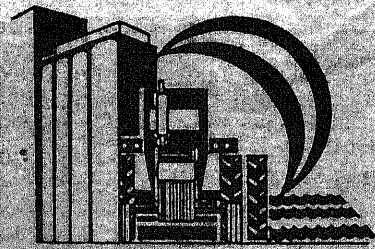


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Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

APRIL 8 PHEASANT BAN MEET

A public hearing on a proposed three-year ban on pheasant hunting in Huron and Tuscola Counties is planned for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 at the Huron Community Fair Arena Building in Bad Axe.

The state Department of Natural Resources will conduct the meeting to discuss impact of such a ban on the area. It is being proposed to allow proper breeding and habitat relocation time for the 100 "crossbreed" pheasants to be released in the Sebawaing and Gagetown areas later this month. One hundred offspring of Chinese Sichuan Blackneck Pheasants and Michigan Ringnecks are being readied for the experimental placing, to increase pheasant numbers here.

As part of the DNR's recommended three-year ban, 100 purebred Blacknecks would be released in the Thumb next year and given a year or two to acclimate to the areas, says DNR District Wildlife Supervisor David Dominic.

The Blacknecks are a stronger breed of bird which often roost in trees and eat tree buds in the winter, unlike local Ringnecks which live on the ground. The Chinese birds are more difficult to shoot in flight, too.

Some of the pheasants released this month will wear radio transmitters to help DNR officers monitor breeding and travel patterns. A similar meeting will be conducted soon in Tuscola County, with time and place to be announced soon.

ANOTHER WATER ORDINANCE

Brookfield Township is becoming the third municipality in Huron County to adopt a water well ordinance, "relative to the installation and operation of sub-surface water wells" in the township.

The Township Board unanimously adopted the water law at its March 10 meeting, to take effect April 10. It notes that township residents and property owners need a "clean and adequate supply of sub-surface water" and says "the excessive and unregulated withdrawal of sub-surface water by an individual property owner may unreasonably harm adjacent users through the lowering of the water table or reduction of artesian pressure."

When enacted, the ordinance will require sub-surface water users to obtain a permit from the township building inspector prior to construction of wells, supplying pumping information. Such a permit may be revoked by the township "if such a sub-surface water well will unreasonably limit the adjacent land owners' use of sub-surface waters beneath their land," Brookfield Ordinance No. 5 states.

Court action — including \$500 misdemeanor fines and or up to 90 days in jail — may be brought against continued violators, according to the ordinance.

Brookfield joins Winsor and Verona Townships with water well ordinances, caused by declining water tables because of what some farmers consider "excessive" sub-surface irrigation by neighbors. Water table drops of two feet and more have been recorded.

TACA REORGANIZATION IDEA

A tentative reorganization plan for the Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) may save senior citizen programs in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

Commissioners from each of the counties met last week to resolve differences, after Sanilac representatives discussed pulling out of the agency last month. They say they're unhappy with the way TACA has operated in recent months, and are especially upset about a 10-year lease plan for a Sandusky meal site costing \$1400 per month.

The tentative plan calls for placing two commissioners and two senior citizens from each county on the group, for a 12-member total. No meeting date for further reorganizational talks has been set, TACA Director Alan Sward said, but is expected within the month.

150-YEAR MEETING SET

The Huron County Sesquicentennial planning and advisory council's next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the third-floor meeting room of the Huron County Building, Bad Axe.

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Pigeon's Geiger names committees



SWEARING IN: Seven-term Village President Norris Diebel, left, watches as Clerk-Supt. Bob Brown, Jr, administers the oath of office to Pigeon's governmental leaders for the next two years.

They are, right of flag, Village President Dave Geiger,

Committee assignments were the first order of business, when incoming Pigeon Village President Dave Geiger named his appointments at last Thursday's special Village Council meeting.

Geiger, who took over for the retiring Norris Diebel, named Fred Orr as President Pro-Tem, Van Johnson as Traffic Control Engineer and Orr as Health Inspector. Dr. B.G. Kamlapurker, M.D. was named Health Officer, while Geiger and Village Supt.-Clerk Bob Brown will co-chair the Emergency

Preparedness Coordinator's job.

Village Committees named are (chairman listed first):

PUBLIC SAFETY: Ken Licht and Cliff Pobanz;

PUBLIC SERVICE (communications): Bob Fluegge and David McCormick;

DPW: Licht and McCormick;

RECREATION: Fluegge and Jim Armbruster;

AUDIT & FINANCE: McCormick and Orr;

ORDINANCES: Orr and Fluegge;

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Treasurer Janet Heckman, Council members Jim Armbruster, Ken Licht (in back) and Dave McCormick, and Assessor Roy Lawrence. All won offices at last week's General Election, and were sworn in at last Thursday's special Council meeting. Diebel swore in Brown just before the photo was taken.

Pobanz and Armbruster, and

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Licht and McCormick.

Geiger will serve as member of each committee.

Other appointments include:

PLANNING & ZONING: Fred Orr, plus two to be named from the village at large, for expiring terms of Jay Dubey and Les Shetler.

CONSTRUCTION: Code appeal Board, Harvey Schuette, Harvey Weiss and Don Dast (whose term is expiring).

Geiger also appointed these people to one-year

terms, who serve as President's pleasure:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Michael Otto;

SUPERINTENDENT: Bob Brown, Jr.;

MARSHAL: Van Johnson;

DPW SUPT: Don Otto, and

STREET COMMISSIONER: Don Otto.

HELP DENIED: Council voted 4-3 to turn down the request for up to six weeks of temporary help while secretary Kathy Hallock is on unpaid pregnancy leave, expected to begin April 14.

Geiger cast the tie vote, as a majority of members said Supt. Bob Brown should try handling the job alone.

HEAD-ON CRASH:

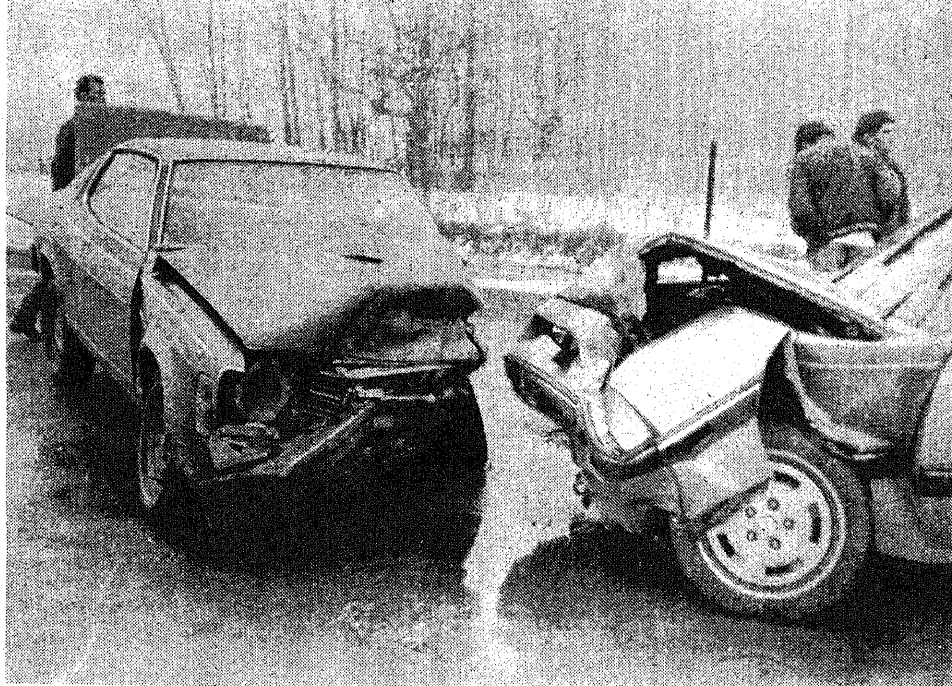
Thick fog in the Thumb area last Thursday at 2:40 p.m. was as factor in a head-on collision on M-142, near the Sturm-Notter Road Intersection.

A vehicle driven by William Voss, 17, of Owendale was westbound and attempting to pass another car, when he collided with an eastbound car driven by Fred Haley, 35, of Pigeon. Voss told Huron County Sheriff Sergeant Kent Tibbits the fog prevented him from seeing the Haley vehicle in time to avoid impact.

Voss and passengers, Stephanie Danks, 15, of Pigeon and Tamara Fritz, 15, of Owendale were all admitted to Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, and later released.

Haley is listed in serious but stable condition at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Caseville Township and Pigeon Police assisted at the accident scene.



INSIDE: IT'S POISON PREVENTION WEEK: TRY OUR 7-DAY SAFETY PLAN! SEE PAGE 12

55 on Owen-Gage honor roll

The following 55 students have earned honor roll recognition for scholastic achievement at Owendale-Gagetown High School for the fourth sixth-week marking period, according to Supt. Ron Erickson. An asterisk denotes "all A's."

SENIORS: Amy Draschil, Debbie Engelhardt, Roger Godinez, Ron Good, Suzanne Grassman, Toni Kuhl, Marsha Lopez, Mike Mandich,

Lori Mosher, David Peters, Wayne Sheldon.

JUNIORS: Steven Czap, Jancie Cummins, Heather Dorsch, *Lisa Edwards, *Cindy Enderle, Charlene Goslin, Dawn Harris, *Barbara Hellebuyck, *Michelle McPhail, Gabe Milbocker, *Sandra Miller, *Tiffany Reinhardt, Jerry Stirrett, Terry Thorp.

FRESHMEN: Dennis Czap, Shirley Ashmore, David Erickson, Jodie Fritz, Andrea Goslin, Dawn Holland, Theresa Schwartz.

EIGHTH GRADERS: Bryan Abbe, Ann Carr, Stacey Enderle, Mike Errer, Marla Goslin, *Krista Grassman, John Jaworski, Brandy Salcido, Chad Stirrett, Brad Susalla, Tena Thorp.

SEVENTH GRADERS: Sarah Carnegie, Melissa Copeland, Michelle Metzger, Michelle Peters, Lori Radabaugh, Bethany Rayl.

SOPHOMORES: Jane Billy, Lloyd Fritz, Jill Janke, Ellen Lymburner, Susan Salcido, Amy Thies.

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Bay Port UM hosts supper

The Bay Port United Methodist Church annual Soup and Salad Bar Supper is set for Thursday, March 20, serving from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The dinner highlight will be a long salad bar for a "make your own" tossed salad from a selection of vegetables and dressing, plus a large variety of hearty salads, including potato, chicken, macaroni, col-

eslaw, bean, pea, peanut, etc., gelatin salads and relishes.

Homemade soups will include chicken noodle, vegetable beef, bean with ham, split pea with ham and cream of broccoli. Homemade breads and desserts of your choice will be available.

Tickets are available at the door and special prices are available for children.

Thumb obituaries

LUTHER A. MURRAY III
1944-1986

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 4 for Luther A. Murray III, age 41, of La Belle, Fla., formerly of this area, who passed away Friday, Feb. 28 in an auto accident near his home.

Murray was born July 8, 1944 in Bad Axe, son of L.A. and Madelyn (Walsh) Murray. He attended schools in Gageton and Caseville and graduated from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School in 1962. Murray served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his mother, Madelyn. His father preceded him in death in March, 1985.

Services were conducted at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in La Belle, with cremation at Lee Memorial Park, Lehigh Acres, Fla. Arrangements were handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, La Belle.

NORMAN H. WING
1903-1986

Norman H. Wing, age 82, of Flint, with many local relatives, passed away Saturday, March 8.

He was born May 31, 1903 and married Catherine Hazenwale on May 30, 1936.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons, Norman J. of Flint and Robert of Marion, Ind.; a step-mother, Emma Wing of Pigeon; two half-brothers, Ray of Sebawaing and Archie of Port Austin and a half-sister, Idella Jackel of Pigeon.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Leonard, Roland and Dave; one sister, Barbara; two half-brothers, Otis and Olin and one half-sister, Alvernia.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Reigle Funeral Home, Sunset Chapel. Co-officiating were Rev. W.C. Jones and Rev. Carlton Freed with interment in Flint Memorial Park, Mt. Morris.

ALVIN W. NEWMAN
1902-1986

Alvin W. Newman, age 83 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, March 4, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe.

He was born Aug. 27, 1902, in McKinley Township, son of the late George and Ella (Warbeck) Newman. On Aug. 10, 1929, he was united in marriage to Isabel M. Wilfong in Pigeon. He farmed in the area for many years until his retirement. He was employed at the Scenic Golf and Country Club from 1968 to 1975. He was a member of the Hayes United Methodist Church.

Mr. Newman is survived by his wife, Isabel M.; one daughter, Ms. Donna G. Newman, New York, N.Y.; one sister, Mrs. Violet Michener, Gaylord; and several nephews.

Three sisters, Florence McKenzie, Mabel Morlock and Grace Childs, and two brothers, George Newman and Arthur Newman, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, from the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Alger T. Lewis, pastor of the Bay Port-Hayes United Methodist Churches, officiated, with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

FLORENCE IRWIN WOLFRAM
1907-1986

Florence I. Wolfram, age 79 of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, March 15 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 22, 1907 in Oil Springs, Ontario, Canada, daughter of the late William and Ella (Wagner) Irwin. On Feb. 11, 1929, she was united in marriage to Martin J. Wolfram in Detroit. She was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church and Altar Society, Pigeon Senior Citizens and Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wolfram is survived by her husband Martin; one sister, Mrs. Jack (Frieda) Copley, Chatham, Ontario; two brothers, Thomas Irwin and Wilfred Irwin, both of Oil Springs, Ontario; several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Guy and Frank Irwin, preceded her in death. Funeral Mass was conducted Tuesday, March 18 at 11 a.m. from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Ben Skornia officiated, with burial in the church cemetery. Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon handled arrangements.

HAZEL B. HALL
1896-1986

Hazel B. Hall, age 89 of Sarasota, Fla., died Monday, March 17, in Sarasota.

She was born July 16, 1896 in Chandler Township, daughter of the late John and Lillie Furness Gilbert. She was united in marriage to Ray Wakefield on June 20, 1917 in Elkton. He preceded her in death in 1936. She then married Roy C. Hall on Sept. 12, 1944, in Belleville. He preceded her in death in 1968.

Mrs. Hall was a longtime member of the Chandler Presbyterian Church and was previously active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Blue Star Mothers and Elkton Senior Citizens.

She is survived by one son, Ray Wakefield of Adrian; four daughters, Mrs. Walter (June) Bittner of Sarasota, Mrs. John (Luella) Finnegan of Hometown, Ill., Mrs. Robert (Anabel) Jones of Detroit and Mrs. Clare (Joan) Heron of Caseville; two step-daughters, Mrs. Edward (Ollie) Blount of Hesperia, Cal., and Mrs. E.J. (Jane) Houle of Essexville; 24 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; one brother, Clayton Gilbert of Allen Park; three sisters, Mrs. Flossie Herford Shreveport, La., Mrs. Blanche Mette of Sarasota and Mrs. Jess (Ann) Parker of Wakefield.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Gilbert and one sister, Mabel Snider.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at the Chandler Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Brazell, pastor, will officiate, with interment in Chandler Township Cemetery.

Visiting hours are after 2 p.m. on Wednesday (today) at the Elkton Chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels, of Elkton and Caseville.



BE GONE: "Snow-White, I'm sending you away for a year and a day to a boarding school for backward princesses," says Queen Brangamar (Michele Ballard), right, to Snow-White (Michelle Stahl).

See page 11 for more information on the annual production by the Caseville Comedy and Tragedy Troupe.

Palm Sunday service set at RLDS

Holy Week services will begin this Sunday with a special Palm Sunday celebration service at 11 a.m.

The theme of worship will be "Put on the Crown of Thorns" by Elder Terry Brown.

Enjoy fish sandwiches Aug. 2-3 at Bay Port

Dish out the special tartar sauce and get ready to enjoy the Thumb Area's most famous "home-grown" meal!

Officials of Bay Port Fish Sandwich Day and members of Bay Port Chamber of Commerce have announced the ninth annual Fish Sandwich Day will again be a two-day affair this year, as it was in 1985.

The traditional days will again involve the first weekend of August, running this year on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2 and 3. Henry Engelhard and Glenn Henne announced that the committees had decided in favor of a two-day Festival, based on the initial success of last year's first Saturday-Sunday Fish Sandwich weekend.

As in past years, there will again be a Bay Port Fish Sandwich Queen, to be chosen Saturday -- plus sports events, displays, sales booths and a parade, in addition to sales of the famous Bay Port Fish Sandwiches.

Last year's eighth annual event surpassed the 25,000-sandwich overall production mark -- and festival officials said they're out to set another new mark this year.

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OBSERVATIONS BY PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM! NAME-DROPPING -- Here's who's news:

- Special thanks to **Dwight and Mary Ann Gascho** of Pigeon. While on their recent once-in-a-lifetime Hawaii trip, they thought about us -- and brought back a big box of "Haleakala Bark" from Lahaina Macadamia Nut & Coffee Co., Ltd., Lahaina Maui, Hawaii. It's dark chocolate whole macadamia nut bark -- and it's as good as it sounds. Thanks, friends!

- Speaking of travelers, we got a nice note from **Agnes and John DiVincentis**. The former Caseville Mayor and First Lady are almost ready to come back from Arizona to Michigan. They talked about their Indian Pow Wow once a year at San Xavier del Bac, near Tucson.

- John and Agnes say the meeting includes 18 Indian Nations and is called a W-a-k Pow Wow, complete with dancers and other fun, plus lots of colors and costumes. Sounds like fun!

- Carol Diener** and the Pigeon Economic Development Corporation were featured in a full-page story in the Huron-Lapeer-Sanilac-Tuscola "Opportunity" paper, published by the Thumb Area Consortium. Titled "Pigeon's on the grow with EDC," the story talks about the many positive accomplishments undertaken by the 42 EDC members -- including assisting Kent McKenzie Jewelers, Porky's Dairy Barn and Pigeon Chiropractic Life Center.

- Carol's untiring work (speaking good efforts of others) deserves a salute from the Consortium -- and us, too!

- Speaking of the **Pigeon EDC**, lots of business activity is being discussed in Pigeon right now. Three companies (or groups) have been exploring re-opening of the former dime store, while two other business openings are planned in the Nitz-Main Street area...

- Finally, **Popsicles** are going "single." Popsicle Industries, Inc., of Englewood, N.J. will stop making two-stick pops for supermarket sales. Their tests have shown consumers prefer (half-size) one-stick models.

- But, you'll still be able to buy the two-stick version at convenience stores (singly) and at amusement parks. They've been making the two-sticker ones for 50 years!

- FLY TIME** -- We mentioned here last week robins were sighted. Now, we've gotten a mystery call telling us he's spotted the first fly of the year!

- WISH I'D SAID THAT** -- "Lenten menu: fast food." Or how about "March winds: blew skies."

Hey kids!

Children up to 12 years of age are invited to the Pigeon Area Jaycees' Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at 1 p.m. at the South Village Park, next to the VFW Hall.

Hunting will be done outside if weather allows, or all kids who attend will receive a treat from the Jaycees.

Open seat on Laker School Board

A seat is open on the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School Board of Education.

Petitions may be picked up at the Superintendent's Office for the one vacancy, which is a four-year term.

Bruce Baur presently holds the seat and is expected to seek re-election. Deadline to turn in petitions to the office is Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m. The annual School Election is Monday, June 9.



FIRST DRAWING WINNER: Elkton Police Chief Duane Alexander draws the name of Clark Creger, Harbor Beach, who wins the first \$100 in the series of 25 weekly drawings by the "300 Club." The drawing, sponsored by the Elkton Chamber of Commerce, involves 300 people who purchased tickets for the event.

Each Friday a ticket will be drawn, with the culmination on Aug. 31 with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50 awarded on that date. Looking on from left are Alexander draws the winning ticket are: Chamber Vice President and Village President Elmer Ropp, Jr., Chamber Treasurer Carolyn Krohn and Chamber Photo COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO Phyllis Povlaskowski.

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Any interested persons are invited to attend, and may call the Huron County Economic Development Commission with questions at 269-6431.

OLIVER ROAD VOTE PLANNED

Oliver Township voters will go to the polls Thursday, April 24 to decide whether the present two-mill levy for road upkeep and construction should be continued for five more years, 1986 through 1990.

Township Clerk Bob Krohn says the special election will decide the proposed renewal based on Sect. 21, Article 10 of the State Constitution. Voters may cast ballots at the Township Hall in Elkton that day.

HARDER VOTED TO VALLEY POST

Duane Harder of Bay Port was recently elected President of the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the Association of Labor-Management Administrators and Consultant on Alcoholism, Inc., for 1986.

Harder has been active in the field for 17 years. He is Community Service Representative for the Pathways Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Center at Saginaw Community Hospital.

SHAW ASSISTS INVESTIGATION

Cass City native Lt. Col. Brewster Shaw, Jr., has been appointed to the staff of the commission investigating the Jan. 28 crash of the Space Shuttle Challenger. He is one of several astronauts who will bring that group's concerns and comments directly to investigators, bypassing NASA administrators.

Shaw told the Washington Post he would not fly again "with the system we have now" unless risky conditions -- as outlined recently by Chief Astronaut John Young -- are corrected. The 40-year-old Shaw has flown two shuttle missions, serving as Commander on one.

RADIO STATION SOUGHT

A Pigeon communications company is one of three firms seeking a new FM radio frequency to serve the Thumb and Saginaw Valley area from across Saginaw Bay in Standish.

Agri-Valley Communications, Inc., of 7535 W. Pigeon Road, has applied for the license to a new 3000-watt FM station on 96.9 mhz., according to Broadcasting Magazine. Agri-Valley, which is principally owned by John Eicher of Pigeon, has no other broadcast interests. He is President of Pigeon Telephone Company.

Agri-Valley would build a 328-foot-tall tower near Standish for the station. The application was filed Jan. 23, 1986. The frequency was recently made available by the Federal Communications Commission. No decisions are expected for up to a year.

THIRD TV TOWER SITE

New independent television station WVCI of Bay City has had to move the site of its transmitting tower for the third time this year, even before construction has begun.

The Channel 61 station now plans to broadcast from a site in Buena Vista Township near Becker and Airport Roads, close to the WNEM TV-5 tower at Indiantown, northeast of Saginaw. Studios and offices will be located a 621 N. Water Street, Bay City, and will cost over \$2 million, employing 35 people fulltime. Station owners VistaCom plan to be on the air by the end of the year.

The new tower, at 1459 feet, will be Michigan's tallest structure, 100 feet taller than WEYI TV-25's 1359-foot tower near Clio, and will be the state's most powerful station with 5 million watts.

DNR FLOODING WORKSHOPS

The state Department of Natural Resources is conducting four more workshops for property owners and governmental officials affected by shoreline flood problems.

The closest such meeting is set for Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bay City Community Center on Kennedy Drive (off S. Henry Street), with others Thursday at Trenton and Monroe and another Monday in Algonac.

The DNR meetings are to explain recent state aid programs designed to reduce property loss, and to provide technical assistance in reducing spring flood damage.

FEW ELECTION SURPRISES

Final results for nearby village elections have been announced.

In **Gagetown**, Republican David Abbe defeated Democrat Harry King 42-38 for the Village Presidency. Incumbent Clerk and Treasurer Elery Sontag was re-elected with 74 and 71 votes, respectively.

Democrats Doris Bang (68 votes) and Beverly Leyva (57) won Trustee seats, and Republican Charles Wright was re-elected a Trustee with 41 votes.

Owendale voters returned Village President Walt Howard, Jr., with 20 votes. Lois Blondell is Treasurer with 19 and Marie Susalla was returned as Clerk with 22 votes.

Katherine Ricker, Martin Blondell, Robert Ricker and Joseph Schmidt, Jr., each earned 19 votes for four Trustee spots open.

OWEN-GAGE GIVES 3 TENURE

Three teachers have been granted tenure by Owendale-Gagetown Schools, at this month's Board of Education meeting.

Sandra Juengel, Tammy Laurie and Larry Romain each were granted tenure. Three present teachers were given second-year probation, including Les Packard, LeeAnn Ankle and Royce Ehrle.

Board members discussed various financing methods necessary as declining land values lower anticipated revenues. A 9¹/₂-mill amount expires in June, and the Board may seek additional millage at the June 9 election to make up for the funding loss.

Terms of board members Jack Brinkman and Donna Salcido are expiring. Both are expected to seek their posts for another four-year term. Nominating petitions for all candidates are due in Supt. Ron Erickson's office by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 7.

POLICE BLOTTER NEWS

- George Kuhl of Bay Port reported a chain saw valued at \$50 was taken from a garage at his Kuhl Road residence earlier this year. Kuhl told Huron County Sheriff's Deputies his garage door may have been open at the time of the theft.

- A Camp Tuscola prison escapee was recaptured Friday night, less than two hours after he left the Caro facility. Tuscola County Sheriff's Deputies say Wayne R. Hunsinger, 38 of Saginaw, was missing from a 10:15 p.m. bed check. He was found several miles from the minimum-security lock-up, hitching a ride on M-81. Deputies arrested him at 11:40 p.m.

- About \$1000 in damage was reported at a Gagetown house Friday morning, according to Fire Chief Charles Wright. The Richard Hines house at 4770 State Street suffered wall and ceiling damage when fire started near a wood stove.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

In recent activity in Bay County Circuit Court, Judge William Caprarite:

- Sentenced Kimberly Jacobs, 24 of Unionville, to one year in jail and \$495 restitution after she pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund checks over \$200 and attempting to abscond on bond. She was placed on five year's probation and will begin the jail term in October, after completing another term on an unrelated charge.

- In recent activity in Huron County Circuit Court before Judge M. Richard Knoblock:

- Frank P. Konke, 17 of Caseville, was found not guilty of resisting and obstructing a police officer. Caseville Police Chief Jack Jensen had investigated an Oct. 31, 1985 incident in the village.

- In Huron County District Court, Judge John Schubel heard this plea:

- Mark Chapin, 17 of Pigeon, pled guilty to attempted receiving and concealing of stolen property, less than \$100; ordered to pay \$150 fines and costs, following loss of a radar detector owned by Steven Werner, Elkton, investigated by Elkton Police.

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As we see it editorially

Oil prices are up to you!

Whether or not you realize it, you -- and all other American consumers -- hold the key to near-term future petroleum prices. Certainly, everyone is enjoying gasoline for less than \$1 per gallon, a state never again expected when the magic \$1 barrier was broken about 1979.

But the truth is, American consumption -- and continued conservation -- will largely determine by how much and how quickly future price rises will come.

Let's get practical here. Today's present 92.9-cent gasoline isn't here to stay. We all may wish it were, but it's not a permanent condition. And that's our own fault, too.

We in the U.S. will likely go back to our old, gas-guzzling habits now that we all can "afford" gasoline again. The larger cars and faster driving will gradually reduce petroleum in storage, tending to drive up prices. And watch the on-going OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meetings in Geneva -- those people are slowly getting their act together.

Only three methods exist to reduce oil consumption. They are Persuasion, Regulation and Price. Are we willing to live with any? If so, which one or ones?

Now that Prices are down, and since Regulation isn't offered from Washington forcing us to conserve, only Persuasion remains: it's the only way we can hold petroleum prices down as long as possible.

These lower oil prices mean U.S. drillers will close up shop temporarily, so we rely more on imported fuel. That puts OPEC and others back in the driver's seat -- meaning \$1.10 and higher gas could be back this fall.

Even the oil company leaders agree serious economic problems can result from our con-

tinued -- and growing -- reliance on foreign sources. Exxon Corp. Chairman Clifton Garvin, Jr., said Monday that current low prices should stimulate business growth in the U.S., but cautioned, "There is at least a possibility that the shock to parts of our economic system could be severe enough to precipitate some serious problems."

And don't think low prices are good for oil companies. They're not. Exxon paid about \$30 per barrel for oil late last year -- and they're now shelling out \$12 each. But the lower revenue means Exxon and others can't explore for more crude as easily -- and that company has cut its capital spending this year by about 26%, to \$8 billion. They sold \$93.2 billion last year.

Some people say low gasoline prices should bring about a tax, to keep consumption down. Maybe that should be explored, although we shouldn't be deprived completely of what we've all helped earn: lower prices at the pump, thanks to years of paying higher prices along with reduced consumption.

We're all looking for answers.

It's up to us. We've got to continue being fuel-efficient and must still drive sanely (as well as safely). If we don't we'll all be driven right back where we were just months ago -- with no chance to fill-up at less than \$1 a gallon in sight...

PETE PROGRESS SAYS:

"Kids have grown up when they stop asking where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going!"



ROSES and THORNS

By MARK KARLS

Basketball's greatest moment

It is about time that we look at the lighter side of life. Last week's Sound-Off column had a cute ad for a free Doberman Pincher watchdog that eats anything -- especially likes children. The fact that no reply phone number was listed tells me that Rummel is still chuckling in the background.

But spring arrives this week -- that time of year when a young man's fancy turns to... BASKETBALL! Hoosiermania! March Madness! Ah, the bliss of it all. Pull up three televisions and two radios. Keeping track of five games at once is utter ecstasy!

What? You cannot understand it? Well, to each his own. I cannot see why anyone would waste time watching *Falcon Crest* or *Miami Vice*, so we are even. I mean, I classify them right down there with professional wrestling -- which I also do not allow my children to watch -- for social redeeming value. As I said, to each her own.

But basketball... now that builds character! How exciting to guess Bobby Knight's next tactic on assaulting chairs and Puerto Ricans. Or to discover this year's Oscar winner for best drama series -- currently tied among Jud Heathcoat, Jim Valvano and Rollie Massimino. And please do not forget the Hall of Fame Award -- front runner is Michigan's Antione Joubert who "guaranteed" victory over MSU just before getting blown out on his own home court. Such suspense!

Oh yes, some things happen during the game, too. But oftentimes the struggle to get the ball in the bucket seems incidental to the periphery of the game. I mean, you see one man-to-man defense, zone defense, box-and-one, two-three, one-two-two, two-one-two, low post, high post, Indiana weave, Kentucky scissors, pick-and-roll, one-three-one, alley-oop, zone-trap, sideline-trapp, double/triple-team, three-on-one (five-one-zero against Indiana two Saturdays ago!), screen, moving-screen, charge, oscar-winning charge, over-the-back, on-the-wrist, with-the-body, double-reverse lay-up with a twist, downtown Freddie Brown, sky-hook, Heinsohn hook from the corner, Havlicek stole the ball, Elgin Baylor from nowhere, Scott Skiles from nowhere, etc., etc., -- you have seen them all. So when you have seen everything, the games become incidental and sports writers look to the periphery to get a scoop.

But not this writer. Possibly the greatest moment in basketball came on the court, believe it or not. It happened only a few years ago. During tournament time one team dressed only seven players for the game. Now, you play five at a time and heaven knows they get tired. But this team always played the starting five the whole game. The two subs never saw action all season long unless the point spread was greater than 20 points.

The obvious is about to happen. Two of the starting five fouled out late in the playoff game and the two subs are inserted with a six-point lead possession of the ball and less than a minute to play.

Sure enough, the losing team's captain fouls one of the fresh substitutes. Never experiencing game pressure performance all season long, the sub goes to the line for a one-and-one free throw attempt and throws up a brick. The losing team grabs the rebound, runs the length of the floor and puts it in. The lead is cut to four.

On the inbounds play the winning team is careful not to involve either sub in the offense. So the same team captain intentionally fouls the same sub. Intentional fouls warrant two shots. Two bricks later the losing team comes the length of the court and cuts the margin to two points. The winning team calls a time out. Twelve seconds are left.

Everyone in the world knows the scenario. The losing team's best chance is to foul the brick-throwing sub -- even prior to the inbounds pass to ensure no time off the clock. It was obvious to the winning team that they would do much better fielding only four players to run off the last 12 seconds.

But in a moment of pity for the reputation of the sub, all five players return to the court to finish out the game -- win or lose. What a risk! What a character builder! And the sub did not let them down. He knew he was to be fouled before the inbounds pass. So here is what happened.

The teams lined up to resume play. The same guy -- losing team's captain -- made his move toward the sub. As he was doing so, he shouted to the official in order to draw attention to the foul. But the sub gave a super move to avoid the foul. The losing team's attention was on fouling the sub. But his maneuvering avoided all comers. In the meantime the sub's team inbounded the ball and successfully ran off the remaining 12 seconds as the sub was being chased all over the court -- without getting caught!!! Tournament game and next round advancement went to the sub's team.

What a hero! What moves! The sub single-handedly won the game with unique notoriety. His deficit became the team's asset by becoming the bait for the other team's effort.

And who was this infamous sports hero who should be enshrined in Springfield, Mass.? Why, none other than yours truly! Pictures and autographs can be obtained at a party in my honor on the 31st of next month.

In the meantime enjoy all the non-stop hoop action while you still can. Go Michigan and Michigan State! And "Poo" on the NCAA fathers for placing them in the same regions!

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RECOLLECTIONS OF By-Gone Days
 By GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:
 March 9 is a special day for me. If my dear Wife would have lived, it would have been our 45th Wedding Anniversary.
 It also was my Grandpa Keim's birthday. He was born March 9, 1830. He was the youngest child of Nicholas Keim, who was married three times and was the father of 24 children.
 Grandpa told us that once he met his oldest half-sister, who was two years older than his grandpa's mother -- and there were 22 children between them.
 Grandpa once told me that he was 19 years old when he was married and his wife was 22. Those days, people got married quite young. He had eight children, and my Father was the youngest.
 Grandpa remembered when the first telegraph was made and he was 15 when the Mexican War was fought. His Father died when he was very young and his Mother married again, to a widower who had a large family. And Grandpa had two more half-sisters!
 His step-father was quite old and when he died, his Mother married another widower who had a good-sized family. And his Mother, my Great-Grandmother, ended up with 51 children and step-children!
 So if you ever see anybody with his last name spelled Keim, he is bound to be a distant relative of mine!
 Grandpa was born in Somerset County, Penn., and he either walked or took a stagecoach to Holmes County, Ohio, where one of his brothers lived. He helped him build a house and then went to Indiana, to the Goshen area.
 He settled there and taught school four terms while he cleared land. When the Civil War came, you could hire a substitute to take your place in the Army. They didn't think the war would last very long, so Grandpa got \$150 from somewhere and walked from Goshen to Indianapolis, Ind., and paid his bill.
 Then he walked back and tried to raise the other \$150, because it took \$300 for a substitute. That was a very big sum of money then.
 They had another draft, and Grandpa wasn't fit for military service since he was married and had several children, so he got his \$150 back.

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A Reader Writes . . .

Pigeon woman tells of Washington D.C. conference

DEAR EDITOR:
 I have just returned from the National Lay Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. I was most honored to be chosen by Michigan State University to represent the Cooperative Extension Service because of my involvement in their programs.
 It was a very informative and productive experience. I was very proud to represent Huron County and to be able to speak to many of our representatives from Michigan and their Legislative Assistants concerning the needs of the people of Michigan and the great job our Cooperative Extension Service does for all of us. I was asked to participate because of my involvement with 4-H and Extension Homemakers in Huron County and, in the past, in Lapeer County. I believe very strongly in these programs and the support that they give to our youth and our families.
 Many of you may not be aware that the President's budget, in response to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Legislation, will completely eliminate the federal funds for the Extension Home Economics programs of the Cooperative Extension Service. This means no federal funds for 4-H, Extension Homemakers and the Home Economics and Nutrition Programs. This will directly affect us in Huron County as well as the proposed cuts in the

agricultural programs, crop and soil programs, water quality and management programs, marketing programs and natural resources and public policy programs.
 Following my conversations with our legislators in Washington, I am certain that if we write to them and any of the other Michigan Representatives, that they may be willing to try to make changes in this proposed Presidential Budget and come up with a reasonable compromise.
 The President's proposed cuts, if let stand as they are, would be devastating to our county! These are our tax dollars and our legislators need your input into the legislative process, so they are more informed as to what we feel they should be doing with this money. Every Representative and Assistant that we met with stressed to the Lay Leaders that they need to hear from YOU on these issues, and SOON!
 You may have read the press release from MSU in the local papers concerning my trip. This information was very outdated and I apologize for any concern it may have caused any of your readers.
 I have been a 4-H Leader in Lapeer County in the past, as well as 4-H Administrator and member of the Personal Appearance Developmental Committee. I have also been a 4-H Leader in Huron County as well as Rabbit

Service news

Army Reserve Private First Class Luke G.E. Orth, son of Pastor and Mrs. Raymond E. Orth, Pigeon, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.
 During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions. He is a 1980 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon.

SINCERELY,
 JOYCE WARREN
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The Progress-Advance welcomes your views on issues that affect our community. Letters to the Editor should be signed and sent to: Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 589, Pigeon, MI 48755.

Superintendent at the Fair. My affiliations with St. Roch Church were in past years, as I am currently a member of St. Francis in Pigeon. I have served the Huron County Association of Extension Homemakers as Vice President, and I am currently serving as President of HCAEH, and as President of Area 14 (Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties) of the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers. I have served in this capacity because I believe very strongly that these programs are vital to the youth and families of our area, the very backbone of our society.
 Please write to your

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD OF EDUCATION March 10, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Elkton Elementary School by President Bruce Baur.
 Members present: Bruce Baur, Virginia Leipprandt, James Clabuesch, Yvonne Bushey and Sid Smith.
 Members absent: Paul Clabuesch and Richard Lockard.
 A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey authorizing the consent agenda approving the payment of monthly bills amounting to \$292,168.38. Motion carried.
 A discussion was held relative to the Huron County Vocational Technical Center scheduled for opening in September. A motion was made by Yvonne Bushey, seconded by Sid Smith authorizing the district to contract with Thumb Transit for the transportation of students to and from the high school and the Skill Center. The contracted fee is to be established at \$34 a day. Motion carried. The Board was also informed of possible conflicts with starting times for school and school calendar. Both of these items will be mutually discussed between area schools and the Skill Center.
 The Board was informed that the Curriculum Review Committee would be meeting this coming Wednesday with all committee members being invited to finalize our Human Development and Family Planning education classes.
 Business Manager Robert Drury gave an update on the expenditures and receipts as of February 28.
 A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Sid Smith approving the Superintendent's contract through 1988. The Board of Education also was given a formal evaluation of the Superintendent's performance. A stipulation of the new contract was that the school district was to charge the Superintendent a monthly rental fee and a monthly fee for the school lease automobile, both of which are to be reimbursed to the Superintendent through gross salary earnings. Motion carried.
 A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey calling for the Annual School Election to be held Monday, June 9. Voting precincts will be established at Bay Port Elementary, Elkton Elementary and Pigeon Elementary, with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m. Motion carried.
 The Board was in receipt of the AIDS policy recently adopted by the State Department of Education. In view of its complexities, the Board felt they should take more time to read and discuss these various policies. No action was taken.
 A motion was made by Yvonne Bushey, seconded by Virginia Leipprandt, commending the students that will be representing the elementary schools and the Laker Junior High School in regional spellingdown competition. The students are as follows: Jennifer Kreh and Carol Hebert (runner-up) from Elkton Elementary, Anasuya Kamaparker and Brian Keim (runner-up) from Laker Junior High, Jessica Henne and Travis Stalter (runner-up) from Bay Port Elementary and Tracy Steinman and Michel Keefer (runner-up) from Pigeon Elementary. Also to be commended is Mike Lang, fifth grade teacher at Elkton Elementary School. Mr. Lang has spearheaded this competition for the past 14 years.
 The Board was informed that Mr. Ballard, Laker High School Principal, was elected as Vice President of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. The following year he will become President Elect, and the 1988-89 school year he will assume the role of President of the Association.
 The Board was informed that Laker High School will again be hosting the Huron County Inservice Day on October 30, 1986.
 A motion was made by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Sid Smith at 8:55 p.m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Motion carried.
 The Board reconvened at 9:09 p.m. with a motion by Virginia Leipprandt, seconded by Yvonne Bushey to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 James H. Clabuesch, secretary
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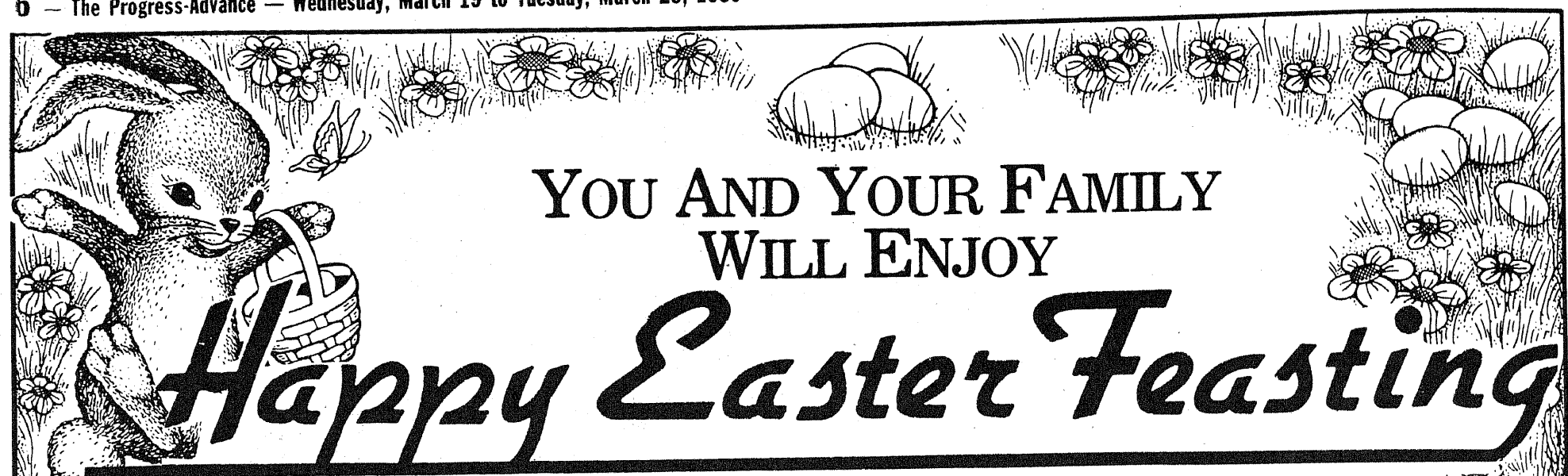
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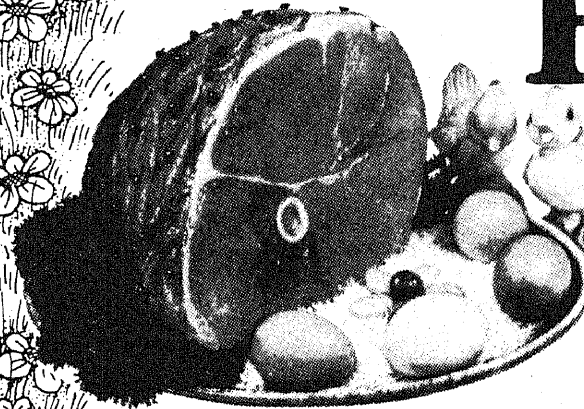
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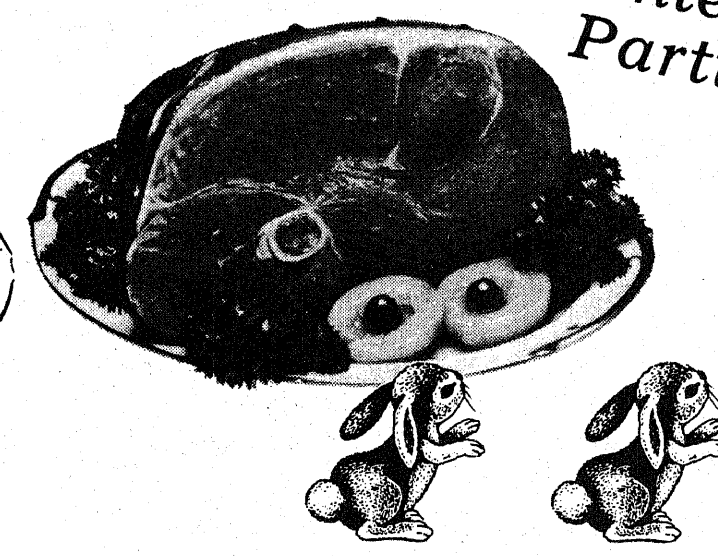
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Caseville retirees gather for meet

Ninety-two members and one guest were present for the business meeting of the Caseville Retirement Club on Tuesday, March 11 at the American Legion Hall.



ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION - Clyde Schamel was feted with a shamrock cake on his 80th birthday, baked and decorated by Mary Keena.

President Frank Janes led in the greeting of neighbors. Then led in the Lord's Prayer, followed by lunch. After the Pledge to the Flag, Janes introduced a guest, Viola Hall, two new members, Stella Tankersley and Anna E. McBride and Steve and Estella Prisky and Anthony and Eleanor Mis, who have rejoined the club. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Acting Advisory Board Chairman Tony Zacheretti reported on the March 25 Easter Potluck, with turkeys to be furnished by the club and baked by volunteers. Father Mark Jenkins and family of the Episcopal Church, Sand Point, will be guests. Plans are being made for a June 24 picnic, members only. The club will furnish hot dogs, rolls and coffee, with all other food to be potluck. Travel Committee Chairman Ray Gerrard reported that 25 members are ready for Las Vegas. President Janes thanked Mary Rutkowski and Anne David for the Early-Bird goodies and members for bringing donations to the Food Pantry. Clyde Schamel gave a report on the Pantry. Birthdays celebrated were Becky Elder, Anna King, Arlene Vanconant, Ed Kersten, Clyde Schamel, Mildred Laski and Estelle Prisky. Easter baskets will be made and delivered by Hank and Peg Hill. President Janes visited Tom Beadle and Ellen Lawson in the hospital, also Jo Bovedge, Frank and Carla Lambert, Luella Colangelo, Dorothy Vogel, Chuck Pudney, who are at home. Also sick are Peg Hill, Alice Dean and Louise Gerard. Marie Ellery was welcomed back following her recovery. President Janes honored Clyde Schamel on his "80 years young" birthday and presented a cake shaped like a shamrock, which was baked and decorated by Mary Keena. Janes reported on a program on the Bad Axe High School gym on March 19 at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Bad Axe Boosters. The meeting adjourned for cards and bingo. Euchre winners were Doris Fisher, Whitey Potter and Gertrude Fisher. Pinochle winners were Rose Koenig, Betty Pecha and Phoebe Pedrotte. Bingo coverall was shared by Marion Smith and Margaret Zakrywski.

You're reading The Progress-Advance and we appreciate it.

Thumb club notes

BAY PORT WOMANS' CLUB
The Bay Port Womens' Club members met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Boegert, with 10 members and three guests present, Mrs. Keith Schweitzer, Mrs. Scott Steele and daughter Jackie. Desserts and refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Schweitzer and Mrs. Steele explained the need of community involvement concerning the Bay Port Queen's Court and Parade during Fish Sandwich Weekend, Aug. 2 and 3. The group voted to make a donation. President Margaret Faltyn led in the Club Collect and Pledge to the Flag, Donna Deming reported sending seven cards. Millie Hug was accepted as a new member. "Your Favorite State and Reason Why" was given for roll call. The group enjoyed Bingo for the evening. The April 8 meeting will be with Mrs. Naustia Opanasenko.

SCHEURER Hospital notes
Patients in Scheurer Hospital on Monday, March 17:

PIGEON: Mrs. Douglas (Myrtle) Peterson, Ronald Gramsen, James A. Schumacher.

CASEVILLE: Mrs. Anna Valkoun, Mrs. Fred (Stella) Kinkle.

BAY PORT: Joseph Kupper, Morton Arnovits.

SEBOWING: Mrs. Clara Buehler, Albert Bach, James Gibson.

OWENDALE: Miss Bernadette Voelker.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Randall (Janine) Bingham of Caseville, a son, John Lawrence, on March 11, 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. (Kay) Nieschulz of Bay Port, a son, Eric Andrew, on March 13, 1986.

FLOWING WELL FARM BUREAU
The Flowing Well Farm Bureau group met in the George Ackerman home at 12:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner and business meeting recently. Harold Gregor opened the business with the Pledge to

the Flag. Margaret Ginter led in a few songs. Beulah Schlabach had roll call with 14 members answering with "A Joke." She also read the minutes of the last meeting. Ardis Gemmill read the newsletter. Francis Wilson had charge of the discussion after listening to the tape on the topic "And If I'm Elected." Discussion followed. Beulah Schlabach gave the Fun Sheet. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



The Past in Print...



80 YEARS AGO MARCH 23, 1906
Pigeon was full of people Tuesday for the Dairy Day and not all farmers could get in the hall to hear Michigan Gov. Fred M. Warner. Gov. Warner is building a cheese factory in Pigeon and expects the first cheese to be made about the middle of April. The largest caucus in the history of Winsor Twp., with 228 voters, and a fight for nearly every office, had these winners: William Koehn, J.A. McLean, William Stein, William Banick, Len Eberlein, J.H. Foster, John Diebel, George Wilfong, Jacob Decker, Fred Damm and John Hohnke. George W. McDonald, 21, oldest son of D.C. McDonald, Pigeon, died at Duluth, Minn., where he had been working in the woods. Gageton is talking of putting in a water works system. Noah Geiger, south of Pigeon, is getting the material on the ground for a fine new house. William Armstrong, Owendale, has returned to Elkton to take up his old post in Rondo's barber shop.

70 YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 1916
Albert Hartley, 55, formerly of Pigeon, died at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, where he had gone because of failing health. He was a former co-owner of Pigeon Planing Mill Co., a member of Pigeon's first village council and a former mayor. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and two sons. Mrs. Lizzie Conley, 61,

Caseville, passed away. She leaves two brothers and three sisters. Angus McKay, 38, Chandler Twp., died March 15. He leaves six sisters. William Schwartztruber returned to his home in Winsor Twp. after spending a few months in Wellman, IA. Mrs. John Hawn, 75, nee Mary Ann O'Neill, formerly of Pigeon, died at her home in Sebawaing. He is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Leiprandt.

60 YEARS AGO MARCH 26, 1926
One of the most successful sales of pure bred hogs ever held in the county, with sales totaling over \$4000, was held by Oscar Voelker, Pigeon. William Wolfe Sr., 89, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolfe, Pigeon, March 20. He leaves four sons and a daughter. Mrs. Frederick Tschumi, 74, nee Caroline Heinzelman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Neibel, Pigeon. She is survived by two daughters and a son. The house of Fred Drayer, south of Kilmannagh, was totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. Miss Carrie Horlacher, 62, Pigeon, died at the home of a sister in Long Beach, Calif. She leaves three brothers and four sisters.

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 20, 1936
Mr. and Mrs. Noah Geiger, Pigeon, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday with a dinner at Pigeon Evangelical Church. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Mrs. William G. Elftman, 46, nee Dora M. Nieschulz, Pigeon, died Sunday. She is survived by her husband, three sisters, two brothers and a half-brother.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 22, 1946
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Dixon and family of Knoxville, Iowa, arrived in Pigeon Thursday. Dr. Dixon will be affiliated with Dr. C.A. Scheurer in both general practice and hospital work. The Dixons have purchased the Beiding residence on East Michigan Ave. They have two children, Peter and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webster, Owendale, have sold their 100-acre farm east of town to Lawrence Summers. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Valek purchased the 80-acre farm from Adolph Thiel of Gageton. Dr. A.E. Buchholz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buchholz, Pigeon, has opened a dental office in St. Louis. Mrs. William G. Elftman, 46, nee Dora M. Nieschulz, Pigeon, died Sunday. She is survived by her husband, three sisters, two brothers and a half-brother.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 22, 1956
Carol Buchholz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Buchholz, Pigeon, is valedictorian of the 1956 graduating class of Pigeon High School. Karen Damm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damm, Bay Port, is salutatorian. Miss Inez Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Henry Schember, 81, nee Carolina Meyers, Winsor Twp., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Lutke, Bay Port. She leaves six children. A group of 125 attended the annual lads and dads dinner March 17 at Bay Port Methodist Church. Frank J. Eisengruber was toastmaster. Weston Gilligham gave the toast from the lads and Elder George Harder responded for the dads. Lewis Lutke, 59, Bay Port, passed away. He is survived by a sister. He and Eugene Furman were lost on the ice on Saginaw Bay for several hours Feb. 15 and Mr. Lutke's feet were badly frozen. Funeral services were held from the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Louisa Lutke.

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 1966
Top winners in this year's Laker High School science fair were: Fred Henkelmann, Margaret Schuette, Charles Southworth, Harold Libka, Bruce Bixler, David Banick and Lana Jo Ewald. Leo Bliss, 60, president of Midland National Bank and a former mayor and civic leader of Pigeon, died March 22 in Midland. Survivors are his widow, a daughter and his mother, Mrs. Anna Bliss, Caseville. Miss Floris Jean Knechtel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knechtel, Elkton and R. Dale Wertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wertz, Bay Port, were married March 19 in St. Paul's EUB Church, Elkton. Miss Sandra Hinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinton, Pigeon, a student at Ferris State College, participated in the eighth annual Festival of Arts there as a member of the concert choir.

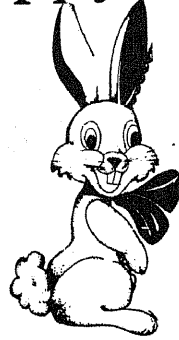
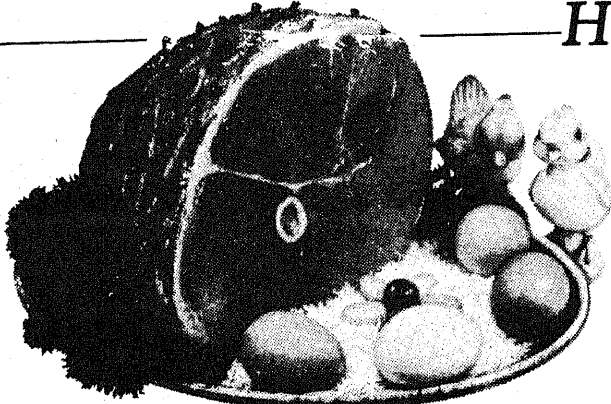
10 YEARS AGO MARCH 18, 1976
Members of the Laker High School Business and Office Education Club took several awards in regional competition recently. Club members include Kathy Kohr, Don Gielow, Joe Walsh, Dave Dutcher, Linda Ulrich, Sue Gardy, Jeff Hay and Jim Schwanitz. Mrs. Judith Brown is instructor. Lyman B. Gregory, 86, former Pigeon businessman, passed away March 13 in Pigeon. He is survived by a nephew and a cousin.

William F. Gilbert, 94, Elkton, a retired farmer, passed away March 15. He leaves two sons, two daughters and four stepsons. More than 1500 Detroit Edison utility poles were down or broken in the Thumb Area following the ice storms of March 1 and 2, the most severe storms in the history of the Thumb. More than 60,000 Edison customers were without power during the storms and a gigantic effort was required to restore service.

Town & Country Square Dancers meet Saturday
The Town & Country Square Dancers will hold a dance this Saturday, March 22 at Cass City High School from 8 to 11 p.m. Chuck Becker will be calling. All square dancers are welcome.

MINUTE MYSTERY SOLUTION
Hickman said the door "hinged on the other side," and yet Marvin "pushed it cautiously into the room" - a contradiction! Marvin would have pulled the door to himself, not pushed it into the room, since doors swing toward their hinged side!

Happy Easter Feasting...



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3. Each participating store will draw one name as store winner from among all entrants as of 12 noon on Monday, March 24, 1986. Coupons will appear in The Progress-Advance for two weeks, March 12 and March 19, and names of all winners will be featured in the March 26 issue. Ham gift certificates may be redeemed until April 30, 1986.

Easter Ham Winner Entry Forms...

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| <p>THUMB HARDWARE Easter Ham Entry</p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ PHONE _____</p> | <p>McBRIDE DRAIN TILE Easter Ham Entry</p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ PHONE _____</p> | <p>DeCHANE'S Easter Ham Entry</p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ PHONE _____</p> | <p>THE DUTCH KETTLE Easter Ham Entry</p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ PHONE _____</p> | <p>VILLAGE QWIK STOP Easter Ham Entry</p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ PHONE _____</p> | <p></p> |

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Named to Caseville honor roll

These students have achieved a listing on the honor roll at Caseville Schools for the fourth marking period, according to Supt. James Stahl. An asterisk denotes "all A's."

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JUNIORS: Erin Barton, Tina Bieri, Matthew Kraus, Yvonne Miller.

Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Born to Larry and Debi Hacker, Flint, twin daughters on March 12. Amanda Jean weighed 5 lbs.15 oz. and measured 18 inches long and Amy Lynn weighed in at 6 lbs.5oz. and measured 17 inches long. The twins join a sister, Lori, age three at home. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hudnutt, Mt. Pleasant and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker, Elkton. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Margaret Schenk, Uby and Mrs. Minnie Pratt, Bad Axe.

You're reading The Progress-Advance and we appreciate it.

Area school lunch menus

Week of March 24-28
CASEVILLE SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Pizza or hot dog.
TUESDAY: Hamburger gravy or chop suey with rice or mashed potatoes, bread and butter, ala carte: ham sandwich.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, bread and butter.
THURSDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich or sloppy joe, green beans.
FRIDAY: Good Friday. No school.

CROSS LUTHERAN
MONDAY: Pizza, lettuce salad, mixed fruit/plums, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken or tomato soup, toasted cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, relishes, pears/apricots, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf, baked potato, green beans, pudding, bread, milk.
THURSDAY: Hash browns, pork sausage, corn, applesauce, bread, milk.
FRIDAY: Good Friday. No school.

LAKER SCHOOLS
Choice of two main dishes daily. Second choice all week: barbecue on bun. Pizza daily at Jr. and Sr. High.
MONDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce.
TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets.
WEDNESDAY: Cheesy pizza.
THURSDAY: Golden chicken, rice casserole.
FRIDAY: Good Friday.

Thanks A Million

DEAR MR. ROSS:

My special ed teacher is helping to write this because I'm mentally retarded. I'm 18 years old. When I was littler, I got accepted by nice people who love me, I was very lucky. A lot of people don't want a retarded person. They are good to me and try real hard. So does my teacher. I try real hard to learn at school so maybe I can get a job and be like other people.

My teacher says I could learn better if I had a computer at my home. I learn with one at school all by myself. My parents are wanting to buy me a learning computer but they cost more dollars than we have. Sometimes they look at me because of wanting to buy us a learning computer and can't.

My teacher says you help people the things that help them. You're good like my parents because you love all kinds of people. Will you buy me a learning computer so I can learn to spell words and do good math? - D.P., Anchorage, Alaska.

DEAR D.:

I phoned your teacher who explained that you presently learn with the aid of a personal computer at school. So that your learning experience at home will be consistent with that at school, I selected the Commodore 128 personal computer to send you. Your teacher also offered to help set up the proper teaching program to help you get started at home. She also said your future of being in the work force, after graduating, looks promising.

I wish you every success. -SSSSSSSSSS-

DEAR MR. ROSS:

Back in 1979, I was a happy, healthy, married man - played sports, went fishing, took my wife out and had a good job.

Then I was diagnosed with diabetes. I dropped 51 lbs., my eyes started to fail and I lost my job. Three years later I lost my wife and two year old son through divorce.

Now things are even worse. My ex-wife has been dating a wealthy guy for two years and is going to marry him soon.

My trouble is my son doesn't want to come see me anymore. It's mainly because I can't afford to take him places and buy him things that my ex-wife's boyfriend can.

I'm losing my son's love to a person who can give him anything. What can you suggest? - R.R., Tampa, Fla.

DEAR MR. R.:

I suggest plenty of patience and understanding. Your son is still young enough to be attracted by material items. Hopefully, over the next few years he'll see what you're offering is more than money can buy -- a father's true love. -SSSSSSSSSS-

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I need to get a good pair of winter boots. I have a newspaper route but I'm afraid I'll have to quit soon because my feet can't take it. The boots I have now have holes and the water seeps right through. Please help me get some so I don't have to quit my paper route. I'd ask Mom, but she has enough to



By PERCY ROSS

Percy Ross is a millionaire philanthropist who enjoys sharing his ideas about people and wealth. A Minneapolis native, Ross hopes to share his philosophy and his money with readers of his column. He says, "He who gives while he lives, also knows where it goes."

NEW ADDRESS: You may write directly to Percy Ross in care of The Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, Minn., 55435. Include a telephone number, if you wish. Because of the heavy volume of mail, only a limited number of requests can be answered in each week's column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

worry about. - E.H., Detroit, Mich.

DEAR E.:

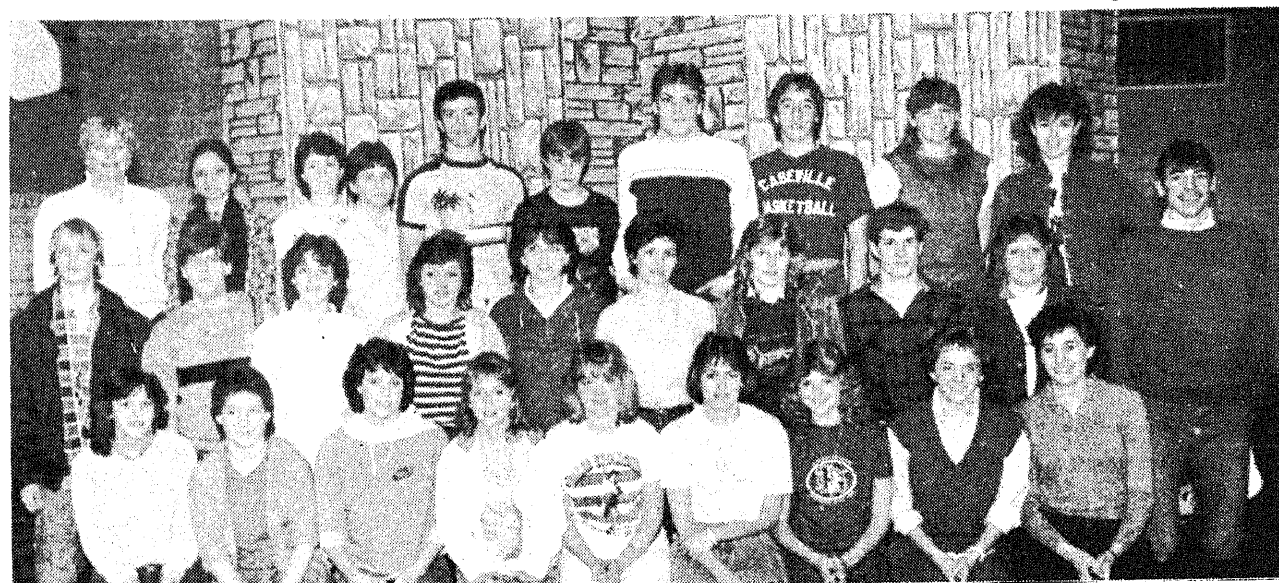
With a paper route, I find myself wondering why you can't afford to buy a pair of boots yourself. (On the other hand, my gut feeling tells me you have a plenty good reason - reason enough for me to "bood" out a \$50 check to buy a pair. -SSSSSSSSSS-

DEAR MR. ROSS:

I've been reading your column for over two years. Why would anyone in their right mind be crazy enough to give away money? - C.L., Lethbridge, Alberta.

DEAR MRS. L.:

I can think of many good reasons. And if that's what people call crazy, then I wish the rest of the world was just as crazy.



THURSDAY CURTAIN: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be the annual production of the Caseville Community and Tragedy Troupe. The play by J.B. White is based on the original children's story. Students of Caseville Public School will attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday at 1 p.m., with the public invited to the production this Thursday, Mar. 20, with curtain time set for 7:30 p.m. Cast and crew pictured above include: in front from left,

Erin Barton, Carrie Zollner, Tracy Simpson, Kelly Wolfe, Amy Hartz, Gail Gembariski, Brenda Geiger, Michele Ballard and Michelle Stahl. Middle row, Doug Engleman, Dan Bennett, Yvonne Miller, Sandy Briesmeister, Amy Conrad, Amy Bennett, Vicki Goslee, Brett Owens and David Simet. In back, Nurtaj Akbar, Renee Simpson, Richie Simpson, Ray Johnson, Frank LaFontaine, John Winkler, Carl Brummi, Carletta Sovey and Becky Dubey. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTO



SUPERINTENDENT'S CURRICULUM STUDY . . . A combined effort by HARRY BRUNET LAKER SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

Recently I attended the 44th Annual Association for the Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference. Being from a rural school district it's only fitting that I would search out workshops or clinics which would have something in common with our school district. For the past three years we have been engaged in a rather extensive examination of our basic curriculum in all grades, K-12. The first year of our study was entirely devoted to our elementary program offerings. Working on the study were parents, elementary teachers, members of our Board of Education, the elementary principals and the superintendent. During this initial curriculum study every area of elementary education was reviewed, including special programs in music and physical education.

The curriculum meetings were after school generally running from 4 until 6 p.m. The ultimate goal was to develop a coordinated learning procedure that would follow from one grade to the next. In order to accomplish this each teacher was asked to submit their basic goals and objectives for the student entering their classroom and what they expected when the student would leave in June. One of the keys to this provision was a thorough understanding of what was being taught the previous year and where the student should be for making a successful transition to the succeeding grade.

In some instances we discovered that our expectations were too great or that our grading scale was not consistent. Through the sharing of mutual concerns and teachers working together at the same grade levels, a learning plan was put into place. We also developed a uniform grading scale that would be consistent in all district elementary grades. The efforts of the curriculum committee for the 1984-85 school year were concentrated on grades 7-12. Once again our teaching faculty came forward to work with parents, board members and administration. One of the outcomes of the 1984-85 review was a better utilization of our junior high and senior high faculty. Another result of this study was the inclusion of the ninth grade students final grades being counted toward graduation requirements and grade point average. This current school year we have been working toward the development of an acceptable program in sex education. Study of this curriculum offering has been a year-long endeavor. A committee of the whole was broken into three study areas - elementary, junior high and high school. These three subcommittees have had parent, teacher, clergy, school board and administrative representation. These subcommittees realize that this subject can be a controversial issue. For that reason we have progressed at a slow and hopefully thorough pace.

As I stated while at the National Curriculum Conference I looked for rural school offerings. One particular clinic dealt with a rural school located in Kansas and how they developed certain curricular improvements. One of my main concerns is to find out if what we were doing was in accord to some other districts in other parts of the country. I came away convinced that we are on the right track. The Kansas approach was to make their study by utilizing five teachers and a curriculum director. Absent from their study was their involvement of parents, members of the Board of Education and other administrators. I definitely came away feeling good about these three years of being involved in a curriculum review. Hopefully we will be able to continue receiving this same cooperation in future curriculum studies.

Something To Think About
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DIRECTOR

A CHILD'S GUILT
Children are quick to assume they are responsible for almost anything that goes wrong (perhaps because we sometimes blame them for things we haven't actually seen them do.) It is not at all unusual for them to feel guilty when someone dies, even when there is absolutely no reason for them to feel this way. Children often engage in "magical thinking," believing their wishes can suddenly become reality. This can have repercussions if an event in the world should in any way coincide with his wish to be free of his parents, for instance? If something later happens, he may assume that his brief, angry wish made it happen. The best thing to do is to explain to a child not only the fact of death, but the actual cause. Emphasize the fact that it was an illness or accident that made them die, and that no one deliberately caused it to happen or could have kept it from happening.

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Thumb area club news & notes

CASEVILLE LIBRARY CLUB

The Caseville Library Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 12 noon in the Community Room of the Village-Township Hall with 26 members and two guests present. Guests were Bea Christie and Barbara Harris. Hostesses serving dessert and coffee were Ruth Bouck,

Marion Gardner, Luella Gillingham and Irene Konecny. Lola Tropea gave the invocation.

Following lunch, President Margaret Wilhelm led the members in the reading of the Club Collect, Pledge to the Flag and presided over the business meeting. Jean Dudley introduced guest speaker John Champagne, director of Champagne Funeral Homes, Elkton and Caseville. His slide presenta-

tion was followed by a question and answer period. Mary Phillips reported that the Valentine Card Party was a success.

The club will participate in the Caseville Perch Festival Parade on April 26.

The club is looking forward to a bus trip to London, Ontario, on Monday, April 28. Reservations should be made with Phyllis Love before the next meeting,

which is set for Tuesday, April 8. A musical program will be presented by Chuck and Betty Pudney.

New Perch Festival feature!

The Worthy Study Club will sponsor its first annual Cooking Contest - featuring dishes made with fish - at the Caseville Perch Festival on Saturday, April 19. Food should be at the Community Room of the Village-Township Hall before 10 a.m. Judging will be between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Prizes will be awarded. The event will be open to the public from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Chosen to sing anthem at games

Laker High School junior Maria Schumacher has been selected to sing the opening National Anthem for the Class C & D State Championship games on Saturday, March 22 at Chrysler Arena at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, according to Michigan High School Athletic Association Director Vern Norris.



Maria Schumacher
The championship games will be televised on many television stations around the state, with starting time for the Class D & C games set for 7 p.m. The young singer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schumacher of Pigeon.

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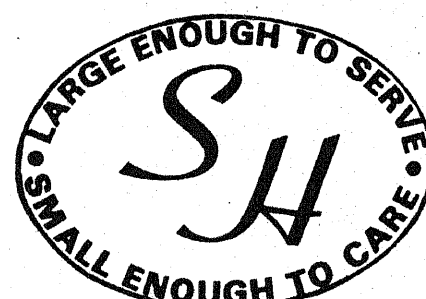
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| <p>Day 5 Over a third of childhood prescription drug ingestions involve a grandparent's medication. Make sure your parents take appropriate precautions, when your children visit.</p> | <p>Day 6 Check on the toxicity of any houseplants you have. Either move them out of your children's reach or get rid of any that may cause problems.</p> | <p>Day 7 Medicines can change to deadly poisons as they age, so be sure to throw out any old prescription drugs by flushing them down the toilet.</p> | |

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Program stresses adult health

The fourth session of the adult education health program, Fitness 7, is scheduled for this Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m. in the Pigeon District Library.

The program is sponsored jointly by Scheurer Hospital and the Huron County Cooperative Extension.

Topics to be addressed include environment, tobacco and alcohol. Scheurer Hospital Respiratory Therapist Lee Gascho and Edward Sager, environmental health section, Huron County Health Department, will be the program's main speakers.

Environment encompasses all surroundings -- soil, air, food eaten, water plus man-made objects. All of these may have an influence on a person's health, sponsors say.

Tobacco has been identified as the primary factor in contributing to the occurrence of major diseases that plague man today, such as cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Alcoholism ranks with cancer and heart trouble as a major threat to the nation's health. It's the most treatable but untreated disease known to man, the

organizers say.

There is a small fee for the two-hour program. For additional information, Call

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Top rating for Laker Band -

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The Laker High School Band, directed by Bill Denbrock, received a top first division rating last Saturday, competing in Class "C" of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

The festival took place in the auditorium of the Laker High School with judges Jim King, Ray Burnett and Don Druart, adjudicating the concert playing while Cornelius VanderPuy adjudicated the Sight Reading session.

The Lakers got two firsts and a second in concert for

an overall first in concert and also scored a first in sight-reading for a final official rating of a first division.

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The only other band in Class "C" to get a first was the Bad Axe High School Band, directed by Andy Nowak.

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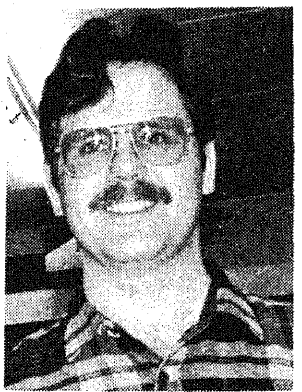
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 Are you glad or sad to see winter end? Why?



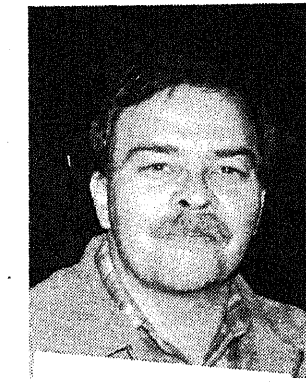
I'm glad, because I've had my fill of the snow.
Gloria Anderson
 PORT AUSTIN



I'm glad, because I'm tired of snow and would rather have summer than spring. I don't like the mud...
Lou McCarthy
 PIGEON



I'm really glad, because I'm ready for flowers, sunshine and tans!
Caye Mitin
 BAY PORT



I'm glad, because I enjoy the warm weather and the heat!
Don Sturm
 PIGEON



I like winter, but I guess I'm glad spring is coming, so I can enjoy the flowers.
Ruth Schulz
 PIGEON



I'm glad, because then I can drive my three-wheeler.
Andy Stalter
 BAY PORT

Pigeon District LIBRARY NEWS

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Arts and Crafts Show will be conducted during National Library Week, Monday, April 7 to Friday, April 11. This is a reminder for all persons to get their arts and crafts finished and ready for display. Registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, March 31 to the set-up time on Monday, April 7. Committee members are Mrs. Floyd (Marie) Barrett, Mrs. Paul (Hulda) Baur and Mrs. Charles (Nellie) Dutcher. In addition to the display, there will be demonstrations of various hobbies and crafts by committee members during the week. Call the library if you wish to display or demonstrate your art or craft. Spectators are invited to view the show during regular library hours, daily except Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AMNESTY WEEK

Clean out your closets! During National Library Week, April 6-22, NO FINES WILL BE CHARGED ON ANY OVERDUE BOOKS! This practice will be observed all week. Even long overdue books will be invited back to the library, but video materials are excluded from the amnesty.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Easter will be the theme for the March 25 Preschool Story Hour. Stories will include "The Golden Egg Book," "The Candy Egg Bunny" and "Old Hippo's Easter Egg." Also planned are a flannelgraph of Colored Eggs memory game, the song "This Old Man," exercises and fingerplays, plus a special surprise. All children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. session. Annual registration is required.

EASTER BOOKS

Here are a list of Easter Holiday Books for the patron to enjoy — "Something Wonderful Happened" by Joan Chase (a beginning-to-read book of the First Easter with Gospel accounts of Easter), "Things to Make and Do for Easter" by Marion Cole, "Easter Buds are Springing" by Lee Bennett Hopkins (Easter poems), "Easter by Cass R. Sadak (detailed history of a secular and religious holiday), "The Easter Book" by Jenny Vaughan (three ways different countries celebrate Easter). The library also has beginning-to-read Easter books in the Children's Room and Ideals Easter magazines.

NEW TAPES

VHS Walt Disney's "The Ranger of Brownstone," Walt Disney's "Donald Duck in Mathmagic Land," Singleton's Pluck, The Little Angel, Rainbow Brite "The Beginning of Rainbow Land," Sloane, Creepers, National Lampoon's "European Vacation," Pee Wee's Big Adventure, Silverado, Return of the Jedi, It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown!, The Castaway Cowboy, The Zoo Gang, Hopalong Cassidy in Dangerous Venture, Hopalong Cassidy in The Devil's Playground, Hopalong Cassidy in Borrowed Trouble, Hopalong Cassidy in Unexpected Guest, When Nature Calls, Amadeus, Jazzercise - The Best Yet! Hide and Seek, Warme Miller's "Ski Country," The Falcon, Praying Mantis, Warren Miller's "Ski Time," Crossfire, Reagan's Way, In the King of Prussia, The Little Rascals Comedy Classics Vols. 1 & 2, The Little Rascals on Parade, The Best of the Little Rascals, A Flash of Green, Fletch, Mask, Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock Vols. 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Beta Silverado, Return of the Jedi, Crossfire, In the King

180 attend Huron reunion in Florida

The 26th annual Huron County Picnic was conducted at Palmetto, Fla. with 180 in attendance. Mike Klemmer, president for 11 years, introduced Paul Soini, who gave the invocation. The group paid its respects to Estelle Shaver, founder of the club, who passed away Jan. 1. Carolina Fealko was hostess and presented the "Kitchen Klunkers" from Palmetto Mobile Home Club, who put on a musical program.

Pigeon news

By DOROTHY DIENER
 Attending the funeral of Norman Wing, who was born and raised in this area, were Mrs. Leonard Wing, Ronald Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wing of Sebawaing, Kevin Wing of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Freeman of Fairgrove. Services were held at the Reigle Funeral Home in Flint.

Inspector Gordo's MINUTE MYSTERY

THE CASE OF THE Kidnapped brother

Jerry Hickman gazed dully across the room as Capt. Sommers and Inspector Gordo tried to question him. "I know it's difficult," said Capt. Sommers patiently. "But try to remember everything you can. You may give us a clue to your kidnappers." Hickman shook his head regretfully. "What I remember isn't much. Three men jumped me Wednesday night in front of my apartment. They shoved me into a car and chloroformed me. "The next thing I knew, I was lying on a stone floor. I lit the match and saw I was in a windowless room empty except for a chair and a cracked sink. The door was locked. "I could hear the kidnappers talking. I learned they had asked my stepsister Gwen for \$50,000. I guess they'd read that she'd just inherited our father's estate, valued a half a million dollars. "After a few hours, they left to collect the ransom. I tried yelling, but it was no use. I couldn't knock down the door. I thought to lift it off its hinges, but it hinged on the other side. "When the men returned, I could tell they'd been successful in collecting the ransom. And I felt sure they now intended to kill me. The ones named Frank and Monte went for the car. The one called Marvin came for me. "I hid behind the door as Marvin pushed it cautiously into the room. He had a flashlight and gun, and I almost got to him with the upraised chair when he dodged. He must have hit me with the gun. I don't remember anything 'til I regained consciousness outside Gwen's house, three hours ago. "A good thing the ransom bills were marked," Inspector Gordo told Capt. Sommers after the interview. "As soon as Hickman spends one of them, you can arrest him for fraud." WHY DID INSPECTOR GORDO BELIEVE THE KIDNAPPING WAS STAGED??? See Minute Mystery Answer on Page 8

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Charles McLean, age 86 and Russ LeCrommier, age 87, were the oldest members present. The Gleason Fomners celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Treasurer Tony Cieslinski gave out 20 bags of oranges, with the help of Robert Pechette, who was celebrating his 22nd birthday. The picnic is planned for Feb. 26, 1987 at the same location.

BUDDING ARTISTS

Elementary students at Caseville Schools had a chance to test their art talents in the annual poster contest sponsored by the Caseville F.O.E. Auxiliary. This year's theme was "What I Like Best About My Hometown," according to Project Chairman Angie Calabrese. The following students, pictured above, were winners: THIRD GRADE, Doug Smith and Jacob Pionk, first place tie; FOURTH GRADE, Stacey Meissner, first, Terri Lafontaine, second and Paul Ballard, third; FIFTH GRADE, Kevin Gilbert, first, Mandie Fritz, second and Carrie Hewlett, third; SIXTH GRADE, Cindy Lynn Zollner, first, Mark Morden, second and Michael Scott Bilkie, third. Members of the committee include Chairman Angie Calabrese, Jeanne Owens, Marion Kirsch and Shirley Ritchie. Coordinating the project at the school is Art Teacher Colleen Bednorsk. The auxiliary offered prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 to the winners.

NOTICE OF OLIVER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next annual Township Meeting of the electors of Oliver Township, County Of Huron, State of Michigan, will be held at 5006 Hoffman Street, Elkton, MI, on Saturday, March 29th, 1986 at 1:00 p.m.. A budget hearing for the 1986-87 fiscal year, and the Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Hearing, Period 17, will be held at the annual meeting.

THUMB AREA DEATHS

Harold Both, 73, of Duluth, Minn., with relatives in Harbor Beach, passed away Mar. 3. Michael A. Wachowicz, Sr., 83, of Caro, passed away Mar. 4. Ivan P. June, 54, of Caro, passed away Mar. 5. Fred S. Dingman, 90, of Sandusky, with relatives in Caro, passed away Mar. 6. Alois Gwisdalla, 86, of Beverly Hills, Fla., with relatives in Harbor Beach, Ruth and Henry Leppke, 78, of Minden City, Sanilac County, passed away Mar. 7. Norman H. Wing, 82, of Flint, with relatives in Pigeon, passed away Mar. 8. Carl F. Demer, 80, of Sebawaing, passed away Mar. 8. Martha M. Mast, 88, of Sebawaing, passed away Mar. 8. Velma Mimick, 73, of Saginaw Township, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Mar. 8. Marie C. Geiger, 65, of Sandusky, with relatives in Harbor Beach, passed away Mar. 9. Samuel "Arlic" McInally, 75, of Silverwood, with relatives in Cass City, passed away Mar. 9. Allice George, 76, of Cass City, passed away Mar. 9. Edna A. Price, 76, of Caro, passed away Mar. 9. Albin L. "Beany" Gorzycki, 75, of Bay City, with relatives in Unionville, passed away Mar. 10. Gladys R. Broadworth, 90, of Caro, passed away Mar. 10. Katherine M. (Elliott) Decker, 88, of Miami, Fla., formerly of Ubyly, passed away Mar. 11. Matilda M. Ringweski, 72, of Harbor Beach, passed away Mar. 11. James W. Hoffman, 73, of Bad Axe, passed away Mar. 11. Kareena M. Durrant, 7, of Rockville, Conn., with relatives in Harbor Beach, passed away Mar. 11. Eleanor D. Lavine, 64, of Ubyly, passed away Mar. 12. June E. Sommers, 57, of Port Hope, passed away Mar. 13. Nicholas F. Shawop, 83, of Sebawaing, passed away Mar. 14.

CELEBRATE Michigan's Sesquicentennial!



THUMB AREA DEATHS

Ann Arbor. Let's hear it for Lakers for having a student who is qualified, and to Maria for getting the honor. Signed, a Proud Uncle and Aunt. Fairgrove on Saturday, March 15. Good job, girls!

SOUND-OFF!

Why doesn't Lefty's or Porky's or somebody do a REAL, local fish sandwich year-round, like they offer in Bay Port during Fish Sandwich Days? */* This is to R.B.: I hope I see you this summer and I hope we can be good friends. Love, X. */* Your family is invited to attend Caseville High School's production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" Thursday, March 20. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium, and tickets are available at the door. */* Lest we forget: about a year ago, The Progress-Advance had an article saying Maria Schumacher was chosen to sing the National Anthem at the opening of basketball tournaments at Chrysler Arena in

BUDDING ARTISTS

Mrs. Bingham, on the birth of your baby boy, John. Everybody at Caseville Schools wishes you well. */* I'd like to correct something in last week's paper. The Laker Forensics Team receives fourth place honors, not the Laker Drama Team. There is no Laker Drama Team. Thank you. (Editor's Note: Please read that page 22 story last week. It calls the Laker Forensic Team "debaters" - which they can be - in the headline.) */* Dutch S: I love you. From a Junior High student. */*

THUMB AREA DEATHS

Don't forget the Soup & Sandwich Supper at Bay Port United Methodist Church this Thursday, March 16 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your whole family. */* Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Bingham.

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Progress-Advance

sports of the week

Laker High honors winter athletes

Top Laker winter sports athletes were honored in an awards assembly last Friday afternoon.

The Laker volleyball team was honored for winning the Thumb B Association Championship with an undefeated record, a district tournament championship, numerous invitational tournament championships and for achieving a number one ranking in Class C during the season.

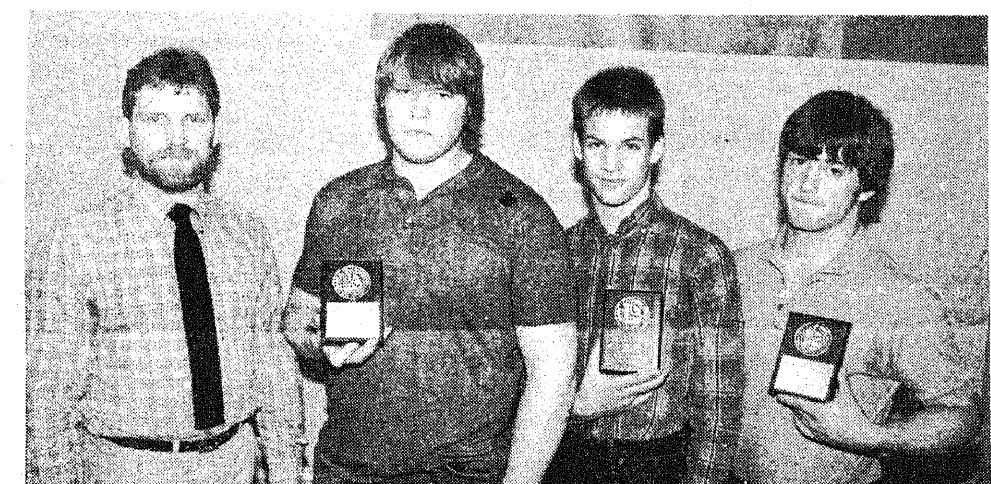
In basketball, Lakers also posted successful seasons by all three teams. The varsity and junior varsity squads each earned league cham-

pionships (jayeves with an undefeated TBA record). The freshman also played well by finishing second in the league with only two losses.

In addition to team awards, several Lakers were also lauded for achieving All-Conference honors. (See separate story.)



VARSITY BASKETBALL: From Left, Coach Bill McLellan, Most Improved Jim Warren, Most Valuable Chris Eby and Most Determined Mike McArdle.



WRESTLING: From left, Coach Tim Blakeney, Most Valuable Pat McArdle, Most Determined J.D. Talaski and Most Improved Harvey Gingerich.



CHEERLEADING: In front from left, varsity award winners include: Most Improved Erika Meijer, Most Valuable Wendy Fisher and Advisor Lisa DiCamillo. In back, junior varsity Most Improved Andrea Richmond, Most Valuable Kelli Darrow, Freshman Most Valuable Ginger Clabuesch, Most Spirited Julie Leipprandt and Most Improved Michele Henne. Absent from photo are varsity Most Spirited Kathy Clabuesch and junior varsity Most Spirited Stephanie Danks.

Elstons swing for Michigan Tech

Believe it or not, the weather at Michigan Technological University in Houghton warms up enough for athletes to play tennis.

Evidence of that is two former Laker High netters who play on the Michigan Tech squad.

Brothers Brian and Jeff Elston, both listed as freshmen, are expected to

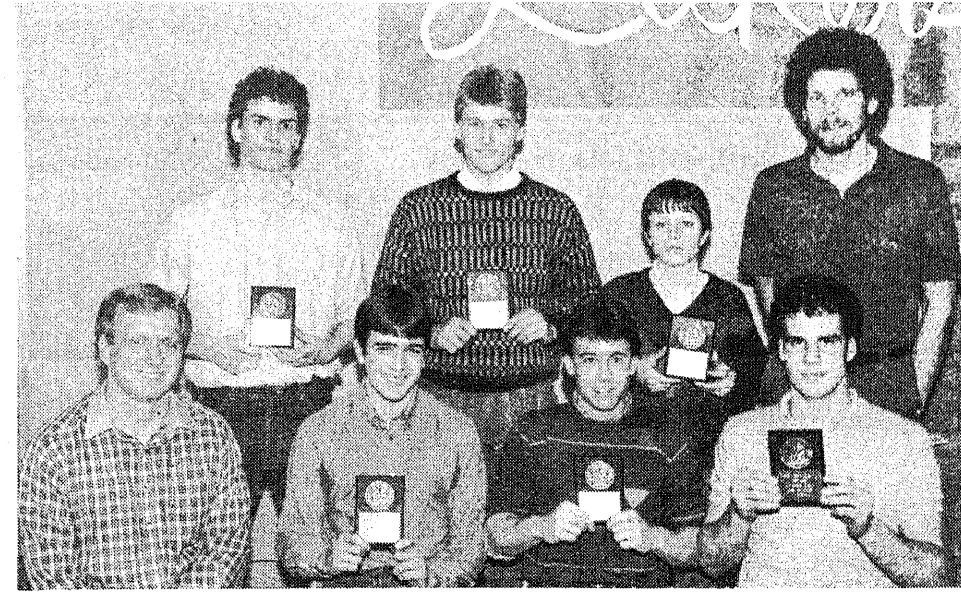
make important contributions to this year's Michigan Tech tennis team, according to Coach John Christianson.

LJH spikers win v-ball tourney

The future looks bright for Laker volleyball, as the Seventh Grade won their age division in the five-team Akron-Fairgrove Invitational Tournament last Saturday. The winners earned the championship with



VOLLEYBALL: In front from left, Varsity Coach Irene Green, Most Improved Sue Kersten, Most Determined Shelley Ritter and Most Valuable Brenda Baker. In back, Junior Varsity Most Improved Tricia Learnan, Most Determined Paula Klosowski and Most Valuable Marilyn Kranz.



JV and FROSH BASKETBALL: In front from left, Junior Varsity Coach George Gardy, Most Valuable Paul Elbaum, Most Determined Jeff Sturm and Most Improved Jay Bushey. In back, Freshman Most Determined John Conrad, Most Valuable Kendall Wertz, Most Improved Jeff Rosenthal and Freshman Coach Joel Leipprandt.

All-Conference athletes named

Thumb B Volleyball

The Thumb B Association champion Laker squad dominated All-Conference balloting for top league volleyball players this season.

Laker seniors Brenda Baker and Shelley Ritter and junior Julia Sturm were all named to the First Team, as were senior Beth Stockford of Vassar and junior Katie Hempton of Inlay City.

SECOND TEAM: Senior Sue Kersten of Lakers, senior Betsy Herp of Bad Axe, seniors Tracey Galsterer and Tammy Reid of Caro, senior Deb Beilski of Vassar and junior Shannon McIntosh of Cass City.

HONORABLE MENTION: Juniors Cathy Wurst and Kristi Lasceski of Lakers; Jill Badgley, Shelly Havens and Ann Howard of Bad Axe; Kathy Gawrylowicz and Jenny Stockford of Caro; Chris Shevnock of Inlay City; Kris O'Dell of Cass City; Tina Atkins, Jodi McLean and Carmon Christenson of Marlette; Denise Stevens, Shawn Bugg and Brenda Ruhlman of North Branch, and Amy Moncman and Teresa Francis of Vassar.

Final league standings list Lakers at 7-0, Caro at 6-1, Vassar at 5-2, Bad Axe and North Branch at 3-4, Cass City at 2-5 and Marlette and Inlay City at 1-6.

North Central Thumb "D" Volleyball

Four Owengage volleyballers and two Caserville Eagles were recently accorded post-season honors.

All-Conference selections by North Central Thumb D League coaches include:

FIRST TEAM: Senior Michelle Stahl of Caseville, Sophomore Susie Salido of Owengage, senior Mary Lou Scherret of Port Hope, senior Missy Banowski of Kingston, senior Alisa Swan of Akron-Fairgrove and Melisa Carter of Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

SECOND TEAM: Senior Gail Gembariski of Caseville, juniors Cindy Enderle and Barb Hellebuyck of Owengage, juniors Colleen Bradley and Stephanie Pries of Peck and Keiko Inoue of CPS.

HONORABLE MENTION: Seniors Marsha Lopez and Deb Englehardt of

Owengage, senior Michelle Wilson of North Huron, junior Marcia Stewart and sophomore Sandi Parsell of Akron-Fairgrove and junior Karen Stone of Deckerville.

North Central Thumb "D" Basketball

Deckerville sophomore Tim Stolicker joined a quartet of seniors receiving top All-Conference basketball honors in the North Central Thumb D League. Also named to the first team were: Dave Simet of Caseville, Bill Case of North Huron and Dave Green and Mark Reehl of Kingston.

SECOND TEAM: Senior Pete Delmotto of Caseville, junior Stu Strirret of Owengage, junior Tim Murphy and sophomore Todd Brown of Port Hope, senior Mike Megge of Kingston and senior Duane Geiger of Deckerville.

HONORABLE MENTION: Seniors Ray Johnson of Caseville, Joe Byrne of North Huron, Doug Kussrow of Peck, Gary Turcott of CPS, and junior Pete Miklovic of Akron-Fairgrove.

3 Laker spikers named All-State

Three Laker volleyball players achieved statewide recognition for outstanding play this season by being named to the All-State team by the Michigan Volleyball Coaches Association.

Senior hitter Brenda Baker was named to the Michigan Dream Team, First Team All-State, Regional Dream Team and All-Region Team.

Also named to the All-State second Team was senior setter Shelley Ritter, as well as the All-Region Team.

Baker was the offensive team leader and played in each of Laker's 156 games this season. She led the team in attacks with 979, kills with 502 and digs with 193. Baker

was second in service points with 460, aces with 111 and blocks with 61.

In her junior year, Julia Sturm led the Laker team with 82 blocks, passes to the setter with 131, and was second to Baker in attacks with 643 and kills with 338.

Ritter quarterbacked the Laker offense from her setter position while recording a team-leading 833 assists. She also led the team in serving with 536 points and aces with 116, and was third in digs with 143.



Brenda Baker



Julia Sturm



Shelley Ritter



UNDEFEATED: The St. John's Lutheran of Berne girls basketball team wrapped up a perfect 11-0 season with the Thumb Area Lutheran League (TALL) tournament championship on March 8-9. The Crusaders also earned trophies for the TALL regular season championship with six wins, and the Bay Area Lutheran League Invitational Tournament championship on Nov. 23-24.

Included on the team are: in front from left, Tricia Armbruster, Kristie Dressler, Missy Stevenson, Julie Bruce and Tonie Schultz. In back, Joan Birsching, Beth Roestel, Heather Clark, Coac Al Selbig, Tracy Roestel, Lynn Roestel and Kristin Krohn.

Thumb Area OUTDOORS

Fishing conditions on Saginaw Bay continue to deteriorate with the spring-like weather occurring during the past week. Although there is still plenty of ice on protected bays, ice fishermen are advised to proceed with extreme caution when venturing out on the ice. Warm rains have promoted "honeycombing", and large cracks are beginning to appear.

The spring breakup is always accompanied with an increase in fish activity, but this year, fishermen may even make a little money when they boat Perch and Catfish from Saginaw Bay. The University of Michigan has begun a study on these 2 species to determine why the quality of Saginaw Bay fishing has deteriorated over the past 10 years.

As part of this study, 6,500 Perch and Catfish have been tagged, and anglers will receive \$1 for each returned tag and are also

eligible for grand prizes of \$100 and \$500 in a special drawing held September 30. The marked fish have special yellow tags which resemble clothing price tags, attached to their backs. Each tag bears a 5-digit number and a return address; 4,000 Yellow Perch and 2,500 Channel Catfish were marked, and so far, only about 100 tags have been returned. Research officials of the U of M stated that more responses are needed for the study to be a success.

The Perch were tagged in waters off Tawas, Port Austin, Bay Port, Pinconning and AuGres and the Catfish were tagged near Bay Port. Perch tags should be returned along with the catch date, location, water depth, sex, length, and if possible, a sample of scales. Send to: James Diana, School of Natural Resources, U-M, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1115.

Berrien Springs repeats as Class C volleyball champs

For the sixth time in the past eight years, Berrien Springs claimed the Class C State Volleyball Championship. The Shamrocks, who eliminated Lakers last year in the state semi-finals, upended Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard to defend their title.

Pontiac Catholic, the team which bumped Lakers out of the regional semi-finals, lost to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in a three-game match in the state semi-finals.

Insult... of the week!
I expect you to go places - and the sooner the better.

Bowler of the week

The Thumb Area Womens' Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Feb. 24-March 2 is JoAnne Morell, with a 601 actual series.

Morell bowls for Charmont on the Thursday Night Merchante League at Charmont Lanes, Cass City. Her games consisted of a 160, 222 and a 219.

Other 550 and higher series bowlers were: Linda Yost 600, Charmont; Sue Arnott 579, Almac Lanes, Bad Axe; Shirley Messing 565, Bluewater Lanes, Harbor Beach; Sharon DeLong 561, Charmont Lanes, Cass City; Sharon Buchholz 560, Pigeon Lanes; Norma Wallace 555 and Elaine Romain 552, Charmont Lanes, Cass City.

Thumb Area Bowling results

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| TY'S SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS | Steinman Agency 28 | Chappel, L. Jaworski, D. Seley: 2-7 B. Willoughby. |
| Shoreline Snowplowing 20 | Pioneer Cablevision 26 | |
| Hitching Post 13% | Kretzschmer HC 25 | |
| G.W. Repairs 13 | Oaentoski Ford Tractor 24 | |
| H & B Block 12 | Pigeon Inn 24 | |
| McBride Tile 12 | Dutch Kettle 22 | |
| Finkbeiner Farm Equip. 11 | Pigeon Lumber 17 | |
| Miller Lite 8 | Bob Smith Builders 17 | |
| Ty's Bowling 6% | Active Feed 15 | |
| High team scores: H & B Block 1952 (896). | High team scores: Dutch Kettle 2617 (895-888), Steinman Agency 2515 (917), Arlen's Duck Inn 2483 (894-892). | |
| High individual scores: LADIES - K. Thumme 519 (184-176), D. McGee 509 (179-176), J. Rosenthal 481 (175), G. Finkbeiner 182, J. Krueger 177; MEN - D. Schuetze 583 (180-182-211), J. Jaworski 534 (190-177), D. McBride 502 (186-172), C. Podlaskowski 485 (180), D. Krohn 484 (193), T. Wills 476, C. Prystrup 186, T. Wicherl 178, M. Hyzer 174, M. Krueger 173. | High individual scores: R. Elbing 564 (211-204), W. Otto 560, H. Schuetze 553 (208-206), B. Pawluk 547, L. Roestel 214, D. Steinman 213, K. Schember 204, M. Bergman 203, A. Niebel 200. | |

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| MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE | Brighton Metal 25 | FRIDAY NIGHT MENS' LEAGUE |
| *Pigeon Lanes 25 | Bay Shore Collision 21 | Co-op Elevator 30% |
| Carlting 19 | J & B Pig 19 | Silver Dollar 28% |
| Pigeon Motor Sales 19 | Bay Shore Realty 18 | Active Feed 26 |
| *J.O. Wurst Tiling 18 | *J.O. Wurst Tiling 18 | Pigeon Lanes 22 |
| *Damm's Inc. 14 | *Walah Packing 12 | Caseville Fruit Market 21% |
| High team scores: Pigeon Motor Sales 2623 (941-855), Brighton Metal 2522 (860-855), Walsh Packing 2471 (877), Damm's 861. | High individual scores: R. Gotts 583 (239), D. Parrish 581 (206), J. Williams 572 (214), B. Simet 558, D. Schulz 553, R. Damm 548 (202), D. Diener 546, R. Klein 545, M. Rathje 255, D. Schulze 204, J. Beyer 203, D. Bergman 200. | High team scores: D. McAlpine 566 (243), D. Ropp 547, D. Dubs 530, M. Swartzendruber 519, D. Dunn 518, R. Nowaczyk 517 (206), J.D. Gunden 517, C. Kuffman 510, H. Weiss 502, M. Libka 203. |

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| PIGEON WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES | Haist Flowers 32 | High team scores: Pigeon Motor Sales 2623 (941-855), Brighton Metal 2522 (860-855), Walsh Packing 2471 (877), Damm's 861. |
| Village Cowik Stop 29 | Miller High Life 25 | High individual scores: R. Gotts 583 (239), D. Parrish 581 (206), J. Williams 572 (214), B. Simet 558, D. Schulz 553, R. Damm 548 (202), D. Diener 546, R. Klein 545, M. Rathje 255, D. Schulze 204, J. Beyer 203, D. Bergman 200. |
| Bay Port Construction 25 | Damm's 23 | High team scores: Pigeon Motor Sales 2623 (941-855), Brighton Metal 2522 (860-855), Walsh Packing 2471 (877), Damm's 861. |
| Vassar's 23 | Vassar's 23 | High individual scores: R. Gotts 583 (239), D. Parrish 581 (206), J. Williams 572 (214), B. Simet 558, D. Schulz 553, R. Damm 548 (202), D. Diener 546, R. Klein 545, M. Rathje 255, D. Schulze 204, J. Beyer 203, D. Bergman 200. |

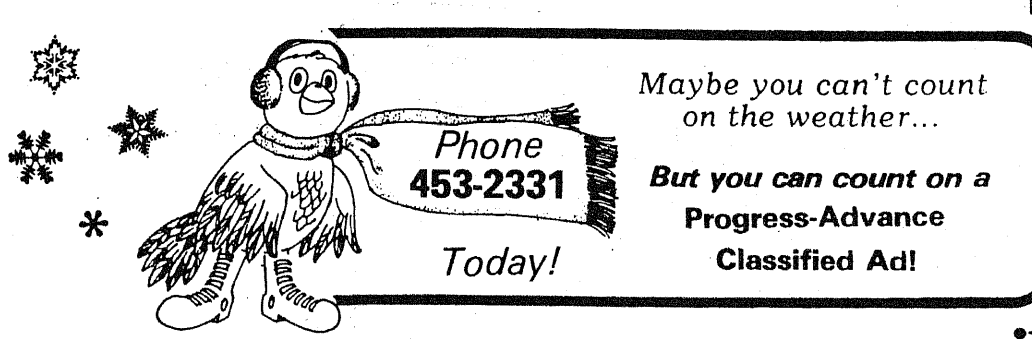
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| GUYS AND DOLLS | Kretzschmer-Thiel 24% | PIGEON THURSDAY NITE LADIES |
| *Dunn-Stemman 22% | Gunden-Rapson 20 | J & B Pig 30% |
| Gunden-Rapson 20 | Beachy-Weidman 20 | Pigeon Co-op 30 |
| *Caverly-Pipe 20 | *Waint-Metel 25 | Rapson Foster Care 26 |
| *Heintz-Hundersmark 19 | Wright Ads 25 | Brighton Metal 25 |
| Dubs-Smith 18 | Scheurer Hospital 21 | Gary's TV 20 |
| Roestel-Strauch 17 | Pigeon Auto Supply 19% | Village Barber & Styling 19 |
| Elbing-Roestel 16 | *Krohn-Morin 15 | Fink's Farm Equip. 19 |
| *Incomplete | High team scores: Rapson-Gunden 2007 (710-665), Kretzschmer-Thiel 1914 (678-654), Caverly-Pipe 1787. | Lee's Landscaping 17 |

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| PIGEON WOMANS' AFTERNOON LEAGUE | Pigeon IGA 28 | High individual scores: D. Deming 539 (201-183), M. Ropp 517 (194), B. Pobanz 492 (183), M. Collins 488 (196), P. Niebel 488 (178), E. Rounds 487 (177), S. Buchholz 486 (174), A. Albrecht 483 (196), W. Kovach 466 (177), B. Schulz 464 (172), F. Otto 190, C.A. Dubs 177, D. Maust 174. |
| Town & Country 25% | Beachy Eggs 23 | High team scores: Fink's Farm Equip. 2232 (797), Scheurer Hospital 2221 (772), J & B Pig 2203, Brighton Metal 797. |
| Sohgro 22 | Moss Builders 21% | High individual scores: D. Deming 539 (201-183), M. Ropp 517 (194), B. Pobanz 492 (183), M. Collins 488 (196), P. Niebel 488 (178), E. Rounds 487 (177), S. Buchholz 486 (174), A. Albrecht 483 (196), W. Kovach 466 (177), B. Schulz 464 (172), F. Otto 190, C.A. Dubs 177, D. Maust 174. |
| LaFave Steel 21% | Schember Poultry Farm 19% | High team scores: Fink's Farm Equip. 2232 (797), Scheurer Hospital 2221 (772), J & B Pig 2203, Brighton Metal 797. |

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| ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES | Elkton Co-op 29 | High individual scores: D. Deming 539 (201-183), M. Ropp 517 (194), B. Pobanz 492 (183), M. Collins 488 (196), P. Niebel 488 (178), E. Rounds 487 (177), S. Buchholz 486 (174), A. Albrecht 483 (196), W. Kovach 466 (177), B. Schulz 464 (172), F. Otto 190, C.A. Dubs 177, D. Maust 174. |
| Ron's Party Store 25 | Kroechel's Market 23% | High team scores: Fink's Farm Equip. 2232 (797), Scheurer Hospital 2221 (772), J & B Pig 2203, Brighton Metal 797. |
| Ty's Bowling 19% | Town Edge Farms 19 | High individual scores: D. Deming 539 (201-183), M. Ropp 517 (194), B. Pobanz 492 (183), M. Collins 488 (196), P. Niebel 488 (178), E. Rounds 487 (177), S. Buchholz 486 (174), A. Albrecht 483 (196), W. Kovach 466 (177), B. Schulz 464 (172), F. Otto 190, C.A. Dubs 177, D. Maust 174. |
| Bud's Bar 19 | Sally's Ceramics 15 | High team scores: Fink's Farm Equip. 2232 (797), Scheurer Hospital 2221 (772), J & B Pig 2203, Brighton Metal 797. |

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| TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE | Carlting 31 | High individual scores: D. Deming 539 (201-183), M. Ropp 517 (194), B. Pobanz 492 (183), M. Collins 488 (196), P. Niebel 488 (178), E. Rounds 487 (177), S. Buchholz 486 (174), A. Albrecht 483 (196), W. Kovach 466 (177), B. Schulz 464 (172), F. Otto 190, C.A. Dubs 177, D. Maust 174. |
| Arlen's Duck Inn 30 | Ralph's Tavern 29 | High team scores: Fink's Farm Equip. 2232 (797), Scheurer Hospital 2221 (772), J & B Pig 2203, Brighton Metal 797. |

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Mrs. Karl Emerson 38

OLIVER TOWNSHIP VOTER REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL ROAD ELECTION RENEWAL

Monday, March 24, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. is the closing of all voter registration for the Township of Oliver Special Road Election to be conducted on Thursday April 24, 1986.
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I would like to thank the Doctors, (especially Dr. Akbar) and the Nurses of Scheurer Hospital, for their loving care. A special thank you to Dr. McCummons, and my friends for their prayers, cards and visits.
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Card Of Thanks

WE WISH TO THANK all of our friends, neighbors and relatives for their acts of kindness following the death of our mother & grandmother. We want to thank Shetler Bussema Chapel for their services, those who gave memorials and those who sent cards. We also want to thank church members who provided food, and the Service Committees from the Kilmanagh Methodist Church who served the dinner following the service and any other expressions of sympathy. *The family of Mabel E. Wing* 38A

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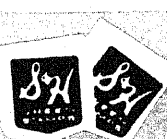
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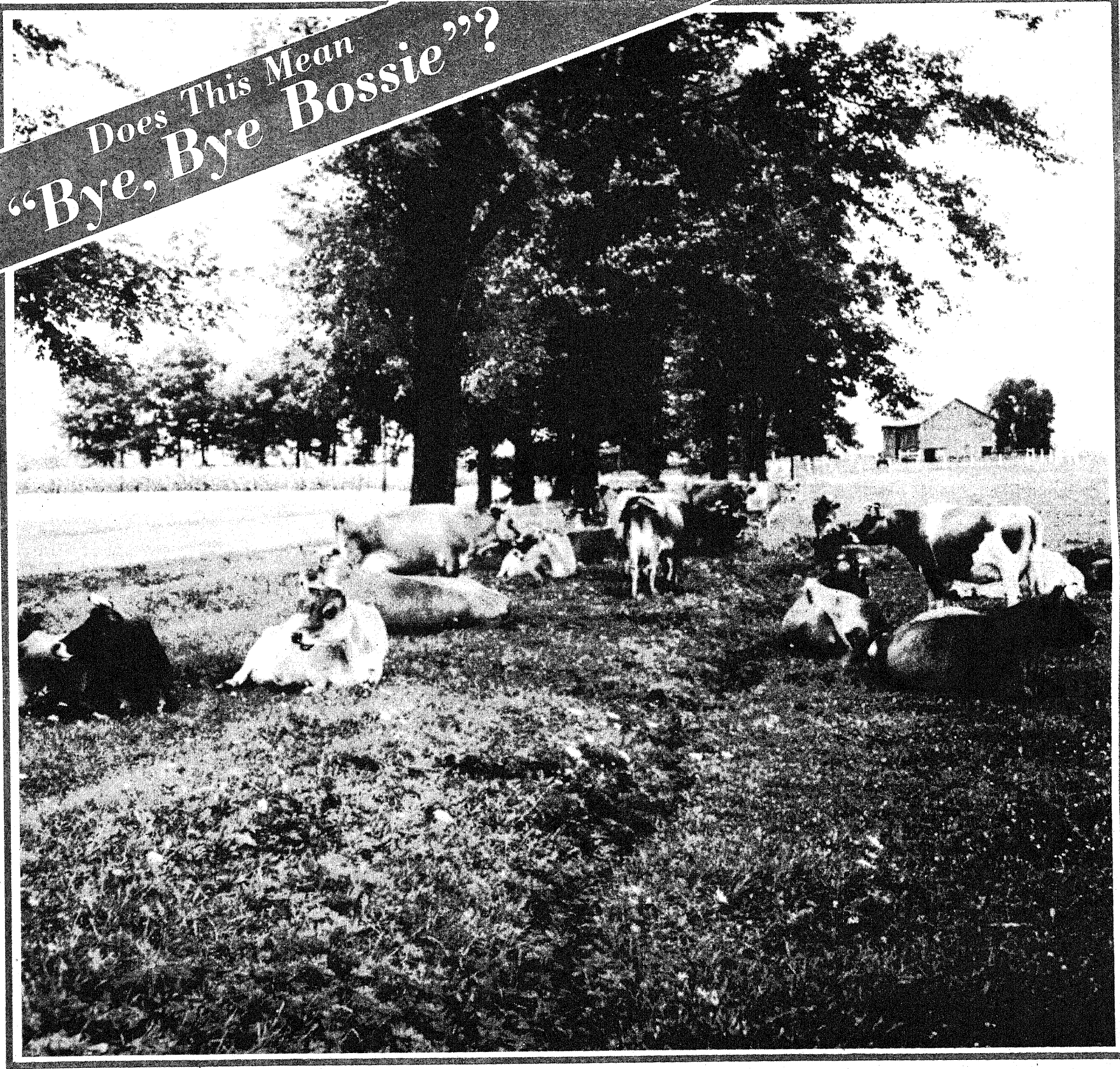
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Does This Mean
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THE PASTORAL SCENE of a herd of cows, eating grass, chewing their cud, resting in the shade -- will it soon be seen only in oldtime photos? Will coming generations ever see the black-and-white Holsteins, the orange-and-white Guernseys, the taffy-colored Brown Swiss or the fawn-brown Jerseys?

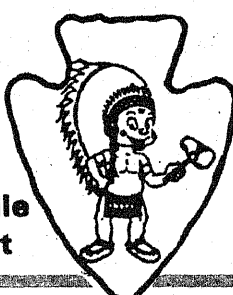
The new 1985 Farm Act takes definite steps in reducing dairy cow numbers, and at this point no one knows just what it will mean. Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac are 3 of Michigan's largest milk-producing counties, and this FARMWAYS Edition tells how they may respond to the new Farm Act.

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Dairy Buyout:

By Penny Harrison

It's an almost unbelievable economic fact, but American milk producers are outdoing themselves — literally. Stemming from good old Yankee ambition to improve herd quality and increase milk production, the delicate balance of supply and demand has been upset.

There's just too much milk.

Like national deficit figures, milk production numbers are too large to have any meaning except to dairy corporate heads and government officials, but here they are, anyway.

US Department of Agriculture statistics from January 1986 put milk production in excess of 12.2 billion pounds, up 8% over January 1985 records. Michigan dairies contributed 465 million pounds toward that new record, and ranked 5th in milk production nationally.

Spread among Michigan's 396,000 head of dairy cattle, that's an average of 13,683 pounds per cow, per year, another increase of 4% over the previous year.

All dairy products are on the rise in terms of production quantity, worsening an already over-supplied market and driving prices down.

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Local Farmers Face Uncertainties Until March 30 Deadline Date



DAIRY FARMER BRUCE KUHIL feels the program could have ramifications beyond the immediate reduction of milk production. "This could be the most important decision in your life," he says. "It's not just a sale, but a permanent change in your and your family's way of life."

Dairy Change was Years in Coming

The dairy industry wasn't a national problem a half-century, or three-quarter century ago when the average farmer milked 6 or 8 or 10 cows twice a day, separated cream from the milk on a hand-turned separator, sold the cream to a local butter or cheese facility and slopped the hogs with the leftover skim milk.

A milk shortage — or a surplus — showed up quickly in an area, and farmers could soon adjust to the greater or lesser need for cream or milk.

The 6- or 8- or 10-cow farm dairy has long since disappeared, because, for a multitude of reasons, farmers gave up their small herds. With mechanization in the dairy barn, the costly equipment didn't pay off for small herds, and so 20 or 50 cows became the norm. Also, farmers discovered that the inconvenience of year-round staying-at-home and 365 days of twice-a-day milking could be eliminated by selling the cows and going into cash crop production.

The result, for many farms, was that not only the cows went — but so did the pigs, the chickens —

and even the family dog.

In 1964 there were 610,000 cows on Michigan farms, and they produced 5.75 billion pounds of milk, for an average of 9,426 pounds per cow. Twenty years later, cow numbers were reduced by one-third, 404,000 animals, but that smaller cow population still produced 5.5 billion pounds of milk, for an average of 13,614 pounds per cow, illustrating the effect that increased milk output per cow has had on milk production.

In Michigan, milk per cow increased 45% since 1964.

Among top milk-producing states, Michigan trailed only California in milk per cow.

In 1984, cow operations — any place having one or more head of milk cows — declined to 9,000, and approximately 8,000 of these were defined as "commercial dairy farms". There were 6,600 Grade A dairy farms and 1,275 Grade B farms operating in Michigan.

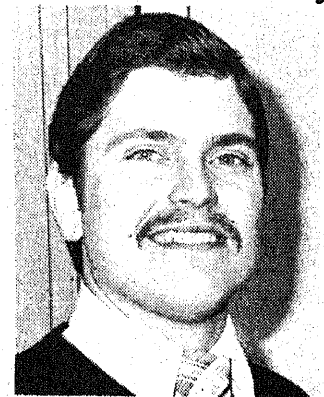
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Cooperative Extension

Experts Are Changing Their Roles As The Needs of Farming Are Changing

By RICH SWARTZENDRUBER

With severe economic problems facing many parts of the agriculture community, farmers today look for any edge they can get in the struggle for survival.

One positive factor for farmers is information and organizational help provided by the Cooperative Extension Service, with local offices in County Buildings in Huron, Tuscola and other counties.

The Extension Service provides information and educational programs in the areas of agriculture and marketing, natural resources and public policy, home economics and 4-H youth programs.

Although some farmers are taking advantage of the service for the first time as economic pressure grows as fast as some crops, the service has been in existence since 1914, when Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act, which created and directed land-grant colleges to oversee the program.

Michigan State University, the state's land-grant college, provides the Extension Service with up-to-date information, often gathered in research situations at the university.

BUDGET CUTS? Funding for the program is supplied by federal, state and local government in a cooperative effort to attempt to meet the needs of each local community.

Federal funding for the

Extension Service could be cut back due to efforts to bring the federal deficit under control, says Huron County Extension Director Bob Johnson.

"Eighty-five percent of our budget goes to people, so if you cut anything out of our program, you are cutting people," Johnson says.

President Reagan's proposed budget for 1987 calls for a cut of 41%, which amounts to a loss of \$5.3 million in Michigan (22% of the state's Extension Program total funding). In addition to funding cutbacks, the federal Office of Management and Budget has proposed re-wording of the Smith-Lever Act which would result in 4-H and Home Economics Extension programs receiving



ROBERT JOHNSON

little or no funding from the federal government.

4-H WORK: In addition to his administrative duties, Johnson is still the County 4-H Leader, after beginning his service in Huron County 16 years ago as 4-H Youth Agent.

The 4-H program is constantly undergoing change to meet the needs of young people from year to year. Because of that change, yearly evaluation of programs is necessary to improve or totally discard programs which are outdated.

"If you don't change from year to year, you'll soon go out of existence," observes Johnson.

New projects — such as the horse-back riding program for handicapped children and pheasant habitat efforts — are proving very popular. Johnson estimates 5,000 pheasants have been raised locally by children in 4-H projects in the past two years.

Older activities such as display and judging of children's projects at the annual Huron Community Fair are also popular.

Because young people choose from a wide range of activities today, the number of 4-H clubs has remained stable at about 50 in Huron County, but the average number of members in each club has declined, according to county figures.

Several factors such as volunteers to lead the groups and support by parents and

children are key to strong 4-H clubs. Johnson also stresses that youth of all backgrounds are welcome in 4-H.

More than half of all 4-H members do not live on farms, he says.

Another change in 4-H is opening up participation in many "special" programs to all who are interested, rather than just a few "winners." Programs such as a summer camping experience, citizenship meetings in Washington, D.C. or 4-H foreign exchange programs are geared to a wide variety of interests.

NATURAL RESOURCES: As part of Johnson's responsibilities, the bottomland preserve project in Lake Huron on the eastern side of the Thumb has developed. The director has gathered information from various sources on shipwrecks in the con-

finer of the preserve with an eye toward creating an informational brochure to attract divers to the area.



BARBARA NEUMAN

HOME ECONOMIST

Huron County Extension's newest employee is Home Economist Barbara Neuman. She took the Extension position on Sept. 1, 1985.

From 1967 to 1983, she and her husband, the late Robert Neuman, were owners of The Sebewaing Blade-Unionville Crescent. From 1958 to 1966, she taught home economics at Sebewaing High School.

Neuman's responsibilities include providing information to Huron County families for financial management and planning, housing alternatives and home maintenance, nutrition and health, food preservation and safety, family communication, effective parenting skills, family relationships and child development and clothing manage-

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Top o' the week...

DEBT PLAN IDEA: A "two-level" debt restructuring plan to improve the farm credit situation has been announced by the American Farm Bureau Federation. Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton Smith says the plan would help financially-troubled farmers while also protecting those farmers who are currently meeting their obligations through normal borrowing procedures.

Under Farm Bureau's two-tier plan, a farmer and his lender would divide his debt into two tiers. That amount which could be serviced over the next five years at expected commodity prices would be considered as tier-one debt and would be financed at prevailing interest rates, amortized over 10 to 20 years, Smith says.

"The remainder would be tier-two debt, which would carry an interest rate of 2% to 3%, plus any supplemental amount from government sources.

"As the tier-one principal is paid off, tier-two debt would shift and become tier-one debt."

Smith notes this is a debt management plan, not a debt forgiveness concept.

"The financial difficulties of farmers in trouble now threaten all of agriculture. The forced liquidation of a significant number of farms could create a domino effect of failed banks, higher interest rates overall and still lower land values.

"Today's healthy farmers could become tomorrow's troubled borrowers if we don't address this problem now," he says. A bill with this proposed change has been drafted by Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., in the U.S. Senate.

AG DAY:

Agriculture Day is Thursday, March 20 — a time for consideration of our farm production system. Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths has signed an Ag Day proclamation for Michigan, saluting agriculture in general and farm families in particular for the many contributions to the state.

This year's theme is "Agriculture: America's Heartbeat, Vital to Us All."

LYNG OKAYED: Richard

Lyng was confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture last week by a 95-2 vote, with one of the dissenting votes cast by Michigan Sen. Donald Riegle.

Lyng, who replaces John Block as Ag Secretary, served as Deputy USDA Secretary under Block for four years. He says he sees brighter days ahead, and pledges to improve and expand farm imports as his top job priority.

During President

Reagan's terms, farm exports have tumbled by 36% — from 1981's \$43.8 billion to about \$28 billion for 1986. Lyng says the new five-year farm bill will make U.S. products more competitive abroad, thanks to lower price supports.

OIL GAIN: Michigan farmers, along with all other state consumers, should benefit from the oil price drops and gasoline price wars popping up all over the state.

But, according to Michigan Farm Bureau economist Robert Craig, the falling oil prices should also benefit farmers by fueling increased economic activity in the U.S.

"If our national economy continues to expand, we should see an increase on the demand side for a lot of food items," Craig says. "The entire meat industry should benefit, and we should see a pickup in demand for all types of foods and commodities.

"On the other side, the decline means oil producing countries such as Mexico are going to be earning less and won't be able to afford to purchase as many U.S. farm exports," he adds.

The lower prices should help keep a lid on inflation, which will ease pressures on interest rates.

PRICES DIP: The Index of Prices Received by

Michigan Farmers for all products as of Feb. 15 fell 3% from last month's amount, base (of 100). resting at 111% of the 1977 Continued Next Page

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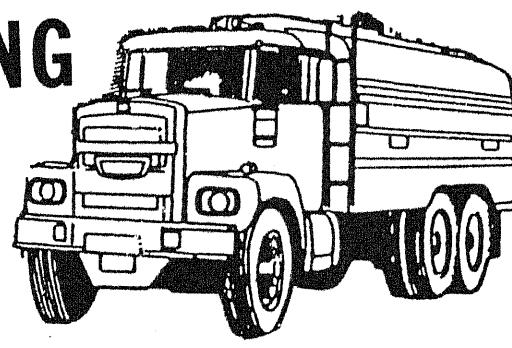
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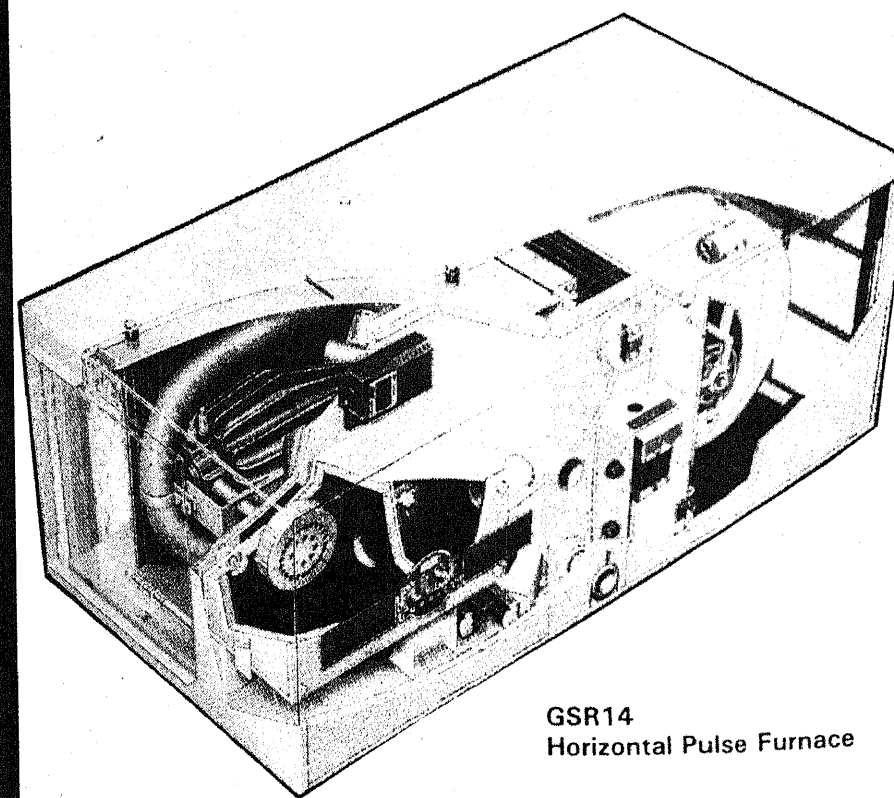


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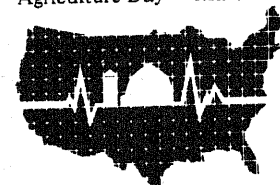
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That's down 10% from February, 1985, says the Michigan Ag Reporting Service (MARS).

The price index for all crops grown in the state fell 2% from January, as dry beans fell sharply and hay prices slipped slightly. Livestock and product indexes contributed a 2% drop to the overall figure, with egg prices falling the most.

Nationally, the U.S. Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for all farm needs was 163% of its 1977 base, continuing the amount of expenses exceeding farm income. That's unchanged from January, but 1% below Feb. 15, 1985, says MARS.

ANR WEEK: This is the time for Michigan State University's annual Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week, now through Saturday on the campus at East Lansing.

ANR Week Chairman Tom Thorburn says 30 workshops are planned on yields, soils and fertilizer, nutrition, dairy animal science, farm computers, new seed varieties — plus the growing need for ag marketing.

More than 200 activities for farmers, community leaders, government officials and people interested in outdoor activities and health are scheduled. ANR Week is open to the public, with details from Huron or Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Offices.

SPECIAL DAY: The Huron County Association of Extension Homemakers invite the

public to its Cultural Arts Exhibit and Craft Day on Friday, May 2 at the Farm Bureau Building, Bad Axe.

It's scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with luncheon time from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Cultural Arts Exhibit may be viewed, plus craft ideas will be shown with questions and answers available.

Local contact person for the luncheon is Dode Drummond, at 269-7955 (evenings).

DEBT GROWS: An agricultural indicator had edged higher and provided fresh evidence of a condition that causes few surprises: farmers generally have bigger debts and smaller assets than they had a year ago.

That's the not-too-surprising conclusion of a USDA study announced last week. The indicator — called the debt-asset ratio — will probably increase again this year, USDA says.

Early figures put the debt-asset ratio at 23.65% as of Dec. 31, 1985. That means that for every \$100 in assets, American farmers owed an average of \$23.65.

The December figure is up from 22.24% in 1984, 20.37% in '83, 20.08% in '82 — and 16.45% in 1980.

Agency analysts expect the 1986 figure to rise to a new record, possibly 24.9%. USDA records go back to 1939, when the average farmer owed \$18.90 for every \$100 in assets. The ratio rose in 1940 and then fell as land values rose during World War II.

The ratio didn't climb above 10% until 1953, and has

averaged between 14% and 17% since the 1960s, USDA says.

Latest figures show total farm debt was \$212.1 billion, down slightly from \$212.6 billion in 1984. Real estate assets last year were \$639.2 billion, down from \$639.7 billion at the end of 1984.

Net farm income for 1985 is pegged at about \$24 billion by USDA, down from the expected \$25 to \$29 billion for 1985.

BEEF BUCKS: You could win \$1000 if your entry is the top winner in the Michigan Beef Cook-Off — and you could win part of \$10,000 in national prizes.

Entries are being accepted until April 1 for the '86 Michigan Beef Cook-Off, to

be conducted May 3 at Meridian Mall, Okemos. First place winner represents the state at the National Beef Cook-Off in Dearborn Sept. 14-16, where \$5000 in first-prize cash is offered.

All recipes must contain between one and five pounds of beef, and each serving must contain at least three ounces of cooked beef. Cooking time cannot exceed four hours and all entries become property of the American National CowBelles, Inc.

The Beef Industry Council is co-sponsoring the event, and contestants must be 18 or older. For details, contact the MBIC at 373-3101.

Send your recipes to Michigan Beef Cook-Off, 815 Coolidge Road, Suite 307, Lansing, MI 48912.

NAME STAYS: "America's Dairyland" will still be the slogan on Wisconsin's license plates. Gov. Anthony Earl asked state residents to vote on a new state license plate contest — and more than 110,000 persons cast ballots.

Substitute slogans included "The Udder Milky Way," "We Butter You Up," "Cream of the Midwest" and "Eat Cheese or Die."

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license plates, where it's been since 1964.

SWEETNESS: A sugar beet a day keeps the dentist away — maybe.

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Dairying from Then to Now . . .

The history of dairying dates back before recorded times. Already in the Old Testament, the brothers Jacob and Esau had large herds of animals — cattle, goats, camels, sheep and horses — and the caves in France and Egypt show wall paintings of milk-giving animals. Around the world, even today, sheep milk is used in making cheese, camels' milk is drunk in Arabia, and in other parts of the Middle East, mares' milk is considered a health-

giving human food. Laplanders drink reindeer milk and also make it into cheese, and in the Mideast and Far East water buffaloes are milked. All through the Middle East and in many areas of Africa, goat milk is an important food. In more recent history, Christopher Columbus brought the first cattle to America in 1493. The English brought cows into the Jamestown settlement in the early 1600s, and soon after cows were brought with colonists coming to

Plymouth and other New England settlements. Cattle raising grew quickly, and an important step developed in 1655 when a resident of Massachusetts Colony began feeding his cattle grain and hay during the wintertime.

and the cows gave milk all winter, instead of drying up until the next lactation. The importance of cattle manure was discovered as pioneers moved westward, taking their animals — and their manure — with them, to make soil more produc-

tive, soon creating a small, local surplus of milk. Farms and towns and cities were usually developed close together, which made milk supplying simple and easy. After 1840, when big cities developed, farms and their cattle were forced to move farther and farther out, and shipping milk to consumers became a problem. The first record of milk being shipped into New York City by train dates back to 1841. Within a few years, the large cities of America were receiving milk from farms, 50 and more miles away. For many years, dairy products were manufactured

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down. It's a boon for consumers, but a near-crisis situation for the industry. Michigan Milk Producers Association can see the future too well. "I have a notice from the C.C.A.," said Roger Miller, manager of Michigan Milk Producers Association's plant in Sebawaing, "that the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act calls for a 4.3% price reduction as of March 1 to run through September 30. Commodities to be reduced are butter, dry milk, cheese — all of these prices are going down." These cuts are sure to be

implemented when President Reagan signs the Gramm-Rudman Bill, and amount to 10-12¢/cwt to the producer. Despite this act and other measures in the past that have gradually lowered milk price supports, over-production has remained a growing problem to the point the USDA has come up with a way to lower the surplus an estimated 12 billion pounds by "buying-out" a number of dairy farms. The Dairy Termination Program or Whole Herd Buyout Program is designed to put entire dairy

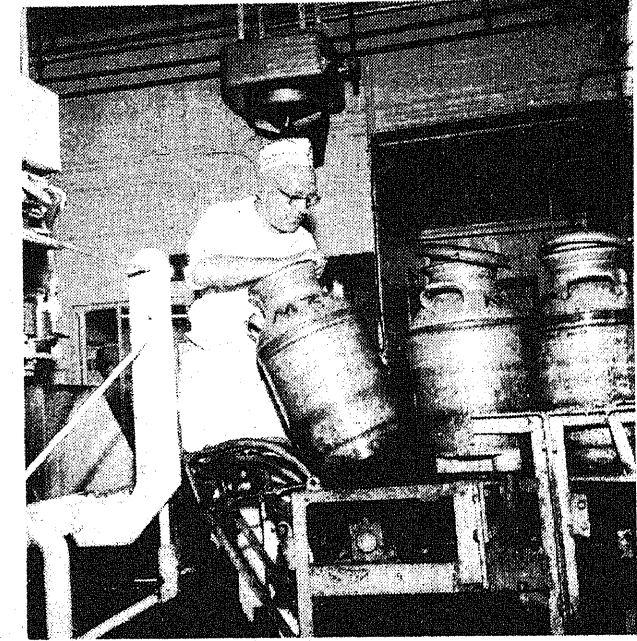
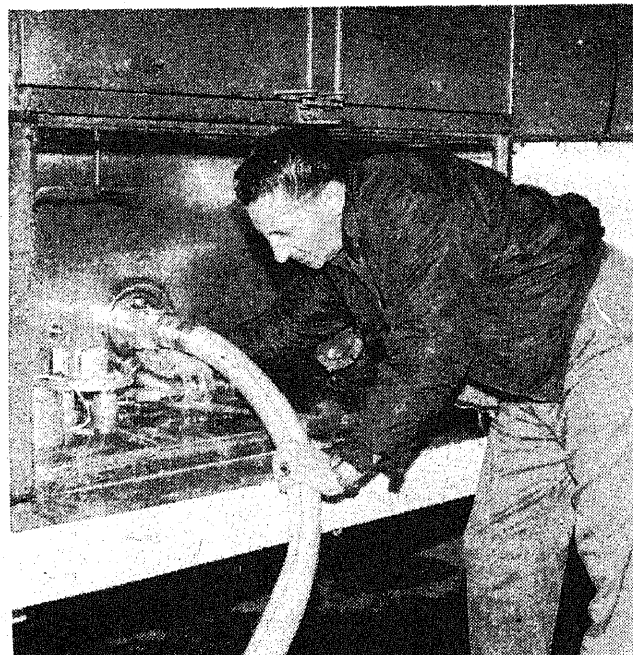
operations out of production for a period of at least 5 years. During that time, the owner may not own or have on his property any female dairy animals, nor may his facilities be used for dairy production. In the meantime, he is paid for NOT producing milk via one of 4 installment plans that spreads payments from 4-5 years. Funding for the Termination Program will come from dairy farmers themselves who will be assessed 40¢/cwt, with the cost of taking individual farms out of production determined by way of a bidding pro-

cess. Those farmers who desire to leave the industry must tell the government how much money it will take to buy them out. Bids submitted to US Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service offices by the March 7 deadline were to have been based on a 12-month marketing period from July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985 or January 1, 1985 - December 31, 1985 — whichever marketing base was smaller. Farmers would then calculate the price they would accept for their dairy operation and submit a bid in the form of dollars per hundredweight of milk. In calculating how much he would accept for his dairy operation, a farmer could include as many or

any kind of costs he deemed reasonable. In effect, there was no upper limit placed on the bidding process. "I think they have the right idea," said Huron County dairy farmer Bruce Kuhl, "but I don't think they will take high enough bids. Anyone operating with a debt has to have \$15-\$20/cwt to break even." By the cut-off date, 153 of Huron County's 500-plus dairy producers had submitted bids with prices ranging from \$8.50/cwt to \$195/cwt, according to Jimmy LaVoie, Huron County ASCS executive director. Of the 53 bids received by the Tuscola County ADCS office, prices spanned \$4.75/cwt to \$500/cwt. "That's 41% of Tuscola



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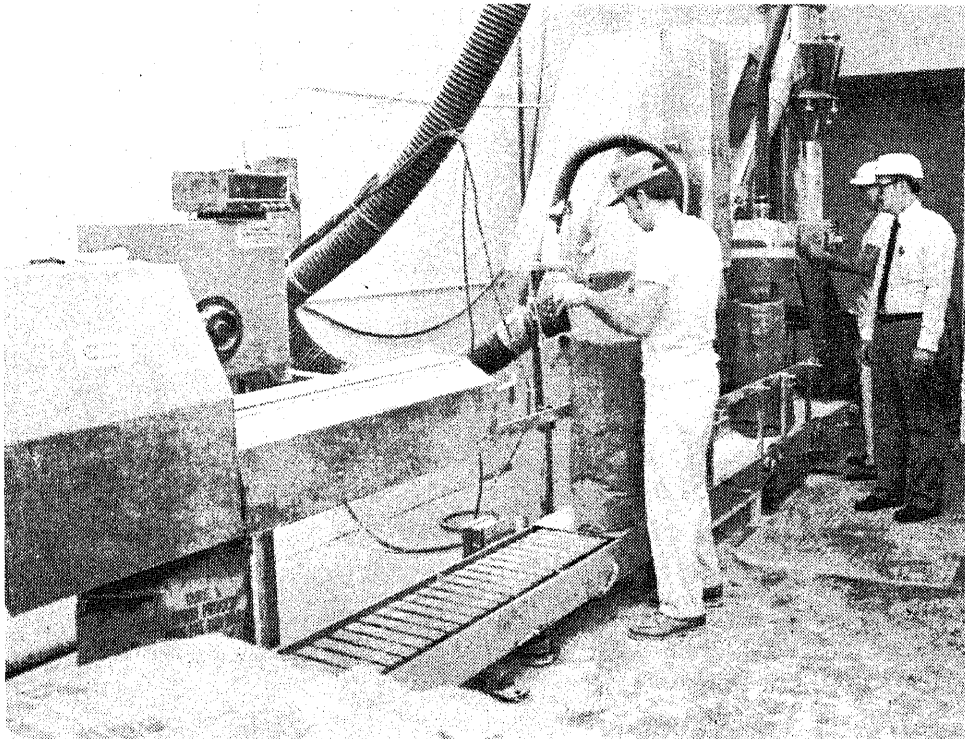
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Which Income Tax Form Should You File?

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It's unwise to fill out an income tax form without first making sure it's the right one for you.

The IRS has mailed out about 88 million tax forms to Americans over the past couple of months and, quite naturally, a lot of people will file their returns by simply filling out the forms the IRS sends. But that's not always a good idea, according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

In fact, it could cost you some money.

The IRS doesn't have a crystal ball to gaze into when determining which form to send a taxpayer. They simply send taxpayers the same forms filed last year. For someone whose financial situation changed over the past year, however, automatically filing the same form filed last year could be a costly mistake.

An obvious example is in the case of Hal, who purchased a home during 1985. Last year, Hal filed the

short form 1040A because he had no big deductions. With the interest payments on his new home, however it's a whole new picture: Itemizing on the long form 1040 will take some teeth out of the 1985 tax bite for Hal. The mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions, which cannot be deducted on the short form 1040A that Hal filed last year, CAN be deducted on Schedule A of the long form 1040 to lower his 1985 tax bill. Clearly, he would make a mistake to blindly file the same form he filed last year.

According to the CPAs, correctly choosing among the 3 federal income tax forms — the 1040EZ, the short form 1040A and the long form 1040 — is not that complicated. Here is the long and short on the forms to help you determine which is the right one for you.

The 1040EZ gets its name because it is the simplest of the forms. It can be used by single persons with no dependents and taxable incomes of less than \$50,000. But those who are 65 or

older should not use this form because it does not allow you to claim the extra exemption for senior citizens. In fact, the only deduction you can claim on the EZ is for charitable contributions. The EZ form has just 11 lines and the IRS claims that it takes minutes to fill it out. In spite of this, about 600,000 taxpayers last year hired preparers to fill out their EZs.

The 1040A, which is also known as the short form, can also be used only by

those with taxable incomes of less than \$50,000. But it allows those who do not itemize to claim certain deductions and credits that cannot be claimed on the EZ form. Senior citizens CAN claim the extra exemption for those age 65 and older. In addition, 3 important deductions can be claimed on the 1040A: IRA contributions, charitable donations and a deduction for working married couples. So if you don't itemize but want to deduct one of these 3

items, file the 1040A. Three tax credits that can sharply lower your tax bill are also available to someone filing the short form 1040A. The credits are for political contributions, child and dependent care expenses and low-income earners.

The 1040 is the long form. And it lives up to its name. Unlike the EZ and the short form, which are used to report only the most common deductions, credits and income sources, the long form is the required tax form in more than 35

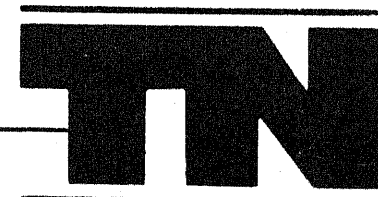
different instances cited by the IRS. The chief reasons: You must use the long form if your taxable income totals \$50,000 or more or if you want to itemize deductions. In addition, IRS rules outlined a myriad of other specific situations in which you are required to file with the 1040. These range from reporting the sale of a home to reporting taxable Social Security benefits. If you have any questions about which form to file, you may want to contact the IRS or your local CPA.

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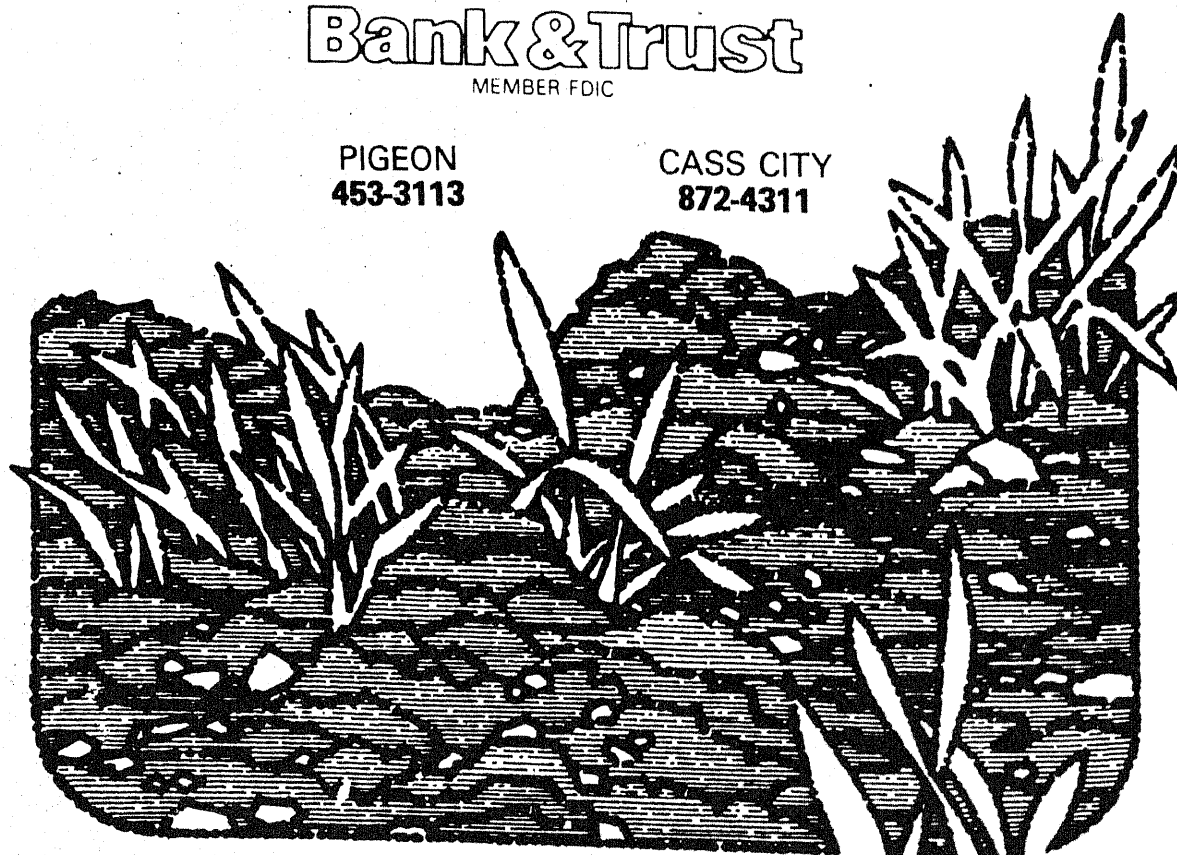
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ment, fabrics and textiles. A common misconception about the Extension home economist is that the program is only for wives of farmers.

Neuman emphasizes all individuals are welcome to take advantage of Extension services. Nutrition is a prime concern for all families, especially children, and the Extension Service' working with the Huron County Health Department and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program to improve nutrition.

STUDY GROUPS: Neuman also serves as advisor to the 16 Huron County Extension study groups. The primary concern of the local groups this year is improved railroad safety, which they hope to raise to the level of state awareness.

The group is working to find solutions to the problem of poor visibility of rail cars at road crossings in evening darkness.

Statewide study topics for the group include: the Michigan court system; volunteerism; saying what you mean; computers; weight management and nutrition; water availability; how families can cope with drugs, pesticides, and textiles for the home.

DAIRY



ANDY SOMMERS

Dairy production in Huron County is the top farm income producer, and also keeps Extension Dairy Agent Andy Sommers busy.

Huron County ranks just behind Sanilac County as the top milk production area in Michigan. "And there's a long way to third," says Sommers.

More than 19,000 cows are milked in Huron County, which produces about 250 million pounds of milk annually.

Although the number of dairy farmers will probably decrease, (especially with the new federal whole-herd buy out plan now in operation), Sommers believes Huron County will continue to be one of the top milk-producing areas in the state.

"There will be fewer dairy farms, but larger herds on those that remain," Sommers predicts.

Technological improvements have enabled farmers to spend less time handling more cows than in the past," he adds.

GIVE FACTS: Providing current, unbiased information is the most important service he performs, says the dairy specialist.

"We don't know all the answers, but we have access to information on virtually any agricultural subject area. You might say were the first step in the library (of ag information)," Sommers says.

"Unbiased information" is defined by the agent as facts

"based on research in a university setting that ignores labels or the color of the box."

Sommers sees the Extension Ag Agents as troubleshooters who help farmers with a wide variety of problems from structural matters to nutritional needs of the animals.

CROPS



JIM LECUREUX

Huron County Crop Specialist Jim LeCureux has been a part of the Extension Service since June of 1982, but he is no stranger to many Huron County farm families.

Prior to joining the Extension group, LeCureux was the agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America chapter leader at Uby High School for 14 years.

"I still consider myself to be in the education business," says LeCureux about his role of providing information to local farmers.

One big change in the Extension service in recent years has been the introduction of the computer into the decision-making process.

Last summer, LeCureux developed a "cost of production worksheet" to help farmers quickly figure their break-even point for various commodities. With the aid of the computer, the ag agent plugs in different variables for certain situations and then provides farmers with

the information (though often discouraging recently) to make production decisions.

Approximately 150 farmers have participated in "cost of production" sessions so far, he says.

LeCureux also has a computer program that provides farmers renting land as well as land owners with a print-out showing what each must receive to cover their costs.

Although farm management is very important, many farmers would rather spend their time in production.

"Finance and record-keeping is not as much fun as driving tractor," notes LeCureux.

WATER USE: The ag agent has also been working for the past several years on agricultural usage of water. Although he admits the topic generates strong feelings by farmers and non-agricultural water users, LeCureux wants to have a study made on below-ground water availability.

"If you know what's down there, you have a better basis for making informed judgments," he states.

CERTIFICATION: About 230 local farmers became certified to handle restricted use chemicals in special sessions sponsored by the Extension Service. The certification is now required under a new state law. LeCureux says at least one more such certification session is planned.

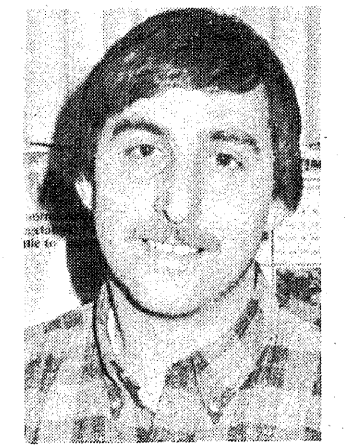
LIVESTOCK

The resident doctor in the Extension Service staff is not a veterinarian, but rather a livestock agent.

Gary Weber has served as livestock specialist in both Huron and Sanilac Counties for two years after earning his PhD. He also has additional animal resource information close at hand, as his wife Roberta serves as the Sanilac County Extension Dairy Agent.

Weber is kept busy because the Thumb Area has the highest concentration of

beef cattle of any area in the state.



GARY WEBER

He believes several factors contribute to that situation. One is a history of dairy farming created a background of working with livestock. Another is an opportunity to market corn grown through beef production.

Transportation and drying costs for corn can be saved by feeding cattle and converting the commodity to meat

at a ratio of about eight pounds of corn per pound of beef, Weber notes.

A similar ratio of four pounds of corn per pound of pork is a primary reason for the rapidly expanding pork production in Huron County.

Despite the bleak outlook for most of agriculture at the present time, pork production has a bright future, Weber predicts. Contributing to Huron County's growth as a pork producer is the close proximity of one of the largest pork processing plants in the country, Frederick & Herrud in Detroit.

Weber says his job involves providing information to farmers who want to use livestock to make maximum use of their entire farm system. He emphasizes, however, the final decision must be made by the farmer.

"We just want to provide the information. Very rarely is there just one way of doing things. It's not black and white — just shades of gray," he says.

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A Quiz to Test Your Agricultural IQ....



AGRICULTURE IQ QUIZ

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- The average farm has about 430 acres, although three-fifths of the farms have less than 180 acres. How big is an acre?
 - Smaller than a football field.
 - The size of New York's Central Park.
 - Two city blocks.
- How many different kinds of soil are there in the United States?
 - 100
 - 1,000
 - 10,000
 - 100,000
- Farms, ranches, ranges and commercial forests account for how much of the U.S. land base?
 - 45.9%
 - 15.8%
 - 66.7%
- True or false: Irrigation is a major factor in farming only in the Southwest.

PRODUCTION SUPPLIES, GOODS, SERVICES

5. Farmers are among our nation's most important taxpayers and consumers, paying more than \$8.25 billion in various taxes in 1979 and spending nearly \$131 billion on the broad range of goods and services they needed to produce the commodities they raised. From the following list, select the three production items on which producers spend the most in an average year.

a. Feed. b. Livestock. c. Seed. d. Fertilizer & lime. e. Repairs, fuel, maintenance. f. Hired labor. g. Property taxes. h. Interest on farm mortgages. i. Pesticides. j. Vehicles, machinery, equipment.

6. In 1830, it took 37 hours to harvest an acre of wheat. With today's modern equipment, it takes:

a. About 2 hours. b. Less than half-an-hour. c. 1 1/2 hours.

7. Altogether, the agricultural system provides jobs for more than 23 million persons, in cities, suburbs and the countryside. However, only 2.7 percent of our population—or 6.1 million men, women and children—actually live on a farm or ranch, out of a rural population of 55 million. How much does an agricultural operation have to produce for sale each year, in dollars, to be officially counted as a farm or ranch?

a. \$100 b. \$1,000 c. \$10,000

8. About 1.8 million of the persons working in agriculture do not live on the farms and ranches, but commute to jobs of all kinds on the farm, including field work, bookkeeping, truck-driving and mechanical repairing, or work in agricultural jobs in town (veterinary services, kennels, landscaping, etc.). At the same time, since farm families as a group today earn about 63 percent of their incomes from off-farm jobs and investments, it is obvious that many of the 6.1 million who do live on farms do not work in agriculture. What percentage of the persons more than 14 years old who live on farms and ranches, including unpaid family members, actually work in agriculture?

a. 54.4% b. 33.5% c. 87%

9. How many farm operators are there? (Couples count as one operator in government statistics.)

a. 1.67 million b. 2.43 million c. 3.31 million

10. True or false: Sixty-three percent of those working in agriculture in 1980 were self-employed; in the rest of the economy, only 11 percent are self-employed.

11. From 1979 to 1980, the average income for adults in the United States increased 9.7% to about \$12,572. Farm operators' average net income from farming in 1979 was about \$19,581. What was the average net farm income per farm operator in 1980?

a. \$21,480 b. \$11,916 c. \$8,500

12. Which of these crops is not a kind of grass?

a. sugarcane b. corn c. wheat d. soybeans e. oats

ELEVATORS, MEATPACKERS

13. What is the next step for these raw commodities once they are produced?

Match the commodity on the left with the facility on the right.

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| a. cotton | A. oil distillery |
| b. wheat | B. cannery |
| c. hogs | C. dressing plant |
| d. tomatoes | D. ginney |
| e. chickens | E. manufacturing plant |
| f. raw milk | F. elevator |
| g. peppermint | G. slaughterhouse |

14. Five of every six farmers use cooperatives they own to market 30 percent of their raw products and to secure much of their seed, feed, fertilizers and other supplies. What state has the most cooperatives?

a. California b. Minnesota c. Iowa

The United States, a land of more than 230 million people, has about 2.4 million farms and ranches, most of which are operated by their owners. These operations, and the men and women who own and work on them, are the vital core of a food, fiber, fish and floral system that, taken from start to finish, accounts for one of every 5 jobs in this country.

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15. Under laws passed by Congress and enforced by U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies, food commodities are inspected for safety and graded for quality, resulting in standards that consumers can recognize in shopping. For example, beef is often advertised as USDA Prime or USDA Choice, the top two grades. How many grades of beef are there?

a. 3 b. 17 c. 8

WAREHOUSES, LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS

STORES, RESTAURANTS, VENDORS

16. Nearly \$400 billion a year is spent on food and beverage products alone, in grocery stores and supermarkets. Different commodities require different amounts of "finishing," of blending with other ingredients and of advertising. The same holds true for clothes, cigarettes and other products that begin on the farm. Out of the 400 or so raw farm commodities, how many forms of various finished food products show up in our stores?

a. 6,000-8,000. b. 1,000-3,000. c. 10,000.

17. Raw commodities of food and fiber have to travel from one link to the next as they are transformed. More than 400 million tons of food alone is involved, so an efficient system of truckers, railroads, waterways and airlines is required to transport agricultural products. About 15 percent of all produce moves by rail, especially grain en route to mills or export terminals. How many cars of grain were loaded in 1980?

a. 4 million b. 1.6 million c. 2.05 million

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"Grain prices are likely to remain depressed this crop year, and use of the farm program in conjunction with other alternatives will provide producers with the highest net profit," says John Ferris, MSU Extension agricultural economist.

In 1986, target prices will be held at 1985 levels, but the non-recourse loan rates will be sharply lower, Ferris says. Target prices on corn remain at \$3.03 per bushel and on wheat at \$4.38 per bushel. The loan rate on corn will drop from \$2.44 in 1985 to \$1.92 in 1986. On wheat, the decline is from \$3.30 to \$2.40.

Government farm programs help reduce price and income risks, Ferris says. Not only do the loans provide downward price protection, but the target prices ensure farmers that they will receive com-

parable prices on their allowable production. If market prices are below target prices, as they are likely to be, participating farmers will receive the difference between the target price and the market price — up to a maximum of the difference between the target and the loan rate. The payments are based on assigned program yields, not actual yields. This reduces risks from unfavorable weather.

Participation does make some demands on the producer, however. Producers are required to take cropland out of production and follow conservation practices on their acreage. There may be other requirements, which can decrease farm operations flexibility, Ferris says. The benefits of government farm programs do not always outweigh the costs for every producer, but the program should be a profitable marketing tool for nearly every farmer this year, Ferris says.

Follow Price Pattern For Bigger Profits

Maximizing profits is easier when grain producers study historical price patterns and use the basis for marketing decisions. Basis is the difference between cash and futures prices.

"Crop prices tend to follow a pattern that can help growers increase their profits, if they are aware of those movements," says John Ferris, Michigan State University Extension agricultural economist.

From an analysis of historical price movement, Ferris says some general marketing recommendations can be made.

"Avoid sales at the peak of harvest, because prices are generally at their lowest. The market is usually glutted with new-crop grain, reducing demand."

"If on-farm storage is limited, sell early- and late-harvested grain rather than placing it in commercial storage. Crop prices at those times tend to be higher, and net profit is likely to be higher if grain is sold then rather than stored."

When cash prices are attractive and the basis is narrow, producers should consider stepping up sales. A wide basis combined with attractive prices

means it's generally a good time to hedge or use commodity options, however, Ferris says.

Store unhedged grain if prices dip well below the government loan rate, because the risk of further downward price pressure is minimal, Ferris says. The government loan rate serves as a floor below prices, and prices are not likely to stay below that level for an extended period.

Producers shouldn't plan to store grain into the next crop year, however, unless the grain is in the farmer-owned reserve, Ferris says. Evaluate storage prospects of corn and soybeans in January and plan on finishing sales by June. Some of the best selling opportunities for soybeans come from March to June, he notes. Winter wheat prices are often highest from October to January. Crop prices generally fall as harvest approaches, so grain should be marketed well before harvest, he cautions.

During a short crop year, producers should be wary of storing corn and soybeans, because prices are likely to reach attractive levels early in the season. Ferris advises growers to be prepared to sell regularly at that time.

Sometimes it may be advisable for growers to work with professional brokers, especially for short-term marketing decisions. At all times, follow market trends and fundamentals to help squeeze out crop profits, Ferris says.

New Profit Strategies

Now is the best time for crop producers to plan their marketing strategies for the coming year.

"Planning marketing strategies now, when farm activity is slow, can help maximize profits during the next crop year," says John Ferris, MSU Extension agricultural economist. "While having a plan does not ensure immediate success, it should add to average returns and reduce variability over time."

Producers need to weigh advantages and disadvantages of the available mar-

keting alternatives to determine which one, or which combination, best fits their needs, Ferris says. These alternatives include immediate cash sales, forward contracting, hedging and options trading. This year, farmers will also want to consider seriously the government feed grain and wheat program, which appears to be attractive. Even so, an array of marketing tools can still be used, he says.

"Cash sales are easiest. Producers simply sell their grain upon delivery. No planning is involved, it pro-

vides cash immediately and it allows producers to deal with people they know, Ferris says. Selling grain on the cash market can limit potential profits, however, because price deals are often not as good as selling for future delivery. This is particularly true at harvest, when prices are generally at their lowest, he adds.

"Forward contracting means producers agree to sell a specified amount of grain at an agreed-on price for delivery at a certain time in the future, Ferris says. — STRATEGY — Page 16

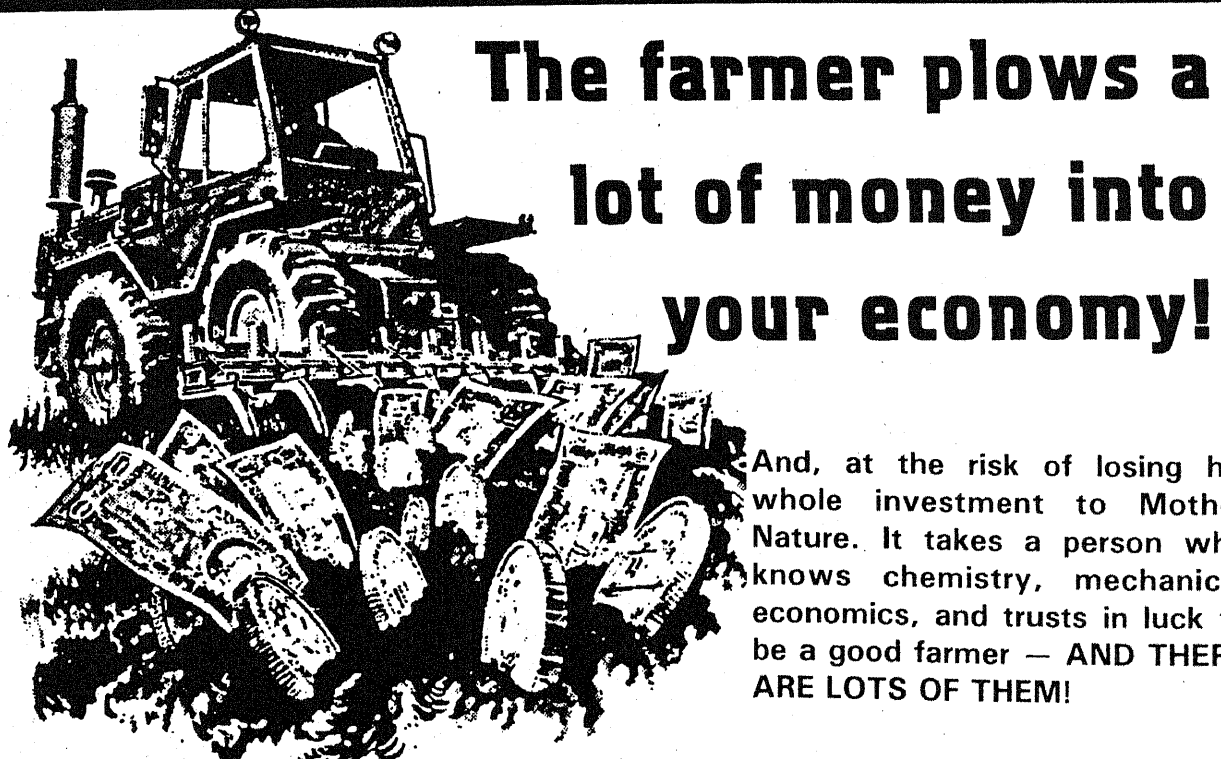
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Extension Director Explains "Beginning Farmer" Plan

CARO — The Michigan Family Farm Development Program was created by the Legislature to assist qualified beginning farmers to become established in farming in 1982, states Bill Bortel, Tuscola County Extension director.

Ag's Future is Under Study at MSU

EAST LANSING — A look at the future of agriculture will be offered in a half-day seminar Thursday, March 20, during Agriculture and Natural Resources Week at MSU.

International markets have become increasingly important to the demand for and marketability of domestic commodities, said Jim LeCureux, Huron County Extension agricultural agent. Participants will learn about the driving forces behind changing international markets for agricultural products and

a person must fulfill all the following:
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*Have or have access to adequate operating capital, land and/or equipment. A beginning farmer is responsible for locating a bank or private investor to purchase the bond which funds a MFFSA loan. Most loans have resulted from a beginning farmer taking the initiative and presenting a valid proposal to the prospective investor, the director explained.

With the agricultural industry continuing to experience stresses and strains, lenders and investors will be particularly prudent in the selection of loans made and bonds purchased. It is, therefore, essential that a beginning farmer have a complete loan proposal — cash flow, net worth, debt service ability, etc. — in hand when

approaching a prospective investor regarding a MFFSA loan. Loans will be made available to beginning farmers of low or moderate net worth to facilitate acquisition of agricultural land and agricultural improvements — up to \$400,000 — and depreciable agricultural property, up to \$125,000, to commence or continue farming.

Loans are available to all qualified beginning farmers in all geographical areas of the state, Bortel stated.

Farm Management is Friday ANR Topic

FARM MANAGEMENT By Jim LeCureux Huron County Agricultural Agent

EAST LANSING — Making the best marketing and management decisions can help improve the profitability of farm products. A daylong seminar on these decisions will be offered Friday, March 21, during Agriculture and Natural Resources Week at MSU.

Morning sessions are geared to crop producers; the afternoon program will offer tips for livestock producers.

The seminar will explore prospects for 1986 commodity prices and the effect of government programs on those prices. Discussion will focus on the outlook for the grain, soybean, cattle, hog and dairy markets.

At separate sessions, dairy, livestock and crop producers can learn what steps they can take to improve their financial standing this year.

A session on the investment potential of purchasing land now will also be offered.

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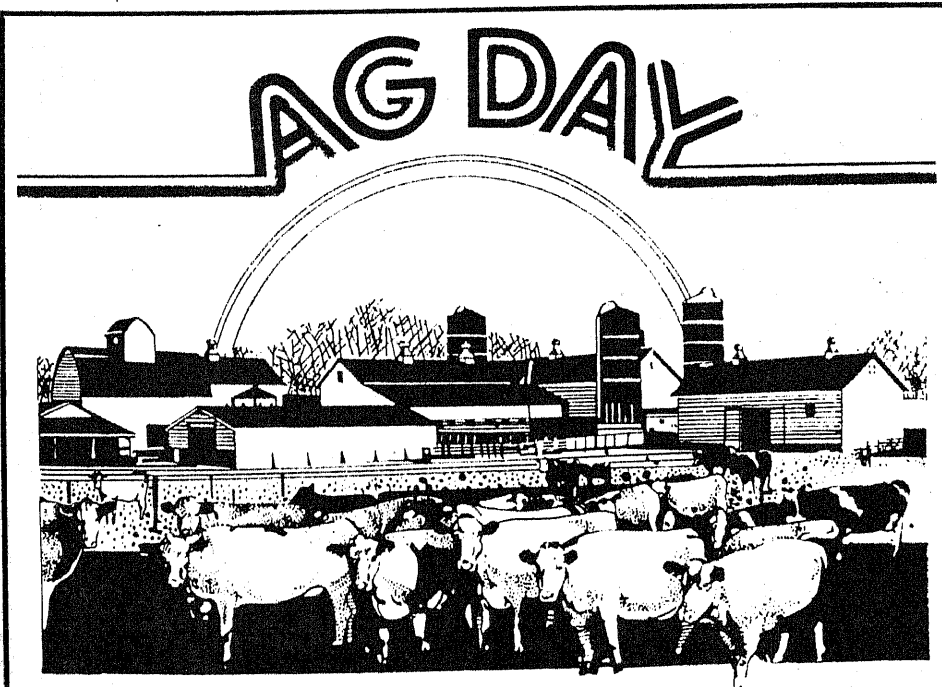
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Laker FFA Reporter's Notebook

By LAKER FFA REPORTER Paul Renn CROP DRIVE

The CROP Drive took place on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a canvass by over 100 members of the Laker FFA.

Over \$2,300 was collected, with 75% of the money going to the Honduras in the form of split beans, bought from local elevators. The remain-

ing 25% benefits the local Meals on Wheels program, providing meals for shut-ins. We thank the students who volunteered to drive, the CROP Drive committee and to all the businesses and individuals who donated money.

CORN TEST PLOT

The Laker FFA corn test plot was harvested Nov. 11 by Terry Krohn.

Many students helped with

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says. This reduces uncertainty about what price they will receive. The risk is that farmers may commit themselves to selling more of a product than they actually produce, this alternative lets sellers take advantage of higher price opportunities when they occur. Ferris advises producers not to forward price all of the grain they expect to produce to allow for yield shortfalls.

*A variation of forward contracting is the delayed pricing agreement. Producers give elevators title to their grain without being paid. The agreement allows producers to ask the elevator operator to pay them for that grain on request when prices are more attractive. The elevator operator can sell the grain and charge the producer storage on it until the grain is priced.

*Delayed pricing provides farmers with off-farm storage at harvest without forcing them to accept low harvest prices, Ferris says. Growers lose title of the commodity before getting paid, however. Also, the contract can't be used as loan collateral, no downward price protection exists and storage costs may eat up most of the net profits garnered by delaying pricing, he explains.

*Basis contracts are similar to delayed pricing, except that producers agree to take a fixed price discount (or premium) against a given futures contract when they price their grain. Delivery can be either immediate or at a specified time in the future. Ferris says this allows sellers to take advantage of a

favorable basis at a time when cash prices may be low. Producers are essentially speculating that futures prices will rise or that the basis will widen, and that involves some risk that producers may not want.

*Hedging is one of the best forms of price protection, Ferris says. Hedgers established an opposite position in the futures market as in the cash market, which usually means a producer will sell futures and hold cash grain. Because the cash and futures markets tend to move together, this locks in a profit margin and offers the flexibility of liquidating futures positions or delivering on the futures contract. Hedging does involve margin money, a competent broker, and an understanding of market terminology and psychology.

*Options contracts give producers the opportunity to establish a minimum selling price by purchasing the right to sell the commodity at a specific price if prices dip below that level, Ferris says. Options trading has several advantages, but basis risks are still involved, as in hedging.

At the outset, the marketing strategy can be set in general terms, but standards and objectives can be fairly well-developed. Specific actions will depend on market developments and individual financial situations. Developing a marketing plan puts it all together and decreases some of the risk of farming, Ferris says.

moisture testing, yield checking and hauling the grain to the Cooperative Elevator Company.

The yield ranged from 119-154 with an average of 137.

We thank those who helped with the harvesting. A special thanks to Jeff Leiprandt and employees of the Cooperative Elevator Company, and Terry Krohn. Anyone wishing to know the yield results for different varieties may contact FFA Advisor Don Wheeler or any FFA member.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONTEST

This year the Regional Leadership Contest was held at Laker High School. Four of the five teams who

participated will compete at the state convention on March 19, 20 and 21 at Michigan State University.

Teams that received a Gold Award are Farm Forum, chaired by Matt Herford with team members Brian Wertz, Jim Deering, Brian Maust, Dan Block, Pat McArdie, Troy Schuette, Alan Stalter, Mike Voelker and Jim Roestel; Parliamentary Procedure, chaired by Paul Elenbaum with team members Beth Ann Henry, Roger Renn, Kevin Truemmer, Kevin Wissner, Kevin Maust, Kris McBride, Angie Schuette, Lisa Buschlen, Dean Roestel and Joe Haley; Extemporaneous Speaking, Neil Nuncio and Greenhand Public Speaking, Eric Buschlen.

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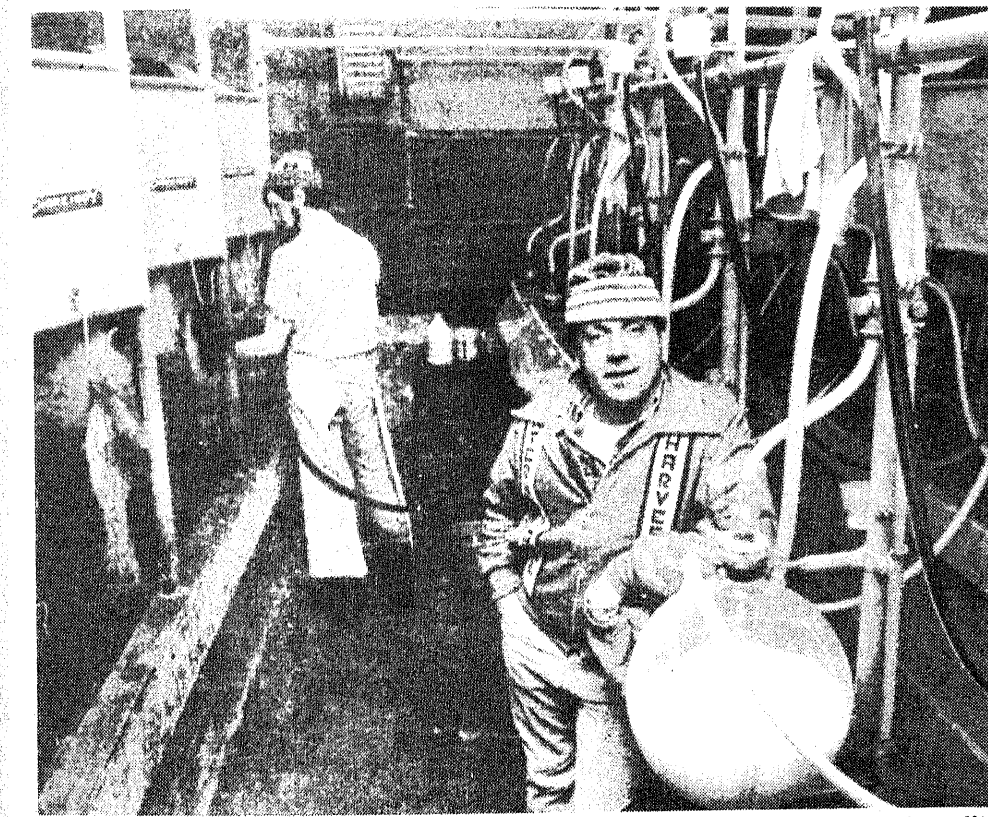
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Sally Cullimore. Obviously, some dairy producers are interested in getting out — and some aren't.

"I see the program as a way out for those who want to get out now or in the near future," commented Mike Zagata, another Huron County dairy producer. "It's a way for farmers to retire or for those who are financially-stressed to get out. They'll do better with it than without it, but I still don't think (the program) is all it's cracked up to be." Huron County Extension Agent Andy Sommers agrees the Dairy Termination Program is not the definitive answer to a projected 1986 milk surplus of 18 billion pounds.

"This is not a cure-all program," he admitted. "The intent was to simply get rid of the unnecessary surplus and get it down to a level the government is comfortable with, about 2 - 2 1/2 billion pounds. In reality, it simply makes a move in that direction."

Sommer believes only those farmers who do not have a heavy debt load will be able to take advantage



UNIONVILLE MILK PRODUCER LARRY PRIME feels many local producers have little interest in leaving the dairy industry. "But I've heard of some mighty low bids. Maybe they're from people who want to retire or others who are just having too much trouble making it profitable."

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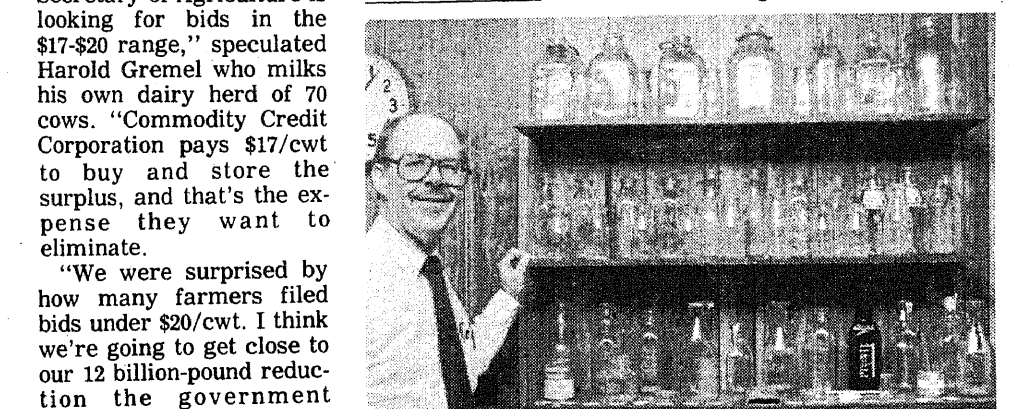


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Secretary of Agriculture is looking for bids in the \$17-\$20 range," speculated Harold Gremel who milks his own dairy herd of 70 cows. "Commodity Credit Corporation pays \$17/cwt to buy and store the surplus, and that's the expense they want to eliminate."

"We were surprised by how many farmers filed bids under \$20/cwt. I think we're going to get close to our 12 billion-pound reduction the government wants."

Bill Bortel, Tuscola County Extension director, "Personally, I think the



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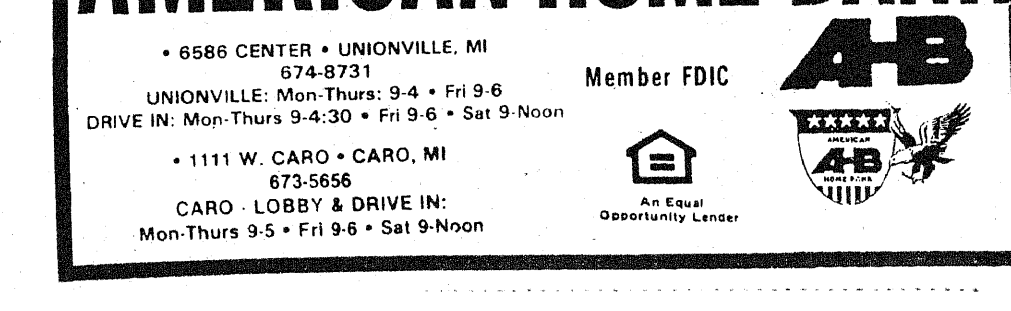
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a. 16.6% b. 12.2% c. 18%
20. The U.S. food and fiber system serves foreign consumers, too, through a competitive, privately developed system including 489 major grain terminals, transporters, commodity exchanges and private and cooperative shippers. These sales account for about 20 percent of farm income and mean nearly 1 million jobs for Americans. What country buys the most U.S. food and fiber products?
a. Soviet Union b. The Netherlands c. Japan

TIE-BREAKERS

(When the IQ Quiz is given as a group contest.)

ANSWERS. 1. a. 2. d. (USDA-SCS). 3. a. (USDA-ERS, 1981; *World Almanac*). 4. False. 5. a, e, j. (*Agricultural Statistics* 1981). 6. b. 7. b. (*Farm Population of the U.S.: 1980*). 8. b. (*Farm Population*). 9. a. (USDA-ERS). 10. True (1980 Census). 11. b. (Commerce Department, USDA, Council of Economic Advisers). 12. d. 13. a-D, b-F, c-G, d-B, e-C, f-E, g-A. 14. b. (*Fact Book of Agriculture*, USDA). 15. c. 16. a. (*Fact Book*). 17. b. (*Agricultural Outlook*, March 1981). 18. a. (*Food Consumption*,

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FOR CHILDREN: U.S. farmers grow more pounds of one kind of vegetable than any other. It is:

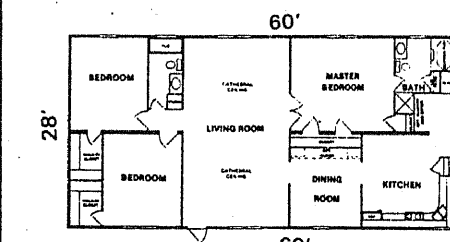
- a. spinach b. tomatoes c. potatoes d. green peas

FOR ADULTS: Americans spent about \$382 billion on food in 1981, or \$1,706.73 for each woman, man and child living off the farm. If the average farmer received 37% of that \$1,706.73 and gross cash receipts from farming were \$142.7 billion, how many other consumers did it take to provide an average gross return to one farm operator? [In other words, how many other consumers were fed by the production of one farm operation (not by each person working on a farm)? For the missing statistic needed to complete the calculation, see question #9.]

Prices and Expenditures, 1960-1980, USDA-ERS. 19. b. (*Food Consumption*). 20. c. **Tie-breakers.** For children: c. For adults: 135.

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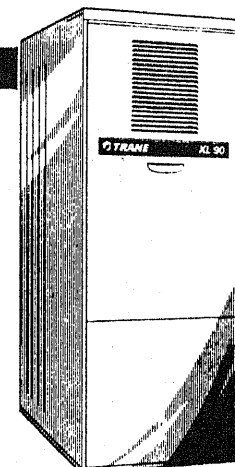
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BUYOUT - From Page 17 encourages area farmers to submit bids "even if they are ridiculously high" to protect the price of milk. According to Bortel, the

Secretary of Agriculture had stated that if there weren't enough bids submitted, the price of milk supports would be cut further.

"I have reservations about this particular program," commented Bortel, "but let's just hope that it all works out. There's been just too much milk, and it's

a problem."

Larry Prime of Unionville is one of those farmers who submitted a bid but is not really looking to leave the industry. He entered one of the Diversion programs of past years and has a smaller-than-average marketing base.

"I put in a bid, but I don't really expect it to be accepted," he said. "I hope not. It's a lot of red tape."

"But I know there are a lot of farmers in Sanilac County who are disgusted and really do want out. They're submitting \$5 and \$6 bids. I hope people don't sell themselves short just to get out of the business."

MMPA Director Gremel confirmed Prime's report. "There were 56 bids under \$17/cwt from Sanilac County, and in Lapeer County, 70% of their dairy operators submitted bids. I think it's possible that 7-10% of Michigan's dairies could be shut down for the

next 5 years. Probably permanently."

All bids submitted to county ASCS offices from across the nation have been forwarded to Kansas City, MO, where they will be compiled into data and sent to the USDA for further study. Farmers whose bids have been accepted will be notified by registered mail by April 1 and will be assigned one of three 6-month

periods to dispose of their animals. All herds taken out of dairy production must be slaughtered or exported to foreign countries.

If it doesn't do anything else, the Dairy Termination Program should make at least a substantial dent in the oversupply of milk. As Huron County Extension Agent Andy Sommers summarized, "A dead cow doesn't supply any milk."

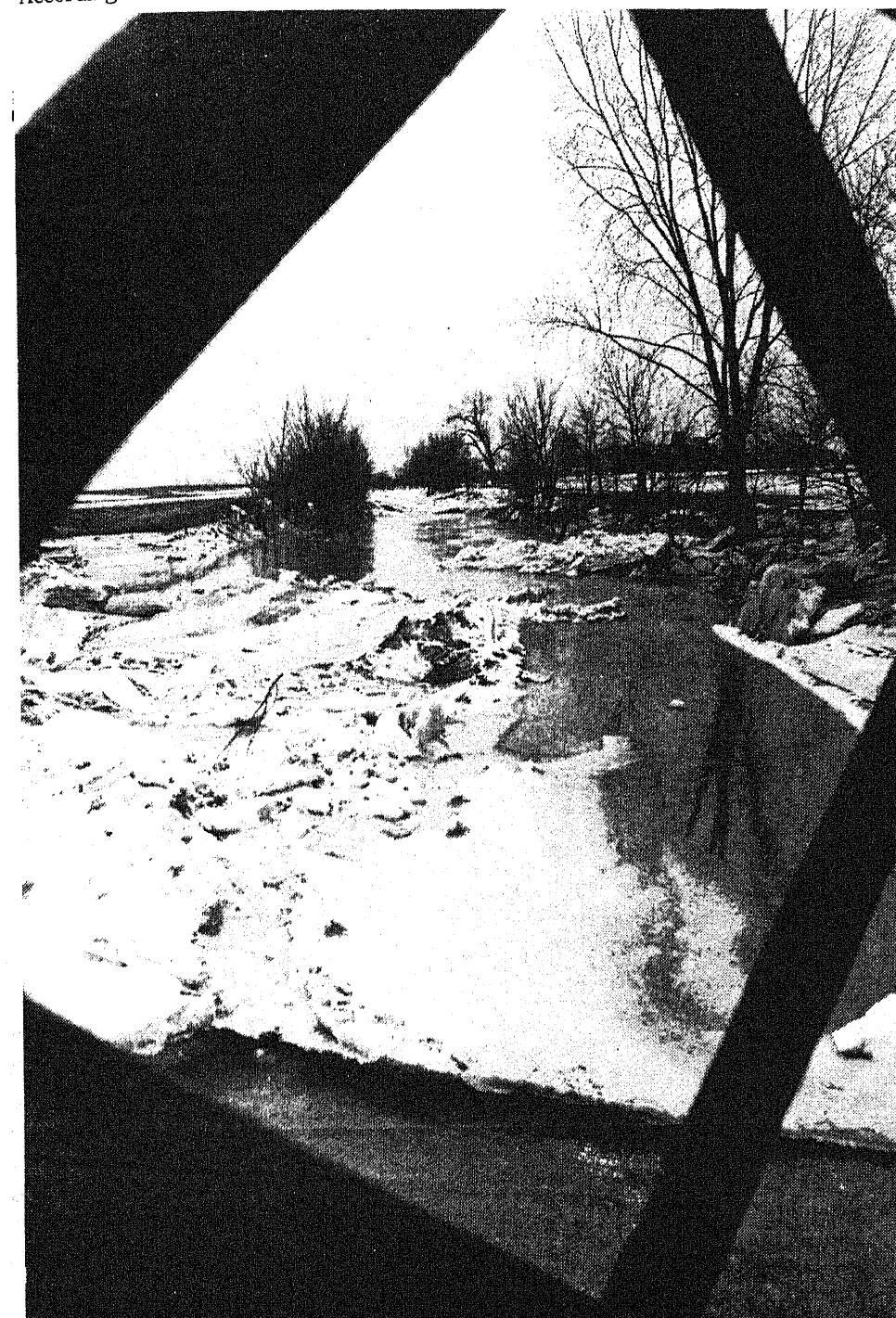
Milk Hits Production Record

LANSING--Michigan milk production in January 1986 was up again to another new record high of 465 million pounds, 4% higher than January 1985 and 5th in the nation, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

Dairy herds in Michigan numbered 396,000 in January, an increase of

7,000 head from one year ago. Milk production per cow averaged 1,175 pounds, a figure that is up 30 pounds over January 1985.

Nationally, 12.2 billion pounds of milk were produced the first month of 1986, an increase of 8% over January 1985 production and 6% above the previous January 1983 record.

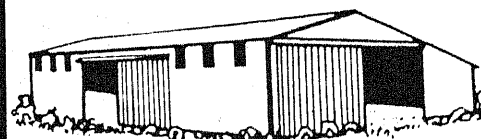


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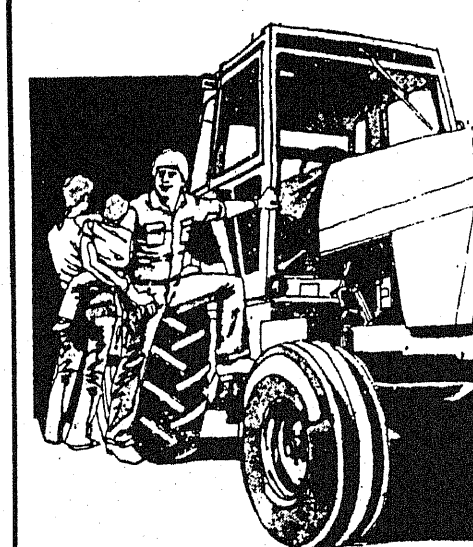
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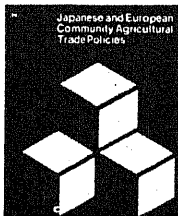
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