



## First baby of 1979

Little Kevin James Foerch made his way into the world at 11:57 a.m. Jan. 1 to become the first baby born in Clinton County during 1979. He is also the first child of Glenn and Bernadette Foerch of 6825 N. US-27, St. Johns and his grandparents are Joseph and Eva Bohil of St. Johns and Gale and Lorene Foerch of Fowler. Kevin weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 1/4 ounces at Clinton Memorial Hospital.



## Bids taken

**Maple Rapids**  
Bids will be taken Jan. 10 in Lansing on an estimated \$200,000 project for the construction of a three-span prestressed concrete box beam bridge and approaches to carry North Maple Street over the Maple River in Maple Rapids. The project is expected to be completed in August of 1979.

## Call from DeWitt free

Anyone with a DeWitt phone number wishing to get in touch with the County News are reminded that there is a toll-free number to call. Dial operator and ask for Enterprise-8201, and the call will go through with no charge.

## Sleepy Hollow permit up

Effective Jan. 1, the annual motor vehicle permit at Sleepy Hollow State Park and other Michigan state parks was increased from \$5 to \$7 and the \$1 daily motor vehicle permit was increased to \$2. The increases will allow the Department of Natural Resources to use the increased money to operate and improve Michigan state parks. Some of the money will also be used to purchase new state park lands.

## Jobs in demand

What are the fastest growing occupations? While careers will offer the greatest job market potential? The number of jobs in the following occupations is expected to climb by 50 percent or more by 1985 according to U.S. News & World Report, Inc.: air conditioning, refrigeration and heating mechanics; computer-service technicians; dental hygienists; emergency medical technicians; health-service administrators; industrial-machinery mechanics; insulation workers; marketing researchers; occupational therapists; and sewer plant operators.

# County can save energy dollars

By Tom Nowak  
Staff Writer

## St. Johns

Clinton County can make immediate savings on its energy budget, according to a report by the county's energy coordinator.

Steve Sandstedt, who has been in charge of the county energy program since June, told the County Board of Commissioners Friday the county could save \$7,760 in one year if energy recommendations are implemented.

Sandstedt said the total cost of those recommendations would be \$8,740, but the savings in energy would pay for the change in one year and two months.

The recommendations were made after an energy audit of seven county buildings. Other energy-saving measures could be taken, he said, but the savings would be spread over a longer period of time.

The biggest user of energy, according to the audit, is the courthouse, and Sandstedt said that is where the greatest savings could be. For example, he said, the installation of an outdoor temperature control timer on the air conditioner would cost the county about \$300 but in a year could save \$3,780 over one cooling season.

Timing clocks on air conditioners and water heaters could save more energy, he said, and changing the light bulbs to a style which consumes less energy would save more. However, Sandstedt said savings from relamping would be spread over a longer period of time.

Another example he gave of a small investment paying off quickly was in Smith Hall. Sandstedt said that the refrigerators and freezers in the building now run constantly, whether or not they are storing food. A \$30 on-off switch for those appliances could save the county \$650 a year in electric bills, he said.

The Board of Commissioners accepted Sandstedt's resignation earlier in Friday's meeting. Sandstedt is quitting to take a job with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

The board approved 1979 equalization factors for residential and agricultural property. The county recommendations were lower in almost every case than state recommendations.

The factors were different because the county figured the equalization factors by studying the last three years, while the state looked at a one-year period. The state still may impose its higher figures on the county.

In other action Friday, the board accepted a report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommending the county not rent space to the Child Guidance Center. The committee said the program's goals and funding were uncertain and that space was needed for county purposes. The Center is not a county agency.

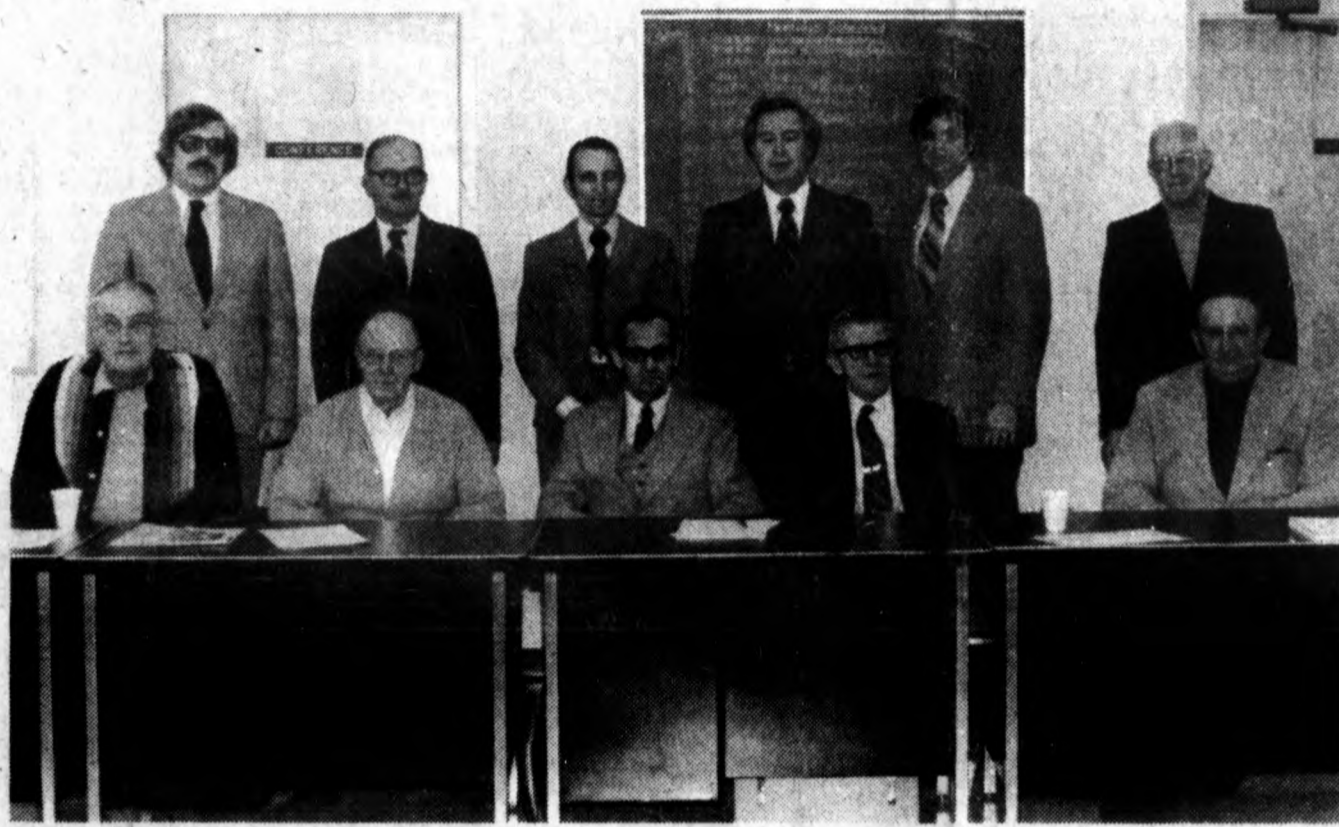
Tuesday the 1979 board was sworn in, with Max Calder and Richard DePond the two newcomers taking seats. William Gnodtke was just elected in November, but had joined the board earlier to replace Robert Zeeb, who has resigned.

In Tuesday's organizational meeting, the board:

—Unanimously re-elected Roger Overway as board chairman and Harold Martin as vice chairman.

—Set the schedule for meetings in 1979. Most meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month, and they will be held during the day.

—Awarded certificates of appreciation to Duane Chamberlain, David E. Whitlock and Robert Zeeb. The three served on the last session of the commission, and did not seek re-election.



## New board sworn in

The 1979-80 Clinton County Board of Commissioners was sworn in Tuesday. Front (l-r): Robert VanDriesen, Richard

DePond, Harold Martin, Walter Nobis, Glenn Webster. Back: William Gnodtke, Robert Wood,

Max Calder, Roger Overway, Richard Hawks and Earl Lancaster. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

## DeWitt/Bath Review debuts next week

If there is a will, there is a way. A new newspaper will appear in Bath Township, DeWitt Township and DeWitt City mailboxes next week as proof there is a will and a way.

The newspaper, The DeWitt-Bath Review, will debut next Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will be published by the Clinton County News. It will serve the south and southeast portions of the county and will be distributed to about 4,500 homes free of charge.

About a month ago, the Clinton County News was circulated in that same area free to postal patrons, as part of an advertising and circulation promotion.

However, last week a Washington D.C. postal authority declared that this type of distribution, while legal previously, was no longer legal so the County News had to discontinue this program.

However, because the County News staff feels there is a need in Bath and DeWitt for a separate newspaper, and because indications from advertisers show there is support for the paper, the DeWitt-Bath Review was developed.

Staff writer Sue Kiley has been named editor of the Review, and she will be filling the tabloid size paper with news from the southern county, as well as county commission stories, sports from Bath and DeWitt High Schools,

4-H and Cooperative Extension stories, her Personality Profile feature, police and Clinton County Sheriff Department news, and other news pertaining to the people in DeWitt, DeWitt Township and Bath Township.

The paper will be assembled at the St. Johns office of the Clinton County News and will be printed in Howell, as the County News presently does. The Review will be assembled Mondays and the County News will revert to its previous Tuesday assembly date.

All news to be submitted to the Review must reach Miss Kiley by Friday at 5 p.m. Likewise, advertisements must be contracted before 5 p.m. Fridays. DeWitt residents can call the County News toll free by dialing the operator and asking for enterprise 8201.

News deadlines for the Clinton County News will be 10 a.m. Mondays and advertising deadlines will remain at 5 p.m. Fridays.

Most of the news contained in the Review will appear in the County News which will continue its broadsheet format, eight columns by 21 inches tall. Tabloid format calls for six column by 14-inch page.

Drop-off points for Review news are: Willard Reed Agency at 108 W. Main St., DeWitt; and Spagnuolo's Party Store at 5746 Clark Rd., Bath.

# Social Security taxes up again

By Tom Nowak  
Staff Writer

## Clinton County

Wage-earners will see a bigger chunk of their paychecks going towards Social Security under a tax law that went into effect Jan. 1. But for at least one year, many taxpayers will see that increase at least partially offset by a cut in federal income taxes.

The Social Security tax rose to 6.13 percent at the beginning of the year, up from 6.05 percent in 1978. That rate is a flat rate, levied regardless of income.

Also, the wage base—the maximum income upon which the Social Security tax can be levied—has increased. The 1979 wage base will be \$22,900, up from last year's base of \$17,700. The maximum tax that can be assessed is

now \$1,403, compared to \$1,070 in 1978.

Both the tax rate and the wage base will continue to rise. The rate will be 6.65 percent in 1981 and 6.7 percent in 1982. The wage base will go to \$25,900 in 1980, \$29,700 in 1981 and an estimated \$31,800 in 1982.

But for 1979, a cut in income tax will alleviate the Social Security increase, and in some cases will bring a net reduction in the tax bill. These examples are computed for typical taxpayers with deductions amounting to 23 percent of personal income.

—A single person with an income of \$8,000 will have to pay \$6 more in Social Security taxes, but with the cut in income taxes will be paying a net of \$17 less. A married couple will see a \$51 savings, while a family of four with an \$8,000 income will save \$30.



## County seal

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners adopted this as the official county seal Friday. The idea for the seal came from Gerald Shepard, county treasurer, and Ernie Carter, the

former county clerk. The final design was by Forrest Bass Jr. of Park Lake. The seal will be put on county stationery and will be used for non-court county business.

## Sandstedt resigns

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

## Clinton County

Stephen Sandstedt, energy coordinator for Clinton County during the past eight months, tendered his resignation last week. He assumed his new duties as housing planner for Tri-County Regional Planning in Lansing Tuesday.

The energy coordinator position was available through a temporary grant. Sandstedt indicated he resigned to take

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## Teen disco progressing

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

## St. Johns

Plans to open a teen disco in downtown St. Johns are moving along, according to Mrs. Patricia Hammon-tree who has come up with the disco idea.

Last week she finished collecting the needed 740 signatures on a petition required to open a dance hall in the City of St. Johns. The 740 signatures represented 51 percent of the people residing within 2,000 feet of the proposed disco at 318 N. Clinton Ave.

City commissioners arrived at the 740 number by determining there were 635 single family units in the 2,000 foot radius and multiplied the single family units by 1.5. There are also 177 rental units in that radius and the rental units were multiplied by 3.0. The total figure was multiplied by 51 percent, in compliance with the city's zoning ordinance.

Mrs. Hammon-tree of 3387 S. US-27, St. Johns, hopes to open the disco by the end of January. She is now in the process of ordering new carpeting, tables and chairs and installing a dance floor.

When asked how residents in the 2,000 foot radius of the disco felt about her proposal, Mrs. Hammon-tree said "Most were receptive; there weren't many who didn't sign."

She said the most difficult part of getting the signatures was finding people at home. She started collecting signatures about a month ago, but the holidays caused many people to be out shopping or visiting.



### 16 years of service

Honorable T. Thomas Thatcher, veteran Clerk of the House of Representatives, presented retiring State Representative Stanley M. Powell (R-Ionia) with a letter of commendation on his perfect attendance at legislative sessions during 1978. Representative Powell had a similar perfect record during most of the 16 years of his legislative service.

## Traffic stop ends in fight

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

### DeWitt Township

A routine traffic stop resulted in injuries for a police officer and the arrest of two Clinton County men. DeWitt Township police officers responded to a backup call from a Michigan

State Police trooper at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 29 on US-27 just south of Clark Road.

Trooper Bart Stupek pulled a suspect vehicle over during a routine traffic stop. The trooper attempted to arrest Rodney Loynes of Ovid for driving while under the influence of liquor. A brief scuffle ensued and Stupek called for DeWitt Township police.

A passenger in the car, Mike L. Warr of 1010 Church St., St. Johns, tried to intervene causing another fight between police and the two male subjects.

Loynes and Warr were arrested for disorderly conduct and obstructing a police officer.

Terry Parker of Lansing were seriously injured and taken to Sparrow Hospital by

ambulance. Speer was cited by police for failing to yield the right-of-way.

## Powell caps political career

State Representative Stanley M. Powell (R-Ionia) had one of the highest attendance and voting records in the Michigan Legislature this year. Powell, 80, has served in the House of Representatives for eight terms. He is retiring at the end of the year.

"The people elected me to be on the floor during debate to represent their interests," Powell said. "I think it's only fair that I keep on top of the legislation and cast votes on

behalf of my constituents."

Powell was present and voted on 99 percent of the 1,270 recorded roll call votes, meaning that he voted more often than 134 legislators.

"When I was first elected to the House I made it my goal to make myself available to vote on all the issues that affect my constituents," Representative Powell said, "and frankly, that involves voting on just about everything."

Stupek received minor injuries to his hand and was treated at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Warr and Loynes have bonded out of the Clinton County jail. They will appear for arraignment Friday at 10:30 in district court.

Chief Thomas Aranow said there were several accidents occurring during the New Year's weekend because of icy road conditions. One accident resulted in serious injuries for two Lansing women.

Cars driven by MaryAnn Speer, East Lansing and James Herder, Kalamazoo collided on US-27 when the Speer vehicle pulled into the intersection from Weiland Road on Dec. 29 at 8:05 p.m. Speer and a passenger

## Falling tree kills man

Clinton County A 38-year-old Oakley man lost his life after being struck by a tree south of Maple Rapids on Dec. 28.

Ralph J. Terry and his son were cutting logs and piling lumber. At about 5 p.m. a tree next to the camp fire caught on fire and burnt. The tree fell on Terry and he died enroute to the hospital.

Two serious injuries occurred over the holiday weekend sending six people to the hospital according to Clinton County Sheriff's Department reports.

Cars driven by David L. Wayne, Ludington and James A. Kaufman, East Lansing collided on US-27 near French Road on Dec. 29 at 5:40 p.m.

and then went into the northbound lane of US-27 colliding with the Kaufman vehicle. Wayne, Kaufman and two passengers were injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Ann E. Eckerson of Indiana told deputies she had started sliding on US-27 near Silvers Road, went off the road and flipped the vehicle over.

Eckerson and a passenger Chip Ball were injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital in a police vehicle. The incident happened Jan. 1 at 4:50 p.m.

A 15-year-old Clinton County youth was petitioned into probate court on a criminal sexual conduct charge. The incident allegedly occurred with two girls, ages five and seven.



### Grand prize winner

Carol Klein of Town and Country Peddler presents R.F. Smith a set of wrenches. Smith was the winner of Town and Country's grand opening drawing. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

### LCC offers terrorism seminar

Lansing A seminar on terrorism for business, industry and the professions will be held Jan. 18 at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing.

The seminar, sponsored by Lansing Community College and the Michigan State Police, is designed for all levels of executives in all types of businesses, industries and professions. Also included are corporate level staff who have a security responsibility.

Instructors for the seminar are Charles A. Russel, an attorney and formerly with the Office of Special Investigations for the U.S. Air Force, and Dr. Frank M. Ochberg, director of mental health and service programs for the National Institute of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Both have had extensive experience in anti-terrorist activities.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 per person, including lunch and lodging on the evening of Jan. 17 if needed.

Deadline for receiving the reservation form and fee is Jan. 10.

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# Fun in the Snow beckons

Clinton County Last year 1,200 winter weather lovers participated in the first annual Fun in the Snow Day at Sleepy Hollow State Park. It was such a

huge success, a second annual is in the midst of being planned now. Sunday, Jan. 21 has been cleared with Sleepy Hollow

officials, with the following Sunday, Jan. 28 slated as a "snow day" or alternative if poor weather conditions prevail on Jan. 21 for the Fun in the Snow Day.

The format will be much the same as last year's when 1,200 people walked in snowshoes, cross country skied, tried to coax a fish from

team of dogs pull a sled. Adding to the festivities of the day will be the first Michigan Ski for Light competition, a program of cross country skiing or ski touring for visually impaired and other physically handicapped people. A special course will be set up for competition by the blind. The event is slated to get underway at 1 p.m.

Events tentatively scheduled for the Fun in the Snow Day are: wiener roast; cross country ski school and short tour through the park; dog sled exhibition; snowshoe demonstration and tour; four-mile cross country ski race; polar bear disco dancing; ice fishing contest; and awards presentation.

The Second Annual Fun in the Snow Day is sponsored by Community Resource Volunteers (CRV) and the Clinton County News. Anyone wishing more information on the activities may contact either of the sponsors.



## Out for blood

George Simon of Fowler was one of the donors at the Bloodmobile at Waldron Elementary School in Fowler last week. Fowler and Westphalia Jaycees sponsored blood drives in their communities. (Photo by Tom Nowak)



Jeanneane Ammons

## She's a finalist in teen pageant

St. Johns Miss Beverly Jeanneane Ammons, 16-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L.R. Ammons of 508 S. Scott Rd., St. Johns, has been selected as a state finalist in the 1979 Michigan National Teen-ager Pageant to be held at the Hoyt Conference Center of Eastern Michigan University on May 4-6.

The Michigan National Teen-ager Pageant is the official state finals to the Miss National Teen-ager Pageant slated in Atlanta, Ga. in August.

The state winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, a full Barbizon modeling course scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta to compete with the 50 other state winners representing every state and

the District of Columbia.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality and appearance. There is no swim suit or talent competition.

Each contestant will participate in the national teenager volunteer service program as well as recite a 100-word speech on the pageant theme: "What's right about America."

Miss Ammons is sponsored by St. Johns Jaycees, St. Johns Furniture Company, St. Johns Professional Business Women's Club, and Bee's Chevrolet and Oldsmobile, Inc.

Her hobbies include sports, music, arts and crafts, cooking, gardening, horses and helping needy people.

## Season tickets now available

Lansing Season tickets are now available for the 1979 winter season of mid-Michigan's "portable" theater troupe. The Arts Encounter Troupe, under the auspices of The Arts Council Center of Greater Lansing and the Lansing Parks and Recreation department, now has a show available for booking in the area.

The troupe, which has the goal of presenting "a new theatrical encounter," gives workshops and performances for students of all ages, handicappers and community groups.

The current production is "The Riddle Machine," a thought-provoking children's show. "Shelly; or the Idealist," an unromantic look at a romantic poet, opens Jan. 6

and 7 at the Center for the Arts.

The third show of the season in a revue of contemporary pieces entitled "If You Lived Here You'd be Home by Now," tentatively including works by Gertrude Stein, Harold Pinter, Samuel Beckett and Alfred Jerry along with original works by troupe members. That opens Feb. 3-4.

The final offering is "Father Uxbridge Wants to Marry," by Frank Gagliano, opening March 3-4. The production won the Eugene O'Neill Foundation Award. Season tickets are \$4 for

adults and \$2.25 for students and children, and are available by calling the Center for the Arts Box office at 372-4636.

All productions are portable and are available for booking as they open. For booking and workshop information contact project coordinator Ann Liedt, 425 S. Grand, Lansing, MI 48933 or call 484-0512.

Nearly three-fourths of the homes in Iceland are heated by geothermal energy—heat from the ground, says the National Geographic Society.

## Blue Star Mothers contribute to adopted

DeWitt DeWitt Blue Star Mothers Chapter 99 met at the home of Nora Clark for their annual Christmas party and potluck dinner. A bountiful meal was enjoyed by the 10 members present. All six of the club's adopted veterans at Grand Rapids Medical Facility were sent \$5 for Christmas, and 11 area boys received cards with money enclosed. A letter was received from the Leader Dog School at Rochester that Ebonise, the dog donated to the school in the name of the club, has graduated and is now acting

as a leader dog for a lady in an eastern state. The officers for the year 1979 were installed as follows: president-Barbara Peltier; first vice-president-Louise Howse; second vice-president Gren Howse; secretary Lawanna Johnson; financial secretary-Phyllis Mason; treasurer-Doris Greenfield; patriotic instructor-Jean Thayer; historian-Martha Blizzard; and chaplain-Nora Clark. The next meeting will be Jan. 11, at the home of Phyllis Mason with Elsa Hills and Lawanna Johnson as co-hostesses.

## Attends program

Teresa Eberhard, along with 50 other local Jehovah's Witnesses, traveled to Holt recently to attend a two-day Christian program. Miss Eberhard shared in the program by discussing with other young people the

program theme, "Rendering Sacred Service with Loyalty." Miss Eberhard is the daughter of George and Joyce Eberhard. Her father is the director of social services for Clinton County.

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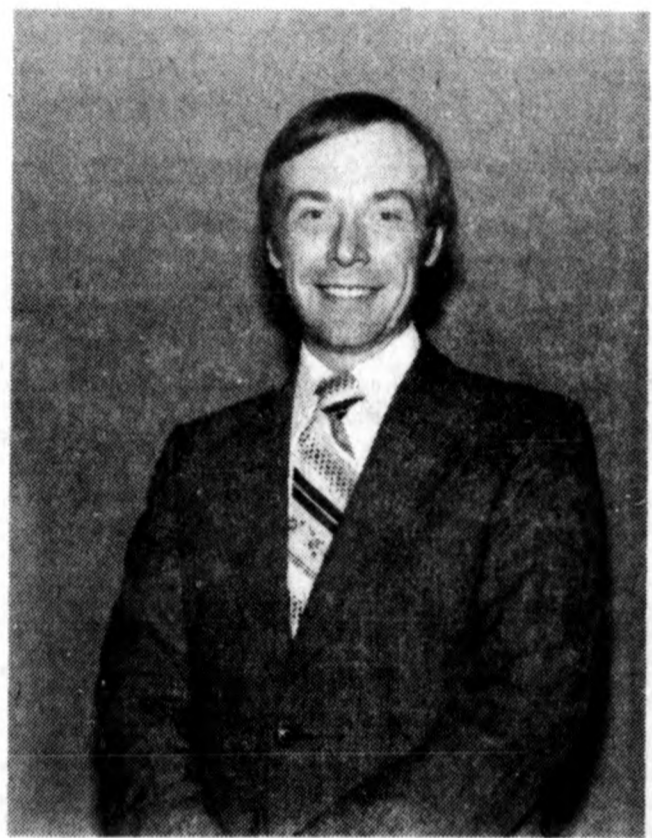
## Lawyer joins St. Johns firm

St. Johns John E. Wieber, a former Pewamo resident, has returned to Clinton County to join the law firm of Randy Tahvonen and Richard Wells in St. Johns.

Wieber began his new job Tuesday. He attended Pewamo-Westphalia High School, graduated from Michigan State University in 1972 and Cooley Law School

in 1977. Previously he worked for American Bank and Trust in the mortgage and trust department in Lansing. He attended law school at night while he was working at the bank.

His wife Cheryl is a former Westphalia resident and is a secretary at Oldsmobile. The couple expects to move to St. Johns sometime this summer.



John E. Wieber

## Earn degrees

Fowler Eileen A. Schmitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Schmitt, Rte. 2, Fowler, received a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University during graduation ceremonies on Dec. 16. This degree certifies her in elementary education.

LuAnn M. Harr, Rte. 1, Fowler, received a bachelor of science in education degree from Central Michigan University on Dec. 16. This degree certified her in elementary education and physical education. LuAnn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Harr of Fowler.

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# Editorial Page

## 1979 doesn't have a very bright forecast

One of the trademarks of Americanism is heading for trouble. It's the hamburger.

Last week the American Meat Institute announced that hamburger will climb to \$1.70 or \$1.80 a pound, or a 40 to 50 cent increase. Of course, these are only speculations, and there were those who disagreed with this forecast. But, what will happen to Americans when their faithful hamburger becomes an expensive commodity?

Instead of going down to the Hamburger House, we will go to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Jungle. A glance at the meat counter will bring pains in the pocketbook. "1,001 Meals to Make With Hamburger" will become an antiquated edition on the cookbook shelf.

This may be extreme, but the reluctance to see the American hamburger climb the same path as gasoline sort of makes one ill.

Coupled with the hamburger price jump forecast last week was a reminder that Social Security taxes are going to go up as much as 31 percent this year. And, from now on, Congress plans to up the Social Security taxes annually just to keep the Social

Security program from going under. The middle class will bear the brunt of the Social Security increase, as usual. Those earning between \$20,000 and \$30,000 annually will be feeling the increase the most.

You may be taking home more money from your paycheck, but inflation has also been taking more out of your pocket. It is idealistic to say you wish prices would stay the same, but your paycheck would increase; but that's what way many of us would like.

Some won't have to worry about inflation eating their paychecks, though. Economists are predicting a slowdown which will create unemployment in some areas. One of those areas is bound to be Michigan because this state always feels the economic trends harder.

As one economist said, "The Michigan economy shows wider wings in economic activity than does the national economy—a slowdown on the national level will be magnified in the state."

Overall, these are grim predictions for 1979. It's time to tighten the belt, even though it hurts a bit. And, while waiting for the grim predictions to come true, eat a good hamburger.



By Patrice Hornak

## SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE

### It's tax time again

It is that time of year for senior citizens to file for their 1978 homestead property tax credit (refund) and the new home heating refund.

Different from past years, you can file for both your property tax and energy (utility) rebate at the same time. They both will be included on the same form which is the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit Form MI 1040 CR.

Last year you may have received a credit on your utility bills but this year the credit will go directly to you and it will be added to your property tax refund check.

If you are a senior citizen, blind, totally and permanently disabled, a quadriplegic, paraplegic or eligible veteran, you may be eligible for a homestead property tax credit. To file as a senior citizen, you or your spouse must be 65 or older before Dec. 31, 1978 or the widow of a spouse who was 65 or over at the time of death. You may file for this tax rebate even if you do not file a Michigan Income Tax Form.

If you file a state income tax form the property tax credit form must be filed at the same time. If you only file for a property tax rebate, you should do so as soon as you pay your property taxes although your property taxes do not have to be paid yet in order to file but remember to pay them by their due date or you can be charged a penalty and interest fee.

A homestead is defined as a place you live in at least six months out of the year whether owned or rented and it includes trailer park lots, apartments, houses and nursing homes.

Be sure that you file in the most beneficial way—for example, you may get a larger refund if you file as a senior citizen than if you file as a veteran. Persons who do not fall into the special categories can still file under the general homestead property tax form but the rebate is not as large as the others.

How much of a rebate you receive depends on the amount of your household income and the amount of your taxes. Household income includes social security, other pensions, veterans benefits, SSI, interest and dividends, rental income, wages and other types of income you might have.

The Home Heating Credit Program was signed into law on October 16, 1978 and both renters and homeowners are eligible if you qualify. To be eligible for a home heating credit (refund) you must have lived in Michigan for at least six months in 1978. Only one credit may be claimed for a household. As mentioned earlier, you must claim this credit on the homestead property tax form and if you are entitled to a credit, it will be added to your property tax rebate check.

How much of a refund you receive depends on your household income and



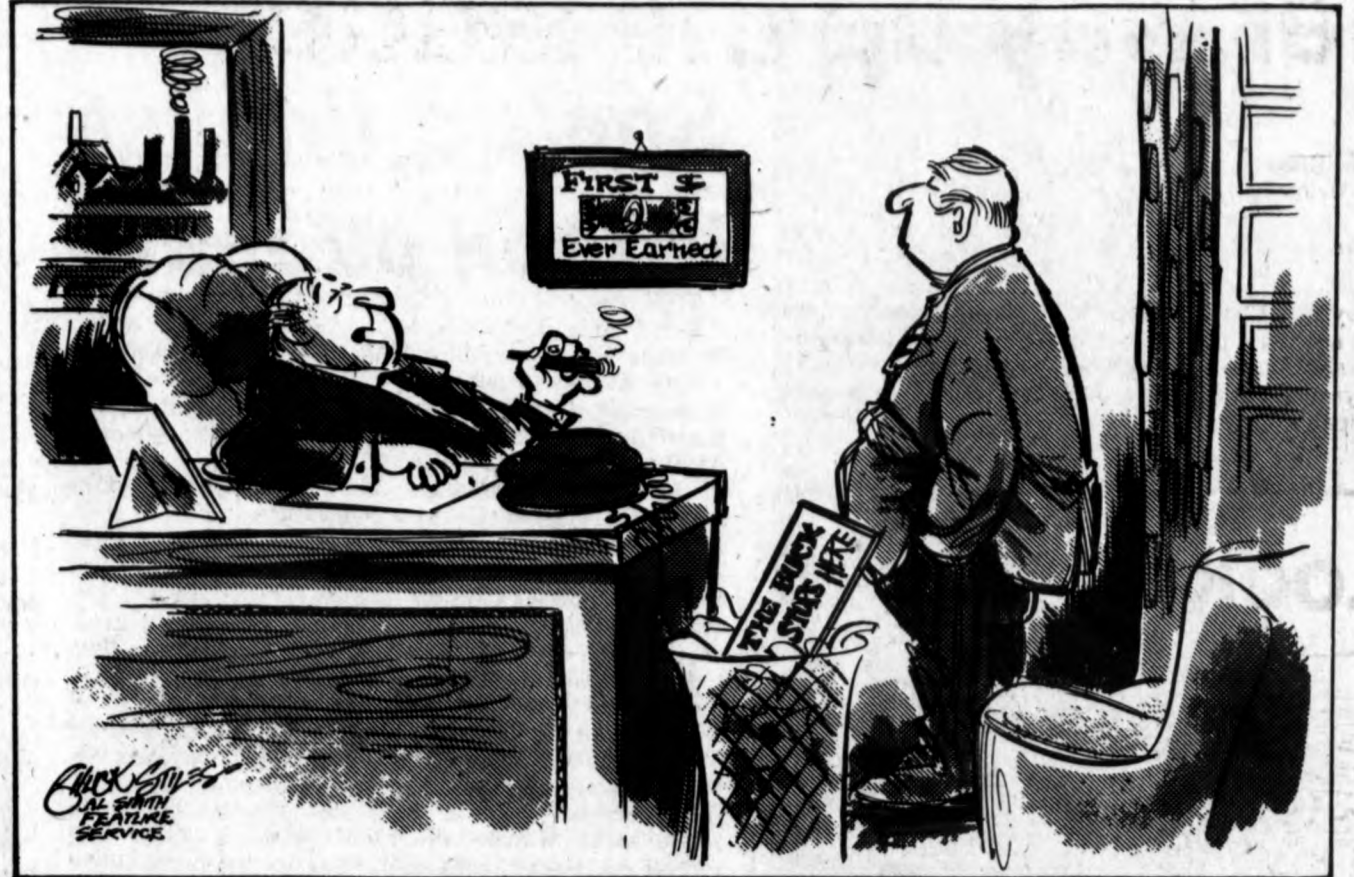
By Ruth Delo

the number of exemptions you claim. Persons over 65 claim two exemptions while persons under 65 claim only one. A couple where both persons are over 65 can claim four exemptions.

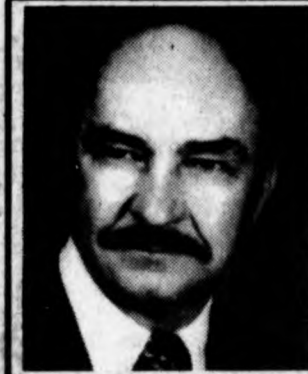
The above information was taken from the ICE Breaker which is published by the Tri-County Office on Aging.

If you need help with filling out your property tax and home heating credit forms, the senior citizens office will assist you. The new location for the Clinton County Senior Citizens Office is 100 S. Ottawa, St. Johns. The telephone numbers are 224-7998 or 224-7837. Call this office and make an appointment.

Bring with you your property taxes, amount of your social security, pensions, veterans pension, interest and dividend statement, rental income, SSI, and any other income information you have. So—until next time.



"...SHOULD'A SPENT IT WHILE IT WAS WORTH A BUCK!"



## Lawsuit happiness

By Richard L. Milliman

"Lawsuit happiness" is one what columnist called it recently—the use, or misuse, of our judicial system.

Too often these days, someone will sue somebody else at the drop of the proverbial hat, encouraged by the obvious success of other suits.

One result is clogged courts, as everybody tries to get into the act. Another is an escalation in the cost of doing business, with higher consumer costs inevitably following.

The columnist mentioned in the opening sentence is an unusual one. Bishop Kenneth Povish of the Lansing Catholic Diocese writes a weekly column for his diocesan newspaper, and a recent subject was what he called "lawsuit happiness."

The specific case which sent the good Bishop scurrying to his typewriter was the decision by a Detroit court that a factory worker, who was hit by a car as he crossed the road to lunch at a restaurant opposite the plant, was entitled to damages from his employer, who, in effect, was held responsible for traffic outside his property.

"This is only the latest and nearest example of a lawsuit-happy America in which people don't face their mistakes or the accidents that befall them," Bishop Povish wrote. "They sue somebody else instead." He cited three other recent court cases:

-A boy in Missouri was jumping up and down on an open oven door. The range fell over on him causing injury, and the parents sued the stove company for a million dollars.

-A man in New Jersey picked up his power mower to trim his hedges, of all things. While lifting it, his fingers were cut off. He sued the power mower company, and his local hardware dealer, for \$2 million.

-An Illinois man claimed he became sterile after a can of insect spray malfunctioned and sprayed over his body.

He sued the can company, the insecticide company, the dealer, the ambulance firm, and the hospital for a total of \$35 million.

"Real losses and clear fault should, of course, be adjudicated and justified claims fairly compensated," Bishop Povish wrote. "But it's about time something was done to curb the excesses that the laws of the states now allow."

He noted that most liability cases are settled out of court, and claimed that "extravagant jury awarded damages like those in Detroit set standards for other settlements."

There's little doubt that multi million-dollar court-awards in questionable cases encourage a whole flock of other flimsy claims.

"You and I are the losers, in higher liability insurance premiums and eventually in higher prices for the products and services we use," the Bishop wrote.

He pointed out that some insurance companies are now sponsoring advertisements protesting against "lawsuit happiness" and what they consider excessive awards.

And Bishop Povish has a somewhat novel addendum to the insurance companies' campaign.

"To the economic arguments they advance can be added the moral ones," he wrote, "since the Seventh Commandment is involved in lawsuit happiness."

The Bishop's message is a good one to ponder, and who better than a churchman to speak out against the growing social philosophy of something-for-nothing...everybody's doing it...soak the big companies...make 'em pay through the nose...get your's while the getting's good...do whatever you can get away with.

Bishop Povish has put his finger on a more important question than whether a lawsuit is possible in any given situation.

The more important question is this: Is it right?

## ★ Sandstedt

a more permanent position for better pay. He will be working with programs in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties. "I will be expanding my career," Sandstedt said. "Hopefully, I will be able to develop energy concerns on the regional level now."

It is expected another person will be hired to replace Sandstedt as the grant was extended to August for the Clinton

County energy program. "I have found a lot of people in the county are committed to energy conservation," he said. "They are going to have to pick up the ball."

Sandstedt will remain on the energy committee he created. He hopes to generate more interest in the low interest loan program which was started in connection with energy

conservation. Recently Sandstedt completed an energy report for county buildings. The report indicates ways the county can save a significant amount of money through energy conservation.

"I've given the county something they can look at in black and white," he said.

## Bookworms not that boring

By Donald J. Frederick National Geographic News Service

Bookworms, it turns out, are not necessarily introverted men and women dressed in tweeds, wearing thick glasses and dotting on obscure volumes.

Instead, they are more often the active members of the community, the people who also go in for physical fitness activities, listen to music, go to the theater, travel and watch television.

At least that's the story

sketched by a recent study of America's reading habits. The survey was based on hour-long interviews with 1,450 people of varying economic backgrounds in all parts of the country.

**Women High in Volume** Conducted by the research firm of Yankelovich, Skelly, and White for the Book Industry Study Group, the survey also shows that women are the nation's most dedicated bookworms. The most avid reader of all is a woman with a total household income of \$20,000 to

\$30,000. This doesn't mean men don't get lost in books. More than half of all Americans age 16 or older read one or more books in the six months surveyed, the study found, and one out of four of these devoured 10 or more books.

Why do they read? Pleasure, sheer pleasure. "A lot of reading is done these days for career advancement, but many of these heavy readers have been hooked on books from an early age and read for enjoyment," said Arthur H.

White, whose firm conducted the study.

"Unfortunately, there's a dark side to this," he said. "If kids aren't book readers by the time they leave high school, there seems to be little chance of converting them."

Statistics seem to bear out this fact. The survey showed that newspapers and magazines are the sole reading fare for 39 percent of the population. Perhaps as many as 12 percent don't read anything, because they've never acquired the skill.



## PERSONALITY PROFILE

# Fowler principal works her way up the ladder

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

Fowler

Mary Ann Chartrand decided back in the second grade while attending classes in a one-room school house in St. Johns she wanted to be a teacher. Then, before she began her first year of teaching she made the decision to become a principal.

It didn't happen overnight, however, Mrs. Chartrand began her teaching career 10 years ago at Holy Trinity School teaching sixth, seventh and eighth grades. For four years she taught reading, English, journalism and music.

She went up the ladder working between the public and Catholic schools. She then became acting principal of the middle school. For the past three years she has been the fulltime principal of both the elementary and middle school.

Being a principal was not everything she thought it would be. She knew scheduling was going to take a major portion of her time. The part which came as a surprise was having to resolve a lot of conflicts.

"I knew when I started you couldn't please everybody," she said. "So what I try to do is keep in mind what is best for the kids. After all, they are the reason we are here."

Being a young woman in her position in the Fowler school system has not caused any problems according to Mrs. Chartrand. Her predecessors were all women. She noted, too, there is basically a young staff at the schools with only four teachers being older than herself.

Mrs. Chartrand set out to improve both reading and math scores when she became principal. She indicated in the past three years there has been a significant improvement in test scores.

Her other goal was to offer more to the junior high students. She designed an activity block which allowed students to become involved in an art, physical education programs and health classes.

"We did this to help broaden their horizons," Mrs. Chartrand said. "I think we are doing this."

While she was teaching full-time she received her master's degree going to night school and then went on to complete the course work for her doctorate degree.

The principal noted she really misses working with the students as she did as a teacher. In fact, the only way she really can get involved with a lot of the kids is to work with a special program.

"I've adopted the safety patrol," she said. "It's giving me a chance to be with the kids and we have something we haven't had in quite a few years."

Discipline isn't too much of a problem according to Mrs. Chartrand. She said Fowler, being the type of community it is, has a lot to do with the situation.

"Normally all I have to do is call a parent once, and the problem is taken care of," she said.

Mrs. Chartrand finds working in a small school system has a lot of advantages. She has become adept at many programs from special education to recess.

Becoming an assistant superintendent is Mrs. Chartrand's next career goal.



Mary Ann Chartrand

## Looking ahead



**OVID-DUPLAIN**—Library Club will meet on Friday, Jan. 5 at the Shepardsville Church, weather permitting. The committee for the day is Mrs. Floyd Betzer, Mrs. Wayne Mead, and Mrs. Edith Walker. The program will be a surprise. Potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

**MORNING STAR**—Chapter of Ovid will meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9.

**HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION**—Clinton County Holstein Association annual meeting is set for St. Peter's Lutheran Church, at 8990 Church Rd., St. Johns, on Saturday, Jan. 13. A family style swiss steak dinner will be served at noon and three directors will be elected for a three-year term.

**MORNING MUSICALS**—will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Woodbury on Jan. 11. Mrs. Margaret Paige will speak about music and English poetry.

**FAMILY STYLE**—Fish Supper will be served Friday, Jan. 12 by Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take out dinners are available at reduced prices. To find Wacousta, go five miles west of Airport Road on Grand River Avenue to Wacousta Road. Then, north 2½ miles. Our lines are down and there is no long wait.

**JAZZ FEATURED**—On Jan. 7, at 3 p.m., the Fred Bunch Jazz Quartet will be performing at the Center for the Arts, 425 S. Grand Avenue, in downtown Lansing.

**PIANIST FEATURED**—On Jan. 21, at 3 p.m., Lyle Juracek will be performing at the Center for the Arts, 425 S. Grand Avenue, in downtown Lansing. Juracek, a Lansing pianist, is the fourth performer in the Constellation Series, sponsored by the Arts Council Center of Greater Lansing and the Mid-Michigan Association for Working Artists. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon performance are \$3 general admission and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Special groups rates are also available. Call (372-4636) for reservations.

**TICKER CLUB**—will meet in the Clinton Memorial Hospital conference room Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Ticker Club is an educational, social club for people who have had heart attacks. Family members are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 224-6881, ext. 293 or 283.

**ARTS ENCOUNTER**—Theatre Troupe presents an unromantic look at a romantic poet in "Shelley; or the Idealist," by Ann Jellicoe, on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. at The Center for the Arts in downtown Lansing. Tickets are \$2.25 for adults and \$1 for students and children. Winter season tickets are available; \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and children. For ticket information call The Center for the Arts box office at 372-4636.

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**—of Elsie will meet Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Gary Smith, 115 E. Pine St., Elsie to observe the prayer and self-denial program with Mrs. Howard Peltier of the Christian Personhood as leader. They will hold their executive meeting Friday evening, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. in the church.

**HEART BALL**—The annual Hospital Auxiliary Heart Ball will be Saturday, Feb. 3 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Highland Hills Country Club. Tickets are available from auxiliary members or Mrs. Walt Cole, 224-7523. Tickets are \$12.50 a person.

**QUIT SMOKING**—The Greater Lansing Smoking Withdrawal Clinic is getting ready to begin a new session. A public meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public and there is no charge or obligation. Those who join the clinic will begin the following Monday, Jan. 8 and meet ever Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for four weeks. The clinic costs only \$30. That includes a lifetime membership and continuing contact with the clinic to help ex-smokers stay off cigarettes.

## 2,542 students attend LCC

**Lansing**  
Clinton County doesn't have a community college within its borders, but at least area residents are able to attend classes in nearby Lansing Community College. During the past year, 2,542 people have done just that.

Of the 2,542 LCC students from Clinton County, the largest share came from the St. Johns school district which offers off-campus classes through Lansing Community College right on the high school premises. Following is a breakdown of the Clinton County student

enrollment, both full and part-time by school district. The school year includes the 1977 fall semester, 1978 winter, 1978 spring and 1978 summer.

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Bath       | 304 |
| DeWitt     | 625 |
| Fowler     | 182 |
| Ovid-Elsie | 259 |
| P-W        | 247 |
| St. Johns  | 925 |

A study of recent figures showed a steady increase of students in all six school districts though there were no dramatic increases in any of the districts.

## Musicales studies Christmas theme

**St. Johns**  
Twenty-five members and guests of St. Johns Morning Musicales received an early Christmas gift on Thursday morning, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Richard Jacoby. The gift was a program on Music and Christmas Poetry, with notes by Mrs. Winchell Brown.

The first portion of the program focused on Russian poetry relating to Christmas, and Mrs. Brown told the audience that at the time this poetry was written, Russians observed a period of fasting prior to Christmas, with gifts playing a very minor part of the observance.

Tradition was strong, and according to legend, small gifts were delivered by a woman who years ago, had misdirected the Wise Men searching for the Christ child. She went to search for them to make amends, and continues to reward good children on her travels.

"Kolyada", with words by Nikolai Gogol and music by Rimsky-Korsakov was sung by Mrs. Manning Bross, and she was joined by Mrs. Norman Holm and Mrs. Alan Anderson as they performed "Carol of the Russian Children." This has traditional words telling of snow and fur-clad peasants, with music by Bryson Treharne.

The second part of the program told of Christmas poetry by American and English poets, and the entire group joined in singing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." This old traditional carol was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Christina Rossetti's poem "In the Bleak Midwinter" set to music by Charles Gounod, was the concluding number sung by the group.

Mr. Robert Rice completed the program with her selections "Christmas Eve", with lyrics by A. Joyce Kilmer and music by Richard Hageman; "Lullaby," a combined effort of Christina Rossetti and Cyril Scott; and "Ring Out, Wild Bells," with words written by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

The meeting was concluded with the traditional Christmas coffee. Mrs. Jacoby was assisted by Mrs. Frederick Lewis and Mrs. Sybil Werbish, serving refreshments.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Howard Woodbury on Jan. 11 when Mrs. Margaret Paige will speak about music and English poetry. Anyone interested in this music study organization is invited to contact Mrs. Michael Ruhl, club president.

# The threat of being sued is now a big part of your doctor's practice. Guess why your medical bills are skyrocketing.

The medical malpractice situation is a mess.

Insurance companies are paying out record settlements in a record number of malpractice cases. The St. Paul's case load, alone, tripled between 1969 and 1975.

Insurance companies, in turn, have had to raise doctors' and hospitals' malpractice insurance rates to record highs.

This cost is added to patients' medical bills which is one of the reasons your medical care costs are rising.

What's more, you may be paying for treatment you don't need and your doctor doesn't want to give. Reason? Doctors and hospitals have been forced into practicing "defensive medicine" to build malpractice defenses in advance. This stacks still more on top of your already high cost of medical care.

On top of that, some doctors and hospitals report cutbacks in high risk treatments for fear of being sued. That means the quality of your medical care could be affected.

About half of all malpractice claims are eventually found to be without merit. Nevertheless, it is costly for the insurance companies to investigate and defend these claims.

So it's not only a vicious circle, it's a vicious escalating spiral that's dipping deep into your pocket every time you need medical care. Or each time you or your employer pay a medical insurance premium.

We at The St. Paul thought you ought to know about this mess, since you help pay the bill. And also because you might want to take some action.

To learn what you can do, send for our "Enough is Enough" consumer booklet. It's full of information on the causes and the pro's and con's of some possible cures for high insurance rates. You'll find out how to register your views where they'll count. Along with some tips on how you can hold down your own insurance costs.

Then get involved. Support the action you want taken.

Write a letter to your legislators. Be heard.

Or you can just do nothing and figure the problem will go away. Of course if it doesn't, better keep your checkbook handy.

### Enough is Enough

Write The St. Paul for your Enough is Enough booklet. Or contact an Independent Agent or broker representing The St. Paul. He's in this with you and wants to help. You'll find him in the Yellow Pages.

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# Society This Week



Mr. and Mrs. David Fox

## Schafer, Fox wed in Pewamo

Wedding vows were exchanged by Vickie Schafer and David Fox at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pewamo on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. Father Louis Martin officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride and groom were escorted by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schafer of Pewamo and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Fox of Westphalia to an altar decorated with pink, burgundy and white mums.

The bride was attired in a traditional wedding gown of silk organza and chiffon, trimmed with a wedding ring collar of chantilly lace and pearls. Pleated chiffon inserts fell from the empire style gown and wide chantilly lace trimmed the chapel length train. The gown was designed with covered buttons down the back and fitted sleeves with matching lace at shoulders and cuffs.

She wore a fingertip veil trimmed in chantilly lace. The new Mrs. Fox carried an arm bouquet of white, pink and deep red roses accented with baby's breath and springer greens.

Maid-of-honor was Robin Schafer, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Phyllis Fox of Okemos; Carol Schafer of Williamston; Jayne Schafer and Leanne Thelen both of Westphalia; and Judy Schaefer of Pewamo.

The maid of honor wore a pink gown of polyester knit with a halter neck. The empire style gown fell into a pleated A-line skirt and was accented by a sheer chiffon cape trimmed in satin. The maid-of-honor wore a burgundy tinted rose in her hair and the bridesmaids wore a pink rose in their hair. Each carried bouquets of roses and tinted baby's breath

trimmed with satin streamers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Schafer chose a rose color floor length gown with a pleated skirt. The groom's mother wore a burgundy Qiana knit floor length dress with a chiffon fingertip cape featuring a stand-up collar. Both wore

corsages of pink cymbidium orchids and pink sweetheart roses.

Best man for the couple was Kevin Fox, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Ron Fox of Okemos; Terry Schafer, Brian Schueller and Steve Simon all of Westphalia; and Kurt

Schafer of Pewamo. Ushers were Terry Fox and Wayne Weiber.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Spitzley of Westphalia, grandparents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thelen of Westphalia, grandparents of the bride;

and Mrs. Arnold Schafer of Pewamo, grandmother of the bride.

A reception for the couple was held at St. Joseph's Hall in Pewamo with 475 guests attending.

Serving at the reception were Linda Platte, Janet

Feldpausch, Rhonda Schaar, Pam George, Cheryl Thelen and Kris Bengel.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and the groom is a 1974 graduate of Pewamo Westphalia High School.

The couple will be honeymooning in the Upper Peninsula and will make their home in Westphalia.

## Van Belkum, Flint exchange vows in double ring ceremony

Judith Ann VanBelkum, became the bride of Darnell Kenneth Flint on Oct. 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns at 1:30 p.m. Father Louis Martin officiated in the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Nick VanBelkum, 107 N. Scott Rd., St. Johns, to an altar decorated with yellow gladiolas and white football mums. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Flint of Ionia.

Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider provided the music for the ceremony.

For her wedding the bride chose a floor length white silk organza lined gown with taffeta and a fitted bodice. The dress was designed with an empire waist and A-line skirt trimmed with silk venice and cluny lace and pearls. The ensemble was complemented by bishop sleeves with wide cuffs trimmed with pleats and cluny lace. The wedding ring collar and chapel train were also trimmed with the cluny lace. She wore a three-quarter length veil trimmed with lace to match the gown.

The bride carried a snow song bouquet of white silk carnations with yellow and orange silk rose buds which was trimmed with white lace and ivy.

Maid of honor was Barbara Kus, a friend of the bride from Shelbyville, Indiana. She wore a floor length print gown of beige and burgundy and carried a bouquet of assorted silk dahlias.

Flower girls were Nicki VanBelkum and Courtney LaBar, both nieces of the bride from St. Johns. They wore beige gowns with burgundy trim and carried baskets of assorted dahlias

with ribbons. They wore matching hair combs.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. VanBelkum

wore a floor length Qiana gown with a matching chiffon cape. For her son's wedding Mrs. Flint chose a floor length off-white polyester gown with a matching jacket. Both mothers wore corsages of white carnations and yellow roses.

Best man was Terry Haneckow a friend of the groom. Ushers were Jim and Ron VanBelkum brothers of the bride. David Saxton, a friend of the bride was ring bearer.

A reception for the couple was held at Smith Hall in St. Johns with 300 guests attending. Serving at the reception was Mrs. Rita Maier, Mrs. Dorothy Rosekrans, Mrs. Mildred Ondrusek, Mrs. Joy Piggot and Mrs. Pam VanBelkum.

Special guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Denhof, grandparents of the bride and Mrs. Vera Leonard, grandmother of the groom.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School. The groom is a 1968 graduate of Ionia High School and is a 1976 graduate of Michigan State University.

The couple took a wedding trip to Florida for two weeks and are making their new home in Clinton County.



Gail Fasel

## Fasel-Wiser

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fasel of Traverse City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail to Robert L. Wiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Wiser of St. Johns.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Traverse City Senior High School and is employed by Teboe Florist of Traverse City.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Schlumberger Well Services of Traverse City.

The couple are planning a May 5 wedding date.

## Marriage licenses

Mark Alan Robertson, 22, 514 Aspen Drive, Alington, Tex.; Cheryl Lynne Ginther, 22, 1340 Garden Drive, Newport News, Va.  
 Kim Franklin Norman, 23, 95 Nettie Drive, Lansing; Cathy Ann Kemp, 24, 95 Nettie Drive, Lansing; Lyle William Greenfield, 33, 8383 Airport Rd., DeWitt; Mary Jean Mix, 32, Lot 15, Quiet Cove, Laingsburg.

**—NOTICE—**

Regular 1979 Clinton County Planning Commission Meetings

The Clinton County Planning Commission will hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month as follows:

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| January   | 10 |
| February  | 14 |
| March     | 14 |
| April     | 11 |
| May       | 9  |
| June      | 13 |
| July      | 11 |
| August    | 8  |
| September | 12 |
| October   | 10 |
| November  | 14 |
| December  | 12 |

At 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan.

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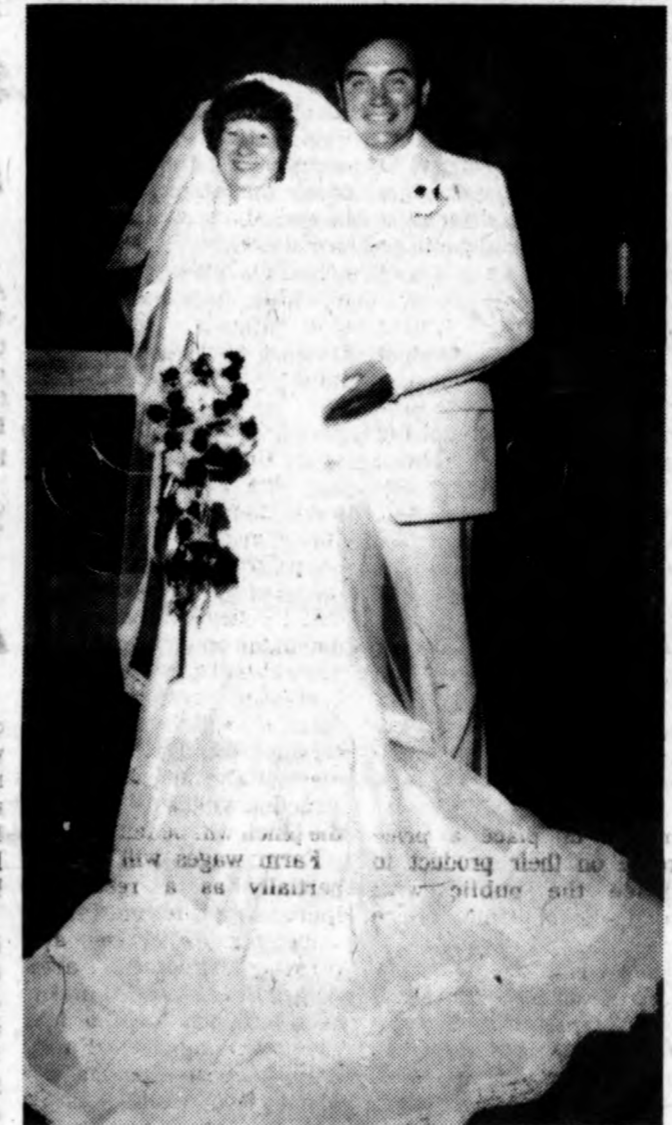
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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Flint

## Engaged



Linda Bappert

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilroy, 2712 S. US-27, St. Johns announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Mary Bappert to Daniel James Blair, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Blair, Niles. Miss Bappert is also the daughter of the late John Bappert.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently attending Ferris State College.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of Niles High School and Graduate from Ferris State College in 1978. He is employed by the State of Michigan.

## Aliens must report address

Clinton County  
 All aliens in the United States on Jan. 1 are required to report their address to the Attorney General in the near future.  
 Paul E. McKinnon, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said aliens must report their addresses during the month of January or be subject to severe penalties.  
 Report forms can be obtained from any post office during the month.

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**CITY OF ST. JOHNS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Ordinance No. 303**

Notice is hereby given that the St. Johns City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 22, 1979 at 7:45 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Michigan for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a proposed zoning amendment which, if adopted, would amend Title V, Zoning and Planning, Chapter 51 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns as follows:

Would rezone the following parcel from R-1, Single Family Residential, to MC, Municipal Center:

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# Jim's column

1979—A PREDICTION FOR FARMERS AND SUBURBANITES IN CLINTON COUNTY

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** It's that time of year when experts in all kinds of businesses look into their crystal ball to see what's in store for the ensuing 12 months.

For many years the Agricultural Economics Department at Michigan State University conducted meetings on the outlook in general, but stopped several years ago because so many circumstances changed throughout the year they felt their projections were destroying credibility. I think they were good—often inaccurate—but at least at the beginning of the year it was good to review the current situation and speculate as to what effect different alternatives and a changing situation might have on farm business.

With this in mind I have prepared this column which is not meant to be a rigid prediction of what might happen, but more of a review of the situation as it is today and what I think—not necessarily the consensus of the University—might develop in 1979.

### LAND PRICES

Gains have become phenomenal in recent years with annual gains of 10 to 13 percent becoming expected. In considering my projection you should know that last year I guessed the gain would be much less than the 12 or 13 percent increase we saw during the last year.

There are a lot of factors tugging both ways on this one for the country as a whole and even more in Clinton County. Fruit, swine and dairy farmers apparently averaged out very well in 1978 and many will be looking for ways to expand in

1979. Not so with crop farmers, and the optimism of beef producers may be short lived.

Interest rates are high at most lending organizations which have managed to keep their rates down up until now. Farmland prices have increased 133 percent in the past six years.

A philosophy that land prices are our best hedge on inflation and prices will be higher next year has become all too prevalent. This theory may temporarily be right but, strictly from a business point of view, land prices must eventually be correlated with their earning ability.

Land valued at \$1,000 an acre will typically rent for about \$40 an acre in this county. Allowing for taxes, this leaves less than three percent interest on investment. If land doesn't keep going up in value this would be an awfully poor return and a lot of authorities are saying both land and residential housing are in danger of coming down with a "thump."

Another plus for higher prices in Clinton County is the increased number of part-time farmers using the farm as a place to live and raise a family but not depending on it for a living. We hear a lot about foreign investment, and there is no way of knowing exactly how much, but it's not thought to be influencing prices in this county. In conclusion, I expect land prices to continue their upward jaunt, but not by as much as has become customary—probably less than eight percent.

### TAXES

I think government at all levels got the message from Proposition 13 in California and we finally can expect some leveling off.

CETA is in the process of getting an overhaul in Washington. It will not be discontinued, but expect to

see regulations that prohibit it becoming a long-time employer of any individual and its employees becoming an essential part of local government.

Social and welfare programs will be scrutinized closely. Capital expenditure programs will probably be delayed, including many highway projects. Education and research, except in specific areas such as energy conservation, will probably hurt too.

### Crop Farming

Prices are low now and there isn't much news to make us think they will get a lot better. We are now exporting about two-thirds of our cash marketed grain crops. Russians had a bumper crop this year. Chinese and Japanese markets look good.

While poultry feeding will be up, livestock numbers are down; and now that winter is here and the Great Lakes are frozen, grain movement will slow up. The American Agricultural Movement had considerable impact on Congress in getting a better farm program last year and has more experience in dealing with Congressmen. However, they can expect to find greater resistance this year as a stronger attempt is made toward balancing the budget and strengthening the dollar.

Wouldn't expect grain prices to move very much in either direction barring unforeseen changes in production in other parts of the world. However, these unforeseen events can change price tremendously in either direction.

### Beef

For the first time in years producers of feeder calves turned a good profit. Feeder cattle are double year ago prices and, even at that, feeders putting their grain through them stand to do all right. Some suspect the President will allow greater imports or place a price freeze on their product to please the public with hundreds of times more votes.

Don't really look for that to happen, but past has taught us consumers will cut down on beef consumption if prices get too high. Expect beef feeding to have a good year, but there is a considerable gamble.

### Pork

Pork prices are very favorable in relation to feed costs and there has been no significant build-up in numbers in response to good profits this year. Swine business will be great if you have the hogs. It probably is a poor time to get started as prices will be slumping by the time you get production fully in gear, as well as paying for expensive breed-

ing stock and expensive buildings with expensively borrowed money.

### Dairy

Dairy continues to look good for next year but a day of reckoning is coming. Producers could help to delay that time by culling closely and benefiting from high salvage cow prices.

Expect dairy expansion that's been so popular in the county for the past few years to slow down because of high building and interest costs. This may help to slow down the exodus of small dairy farms but differences in per cow fixed costs between large and small dairy herds are putting the squeeze on the small ones.

Small dairy herds of less than 50 cows appear viable and popular in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and several other states, but competitiveness of Lansing labor market, popularity of country living and high land prices are taking their toll of small dairymen. Ten years ago there was only one herd of dairy cows larger than 100 milking cows in this county. Today there are at least 22 out of a total of about 230.

No segment of agriculture common to this county can boast the efficiencies and increased unit production of the dairy cow. This has helped place dairymen in an enviable position while simultaneously providing low-cost food for the consumer.

### Unemployment

In the non-farm sector, both unemployment and employment will probably be up during the next year as the labor force expands. At best I believe this area and the automobile business in general will face a cutback in overtime; residential construction will face a fairly serious downturn; and commercial and industrial construction will be off less, but the pinch will be felt.

Farm wages will be up, partially as a result of increasing the minimum wage; but few workers are directly affected. Farm wages have traditionally been low, but this, too, has been changing. Farm employers can expect to pay about \$200 weekly as a starting wage for experienced, knowledgeable and physically able employees, and a number will be paying nicely over \$15,000 a year to quality workers who have been with them for a number of years—and good help will still be hard to find.

As I said in the beginning, this is not official and you may not agree; but as you proceed into 1979 you should be drawing your own conclusions to help you in effective planning.

# 4-H Chatter

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Here it is! A special event sponsored by Clinton County Extension 4-H Youth Programs—4-H FAMILY DAY, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Johns High School.

We're combining fun and learning in a day designed to contain something for everyone. 4-H members, non-members, leaders, parents, friends, and even little brothers and sisters are invited.

We've tried to interest every member of the family, but of course you don't have to have the entire group in

order to attend.

Many 4-H project workshops are scheduled and will replace individual meetings this winter and spring. In many of the sessions, you can bring your project problems or questions for help and advice.

There is no charge for the day unless noted in a specific workshop. If so, you will pay during the workshop.

Lunch time is scheduled for 12-12:30 and you may choose to go out, bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at the workshop. Tickets will be on sale at registration for \$1.50 per person. Lunch will

include a quarter pounder, potato chips, coffee or pop and fruit.

In order to help resource people plan for their session, we're asking you to register at the extension office by Jan. 12. Persons will be able to register on Jan. 27 if there is space in the workshops you desire.

Morning workshops will include livestock judging, photography, horses (nutrition), horses (foot care with unsoundnesses & blemishes of the foot), tube painting, decoupage, rabbits, woodworking, "How to say no and not feel guilty," non-farm income taxes, disco dance, "More than a Band Aid," modeling and poise, dry flower arrangements, "Magical milk," genealogy, small engines, sun power, indoor gardening, insect pests, and rope horse.

4-H Family Day will be fun, it will be a good place to visit with your friends and neighbors, and an opportunity to learn more about your special area or to try something altogether new.

Don't miss out—we'll see you on the 27th!

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club met Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. In old and new business, Mrs. Alys Worth explained about having a Japanese boy or girl in your home for the summer. She read the Green Letter. There was a demonstration by Kris Barnhart and April Rohrbach. The meeting was dismissed and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church.

## Extension calendar

Jan. 3 Agricultural lenders program, Saginaw  
Jan. 8 Fair Board meeting, 8 p.m., Service Center  
Jan. 9 Dairy Wives Seminar, Chef's Cafe, St. Johns  
Jan. 9 M.A.E.H. County Council, Central National Bank, St. Johns, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 9 Family Living Program, "Vitamins", Smith Hall, 1 p.m.  
Jan. 10-11 Farm Power and Production Show, Mt. Pleasant  
Jan. 11-12 Swine Short Course at MSU  
Jan. 12-13 4-H Horse

Judging and Management Conference, Kettunen Center, Tustin.

Jan. 13 Annual county holstein meeting

Jan. 15 4-H council  
Jan. 16 M.A.E.H. Area Council, Central National Bank, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 18 Forage production and harvesting program presented by Harvestore with assistance from MSU Extension

Jan. 20-22 Traverse City 4-H snow camp  
Jan. 18-19-22 Cattle Feeder days, MSU

Jan. 16, 23, 30 Dairy nutrition program, Middleton

Jan. 23 M.A.E.H. program, "Telephone-Ins and Outs", 1 p.m., Central National Bank, St. Johns

Jan. 24 Michigan Professional Dairy Farmers at MSU

Jan. 25 District Holstein annual meeting

Jan. 25 Family Living Lunch 'n Learn, "Assertiveness", 11:35-12:10 and 12:15-12:50, County Services Building, St. Johns

Jan. 27 4-H Family Day, St. Johns H.S., 9-3 p.m.

## Soybean meeting rescheduled

The Michigan Soybean Association (MSA) and Michigan Soybean Committee have rescheduled the meeting in Clinton County for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Smith Hall in St. Johns. The program will begin at 7 p.m. On the agenda will be a discussion of the soybean "check-off" program, and

how these funds should be used. Also, information on marketing will be given. Participants will have the opportunity to enroll or renew their membership in the Association.

Initially, the MSA meeting had been set for Dec. 20, but was canceled due to road conditions.

## Ag census underway

The 1978 Census of Agriculture gets underway this week with the mailing of report forms to all farms and ranches in the 50 states, the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce has announced.

Farmers and ranchers are being asked to report on their agricultural operations during 1978. This 1978 census, the nation's 21st farm census in a series that started in 1840, will update data most recently obtained in 1975 for 1974 operations. Information will be sought on all agricultural operations.

With report forms for the 1978 census drastically reduced from the 22 pages of the last census, most agricultural operators will receive a four-page form in the mail, and about 20 percent will receive a five-page version. The overall time required by farmers to

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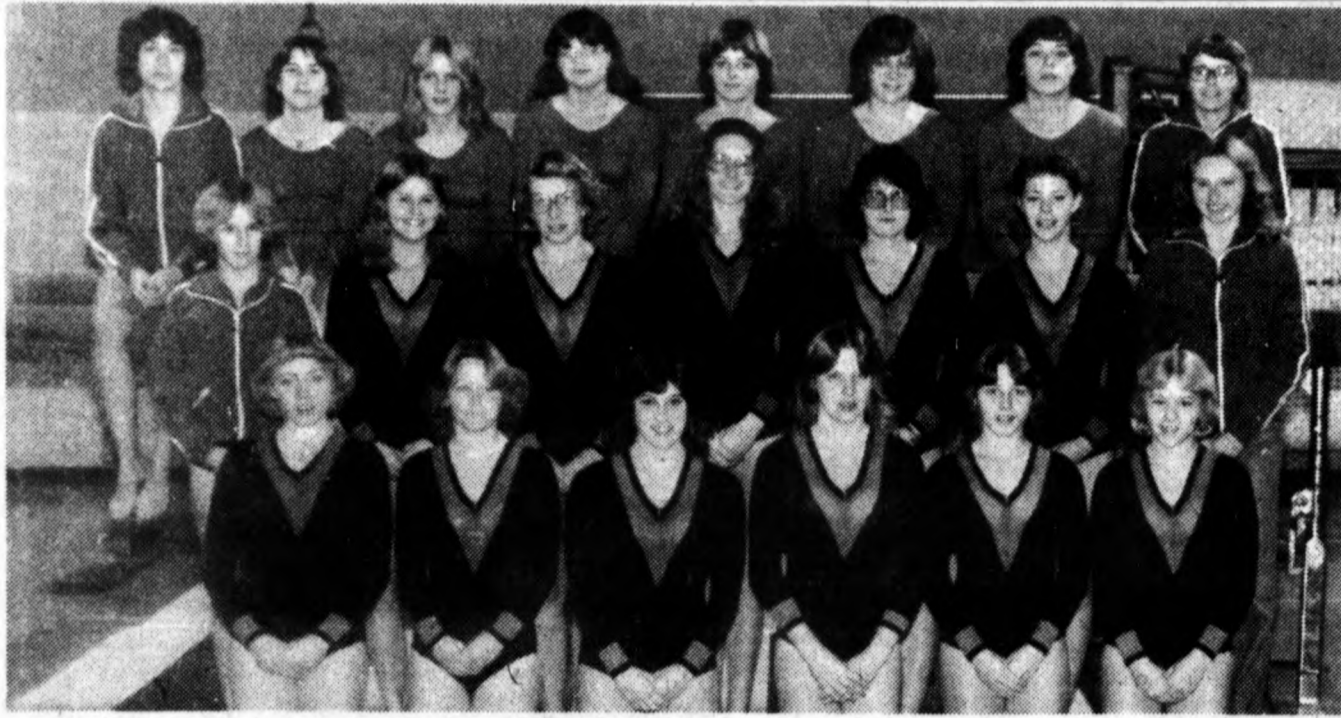
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# Clinton County Sports



The St. Johns girls' gymnastics team. Front (l-r): Lois Purchase, Cindy Steavens, Dawn Bakita, Sharon Law, Tammy Gladstone and Darlene Cerny. Second row: Manager Sheila Barnes, Debbie LaBar, Brenda Bancroft, Michelle Rehmann, Cindy Ferrall, Denise Cerny and Manager Barb Nowak. Back:

Assistant Coach Rhonda Davis, Marsha Hambleton, Jean Barrett, Venus Montry, Jan Galloway, Lisa VanNote, Irenna Garapejian, and Coach Sue Cerny. Missing are Michelle Gill, Coby Thompson, Jamie Irrer, Cindy Newhardt and Jim Cerny, assistant coach. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

## Girls' team hoping to be a regional qualifier

By Tom Nowak  
Sports Writer

St. Johns After posting an 8-3 record last winter, the St. Johns girls gymnastics team has a new goal in mind—qualifying as a team for the regional meet.

seventh year of competition in gymnastics, have never qualified for the regional meet, though individuals have several times. Last year Coach Sue Cerny's squad made the qualifying score once, but had to make it four times to qualify.

Leading the Redwing effort will be three seniors,

all of whom are three-year letter winners. Denise Cerny, captain of the squad, has had the most outstanding career of the three. The daughter of coaches Sue and Jim Cerny, she has qualified for state in the last three years, and has taken all first-places in several dual meets.

The other three-year letter winners are Brenda Bancroft who competes in the vault and uneven parallel bars, and Lois Purchase, who is hurt now but could be competing in the floor exercise and balance beam.

Three junior letterwinners

Please see page 9

## Redwing boys aiming at state gymnastics title

By Tom Nowak  
Sports Writer

St. Johns

The Redwing boys' gymnastics team finished sixth in the state last year, but if Coach John Furry is correct, the best is yet to come.

"If we keep improving the way we have been and if we stay healthy," he said, "we have a chance to upset some teams and win the state title."

The main reason for Furry's optimism is this year's senior class. Many of the seniors are out for their fourth year of gymnastics, and Furry sees this season as the culmination of their efforts.

The top senior is co-captain Bart Acino. Last

season he finished third overall in the individual all-around competition at the state finals, less than a third of a point out of second. This year could be better.

"Bart has an excellent chance to end his high school career by being the top all-around high school male gymnast in the state," Furry said.

Eric Brockmyre is the other co-captain. He will compete on the parallel bars, the high bar, ring, vault and floor exercise.

Other seniors expected to do well are Dan Seperic, the vault and rings; Dan Halstead, parallel bars, floor exercise and vault; Jeff Rice, parallel bars, and Russ Schlarf, floor exercises. Also, Kurt Stork, high bar;

Lance Gardner, high bar; floor exercise and vault; and Steve O'Neill, Hoa Nguyen and Todd Warner, pommel horse.

Last year St. Johns took a pair of trophies, winning the first St. Johns Invitational title and the first Mid-Michigan Gymnastics League championship.

The Redwings are again favored to take the league title. Other conference members are East Lansing, Ionia, Grand Blanc, Harper Woods Notre Dame and Hillsdale. Furry also said the Redwings will be the favorites at the St. Johns Invitational again, and that he's looking for big things at the state meet March 16-17 at Spring Arbor.

"We have high hopes for

state," he said. "Conservatively," we should be in the top three."

St. Johns boys' gymnastics

January  
6 Hillsdale  
13 at East Lansing  
17 at Grand Blanc  
26 at Ionia, Notre Dame  
30 North Farmington  
February  
3 St. Johns Invitational  
7 East Lansing  
15 Grand Blanc  
23 at Notre Dame with Ionia  
27 Hillsdale  
March  
3 League meet  
10 Clarenceville  
16-17 State meet at Spring Arbor  
Coached by John Furry, assistant Jeff Rudolph



The St. Johns boys' gymnastics team. Front (l-r): Kurt Stork, Dave Purchase, Dan Halstead, Spencer Beaufore, Bart Acino and Randy Long. Second row: Russ Schlarf, Dan Seperic, Steve O'Neill, Mike Brockmyre, Brent Laidler, Curtis Simon, Graham Rice and Dave Ebert. Back row: Hoa Nguyen, Jeff Rice, Calvin Rice, Todd Warner, Bill

McCarthy, Gene Turcotte, Gary Paddock, Bruce Szarka and Coach John Furry. Missing are Lance Gardner, Alan Biddinger, Jim Schutzenhofer, Scott Schufes, Mitch Sweeney, Dan Johnston, Ruby Shane, Joel Kruger, Steve Karber, Tim Thelen, Blake Pierman, Terry Plowman, Hassan Aryan. (Photo by Tom Nowak)

## Bowling report

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| Hide-Away            | 1-3           |
| Clinton Crop Service | 0-4           |
| Roadhouse            | 0-4           |
| Marlene Harris       | 209-550       |
| Elmer Feldpausch     | 549           |
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| Gerry Dietz          | 528           |
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# Obituaries

## Anna May Cole

A lifetime resident of Clinton County, Anna May Cole, 75, of 1000 E. Walker, St. Johns, passed away Jan. 1, 1979 at Clinton Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home Thursday, Jan. 4 at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Keith Laidler will officiate and burial will be in South Bingham Cemetery.

Mrs. Cole was born in Greenbush Township July 5, 1903 to William and Caroline (Acker) Cleland. She married Harold Cole in Ithaca June 17, 1924.

She was a member of Blue Star Mothers and had resided at the Walker Road address since 1947.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Robert of Lansing; three daughters, Miss Pat Cole and Mrs. Joyce Bushre, both of St. Johns and Mrs. Connie Martin of Millbrae, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

## Maxine Somers

Mrs. Maxine L. Somers, 73, of 112 N. Park St., Ovid, passed away Friday, Dec. 29, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital after being ill for several years.

Funeral services were

held at the Houghton Chapel-Osgood Funeral Homes, Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m. Rev. Gilbert Heaton officiated and burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Somers was born in Ovid Aug. 27, 1905 to James and Maude (Morrison) Hoag. She attended Ovid schools and graduated from Ovid High School in 1923. She was a member of United Church of Ovid and was a licensed practical nurse at the Ovid Convalescent Manor.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Somers of Ovid; a brother, Ralph Hoag of Florida; five grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

## Sharon Stone

Former St. Johns resident Sharon (Montague) Stone, 42, of 814 Fulton St., Wausau, Wis. passed away Dec. 29, 1978 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at the Osgood Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. David Lord presided and burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Stone was born in St. Johns May 16, 1936 to Oliver and Vira (Miller) Montague. She graduated from St. Johns High School in 1954 and Michigan State University in 1958. She moved to Seattle in 1970 and to Wausau in 1975.

On June 23, 1957, she married Gerald Stone in St. Johns and he survives his wife. Also surviving are two sons, Jeffrey Stone of

Seattle, Jonathan Stone at home; a daughter, Stacy Stone at home; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Montague of St. Johns.

## Tom Parks Sr

Funeral services for Tom Parks, Sr., 83, of Oneco, Fla. who passed away Dec. 30, 1978 in Florida after a short illness will be held at the Shannon Funeral Home in Bradenton, Fla. Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Oneco.

Mr. Parks was born in Pewamo Oct. 1, 1895 to Sam and Jennie (Barber) Parks. On Oct. 28, 1920, he married Blanche Dikeman in St. Johns and she survives her husband.

Also surviving are three sons and three daughters: Herbert and Tom, Jr. of Florida, Sam of St. Johns, Mrs. Ruth Riley of Hubbardston, Mrs. Phyllis Welton of Florida and Mrs. Dorothy Quick of St. Johns.

A sister, Mrs. Ruth Smith of St. Johns, 26 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren also survive. A son, Raymond, passed away in 1951.

Mr. Parks was a long time resident of St. Johns and was a contractor, building mover.

## Ralph Grubaugh

Former area resident, Ralph (Pappy) Grubaugh, 69, of Massillon, Ohio, passed away Dec. 30, 1978.

He was born May 17, 1909 to Charles and Agnes (English) Grubaugh and was a trucker by profession.

Funeral services will be held at the Osgood Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Doug Jones will preside and burial will be in Union Home Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday afternoon and evening at the Osgood Funeral Home.

Surviving are a son, Albert Grubaugh of St. Johns; a brother, Harold Grubaugh of Ashley; and one granddaughter.

## Elsie news

Kenneth Vance of Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with his mother Emma Vance and they also had their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vance and family of Pewamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jame Grueder and family of St. Louis, Missouri and Miss Judy Benjamin of Lansing were breakfast guests, Sunday at the home of Mrs. Lula Boak.

Mrs. Charles Halfmann and daughter, Sherri were Friday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Lula Boak.

Mrs. Serphine Halfmann moved into the Parkside Apartments last week.

Mrs. Lula Boak spent Christmas afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak and their families.

# ★ Redwing girls

will also help St. Johns. Michelle Rehmann qualified for the regionals in the vault last year, and this season she will also compete on the bars. Michelle Gill will work on the vault, bars and balance beam, and Sharon Law will be an all-around performer. Cindy Steavens is another experienced junior.

The two best prospects among the newcomers, Coach Cerny said, are Dawn Bakita and Darlene Cerny, also her daughter. Both are freshmen, but both have

experience outside of the St. Johns program and both are good all-around competitors. Coach Cerny says she expects the team to post a better record than last season's, partly because "we only have one meet with East Lansing."

But overall experience won't hurt, either. The strongest events appear to be the vault and the balance beam. The two Cernys, Law, Bakita, Purchase and Coby Thompson will be working on the balance beam, while the same group will be on the vault, except Rehmann will replace Thompson.

Coach Cerny said the biggest obstacle to the Redwings' hope of qualifying for the regionals may be the schedule.

"If we're going to qualify, we're going to have to do it at the beginning of the year," she said. "Almost all of our home matches are in the first half of the season, so we're going to need good scores early. Those scores are easier to get at home than on the road because we're not that comfortable on other people's equipment."

St. Johns girls' gymnastics  
 January  
 3 Mason  
 10 Ionia  
 13 at East Lansing  
 23 Okemos  
 February  
 1 Perry  
 8 at Mt. Pleasant  
 14 at Harry Hill  
 19 at Lansing Catholic  
 27 at Perry  
 March  
 1 Grand Ledge  
 10 Regionals  
 16-17 State meet  
 Head coach Sue Cerny, assistant Jim Cerny.

# Sports schedule

## Basketball

Jan. 5  
 Alma at St. Johns  
 Ovid-Elsie at Chesaning  
 Perry at Bath  
 Pewamo-Westphalia at Bellevue  
 Saginaw St. Stephens at Fulton  
 Potterville at Fowler  
 DeWitt at Lansing Catholic  
 Jan. 6  
 Ovid-Elsie at Bay City All Saints

## Wrestling

Jan. 4  
 Chesaning at St. Johns  
 Alma at Ovid-Elsie  
 Bath at Fowlerville  
 Okemos at DeWitt  
 Jan. 6

St. Johns sophomores and freshmen at Charlotte tournament  
 Fulton at Ravenna Invitational  
 DeWitt at New Lothrop Invitational  
 Jan. 9  
 St. Johns, Lakewood at Ionia  
 Pewamo-Westphalia at Carson City

## Swimming

Jan. 6  
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 Jan. 9  
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# Ag advice

## ALFALFA WEED CONTROL

If you don't have a good program of weed control in alfalfa, now, before the cropping season begins, is a good time to plan one.

"Even though farmers invest between \$70 and \$100 per acre to establish an alfalfa stand, they frequently neglect it afterward. This allows weed populations to severely reduce productivity," says Dr. Gary E. Schultz, MSU Extension weed control specialist.

Weed control in established alfalfa includes several basic steps. The first is proper maintenance fertilization to give alfalfa a competitive advantage over weeds and to maintain good, uniform stands. Good fertilization helps keep the stand from thinning out and so

reduces weed growth opportunities.

The next step in controlling a weed problem is to identify the weed and find a control measure. Cultural control is one possibility. You can control a Canada thistle problem, for example, by mowing it if your fertilizer properly and following a good three- or four-cutting system.

If cultural controls are not feasible, chemical control is the next alternative. This involves selecting the proper herbicide for the weed control. Princep, MCPA, 2, 4-DB, Premerge, Sencor-Lexone and Sinbar are primarily used for control of winter annual weeds such as shepherdspurse and chickweed.

Sencor-Lexone and Sinbar also offer control of several perennial weeds such as dandelion, yellowrocket and white cockle. Kerb is the best on quackgrass, but it must be applied after soil temperatures are below 60 degrees F to avoid loss of the herbicide through volatilization.

No weed control effort is going to work well on old alfalfa stands that are heavily infested with weeds. Early planning, along with judicious monitoring of fields and proper use of herbicides early in the life-cycle of an alfalfa stand, is the only way to maintain high quality and get the most out of your investment.

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Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing on the proposed Facility Plan for Regional Wastewater Treatment for Bingham Township for the purpose of receiving comments and views of interested persons. The hearing will be held at 8:00 P.M., January 8, 1979 at the Bingham Township Hall, 1637 S. DeWitt Road, St. Johns, Michigan.

The Facility Plan evaluates various alternative means of providing wastewater treatment for the plan of study area. The alternatives evaluated include:

1. Treating the wastewater of Bingham Township at the City of St. John's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Treating the wastewater of Bingham Township at a new lagoon facility located in Bingham Township.
3. Upgrading and modifying the existing septic tank and tile field in Bingham Township.
4. No action.

An economic analysis was conducted to determine the most cost effective means of providing the necessary wastewater treatment. Each alternative was also evaluated with respect to current wastewater treatment requirements, operational considerations, and probable environmental effects. Based on these evaluations and the comments received at the public hearing, the Facility Plan will be finalized.

The project costs for treating the wastewater at the City of St. Johns Wastewater Treatment Plant will be listed below as the most cost effective alternative.

The total project cost would range from \$1,471,055 to \$1,971,305. This would include a collector sewer system in Bingham Township and a share of the cost of St. Johns interceptor sewers and new treatment plant.

The estimated connection charge for a typical residential customer would be \$2,970. The estimated monthly use charge would range between \$12.66 to \$24.19 depending on the costs of the St. Johns interceptor sewers and new treatment plant.

The proposed project will eliminate discharge of raw or partially treated wastewater into the County drains and would improve the Maple River.

Copies of the proposed plan will be available at least fifteen days prior to the hearing itself for public inspection at the following locations: Bingham Township Hall and the Clinton County Department of Public Works office at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing to the Clinton County Department of Public Works, 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan or can be submitted at the hearing.

Richard Hawks, Chairperson  
 Clinton County Department of Public Works

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN** Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, order to Answer 78-6343-DO. Rosanne Eunice Pierce, Plaintiff vs. William Wilbur Pierce, Defendant. On the 22nd day of December, 1978, an action was filed, by Rosanne Eunice Pierce, plaintiff, against William Wilbur Pierce, defendant, in this court to dissolve their marriage. It is hereby ordered that the defendant, William Wilbur Pierce, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 22nd day of March, 1979. 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. Date of Order: Dec. 22, 1978 LEO W. CORKIN Circuit Judge Rosanne Eunice Pierce 1600 Stoll Rd. DeWitt, MI 48820 52-4

The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Clara Leora Walters, deceased. TAKE NOTICE: On January 17, 1979, at 10:30 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Clinton County Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Richard L. Arthur, for probate of a purported will of the deceased dated April 29, 1977, for granting of administration to Richard L. Arthur or some other suitable person, for setting of bond, and for determination of heirs by the Court. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Richard L. Arthur at 7415 West Parks Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before March 21, 1979 at 10:00 a.m. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto. Dated: December 26, 1978 Prepared by: Attorney for Petitioner: Daniel C. Matson (P-17210) 202 East Washington Street, DeWitt, Mich. 48820 Phone (517) 669-3400 Petitioner: Richard L. Arthur 7415 West Parks Road St. Johns, Michigan 48879

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# Elsie News

New officers of Elsie Lodge No. 238 Free and Accepted Masons were installed at the Masonic Temple, Saturday evening, Dec. 16.

Murray Cole was elevated to the office of Worshipful Master for the Lodge's 111th anniversary. Members of St. Johns Commandery No. 24, Knight Templars formed a surprise escort for the incoming master, who is also a member of the St. Johns group. Those participating were: Dave Smith, John Spousta, Fred Sandbrook, Franklin Ursery, Eddie Light, Jack Bertoldi and Dick Jacoby.

The installing officers were: Grand installing officer, Loyal Hinkley; Grand Secretary, Jim Litomisky; Grand Marshal, Sidney Keys; Grand Chaplain, Leonard Tillotson, all past masters of the local Lodge; and organist, J. Arthur Davis of Alma.

Other officers installed were: Ron Porubsky, junior warden; Robert Kridner, treasurer; Howard Peltier, secretary; Sidney Keys, Chaplain; Harold Hinkley, senior deacon; Lyle Peters, Don Ike and William Robb, stewards; Charles Kridner, marshal; and Larry Nicholas, tiler.

Mrs. Thelma Warren of Durand, Grand Martha, Order of Eastern Star, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Cecile Hayes of Fenton, past Grand Organist, OES, sang during the installation.

The meeting was preceded by a holiday supper. A welcome to guests was extended by the outgoing worshipful master, Larry Nicholas and the invocation and benediction was by the Rev. David Miles.

After the ceremonies, a reception was held for the new officers. Assisting Mrs. Murray Cole were Mrs. Leonard Tillotson, Mrs. Gathal Martin and Mrs. Don Ike while Mrs. Howard Peltier and Mrs. William Robb presided at the coffee and tea services.

The cake was decorated by Mrs. Harold Hehrer of Ovid. Mrs. Loyal Hinkley attended the punch bowl. Sidney Keys served as host and Mrs. Keys registered the guests.

The Elsie Lodge No. 238 F. & A.M. held regular communications on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. George (Hazel) Blayney a resident of the National Health Enterprise at 1313 Mary Ave., Lansing, 48910, was honored on her 88th birthday, Friday afternoon, Dec. 22 at the home of Glen and Lullavene Purves in Lansing.

Among her visitors were the Rev. David Miles, Mrs. Mildred Whitaker, Mrs. Grace Fizzell, Mrs. Florence Krepps, all of Elsie, Mrs. Clara Somers of Ovid and Goldia Phillips of Bannister.

They reported that Mrs. Blayney was in good spirits and enjoyed the visit from her old friends and neighbors and the many birthday cards and gifts received.

She was always active in work of the Elsie United Methodist Church, West Elsie Extension Club, past matron and life member of Elsie Chapter No. 69, Order of Easter Star and an honorary member of the Woman's Literary Club.

Mrs. Purves served tea, lunch and the decorated birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crell made a trip through southern states for their vacation of 3 1/2 weeks and returned home Wednesday afternoon. They visited their daughter Sharon and husband, Don Shore and two children at Ft. Hood, Texas, who are returning to Germany the first of the year.

After celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary at Beaumont, Texas the Crells drove through the bayou country of Louisiana visiting Avery Island noted for its hot peppers used in making tabasco sauce and two gardens, one a drive through and the other a walk-through jungle in 70 to 80 degree temperature, with high humidity.

They also traveled across the Gulf states to Florida where they stopped at several tourist attractions—Cypress Gardens, Fort Myers and Lehigh Gardens, seven days at Orlando, Disney World, and Sea World to St. Augustine and Savannah and Atlanta Georgia.

Upon hearing the snow reports from the north they cut short their vacation from a side trip to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cole left Elsie Tuesday, Nov. 21 to visit their daughter Martha Cole Trammel in Inver Grove Heights, a suburb of St. Paul, Minn. They made

the trip by Amtrak from Lansing via Chicago and found it a very enjoyable trip returning home Nov. 30.

During the time in Chicago, they visited the Museum of Science and Industry, Sears Tower and Chicago Art Institute.

Their daughter is an appraiser out of the Minnesota office of H.U.D. and F.H.A., and their granddaughter, Jennifer Trammel is in the fourth grade at Selem Hills Elementary School and enjoying the snow covered hill around her home. She is looking forward to making a trip to Michigan by plane, alone, the week after Christmas in order to visit her Michigan relatives.

While in St. Paul, the Coles visited the Capitol Building of Minnesota, Como Park Conservatory, the Minnesota Historical Building. They also visited the I.D.S. Tower in Minnesota and reported extremely cold and windy weather, but very beautiful scenery, especially at night as the city lights are seen from the hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunham of 4217 N. Hollister Road, Elsie, will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Dunham was a farmer and had worked for the Agricultural Stabilization Service for 13 years before retirement. He also was employed by the Village of Elsie for nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ike, Mrs. Ron Porubsky and Mrs. Alex Dunay attended the Ashley Chapter O.E.S. School of Instruction, Dec. 14. All four from Elsie

assisted in the school with Mrs. Jewel Cook as instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ike also attended the installation of officers at the Ovid Masonic Lodge on Dec. 9 when Dr. Michael O'Bryant was installed as worshipful master.

A sparkling white Christmas tree on a red flannel base and a "money tree" were the center of attraction at the regular meeting of the Elsie Chapter No. 69 O.E.S. on Thursday night, Dec. 7 with Ruth and Don Ike presiding in the East.

The proceeds of the money-tree to which the members fastened dollar bills will be sent to the Golden Age Project of the Worthy Grand Matron Janet Cheney.

The charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Mary Wilson of Owosso, who joined the Elsie Chapter in 1921.

Christmas greetings from the Cheney-Robinson Grand Family were read, an appreciation letter from Thelma Warren, Grand Martha, who recently was instructor of the Elsie School of Instruction, thanks to the Easter Stars and Masonic Lodge for the beautiful flower arrangement presented to Sidney and Neva Keys for their 50th wedding anniversary and the many congratulatory cards and letters received from the members. Also get-well cards were sent those who have been ill and unable to attend meetings, including Mrs. Leila Wilson, who sustained a fractured hip in a fall at her Ventura, California address the first

week after returning from a month's visit in Michigan.

Mrs. Jeanne Temple was installed as associate matron by her sister, Mrs. Ruth Ike as installing officer and Mrs. Anna Dunay as installing marshal.

At the close of the Chapter, a social Christmas program for "the good of the order" was presented by the Rev. Mr. David Miles and his wife

Marilyn Miles, professional photographer as well as a picture hobbyist.

They showed a complete picture story of their son, Andy, during his third Christmas, eleven years ago, with Ms. Miles relating the descriptions. The second part of the program was a collection of colored Christmas cards shown on the large screen.

## Shepardsville

By Lucille Spencer

There were 23 present when the United Group of Senior Citizens met at the new Village Hall Dec. 15. All enjoyed a bountiful potluck dinner.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Mary Waite. Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Arthur Curtis; vice-president, Clyde Schoch; secretary-treasurer, Lucille Spencer. Telephone callers will be Edna Stedman, Edna Woodward, Mildred Fraker will call those in Laingsburg.

A short Christmas program was in charge of Lucille Spencer. Each one told of a Christmas they

could remember. There were several interesting recollections. Mrs. Spencer told the story of "Why The Bells Rang" and Hazel Schoch read a poem entitled "You Know It's Christmas." The next meeting will be on Jan. 19, same time, same place.

There was an exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson of Oliver Springs, Tenn. spent a few days during the holiday season with his aunt, Miss Amy Hudson. Miss Mary Myers is also spending a few days with her aunt and her brother and family.

Mrs. Lucille Spencer spent Christmas weekend with relatives in Ann Arbor.

### CITY OF ST. JOHNS

#### Notice of Bids

The City of St. Johns will receive sealed bids for the rental of towels, door mat rugs and work uniforms for approximately 21 employees. Bids will be received until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 1979 in the office of the City Clerk, 121 E. Walker Street (Municipal Building), St. Johns, Michigan. The bids must be sealed and bear the name of the bidder on the outside of the envelope and be plainly marked "Uniform, Towel, Rug Bids". The bids will be publicly opened and read at this time and referred to the City Commission for awarding or rejection at their regular meeting for January 22, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 121 E. Walker Street.

The bid specifications are available at the Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

The City of St. Johns reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the bids or bidding in the best interest of the City of St. Johns and to accept the proposal, which in the opinion of the City Commission best serves the interest and needs of the City of St. Johns.

Richard L. Coletta  
Acting City Clerk

### —NOTICE—

#### Westphalia Township Residents

A copy of the 1977-78 SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES is available for public review at the office of the Bingham Township

Clerk at  
3251 W. M-21 St. Johns, Mi.

A copy of ANTI-RECESSION expenditures is also on file together with the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Walter Keilen, Clerk

### —NOTICE— City of St. Johns

The City of St. Johns will receive sealed bids for traffic signs and posts. All signs must meet MSDHT specifications. Bids will be received until 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 1979 in the office of the City Clerk, 121 E. Walker Street (municipal building) St. Johns, Michigan. The bids must be sealed and bear the name of the bidder on the outside of the envelope and be plainly marked "Traffic Sign Bid". The bids will be publicly opened and read at this time and referred to the City Commission for awarding or rejection at their regular meeting on January 22, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 121 E. Walker St.

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# The Back Page

## Wally Watt was one of first Boy Scouts

By KATHY BUZZELLI

CLINTON COUNTY—Wallace Watt's scoutmaster would be proud.

Dr. Watt, 83, of 6157 W. Stoll Road in Clinton County, was a member of the first Boy Scout troop to organize in the United States. That was in 1909. Since then, he's always been connected in some way with the Boy Scouts of America. But he's done much more besides.

Sitting in his comfortable home and talking about his activities, Watt pulled out a calendar that told more about him than an hour of conversation could. Every day including weekends is filled with the committee and task force meetings that he devotes most of his time to since he retired at age 70 from the State Department of Mental Health.

THERE'S THE SENIOR citizen legislative task force, the Michigan Senior Advocates Council, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Tri-County Commission on Aging, the Michigan Council of Family Relations, and the list goes on.

"He's really happiest when he has a meeting to go to," says his wife, Olive, while Watt chimes in, "You stay alive as long as you live."

And Watt hasn't stopped living since he was 14 years old in Barre, Vermont, and taking part in the beginning of a movement that would eventually sweep the entire country—the Boy Scouts.

"We had a kind of club at our (Baptist) church called the Boys' Brigade," Watt said, explaining that 14 young teenage boys were members of the group. When the club's leader took a trip to Scotland to visit his parents, he learned about a Boy Scout organization in England, acquired some information about the group, and returned to his brigade in the U.S. and "asked if we'd like to become a Scout troop," Watt said.

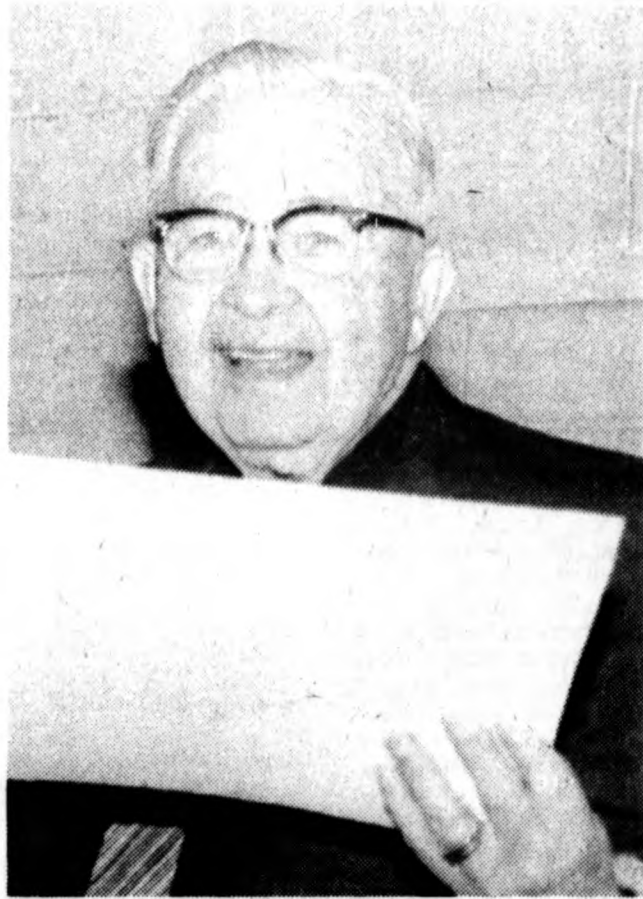
THE BOYS' BRIGADE became Troop 1 of Barre, Vermont. Taking hikes, learning about first aid and studying various types of emergency signals, the troop took part in activities that would eventually become a tradition in this country.

"It was really a fine association there," Watt says. "The fact that we had such outstandingly fine leaders made the big difference."

At 17, Watt left Barre and went to Ann Arbor, where he attended the University of Michigan, studying sociology, psychology and education and eventually earning a doctorate.

"I was still interested in Scouts, so I helped organize the Scouts in the Ann Arbor area," he says. Those activities were interrupted when he served for three years in World War I. "But when I got back, I started back in Scouting and later became a Scout executive in 1928."

IN THAT POSITION—a full-time job—Watt says he



was in charge of 1900 boy scouts in Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

A few years later, Watt received an offer that he couldn't refuse. W.K. Kellogg of Battle Creek wanted someone to accompany his crippled grandson on travels throughout the world, and Watt took the job.

"He called me from California to ask me to take his grandson," Watt says. "It started out being a year and ended up more than two

years travelling abroad. We covered about 20 million different countries."

Watt decided to take Kellogg up on his offer, he says, because, "Finances were tough for the Scouting movement then and I thought it would be an interesting thing to do—I thought I might never have another chance to travel that way."

WHEN WATT RETURNED from the trips, he finished school and became a Scoutmaster. He began

working with the Department of Social Services, and after about five years, started his career with the State Department of Mental Health. In the meantime, he'd married his first wife, Barbara, who he says had a "top level job" with the Department of Social Services.

Around 1968, Barbara was transferred to Lansing, and the two moved to the Stoll road address. Watt's job setting up parent education programs in school districts kept him travelling throughout the state until he retired.

"Ordinarily people retired at 65 but they said they

couldn't get anybody else to replace me, so they kept me on until I was 70," he says.

Eight years ago, Barbara died of cancer, leaving Watt to live alone with an uncle, who died almost three years ago. In July, 1977, Watt married his present wife, Olive, who he met about 7 years ago while he was introducing a sex education program to the Wayne-Westland Schools near Detroit. Olive was in charge of that district's nursing services at the time, and the two became friends.

Olive, who had never been married, said that she and Watt found they had many

common interests—one of those being a desire to avoid living the rest of their lives in solitude.

"HE WAS ALONE and really needed somebody," she says. "And I was alone. "We just thought that maybe it would work out, so we joined forces," she continues. "He's such a delightful person—he always has a joke to tell."

They had a small wedding followed by a luncheon at the Ice Box Restaurant in Grand Ledge, and settled into a life that has suited them both. Together, they participate regularly in activities in the Wacousta Extra Years of Zest senior citizens' group, and Olive often goes to the

task force and committee meetings with her husband.

"It's not that I do anything," she says jokingly. "I just go."

And Watt still remains involved in Boy Scouts. Institutional representative for a troop at the United Methodist Church of Wacousta, Watt still attends Scout meetings and speaks with pride about the accomplishments of "his boys."

As his wife says, "There's nary a dull day." But they wouldn't have it any other way.

"God's been very good to both of us," Watt says. "There's no reason why we shouldn't try to pass it on."

## Lots of babies born locally

A boy, Trent Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Walling of St. Johns Dec. 22 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lb. 13½oz. The baby has two sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hardman, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Walling, and Ms. Luella Lewis. The mother is the former Linda Hardman.

A boy, William Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leverington of 18558 S. Fenmore Rd., Elsie Dec. 22 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lb. 15½oz. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chapko of Elsie and William Leverington of Lansing. The mother is the former Virginia Chapko.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Bagley, 4203 Arlene, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Jason Al on Dec. 20 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Sherril Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Joe Hughes, 1436 Vine, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Robert Edgar on Dec. 22 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Jodie M. Bader.

A boy, John David, was born to Robert and Maria Steffens on Dec. 21 in San Antonio, Texas. He weighed 7lbs. 3oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Steffens.

A boy, Kristopher James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Clark of 3985 W. Hyde Road, December 9, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs 7½ oz. The baby has no brothers or sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Thelen and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark. The mother is the former Lu Anne Thelen.

A girl, Angela Dee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sigafosse of Route 4 West Centerline Rd., St. Johns, December 8th, 1978, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs 11½ ozs. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bearden and Mr. and Mrs. Evert Sigafosse. The mother is the former Sandra Bearden.

A boy, Andrew Scott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vandervest of Rt. 3, St. Johns Dec. 19, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 9 oz. The baby has two brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Mr. William Benzine. The mother is the former Janice Pardoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Buckmaster, 11303 Wood Rd., DeWitt, became the parents of a girl, Elizabeth Ann on Dec. 10 at 1:54 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Candace J. Lofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Cole, 203 Laing St., Laingsburg, became the parents of a girl, Teresa Marie on Dec. 12 at 2:17 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Diana Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Witt, 6751 Jason Rd., St. Johns, became the parents of twin boys, Derek Louis and Dana Lee on Dec. 8 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Christine Schomisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Keener, 109 E. Webb Dr., DeWitt, became the parents of a girl, Amberly Sue on Dec. 13 at 11:58 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Debra Braddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Wheeler, 1110 W. Geneva Dr., DeWitt, became the parents of a girl Amy Elizabeth on Dec. 15 at 11:09 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Sue E. Treadwell.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Willson, 717 W. Saginaw, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Jason Scott on Dec. 13, at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Barks, 2303 Ridgeline, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Jason Springfield, on Dec. 13 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Margaret Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Dalton, 5830 Richwood, Lansing, became the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Judith on Dec. 12 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Debbie Kzeski.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Williams, 2173 Seminole Dr., Okemos, became the parents of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth on Dec. 19 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston I. Sparks, 714 Andover, DeWitt became the parents of a daughter, Jeanette Rose on Dec. 18 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Thelen, 411 S. Willow, Westphalia, became the parents of a girl, Kristie Rachelle, on Dec. 10 at 6:31 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Wendy Trierweiler.

A boy, Joe Leroy H., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence H. Youngs of 2265 W. Parks Rd. Dec. 19, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 2 oz. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Ralph Leroy Youngs and Robert Leroy Cressman. The mother is the former Vicki Cressman.

A girl, Tiah Noreen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Villarreal of 9420 E. M-21 on Dec. 15, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6lb. 3oz. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Thomas and Helen Ferens, Layne Larson, and Sipriano and Eluteria Villarreal. The mother is the former Evelyn Larson.

A girl, Susan Nadene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mehney of 3251 W. M-21, St. Johns on Dec. 14, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 5lbs. 1½oz. The baby has two brothers and one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dean and Mrs. Ruth Mehney. The mother is the former Jeanette Dean.

A girl, Crystal Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis DeMorest of 11499 Airport Rd., DeWitt, Dec. 15, 1978 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Washburn. The mother is the former Deborah Ormsbee.

### Tax help available

The Internal Revenue Service reminds area taxpayers that help with federal tax questions is available through IRS's toll-free telephone assistance network, Monday through Friday.

Hours for help by phone are 8 a.m. through 12 noon and 12:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Telephone numbers are listed in the tax forms

package and local directories.

IRS says you can get quicker service if you call during periods when activity is typically slower. The best time to call is early in the morning or late in the day. Avoid Mondays and Tuesdays if you can. "They are the busiest days of the week," IRS says.

### Club to discuss diets

St. Johns Low sodium diets will be the topic of the Ticker club meeting set for Tuesday, Jan. 9. The meeting will be held in the conference room of Clinton Memorial Hospital at 7:30 p.m.

The Ticker Club is an educational, social club for people who have had heart

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