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Merry Christmas

Those of us who work at the Clinton County News would like to wish everyone the merriest of Christmases. As we look forward to celebrating the birth of the Redeemer, let us remember the peace, goodness and love he brought into this world.



Classroom strategies

Michigan State University will be offering a three credit course, "Classroom Strategies for Teaching Gifted Children," from 7 to 10 Wednesday evenings, Jan. 9 through March 12, at St. Johns High School. Teacher Barbara Davis will present ways of improving abilities to work with gifted students, K-12 through the use of creative problem solving, inquiry teaching, encouraging critical thinking, deductive reasoning, simulation and gaming, Rensulli type 3 enrichment (real products), conversations with gifted children about preferred classroom activities, science for gifted and reorganizing the classroom to accommodate grouping of gifted students. Jackie Ozburn at the Clinton County Intermediate Office has additional information for those interested: 224-6831.



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Early deadlines

The Clinton County News office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24. Advertising and news deadlines for the Clinton County News have been moved up to Friday, Dec. 21 for the next issue of the Clinton County News. Composition for the next edition will be Wednesday, Dec. 26. Thus, the paper will be on the newsstands and in your mailboxes Thursday, Dec. 27.

Magistrate gets go ahead on court space

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

St. Johns

It looks like Magistrate Gordon Willyoung will be getting his new courtroom after all. It took months of discussion, several studies and caused headaches for not only the judges involved but also Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

A straw vote of the commissioners was taken Friday afternoon at the courthouse, and it was tentatively decided to build another courtroom where the garage is located and bring the probation office up from the basement.

The need for the additional courtroom came about when the new decriminalization of speeding law went into effect in late August. Since then the cases have been piling up.

District Court was originally in the present commissioner's room at the court house. The present district court facility on US-27 was purchased in 1973 and was an old funeral home. There has been no renovation work done on the building since that time.

Judge Fred Lewis presented his case once again to the commissioners on Friday afternoon. He told them the magistrate is using his courtroom on Friday afternoons and would be given more time if it is needed.

"But the more time I give him the further behind I get in my docket," the judge said. "Right now I'm booked into March for preliminary examinations."

Judge Lewis also told the board that the magistrates courtroom was not the only consideration to be looked at. He said the basement was not a good facility for the

probation department as it leaked and it was a very hard place to heat.

"By using the garage it would isolate the working area and give us more security," he said.

In a survey done by Gerald Ambrose, county administrator, it was discovered that Clinton County was second in the number of cases it handles in a 10 county area. Eaton County was number one.

"Five years or so down the line we are going to need a second district judge," Commission Chairman Roger Overway said. "We've already got \$175,000 into the building, and we're going to need more space then, I can't see chucking it." He added, "In the meantime we're going to spend another \$25,000, when for \$3,000 we can have something temporary."

Overway's solution to the situation was to correct the heat and water problem in the basement and put the new courtroom downstairs with the probation department.

"We could turn the basement into something workable," Overway said.

Commissioner Richard DePond added, "It looks like the magistrate is going to have to go to the basement."

In Clinton County there have been 150 case hearings requested following the institution of the new law during the first two and one-half months.

Four different options were being discussed by the commission. The reasons for the alternations to the district court building included: lack of suitable space and furnishings for the magistrate to conduct informal hearings, traffic flow problems, the lack of waiting room,

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Victorian Christmas

Christmas is a time of memories and many Clinton County residents can remember cedar Christmas trees such as this one. This is the tree at the Paine-Gillam-

Scott Museum. It depicts the Victorian era. See the museum and all its Christmas finery on page 5B of this week's Clinton County News. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Historic designation sought for two St Johns elementaries

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Two St. Johns schools are being submitted for historic designation and inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and the Michigan Register of Historic Places.

St. Johns Board of Education voted Wednesday, Dec. 12, to apply for historic designation for Central School built in 1885 and Teresa Merrill Elementary built in 1876.

Historical preservation coordinator for the Michigan History Division, Robert Christensen, visited both schools in late November. According to him, both structures are unique in south-central Michigan and both are probably eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Having the schools listed in the National Register would not change the school district's property rights. The district could still sell, alter or demolish either school without having to consult with the national preservation agency.

There has been discussion on razing Central School and building a new \$2 million structure on that property. The school is not energy efficient, nor does it contain a multi-purpose room or gymnasium.

Another thought on Central School is to renovate it, but keep it structurally as it is. By having the school listed in the National Register, the district would be able to apply for historic preservation grant-in-aid funds.

The federally funded 50-50 matching

funds are either given for "acquisition and development" or survey and planning. Christensen wrote a letter to St. Johns Superintendent Dr. Donald Burns that the competition for acquisition and development funds is keen, while survey and planning grants are not as difficult to obtain.

A survey and planning grant would defray the district's cost of architect's fees and other pre-construction costs.

Last year no grants were given for planning and construction projects involving public structures.

Applications for federal 50-50 matching grants are due in April and May of each year. Recipients cannot change their structures without the History Division consent. The length of this agreement depends upon the amount of money received.

When agreeing to apply for state and national historic designation, the board made a note that this does not mean that the school district will apply for federal grant money.

Central School succeeded Union School which burned down in 1885. This three-story school was built for \$30,000 and the debt was paid off in 10 years. When it opened Jan. 4, 1886, there were 850 students in the St. Johns schools.

In 1905, Central School was also designated the County Normal School, a school to train teachers.

Twenty years later, high school students moved into Rodney B. Wilson School and Central School educated students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Teresa Merrill was built in 1876 to serve the east side of the community. It was known as East Ward school until it

was renamed after a long-time teacher and principal at that school, Teresa Merrill.

The original building contained two classrooms and cost \$3,000. The addition of two more classrooms and a central heating plant came in 1911 at a cost of \$2,163.

Youngster accidentally killed

Elsie

An eight-year-old St. Johns girl was accidentally killed when she was struck down by an unattended car while playing in her grandparent's driveway Sunday afternoon.

According to the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, a four-year-old child was left in an unattended car with the engine running. The child hit the shift selector lever displacing it from park to reverse. The car struck Sherrie Wickwire as she was playing in the snow in her grandparent's Elsie driveway.

Miss Wickwire was pronounced dead on arrival at the Owosso hospital. The accident occurred at about 6:45 p.m.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Teems, Route 3 McNeil Road, St. Johns.

In another accident this week, a wrecker operator was seriously injured Sunday on I-96 at about 5:45 p.m. as he

was attempting to remove a car from the ditch.

A vehicle driven by Mrs. Beatrice Archambeault, 60, of Lansing had slid off the road due to icy road conditions according to police reports. A wrecker operated by Gene L. Davis, 305 W. Grand River, Lansing was called to the scene and was removing the Archambeault vehicle when another eastbound vehicle driven by Mrs. Anne Ranhoff, 53, of Connecticut went out of control and struck the Archambeault vehicle and the wrecker operator.

Davis had been standing at the rear of the wrecker operating the controls when he was struck.

Serious injury was done to both of Davis' legs. Archambeault, Davis and Ranhoff were transported to St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mrs. Ranhoff is presently lodged in the Clinton County jail on a charge of felonious driving.



Czechoslovakian dance

East Essex Elementary School presented a special musical Christmas program with an International Year of

the Child flavor for parents Monday evening. Each class represented a different country in song and dance

while Santa flew over to visit them all. Here the first grade presents a Czechoslovakian dance. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

DRIVE AT \$500,000

Hospital raises \$30,000

Clinton County

Clinton Memorial Hospital employees have pushed the total pledges to the Clinton Area Care Center over the \$500,000 mark.

The hospital's goal of \$30,000 has been exceeded in contributions and pledges in the Care Center's current campaign to raise \$600,000 toward construction of the new nursing home facility.

Clinton Memorial personnel director Thomas Wiseman served as chairman of the steering committee for the hospital's campaign. Wiseman said,

"Our employees probably understand as well or better than any other group the need for a nursing home in this area. We had 73 percent participation, which includes many part-time employees, and we are really proud of our hospital people."

Others who served on the steering committee were Steve Dikeman, Donald Roesner, Irene Armbrustmacher, R.N., Jane Sira, R.N., Patricia Fink, R.N., Rod Fuller, Ardith Mulder, Joanne McNamara, Vincent Geller and Donald Isbell.

CLINTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



Big money

Clinton Memorial Hospital employees surpassed their \$30,000 goal and were quite proud of their accomplishment. Showing their contribution are (from left) Steve Dikeman, Donald Roesner, Donald Isbell, hospital administrator Paul McNamara, Joanne McNamara, Rod Fuller, Ardith Mulder, Irene Armbrustmacher, R.N., Vincent Geller and Thomas Wiseman. The hospital contribution sent the Clinton Area Care Center fund drive over the \$500,000 mark. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Wiser finishes in top four percent

Dennis Wiser of DeWitt High School finished in the top four percent on Part I of the Twenty-Third Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. He was among approximately 1,000 Michigan students competing in the final examination on Wednesday, Dec. 12. DeWitt math Wiser a senior is the son of James Wiser, 1040 E. Geneva Dr. and Marie Stetler.

This competition is sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America and is designed to foster a wider interest in mathematics, to focus attention on the necessity for mathematical training in most professions and trades, and to identify and provide scholarships for capable mathematics students in the State of Michigan.

The 100 winners of the competition will be honored at the Awards Program to be held at Central Michigan

University on Saturday, Feb. 16, with half of the winners receiving college scholarships. These scholarships totaled \$12,050 in last year's competition. The competition funds include contributions from the Burroughs Corporation, Michigan Bell, the Kuhlman Corporation, and the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Larry S. Baird, math teacher has served as the high school supervisor for DeWitt students competing in the examination.

Salazar jailed

DeWitt Twp. Paul Salazar of Dorrance Place, Lansing was charged with driving under the influence of liquor and resisting arrest, Dec. 14 by DeWitt Township Police. Officers were assaulted when they attempted to take Salazar into custody for drunk driving at the site of a personal injury accident. He was lodged in the Clinton County jail.

Michael Nelson of 15601

Brook, Lansing was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with assault and battery of a police officer. He was arrested by officers responding to a family disturbance call at the same address.

DeWitt Township Police officers returned \$1,000 worth of jewelry to Deryl Brunner of Laingsburg on the same night he reported it stolen. The goods were taken from Brunner's vehicle, left along East Round Lake Road when it ran out of gas.

★ Courtroom

heating, air conditioning, water and public access problems in the probation office located in the basement.

Option one was the renovation of the entire garage which provides for a waiting area, hearing room for the magistrate and space for the entire probation staff. The basement offices would be vacated, except for storage and the employees coffee room.

Option two was to expand the current lawyers conference room which could then be made into a separate hearing/waiting room.

Option three was renovation of the first two stalls of garage to office space and movement of the lawyers conference room downstairs.

Option four was to create a hearing room in the basement next to the probation office. Completion of drywall, installation of ceiling and lights, cleaning and painting would be required. In addition heating and cooling systems would have to be improved.

"You're asking us to spend \$25,000 as compared to \$3,000," Overway said. "I feel like I'm throwing \$22,000 away."

Judge Lewis explained that even with a second judge they would still use the magistrate and the additional hearing room.

"If we can prolong getting another district judge by the addition, we would be saving more than \$20,000," Commissioner Richard Hawks said.

"I think we're in a no win situation," Commissioner Harold Martin said.

Commissioner Max Calder commented, "He (Judge Lewis) has come up with an efficient solution to the problem, not just a stop gap."

In the straw vote taken on Friday, six of the commissioners voted in favor of the renovation. Official action will be taken Friday.

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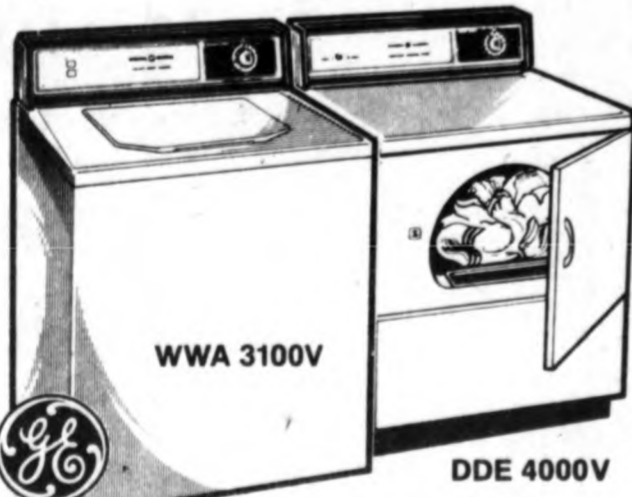
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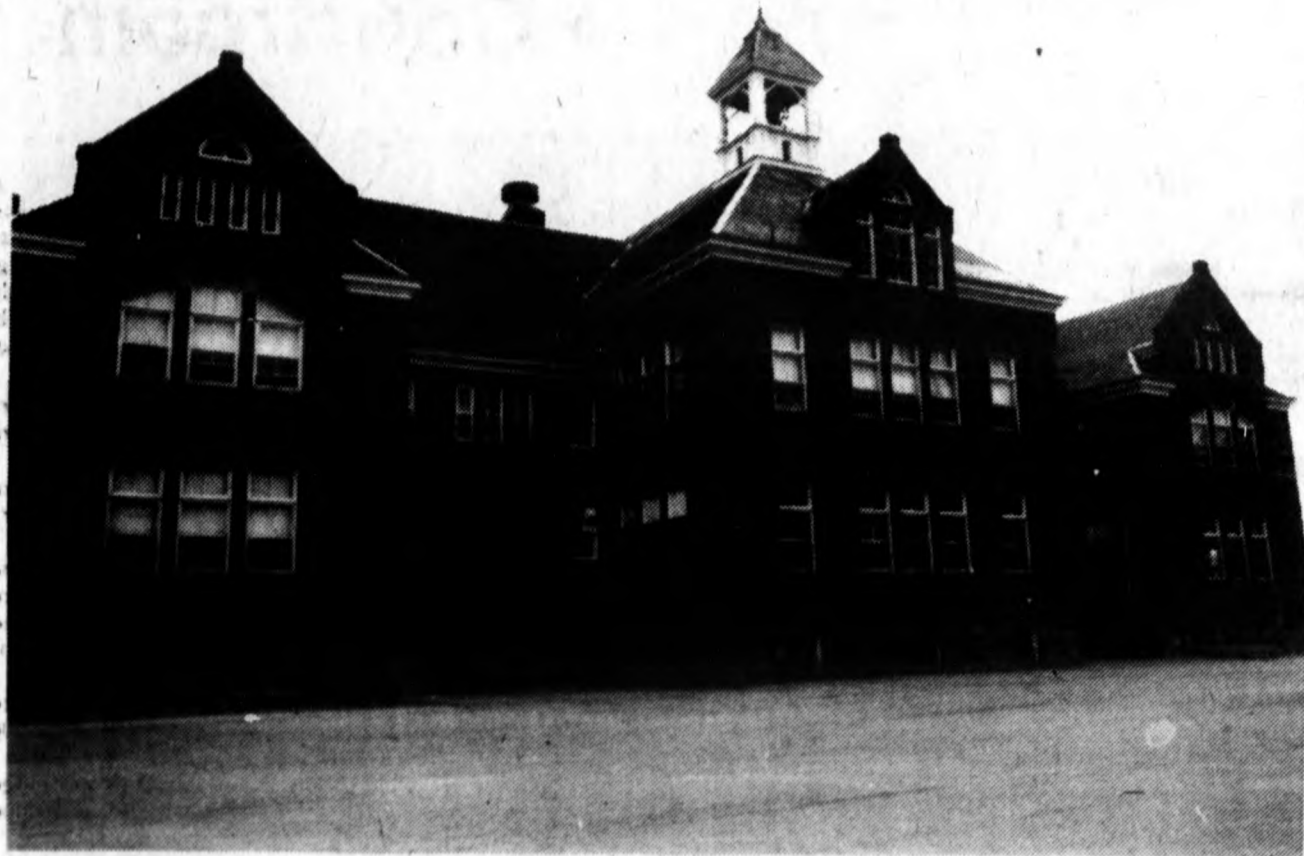
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How are all your reindeer? Is Rudolph well? Last year I remember he was sick.
Love,
Melissa Myers
St. Johns
Age 5

To Santa Claus:
God Bless You. I am writing this letter to you Santa Claus. Have a very Merry Christmas.
Would you please bring me a new pair of socks and some pajamas for me. And some new boots. Also please bring a sled.
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Megan Burns
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Fowler

Thermostats turned down to 68 at SJHS

St. Johns
The thermostat at St. Johns High School is presently set at 68 degrees in the classrooms and 65 degrees in hallways. At night, the thermostat is turned down to conserve more heat.
However, Federal mandated building temperature regulations say the high school should be set at 65 degrees in the classrooms, too. President Carter has signed into the law the regulations and has earmarked \$7 million to enforce it.
That's what the St. Johns Board of Education learned at their meeting last Wednesday night, Dec. 12. Administrators plan to send notices to parents, telling them of the new regulations. Board member Neil Barnhart quipped that these notices may result in a lot of sweaters being bought for Christmas gifts.
Also at last Wednesday night's meeting:
-Parents in the Riley Elementary School area wish to have a bus run from the junior high and high school to Riley Elementary to transport students who participate in after-school activities. The request was referred to the citizens transportation committee. The parents offered to pay for this special bus service.
-A small amount of bacteria was found in the water supply at East Essex Elementary School when the health department ran its periodic check back in September or October.
The health department feels the bacteria got started because the district is treating its hard water. On Dec. 7, the school district received a letter saying the bacteria count was down but there is still some trace of it. The district has been chlorinating the water since Nov. 27 and Dr. Donald Burns, school superintendent, said the Dec. 7 report was encouraging.
Water samples are sent to the health department every week. The amount of bacteria was never enough to warrant closing the school.
-Nails are popping in the ceiling of the 1975-76 student built home in St. Johns and Rademacher Construction has given the school board an estimate of \$968 to fix the ceilings and paint them.
The board said it should establish a statute of limits regarding repairs on student built houses. They referred the matter to committee.

Sheen attending congress

St. Johns
Rev. Brian Sheen, pastor of Pilgrim United Methodist Church in rural St. Johns, will be attending the United Methodist Congress on Evangelism in Tulsa, Okla. from Jan. 1-4.
Rev. Sheen has been asked to present the worship themes each evening at the conference, utilizing various audio visual techniques. He will be developing the scripts, sound tracks and visuals to be shown using a rear view projection camera.
About 10,000 people will be attending the worship each evening at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. Special guests of the conference will be Dr. Billy Graham and Oral Roberts.



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Little Brothers-Sisters enjoy party

St. Johns

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Fifty young people who have only one parent and who participate in the United Way sponsored Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, attended the party at the VFW hall.

Santa Claus came to the party and brought a present for each Little Brother and Little Sister. The young people were also treated to a potluck lunch featuring a ham donated by Krogers, Christmas carols and a

pinata.

This was the second year Big Brothers/Big Sisters had a Christmas party, but the first time the party was sponsored by the VFW and Auxiliary.

Merchants contributing to the party were: Beck's Farm Market, Bennett's Jewelry, Clinton Bank and Trust, Clinton Memorial Hospital, D. & C Store, Dean's Hardware, Elias Brothers Restaurant, Gambles, Harr's Julie K. Kroger, McDonald's, Parr's Drugstore, Penney's, Rehmann's, and St. Johns Reminder.

Also contributing to the party were the Mid-State CB Club and the St. Johns Jaycees.



Christmas cactus

Irene Witt's mother owned this Christmas cactus. That was around 80 years ago. Mrs. Witt of Jason Road, (above) brought the plant to her house three years ago. It used to be at her sister's house in Lansing and it never bloomed. However, a warm spot in a window to the south, brought all kinds of blossoms out this holiday season. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Daughters of Isabella deliver boxes

Westphalia

Annually the Westphalia Daughters of Isabella deliver boxes to the shut-ins, boys in service and retarded children in the area at Christmas.

This year was no exception, as the members gathered at the home of Regina Hengesbach Tuesday morning to fix 30 boxes to be delivered that night.

Chairwoman of this year's project was Anna Knoop. She was assisted by Adeline

Platte, Pillie Witgen, Aggie Stump, Hilda Bengel, Regina Hengesbach, Jenny Platte, Clara Knoop, Rita Witgen, Connie Platte, Lucille Fedewa, Mary Golupski, Estelle Simon, Adeline Thelen and Laurina Schueller.

There are 99 women in the Westphalia Daughters of Isabella. They contributed the goodies to be placed in the boxes.



Secret with Santa

This Little Brother shares a secret with Santa Claus. He was one of many Little Brothers and Little Sisters who were guests of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary in St. Johns late Saturday. Santa gave each of the guests a present before leaving for the North Pole again.

Health clinic set

The Bath Public Health Clinic will be Thursday at the

Lakeside Chapel in Bath on Webster Road on Dec. 20. Immunizations from 9-10 a.m.; blood pressure screening from 11-12 noon.

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Receives degree

Ann Arbor

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More than 2,000 students on the Ann Arbor campus were degree candidates this winter.

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CPR training equipment now available in Clinton County

In an effort to encourage CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in Clinton County, the Tri-County Heart Unit of the Michigan Heart Association, in cooperation with the Clinton Memorial Hospital, has made the necessary training equipment available to its instructors in the Clinton County area.

CPR is a life saving procedure which combines mouth to mouth resuscitation with external cardiac massage and is used in emergencies such as heart attacks, drownings, electrical shock, drug overdose, etc.

Life-like adult manikins and infant manikins for practicing the maneuvers as well as training audio-visual materials are used by certified M.H.A. instructors

during the training sessions. The Tri-County Unit, which serves Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties, has been active in CPR training for many years but until recently, instructors would have to commute to the Lansing office for equipment.

The unit recently placed the basic training equipment at Clinton Memorial Hospital (which has several instructors on the staff). Equipment will be used in staff training programs and will also be available for public programs.

Persons interested in learning CPR may call the Michigan Heart Association at 487-6084.

MHA offers two different programs. The "Heart Saver" courses deals with

one-man CPR only and is about 3-4 hours in length. A more detailed "Basic Cardiac Life Support" or BCLS program covers one and two man CPR, infant resuscitation, as well as obstructed airway procedures.

Instructors are also needed

and successful completion of the BCLS program in the 12 months preceding the instructors course is required.

The Michigan Heart Association is member agency of the United Way of Michigan.

Correction

In last week's Clinton County News, two pictures of the Clinton Area Care Center fund drive appeared in the paper. One picture was identified as the Fowler kick-off, the other as the Westphalia kick-off.

Unfortunatly, both pictures were of the Westphalia fund drive kick-off.

A photographer did attend the meeting in Fowler. However, the negatives got changed in the darkroom. The Clinton County News regrets this mistake.



Hard at work

Fowler Title I advisor Janene Sonnega (center) helps two Fowler parents make Big Bird Money Wheels. This is just one game of 20 parents learned to make at the Make-It, Take-It seminar at Waldron School last Thursday. Working on their games are Laura Fink (left) and Karen Armbrustmacher. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)

Success

After the Big Bird Money Wheel is completed, it looked something like this, as shown by title I advisor Janene Sonnega. Children can match the coins found on the money wheel with clothes pins marked with money amounts. A clothes pin marked 18 cents matches a spot on the money wheel with 18 cents on it. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



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The first patent taken out on a carousel in the United States was far from simple. Issued July 25, 1871 to Wilhelm Schneider of Davenport, Ia., Patent No. 117,336 was for a two-story carousel with more than 50 animal figures to ride. Unfortunately, the two-story version was neither practical nor successful. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich., offers visitors a chance to ride on a 1913 Hershey Spillman Carousel, complete with frog, chicken and accompanying music from a 1916 Wurlitzer Band Organ.

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We wish to thank the following area business establishments for their contributions to our Clinton Co. Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Without them it couldn't have been a success.

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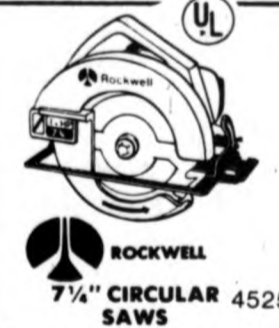


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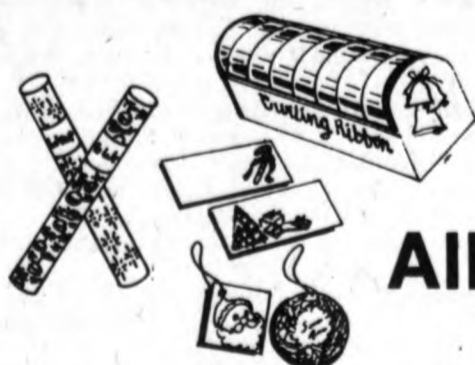
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Editorial Page

Revise that list of things to do



By Patrice Hornak

Lost amidst my list of "Things to do before Christmas Eve" is the true meaning of Christmas. I forgot to put it down. If I don't take care, I'm likely to miss the real Christmas altogether.

Every year about this time, I make a list of all the tasks that must be accomplished before Christmas arrives. It's a long list and rarely does it all get done.

It's filled with: wrap gifts, buy three more gifts, vacuum house, make candy and cookies (what's Christmas without a million calories?) decide on a menu, buy food, borrow two card tables and six chairs, etc.

I didn't write down: read about the birth of Christ in the Bible, spend time with the family, send a "Care" package to someone elderly or using a few carols to get in the season of Christmas.

Some of these above mentioned tasks may get done, but it's strange that they weren't on my ever-important "List

of Things To Do." Did I just assume they would happen?

I'm guilty and I'll admit it. Christmas could pass right by and except for Christmas Day mass. I could miss the celebration of the birth of Christ.

What I need for my ailment is to: --Play "Silent Night", "Joy to the World", "Away in the Manager" and "What Child is This?" on my accordion.

--Spend an hour reading the Christmas story from the Bible to little nieces and nephews.

--Practice love and good will for the next week. Don't let down for a moment, though temptations may be many.

--Work with the nativity porcelain figures. Make the nativity one of the focal points in the house not stuck in a bookshelf.

My lists are somewhat balanced now. Let Christmas come.



LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, Thank you for the things you brought me last year. This year I would like ten packages of football cards, and one Big glue together model.

From Aaron Gaffney St. Johns

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I would like a doll. And a game. A Barbie doll. And some Barbie doll clothes. And I doll clothes. A book. A slinky. A ball.

2nd grade Kathy Squires

Dear Santa I am five years old. Mommy and Daddy say that I have been a good boy. Santa, for Christmas I would like a gun with play bullets, a play camera, a Mickey Mouse talking telephone, and a ring ding clock that tells me to get up in the morning. I will be praying for your safe journey on Christmas eve.

Thank you Santa Heath Aarick Miller St. Johns

Dear Santa, I am three years old, and Daddy is helping me write this letter. He says that I have been a good girl. For Christmas Santa, I would like a Doll, a play kitchen, and a little necklace. Santa, please tell all boys and girls that Christmas is Jesus' Birthday.

Thank you Santa, Jannea Jailee Miller St. Johns

Dear Santa, How is it up there? It's fine down here. I would like to know if the reindeer are all right and I want a doll. I Love you.

Lori Nichols 5516 Lehman Rd.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm doing just fine. Are you quite busy this year? There is lots of things to do. I would like a record player, a Keleeco-Microwave, a pair of ice skates, and that is all I want for Christmas.

Have a Happy Christmas! Love Lynn Law 1572 W. Price Rd.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I would like a Marchy Bouncy Band Drum, a Stuffed toy animal reindeer and that's all. I'll leave you something by the fireplace to eat on Christmas Eve.

Love, Brent Gaffney St. Johns



Dear Santa, How are you doing? On Christmas Day I will be putting bulbs on the tree, and ornaments on the tree too.

Good Bye, Jason Ruppert 6089 Loomis Rd.

Dear Santa, May I have an electric race set and my brother Jeremy would like a Micronaut Battle Cruiser? Thank you. Good Bye.

Your Friend, Jon Panasiewicz 6183 Loomis Rd.

Dear Santa, How are you this winter? I hope you are OK. I want to thank the elves for all the work they have done. I hope the snow is not deep so you can't get here? Have a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend, Scott Ferrell 9401 Airport Rd.

Dear Santa, I hope you come on Christmas Day to bring us lots of joys, and to bring us lots of toys to fill our little hearts. I hope you can fit through our chimney because it is very little. I hope you can come and wish everyone in my class a Merry Christmas Day.

Love, Michelle Smith 1740 Price Rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

St Johns our favorite place

This letter was sent to the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce office and forwarded to the Clinton County News.

Dear Sirs: Just a little note to hopefully brighten your day! Recently, when my husband and I were returning by car from a visit with our son and his family in Grand Rapids,

we played a game of choosing which town out of all we drove through we would most like to live in if we were to relocate. Yes, you're right! Each of us voted on St. Johns, Michigan!

Our first impression of your town was that it seems very clean, well-kept and up-to-date. Your people obviously are proud of their homes and businesses.

As just "passers-through" we felt St. Johns to be the most typical "All American Hometown"—one we would be proud to live in. Congratulations!

Sincerely, Dorothy Lynds Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Lynds 186 Union Ave. Laconia, NH 03246

Smashing mailboxes

To those who have fun smashing up mailboxes, I'm still gonna wish you had a merry Christmas.

But I'd feel very proud of yourself of smashing my mailbox and my father-in-law's box which he is 85 years old and I hope you're proud of yourself

again for coming back and smashing his new mailbox which he had to put up.

Some day you will grow up I hope because if you don't there's no hope left for you. I do hope you read this or maybe you can't read only ruin mailboxes.

Still, have a happy New Year, only

with mailboxes not on your mind. One of these days those mailboxes will cost you money and your fun will be all over.

Walter J. Papiak 5263 W. Hyde Rd. R# 1 St. Johns, Mich. 48879

Print Sheriff's reports

How come that the Clinton County News does not quote Sheriff reports in their paper so parents find out what their kids are doing? Ionia Sentinel Standard quotes every day.

I do believe it would help the sale of your paper. They been catching young

kids lately. It could be your next door neighbor. We don't find out.

So please quote with Sheriff Department and let the people of Clinton County know what is going on with speeders, robbers, auto accidents etc. Ionia paper even has a lot of photos of the accidents.


The best thing for the community is if people read the names in the paper of who is doing this and that.

Sincerely yours, John A. Thelen Box 176 Westphalia

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One Solitary Life . . .

By Richard L. Milliman



[COLUMNIST'S NOTE: The following column first appeared in The Almanack several years ago, and has appeared during the Christmas season several times during recent years.]

HERE IS A young man, who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

WHILE HE WAS still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched . . . and all the navies that ever sailed . . . and all the parliaments that ever sat . . . and all the kings that ever reigned, put together . . . have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has that One Solitary Life.

OF COURSE, I didn't write that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author. But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of

"One Solitary Life" helps us to add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the holiday season each year.

What we each seek is happiness, each in his own form, and happiness comes in many guises. As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Emerson Write: "A HAPPY LIFE is to laugh often and to love much . . . to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children . . . to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends . . . to appreciate beauty . . . to find the best in everything . . . to give one's self . . . to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition . . . to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation . . . to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived . . ."

YES, WE need a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace . . . where there is hatred, let me sow love . . . where there is injury, pardon . . . where there is doubt, faith . . . where there is despair, hope . . . where there is darkness, light . . . and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console . . . to be understood as to understand . . . to be loved as to love . . . for it is in giving that we receive . . . it is in pardoning that we are pardoned . . . and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by. To all of you, a blessed and joyous holiday season, from The Almanack.

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

Christmas 1979

Christmas is the most celebrated, honored, loved and looked forward to, of any holiday we celebrate.

There is no one in the world who has had his birthday celebrated like the birthday of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Is this what Christmas means to you?

This has become such a commercial time that I'm sure many people hardly think of what Christmas really is.

The last minute shopping, the worry of an appropriate gift, the fear of someone thinking the gift you give them is too cheap. You know these worries. Do these things out-weigh the spirit of Christmas?

Are you teaching your children that it is so much better to "give" than to "receive"? Are you teaching them that they are really celebrating a birthday and that the giving of gifts is a symbol of what the Wise men and the shepherds brought to Jesus? I think this is quite important.

Are you, as a senior citizen, looking forward to being with your families? I know some of you do not have families. But, we who do, plan almost the whole year ahead.

There is a family in St. Johns, a young family with six children, who are my closest friends. This family, on any holiday, contacts me to be sure I'm not going to be alone that day. No matter how many friends and relatives they have in their home on a holiday, they still insist that I be one of them. What a wonderful feeling. They care!

Are you looking after someone who is alone? Why don't you make a special effort this Christmas to be a friend to



Ruth Delo

someone who needs you. Are you sharing with someone who won't be so fortunate. Please think of others on this, the Savior's birthday. God Bless all of you. So—until next time . . .

Personality Profile

Loves find that giving is receiving

**'Whatever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap'**



Lloyd and Donna Love

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

St. Johns

Could you give up a year of your life? Could you shut up your home, pack your farm machinery in the barn, rent out your land and go away for a year to work for only your room and board? Could you take a year off from your friends and family and your own way of life to serve at a school for Indian children?

Yes, say Lloyd and Donna Love of rural St. Johns, who did just that in 1976. Yes, they say and it will be well worth your time. You will be paid back 100 times in a way different from ever before.

The Loves who have four grown sons nearby and grandchildren to dote over, can't explain what happened to them at the Navaho United Methodist Mission School in New Mexico or why it keeps drawing them back. They have returned each year for a month or two, coupling their visit with their vacation.

What they really regret is that they didn't spend two years there. "It isn't that the year wasn't without frustrations or disappointments," they said. "When our kids and friends came to visit us they thought we were nuts for staying." What the Loves learned, though, was that "you have to weather through and win."

"If we could afford it we would go back and stay right there," Donna Love said. The country of new Mexico is stark and barren, a different kind of beauty than Michigan's green fertile farms and woods. Lloyd is a farmer and Donna a nurse; for years she had been talking of giving time to Global Ministries, the organization that placed them at the Indian boarding school for grades eight through 12.

"We were always busy," Lloyd said, "farming, making a living and raising our kids, but finally I said, 'OK, go ahead and write'."

Right away they heard from the school. Donna became the school nurse and Lloyd was put to work trying to repair the school's old farm machinery and raise a garden and hay in the hard red soil. Everything depended upon irrigation and while the temperatures and growing season were similar to ours, getting things to grow was entirely different. Weed killers couldn't be used because the chemicals might harm animals or people further down the mountain.

As the student nurse, Donna was responsible for getting immunizations up to date and transporting the students to a Federal clinic for check ups. As a nurse she had to deal with the fact that most of the children's families still believed in medicine men and illness was most often dealt with in that way.

Ceremonies were strongly believed and practiced and Donna said they would last three or four days. "I don't explain it and I don't knock it," she said, "they had faith and quite often it worked."

Over and over again while the Loves were relating their experience, they mentioned the beauty of the Navaho children. Their dark hair and eyes and adventurous spirits endeared them to the St. Johns couple. "They are scamps," Lloyd said. "The girls are the more industrious and the boys big and beautiful."

In the Navaho culture the mother is head of the household and the mother's family line is dominant. The Navahos were raiders and stealing is still a way of life according to the Loves. "If you laid it down they thought you didn't need it anymore and it would be gone," Lloyd said.

Members of the Pilgrim United Methodist Church on DeWitt Road, the Loves went to the Navaho school somehow hoping that they would be spreading and sharing their religion. "We aren't missionaries but we can work," Donna explained and ruefully admitted that they really didn't feel that they reached many of the Navaho youngsters with their religion although that is the purpose of the mission school.

Indian children are still struggling for a way to live between two worlds, according to the Loves.

They vacillate between the traditions and rituals of their Navaho culture and the western world of their education. Some of the children are the third generation from their family to attend the school but still the old ways are a large part of their world. They lived way out in wild areas, down trails in small groupings of several families much as was done generations ago. Many families still live in hogans made of wood or adobe with a dirt roof.

What the Loves did do in New Mexico was valuable both to them and the school they served. They knew when they went that they would come home wiser and they did. "It calls you back," Donna said, "there's so much work to be done."

The Loves encouraged others to try what they did. "We can't explain how rewarding an experience this was," Donna reflected, "we recommend it to everyone but you don't have to go that far away to find a worthwhile cause."

Senior Center Drop-in schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 19 Exercise class at 10 a.m.; luncheon at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 20-Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed by a raffle drawing and bingo. Music will be provided by Veronica and Janette.
Friday, Dec. 21-Exercises at 10 a.m.; lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by bingo.
Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25-Closed. Merry Christmas to all.

Looking ahead



CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO--can be found at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum on the courthouse square. St. Johns Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. Special music can be heard from 6 to 8 on Wednesdays during a special candlelight tour. A recorder quartet (17th century flutes) will be there Dec. 12 and the Lowe Methodist Choir, Dec. 19.

CHRISTMAS TREES--are being sold next to the Clinton Home Center on East Railroad Street in St. Johns by the St. Johns Jaycees. All proceeds will be used for projects in the community.

OVID-DUPLAIN LIBRARY CLUB--Weather permitting, the next meeting will be Jan. 4 at the Shepardville Church. The program will be a book report by Mrs. George Parmenter. Roll call will be "Believe it or not." The committee for the day will be Mrs. Clarence Mead, Mrs. Lester Becker and Mrs. Charles Palen, Jr.

OVID AREA SENIOR--Citizens will meet on Friday, December 21 at the village hall for a potluck luncheon at noon. There will be a short program by Rev. Stucki and his wife. There will also be a \$1 gift exchange. Please mark the gift whether it's for a man or a woman.

THE NEXT POT LUCK dinner for the senior citizens of DeWitt will be Thursday, Dec. 20 at St. Jude's Church with a \$1 gift exchange. Seniors are asked to bring a dish to pass, tableware, and 25¢ for Bingo.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS--and Professional Women's Council will meet Monday, Jan. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Long's Banquet and Convention Center in Lansing. Dinner is \$6.50. Make reservations by Jan. 10 by calling Burdell Dygert at 339-2904 or JoAnn Patterson at 393-0745.

Ovid Area--Senior citizens will meet Friday, Dec. 21 at the Village Hall. Potluck dinner at noon. There will be a short program by Rev. Stucki and his wife. There will also be \$1 gift exchange. Please mark the gift for a man or woman.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS--and solo parents singles dance: New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at Westland Mall (corner Waverly and Saginaw), from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Live music, by "Hometown." There will be door prizes and a raffle. PYOB, mix, hats and favors provided. Buffet dinner beginning at 8 p.m. Cost of \$10 per person. Open to all single and alumni of Parents Without Partners and Solo Parents. For ticket information call 676-4088 after 5 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S BALL--Lansing Sportsman Club is sponsoring a New Year's ball Dec. 31. Terry Bray playing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Party favors supplied and midnight snack available. BYOB, with mix furnished. For more information call 651-6119.

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Compliments, The Clinton County News



A table full of goodness

Christmas cookies are extra special when mother and daughters get together, cutting sugar and molasses dough with antique tin cutters and frosting them carefully for holiday company. Dixie Kosloski, left, her mother

Peg Rasey and sister Bonnie Eichorn spend a happy day together baking in Mrs. Rasey's wood burning kitchen stove. See story page 2B in this week's Christmas section. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

Life Styles

Ritz, Oles exchange wedding vows

Teri Lynn Ritz became the bride of Clifford Leroy Oles, Jr. on Oct. 20 during a 4 p.m. ceremony at the Eureka Congregation Christian Church. Rev. Doug Jones officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her parents to an altar decorated with a unity candle with yellow and

white mums. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritz, 5545 W. Colony Rd., St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Oles, Sr., 1120 E. Taft Rd., St. Johns.

Felice Rappuhn played "If". Other music was played and sung by Debbie Jones.

Both the bride and groom are 1979 graduates of St. Johns High School.

For her wedding the bride chose an ivory silk organza gown with a high neck with venice lace on the bodice.

The gown was designed with straight sleeves trimmed in lace at the wrist. The empire waistline fell into a full skirt with a matching floor length veil.

She carried a bouquet of daisies with orange sweet-heart roses.

Maid of honor was Betsy Johnson. Attendants were Barb Bucsi and Shelly Ritz. Flower girl was Robin Youse.

The attendants wore gowns in shades of rust, gold, blue, and green. The gowns were made of Qiana knit. They carried baskets of

dried flowers.

The mother of the bride wore a green blouson top with a matching pleated skirt. The groom's mother wore an orange floor length gown with a matching coat.

Andy Spencer acted as best man. Groomsmen were Sheldon Parker and Rich Carter. Ushers were Jerry Ritz and Wayne Ritz.

A reception for the couple was held at the VFW hall with 600 people attending.

Special guests at the wedding were grandparents

of the couple Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Youse, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ritz and Mrs. Ray Oles.

Those serving at the reception were Morgi Hirst, Carol Skorna, Mary Elsea, Kay Ritz, Laura Eldridge, Susi Sporn, Linda Youse, Shirley Eldridge, Linda Fox, Shelly Houch, and Staci Elsea.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Upper Peninsula and are making their new home in Wyoming, MI.



Michele Schneider Glenn Fedewa Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Schneider, Lansing, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele to Glenn Fedewa son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fedewa, Fowler.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Waverly High School and Merrill Fashion Insti-

tute. She is employed at Bill Knapps.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School. He is a farmer in partnership with his father.

The couple plans a May 17, 1980 wedding date.

Baby shower held

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lowe, 3901 Stoll Rd., Bath, became the parents of a son Ryan Paul on Dec. 2 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Cheryl Pearson.

Engaged

Mrs. Joseph Kleber, Lansing, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret to Richard Vining of 2976 N. US-27, St. Johns. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Vining, St. Johns. A Jan. 12 wedding date is being planned.

A baby shower in honor of Sharon Wheeler of St. Johns was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9 at the Fonger residence. Hostesses were Dawn Fonger and Stacie Wheeler.

Fourteen guests including friends and relatives from out-of-state attended.

Sharon is the daughter of Dorothy and Clare Stonebrook, formerly of Ithaca, now residing in St. Johns.

BIRTHS

A boy, Brandin Robert, was born Dec. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Terwilliger of 8283 Heribson Rd., Eagle at Saint Lawrence Hospital, Lansing. The mother is the former Nancy Engleter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Kushion, Bath, became the parents of a son, Steven Bruce on Nov. 30 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Wendy E. Wessborg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Gregory, Grand Ledge, became the parents of a daughter, Shannon Renae on Nov. 28 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Sandra Hulbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Tomlin, Lansing, became the parents of a daughter, Kelly on Nov. 27 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Rigg, Laingsburg, became the parents of a daughter Jamie Sue on Nov. 27 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Helen (Robin) Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Herrguth, Bath, became the parents of a daughter Kara Lee on Nov. 27 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Andrus, Lansing, became the parents of a daughter Kelly Dee on Nov. 26 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Wood, DeWitt Road, St. Johns, became the parents of a son Michael Mark on Nov. 26 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren D. Simons, Scott Road, St. Johns, became the parents of a daughter, Melissa Beth on Nov. 18 at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Carmen Greech.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Schoonover, DeWitt, became the parents of a son Andrew James on Nov. 24 at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Howell, Elsie, became the parents of a daughter Amy Marie on Nov. 22 at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Wanda Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry P. Freed, St. Johns, became the parents of a daughter, Laura TeAnn on Dec. 5 at Sparrow Hospital. The baby has two sisters Sharilyn and Alyssa.

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Obituaries

John T Klaver

Funeral services for John T. Klaver, 76, of 9685 DeWitt Rd., DeWitt who passed away Dec. 13, 1979 at a Lansing hospital after a long illness, were held Saturday, Dec. 15 at the DeWitt Area Chapel at 1 p.m.

Rev. Ronald Thompson officiated and burial was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Mr. Klaver was born in Olive Township June 4, 1903 to Paul and Anna (Lietzke) Klaver. He attended country schools.

On April 25, 1925, he married Merle Lapham in DeWitt. She survives her husband. Also surviving are a son, Lynwood of DeWitt; a brother, Francis Klaver of Dansville; four sisters, Florence Magsig of DeWitt, Maybelle Cass of Lansing, Dorothy Smith of East Lansing and Marie Schneberger of Grand Rapids; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the leukemia association through the DeWitt Area Chapel.

Mr. Klaver was a life-long resident of the DeWitt area and a member of Redeemer United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. He was a retired farmer and carpenter.

Lillian Smith

Mrs. Lillian D. Smith of 314 N. Westphalia St., Westphalia, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1979 in a Lansing hospital at age 68. She was born Feb. 20, 1911 in Clinton County to Frank and Caroline (Fandel) Rademacher.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Christian Mothers.

Surviving are her husband, Aloysius J. Smith; a son, Allan Smith of Westphalia; a daughter, Nancy Cusack of Westphalia; three grandchildren; a brother, Elmer Rademacher of Eagle; and two sisters, Mrs. Marcella Spitzley of Westphalia and Mrs. Carroll Randall of Lansing.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Westphalia. Father James Schmitt officiated and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Neller Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Palbearers were Thomas, Roy, James, Robert and Patrick Rademacher and Daniel Spitzley.

Paul Call, Jr.

Paul W. Call, Jr. 56, of 1211 N. Hollister Rd., Ovid, passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 1979 at the Ingham Medical Center. He had been ill since June 10, 1979.

Funeral services were held at the Houghton Chapel, Osgood Funeral Home, Monday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. Rev. Gilbert Heaton and Rev. Homer VanBuren officiated. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the United Church.

Mr. Call was born in Redford Nov. 19, 1923 to Paul and Fannie (Gumaer) Call Sr. He graduated from Ovid High School in 1941.

On July 12, 1947, he married Dorothy Munson in Ovid. Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Brenda Gilson of Lansing; two sons, Dr. Bruce Call of Owosso and Bryce Call at home; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Call of Ovid; and two granddaughters.

Mr. Call was employed as a technician by Oldsmobile. He was a member of the United Church of Ovid.

Eufemio (Frank) Longoria, Sr.

Funeral services for Eufemio (Frank) C. Longoria, Sr., were held Monday, Dec. 17, 1979 at 10 a.m. at the Houghton Chapel, Osgood Funeral Home. Rev. Justin Shepard officiated and burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Longoria was dead on arrival at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. He was 48 years old.

Mr. Longoria was born in Pearsall, Tex. March 20, 1931 to Guillermo and Miqaela (Cantu) Longoria. He attended school in Pearsall and moved to Ovid in 1953.

On Aug. 8, 1977 he married Wilma Hicks in Owosso. She survives her husband as do his mother in Texas; seven sons, Eufemio Jr., Ricardo, Albert, Robert, Louis and Michael, all of St. Johns, and Jeffrey at home; two daughters, Miss Diane Longoria of Ovid and Miss Gloria Longoria of St. Johns; and five grandchildren.

Also surviving are four step-sons, David, Donald, Paul and William Peterson all at home; a step-daughter, Dawn Peterson at home; three brothers, Luciano and Avelardo of Texas and Denaro of Ovid; and six sisters, Mrs. Alberta Rodriguez of Caro, Marcella Vasquez and Elisa Chavera and Sara Pichardo, all of Texas, and Marie Garcia and Felipa Garcia of Ovid.

Mr. Longoria was employed by Sewer Specialists of Owosso.

Laura Coryell

Laura Coryell, 92, of 132 E. Main St., Maple Rapids, passed away Dec. 11, 1979 at her residence.

She was born in Gratiot County May 23, 1887 to Birdsey P. and Mary J. (Edwards) Eldred. She resided in Gratiot County and Maple Rapids areas most of her life.

In 1907 she married William K. Townsend. He died in 1917. In 1935 she married J.W. Round. He passed away in 1934. In 1952 she married Charles Coryell and he died in 1972.

Mrs. Coryell was a member of the Maple Rapids Congregational Christian Church. The family suggests memorials to this church or the Arthritis Association Fund in lieu of flowers.

Mrs. Coryell taught in rural schools for several years.

Funeral services were at the Abbott Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home Friday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. Rev. Doug Jones officiated and burial was in Payne Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, William Townsend of Seminole, Fla.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Susanne McInerney of Marietta, Ga.; two grandsons, William Townsend Jr. of Berkeley, Calif. and Richard Townsend of Palo Alto, Calif.; and a great granddaughter.

Mrs Jennie Sutliff Siebenhar

Mrs. Jennie Sutliff Siebenhar, 76, of Mt. Dora, a former Elsie merchant, died Tuesday, Dec. 13. Services were held at the Rehbaum-Harden Chapel in Mt. Dora, Fla. with burial in Pine Forest Cemetery, Mt. Dora, Thursday morning.

Mrs. Siebenhar, who was born in Saginaw, had been a resident of Mt. Dora for the last 15 years, moving there from Alma.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Dora, the Mt. Dora Shuffleboard Club, Order of Eastern Star and Waterman Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Connie Allen of Mt. Dora; two sons William C. Sutliff of Davison and Thomas C. Sutliff of Ionia; one sister, Mrs. Ora Rice of Flint; 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs Eloise Kruegar

Funeral services for Mrs. Eloise I. Kruegar, 72, of 215 N. First St., Bannister, were held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15, at the Carter Funeral Home in Elsie with the Rev. John Ritter officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Kruegar was pronounced dead on arrival at Owosso Memorial Hospital Wednesday evening. She had been ill for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Kruegar, a former employee of the Anna Arbor Railroad, was born in North Star March 22, 1907 to David and Mary Hull.

She had resided most of her life in the North Star and Bannister areas and was a member of the Rebekah lodges of both communities.

She and Arthur Krueger were married June 23, 1929 in Bannister.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters; Mrs. Elton (Barbara) Oberlitter of Bannister, Mrs. Robert (Marlene) Sipkovsky of Ovid, Mrs. Richard (Arbutus) Conrod of Durand and Mrs. Kenneth (Marguerite) Bradley of Ashley; a sister, Mrs. Leila Wilson of Ventura, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kruegar's family suggests memorial contributions may be directed to the Ithaca High School Scholarship Fund.

Connie L (Piggott) Jean

Connie L (Piggott) Jean of 28026 Rollcrest Rd., Farmington, 40 died Dec. 1, 1979, at St. Vincent Burn Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Jean was born Nov. 29, 1939 in St. Johns. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Piggott of Fowler.

Surviving are her husband, Norman Jean; three daughters, Connie Ann, Cheryl Ann and Cathy Ann; two sons, Joseph and Jimmy, all at home. One daughter Carol Ann preceded her in death on Nov. 1, 1979.

Also surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Piggott; three brothers, Donald Piggott of West Bloomfield, Larry Piggott of Owosso, Dennis Piggott of Santa Claus, Ind.; two sisters, Nancy Howard of Lansing and Donna Fox of Fowler; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Piggott, Sr. of Fowler.

Mrs. Jean was a member of St. Fabian's Church in Farmington. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Carol Ann (Piggott) Jean

Carol Ann (Piggott) Jean of 28026 Rollcrest Rd., Farmington, Age. 4, died Nov. 1, 1979 in Ohio.

Miss Jean was born March 10, 1975 in Farmington. She was the daughter of Mr. Norman Jean and the late Connie Jean.


Surviving are her father, Norman; three sisters and two brothers, all at home.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Piggott of Fowler and Mrs. Alfred Jean of Farmington. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Piggott, Sr. of Fowler.

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Mrs. Wallace was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers. Dr. E.M. Slagh of Elsie is the only surviving sibling.

The funeral was held in Holland, on Thursday, Dec. 13. Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Slagh, Michael and Mary Slagh, and a married daughter, Kathryn Olson and her husband, Charles, attended the funeral together.

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Sherrie Wickwire

Sherrie M. Wickwire, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teems of route 3, St. Johns, was run over by the family car and died at Owosso Memorial Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1979.

Funeral service will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Eureka Cemetery.


A scripture service was held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns.

Miss Wickwire was born in St. Johns on June 4, 1971. She attended St. Johns public schools and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving besides her parents are a brother, William, age 18 months; three sisters, Cheryl age six, Christina age 4 and Kim age 2 all living at home; her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Wickwire of Eureka; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Teems of Elsie.

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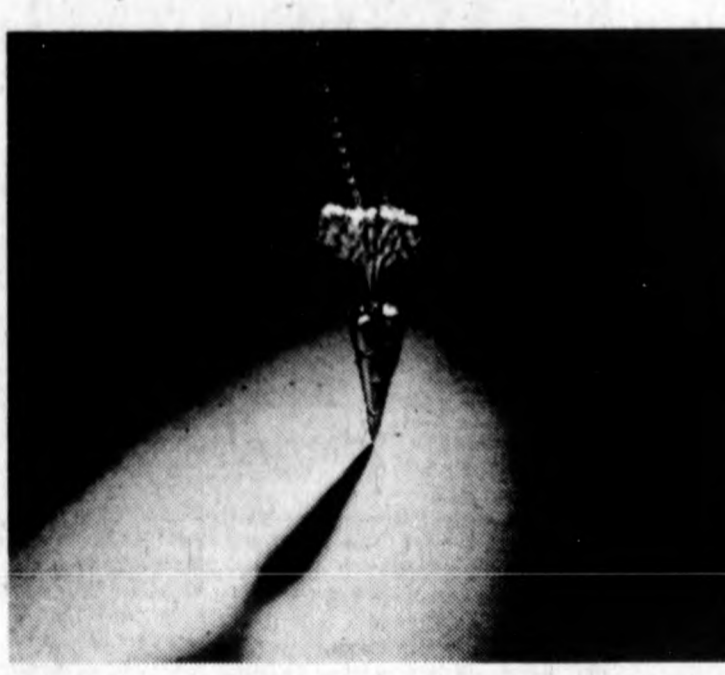
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DeWitt businessmen want to move Ox Roast site

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

DeWitt

Although the annual DeWitt Ox Roast is nearly eight months away DeWitt merchants are in the stages of planning for next year. The big question they have been trying to answer is, "Should the Ox Roast be moved to a different location or kept where it is downtown?"

Dick Keibler, businessman, conducted an informal survey of downtown merchants and found the majority wanted the Ox Roast moved because it is hurting their businesses.

Winning ways

Ann Steffen of S. Krepps Road, St. Johns, will have a merrier Christmas after winning this 12-inch portable television which was one of the many prizes awarded to lucky winners during the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce "Twelve Days of Christmas" promotion. The TV was donated by J.C. Penney. Presenting it is Bill Patton, Chamber president.



Rudy Diosegi, president of the DeWitt Memorial Association told the businessmen at their noon luncheon Wednesday that if the Ox Roast was moved, the Memorial Association would never be able to keep the Memorial Building. Proceeds from the Ox Roast have gone to paying for the building.

"After 33 years people expect to have it downtown," Diosegi said. "It's tradition."

Several of the businessmen would like to see the event moved to the high school grounds. They claim there is plenty of parking and room to facilitate the crowds of people and still not hurt downtown business.

One problem with the idea however, is that the State Board of Education will not permit a beer license on school property.

Diosegi cited examples where Meridan, Okemos, and Dimondale changed the location of its street carnivals. He said two completely folded and Dimondale lost \$600.

"They have gone through the same traumas we've been going through," he said.

Diosegi commented the Memorial Association was close to paying off the mortgage on the building. In addition to this they have been assuming the responsibility of the library's rent which is housed in the same building.

In 1978 the Ox Roast profit was \$1,400. In 1979 it was \$4,500, including losing \$1,500 on the beef. 1977 proved to be an exceptional year when Terry Gartside ran the raffle. The profit was close to \$15,000.

In defense of the Ox Roast Diosegi said, "The only thing that really hurts us is the weather." He added, "This year there wasn't a corporation's family picnic in town which hurt too."

Normally the game tent makes about \$1,000 and the city takes between \$1,500 to \$2,000 from the carnival profits.

"This past year they weren't eating, but they were riding a lot," Diosegi said.

The beer tent was profitable, covering the loss on the food tent according to the chairman.

"The raffle could be profitable," Keibler said. "This year however, it made less than \$1,000."

Sam Terranova, owner of Terranova's Grocery Store told the group that Mason moved its carnival and is doing well.

"I want it anyplace but downtown," he said.

Dr. G. P. Allen, a newcomer to the community asked, "What will happen to community spirit if the Ox Roast is moved?"

Diosegi commented over 900 people work on the Ox Roast.

"If we make a change and make a wrong decision, the whole event could fold," Diosegi said.

Dick Zimmerman, of Long's Development Corporation said, "The first thing you have to determine is whether the Ox Roast is the proper vehicle to make money with?"

The end result of the meeting was to study the situation a little further and then look at some alternatives.

Questions answered on Center

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Q. Where will this money come from?

A. Generous donors have already contributed the land site. Major funding is anticipated through FHA at a low interest rate. \$600,000 is necessary from gifts to help contain costs and interest payments and secure the FHA loan.

Q. Will by taxes be used to support the center?

A. No. Clinton Area Care Center will continue to be a not-for-profit facility supported by service payments and contributions.

Q. When will the new facilities be in service?

A. It is hoped that construction will begin soon after the first of the year.

Q. Where is the campaign office located?

A. At 1003 S. Oakland, St. Johns, 48879, telephone 224-6808.

4-H news

By Debbie Gehman

The monthly meeting was held at the Wacousta Methodist Church from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 27.

Charlene Cole handed out awards Debbie Gehman, Wendy Brownfield and Chris Drahnak won a trip to Cold Water Lake. Missy Gehman and David Brownfield got on the honor roll.

Last meeting was the first meeting we had officers: Chris Drahnak, president; Jay Hesse, vice president; Julie Secrease, secretary; Wendy Brownfield, treasurer; and Debbie Gehman, news reporter.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 13, at the United Methodist Church from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Morning Musicale hears Christmas songs

St. Johns Mrs. Clifford Lumbert welcomed 25 members and

guests of St. Johns Morning Musicale into her home Dec. 13 for the annual Christmas Brunch and Guest Day.

Departing from the year's topic of "A Study In Perceptive Listening," the group enjoyed music of the holiday season, following the business conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, club president.

Mrs. Kenneth Johnson introduced Mrs. George L. Rickey to the club. She is the president of the State Federation of Music Clubs, which the local study club is affiliated.

A brass trio composed of Brent Laidler, Geoff Washburn and Chip Washburn performed a Christmas fanfare, and "Gesu Bambino." Mrs. Keith Laidler accompanied her son playing "Cantique de Noel" as a flugel horn solo.

The choral ensemble sang a group of three less familiar carols, representative of three different lands. The first was "While By Our Sheep," which is a 17th century German carol; "When Lights Are Lit On Christmas Eve," a Norwegian carol; and "What Is This," a contemporary American carol. Mrs. Manning Bross directed the group, and Mrs. Maurice Witteveen was the accompanist.

Closing the program were piano duet selections performed by Mrs. Bross and Mrs. Witteveen. Included were "Angels We Have Heard On High," two pieces from Bach's Christmas Oratorio; and "One Fair Day, I Met Upon The Way," a French carol arranged by George Bizet.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 10, at the home of Mrs. Richard Jacoby, when several high school instrumentalists will

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Corunna stuns 'Wings

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

St. Johns

The Redwing basketball team entered the land of the Redwoods this past week and came away with a split.

St. Johns topped non-league rival Eaton Rapids Tuesday, 82-69, then dropped an important Mid-Michigan B Conference game with visiting Corunna Friday, 79-57.

Despite Friday's loss, which drops St. Johns to 1-1 in the league and 3-1 overall, Redwing Coach Bob Tissot isn't giving up.

"It is early in the year yet," he said. "I think we learned some things from it (the loss). We learned that when we don't play hard we are behind the eight ball."

"But the kids still believe we can beat those people and are looking forward to playing them again."

As in the Eaton Rapids game, the Redwings had to battle height Friday. It came in the 6-foot-5 body of Corunna center Jeff Rowley.

"The size was a factor because we let it be a factor," Tissot said.

Instead, Tissot pointed a finger at momentum.

"They started off and got hot," he said. "And the hotter they got, the more confidence they got. And the more confidence they got, the less we did what we really wanted to do on the floor."

Corunna bolted to a 7-2 lead and expanded it to an 18-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Cavaliers held fast to a 35-23 lead at intermission.

St. Johns, however, eventually came back and trimmed the lead to within 10 thanks in part to the shooting of sophomore guard Jeff Casler, who finished with 14 points and five of St. Johns' rebounds.

But Casler's performance ended too soon for St. Johns as he fouled out with over two minutes left in the game.

"I wouldn't say we could have come back to catch them," Tissot said, "but we had come back from way down. He had gotten hot and with a couple of the kids hitting some key buckets, got us back in it."

With Casler gone, Corunna easily cruised to the win.

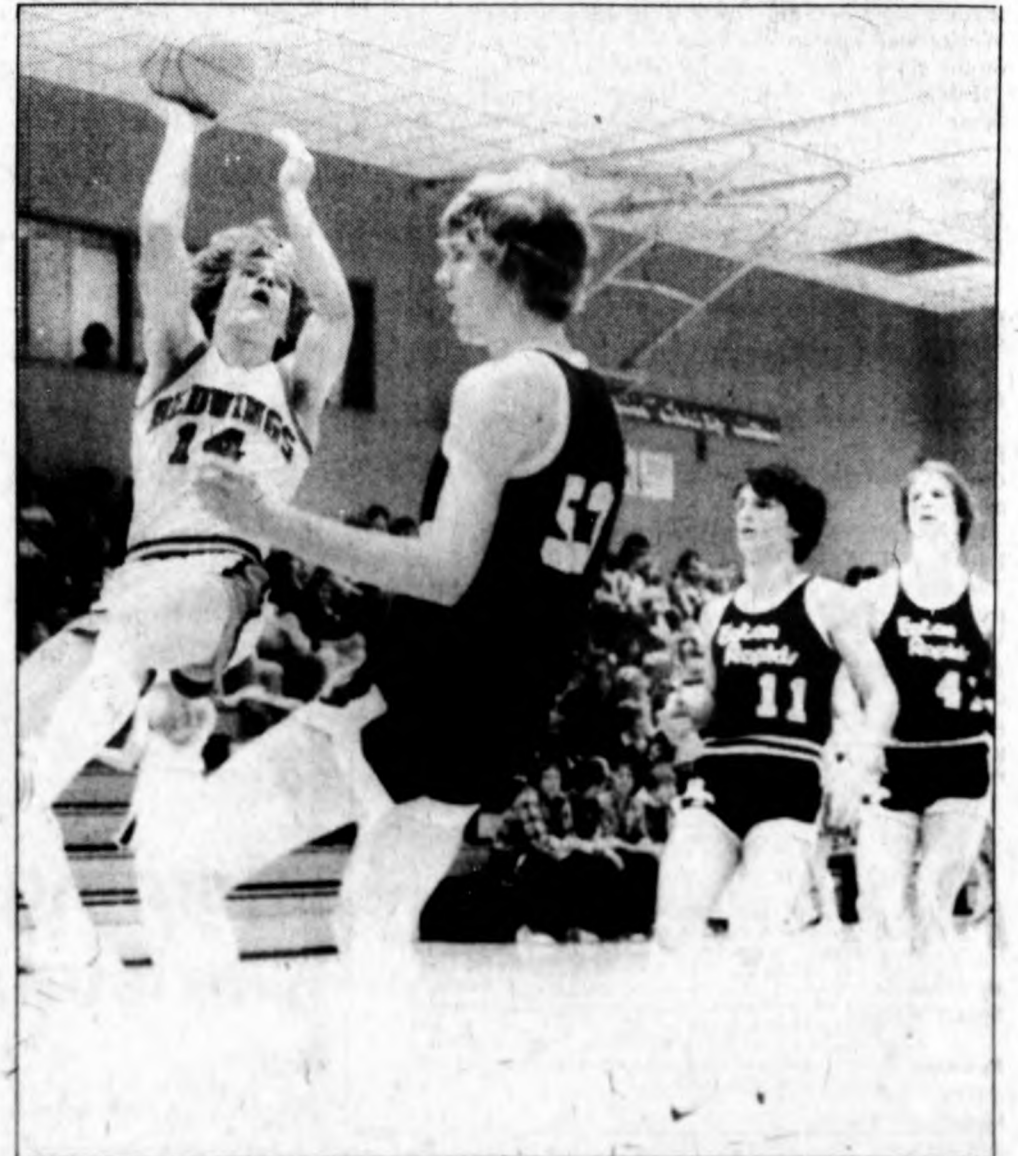
Garth Banninga, the Redwings 6-foot-3 center, and 6-foot-2 forward Doug Sleep led St. Johns to Tuesday's win over Eaton Rapids.

Banninga scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds despite the presence of Eaton Rapids twin 6-foot-5 centers—John Fredericks and Jim Blood.

Sleep hit for a game-high 25 points.

But the Redwings had to rally back in the fourth quarter after Eaton Rapids had cut a 14-point lead down to four points. "Because we play the way we play," Tissot said, "we ran into a cold spell just when they started getting hot."

The Redwing junior varsity defeated Corunna's reserves 62-55 behind Dennis Sleep's 20 points. The win came on the heels of Tuesday's 81-40 win over Eaton Rapids. The Redwings got 27 points from Steve Gonzales and 15 from Scott Palmer in the victory.

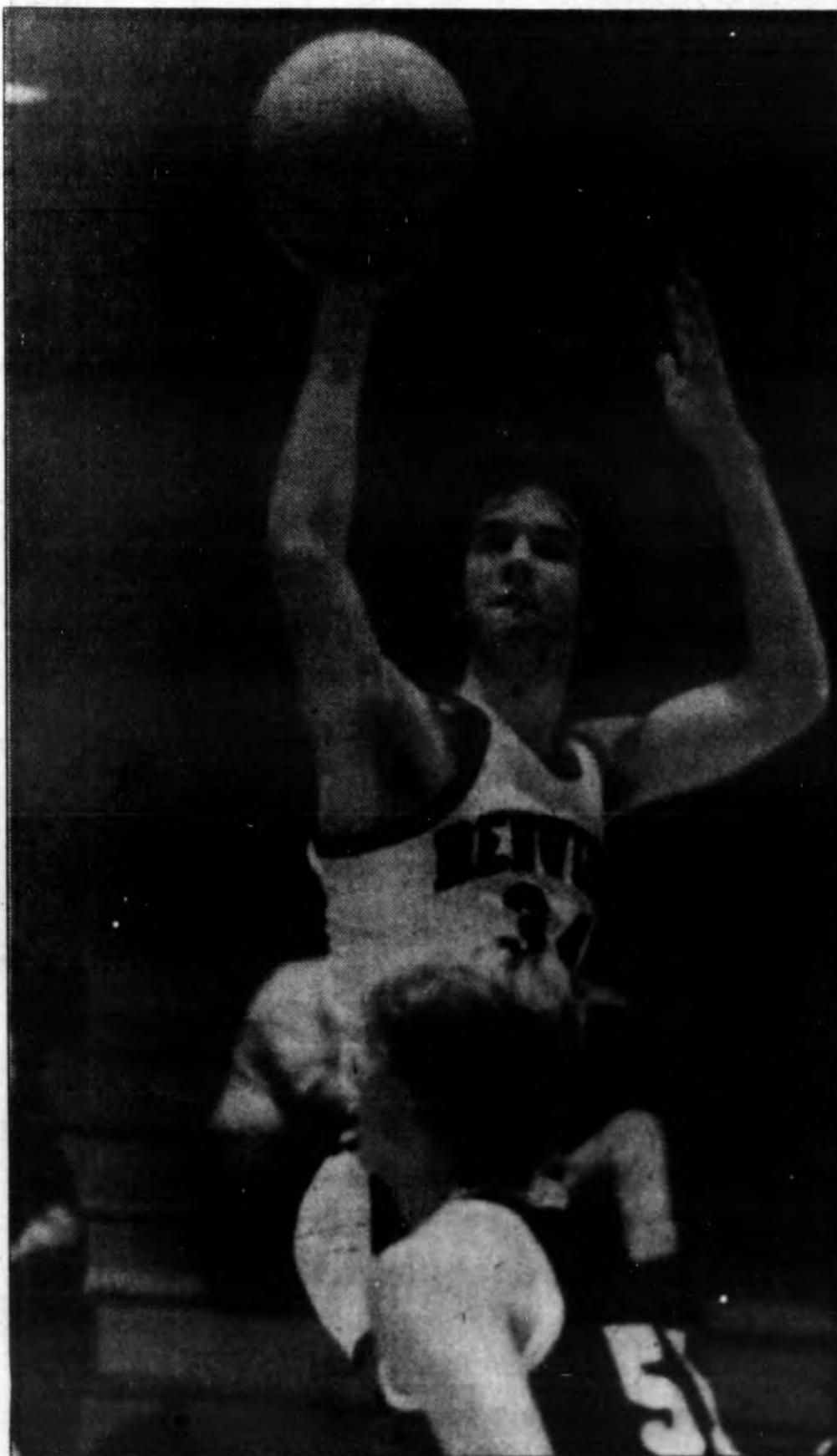


Shot

Jeff Casler (14) of St. Johns gets off his shot while tumbling to the floor in front of Eaton Rapids center John Fredericks (53) during Tuesday's game at St. Johns. The Redwings on 82-69. (Photo by Mark Haney)

ST. JOHNS: 17 24 17 24 83
EATON RAPIDS: 16 16 15 22 69
ST. JOHNS: Doug Sleep 10, 5, 6, 25; Bob Sutherland 2, 7, 10, 11; Garth Banninga 8, 4, 6, 20; Jeff Casler 5, 4, 5, 14; Todd Bakita 1, 0, 0, 2; Bruce Fedewa 2, 4, 6, 8; Gary Campbell 1, 0, 0, 2; TOTALS 29, 24, 34, 82.
EATON RAPIDS: Doug Frank 6, 3, 7, 15; Tony Nichols 8, 2, 3, 18; Tracy Stiles 6, 0, 0, 12; John Fredericks 2, 1, 3, 5; Jim Blood 4, 1, 2, 9; Gregg Gooch 1, 0, 0, 2; Dave Beecher 0, 2, 3, 2; Chris Ruehle 0, 4, 4, 4; Jeff Hicks 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS 28, 13, 23, 69.

ST. JOHNS: 8 15 12 22 57
CORUNNA: 18 17 18 26 79
ST. JOHNS: Fedewa 4, 1, 3, 9; Casler 6, 2, 2, 14; Banninga 1, 1, 2, 3; Sleep 3, 2, 3, 8; Sutherland 4, 4, 7, 12; Bakita 0, 1, 5, 1; Campbell 1, 2, 4, 4; Simon 1, 0, 0, 2; Sehike 1, 2, 2, 4. TOTALS 21, 15, 28, 57.
CORUNNA: Koening 1, 0, 0, 2; Sattal 7, 6, 10, 20; Patterson 6, 2, 2, 14; Robinson 1, 0, 0, 2; Rowley 7, 5, 8, 19; Schooley 2, 0, 2, 4; Jaca 1, 0, 0, 2; Rowley 5, 2, 4, 12; McComb 2, 0, 1, 4. TOTALS 32, 5, 28, 79.



Fire!

St. Johns center Garth Banninga aims in two of his 20 points in Tuesday's 82-69 victory over Eaton Rapids. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Beecher downs Redwings

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Though it is now over, the dreams of the St. Johns High girls basketball team didn't die easily.

In fact it took more than a little effort by 23-3 Flint Beecher to come up with its 55-46 win over Beth Swears' 18-2 Redwings in Wednesday's Class B quarterfinal game at Fenton.

"There is no doubt about it," Beecher Coach Dave Hollingsworth said, "that group (St. Johns) can play."

The Redwings really convinced Hollingsworth, the Associated Press' Coach of the Year in Class B, with their third quarter play.

Down 29-23 at intermission, the Redwings came back to tie the score at 29 and eventually ended the quarter tied at 39.

"If we had taken a few shots more, it might have been different," Swears said.

But St. Johns eventually got off only six shots in the fourth quarter and was outscored 16-7 by Beecher. In all, even though St. Johns hit on 43 percent of its shots from the field and Beecher made 33 percent, Beecher's the Redwings took about 20 shots less than normal.

Flint's full court pressure played a hand in that low total, causing numerous turnovers.

"I don't think the pressure was that much of a factor," Swears said. "Because we had some opportunities to go ahead."

It isn't an uncommon Beecher tactic however.

"We try to have constant pressure on the ball," Hollingsworth said. "We knew that whatever side (junior center Lori) Kus was on we had to cover up, so we tried to pressure the ball

away from her." Kus still gave the Bucs fits, however, scoring 20 points, most coming in crucial situations. She also managed to lead St. Johns in rebounds with 17.

"Lori had a good game," Swears said.

"Denise (Thelen) did a good job of bringing the ball up the floor too. But I think Yvonne (Makara, Sue (Pearsall) and Kim (Kloekner) did not

have the games they are used to having."

Makara, who usually teams with Kus to add the second half to St. Johns' one-two punch, was limited to just 14 points and only five rebounds.

Swears said going into the game that she wasn't sure what to expect of Beecher, having seen them just once.

"I didn't really know how they would play us," she said. "We watched them play Fenton and they played a man-to-man defense against Beecher. That is not one of our strong points. So I didn't know what they would do against our zone."

Playing in such a game, with a possible state title lying ahead for the winner, may have had an effect, on

the Redwings, Swears said.

"There was a lot of pressure on us," she said. "Beecher has been there before and most of their kids know what it is like. But my kids are young (only one senior, Makara, started) and we are new to it."

Beecher got 17 points from all-state junior guard Shelley Sparks while senior forward Sabrina Young tallied 16.5

ST. JOHNS: 16 7 16 7 46
FLINT BEECHER: 19 10 10 16 55
ST. JOHNS: Denise Thelen 1, 3, 5, 5; Kim Kloekner 3, 0, 0, 6; Lori Kus 7, 6, 8, 20; Yvonne Makara 6, 2, 4, 14; Sue Pearsall 0, 1, 3, 1; Beth Cowan 0, 0, 1, 0. TOTALS 17, 12, 21, 46.

FLINT BEECHER: Margie Randle 0, 4, 7, 4; Tina Summers 2, 0, 0, 4; Shelly Sparks 7, 3, 4, 17; Diana Wiley 2, 0, 0, 4; Faye Cotton 0, 0, 1, 0; Sabrina Young 7, 2, 3, 16; Lila McGee 1, 0, 0, 2; Daphne Dixon 2, 1, 6, 5; Kim McLain 1, 0, 2, 2. TOTALS 22, 11, 25, 55.



Making a getaway

Forward Sue Pearsall (52) drives the ball up the floor in a hurry, past the menace of Flint Beecher defenders Faye Cotton (31), Melody Bridges (44) and Margie Randle (11). The St.

Johns girls, however, lost the quarterfinal bout Wednesday in Fenton, 55-46. (Photo by Mark Haney)

On The Mark

by Mark Haney



In this job, as in any where you deal with so many people, there are a lot of pitfalls. Readers, and some non-readers, feel free to disagree loudly with how you do your job, with what you say and with how you say it.

Criticism, however, is an accepted side effect of sportswriting. The only problem is it comes all too often and while praise comes far too little. It is no wonder so many reporters quit for something safer like public relations.

Stuck in between the complainers and the praisers, on the other hand, is small group of the curious who just want to know some of the whys behind what we do.

They aren't heard from much, because it seems people are scared to ask questions about things they don't know anything about. Me, I get paid for asking questions, some of them dumb in the eyes of an informed person.

But one of the curious called Wednesday, with a simple question on her mind.

To set the stage, her call came hot on the heels of a complaint from a man who wanted to know why the girls' basketball and swimming teams haven't been getting an equal amount of "ink" this fall.

Now that type of complaint really bugs me because I like to think we do a pretty good job of giving equal coverage to all sports and to all schools. Perfect equality isn't always possible but through the length of a season we try to make it all balance out.

Because his complaint really hit me where it hurts, it could have ruined my entire day if not for the call from an older woman.

All she wanted to ask, she said, meekly was a "dumb question." Now since I pride myself in knowing some pretty dumb questions, I didn't think I would mind answering one.

But my defenses were on guard since many a complaint has been preceded by remarks such as hers. So I was ready, waiting for the other shoe to drop.

It never did. Instead, the lady asked me what all those numbers in the basketball boxscores stood for. I explained that they broke down the individual and team scoring (field goals, free throws/free throws tried, total points).

She said she wanted to know because her granddaughter played on one of the squads we cover. But she went on to say she was afraid to ask her granddaughter what the numbers meant because she didn't want her to think she was ignorant.

I assured her her question was a good one and I had been waiting all season for someone to ask it. Then she thanked me and said goodbye.

But her manner and her out-and-out curiosity made me smile. For here was someone who wasn't afraid to ask why. More than that, she didn't have a complaint to lodge.

And her call made my day. She was very nice, not pushy like some callers. She talked about her granddaughter and in general made me feel better about working and about people.

Plus she made most of those complaints a whole lot easier to take, knowing there are some nice people out there too.

Winsor's free throws defeat Fowler

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Fulton
What a way to begin the season.

First the Fulton High basketball team just edges Ashley, 71-65, in the season-opener Tuesday. Then Friday the Pirates of Kim Lathwell stun league favorite Fowler 56-54 on a pair of free throws by center Scott Winsor with one second left on the clock.

Friday's victory must have come as a surprise to

Lathwell who said, "We have a long way to go to be ready to play Fowler, and that is only two days away," after the slim victory over Ashley.

The win Friday was punctuated by Winsor, who scored only 11 points compared to the 12 scored by teammate Wayne Bond and the 15 of Mark Skaryd. But none were more important than his last two.

"I don't know what we'd do without Winsor or Skaryd on the floor," Lathwell said. It looked for a while as

though it didn't matter Friday, as sputtering Fowler range up a quick seven-point lead. The Eagles maintained a 35-29 margin at halftime.

"I wasn't worried at that time," Lathwell said, "because we were missing some inside shots, they just weren't falling. So I told the kids that all we had to do was start making our puppy shots."

The Pirates did just that as they used pressure defense to outscore Fowler 21-12 in the third quarter and take the

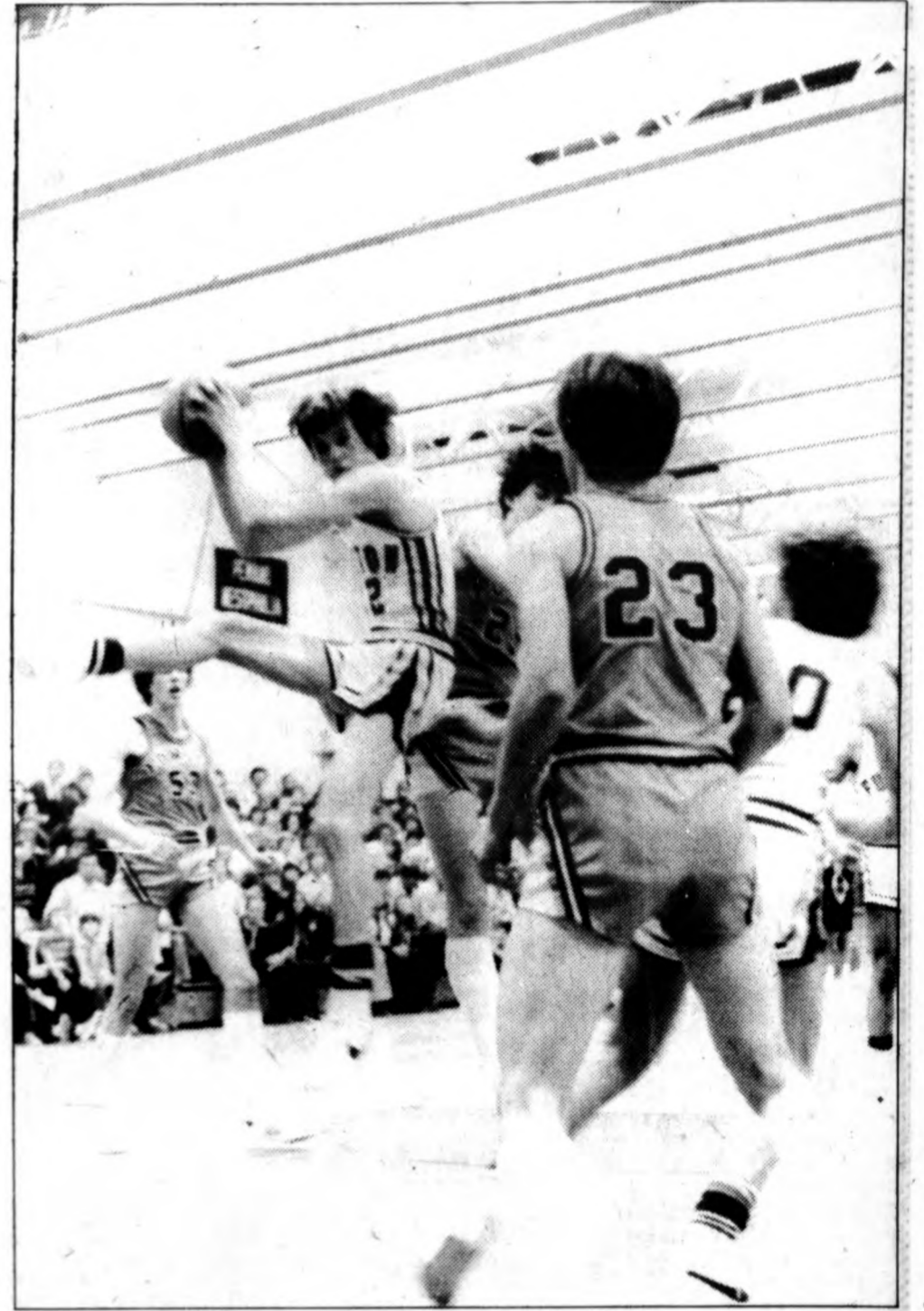
lead.

The Fulton reserves fared much better, taking the Ashley junior varsity 80-34

FULTON: 21 18 22 10-71
ASHLEY: 16 20 13 16-65
FULTON: Mark Skaryd 6, 6/9, 18; Jeff Moon 8, 3/3, 19; Scott Winsor 3, 0/0, 6; Jim Slavik 4, 6/9, 14; Larry Fisk 2, 0/0, 4; Wayne Bond 1, 2/4, 4; Joel Miller 3, 0/0, 6; Brad Glazier 0, 0/1, 0. **TOTALS:** 27, 17/26, 71.
ASHLEY: Roger Howes 1, 0/1, 2; Wade Crumbaugh 1, 0/0, 2; Kim Bigelow 6, 4/7, 16; Kelly Shaw 3, 5/10, 11; Greg Poxey 5, 9/10, 19; Chris Kindel 4, 5/6, 13; Tom Ringle 1, 0/0, 2; Matt Litwhiler 0, 0/1, 0. **TOTALS:** 21, 23/35, 65.

then topping Fowler's reserves 48-40 behind center Gregg Sorrell's 12 points.

FULTON: 11 18 21 6-56
FOWLER: 18 17 12 7-54
FULTON: Wayne Bond 5, 2/3, 12; Jeff Moon 3, 0/1, 6; L. Scott Winsor 4, 3/6, 11; Jim Slavik 4, 1/2, 9; Larry Fisk 1, 1/2, 3; Mark Skaryd 7, 1/2, 15; Joel Miller 0, 0/1, 0. **TOTALS:** 24, 8/17, 56.
FOWLER: Doug Koenigsnecht 1, 0/0, 2; Neil Hufnagel 1, 2/2, 4; Lloyd Feldpausch 6, 4/5, 16; Luke Hufnagel 1, 2/2, 4; Tom Weber 3, 1/2, 7; Doug Cook 0, 2/2, 2; Terry Thelen 0, 1/2, 1; Cliff Hengesbach 1, 0/0, 2; Stan Simon 7, 2/2, 16. **TOTALS:** 20, 14/17, 54.



Down he comes

Fulton High center Scott Winsor rips down one of the 11 rebounds he had during the Pirates' 56-54 upset victory over Fowler High Friday in Middleton. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Eagles learn from defeats

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Fowler
This was one week that Fowler basketball coach Chuck Trierweiler would just as soon forget.

First his Eagles fell to Lansing Catholic Central Tuesday, 61-50. Then two free throws by Fulton's Scott Winsor with one second left gave the Pirates a 56-54 win over Fowler in the opening game of the Central-Michigan Athletic Conference race.

Despite his 1-2 record at

this point (the one win was a one-pointer over Montabella) Trierweiler said the losses have been beneficial to his team, part of a learning process. And he isn't giving up yet.

"I don't think there is a team in the league that will go through the season undefeated," Trierweiler said. "And I think it still is too early to press the panic button or anything."

The Eagles watched a seven-point lead vanish in the third quarter of the loss to Fulton. The Pirates managed to outscore a taller

Fowler squad 21-12 in that period.

"I think the pace of the ballgame had something to do with that," Trierweiler said. "My kids out there were being hustled and harassed and pressured and they couldn't take it."

The biggest surprise was Fulton's 46-37 rebounding edge, despite the presence of 6-foot-5 Cliff Hengesbach, 6-foot-4 Tim Luttig and 6-foot-4 Stan Simon in the Eagle lineup.

"We didn't have everybody rebounding the way they should," the Eagle

coach said. "We didn't screen people out the way we should."

As it turned out, Tuesday's loss to Lansing Catholic, didn't do what Trierweiler hoped it would.

"I just hope this will snap us out of that lethargic state of mind we have been in," he had said.

What hurt Fowler the most was the 12-0 lead the Cougars bolted to in the first quarter.

"We looked really disorganized out there," Trierweiler said.

The Fowler junior varsity suffered right along with the varsity, losing to Lansing Catholic Central 66-41 then falling to Fulton 48-40.

FOWLER: 109 13 18-50
LCC: 16 12 15 18-61

FOWLER: Koenigsnecht 2, 0/0, 4; N. Hufnagel 1, 0/0, 2; Feldpausch 3, 2/3, 8; L. Hufnagel 3, 3/5, 9; Weber 2, 6/7, 10; Cook 2, 3/4, 7; Thelen 0, 1/2, 1; Luttig 1, 0/0, 2; Simon 2, 1/1, 5; Schneider 0, 2/2, 2. **TOTALS:** 16, 18/24, 50.

LCC: Beachau 8, 3/7, 19; Jassel 7, 5/6, 19; Romsek 1, 0/0, 2; Pritchard 8, 1/2, 17; Fata 1, 0/0, 2; Clary 1, 0/0, 2. **TOTALS:** 26, 9/19, 61.

Pirates slice thin wins

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Pewamo
The point spread just keeps getting smaller and smaller for the Pewamo-Westphalia basketball team.

First the Pirates won by 26 points. Then Tuesday they beat Ovid-Elsie 69-52 and Friday they just edged a pesky Laingsburg squad 59-55 in the opening game of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference race.

"Maybe we were just

overlooking Laingsburg," Pirate Coach John Ellis said. "I didn't think they would give us as tough a time as they did. They are a pretty good team."

The Pirates struggled, falling behind 18-10 in the first quarter but taking a 34-31 lead at intermission.

"We made only 36 percent of our shots all game," Ellis said. "That is the worst shooting I've ever had."

The biggest problem, however, was the defense. "I don't think we created

anything defensively," Ellis said. "We weren't aggressive. Instead of the defense dictating that the offense did, we let them set the tempo."

"And that is another thing. We did not create anything for ourselves on offense either."

Ellis felt better about his defense in Tuesday's win.

"They (Ovid-Elsie) didn't give up," he said. "They kept coming at us. I like to think our defense wore them down, although we didn't

play as well as we did the first game. But we did play a better team this time."

The Pirates used a 37-19 rebounding advantage over the taller Marauders in the see-saw contest. But Ellis said the key was speed.


"I guess the key to the game would be our speed," he said. "The full-court pressure finally wore them down."

The Pewamo-Westphalia junior varsity, a 68-50 winner over Ovid-Elsie Tuesday, notched a resounding

80-52 win over Laingsburg Friday behind a 24-point per game performance by guard Jeff Belen.


PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: 10 24 14 11-59
LAINGSBURG: 18 13 12 12-55


PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: Pigot 5, 0/0, 10; Walters 0, 0/1, 0; Pohl 2, 3/5, 7; D. Hengesbach 1, 0/1, 2; S. Hengesbach 2, 2/3, 6; Fedewa 1, 2/3, 4; P. Thelen 0, 0/2, 0; Stump 2, 6/8, 10; Pfaff 5, 2/3, 12; Bauer 4, 0/0, 8. **TOTALS:** 22, 15/26, 59.
LAINGSBURG: Rose 3, 2/3, 8; Carpenter 3, 0/0, 6; Wickham 3, 7/8, 13; Ridsdale 1, 2/2, 4; Hurst 5, 2/2, 12; Wittchell 4, 2/4, 10; French 1, 0/2, 2. **TOTALS:** 20, 15/21, 55.



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Marauders feast on Alma again

By Mark Haney
Sports Writer

Alma
After two straight losses the taste of victory was sweet indeed for the Ovid-Elsie basketball team Friday.
For not only did the Marauders get back on the winning track, but they also dumped long-time rival Alma 72-62 and did it on Alma's home floor.
"I knew if we were going to have any chance of ever thinking about a league championship then we had to win that one," Marauder Coach Bob Foreback said.
The win came on the heels of a 69-52 loss to non-league foe Pewamo-Westphalia Tuesday.
"The only factor in all three games this year has been shooting," Foreback said.
"We played Friday much as we have been. The only difference was we made our

shots."
And the Marauders caused 22 turnovers while giving up the ball only 13 times themselves.
Those turnovers allowed Ovid-Elsie to overcome a 41-32 rebound deficit and still manage to take a 36-33 lead at halftime.
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Of course the fact that Ovid-Elsie has defeated Alma four straight times now may have had something to do with the outcome.
"I really don't know if that was it or not," Foreback said. "I think the determin-

ing factor was our press. They had trouble with it."
Sophomore center Carl Teelander had no trouble getting used to his first start, hitting for a game-high 13 points. Forward Mark Carter added 13 more.
Against Pewamo-Westphalia the Marauders were plagued by six-for-18 shooting from the free throw stripe and 23-for-74 shooting from the field. And seven of those missed free throws were in one-and-one situations.
"We have stayed away from turnovers and we have played our offense," Foreback said. "We have been playing good defense. We just haven't been shooting really well."
The Marauder junior varsity fell to Alma 60-48 and dropped a 68-50 decision to Pewamo-Westphalia.

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Dewey's Trading Post 26/19
Willard S. Searles Builder 25/20
Warrens Ins. 23/22
Roadhouse 22/23
Rehmanns 20/25
Mister D's Pizza 20/25
Strouse Oil 15/30
Twin Oaks Golf Course 14/31
Martin Apperates 13/32

High Team Game- Willard D. Searles Builders Inc. 1018; High Ind. Game-John Jakavac 248; High Team Series- Willard D. Searles Builder Inc. 2824; High Game Series- Fred Barnes 658.

SHADOWS LEAGUE W L
P. F. Flyers 42 1/2 17 1/2
Boiling Tiedts 41/19
Sore Losers 39/21
Die Hards 32/28
Trailer Park Strikers 31 1/2 28 1/2
Lincoln St. Losers 30/30
Clinton Automotive 27 1/2 32 1/2
Tyrones 27 1/2 32 1/2
The Bombers 27/33
30/32's 25/35
Mixed Nuts 22 1/2 37 1/2
Good Losers 14 1/2 45 1/2

High Team Game- Bolino-Tiedts 713; Team High Series- Sore Losers 1946; Women High Game-Sue Mudgett 211; Men High Game-Mike Morey 224; Women High Series- Sue Mudgett 538; Men's High Series- Greg Kirby 597.

GOODTIMERS W L
Slowpokes 37 1/2 22 1/2
Eager Beavers 36/24
Rock'n Rollers 35/25
Hoot Owls 33 1/2 26 1/2
Go Getters 32/27
Strike Binders 31/29
Steakers 29/31
Screamers 28/35
Hair Raisers 27/53
Sidewinders 25/35
Top Bananas 23/37
Alley Stompers 23/37

Team High Game- Hoot Owls 652; Team High Series- Hair Raisers 1824; Men's High Game-Dick Hopp 220; Men's High Series- Dick Hopp 567; Woman's High Game-Barb Lambert 185; Woman's High Series- Barb Lambert 470.

NIGHT HAWK W L
Legion 30/12
Phillips 28/14
Beck's 27/15
Dewey's 26/16

Chesaning tops 'wings'

St. Johns
They could have, but the St. Johns High wrestling team didn't in its opening match of the Mid-Michigan B Conference season Thursday.
Instead the Redwings lost to Chesaning 29-25 for want of a heavyweight. Forfeiting that last weight class made a lot of difference, Coach Chuck Wolf said.
"We could have won it," he said. "But we didn't."
St. Johns did manage to leave the week with a 2-1 mark overall via a 43-24 win

over East Lansing Tuesday.
The loss Thursday, however, leaves St. Johns' work cut out for it.
"We are going to have to try to win them all, I think," Wolf said. "And then we have to hope that Alma or Corunna, both with goods teams, beat them. Then we'd have to beat them in the league meet."
Though Wolf has five wrestlers - 112-pounder Jerry Peters, 119-pounder Kurt Hayes, 126-pounder Garret Hayes, 138-pounder Jeff Brown and 155-pounder

Ken Harris - still unbeaten, 167-pounder Greg Wood has a 1-2 mark after being upset by Chesaning's Mike Nietling Thursday.
CHESANING-ST. JOHNS
98-Coughlin (C) pinned Fonger in 3:45; 105-Cook (S) decided Thurston 8:3; 112-Peters (S) decided Gengler 8:0; 119-K. Hayes (S) decided Nahan 6:1; 126-G. Hayes (S) decided Coleman 9:2; 132-Cook (C) decided Thelen 11:5; 138-Brown (S) decided Shook 2:0; 145-Bartel (S) decided Sadiek 7:4; 155-Harris (S) pinned Nietling in 1:06; 147-M. Nietling (C) decided Wood 9:3; 185-

Espinosa (C) decided Martinez 17:2; 198-Rehman (C) pinned Johnson 3:20; Heavyweight-Richman (C) by forfeit.
EAST LANSING-ST. JOHNS
98 Zelinski (EL) pinned Fonger 5:25; 105-Salmon (EL) pinned Cook 1:03; 112-Healey (S) by forfeit; 119-Peters (S) decided Verryah 19:11; 124-G. Hayes (S) pinned Pahl in 2:45; 132-Thelen (S) by forfeit; 138-Brown (S) decided Anderson 10:7; 145-Sweet (EL) decided Butters 5:0; 155-Harris decided Clauchert 18:7; 147-Wood (S) pinned McCafferty in 1:59; 185-Wood (EL) decided Martinez 7:1; 198-Johnson (S) pinned Bell in 0:18; Heavyweight-Arava (EL) by forfeit.

Tourneys favor Fulton

Fulton
The Fulton High wrestling team hasn't changed its style much.
The Pirates still enjoy those invitationals, as they showed in the Ithaca Invitational Saturday and at the Central Montcalm Invitational Dec. 8. The Pirates were fourth at the eight-team tournament at Ithaca and finished sixth at the eight-team invitational at Central Montcalm.
In between the Pirates lost to Central Michigan Athletic Conference favorite Olivet 42-33 in the week's lone dual meet.
"It will be the tournaments," Fulton Coach Jayke Pell said. "We will beat a few people in dual meets but the tournaments are where we will do well."
Saturday the Pirates crowned two champions, Tim Price at 138 pounds and Rick

Robbe at 145. Price pinned Ithaca's Bill Brown to win the title while Robbe pinned Mike Novak of Sanford-Meridian for the crown.
Jeff Price, the Pirate 105-pounder, finished second when he was pinned by Sanford-Meridian's Jim Gates. Pirates Shaun Bongard at 98 pounds and Randy Riggle at 155-pounds finished third while 126-pounder Chris Price took fourth.
"We had three kids, Bongard, Price and Riggle, lost in the last 30 seconds," Pell said, "or we would have had three men in the finals and would have done much better."
The Pirates crowned the same champions at the Central Montcalm meet, with Price winning the 138-pound title by decision Ithaca's Brown 8-3. Robbe pinned Farwell's Gary Osborne.
Jeff Price was second in 105-pounds, while Bongard

and Riggle took third and fourth, respectively.
Pell said he was even happy with the dual meet performance Thursday. The Pirates were ahead 33-18 after the 155-pound match.
"In defense of the kids, it was an exciting meet," Pell said. "We went out after then and it was quite a tribute to the kids to have a shot at them."
OLIVET-FULTON
98-Keith Hester (O) pinned Shaun Bongard in 0:32; 105-Jeff

Price (F) pinned Mike Sobleski in 2:50; 112 Doug Hunt (F) pinned Joe Perry in 2:06; 119-Kevin Koyl (O) pinned Murdock in 1:30; 126-Chris Price (F) decided Kevin Sedowsky 6:4; 132-Alonzo Gomez (O) pinned Ken Murdock in 0:22; 138-Tim Price (F) pinned Jeff Rutter in 4:23; 145-Rick Robbe (F) pinned Jeff Smith in 3:37; 155-Randy Riggle (F) pinned Tom Johnson in 0:47; 147-Jim Rutter (O) won by disqualification of Wayne Ball; 185-Jim Schriener (O) by forfeit; 198-Dave Harris (O) by forfeit; Heavyweight-Charles Crouch (O) by forfeit.

O-E wins dual meet

Ovid
The Ovid-Elsie wrestling team saw a return of the good old days Thursday as the Marauders opened the Mid-Michigan B Conference season with a 49-15 win over Ionia.
"It feels pretty good," Coach Ron Maidlow said of

the win. "It feels a little like days of old. But I think I know what the record will be like at the end of the year."
Ovid-Elsie lost in four of 13 weight classes yet still managed to easily mark its second win in three matches when the Marauders won their final five matches, four by pins.
The win, however, was no shock to Maidlow.
"Let us put it this way," he said. "It was not too surprising because Ionia hasn't been too tough the last three years."
OID-ELSIE-IONIA
98-Mark Thornton (OE) by forfeit; 105-Neil Stambersky (OE) by forfeit; 112-Roy Kapp (I) decided Steve Orweller 6:1; 119-Bruce Valerius (OE) decided Steve Moreland 9:0; 124-Mark Lenneman (I) decided Bill Luchhurst 3:0; 132-John Grinnell (OE) pinned Doug Willard in 1:51; 138-Bob Lenneman (I) pinned Paul George in 1:24; 145-Todd Truesdell (I) decided Dave Arnt 8:3; 155-Kevin Wilson (OE) pinned Rich Gid hot in 2:49; 147-Al Bywater (OE) pinned Paul Stinzel in 5:38; 185-Dan Gilbert (OE) decided Troy Miller 4:3; 198-Terry Mitchell (OE) pinned Matt Treadway in 3:04; Heavyweight-Rich Ackels (OE) pinned Tom Langdon in 1:37.

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Bowling standings



PEANUT MIX-UPS W L
Number Ones 22/14
Straight Shooters 22/14
Redwings Rollers 19/17
Triple Threat 18/18
Night Hawks 14/22
3 Strikers 13/23

Hi Team Series-Straight Shooters 1654; Hi Team Game-Redwing Rollers 593; Hi Indv. Series- John Zell 362; Pam Armstrong 309; Hi Indv. Game-Mike Snyder 146, Pam Armstrong 110.

PREP MIX-UPS W L
Pin Splitters 25/11
Gutter Dusters 20/16
Pin Busters 17/19
Bad News Bowlers 15/22
Pin Breakers 14/22
Champs 14/22

Hi Team Series-Pin Splitters 2313; Hi Team Game- Pin Busters 817; Hi Indv. Series- Ricky Snyder 462; Cathy Warren 383; Hi Indv. Game- Ricky Snyder 188; Doris Bevan 144.

Monday Afternoon Peanut Peanut Gallery
Red Baron's 29 11 15766
Michigan State 26 14 15814
Pin Tipper's 25 15 16022
Miami Dolphin's 16 24 15449
Fire Ball's 15 25 15575
High Roller's 11 29 15441

Indv. High Game- Todd Schwartzkopf 116; Team High Game- Pin Tipper's 610; Indv. High Series- Todd Schwartzkopf 335; Team High Series- Pin Tipper's 1731

HAIR RAISERS W L
Strikers 31/13
Bad News Bowlers 29/15
Fabulous Four 26/18
The Jugheads 25/19
Pin Busters 23 1/2 20 1/2
Silver Streak 21/23
Gutter Dusters 20/24
Red Devils 20/24
Bombers 20/24
All-Americans 17/27
Hogans Herpes 15/29
All-Pro 12 1/2 31 1/2

High Team Actual Series- Fabulous Four 1607; High Team Actual Game- Fabulous Four 639; High Indv. Actual Series- Colleen Kelly 430; John Keeler 409; High Indv. Actual Game- Heather Nettelman 157; John Keeler 190.

CAPITOL LEAGUE W L
Bucks Stoves 39/21
Ballenger Packing 37/23
Martinez 35 1/2 24 1/2
Standard Service 33/27
St. Johns Co-ops 32/28
Beaufort's Barber Shop 31/29
Woodbury's Flower Shop 31/29
Pontek's Tech. Service 29 1/2 30 1/2
Min A Mart 29/31
Kevlon Coffee 25 1/2 34 1/2
Moorman's Feeds 24/36
McDonald's 13 1/4 46 1/4

High individual game-Jim Kelley 222; High team game-Martinez 971; High individual series-Jim Kelley 598; High Team Series-Martinez 2729.

TUESDAY TEATIME W L
Bill's Garage 38 1/2 21 1/2
Buckeye Lounge 36/24
Flowers by Jan 36/24
Randolph's 35 1/2 24 1/2
Uncle John's Cider Mill 32/28
Redwing Lanes 30/30
Beaufort's Agency 29/31
DeJager Construction 28/32
S&H Farms 27 1/2 32 1/2
Highland Hills 26 1/2 33 1/2
McDonald's 22/38
Central Nat'l Bank 19/41

Individual high game-Marcia Davis 189; Team high game-Bill's Garage 772; Individual high series-John Fox 494; Team high series-Bill's Garage 2252.

CITY CLASSIC Pts
National Sport Imprint 283 1/2
Albaly & Brewbaker 237
Zeet's 233 1/2
Redwing Lanes 213
Schwann's 211
McKenzie's 206
Hairworld 202 1/2
Federal Mogul 201
Sohn's Linen 201
Keelan's Buick 192 1/2
Paul's Party Store 179 1/2
Fed Jensen Chev 159 1/2

Individual high game-Bob Loomis 241; Team high game-Schwann 1000; Individual high series-Steve Suttin 618; Team high series-Suttin Linn 2823.

TWIN CITY W L
Campbell's 42/18
Redwing Lanes 41 1/2 18 1/2
Hazel's 41/19
Hazel's 40 1/2 19 1/2
W.W. Gucys 38 1/2 21 1/2
W.W. Sawmill 35 1/2 24 1/2
Kentucky Fried Chicken 35/25
Precision Plumbing 25/35
Hettler's Towing 22/38
City Team 16/44
Kurt's Appliance 15/35

Knights of Columbus 9/52
High individual game-Dave Kelley 246; High Team game-Boak's Upholstery 1011; High individual series-Gene Dunkel 606; High team series-Boak's Upholstery 2632.

MOTHERS MISFITS W-L
Alley Cats 34/10
Redwing Rollers 29/15
Tigers 27/17
Bad News Bears 24 1/2 19 1/2
Bad News Bowlers 22 1/2 21 1/2

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St. Johns' Frechen pockets pool success

By Steve Vedder

Grand Ledge

In 1976 Vicki Frechen enrolled in a beginning pool class at Lansing Community College with the sole intention of filling out her class schedule. It appears like it was a marriage made in heaven.

Since she learned how to play pool, Vicki has an impressive string of tournament finishes to her credit. In 1976 the St. Johns resident was the National Amateur Champion and was also runnerup in the Collegiate Championships that year. In 1977 Vicki won four of the seven tournaments she played in.

This year the 24-year old Grand Ledge High graduate placed fifth in an eight-ball tournament in Kentucky and ninth in a straight-pool tourney in New Jersey.

Vicki's best performance to date was Nov. 26-28 in a nine-ball tourney held in Las Vegas. The tourney was billed as the 1979 World Nine-Ball Tournament and she took a second place spot out of 32 players.

Vicki beat her first four opponents in the tournament, but eventually lost the championship to a woman from Oklahoma City.

"The general consensus

was that I played better, but she was just luckier than me," she says with a laugh. "That's the way pool is sometimes."

The tall and slender Frechen says the tournament attracted men and women from all over the country. The way the matches were set up gave Vicki plenty of time to meet the other players and also see some of Las Vegas.

"It was fun seeing people that you've heard about and just talk to them," she says. "For example I beat a girl from Pennsylvania in the semi-finals in Las Vegas that had beaten me last October in an eight-ball tournament."

Playing pool has enabled Vicki to travel to many parts of the United States including New Jersey, Kentucky, Wisconsin and several other states in addition to the trip to Las Vegas. She says if pool players can break even, money-wise, while doing all this traveling, then they are a success. Vicki says she is breaking even.

One new twist to Vicki's life is the contract she signed recently with the American Artist Management Agency. This "talent-type" firm enabled Vicki to become involved with the Anheuser-Busch Company.

This is something other pool players like Vicki are trying to accomplish.

"We're trying to nationalize pool. Right now there are a lot of tavern leagues but they are not really connected in any way," she points out. "Sometimes the work is slow and sometimes it seems like it is taking giant steps. It's all a matter of meeting the right people. Hopefully, they'll be coming to us once we make it known what we are doing."

Vicki says the game of pool is the number six ranked participation sport in America ahead of other sports as tennis and golf. "Many people have easy

access to a pool table and anybody can play," she maintains. "It's kind of like playing cards."

Vicki says she tries to play pool every day. Often times she stops at the Velvet Rail in Lansing on her way home to St. Johns. No matter how often she plays, Vicki says it is impossible to make all of her shots all of the time. She says that's probably why she enjoys the game.

"I know I'll never be perfect. There will always be something to shoot for. No matter how hard you train you'll always miss a shot," she says. "That's why it's impossible to get bored."



Hardware

St. Johns' Vicki Frechen sits among some of the trophies she has accumulated so far in her short career in billiards. (Photo by Mark Haney)

Ann Arbor pays Sea Lions a visit

By Don Keim

The St. Johns Sea Lions were visited by the swim team from Ann Arbor, Saturday. Ann Arbor fielded a very strong team in all classes. The Sea Lions receiving a first place award are as follows:

Girls-8 and under
100-yard Individual Medley, Kim Bauer; 25-yard Freestyle, Erin Masarik; 25-yard Butterfly, Erin Masarik; 50-yard Freestyle, Kim Bauer; 25-yard Breaststroke, Kara Scranton.

Boys-8 and under
25-yard Backstroke, Dan Smith;

Boys-9 and 10
50-yard Freestyle, Jim Cain; 50-yard Backstroke, Spencer Baker;

Girls-11 and 12
50-yard Freestyle, Kiffiny

Bailey;
Boys-11 and 12
50-yard backstroke, Steve Welch;

Girls-13 and 14
100-yard backstroke, Marie Ruvolo;

Boys-13 and 14
200-yard Medley Relay, John Houser, Chris Parsons, Chad Munger, Carl Fedewa; 100-yard Butterfly, Carl Fedewa; 100-yard Freestyle, Chad Munger;

Girls-15 to 17
200-yard Freestyle, Shawn Meyer; 50-yard Freestyle, Beth Gavenda; 100-yard Butterfly, Judy Fedewa; 100-yard Freestyle, Shawn Meyer; 500-yard Freestyle, Mandy Martindale; 100-yard Backstroke, Beth Gavenda; 100-yard Breaststroke, Mandy Martindale.

Sports

This Week

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Bath at Perry, 7 p.m.
Fowler at Portland St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m.

Fulton at Pewamo Westphalia, 6:30 p.m.
Ovid-Elsie at Bullock Creek, 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL
Portland St. Patrick at Fulton, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING
Okemos at St. Johns, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 20

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Alma at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30 p.m.
Haslett at DeWitt, 7 p.m.
St. Johns at Corunna, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Corunna at St. Johns, 6:30 p.m.
Danville at Fulton, 6:30 p.m.
Haslett at DeWitt, 6:30 p.m.
Ovid-Elsie at Alma, 6:30 p.m.
Pottersville at Bath, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, Dec. 21

BASKETBALL
Haslett at DeWitt, 6:30 p.m.
Olivet at Fulton, 6:30 p.m.
Ovid-Elsie at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Perry at Bath, 6:15 p.m.
Pewamo Westphalia at Pottersville, 6:30 p.m.

Portland St. Patrick at Fowler, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 25

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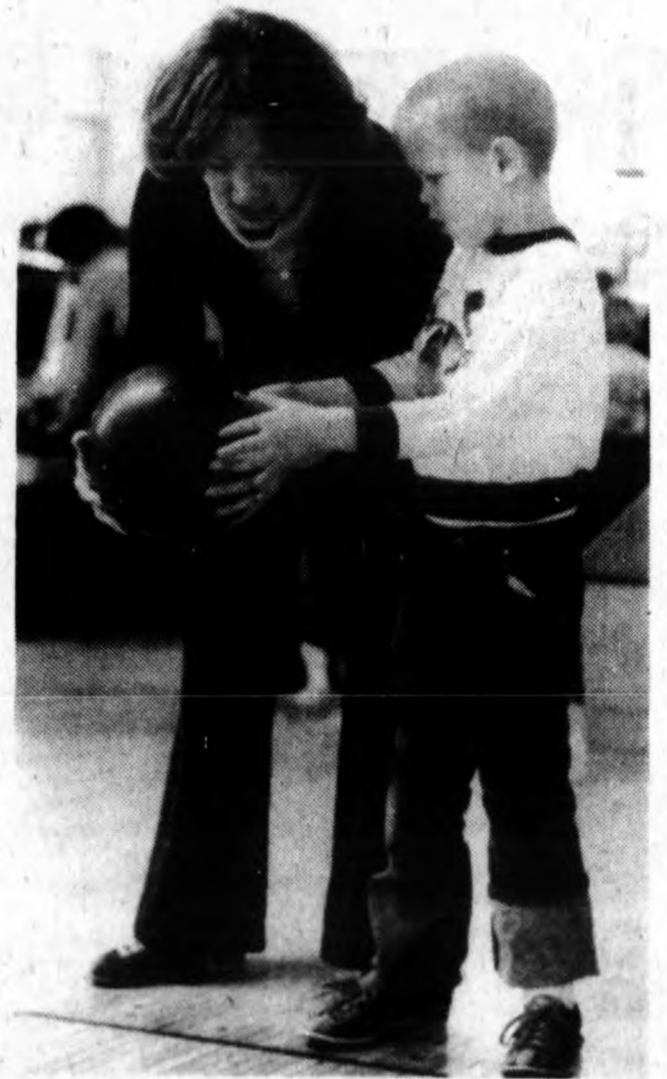
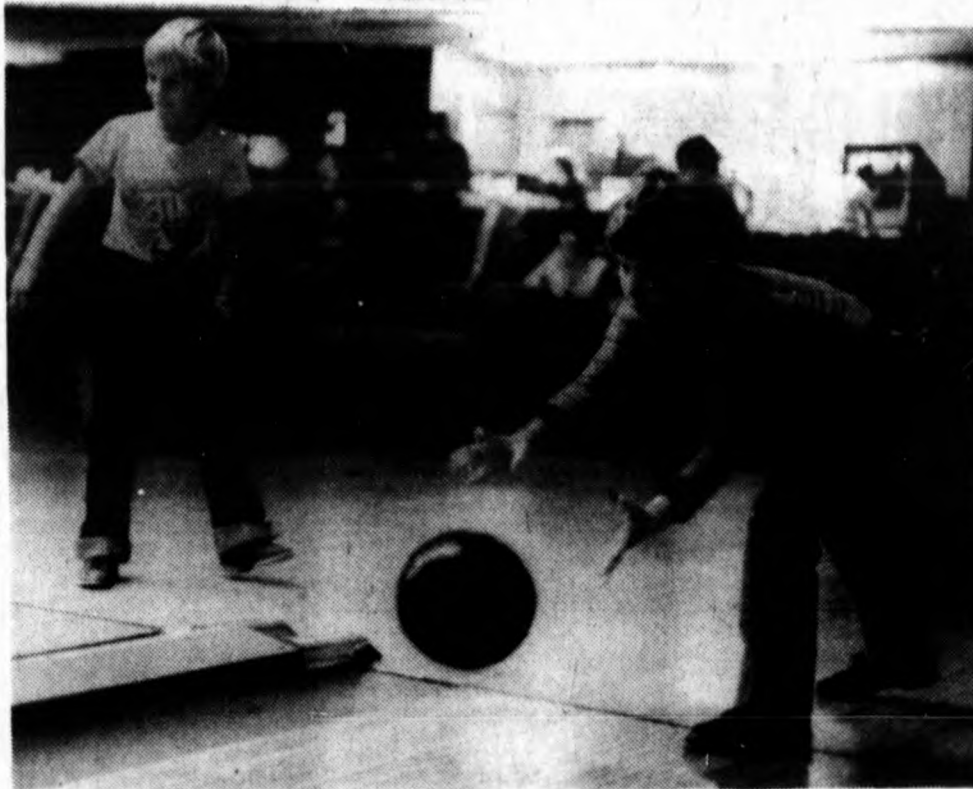
Bobcat badges were given to: Daniel Zelenka, Albert Jones, Paul Dunn and Aaron Dault.

Daniel Fleischer, Eric Lowers, Steve Dunkel and Craig Sira received their Webelos badges.

Kent Hoyt received his Bear badge. Citizen pins were given to Daniel Fleischer, Troy Warner, Kris

Fleischer and John Kuenzli. Lowers, Warner, Joey Wise and Dunkel received the Sportsman award.

Lower received the Outdoorsman pin, Warner the Artist pin and Chris Paseka the Traveler award.



Bowling competition for the winter Special Olympics took place last week at Redwing Lanes in St. Johns. The DeWitt team, which bowled Friday, was represented by Howard Shaw, who gets assistance from teacher Judy Groves (photo right). Also on the team for DeWitt were Darren Schaffer, left, and Mark Raglin, right, (Photo left) as they watch the results of their throws. (Photos by Mark Haney)

Rosekrans elected president

Big Rapids
Three Ferris State College students were recently elected to positions in the Ferris chapter of Alpha Sigma Chi, professional

criminal justice fraternity. Sharon Rosekrans of St. Johns, was elected president.

Alpha Sigma Chi is a professional fraternity that

was originated to foster the study of criminal justice, to promote social activity, and to create a closer relationship among students, police and the community.

Miss Rosekrans, a senior in the criminal justice program, is the daughter of Keith and Dorothy Rosekrans, St. Johns.



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Thad Stevens
8901 Lowell Rd.

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Dear Santa,
I want a minibike for Christmas and a race track for Christmas. How is Rudolph? I hope everybody has a nice Christmas Eve. I want roller skates for Christmas, too.

Love,
Joey Secord
5070 Chadwick Rd.

Dear Santa,
How is up there? It's fine down here. If you want to know what I want: I want a minibike, and a whole lot of other things, but I can't think of any. Ho, Ho, HO.

Yours Truly,
Jeremy Gilliam
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Dear Santa,
I will give you a present for Christmas. I love you Santa. I want a present for my Mom and Dad. I want a scorcher chamber and that's all.

Your Friend,
Jody Fisher
9149 Wacousta Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeer? I have a nice teacher, and a nice class. I want a race car track, cars, and a dummy. Have a happy Christmas.

Mike Hartenburg
4080 Taft Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I might have a pen-pal. My mom just went crazy over the Christmas decorations! How are the reindeer, especially Rudolph? Be careful coming down our chimney because we have a wood burner.

Sincerely,
Jody Fisher
9149 Wacousta Rd.

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy race car track and a toy race car and some pants and shirts, and a remote control race car and walkie talkies.

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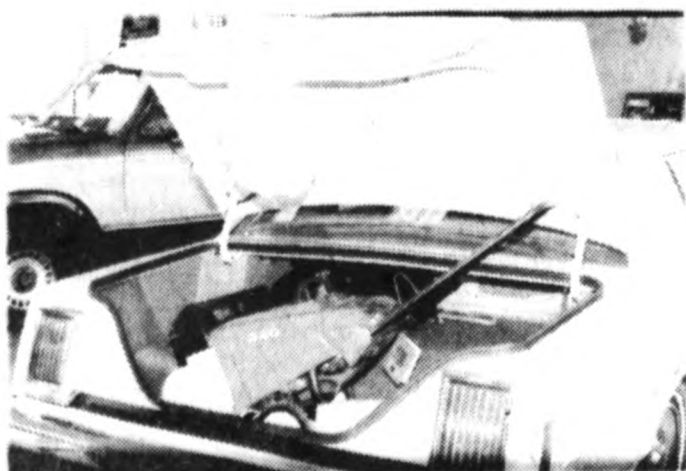
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Village of Fowler

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fowler Village Council intends to vacate a portion of 4th Street in the Village of Fowler, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

That portion of 4th Street according to the recorded Plat of Lance's Addition to the Village of Fowler running East from the east right-of-way line of Victor Street being 66 feet North and South and running East from the Victor Street right-of-way 300 feet.

Notice is further given that a public hearing will be held on January 14, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. o'clock in the Village Office, Village of Fowler, Michigan, at which time persons interested are welcomed to attend and give testimony in support or in opposition to said vacation proceedings.

Dated: December 10, 1979 Village of Fowler

By: *Winnie McKean*
Minnie McKean, Village Clerk

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By Theresa K. Dow
4-H Youth Agent

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Hosting a foreign student provides an opportunity to make new friends and to learn about another country, its problems, its culture, and its relationships with others. Robert Lewis Stevenson wrote, "We are all travelers in the wilderness of this

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foreign student far from home this Christmas, call the office for Adventures in World Understanding, (517) 353-5377 at Michigan State University or contact the Cooperative Extension at 306 Elm St., St. Johns, 224-3288.

Spotlight

By Diane Otton
4-H Youth Program Assistant

IT'S HORSES, OF COURSE!

The Jablowski's, Stan and Doris, are two of the first people I met when I came to this county and they are perhaps two that have made the biggest impression on me. They are a big support to the Clinton 4-H Horse programs because they give themselves to 4-H.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Doris and Stan were transplanted to their present farm in Michigan about 10 years ago. They and their 14-year-old daughter, Missy, are now very active in St. Johns and Ovid communities.

You may have seen Doris Jablowski at work. She is night head nurse at Clinton Memorial on the surgical floor. Though raised in the city, Stan is now a full-time farmer, owning 176 acres and renting additional acreage to make it an even 200. Stan raises corn, oats, beans

and hay.

Horses are the Jablowski family's first love and are a major family hobby. They got into horses when Grandpa bought a pony (Sugar Foot) for Missy.

In a few years the horse population has exploded to six animals. Stan especially enjoys the fun and enjoyment that horses provide. (You may on a nice day see Stan playing tag with his horses.) The Jablowski's also enjoy going to horse shows and fairs.

At the beginning of this spotlight I said that both Stan and Doris have given to the 4-H program. Stan, who reflected back to his Boy Scout days when someone volunteered his time for him, feels that 4-H is a way to give that he learned to another youngster.

Doris is organizational leader for Foxy Trotters 4-H Club, and any organizational leader has a lot to do. Stan and Doris even volunteered beyond the limits of their club by trying to include

other clubs or youth groups in some of their activities. By the way, Stan just volunteered to take eight teenagers to Chicago with him (from Missy's other club).

The family does enjoy activities other than 4-H and horses. Stan collects stamps and train sets, while Doris

does a lot of reading and sewing. Missy's activities keep them both busy as she belongs to two 4-H clubs, band, and most recently English Riding.

Oh, I almost forgot, the Jablowski's second love (at least Missy's and Stan's) next to horses - and I

mention this with great reservation - is the College of Notre Dame. When Notre Dame plays football or basketball, their house cheers for the Fighting Irish.

Extension calendar

Dec. 24 Office closed
Jan. 11-12 4-H Horse Show and Management, Kettunen Center.
Jan. 18-20 4-H Leadership Development Workshop, Kettunen Center.
Jan. 29 Spring Barrow Show, Livestock Pavilion, MSU

Ag Advice

By Mark F. Hansen
Extension Agricultural Agent

LIME—AN INVESTMENT, NOT EXPENSE

MSU Soils Specialist Dr. Darryl Warncke says that the spreading of agricultural limestone on soils that are acid is the best investment a farmer can make. It cannot rightly be considered an expense because its benefits continue for several years after application. It increases the efficiency of fertilizers. To apply fertilizers to soils

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Tuesday, May 27, 1980	Monday, November 24, 1980
Monday June 9, 1980	Monday, December 8, 1980
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WATERTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of regular board meeting. All board members present plus County Commissioner. Pledge given to our Flag. Agenda approved with several additions. Minutes of previous meeting approved. Treasurer's report accepted. Bills read and approved with exception of one to Road Commission. Board would like further breakdown. Report of County Commissioner placed on file. Court house will be closed December 24th. Planning Commission heard two variance requests - one from Donald Lowell representing Helen Lowell. He would like variance to move her house north on her land because of 1-69 right-of-way. Board concurred with Planning Commission recommendation that this request be granted. Request of Forest VanDeVenter et al, to rezone property on Herbison Road from R-1B to A-1, denied. Park Board reported that bid to construct rest-rooms in back of complex let to Larry Schaefer. Police Contract with Clinton County Sheriff to be renewed and Board requested meeting with Sheriff Hufnagel. DNR requesting cemetery bank be reconstructed with field stone, overhangs eliminated and bank sloped. Mr. Cooley will do this job. Meeting adjourned.
Mildred McDonough, Clerk
Vaughn Montgomery, Supervisor

Village of Fowler
Fowler Village Council Minutes
A regular meeting of the Fowler Village Council was called to order by President Carl Koenigsnecht at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 10, 1979 at the Village Office. Councilmen present were Antonides, George, D. Smith, R. Smith, J. Koenigsnecht, and Spicer.
Current bills were approved for payment. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.
The Council voted to contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for 884 hours of police services per year for 1980 and 1981, at a cost of approximately \$9,000 per year.
A resolution of intent to close 1/4th Street east of Victor St., a distance of 300', was adopted. A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 14, 1980.
The Clerk was authorized to verify the audit quotations and award the work to the lowest bidder.
Several change orders in Water Project contracts I and II were approved. Final payment on these contracts will be made when all paper work is completed. Several minor items at the new water tank site and the new well site still need attention.
The Village engineers submitted plans for sewer line extension on Sorrell St., from Third to Fifth Streets. The Council accepted the plans, and determined that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 14, 1980.
Preliminary plans for re-routing a portion of Storm Drain near Kent and Pine Sts. were also received. They will be reviewed. When final plans are received, bids will be requested.
The Council determined that the Village will adopt the Uniform Accounting System as mandated by the State of Michigan, and authorized the Clerk to purchase the necessary supplies and hire outside services to assist in converting the present accounting system.
Meeting adjourned 11:15 P.M.
Dianne McKean
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BINGO Holy Family Church, 510 Mabbitt Rd., Ovid. Monday 7 p.m.

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WANTED: Bulldozing, backhoe work, drain fields, water lines, footings-digging of any kind. Lee Zuker. Ph. 224-2049.

TO THE friends of Louis F. Case. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Greenbush Methodist Ladies Aide...

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Legal notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room...

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON File No. 79-645 DM.

ORDER TO ANSWER KAREN SUE HAUGHTON, Plaintiff vs. RALPH HAUGHTON, Defendant.

At a session of said court held in the above county and state, in the city of St. Johns, on the 11th day of December, 1979.

PRESENT: The honorable TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge.

On November 5, 1979, an action was filed by Plaintiff in this Court, to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, RALPH HAUGHTON, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before April 5, 1980.

Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees or costs of this publication be paid by CLINTON County.

TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Circuit Judge; Janis L. Dare, Deputy Clerk.

GREATER LANSING LEGAL AID BUREAU, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Jerome Sherman, 300 N. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 14171, Lansing, Michigan 48901.

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BUSINESS TAX CREDIT SEMINAR

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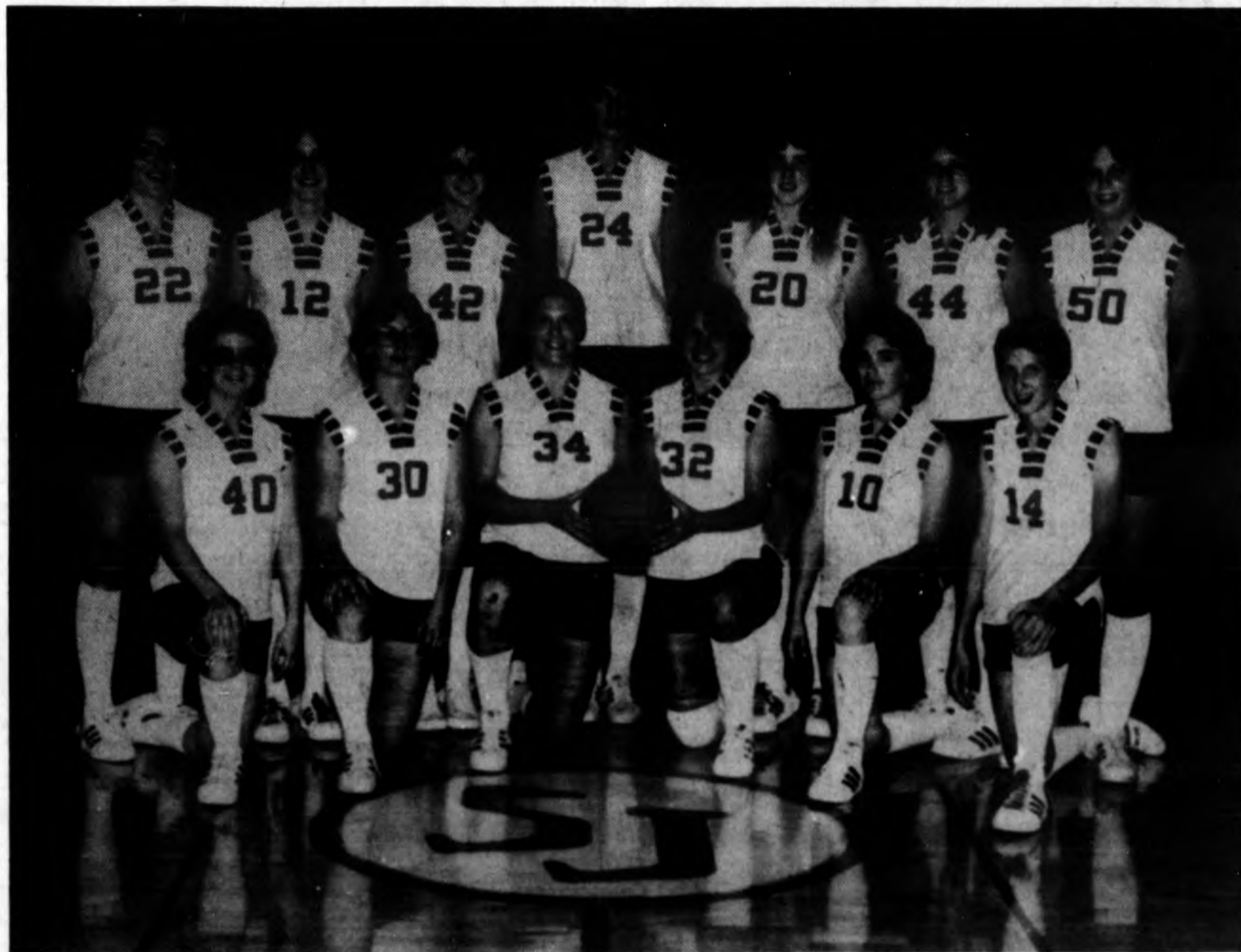
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Prior to January 14, 1980

ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES - NOVEMBER 26, 1979. The Reg. Meeting of the St. Johns City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:30 p.m. COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre COMM. ABSENT: None STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk; Paul A. Naples, City Atty.; Diane M. Edwards, City Assessor. Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Min. of the Nov. 15, 1979 Meeting and the Nov. 15, 1979 Special Meeting be approved as amended. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Hannah that the warrants be approved. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Mayor Arehart asked for any additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were two additions. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre to approve the Agenda as amended. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to contact the State Dept. of Trans. to obtain more information on the bus program and bus stop and that the City Manager report back to the City Comm. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. grant the request of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce to provide free parking in the Central Business Dist. from Dec. 10th to Dec. 24th. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Mayor Arehart supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. authorize payment to the YMCA in the amount of \$1,545.38 and further that the City Clerk be authorized to put the YMCA Swimming Pool Contract on the Agenda in March for the City Comm's further consideration. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize payment to Barton Malow in the amount of \$441,025.84 and to Hubbell, Roth & Clark in the amount of \$28,249.78, subject to receipt by the City of EPA funds. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the City Engineer and the City Manager to withdraw the Urban St. application on Railroad St. and further that they be directed to study a S. Lansing St. project. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. approve the agreement with Phillips Business Systems Inc. and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize the City Atty. to meet with the Clinton Area Care Center Atty. to work out the details of returning the Nursing Home Property to the Clinton Area Care Center and to obtaining easements for a well site on this property for the City. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for a new backhoe. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. accept the sludge disposal plan of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. and further that the City Manager be authorized to set up a meeting of all the concerned parties and to arrange an agreement. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. adjourn into Closed Session to discuss the DPW Labor Contract Negotiations. Mayor Arehart called a Roll Call Vote. ROLL CALL VOTE: Brockmyre: YEA; Hannah: YEA; Arehart: YEA; Starck: YEA; Roesner: YEA. Motion carried. The City Comm. adjourned to Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the City Comm. in Open Session. Mayor Arehart called a Roll Call Vote. ROLL CALL VOTE: Brockmyre: YEA; Hannah: YEA; Arehart: YEA; Starck: YEA; Roesner: YEA. Motion carried. Mayor Arehart asked that the Nursing Home and Wheel Inn Wells be put on the Agenda for their Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1979. Mayor Arehart adjourned the City Comm. meeting at 9:40 p.m. ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 27, 1979 The Special Meeting of the St. Johns City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 5:05 p.m. COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Hannah, Brockmyre COMM. ABSENT: Starck STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk. There was a discussion concerning a new well. Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to contact Juanita O'Leary for the purpose of negotiating an agreement for the use of the Wheel Inn Well for tests by the City and further that the City will provide City water to the Wheel Inn as compensation for these tests, the details of the agreement are to be worked out by the City Manager. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. There was a discussion regarding water and sewer rates. Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. direct the City Atty. to draft an Ord. on the proposed new Water and Sewer Rates, presented tonight. YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Mayor Arehart supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. authorize the City Manager to contact Hubbell, Roth & Clark and to work

Congratulations on your Great Season

St. Johns Redwings Girls Basketball Team



Back row 22-Brenda Thelen, 12-Kim Kloeckner, 42- Jeanneane Ammons, 24- Lori Kus 20- Ann Stafford, 44-Ann Purtill 50- Renee Thum,
40- Jayne Hyzer, 30 - Carrie Buggs, 34- Yvonne Makara, 32- Denise Henning 10- Denise Thelen, 14- Beth Cowan
Missing-Sue Pearsall

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★ Mid Michigan B Conference Champs ★ District 50 Champs

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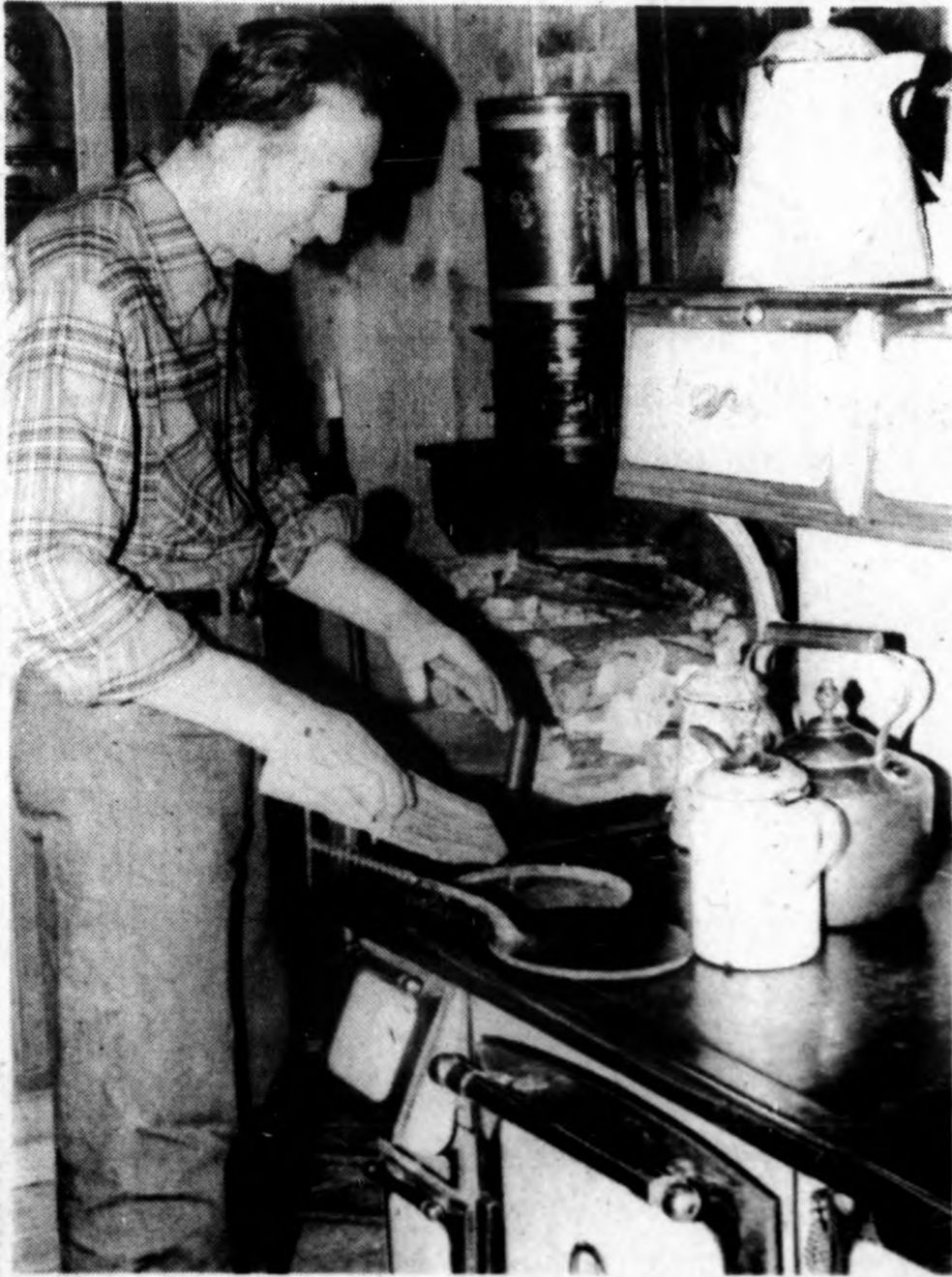
Holiday Greetings and Special Treats from around Clinton County

The Clinton County News

Section B

December 19, 1979

Raseys have old fashioned Christmas



Wood for the fire

Chief cookie tester, Larry Rasey, obliges the cook with more wood on the fire to keep the oven at an even heat. The old stove is used for warmth and cooking in winter months.

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer

St. Johns

Even from the outside the Rasey's farmhouse is warm and inviting. Just the place to bake Christmas cookies. An old bob sleigh in the front yard is loaded down with a fresh cut Christmas tree and green wreaths with big red bows decorate the barn doors. A shaggy dog wags a welcome on the back porch.

Inside the kitchen the wood stove is warm and glowing and Peg and Larry Rasey and their daughters, Dixie Kosloski and Bonnie Eichorn are baking.

Bonnie is mixing up the dough for butter and molasses cookies that Dixie and her mother will cut out using the family's collection of old tin cutters. It takes about an hour to heat up the oven and that's Larry's job, getting the fire going and adding the wood. Then from his favorite chair beside the stove he watches his wife and daughters at work and samples their handiwork as they come out of the oven.

Years ago cookie cutters were made from scraps at the tinmiths or in the family workshop. The shapes are unusual and often were related to a family's traditions or the whimsical mood of the maker. It's fun to imagine who might have created each cutter and why. The giant star perhaps came from a real cookie lover who didn't want to waste time on small goodies. The rocking horse might have been made on a mother's request to

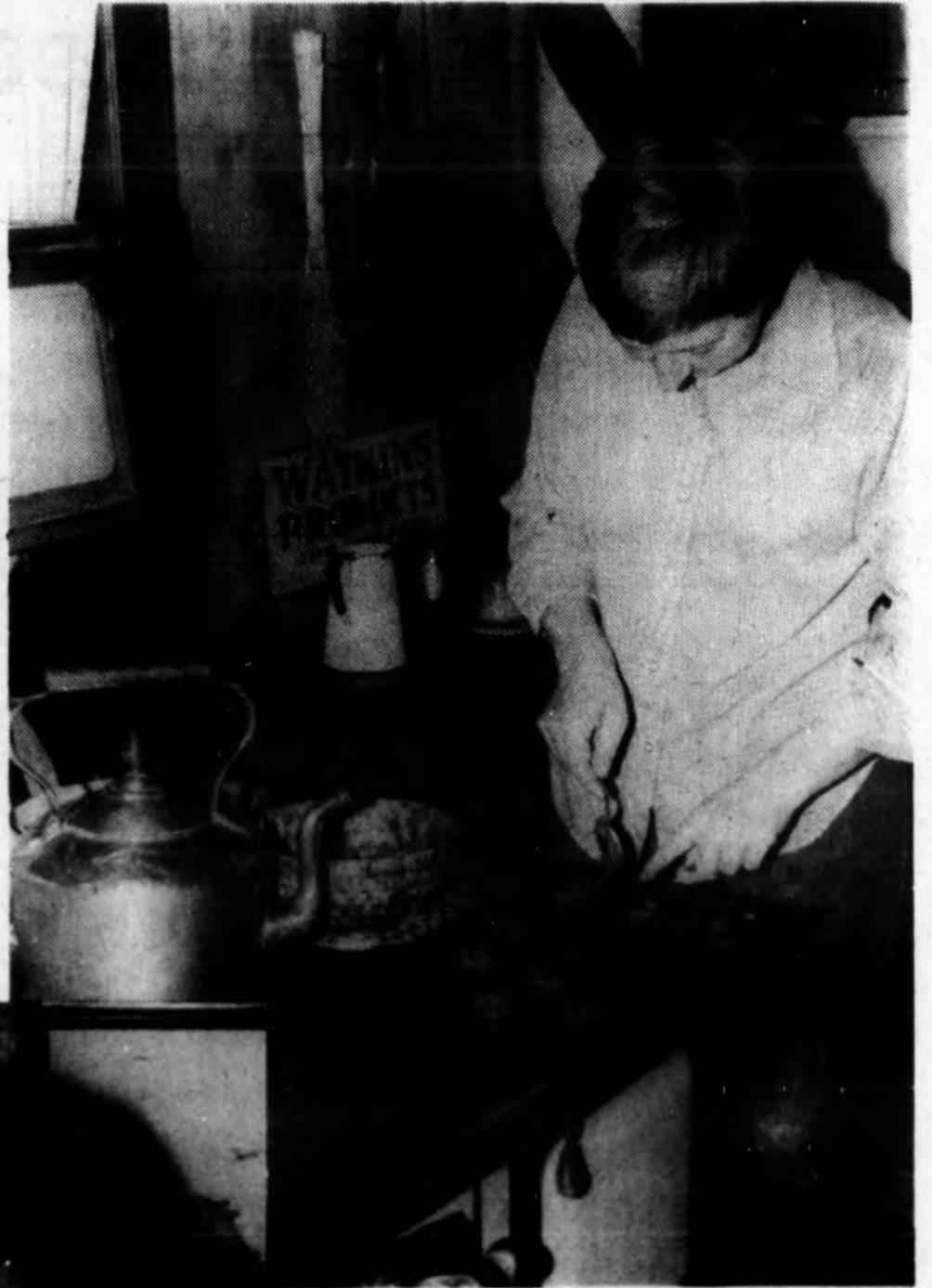
please a small child or make surprise cookies for the Christmas tree.

A scallop with an intricate design of leaves and flowers could have been a loving gift for a wife or grandmother. There's a graceful woman's boot, an Amish man with a little hat and a lady in a long skirt. Animal shapes were popular and Peg has found a pig, a duck and a rooster.

She started the collection when the girls were little and now looks for them specially, searching for new shapes and designs. She usually has an addition or two when the family starts holiday baking each year. This year's cutter is a tiny scalloped flower with a stem and leaf.

No doubt but that today's children are starting new traditions with Hallmark's cute plastic cutters of Charlie Brown and Snoopy and

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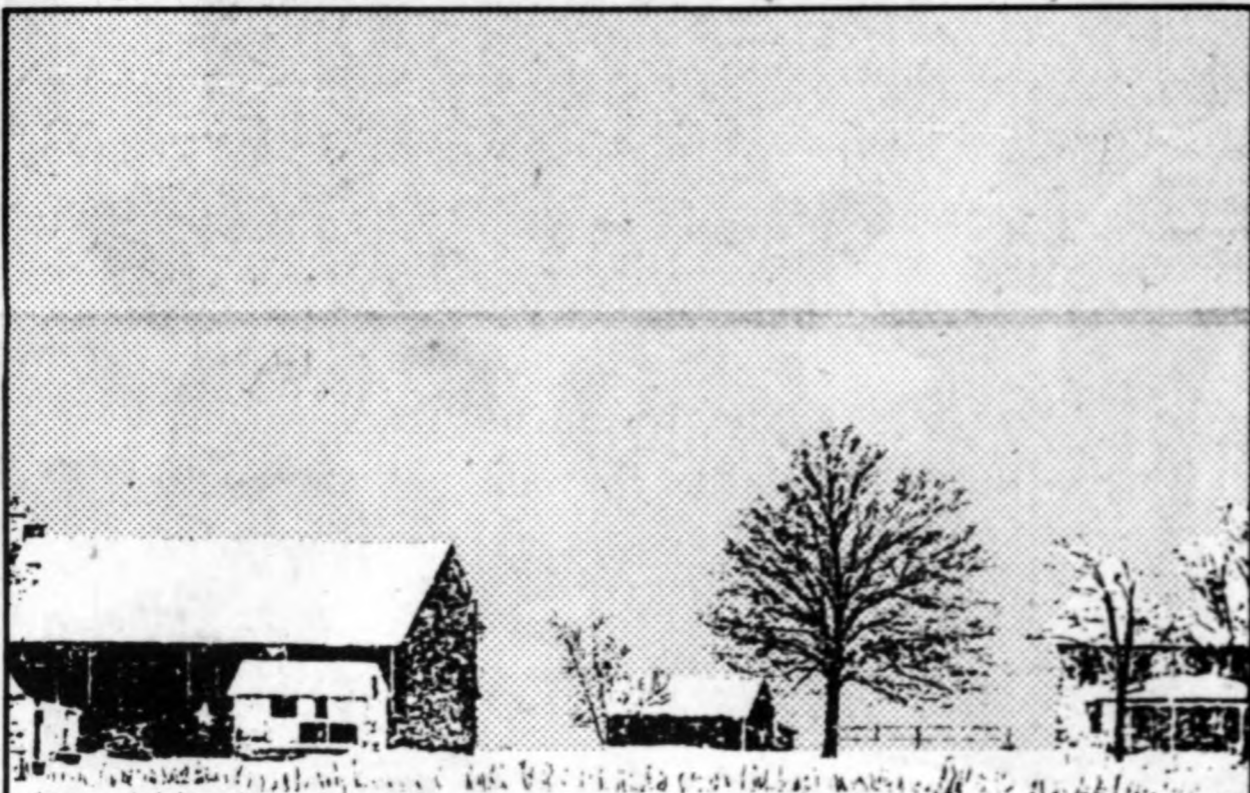
Chocolate drops

Dixie Kosloski makes chocolate drops during the Rasey's cookie day. She and her mother and sister get together every year and make cookies using antique bowls for mixing, tin cutters for shaping and this warm old stove for baking. The kettle keeps water hot for tea. (Photos by Sharon Randall)



Christmas cookies

You can use a beautiful antique cutter to get a special cookie but the art is in the frosting. Bonnie Eichorn tackles the job while spending a day baking with her mother and sister.



Season's Greetings

Best wishes for the holiday season and throughout the new year from the officers, directors and staff of Capitol Savings & Loan.



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Kolachy are Czech tradition



By Patrice Hornak
Staff Writer

Bannister
"You can eat them like peanuts," Alex Dunay said. He should know. His wife, Anna, has been making kolachy almost all her life. He's eaten many a kolachy.

The Dunays live just outside of Bannister on Woodbridge Road. Anna is full Czechoslovakian and she remembers as a little girl helping her mother make kolachy.

These rich raised dough cookies are a Czechoslovakian treat any time of the year, but they're especially popular around Christmas, weddings, graduation open houses and gatherings at the ZCJB Hall in Bannister.

There is a large concentration of people of Czechoslovakian descent living in the Bannister, Elsie and Ashley areas. Everyone there knows about kolachy. Those who don't have a drop of Czech blood in them wish they could make kolachy like the veteran kolachy makers of this vicinity. If a plate of kolachy arrives at Christmas, they're usually devoured in no time at all.

Anna pronounces the rich cookie like: Ko-latch-key. When she and the "girls" gather at the ZCJB Hall to make kolachy for the annual district picnic every summer, they turn out around 1,000 kolachy in about four hours.

Actually, making kolachy is like attending a quilting bee. There are those who make the dough. Some put the filling to the center. Someone else keeps an eye on the oven, ensuring that each batch has a soft brown tinge on the top.

All the while the women are making kolachy, they're talking. They tell of their families, their activities,

their memories. Of course, they keep interjecting with comments about the kolachy, asking whether or not the balls of dough are too big or too small or if enough filling was put in that cookie or this cookie.

Anna and her friend, Rose Santrucek, made kolachy last Wednesday morning. Rose got up early and drove from her home in Owosso to Anna's house. Rose was raised in the Bannister area and until selling her farm a few years back, this area was her home, too.

Both are veteran kolachy makers. In a few hours they popped out 80 cookies before sitting down to a cup of tea and a taste of their morning's efforts.

Following is their recipe for making kolachy. There are many varieties of kolachy. This is one of the more common varieties.

Kolachy
6 cups flour
1 t. salt
3/8 cup sugar
4 eggs, beaten

Soften 1 1/2 pkg. dry yeast and 1/2 teas. sugar in 1/2 cup quite warm water and let rise.

Scald 1 1/2 cups milk. Then add in 1 1/2 sticks oleo and 1 stick butter. Let dissolve.

Mix all ingredients together, along with 1/2 teas. lemon juice and 1/2 teas. vanilla. Knead in bowl until shiny and dough does not stick to spoon. Let rise until double in size.

Spoon out small amounts on floured board. Pat round spoonfuls into 2 inch squares. Drop 1/2 t. filling on square and pinch close.

Brush with melted oleo on the side where closed. Dip in streusel and put on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400° in oven for 12 minutes.

Fillings may be purchased at either the Elsie IGA or Nixon's Grocery Store in Bannister. Filling flavors include raspberry, apricot, strawberry, apple, pineapple, blueberry and a Czech



Kolachy makers

Making kolachy are Anna Dunay (left) and her friend, Rose Santrucek. Rose scoops the dough out of the bowl and Anna pats down the dough balls, readying the dough for the filling. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



favorite, poppy seed.

There are a few tricks of the trade. The women work with floured fingers. They keep a cup of flour on the working surface and dip their fingertips into the flour when closing each kolachy.

There's also a knack for closing the kolachy. After the square has a dab of filling in it, you bring the four corners of the dough to the center and lightly pinch the corners together. This seals the cookie and restricts the filling from flowing out onto the cookie sheet.

As a final touch, Rose snipped the top of each kolachy with a pair of scissors. She made an "X" on each. The filling then could be seen after the kolachy was cooked.

Snip

Rose Santrucek makes little crosses on the top of the kolachy with a pair of kitchen scissors. (Photo by Patrice Hornak)



★ Cookie cutters

someone will long for them 100 years from now. It is, however, those factory

stamped and manufactured plastic wonders of today that makes the Rasey's Christmas baking so special.

Each cutter bears the imperfections of handmade quality and the patina of use and age. The cookie characters parade across the baking tins and march out of the oven as stoutly today as they did years ago when they were new.

It's been a special event for mother and daughters for years and it's one of the occasions that means Christmas to all of them.

Bonnie sits and frosts, decorating some with humor, some with concentrated care. Peg and Dixie cut and bake and tray after tray the cookies start stacking up. Coffee is ready on the stove, it's fresh perked goodness filling the air.

This kitchen and family are a loving blend of old and new. Affection and love are mingled with teasing as the cookie day wears on. Bonnie is not a coffee drinker and has to have her Coke. The bottle is somehow not out of place on her mother's lovely polished wood table because this is a kitchen to live in and work in and not a shrine to the past.

Antiques are a way of life to the Raseys, they own Banner Antiques on Banner Road next to their home. When she buys for the shop, Peg saves out the special things she loves for herself but most of her collections are things that she uses everyday like mixing bowls, crocks and tin scoops.

The tin cookie cutters are collected because she and her daughters use them and have fun using them. Their trays full of cookies will be used for Christmas company, Dixie taking some home for her children, Pam and Larry. If any last until December 25th, they'll be eaten when they all gather to share Christmas breakfast.

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To cover the ground serene and bare.
Everything's hustle and bustle,
Searching from field, home, and store,
Tokens to share with our loved ones,
Christmas is with us once more.

Magic at work in the kitchen,
Mystery reigns in the hall,
Many the spots now "off limits"
Mustn't go peeking at all.
Hasten the gay decorations,
Make with the program to score,
It's homecoming time for the children,
Christmas is with us once more.

Whatever the years' joys and sorrows,
Prepare to wipe the slate clean.
Make the new decade before us,
The best one that we've ever seen.
New Year's is time to start over,
Mark with indelible pen,
Work with a truer devotion,
Christmas is with us again.

Let us remember at Christmas,
To give of our best to the cause,
All to His honor and glory,
Disdaining to magnify flaws.
So working and praying together,
May we give voice and action as men,
That His way may guide and direct us,
Christmas is with us again.

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Churches list services

First Congregational Church
St. Johns
On Sunday, Dec. 23, a special music program titled, "The Star of Love" will begin at 11 a.m. This family program is a service of meditation and carols by composer Albert Burt.
A service of carols and candles will begin at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and on Dec. 30, a service conducted by college and post high school young adults is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
St. Johns
The traditional Christmas Eve service featuring a family communion is slated for 7 p.m. The Vandemark quartet will be singing.
On New Year's Eve, a watch-night service will begin at 11 p.m. and will continue until shortly after midnight. At this service there will be the fellowship of breaking bread.

First Baptist Church
St. Johns
A cantata will be sung by the choir on Sunday evening, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. The choir will again sing during a one-hour Christmas Day service beginning at 9 a.m.
On New Year's Eve, a basketball game between the high school and college age members of the church will begin at 9 p.m. That will be followed by a film and refreshments. At 11:30 p.m., a communion service is slated.

St. Jude's Catholic Church
DeWitt
A special children's liturgy will highlight the Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. Then, later that evening at the midnight mass, a parish guitar group will provide the background for Christmas hymns. That late-night mass will begin at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day mass will be at 10 a.m.

Lakeside Chapel of Park Lake
Bath
The public is invited to hear a cantata Dec. 23 from 11-12 a.m. and the youth Christmas program from 6-7 p.m. The evening program will feature students from nursery age through senior in high school.

Pilgrim United Methodist Church
St. Johns
Following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service, a traditional Christmas coffee-tea is scheduled. This is a special time when church members, former members and friends gather to share Christmas spirit and fellowship.
Christmas Eve there will be a 10 p.m. special candlelight service. Performing will be the choir and several instrumentalists. At this solemn celebration, communion will be given. The church encourages families to come together to the coffee-tea and the candlelight service.

Eureka Congregational Church
Eureka
Candlelight and carols will highlight the Christmas Eve service to begin at 11 p.m. There will also be communion served that night.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
St. Johns
On Thursday, Dec. 20, the school Christmas program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school next to the church. This will be a religious and secular program.

St. Peter Lutheran Church
St. Johns
At 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Sunday school and St. Peter School children will join in song. Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. and will feature many Christmas hymns.
The congregation will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at the church and go caroling in the St. Johns area. This will be followed by a candlelight service at 10 p.m. featuring more Christmas carols.

First Church of God
St. Johns
A special Christmas candlelighting and communion service is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
DeWitt
A Christmas Eve family service with communion will begin at 7 p.m. On Christmas Day, service will begin at 10 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Johns
Preschoolers will take part in a special mass in the gymnasium while the rest of the parish is celebrating mass Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. Later that evening at 7:30 p.m., the choir will begin singing carols. The Christmas Eve mass will be celebrated at 8 p.m.
On Christmas Day, children in grades 1-6 will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. mass. Bob Koger will be directing this new youth choir composed of 68 youngsters. There are also masses slated for 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and noon on Christmas Day. All masses will have special Christmas music performed on flutes, violins, trumpets and the organ.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Westphalia
Christmas Eve the children's mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. During this celebration, there will be a procession of youngsters through the church as they carry a doll representing the Baby Jesus to the crib in the church. Christmas Eve midnight solemn mass will feature the adult choir.
Either the guitar or the church choir will be performing at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Christmas Day masses.

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Fowler
The church choir under the direction of Joseph Bodarko will perform at the midnight mass Christmas Eve. Blessing of the Christmas crib will take place immediately before mass begins.
The church choir will again sing at the 10:30 a.m. mass Christmas Day. Other masses will be at 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

United Church of Ovid
Ovid
A candlelight service featuring a community choir under the direction of Don Thayer will begin at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve.

United Methodist Church
Elsie
The Youth Fellowship will sponsor a Christmas Eve service to begin at 11:15 p.m. the service will include a dramatic presentation and conclude with a candle lighting ceremony.

Middleton
A special Christmas Eve candlelight celebration will be held at the Middleton United Methodist Church, corner of S. Newton and Fulton Streets in Middleton, at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. This worship experience will include the play, "And Still God Speaks." This play traces through the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah and continues through the birth story to explain why the Christ Child was so special. A free will offering will be taken to be sent to the United Methodist Children's Village in Detroit.

Maple Rapids United Methodist Church
Elsie
At 11 p.m., a service of Waiting for Christmas will be held at the Maple Rapids United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue in Maple Rapids at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. The service will be a simple, quiet candlelight service which will conclude at midnight with the arrival of Christmas.
Everyone is invited to either or both of these services.

Bath Baptist Church
Bath
The Sunday school Christmas program featuring a play by the young people of the church will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

Redeemer United Methodist Church
DeWitt
During the Sunday worship service which will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 23, a Christmas cantata will be sung. That evening, a communion service will be held from 6-7 p.m. On Christmas Eve, a candlelight service is set for 7 p.m.



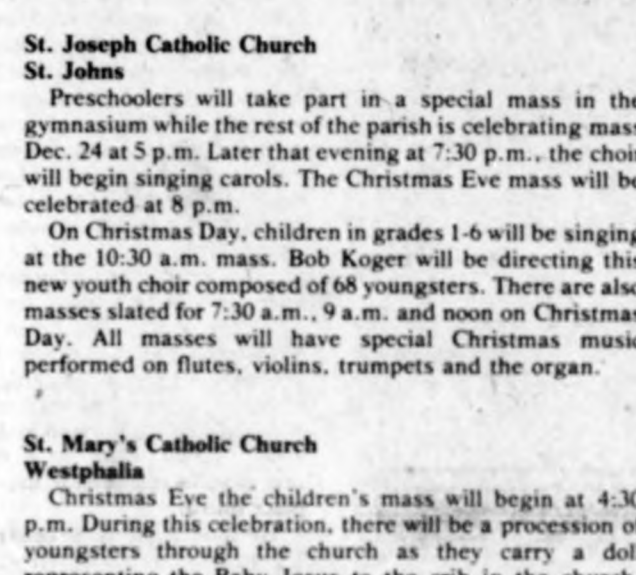
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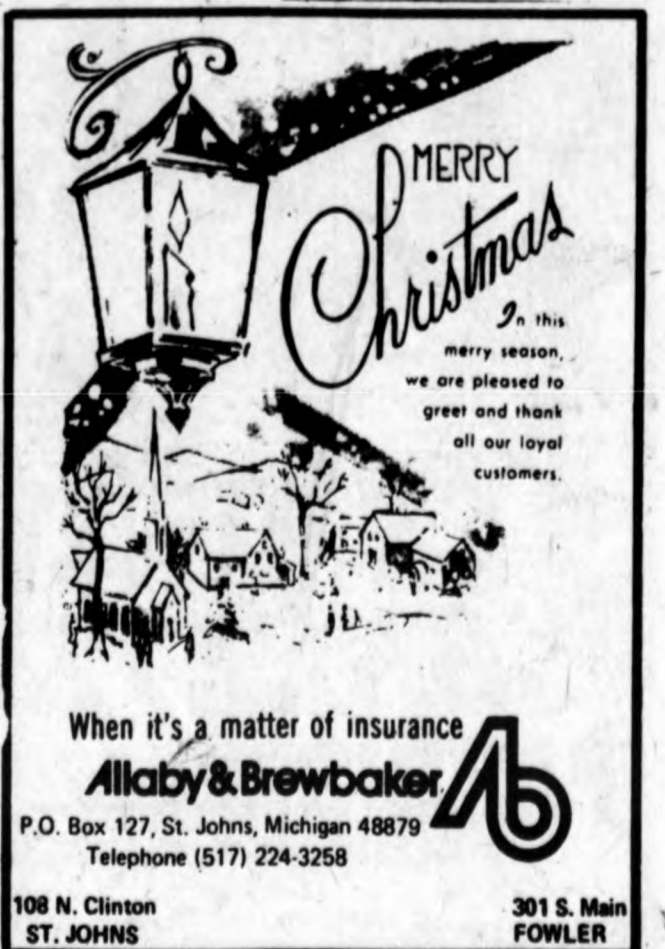
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Christmas past captured in museum

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

St. Johns

Christmas is full of tra-

dition. Some have been with us through the years. Other traditions have gotten lost in the generations, forsaken for more modern adaptations.

If someone could ask a 100-year-old doll what Christmas was like back in the Victorian era, imagine the tales that doll could tell. Imagine stepping into

a time machine and landin, in the Victorian era--during the later 1800's.

There would be stories about the cedar Christmas tree, all decorated in popcorn strings and candles in miniature candle holders. Cedar roping would "deck the halls" and mantle of the warm fireplace in the living room.

You can step back into the Victorian era by just visiting the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum in St. Johns. Operated by the Clinton county Historical Society, this museum is more like a house, and it's opening its doors especially for area residents during the Christmas season.

Come through the big, heavy doorway and feel the excitement of this house-museum in all its Christmas finery. Turn to your left and enter the parlor.

It's here where one of the museum hosts or hostesses will greet you. There's always a warm welcome. "We're so glad you could come." "Welcome and Merry Christmas."

Welcoming you may be John and Catherine Rumbaugh or Lee and Bob Walling, co-directors of the museum. Or, the hostess may be a member of the Clinton County chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

After being asked to make yourself at home, you notice a large antique display case filled with dolls and tea sets and blocks and other toys of old. It's fun to compare yesterday's toys with today's toys. The collection belongs to Gordon and Virginia Willyoung and Vincent and Carolyn Geller of St. Johns.

After looking at toys until your heart's content, you move to the living room. Cedar roping is entwined in the Victorian spindle archway and over the mantle of the fireplace. Pressed and ruby flashed glass in rich red is reflected in the fireplace mirror.

To your right is a cedar Victorian Christmas tree, decorated in a manner reminiscent of the late 1800's. Underneath are toys which could have been found Christmas morning during that time in history. One, in particular, is a "magic lantern" made in Germany.

Girls Scouts from St. Johns strung over 20 yards of popcorn to loop on the cedar tree taken from Max Field's cedar swamp. Having a cedar tree, instead of a blue spruce or Scotch pine or balsam, was "typical if you lived near a cedar swamp 80 years ago," said Mrs. Rumbaugh.

In the dining room next to the living room is a Chinese brass collection on loan from Martha Foust of St. Johns. Just by touching one of these pieces, you would tarnish

it. So, it is encased in glass.

Upstairs in the front room is a postcard collection of Ken Coin's. This DeWitt resident and museum staff member has arranged the cards so you can see what Christmas cards years ago looked like. He also has a mailbag used on the old Interurban that ran between St. Johns and Lansing.

In another room upstairs, you can find a huge dollhouse--one any little girl would love. Scott and Judy Croisant of St. Johns built this Victorian dollhouse from scratch. Miniature furnishings depict the period. And, keeping with the holiday theme, their dollhouse is decorated for the holidays.

The Genealogy Room has a Bible collection worth stopping in to see. Many families have recorded their ancestral trees in Bibles.

This is the first Christmas this museum has seen. It was opened during Michigan Week this past spring.

The whole house is decorated for the holidays. And, no matter how much time you spend, it seems as though you will always miss something that might have caught another person's eye.

Some of the Christmas decorations are copied from history books. Some are newer inventions. See if you can find the Christmas wreath made out of a bicycle tire. John Rumbaugh brought the tire to his wife as a joke. She has asked him to pick up odds and ends to make wreaths for the museum. To look at the wreath, now, you'd never suspect it is made from a tire.

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Cedar tree

Homemade decorations typical of the Victorian period adorn this cedar Christmas tree. Underneath are toys that could have been given during that time.



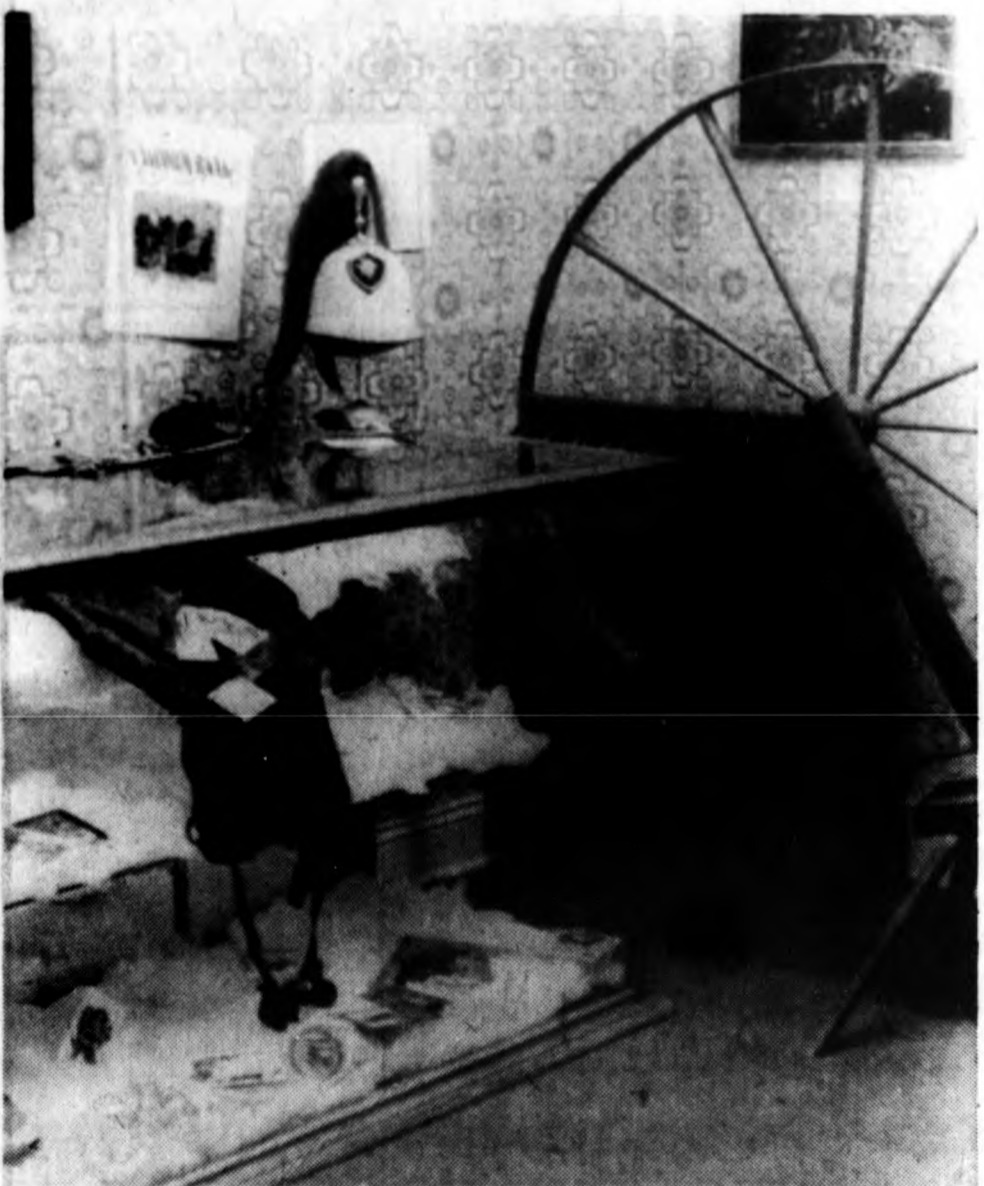
Greetings

Pouring a cup of punch is Lee Walling. She and her husband, Bob, and Catherine (shown) and John Rumbaugh have co-directed the renovation of the museum. This scene is in the museum dining room.



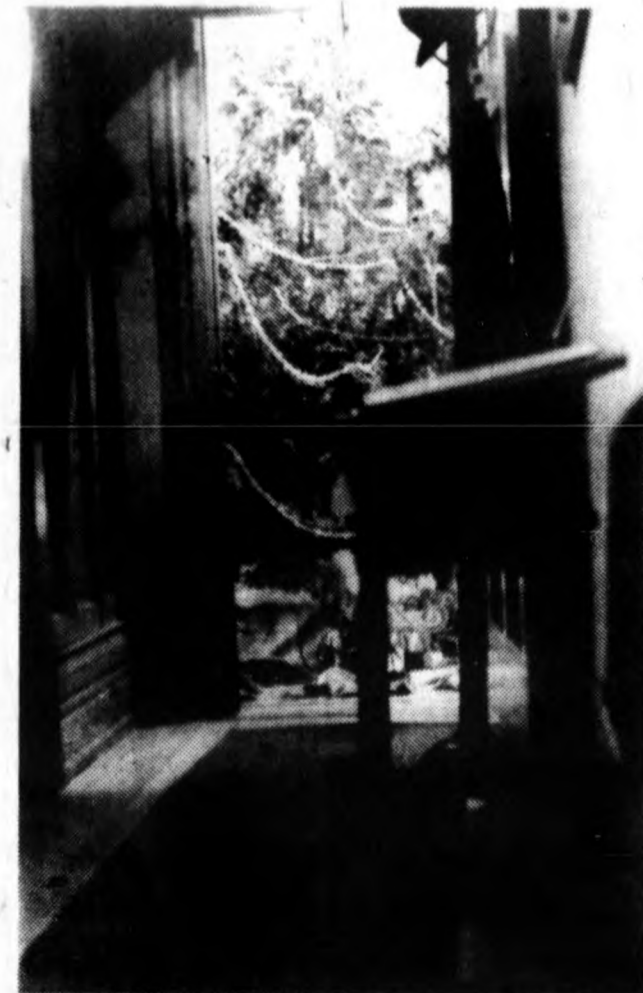
Cozy

All decorated for Christmas, the Museum beckons visitors during the holiday season until Jan. 6. It is open from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays and from 2-8 p.m. Wednesdays.



Postcards

Ken Coin's postcard collection and mailbag from the former Interurban are located upstairs in the museum.



Little girl's love

Any little girl would love this Victorian dollhouse made by Scott and Judy Croisant of St. Johns. The dollhouse, too, is decorated for Christmas. It is located upstairs in one of the museum's exhibit rooms.



Toys

Gordon and Virginia Willyoung and Vincent and Carolyn Geller of St. Johns have loaned these antique toys to the museum. They are on display in the reception area on the lower level of the museum.

Santa has his problems too

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

North Pole

For anyone who has ever had visions of trying to get an interview with Santa Claus, I have a few words of sage advice, "Give up before you even start."

I've had trouble in my day trying to get in touch with people who are extremely busy, but good 'ole Saint Nick, made trying to talk to the President look easy.

However, Mrs. Claus and I got to be great friends. I just hope my boss doesn't get too mad when he sees 22 long distance telephone calls to the North Pole on his next bill.

This was a very bad time of the year to try and talk to Santa in the first place. Although he's had a lot of problems such as elves going on strike, Rudolph's nose turning blue because of the ozone layer, and not being able to fit into his suit because he has gained a little too much weight, Santa was his usual jolly self.

"Ho, Ho, Ho young lady," Santa said. "Just what can I do for you this year?"

"Well, Santa," I said, "my one real big Christmas wish is to be able to have an interview with you."

He said there were many who had the same wish, but Mrs. Claus had told him I seemed like a nice girl so it would be okay if I talked fast. Besides, Mrs. Claus told him I might cry if he didn't talk to me.

"Santa," I said, "how long did the elves' strike last and

how did you solve the problem?"

Santa: "That's an easy one. I told them they wouldn't get any toys for Christma, no more candy cane breaks, and television would be banned for the next whole year. They were back to work 15 minutes after they went on strike."

The next question I thought would take a little longer, but Santa was quick to answer again. This time I asked him what he had to be thankful for this year.

Santa: "That Rudolph and the reindeers don't run on gasoline."

"You're pretty lucky," I replied. "How about finding me a few extra gallons somewhere for my Monza?"

Santa: "I'll see what I can do, but that's a pretty tough order to fill."

The next question was a little personal, but I just had to ask him how come his "belly shook like a bowlful of jelly," jelly."

Santa: "It never used to be that way, especially when Mrs. Claus and I were first married. Since then her cooking has improved and the little children are leaving more cookies they they used to."

Santa asked me to tell you just to leave apples, oranges, carrots, celery and lettuce this year, because Mrs. Claus has put him on a very strict diet.

At this point Mrs. Claus got on the line. "Do you know how many times I've had to let this suit out? This year I was afraid there wouldn't be any material left," she said almost in tears.

Santa then told me that I only had one more question, because he had to start loading up his sleigh.

"Santa," I said, wanting to ask the very best question. "What do you want for Christmas?"

Santa: "I guess I want more lightweight toys, boys and girls who mind their parents better (that's been a big problem this year), more smiles and less tears in the world, and someone to slip me a chocolate chip cookie."

I had really grown to like Santa even more by talking to him. I really didn't want to hang up.

"I love you, Santa," I said quickly as we said goodbye.

"Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas," I heard him say even though I had already hung up the phone.

I guess we're never too old to enjoy the magic of Christmas.



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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you this winter? We are going up north this time and we are going to cross country ski at Boyne Mountain. My sister's friend is coming up with us. I want a race track, and a sled, and my sister wants a jewelry box. I hope you have a good time.
Your Friend,
Mike Fitzpatrick
1936 W. Taft Rd.

Dear Santa,
I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. My brother wants a toy train, and I would like a bike. My two sisters would like a doll.
Your Friend,
Brad Cocco
4850 Chadwick Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolph and the other reindeer feeling? How are you feeling? How are your elves feeling? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you make it Christmas Day? We are going to decorate our tree.
Love,
Tom Hallead
5307 Airport Rd.

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want? I want a real monkey, a box of cars, and a stuffed dog. Have a Merry Christmas.
Your Friend,
Delcey Cudney
6949 Howe Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are things going at the North Pole? Everything's going fine here. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? I hope it is. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she's doing fine. How are Frosty and his family doing? I hope they're doing fine, and I would like a race track for Christmas. That's all.
From Dan Boak
4879

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I love you. I hope you would come this year for I have been cleaning my room. I make my bed. This year I would like a Barbie dream house, the doll Candi, magic kit and a watch. My brother would like some toys, pop up books, clothes and Superman doll. Maybe Muffet and Boots could have some bones and Boots could have some cat food.
Love
Kirsten Kirkbride
4172 W. Colony Rd.
St. Johns

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I hope he is OK to lead your sleigh. I hope you bring everyone some presents.
Kipp Grubaugh
6475 Lowell Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are all reindeer? Say hi to the elves for me. I'm sorry that some people don't believe in you, but I do. How is Mrs. Claus? Two more days and it's my sister's birthday and my brother's birthday is on Christmas.
Love,
Paula Irrer
4507 Francis Rd.

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you say hi to the elves for me? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph's red nose?
Bye Santa,
Troy Wierman
445 County Farm Rd.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing with the toys? I am in the third grade, and I hope I get a baby doll for Christmas. My brother said he wants a car. My sister said she wants some powder and my other brother wants markers. I am going to have fun on

★ Staff recipes

Mark Hanev's
Russian Tea Cakes
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teas. vanilla
1-3/4 cups sifted flour
1/2 teas. salt
6 Tab. powdered sugar
1 cup chopped nuts.
Cream butter; add milk gradually. Add vanilla. Sift flour, salt and sugar together. Add to the butter mixture a little at a time; add nuts. Roll about 1 teaspoon dough between palms of hands. Place on floured baking sheet. Bake in 375° oven for 12 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar while warm. Makes about 4 or 5 dozen small cookies.



Steve Eaton's cookie recipe

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Makes 3 1/2 doz 2 1/2 in cookies
1 package Duncan Hine White Deluxe Cake Mix
1/2 c. cooking oil
2 T water
2 eggs
1 c (6 ounce package) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/2 c. chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Blend cake mix, oil, water and eggs. Stir in chocolate pieces and nuts. Drop from a teaspoon onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. (Top of cookies will look pale.) Cool on cookie sheet for about 1 minute, then remove to rack to finish cooling.



Christmas. I like your reindeer.
Your Friend,
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Christmas is a time of giving to others in the community

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

St. Johns
Christmas is a time of giving to other people. However, the spirit of Christmas means more than just giving to family, friends and relatives. The St. Johns Jaycettes are in their third year of living up to this philosophy.

Since 1976 the Jaycettes have been buying clothing, food, and toys for needy families in the St. Johns area at Christmas time. Every year the club has been able to do just a little bit more.

One family will be getting a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. They will be eating turkey, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and even a cake instead of soup or hamburgers.

One child in a family was completely outfitted through

the Jaycettes' efforts. Nancy DeRosia, chairwoman of the project, and Linda Fitch, co-chairwoman, bought the child everything from underwear to a snowsuit.

Children in another family had no shoes, so the Jaycettes bought each of the young boys a pair of shoes for school. Still another family is getting a Christmas tree donated by the Jaycees.

"It's a very rewarding kind of project," Mrs. DeRosia said. "It even makes it more special at Christmas time."

The project is designed mostly for children, with toys and clothing being the main gifts. The adults in turn are given the food to prepare for the family dinner.

This year the Jaycettes took the spirit of giving one step further. The committee chose a lonely senior citizen to give puzzles and books to brighten up her Christmas.

The Jaycettes were busy wrapping the gifts last Tuesday evening and gave the presents to the families the next day. Each present was holiday wrapped complete with a candy cane.

For the project both the Jaycees and Jaycettes groups donated \$100. The money is earned during the

year through community projects such as the Labor Day Festival, the Boot and Skate Exchange, and Lunch with Santa to name a few.

The money is kept in the community. All the clothing, food, and toys are bought from St. Johns merchants.

Other organizations such as Community Services and

the local churches also have their own "giving" programs for needy people in the area.

Because of people like the St. Johns Jaycettes, Christmas isn't just for people who can afford it. And better yet the gifts go on giving all year long.



Giving

Nancy DeRosia, Margaret Wilkins, and Carol Moore display the Christmas presents they bought for others as part of a Jaycette community project. (Photo by Sue Kiley)

★ Staff recipes



Dan Todd's

Kolachy

MIX LIKE PIE CRUST

1 lb. oleo
4c. flour
MIX:
2 pkg. yeast
2 egg yolks
1 c. sour cream-room temp.
Blend flour mix with yeast mix. Refrigerate 4 hours. Roll out to 1/8" thickness cut in 3" dia circle. Put filling on each circle, fold over, pinch edges. Roll in powdered sugar bake on ungreased cookie sheet 375°-15 min.

Filling

Beat 2 egg whites till stiff - add one cup sugar, finish beating. Add lots of chopped nuts 3 to 3 1/2 c. walnuts.

Ben's Wonder Cookies

2 1/2 c of butter
2 1/2 c of brown sugar
1 1/2 c of molasses
1 c of warm water
1/4 t baking soda
1/4 t black pepper
1 t cloves
1 t allspice
1 t cinnamon
1/2 t mace
1/2 t nutmeg
1/2 t crushed cardamom
1/2 t anise oil
1 t salt
8-9 cups cake flour
1 pound chopped nut meats

Cream butter and sugar add molasses and most of the warm water. Dissolve soda in the remaining warm water and add along with anise oil and sifted dry ingredients. Finally, add nut meats. Roll dough out about one fourth of an inch thick and cut in small rounds. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 15 minutes. The cookies may be dusted with confectioners sugar or frosted with a water and sugar icing.



Rhonda Gaffney's Candy Cane Cookies

1 c shortening (half butter or margarine)
1 c powdered sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 t almond extract
1 t vanilla extract
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 t salt
1/2 t red food coloring
1/2 c crushed peppermint candies
1/2 c sugar

Mix together shortening, sugar, egg and flavorings. Add to flour and salt. Blend well. Divide dough in half and mix food coloring into half. Roll a 4 inch strip of each color using 1 teaspoon of dough for each color. Roll back and forth on lightly floured board. Place strips side by side, press lightly together and twist like a rope. Bake for 9 minutes at 375. Sprinkle with crushed candy and sugar while warm.

Vickie Boutwell's Peanut Butter Cookies

1 1/4 c. flour
3/4 t. baking soda
1/2 t. baking powder
1/2 t. salt
1/2 c. shortening
1/2 c. peanut butter
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1 egg, well beaten

Sift flour; measure; add soda, baking powder and salt. Sift again. Cream shortening and peanut butter, gradually add the sugars and cream thoroughly. Add egg. Combine dry ingredients and creamed mixture. Chill. Form into balls 1" in diameter and place on lightly greased and floured baking sheet. Flatten with fork dipped in flour, making criss-cross pattern. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.



It's Christmas once again! May the season be a truly joyous one for you, our many fine customers.

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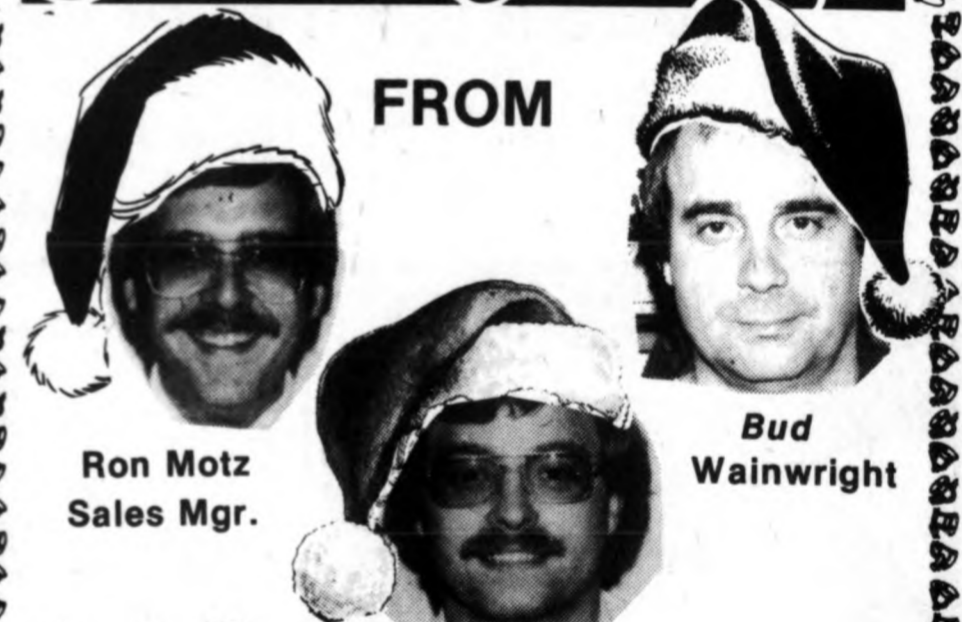
During this merriest season of the year, we send our greetings and goodwishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your Holidays be bright with all the joys of Yuletide. May they find you in good health and leave you lighter in heart, happier in spirits - looking forward with confidence to the year ahead and all that it holds for you and yours.

St. Johns Co-op

N. Clinton St. Johns
Phone 224-2381



Season's Greetings



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CHRISTMAS CHEER

We're sending old-fashioned greetings to all our good friends... may you have the merriest holidays!

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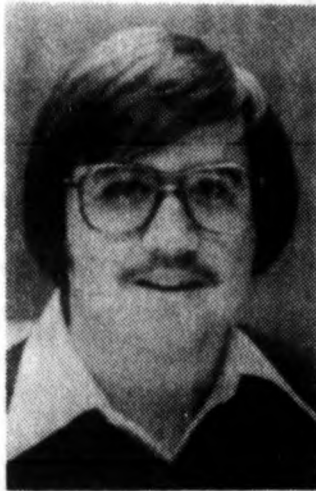
HOLY NIGHT

May we remember the real meaning of Christmas... God's love for us!

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Here are some tasty recipes from the County News staff



Sharon Randall's Thumbprint Cookies
 ½ c. shortening (part butter or margarine)
 ¼ c. brown sugar (packed)
 1 egg, separated
 ½ tsp. vanilla
 1 c. flour
 ¼ tsp. salt
 ¾ c. finely chopped nuts
 jelly or tinted confectioners' sugar icing

Heat oven to 350° (mod.). Mix shortening, sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla thoroughly. Measure flour by dipping method or by sifting. Blend together flour and salt; stir in. Roll dough into balls (1 tsp. per ball). Beat egg white slightly with fork. Dip balls in egg white. Roll in nuts. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheet; press thumb gently in center of each. Bake 10 to 12 min., or until set. Cool. Fill thumbprints with jelly or tinted icing. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.
Note: If using self-rising flour, omit salt.

Bill Donahue's Goopy Caramel Squares
 1 pkg (14 oz) caramels
 ½ c. milk
 2 c. bisquick
 2 c. quick-cooking oats
 1½ c. packed brown sugar
 ½ c. margarine, melted
 1 pkg (6 oz) semisweet choc. chips
 1 c. chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350°. Heat caramels and milk in 2 qt. saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth; remove from heat. Mix baking mix, oats and brown sugar. Stir in margarine until crumbly. Press half of the mixture in rectangular pan, 13-9-2 inches. Bake 10 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate chips and nuts over baked layer; drizzle caramel mixture over nuts. Sprinkle remaining crumbly mixture over caramel mixture; press lightly. Bake until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Loosen edges from sides. Cut into about 1½ inch squares while warm. Cool completely before removing. (makes over 50 cookies)



Sue Kiley's 7th grade-Refrigerator Cookies

Mix together thoroughly:
 ½ c. shortening
 ¼ c. sugar
 ¼ c. brown sugar
 1 egg
 Sift together, stir in:
 1¼ c & 2T sifted flour
 ¼ t. soda
 ½ t. salt
 1 t. cinnamon
 Mix thoroughly. Press & mold into smooth roll 2¼" in diameter. Chill. Slice ¼" thick. Bake 400° 6-8 min. on ungreased baking sheet.

Deb French's Pumpkin Cookies

Cream-
 1 c. oleo
 1 c. sugar
Add-
 1 c. pumpkin
 1 egg
Add-
 2 c. flour; 1 t. soda; 1 t. pumpkin pie spice, 1 t. salt.
Add-
 1 t. vanilla
 1 c. walnuts
 Bake at 350° for 10-15 mins.
Frosting-
 Combine 3 T. butter, 4 T milk, ½ c. brown sugar. Boil 2 min. - Cool.
 Add-¼ t. vanilla and 1 c. powder sugar. Beat.

Shirley Mills' "Hello Dollies"
 1 c. graham crackers crumbs
 1 can Eagle Brand milk
 1 cup coconut
 1 cup chocolate chips
 1 c. chopped nuts
 ½ c. butter
 Melt butter in 13-9-2 pan. Crush crackers and line pan. Sprinkle on chips, coconut, nuts. Pour on milk. Bake 350° for 30 mins. Yummy and chewy.



Eileen Erickson's Butter Cookies [with cookie press]
 1 c. oleo or butter
 ¼ c. white sugar
 ¼ c. brown sugar
 Cream thoroughly
 Add 1 egg yolk, 1 t. vanilla, 2 c. flour and mix thoroughly
 I make double batch and in half put pink coloring. Decorate all with colored sugar. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet. 350°.



Alice Jumper's Frosted Date Balls
 1½ c. sifted all purpose flour
 ¼ t. salt
 ½ c. sifted confectioner's sugar
 ½ c. butter or margarine
 1 T. milk
 1 t. vanilla
 ½ c. chopped dates
 ½ c. chopped nuts
 Confectioner's sugar
 Combine flour and salt—sift twice. Cream the butter and gradually add sugar. Add milk and vanilla and stir in the sifted flour. Blend in dates and nuts. Roll in one inch balls. Place about 3 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 300° oven about 20 minutes until brown. While warm roll in confectioner's sugar. 3 dozen cookies.



LeaAnn French's Sugar Cookies
 1 c. butter
 1 c. sugar
 1 egg
 1 t. vanilla
 Mix above 4 ingredients
 3 c. flour
 ½ t. baking soda
 ¼ t. baking powder
 1 t. salt
 Sift above ingredients
 Then add ¼ cup of butter-milk at the end. Beat all together. Chill for 2 to 3 hours. Cut out cookies and bake at 400° for 8 minutes!



Patrice Hornak's Cream Cheese Cookies
 1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz)
 2 egg yolks
 1 c. sugar
 1c. shortening
 Cream all ingredients above well.
 Add: 2 c. flour, ½ t. salt, 1 T vanilla. Mix. Spoon onto ungreased cookie sheets. Put halved maraschino cherry on top. Bake 10-15 minutes at 350°.



Staff recipes may be found on page 6B, 7B, 8B and 9B.

Merry Christmas
 May Santa find your home bright with cheer at this magic time. Thanks for your good will.

Silvestri
Paint & Wallpaper
 St. Johns

HO HO HO
 Catching up with Santa we join him in hoping your holiday will be filled with merriment and glee!

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Merry Christmas
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Henning Electric
 1002 E. State St. Johns

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 Ron Haste, Manager
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Clinton Construction Co.
 St. Johns

Merry Christmas
 Bells are ringing to spread far and wide our warmest holiday wishes. Thanks.

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Greetings

Wishing you all the things that make the holidays merrier... good friends, happy times and much love. Merry Christmas all!

Carson City Farm Service

Christmas Wishes
 May seasonal joys warm your heart. To all... thanks.

Hafner's Electric
 Fowler

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Learning traditions part of joining new family

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer
St. Johns

[Christmas is the time when family traditions really shine through. Most of the time they go unnoticed, an accepted way of doing things. However, when one marries into another family, traditions become the exception. They have to be explained. In less than four months, I'll be a member of the White family. I have a lot to learn about their traditions, so the best thing for me to do is write a story about them]

Christmas traditions live on at the Brandon White, Jr. household.

The oldest White tradition which also happens to be a bit unusual, is eating sauerkraut and pork for Christmas Eve dinner and then having the leftovers on beer pancakes the next morning.

"It came from my father's side of the family," White said. "We've done it every year for as long as I can remember."

The Christmas Eve meal had to be something easy to prepare because there were so many other things that needed to be done for the next day. The men in the family in turn, had the responsibility of preparing the breakfast fare because the women were busy fixing the turkey for the Christmas dinner.

"We didn't eat until late Christmas day so we needed a good hearty breakfast to last through the day," White commented.

Even though it is a tradition, White shared his Pennsylvania Dutch family recipe with us.

SAUERKRAUT, PORK AND BEER PANCAKES

The remaining sauerkraut and pork is broken up into a frying pan. Next, take two or three slices of bread and soak them in water wringing them out and breaking them up in a pan. Fry this mixture until brown.

The next step is making the buckwheat pancakes. The usual recipe is followed although beer is used instead of milk.

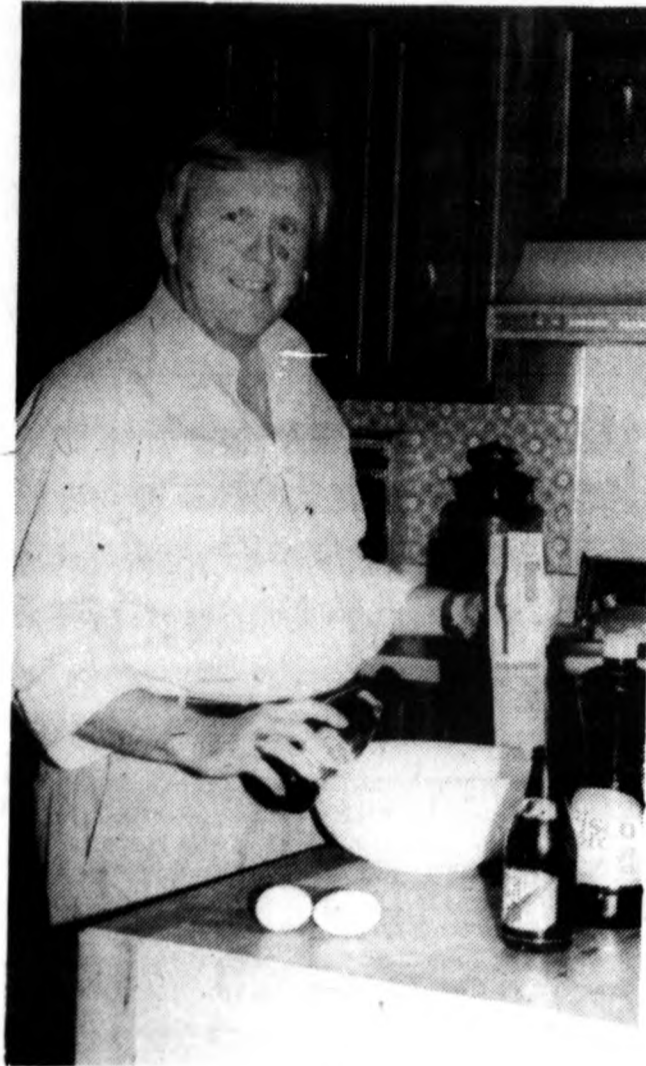
The next step is alternating the pancakes and sauerkraut on plates and then eating.

"It took me a while to get used to it," Annette, his wife said. "I still eat pancakes the conventional way, although my parents and the boys eat the breakfast."

She added, "Our family has grown accustomed to this kind of breakfast."

When Brandon and his sister Janet were young, they never saw the Christmas tree until that morning. When they went to bed on Christmas Eve all that was allowed to be put up were the stockings.

When they got up the next morning they discovered the tree and what Santa had brought, but they could never get up before the street lights went off and they had to wait until after breakfast to open their presents.



Brandon C. White, Jr

These two traditions still remain in the White family. White related a story which happened in the late 30's that his father related to him several years later.

It was Christmas Eve and the children were already in bed. The elder White had gone in search of a Christmas tree. However, in the whole northwest section of Detroit, there was not one Christmas tree to be found.

Brandon's father was beginning to panic so he went to his father's house to see what he was going to do. After much thought, Grandpa White got his saw and cut down the beautiful blue spruce in front of his home, saving Christmas for the children.

There is a good chance that even after the White children marry and have their own families the same customs will be carried on...which will make the traditions a Christmas past, a Christmas present and a Christmas future.

Christmas Greetings
May the blessed silent peace of Christmas enter into your lives.

Federal Land Bank
St. Johns

A Very Merry Christmas

Nemanis Electric Co.
Ovid

Season's Greetings

Times may have changed but one thing is still the same — sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.

Thank you for helping us get started this summer!

DeWitt Grain & Urban Supply
940 W. Round Lake Rd.
DeWitt, Mi Phone 669-6684

Early American colonists had a do-it-yourself way of making change. If they needed a quarter, they simply broke two bits off of a dollar coin, which was made of soft silver. For 50 cents, four bits. Some people still use the names today, National Geographic World magazine says.

★ Staff recipes



Penny Hart's Sugar Cookies
Mix the following like pie crust:
4 c. flour
1 1/2 c. sugar
1 rounded t. soda
1 t. salt
2 level t. baking powder
1 c. lard (Crisco)
Mix the above in large bowl, then push it against the sides of the bowl leaving a large hole in the center. In the hollow in center add the following: 1 t. vanilla, 2 eggs, 1 c. milk. Beat the mix in the hollow with a fork. When mixed fairly well, start beating in mixture from sides a little at a time until the flour mixture is all beat in and mixed good. I put it on a flour counter top and roll out gently. Bake 10-12 min. at 325°.

Dick Miller's Chocolate Drop Cookies
1/2 c. soft shortening (part butter)
1 c. sugar
1 egg
1/2 c. cocoa
3/4 c. buttermilk or sour milk
1 t. vanilla
1 1/4 c. flour
1/2 t. soda
1/2 t. salt
1 c. chopped nuts
Mix shortening, sugar, egg and chocolate together. Stir in milk and vanilla. Blend flour, soda and salt; stir in. Add nuts. Chill at least 1 hr. Heat oven to 400°. Drop rounded teaspoons 2 inches apart on lightly greased pans. Bake 8-10 minutes or until no imprint remains. May be frosted. Yield: 3 1/2 dozen.



A Christmas Wish

Peach and brother love, joy and contentment...may all things that mean Christmas be yours this holiday...and throughout the year.

Becker Furniture
Fowler, MI

GREETINGS
The delightful holiday season is here! May you enjoy every moment with family and friends in true contentment.

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greetings

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1410 S. US-27

Season's Greetings

Yuletide greetings to one and all! May your holidays be filled with gladness.

Karber Block Co. Karber Gravel
Karber Ready-Mix
St. Johns



A holiday game

Spin the dreidel and see where it lands, Teresa Merrill teacher Lana Hurwitz tells these students as they play a Chanukah game with the traditional Jewish holiday toy. Left to

right are Kent Hoyt, Terry Hart, Emily Newman, Karen Tetens, Amy Reed, Teddy Bedell, Ricky Haughton, and Catherine Grubaugh. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

Happy Chanukah

Lighting the Menorah for Teresa Merrill's Chanukah celebration Friday were left to right Emily Newman, and Terry Hard, third grade, teacher, Mrs. Hurwitz, Ricky Haughton, first grade, Amy Reed, second grade, teacher Carol MacDonald, Karen Tetens, and Kent Hoyt, fourth grade, Teddy Bedell, second grade and Catherine Grubaugh, first grade.

Chanukah celebrated

St. Johns

Teresa Merrill teacher, Lana Hurwitz doesn't celebrate Christmas like most of the students in her school but December also brings Chanukah, another special holiday that is meaningful to her and others of the Jewish faith.

Friday, Dec. 14 was set aside at Teresa Merrill for a

school wide Chanukah celebration and first through fourth graders shared a new experience and learned about Mrs. Hurwitz's religious customs and family.

Activities included a slide show telling the Chanukah story which is celebrated over an eight-day period to commemorate a victory over the Syrians and the rededica-

tion of the Temple at Jerusalem. Children participated in lighting the Menorah, a special candle holder to which one candle is added and lit each day.

Jewish children also get toys at Chanukah, so the Teresa Merrill students received tiny wooden toys called dreidles and Mrs. Hurwitz taught them the

Chanukah game that is played with them.

Potato latkes are a traditional Chanukah food and the classrooms made and sampled them in the afternoon. Students participated by peeling and grating the potatoes adding flour and egg and frying them crisp and golden. The latkes are eaten with sour cream or apple sauce.

Greetings

Our best wishes, our grateful thanks to all our good friends, whose loyal patronage we value so highly. May you have a holiday season that's happy, hearty and healthy!

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Best Wishes

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Fowler

Merry Christmas

Hope Your Holiday is Bright

Simon's Planing Mill
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Make a simple, and delicious gingerbread house

This recipe and directions from Greenfield Village are for a 11 by 17 gingerbread house.

Following the diagrams for three 11 x 17 baking sheets, cut out templates as designated from stiff cardboard or thin sheet metal, such as tin. It is necessary to use templates in cutting out the pieces of gingerbread rather than a free-hand method because each piece must match exactly.

Once your gingerbread is cut—and there's plenty of scrap for "testing" the flavor, by the way—make sure the rest of the ingredients are near at hand, especially the icing. This will act as cement in construction.

Set the base piece on a cutting board or a large piece of heavy cardboard so the house can be moved from place to place when it is finished.

Ice the bottom of one end wall—the back of the house—and the bottom end of a side wall; fit them together and place them carefully on the base. Ice the bottom and two sides carefully. You may want to add a small support stick of gingerbread inside. Hold the pieces together until the icing has hardened. You may want to use rubber bands, but be sure your gingerbread is hard enough, so the rubber bands don't cut into the house.

Repeat the procedure for the other two walls. After the walls and icing are secure, ice the top edges of the end walls and place the roof over them. The two roof pieces should meet, but not overlap. Again hold in place until the icing is hardened.

You may now decorate your house as you wish. If necessary, make more icing. When completed sprinkle "snowdrifts" of sugar around for a final touch.

Sift six cups of flour, baking power, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, cardamon and salt together into a large mixing bowl.

In a heavy 4 or 5 quart saucepan, bring honey, sugar and butter to a boil over high heat, stirring with a large spoon until the sugar is dissolved and the butter melted. Remove pan from heat and add lemon juice and peel, cooling mixture to room temperature.

Beat in two cups of the spice-flour mixture, add egg and egg yolk and beat in remaining spice-flour mixture. Knead until dough is smooth. Spread on the three pans, roll out as evenly as possible. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven for 35 minutes or until cake is firm and top brown. Let cool about five minutes, then, using templates, cut into required shapes. Let gingerbread harden.

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For support and decoration

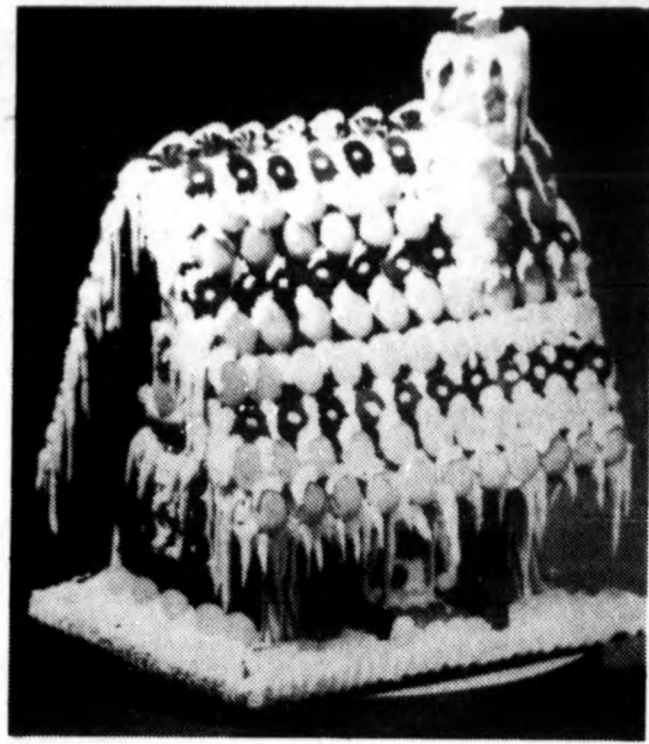
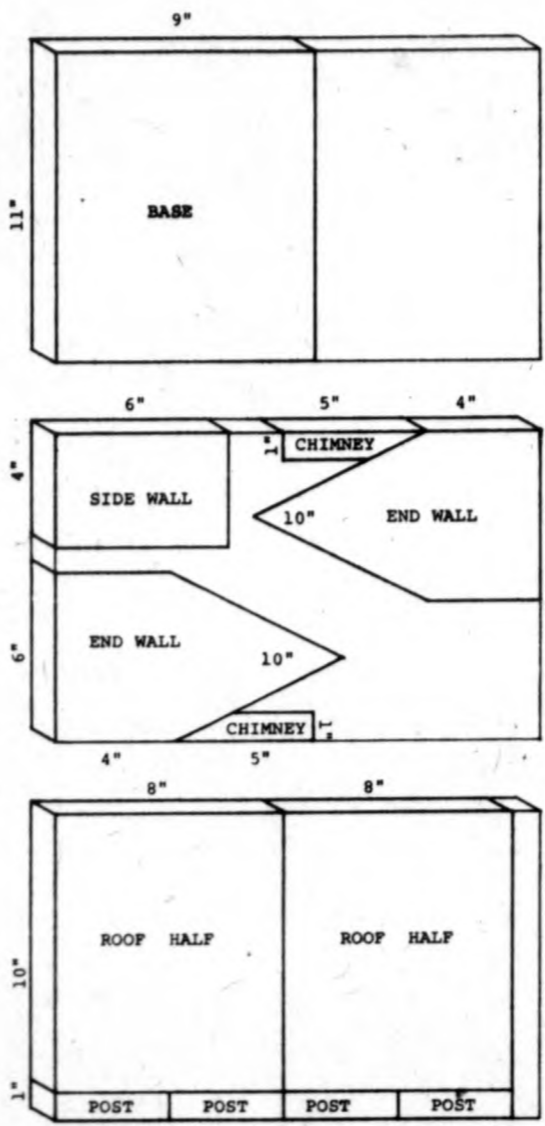
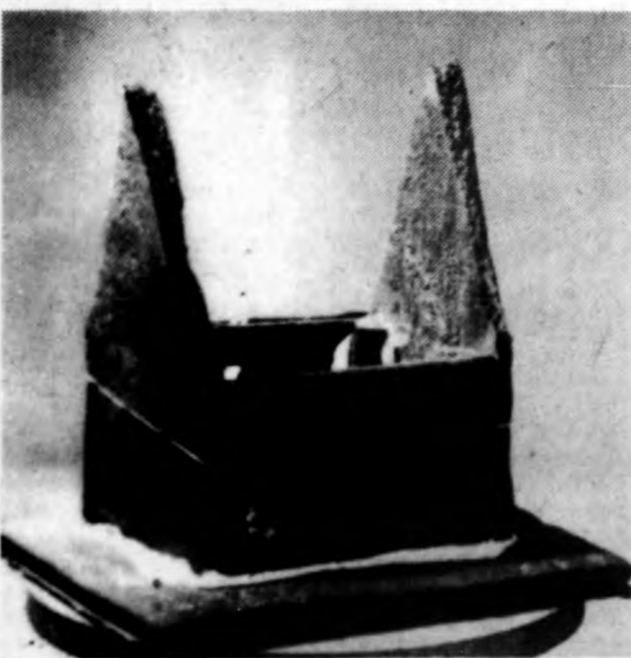
2 egg whites
2 1/2 c. confectioners sugar
candies and cookies for decorating house
1-2 cups sugar additional decoration

In a large bowl, beat egg whites until slightly thickened. Sift the sugar in about 1/2 cup at a time beating thoroughly. A stiff icing should be formed. Place in pastry bag for use.

GINGERBREAD

1 tbs. butter, softened
6 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
6 tbs. double-acting baking power
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cardamon
1/8 tsp. salt
3/4 c. honey
1 3/4 c. sugar
1/2 c. butter
1/2 c. fresh lemon juice
1 tbs. finely grated lemon peel
1 egg
1 egg yolk

Brush the softened butter evenly over three 11x17 inch baking pans. Jelly roll pans will do nicely.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Have yourself a very merry holiday! We hope that this one will be the best yet!

Carter Melvin Insurance
Elsie

O, Holy Night

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord let's give thanks for the blessings shown us. Special thanks, patrons.

CLINTON AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY
113 Higham St. Johns Phone 224-6788

Peace

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Rivard Nursing Home, Inc.
St. Johns

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Jim McKenzie Agency, Inc.
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Merry Christmas

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Burnham Tiling & Excavating

Home for CHRISTMAS

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Camelot Apartments
205 N. Scott Rd. Ph. 224-4376

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BANNER ANTIQUES
St. Johns

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609 N. Morton St. Johns

Community volunteers share Christmas crafts

By Sharon Randall
Staff Writer
St. Johns

Christmas is becoming synonymous with CRV to St. Johns School children as volunteers log more than 300 hours filling 118 teacher requests this holiday season. Sharing Christmas projects with St. Johns' classrooms some 45 different men and women have visited schools. One volunteer actually handled 13 different projects herself, some gave as many as eight and some five days of their time. Eleven different schools in the St. Johns area participated, drawing the volun-

teers into school rooms for special projects.

Other volunteers were involved at home, baking cookies for Christmas decorating; cutting out felt stockings and getting materials prepared for the volunteers who actually visited the classroom and executed the project.

Children made dough art ornaments, plastic cup tree trimmers, batik banners, tissue stained glass vases, needlepoint and cards, boxes and wrap decorated with potato printing.

Community Resource Volunteers (CRV) is a non-profit volunteer group dedicated to

Fancy stockings

Nothing says Christmas more than a bright red stocking trimmed with a bold green tree and lots of sparkles and fancy garlands. Shawn Blackmer and Troy Argensinger shared this experience with CRV volunteer Marta Giesecke in their classroom at Central School. (Photo by Sharon Randall)

Some of the volunteers serving children, in classrooms and the other organizations to which they belong such as scouting.

took a craft or project to school that they themselves have been doing for many years. Others received training in order to teach a particular activity requested by a classroom teacher.

CRV volunteer coordinator Rose Randolph said she is "very pleased with our Christmas projects this year." Mrs. Randolph said holiday activities are a special way for people in the community to share with school children this time of year. "We have jobs that people can do at home as well as going into a classroom," she said. Mrs. Randolph also has connections with the North Pole and both Santa Claus and his wife have been CRV volunteers for the past three years.

Community Resource Volunteers operates in part on a grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation.



Careful work

Ron Patrick and Derek Nettleman work through the first stages of a needlepoint ornament together. Eureka fifth grade teacher Luanne Frayer and Community Resource Volunteer Gretchen Jewison taught the class enough stitches so each student could make an ornament for his tree. (Photo by Sharon Randall)



★ Museum

The museum is open Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2-8 p.m. The Christmas decorations and displays will remain until Sunday, Jan 6.

One other special feature this Christmas you may want to take in is the Lowe Methodist choir singing at the museum Dec. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Their caroling is sure to recall scenes on Currier and Ives Christmas cards.

When Laurita Allison, who helped make some of the decorations for the museum's tree, looks back on Christmas as a child she remembers what you'll see here. Cedar trees were used because there simply were no pine or spruce in this area. The first to be planted were on the lawns at the John Hicks' home (now owned by Jack and Marta Giesecke) and the Babcock residence (now the home of Tony and Agnes Kuntz).

"It wasn't until the 1920's that you could buy a Christmas tree on a lot here," Mrs. Allison said. The men went out to the surrounding cedar swamps to bring home the Victorian family's tree and it was kept tucked away until Christmas Eve when the grown-ups decorated it after the children were in bed. "Santa always brought the tree," Mrs. Allison recalled. "We didn't see it until we were called to come down in the morning."

What Mrs. Allison remembers is a time of scarcity and because toys and ornaments were on sale only at the Christmas season, it was much more special and joyous. "There was a wonder to it all and I think Christmas made more of an impact," she said.

What you see at the museum in Mrs. Willyoung's kinds of toys that Mrs. Allison and her four siblings found under the Christmas tree. "We would each receive one special thing," she said. "And some small things. Remember we were just delighted with a brand new pencil."

She remembers an orange in the toe of their stockings or sometimes they were found hanging on the tree. Fresh fruit was not shipped to small communities like St. Johns in those days so they were unusual and a once-a-year treat.

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