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Nursery 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SEBWAING

Rev. Donald O. Crumm

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON

Rev. Mark Karls

Church School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 7 p.m.

Wednesday Mid-week Service 7 p.m.

## BAY PORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Fredrick Cooley

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Church School 10 a.m.

## HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Fredrick Cooley

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

## KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Robert Kersten

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

## OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Myra L. Sparks

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.

## GAGETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Myra L. Sparks

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

## ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ron Iris

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.

## HORSESHOE ACRES CALVARY CHURCH, BAD AXE

Rev. Stewart L. Justin

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

## FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY Mennonite Church

Rev. Wayne J. Keim

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

## MICHIGAN AVE. MENNONITE CHURCH, PIGEON

Don Patterson, Pastor

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

## PIGEON RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH

Rev. Lake Yoder

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH

Rev. Robert D. Pfaff

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Communion 2nd and 4th Sunday every month

## TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELKTON

Wisconsin Synod

Rev. Paul Schiele

Church Service 10 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASEVILLE

M-25 and Crescent Beach Rd

Rev. Randall P. Schultz

Missouri Synod

Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINCOLN

Missouri Synod

Rev. Paul M. Hoyer

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNK

Wisconsin Synod

Rev. Philip K. Press

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month

## NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBWAING

Wisconsin Synod

Rev. Jonathan Stern

Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month

Sunday Service 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBWAING

Missouri Synod

Rev. David Dierwing

Rev. Edward J. Arle, Assoc. Pastor

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

## CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON

American Lutheran Church

Raymond E. Orth, Pastor

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

## ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BACH

Rev. Eric A. Lambert

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Communion first and third Sunday

## HURON BIBLE CHURCH

Corner of Frederick & Fourth, Sebawaing

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School 11 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

**Joyous Noel!**

May the star of Bethlehem lead us all to that peace.

**Michigan Directory Co.**  
7230 Nitz St. - Pigeon - 453-2030

**REJOICE**

To seek the meaning of Christmas is to find its lasting peace!

**J & B Plumbing & Heating**  
Pigeon Butch & Nova Jean 453-3931  
We will be closed Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

**Blessings**

Wishing you a white, bright, merry Christmas. It's been a pleasure serving you in the past year.

Jim, Mark, Meta, Alice, Margaret, Betty, BettyAnn, Karen & Kevin

**Laurson's Pharmacy, Inc.**  
Pigeon 453-2712

PIGEON DISTRICT  
Library CornerFOR YOU,  
ALL THE BRIGHT  
AND THE MERRY

May each hand that you clasp be in friendship  
And the smile on each face be for you.  
Like the lights on the tree,  
May your happiness be  
Ever gay, ever bright,  
ever new.

May each lamp be a beacon of welcome  
And each door open wide at your touch  
Swift as snowflakes that fly,  
May the joys multiply  
For you have given so much.

Mary Turton Johnson

We at the Pigeon District Library appreciate the patronage you have given us throughout the year. We want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From the library staff: Roberta Richmond, Naomi Jantzi, Starla Albrecht, Ginger Fibranz, Peggy Karl, Jane Himmel and Christine Karl.

PRESCHOOL  
STORY HOUR

"The Gumpdrop Series" will be the featured stories on Dec. 27 at the Pigeon District Library.  
"Gumpdrop Gets His Wings," "Gumpdrop Finds a Friend" and "Gumpdrop Has a Birthday" will be the stories on that day.

In addition to the stories, Jane Himmel and Peggy Karl also plan exercises, fingerplays, games and songs for the children.

Two sessions of Preschool Story Hour are held weekly, from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All area preschoolers are invited.

SATURDAY  
STORY HOUR

No Saturday Story Hour is planned for Dec. 24, as the library will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas.

The library will also be closed for the New Year holiday, so no Saturday Story Hour is planned for Saturday, Dec. 31.

The next Saturday Story Hour will be on Jan. 7, 1984.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Would you like to make a contribution to the Pigeon Library? Gifts must be made to the general fund of the library. Simply send your check payable to the public library and a receipt will be issued for filing with your tax return for the current year.

How will the money be used? Such funds are usually used to purchase books or special equipment needed to improve services which haven't been made possible under the current budget. Your interests will be taken into account when the decision is made by the library.

If you would like to help support the library and at the same time benefit your 1983 income tax return, call the librarian or stop in at the library before the end of the year.

HOLIDAY  
HOURS

The Pigeon District Library will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas. The library will also be closed on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 for the New Year Holiday.

DISPLAY  
CASES

One of the library showcases is now filled with an interesting collection of items from Peru owned by Dr. and Mrs. Pedro A. Ruiz de Castilla of Caseville.

These items were collected from various trips to Peru by the family. Items include Indian costumes, marble figures, an Inca nativity scene, a Coat of Arms, a musical ceramic piece and a llama wool vest.

The other showcase is filled with items owned by Sgt. Robert K. Stahl, Jr. of Bay Port.

These items were collected when he was overseas from November 1980 to November 1983, visiting Japan, Philippines, Korea, Australia, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Items in the showcase include a Japanese oil painting, a 1970 set of Japanese stamps entitled "The Group Dance" series, two Japanese tea canisters and also coins and paper money.

If you have a display you would like to share with patrons of the library, call Miss Richmond or a staff member at 453-2341.

## NEW BOOKS

**Adult Fiction**  
"The Wicked Day" by Mary Stewart, "Pet Sematary" by Stephen King, "Evening Star" by Faith Baldwin, "Ravenswyke" by Alan White, "Time of the Hunter's Moon" by Victoria Holt, "The Franchise" by Peter Gent, "Caretakers by Tabitha King, "The Sun in Splendor" by Jean Plaidy, "Gentlemen of Adventure" by Ernest Gann and "The Name of the Rose" by Umberto Eco.

**Adult Non-Fiction**  
"The Body Principal" by Victoria Principal, "The Human Condition" by Sylvia Miller, "Marilyn Horne, My Life" by Marilyn Horne, "Alan Alda" by Raymond Strait, "Tomorrow is Today" by Shelley Bruce, "Richard Simon's Better Body Book" by Richard Simon, "Ashes to Gold" by Patti Roberts, "The Dinah Shore Cookbook" by Dinah Shore and "One Brief Shining Moment" by William Manchester.

**Junior Adult**  
"Paul Revere," "Harriet Tubman," and "Osceola and the Seminole War," all by Matthew Grant, "Why Are Some People Left-Handed?" by Barbara Haislet, "Different Srokes" by Gary Libman, "Magnum P.I." by Howard Gelfand, "Star Wars" by James Lely.

**Beginners**  
"Gumpdrop and the Secret Switches," "Gumpdrop in Double Trouble" and "Gumpdrop Has a Birthday," all by Val Brio, "Dracula's Cat" and "The Pinks of Camp" both by Jan Wahl, "Tea and Whoppers" and "Sparky's Valentine Victory" both by Marilyn Walton.

**Hurlburt named to top list**  
Midland -- Carrie L. Hurlburt of Elkton, has been named to the President's List of Northwood Institute for fall term.

To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point on a 4.0 scale.

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN HURON COUNTY**

Invites you to celebrate Christmas  
**St. John's**  
8271 Crescent Beach Rd.  
Sand Point  
**Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m.**  
**Christmas Day - No Service**

**NOTICE**

We will be CLOSED All Day December 26, 1983 to prepare for our Inventory Clearance Sale, Dec. 27 thru Dec. 31, 1983. Merry Christmas!

**Satow's** HOME OF FINE FURNISHINGS  
Downtown Sebawaing 883-3690

**your time**  
*Margaret Fith*  
Sponsored By The Ladies of St. John's Church

What Does  
Christmas Mean

What does Christmas mean to you? A time of family celebration? Or are you hesitant about family gatherings because of old wounds and past conflicts?

"You ready to go, Cathy?" Rick was impatient but Cathy wanted to be sure she had all her packages together. One last check. This would be her first Christmas with Rick's parents-in-law fact she was meeting them for the first time. Rick had his doubts, but he was pushing them aside in his determination to go home again for Christmas. Cathy couldn't control the fear which ate at her. "They can crush Rick," she thought.

Rick had moved halfway across the continent to get away from his parents. He had maintained the distance for all the years he was in technical school and getting his first job in the factory. Dad didn't want a son with greasy dungarees going in and out of his house which included his medical offices.

Now Rick was ready to put on clean jeans and he hoped his Dad would open the door when he and Cathy drove in. "We're going to try! They've got to like you, Cathy," Rick said as he held the door for her. "They've got to like us, and I think we'll like them too."

For many families, Christmas offers healing of broken relations, another chance to learn to love each other. With Rick and Cathy we hope for acceptance, for healing of old hurts, for peace and love to infiltrate our days.




**Have a Special Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Dave, Sue, Chris Tricia and David

**The Shoe Cobbler**

92 S. Main St. - 453-3508




**Noel**

We're joining Santa in wishing you a very merry Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

**Scheurer Hospital**

Pigeon 453-3223



**Joy**

A Christmas wish: may you find serenity in the wonder of this glorious Holy season.

**Huron Casting, Inc.**

7050 Hartley Pigeon 453-3933



## Writing Contest My favorite Christmas present ever!

### My Christmas Story

**GEORGE KEIM**  
BAY PORT  
AGE 46 & OLDER

I have seen many Christmases and many were very meaningful. My parents weren't very wealthy and had to work hard to give us gifts for Christmas, but we always received something. I still have a set of tinker toys that I got when I was nine years old.

But one of the most meaningful Christmases for me was in 1981. In October of that year, I started to get a little sick. By November, I was a sick man. I got wet one day and didn't change clothes right away and that didn't help.

Well, on the day before Thanksgiving, I could hardly walk and when I was at Mandy's for dinner, she and her daughter-in-law, Diane Schuette, told me I had to go to a doctor.

So I went and they told me to come back in again. So I went in again for three days and they took x-rays and still couldn't find out what was wrong.

Then, on Sunday, my son Wayne and daughter-in-law took me to the hospital. I was so weak they had to help me walk. I was there until Tuesday, when my daughter Charlene, who is a registered nurse working in Ann Arbor state hospital, came home. The doctors and she decided to take me to Ann Arbor.

They took me down there and found out I had pneumonia and hemorrhoidopospera. (If you can pronounce them, you can do more than I can.) There was an old doctor there who found it. He said very few people get it and only young folks ever got it.

So here is a 70-year-old man who had it. A person swells up and gets very weak, and every part of your body aches. They gave me some medicine and took very good care of me. Every day some doctors and students came and looked me over and examined me. I guess it was because what I had was very uncommon.

A lot of people came to see me and I got lots of cards. One day, I got 13 of them. I soon got to where I could walk with a cane and one doctor told me everything was in my favor because I didn't smoke or drink, took care of myself and had high morals. And I knew that people were praying for me.

My daughter Mary, who lives in the Netherlands, came to America with her family to spend Christmas. She stayed in Ann Arbor the last week I was there and came to see me every day.

Because I had a white beard, the nurses asked me if I would go to the children's ward in my wheel chair and show them that Santa Claus gets sick too. I would have gone, but they told me I could go home on Dec. 21.

Well, that suited me just fine. I could walk again and had lost 30 pounds. I was feeling good again, so my daughter and daughter-in-law brought me home. It was so nice to be home again!

My grandchildren were all glad to see Grandpa again. The house was all decorated up and everybody was happy.

Then on Christmas Day, all my children and grandchildren were together. We exchanged gifts and - having been so close to not being able to be there - I feel it was the best Christmas I ever had.


And if my children's mother could have been there, it would have been perfect.

### Shortcake

**JAMIE GRIGG**  
BAY PORT


My favorite Christmas present ever is my Strawberry Shortcake doll. I got it from Santa. I always play with her. She has a Strawberry outfit and pjs that I from my cousin. My cousins got too small so she gave it to me.

**SEASON'S BEST**



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace - may He bless you and yours.

**Bailey Insurance Agency, Inc.**  
30 S. Main St. - Pigeon  
453-2422 or 453-2977



### Memories of Christmas sharing

**A FORMER RURAL TEACHER FROM ELKTON**

Christmas in a rural school classroom brings back many memories of sharing, dramatics in Christmas programs, gift making and Christmas messages for loved ones and friends.

This was a two-room rural school. There were 21 students in grades four through seven. Each Christmas we talked about Christmas giving; ways of bringing cheer to others during the holiday season. This Christmas season we decided to do something nice for the elderly man who had no family or relatives nearby. He lived near to the school. Each school day he walked across the lawn to get his mail from the mailbox by the side of the road.

It was decided to acquire a large paste board box and fill it with Christmas goodies. In the bottom, we crumpled newspapers, laid eight pieces of cedar kindling wood, covered it with more crumpled paper. Then each child brought their gift, cookies, homemade bread loaves, coffee cake, homemade candy, a sack of popcorn and a Christmas cake. Layer after layer, divided by sheets of tissue paper with goodies on each layer filled the box. A gift of a pair of mittens was included. A local merchant donated enough Christmas paper to wrap the large box. A large red satin bow gave it the holiday glow.

Two of the tallest boys carried the box to the man's home. All students and teachers followed. As we arrived, knocking at the door and singing Christmas carols, he opened the door to greet us. He had been trying to fire up his coal-burning stove.

We presented him with his Christmas gift. As he thanked us for it and the carols we had sung, tears trickled down his coal-stained face.

When we returned to the school, everyone felt that Christmas cheer had been brought to one who may have been forgotten.

### A barking puppy toy

**TINA BIERI**  
PIGEON  
AGE: 14-19

I got my favorite Christmas present when I was seven years old. It was a little brown puppy that barked.

When I was a little girl, Santa brought me a little brown puppy. I can remember I was so happy when I woke up and it was under the Christmas tree. I played with it all the time, so I went through battery after battery. I became so attached to my little puppy that I slept with it and carried it everywhere I went. Then one day while I was playing in the snow, my mommy called me into the house and told me she was taking me to the store with her. I forgot and left my little puppy outside.

When I got to the store I remembered my little puppy was outside alone. I started to cry and my mommy told me my little puppy would be okay, but then it started to snow and when I got home, I forgot where I left my little puppy and I couldn't find it. I stayed outside looking for it until dark. Then my mommy told me to come into the house and I would find it in the morning. The next day came and I couldn't find it. I searched through the snow all day, but there was no puppy. That day was the last time I ever saw my puppy.

Christmas Memories  
Christmas Memories  
Christmas Memories

**HOLIDAY CHEER**

We're serving you a platter full of good wishes for the holiday season. Come see us soon.

**The Dutch Kettle**  
John Dale & Ethel  
Pigeon - 453-2332

We will be closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2 p.m. All Day Christmas Dec. 25 & 26 - New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, closing at 2 p.m. and closed New Year's day. Open Jan. 2, 1984



## Thumb Area obituaries listed for this week

### WILLIAM H. SCHWEITZER 1910 - 1983

William H. Schweitzer, age 73, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14 at a Midland Hospital, following a long illness.

He was born Sept. 18, 1910 in Huron County to the late Fred and Mary Schweitzer of this area. On Dec. 15, 1934 he was united in marriage to Ida Janke at Linkville. He was a retired plumber and pipe fitter.

Mr. Schweitzer is survived by his wife, Ida; three sons, Robert W. Jefferson, Wisc., David H., Seattle, Wis. and Daniel P. of Sanford; one daughter, Mrs. Janice Abercrombie of Minneapolis, Minn. and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Rev. L.W. Newman officiated with burial in Sanford Cemetery.

### Area-wide deaths Concluding as of Friday, Dec. 16

Richard J. Lynch, 71, of Palmetto, Fla., with relatives in Unionville, passed away Nov. 29, 1983.

Raymond Jaworski, 73, of Troy, formerly of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 3, 1983.

Arthur D. Gullis, 85, of Caro, passed away Dec. 6, 1983.

James L. Viers, three months, of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 9, 1983.

Julia L. Abraham, 80, of Paris Township, passed away Dec. 9, 1983.

Frank Petosky, 85, of Trout Lake, formerly of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 9, 1983.

Darlene Hillier, 24, of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 10, 1983.

Rev. Max Shupe, 85, of Elkton, passed away Dec. 10, 1983.

Leo Jamieson, 53, of Cass City, passed away Dec. 10, 1983.

Mark B. Hatch, 87, of Port Austin, passed away Dec. 12, 1983.

Frederick Gebert, 83, of Elkton, passed away Dec. 14, 1983.

Edna M. Nelson, 68, of Uby, passed away Dec. 14, 1983.

William Schweitzer, 73, of Sanford, formerly of Pigeon, passed away Dec. 14, 1983.

Mildred MacPherson, 89, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 14, 1983.

Elmo F. Baur, 49, of Sebawaing, passed away Dec. 15, 1983.

William E. Bardell, 66, of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 15, 1983.

Arthur T. Smith, 53, of Traverse City, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 15, 1983.

**WARM WISHES**

Have a happy Yule! We hope Santa brings you the very best!



From Jim McCormick, Dave McCormick, Ken Smeader, Mike McCormick, Judy Smith, Gene Hamilton, Dennis Chandler, Clark Faist, Randy Sniecikowski, Leroy Hatch, Mark Smith, Pinky Oesch at:

**Jim McCormick Motors, Inc.**  
Pigeon - 453-3121  
We will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

### MRS. BERTHA POLLEY 1903 - 1983

Mrs. Bertha Polley, age 80, passed away Friday, Dec. 9 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tawas.

She was born Oct. 11, 1903 in Pigeon. She was married on Jan. 3, 1923 to Gustave Polley in Pigeon and has made her home in the AuGres area for many years.

She is survived by two sons, Lloyd of AuGres and Sherel of Burton; one daughter, Mrs. James (Patricia) Metzger of AuGres; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lydia Gaeth, Mrs. Alvin (Viola) Schweitzer of Sebawaing and Mrs. August (Eva) Metzger of Pigeon and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, one daughter, five sisters and four brothers predeceased her.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 12 at St. John's Lutheran Church, AuGres. Pastor David Ulm officiated with interment in Sims-Whitney Cemetery, AuGres.

### Named award winners

Kelly Jo Kimmel and Karin M. Kimmel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (June) Kimmel, have been named 1984 United States National Award Winners, according to the U.S. Achievement Academy.

Both juniors at Laker High School, the students were nominated by Guidance Counselor Duane Guenther in the area of Leadership. Their names will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.



Kelly Kimmel



Karin Kimmel


**Yuletide Cheer**

Sending merry good wishes for your happiness, glowing with bright hope for the future.

Open Dec. 24 - 9-5:30  
Closed Dec. 26  
Open Dec. 31 - 9-5:30  
Closed Jan. 2

**Ben Franklin**  
Ron, Judy,  
Randy and Jeanette  
Pigeon 453-3144

**O HOLY NIGHT**



A Christmas Prayer: Let us rejoice for the Prince of Peace is come again, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.

**Pigeon Lumber & Supply Co.**  
Phone 453-2412

**Blessings**

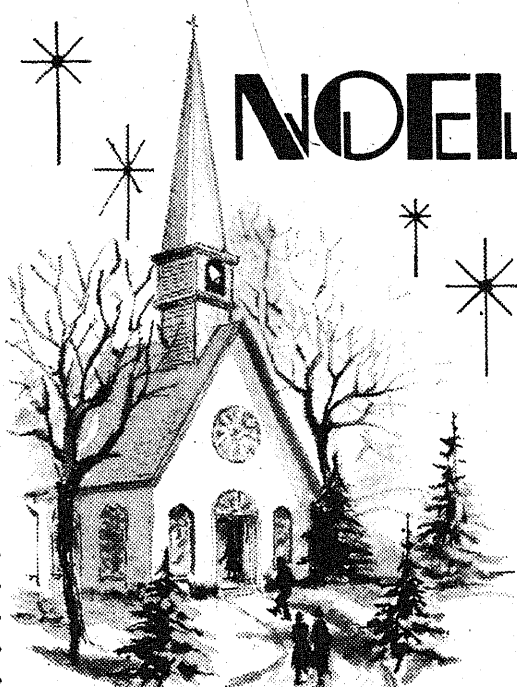
May Peace dwell within your hearts, bringing joy to you and yours this Christmas season.

**Pigeon Auto Supply, Inc.**  
Al, JoAnn & Brian  
Pigeon - 453-3431

We will be open Dec. 24 til 3  
Closed Dec. 26 & Open Dec. 31  
Closed Jan. 2



**NOEL**



To wish you a truly joyous Christmas.

**Dietzel Electric, Inc.**

7176 Nitz St.  
Pigeon - 453-2721

We will be open till noon  
Dec. 24 & Dec. 31  
We will be closed Mon.  
Dec. 26 & Mon. Jan 2

## Caseville banquet honors fall athletes

The Caseville Fall Sports Banquet conducted December 5, honored athletes involved in Girls Basketball, Golf and Football.

The program began with the invocation by Colleen Bednerek.

A potluck dinner, sponsored by the Class of 1988 under the direction of Cheryl Wascher, was served.

LeeAnn Kunding, J.V. Girls Basketball Coach, presented junior varsity certificates to: Tina Bieri, Erin Barton, Kristin Nevin, Yvonne Miller, Gail Gembarski, Michele Ballard, Melissa Henne, Brenda Geiger, Brenda Cile, Roseann Strozski, Tracy Bieri. The Junior Varsity Basketball Team had an overall season record of 6-14.

Randall Bingham, Varsity Basketball Coach, presented the following awards: First year awards: Julie Barton, Kim Colgin, Brenda Johnson, Chris Barton and Michelle Stahl; second year awards to Chris Kopack and Gela Kretschmer; third year awards to Aileen Simet and Michelle Simet. The Most Improved Player Award was presented to Aileen Simet.

Joseph Nicholl, Varsity Golf Coach, presented the Most Improved Golfer

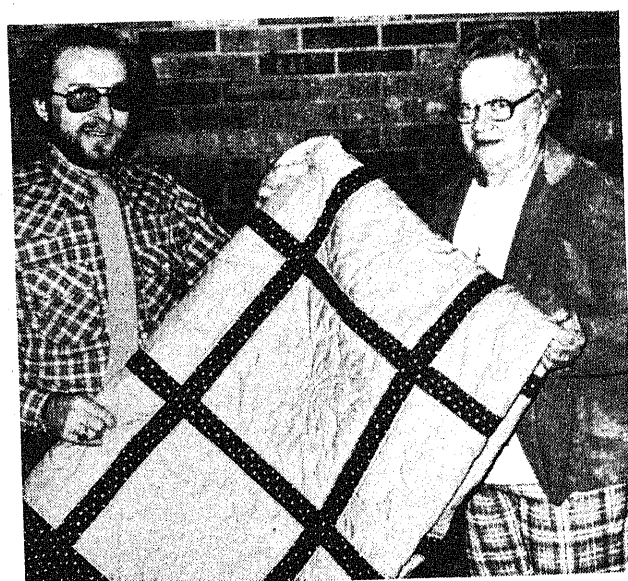
Award to Gary Miller and the Most Valuable Golfer Award to Daniel Murdoch. Mr. Nicholl presented the first year awards to Brian Gembarski, Carl Brunni and Matthew Kraus; second year award to Peter Delmotte; third year award to Gary Miller and a fourth year award to Daniel Murdoch.

Jerry Winkler, Varsity Football Coach, introduced his two assistant coaches, Michael Grapp and George Bednerek. Coach Winkler then presented the North Central Thumb League Championship trophy and banner to the team.

Shawn Sarka was presented with the Tony Dubey Inspirational Award, while Robert Siegfried earned the Most Improved Player Award. John Lapka received the Most Valuable Player Award and Daniel Murdoch received the "Player of the Year" Golden Helmet Award for Class D football from the Bay City Times newspaper.

The coaches presented the individual varsity letter awards to: First year awards: Bruce Langley, Steve Pyc, Ray Johnson, Doug Engleman, Tony Bowers, Kevin Engleman, Tony Seagraves, Roger Sarver, Mike Mohr; second year awards: Pat McKenna, Greg Langley, Darrell Smith, Bob Siegfried, John Winkler, David Simet; third year awards: Dan Osentoski, John Lapka, Brian Gembarski and fourth year awards: Jerry Winkler, Wayne Simmons, Dan Murdoch, Jon Beadle and Shawn Sarka.

Coach Winkler ended the program by thanking everyone for attending and supporting the Caseville Public School Athletic Program.



**HAPPY QUILT WINNER** is Jim Ewald of Elkton, who was able to take the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary quilt home following the drawing at the Community Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Laker High School.

Above, he is presented the quilt by auxiliary member Frieda Heintz, who added many stitches during the quilting of the prize.

### Service news

William Koerner, son of Bernard and Rafaelia Koerner of Plainview, N.Y., has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior master sergeant.

Koerner is a management analysis superintendent at Randolph Air Force Base, Tex., with Headquarters, Air Training Command.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Carol Stein of Pigeon.

### PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING INDEPENDENT PROBATE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF HURON

File No.: 26,302  
In the Matter of the Estate of: Nickolas Pantelis, Deceased.  
TAKE NOTICE: On December 9, 1983, the Will of the deceased dated July 24, 1971, was admitted to probate and administration of the above estate was granted to Catherine E. Pantelis. The estate is not being supervised by the Probate Court. Any interested party may file a written petition with the Court and with the Independent Personal Representative objecting to the appointment and to the admission of the Will to probate.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE: On January 4, 1984, at 9:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, MI 49413, before the Hon. Neil R. MacCallum, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Catherine E. Pantelis for a determination of heirs.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of Nickolas Pantelis, Deceased, whose last known address was 9780 Main Street, Bay Port, MI 48720, and whose Social Security No. was 363-18-0348, and who died on September 4, 1981, are notified that all claims against the decedent's estate are barred against the estate, the Independent Personal Representative, and the heirs of the decedent, unless within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice or four (4) months after the claim becomes due, whichever is later, the claim is presented to Catherine E. Pantelis, Independent Personal Representative, of 9780 Main Street, Bay Port, MI 48720.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE: That the estate will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Catherine E. Pantelis  
Petitioner  
Independent Personal Representative  
Address: 9780 Main Street  
Bay Port, MI 48720  
Telephone No.: (517) 656-2163


Michael D. Otto P34567  
Otto & Clabuesch  
Attorneys for Estate  
7340 Michigan Avenue  
Pigeon, Michigan 48755  
Telephone No.: (517) 453-3225



SEASON'S GREETINGS

...to all our good friends and patrons.  
We wish you a merry Christmas.

**Russ's Collision & Customizing**  
(Formerly the Boron Station)  
7294 Michigan - Pigeon - 453-3408




HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May peace be with you this joyous holiday season.

**Gary's TV**

7270 Michigan Ave  
Pigeon - 453-3204  
We will be Closed  
Dec. 26 & Jan. 2



**Glad Tidings**

A Seasonal Greeting to all of our wonderful friends. We want to wish you the very best.

**Pigeon Manufacturing**  
Hartley Street  
Pigeon 453-3141

## Pigeon folks visit

By DOROTHY DIENER

"A Blessed Christmas to Everyone." Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eberly returned home last Monday after spending the weekend with Albert's mother, Mrs. Clayton Eberly in Orville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collison and Fred drove to Bay City on Sunday to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sattler and Beth Ann. They all went to Fenton for a pre-Christmas celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Clabuesch.

Suzanne Schuette of Central Michigan University is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette and brothers.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Lynn Pfaff, Mrs. Ella Ziel and Mrs. Elsie Kern held devotions for the patients at the Seene Convalescent Home.

Mrs. Elsie Kern was among the those at a pre-Christmas celebration on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Krause in Reese. She also visited Mrs. Christina Kern and other patients at the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Albert Schuette visited with Mrs. Edward Loeffler in Sebewaing while her husband attended a meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rathje and girls attended the Christmas party at the home of Professor and Mrs. Randall Rathje and family in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diener spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi in Saginaw. They also attended the school Christmas program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church entitled "Children Sing of Christmas." Jodi was among the group who played songs on their violins.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice and children of Hamburg, Pa. arrived Sunday at the home of Mrs. Lydia Tauscher to spend the week, including Christmas.

Saturday callers of Mrs. Amanda Strauch were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and sons in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edler and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edler and family in Sebewaing.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Mabel Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Botwright and family, Mrs. Losetta Radabaugh of Bay City and Dale Killinger. They also celebrated Harold's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pedler and son Brian of Caseville visited his sister, Mrs. Vivian Fischer on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gascho, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Reigacker of Flint attended the funeral of a relative in Canada on Friday.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Ann Schuette were Mr. and Mrs. James Bridges and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maust attended the wedding on Saturday in Goshen, Ind. of Martha Maust and Larry Brown. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Maust.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis of Frankenmuth and Mrs. Elaine Erer of Bad Axe visited their mother, Mrs. Minnie Elftman on Sunday.

Miss Marie Mohr of Birmingham was a weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. Anna Mohr.

Mrs. Otto Voelker and Mrs. Ada Binder attended the Christmas cantata at Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon. In the evening Mrs. Binder attended the Christmas program at Salem United Methodist Church.

**2 from Huron on LSSC dean's list**

Patricia Baker of Caseville and Lon Ricker of Bad Axe were included on the Lake Superior State College Dean's List for the quarter recently ended.

To be named to the list, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or better.


**O HOLY NIGHT**



May the blessings of His love be yours the whole year through.


**Kohtz Floor Covering**  
12 N. Center  
Sebewaing - 883-3331

**NOEL**



**Eicher's Cleaners**  
7226 E. Michigan Ave.  
Pigeon - 453-2221

**Glad Tidings**



Here's hoping lots of sweet things are in store for you over the holidays.

**Tom's Floor Covering**  
843 N. Van Dyke  
Bad Axe - 269-8202  
We will be closed Dec. 24,  
Dec. 26, Dec. 31 & Jan. 2



**Holiday Cheer**

May your Holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life!

Fred, Mona, Denny, Carol, Neil & Art

**McBRIDE SERVICE and TILE PLANT**  
A.D.S. & BIG RED

Carrying a complete line of quality drainage tubing & fittings:  
for A.D.S. or Big Red  
See DEN or FRED

- Trailer Skirting
- Trailer Jacks
- Sump Pump Wells
- Seepage Tile
- Cement, 4"-12"
- Plastic, 3"-24"
- Steel Tubing, 6" and up
- P.V.C. 1" to 12"
- Ariens Lawn Mowers
- Snow Blowers

Quality Products & Prompt Service  
**Gotts Corner**  
Caseville

"YOU CALL, WE'RE READY TO HAUL."  
**PHONE 856-4454**



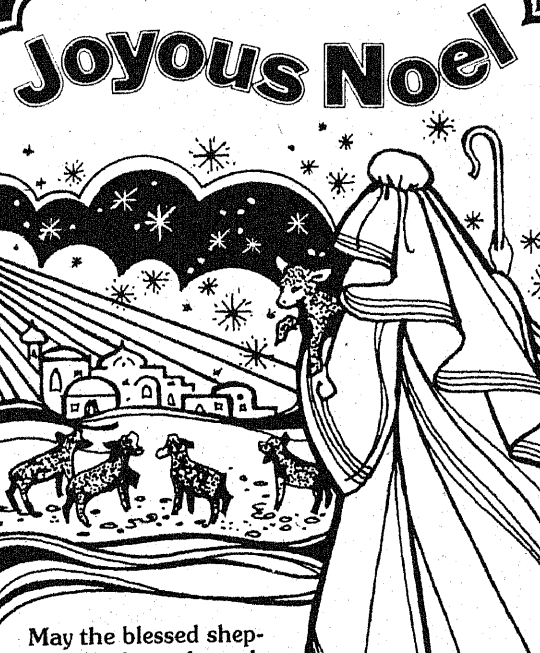
**NOEL**

Wishing you a bright and happy holiday season and a beautiful new year. We've enjoyed serving you.

From the Employees  
Beth, Ervin, Marvin, Jim,  
Ed, Don, Tom, Fred, Ollie,  
Bill, Stan & Clarence

**Gottel Implement Co.**  
Pigeon - 453-3332

**Joyous Noel**



May the blessed shepherd lead you through the darkness to the light of His love.

**Kraft, Inc.**  
135 N. Caseville Rd.  
Pigeon - 453-3641

Pigeon 453-3141



## Best Wishes



**Sherry's  
Dance Studio**  
Caseville - 856-2174

Mini-Computer  
**FORMS**  
Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

**Rubber  
STAMPS**  
Thumb Publications Pigeon 453-2331

**Noel**

Joyous carols proclaim the birth of Child King. Let us join in singing His praises.

**Glenn Turner  
Prudential Ins.**  
254 Sturm Road Pigeon  
Phone 453-2925

**Joy and Peace**

**Douglas A. Buehler, O.D.**  
Doug, Rhonda and Doris  
7267 Michigan  
Pigeon, 453-2506



### CASEVILLE NHS SPONSORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Caseville chapter of the National Honor Society sponsored the third annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Jerry Winkler, president of the National Honor Society, began the party with an introduction and welcome. The children then watched Disney movies and ate Christmas cookies during snack time.

National Honor Society members Gary Miller, Brenda Geiger, Margaret Beadle and John Winkler proved entertainment with a Christmas skit, and the children enjoyed breaking a pinata. Santa Claus also visited and each child was able to present them with their Christmas list, and received a bag of candy.

### WINTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Caseville Public School held its winter Christmas concert on Dec. 15. Students, faculty, parents and residents of Caseville were entertained with performances by the Spanish I and Spanish II classes (singing Christmas carols in Spanish), the Senior Vocal class, the Junior High Band, and the Senior High Band.

"They all did such a delightful job," cited one crowd member.

### PH BLUE STARS DEFEAT EAGLES

The Port Hope Blue Stars defeated the Caseville Eagles, 64-40, on Friday night at the home court. The score remained close for most of the first half until Port Hope put together a str-

### Caseville School in the news

By AILEEN SIMET  
and JERRY WINKLER

ing of baskets in the third quarter.

Rick Tomlinson and Pat Murphy led the Blue Stars scoring by pumping in 25 and 26 points, respectively.

The Eagles efforts were topped by Brian Gembarski, scoring 10 points.

The Eagles record now drops to 0-3 and they will be taking on the Deckerville Eagles Jan. 10 in Deckerville.

### EAGLES DROP A-F GAME

The Eagles dropped their second game of the season Tuesday evening at Akron-Fairgrove.

The Vikings jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Eagles 26-2 in the first quarter.

The Eagles finally added some points in the second quarter, but failed to close the gap on the Vikings' lead.

Steve Bollinger was the high scorer for Akron, putting 21 points on the board.

A-F's Gordon also added another 10 points.

Pete Delmotte led the Eagles' efforts, scoring eight points followed closely by Brian Gembarski with six.

The game was controlled by the Vikings beating the Eagles by the score of 73-38, upping their record to 2-0. The Eagles dropped to 0-2.

## Brrrr. . . it's cold!



IF YOU THOUGHT IT WAS COLD when you left the comfort of your home Monday morning, you were right.

The temperature on Thumb National Bank's thermometer registered a brisk 7° Monday morning, but it's expected to warm in to the 20s by Wednesday.

Santa Claus had better wear a hefty pair of long-johns this Christmas Eve, as he makes his rounds 'round the world!

## Happy Holidays

May we take this opportunity to say thanks to our many loyal customers for their patronage. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and look forward to being your barber in 1984.

Please stop by, have a cup of coffee & cookies.

*The Ron Heckman  
& Wayne Lawrence Families*  
**The Heckman  
Barber Shop**

**PEACE**

May the Infant Jesus bless you at this holy season, and may His peace abide with you.

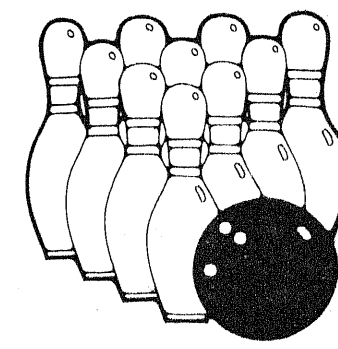
**Osentoski Equipment**  
Pigeon - 453-2120  
We will be open Dec. 24,  
Closed Dec. 25; Open Dec. 31 &  
Closed Jan. 2

Plymouth Reliant 2-door

**HOLIDAY  
GREETINGS**

Especially at Christmas, we feel driven to tell you what great customers you are!

**Pigeon Motor  
Sales, Inc.**  
7496 Michigan - 453-3621



### FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE First Half Finals

Pigeon Lanes	36
Caseville Fruit Market	32
Active Feed	32
Co-op Elevator	30
Silver Dollar	24 1/2
Albrecht Auction Service	24 1/2

### THURSDAY NITE LADIES End of First Half

J & B Pig	43
Fink's Used Equipment	41
Want Ads	38 1/2
Scheurer Hospital	38
Brighton Metal	33
Huron Distributing	33
Lee's Landscaping	28
Gary's TV	28
Pigeon Co-op	27 1/2
McCormick Motors	21 1/2
People's Oil & Gas	18
Lenz Canvas	10 1/2

High team game and series: J & B 2372 (865-786-721).

High individual scores:	P. Niebel 566 (154-164-243); B. Schulz 544 (180-173-191); P. Parrish 534 (220); E. Gunden 521 (202); J. Blome 514 (179-180); S. Buchholz 508 (200); L. Welshans 506 (176-171); M. Murdoch 493 (190); T. Otto 485 (193); C. Kilgas 485 (188); E. Rouns 485 (178); J. Tennant 480; M. Rupp 470; B. Pobanz 174; A. Newman 172.
-------------------------	---

Splits: 3-10 L. Welshans; 4-5-7 C. Haaz; 2-7 L. Kretschmer; L. Hill, L. Beede, P. Abdalla; 5-6 D. Swartzendruber; B. Pobanz; 7-8 T. Dressler; 7-9 L. Smith; 5-6-7-8 T. Gruen; 3-5-10 C. Kilgas.

### CLASSIC LEAGUE End of First Half

June & Fargas	43
Osentoski Ford Tractor	35
Gary's TV	35
Carling	33
Dutch Kettle	31
Steinman Agency	29 1/2
Osentoski Equipment	29
Bob Smith Builders	27
Active Feed	26
Pigeon Lanes	25 1/2
Kretschmer-HC	23
Clark's Refrigeration	23

High team game and series: Osentoski Equipment 2644 (909-876-859); Dutch Kettle 2576 (890-868); June & Fargas 2545 (908); Osentoski Ford 2507 (902); Carling 868.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

### MAJOR LEAGUE

Brighton Metal	37 1/2
J.D. Wurst Tiling	32
Pigeon Motor Sales	31 1/2

## Weekly bowling scores listed here

High team game and series: Active Feed 2465 (826-886); Co-op Elevator 2420 (849); Albrecht Auction Service 840.	
High individual scores: J.D. Gunden 585; C. Basinger 535 (214); R. Damm 532; L. Henne 509.	
J.D. Gunden (Triple 195).	
Splits: 3-10 N. Libka, H. Rupp D. Smith, M. Swartzendruber; 5-6 J. Reed; 5-7 J. Dubs; 2-7-8 4-5-7 N. Henne.	

### THURSDAY NITE LADIES End of First Half

J & B Pig	43
Fink's Used Equipment	41
Want Ads	38 1/2
Scheurer Hospital	38
Brighton Metal	33
Huron Distributing	33
Lee's Landscaping	28
Gary's TV	28
Pigeon Co-op	27 1/2
McCormick Motors	21 1/2
People's Oil & Gas	18
Lenz Canvas	10 1/2

High team game and series: J & B 2372 (865-786-721).

High individual scores:	P. Niebel 566 (154-164-243); B. Schulz 544 (180-173-191); P. Parrish 534 (220); E. Gunden 521 (202); J. Blome 514 (179-180); S. Buchholz 508 (200); L. Welshans 506 (176-171); M. Murdoch 493 (190); T. Otto 485 (193); C. Kilgas 485 (188); E. Rouns 485 (178); J. Tennant 480; M. Rupp 470; B. Pobanz 174; A. Newman 172.
-------------------------	---

Splits: 3-10 L. Welshans; 4-5-7 C. Haaz; 2-7 L. Kretschmer; L. Hill, L. Beede, P. Abdalla; 5-6 D. Swartzendruber; B. Pobanz; 7-8 T. Dressler; 7-9 L. Smith; 5-6-7-8 T. Gruen; 3-5-10 C. Kilgas.

### CLASSIC LEAGUE End of First Half

June & Fargas	43
Osentoski Ford Tractor	35
Gary's TV	35
Carling	33
Dutch Kettle	31
Steinman Agency	29 1/2
Osentoski Equipment	29
Bob Smith Builders	27
Active Feed	26
Pigeon Lanes	25 1/2
Kretschmer-HC	23
Clark's Refrigeration	23

High team game and series: Osentoski Equipment 2644 (909-876-859); Dutch Kettle 2576 (890-868); June & Fargas 2545 (908); Osentoski Ford 2507 (902); Carling 868.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

### MAJOR LEAGUE

Brighton Metal	37 1/2
J.D. Wurst Tiling	32
Pigeon Motor Sales	31 1/2

Pigeon Lanes	31
Carling	30 1/2
J & B Pig	29
Scheurer Hospital	27 1/2
Damm's Inc.	24
*Walsh Packing	24
*Wildowl Bay Resort	23
Henne Equipment	21
Bay Shore Collision	21

\*Incomplete

High team game and series: Carling 2683 (951-871-861); Brighton Metal 2618 (905-901); Wurst Tiling 2611 (894-884); Damm's Inc. 2530 (856-856); Wildowl Resort 889; P. Lanes 863.	
High individual scores: P. Libka 671 (268-235); R. Klein 628 (231-204); R. Finkbeiner 587 (207); V. Smith 586 (222-205); J. Gunden 578 (200); T. Drabek 558; D. Bergman 555 (226); T. Damm 555 (204); G. Deering 547 (201); J. Wurst 546; T. Bigger 545; D. Parrish 545; Todd Gunden 213; P. Pantalis 210.	

### ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Sally's Ceramics	40 1/2
Abbot-Adams	37
Elkton Co-op	31 1/2
Dubs-Smith	29
Blome-Gunden	28
Town Edge Farms	25
Elkton IGA	25
Ron's Party Store	19
Bud's Bar	13

High team game and series: Elkton Co-op 634; T. 1729.

High individual scores: P. Podlaskowski 475 (191); K. Carr 473 (170-172); L. Krohn 177; D. Seley 170; D. Schuette 170.

Splits: 5-10 D. Seley.

### ELKTON SUNDAY MIXED DOUBLES First Half Finals

The Newcomers	21
Shoreline Snowplowing	20 1/2
Fink's Used Equipment	18
Miller Lite	15 1/2
H & H Insulation	14 1/2
Huron Chevrolet	13 1/2
Ty's Bowling Lounge	13
McBride Drain Tile	12
High team game and series: Miller Lite 661; Shoreline Snowplowing 1898.	

High individual scores: B. Wills 503 (183-174); T. Wills 500 (212-172); D. McElgine 487; R. Diebel 483; J. Jaworski 524 (201); S. Hyzer 484 (172); M. Hyzer 480; P. Bowling 507; D. Schuette 461 (175); J. Liston 497 (182-178); G. Finkbeiner 475.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

## Elkton Council meeting

REGULAR MEETING  
DEC. 8, 1983

The regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Elkton was called to order by Pres. Haley at 7:30 p.m. Council members present Santos, Hoffman, Fisher, Knechtel, Thompson and Russell. Absent none.

Motion by Santos supported by Knechtel to approve minutes as read. Carried.

Steve Stewart, representing Community Bank presented council with picture of future bank in Elkton. Construction will start immediately and take from 60 to 90 days for completion.

Proposed Use Hearing on federal revenue sharing was conducted at 8:00 p.m. There was no persons in attendance. Recommended use was: Water Tower - \$9,000.00; Police Car - \$11,000.00; Sidewalks - \$4,000.00. The second public hearing will be held when the proposed budget is presented to council.

Barb Thompson, chairwoman of housing committee said committee is still studying the tree project in the village.

Walt Forster thanked village for flowers while he was hospitalized. He asked to purchase a blade for tractor and a new salt spreader. Approximate cost will be \$2,600.00. Motion by Knechtel supported by Russell to purchase the above items. Carried. He also reported that picnic tables are being taken out of the park without anyone knowing. Randy turned this over to the parks and recreation committee.

Terms of president, clerk, treasurer, assessor and three trustees terms are expiring this year. The three trustees are Barbara Thompson, David Fisher and Wayne Knechtel. Petitions may be picked up at the clerk's office and returned no later than December 20, 1983 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Hoffman supported by Fisher to approve payment of bills presented. Carried. Randy Haley reported that himself and the clerk attended the hearing on the railroad. It was his feeling that the depot will be turned to a traveling agent.

Motion by Santos supported by Thompson to change Milton Street to Dretman Drive from M-142 south to Clark Street. Public Hearing will be held on January 3, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. for that purpose.

Motion by Fisher supported by Knechtel to change the ambulance coordinator to a two year term. Carried.

Adjourn at 10:00 p.m.  
Reopen at 10:01 p.m.  
Bids for the annual audit will be awarded at the regular meeting in January 1984. The insurance and garbage bids will be awarded in March 1984.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Randy Haley, President  
Darlene R. Ginter, Clerk

Henne Farms	23
Mary Kay Cosmetics	23
High team game and series: Thumb National Bank 2362 (837); Huron Excavation 2332 (843-798); Millers 2164 (765); Bay Port Construction 2106; Bay Port State Bank 2149; Bay Port Shell 2026; Haist Flowers 2080.	
High individual scores: D. Yahn 560 (213-189); L. Krohn 192; J. Blome 526 (190); L. Flegge 547 (206-171-170); L. Dast 513 (196); A. Elbing 484 (171-174); R. Clark 469 (181); K. Murdoch 470 (195); A. Krohn 176; P. B. 184; P. Sears 183; T. Finkbeiner 474; R. Grigg 171; S. Buschlen 515.	

Splits: 4-5-7 C. Farrer, T. Gagey, M. Gunden; 4-5-10 L. Flegge; 3-10 L. Flegge; G. Finkbeiner, T. Finkbeiner; 5-6 T. Gagey, C.J. Damm; 4-5 K. Schuette, D. Fuerst; 5-7 D. Quick.

### GUYS AND DOLLS First Half Finals

Roestel-Strach	32 1/2
Abbot-Adams	30
Elkton Co-op	29
Dubs-Smith	28
Blome-Gunden	27 1/2
Pipe-Ware	24
Beachy-Weidman	23 1/2
Huck-Mallory	23
Krohn-Morin	22 1/2
Damm-Parrish	19
Roestel-Rosenthal	17
Kretschmer-Thiel	15 1/2

Turkey Winners: Roestel-Strach 2447 (890-816).

Other high team game and series: Blome-Gunden (831-815); Kilgas-Weidman 824; Abbot-Adams 822; Mallory-Steinman (804).

High individual scores: MEN - A. Abbot 570 (208-205); J.D. Gunden 564 (224-215); R. Elbing 522; N. Blome 522; Law. Roestel 517; L. Kretschmer 508; G. Kilgas 502 (200); D. Parrish 506; WOMEN - D. Strach 517 (204); J. Blome 510 (187-172); M. Roestel 497 (187-173); E. Gunden 487; V. Ware 476 (181); A. Elbing 461 (170); J. Abbot (172).

Five consecutive strikes: D. Strach. Splits: 4-5 5-10 C. Dubs; 5-6-10 C. Kilgas; 5-6 F. Morin; 4-5 P. Roestel; 4-5-7 V. Ware; 3-10 H. Blome, Law. Roestel; 2-7 C. Mallory, L. Morin, P. Parrish.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel 203; R. Dast 202.

High individual scores: V. Smith 620 (212-209); H. Schuette 589 (220-202); E. Shotwell 559 (212); M. Gehrs 548 (204); J. Gunden 547; L. Roestel 216; R. Buschlen 208; L. Kretschmer 205; M. Albrecht 204; A. Niebel



# Lakers retain perfect record!

The Laker Green Machine gave Coach Bill McLellan an unbeaten record of 4-0 for Christmas, by easily defeating both Caro and Harbor Beach last week.

## WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DEC. 6, 1983  
The Township Board Meeting was called to order by Robert Armbruster, Supervisor at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Robert Armbruster, Clare Dast, Raymond Lutz, Dianne Kohr and Bud Luedtke.  
Absent: John Kohr and Martin Rathje.  
A motion was made by Raymond Lutz and seconded by Clare Dast to approve the minutes of the Nov. 1, 1983 meeting. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Raymond Lutz and seconded by Clare Dast to pay outstanding bills for the month. Motion carried.  
A report was given by Bud Luedtke, chairman of the Zoning Board that the new Zoning Ordinance was approved by the Huron County Commissioners on Oct. 19, 1983.  
Clare Dast made a motion and seconded by Ray Lutz to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance to become effective Dec. 7, 1983. A roll call vote was taken with Clare Dast and Ray Lutz voting yes. Motion carried.  
A letter was sent from the Huron County Road Commission inviting the Township Board to an informed meeting on Dec. 7, 1983.  
A petition was received Dec. 6, 1983 from Ralph and Janet Deering to rebuild Risley Road between Haist and Stein Roads.  
A motion was made by Clare Dast and seconded by Ray Lutz to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Dianne Kohr, Deputy Clerk

Lakers recorded their second Thumb B victory with a 67-43 win over the Tigers at Caro.

The Green and White hoopsters jumped out to a 10-point lead against the Caro Tigers in the first quarter, using a combination of outside shooting and offensive rebounding.

Although the Tigers made several comeback attempts during the game, they could only narrow the Laker lead to six points in the second quarter and four points in the third.

The familiar Laker zone defense shut off any Caro thoughts of working the ball in close to the bucket for easy shots. David Thompson found the range for some long jump shots, until he

fouled out with over five minutes remaining in the game.

With the outside shooting threat of Thompson gone, the Laker zone played back closer to the basket. This helped Lakers increase their lead, despite playing substitutes during the final minutes of the game.

Free throw shooting accuracy was again a problem

for Lakers. They converted 17-31 for 55% from the line, while shooting 43% from the floor.

The strong Laker defense, which forced low percentage shots by Caro, was reflected in a 30% success rate in field goal attempts.

Laker scoring was led by John Rathje with 23 points and Brian Elston with 12.

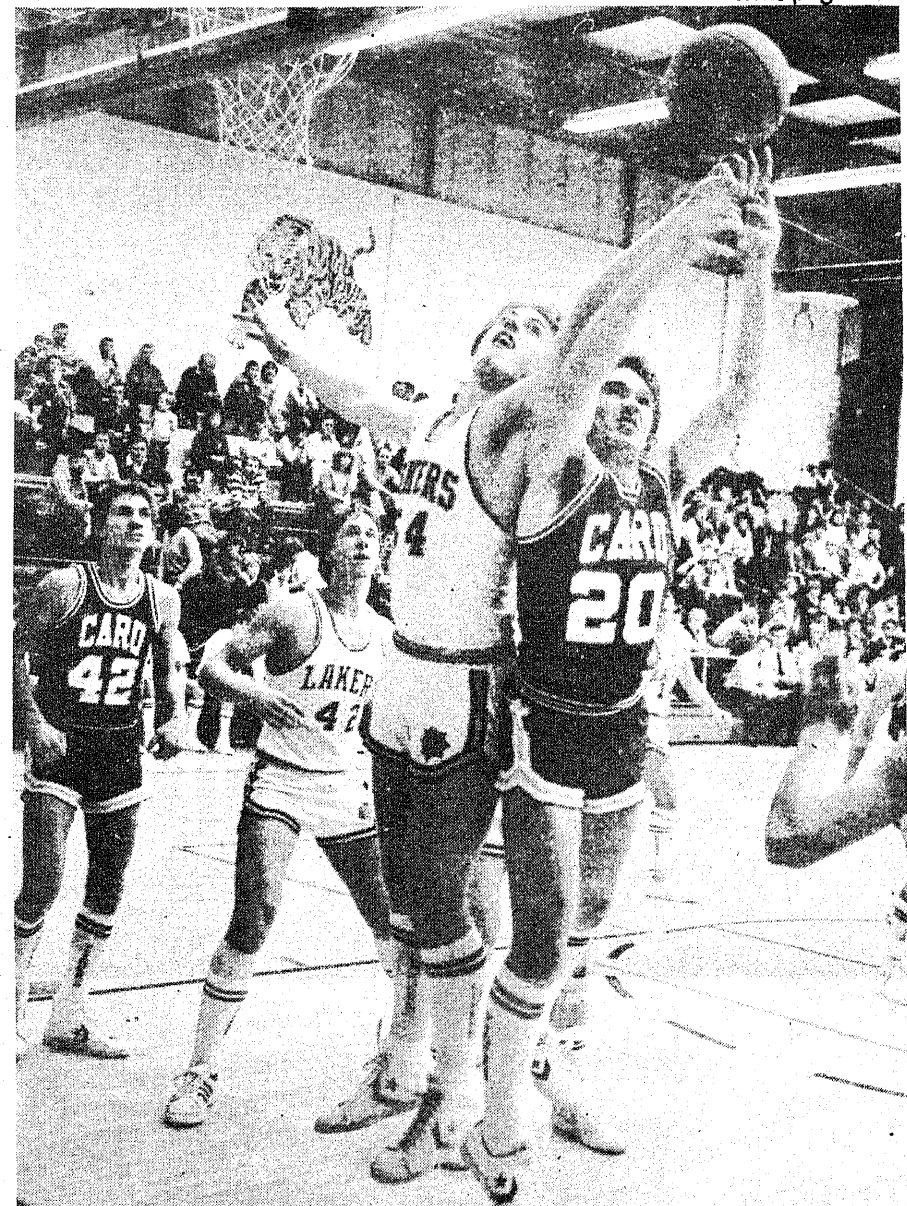
Coach McLellan com-

mended the performance of Elston coming off the bench in Laker's last two games. "He provides some good outside shooting against zone defenses," noted McLellan.

Thompson paced the Caro attack with 13.

The Laker JVs lost to Caro in the preliminary game.

Please turn to next page



UP AND OVER - is the method used by Laker's Mark Manenti to attempt a rebound with Caro's Pat Bertrand.

# Green Machine rolls to easy wins over Caro, Harbor Beach

Con't from Previous Page  
Ron Irion topped the JVs with 11 points.

Last Tuesday night, Lakers defeated Harbor Beach 69-55 in a non-conference tilt.

The Pirates took a one-point lead in the first quarter, but Lakers pulled away in the second period to take a 32-26 halftime lead.

A third period comeback bid by Harbor Beach was terminated by the Green Machine midway through the period. Lakers pulled away from the Pirates in the final period to ice the game.

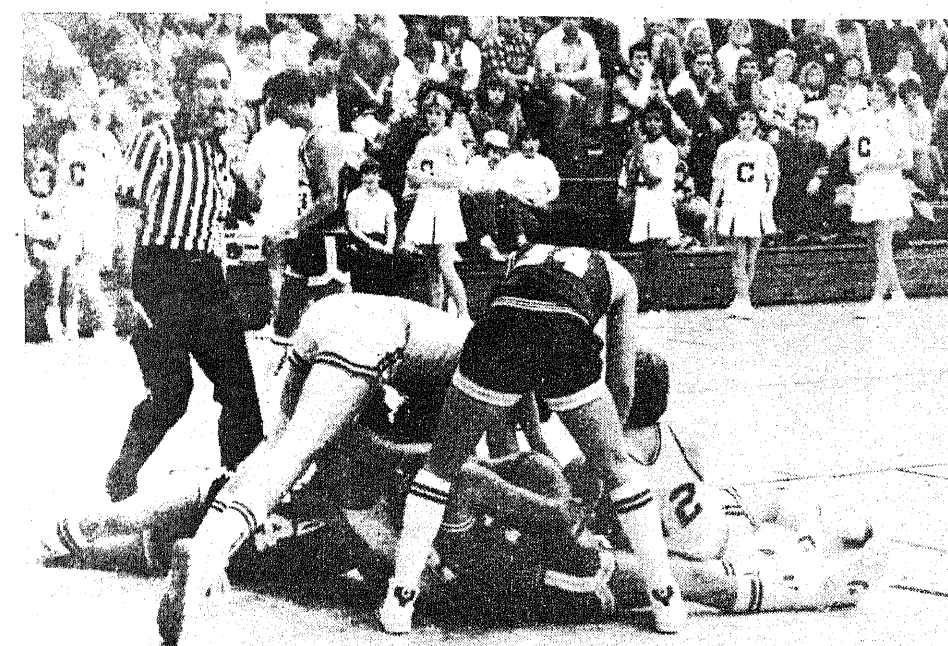
Laker shooters showed improvement at the foul line at Harbor Beach. They converted 17 of 24 for 71%.

Mark Manenti had a big night for Lakers as he caged 22 points, with nine tallied in the fourth quarter. Brian Elston and John Rathje each contributed 11 points in the win.

Brad Essenmacher canned 17 points, Paul Makowski had 15 and Dave Essenmacher added 12 to lead the Pirate invasion.

The Laker JV squad earned a 58-42 victory over Harbor Beach.

The JV attack was paced by Mike McArdle and Rob Irion each with 19 points.



FIRST AND TEN would seem to be the correct call on this scramble for a loose ball at Caro.

The Laker freshmen doubled the Pirate scoring to take a 44-22 decision.

Lex Miller topped the freshmen scoring with nine points.

Lakers next game is slated for Jan. 3, when they host Unionville-Sebewaing.

## Laker Freshman schedule cut

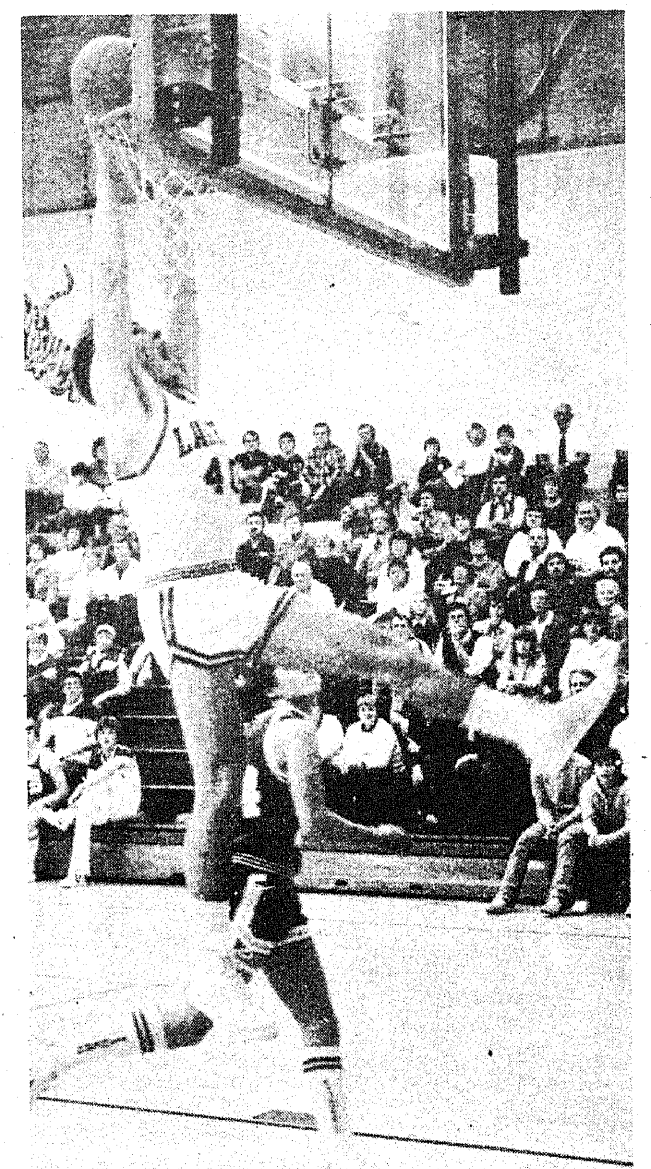
There will be no Freshman Basketball games at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port for the remainder of the season, following disciplinary action involving eight Freshman players and two Junior Varsity team members.

The athletes were suspended from sports participation for 90 days for three separate incidents which involved violation of the Laker Athletic Code.

School officials say the students removed nearly \$300 worth of candy bars that were used for fund-raising for the eighth grade class trip each spring, on three separate occasions in the past 10 days.

The Laker Athletic Code states a student will be suspended from "all athletic participation, including practice sessions, for 90 calendar days" for first offenses in the classification of "Stealing and Honesty," which is defined in part as "the dishonest acquisition of property belonging to others, the selling or surrendering of school property without the specific authority..."

Because only four athletes who did not participate in the incidents remained on the Freshman team, they were moved up to the Junior Varsity.



NEAR DUNK - John Rathje just missed this dunk attempt on a breakaway in Friday's game at Caro. He was successful in leading all scorers with 23 points during the game.

We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy.

**Butcher Block Meats**  
6830 Main - Caseville - 856-4680

oholy NIGHT

**Active Feed Company**  
7564 Pigeon Rd. Pigeon 453-2472

**HAPPY YULETIDE**

May your holiday be filled with the happy sounds of laughter as you rejoice in the company of family and friends.

**Tuff Kote Dinol**  
847 S. Van Dyke  
Bad Axe - 269-9585

**Sports**

Let us rejoice for the Prince of Peace is come, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.

**Lee's Landscaping**  
Bay Port - 453-3319

## Season's Greetings

During the year, as the daily events push in upon us, we tend to overlook the important friendships that have developed between us from our business relationships. One of the many pleasures of this Holiday Season is the opportunity to share a special greeting to you whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly.

It is in this spirit that we extend to you a "Thank You" for the pleasant association we have enjoyed with you. It is our desire that you will experience "Peace on Earth" during this very special Christmas Season.

May 1984 be a successful and meaningful year for you and yours.

**Booms Construction & Booms Rent-All**  
1170 N. Van Dyke - Bad Axe - 269-8562

**WRAP UP A GREAT DEAL.**

ATC 110  
Was \$995.00  
NOW \$895.00

Z50R  
Was \$995.00  
NOW \$395.00

**HONDALINE**  
WIN THESE PRIZES!

**Hondaline Weekly Winners**  
Wayne Krozek, Emmett Trudeau, Jerry Laughlin, Jeff Swartzendruber, Bryn Tamblin, John Fisher, Dick Champagne, Fred McIntyre

**HONDA HOLIDAYS**

**SUZUKI-HONDA SALES**  
3045 Pigeon Road - ELKTON - 375-2391



PROGRESS-  
ADVANCECLASSIFIED  
ADVERTISINGPHONE  
453-2331

## CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Ten word minimum (cash) \$1.25; charge - \$1.75; each additional word 10¢. Non-commercial advertisements are available at 3 weeks for the price of 2, if paid before insertion.

"Blind Ads" with Box Number, charged 50¢ additional. Classified Display \$1.50 per inch; frequency rate available. Out-of-town advertisements must be accompanied by currency, check or stamps.

All errors in telephone advertisements at caller's risk. The Progress-Advance reserves the right to classify, revise or reject any Want Ads, and is responsible for errors only in the first incorrect insertion of an advertisement.

**Classified Advertising Deadline  
TUESDAY 9 A.M.**



Fine  
Portraits  
Since '52!

Hundelbrink  
Studio

SEBEWAING  
883-2730  
Tuesday-Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-12  
Closed Mondays

**The Children's  
Exchange  
RESALE SHOP**  
in Caseville  
is now open  
Tuesday to Saturday  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
We are still  
accepting clothing  
and equipment.  
**856-3661**

**TIMEX WATCH  
REPAIR.** Also  
repair other makes &  
jewelry.  
**MCKENZIE'S**  
Elkton 375-2750

## SPECIAL CASH REBATE!

on 50 SERIES 2 wheel drive  
and 4 wheel drive TRACTORS,  
plus waiver of interest until  
March of 1984.

**WAIVER ON ALL NEW**  
Planters, Tillage Tools and  
Most Hay & Forage Equipment  
until Spring of 1984.

**TRACTORS**  
JD 4010 diesel  
4630 w/cab & duals  
JD 4430 w/duals  
JD 4230 cab w/duals  
JD 4430 w/cab & duals  
JD 4840 w/cab  
JD 2030 diesel w/loader  
JD 4640 w/18.4x42 duals  
JD 800 self-propelled win-  
drower with hay condi-  
tioner  
4-10-12-16 cultipacker  
15x7 JD grain drill  
17x7 JD grain drill

**HARVESTING  
EQUIPMENT**  
2-9' Sund Pickup for com-  
bines  
2-JD 4400 w/grain platform &  
bean pickup  
JD 843 corn head  
Innes 570 4-row bean win-  
drower  
JD 3960 forage harvester, 3  
row corn head and pickup  
Innes 835 8-row bean win-  
drower  
JD 3800 choppers  
4-row Farmhand triple drum  
defolator  
Alloway beet defolator  
JD 7720 combine w/rear  
wheel drive & corn head

**PLANTING & TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**  
Kools Forage blower  
Max-emerge 6 row  
Max-emerge 8 row  
JD 1280 8-row corn & bean  
planter  
JD 894 8-row corn & bean  
planter

RWA 14" disc  
Schulz 8-row stalk shredder  
JD 3600 8-18 trailer plow  
Oliver 518 in-furrow plow  
Glenroe 30" S tine field  
cultivator  
Noble 16 ft. mix 'till demo

**GETTEL  
IMPLEMENT COMPANY**

Service Is Our Salesman

Your Friendly John Deere Dealer

PIGEON



PHONE 453-3332

**Wiese Floor  
Covering &  
Draperies**

Will be closed Dec. 23  
thru Dec. 26, 1983.  
Located in Luke's  
Shopping Center  
Sebewaing 883-3750  
Closed Dec. 26  
& Jan. 2

**Lost & Found**

**CHRYSLER KEYS** found at  
Cross Lutheran Church, Nov.  
20, 1983. 453-3330. 25co

**ONE PERSON'S JUNK** is  
another's treasure! Call  
453-2331 to place a classified  
ad.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Merry Jo  
"I just want to let you know  
how much I love you."  
Your husband, Richard

Thank you, God, for little things that often come  
our way, the things we take for granted but don't  
mention when we pray; The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful, kindly deed, a hand reached out to  
help us in the time of sudden need - Oh make us  
more aware, dear God, of little daily graces that  
come to us with "Sweet Surprise" from never-  
dreamed-of places.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

A heartfelt thank you, to all the churches,  
organizations & friends, for the gifts and helping  
hands. God Bless All!

**The Jack McCain  
Family**

**Booms Rent-All  
"Need It - Rent It"**



**U-HAUL**

517-269-9219  
1170 North Van Dyke - Bad Axe

•Yards & Garden  
Tools  
•Household Needs  
•Contractor &  
Mechanic Needs  
•Scaffolding,  
Ladders, Forklifts  
& Moving Equipment  
•Tables & Chairs



Happy  
40th  
Birthday  
to

**DONNA  
SCHUETTE**

**Want to Buy**

**PIANO** wanted to buy. Call  
883-2898 after 7 p.m. 25coL

**WANTED:** an infant changing  
table in good condition. Call  
856-3418 anytime. 25coL

**For Rent**

**MCKINLEY APARTMENTS.**  
Elkton. One, two and three  
bedroom apartments  
available. An equal housing  
opportunity. Call 656-3731. 23-25coL

**APARTMENT FOR RENT,** 2  
bedrooms, carpeted,  
refrigerator and stove. Security  
deposit required. Call  
453-3221. 25coL

**APARTMENTS FOR RENT,** 2  
apartments for rent in Pigeon.  
For further information,  
please call Ed or Janice (517)  
269-9211. 25coL

**Furniture**

**BEDROOM SET** put in lay-away  
and never paid off. Grouping  
includes double dresser, mir-  
ror, headboard and 4 dr. chest  
in rich walnut finish. Take  
over unclaimed balance of  
\$196. Monthly payments \$23.  
Call Smithfelt's, (517)  
892-6503, 3015 Center, Bay  
City. 24-26chQ

**ELEGANT HOUSEFUL** of fur-  
niture put in lay-away and  
never paid off. Master  
bedroom suit includes  
dresser, mirror, chest, head-  
board, frame, deluxe quilt top  
mattress and foundation.  
Large dining room table, two  
leaves, six sturdy hardwood  
spearback chairs. Living room  
suit includes exposed wood  
sofa, loveseat, rocker, chair,  
footstool, party cocktail table,  
two solid wood end tables  
and two decorator lamps. You  
will be proud to own this  
grouping. Original price over  
\$3000, take over unclaimed  
balance of \$2237. Layaway  
payments \$63 per month. Call  
Smithfelt's, (517) 892-6503,  
3015 Center, Bay City. 24-26chQ

**POLE BUILDINGS.** 24'x40'  
completely erected \$3500.00,  
overhead and entrance doors  
included; other sizes  
available. Call Chaparral  
Buildings 1-800-321-5536.  
6trnchM

**FOR SALE:** 1977 John Deere 300  
snowmobile, 1000 miles,  
sharp! \$750. Call 678-4291.  
24-26pM

Seven Oaks are making **CAB-  
PAGE PATCH DOLLS.**  
Limited supply. Call 856-4791  
or 453-2335. 23-25coM

**ASH WOOD** for sale. \$35.00  
cord delivered. 656-2601.  
24-25pM

**FOR SALE:** 3 piece navy blue  
suit, size 36 short, excellent  
condition; black loafers, 8 1/2 D.  
453-3453. 24-26pM

**Services  
Offered**

**WILL DO BABYSITTING** in my  
Pigeon home. 453-3965.  
24-26coF

**FARM MACHINERY**

**Used Equipment**

White 4-210 4WD  
Oliver 1855D  
Oliver 1950 gas  
Oliver 5440 4-16 plow  
2-1H 40 planter w/8 row hitch  
Oliver 5400 6-row air planter  
Oliver 374 4-row cultivator  
Farmhand 8 row S-tine  
cultivator

JD CCA 9' field cultivator  
Speedy 6 row puller  
Gehl FB 88 blower  
NH 518 spreader  
Lilliston 8-row rolling  
cultivator  
White 374 8-row cultivator  
DMI 13'20" chisel plow

**DAMM'S  
INC.**

Pigeon

453-2531

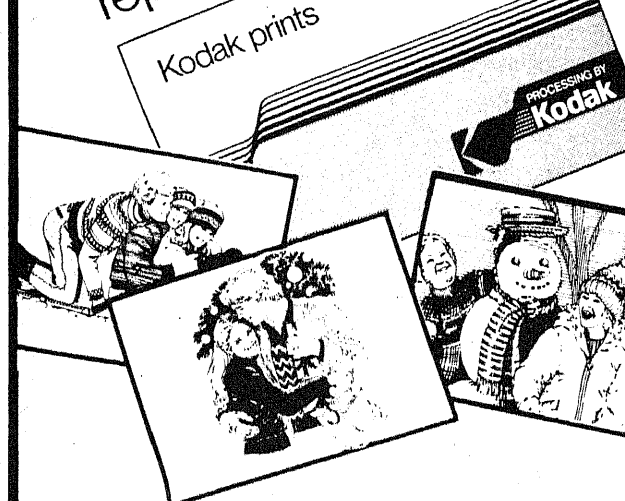
**HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO  
THE PROGRESS-ADVANCE**

Please start a one-year (52 issue) subscription to  
the award-winning Progress-Advance for:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ROUTE-BOX \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED (Check or Money Order only, please)

☐ \$11.00 a year in Huron,  
Tuscola & Sanilac ☐ \$14.00 a year  
elsewhere in U.S.A.  
Send to: PROGRESS-ADVANCE, P.O. Box 460, Pigeon, MI 48755

For beautiful color  
reproduction ...



**Ask for quality  
color processing  
by Kodak for all  
your Christmas Pictures**

Bring in your Kodak color print film today and ask  
us for color processing by Kodak. Your film will be  
handled with the care and quality control you  
expect for brilliant color prints.

*Orr's Drug  
Store, Inc.*

26 S. Main  
Pigeon Phone 453-2234



PROGRESS-  
ADVANCE

**CLASSIFIED  
ADVERTISING**

PHONE  
453-2331

**Notices**

**DAIRY FARMERS** with the new  
Dairy Stabilization Act, do you  
need help culling the right  
cow to make your cut. Have  
you thought about going on  
test. Let DHIA help you. Ac-  
cepting new herds now. Call  
375-4065. 25-27pC

**CLASSIFIED ADS  
GET RESULTS**

**NOTICE MCKINLEY  
TWP. TAXPAYERS**  
I will collect taxes at my home  
on Fridays until Feb. 17, 1984,  
9-5 p.m., 8457 Richmond Rd.  
Wayne Henne  
Twp. Treasurer

**Free For All**

**FREE AD SPACE!** If you have  
something to GIVE AWAY  
FREE you can get rid of it fast  
by placing your ad in the Free  
For All category. Just drop off  
your ad at our office by 9 a.m.  
Tuesdays and we'll run it free.

**FOR SALT DELIVERY  
BETTER THAN EVER  
FOR SALES & SERVICE**

**HEY CULLIGAN  
MAN!**  
Harold Althouse  
883-3660 Sebewaing

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**

Large, 2 story, 4 bedroom house, natural gas heat,  
1 1/2 baths, single garage at:  
**95 Brush St., Pigeon**  
Phone after 6 p.m. 453-3108

**SINI PHOTO SERVICE**



**At Laursen Pharmacy**

Best color print in town  
**7th Disc Developed is a freebie**

7297 Michigan Ave  
Pigeon - 453-2712

**Honor students at Caseville Schools**

Students listed on the  
Caseville School Honor Roll  
for the second marking  
period have been announced  
by Principal Paul Ellinger.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes "all  
A's."

**SENIORS:** Jonathan  
Beale, Stacy Bennett, San-  
dra Johnson, Brigitte  
Lambert, Gary Miller,  
Daniel Murdoch, Shawn  
Sarka, Aileen Simet,  
Michelle Simet, \*Wayne  
Simmons, \*Gerald Winkler.

**JUNIORS:** Margaret  
Beale, \*Jennifer Krause,  
Gela Kretzschmer, Robin  
Rehder, Paul Schuetz, \*Kel-  
ly Wagner.

**SOPHOMORES:** Michele  
Ballard, \*Christine Barton,  
Tracy Bieri, Brenda Cilc,  
Peter Delmotte, Holly  
Fibranz, Brenda Geiger,  
Gail Gembariski, \*Victoria  
Goslee, Amy Hartz, Victoria  
McIntyre, Catherine  
Schramski, \*Michelle Stahl,  
John Winkler.

**FRESHMEN:** Tina Bieri,  
Joel Krause, Yvonne Miller,  
Kristin Nevin.

**EIGHTH GRADERS:** Clint  
Cottick, Vicky Karle, Col-  
leen Kopack, Michele Kretz-  
schmer, Kimberly Madej,

Noel Perry, Michelle Pyc,  
\*Carrie Zollner.  
**SEVENTH GRADERS:** Lisa  
Bilkie, Thomas Fibranz, Sal-  
ly Gembariski, Christy  
Jablonski, Charles Morden  
III, James Steinman.

**PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY**

**Nietzke, Faupel,  
Schafer, P.C.** 213 N. Center  
Pigeon, MI 48759  
Phone 453-3122  
Certified  
Public  
Accountants

**PIGEON CLINIC**  
P.A. Ruiz  
de Castilla, M.D.  
J.U. Akbar, M.D.  
S.H. Raythatha, M.D.  
B.G. Kamlapurker,  
M.D.  
G.H. Mayol, M.D.

**PHYSICIANS &  
SURGEONS**  
Hours:  
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
CLOSED SATURDAYS  
APPOINTMENTS  
AVAILABLE  
DIAL 453-3221

**SEBEWAING EYE CLINIC**  
Gregory A. Atkins, O.D.  
304 South Beck (M-25)  
Sebewaing • 883-3150  
Office Hours:  
Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Evenings by Appts. only

**Duane N. Schulze,  
D.V.M.**  
PET & STOCK DOCTOR  
2277 N. Gagetown Rd.  
Pigeon - 453-2335

**Pigeon Family  
Dental Center**  
Dalton P. Coe, DDS  
Jeff J. Walby, DDS  
7340 Michigan, 453-3914

**Caseville  
Medical Clinic**  
P.A. Ruiz de  
Castilla, M.D.  
J.U. Akbar, M.D.  
S.H. Raythatha, M.D.  
B.G. Kamlapurker, M.D.  
G.H. Mayol, M.D.  
Physicians & Surgeons  
6900 Main Street, Caseville  
FOR APPOINTMENTS,  
PHONE 856-2284  
Hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**THE PROGRESS-ADVANCE'S  
GUIDE TO SERVICE AND REPAIRS**

**INSULATION**  
HURON INSULATION  
& CONTRACTING  
Insulation, siding, carpentry,  
roofing, vinyl replacement  
windows.  
George Helms  
656-7270

**CARPENTRY**  
Call JERRY MAUST  
for roofing,  
textured ceilings,  
remodeling, additions  
and barn roofing.  
Phone 453-3401.

**ELECTRICAL**  
JIM'S ELECTRIC  
Licensed Electrical  
Contractor  
Farms, Homes  
Commercial  
Wiring & Supplies  
Jim Clauesch, Owner  
Pigeon 453-3095  
**DIENER  
ELECTRIC, INC.**  
Licensed Electrical  
Contractor  
Commercial, Residential,  
Wiring & Supplies  
Pigeon, 453-3941

**AUCTION**  
THUMB  
AUCTION SERVICE  
R.D. Wertz, Auctioneer  
Bay Port, 453-3586

**RUST PROOFING**  
TUFF-KOTE DINOL  
System 6 Waxing  
Mudflaps-Running Boards  
847 S. Van Dyke  
Bad Axe, 269-9585

**PRINTING**  
THUMB-  
PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
Business Forms,  
Wedding Invitations,  
& Much More!  
7232 E. Michigan Ave.  
Pigeon, 453-2331

**CATERING**  
THE LAMPLIGHTER  
RESTAURANT  
For weddings, banquets  
and parties. Call  
453-3663, Pigeon  
**WBSF HALL**  
Kilmanagh  
Home cooking our  
specialty: for all occasion  
parties & small weddings.  
Call 883-2849,  
Sebewaing

**AIR CONDITIONING**  
CLARK'S  
REFRIGERATION  
Air Conditioner and  
Refrigerator Repair  
453-3001, 7426 Paul St.  
Pigeon

Need grain hauled from  
Thumb area to all  
points?

**Call A&A  
Bergman  
Trucking**  
Under new  
ownership.  
856-3056 or  
856-3303.

**MARGE'S  
CANDY &  
CAKE**  
Nestle's candy &  
molds & cake  
decorating supplies.  
Call 269-8329.

LITTLE ADS WORK!  
You're reading this one.  
Call 453-2331 to place yours!

**WE  
SHIP UPS EVERY DAY  
EVERYWHERE**

Packages Brought in by 11 a.m.  
Monday-Friday Shipped Same Day!  
Bulk Mailing For Your Flyers.  
Address Lists and Labels  
Package Wrapping, Tool  
**Thumb Publications, Inc.**  
7232 E. Michigan - The Progress-Advance - Pigeon

**John & Leroy  
Tomlinson, Inc.**

**Distributors For:**  
\*Meyers Forage Boxes  
\*Meyers Manure Spreaders  
\*Knowles Wagon, Running Gears  
\*Slurry Slinger Liquid Manure Tanks  
**New & Used:**  
Silos, Silo Unloader, Alternators  
Silo Unloaders, Conveying & Feeding Equipment  
by Van Dale \* Silo Matic \* Clay  
Feed & Mixer Wagons  
Used: Forage Boxes, Manure Spreaders, Etc.  
**FREE DELIVERY ON PARTS**  
(517) 635-3222 - (517) 635-3221  
One Mile West of Light, 6442 W. Marlette Rd.  
Marlette, MI 48453



## Kilmanagh residents enjoy holiday visiting

MRS. ARTHUR GAETH  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer and Mrs. Lydia Gaeth spent last Thursday with their niece, Marian Elston in Flint.  
Orin Engelhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kunder of Sebewaing attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Carl Nietzsche in Detroit on Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje were Wednesday visitors of

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schweitzer in Auburn.  
Those from this area who attended the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Polley on Monday at AuGres were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer, Mrs. Lydia Gaeth and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elston of Sebewaing, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gaeth and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dorsch of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman, Mr. and Mrs. August Metzger, Mrs.

Dorothy Graf, Mrs. Eleanor Dubs of Pigeon and Mrs. Dean Gunden of Bay Port.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schweitzer of Bad Axe were Friday evening pre-Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schweitzer.  
The Widows' Club of St. John's Church, Kilmanagh met Wednesday at noon for their Christmas party with a potluck dinner. After dinner Christmas carols were sung

and Christmas bingo played, then gifts were exchanged.  
Members of St. John's Ladies Aid met Thursday for their Christmas party with a potluck dinner at noon. Pastor Pfaff's devotion was "Christmas Is." Guest speaker was Robert Miles of the Lutheran Childrens' Care and Family Service of Bay City. Bingo and Musical Chairs were played later. Two guests, Mrs. Edna Truemmer and Mrs. Donna

Deming, were in attendance. The committee was Norma Janke, Eva Bannick and Marge Roemer.

### Pool leagues

MEN'S TRAVELING	
Riverside Bar.....	81
Pop's Place.....	72
June & Fargos.....	69
Scenic Bar.....	66
Star Bar.....	64
Duffie's Tavern.....	62
Sportsman's Bar.....	59
Bay Port Hotel.....	55

WOMAN'S TRAVELING	
Pop's Place.....	102
Bay Port Hotel.....	89
Scenic Bar.....	85
Sportsman's Bar.....	85
Star Bar.....	77
Riverside Bar.....	67
Duffie's Tavern.....	62
June & Fargos.....	57

### Lake-Chandler residents visit

By MILDRED BALLAGH  
Merry Christmas and all good wishes for a Happy New Year.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duffy and son Ricky and Billy McLellan attended the Lions Game in Detroit Monday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh spent from Tuesday until Saturday at the William Ballagh home at New Lothrop.  
Mr. and Mrs. William McBride were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride at Lapeer and were Saturday overnight guests in the Gerald McBride home at Lake Orion. On Saturday they attended the 75th anniversary for Pontiac Silverdome.

Patients in Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, on Monday, Dec. 19:  
PIGEON: Mrs. Irene Wichert, Miss Angela Roestel, Jason Gaeth, Miss Katherine Damm, E.J. Clabuesch.  
CASEVILLE: Clarence Perry, Mrs. Floyd (Evelyn) Langley.  
BAY PORT: Mrs. Catherine Pantelis, Mrs. Walter (Anna) Damm, Raymond Deering, John C. Richmond.  
SEBEWAING: Mrs. Lorena Kuehn, Mrs. William (Susan) Bell, Derrick Holland, Walter Boltzman.  
PORT AUSTIN: Nick Wagner, Henry Elliott.  
BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin (Brenda) Kuhl, Sebewaing, a son, Michael Kevin, born on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Robert and Gerald are both employed at Pontiac Motors. Marguerite Rodgers, Caseville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh.  
Those from this area attending the wedding of Mary Beth Kraeutler and Lieut. Kenneth Rathje, Jr. on Saturday at St. Michael's Church in Oakhurst, N.J. were Mrs. Roy Drummond, grandmother of Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rathje, Sr., parents of the groom, John Rathje, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Suter, Jennifer Sullivan, Mabel Klucky, Mrs. Don Kingry, Cathy Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gayari and children Michelle and Steve.  
Lieut. Rathje is with the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

To offer a special message of thanks to those fine people we've had the pleasure of serving throughout the year! Have a Merry Christmas!



Front row, from let, Mary Kropp, Millie Schuette, Jim Dunn and Kathy Karle. Middle row, Mary Ann Thick, Carol Kilgus; Lorraine Kohl, Orville Schuette, Colleen Reilly and Todd Schuette. Back row, Scott Pobanz, Tim Schuette, Dave Schmidt, Mike McCain, Paul Beckett and Dan Chisolm.

PIGEON **IGA**

PIGEON **IGA**

SPECIALS  
GOOD THRU:  
SATURDAY,  
DEC. 24, 1983

- MRS. SMITH, 26 Oz., Custard **Pumpkin Pie** ..... \$1.59
- PILLSBURY, All Ready, 15 Oz., Twin Pk. **Pie Crust**..... \$1.29
- COUNTRY FRESH, 24 Oz. **Cottage Cheese**..... \$1.19
- 6 1/2 OZ., Breast O' Chicken **Tuna** ..... 75¢
- RED **Grapes**.....Lb. 59¢

**New York Strip**  
**\$3.39** Lb.

ENTER TO WIN A PEPSI TOBOGGAN  
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

- 8 PK., 1/2 Liter, Reg. & Diet **Vernors & A&W Root Beer** ..... \$2.19
- FAME, 10 Oz., Stuffed **Olives** ..... 99¢

## FEAST YOUR EYES ON OUR... HOLIDAY FOOD SAVINGS

We will be closed Dec. 25 &  
Open Dec. 26 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Turkey**  
**79¢** Lb.

- BONELESS **Hams**.....Lb. \$1.53
- FAME, Semi-Boneless **Hams**.....Lb. \$1.18
- GROUND **Chuck**.....Lb. \$1.48
- MIXED **Pork Chops** .....Lb. \$1.19

- BETA, 10 Oz. **Caramel Corn** ..... \$1.09
- 2 LITER BOTTLES, Plus Dep. **Vernors, Squirt, Coke & 7up**..... \$1.39

- SUNLIGHT, 32 Oz. **Dish Liquid** ..... \$1.69
- DEMING, 7.75 Oz. **Red Salmon** ..... \$1.79

COUNTRY FRESH  
1/2 Pint Ctn.  
**Whipping Cream**  
**55¢**

ORDER A FRUIT BASKET FOR  
SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Fruit Baskets, Party Trays  
Gift Certificates all made  
to your specifications.