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There are many responses when youngsters climb up on Santa's lap. For Jenny Veberoth (left) and Robert Crow (right), it seems to call for a bit of head scratching. They visited Santa in DeWitt while St. Johns area youngsters ate lunch and visited with Santa in the Municipal Building.

Ovid man dies following auto accident Sunday

OVID -- A 79-year-old Ovid man died early Monday morning following an automobile accident on M-21 Sunday evening.

The main vehicle reportedly crossed the center line, colliding head-on with a vehicle driven by Dr. Taweesukdi Chuntarasupt, 36, 205 N. Scott Rd.

Andrew L. Main, 1405 N. Meridian Rd., Ovid, died Monday morning at Ingham Medical Facility with death reportedly due to internal injuries.

Drivers of both vehicles and Dr. Chuntarasupt's wife and 2 children, passengers in his car, were transported to Clinton Memorial Hospital by the Ovid Ambulance Service.

According to the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. vehicle driven by Main collided head-on with another vehicle on M-21, just west of Hollister Rd.

Main was then transported to Ingham Medical Facility. The Chuntarasupt family received minor injuries.

Stanley Powell takes gentle job at attorney general

DEWITT TWP. -- The current 1-mill tax controversy in DeWitt Twp. has provided the fuel for a slight jab by Rep. Stanley Powell at Frank Kelley's attorney general's office.

In a letter, Powell explained he had received a communication from the attorney general's office and included the following remarks:

Powell was asked by township residents to obtain an opinion from Kelley regarding the legality of a 1-mill special assessment for police and fire protection. Opponents of the bill claim it is illegal without a vote of the people.

"I had understood that 2 to 3 weeks ago his staff had a tentative copy of a response to my request under consideration, but it was not until today (Dec. 3) that I received his reply which was dated December 1, 1975. Although the attorney general's office is located in the Law Building immediately behind the State Capitol, his opinion did not reach me until today."

Ovid-Elsie School negotiations continue

ELSIE -- A fact finding hearing was scheduled for Tuesday morning as bargaining continues in its 7th month between Ovid-Elsie Public Schools and the Ovid-Elsie Education Association.

carrier although bargaining insurance carrier has been a past practice at Ovid-Elsie.

According to Al Dickens, president of the Ovid-Elsie Education Association, mediation procedures earlier were not successful.

Dickens also said "other demands recently by Mr. Kenney" might be discussed at the Tuesday hearing. Salary, Dickens said, was not an issue.

Teachers in the district are without contracts and bargaining has been going on for 7 months.

Earlier in the negotiations, unfair labor practice charges were filed against Kenney. According to Dickens, a hearing is to be scheduled on the unfair labor practice charge.

The fact-finding hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Administration Building on Colony Rd.

Early deadlines
 Due to the Christmas holiday, early deadlines for County News advertising and news have been set.

According to Dickens, the primary issue in bargaining at this point is the insurance carrier.

Classified and display advertising is 5 p.m. Friday.

Dickens said, "Mr. Kenney (Donald Kenney, superintendent), negotiator for the school board refuses to negotiate insurance

News deadline is 5 p.m. Friday with the photo deadline set at noon Friday.

Follow these guidelines for a safe and happy Christmas

ST. JOHNS -- Keep the Christmas holidays cheerful and safe by following safety guidelines provided by the St. Johns Fire Dept.

broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, loose connection. Discard any of this equipment that you deem unsafe.

Use no more than 3 sets of lights per single extension. Read manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.

Equipment could cause a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Damaged insulation in lighting on a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity.

Decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious kids

LIGHTS
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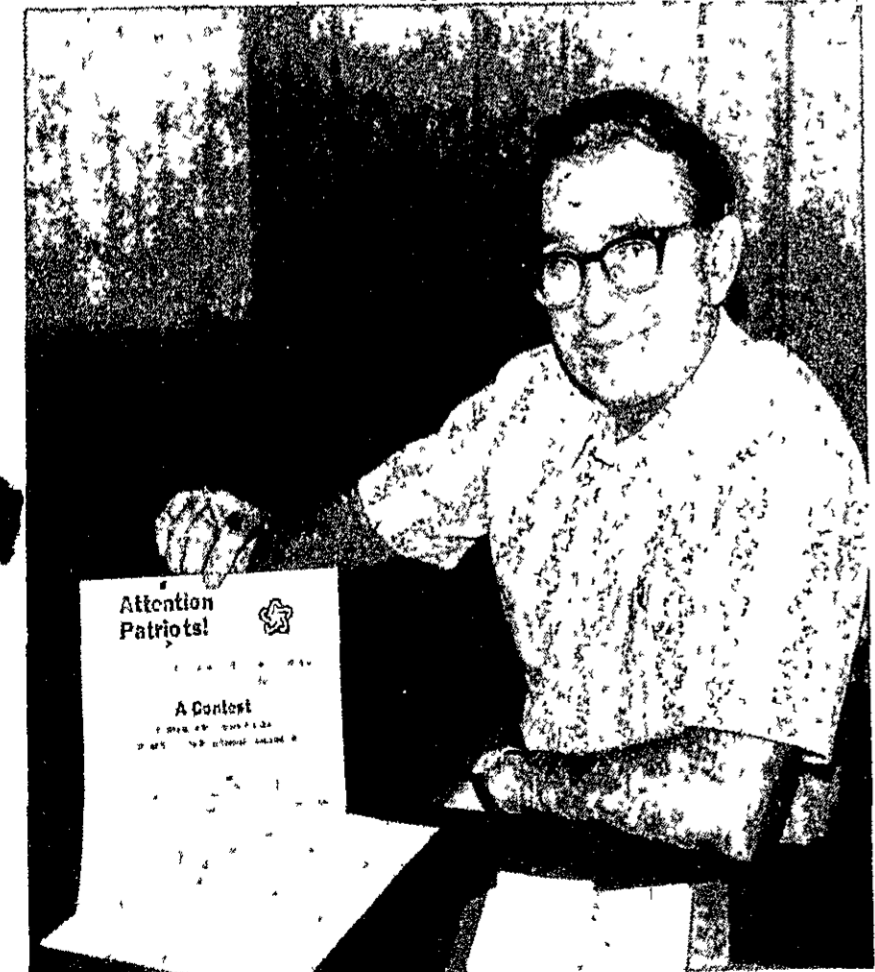
Check labels of lights to be used outdoors to see that they are suitable for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls or other firm support to protect them from

Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this

Keep children away from light sets and electrical

PAPER
 The opening of Christmas presents is always a special time during the holidays. Take special precautions when disposing of the wrappings.

Place trash in a metal container



Bicentennial contest

Pete Vallen, 3d vice-commander of the American Legion in St. Johns, displays the poster calling attention to a Bicentennial contest for St. Johns students. Students are asked to enter the contest to design a symbol for the City of St. Johns to be used on posters, signs, banners, letters and flags. Entries are due Jan. 15 by 5 p.m. at the St. Johns Municipal Building. Entries may be in color or black and white. They will be judged for appropriate content, style and artistic value. First prize is a \$50 Savings Bond, 2d prize is a silver medallion and 3d a bronze medallion. Prizes will be awarded at 8 p.m., Jan. 15.

Westphalia Jaycees sponsor Bloodmobile

WESTPHALIA -- A Bloodmobile will be sponsored by the Westphalia Jaycees Dec. 20.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall from 1-7 p.m.

Announce plans for Jan. 24 "Hard Times Ball"

ST. JOHNS -- Plans are underway for a Hard Times Ball Jan. 24. The event is being sponsored by the St. Johns Business and Professional Woman Club and will be held in St. Joseph's Gym from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Tickets, which are \$8 per couple, may be purchased from ticket committee members, Dorothy Schoals, 224-2315, Bonnie Wickerham, 224-6761, or Sharon Worrall, 224-3145.

Proceeds from the dance will be directed to the club's scholarship fund to be given to further the business education of a local high school student.

The club is also raising money to buy crib tops for the pediatrics ward at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

B.P.W. members are supplying Christmas to a needy family. Members wishing to help are asked to contact Geraldine Workman or Jeanette Argersinger 224-6811.



Their efforts brought in \$900 worth of canned goods for the needy. See story below for details.

Students collect over \$900 worth of food for needy

ST. JOHNS High School students succeeded in raising \$900-worth of canned goods to be given to Clinton County Social Services. They will distribute the food to the needy families throughout the county.

The drive was sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes but involved all of the students, Bob Koger's home room won the rivalry by bringing in an average of \$7.20 worth of canned goods per student. (The class has 21 students).

Shown with the winning class is Doug Hazle, Captain of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Bob Koger, class instructor. (Hazle is sitting in the center dressed in suit coat and tie and Koger is on the far right).

The winning class was given Big Mac cards for free Big Macs, compliments of McDonalds.

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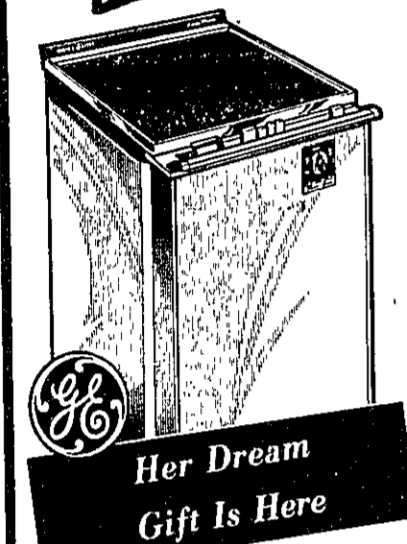
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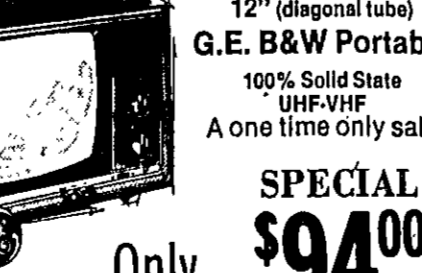
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St. Johns High School Drama Dept. prepares for district competition

ST. JOHNS -- The St. Johns High School Drama Dept. enters district competition Jan. 31 when they stage a cutting of "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee," by Dee Brown. The show, directed by Robert Koger, will be produced in district competition at Ionia High School. Assistant Director is Mike Muehlenbeck. Try-outs for the play were held Dec. 1-2 and the following cast members were selected: Black Elk, Brandon White III; Manuelli, Bob Dickman; Little Crow, Don Maurer; Black Kettle, Frank Malusek; Wynkoop, Chris Howe; William Bent, Scott Smith; Governor, Tom Speers; Chivington, Daric Escher. Anthony, Randy Willette; Lt. Cramer, Scott Amos; Squanto, Eric Brockmyre; Tecumseh,

Doug Huntley; Columbus, Scott Smith; Jackson, Perry Henning; Carelon, Tom Speers; Shakopee, Doug Huntley; Medicine Bottle, Bob Mills; Galbraith, Perry Henning; Myrick, Rick Parker; Wovincapa, Keith Stork; First Brave, John Malusek; Second Brave, Shawn Gill; Crazy Horse, Eric Brockmyre; Indian Girl, Linda Burns; Yellow Woman, Judy Horan; Female Black Elk, Jean Buggs; First Indian Woman, Kathy Carson; Second Indian Woman, Michelle DesPrez; Third Indian Woman, Lisa Burns; Fourth Indian Woman, Jan Schneider; Navaho Indian Woman, Liz Verderese; Arawak Indian Girl, Sherri DesPrez and Julie Little; Sioux Indian Women, Rhonda Kanaski and Julie Latimer.

The St. Johns Drama Dept. took top state honors last year with their production of "Bottoms Dream."

Village of Fowler minutes

A regular meeting of the Fowler Village Council meeting was held on Monday, Dec. 8, 1975. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Pettit. Four councilmen were present. A motion was made by McCausey, supported by Braun to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as read. Carried. A motion was made by Koeningknecht, supported by McCausey, to pay bills totaling

\$1881.30. Carried. A motion was made by McCausey, supported by Koeningknecht, to order approximately 2000 feet of 6" water pipe from Municipal Supply Co. Carried. A letter was received from Leonard Thelen announcing his termination of employment with the Village effective April 30, 1976. Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m. Winnie McKeane, Village Clerk

St. Johns City Commission minutes

November 24, 1975 The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ebert. COMM. PRESENT: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. COMM. ABSENT: None. STAFF PRESENT: Manager Humphrey, Attorney Maples, Clerk Wood. Motion by Comm. Arehart, supported by Comm. Roesner to approve the minutes of the Nov. 10, 1975 meeting as amended. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

A letter from American Fire Apparatus Company was presented concerning the delivery date of the new fire truck. A letter from the Department of Natural Resources concerning the Childrens Recreational Park funding was presented. A letter from the Seventh Day Adventists Church was presented requesting to use car-mounted sound equipment during the pre-Christmas weeks of December. Motion by Comm. Wilcox, supported by Comm. Arehart to approve the Warrants. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The City Attorney and City Manager presented an update on the Steel Hotel. The City Attorney presented the truck route ordinance. There was a short discussion. Motion by Comm. Roesner, supported by Comm. Wilcox to table the truck route ordinance, Ordinance #279. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

project the Commission would then explore the possibility of Phases (work center) 3 and 5. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried. The City Attorney presented the truck route ordinance. There was a short discussion. Motion by Comm. Roesner, supported by Comm. Wilcox to table the truck route ordinance, Ordinance #279. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Ebert asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were several additions. Motion by Comm. Arehart, supported by Comm. Wilcox to approve the agenda as amended. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried. Ronald Henning, Ed Lenon and Cecil Smith were present and presented petitions objecting to the temporary traffic control order limiting parking on South Lansing Street from M-21 to Siekles Street. The petitions were signed by several residents of the neighborhood. Motion by Comm. Wilcox, supported by Comm. Arehart to rescind past action of a temporary traffic control order No. 55-75 pending further investigation and study. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented an update on the County wide reappraisal program and stated that the appraisers from United Appraisal Company would be in the St. Johns area soon. Motion by Comm. Roesner, supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Manager be authorized to take out radio ads and Reminder ads notifying the citizens of the City that appraisers from United Appraisal Company would be in the St. Johns Area, and that it be made clear in the ad that this is not a City reappraisal. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

A memo from the City Manager and a letter from Larry Wight of Layne Northern Company regarding the upgrading of our water system were presented. Motion by Comm. Wilcox, supported by Comm. Arehart to enter recommendations of Layne Northern Company into the minutes and to proceed with Phases (work center) 1, 2 and 4 and with completion of that

mended an increase in parking meter violations schedule from 50c to \$1.00, \$2.00 after the first 24 hours and increased to \$4.00 if not paid in 10 days. Motion by Comm. Arehart, supported by Comm. Wilcox to approve the recommendation of the Parking Board. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried. Comm. Hannah stated that the Capitol Area Comprehensive Health Planning Association was being expanded and that a new Board of Trustees is being appointed. Motion by Comm. Arehart, supported by Comm. Wilcox that Comm. Hannah, Dr. John L. Cook, Dr. S.R. Russell and Paul McNamara be nominated to serve on C.A.C.H.P.A. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

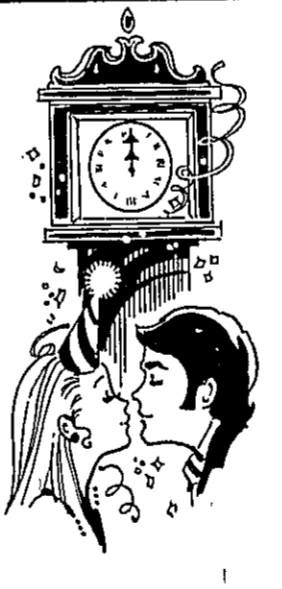
Ronald Kidney was present and objected to the type of fencing which was installed near his residence. The problem was discussed at length. Motion by Comm. Wilcox, supported by Comm. Roesner to refer the residential fence matter to the Planning Commission for study. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Manager presented a payment request from L & L Construction for curb and gutter and road work done in the City on East Walker and Giles Street. Motion by Comm. Wilcox, supported by Comm. Arehart to approve the payment to L & L Construction in the amount of \$36,359.73 on Local Street Fund, Voucher #312. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Manager requested authorization to hire the firm of Maynard Berry and Associates to conduct soil borings on a possible landfill site. Motion by Comm. Hannah, supported by Comm. Arehart to authorize the City Manager to spend the necessary funds to conduct bore testing at the prospective landfill site. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Hannah, supported by Comm. Roesner to adjourn. YEA: Ebert, Wilcox, Hannah, Arehart, Roesner. NAY: None. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Among those receiving DHIA trophies at the annual meeting Saturday from county extension director Jim Pelham (left) were (from left) Jerry Spitzley, Louie Schneider, Jim Rivest and Ken Nobis. See story for complete list of award winners.

Area dairy farmers earn DHIA awards

ST. JOHNS -- The Annual Meeting of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and Michigan Animal Breeders Corporation was held Saturday in St. Johns at Bingham Grange Hall. Following are those who received trophies during the meeting.

High Herd - Milk & Butterfat Clinton County Champs	Jerry Spitzley 50 Cows 18,887 Milk - 726 B.F.
High Herd - Milk & Butterfat 51 to 100 Cows	Joseph Wing 56 Cows 17,195 Milk - 659 B.F.
High Herd - Milk Larger than 100 Cows	Schneider Dairy Farms 136 Cows 17,414 Milk - 613 B.F.
High Herd - Butterfat Larger than 100 Cows	Frank & Jim Rivest 137 Cows 15,667 Milk - 621 B.F.
High Cow - Milk	Vanzee Brothers Grade Holstein with 27467 Milk - 816 B.F.
High Cow - Butterfat	Frank & Jim Rivest No. 437 5-Year Old G.H. M.E. 21,101 Milk & 1,045 B.F.
Progressive Breeder	Nobis Farms 1971- 83 Cows-13,359M 1975-105 Cows-16,805M Increase - 3,446
High Lifetime Cow	Green Meadows Farms Wesholme Ivanhoe Robin Born: 12-16-62 Through November, 1975 198,930 Milk - 7,475 B.F.
High 4-H Cow - Butterfat	Karen Green 2-Year Old Heiferette M.E. 20,294M - 727 B.F. Control No. 5813



These top-notch Christmas artists won first prize ribbons in Kroger's coloring contest. They are from the left: Kris Thelen, 5, of Waldron Elementary School; Sara Bozung, 9, of Waldron Elementary School; Brian Goerge, 9, of Waldron Elementary; Luann Wieber, 8, of Waldron Elementary; and Dana Koenigsnecht, 7, of Waldron Elementary. Standing behind the children are the contest supervisors, Don Thelen, head produce clerk; and Pat Hilley, head deli clerk.

Photography contest announced

One of the innovations slated for the 1976 Day With The Arts festival is a Photography Contest, open to all residents of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

Entry deadline for the photo competition is Tuesday, January 13, 1976.

Five judges from around the state will select entries to be shown at the 13th annual Day With The Arts, January 31 and February 1, 1976, at the Lansing Civic Center. All entries will be judged on their photographic merits and in accordance with the theme of the contest, "America '76".

According to Dr. C.T. Chan, President of the Lansing Camera Club and chairman of the Photo Contest Organizing Committee, the theme is intentionally broad, but "all photos should pertain to the American experience," he said.

Winners in each category of the Photo Contest will be awarded cash prizes - \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place, \$20 for third place. In addition, photographs of special merit will receive citations accompanied by merchandise prizes, courtesy of local camera stores.

Rules of the 1976 Day With The Arts Photo Contest are:

Eligibility
Competition is open to all residents of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

There are two categories of competition - color, and black-and-white. Photographers may enter up to four photographs in each category.

All photographs shall be no smaller than 5" x 7", mounted on at least 8" x 10" mount board, ready for exhibition.

Photographs must be taken by, but need not be printed by, the entrant.

Identification
All photographs must be accompanied by a 3" x 5" card with the entrant's name and address, the title of the work (if titled), and the price (if for sale). This identification card should be attached to the back of each photograph. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is requested, for notification of exhibit selection.

Entry Fee
Entries in each category must be accompanied by a \$2.00 non-refundable entry fee. The entry fee is established per category, so that entrants can submit up to four photos in each category for the \$2.00 entry fee. Entries in both categories - color, and black-and-white - must be accompanied by a \$4.00 entry fee (\$2.00 per category). A \$2.00 shipping fee is levied if work - must be return-shipped. Shipped materials must arrive in sturdy, re-usable containers, and all work will be returned in the original containers.

Deadline
The deadline for all entries is Tuesday, January 13, 1976. Entries may be personally delivered until 10:00 p.m., or must be postmarked no later than midnight, January 13, 1976.

All photographs without return-shipping charges may be picked up no earlier than February 16, 1976, and must be picked up by February 23, 1976.

Submissions
Entries are being accepted only at the offices of the Metropolitan Lansing Fine Arts Council, 507 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48933. The Arts Council office is located directly across from the Lansing State Journal, in the Creative and Performing Arts Building (South Campus) of Lansing Community College.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2.



Ethel Barnes celebrated her 94th birthday Dec. 12 with a party at Pagel's home for the aged. "Ethel is a most remarkable person," said Ethel Pagel. "She began snowmobiling last winter, and can hardly wait until I take her out again," she said. Other interests include knitting and crocheting doll clothes. Above, Mrs. Pagel and Mrs. Barnes cut the birthday cake.

The following received framed certificates for herds with records of not less than 500 pounds butterfat for any of the past 5 years.

Owner	No. Cows	Milk	Butterfat
Jerome Spitzley	49	16,585	614
Joseph Wing	44	15,731	604
Dennis Thelen	98	15,770	586
Frank & Jim Rivest	70	14,462	543
Robert Nurenberg	50	15,327	568
Don & Doug Witt	53	15,590	566
Ed DeLamater	31	11,240	561
Robert Wilcox	30	15,332	560
Frank Prochazka	23	15,392	555
Bob & Mike Borton	70	14,462	543
Ervin Marten	39	14,044	542
Russ & Dean Ormsby	82	14,795	536
Mervin Chamberlain	29	14,016	528

Directors elected Saturday were: Ken Thelen (re-elected) and Dean Ormsby.
MABC - Glen Webster and Irvin Martin, both re-elected.

Arrest St. Johns man

ST. JOHNS--A St. Johns resident has been arrested by the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. and charged with possession of stolen property. Sheriff's Dept. officials say the arrest is in connection with the recent breaking and entering of the Donald Pope residence, 3468 W. Taft Rd., St. Johns, where about \$2000 worth of household goods were taken. Arrested was Terry Cressman, 304 S. Emmons, St. Johns.

Most of the property taken has been recovered.

He posted a \$1500 bond and preliminary examination has been set for Jan. 15.

The Sheriff's Dept., working in conjunction with the St. Johns Police Dept. are seeking 3 other subjects in connection with the breaking and entering.

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Family and Society

Ava Jo Cole weds Glenn W. Pung

Ava Jo Cole and Glenn W. Pung were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church in a double-ring ceremony conducted by Rev. William Harker the evening of Oct. 10. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Cole of 4212 W. Chadwick Rd., DeWitt. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Pung of 2450 N. Krepps Rd., St. Johns.

Erin Wood of St. Johns was maid of honor and Elaine Miclarek of Lansing was bridesmaid.

Jack Frost of St. Johns was best man with LeRoy Rademacher of Westphalia acting as groomsman. Ushers were Ernest Steffen of St. Johns and Dennis Howland of DeWitt. The reception was hosted by

Dennis and Marylou Rademacher of St. Johns.

Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pung and Mr. and Mrs. William Rademacher, grandparents of the bridegroom; and Mrs. Anna Lobert and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cole, grandparents of the bride. The couple honeymooned at Mackinaw and are now residing at 818 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns.



St. Johns Morning Musicales holds 37th christmas tea

The St. Johns Morning Musicales, an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs, held its 37th Annual Christmas Coffee at St. Johns' Episcopal Church on the morning of Dec. 11.

The theme of the program "Christmas at Bethlehem - Pennsylvania" continued their study of music in early America. Mrs. Lawrence Fish gave the history of the Moravian settlers at Bethlehem and their contribution to American music.

Included in the program were

three selections played by a trio of trombonists from the Eighth Grade Band from Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School. The players were Jim Tobias, Marvin Argensinger and Peter Witteveen. They played "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night", and "Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn."

Mrs. Raymond Torpey sang "Come Unto Him" from Handel's "Messiah." Her accompanist was Mrs. Manning Bross.

Mrs. Maurice Witteveen

played two Maravian hymns - "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" and "What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee?" with improvisations on the pipe organ.

She also accompanied the Chorale Ensemble who sang "The Babe of Bethlehem", a mountain Christmas Carol, and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", by Praetorius.

The committee who served at the beautiful Christmas Coffee in the church undercroft were Mrs. Jack Bertoldi, Mrs. Lloyd Campbell and Mrs. Fred Lewis.

Fowler

Word was received that Mrs. Mary Wolhuis of Fowler has entered the Carson City Hospital and friends and neighbors wish her a speedy

recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thelen were visitors of Mrs. Lula Boak on Friday.

The families of the late Anthony and Anna Thelen had their Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Thelen of Pewamo, with a potluck dinner and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak went to the Emanuel First Lutheran Church recently to witness the baptism of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boak of Lansing. They named her

Jennifer Lynn. She was born on Mrs. Luella Boak's birthday. A dinner was held at the Boak home after the baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boak and Mrs. Lula Boak visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boak and family of Lansing, Sunday. In the evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boak of St. Johns.

Mrs. Alvira Ernst and daughter, Maxine, were recent evening visitors of Mrs. Lula Boak.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernen Benjamin and daughter were visitors of Mrs. Lula Boak during the week.

Engagement Hayes-Jones

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes of 904 S. Lansing St., St. Johns, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Mr. Richard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, French Rd., St. Johns.

She is presently studying at the Universite de Haute Bretagne, Rennes, France. Richard is a graduate of Michigan Technological

University, Houghton, Mi. They are planning to be married in France soon after Christine completes her studies there.

Mr. David Peabody underwent surgery recently in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. Mrs. Grace Sizzell is confined to Owosso Memorial Hospital.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

DECEMBER 1775

By Professor Robert E. Brown
Department of History
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December 1775 brought three important developments in the British-American rift.

First, a Virginia victory at Great Bridge guarding the only land route to Norfolk forced the British governor, Lord Dunmore, to abandon the town as a base of supplies for food and fresh water. Dunmore then retaliated by having his warships fire on the town's docks and Virginians made Norfolk completely unusable by burning what remained.

The second event was the failure of the American invasion of Canada. After capturing Montreal on November 12, General Richard Montgomery had joined Benedict Arnold for a joint assault on Quebec. But American indecision over the invasion of Canada gave the British time to prepare, while a smallpox epidemic and inclement weather hindered American operations. A desperate effort to take Quebec on the last day of December resulted in the death of Montgomery and the wounding of Arnold. Americans thus lost their best opportunity to conquer Canada.

Last, and by far the most important, was the American decision to seek the aid of Britain's inveterate enemy, France.

Prior to 1754, the British had adopted the policy of keeping Catholic and absolutist France in Canada as a threat to the colonists. The assumption was that Americans would choose to remain under the protection of the British empire rather than face the prospect of a French conquest.

Experiences during the French and Indian War, however, reversed this policy. The British discovered that the French in Canada, far from ensuring American dependence on Britain, were, in fact, hindering the enforcement of Britain's colonial policy.

At the close of the war in 1763, therefore, the British decided to retain Canada, eliminate the French threat and attempt to enforce their colonial policy of mercantilism and imperialism. The result was a standing army in the colonies, writs of assistance, the Sugar Act, the Stamp Act, the Townshend Acts, the Tea Act and the Coercive or Intolerable Acts, all designed to assert British authority over the Americans.

There was one major catch to the new British policy. If British retention of Canada would relieve Britain of the need for colonial aid against the French and thus allow Britain to make her colonial policy effective, as some men said, it also posed the threat that France might eventually become an ally of the Americans in a British-American conflict, as others predicted. The second group proved to be the more prophetic, and ironically the French would become a major factor in the very independence that British policy toward France was designed to prevent.

On the lighter side, one Sarah Smith declared her independence in a *New York Journal* notice on December 18: "I, Sarah Smith, School-mistress, the wife of William Smith, take this method to inform the public not to trust or credit the said Smith on my account, for I shall never pay any of his contractions. . . I nine years have been his wife, tho' he for a widower doth pass, when he meets a suitable lass; for his wicked doings I never more can him abide, nor he never more shall lie by my side."

December 1775 was indeed a bad month for reconciliation of all kinds.

Engagement Campbell-Francis



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Campbell of 109 N. Morton, St. Johns, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Lynn, to John Patrick Francis of Flint. Mr. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Francis of Flint.

Janice is a graduate of the class of 1957 from Rodney B. Wilson High School and is in the employment of the State of Michigan, in the Department of Education, in Lansing.

The wedding is to be in the late spring of next year.

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Reception honors Silver anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hazle were honored at a buffet reception held at their home 4389 E. Pratt Rd., St. Johns, on Saturday evening, Nov. 29, in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. The affair was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin M. Kirk of Hickory Corners, Mich, their daughter Miss Kathy Hazle of St. Johns and their grandson, Kevin Francis Kirk, of Hickory Corners.

George Jay Hazle and Shirley Helen Parker were married by the late Rev. Thomas Pollard of the Ovid United Church on November 25, 1950 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Parker, of Victor Township, just across the lawn from the couple's present home. Mrs. Hazle's paternal great grandparents were married about 125 years ago in a log house on the site where her present home stands.

All living members of the original bridal party were in attendance for the silver anniversary celebration. Joyce Curtis Day of Grand Ledge was maid of honor, Marilyn Boron Kissa of St. Johns was bridesmaid, Charles Hazle of St. Johns, brother of the groom, was best man and Elwood Day of Grand Ledge was groomsman. Ushering for the wedding

were Dana C. Parker, now deceased and Alan K. Parker of Whitmore Lake, brothers of the bride.

Dana Robert Parker of Canfield, Ohio acted as host for the silver anniversary in his father's behalf, and was assisted by his uncle Alan K. Parker. Performing their duties of 25 years ago, Mrs. Hazle's cousin, Helen Morrison Walker of Minden City was in charge of the guest book and Dorothy Magsig Merignac of St. Johns in charge of the gift table.

The three tiered anniversary cake, made by Mrs. Marvin Kirk of Manchester, was decorated with white and silver hearts and flowers and featured four heart shaped cakes as the base, white and silver wedding bells decorated the second tier and the cake was topped off by a silver 25 surrounded by silver flowers and leaves and white netting. Mrs. Keith Sheldon of Hillman, sister of the groom, who cut the original wedding cake, cut the anniversary cake, assisted by Mrs. Alan K. Parker of Whitmore Lake, sister-in-law of the bride.

Pouring coffee was Mrs. Charles Hazle of St. Johns, sister-in-law of the groom, and pouring punch was Mrs. Duane Green of Elsie, friend of the couple. The honored couple's many nieces and nephews were in charge of the buffet table,

which was centered by a fall arrangement of flowers and orange candles.

Honored guests were the couples parents, Mrs. Dana D. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hazle of St. Johns. Other special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoeve of Roscommon, aunt and uncle of the couple, and Mrs. John Cook of Chelsea, special friend of the couple and grandmother of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kirk.

The Hazle's home was decorated in fall colors of orange and yellow with touches of silver. Several gift bouquets and plants added to the festive occasion. Much time was spent in visiting and looking over mementos of the past 25 years.

The Hazle family raises and shows registered Holstein dairy cattle. The couple have been D.H.I.A. supervisors in Clinton County, on a full and part time basis for 18 years. Mr. Hazle has been an A.I. technician for M.A.B.C. in Clinton County since 1959. A combined total of nearly 45 years of 4-H leadership is an accomplishment, in which the Hazle's take pride.

The nearly 100 guests came from Canfield, Ohio, Whitmore Lake, Manchester, Chelsea, Minden City, Roscommon, Hillman, Hickory Corners, Laingsburg, Bath, Elsie, DeWitt, and St. Johns.



Mr. & Mrs. George J. Hazle

Carland News

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stinson of 3995 Carland Rd., Carland, were honored Sunday at an open house held at the Brethren in Christ Church, located one mile east of Carland, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The occasion was to celebrate the Stinson's 40th wedding anniversary.

Vern Stinson and the former Thelma (Molly) Jackson were married in her parents home in Owosso, Dec. 7, 1935.

Florence Bludorn of Owosso and Al Semke of Farmington, who attended the couple at their wedding were present at the celebration. It was the first time in 40 years that the four of them had been together.

Mr. Stinson is a retired farmer. Mrs. Stinson says she is not retired as a wife, grandmother and housewife.

The party was hosted by the Stinson's three children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd St. John (formerly Mary Lou Stinson), Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stinson, and Grant Stinson, all of Carland.

Vern and Molly have 11 grandchildren.

Approximately 300 people attended the open house and came from Farmington, LaFayette, Indiana; Grand Rapids, Toledo, Ohio; New Lothrop, Lake Orin and surrounding cities.

Phone calls were made to the honored couple with "Congratulations" from California, Florida and Indiana.

The children and grandchildren of the Stinson's served a buffet luncheon; the ladies of the church worked in the kitchen.

The Carland United Methodist Church ladies met at the home of Mrs. Mervin Chamberlain of Hollister Road for their Christmas party with 13 members attending.

Each member participated in the Christmas program by reading poems, Christmas readings, etc. The Christmas gifts were decided upon for their adopted son in the children's home in Detroit.

Christmas baskets of "goodies" are being prepared for the shut-ins by the ladies.

Mrs. Joan Parks was presented with a past-president's pin for her services rendered. Mrs. Patricia Chamberlain will assume her duties as the new president in 1976.

Mr. Howard Horn was phoned in Florida during the meeting and the ladies sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He and Mrs. Horn had to unexpectedly drive home this weekend from Florida to attend the funeral of their great-granddaughter, two-year-old, Carey Thompson.

The next meeting, the first meeting in 1976, will be held at the home of Mrs. Glen Brown, with Mrs. Clara Hickok furnishing the refreshments.

Mrs. Virginia Schultz will be in charge of the program.

Lowe UMW holds annual Christmas party

The Lowe UMW had their traditional annual Christmas party for their Secret Sisters and neighbors on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The dining room was decorated in seasonal decor with a festive tree and a scene of a table in red with a white cross and candles for the installation service of the officers.

Each guest was greeted and adorned with a corsage.

The evening was celebrated in German style with a menu of hot German potato salad, knockwurst, hot red cabbage slaw, Stollen bread and delicious Kris Kringle bread pudding with strawberry sauce. Alvina Bast and Eileen Plowman were chief chefs.

After a welcome by the vice president, Eileen Plowman, in the absence of the president, Alvina Bast, carol singing by the group was accompanied by Delia Anderson.

Speaker, Mrs. Gert Sharron, related German customs and traditions.

Installation of officers was next on the agenda. Marbeth Hynes, our District Officer, called each local officer up in turn, explaining her function, and giving her a candle to light from the one representing Christ--thus, giving her service to Him.

The officers are: Alvina Bast, president; Eileen Plowman, vice president; Caroline Anderson, secretary; Connie Henry, treasurer; and the 4 coordinators are Mabel Frost, Mary Kingsbury, Emily Davis, and Annie Findlay.

Gifts were then distributed and a social time was held.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14, at noon at the church with Marbeth Hynes serving as hostess and Alvina Bast as co-hostess.

Marriage licenses

James Franklin Olney, 34, 15802 Brook St., Lansing; Barbara Jean Law, 34, 15802 Brook St., Lansing; Rodney Corp, 40, 5726 S. Washington Rd., Lansing; Dianne Pewoski, 29, 609 N. Morton St., St. Johns.

Joseph Russel Codde, 26, 6150 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, Florida; Michelle Farhat, 23, 801 West Geneva Drive, DeWitt.

Kris Robert Patterson, 20, 605 W. Cass St., St. Johns; Deborah Mae Schmalz, 18, R.3, St. Johns.



Engagement Bosch-Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bosch of 802 Hubbard Ave., Flint, Mich., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jillaine Irene Bosch to Douglas C. Miller of 7715 Wildcat Rd., Ovid.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller of Ovid, and is currently attending Grand

Rapids School of the Bible and Music.

The bride-elect has attended Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music and is currently enrolled at Mott Community College, Flint, and is employed by Kith Haven Nursing Home of Flint. The couple are planning a June 26 wedding.

Engagement Pytlowanyj-Bartkiw



High School and MSU graduate and is currently employed with the Department of Management and budget in Lansing.

END-OVER-END Some sections are covered with ice and snow at this time of year -- and as usual many motorists will go slaying.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wolodymyr Pytlowanyj of Route 5, St. Johns have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pearl Eve, to Nykola Bartkiw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartkiw of Flint. The bride-elect is a St. Johns

Blue Star Mothers meet for Christmas party

The Blue Star Mothers met at the Congregational Church Dec. 9. Seventeen members enjoyed a potluck supper at 6 p.m. with the tables brightly decorated for the Christmas season.

A business meeting was called to order by president Dorothy Welsh.

The Hospital chairman Rose Randolph reported that material has been purchased for the backs on lap robes, which are being made for the

veterans facility.

Alberta Brock, Ways and Means chairman, said many dish mops and choppers were being bought from her for Christmas presents. Also donations are still being accepted for the no bake sale.

The Bicentennial chairman reported that the chapter has completed 2 quilt blocks for the quilt.

The chapter voted to make a donation to the Congregational

Church for the use of the hall for their meetings.

A fruit basket is being prepared by the Community Service chairman to be given at Christmas time.

The Soldiers Hospitality chairman, Vianna Bond, reported she has mailed out money orders to the servicemen on our list.

The meeting closed in regular form with Chaplain Ruth Barrett giving the closing prayer.

Marie Whitford won the mystery prize.

At the next meeting, Jan. 27, the 1976 officers will be installed and the past presidents have charge of refreshments.

The Christmas party was conducted by Edna Eldred and she asked each member to take part and tell of one experience they had kept in mind that happened when they were children. The group sang Christmas Carols and there were three poems read, "Grandma ain't what she used to be," "Reminiscence and The Humble Lord."

Each member shook hands with his neighbor and wished him a Merry Christmas, then president Welsh was called into the circle and in unison the Chapter wished her a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Extension group holds christmas dinner

South Bingham and Olive Extension Group met at the home of Mrs. Jeter Keener, Dec. 4, for their annual Christmas dinner.

There were 10 members and 4 guests present. A business meeting was held in the morning followed by a turkey dinner

at noon with gift exchange in the afternoon.

The group voted to hold a membership drive. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Jeter Keener, 224-2781.

The next meeting to be held, Jan. 8, will be at Mrs. Lyle Stevens, 210 S. Baker, St. Johns.

Church of God presents "Love Transcending"

ST. JOHNS--The First Church of God will present "Love Transcending," a Christmas

program by John Peterson, Dec. 21 at the church. The program begins at 7 p.m.

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A boy, Robert Frank, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bunn, Sr. of 7887 DeWitt Rd., Dec. 10 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 10 ozs. The baby has 1 brother and 3 sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weise and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunn. The mother is the former Janet Weise.

A girl, Krysta Rheam, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Kyd of 4806 Westgate Blvd. #102, Austin, Texas, Nov. 24 at St. David's Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Grandparents are Mrs. Sterling Kyd, Sr. of Columbia, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Weed of St. Johns. The mother is the former Kathryn Weed of St. Johns.

A girl, Kammi Veannette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller of 609 N. Morton, St. Johns Dec. 1, 1975 at Carson City Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. The baby has 1 brother and 1 sister. Grandparents are Velmer Oakley and Erwin Fuller. The mother is the former Sylvia Oakley.

A girl, Charlene Diane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn of 223 Pine St., Elsie, Nov. 29, 1975 at Owosso Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. The baby has 1 brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Halsey and Mrs. Pearl Dunn. The mother is the former Ellen Halsey.

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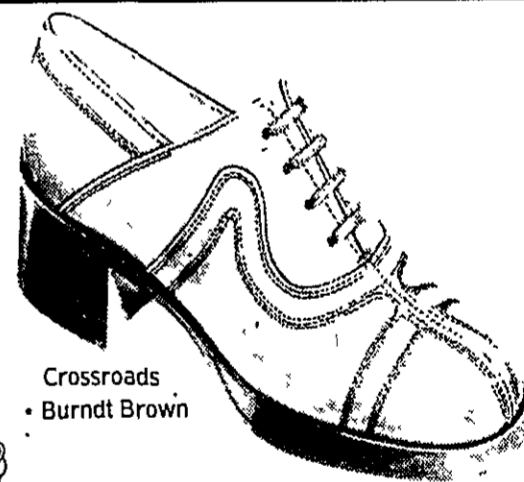
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DeWitt wrestlers defeat Mason

The DeWitt wrestlers won their third duel of the season over Mason by a score of 33-29. The meet results were:

98--Hugh Bates (D) WBF, Kurt Baughman (M) 1:36, 105--Dwayne Smith (D) 12, Rick Mack (M) 0.

112--Mike Heskitt (D) 3:36, *Ruben Fuentes (M) WBF.

119--*Jeff Corr (D) 5, Joe Puiver (M) 0.

126--*Larry Bates (D) 14, Eric Imlay (M) 0.

132--Tom Mathers (D), *Alex Imlay (M) WBD.

138--Casey Hills (D), *Jim Fellows (M) 10.

145--*Dale Butler (D) WBF, Jim Whittemore (M) 4:57.

155--*Arden Pierson (D)

WBF, Steve Wyann (M) 4:13, 167--Mark Schaar (D) 2, Brad Hershiser (M) 2.

185--Rod Pullver (M), Hwy.--Craig Nemeth (D) 2:24, *Randy Craft (M) WBF.

*Winners WBF-Won by fall.

This past Saturday, the Panthers placed third in the Haslett Invitational tournament behind Eaton Rapids and the winners, Lansing Catholic Central. They were paced by three champions, one runner-up and a third place finisher. The champion's matches were as follows:

Hugh Bates, champ 98 lbs. - beat; Merriman - Williamston (pin); Gilmore - Okemos, pin; Parker - Perry, 3-2; Dorr Granger - Eaton Rapids, 1-0. DeWayne Smith, champ 105 lbs. beat; Pincombe - Williamston, 13-0; Rentschler - Okemos, pin; Houghton - Eaton

Rapids, 5-0; Soria - Bath, 10-2. Larry Bates, 126 champ, beat; McCary - Bath, pin; Branan - Williamston, pin; Somers - Haslett, pin; Scott - Waverly, 11-0.

Bates was also voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

Tim Elkins took second at 119 beating Mooney of LCC, and Mee of Bath, and losing a close match, 3-1, to Bob McAlvey of Haslett in the finals.

Mark Schaar placed third for the Panthers. He was victorious over Tunningly of Williamston 11-0, Bradley of Perry 2-0, and Truhn of Brighton 10-4. His loss was to the eventual champion at 167, Cramer from LCC.

On Thursday, DeWitt is home against Oliveet and on the following Saturday they will participate at the Ithaca Invitational in that city.



It was a busy day for Santa Saturday in St. Johns as area children visited him at the Municipal Building for lunch and a chance to whisper in his ear. Above Laura Oakwood and Todd Conn visit with Santa while below Chip Lott takes his turn on Santa's lap.



Kincaid District

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and Kevin visited Jay Witt Sunday at St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dickinson attended the funeral of Mr. Don Miller, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dickinson visited Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson and family at Williamston to help celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sullivan, Dan and Garry were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sherman and children of Mulliken to celebrate Travis Sherman's third birthday.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worcester of Frances Road had Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sullivan, Garry and Dan as dinner guests.

Mrs. Marguerite Grow of Grand Ledge visited the Donald Sullivan family, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. George Sargent visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sargent, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Donald Potts has been in Lansing General Hospital a week with pneumonia.

Mr. Howard Sargent visited his granddaughter Sunday at Lansing General Hospital at Lansing.

Thursday, Mrs. Clare Hardenburg and Mrs. Howard Sargent went to Chelsea to visit Mrs. Hardenburg's mother.

Friday, Kris Parks visited Mrs. Nancy Potts, and Mrs. Harold Hoerner visited her Friday evening.

Mr. Don Potts and Harold Hoerner visited Mrs. Nancy Potts, Sunday.

Thursday, Mr. Donald Potts visited Mrs. Nancy Potts.

Saturday, Harvey Hoerner visited his sister, Mrs. Donald Potts, at Lansing General Hospital.

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Report from the capitol

State Representative

by Stanley Powell

A new order to trim the state's budget was submitted by Governor Milliken and approved by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

The new order cuts \$123.7 million from the state budget for the current year.

The specifics of the new order are:

—A \$5.4 million reduction in planned construction projects.

—A \$48 million cut in appropriations for education, including \$40.5 million out of basic grants to local school districts and \$7.5 million in allowances for four-year state colleges and universities.

—\$39.6 million in reduced appropriations for specific programs, mainly in the welfare area. About \$14 million of this amount would be realized by withholding the increases in general assistance grants previously slated to take effect January 1, 1976. The other savings would come from cuts or the stretching out of Medicaid benefits.

The Governor also changed his mind on calling for the abolishment of the Veterans' Trust Fund. He is now proposing that \$50 million be borrowed from the Veterans' Trust Fund and the \$18 million in the Motor Vehicle Accident Claim Fund be transferred to the State's General Fund.

The proposal to extend the fiscal year to September 30, 1976, is still being pushed by the Governor. These proposals require action by the full Legislature.

The new order was issued after a previous order proposing \$149.5 million in budget cuts was rejected by the Democratic controlled Appropriations Committees.

In issuing his reduced order, however, the Governor warned that further reductions may have to be made next spring.

I am somewhat relieved that our budget problem appears on its way to solution, at least temporarily. I am concerned, however, that the cuts are not enough to solve the problem of a potential deficit and that further cuts will have to be made later.

"POLITICAL REFORM" MOVES FORWARD

A legislative package designed to begin immediate implementation of the so-called "political reform" law enacted previously passed the Michigan House of Representatives last week. The package allows for immediate appointment of the Political Ethics Commission which would begin operating January 1, 1976.

In the meantime, a resolution introduced by my Republican colleague, Representative

Wayne Sackett of Portage, which I co-sponsored, poses seven specific constitutional questions on the entire "political reform" act to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The entire "political reform" measure enacted last summer, however, does not take effect until April 1, 1976. With immediate effect given to the establishment of the ethics commission it is believed the new law can be put into effect in time to apply to the 1976 election campaigns.

Some Republicans supplied the votes to give the political ethics commission portion of the bill immediate effect because according to House Republican Leader Dennis Cawthorne, an agreement was reached with Democratic leaders to correct some of the areas of concern to Republicans in the new law.

Republicans voiced objections to the bill because it contains flaws such as allowing an unlimited movement of money into political campaigns by labor unions without complying with disclosure requirements.

Of much concern to Republicans also was the inclusion of members of local governmental appointed boards and commissions and elected local officials in the personal financial disclosure portion of the law. I am seriously concerned that the effect of this drastic new law will be to discourage many good and able citizens from accepting appointments or becoming candidates for important local offices.

LIMIT TAXES

I'm urging Michigan taxpayers to support a petition drive to limit state spending at the present 8.3 percent of state personal income.

The drive was started by a bipartisan group of state lawmakers in an attempt to limit total taxes in this state and give the real incomes of our wage earners a chance to increase.

Members of the petition drive are trying to put the question of whether to limit state spending placed on the ballot for all taxpayers to decide upon. This route was chosen because a resolution proposing the constitutional amendment has not been reported out of committee.

Anyone interested in signing the petition can contact me at my Lansing office.

This may be the only way we're going to make big spenders in state government realize that we're tired of paying more and more taxes to support a bigger and less efficient bureaucracy.

TAX BREAK FOR ELDERLY

We passed two bills in the House recently which would give senior citizens a tax break. One of the bills (HB 4047) allows Michigan residents 65 and over with an annual income of \$6,000 or less to defer special assessment taxes on their property. Heirs to the estates would eventually be required to pay for these deferred special assessments.

The second bill, HB 5517, provides for creation of a fund to pay the special assessments to the local units of government by borrowing \$3 million from the Veterans' Trust Fund.

The bills have now been sent to the Senate for further consideration.

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The state is stepping in to subsidize the trackage to be abandoned by the bankrupt Penn-Central and Ann Arbor freight lines. Only about 100 miles of trackage will actually be abandoned and service on these miles has already been discontinued.

Although abandonment notices went up earlier this month on the 1,060 miles of trackage, service on the present basis will not be discontinued until February 27. On that date, however, rail service will either be continued through a subsidy by the state or by the Con-Rail system, a federal program.

A bill recently signed into law allows the state to contract with one of the solvent carriers in the state and subsidize it to operate the abandoned lines. So freight service, which is so vital to our economy, will remain an essential part of our transportation system.

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By Mary Bell



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Sandy,

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M. J. Bell

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DNR estimates '75 deer harvest 87,100

LANSING -- Michigan's 1975 firearm deer harvest has been gauged at 87,100 animals, comparable to last year's total, based on a preliminary estimate made by the Department of Natural Resources.

In 1974, sportsmen took 92,040 whitetails from Michigan's fields and forests, according to a final survey report completed in May.

Preliminary harvest figures are based on traffic counts taken by the DNR along major north and southbound highways during the two week season in late November. The Department's Office of Surveys and Statistical Services makes a final estimate on seasonal deer harvests during the following spring when it finishes a study of returns from an annual postcard survey of licensed deer hunters.

"Our preliminary estimates for 1975 are up in every category from last year's 'traffic survey,'" notes Dr. Lawrence Ryel, head of the survey program. "Judging from performance in the last couple of years, however, these estimates may be conservative."

In 1974, for example, the preliminary count was 75,800. Results of the traffic survey, which hold up until the more accurate information is on hand, show that hunters harvested 80,300 bucks and 6,800 antlerless deer in 1975. That compares to 86,710 bucks and 5,330 antlerless deer taken in the state last year.

Dave Arnold, the DNR's deer specialist, originally forecast a harvest of 100,000 whitetails in 1975, but he says his predictions may fall short when the final estimate is made next spring.

"This was still one of our better seasons," states Arnold. "About 700,000 hunters were afield, so about one in eight brought home some venison. I'd say that's a sign of a pretty good hunt."

But from a biological standpoint, Arnold says field reports indicate that antler development was not as good as in 1974.

"All northern areas had more spike bucks in the yearling age class," he states. "Most significant was the Lake-Newaygo county area where the percentage of spikes rose to 57 percent, compared to 13 percent a year ago."

"This poor development of antlers is consistent with the poor physical condition of the herd found last spring," Arnold continues. "While deer were numerous this fall, their physical condition was lower. This is a sign that the herd may be at or approaching the carrying capacity of the food supply."

A breakdown of this season's preliminary traffic count totals points to a harvest of 13,500 bucks in the Upper Peninsula. The 1974 total was 14,930.

The northern half of the Lower Peninsula produced the largest deer harvest in 1975, with 49,700 bucks and 3,400 antlerless deer taken, according to Ryel's estimates. In the southern half of the Lower Peninsula, hunters took 17,100 bucks and 3,400 antlerless deer.

Final tallies for 1974 show that 55,820 bucks and 1,930 antlerless deer were taken in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula; and 15,960 bucks and 3,400 antlerless deer in the southern half of Lower Michigan.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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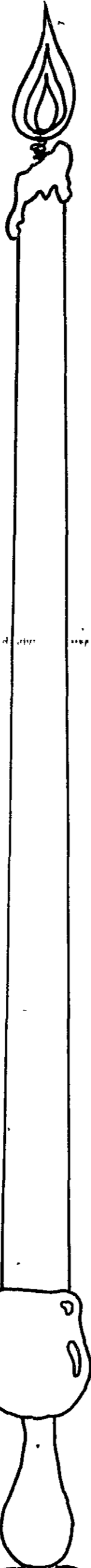
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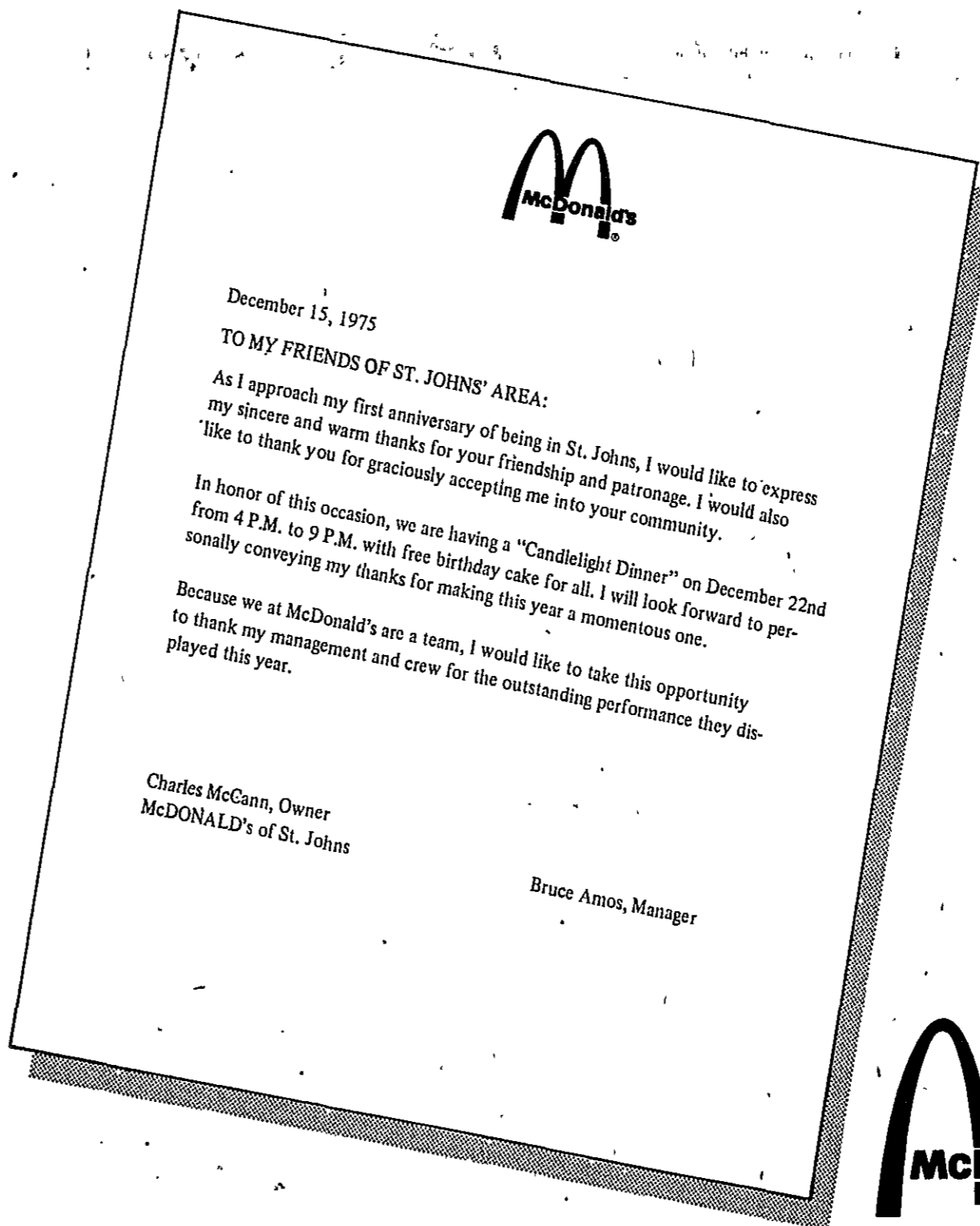
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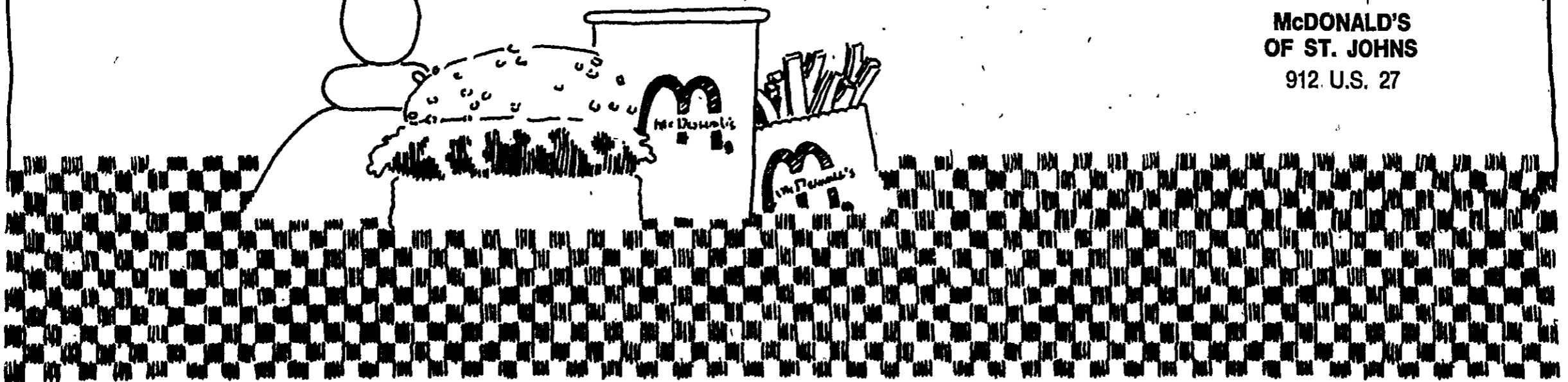
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Editorial

Shoot your mouth off

Clever defense attorneys with the assistance of some gullible jurists have created a situation where an accused criminal, even a convicted one, can have his conviction reversed or at least gain a new trial simply by shooting his mouth off at the time of arrest and before trial. His case is helped if prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officials do the same thing. If he makes a confession which he later repudiates, and can get it printed in the papers, he has it made.

The case of the accused kidnapper of Reg Murphy — since a new trial has been ordered we don't dare say "convicted kidnapper"—is a perfect example.

Among the examples of unfavorable pre-trial publicity cited by the court as making it impossible for the accused to get a fair trial, was the 4,000-word article Murphy wrote of his own experiences. What is a victim supposed to do? Keep his mouth shut? Then whose rights are being invaded?

It is no exaggeration to say that under the current set of rules being pursued by the courts the task of bringing a criminal to justice can be rendered next to impossible if the accused can get the help of the press and maximize pre-trial publicity.

When will the courts wake up to the fact they and the public are being used and abused in these instances by clever defense attorneys who are taking advantage of the press' unpopularity as bearers of bad tidings.

Editor and Publisher

Editorial

Where's the lottery cash?

As the state struggles with its financial crisis, as the schools take to the stump asking for more money, as social services people pressure for more funds, the most often asked question in the street corner discussions and in letters to the editor columns, is "where does the lottery cash go?"

Those who want more cash to spend or those who protest rising taxes almost always mention the lottery as an untapped source. The state lottery is a moneymaker. But it is no money tree.

The 1974-75 lottery year brought in \$142 million. More than half of that was spent for prizes, agent and bank commissions and lottery operations. The 46 per cent on the so-called profit side of the ledger thus shrunk to \$64 million, obviously a large lump.

The biggest share of this so-called profit went to education. Schools got \$21 million. Social services and welfare grabbed off almost as much. The remaining 38 percent of the state's share of the lottery was divided 22 different ways for various other state agencies.

The lottery is a financial success to the state and to the winners, although something less than a success as far as the losers who do the gambling.

Lottery funds, contrary to some critical claims, are being used. They aren't being dissipated any more than other state income. Lottery income is a help, but it isn't the absolute solution that some people would like to think it is.

INGHAM COUNTY NEWS

DeWitt Township proceedings

Synopsis of the regular meeting of the DeWitt Township Board held on December 8, 1976 at the Township Hall, 780 E. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Emerson at 8:00 p.m.

Board members present: Emerson, Syverson, Cheney, Pline and Olger. Board Members absent: Corr and Kzeski.

The agenda and minutes were approved. The public comments were about the letter that Stanley Powell sent to Mrs. Calder and Mrs. Reed about the

Special Assessment for police and fire. The letter contained an Attorney General's opinion.

The Planning Commission minutes were reviewed. Sent the rezoning and special use permit for the Handyside landfill back to the Planning Commission for reasons.

Approved the Bauerle and Horning Farmland - Agreement applications. Reviewed the Treasurer's report on the 1974 tax collections. Emerson said that our 1974 tax appeal was heard in the Supreme Court on December 3rd. It will probably be six months before a decision is made. The 1975 appeal will be

heard by the Tax Tribunal on January 7th.

Tabled the Highway excess property. Appointed Baldwin, Gnodtke and Dewey to the Planning Commission for another term. Authorized any Board Member to attend the MTA convention in January if they desire to attend.

Authorized the Clinton Development Corp. billing of \$169.61 be paid. Adopted a resolution to institute the necessary proceedings for condemnation of an easement to King Arthur's Court.

Approved all vouchers. Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna B. Syverson, Clerk. Approved by Dale S. Emerson, Supervisor.

Better work today qualifies a man for tomorrow's duties.

Back Through the Years



From the Clinton County News Files of 1974, 1965, & 1950

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 16, 1965
Julius H. Keletras, M.D., who has practiced medicine in St. Johns for the last year, moved this week to Richland Center, Wis., a community about the size of St. Johns in southwestern Wisconsin. The physician and surgeon had offices in the Parr building at the corner of Ottawa and West State Street in St. Johns and lived with his family at 209 W. Higham.

Donald Walker who will be leaving his job as 4-H Club agent in Clinton County the first of the year, will be honored this Sunday at an open house at 209 W. Higham.

The Village of Ovid held open house Sunday afternoon for their new public works building and water treatment plant located next to the railroad and the water tower. The entire complex cost \$77,300 and now provides Ovid with treated water and additional space for the storage of village equipment.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1955
After 5½ years of litigation in the Federal courts, John B. Spitzley, 78, former president of the Westphalia State Bank, has been completely exonerated of charges of negligence and conspiracy in connection with the failure of the bank that closed in April of 1950.

Clinton Memorial Hospital is scheduled to receive \$49,500 as its share of a half billion dollar grant from the Ford Foundation to the nation's privately supported hospitals, colleges and medical schools.

When a fireman wants more firemen he knows just what to do and that is what Fireman Francis L. Karber did last Saturday night as flames broke out in the roof of his cement block plant. He drove to the Municipal Building and pushed the button to activate the siren used to sound city alarms.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1945
Residents of Clinton County will benefit from approximately \$1,000,000 which is being distributed among Consumer Power customers this month in the form of reduced bills.

Joseph Mazzolini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Mazzolini of St. Johns, is making good as a singer in Hollywood and is now affiliated with the Earl Carroll theater there according to a report from Mrs. Leon Pouch of St. Johns, who recently returned from a visit to California.

Chief of Police Reed Hall announced that the United States Secret Service at Detroit again warns persons in this

vicinity to be watchful for mail thieves and forgers, especially during the pre-holiday season.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1935
Stricken ill Dec. 6 while on a business trip in the east, Henry H. Kelly, 60, of St. Johns died Friday, Dec. 13, 1935 at Greenfield, Mass., where, on Dec. 7, he had submitted to an operation for appendicitis. The body was brought here and funeral services were held at his home, 306 Church Street, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Earl F. Collins officiated and burial was made in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

State aid for schools, in the form of an \$18,998 check was received Tuesday, Dec. 17, by Lee Bissell, county treasurer. This amount, allocated from sales tax receipts by the state department of public instruction under provisions of the Thatcher-Saur law, will be divided between 55 Clinton county school districts, and constitutes the first of a series of three payments to be made during the year.

A PERSONAL LOOK AT THE NEWS

Between the lines

with Jim Edwards

THOUGHTS THROUGH A TYPEWRITER
... GRRRRR—The people who either cannot read or thoughtlessly ignore the sign indicating how many items to be taken at an express lane infuriate me. I suppose a lot sneak through with an extra item or so, but the people in front of me the other night were ridiculous. They went through with 2 bags of groceries that came to \$21.

... FOOTBALL CONTEST FANS—Last year's County News Bowl Games Football Contest was so popular, we've decided to go with it again this year. It's in this week's, County News and remember that entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 20.

... LITTLE MEMO WITH A BIG MESSAGE—Department of Natural Resources water quality investigators are keeping a watchful eye on a Whitehall manufacturing plant after they read a memo by a plant engineer last summer. The memo came just before the DNR was to make an inspection tour of the plant. The memo read, "I would stress the importance of not dumping anything into the drains except clean water during this critical period. No oil, monoshell, acids etc. I would suggest that any critical items that are dumped be taken out to White Lake Landfill and disposed of there."

... I'M STUCK IN THE COMPUTER—I recently changed insurance policies on my car. I didn't change companies, just policies. But evidently the AAA computer isn't going to allow me to get rid of the first policy. I'm getting billed for both and the last communication says they're going to cancel me if I don't pay for the first policy. They also list me as living in Ann Arbor and driving a new van. Ah, the joys of the computer age.

... FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, USE THE LITTER BASKETS—Why is it that pedestrians in St. Johns will walk right by the litter baskets and throw their litter on the sidewalk?

... PUNS ARE FUN—A veterinarian out west received a call from an Indian chief complaining that his pet buffalo was ill. When he asked how long the buffalo had been ill, the vet was told 10 days. He visited the Indian to find he had painted the animal red, white and blue. The vet asked the chief why he painted the buffalo red, white and blue and the chief replied, "I told you—bison—ten-day-ill."

... NICE TRY, COACH—In the past, the County News has provided statistic sheets for coaches to fill out and mail to us with results of their athletic events. Evidently, it isn't going to work as well as it did in the past. Joe Ghiardi, basketball coach at Pewamo-Westphalia, put a letter in the mail Dec. 6. We didn't get it until Dec. 9, too late for last week's edition. You can drive from California in 3 days and arrive home just in time to receive a letter mailed the same 3 days ago from Pewamo—that's progress.

... ANY SHAKY EXPERIENCES?—The U.S. Geological Survey is studying 2 earthquakes which had epicenters in the general region of St. Johns. One earthquake was Sept. 4, 1944 in Massena, N.Y. and other was Feb. 28, 1925 in the St. Lawrence River region. What's an epicenter? Glad you asked. It is the part of the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake. If you remember any shaky incidents on those dates, let me know and I'll forward your comments. I'm still not sure what an epicenter is.

Agriculture in Action

Guest Column by Paul Kindinger

Life for many Americans is probably a routine which begins and ends each day without event. Can you imagine what might happen if some morning Mr. and Mrs. Complacency were to awaken and hear, "American Agriculture is Declared Bankrupt—No longer able to produce!" That's right—no more food supply. The last true bastion of free enterprise bankrupt. Why? Because the cost of producing is greater than the income received from selling the product.

Legislators from metropolitan constituencies and professional bureaucrats who have a limited knowledge of the agricultural sector are constantly devising new methods of increasing the cost of doing business. As an example, revisions in the Worker's Compensation Law could double or possibly triple premium costs. Time and one-half wages for agricultural workers and elimination of piece rates as a mode of payment are more examples. OSHA regulations, pesticide restrictions and increasing labor work rules are only further examples of the same syndrome.

As a result, profits in agriculture continue to decline. It's that decreasing net income in spite of record investments in land, equipment and supplies that's creating the bind that worries many agricultural experts. That's the kind of situation that leads to bankruptcy.

Rising costs of doing business plague many businesses today. However, farmers, unlike other businessmen, cannot pass these costs of operation on to the consumer. As a result, profits in agriculture continue to decline. It's that decreasing net income in spite of record investments in land, equipment and supplies that's creating the bind that worries many agricultural experts. That's the kind of situation that leads to bankruptcy.

A society with a bankrupt agriculture really has a routine day -- just one hungry minute after another.

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The Clinton County Courthouse will be open all day December 24th and 31st and closed December 25th and 26th.

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May 24	November 22
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NOTICE TO FOWLER RESIDENTS

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Deadline for filing nominating petitions for these positions is December 29, 1975, 4 p.m.

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Lawyers are chief among those who make it tough for a wise-guy columnist to do his thing.

What I mean is, we smartie writers often depend upon exaggeration to make our point. It's the type of writing that more erudite people might call satire or caricature or at least sarcasm.

For example, I won't simply write that my baby sister is overweight. I would write that the Rand McNally people requested her to stand still long enough for alternate routes to be mapped for motorists who want to avoid having to drive around her. Now you know she isn't really big enough to be put on a map, like an alp. But you do get the idea she must proceed sideways through canyons, which is correct. See?

The trouble comes when the satirist must deal with subjects so outrageous they can't be exaggerated. How could I stretch the truth if my sister really did weigh 10 tons?

Washington has been an awful problem in recent years. We had a Secretary of the Air Force who didn't know his planes were bombing Cambodia. We had an FBI director who hid secret papers in his shirt drawer. We had a Pentagon that kept score of the war by counting dead bodies and having cheerleaders announce the results every hour on the hour.

For years the kidding columnists had written that most politicians were dirty crooks who should be run out of office and into jail. Then came Agnew and Nixon and the Watergate lawyers. There was no way to exaggerate about those birds short of accusing them of being Nazis or murderers. Then

we learned about the FBI and CIA lots . . .

Things aren't much better in the smaller towns, especially when it comes to lawyers. I used to kid lawyers for charging \$500 for advising a client, after a 2-year delay, to pay a \$10 traffic ticket. But how can I kid the 5 lawyers who were recently shot down in Howell, Mich.?

These guys worked on a Detroit Edison condemnation case and submitted a total bill of \$438,000. But a probate judge ruled their work was worth only \$75,000. That's an 80% slash!

One law firm, for instance, submitted a \$148,000 bill to Edison. Judge Dwight Cheevers cut it to \$22,960. And he added that the lawyer had done a lousy job, saying he "failed to read the court files and then proceeded to waste the court's time as to a matter that had already been heard."

About all 5 lawyers the judge said: "In effect, the very number of attorneys prolonged the length of the trial yet each attorney is requesting full payment for the time spent by him and other attorneys prolonging the trial."

The whole thing sounds like something Art Buchwald might write. Whoever heard of a lawyer charging \$148,000 for \$22,960 worth of work? And doing a bad job? It has to be an exaggeration.

But it really happened, thus adding to the woes of the wise-guy columnists who might as well smash their distorted mirrors. The world really looks like that.

The next time you see me writing with tongue in cheek, check it out. It will probably be bubble gum.



Trophies for tops in tennis

John Arehart [center], St. Johns vice-mayor, presents co-championship trophies to Ranny and Sue Briggs [right] and Randy and Melanie Humphrey [left] during a party last week for participants in the past summer's tennis league, sponsored by the St. Johns City Recreation Dept.

North Victor

By Mrs. Elzbie Exelby

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jorae entertained a large gathering of

friends and relatives on Thanksgiving Day.

to the Ben Walker home for fellowship and refreshments.

The Shumaker and Walker families spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Whitford and boys in St. Johns.

The U.M.W. of Price Church will meet at the Church with the Ashley ladies hostessing. Mrs. Ben Walker and Mrs. Janice Whitford will serve on the program committee. Each is to bring a 50 cent gift for the gift exchange.

On Sunday evening Dec. 14 the Price Church choir joined with the Shepardsville choir in presenting a Christmas music program.

Mrs. Roger Bloomfield and girls spent Saturday in Flint with her parents.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 the carolers from Price Church will go caroling and this will be a church family event. Following the caroling the group is invited

Mrs. Eva Cortright is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sage in Lansing.

Eugene Montague spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Evora Sutfin in Carland.

Agricultural Yearbooks available

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Al Cederberg (R-Midland) is offering free 1975 Department of Agriculture Yearbooks on a first come-first served basis.

The Yearbooks may be obtained with a postcard request to Cederberg's Washington Office, 2306 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

The annual publication has in the past discussed in depth various agriculturally related topics. This year's book, entitled "That We May Eat," marks the 1975 Centennial of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations by reporting experiment station successes which have brought Americans a better way of life.

"This Agricultural Yearbook should appeal to everyone," Cederberg said. "However, individuals should send in their requests early to insure that they receive one. My supply is very limited."

Cederberg added that he also had a available a very small number of yearbooks left over from previous years. They include:

- 1962-After A Hundred Years
- 1964-Farmers World
- 1968-Science For Better Living
- 1969-Food For Us All
- 1970-Contours of Change
- 1971-A Good Life For More People
- 1972-Landscape For Living
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Report from the Senate

It's hard to believe! One - just one - of our state departments accounts for 1/2 of our entire state budget. There is probably no other state department so comprehensive in service, controversial in nature or mystical in operation and regulation than the Department of Social Services. I'm not saying that the information is not available but when was the last time you called the department and asked them for any information. I don't believe I ever did until I became a state legislator.

WHAT WAS conceived as a very earnest and necessary program for needy individuals has evolved into what many people feel is a "give away program." I have to feel that this impression is fostered by two factors. One because so little accurate information concerning "welfare" is common knowledge. And two, the system is not perfect and there are individuals receiving assistance that should not be and this further erodes any confidence the people have in our system. The commonly held conception is that the millions of dollars we spend on this program every year goes solely for monetary benefits for ADC families. I was surprised to find that nearly 1/2 of the entire budget goes to medical care providers - doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, medical care facilities, pharmacies, and etc. Another 20% goes to administration and services of the programs leaving approximately 46% for actual grants to ADC families and other eligible persons.

We receive many complaints stating that people receive money for many things as cars, new homes, and etc. However, checking with the Department here in Lansing I find that they receive money for utilities, personal needs (food, clothing, etc.) and rent in a specified amount determined for each county. While I would love to go home at night confident that the money which was appropriated does go for clothes and well balanced diets, I guess I have come to the conclusion that the realities are that that just cannot be done. It would be similar to going to every house at income tax time to make sure no one cheated on their return. I have given the thought of public work projects a great deal of thought but have decided that we would actually just be spending more money for very little benefit.

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BUT ALAS, there are things we can do and have done to try to eliminate those individuals who are ineligible and cut down the cost of the system to you and I as state taxpayers. One of the things we have done is to rewrite the old Social Welfare Act in a comprehensive welfare bill. It is a combination of the old proposed welfare bill (SB 576) and new ideas from both democrats and republicans. A 60 day residency limitation on those who leave the state, stricter verification of relationship between applicants, shorter time limits to report changes in circumstances, personal interviews, recoupment of overpayments from recipients, and penalties for employees who help make ineligible people eligible are all included. Also, we have addressed a new area. Penalties have been proposed for those individuals or organizations who take advantage of our Medicaid Program (1/2 of our budget). It astounds me to think we paid over \$200,000 to one doctor in one year for medical services!

I think we have taken some good positive steps in reforming the department's policies which through good county implementation should result in a more equitable system for us all.

Next Week in Clinton County churches

All Churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Clinton County News. They must reach us by 10 a.m. Monday to insure publication in the current week's issue.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Maple Ave. at State Street
Averill M. Carson, Minister

Thursday, December 18
3:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. - Junior Choir Rehearsal
Sunday
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Christmas Sunday Worship Service

Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. to noon
Tel: 224-2535

HANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Emmet Kadwell

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am
Church School 10:30 am

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
SUSAN & E. Baldwin
Joseph F. Eger, Jr. Pastor

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Morning Worship
8:30 am - Youth Service
7:30 pm - Sunday Evening
7:00 pm - Wednesday, second and fourth WMC
7:10 pm - Wednesday evening service

COMMUNITY (FIRST JUDAH) CHURCH
Catholic Church
Father Jerome Schmitt, Pastor
801 N. Bridge

Daily Mass: Mon and Thurs - 7:30 pm, Tues, Wed, and Fri 7:00 am
Sunday Mass: 9:00 and 11:15 am

EAST-DWITT BIBLE CHURCH
(Non-Denominational)
Hound Lake Road 1/2 mile East of US-27
Glen J. Farmann, Pastor

Sunday
10 am - Sunday School. Classes for all ages
11 am - Morning Worship
5:45 pm - Youth Fellowship, Senior, 14 and up, Jr. Cadets, 10-13
7 pm - Evening Service
Wednesday
7:30 pm - Bible Study and Prayer. Supper for nursery for babies and small children in all services.
"An open door to an open book" . . . A Bible preaching church with a message for you.

7:30 pm Evening Worship
8:30 am Ladies Bible Study every Tuesday
9:30 am Wednesday evening Prayer Service
6:00 pm Teen's Softball every Friday

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
310 Millard Road, Ovid
Father Joseph Aubin

11:00 am Mass on Sunday
7:00 pm Evening Mass on Wednesday
Confessions 10:30 to 10:45 am Sunday

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Glassman
M-21 at Elsie Rd

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
7:00 pm Evening Worship
7:00 pm Wednesday Prayer meeting

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Father
I.E. Rossow, Pastor

9:30 am Church School
10:30 am Sunday School

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church
200 East State Street
Box 128
St. Johns, Michigan 48779
Phone 224-2225
Francis Carl Johannides, Minister

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Each Wednesday
Chapel Choir 8:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Prayer and Share 8:30 p.m.
Each Thursday
Carol Choir 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16
Council on Ministries
Wednesday, December 17
Membership Class 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21
Following the Worship Service in Niles Hall - 24th's Birthday Cake. Everyone invited.

PRICE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Donald D. Boyd, Pastor
415 Division St. E., Lansing

9:45 - Church School
11:00 am - Worship Service
Women's Society - last Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 12:30 pm. Business meeting at 1:30
UMF meets each Sunday at 7 pm.
Council of Ministries - last Monday of each month at 8 am.
Administrative Board - the first Sunday of each month following a co-operative noon dinner.
Senior choir rehearsal - each Wednesday at 7:30 pm

SOUTH HILLY BIBLE CHURCH
Willard Parrier, Pastor
Located 1/2 mile east of Francis Road on Chawick Road

10 am - Sunday School
11 am - Worship Service

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
308 W. Herndon Rd.
DeWitt

Sunday School 9 am
Worship 10:30 am

Fowler Area
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fowler, Michigan
I.E. Rossow, Pastor

9:30 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Class

MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Rev. Fr. Albert J. Schmitt, Pastor

Saturday Evening Mass - 4:30, 7:00 o'clock pm
Sunday Masses: 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 am
Holy Days - Holy Day Eve, 4:30 pm, 7:00 o'clock pm
Holy Day - 9:30 & 10:30 am
Sorrowful Mother Novena - During school year 7:30 pm, summer months 8:00 o'clock pm
Sacrament of Penance - Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 o'clock pm and after 7:00 o'clock pm mass
1st Fridays - Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, 7:30 to 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm until all are here
Baptism - Sundays at 12:30 pm by appointment. Other arrangements by appointment.

Gunnisonville Area

GUNNISONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Clark and Wood Roads
Rev. Paul Schiebner, Minister

9:30 am Church Service
10:45 am Sunday School

Westphalia Area

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Westphalia
Rev. Father James Schmitt
Rev. James J. Schmitt, Administrator
Phone 587-4201

Saturday Night Masses: 4:30 & 7:00 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00, 9:00, 10:00
Weekdays Monday & Friday 7:15 & 11:20 am

Tues & Thurs 7:15 & 8:30 am
Wednesdays 7:15 & 7:30 pm
Holy Days 5:30, 7:15 & 11:20 am, 7:30 pm
Wednesday Evening Mass 7:30 pm

Maple Rapids Area

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Maple Rapids
Pastor Rev. J. Thomas Churn
Parsonage - Middleton
Phone 236-7742

Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday
7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice
Wednesday
2nd Wednesday each month
7:00 pm W.C.S.
Thursday
10:00 Bible Study

Elsie Area

ELsie METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. David Litchfield, Minister

9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:30 am - Sunday School. Supt. Merle Hulse

DUPAIN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. David Litchfield, Minister

10 am - Sunday School, Supt. Kenneth Nizer
11 am - Worship Service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
10 am Sunday School Rev. C. W. C. Sup't
11 am Worship Service
6:30 pm Junior & Senior B.Y.F.
7:00 pm Evening Service
7:30 pm Wednesday, Junior and Senior Choir Practice
7:30 pm Wednesday, Prayer and Bible Study

Eureka Area

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
405 Maple Ave., Maple Rapids
Rev. Hector Goodall, Pastor
Phone 482-4155

10 am Worship Service
11 am Church School
4 pm Sing Festival (Everyone welcome)

Wed Night 6:30 & 7:30 choir practices
Thurs Night 8 pm Fellowship Service

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Thomas M. Kowalczyk, Pastor
910 E. 27th St., Elsie, Mich. 48827
Bannister 48877

Sunday Liturgies: Saturday - 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am
Holy Day Liturgies: 7:10 am and 8:00 pm
Confessions: One half hour before all Sunday Liturgies.

Matherton Area

EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ray McElroy, Pastor
Telephone 627-6333 or 489-3807

9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:30 am - Church School
7:30 pm - Wednesday, Bible Study and prayer meeting

EAGLE SQUARE CHURCH
Rev. and Mrs. Royal Burnett, Pastor

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:15 am - Church School
7:30 pm - Wednesday Prayer meeting

Wacousta Area

WACOUSTA COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Edward F. Dineen, Pastor
Phone 626-6622

Morning Worship: 10 am
Church School Classes 11:15 am
Jr and Sr B.Y.F. 6:00 pm
Cherub Choir, Wednesday 4:45 pm
Youth Choir, Thursday 6:45 pm
Chancel Choir, Thursday 7:30 pm
WCSN Noon Meetings every 2nd Wednesday
WCSN Noon Meeting every 1st Wednesday
Council on Ministries every 2nd Wednesday at 7:30
Administrative Board, 4th Monday of every 3rd month.

Bath Area

BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Clarence Keith

9:45 am Church School
11:00 am Worship
7:00 pm Bible Study

BATH BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Richard Cole, Pastor

11:00 am Morning Worship
6:30 pm Youth Fellowship
7:30 pm Evening Service
Midweek Service on Wednesday 7:30 pm

Fulton Area

FULTON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
1/2 mile east of Perrinton on M-57,
1/2 mile south
Rev. Lynn Shunk, Pastor

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Morning Worship
7:00 pm - Youth Service
7:45 pm - Evening Service
7:45 pm - Thursday, Prayer and praise service

Pewamo Area

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pewamo, Michigan
10 N. Main St. Ovid
Rev. Richard Gleason
Church Phone 834-5650
Parsonage Phone 834-3473

Sunday: 9:30 am Morning Worship 7:00 pm
United Methodist Youth Fellowship
Sunday School Classes 10:45 am

Victor Township

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. Robert Prange, Pastor
Price and Shepley Roads

10:00 am - Sunday School. Classes for all ages
11:00 am - Morning Worship
6:30 pm - Young People
7:30 pm - Evening Service
7:30 pm - Wednesday, prayer meeting
Ladies Missionary Circle meet 4th Thursday
Couples Club meet 4th Saturday in month

Lansing

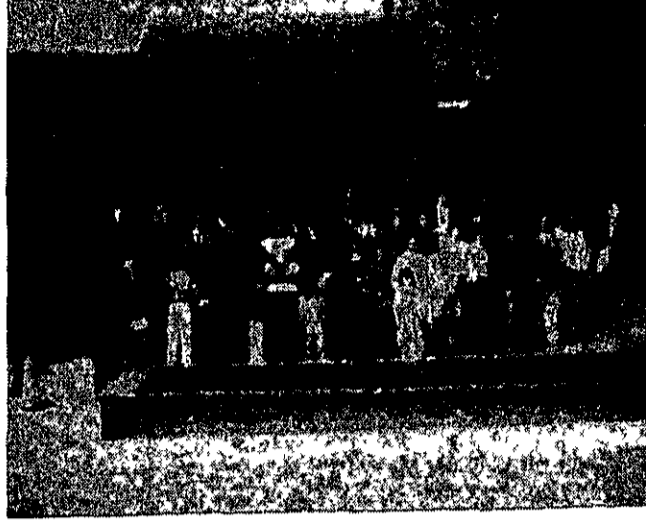
KIMBERLY CHURCH OF CHRIST
1007 Kimberly Drive
Lansing, Michigan
John Heils

11 am - Morning Worship
10 am - Bible Study
6 pm - Evening Worship
Midweek service 7:30 pm Wednesday night

Vietnamese families meet in St. Johns

Saint John's Lutheran Church of St. Johns, believed a gathering and dinner for the Diem Nguyen family, which problems.

What was at first planned as a small dinner group became a gathering in excess of 180 men,



Vietnamese families gather for photograph during their recent get-together in St. Johns

they are sponsoring, along with other Vietnamese families in the area, would be an excellent morale-builder and allow them to meet and discuss mutual women and children coming from as far away as Howell and Grand Ledge.

Generous aid with food and service was quickly volunteered

by members of Saint John's. Everywhere there was a festive atmosphere with smiling faces and words of greeting. Mr. and Mrs. Diem Viet Nguyen and their children, Thao, Hien and Hoa, were hosts with Mr. Nguyen addressing the gathering in the Vietnamese language.

Representatives of the sponsoring churches and groups were also in attendance.

Pastor Michael R. Ruhl of Saint John's, who addressed the group, compared this event with the first Thanksgiving of our country - an oppressed people finding a new home and giving thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon them.

The Nguyen family recently became baptized members of Saint John's and regularly attend church and rejoice in their Savior, Jesus Christ.

24 HOURS TO GO!

If the Lord continues His mercy toward us for the next 24 hours, the following things will take place. Our heart will beat 103,689 times. Our blood will travel 168,000,000 miles. We will breathe 23,040 times while inhaling 438 cubic feet of air. We will eat three pounds of food and wash it down with 2.9 quarts of liquid. On an average we will speak 4,800 words which includes many which are unnecessary. Say - we will be busy won't we? Speaking of words have you considered how important our words are? They can bless or burn. They can encourage or discourage. Jesus said at one time, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Also in Romans 10:9 we read, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (RV) And then, after we receive His salvation we can use our tongues to tell others so that they might receive this salvation as well. Tell me, how much do you talk about Jesus? How much of your conversation centers around His word? Our words are a good indication of what is in our hearts. See Matthew 12:34

United Methodist Women hold christmas party

The St. Johns First United Methodist Women held their Christmas meeting Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the church.

The members and guests met in the sanctuary to view a film titled "Eucharist" presented by program chairman Mrs. Mildred Johannides.

The president, Mrs. Marilyn Rice, opened with a prayer and held a short business meeting. Mrs. Bess Osgood Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented her with a Society pin in honor of her retirement. Vice-president Mrs. Peg Cole was also thanked for her work the past 2 years. Their successors will be Mrs. Jan Keisel and Mrs. Katie Aylsworth.

With Mrs. Phyllis Tucker at the piano the group sang Christmas Carols and several Judy Vandemark sang several songs. Following the sanctuary program the ladies retired to Niles Hall for dessert. They circled the room to view the decorated tables lighted by candlelight. The chairman of decorations was Mrs. Peg Cole.

Hostesses for the evening were: Elizabeth Circle - Mrs. Letha Bashore, Mrs. Marie Ford and Mrs. Nola Lumbert; Esther Circle - Mrs. Diane Mead, Mrs. Margdell Slot; Mary Magdalene - Mrs. Sue Briggs, Mrs. Sybil Werbish; Ruth Circle - Mrs. Thelma Jenkins, Mrs. Catherine Rumbaugh; Sara Louise - Mrs. Billie Pierson, Mrs. Sandra Fongers. Guest Hostess was Mrs. Evelyn Sulka just home from Belgium.

The new president, Jan Keisel, led them in prayer. Mrs. Billie Pierson was kitchen chairman. Mrs. Sandra Fongers and Mrs. Bunny Fowler hosted the table of bazaar items in the narthex.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Fight Cancer with a checkup and a Check

10 am - Sunday School
11 am - Church School
6 pm - Youth Fellowship and adult Bible Study
7 pm - Evening Service
7 pm Wednesday - Prayer Meeting

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Central Nat'l Bank OF ST. JOHNS SERVING YOU FROM FOUR LOCATIONS St. Johns-Ovid-Pewamo Southgate Plaza Member FDIC	Schmitt Electric 1002 E. State St. Johns Phone 224-4277	St. Johns Co-op N Clinton Phone 224-2381
S & H Farm Sales & Service New Holland Machinery Our Specialty 4 Mi N on US-27 to French Rd Phone 224-4661	Phillips Implement COMPANY 313 N Lansing St Phone 224-2777	Allaby-Brewbaker, Inc. 108 1/2 N Clinton St St. Johns, Michigan
Egan Ford Sales, Inc. 200 W. Higham Phone 224-2285	G & L SALES SIMPLICITY SERVICE on Briggs & Stratton Teumens-Kohler 12286 N. US-27 DeWitt Phone 669-3107	Federal-Mogul CORPORATION St. Johns Plant
D & B Party Shoppe Open Monday thru Saturday Complete Party Supplies 224 N Clinton Phone 224-3585	SPACE FOR RENT	FOWLER Mathews Elevator Grain-Feed-Beans Phone 593-2111
SPACE FOR RENT	Capitol Savings AND LOAN ASSN. 222 N Clinton Phone 224-2304	WESTPHALIA
Parr's Rexall Store The Corner Drug Store Phone 224-2837	SPACE FOR RENT	Maynard-Allen STATE BANK Portland-Sunfield-Westphalia Member FDIC Phone 687-3111

Something for Everyone: **HERE!**



**WE'VE GOT IT -
SHOP AT HOME**

A CHRISTMAS PICTURE SHOPPING TOUR THRU CLINTON COUNTY WITH SANTA'S HELPER

Cindy Stapleton



- CLINTON COUNTY
- HAS IT -
- ST. JOHNS
- DeWITT • OVID
- ELSIE • FOWLER

Some folks believe that they have to go to "the city" to get that special Christmas gift . . . but in most instances the same merchandise can be found right here at home and in great selection . . . probably at lower prices . . . avoid wear and tear on the family car (on "pop", too), do away with crowds, poor parking, vandalism and all . . . Take a pictorial trip through the following 18 pages of merchants with Cindy Stapleton and then take a tour for yourself in the stores themselves . . . you'll be amazed that Clinton County really HAS IT!



C & D Chevrolet ELSIE

C&D Chevrolet of Elsie, has many items to put into your Christmas Stocking. Miss Christmas suggests a 1976 Monza to rev-up your Christmas. For those that are economy-minded, C&D offers a complete line of Vegas. To enhance your driving experience, C&D offers many automotive accessories, such as AM-FM radios, rear speakers, and Rally wheels.

Levey Jewelry ELSIE

Levey Jewelry of Elsie offers the Christmas shopper a nice selection of Seiko watches, ideal for a special Christmas present. They also have a large selection of earrings, rings, dinner rings, birthstone rings, and diamonds fashioned for the one you love. Pewter and stainless-steel coffee and tea services are perfect for holiday entertaining and—oh yes—how about a jewelry box? Levey's has a very exquisite collection of inlay-stone boxes to hold your lady's collection of jewelry.



S & H Farms ST. JOHNS

Nothing can compare with the experience of a snowmobile Christmas. If you want to do more than dream of a white Christmas, stop in at S & H Farms and see our complete selection of snowmobiles. We also carry snowmobile apparel to fit every member of the family. Enjoy your Winter Wonderland bundled up in a snug snowmobile suit engineered to keep the cold winds from chilling your enjoyment of this winter's splendor.

Dancer's Dept. Store ELSIE

Dancer Department Store of Elsie is packed to the brim with Christmas merchandise to please any member of the family. They offer the Christmas shopper a fine selection of women's scarves, leisure suits for that man or boy in your life; and a fine selection of cozy robes and gowns to please any lady, young or old. They have just received a new shipment of Aileen coordinates for that fashion-minded Ms. on your list. Above, Mary Cerny shows Miss Christmas a white furry robe ideal for those chilly winter mornings.



You'll Find Bargains Shopping At Home



Hart's Sales & Service ST. JOHNS

If your animal deserves the best in moving comfort, contact Hart Sales and Service. They have a complete selection of livestock, horse and equipment trailers for every job—large or small.

Say Merry Christmas to your home with a new look from Chamberlain Building and Supply of Ovid! They have a complete selection of paneling and ceiling tile just right for that winter project. They also suggest storm windows to keep out those cold breezes of winter, from your home; and snow fence to keep those snowdrifts out of your driveway.

Above, Don and Duane Chamberlain show Miss Christmas their fine selection of paneling.



OVID Chamberlain Building Supply

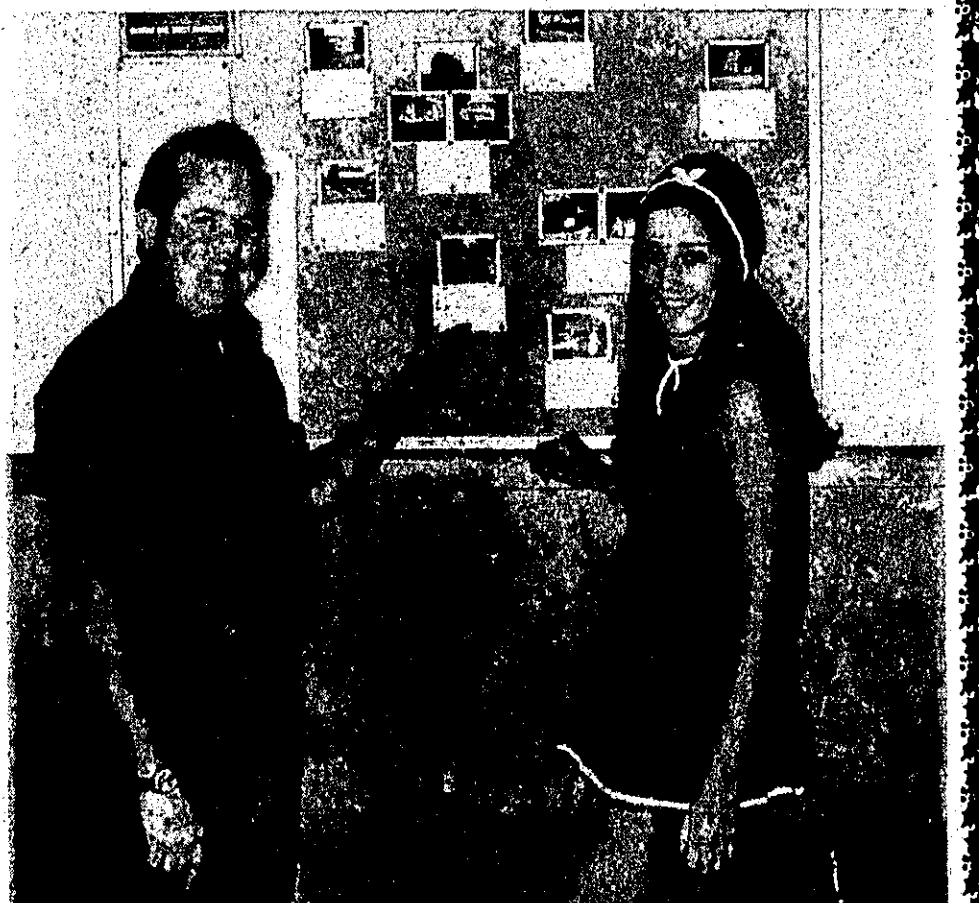


Becker Furniture FOWLER

Miss Christmas lounges in a Bentwood rocker as she tours Becker Furniture of Fowler for Christmas suggestions. Here she found a great selection of rocking chairs, La-Z-Boy chairs, Bassett bedroom suites, and Norwalk sofas. They also have a fine selection of Lane Cedar chests and wall accessories. Here you can look at the complete line of Bigelow, Trend-mills and Coronet carpeting. Above, Jerry Fox reminds Miss Christmas that Beckers will install carpeting in your home.

Ovid Service Agency OVID

The Ovid Service Agency suggests that there is no place like your own home in the Ovid-Elsie Area to spend your holidays. If you already own your home, protect it from loss with insurance. Ovid Service Agency offers complete insurance coverage for your car, home, life, and possessions. Gilbert O. Boyan wishes all of his customers a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.





The Colonial Restaurant welcomes you with a warm atmosphere and home cooking. One friendly feature "The Colonial" is the friendship table, which seats 10 people. During the holidays, it is not unusual for Susan Hospodar to have a large plate of Czechoslovakian Kolace (pastries) sitting in special welcome for customers weary of their holiday shopping.

Above, Betty Castro pours coffee, while Susan Hospodar offers Dorothy Cain and Sandy Smith some Kolace.

Colonial Restaurant
ST. JOHNS



Miss Christmas was enchanted by Egan Ford's large, heated show-room, packed with a large selection of 1976 models. Above, Miss Christmas slips into a 1976 Mustang-leaving Dancer, Prancer, Donner, and Blitzen to enjoy a Christmas back at the North Pole, Christmas Eve.

Egan Ford Sales
ST. JOHNS



Harr's Jewelry
ST. JOHNS

Miss Christmas found visions of Christmas Delight at Harrs Jewelry. Silver tea services—just right for holiday entertaining; rings set with genuine diamonds, rubies, emeralds, Linde stars, opals, black onyx and pearls to dazzle that special someone on your list. Engagement, wedding and eternity rings abounded.

For that person who likes to keep time at hand, Harrs also has a fine selection of Seiko, Wyler, Accutron, Bulova, and Caravelle watches and digital watches to enhance any wrist.

Carol Ann Shop
ST. JOHNS

Miss Santa slips into a toasty-warm robe, to relax after a hard day over-seeing Christmas preparations. She made her selection from the Carol Ann Shop. There, she found a fine selection of sweaters, long hostess gowns, shirts, slacks, and pant suits.

Come in today, and look over their fine stock of fine clothes.



It's Easy To Buy From Folks You Know



St. Johns Co-op
ST. JOHNS

Miss Santa is here to remind you that it is once again time to begin thinking of your fertilizer and herbicide needs. Remember that your St. Johns Co-op has the remedy for every soil or feeding problem.

Assistant Manager Don Withey, on the behalf of the St. Johns Co-op wishes to thank all for their patronage during the past year, and to wish all a Merry Christmas.

D & C Stores
ST. JOHNS

Where does Miss Santa go to find the right toy for that boy or girl?

Why, the D & C Store, of course.

They have a large selection of merchandise to please everyone on your Christmas list.

Above, Theresa Spicer and Dorothy Henning assist Miss Santa with her Christmas selections.



Kurt's Appliance Center
ST. JOHNS

Does the daily drudgery of dirty dishes leave your sweetheart in a daze? Don't despair! Miss Christmas suggests a General Electric dishwasher with the exclusive power scrub feature to rescue your beloved from the kitchen sink.

Gambles Store
ST. JOHNS

This Coronado microwave oven by Magic Chef is a perfect gift for any home. It features a 1.1 cubic foot capacity and will cook a four-pound roast in 25 minutes; a chicken breast in 4½ minutes; and a baked potato in no more than 5 minutes. 98% of all your home cooking can be done in microwave, it is the perfect gift for any busy family.

Above, Miss Christmas samples a juicy chicken breast cooked in this oven in a matter of minutes by Hap Haley, appliance merchandiser. Ed Mankey, owner of the St. Johns Gambles Store, looks on.





Andy's IGA ST. JOHNS

Andy's IGA has a complete assortment of liquor and party supplies — a great last-minute gift idea for holiday giving.

Rick Anderson helps Miss Santa with yet another gift selection.

—Oh Yes! Andy's has one of the finest meat counters in town, featuring choice cuts of the finest meats. Remember, if you're not buying choice, you're not buying the best.

Verna Thurston shows Miss Santa a scrumptious cake from the bakery at Andy's IGA Foodliner. The baked-goods are made only from the finest ingredients, and with much care. Stock up on some goodies from Andy's bakery for the holidays. You will be glad you did.



Redwing Bowling Lanes ST. JOHNS

Charlotte Jolly, Linda Waggoner, and Gloria Dunkel team-up to make Miss Santa a refreshing drink from the bar at Buckeye Lounge at the Redwing Bowling Lanes. A new bar is now under construction and though it will not be completed in time for the holidays, you can still order your favorite drink.



Larry Ritter, Keith Penix and Steve Price help Miss Santa select the right ball. Redwing Bowling Lanes has many items to choose from. Go there before you select a gift for that bowling enthusiast on your list.

They carry a selection of balls, bags and shoes manufactured by Brunswick, AMF and Ebonite.

They also offer gift certificates. Open bowling hours are from 12-2 p.m. every Sunday and every afternoon from 1-6 p.m. Every Friday and Saturday evening from 11 p.m. on, is red-pin scotch doubles play.

Go bowling soon. You will be glad you did.

Why Go Further? Clinton County Has It!



Ann's Coiffures ST. JOHNS

Miss Santa makes an appointment to get her hair done for that important date she has Christmas Eve, while Ann Palmer, of Ann's Coiffures, styles hair for another customer.

For the Christmas season, Ann's is offering a gift certificate for any occasion or service.

During the holidays you can get your hair frosted for \$15—reg. \$18.

To look your best, get a coiffure at Ann's.

Don't forget to pick up an extra roast for your holiday entertaining.

During this holiday, Terranova Thriftway of DeWitt will feature standing rib roasts, party supplies, and all the ingredients you need for your holiday baking projects.

Above, Miss Christmas inspects a roast from Terranova's well-stocked meat counter, as she chats with Mark Simon.



Terranova's Thriftway DEWITT



Webster Tire Service ST. JOHNS

Before you set out on your Christmas journey, check your tires. Are they getting thin? Webster Tire will fix you up with some new rubber so you can cruise with confidence. They have a wide selection of tires to fit every need and pocketbook. Clip this Ad and treat yourself to a spin-balance economy special — \$1.75. Webster Tire also specializes in mufflers, and shocks.



Webster Tire has not forgotten your car in the Christmas rush. Clip this ad and bring your car in for an alignment. It will cost you \$8.00 and it just may save you from a breakdown during that hectic Christmas rush. Webster Tire Service has the latest equipment for keeping your car rolling.



**Keelean
Buick - Pontiac,
GMC, Inc.
ST. JOHNS**



Doug Wooley and Ron Motz join the Keeleans' in extending a Christmas greeting to all the people that have made this year a successful one. Come in and make a deal. Owning a Buick or Pontiac from Keelean's Buick-Pontiac is easier than you think.

Moira and Frank Keelean of Keelean Buick-Pontiac, wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Above, they share some Christmas secrets with Miss Santa in front of a 1976 LeMans Sport Coupe.



No Christmas shopping spree would be complete without a stop at Montgomery Ward. If they don't have an item in stock, there is a good chance that it will be in their catalogue which features over 100,000 different items.

Above, Miss Santa gets some assistance in drying her hair from store manager Robert Niemi, using a Ward hairdryer priced at a pocket-pleasing \$14.88.

Montgomery Ward

ST. JOHNS

Land of Oz

ST. JOHNS

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The DeWitt Lions Club gave free eye examinations Dec. 9 to 75 students at DeWitt High School. Shown are Lions Lloyd Berkimer and Dean Long. The tests are referred to an eye doctor, the results of his findings are mailed to the student and if glasses are needed, it is suggested that an eye doctor be contacted.

News photos

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from the

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Rodney and Chris Weston visit with Santa in DeWitt Saturday. Assisting Santa are elves (from left) Rhonda Hughes, Gail Symonds, Debbie Reese and DiAnn Symonds.



Robert Crow ponders this red-suited fellow with the funny whiskers during the DeWitt VFW Auxiliary Christmas Party in DeWitt Saturday afternoon.

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There were lots of baked goodies, but this little girl seems to prefer the animal-shaped balloon given to her by one of the clowns at the DeWitt VFW Auxiliary Christmas Party Saturday.

St. Jude's participates in party for Ingham patients

Dateline DeWitt

with Faye Hanson

DeWitt City Librarian
And
Chairman, DeWitt Bicentennial Commission

A Christmas party for residents of the Ingham County Medical Care Facility, 3882 Dobie Rd., Okemos was held today (Wednesday) by members of the Lansing Diocese of the Council of Catholic Women. Mrs. Carl Alspaugh was in charge of the day's program which included entertainment, distribution of gifts and refreshments.

At a mid-November meeting of the general membership held at the Community of St. Jude in DeWitt, members donated gifts to be given to the facility's patients and also to prepare cookies for the event.

Own a small business? Try this course at MSU

EAST LANSING -- Income tax savings which can result from proper management of the small business will be considered in an evening college course beginning Jan. 12 at Michigan State University.

The course, Accounting, Taxes and Systems for the Small Business, will meet 7-9:30 p.m. seven Mondays under the tutelage of Charles G. Ambroy, Lansing certified public accountant.

The accounting necessary to keep the small business person aware of the status of his operation and to enable him to plan for the future will be reviewed. Customized accounting systems and their use in preparation of government-required reports will be examined. Each session will include a lecture and a workshop.

Registration in the limited enrollment course is underway in the main lobby of the Kellogg Center. For information call the Office of the Evening College, 355-4562.



CHRIST CHURCH in Philadelphia was designated a National Shrine by an Act of Congress. It was organized in 1695 on the present site. Members of the Continental Congress, signers of the Declaration of Independence, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and many other famous Americans worshipped here. Americans of every faith who visit this historic church are reminded that freedom is divinely inspired.

The candlelit chandelier brought from England in 1944, is still in use. The "Wineglass" Pulpit was made in 1770. The ring of eight bells (later increased to eleven) was cast in England and hung in the steeple in 1751. They are still rung daily.

Two signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried in the churchyard, and five others, among them Benjamin Franklin, in the church burial ground at Fifth and Arch Streets.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. was formed in Christ Church after the Revolution. The English Font is the one in which William Penn was baptized. It was a gift sent to Christ Church in 1697 from All Hallows Church, Barking-by-the-Tower, London.

This church is now a National Shrine and upon visiting it you really feel as if you are in the presence of those bygone Patriots of this country. My feeling upon sitting in the very same pew occupied by George Washington long ago was one of awe and humble thankfulness that we had such men of courage and determination who were willing to strike out for independence against tyranny.

Ambulance service members complete emergency training course

LAINGSBURG -- Four members of the Ovid Ambulance Service and 12 members of the Laingsburg Ambulance Service completed the Basic Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance Service held recently. Graduation ceremonies were held Dec. 18 in Laingsburg.

Completing the course from Ovid were Larry Curtis, Harold Fink, Walter Huffman and Donald Hiar.

Those completing the course from Laingsburg, which now serves Victor Twp. in Clinton County, were James Carroll, John Carroll, Larry Cook, James Doyle, Joyce Ferrigan, Robert Fell, Charles Jones, Karen Jones, Leland Orson, Gary McLellan, Daniel Morris, Gary Williams, Marty Wing and Judy Sekerka.

Also completing the course were members of the Perry, Morrice and Shattsbury Ambulance Service. The Basic Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance Course is a comprehensive training program designed especially for ambulance personnel and is much more extensive than the Advanced Red Cross First Aid course which is the minimum state requirement for ambulance attendants.

The college level course involved over 98 hours of

classroom instruction, practical experience, and in-hospital instruction. Thirty-five hours of classroom instruction was taught by physicians, with other instruction coming from nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, a pharmacist, a lawyer, State Police, Public Health experts, hospital staff, and other ambulance and rescue squad personnel.

A special feature of the course was a 2-day seminar in Rescue and Vehicle Extrication put on by the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Students were given instruction on the extrication of patients from various accidents and then given the opportunity to practice these techniques on actual accident situations with junk cars.

Other areas of instruction included anatomy, initial patient survey, cardio pulmonary resuscitation, lifting and moving, legal aspects, bandaging, fractures, various bodily injuries, childbirth and many medical emergencies.

One unique feature of the graduates of the course is that they are all volunteers and work on Volunteer Ambulance Services. All of them paid their own costs to take the course and gave up much of their free time so each of their respective communities could have the best possible ambulance service available.

Ovid — Elsie Area News

Report from the capitol 87th District Rep Francis R Spaniola

Michigan taxpayers, and particularly middle income families, are heavily burdened with taxes. The economic pinch resulting from a combination of high taxes, inflation and a depressed economy is now being felt more sharply than at

any time since the depression of the 1930's.

Partially as a result of the lean times we are experiencing, there has recently been considerable attention given to welfare reform. It is a fact that the numbers of

welfare recipients increase when times are bad. This can be explained by the fact that many of Michigan's unemployed workers find they have no recourse to welfare once their unemployment benefits expire, and there are simply not enough jobs to go around.

Unfortunately, there are people who abuse Michigan's welfare system, and in doing so they are cheating Michigan taxpayers and casting an undeserved bad reputation on persons who are legitimately in need of assistance.

Several bills have been introduced in the Legislature this year which are aimed at helping to curb these abuses. Although the problem is complex, I do feel a careful analysis of the situation and all of its possible solutions could do a lot to eliminate abuses of the system.

One of the bills, now pending, would require employable welfare recipients to work on community projects, if such work was available. Obviously, these people could not be expected to perform tasks beyond their physical capability, and for that reason the elderly, handicapped, disabled, and youths under 15 would be exempted from this provision.

Like-wise, ADC recipients with children under the age of 6 who have no access to day care facilities would also be exempt from this measure.

Another abuse of our welfare system occurs when welfare recipients leave the state. Some of these people do not intend to maintain their Michigan residency, and continue to receive benefits nevertheless. A bill has been introduced which would require the Department of Social Services to contact recipients who have been out of the state for more than 30 days to determine whether they intend to maintain Michigan residence. Assistance would be discontinued for those who do not respond within 15 days.

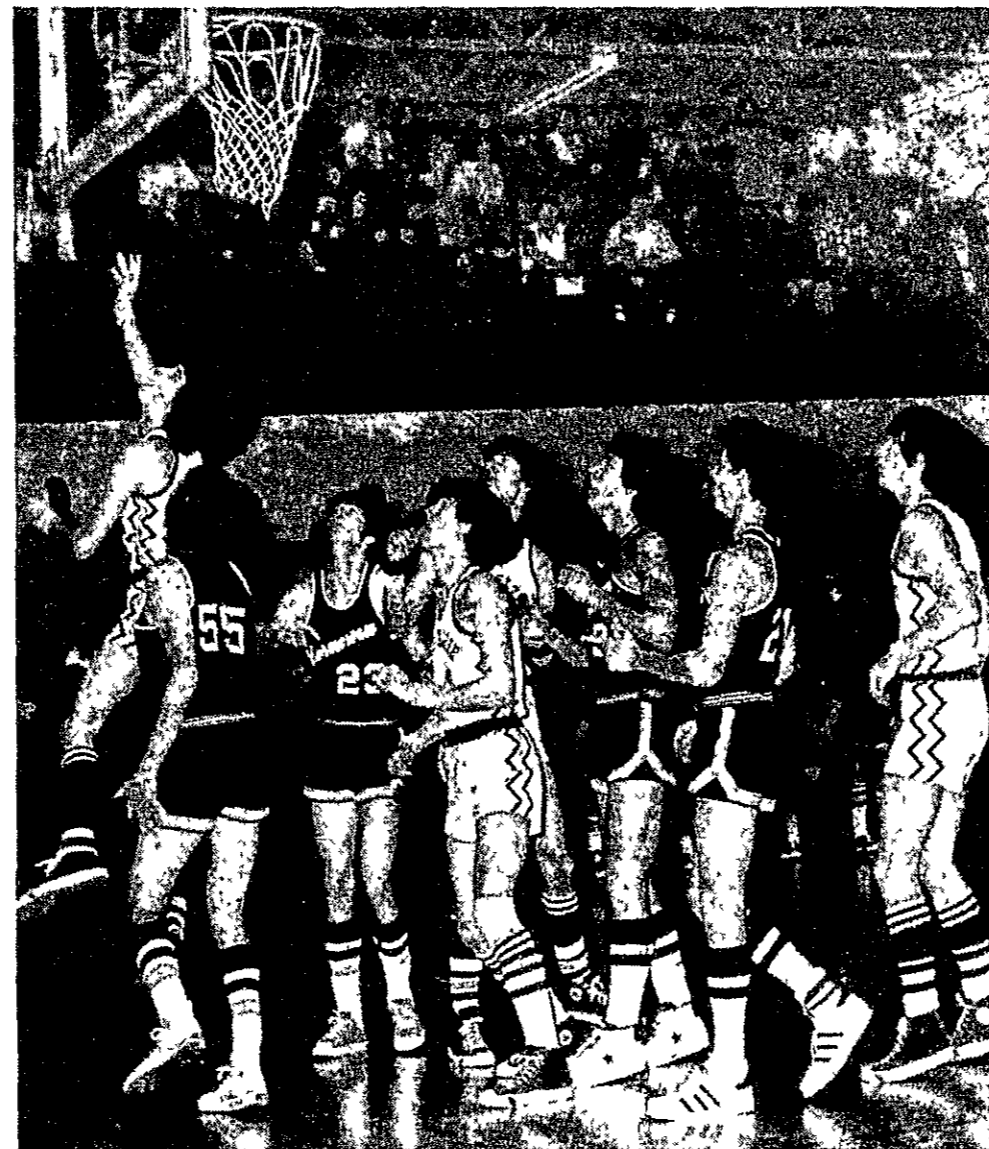
In a similar vein, another bill stipulates that new Michigan residents would not be entitled to more in public assistance than they were eligible for in their former state. Recipients would be exempt from this provision after living in Michigan for six months.

Several other pending bills deal with various aspects of welfare abuses. As you can see, the unfortunate result is that we end up with a piecemeal approach to the problem. Unless we look at the whole situation we cannot possibly expect to arrive at a comprehensive solution.

To that end, State Senator John Otterbacher has just introduced a bill which completely revises Michigan's Social Welfare Act. It deals with all potential areas of abuses, including the possibility of fraudulent claims being knowingly processed by Social Services employees.

The bill requires careful examination by the House and Senate before arriving at a final decision. We must be sure to weed out any possible weak spots or loopholes that it may contain. I am optimistic, however, that this bill will put our state on the road to a comprehensive and equitable solution to the problem of welfare abuse.

Check it Out
The American Cancer Society says that a breast lump may not mean cancer, but only your doctor can tell. Early detection could save your life.



Ovid-Elsie's Tim Doyan finds little in his way as he goes up for 2 points and the Corunna defenders make sure nobody steals the floor by keeping it firmly in place with their feet.

Carland News

Mr. Albert Leavitt of Carland Rd. was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Saginaw, Saturday, where he remains a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming brought Mrs. Deming's father, Lewis Walling, home from the Owosso Memorial Hospital, Saturday. He had been a patient there for a week with a severe case of the flu. He is recuperating at his home in Elsie.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mead and son, Brian, of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming of Carland spent Sunday, after attending church in Lansing, having a special dinner at a nice restaurant and visiting Santa Claus at the Lansing Mall. The occasion was to celebrate Mr.

and Mrs. Leo Deming's wedding anniversary. The evening was spent at the Mead's home in St. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead were also Sunday evening guests.

The Rev. and Mrs. Homer VanBuren held an open house, Dec. 14.

Sunday evening, Dec. 21, the Carland United Methodist Church people are invited to the Burton U.M. Church for their Christmas Program at 7:30 p.m.

The Brethren in Christ Church has invited Carland and Burton churches to join them in their Dec. 23 Christmas Singing and caroling. Tuesday evening Bible study of the First Corinthians was

held at the home of Mrs. Florence Gould in Carland.

Mr. Frank Hicok was taken to the Owosso Memorial Hospital in emergency this weekend, where he remains a patient. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicok came to visit him this weekend.

Mrs. Ida Deming, a patient in the Maple Valley Nursing Home in Ashley fell this week and badly bruised her shoulder.

Mrs. Leo Deming spent Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walling and taking her convalescing father to the doctor. She also visited her aunt, Mrs. Mable Curtis in Elsie.

Elsie

A large white Christmas tree decorated with many tiny pink birds and shiny gold garlands of tinsel was the center of attraction as 34 members of the Women's Literary Club met for their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leslie Sturges, Tuesday evening, Dec. 9.

Stacked around the base of the tree were the gifts to be exchanged at the close of the program that followed. A concert of Christmas songs were played and sung by the 19 accordion students of Joe Mack of Millington. The young musicians were from Chapin, Bannister, Carland and Elsie area. Featured vocalist was Faye Wilson of rural Elsie.

The second part of the program was the beautiful Christmas story told by Mrs. Francis Fizzell with the help of her Flannel-graph on a large tripod with many colored lights revolving about the arrangement. There were eight large flannel scenes oil-painted by members and assistants, and the cut-out figures placed at various parts of the story included Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus, shepherds, wise men, kings and angels.

Mrs. Fizzell with the help of Mrs. Mary Mead and Mrs. Dorothy Ornelas heads the

"Good News Club" in connection with Child Evangelism Fellowship with youngsters of pre-school and elementary school age. Mrs. Fizzell closed with a prayer.

Mrs. Lela Wilson and Mrs. Harold Hehrer were co-chairmen for the program.

After repeating the Club Collect, Mrs. Ruth Rasdale presided for a brief business meeting and reported on the executive board plans for the Clinton County Federation. The date has been set for April 29, 1976 (Thursday) at the Shepardsville United Methodist Church.

The guests were invited to the dining room where they were served a holiday dessert and Christmas punch from the long buffet table decorated for the season by Mrs. Lyle Dunham, Mrs. Ernie Wickie and Mrs. Durward Conklin.

Distribution of the gift exchange was made by matching part of a Christmas card with the other half on the gift.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13 at the Historical Room in the Elsie Public Library at 7:30 p.m. for their Bicentennial observance with Librarian Orpha Clement and Mrs. Maude Craven, a Board Trustee, as hostesses.

Ovid-Elsie school board report

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Vice President Webster with the following members present: Charles Bracey, Richard DePond, Merle Green, Glenn Webster and Thomas Winkler. Members absent: David Hill and Frank Rivest.

The meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Motion by M. Green, supported by T. Winkler to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 1975, and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Bracey, supported by R. DePond to approve payment of general fund bills represented by checks numbered 2664 thru 2754 in the amount of \$217,076.70. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Green, supported by C. Bracey to grant an adoption maternity leave to Mrs. Jeanette Adams, librarian of all Ovid-Elsie, elementary and junior high schools, beginning at the end of the first semester, January 23, 1976 and continuing through the end of the 1976-77 school year. Motion carried.

Bids (received thru 4:00 p.m. December 5, 1975) for an army 6x6 truck, 1 1/2 ton Ford stake truck and a large diesel generator were tallied and awarded to the bidder with the highest bid.

Motion by M. Green, supported by R. DePond, to accept the bid of \$1,579.79 from William B. McEwen for the army 6x6 truck; to accept the bid of \$225.00 from Richard Cummings for the Ford stake truck and to accept the bid of \$300.00 from United Landfills (Art Davis) for the diesel generator. Motion carried.

Motion by R. DePond, supported by M. Green, to dispense with the regularly scheduled special meeting of December 22, 1975. Motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding the property of the old Green School.

Motion by R. DePond, supported by C. Bracey to hire Dale S. Myers, Jr. for the fifth grade class at the Knight Elementary commencing January 5, 1976. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Ovid-Elsie F.F.A. cattle project. Mr. Lynn Whiting was present and joined in the discussion. He reported the cattle in seemingly fine condition and requested that they remain at his place for two more weeks.

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Farming and 4-H - - - in Clinton County

Extension calendar

Jan. 6, 13 & 20: Labor Management Seminar for Clinton County Farmers - Central National Bank.
 Jan. 7: Family Living Holiday Workshop Meeting - Smith Hall - 9:30 a.m.
 Jan. 8: 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - Central National Bank, St. Johns - 8 p.m.
 Jan. 14: 4-H Beef Cattle Feeding Meeting - Smith Hall - 7 p.m.
 Jan. 14: Central Genetics - 8 p.m. - Central National Bank.
 Jan. 15: Family Living Council Meeting - Smith Hall - 9:30 a.m.
 Jan. 15: Family Living Program - "What You Always Wanted to Ask Uncle Sam But Were Afraid To" - Smith Hall - 1 p.m.
 Jan. 17: 4-H Photography Workshop - Farm Bureau Building, St. Johns - 14 p.m.
 Jan. 21: 4-H Human Ecology Training - Smith Hall - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Jan. 24-26: 4-H Snow Camp Weekend - Traverse City.
 Jan. 29: Tour of Jacobson's - 7 p.m. - for members in 4-H Personal Appearance.
 Jan. 31: "Crazy Creations" - 4-H Personal Appearance members' activity - Smith Hall - 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Bring sack lunch.
 Feb. 4: Income Tax Meeting - Smith Hall - 1:30 p.m.
 Feb. 7: Craft Workshop - Smith Hall - 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Bring sack lunch.

In "Milk Top Twenty"

A cow owned by a St. Johns dairyman has qualified for listing among the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association's exclusive "Milk Top Twenty" high producers for the month of November.

old Holstein cow, with the barn number 154, has completed her 305 M.E. lactation record with 27,376 pounds of milk, 849 pounds of butterfat, and a 3.2 test. This is truly an outstanding record as compared to the statewide Holstein Breed average of 14,014 pounds of milk and 513 pounds of butterfat.

Schneider has his herd enrolled in the DHIA testing program and is supervised by Mary Ellen Dooley of Clarksville. They work in cooperation with James Pelham, Clinton County Extension Agent, and Michigan DHIA, Inc.



4-H Chatter Folk Dance Institute

By JOHN AYLSWORTH



People who love to folk dance should make plans to attend the Folk Dance Institute on Saturday, January 17, held at the Union Building on the Michigan State University Campus.

The program is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mary Lea Bailey of the World Wide Games of Delaware, Ohio, will be the resource instructor. Dances include: line dances, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes, longways, mixers, plus all fun dances of a bicentennial nature as well. There will be folk dance demonstrations by groups from throughout Michigan. There will be a \$2.00 donation taken at the door to cover the costs of this workshop. Come join your folk dance friends for a day of fun and learning. You are urged to turn in your reservations by January 10 at the County Extension Office in St. Johns.

ATTEND WORKSHOP
 Clinton County had four leaders and three teen leaders attending the State 4-H Craft Leaders Workshop December 5 and 6 at Kettunen Center. They participated in leather, macrame, and country painting options.

LOT OF GLASS
 The November glass collection was handled by the Eureka Boy Scouts which amounted to 7,800 pounds, bringing the total glass recycled from this project to 851,970 pounds. The December glass collection was handled by the St. Johns First United Methodist Senior MYF Group. The January 3 glass collection will be handled by the St. Johns Congregational Church Youth. St. John's people should plan on having the glass out on the curb by 10:00 a.m. the

first Saturday of each month, while people outside of St. Johns should take their glass to the fairgrounds between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SHOWSLAMB
 Tammy Harris of Green Acres 4-H Club showed three head of market lambs at the Michigan Junior Livestock Show December 5 and 6 at Howell, Michigan. She felt the experience was very worthwhile, and the competition was very stiff. Tammy showed lambs in pen of two lambs, heavy weights, single and showmanship. There were 109 lambs in the show. Clinton County did not have any entries in the beef cattle or market hog show.

STITCHERS REPORT
 The Sunshine Stitches enjoyed an evening of recreation after working on their projects. The members discussed a roller skating and Christmas Party for the club.

MAKE CHRISTMAS CARDS
 The Elsie Four Corners 4-H members made Christmas cards which they will take to a local nursing home. A Christmas card and gift committee was appointed. Karen and Kay Rivest told about their experiences this past summer in Japan, where they spent four weeks living with their host family. Safety reports were given by Sue Schroch and songs were sung by the group.

HOT SHOTS
 The Westphalia Hot Shots 4-H members gave 15 cents dues each month per member to raise money for a trophy to be given at the end of the club year to the club's outstanding marksman. Members enjoyed their BB Gun Target practice. The club will have an Archery Demonstration at their December 17 meeting, held at the home of Al and Maureen Arens.

DESIGN FLAG
 The Shamrock Riders 4-H Club members voted on a design for the club's flag. Members have completed their first lesson in Vet Science, based on the "Normal Animal". Three reports will be given at their next meeting on what they have learned so far. The members will have a Christmas Party at their December 15 meeting held at the home of their leader Sue Wheeler.

PRAIRIE OFFICERS
 The Prairie 4-H club members elected the following officers for the 1976 Winter Program: Dalietta Mitchell, president; Renee Thum, vice president; Chris Pung, secretary; Brenda Wilkie, treasurer; and Armond Smith, news reporter. After the business meeting the members enjoyed a Christmas Party exchanging from a grab bag, playing games and having refreshments. In November

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Chloe's Column

Do-it-yourself Christmas decorations

Clinton County Home Economist

"Over the river and through the woods" is not only the way to Grandmother's house, but also one path to follow to create your own unique Christmas decorations.

"Fine knots, weathered wood, cones, nuts and seeds from the wild, pruning from landscape plants and items found around the home, can be the basic ingredients for a variety of do-it-

yourself projects," suggests Joe Cox, Extension specialist in landscape architecture at Michigan State University.

An antique toy, some red ribbon or gold tinsel, a frame of weathered wood, dried flowers, water-sculptured driftwood, candles, miniature gift boxes in fancy paper, cutouts from old Christmas cards, an old music box or other favorite or traditional items can be added

as you build your centerpiece, wall hanging, mantle arrangement, or door hanging. A wreath or spray of evergreen prunings makes a good background for a door hanging or wall display. If you prefer a more structured arrangement you might want to use a rough frame of weathered boards as a base to which you can wire or staple greens and other materials. Chicken wire or hardware cloth can be used to give an arrangement invisible shape and support, he notes.

Pine cones, nuts and other small items can be fastened to the greens or frame with florists wire. For a sturdy arrangement that won't scatter every which way in a breeze, drill holes in the cones for the wires and twist the wires tightly, Cox advises.

If Christmas traditions are an important part of your holidays, you can easily work them into your decorations. Use antique toys and ornaments, or tie an old family heirloom into the celebration by placing an arrangement on or near it.

"You can almost see the 'Ghost of Christmas Past' standing next to Grandma's old parlor organ when it's decked with pine cones and holly," Cox says. "Repeat the same theme and materials in a wall hanging nearby, or perhaps on the fireplace mantle, for a unified effect."

If you do use an old family treasure in your holiday decorating, be sure to protect it from damage by fragrant pitch or candle wax. Accidental injuries of all sorts can happen unless we take all precautions to avoid them. And be prepared for the host of memories of Christmases past which those special items will evoke from older family members. They're certain to become the focal point of your family Christmas.

Jim's Column

Tips on Christmas tree care

Jim Pelham
Clinton County Extension Director

A note from Mel Koelling, Extension Specialist in Forestry, offers some advice on buying and caring for your Christmas tree. He says, "About two out of every three Michigan homes will enjoy a natural Christmas tree this coming Christmas season. Most families will use a Michigan-grown Scotch pine, while others will celebrate this most happy holiday with Douglas fir, white or Norway spruce or one of a half dozen other conifers. By following a few suggestions, the tree should remain in excellent condition throughout the holidays.

The initial step is to select a fresh tree. Flexing the needles to see if they bend instead of breaking, tapping the base of the tree on the ground to check for fresh needles and looking for trees with good green color can be helpful in choosing the right

tree. Once the tree is home, recutting the base to remove a small disc of wood - 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick - will remove damaged or clogged wood so water may be taken up by the tree. The tree stand should be capable of holding at least a quart of water.

Once inside the house, place the tree away from heat registers - preferably in a cool part of the room or house. Remember to keep the tree well watered, two or three times a day at first to prevent premature drying.

If these suggestions are followed the tree should remain a source of inspiration and enjoyment through this most enjoyable of all holiday seasons.

Carelessness in not keeping the tree moist could cost you your home through fire and leave this Christmas a terrible memory.

Bills Column

Telfarm is for you

by William Lasher
Extension Agriculture Agent

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In Memoriam 31

In Memoriam In loving memory of Larry Upton who was killed in Tehran, Iran one year ago. You were a special kind of man, Designed on this earth to trod, Leaving only love and kindness, And your deep faith in God. Oh, you were so very young, Cut down in the vigor of life, You had so much to do in this world, To help man in his earthly strife. Oh, our hearts are so heavy, And the grief is so deep, But we know you would want us to keep Faith that God loves us always, And not to regret or to weep. Because this too was in God's plan And your life so majestic and true, Will live on forever with Jesus, Cause he needed you in heaven too. 34-1-31

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Niki J. to K.C. and Norma Black Lot 124, Boicott Acres No. 3. Dec. 3: King, Milton J. and Ruth A. to Lonny and Ann L. Konkus property in Sec. 24 DeWitt. Dec. 3: Milks, Edwin A. and Agnes C. to Howard W. and Peggy J. Alexander Lot 29, River Ridge No. 2. Dec. 3: Milks, Edwin A. and Agnes C. to Howard W. and Peggy J. Alexander Lot 30, River Ridge No. 2. Dec. 3: Alexander, Howard W. and Peggy J. to David D. and Leanna K. Brunzell Lot 29, River Ridge No. 2. Dec. 3: Coates, Joseph T. and Josephine M. to John L. and Jean F. Hazard property in Sec. 33 Bath. Dec. 3: Jackson, John T. and Anna E. to Dan and Margaret Caesar Lot 20, 22, Avenue. Dec. 4: Thelen, Ronald and Beth to Charles D. and Mary Joan Thelen Lot 1, 2, Blk 4 Lance's. Dec. 4: Badgley, Alvin C. and Sherril G. to Robert G. and Betty W. Adler property in Sec. 15 Victor. Dec. 4: Davis, Margaret L. to Victor A. and June J. Zischke property in Sec. 1 Watertown. Dec. 4: Rozen and Woodard, Inc., to Edward J. III and Mary Ann Tolma Lot 33 Elmhurst Est. No. 2. Dec. 5: Millbrook Meadows, Inc. to Earl A. and Margaret A. Schmidt Lot 17 Millbrook Mdns. 2. Dec. 5: Kelley, Harold D. to Mark P. and Betty J. Schafer property in Sec. 36 Eagle. Dec. 5: Willow Development Inc. to Clinton National Bank Lot 32 Millbrook Mdns. No. 2. Dec. 5: Clinton National Bank to Richard S. and Mary L. Szalajski Lot 32 Millbrook Mds. No. 2. Dec. 5: Griffin, Margaret I. to Bernard D. and Norma E.

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Legal news

STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, A Michigan Township, Petitioner, vs. JOHN T. FAWCETT and LOUISE G. FAWCETT, Respondents.

ORDER File No. 75 1788 CC. At a session of said Court held in the County of Clinton, City of St. Johns, State of Michigan, on the 11th day of December, A.D. 1975.

PRESENT: HONORABLE LEO CORKIN, CIRCUIT JUDGE

A Petition having been filed by J. Richard Robinson, Attorney for the Board of Trustees of DeWitt Township for, and on its behalf pursuant to Act 149, Public Acts of Michigan, 1911 as amended, and Public Acts of Michigan No. 116 of 1923 as amended, praying that a jury be summoned and impaneled from petite jurors summoned to serve this Court to ascertain and determine whether it is necessary for said Township of DeWitt to acquire certain land described in said Petition for use of and benefit of the public, said use being for the purpose of constructing and installing a sanitary sewer connection to make the public sanitary sewer system more available and more accessible to King Arthur's Court Mobile Home Park and whether it is necessary to take said property as described in said Petition, such property to be taken for the use and benefit of the public and to ascertain and determine the just compensation to be made therefore in accordance with statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided and it appearing to the Court that the Plaintiff has declared that it is necessary to take private property hereinafter described for the use and benefit of the public for the construction of sanitary sewer connection and facilities thereon, said private property being described as follows:

Permanent Easement:
A strip of land, 30 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as; beginning at a point on the West section line of Section 26, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, that is 1603.18 feet North of the S.W. corner of said Section 26; thence N 87° - 21' 50" E, 250.26 feet to the termination of said centerline.

Construction Easement:
A strip of land, 50 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as; beginning at a point on the West section line of Section 26, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, that is 1603.18 feet North of the S.W. corner of said Section 26; thence N 87° - 21' 50" E, 250.26 feet to the termination of said centerline.

and it further appearing that the Plaintiff has declared in said Petition that the known parties interested in said property are: John T. Fawcett and Louise G. Fawcett and the Court being fully advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, on Motion of J. Richard Robinson, Attorney for the Plaintiff and Petitioner, it is ORDERED that the Respondents above mentioned and any other persons claiming an interest in said property shall appear before this Court on the 19th day of February, 1976 at 9:00 in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard and show cause why the prayer in said Petition should not be granted, the purpose of said Petition being to take private property without the consent of the owner for the use and benefit of the public for the construction and installation and permanent maintenance of sanitary sewer facilities and related services and for a just compensation to be made, and, It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published in the Clinton County News, a newspaper published and

circulated in the County of Clinton for three (3) consecutive weeks, the last three (3) publications to be prior to the date of hearing provided above.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Order shall be served upon all known Respondents as provided by law.
Leo W. Corkin,
Circuit Judge
Countersigned:
Dolores Hiller,
Deputy Clerk 34-3

NOTICE

The Trustees of Penn Central Transportation Company hereby give notice, pursuant to Section 304(a) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, of their intention, effective February 27, 1976 to terminate all rail service on the Saginaw Branch between Lansing (Milepost 40.0) and Saginaw, MI. (Milepost 91.8) in the State of Michigan. In the Final System Plan adopted under the terms of the 1973 statute the line to which this notice relates is not designated for continued operation by Consolidated Rail Corporation or any other carrier.

Copies of materials and information bearing on the value of this line of railroad and upon the revenues and expenses associated with its operation in recent years (prepared in conformity to regulations of the Rail Services Planning Office of the Interstate Commerce Commission) are on file at the Penn Central Transportation Company offices, Superintendent's Office, Penn Central Station, 501 E. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, where such data may be examined by interested persons during regular business hours.
ROBERT W. BLANCHETTE,
RICHARD C. BOND AND
JOHN H. MCARTHUR,
TRUSTEES OF THE
PROPERTY OF
PENN CENTRAL
TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY

DEBTOR. 34-3

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE
DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by MICHAEL L. PATRICK and PENNY L. PATRICK, of 214 East Elm Street, Ovid, Michigan, as Mortgagor to CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a national banking corporation, with its principal offices situated in St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagor, dated September 28, 1973, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on October 5, 1973, in Liber 273, pages 562, 563, 564, and 565.

Mortgagee having elected, under the terms of said mortgage to declare the entire principal and accrued interest thereon due, which election it does hereby exercise, pursuant to which there is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage on the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE and 92/100 (\$10,869.92) DOLLARS and no civil suit or action or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th day of January, 1976, at 10:00 O'clock in the forenoon, at the North Main entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within the said County) said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum which may be paid by the undersigned at or before

said sale for taxes and/or insurance on said premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned, with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, and all legal costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which premises are described as follows:

Commencing 455 feet East of the Northeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of Section 3, T8N, R1W, thence South 255 feet, thence West 167 feet, thence north 255 feet, thence East 167 feet to the point of beginning, Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

The Mortgagor, its successors and assigns or any person lawfully claiming from or under it, shall within SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of the aforesaid foreclosure sale be entitled to redeem the entire premises sold, by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or to the register of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for benefit of such purchaser, the sum which was bid therefor, with interest from the time of the sale at the rate percent borne by the mortgage plus any other sums required to be paid by law.

DATED: December 12, 1975.
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY,
Mortgagee

RANDY L. TAHVONEN
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Attorney for Mortgagor 34-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLINTON.

ORDER TO ANSWER
FILE NO. GCR 120.5

MARTINA SALAZAR,
Plaintiff vs. DANIEL R.
SALAZAR, Defendant

On May 15, 1975, an action was filed by Plaintiff in this Court to obtain a decree of absolute divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, DANIEL R. SALAZAR, shall answer or take such other action in this Court as may be permitted by law on or before February 21, 1976. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

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

Honorable Leo W. Corkin
DATE OF ORDER: Nov. 24,
1975.

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

OF HEARING
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Clinton.

Estate of RICHARD GENE VELASQUEZ.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 7, 1976, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Margie R. VanWhy praying that James A. Moore be appointed the guardian of Toni Mary Velasquez, who has had no contact whatever with said minor for approximately 2 years and 10 months, for the purpose of consenting to the adoption of said minor.

Dated: November 19, 1975.
S/MARGIE R. VANWHY,
Petitioner.
15941 Burton Street
Lansing, Michigan
Attorney for Petitioner:
RICHARD D. WELLS, P22177
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone 224-3228. 31-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY
ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE OF

MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elizabeth Kundrat Ward to Sumner G. Whittier, as Administrator of Veterans Affairs dated August 19, 1960, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on August 24, 1960, in Liber 229 of Mortgages, on page 938 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Four thousand seven hundred sixty-two dollars and 37/100—Dollars, (\$4,762.37) and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a SALE OF sale of the premises therein

described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the North entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse in the City of St. Johns, and County of Clinton, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on January 23, 1976, at 10 o'clock local time in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6% per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said

Mortgage as follows, to-wit: situated in the Village of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, described as Lot 1, except the South 62 feet thereof, Viewcrest River Addition to the Village of DeWitt.

The period of redemption will be one year from date of sale. Dated: December 10, 1975.
Richard L. Roubesh, successor in office to Sumner G. Whittier, as Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Mortgagee.

Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Foster
By James R. Davis
Attorney for Mortgagee
1018 Michigan National Tower
Lansing, Michigan 48933. 33-4

Social welfare expenditures increase

Social welfare expenditures under public programs increased to \$287 billion in fiscal 1975. This was a one-year dollar increase of \$47 billion, the largest in history, and a rate of increase of 19.7 percent, largest since the immediate post-World War II period, when veterans' benefits were greatly expanded. The figures were reported in a research and statistics note published by the Social Security Administration's Office of Research and Statistics.

Even after allowing for inflation, the 1975 social welfare expenditures were more than \$21 billion greater than the 1974 total. In constant dollars, per capita social welfare expenditures rose by 7.1 percent in 1975, in sharp contrast with the year before when the real increase was only 1.9 percent.

The increase in social welfare expenditures was attributed primarily to two factors — the downturn in the economy, which resulted in greatly expanded benefits to the unemployed and needy, and the continuing high rate of inflation, which triggered cost-of-living adjustments in cash benefit programs and swelled the cost of medical and social services.

Cash transfer payments to individuals under all types of income — maintenance programs were \$23.8 billion higher in 1975 than in 1974. Social Security accounted for \$8.4 billion of this increase, unemployment insurance for \$7.5 billion, and public assistance and supplemental security income for \$2.7 billion. In the health field, Medicare

expenditures rose \$3.4 billion, and Medicaid \$2.6 billion.

Until 1965, State and local governments were the main source of social welfare funds, supplying 55 percent in 1950 and 51 percent in 1965. Starting with 1966, however, the Federal Government began to furnish more than half the funds, and, in 1975, provided 58 percent.

An important factor in this increase has been the growing role of the Federal Government in providing health services. Through 1965, when Medicare was enacted, it was financing less than half the public bill for health; by 1975, however, the Federal share was more than two-thirds.

The rise in Federal spending for social welfare is reflected in its relationship with total Federal spending. In 1950, the Federal Government devoted 26 percent of its budget to social welfare. This figure reached 33 percent by 1965 and 55 percent in 1975.

Including private social welfare, total social welfare expenditures reached \$389 billion in fiscal year 1975, 27 percent of the GNP. Public spending accounted for 73 percent of all social welfare outlays, and continued to dominate the areas of education, income maintenance, and welfare.

Some sharp advice about chain saws

EAST LANSING -- The chain saw, becoming a common farm tool and used increasingly by more homeowners, should be carefully selected.

"Buyers should match the saw to the job they intend to do. They should examine a variety of makes and models before purchasing. A good service center is important for maintenance. Dealers should be consulted about the amount and type of cutting to be done," says Howard J. Doss, Michigan State University Extension agricultural engineer.

"The size of the saw (cubic inch displacement) should match the type of work the operator expects to do with it. If too small a saw is continually used for tough jobs, the tendency for the person will be to over-exert. Under these conditions, accidents can occur. The saw should do the work with a minimum of effort on the part of the operator. If the saw keeps binding or stalling, even though it is in good mechanical condition, it is not matched for the job," Doss says.

The operator should be matched to the job too. "Felling and cutting timber is hard work. Operators should be in good physical condition, able to withstand heavy work periods. Persons who become exhausted easily may be a potential accident victim," he says. Don't hesitate to take frequent rest breaks.

A chain saw equipped with antivibration characteristics will help reduce fatigue and avoid numbing and swelling of hands. Also, some units are equipped with chain brakes to stop the chain if the saw kicks back.

Most small saws are equipped with automatic oilers which are sufficient for occasional cutting. But if several face-cords a day are to be cut, particularly hardwood, the saw should have a manual oiler in addition to the automatic system.

A prerequisite to any cutting operation is proper clothing for the operator. "Wear warm, comfortable trim fitting clothing that allows easy movement, light nonslip gloves and good gripping boots or

shoes," Doss says. Safety goggles or eye glasses with safety lens help prevent possible eye injury from flying wood chips or sticks. A good safety hardhat may prevent serious head injury from possible falling material.

"Ear plugs or acoustic muffs are essential because of the saw's high noise level. If ears ring for an extended time after the saw is used, hearing damage may have occurred," Doss says.

Check automatic or manual oilers, air filters and cooling fins for possible blockage or clogging, before starting. Fuel should be mixed according to owner's manual instructions, stored and transported in a properly labeled heavy gauge metal gasoline container.

"Refueling should be done with the saw on the ground and in an area cleared of possible combustibles at least two tree lengths away from anyone else," Doss says. Under no circumstances should you be smoking while refueling.

Starting should be done with the saw on the ground, one foot placed in the bracket to the rear of the unit. Grip the handle at the top of the saw and pull the starter rope with the other hand after starting controls have been properly set. Never allow another person to assist in starting. If either person slips or lets go, someone may get cut.

A chain saw must be properly maintained to be safe. This includes sharp teeth, correct chain tension, proper lubrication and a well-tuned engine.

"Most routine maintenance can be accomplished by following the owner's manual recommendations. Unless the operator is mechanically inclined, it is probably better to consult the saw dealer when serious mechanical problems arise," Doss says.

Every owner should have a good tool kit to help assure continued operation when doing a lot of cutting. It should contain:

-- A few extra cans or a bottle (with attached pouring nozzle) of chain oil
-- Wrenches to fit all nuts and

lugs on the saw
-- Screwdriver
-- Round file and guide for touching up the chain
-- Flat file and depth gauge to file depth guides
-- Small brush to clean away sawdust and wood chips
-- Extra sparkplug
-- Owner's manual (wrapped in a plastic bag)
-- Cleaning rags

"If the operator is going to be doing a lot of cutting, an extra chain should be taken along as a spare. Alternating chains every day will greatly prolong the life of the chain and sprocket upon which it runs," Doss says.

If an owner has not had operating experience before purchasing a saw, a few trial cuts should be made to become accustomed with its cutting and handling characteristics. Cut small logs supported off the ground so the chain will not strike the ground. Let the saw do the cutting. Extra pressure need not be applied. Operate with the saw when cutting large diameter logs with the throttle about three-quarters open. Overpowering the saw will waste fuel and create unnecessary engine wear. Underpowering will not push enough air through the cooling fins and may cause engine overheating.

If the chain cuts a wide groove or the cut shows fine powder instead of wood chips, it needs sharpening. If the saw tends to cut a circular path instead of a straight line through the log, the guidebar track, along which the chain runs, is worn on one side. Unless the owner has the proper equipment to correct the problem, chain and guidebar should be taken to the dealer for filing.

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- 1975 Chevrolet Monza Towne Coupe, 4-cylinder, automatic, air conditioning.
- 1975 Caprice 4-door, air conditioning, AM-FM, cruise control, vinyl top, tilt wheel.
- 1974 Monte Carlo, air conditioning, full power, AM-FM, vinyl top.
- 1974 Oldsmobile 98 Regency, full power, air conditioning, tilt-cruise.
- 1974 Chevy Vega wagon, 4-cylinder, 4-speed, radio.
- 1973 Chevrolet Caprice 2-door hardtop, air conditioning, radio, low miles!
- 1973 Chevrolet Impala, 2-door hardtop, V-8 automatic, power steering and brakes, radio.
- 1973 Chevrolet Vega GT, 4-cylinder, automatic, radio, hatchback.
- 1973 Chevy Vega Hatchback, 4-cylinder, 3-speed, radio.
- 1973 Oldsmobile Royale 4-door, air conditioning, vinyl top, radio.
- 1973 Caprice Estate Wagon, air conditioning, full power, AM-FM, cruise control.
- 1972 Oldsmobile Royale 4-door, air conditioning, vinyl top, radio.
- 1972 Chevrolet Malibu, 4-Door Hardtop, air conditioning, power steering, radio.
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Redwings edge Charlotte in low-scoring contest, play Grand Ledge Friday

ST. JOHNS-St. Johns Redwing cagers won their 3d straight game of the season and took their first conference outing with a low-scoring 40-35 victory over Charlotte Friday night.

The Redwings defeated Corunna 61-51 in last Tuesday's game.

In Friday's win over Charlotte, Carl Bashore was the lone Redwing to score in double figures. He hit for 13 points.

Only 20 field goals were scored in the entire contest with 12 of those belonging to St.

Johns. The Redwings hit on 12 field goals in 54 shots for a 22% shooting mark. Charlotte shot 50 times and made only 8 for a 15% shooting average.

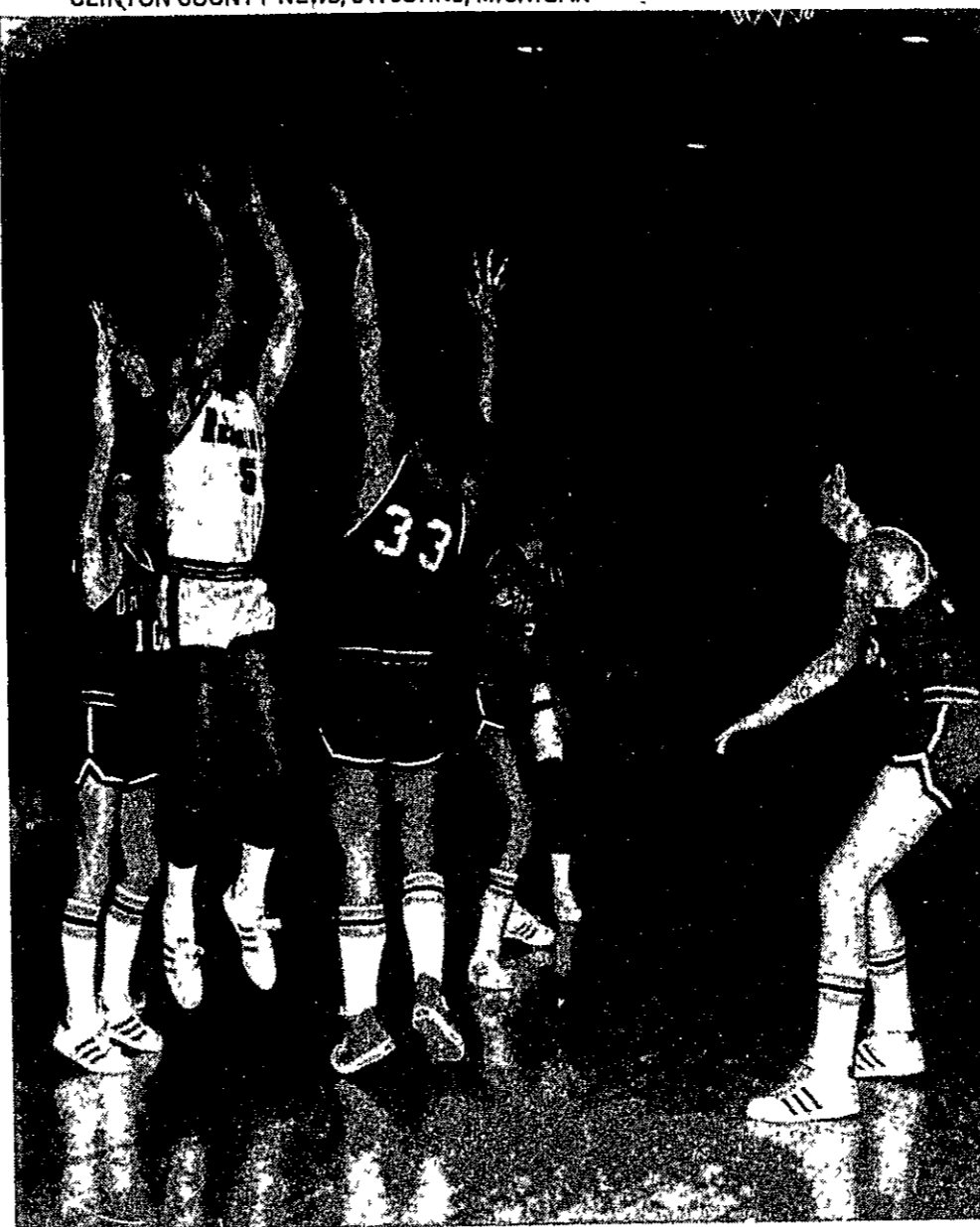
At the free-throw line, the Redwings dropped 16 in 28 attempts for 57%. Charlotte's Orioles hit at a 66% clip, hitting 19 of 29. Following Bashore in the scoring column were Dave Martis with 9 points, Wayne Dedyne with 7, Keith Haske with 4, Tim Knaus 3, Jerry Bashore 2 and Frank Faivor and Mark Geller with 1 each.

Carl Bashore led the Redwing rebounding with 15. Martis pulled down 9 rebounds.

The Redwing junior varsity also picked up their 3d straight win, defeating the Oriole jayvees 59-54.

In the earlier game against Corunna, Jerry Bashore led the 61-51 victory with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Wayne Dedyne, also scored in double figures, hitting for 10 points. Knaus had 12 rebounds and Martis 8.

The junior varsity clobbered Corunna's junior varsity 75-48. The Redwings play Friday at Grand Ledge.



Carl Bashore pops one for the Redwings in their 40-35 victory over Charlotte Friday

Fowler over Bellevue 78-56

FWLER-Fowler got on the winning track Friday night, defeating Bellevue with little trouble, 78-56.

Fowler took a 5-point in the opening quarter, outscoring Bellevue 19-14.

After a close 2d quarter when Fowler outscored Bellevue by 1, 17-16, the Eagles broke the game completely open in the 3d period.

In that quarter, the Eagles pumped in 25 points while holding Bellevue to 13.

The Fowler reserves took over the final period and held a 17-13 scoring edge.

Three Fowler players hit in double figures, led by Dave Schmitt with 15. Glen Simon had 14 and Don Schrauben with 13.

Dale Koenigsnecht followed with 9, Don Taylor with 7, Steve Simon with 6, Dan Thelen 4,

Larry Jandernoa 3 and John Ellsworth 1. Koenigsnecht led the rebounding with 12 and Dave Schmitt added 9.

Ron Whitcomb led the scoring for Bellevue with 12 points.

Bellevue committed 28 turnovers during the game. Fowler turned the ball over 18 times, but 8 of those came in the final period when Coach Charlie Trierweiler gave his reserves some game experience.

Fowler is now 1-1 in the CMAC, losing the first game of the season to Fulton.

Bellevue falls to 0-2 in the league and is 1-2 for the season.

Two Fowler games originally scheduled to be played in St. Johns have been changed.

The Dec. 19 game with DeWitt and the Portland High game Dec. 27 will both be played in Fowler.

DeWitt disposes of Olivet 80-68

OLIVET--Trailing at the end of the opening quarter by 2 points, the DeWitt Panthers, came on strong Friday in the last 3 periods to down Olivet 80-68.

Heading into the 2d quarter, DeWitt trailed 18-16.

That quickly changed, however, as the Panthers outscored their CMAC opponents 20-14 in the 2d period.

Olivet suffered more of the same when the 2d half started with DeWitt outshooting them 21-14.

Olivet came back in the final period to take a 22-20 edge over the Panthers, but it was too late to stop DeWitt from taking their 2d CMAC win without a loss.

The Panthers are 2-1 for the season. Olivet has yet to win a game

in the young season. Four DeWitt Panthers scored in double figures to pace the victory.

Dave Wilson led the scoring with 18 points. Also scoring in double figures for DeWitt were Marty DeBow with 16, Chris Skoczylas with 15 and Greg Mallard with 13. Others scoring for DeWitt were Warren Willis with 9, Pat Bohm with 4, Ed Paksi with 4, and Al Russell with 1 point.

Olivet had 3 players in double figures, led by Dan Byrens with 18.

DeWitt hosted Webberville Tuesday and take on Fowler at Fowler Friday.

That game was originally scheduled to be played in St. Johns, but the game site has been changed to Fowler.

Bath wins 5th in a row with tough win over Leslie

LESLIE--Bath's Bees fought back after trailing Leslie early in their cage encounter Friday night and then had to hold off a comeback scoring outburst in the 4th quarter before picking up their 5th straight win.

The Bees defeated Leslie 61-58 in the scrappy Ingham County League contest.

Leslie led at the end of the first quarter 16-7.

The Bees then proceeded to stifle the Leslie shooting attack for the next 2 quarters.

Bath outscored Leslie 18-8 in both the 2d and 3d quarters.

Those 2 quarters paved the way for a 20-point going into the

final minutes of the game, when Leslie came storming back.

Leslie exploded for 26 points in the final period and were within 2 points of the Bees when the final buzzer sounded.

Bath scored 18 points in that final quarter.

Dan Bass paced the Bees' scoring attack with 17 points, followed by Steve Hawks with 14 and Chip Cogswell, also in double figures with 12 points. Also scoring for Bath were Tim Hawks with 8, David Kesson with 7, David Hanson with 2 and Rex Fouch with 1.

Bass also was the top rebounder for Bath, pulling down 14.

Tim Boertman led the scoring for Leslie with 18 points.

The victory gives Bath a tie in the league with Williamston, both with 2-0 records. Bath is 5-0 for the season while Williamston is 2-1.

In other Ingham County League action, Williamston knocked off Stockbridge 74-56. Dansville beat Fowlerville 65-63 and Pinckney took advantage of a 2-point first period by Perry to win their first game of the season 64-53.

Bath takes on Pinckney in a home game Friday.

After the Christmas holidays, the Bees open Jan. 6 at Haslett.

Ovid-Elsie wrestlers clobber Bullock Creek

"Smack" was a consistent sound last Thursday night as the Ovid-Elsie Marauders met the Bullock Creek Lancers in Lancer territory.

The Marauders had little trouble in dominating the match.

To start things off right, the

spirited Junior Varsity team made off with the score of 25-6.

The Varsity then proceeded to take a lop-sided victory, 47-12. Starting out was (98) Mike Larson wrestling Mike Cooke, they ended in a tie 4-4; (105) Bob Latz was pinned by Scott Lamphere in the third period;

(112) Troy Bancroft got a major decision when he beat Kevin Lamphere 8-0. A major decision is given to any wrestler who gets 8 points over his opponent. The team is given 4 points. At (119) Neil Stinson zipped out and pinned Dave McCann in one minute and 51 seconds; (126) Frank Goodrich got a major decision over Jeff Foote 10-0; (132) Mark Walters also got a major when he beat out Randy DeShano 13-4; (138) Tom Zuniga went out and beat Stinson's record when he pinned Kevin Ladner in 92 seconds; (145) Leonard Mitchell pinned Steve Yoder in the second period; (155) Roger Lover won his match against Don Hackett 4-0; (167) Ken Reha pinned Steve Hartnagle in the last period; (185) Russ Lesley got beat by Leonard Nordbeck 11-2. Nordbeck got a major decision for his match; and (heavy-weight) Bill Nethaway pinned Tim Hagle in the third period which wrapped up the final score of 47-12.

Coached by Jimmy Maidlow and assistant coach Tommy Roof, the Ovid-Elsie Marauders are now 2-1 overall and 2-0 conference.

OVID-ELSIE PLACES 7th AT HASLETT

Haslett Invitational was held Saturday, Dec. 13. Lansing Catholic Central took first out of 14 teams, O-E placed 5th. Marauders who placed were: Bill Nethaway - 2nd, Bob Latz - 3rd, Neil Stinson - 3rd, Leonard Mitchell - 3rd, and Roger Lover who also placed 3rd.

O-E travels to Perry on Tuesday night and hosts Corunna at home for a 6:30 meet Thursday.

Last quarter scoring drought dooms Pewamo-Westphalia

WEBBERVILLE - Oh, to have that last quarter back again.

Pewamo - Westphalia led Webberville by 3 points, 47-44 going into the final period of their cage contest Friday night, but dropped in only 4 points in the 4th quarter to fall 53-51.

The Pirates took a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and Webberville came back to tie it up and the score was knotted 29-29 at half-time.

In a close 3d quarter, Pewamo-Westphalia outscored Webberville 18-15 to hold the 47-44 lead at the close of the 3d period. Then came the icicles.

Pewamo-Westphalia's shooting turned ice-cold and they could hit for only 4 points, while Webberville, shooting only slightly better, dropped in 9 points to take the victory.

Luke Pohl led the scoring for the Pirates, hitting for 18 points, followed in double figures by Lonnie Lucas with 15. Also scoring for P-W were Dave Belen with 6, Denny Miller and Keith Schafer with 4 apiece and Steve Lenneman with 2.

P-W is now 3-1 for the season. The Pirates played Fowler Tuesday night and will take on undefeated Fulton in an away game Friday.

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Redwing tankers place in Waverly Relays

Mark Grost and Jim Cole led the St. Johns tankers to a 7th place finish in the difficult Waverly relays. Twelve teams most of them class A schools competed in the relays Wednesday Dec. 10.

The meet which is comprised of all relays events was won by slate power East Lansing.

Other medal winners for the Redwings were Craig Smith, Mark Grost, Eric Grost, Rod

Lounds in the 200 yard breaststroke and Mark Grost, Dan Barker, Craig Smith and Cliff 'Mop' Montry in the 200 medley relay.

The tankers meet Waverly this Thursday at home and hope to erase a 6 years losing streak. The St. Johns team has been practicing morning and night for this meet and hope to beat Waverly this Thursday at 7:00.



Redwing swimmers take 10 firsts on way to win over O-E

After five long weeks of practice the St. Johns Swimming Team captured its first victory by defeating Ovid-Elsie 52-30.

The Redwing swimmers captured 10 first place finishes out of eleven events and took first and second in two events. Leading the tankers to victory were two triple winners, John Mailand captured first in the 200 medley relay swimming, butterfly, and firsts in the 200

and 500 freestyle. Eric Grost took first in the medley relay, 100 free and 100 breaststroke.

The other swimmers were double winners. Cliff Montry won in the 200 M.R. and the 50 freestyle, Ron Moon won in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly. Mark Grost showed his continuing versatility by winning the 200 M.R. and taking first in the diving.

Other 1st place finishers for

the Redwings were Dru Downing, Alan Nelson, Craig Smith, and Rod Lounds.

Coach Bruce Barber was very pleased with his young team. "Of the winners only 3 are seniors, and many of our freshmen and sophomores looked very good," Barber said. New coach Jan Szymczak also seemed happy with his young team. Szymczak noted "the early morning practices seem

to be paying off, even though the water at 6:15 a.m. is very cold."

Szymczak said he was not sure how the young Redwings would do against Ovid-Elsie after the earlier loss to Alma. "Our team bounced back well, and looks to be a real challenger in the mid-Michigan area."

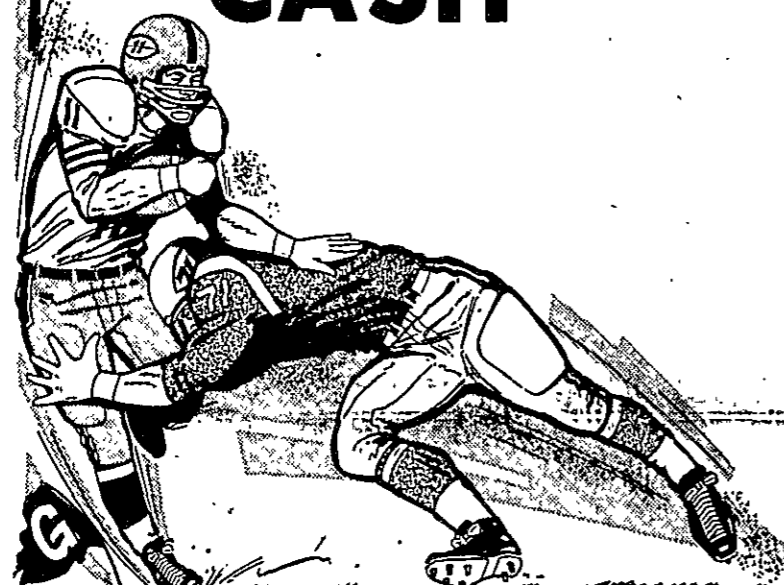
Team captains for this year's Redwings are John Mailand, Cliff Montry, Eric Grost and junior Mark Grost.



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Clinton area obituaries

Bellouise Grubaugh

ST. JOHNS—Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. from Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns for Mrs. Bellouise D. Grubaugh, 57, 965 Cherry Rd., N.W., Massillon, Ohio.

She died in Massillon, where she had resided most of her life. She was the daughter of Guy and Maybelle Duncan.

Mrs. Grubaugh was employed as a clerk for the Union Drawer

Steel Company. Surviving are her husband, Ralph; 1 stepson, Albert Grubaugh of St. Johns; 2 brothers, Robert Duncan of Beach City, Ohio and John Duncan of Westminster, Md.

The family will receive visitors from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be at Union Home Cemetery.

Otto Wakefield

ST. JOHNS — Funeral ser-

vices were held Dec. 12 from the First Congregational Church in St. Johns for Otto H. Wakefield, 71, 708 Spring, St. Johns, who died Dec. 8 at Lakeland, Fla.

Rev. Averill Carson officiated with burial at Sowle Cemetery.

A native of Clinton County, Mr. Wakefield was born May 3, 1904, the son of Ernest and Emily Wakefield.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, he retired as junior high school principal in DeWitt in 1963. He was a member of the First

Congregational Church and Retired Teachers Association of Michigan.

A resident of Clinton County all his life, he was married May 3, 1930 in St. Johns to the former Edwina M. Foley.

Surviving are his wife; 1 son, Douglas L. Wakefield of Dimondale; 2 brothers, Grant Wakefield of Lansing and James Wakefield of Indiana; 1 sister, Mrs. Enid Jury of St. Johns. A brother, Lawrence Wakefield, and a sister, Mrs.

Reva Ward, preceded him in death.

Antonia M. Lytle

ELSIE (c) — Funeral services for Antonia M. Lytle of 1880 Eastwood Ct., Saginaw, formerly of Elsie, were held Saturday from Case Funeral Home, Saginaw with burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lytle died Wednesday,

Dec. 10 at Saginaw General Hospital. She was 63.

Mrs. Lytle was born Oct. 6, 1912 in Austria-Hungary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Karger. She came to Elsie as an infant with her parents and lived in Saginaw the past 20 years.

Surviving are: 4 sons, James Lytle of Ashley, Richard Shea of Elsie, Glenn Lytle of Detroit and John of Spring Dale, Arkansas; 4 daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Julia) Kneppel of Freeport, Mrs. Roy (Frances) Andre and Mrs. James (Evelyn) Bila, both of Owosso

and Mrs. Gerald (Aleen) Long of Ashley; 2 sisters, Mrs. Marie Sullivan of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Louise Anderson of Round Up, Montana; 24 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lytle was preceded in death by a son, Jack Lytle, and a sister, Bertha Youry.

Have a safe Christmas

(From Front Page)

tainer. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace. They may ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

TREES

Artificial trees (plast) should bear the UL label. Some unlabeled plastic trees burn with extreme vigor.

Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to make your live evergreen flame-resistant.

Follow the safety rules below when shopping for a natural tree.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine. Be sure that the needles do

not readily fall from the tree. The trunk butt of a fresh tree would be sticky with sap.

Place your Christmas tree in a location away from fireplaces, radiators or other heat sources. Be sure that it is out of the traffic pattern and does not block doorways.

Cut off about 2 inches of the trunk. Mount tree in a sturdy water-holding stand with wide-spread legs. Be sure that the tree is stable.

Fill base holder with water. Keep it full of water while the tree is indoors (as you would fresh flowers).

Remember heated rooms dry trees out rapidly and a dry tree is a fire hazard.

FIRES

Your fireplace is a source of warmth and heat. Before starting your fire, be sure to remove all paper decorations and boughs from the immediate area. Be sure the flue is open. Never set up your Christmas tree near the fireplace. This is a potential fire hazard.

Use a screen to enclose the front of your fireplace to confine live embers and sparks to the fire box.

Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. They contain heavy metals and can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children.

CANDLES

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreen. Always use non-flammable holders. Keep away from other decorations, wrapping paper or other easily ignited materials. Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

TRIMMINGS

The trimming of your Christmas tree is a very important part of your holiday festivities. Keep the safety of your family in mind when selecting trimming and decorating your tree. When choosing the finishing touches for the tree, purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets. If youngsters are a part of your family, take special care to:

- Avoid any decorations that tend to break easily or have sharp edges.

- Keep tree trimmings that are small or have removable parts out of the reach of your child. These pieces may be swallowed. Don't purchase ornaments that resemble candy or foods. A small child may try to eat them.

PLAN AHEAD

An emergency could strike your home at any time. Here are a few simple rules to follow to help your family through a crisis.

- Keep fire department, police, ambulance, doctor and other emergency service numbers posted on or near your telephone.

- Keep a UL listed multipurpose fire extinguisher in your kitchen when preparing holiday meals and know how to use it.

At least one member of the family should be familiar with simple first aid procedures.

North Bengal

Mrs. William Ernst and Maxine Ernst visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mohnke of South Bengal on Sunday evening, December 7.

Mrs. Ida Schrader, who is making her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tiedt, entered Clinton Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 1, as a medical patient.

On Wednesday, December 3, Mrs. William Ernst and Maxine Ernst called on Mrs. Arthur Martens of St. Johns in the afternoon. In the evening they were visitors of Mrs. Lula Boak of Fowler.

Mrs. J. D. Bancroft and children of S.W. Dallas spent Friday night, December 5, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Pasch, J.D. Bancroft conducted leather tooling classes at Camp Kett near Cadillac over the weekend.

William S. Ernst of Battle Creek was a Saturday, December 6, supper guest of Mrs. William Ernst and Maxine Ernst.

On Saturday evening, December 6, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Tiedt entertained their card party group at dinner and an evening of cards at their home.

Most fertilizer supplies look good for 1976

EAST LANSING — Michigan farmers should have little trouble obtaining most fertilizers next year.

"All supplies are at high inventory levels and we foresee but two problem areas — enough available freight cars to ship materials and natural gas availability for nitrogen production," says Edwin M. Wheeler, president, The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, D.C.

Wheeler made his comments at Michigan State university's annual Seed, Weed and Fertilizer School, Dec. 24. About 300 elevator managers, seed, herbicide and fertilizer suppliers attended the course.

Current estimates are that natural gas curtailments to ammonia producers are expected to be equivalent to 670,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia this winter or 549,000 tons of nitrogen.

If we have a severe winter, the curtailment of natural gas to the industry may be higher, Wheeler says. Other influencing factors are demand for manufacture of synthetics and availability of supplies from the European market.

There should be no problem obtaining phosphate fertilizers. By the end of the year, production capacity should be 8.3 million tons, which is 28 percent more than the capacity available in January 1975.

But Wheeler warned suppliers not to wait until next spring to obtain shipments.

"Right now our ports are clogged with grain shipments which are tying up freight cars. Place your orders soon. Your bins are probably empty now and you're going to have to take a chance on price. You may have the lowest prices in town next spring but you might not have fertilizer to sell," he says.

U.S. capacity to produce potash is about 3.4 million tons a year, which is about 2 million tons below estimated use. Current inventories are high and imports, primarily from Canada, should meet U.S. needs for the next year or so.

But Wheeler warns about current Canadian government attitudes toward regulating the potash industry. "It has very frightening implications for us in the long run," he says, pointing out that as with other exports, they can curtail or stop shipments to the U.S. at will.

"He advises that local retail fertilizer prices should be kept within reasonable levels. "We must not forget that it is the farmer who is the customer. We lost sight of that last spring and what his reaction was going to be when we allowed the law of gravity to set price," Wheeler says.

Sales last year dropped 10 percent, which was the first time since records have been kept. Overseas markets dropped almost at the same time as in the U.S.

"It doesn't matter whether it is the farmer in Michigan or India. They all think alike — they know how far they are going to go as their input costs go up. We didn't expect they would back off the market like they did," Wheeler says.

He believes Michigan farmers should have an excellent year in 1976 if the slowly rallying U.S. economy gathers speed. "U.S. food needs and demands coupled with an ever-growing dependence of overseas nations on our country for basic agricultural outputs signal full farm production — at profitable levels for farmers," Wheeler says.

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