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Santa brightens spirits at Clinton Memorial Hospital



Alicia Kidney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kidney



Gary Markman, 20 month, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Markman, Sr.

Citizens continue tax battle

By JIM EDWARDS
County News Editor

DEWITT TWP - A group of DeWitt Twp. residents have not given up their fight against a 1-mill tax assessment they claim is illegal.

The latest in their fight against the 1-mill took place last week when they, through a private attorney, filed a class action suit with the State Tax Tribunal.

The petition asks for reimbursement and redetermination of the property tax mill, which was levied by the township to finance police and fire protection.

The amount in controversy is approximately \$48,000.

Much of the argument by DeWitt Twp. centers around the fact the 1-mill was never included on an election ballot and submitted

for a vote.

The citizens group claims the 1 mill was in addition to a mill previously allocated by the Clinton County Tax Allocation Board.

Earlier, DeWitt Township officials were told by the County Board of Commissioners that the 1 mill should not be levied. Their position coincided with the advice given the board by Jon Newman, Clinton County prosecuting attorney.

Rep. Stanley Powell was asked to obtain an opinion on the matter from Frank Kelley, Michigan attorney general, who asked the township should follow the directives of the Board of Commissioners and prosecutor.

The class action suit is filed on behalf of all residents in DeWitt Twp.

Petitioners for the suit are Max and Joan Calder, Robert and Gertrude Pope, Levi and Alta Reed and King Arthur's Court Inc.

Propose new nursing home in St. Johns

LANSING-The state has been asked to issue a certificate of need for a proposed new nursing home in St. Johns.

The proposal, submitted by Meadowview Manor, Inc., was filed with the Division of Health Facility Planning and Construction of the State Health Department. It calls for the construction of a new 125-bed long term care facility on South Scott Road, which, when completed, would replace the Rivard Nursing Home. The Rivard home is a 32-bed intermediate care facility at 311-313 East Higham Street, which, according to Mich. Dept. of Public Health news release, is not in conformance with modern nursing home standards.

The proposed home would be built in the

shape of a wheel, with the spokes being wings in which patient rooms would be located. The rooms would be semi-private and would house patients who needed basic, intermediate, and skilled nursing care.

Other components of the facility would include nursing stations in the central corps area, plus rooms for supporting services such as physical therapy, rehabilitation, dining, and recreation.

The planners say that the patients who are admitted to the facility would be financed by private resources, Medicare and Medicaid, and Blue Cross.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,390,000. There is a projected completion date of June 1977.

Seek items for museum

The Clinton County Historical Society has a museum building and now they would appreciate help by Clinton County residents in furnishing the house items of historical interest in Clinton County. Thomas Hollen of St. Johns has been appointed director of the museum at 1004 S. Oakland, St. Johns.

The County Board of Commissioners has granted use of the building for 1 year.

Hollen has been a resident of St. Johns for 1 1/2 years, moving here from Aurora, Ill. where he served on the Museum Board of the Aurora Historical Society. Hollen recently attended a conference dealing with the operation of small museums.

The conference was sponsored by the History Division of the Michigan Dept. of State.

Plans call for the 6-room museum to be opened after the first of the year and donations are currently being sought.

It is asked that donations be items of vintage no later than 1930 except in the case of collections. The museum board is interested in items that have particular historical significance in Clinton County.

Needed as soon as possible are curtains and storm windows.

Persons throughout the county are invited to donate items of historical interest to the museum. Those interested may call Hollen at 224-8173.

Early deadlines for holiday

Due to our early New Years edition to be on the news stands Tuesday night, early advertising and news deadlines have been set.

All advertising should be in the County News office, 120 E. Walker, St. Johns, by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26.

All news copy should be in the office by 9 a.m. Monday Dec. 29.

Community will ring in Bicentennial year

ST. JOHNS-America's 200th year will be rung in literally in St. Johns according to Shirley Karber, coordinator for the Clinton County Bicentennial.

Two St. Johns churches, the United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church, will conduct chime concerts beginning at 11:40 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Then, at 2 minutes to midnight, all churches throughout the community of St. Johns are invited to participate by ringing their bells or chimes.

At midnight, the St. Johns fire whistle will blow, welcoming in the 1976 Bicentennial Year.



Laura Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, 600 N. Clinton, is shown in the Christmas stocking and cap provided each baby born at Clinton Memorial Hospital during the month of December. The stockings are made by Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary puppet committee members. Mrs. Oliver Montigue is chairman of the committee. Laura was born Dec. 15.



Leslie Fonger will help ring in the Bicentennial year when she plays the chimes at the United Methodist Church New Years Eve. See story above.

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Expectant Parents organization

If you are in your third or fourth month of pregnancy, you might consider attending expectant-parent classes at Clinton Memorial Hospital beginning January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The 12-week course is sponsored by the Expectant Parents Organization, a non-profit educational service for people in the greater Lansing Area. The course is designed to cover all aspects of pregnancy with special attention given to the physical and emotional changes peculiar to pregnancy. Active participation by fathers-to-be is encouraged. The course is taught by Clara Lee and Janet Pline, both Registered Nurses.

The 12-week course costs \$20 and covers the nutritional needs of the expectant mother; physical and emotional changes of pregnancy; relaxation, breathing and exercises for the expectant mother; and post-natal care of the mother and child. For those mothers interested in breast feeding, special instruction will also be offered.

In addition, participants will receive help in filling out their hospital forms and a complete tour of the hospital.

A 4-week session teaching relaxation, breathing and exercises with a tour of the hospital can be taken separately. The charge for this 4-week segment is \$8.

A 2-week breast-feeding class cost \$5.

Scholarships are available for those who are unable to afford the classes.

The dates are as follows:
-First series begins Jan. 19 and will meet Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
-Second series begins April 6 and will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
-Third series begins June 29 and will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m.
-Fourth series begins Sept. 21 and meets Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The classes are open to any expectant parents who are planning to use the hospital facilities in either Lansing or St. Johns.

Clinton Memorial Hospital has donated classroom space, the use of audio-visual aids and mats for use in the relaxation classes.

Expectant Parent organization is supported by the community funds which have been used to purchase films, visual aids, slides and equipment.

Pre-registration forms are available from local doctors. For more information, contact Janet Pline at 224-4373; or Clara Lee at 224-2645.



Are you an expectant parent? See story at left.

CNB&T names vice-president

A Grand Rapids native, Michael J. Wisinski, has been named vice president of Clinton National Bank and began his duties Monday, December 15. According to executive vice president Gayle Desprez, Wisinski will serve as loan administrator and be responsible for the entire lending function of the bank.

will soon be joining him in St. Johns. The couple has four children.



Michael J. Wisinski

Wisinski joins Clinton National after 8 years with Old Kent Bank in Grand Rapids where he was assistant vice president in the commercial loan department. During his time there, he was employed in several credit and loan capacities. Earlier employment included 20 months as inventory control coordinator with Federal Mogul Corporation's international distribution center at Coldwater, Michigan.

Wisinski graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Grand Rapids Junior College and Western Michigan University where he received a B.S. in 1965. He has since undertaken graduate work at WMU and completed a number of business and financial study programs.

In addition, he has been active in a number of business and professional organizations including Grand Rapids Jaycees, St. Thomas Church, National Association of Credit Management and Grand Rapids Central YMCA.

Wisinski's wife, the former Marie Kloska of Grand Rapids,

Voter registration system continues to soar in state

Voter registration applications are continuing to pour in at Secretary of State driver license offices, at a rate even higher than originally anticipated, according to Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.

"After just two months of operation under the state's new combined voter registration-driver license system, a total of 77,604 voter applications have been received. As in October, about half were for new voters (37,499) and half for changes of address (40,105)," Austin said.

He added, "Of particular interest is the fact that the rate of applications is increasing, rather than slowing. For example, during November a total of 41,926 applications were processed, compared with 35,678 for October."

New voters include people moving into Michigan from other states, as well as other residents not previously registered. The change of address category includes persons renewing registrations which have lapsed, as well as persons who simply have moved within the state and are "transferring" a current registration from one election jurisdiction to another.

"It appears certain that more than half a million added voter registrations will be processed by the new system before the 1976 elections," Austin noted.

These registrations do not include the regular year-around registration activities of election clerks in their own offices.

Most local election clerks feel the system will help spread the voter registration load more evenly throughout the year -- eliminating the traditional last minute flooding of voter registrations and voter registration drives just before each major election.

In addition to simplifying the voter registration process, the new system provides an efficient new mechanism for altering clerks to the names of voters who apparently have moved out of the state. Whenever a Michigan driver applies for a driver license in another state, Austin's office is notified. The Secretary of State then sends a notice to the clerk in the applicant's old community, advising the clerk that the applicant has moved to an out-of-state address.

Austin indicated that the change of address category is creating some processing problems because many people don't realize that their post office address is not necessarily the same as their legal residence for voting purposes.

"For example," he said, "a person with a mailing address of Jones Street in Mason actually might not be a voter in the city of Mason. Instead he might be a voter in Aladein Township, or Vevay Township, or some other township."

"This is why it is helpful to call the county clerk's office when you move to a new address, to ask which election jurisdiction you now live in. Then, when you fill out a voter registration change of address form, it can be sent directly to the correct election clerk's office."

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Golden Gloves tournament

Any Clinton County area boys interested in boxing in the 1976 Golden Gloves tournament must register by Jan. 13. Practice sessions are being held at the Little League building back of Bee's Chevrolet South US-27, Mon. thru Fri. 7 to 9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 2 to 4 p.m. Boys must be 16 thru 25 years of age to be eligible to enter tournament. There will be 3 divisions, sub novice, novice, and open.

Sub novice-16 or 17 years with no previous bouts
Novice-18 to 20 years that haven't had over 5 wins

Open-20 thru 25 years or has had over 5 wins or has been in military service.
There will be 11 weight classes.

- Light Fly — 106 and under
- Fly — 106 to 112
- Bantam — 113 to 119
- Feather — 120 to 125
- Light — 126 to 132
- Light welter — 133 to 139
- Welter — 140 to 147
- Light middle — 148 to 156
- Middle — 157 to 165
- Light heavy — 166 to 178
- Heavy — 178 and over

The district tournament will be held Jan. 21, 23, Feb. 4 and 11 at the civic center in Lansing. The State Championships will be held March 5 & 6 at the civic center in Grand Rapids.

All boys should bring tennis shoes, and sweat shirt for practice. The boxers will be trained, and coached by Wayne Beaufore, Doug Brya, Ernie George, and Dave Vallin.

Tournament tickets may be purchased at Pierce Bakery in St. Johns.

The Clinton County Boys Club, is planning to stage a annual boxing show in late

February or early March at the high school in St. Johns.

Should any boy, or parent, have any questions they may contact Wayne Beaufore ph. 224-2442.



Santa's helpers are busy with their last-minute Christmas preparations. These helpers belong to RISE (Religious Instruction Services and Experience) which is a release-time program for youngsters in grades 7-12. These students have been busy during the last month cleaning and sorting toys collected in the "Toys for Tots" Skate at Ranch Roller Rink. The toys will be distributed to about 150 needy families in the area through Community Services Advisory Council. Shown in the picture from the left are: Clarence Stoddard, Bob LaBrie, Pat Klein, and president of the group, Mike Brockmyre. These boys are all 9th graders.

Chicago trip open to everyone

LANSING -- Hop aboard Lansing Community College's weekend excursion to Chicago, January 31-February 1, and enjoy the many sights of the "Windy City." The \$27 fee (per person based on double occupancy) covers round-trip train fare and overnight accommodations at the Palmer House.

Sightseeing attractions, all within walking distance of the hotel are: Adler Planetarium, Buckingham Fountain, Mid-west Stock Exchange, Marina City, Chinatown, Brookfield Zoo, Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute of Chicago, Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium, Haeger Potteries, The Royal London Wax Museum, Old Graue Mill and Museum, Sears Tower, and Lincoln Park.

According to William Zuhl, Director of Student Activities, "After the great response we had to our December trip we decided to go again. People really enjoyed it as a change of pace, a sort of mini-vacation." LCC's travelers will board their train at East Lansing at 8:20 a.m. Saturday, January 31,

and arrive in Chicago at 12:00 noon. Departure time on Sunday, February 1, is 3:25 p.m. Arrival in East Lansing is scheduled for 8:55 p.m.

Those interested in the Chicago trip have until January 16 to sign up in Room 201 of the Student Personnel Services Building, 430 N. Capitol.

I wish to thank all of my customers for their business throughout the years I was in the service station. It was greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

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Burba-French wedding

Judith Kay Burba became the bride of Gary Michael French in a double-ring ceremony at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Saginaw, Nov. 29. The bride is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Burba of 3300 N. Michigan, Saginaw. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey French, R-3, St. Johns. The Rev. Father Joseph

Miller officiated from an altar decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and rose-colored roses.

Organist, Butch Rousseau, accompanied vocalist Greg Smith. They performed "Sunrise, Sunset," "We've Only Just Begun," and "Wedding Song."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She approached the altar wearing an empire-styled gown featuring a white-lace bodice. The sleeves and hem of her gown were also trimmed in lace. The bride wore an elbow-length veil fashioned from lace that matched her gown.

The bridal bouquet was made of pink roses, white stephanotis and baby's breath.

Mrs. Jeanne A. Ahers, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mrs. Deborah L. Egerer was bridesmaid. Both bridal attendants are from Saginaw.

They wore dusty-rose colored empire-styled gowns, featuring long raglan sleeves and mandarin collars.

The mother of the bride wore a champagne-colored floor-length gown featuring an accordion-pleated skirt and chiffon sleeves. She wore a corsage fashioned with pink carnations and yellow baby roses.

The mother of the bridegroom wore a floor-length apricot-colored gown. She wore a corsage fashioned with white carnations and peach-colored baby roses.

Bruno Tymich was best man. Groomsmen were Stephen Ayres. Ushers were James French and James Burba.

About 300 guests received the newlyweds at a reception at the Pulaski Hall following the ceremony.

Guests of honor included the grandmothers of the bridegroom, Mrs. Isabel Klug of Escanaba, and Mrs. Thelma French of St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Michael French will make their first home at 310 N. Webster, Saginaw, MI.

The bride graduated from Carrollton High School. The bridegroom graduated from St. Johns High School.

Vanessa Jaquish marries Lynn Warner in candlelight ceremony

Vanessa Marie Jaquish became the bride of Lynn Ray Warner in a double-ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church of St. Johns, the evening of Nov. 15.

Rev. Brian Sheen conducted the service from an altar decorated with red roses and white carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jaquish of 6460 DeWitt Rd., St. Johns. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warner, R 2, Townsend Rd., St. Johns.

Shirley Williams accompanied herself on the guitar performing "The Wedding Song." Donald Valentine sang "The Lord's Prayer," "One Hand, One Heart," and "We've Only Just Begun," accompanied by organist Eleanor Williams.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She wore an empire-waisted bridal gown which was fashioned from a white polyester knit fabric that she made herself. The gown was trimmed with venetian lace, with long lace sleeves. It featured a scoop neckline and a detachable chapel-length train trimmed in venetian lace. The bride wore a chapel-length

mantilla, which was also trimmed with venetian lace.

The bride carried a bouquet of pink and red-colored roses arranged with a background of baby's breath and statice.

Lisa Spitzley, friend of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Diana Warner, sister-in-law of the bridegroom; Janice Bancroft, sister of the bride; and Debbie Jaquish, sister of the bride.

Christine Baldwin, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The bridal attendants wore pink empire-waisted gowns trimmed with burgandy ribbons.

The flower girl was dressed in a white empire-waisted gown trimmed with pink ribbons.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length gown fashioned from soft-pink-colored polyester knit fabric.

The mother of the bridegroom wore a floor-length gown fashioned from a bright-pink jersey knit.

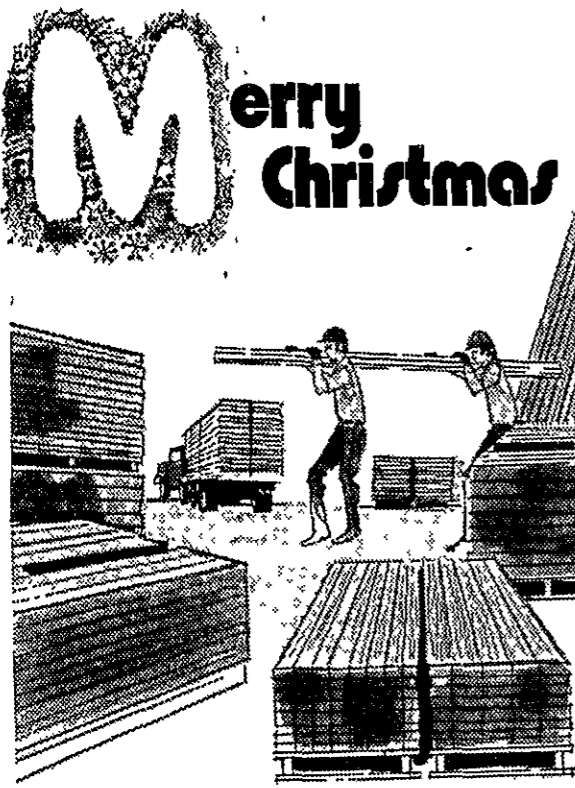
Both mothers wore white orchid corsages. Kevin Parker was best man. Groomsmen included: Leslie Warner, Jim Schumaker, and Mark Williams. Brent Warner was ring bearer.

Ushers were Mark Bancroft,

Keith Yockey, Dana Viges and Bill Williams.

A reception was held in Niles Hall immediately after the ceremony. Host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. James Mohnke of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Viges of Greenville.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Upper Michigan and Canada before making their first home at 5112 Townsend Rd., St. Johns.



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Luke Aloysius Schmitz, 18, 540 Cook Road, Pewamo; Sharon Lucille Thelen, 17, P.O. Box 158, Dexter Trail, Fowler.

William Robert Groom, 22, 210 S. Gratiot St., Ovid; Kathy Ann Smith, 22, 220 E. Oak Street, Elsie.

Roger Gene Hall, 49, 252 N. Main Street, Fowler; Jill Lou Anne Graff, 22, 503 W. Higham Street, St. Johns.

Kurt Willard Lee Ferden, 19, R2, St. Johns; Sandra Lou Sanderson, 29, 5303 W. Taft Rd., St. Johns.

Roger William Tomlinson, 32, 3145 Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns; Carol Ann Well, 39, Route 3 Livingston Rd., St. Johns.

Laurence Mentor Phillips II, 24, 1447 Linden St., Dearborn; Jane Marie Ohlmacher, 23, 438 Valley Rd., Dearborn.

Frederick Irl Cheadle, 28, Route 1, Remus; Diane Marie Husted, 30, 209 N. Railroad St., St. Johns.

Christmas Trees Recycled To Balance Our Ecology.

Each year whole forests of young spruce trees are chopped down in their prime and displayed with decorations as Christmas trees in millions of American homes. After the two-week holiday season, they are discarded.

But Christmas trees can now be recycled. They can be given a second life in which their organic components can be put to work nurturing other life. A machine known as a wood chipper instantly reduces them to valuable garden mulch.

This mulch retains soil moisture and can be applied on top of snow to protect bulbs and stems of young trees and shrubs. Also, this coarse sawdust-like stuff is as good as salt or sand for improving traction on icy driveways.

Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several Long Island communities gather discarded Christmas trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to prevent the sand from being blown off and washed away.

A DOZEN WAYS TO SAY "Merry Christmas!"

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German	Froehliche Weihnachten
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Portuguese	Feliz Natal
Russian	S Rojdestvom Kristovym
Spanish	Feliz Navidad
Swedish	God Jul
Welsh	Nadolig Llawen

BIRTHS

A baby girl, Jannifer Lynn, was born Dec. 4 at Clinton Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fedewa, 905 N. Oakland, St. Johns. She has 1 sister and 2 brothers. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fedewa, Rt. 4, St. Johns. The mother is the former Donna Simon.

Fred Green and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith. The mother is the former Ann Louise Smith.

More than 100 new crop varieties have been created by Michigan State University scientists.

A girl, Tobie Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. Watros of Everbach, Germany, Nov. 14 at Wurzburg Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rewerts and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Watros. The mother is the former Terese Rewerts.

A girl, Katie Jo, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Miller of St. Johns, Dec. 11 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellsworth of Fowler. The mother is the former Ida Ellsworth.

A girl, Laura Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steven Green of 600 N. Clinton St., Dec. 15 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 1/4 ozs. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.



Merry Christmas
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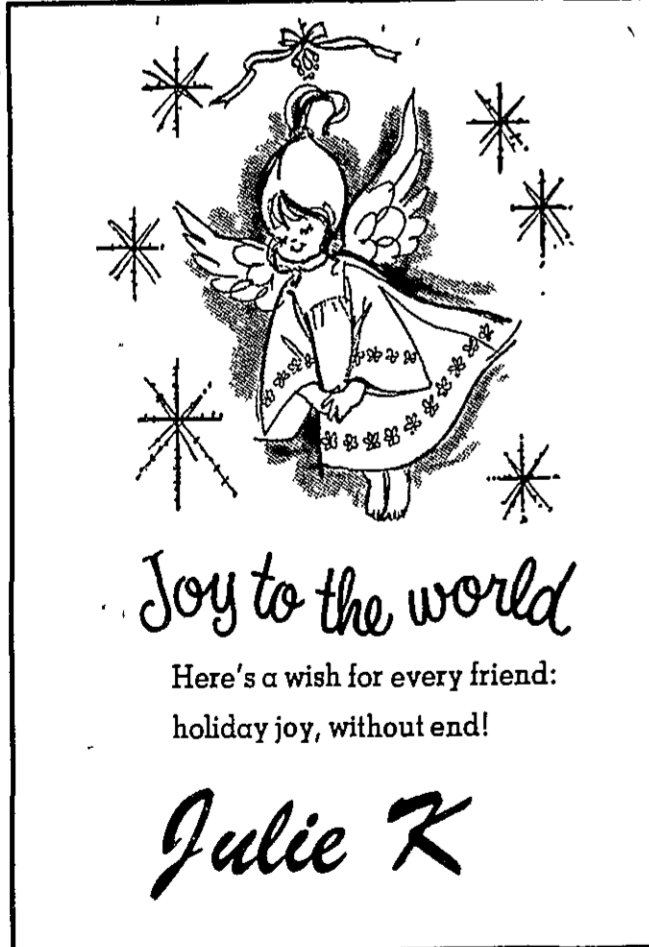
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Announce engagements



Burr-Radina
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burr of Saginaw have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kyle Jean, to Paul Radina, stepson of Mrs. Joan Radina of 100 N. Emmons, St. Johns, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Radina. The couple is planning a Miss Burr attended Delta Community College and was a 1974 graduate of Saginaw Eisenhower High School. Radina is a '75 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently residing in California. The couple is planning an August wedding.

Bierstetel-Halfman

Mr. and Mrs. August Bierstetel, R. 2, Parks Rd., Fowler, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to William J. Halfman, son of Gerald Halfman, 11550 W. Kinley Rd., Fowler. The bride-elect is a 1972 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School, and is employed at R.E. Benson Plbg. and Htg. in St. Johns. The prospective bridegroom is a 1969 graduate of Fowler High School and is employed at TRW in Portland. A May 15 wedding is planned for St. Mary's Church, Westphalia.

American Legion Auxiliary hosts 8th district president

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153 met Tuesday, Dec. 16 with president, Anita Lynam, presiding. New business conducted included sending a donation to the local Office of Economic Opportunity to buy Christmas baskets and Unit 153 will also buy a Christmas dinner basket for another local family. Rehabilitation chairman, Marjorie Pardee, was given \$20 to buy Mother's Day hankies to send to the Saginaw VA Hospital for the veterans to give to their families. Americanism essay contest blanks have arrived and will be distributed to the schools and Bement Library. Guests for the evening were Eighth District president, Peggy Desrosier, and secretary, Bertha Johnson. Each was presented with a Christmas candle from the unit as a token of appreciation. President Peggy reported that the "state of the Eighth District" is in good shape. Following the adjournment a luncheon of holiday refreshments were served by the unit officers and a gift exchange was held. The next regular meeting of Unit 153 is Jan. 20 at 8 p.m.

BIRTHS

A girl, Karen Diane, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Burkhardt Jr. of St. Johns Dec. 6, 1975 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. The baby has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Mrs. Russell Nacker and Mrs. Henry Burkhardt. The mother is the former Carol Nacker.

A girl, Jennifer Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Fedewa of St. Johns, Michigan Dec. 4, 1975 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 3/4 ozs. The baby has 2 brothers and 1 sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fedewa. The mother is the former Donna Simon.

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Cushing-Devereaux

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cushing of 2082 have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Fay Cushing, to Dave Devereaux. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon P. Devereaux of 703 Church St., St. Johns. The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Johns High School and LCC college. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of St. Johns High School. No wedding date has been announced by the couple.



Schafer-Barr

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Schafer of 557 E. Webb Rd., DeWitt have announced the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Ann, to Steven Lewis Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Barr of 5637 Sleight Rd., Bath. The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Bath High School and is employed by Michigan National Bank of Lansing. The prospective bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of Bath High School and is currently employed by Motor Wheel Corp. of Lansing. The couple is planning to be married February 27, 1976.



Purtill-Barger

Mr. and Mrs. John Purtill of 600 W. Higham St., St. Johns have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carla Jean, to Kevin James Barger, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barger of 210 E. State St., St. Johns. The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of St. Johns High School and is currently employed by Jeanne's Beans. The prospective bridegroom is a 1975 graduate of St. Johns High School and is attending LCC. He is currently employed by Wilcox Engineering. The couple is planning to be married next fall.

Vickie Forrester DAR Good Citizen

Vickie Ann Forrester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Forrester of Friegel Rd., was chosen by classmates and faculty to represent Ovid-Elsie High School as this year's Good Citizen, an award sponsored by The Daughters of the American Revolution. She may go on to compete for State and National Good Citizen, which would include bonds and scholarships. yearbook staff and also was a member of the Future Homemakers Association. The Shiawassee Chapter DAR plans to entertain Vickie and the other area Good Citizens and their parents at a reception at Curwood Castle at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 7. The program will include presentation of pins by chapter chairman Ms Sue Woletz, and Mrs. William Fassezke and Miss Olive Matthews will serve refreshments. Mrs. G.W. Thomlison of Elsie will serve as hostess.



Lewis-Hoffer

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis of Rt. 1, Elsie, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Craig Hoffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoffer of R-3, Ithaca. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Ithaca High School in 1972. Both the bride-elect and the prospective bridegroom are employed by Wolverine in Ithaca. The couple is planning a Feb. 7 wedding.

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Editorial

District judges and pay raises

In the midst of the state's fiscal woes, Michigan's district judges may take heart that, while many state departments are suffering budget cuts and service cut-backs, the Legislature truly feels the Christmas spirit of giving.

They have just granted all district judges in the state a \$2300 annual pay raise. It would be fitting and proper if the judges responded, "Oh, you shouldn't have."

We doubt the judges will say that, so we will -- You shouldn't have.

In a letter to the Otsego County Herald, Gov. William Milliken commented on Michigan's current financial situation.

He said, in part: "... Michigan finds itself with a potential budget deficit of \$280 to \$300 million."

Milliken continued, "... On Dec. 9, I issued an Executive Order to the Legislature, to avoid a deficit that is prohibited by the State Constitution. This order is the result of much hard work and a most encouraging bipartisan effort, and I have every reason to believe that, with the support of our citizens, Michigan will ride through these hard times very well.

"I am aware that budget cuts aggravate many very real human problems, but I believe we must do all we can to avoid the only alternative, an income tax increase. I am determined that Michigan must fall into prolonged fiscal difficulties and I ask the support of all our citizens in taking the very difficult steps necessary to avoid this trap."

One not-so-very difficult step would have to say "no" to a \$2300 raise for each district judge which will cost the state in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars.

The fact is, judges are not paid all that bad in the first place. If it can be agreed that the judges have actually earned a pay hike of \$2300, then the state would be correct in granting the raise.

It is probable that district judges throughout the state could manage for another year or 2 on their salaries in the neighborhood of \$30,000-plus.

Then, when and if the state pulls out of deficit spending, the Legislature could have taken another look at the raise.

It does little to encourage Michigan's citizens to tighten their belts when the Legislature causes cuts in programs such as education and then turns around to grant a total of about \$500,000 to persons who are already well paid.

Letter to the editor

The best gifts of all

Dear Editor:

First I want to thank your entire staff for the cooperation the Blue Star Mothers have received during the past year from your paper.

Also at this time of year when people are so busy hurrying

about to buy gifts I wonder how many stop to think what the greatest gift from them could be.

A word of encouragement to the discouraged, a smile to the forlorn, a lift to the helpless, an hour with the lonely or a kind

word to the elderly. These are only a few things that we can give free but that would be appreciated more, and bring more happiness than money could ever buy.

Merry Christmas to all of you Blue Star Mothers #88 Edna Eldred

Spirit of Christmas

In tune with the spirit of Christmas, we extend our note of thanks.



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St. Johns news

Mr. and Mrs. Don Steavens, Lee, Robin and Kim; Mr. and Mrs. David Steavens and family, Brian, Debbie and Cindy of DeWitt and Mrs. Ray Steavens of rural St. Johns enjoyed an early Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steavens of Taylor.

Mrs. Ray Steavens remained in Taylor for a short visit before going on to Georgia where she will visit another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Steavens, for the winter.

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Back Through the Years



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

TEN YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1965

Clinton County's 18 man school organization committee is waiting with bated breath for the state committee's reaction to a recommendation that all Clinton County high school districts remain as they are. The state committee guidelines called for a formation of high school districts that would have enrollments of not less than 2,000 students. Four of the six high schools in the county are well below that figure.

As a result of negotiations which have been in progress for some time, an agreement providing for the merger of the Fowler State Bank of Fowler and the Clinton National Bank and Trust Company of St. Johns has been reached by the boards of directors of the two banks.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Dec. 22, 1955

Terms under which the Ford Foundation has made a generous grant of \$9,500 to Clinton Memorial Hospital were outlined this week in a letter to L.G. Parrish, administrator of the local institution, from H. Rowan Gaither, Jr., president of the foundation. The letter indicates that the cash grants will not be paid out until sometime after March 15 of next year.

Condemnation jury trial of a case in which the Michigan Aeronautics Commission will seek to acquire 30 acres of land in the DeWitt township to extend a runway of the Capital City Airport was set for February 8 by Judge Paul R. Cash in the Circuit Court, Tuesday.

Exclusive privilege for sale of all souvenirs, food and drinks on the streets and in other public places was granted to the St. Johns celebration of the city's birthday next July 18-22 inclusive, by the City Commission, Tuesday night.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Dec. 27, 1945

Robert L. DeGurse, 58, prominent Ovid resident, passed away suddenly Monday morning in the Clinton Memorial Hospital as the result of a heart attack suffered at his home two miles north of Ovid Sunday evening. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Houghton Funeral Home in Ovid. Rev. William Blending will officiate and interment will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery of Ovid.

Mrs. Agnes Schoenhals Frazier, 62, former well known St. Johns resident, died at noon Saturday in Memorial Hospital at Sturgis. She was taken to the hospital early Friday suffering from pneumonia. She had been ill only a week.

Tire rationing will end on Jan. 1, Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Dec. 26, 1975

Christmas tidings echoed empty through the cell block at the Clinton County Jail on Christmas. Not a prisoner stirred - there wasn't any. "No Christmas 'patients' this year," says Sheriff John S. Barnes. "We had plenty of room but no takers."

Mrs. Hattie E. Parr, 77, well known and highly esteemed St. Johns woman, died suddenly at her home, corner of Cass and Ottawa Streets, sometime during the night of Saturday, Dec. 21. Since the death of her husband, the late Henry T. Parr, she has lived alone and her death was not discovered until Monday morning.

Twenty seven days have elapsed since the Clinton County Board of Supervisors - on Nov. 23, 1935 - voted 14 to 3 in favor of appropriating a maximum of \$1,500 per month to finance 45 per cent of the cost of caring for unemployable indigents in this county, the balance or 55 per cent, to be met by state and federal funds.

Sen. Richard Allen

Report from the Senate

It's Christmas and time to be in a charitable Christian mood. Sure, there's a lot wrong with State Government and therefore some discouragement and even embarrassment being a part of it. But there's a lot of good in it too. A lot of good basic Christian purposes and activities that I am proud to be involved in and you as taxpayers should be too.

Michigan's mental health program is a good one especially when compared with other states. When I visit our mental institutions I always wish we could do more, especially for the children. But I'm proud we're doing what we are. Who else would if we didn't? I also think the new emphasis on local treatment is good but it is going to require an active local effort by good citizens to accept these people.

SOME OF OUR newer school programs have this same

Christian spirit. Of course youngsters with handicaps, physical and mental, deserve education too. Only recently are we beginning to deliver it.

We have a good crippled children's program and programs for blind and deaf that would be hard to argue against especially during this season.

Even our much maligned ADC program puts food in a lot of stomachs that I wouldn't want to be empty during this holiday season.

I don't mean you have to be a Christian to support these aspects of State government. Moral people of all persuasions support them. The Jewish people especially in my experience speak out in favor of these forms of basic care.

But only a scrooge could say "Bah humbug, all state government is bad!"

It's Possible Now

With present knowledge more than 100,000 additional lives could be saved yearly from cancer if everybody acted on the American Cancer Society's advice to seek early diagnosis and prompt treatment. ACS also says: Get an annual health checkup.

"If It Fitz . . .

It's not Charlie the Tuna

Editor, Lapeer County Press

"by Jim Fitzgerald



The answers to life's most perplexing questions can often be found in the Spirit of Christmas, if we would only look. And so it is that this Christmas I am searching for the true meaning of those perfume commercials on TV.

Some viewers react frivolously to the tube but I take it seriously. For instance, the man keeps saying "Flick your Bic, flick your Bic . . ." and no one is properly outraged. Except me.

The brain who made this decision will probably next turn his talents to the problem of TV violence. He will decree that no longer can bullets be shown on TV. Just guns.

Tobacco wouldn't be dangerous if it couldn't be burned. The real danger to health is fire. So certainly the world should not be encouraged via TV to flick its Bics. Unless, of course, the purpose is to roast its Rosnons.

But enough, I started to talk about a more important question: Can man be turned on by a smell alone? Sexy girls on TV keep saying yes, yes, oh lord, yes.

There's a commercial for a perfume called Charlie. It stars a skinny snip in mechanic's overalls who enters a plush saloon with all the grace of a truckload of turkeys. She pats the doorman and swirls with a barfly and generally

acts as if she might be the demented cousin of the Gabor sisters.

But all the men obviously love her. Even Bobby Short at the piano bar, the best singer of Cole Porter songs in the world, is reduced to singing incredible gibberish about the marvelous charms of Charlie the girl, thanks to Charlie the odor, certainly not Charlie the Tuna.

What does it all mean? Can a smell really drive men bananas over any broad who seeps it?

The way I see it, smells trigger a memory mechanism. If the odor reminds you of a past event which was pleasant, you react favorably. You like the smell of a new car because that was before the transmission went out and the tires shredded. You like the smell of bread baking because it reminds you of those wonderful days before Sara Lee replaced grandmothers.

So a guy will tumble for Charlie if the fragrance reminds him of a previous relationship in which his partner said yes, yes, oh lord, yes . . . But what if today's Charlie smells like Mabel, who, back in the 11th grade, screamed and made you take her home and later told your mother you were a sex fiend? Goodbye Charlie.

Obviously, there is no way the Charlie and Chanel people can successfully predict which fragrances will trigger pleasant memories in which men. They are simply guessing and hoping, just as the women who buy the smells are guessing and hoping. Life is a gamble, especially love. And that's what those perfume commercials really mean.

Wouldn't that flick your Bic?

Report from the capital

87th District

Rep Francis R Spaniola

There is encouraging news on a bill I introduced to give counties within the 87th District and other counties in the state more state-shared tax revenues for road construction and maintenance.

This would be done by revising the distribution formula for state-collected gas and weight taxes. At the present time, counties receive 35.7 per cent of these funds. My bill would increase the counties' share to 37.2 per cent.

The amount that goes to the Department of State Highways and Transportation would be cut from 44.5 per cent to 43 per cent. Cities and villages would continue to receive the remaining 19.8 per cent.

I introduced the bill late in July and it was sent to the House Committee on Towns and Counties. There is strong support within that committee to report the bill out for floor debate and vote. This is expected to take place sometime after the first of the year.

The proposal has received strong support from most county road commissions and local units of government, however, the Department of State Highways and Transportation opposed the bill on the grounds that the transfer of 7 to 8 million dollars to local communities would hamper their interstate highways program.

Recently, in what seems to be a change in position, the Chairman of the State Highway Commission suggested a new look at the use of Michigan's Motor Vehicle Highway Fund to enhance the total transportation concept.

Much has been said about the need for a total transportation concept which includes mass transit, preservation of our rail system, dial-a-ride, etc. In my opinion, no transportation package would be complete if it continues to neglect the question of adequate financing of local and primary roads. Our rural taxpayers have to travel these roads daily to perform their business and conduct their daily routines. Rural areas are completely dependent upon motor transit in one form or another. These include such basic things as getting to and from work, transporting their youngsters to and from school, obtaining groceries, fuel for

home and farm, and other necessities of life.

It has become more and more clear that additional funds are needed if we are to prevent serious deterioration of county road systems.

The present distribution formula was worked out nearly 30 years ago to settle disputes between counties, cities and the Highway Department over the share of highway funds that each should receive.

Although the system has worked fairly well, in recent years there have been tremendous changes in the entire highway and transportation field. It is, therefore, time to take another look at the formula and, in effect, bring it up to date.

According to statistics provided by the Department of State Highways and Transportation, Michigan's 83 county road commissions are responsible for 87,000 miles of road: 25,000 miles designated as primary roads and 62,000 miles of local roads. Of this total road mileage, 37 percent of the county primary road mileage

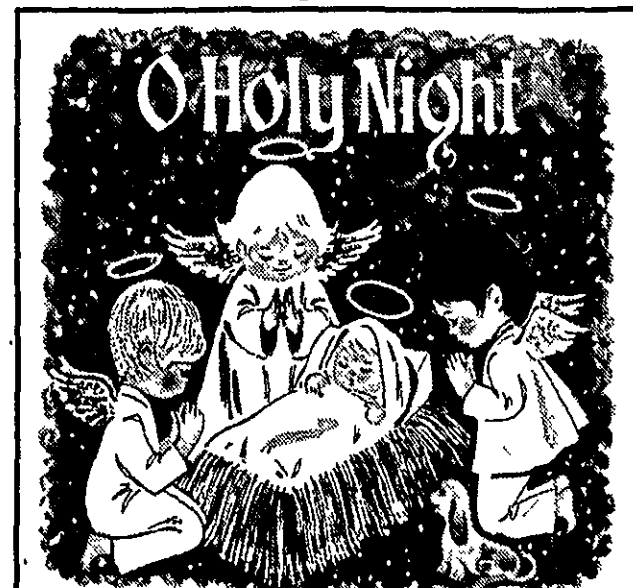
and 49 per cent of the county local road mileage are considered inadequate.

A law passed in 1972 recognized the critical problem of county roads in urban areas by setting aside a portion of the funds allotted to county road commissions for use on urban road mileage. However, this has not solved the problems of heavily traveled roads outside of urban areas which presently only qualify for a "rural" designation.

One of the provisions of my bill would create a new category for "medium density road mileage" which would help to alleviate the problems in these areas.

A medium density area is defined by the bill as a platted area with buildings not less than every 400 feet.

I believe our county road systems should be second to none like our state highways. My proposal attempts to address that goal in a small way. A way that does not increase taxes by utilizing existing revenues in a more equitable manner.



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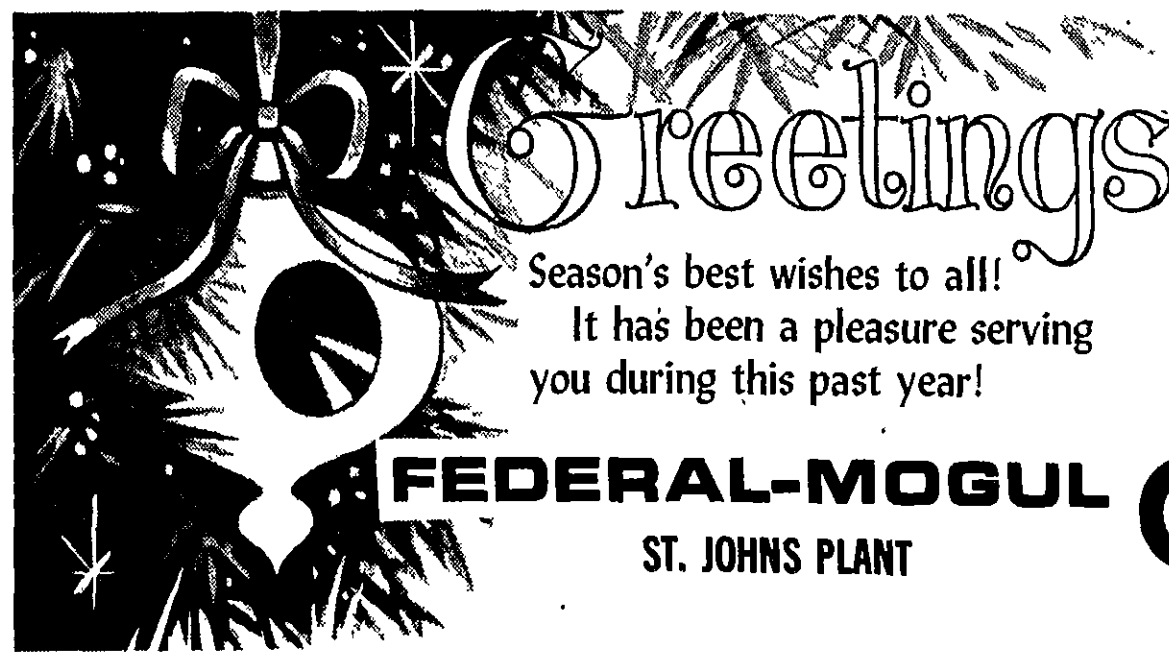
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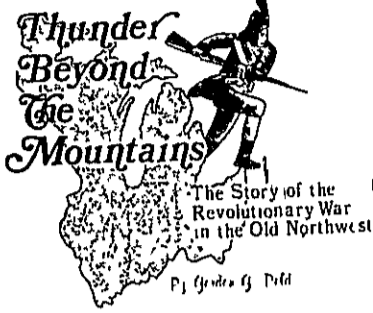
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County News will publish series telling story of Revolutionary War

The Clinton County News will present the story of the Revolutionary War in Michigan and neighboring states with a special series of Bicentennial feature stories beginning Jan. 8, 1976 and continuing each week throughout 1976.

The series, "Thunder Beyond the Mountains," describes events and personalities involved in the conflict in the Old Northwest -- the region west of the Alleghenies which now comprises the states



of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota. Topics of the features will range from well-known incidents such as the capture of western outposts by George Rogers Clark to such less familiar aspects of the war in the West as the role of the British Navy on the Great Lakes.

CHARACTERS in the dramatic struggle for the Old Northwest recalled in "Thunder Beyond the Mountains" include, besides



GORDON G. BELD

Clark, Daniel Boone who was a captive at Detroit and at Old Chillicothe in Ohio. A lesser known American soldier to be introduced to Herald readers is Robert Patterson who, despite wounds from a 1776 skirmish with Indians, fought throughout the Northwest during the Revolution.

On the opposite side was Henry Hamilton, British lieutenant governor at Detroit, whom frontiersmen labeled "The Hair-buyer" because of his policy of paying Indians for scalps. Leaders of Northwestern Indians in their assaults on the frontiers included the infamous Simon Girty and also Charles Langlade, French trader at Green Bay.

Well-known Indian chiefs whose exploits in the Old Northwest are retold in "Thunder Beyond the Mountains" include Cornstalk,

who was defeated in the Battle of Point Pleasant and later was murdered by Americans; Joseph Brant, victor over Archibald Lochry in Ohio; and Little Turtle, who subdued Frenchman Augustin Mottin de la Balm in Indiana.

Accompanying each of the weekly features will be a photograph, map or drawing concerning the incident or personality described.

WRITER OF THE series is Gordon G. Beld, director of information services at Alma (Mich.) College, a former Grand Rapids newspaperman and teacher. His "Tales of Two Peninsulas," a series on Michigan history, was carried by several newspapers in that state three years ago. Since 1959 he has written individual features and six series for The Grand Rapids Press concerning the history of Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

He has received several awards for design of Alma College publications, and earlier this year he placed first in sports photography and second in photo story competition sponsored by the Great Lakes District of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Before moving to Alma from the Grand Rapids area in 1965, he served as the first chairman of the Historical and Cultural Commission of the City of Wyoming and was a member of the Greater Grand Rapids Indian Mounds Park Committee.

A graduate of Hope College, he holds a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan.



Santa visits County Farm

It was a busy day in St. Johns for Santa Claus Sunday when he made a few early visits. He is shown above and below distributing gifts and holiday greetings to residents of the County Farm. He later visited Clinton Memorial Hospital. His annual visit is sponsored by the St. Johns Jayceets.



Carson City Hospital announces appointment of new surgeon

Joining the staff of Carson City Hospital is Charles J. Crosby, D.O., a qualified specialist in the field of Orthopedic Surgery. Doctor Crosby received his B.S. Degree from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.; His



Dr. Charles J. Crosby

D.O. Degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Internship at Grandview Osteopathic Hospital in Dayton, Ohio and also at Oakwood Hospital in Detroit and has completed a four year residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.

DOCTOR CROSBY'S specialized background in Orthopedics will add to the services provided to the people of the area served by the Carson City Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman. Doctor Crosby, his wife and two children are residing at Rainbow Lake.

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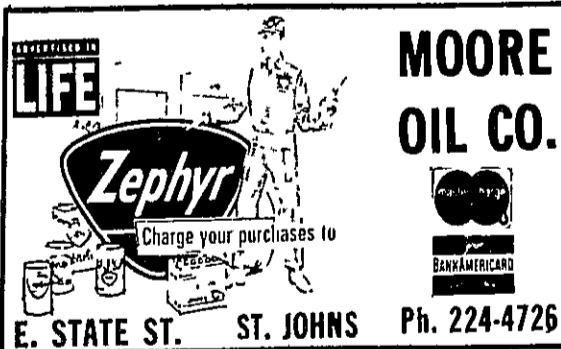


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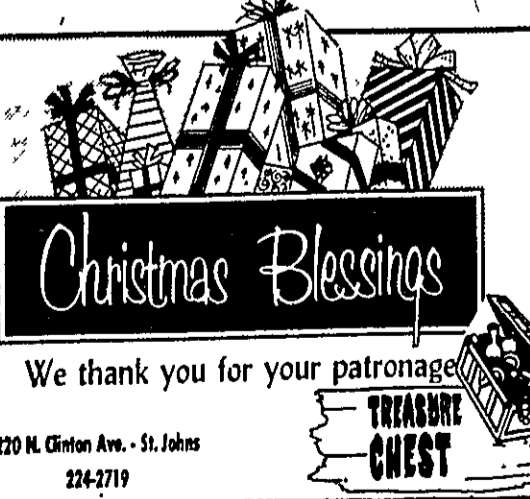
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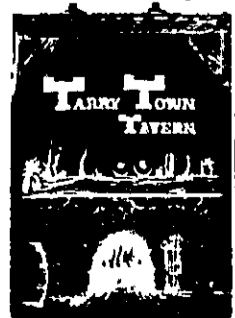
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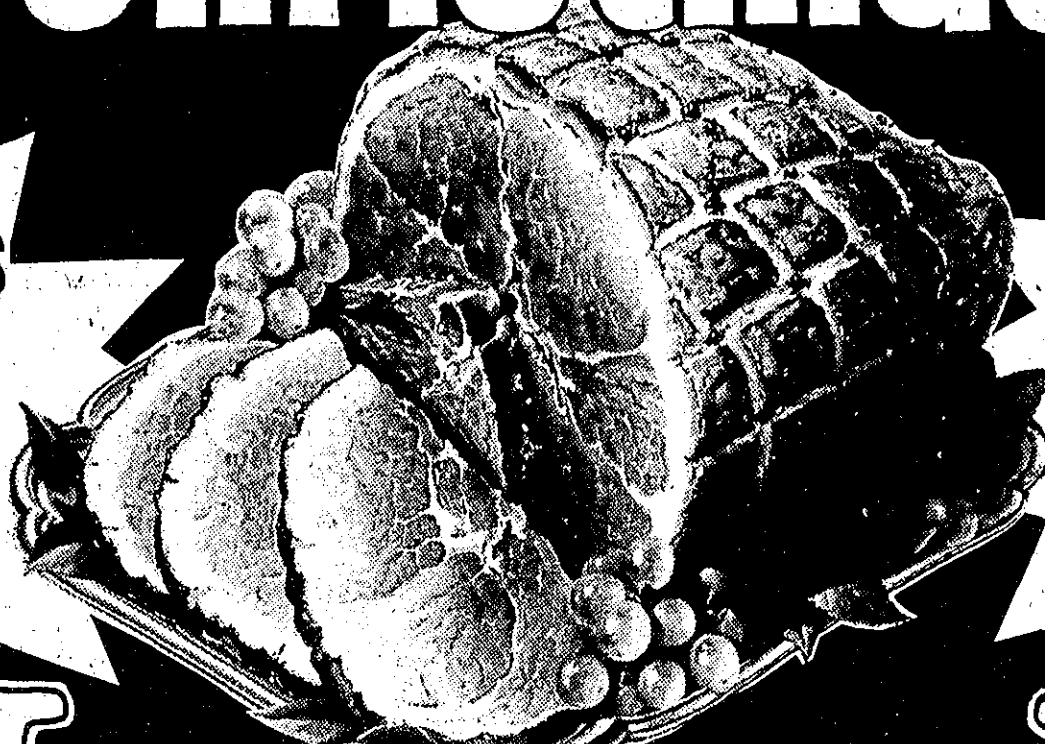
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Biblical Group of Domestic Animals Present at the Stable in Bethlehem

Scientists have established that domestication of animals first began in the Holy Land several thousand years before the birth of Christ.

The ox, ass, camel and sheep are known as the biblical quartet of animals because of their frequent mention throughout the Old and New Testaments. All of these were probably present in the stable when Christ was born.

Oxen, when mentioned in the Bible, may refer to bullocks, bulls, cows, heifers or calves, all of which belong to the Bovidae family.

The bullock was the young male ox; bulls were male cattle; heifers were young female cows; the ox was a castrated male bovine.

The ox, whose name is synonymous with physical strength, probably originated in Asia and appears to have been the first domesticated animal owned by families in the Holy Land. He was used for heavy farm work. Even the poorest family owned at least one ox.

The word "cattle" originally meant "possessions" in Hebrew and included flocks of sheep, goats and other herded animals.

The Donkey, A Family Favorite

The donkey, or ass, was the most valuable animal

to the biblical family, and also the most economical, since he ate only a quarter as much barley as a horse. The most merial of animals, he was famous for his stamina and sure-footedness. Humble as his status was, he would bear the cam-leader on his back, and lead the long, stately strings of camels across the desert.

Even poor families, like Joseph's of Nazareth, could afford one donkey, which they trimmed with blue beads and red wool to show their pride of ownership. This simple beast was their mode of transport into Bethlehem and later for the Flight into Egypt.

The Bible Gives Sheep Deep Significance

Authorities disagree as to what kind of sheep existed at the time of Christ. Three varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia.

(1) The Asiatic mouflon, depicted on Sumerian vases from early Babylonia, supposed to have been domesticated around 3,000 B.C.

(2) The Egyptian, long-tailed sheep are related to an ancient breed grown in the Ural mountains, long considered the boundary line which separates Asia from Europe.

(3) The large, broad-tailed, curly-horned, creamy, deep-wooled sheep, that appear in so many biblical illustrations, came from Kurdistan at the head of the Tigris-Euphrates valley, which was the cradle of biblical civilization.

Wild grapes, wild wheat, wild asses and wild sheep grow in these Mesopotamian highlands today. People can still live here, near Mt. Ararat with almost no effort and some theologians feel that the site of The Garden of Eden may well have been located in this area.

In Bible times, every Palestinian family bought two lambs at Passover time. They killed one to eat at the feast celebrating their safe exodus from Egyptian bondage. The other they kept as a pet for their children and as a future source of wool for their looms and food for their table. The lamb slept with the children, ate juicy grasses from their hands and drank from their cup. When the animal became full grown, they killed it and put down its meat for the winter, storing it in the sweet fat from its tail. The tail, which sometimes weighed as much as thirty pounds, was a real burden to the animal.

The purity, meekness and loyalty of the sheep for its shepherd inspired writers to refer to Jesus as "The Lamb of God."

The shepherds found compensation for their loneliness in this loyal love from their sheep and in the peace and beauty of the pastoral surroundings, whose revolving seasons they knew intimately, and in the music of their homemade pipes, to which they sometimes trained their frisky goats to dance.

Goats Also on the Domestic Scene

Practically every family in Bible times owned at least one goat. A family could get almost their whole livelihood from the products of a goat. From goat hair, tent and garment cloth, curtains and pillows were made (1 Samuel 19:13). Water bags, a vital necessity in these desert areas, were made of goatskin. Food products included milk, cheese and meat. Even the horns of the bearded goats were used.

The nimble, little goat of Bible times belonged to the Caprine section of the large Bovidae family which included oxen, antelopes, sheep and goats. Goats and sheep are closely related but the male goat is bearded, while the ram is not. A goat's horns differ from a

shepherd inspired writers to refer to Jesus as "The Lamb of God."

ram's, and his odor is stronger. Frisky goats were compared to wicked people, and obedient sheep to gentle folk. From this we get Christ's parable of the final distinction between good and evil: "He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:32)

Camels Are Most Picturesque of Bible Animals

Camels and Christmas seem to go together. The Three Wise Men used camels in their stately journey to Bethlehem to the scene of the Nativity. They have a rather regal bearing that has become an integral part of the Christmas picture.

The camel sees objects at great distances and scents water long before the driver spots an oasis. A great asset in desert travel is its "extra stomach" and a storage bin in the hump which enable it to travel long distances without food or water. The camel is also known for its snarly temper and foul breath.

The camel's gestation period lasts a year, and produces only one offspring at a time. The baby camel stands 3 feet high at 8 days. It suckles its mother's milk for a year.

Many valuable products come from the camel. Its hair is clipped in the summer and woven into the finest warm garments. Its hide



ANIMAL FROM ISRAELI BIBLICAL ZOO, the Persian onager is a rare breed of wild ass, which, it is believed, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Photo MICHA BAR-AM

is used for bags and shoes. Its manure is used for fuel cakes. For food, it supplies milk.



TREE LEGEND

One of the many legends about the Christmas tree tells of Martin Luther wandering through the woods on Christmas Eve and marveling at the stars shining through the branches of the fir trees. Inspired by the sight, he cut a fir tree for his family, set it up, and lighted it with candles to represent the stars.

A Norse legend tells how an arrow of mistletoe was used to kill the young god Baldur, who was protected against all injuries that came from the four elements. Mistletoe, which does not spring directly from air, fire, water, or earth had the power to destroy him. However, the gods restored Baldur to life and his mother, Freyja, who was goddess of love and beauty, decreed that mistletoe should be a symbol of peace and that whoever passed beneath it would receive her kiss.



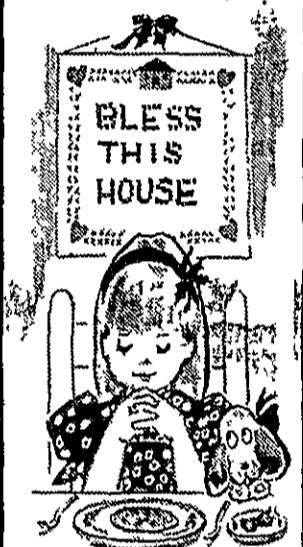
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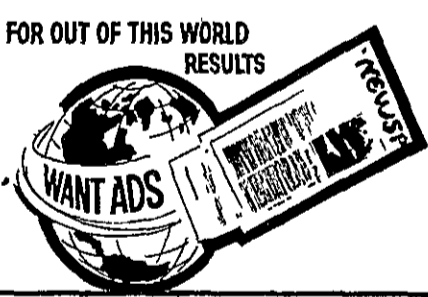
The College of William and Mary was chartered in 1693 as an Anglican college in Williamsburg, Va. Throughout the colonial period William and Mary was the center of higher education in Virginia and Maryland; both of the tobacco colonies of the Chesapeake were taxed to finance its construction. It is the second oldest college in the United States. The Wren Building is the oldest academic edifice in English speaking America in continuous use. Several of the building's first and second floor rooms have been carefully furnished as they might have been in the eighteenth century and along with the Chapel, are open to the public year around. The building also continues in daily use for classes and faculty offices. According to an early account it was "first modeled by Sir Christopher Wren," but was adapted to the Nature of the Country by the Gentlemen there." The cornerstone was laid in 1695, and though fires in 1705, 1859, and again in 1862 did serious damage, the massive exterior walls are largely original. The building now has the outward appearance it showed from about 1716. Here were educated Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and other leaders of the Revolution.



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Spaniola named to committee

State Representative Francis R. Spaniola (D-Corunna) has been appointed to a special House committee to study the proposed codification of state laws relative to counties.

The appointment was announced by House Speaker Bobby D. Crim (D-Davison).

The special committee will study, sponsor and make proposals on the modernization and codification of state laws on county government, and report its findings and recommendations back to the Legislature as soon as possible.

"There is a serious need to update and codify the statutory basis of county government," Spaniola said. "These laws date back to 1851 and beyond. They contain many inconsistencies, errors and conflicts. Some of the laws are no longer needed and others should be modernized."

"This is particularly important today since counties now render the great bulk of human services in most areas of the state, and county responsibilities are steadily expanding. Unfortunately, the statutory bases of county government and its various offices, agencies, departments and boards are covered by wide and diverse areas of the laws of the state. In order to increase the efficiency of county

government and the laws that regulate it, we should bring all of these statutes together into one code and, when necessary, make changes to modernize them."

Spaniola said the committee plans to start its work as soon as possible.

Other committee members are Representatives David C. Hollister (D-Lansing), Connie Binsfield (R-Maple City), Thomas H. Brown (D-Westland) and Robert A. Welborn (R-Kalamazoo).

Service news Cpl. Baker

FT. HOOD, TEX. - Michael S. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Baker, 2005 W. Ovid Rd., Ovid, was recently promoted to Army corporal while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Cpl. Baker is an operations noncommissioned officer in Company B, 1st Battalion of the division's 21st Field Artillery. The corporal entered the Army in 1973 and completed basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J. He is a 1973 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School.

Happy alcoholics
Anyone who doesn't think alcoholics can be happy should talk to the ones who don't drink, says the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA), a United Way of Michigan member service. NCA says that hundreds of thousands of alcoholics who have admitted their problem and accepted the help they needed to recover, are living happy, productive lives. NCA, which is supported through funds from local United Ways, says that when drinking causes problems, it's time to face up to them. They only get worse if the drinking continues.

Ovid — Elsie Area News

Correspondent for 40 years

Forty years ago this month (December 1935), Mrs. Neva Keys began writing news from the Elsie area for the Clinton County News (at that time Clinton Republican News) and still continues as their correspondent. Later she added the Owosso Argus and Maple River News.

Checking over that first scrapbook of Elsie news (and she has many such books), Mrs. Keys selected some of the items of interest, as follows:

-Orpheum Theater "dark" for years re-opened under the management of Roger Marvin. -Robert Blunt, accident victim now out of hospital after a long convalescence, is able to walk a few steps. He was run over by a truck seriously injuring hips and abdomen. -George Kridner to head the Masonic Lodge for 1936. Others to hold offices are: Howard Whitaker, Kay Smith, Glenn Boice, R.L. Burdick, Lewis Platner, Wm. Tillson, A.L. Sickles and Wm. Wright.

-Walls are going up for new Elsie Creamery plant. -Orlo Mead and infant daughter, Jane suffered severe burns in home explosion. -Mrs. Frances Kinney was installed as president of Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Florence King of Owosso and Mrs. Lelah Mills of Elsie were installing officers.

-Mills Melody Men and Girls Tap Dancing Trio of Elsie were part of New Year's Eve stage show at the Owosso Theater. -Mrs. Emma Sheldon installed as Noble Grand of Good Intent Rebekah Lodge by Margaret Van Deuson and Mrs. Gertrude Fields.

-During the diphtheria and smallpox clinic at the school, there were 272 children treated by Dr. Alton Simonson and Dr. George W. Bennett assisted by "Red Cross" nurse, Anna Virtue.

-New equipment installed at new Elsie Creamery C. will start making cheese, butter, powdered milk, casein and sweet cream, soon.

-Oil refinery at Elsie completes year with a profit (Superior Oil Corp.)

-R.C. Woodard's Holstein herd gains honors for improvement of herd.

-Reginald Conklin, fire chief and Verne Gilbert, assistant chief with Earl Dunham secretary and treasurer were chosen by the Fire Department.

-There were 87 quilts (handmade) on display at Dancer's Store. Prizes were awarded: Mrs. Ezra Garrett, the prettiest quilt; Bill Smith and Mrs. Grant Williams, best quilting work; Mrs. Julia Preston, the oldest quilt, 109 years old; Mrs. J.A. Brown, the quilt with the most pieces, a flower garden pattern with 7,428 pieces; and Mrs. Mary Hull, the quilt from the farthest away.

-Homer Pearce, local W.P.A. director announced plans for the summer sports - tennis, softball, horseshoe pitching and marble tournament.

-The Carters added a new combination hearse and ambulance to offer the very highest

type of service to the community.

-Young Democrats held a Jefferson Day dance at the IOOF Hall with Sid Keys as chairman. They heard Pres. Franklin Roosevelt that evening, speaking from Baltimore to Jefferson Day parties throughout the country.

-Elsie to vote on bonds for special water works and construction of hard surface road east and west of village limits on Main Street.

-Mrs. S.R. Russell of St. Johns was guest speaker for the Methodist Mother and Daughter Banquet.

-The Woman's Literary Club heard a book review of the best seller "The Grass Green" by Hortense Lion given by Mrs. Sidney J. Keys at the home of Mrs. C.K. Richards.

-Elsie High School operetta "The Bamboo Box" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Mae Goodrich and Miss Wilma Green and the Senior Glee Clubs. Lillian Foreit, Lloyd Bates, Wilma Woodard, Elizabeth Cobb, Eloise Crell, Robert Emmert, Keith Setterington, Jack Hawes, Russ Bouck, John Rumbaugh and Lawrence Herron were members of the cast with Eugenia Snelling and Dora Randall in solo dances.

-Re-elected at the annual meeting of the Commercial Club were: Sid Keys, president; treasurer, F.N. Frye; and secretary, Wade Parks.

-Two girls tie for scholastic honors at EHS. They were Frances Bates and Eugenia Snelling as valedictorians and Keith Setterington, salutarian, veteran of G.A.R. in the area was in the parade on Memorial Day services in Elsie.

-The Commercial Club voted to sponsor free movies on Saturday night on the south side of the Village Hall.

-Among the 44 graduates receiving high honors at M.S.C. were Mary Youngs and Robert Somers of Elsie.

-Dorothy Onstott was attacked and severely bitten by a bulldog while she was riding a bike.

-Free textbooks were voted at school meeting.

-C.S. Goodrich succeeds J. Cale Show as Postmaster.

-Elsie Schools break all records with 324 students enrolled by E.E. Knight, superintendent, and C.K. Richards, principal.

-E.E. Knight, head of school, owns crack dairy herd of Holsteins.

-Reunion calls whole family - three sisters and three brothers meet together for the first time in 43 years at the home of H.B. Peters.

-Elsie's First Baptist church observed its 85th anniversary with Mrs. Hugh Hyde as general chairman.

-The town marshal Bert Mills organized a Safety Patrol at the school under supervision of A.A.A. It was composed of Bill Klinkerton, Fred Brown, Bob Baese, Kenneth Smith, R.J. Mole, Raymond Buck, Chester Blank, Truman Scott, Lewis

Schumacher, Floyd Lyons, and Bob Munson.

-Dr. A.B. Simonson, 35 and Francis N. Frye, 42, druggist of Elsie died as car hit a truck loaded with logs at the village limits.

-The contract for drilling for water was awarded the Ohio Drilling Co. by the village council with work to begin in ten days.

-Blast following pouring of oil on live coals resulted in death of Mrs. Thelma Dunham, 36, and her mother, Mrs. Wm. Wright, 55.

-Andrew Cobb weds Connecticut girl, Elizabeth Jean Mansfield and makes home east of Elsie on the Cobb farm.

-Mrs. Laura Bouck and Ray Smith were installed to head the Elsie Chapter, #69 OES.

-The EHS football championship team was honored at banquet when Judson Haynes of famed Western State Teachers' College baseball coach was guest speaker. Others on the program were Supt. E.E. Knight, veteran Ray O. Spence, editor of Owosso Argus-Press when six of eleven players were placed by Elsie. They were Fred Carter, Russ Bouck, Robert Beebe, Kenneth Fields, Claud Conklin, Jr., and Raymond Miller.

-Career of a budding osteopath was cut short when he was sentenced to 60 days in jail or \$75 plus costs for drunk driving. He had planned to hang out his shingle in Elsie but his father refused to pay the fine stating that the jail sentence would help to sober him up a bit.

Shepardsville

Several members of the Ovid-Duplain Library Club and their friends met at the Colony Community hall on Friday evening, Dec. 5 for their annual Christmas party. Later a potluck supper and an evening of games was enjoyed by all.

Morning Star Chapter No. 279 OES met in regular session on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9 with Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Ruth and Duane Chamberlain, presiding in the East. The meeting was preceded by a potluck supper at 6:30.

The usual reports were read and accepted as read. The altar was draped in memory of a past Worthy Grand Patron, Ima Woodworth was presented with a birthday gift by the Worthy Matron, Rita Cannon and Susan Thornton were presented their Bibles at the Altar.

Among the correspondence read was a Christmas greeting from the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron. An invitation was read from the Job's Daughters to attend a family night program with a gift exchange on Monday, Dec. 15. Several thank yous were also read.

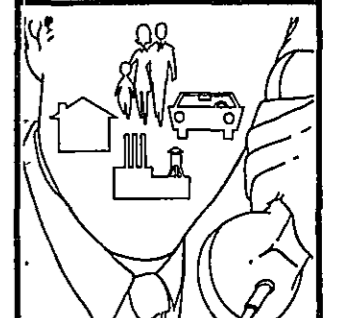
The Afternoon Circle of the Shepardsville UMW met at the church on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11 with a good attendance. The usual reports were read

and accepted as read. The Thank Offering taken up in November amounted to over \$17.00. Money for six blankets was sent to Church World Service. It was voted to cancel the January meeting. The program books were filled out with hostesses for next year. Our new friend on the district is Nola Lambert of St. Johns. A card of thanks was read from Bernice Walker. A collection was taken to buy gifts for our shut-in members.

The program was conducted by Lucille Spencer, assisted by Velma Smith, Pauline Hebel, and Lena Gushall. The story told was entitled Courage at Christmas. The setting was in Kenya. It was about how the birth of a baby boy to a young couple brought back the spirit of good will in this small African village. Christmas prayers were read by Pauline Hebel, Velma Smith and Lena Gushall.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated in keeping with the season.

Greetings of the season from your Shepardsville correspondent.



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Carland News

The Carland Extension Group held their Christmas party this week at the home of Mrs. Edith Oberlin in Carland.

A special guest from the Extension office, Jo Dillon, came to assist Mrs. Oberlin in preparing and serving a fondue-potluck. Several kinds of fondue were made, with recipes given to each member, and then served to the guests to be eaten.

Christmas decorations were throughout the Oberlin home. Two members, Mrs. Molly Stinson and Mrs. Laura Darling, described the

decorations in the houses in Greenfield Village back years ago. The group of ladies went from Shawlessee County, by bus, to Greenfield Village, Wednesday.

Christmas gifts were exchanged, and fancy Christmas desserts were served.

The International Extension Chairman is asking all members to save their Christmas and Commemorative stamps, by cutting at least 1/4 inch of the envelope around the stamps. The stamps in packages of ten, will be available for sale to foreign lands.

The January meeting will be held the second Thursday evening instead of the first Thursday of the month as usual, because the first Thursday will be New Year's Day. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clara Horn in Carland.

Thunder showers on December 13? And two Robins looking for worms in the Lewis Walling lawn, seen by Mrs. Walling and Leo Deming. Who or what is mixed up? And what will Santa, Claus think? Mr. Leo Deming has been confined to his bed at home, suffering from a case of influenza.

Mrs. Lawrence Miller fell in the barnyard and broke her wrist last week; she is convalescing at home.

Ovid-Elsie plans for Christmas vacation

The Ovid-Elsie's Swim and Guard Corps has plans to show 2 feature length motion pictures during the Christmas vacation.

On Saturday, Dec. 27, "The Daring Dobermans" will be shown at E.E. Knight in Elsie at 1 p.m. The same picture will be shown at 3 p.m. at the Ovid North Elementary.

A 2-hour cartoon-comedy special is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 30. E.E. Knight

is the theater site at 1 p.m. while Ovid North will see the film at 3 p.m.

Charlie Holcomb, Swim and Guard Corps advisor, states that this plan of feature films will be very entertaining to the students of our district.

The proceeds of the 50 cent charge will go to buy a score board for the swimming pool.

May apply for grain allotment

A feed grain allotment may be established under the 1976 Feed-Grain Program for farms which did not have an allotment in prior years and meet eligibility requirements, Peter LoDico of the Clinton County ASCS Office, announced today.

Interested producers should contact the County ASCS Office not later than Feb. 16, and file an application, LoDico said.

To be eligible for a new feed grain allotment, the operator must expect to receive 50

percent or more of his livelihood in the current year from the production of agricultural commodities; must have adequate equipment for the production of feed grain; the land must be suitable for the production of feed grains; and neither the owner nor the operator may have an interest in any other farm for which a feed grain allotment has been established.

A farm for which a new farm allotment is established may qualify for program payments in the event program payments are made in 1976.

4-H Chatter

4-H snow camp weekend

By JOHN AYLSWORTH



It's think snow time again for many Clinton County 4-H members, leaders and parents as they make plans to attend the County 4-H trip award to Traverse City, Saturday, Jan. 24 to Monday, Jan. 26. This 4-H snow camp weekend will be held at the Twin Lakes 4-H Camp just west of Traverse City. Clinton County 4-H'ers have been making this annual trip to snow camp since 1948. Camp capacity is 100 people, so trip award winners and non-trip award winners are urged to get their reservations in early, with Wednesday, Jan. 14th as the deadline. Trip award winners will pay \$13, while non-winners and adults will pay \$25.50. The cost is up this year, but where else can you have a fun-filled weekend of two nights lodging, six delicious meals cooked by Mrs. Heim and her staff, plus insurance and transportation. Each year the group takes along 15-20 snowmobiles, toboggans and other equipment for outside snow activities.

The weekend activities and recreation are planned by committees composed of members and leaders who attend this camp. This snow camp weekend is filled with fun, as some people have attended this trip for years. Snow camp is the only trip that 4-H members may attend when they are not trip winners.

The party committee really does an outstanding job in making plans for the Sunday evening party, highlighted with the crowning of the King and Queen. Letters will be going out after Christmas to the Traverse City 4-H trip award winners and those who attended last year. Non-trip winners should be in the 10th grade or older to really enjoy the trip. Don't miss out on this weekend of fun-filled snow camp activities with a late reservation if you are interested in attending.

HORSE SCIENCE SHORTCOURSE

A five-week series of horse science short courses will be held in the area at the Greenville High School in Greenville starting on Wednesday, Jan. 14. The five sessions include: selecting a sound horse, equine

nutrition, diseases and parasites, breeding and foaling; with the last session covering horse first aid, care of horse while in transit and taking a look at the Michigan horse program. Resource people include outstanding educators from Michigan State University, Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota. The cost is \$10 for the short course, which also includes a notebook and printed material. Anyone 14 years and older, having an interest in horses, is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the County Extension Office in St. Johns - 224-3288.

GLASS COLLECTION DAY

The next glass collection day is Saturday, Jan. 3, and will be handled by the Congregational Church Youth Group. People in St. Johns are reminded to set out the glass bottles on the curb by 10 a.m. for pick-up, while people outside of St. Johns are urged to bring the glass to the Fairgrounds between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

GUN SAFETY

The Westphalia 4-H Hot Shots members are doing an excellent job in learning about gun safety using B-B guns. Their enthusiasm is making this new project really go as they are learning about gun safety, handling of the guns while shooting and marksmanship. They are keeping a weekly score of their shooting ability to see how they are doing. I'll bet a few members will have a new B-B gun of their own for Christmas, as they are showing their parents how they have learned to handle the B-B guns safely. The members had an interesting speaker, Charles Bertram of Westphalia, at their Dec. 17 meeting. Mr. Bertram gave an excellent talk and demonstration on Archery Safety. He explained about different bows, arrows, hunting edges and how to hunt using bow and arrow. He really impressed archery safety to the members. Mr. Bertram showed slides of his trip to Colorado in hunting elk and bear two years ago. He gave a demonstration on proper shooting archery at targets to the youth.

RILEY RAMBLERS NEWS
The Riley Ramblers 4-H members discussed the different 4-H trips as to value and costs, ways to help 4-H save money, about the number of steers enrolled for 1976, plus other items of interest. The club's next meeting will be Jan. 13 at the home of Karl Schaefer.

KNIT-N-STITCH REPORT
The Knit-N-Stitch 4-H Club members answered roll call from the question, "How can you use what you learned in 4-H at home?" A committee is making plans for the Club's Valentine Day Activity. Each of the members gave a health tip. The members are learning more about other countries through demonstrations by Maureen Asher on Mexico, Vickie Kingsley on Japan, Barbara Karber on Spain, Barbara Lehnen on Alaska, and Kendra Paksi on South Africa. The club's next meeting will be on Jan. 5.

FRANCERS SELL CANDY
The Proud Francers 4-H Club members are working on a money-making project selling candy to raise money for sponsoring a horse show this summer. They discussed going roller skating in January or March. The members held a Christmas party and a \$1 gift exchange.

ENERGY GAME
Interested in learning more about saving energy in the house? There is a household energy game that shows players how much energy they consume in a year and how they can conserve on energy use. To get your free copy of the 20-page booklet, please write to: Sea Grant, 1800 University Avenue, Madison, Wis. 53706.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROUND LAKE
The Round Lake Stitches 4-H members enjoyed their Christmas party and exchanged gifts. Mary Witt gave a demonstration on making flowers from wire and fabric. The club now has a 4-H flag, American flag and 4-H pledge and motto banners that will be helpful in their meeting's opening ceremony. The members went Christmas caroling Dec. 22.

DOG DEPARTMENT
Members of the Ear Flopper 4-H Club named other breeds of dogs besides leader dogs for their roll call. Peter Snyder received a new puppy, 7 weeks old, named Kathy, to train for his 4-H leader dog project. Demonstrations were given by Jean Snyder and Stewart Clise on "Dog Diseases."

PHOTOGRAPHY LESSON
The Eureka Go-Getters 4-H members learned about photography as Andy Todocciuk gave an excellent demonstration showing his old camera and how he used it to take his award-winning pictures. His photographs on the warm air balloon series of "Up, Up & Away" was one of the four exhibits selected by Michigan for exhibit at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago and the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Debbie Beck gave a very interesting demonstration on cake decorating. Following the business meeting, the members enjoyed their Christmas party and exchanged gifts.

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EVERY SCIENTIST knows that much of research is a question of money and men. Dr. Anthony Garattini, taking time out for reflection on this subject, is a March of Dimes-supported researcher into sickle cell disease. At The Rockefeller University, he pioneered a new drug which is now undergoing large-scale clinical trials to determine its safety and effectiveness for treatment of the disease.

Greetings

We're wishing you joy and happiness during this beautiful season. May the true spirit of the Yuletide bring us peace and contentment, with thankfulness for our many blessings, as we celebrate with family and friends.

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Farm Bureau settles PBB damage lawsuit

LANSING--Farm Bureau Services, Inc. has settled its multimillion dollar damage suit against the Michigan Chemical Company and pledged the proceeds of the settlement to a fund from which to pay Michigan farmers who suffered losses due to the accidental introduction of a Michigan Chemical flame retardant known as PBB into their animal feeds.

The accidental poisoning has resulted in the destruction of thousands of animals and tons of animal by-products since August of 1974.

Farm Bureau Services and insurance companies for both companies have funded farmer settlements pending the outcome of the cooperative's lawsuit until August of this year, but when Farm Bureau Services' insurance coverage was exhausted, that process stopped.

Today's announcement culminated weeks of intensive negotiations among the two companies, Michigan Chemical's insurance carriers, Governor Milliken and members of his staff.

"We were by far the largest single PBB claimant," said Farm Bureau Services Executive Vice President, Donald R. Armstrong. "This compromise settlement and our willingness to commit all of the proceeds of that settlement to a fund for the benefit of Michigan farmers who have been hurt by PBB is consistent with the position we have maintained since we first learned of the presence of PBB in some of our feed products - that farmers who have been truly hurt by PBB should not be required to suffer while the major parties engaged in a lengthy court battle."

He continued, "Farm Bureau Services has given up its right to recover its own substantial losses in order to create a settlement fund for its customers because we believe that this action will serve the best interests of Michigan agriculture, our members, and particularly those farmers who have patiently trusted us to put their needs ahead of our own. We believe that this fund will enable those with legitimate PBB claims to put their losses behind them and get back into full production, just as we are confident that it will enable us, as their farmer-owned cooperative, to again give our fullest attention to our normal business of protecting and furthering the cause of Michigan agriculture."

Armstrong noted that while the cooperative had obviously suffered substantial losses, both financial and in terms of customer confidence because of the PBB problem, he was gratified to note that its 1974-1975 fiscal year sales and earnings were at "near record" levels. Armstrong also expressed his gratitude to Governor Milliken for his role in the negotiations, pointing out that in his opinion the Governor's veto of an unfunded low interest bill designed to assist PBB afflicted farmers pending a resolution of their claims was "an act evidencing a high degree of moral integrity and fidelity to the taxpayers of Michigan, as well as political courage." PBB is produced by the Michigan Chemical Company in St. Louis, Michigan which supplied Farm Bureau Services with a dairy additive known as magnesium oxide.

The two products were packaged in similar containers and were virtually indistinguishable in appearance. A shipping error resulted in an undisclosed number of bags of PBB being delivered to the cooperative's feed mixing plant in Battle Creek during 1973 and perhaps early 1974 where they were mixed into various animal feeds.

It was not until late April of 1974 that the presence of PBB was identified in animal feed. Thereafter, the Michigan Department of Agriculture quarantined several herds which ultimately were destroyed and buried on an isolated tract of State-owned land in Kalkaska County. Approximately 450 farmers' claims are pending at this time. Armstrong indicated that the process of evaluating and attempting to settle these claims would begin just as soon as the final details of the settlement apparatus have been worked out.

Meet your 4-H leader



Judy Matice

"4-H members are really great kids," says Judy Matice, a 4-H leader in the horse project. She says, "I enjoy working with kids and horses." Stamp collecting and macrame are also enjoyable pastimes for her. When working with 4-H members, she teaches them to care for their horse and shows them how to ride. She has found there are many people who own horses that don't know how to care for them, which perturbs her very much.

Judy is an active member in the Buckskin Horse Association of Michigan, as a Chairperson of the Show Committee and a member of the Futurity Committee. Being Advertising Editor of the Buckskin News also keeps her busy.

Her husband, Dan, and their children, Laura, Jim and Adam, live on a farm in Ovid Township.



Marian Kurnicz

Marian became involved in 4-H when her children enrolled, and she soon found herself being a 4-H Leader. She has led many different projects during her 11 years of leadership, such as foods, sewing, indoor gardening, flower gardening, charcoal drawing, personal improvement, rocks and minerals, vegetable gardening and cake decorating.

As a homemaker she is kept busy by her husband, Peter, and children, Ann, Gloria, Peter Jr. and Michelle. Helping her husband on the farm takes a lot of her time, too. Furniture refinishing, traveling and collecting photographs she also likes to find time to do.

As a leader she has had some interesting experiences, such as, a kitchen full of girls sitting powdered sugar for frosting. "That makes quite a mess" she said, "and one of the girls licked the frosting off her fingers so much, she soon didn't have any frosting left with which to practice her cake decorations." She feels it is rewarding to see 4-H'ers learning something new and completing their projects.

Marian is shown with her terrariums, which is one of the many things she taught 4-H members in her experience as a 4-H leader.

Extension calendar

- Jan. 6, 13 & 20: Labor Management Seminar for Clinton County Farmers, Central National Bank.
- Jan. 6 & 7: Cattle Feeders Shortcourse - Hospitality Inn, Lansing.
- 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, 1-4 p.m.
- Jan. 19: District Holstein Annual Meeting, Corunna.
- Jan. 21: 4-H Human Ecology Training - Smith Hall, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Jan. 24: Clinton County Holstein Association Annual Meeting.
- 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.

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The United States was once so proud of its productivity that it assisted Japan in establishing a national productivity center to help increase that nation's output of goods and services. However, in the last four years the pupil has done better than the teacher. Japan's output per worker increased 43 percent while ours rose only 8.4 percent.

As a matter of sober fact, the U.S. has slipped to ninth among the 12 leading industrial countries in the rate of productivity increase.

FARMERS CONTINUE to do their exceptional job with productivity. One farm worker, who supplied 20 people with food just 100 years ago, now produces enough for 56 consumers. His productivity pushes ahead at twice the rate of growth of output per worker in the manufacturing industries.

It is encouraging to note that more and more companies, labor unions and even governments are stressing productivity again. Such an effort benefits individuals and the nation.

Improving government productivity means giving the taxpayers more services for their tax dollars or giving them the same services for fewer tax dollars. Many local and state governments are doing just that. With what is happening in Washington, though, it seems bureaucrats are more interested in themselves.

We have allowed our Congress to install too many built-in perpetual expenses into the budget. For example, lawmakers cut themselves in on a cost of living increase for federal workers that moves their salaries from \$42,500 to \$44,625. They also refused to accept a federal election commission ruling that would have established some limits on the amount of gifts that could be slipped into members' office accounts.

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I can read to him from fact and fancy, poetry and prose.

I can sing with him old songs and new.
I can ignite the spark of his creativity.

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Our thanks to Pauline Crabb for these inspiring thoughts.

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St. Johns downs Grand Ledge, lead league with perfect record

GRAND LEDGE - The St. Johns Redwings won their 5th game in a row and their 2nd straight in West Central cage competition Friday to lead the league with a 2-0 record.

The Redwings defeated Grand Ledge 65-70, led by 4 players who scored in double figures.

Mark Geller led the scoring with 20 points, followed by Wayne Dedyne with 19, Jerry Bashore with 18 and Carl Bashore with 14.

Also scoring for St. Johns were Tim Knaus 6, Dave Martis 4, Keith Haske 3 and Frank Faivor 1.

After a close first quarter that ended with the Redwings leading 17-15, St. Johns scored 23 points, 6 more than the Comets' 17 in the 2nd period.

It was another close quarter in the 3rd period when Grand Ledge outscored St. Johns 17-15.

But, the Redwing shooters went to work in the final quarter and ripped through 30 points before the buzzer sounded. Grand Ledge scored 21 points in the last quarter.

The junior varsity Redwings won their contest 63-49.

St. Johns takes on Ionia following Christmas vacation in a home game Jan. 9.

They play Mason away Jan. 13.



Scott LaBar, 7, with his father Michael LaBar, 608 E. Walker, St. Johns display the rocket and the trophies won for their 1st place finish in the Indian Guides rocket races held at YMCA in Lansing. The LaBar rocket took first place in the beginner classification and Grand Champion. Powered by rubber bands, the rockets are attached to fish line and fly across the room.

Fowler and DeWitt battle down to wire before Eagles win

DeWitt and Fowler battled it right down to the wire Friday night in CMAC basketball action before Fowler took the contest 67-59.

The first quarter ended with Fowler leading by 3 points, 14-11.

That lead was stretched by 2 more points when Fowler outscored the panthers 19-17 in the 2nd period to take a 33-28 half-time lead.

DeWitt stayed with the Eagles, however, and only 4 points separated the 2 CMAC rival going into the final period, with Fowler leading 48-44.

Fowler added 19 in the last period and DeWitt picked up 15 points in the final quarter.

The scoring for Fowler was paced by Dale Koenigsnecht with 17, Steve Simon with 15 and Dave Schmitt with 12.

DeWitt's Chris Skoczylas led all scorers with 18 points, joined in double figures by Panthers, Dave Wilson with 15 and Greg Mallard with 12.

Fowler and DeWitt are now tied in the CMAC with 3-1 records while Fulton and Pottersville lead the league with undefeated 4-0 records.

The Fowler junior varsity defeated DeWitt 43-41.

Fulton beat Pewamo-Westphalia 81-58 Friday night and Pottersville held off Webberville for a 60-57 victory.

Fowler plays Portland High Dec. 27 and, following Christmas vacation, get back into league action when they take on Pottersville Jan. 6 and Laingsburg Jan. 9, both away games. The next home game in the CMAC will be against Olivet Jan. 13.

DeWitt tangles with unbeaten Fulton Jan. 6 at home and then hosts Bellevue Jan. 9.

Bath battles Stockbridge for 63-58 win Friday

Pinckney took an early lead Friday night, but the Bath Bees came stinging back to win their 6th game in a row with the 63-58 victory.

The Bees are tied with Williamston for the Ingham County League lead, both with 3-0 records.

Pinckney took the lead at the end of the first quarter of play Friday night 22-16, but Bath outscored them 24-8 in the 2nd period to hold a 40-30 lead at halftime.

It wasn't easy sailing from then on, however, with Pinckney bouncing back in the 3rd period.

Pinckney outscored the Bees in that quarter 20-8 and held a 50-48 lead going into the final period.

A tough Bee defense in the last quarter salvaged the victory, holding Pinckney to 8 points while Bath dumped in 16 points.

Dave Kesson led the scoring for the Bees with 24 points. Eight of those came in the crucial final quarter.

Also in double figures were Dan Bass with 16 and Chip Cogswell with 10.

Rounding out the scoring

Junior High cage season opens Jan. 12

The St. Johns 8th grade basketball team began practice for their opening game Jan. 12 at Ionia. Twenty-eight boys will be carried by coach Mike Humphrey.

This opening game will be a milestone for coach Humphrey and the team because since 1970 when Humphrey took over they have a record of 69 victories and only 7 defeats. "Get number 100" is the battle cry as the boys practice.

A very physical and exciting team is how Humphrey describes this group. Center Mark Purtil, 6-1 will give good height to this team. About 15 players are all close to each other on ability will be battling for starting jobs on the A team and the remainder will make up the "B" team.

Coach Humphrey's B teams have not lost a game in five years.

Ovid-Elsie wrestlers down Perry 35-12

Ovid-Elsie's wrestling Marauders had little trouble with Perry last Tuesday, downing the Ramblers 35-12 in a dual meet.

Pinning their opponents were Marauders Bob Latz who pinned his 98-pound division opponent in the 2nd period and Troy Bancroft who turned in a pin in the 3rd period of his 112-pound match.

Mike Larson lost his bout (98) to Jerry Parker 8-0; Kevin Kellermann lost to Rex Haney 2-0 in the 119 class; Marauder Mark Walter got Ovid-Elsie back on the winning track beating Dan Cantwell 11-5; Frank Goodrich took the 132 match over Rich St. Clair 11-5; Tom Zunia took the 138 match over Chris Armstrong; Leonard Mitchell took a superior decision over Rick Pratt 13-0 earning the Marauders 5 points for the 145-pound match; Roger Lover decision Bruce Martin 4-1 in the 155-bout; Chuck Cowley lost to Bill Bradley in the 167 pound class; Russ Lesley took a decision over John Zilch 9-2 and heavyweights Bill Nethaway and Dave Peterman tied 0-0.

The Marauder junior varsity wrestlers took their match 25-10. Chris Rodriguez and Tom Smith turned in pins in the 98-pound class and Jerry Quine pinned his 112-pound opponent.

Service news

PFC Kadlek from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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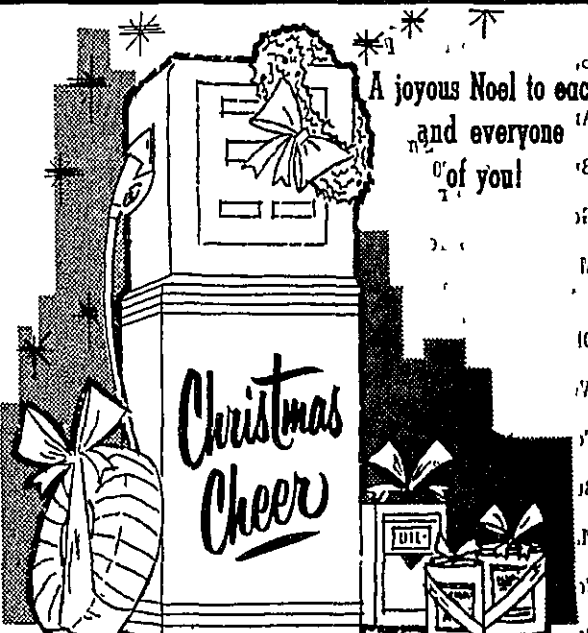


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Fulton over powers

Pewamo - Westphalia

Fulton defeated Pewamo-Westphalia 81-58 Friday night to leave their season record unblemished. Now 6-0 and 4-0 in league action, Fulton got off to a slow start Friday, leading 14-13 after the first quarter and 35-29 after the half.

However, a 19-point effort in the third quarter and a 27-point explosion in the final period gave Fulton a decisive victory.

PACING: Fulton were 6-1 senior guard Mike Clays with

22 points and 6-1 Karl Drake with 20. Kim Diffin, the Pirate 6-5 center, also was in double figures with 17 points.

Fulton, as a team, had 10 scorers and shot 11 of 13 free throws for 88 per cent and hit on 35 of 64 field goals for a 55 per cent average.

Dave Belen led the scoring for P-W with 15 and Steve Lenneman had 10.

After the Christmas break, Fulton will travel to DeWitt Jan. 6 and will host Pottersville on Jan. 9.

FULTON (81)
Kresge 9-2-2; Winsor 1-2-4; Clays 9-4-22; Drake 10-0-20; Donohue 2-0-4; Schmidt 1-0-2; Trefil 1-0-2; Stephens 2-0-4; Diffin 7-3-17; Fox 2-0-4. Totals: 35-11-81. By Quarters: 14-21-19-27-81.

P.W. (58)
Belen 7-1-15; Kohager 1-1-3; Pohl 3-1-5; Thelen 0-1-1; Lucas 2-9-9; Miller 0-4-4; Klein 2-0-4; Schafer 2-2-6; Lenneman 4-2-10. Totals: 21-16-58. By Quarters: 13-16-14-15-58.

DeWitt wrestlers

continue winning pace

The DeWitt Panthers pinned their way to a fourth straight dual victory and their second tournament championship this past week.

In the dual meet against Olivet, they won 10 out of 12 matches, 8 by pins. Those final results were:

- DEWITT 58 - OLIVET 12**
- 98-Tim Corr, WBF, Mike Prue :56
 - 105-Hugh Bates, WBF, Mike Amrozowicz 3:05
 - 112-Dwayne Smith, WBF, Bill Payette 1:20
 - 119-Jeff Corr, WBF, Gary Godwin :52
 - 126-Larry Bates, WBF, Scott Mitchell :42
 - 132-Casey Hills, forfeit
 - 138-Scott Lewis, WBF, Don Ohler 4:35
 - 145-Ed Shooltz, WBF, Earl Wood :43
 - 155-Chuck Biegel, 4:34, Kelly Coplin WBF
 - 167-Arden Pierson, 14, Bill Burns 0
 - 185-Mark Schaar, WBF, Mark Sundberg 4:19
 - Craig Nemeth, :42, Nick Coplin WBF
- At the Ithaca Invitational, the Panthers placed first out of eight schools. They had 7 wrestlers into the finals with 6 of those winning individual championships. DeWitt's team total was 125½, followed by St. Louis, 100½; Vestalburg, 93½; Ithaca, 82½; Fulton, 60; Carson City, 54; Central Montcalm, 29; Saranac, 14.
- The wrestlers who placed for DeWitt were:
- At 98, Tim Corr, who won his first varsity tournament as a freshman, defeating Duane Rodriguez (O.C.), 6-2; Duane Riggie (F), pin, 1:07; and in the finals pinning Steve Sentes (S.L.) in 1:03.
 - At 105, Hugh Bates pinned Mike Donahue (O.C.), 1:36

decisioned Tom Mc Nerney (V), 8-2, and in the finals, decisioned Pablo Rios (SL) 2-0.

At 112, Dwayne Smith pinned Dennis Johnson (V) 1:54, pinned Joe Rodriguez (Ith) 3:49, and in the finals pinned Leo Youngs, 4:47.

At 126, Larry Bates pinned Dennis Barker (C.C.) :44, Steve Rose (S) 3:02, and in the finals pinned Dennis Wood in 5:36 at 132, Casey Hills pinned Dan Thomas (S) 3:42, Jeff Kurtze (C.C.) 3:53, and in the finals decisioned Bruce Waldron (C.M.) 8-6.

At 155, Arden Pierson

decisioned Scott Price (F) 10-1, decisioned Gail Goetz (SL) 9-7, and in the finals pinned Calvin Grandy in 5:11.

At 167, Mark Schaar pinned Glen Greenbow (CM) :34, decisioned Cyril Donahue (C.C.) 5-2, and lost in the finals to Larry Zamarron (Ith) 5-0 to take a second.

Placing 4th at 119 for DeWitt was Jeff Corr.

The panthers pinned 13 opponents of 27 matches wrestled. DeWitt's next matches will be at Bath, Jan. 6, and Eaton Rapids, Jan. 8.

Ovid-Elsie grapplers

win 4th straight

Ovid-Elsie won their 4th straight dual wrestling meet Thursday when they trounced Corunna 53-8. The Marauders are 4-1 for the season and have an undefeated 3-0 record in the MMB conference.

The 2 fastest pins of the season took place in the meet with Corunna.

Roger Lover (155) pinned Tim Tyler in 28 seconds and Marauder teammate Troy Bancroft pinned his 112-pound opponent Derald Cramer in 36 seconds.

Bob Lutz pinned Kendall Fox in the 2nd period of the 105 contest; Leonard Mitchell pinned Tim McCleod in the 2nd period of the 145 match and Ken Reha pinned Bill Marks in the 1st period of their match.

Mike Larson won his 98-pound match over Mike Walter 6-3; Kevin Kellermann won his 119 match with a major decision Todd Kenyon 9-0; Mark Walter (126) took a superior decision

for beating Kevin Miro 18-3; Frank Goodrich (132) won a major decision after he defeated Darrell Smith by 14-5; Tom Zunia tied Tim Kildea in the 138-pound contest; Russ Lesley took a major win in the 185-pound match over Jerry Hebekeusa 10-2 and Bill Nethaway was pinned in the 3rd period of his match with Greg Smith.

The junior varsity won 23-14 with pins turned in by Dave Toth (112), Todd Goodrich (126) (126), Shane Applebee (132) and Dave Cowley (138).

The next meet will be Jan. 6 at Lansing Catholic Central, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bowling

NIGHT HAWKS [Dec. 16] W L

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Legion	30	18
Farm Bureau	27½	20½
Beck's	26	22
Coca Cola	25	23
St. Johns Oil	24	24
Randolph's	24	24
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Egg Station	21	27
Harr's	20	28
G and I	20	28
Masarik Shell	16½	31½

Ind. High Game, J. Bond 225; Ind. High Series, M. Rademacher 571; Team High Game, Legion 858; Team High Series, Beck's 2487.

200 GAMES - B. Jones 224, M. Rademacher 217, C. Smith 203, J. Bryant 203, J. Powers 201.

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County News Area Sports

Sheriff's report

Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the theft of a Nikomat E.L. camera with zoom lens and black carrying case from a room at the Sunset Motel.

Clinton County Deputies recovered six guns that were originally taken in a burglary in Lake Cy Michigan, from some Ovid area youths, this week.

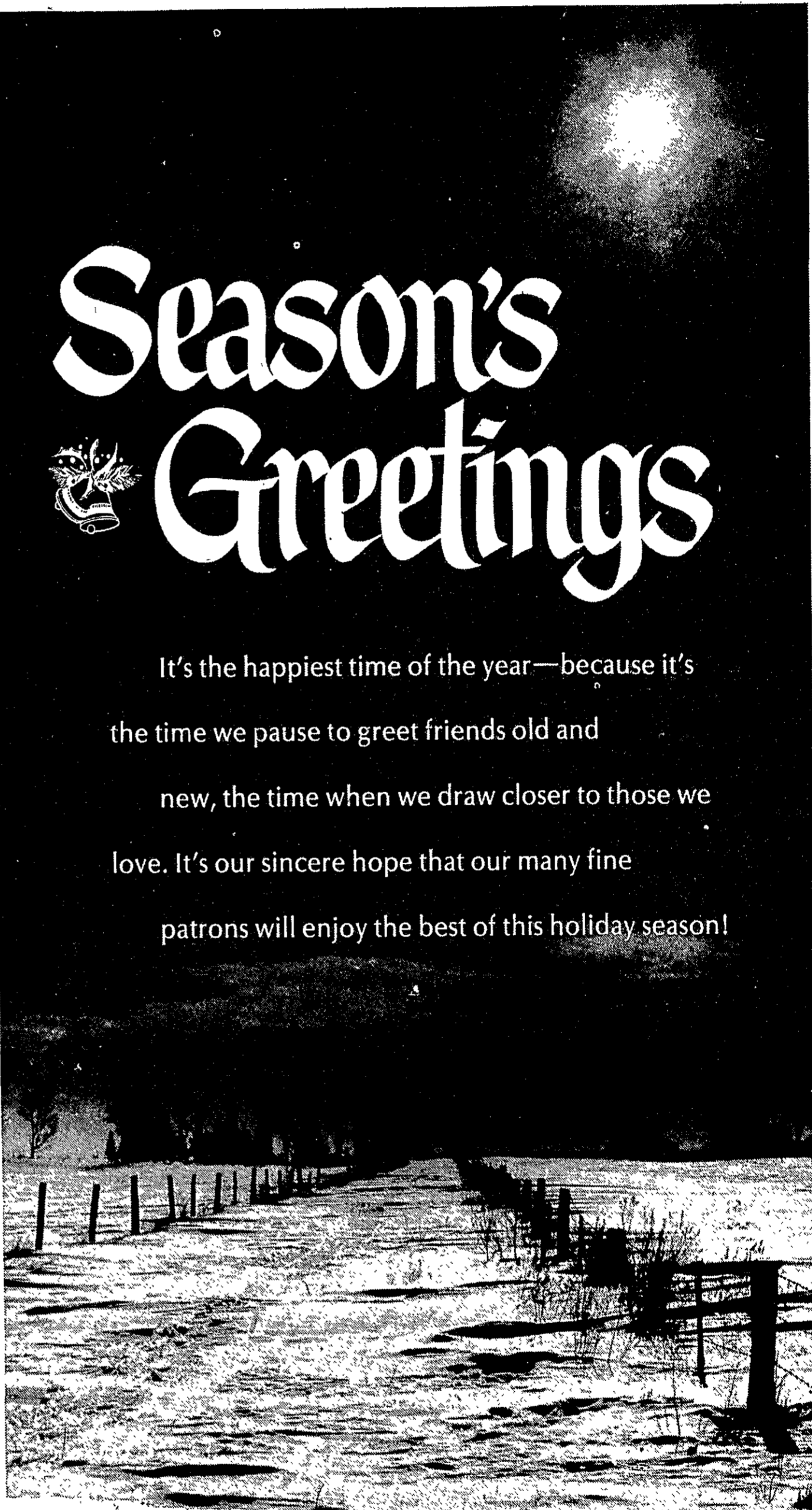
The thieves also made off with a watch and billfold containing an unknown amount of cash from the room, Dec. 21.

Fire's victims are children about 30 percent of the time; some 3,570 youngsters through age 15 perish from fire each year. It is estimated that 25 percent of these tragedies take place when young children are alone or without proper supervision.

A breaking and entering at 16477 Clinton St., Watertown twp. is also under investigation. Missing is an undisclosed amount of cash.

Season's Greetings

It's the happiest time of the year—because it's the time we pause to greet friends old and new, the time when we draw closer to those we love. It's our sincere hope that our many fine patrons will enjoy the best of this holiday season!



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Senior Citizens hold Yule Party

ST. JOHNS--The Senior Citizen Nutrition Group held a Christmas party Dec. 17 at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School.

Music was provided by the 8th grade band, conducted by John Speck and Walt Cole.

Mrs. Erna Sperry recited a Christmas poem.

After bingo, the 5 fruit baskets donated to the Student Council were won by Margaret Smith, John Baumgartner, Agnes Price, Elsie Bottom and Pauline Armbrustmacher.

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Report from the capitol

State Representative

by Stanley Powell

What we hope may prove to be one of the more important accomplishments of our 1975 session became a reality last week when Governor Milliken signed into law a bill creating a Job Development Authority (S.B. 243) to provide a source of low-cost financing for the expansion of industrial facilities.

This should provide additional income producing jobs for Michigan resident which is what is sorely needed in our current economy. The Authority, within the Department of Commerce, will have the power to make and guarantee loans and to issue industrial revenue bonds.

Under the new law (P.A. 301 of 1975), the Authority can make direct loans, guarantee loans made by financial institutions, or participate in loans made by them. Only projects of water pollution control facilities and solid waste disposal facilities can be financed directly by the Authority. The projects must offer adequate job development potential.

The projects will be financed from the proceeds of not to exceed \$200 million in tax exempt bonds to be issued by the Authority as permitted under the new law. The bonds will be repaid from monies repaid by the borrowing companies.

Governor Milliken said the bill is a part of a series of measures designed to stimulate the state's economy. "The Job Development Authority will complement and strengthen the financial incentives enacted in 1974 and earlier this year--the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act, the Economic Development Corporations Act and the Single Business Tax Act. This law, enacted through bipartisan legislative support, will help Michigan companies expand and provide much needed jobs for our citizens. It will facilitate the location of new business in Michigan and together with the other recently-enacted legislation, will make our state more

would prohibit merchants from representing that goods are new if, in fact, they are now and it would prevent businesses from representing that a part, replacement or repair is needed when it is not.

POISON FEED ISSUE RESOLVED

The announcement by Farm Bureau Services last week that competitive with other industrial states," Governor Milliken said.

The legislation will be implemented as soon as the Supreme Court has ruled on the constitutionality of its provisions. Governor Milliken said, however, the Department of Commerce will be taking preliminary steps to organize the new Authority.

It is certainly encouraging to be able to report that at long last there is at least one development looking toward retention and expansion of industry and jobs in our state.

its lawsuit against the Michigan Chemical Company had been settled out of court and the amount of settlement was sufficient to pay farmers whose livestock was poisoned by contaminated feed was welcome news.

I am hopeful that procedures to honor the claims by farmers and pay them are put into operation real soon so that the many farmers who face bankruptcy can buy new stock and get back into business.

Earlier this year legislation was introduced to put pressure on the parties involved to settle this issue. One of the bills created a loan authority and two others sought to impose additional taxes on agricultural-oriented insurance companies and commercial chemical manufacturers.

gas this year than any year since the first well was drilled in 1886.

The Department of Natural Resources geologists say the all-time oil production mark will topple soon, setting the stage for a 24.5 million barrel total by the end of the year. This will be about a million barrels greater than the previous record established in 1939.

The northern lower peninsula is producing the boom.

Last year's record 69 million cubic feet gas total was exceeded in October, DNR officials say, and they forecast a 103 million cubic feet output by the end of 1975.

While this is good news, it still doesn't mean that the state is self-sufficient in this area, far from it. We produce only about 10 percent of the U.S. total, but this is an increase from 5 percent in 1962.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

A consumer protection bill is in conference committee being ironed out before being presented to the Governor for his signature.

Senate Bill 1 is referred to as the deceptive trade practices bill because of its intent to protect the consumer from deceptive practices in business. It got approval in the House recently.

The bill would prohibit certain unfair and deceptive business practices plus it gives the Attorney General new legal weapons such as subpoena and injunctive powers to fight these practices.

The Senate passed a weaker version earlier this year of the same bill we approved recently. Our version covers banks, insurance companies and utilities.

22 unfair and deceptive business practices. It also would allow a committee composed of state department heads and public members to write rules that spell out additional practices. The list of unfair practices

IT APPEARS NOW that the legislation creating the loan authority will not be necessary because repayment of the loans was contingent upon the settlement between Farm Bureau Services and Michigan Chemical Company.

Legislation is being drafted, however, to prevent this kind of thing from happening again.

VOTING SET BACK

We may have to take a step back in time and return to the use of paper ballots in the 1976 election.

Election officials tell us that voting machines now in use may not have room enough for all the names of political candidates for office. There are so many new and minor parties wanting on the ballot that our modern equipment may not be adequate.

This may lead to longer voting lines, voters who are unaccustomed to marking paper ballots and the worst possible fate, miscounting.

All this may lead to disenfranchised voters, something we can't afford to let happen.

OIL BOOM

Michigan's oil boom is producing more oil and natural

SENIOR CITIZENS

A bill before us on the House floor provides a transportation break for our senior citizens. It would allow local school boards to waive the cost of transportation for senior citizen groups that use school buses for special events.

Under present law, school districts must charge senior citizens for the cost of the bus transportation. The bill would give our elderly an opportunity to get out more.

PARK PERMITS

Motor vehicle permits allowing access to Michigan's 80 state parks during the 1976 season are now on sale by the Department of Natural Resources. They cost \$5, except for senior citizens, who pay only \$1.

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BRIDGEVILLE

By Mrs. Thelma Woodbury

The Salem United Methodist Women's Society met at the church Thursday evening, Dec. 11. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Phillips offering prayer. Roll call and minutes of the November meeting were read by the secretary and accepted as so read, also the executive committee reported on the tentative agenda for 1976.

Cards of thanks were read from the sick and others. A \$25.00 gift of money was voted for the Lansing Rescue Mission. Also voted to have a Sunshine box for James Spude who is a leukemia victim.

Mrs. Doris Fisher led in devotions based on Isaiah 9:6; topic being, "Why Jesus was Wonderful."

Mrs. Dottie Snyder presented the lesson on biblical symbols.

A miniature Christmas tree was decorated with carefully made symbols such as stars, crosses, the sun and various combinations of monograms etc., and the triangle symbolizing the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The evergreen tree suggests eternal life; white suggests innocence, purity, and perfection of our Savior; gold symbolizes the glory and majesty of the Son of God; red reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for salvation. Go now to be God's light and may God's light go with you.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Dorothy Moon and Imogene Beck from a beautifully decorated table. Next meeting will be Jan. 22 with a 12:30 luncheon and afternoon meeting at Gladys Hankey's home.

BRIDGEVILLE

By Mrs. Thelma Woodbury

You can help improve census

What can be done to improve the 1980 Census? Bring your suggestions to the 1980 Census Conference sponsored by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

The meeting will be held January 7, 1976 at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos. The time is 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Call 487-9424 for more information.

Northwood Dean's list

MIDLAND--Academic Dean William D. Rohns has announced that two students from this area are among 29 students named to the President's List, and another 357 to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood Institute.

They are William R. Kohls of St. Johns and Douglas R. Fon of Lainsburg.

A student who achieves a straight "A" average is on the President's List, while a student who earns a 3.0 or above grade point average on a 4.0 scale is on the Dean's List.

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Dec. 9: King, Milton J. and Ruth A. to Martha A. Mertz, property in sec. 24 DeWitt.

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Dec. 9: Goetze, George William and Mary A. to Philip

and Barbara M. Ramon Lot 18, Blk 13, Ovid.

Dec. 9: Wood, Edward L. and Delores M. to Robert L. and Janie L. Bowling Lot 17-18, Blk 117 Walker and Steels.

Dec. 10: Blatt, Richard I. to Bartlett and Gladys K. Martiny Lot 3, Geneva Shores.

Dec. 11: Peterson, John R. estate to Roger A. and Vilma B. Carlson property in Sec. 28 Bath.

Dec. 11: Simon, Mark J. and Elizabeth M. to Danny Richard and Janice Louise Ridenour property in Sec. 35 Greenbush.

Dec. 12: Deehan, Harold C. Jr. and Marianne M. to Ronald J. and Barbara J. Barros Lot 22, Willow Creek Farms.

Dec. 12: Weaver, Edwin D. and Patricia A. to William R. and Birute Flec property in Sec. 11 Bath.

Dec. 12: Wilensky, Thomas and Gertrude to Capitol Region Airport Authority property in Sec. 30 DeWitt.

Dec. 12: Albro, Orbie W. to Jesse J. and Carolyn J. Vandecreek Lot 1, 2, Blk 3, Ferrins.

Dec. 12: Bacon, Bruce R. and Gladys A. to Dennis R. and Sharon K. Warren Blk 6, Emmonsville Add St. Johns.

Dec. 12: Warren, Dennis R. and Sharon K. to Gary L. and Sherri D. Mudgett Blk 6, Emmonsville Add. St. Johns.

Dec. 15: Grow, Gordon J. and LaVerne J. to Richard H. and Carol A. Will property in Sec. 5 Bath.

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Estate of EMMA FEDEWA, Deceased. File No. 19516.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 7, 1976, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Court-house, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of John G. Fedewa for probate of a purported Will dated March 17, 1964, for granting administration to the executor named and for determination of heirs.

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TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on claims, at which time all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims.

Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on John G. Fedewa, 14250 West M-21, Fowler, Michigan, 48835, prior to said hearing.

Dated: December 17, 1975 John G. Fedewa By: Paul A. Maples Attorney for Estate 306 North Clinton Avenue St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Phone: (517) 224-3238 35-1

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of CLINTON.

Estate of WILLIE LANTRIP, Alleged Mentally Incompetent. File No. 19087.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday March 10th, 1976, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all creditors of said ward are required to prove their claims.

Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Derrill Shinabery, Successor Guardian, 200 W. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Dated: December 17, 1975 S/Derrill Shinabery Petitioner 200 W. State Street St. Johns, Michigan Attorney for Petitioner: Robert H. Wood, Maples and Wood 306 N. Clinton St. Johns, Mich. Phone 224-3238 35-1

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING State of Michigan, The

Probate Court for the County of CLINTON.

Estate of LOUIS V. JORAE, File No. 19494.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 25, 1976, at 10:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate, On the Petition of Victor Jorae, the Will of the deceased dated May 19, 1975, was admitted to Probate and administration of the estate was granted to Victor Jorae, the Executor named in said Will.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Victor Jorae and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before February 25, 1976. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to persons appearing of record and entitled thereto.

Dated: December 15, 1975. Victor Jorae Petitioner 7694 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848 Attorney for Petitioner: James L. Winckler 834 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48906 Phone (517) 372-6031 35-1

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. GREATER LANSING LEGAL AID BUREAU BY: Rose Mary Simon 300 North Washington Avenue Lansing, Michigan 48933 32-5

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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 petit 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 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 site of an easement 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
Dolores Hiller, Deputy Clerk

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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 SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

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 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, 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 1/2 per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage 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. Roubeshner, 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. 34-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by MICHAEL PATRICK and PENNY L. PATRICK, of 214 East Elm Street, Ovid, Michigan, as Mortgagee to CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a national banking corporation, with its principal offices situated in St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagee, 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 mort-

gage 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 case 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 1/4 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 Mortgagee, 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 Mortgagee. 34-5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Water Resources Commission Stevens T. Mason Building Lansing, Michigan 48926 517-373-8088

Date: December 19, 1975 Permit Number: MI 0021261

NOTICE: ITT Hancock Industries, Incorporated presently has a valid National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Public Law 92-500) Permit, issued November 15, 1974 to discharge treated process and cooling water from its facility located at 453 W. Main, Elsie, Michigan. The applicant is engaged in the manufacture of automotive stamping and painting. The company discharges its effluent to the Maple River via a village storm sewer.

It is hereby notice that the following modifications or revisions of said permit are proposed: The company proposes to eliminate surface water discharge by June 1, 1976 and discharge to the groundwaters in accordance with State Permit No. M00153. The schedule of compliance has been modified accordingly.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of applicable standards and regulations, the Michigan Water Resources Commission proposes to issue a revised permit for the discharge subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions. The permit expiration date is June 1, 1976.

The proposed determination to revise an NPDES Permit is tentative. Persons wishing to comment upon, or object to, the proposed permit modifications are invited to submit the same in writing to: Permit Coordinator Water Quality Control

Division Dept. of Natural Resources Stevens T. Mason Building Lansing, Michigan 48926 The name of the permittee and permit number should appear next to the above address on the envelope and the first page of any submitted comments. All comments received within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this public notice will be considered in the formulation of the final determination. If no written objections are received, the Michigan Water Resources Commission will issue its final determination no later than sixty (60) days following the date of this notice.

The application, issued permit and proposed revisions, and other information, are on file and may be inspected at the Water Quality Control Division offices, 8th Floor Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan and at the District Office located at this same address at any time between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Copies of the Public Notice and corresponding Fact Sheet summarizing application information and proposed permit conditions are available at no charge. Copies of all other information are available at a cost of \$.20 per page.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter. 35-1

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION

(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

BOBCAT HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 1976

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on June 13, 1975, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, in regards to bobcat declared no open season in Zone 3, abridged the open and required a permit to hunt in Zone 2 and on Bois Blanc Island of Zone 1. The seasons and regulations shall be as follows:

- Zone 1: No closed season, except on Bois Blanc Island where the season and regulations shall coincide with those of Zone 2.
- Zone 2: January 1 through February 29, in Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Oscego, Montmorency, and Alpena counties. Hunting by permit only.
- Zone 3: No open season. Application Procedure: A free permit is required of all persons hunting bobcats in Zone 2.

Application must be made in person or by mail as follows:

1. Applicants may appear in person at the Gaylord District Headquarters or at the Atlanta, Indian River, or Millersburg field offices of the Department of Natural Resources. Such application must be made during regular working hours. No application is to be made prior to December 1, 1975.
2. Application by mail must be made individually on a government postal card. The applicant shall address the card to himself, typing or printing his name and address on the postage side of the card. The applicant shall then mail the card in an envelope addressed to: Bobcat Permit, P.O. Box 576, Department of Natural Resources, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Applications must be postmarked no earlier than December 1, 1975.

Permits

There is no limit to the number of permits that will be issued. There will be no charge for the permit. The permit authorizes the bearer to hunt during the entire two-month season in the designated open areas.

Hunting No person shall hunt under authority of his permit unless he has signed it in ink and carries it on his person along with his 1975 small game or sportsman's license, and unless he properly wears the back tag provided with his license.

Charles J. Guenther Executive Assistant to the Director and Secretary to the Natural Resources Commission 35-3

The first successful vaccine ever developed to control a cancerous disorder, Marek's disease in poultry, was introduced in 1971 by USDA scientists at the Regional Poultry Research Laboratory on the Michigan State University campus.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice is Further Hereby Given, that on Monday the 12th day of January, 1976, at the office of the Clinton County Drain Commissioner, located at 1003 S. Oakland Street, in the City of St. Johns in the Township of Bingham, County of Clinton, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "designated drains listed below" Drain Special Assessment Districts, and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon. At said review the computation of costs for said Drain will also be open for inspection by any parties interested.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special assessment District of said Drain, viz:

Herbison Road Drain Section 18

De 281A-Beg on cen of Herbison Rd, 105 rds W of NE cor of Sec. 18, th S 233 ft, E 187 ft to pt of beg, Phillip & Phyllis Mustain

De 281B-Beg on N sec in at a pt 1952.5 ft W of NE sec cor, th S 233 ft, W 187 ft, N 233 ft, E 187 ft to pt of beg, Phillip & Phyllis Mustain

De 281C-Beg 906.7 ft E & 233 ft S of N 1/4 post Sec. 18, th S 420.75 ft, W 199.3 ft, N 31°49'W 387 ft, N 100 ft, E 406 ft to beg. Herman Schultz

De 281-1-N 330 ft of property desc'd as follows: That part of NE 1/4, Sec. 18, beg at E 1/4 cor thereof, th S 89°38'57" W 1740.32 ft on E-W 1/4 in of sd sec to cen of Schavey Rd, th N 0°25'W 1002.38 ft on sddin, th N 89°38'57" E 1736.22 ft // with E-W 1/4 in Sec. 18 to E in sd sec, th S 0°39'04" E 1002.39 ft on sd sec in to pt of beg, DeWitt Schools.

De 281B- Part of beg on N sec in at a pt 1952.5 ft W of NE sec cor, th S 233 ft, W 187 ft, N 233 ft, E

NOTICE

Schavey Rd, th N 0°25'W 1002.38 ft on sd in, th N 89°38'57" E 1736.22 ft // with EW 1/4 in Sec. 18 to E in sd sec, th S 0°39'04" E 1002.39 ft on sd sec in to pt of beg, DeWitt Schools

County Meadows Estates, being a subdivision of part of the E 1/2 of Sec. 18, T5N-R2W, DeWitt Township - Lot 24, exc S 1815 ft and Lots 25 through 149 inclusive.

Long and Branches Drain Section 18 Country Meadows Estates - The N 1435 ft of the S 1815 ft of Lot 24, & the N 785 ft of Lot 23

De 290-1A-Beg on E-W 1/4 in 896.01 ft E of cen of Sec. 18, th E 189.85 ft, S 132 ft, W 193.01 ft to cen of Schavey Rd, th N 1/2 132.05 ft to beg, Michael & Norma Kowatch

De 290-1B-Beg 132 ft S of int's'n of E-W 1/4 in of cen of Schavey Rd of Sec. 18, th E 195 ft, S 180 ft, W 220 ft, to cen sd rd, th N to beg, Eugene & Alice Scott.

Old Hickory and Branch Drain Section 18 Country Meadows Estates - Lots 40-43 inclusive; Lots 45-67 inclusive; N 1/2 of Lot 84; and Lots 85-148 inclusive.

Parkwood and Branches Drain Section 18 Country Meadows Estates - Lots 1-22 inclusive; S 380 ft of Lot 24; and S 350 ft of N 1135 ft, exc the E 720 ft thereof of Lot 23

Schultz and Branches Drain Section 18 De 281-1-N 330 ft of that part of NE 1/4, Sec. 18, beg at E 1/4 cor thereof, th S 89°38'57" W 1740.32 ft on E-W 1/4 in of sd sec to cen of Schavey Rd, th N 0°25'W 1002.38 ft on sddin, th N 89°38'57" E 1736.22 ft // with E-W 1/4 in Sec. 18 to E in sd sec, th S 0°39'04" E 1002.39 ft on sd sec in to pt of beg, DeWitt Schools.

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187 ft to pt of beg, Phillip & Phyllis Mustain De 281C- Part of beg 906.7 ft E & 233 ft S of N 1/4 post Sec. 18, th S 420.75 ft, W 199.3 ft, N 31°49'W 387 ft, N 100 ft, E 406 ft to beg, Herman Schultz

Country Meadows Estates - Lot 24, exc the S 1815 ft thereof; Lots 25-39 inclusive; Lots 68-83 inclusive; and S 1/2 Lot 84. Sycamore and Branch Drain Section 18 Country Meadows Estates - Lots 40-43 inclusive; N 1/2 Lot 84; Lots 85-98 inclusive; and Lots 117-124 inclusive.

DeWitt Township at Large Now Therefore, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you Clerk of Clinton County and you Supervisor of DeWitt Township and you Clinton County Road Commission are hereby notified of said "Review of Apportionments of said Drains," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time and place as stated aforesaid from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the aforesaid drainage districts, the Special Assessment Districts will be subject to review.

And You and Each of You, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 15th day of December A.D. 1975. Dale R. Chapman, County Drain Commissioner, County of Clinton. 35-2

1040 Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. I am 65 years old and have just sold my home. I've heard that because of my age, I may not have to pay tax on some of the profit I made from the sale. Is this true?

A. Yes. If you were 65 or older before the date of the sale or exchange of your house, you may be able to exclude from your income all or part of the gain from the sale. However, you are allowed to do this only once in your life, and you must have owned and used the property as your principal residence for at least five of the eight years immediately before the date of the sale.

If you meet these requirements, and if the adjusted sales price of your home is \$20,000 or less, you may elect to exclude the entire gain from your income. This elec-

tion must be made by both taxpayers if the property is jointly owned. If the adjusted sales price is more than \$20,000, you may still be able to exclude part of the profit. For more information, see IRS Publication 523, Tax Information on Selling Your Home. It's available free from your IRS Office.

Q. I have a full-time job in one city, but I live with my family in a city 100 miles away, and I must travel back and forth each week. Are any of the travel and living expenses deductible?

A. No. In a case like yours, your home, for tax purposes, is considered to be your principal place of business, employment or post of duty, regardless of where you maintain your family residence. Your food and lodging while at

your job and your travel expenses are considered personal expenses, and are not deductible. For more information, see IRS Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, and Gift Expenses, available free at your IRS Office.

Q. I made a down payment on a home I wanted to have built, but the construction company has just declared bankruptcy. I am told I have no chance of recovering my money. Is there some kind of loss which I can declare on my tax return?

A. When a construction company becomes insolvent and fails to perform under the terms of a contract, the unrecoverable deposit made for the construction of a residence is considered a non-business bad debt. The deposit must be treated as a short term capital loss, and is subject to the limitations on deductions for capital losses. Report the loss on Schedule D, Form 1040. For more details, see IRS Publication 548, Tax Information on Deduction for Bad Debts.

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Bread and Butter	Fruit
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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Fruit	
Bread and Butter	
Milk	
THURSDAY	
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"Think fat" says the auto club

A cholesterol-laden diet may add extra pounds but it will slow down the effects of Christmas-New Year's holiday drinking, advises Automobile Club of Michigan.

Realizing that 80 percent of Michigan motorists will take a drink and then drive during the holiday season, Auto Club asked Michigan State University nutritionists for tips on how to counteract the adverse effects of alcohol.

Their advice is to load up on

food high in fat content — soups swimming in heavy cream, salad dressings rich with mayonnaise, baked ham, cookies and pastries filled with lots of butter, chocolates and nuts.

The reason for this is that food high in fat content stays in the stomach longer, absorbing the alcohol and slowing its entry into the bloodstream, the MSU nutritionists said.

Holiday hosts also should provide high-fat snacks to

munch on at the pre-dinner cocktail hour. Some suggestions for high-fat, party food include potato chips and any rich, salty commercial crackers, accompanied by dips made from sour cream or cheese balls with a cream cheese and cheddar cheese base. If you have to choose between an olive and a pickle, take the olive with all its oil, the nutritionists advise.

Auto Club's search for a "common sense" guide to holiday partying is part of its annual "First A Friend, Then A Host" (FAFTH) program, which was started in 1966 to help reduce Christmas-New Year's traffic deaths.

"Since the Auto Club began its FAFTH program, the death toll over the Christmas and New Year's weekends has been cut from an average of 10-a-day in 1965 to less than half that last year," reports James G. Moffat, Auto Club general manager.

A total of 12 persons lost their lives during last year's holiday period when the Christmas and New Year's holidays lasted 30 hours each.

This year, the holiday periods each will cover 102 hours. The Christmas holiday officially begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and ends at midnight Sunday, Dec. 28. New Year's begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

The last 102-hour Christmas-New Year's holidays were in 1973, when a total of 37 persons lost their lives on Michigan highways.

"Past experience has shown that more than half of all holiday traffic deaths involve alcohol and occur within 25 miles from home," Moffat noted. "The FAFTH program is Auto Club's way of reminding holiday party-givers that a

delightful evening can end in tragedy if they forget their obligation as hosts."

Here are some tips for party-givers:

- If a guest appears to have had too much to drink, make sure someone else gives him a ride home or call a taxi.
- Stop serving alcoholic beverages before the party ends.
- Always make sure there are plenty of those high-fat snacks beverages or coffee in plain view should your guests prefer to limit their drinking.
- Make sure there are plenty of those high-fat snacks to munch on when guests are partaking of a little holiday cheer.

MSU nutritionists consulted by Auto Club for advice on holiday eating and drinking cautioned that Americans' diets already are too high in fat content. But they conceded that many people stop counting calories during the holiday season. In view of this, a high-fat diet is the one that will best enable drinking party-goers to help keep from becoming unfit motorists.

So, if you are going to offer guests a relish tray before dinner, make sure there are plenty of olives and pile lots of cream cheese and sour cream on those celery sticks. Then, follow it up with a high-fat dinner rich with cream sauce, butter, fatty meat and gravy, and top it off with a dessert of French vanilla ice cream and chocolate mint sauce or pastries.

Your guests may add a few pounds but these high-fat goodies will slow down the effects of the drinks they consume and maybe save a few lives on the drive home after the party's over.



That's the advice offered through Automobile Club of Michigan's "First A Friend, Then A Host" campaign (FAFTH) to social drinkers who will be driving during the Christmas-New Year's holiday. A high-cholesterol meal, such as the one being served to Arthur C. Gibson, Auto Club safety and traffic manager, acts like a sponge by holding alcohol in the stomach and slowing its absorption rate into the blood where it intoxicates. Auto Club employee Lynn Atkinson helps Gibson "load up" on such high-in-fat-content foods as chicken velvet soup, baked ham in mustard sauce, stuffed potato and French vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce. Recognizing that 80 percent of Michigan motorists will drink and drive this holiday season, Auto Club recommends that party-goers start with a full stomach to help retard the flow of alcohol from the stomach into the blood. Auto Club still acknowledges that the best recipe for holiday fun-seekers is to let someone who hasn't been drinking do the driving. Auto Club's high-cholesterol meal, which also includes a frozen fruit salad, relishes, bread and butter, was planned by Michigan State University nutritionists and prepared by chefs at Dearborn Inn.

Think fat

The slim look might be chic, but Automobile Club of Michigan advises motorists who will participate in social drinking this holiday to "Think Fat."

A full stomach helps retard the flow of alcohol from the stomach into the blood, and Auto Club advises that a cholesterol-laden diet acts best to retard the intoxicating effects of alcohol.

HERE IS a complete menu selected from several high-fat recipes supplied to Auto Club by Michigan State University specialists in food science and human nutrition that party-goers or hosts might want to consider:

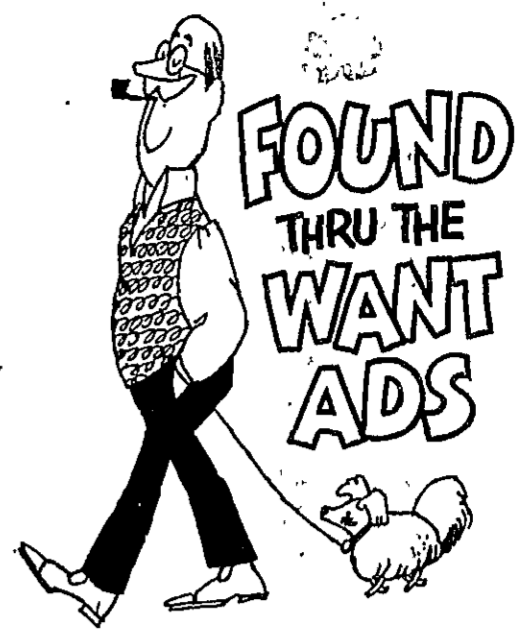
- Chicken Velvet Soup
- Baked Ham
- Mustard Sauce
- Baked Stuffed Potatoes
- Frozen Fruit Salad
- French Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Mint Sauce

RECIPES FOR the soup, sauce, stuffed potatoes and fruit salad follow:

- Chicken Velvet Soup**
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 6 cups chicken stock
 - 1 cup warm milk
 - 1 cup warm cream
 - 1 1/2 cups finely diced chicken
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - pepper to taste
- Melt butter; add flour and cook over low heat until well-blended; add two cups of hot chicken stock and the warm milk and cream. Cook slowly, stirring frequently until thick. Add remaining four cups of chicken stock and chicken and heat to boiling. Season with salt and pepper. Serves eight.

- Mustard Sauce for Baked Ham**
- 1 tbsp. chopped onion
 - 3 tsp. butter
 - 2 tsp. flour
 - 1 cup milk or light cream
 - 3 tsp. prepared mustard
 - 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Brown onion slightly in butter; add flour, then milk or cream to make a sauce. When thick, add mustard. Makes one cup.
- Baked Stuffed Potatoes**
- 8 Idaho potatoes
 - 2 tsp. butter
 - 1 cup (or more) sour cream
 - parmesan cheese
 - salt and pepper

- Bake potatoes about 40 minutes to one hour, depending on size. When half done, puncture skins once with fork to allow steam to escape, then return them to oven to finish baking. When completely baked, cut them in half lengthwise, scoop out pulp and mash with fork. (Mixture should be somewhat lumpy.) Add about two tablespoons butter and salt and pepper to taste. Then add sour cream and continue mashing to get proper consistency for stuffing mixture into potato shells or place it in a greased casserole. Then sprinkle potato mixture with parmesan cheese and return them to oven for about 30-40 minutes before serving.
- Frozen Fruit Salad**
- 1/2 cup each of Royal Ann and Bing cherries halved and pitted
 - 1/2 cup each of canned pears, peaches and pineapple diced and drained
 - 1/8 cup powdered sugar
 - 1/2 cup pineapple juice
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/4 tsp. lemon rind, grated
 - 1 cup whipping cream, whipped
 - 1/2 cup marshmallows
- Mix all of the diced fruits and set aside to drain; mix powdered sugar, pineapple juice, mayonnaise and grated lemon rind until sugar is dissolved. Then fold in whipped cream, fruit and marshmallows; place in molds; and freeze. Serves eight.



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Michigan motorists: keep up good record

With Michigan showing a lower traffic death toll for a second year in a row, State Police Director Col. George L. Halverson today urged motorists cooperation in extending this improvement in travel safety through the holiday periods to the year end.

Halverson pointed out that the holiday season provides an especially appropriate time for motorists and pedestrians to show good will and concern for safety by exerting extra attention toward traffic accident prevention.

He cautioned that general holiday excitement can distract motorists from giving full attention to hazards of reduced visibility, snowy or icy roads and excessive speeds. He also urged motorists to refrain from driving if their holiday celebrating includes any immoderate drinking.

Michigan for only the second time in 12 years will have a traffic death toll below 2,000 this year. Last year the toll was 1,875. In the 1964-73 period the tolls all were over 2,000. This year's total is expected to range about 1,800 or less.

The holiday periods this year will be 102 hours long, extending from 6 p.m. Wednesday through the midnight Sunday for both the Christmas and New Year periods. Traffic accidents claimed nine deaths during Christmas and three during New Year's in 30-hour periods last year in Michigan.

All State Police districts and posts will operate highway patrols as manpower permits. In addition, selective enforcement teams totalling about 30 officers will devote special attention to those highway sections showing bad accident experience.



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Potential wood shortage looms

EAST LANSING — Private forest landowners can play a major role in averting what is shaping up to be a severe wood shortage. "By the year 2000, U.S. annual timber consumption will be about 23 billion cubic feet, nearly double current annual use," says Dr. Melvin R. Koelling, Michigan State University Extension forestry specialist.

About 12 billion cubic feet are produced yearly from government and industrial timber stands, which comprise nearly one-third of the nation's forest lands.

"Private landowners hold the remaining two-thirds of our forest lands, most of which is very unproductive because of poor or non-existent forest management," Koelling says.

But a turnaround is possible. "Whether it is a five acre woodlot or 1,000, the land can be brought into profitable production providing substantial return on investment," Koelling says.

The private landowner can make the acreage as productive as any industry forest lands. "It is not unreasonable to expect upwards of 200 board feet per acre per year from good hardwoods as red oak, sugar maple, black walnut and similar hardwoods, all of which grow well in lower Michigan," Koelling says.

Timber management practices include thinning and pruning of selected trees. Underbrush and low value species, trees of poor form (crooked or double trunked trees, etc.) are removed. Once the production format is established, selected trees need to be pruned of branches 17 feet up the trunk to produce a good base log 16 feet long.

Landowners may obtain educational advice from MSU Extension, their local soil conservation district, Michigan Department of Natural Resources or from foresters in private industry. Cost-sharing is available through the local ASCS office.

"There is no reason why the private landowner should not take advantage of the potential return good forest land provides in terms of money, improved wildlife habitat and increased recreational value," Koelling says.

American wood production can be tripled. "Such an endeavor is far better than allowing productive land to remain unproductive which is of little value to anyone. Forest land is the same as any field or garden—it exists to produce. Timber, as is any field or garden crop, is a renewable resource that should be harvested regularly, just as we do our other croplands," Koelling says.

Timber products are used in part of everyone's daily activity. The more obvious forms are in home building, food packaging and furniture construction. Other uses include insulation, linoleum, clothing and auto production.

"We use 675 pounds of paper per capita per year. By the year 2000, that amount will have reached 1,000 pounds. Other uses will increase similarly," Koelling says.

Woodlot management meetings are being held throughout Michigan this winter and spring. Sites will be in St. Joseph County, Jan. 21; Detroit, March 13; Cass County, March 30; Van Buren County, March 31; Ionia County, April 1 and Barry County, April 8. Program topics include management of hardwood woodlots, pine plantations, marketing and sources of technical assistance.

Today's tip for safer winter driving from DeWitt Chief of Police Wendell Myers: "Despite improvements in vehicles, tires and traction equipment, tire chains are still the ultimate self-help traction aid for pulling through deep snow or climbing snow-packed, icy grades. Tests by the National Safety Council show that reinforced tire chains provide from four to seven times as much traction as regular highway tires on snow and ice."

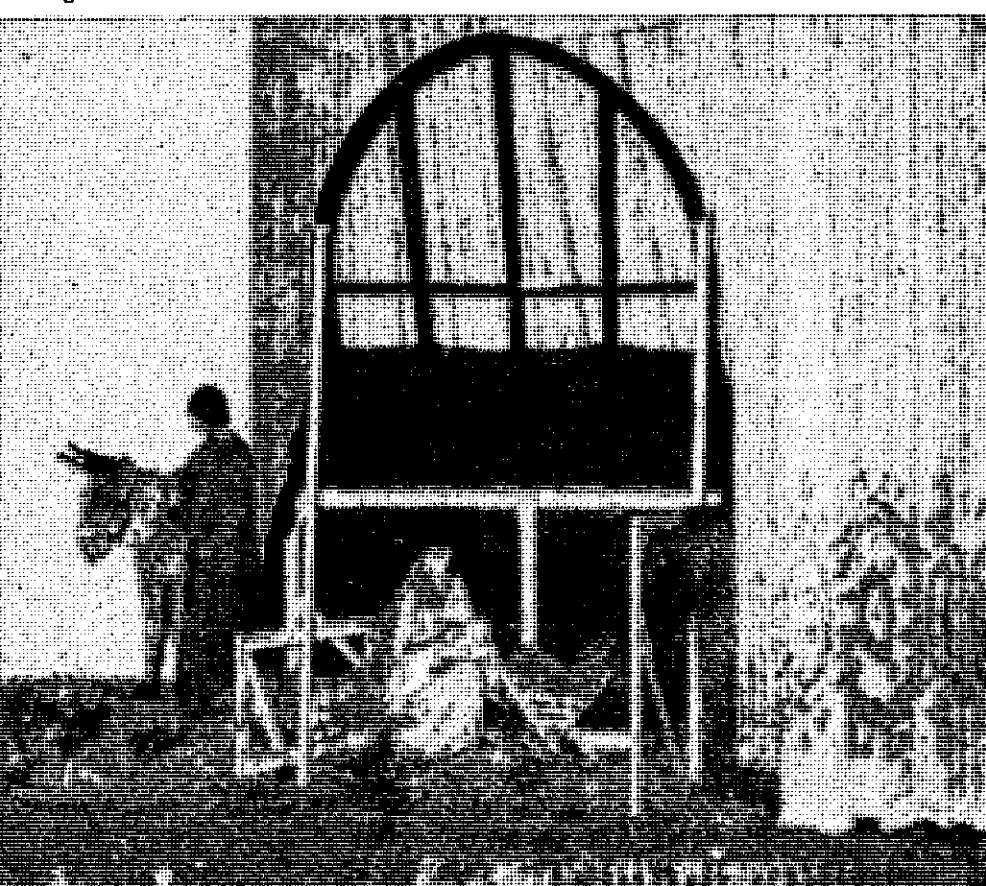
Ovid-Elsie High School Christmas program



The Madrigal Singers of Ovid-Elsie High School under the directorship of Roger Weyersberg musically "deck the halls with boughs of holly" at last Thursday night's Christmas program. A full house heard the group deliver a musical interpretation of the Nativity which featured Pam Leslie on the flute and Nadine Weyersberg on the oboe.



Ole Santa found himself a special guest conductor of the Ovid-Elsie High School band last Thursday night during the school's annual Christmas music program. The band opened the evening's performance with several Christmas selections followed by musical offerings by the Madrigal Singers and the high school choir.



Ovid-Elsie residents witnessed a live nativity scene last Thursday night at Ovid High School during which a musical story was being presented in song by the Madrigal Singers and various featured soloists. Chris Erickson portrayed Mary while Wayne Swender appeared as Joseph.

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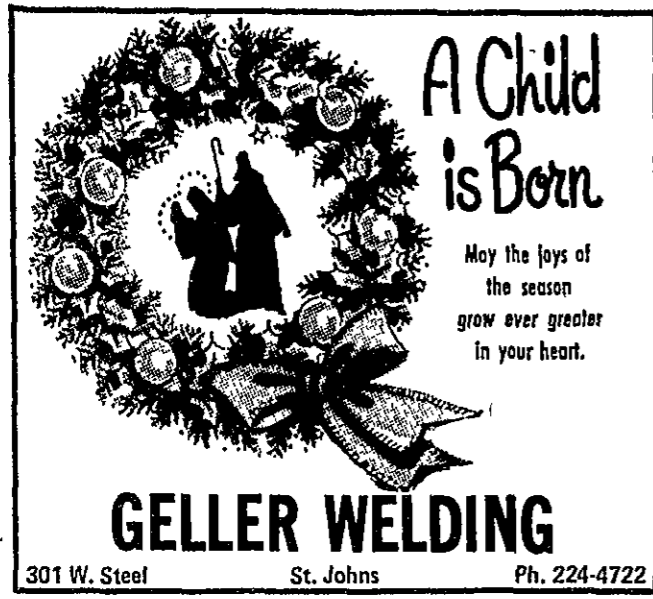
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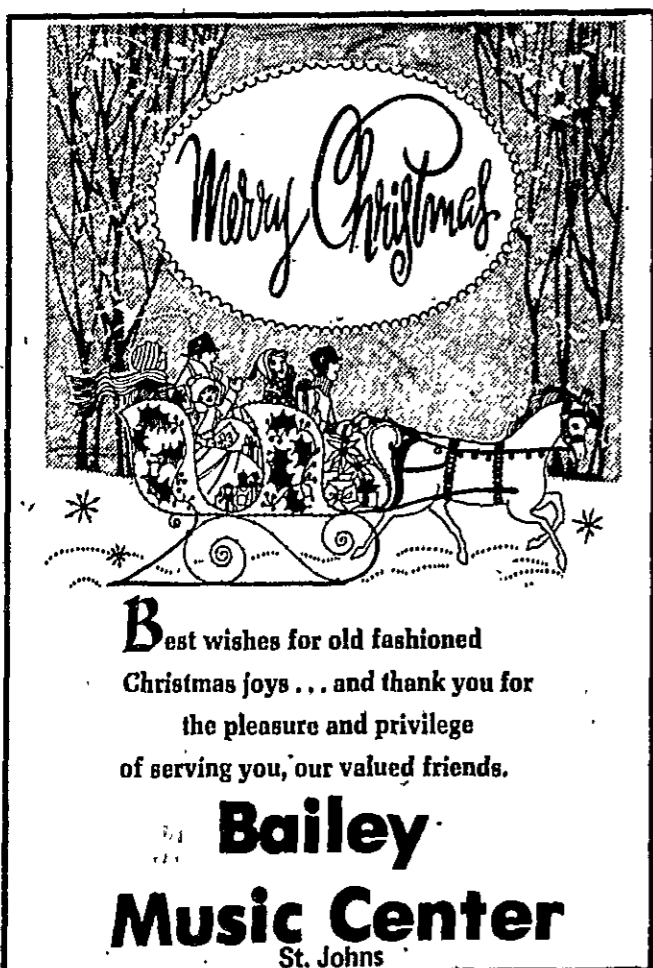
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Scout pack 572 helped Santa by collecting 2 cans of food per boy as the admittance fee to their Christmas Party, the evening of Dec. 17. The party was held in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns. The 36 scouts entertained their families and friends with a Christmas play entitled "Holiday for Santa," written by Jessie Nicholson. All joined voices to sing some traditional Christmas Carols. Afterwards, Bob Cat Badges, membership cards and citizen awards were presented. The evening included a visit from Santa and refreshments. A cake was donated for the occasion by Pierce Bakery. Shown with Santa are: Mike Humenik, Jimmy Schultheiss, Pat Makara and David Kramer.

General Telephone asks rate increase

NORTON SHORES - General Telephone Company of Michigan has filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission for authority for a general rate increase, according to Jack Reitze, president of the company. The application was filed Friday afternoon (December 19).

The company has asked to be allowed earnings commensurate with today's costs of doing business, Reitze said. The application seeks \$10.2 million of additional revenue of which approximately \$5 million would be retained after payment of federal and state taxes.

General Telephone's applications were made in 1970 and 1974.

"In our 1974 application, we asked the MPSC to grant us rate increases which could produce earnings at the level they authorized back in 1970," Reitze explained.

He pointed out that the cost of doing business have increased substantially since that earnings level was authorized in 1970.

"We're a capital intensive business, which means we rely heavily on the availability of investor money which we must use to help finance our annual service improvement and expansion programs," he said.

"Last year we sold \$25 million in bonds at an interest rate of 11 percent and \$18 million of preferred stock at 12.24 percent. By comparison, our present overall authorized earnings level is only 8.9 percent."

Reitze pointed out, however, that General Telephone has not even been able to earn at the presently authorized level.

He said the present rate filing is an attempt to offset the greatly increased costs of capital and provide the company with an adequate rate of return which would enable it to continue to attract additional investor dollars.

He pointed out, also, that earnings, to a great degree, dictate a company's "bond rating" and the "bond rating," in turn, dictates the rate of interest the company must pay when it seeks to sell bonds to raise capital. Improved earnings can lead to higher bond ratings. Higher bond ratings mean lower interest rates which can save the customers of a capital intensive utility millions of dollars.

Other costs have gone up as well, including building and equipment costs.

Another example cited by Reitze is the recent labor contract, settle earlier this year, which will cost the

company an additional \$9.3 million over two years.

"We must remain competitive in the labor market in order to attract the high quality employees necessary to help us provide the service our customers want and deserve," he said.

General Telephone serves more than 588,000 telephone located in 543 Michigan communities. The company's operating area includes all or parts of 61 of the state's 83 counties.

THE YULE LOG STORY

Remember those familiar scenes of men and horses pulling a freshly-cut log home o'er the snow from the forest? It was the Yule log, destined for a Christmas fireplace! It lighted up the house with a cheery glow, turned night into day, and made the holiday festivities so much gayer.

This custom, which is observed in many places, goes far back into pagan times, long before Christianity.

Our ancestors called it the Mid-Winter Fire Festival. It was held indoors because of the bad weather outside.

The Yule log, generally an oak tree, would be ceremoniously lighted from a fragment saved expressly for this purpose from the year before.

When the new log sent out its brilliant flames it was believed that the house and family would once again be protected against lightning and fires; that the cattle and grain fields would thrive, and all the earth would be fertile.



Christmas Wishes

Hope the holiday season lifts your spirit with happiness, laughter.

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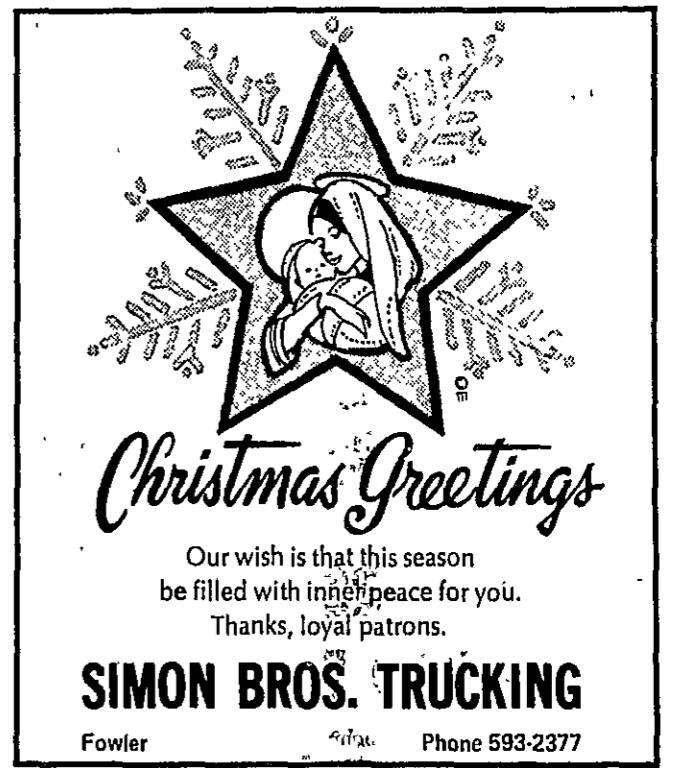
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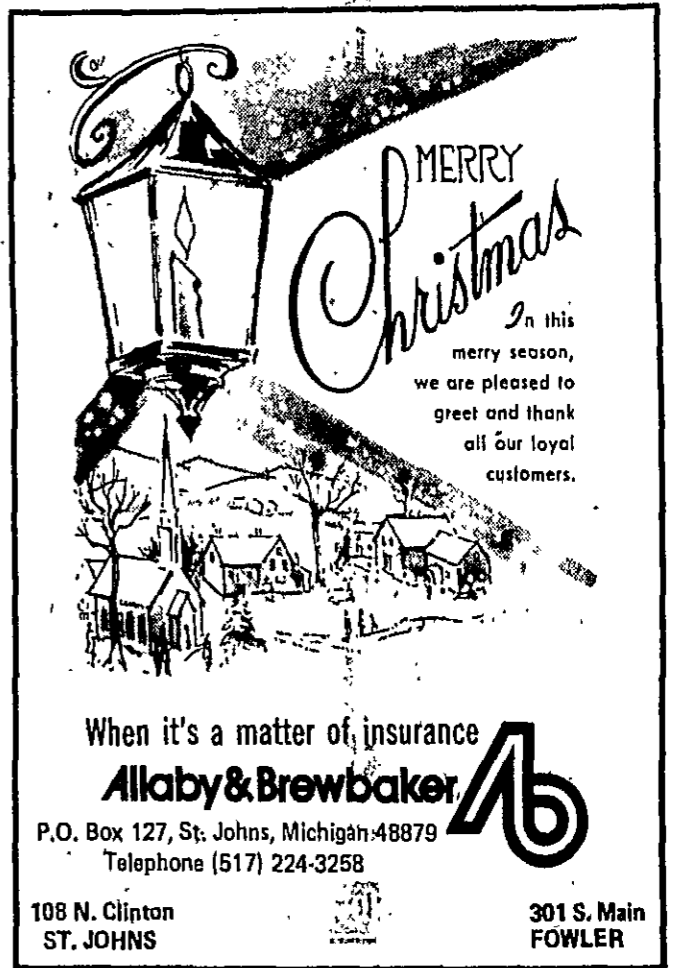
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Nativity Creche Art Dramatizes Story Of Birth Of Christ

According to legend, remnants of the manger at Bethlehem were brought to Italy by early Christians. It is not surprising that some 1300 years later, St. Francis of Assisi should have chosen to renew its spirit and meaning in the hermitage of Greccio in the Umbrian mountains.

"I desire to represent the birth of that Child in Bethlehem in such a way that with our bodily eyes we may see all that He suffered for lack of the necessities for a newborn babe, and how he lay in the manger between the ox and ass."

His friend, Giovanni Vellita, proceeded to carry out these instructions, setting up a life-size manger with straw and a live ox and ass. Members of the community posed as Mary, Joseph and the shepherds and a wax figure of the Christ Child was placed in the manger. A great throng assembled to worship at the site on Christmas Eve 1223. Many songs and hymns were sung, and so impressive and awe-inspiring was the ceremony, that Greccio assumed the fame of a second Bethlehem as the news spread far and wide.

Inspired by St. Francis, artisans and craftsmen began to make miniature manger scenes for their homes, and the creches spread all over Europe.

Whole families fashioned the little figures from wood or clay and created replicas of Bethlehem, as they imagined it would look. Often these scenes looked more like their own villages than the Holy Land.

In Naples, these creches developed into a fashionable art because of the interest of the Bourbon King Carlo III, who set the pace by the elaborate settings of the Nativity scene, which he had set up in his castle every Christmas Eve.

The members of the court took up the hobby of their king and soon all the great Neapolitan families were vying with each other to produce brilliant and lavish

creche displays. They employed the talents of the best sculptors and the ladies of the great houses frequently made elaborate clothes of velvets and satins for the figures.

The most outstanding of these figures were produced in the workshops of Naples during the second half of the eighteenth century. The Metropolitan Museum has a large collection of them, which are usually on display during the Christmas season. Most of these are from the famous collection owned by the great Neapolitan Cataldo family.

The figures, an average of 12 to 18 inches in height, have pliable bodies of wov-

en twine and wire, expressive faces. The limbs are of finely carved wood. The figures are dressed in 18th century costumes, enriched with jewels and embroidery. The heads and shoulders of the figures, modeled in terracotta and painted in flesh tones, are credited to some of 18th-century Naples' finest sculptors: Giuseppe Sammartino and his pupils, Salvatore de Franco, Giuseppe Gori and Angelo Viva.

Creches are also popular in other parts of Europe notably Provence in France, and in Spain. But none has reached the high degree of artistic elegance of those of 18th century Naples.



AWED SHEPHERDS AND THEIR GOATS, polychromed terracotta, wood, fabric, tow and wire. Shepherds 15 1/2" high, Italian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of 18th century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.



THE THREE KINGS, attributed to Giuseppe Sammartino. Polychromed terracotta, wood, fabric, tow and wire and silver-gilt. 14 1/2" to 15" high. Italian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of 18th century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.



NATIVITY GROUP, Mary and Joseph attributed to Salvatore di Franco; Baby Jesus to Giuseppe Sammartino. Polychromed terracotta, wood, fabric, tow and wire, silver-gilt, straw and cork. Height of Joseph, 15". Italian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of 18th century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.



That's the courthouse Christmas tree in St. Johns on the left and, on the right, the photo shows why it hasn't been shining brightly at night recently. Repeated vandalism of the decorations has resulted in at least 100 lights stolen and extensive damage to the electrical wiring for the decorations. Due to the expense of the repeated vandalism, the County News was told by a Chamber of Commerce spokesman that it was financially impossible to keep the lights repaired to shine through the Christmas holidays.

Weather prompts area accidents

There was a rash of complaints about icy intersections in DeWitt Twp. following the

snow storm Friday night that dumped 10 inches of snow on the area.

Treacherous driving conditions were responsible for at least 15 minor accidents in DeWitt Twp. according to Police Chief William Nash.

"People have been driving very well up until now," he said in a telephone interview Monday. "But it seems they forgot about special winter circumstances."

He urged area motorists to remember to adjust their driving to fit weather conditions.

Police investigate

DeWitt Twp. Police are investigating a breaking and entering at the Paul Anthony residence, 341 E. Sheridan Rd., DeWitt Twp. A 15" color t.v. valued at \$200 was taken Dec. 15. Police reported that there was no sign of forced entry.

Thieves broke into the Nordhaus Restaurant Dec. 21 through a rear entrance and took \$1200.00 in cash late Monday night.

The incident is being investigated by DeWitt Twp. police.

Schedule benefit in St. Johns

ST. JOHNS—The St. Johns Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring a "Hard Times Ball" Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music for the dance, to be held at St. Joseph's gym, will be provided by The Music Makers. Tickets are \$8 per couple with

proceeds to be used to provide a business scholarship for a high school senior. Mix and snacks will be furnished.

Indians Had a Sacred Spring Festival Tree Upon Which They Hung Gifts

In early pioneer days in America, Indian children were invited in to see the Christmas tree and were given extra food. On one occasion — in fact, probably on many more than just one — Indians were found dancing around the tree, stamping and whooping in the familiar manner of ceremonially excited braves.

prompted less by ideas of doing good and sharing with the less fortunate, than the more human one of raising one's prestige.

They had, also, a tree upon which they hung gifts. This was considered a sacred spring festival tree, not a Christmas tree. A tribe in North Dakota would plant, each year, a young cedar near the big medicine lodge. Children brought gifts of moccasins, pelts, shawls and so forth to hang on the branches of what was called, with the simplicity of so-called primitive peoples, Grandmother.

In the fall, Grandmother was uprooted and set afloat on the Missouri river for a long journey into the Great Beyond. Much in the way that Alaskans are reported to have set adrift their old folks, upon the icy water floes.

The Indians of course recognized that the white brothers' Christmas was an important occasion. It came to be called by tribes The Big Eating. By others, in districts frequented by French trappers, who kissed each other as they exchanged gifts, it was known as Kissing Day.

CMU offers Ionia course

MT. PLEASANT -- A course in educational administration will be offered in Ionia this winter by Central Michigan University - Off Campus Education. Registration will be in Room 124, Ionia High School. The course is listed as Educational Administration 667, "Administration of Community Education," and earns three semester hours graduate credit. It will seek to identify community needs and deal with the organization and management of new and ongoing programs. Dr. John Palmer will be the instructor.

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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Park plans continue in City of DeWitt

DEWITT - Although Community Development grant money is now out of the question, the Cherry Street Park in DeWitt is still a reality. Originally financing for the park was to have come from the Community Development grant money, but DeWitt did not meet the poverty level required by such a grant.

At their most recent City Council meeting, the Council voted to establish a fund to finance the park and Dick

Kiebler got the ball rolling, making the first donation in the sum of \$150.

Expensive fill for the park was provided by using the dirt removed from the roadway during a Lake Geneva paving project.

It is estimated that purchasing the dirt to fill in at the park would have cost \$12,000.

CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE

DeWitt City offices will be closed at 2 p.m. Dec. 24 and will re-open at 8 a.m. Dec. 29.

St. Johns Police report

St. Johns Police officers were kept busy over the weekend with a series of weather-related accidents.

Most involved collisions caused by the inclement weather.

There were no serious injuries reported.

The most treacherous intersection seemed to be Lansing St. and the private road leading to the Village Square complex. A total of five automobiles were involved in low-speed collisions. No tickets were issued.

The first accident occurred Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m. when

Fergus Thompson of 4149 W. Parks Rd., St. Johns was turning left onto Lansing St. from the private Village Sq. Rd. at the same time Oscar Husted of 609 N. Morton was making a right turn into the private drive off of Lansing St. The cars collided in the intersection.

A third auto, northbound on Lansing St., driven by Stephanie Toth, 19, of 205 S. Floral Ave., St. Johns, was involved in the accident when it collided with the auto driven by Oscar Husted.

There were no injuries, and police blamed the extremely slippery conditions as the cause of the pile-up and issued no tickets.

In another accident at the same intersection, an automobile driven by Lucy Wiggen of Kinley Rd., Fowler, slid into a car driven by Suzanna Hospodar of 2426 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns.

Wiggen was attempting to turn left onto Lansing while Hospodar was attempting to turn right onto the private road. There were no injuries, and no tickets were issued.



John Aylsworth, Clinton County 4-H agent displays the new plat book for Clinton County, featuring a Bicentennial cover. The books, \$5 each, are available at the Extension Office, Burton Abstract, Clinton National Bank and Trust, St. Johns Co-op, St. Johns Business Service, Farm Bureau office, Westphalia Milling, Grand Ledge Produce and G&L Sales. The new plat book contains, in addition to owners and location of land of 10 acres and more, mail routes and a government directory. Proceeds from the sale of the books go to the county 4-H program.

Cederberg lauds agreement

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The ranking Minority Member of the House Appropriations Committee called the agreement by the House of Representatives to match \$18 billion in tax reductions in fiscal 1977 with a dollar for dollar reduction in federal spending "a step toward fiscal responsibility, by stemming inflation and growing government deficits".

average working man," said Cederberg.

"This is a cruel burden especially on the poor because they can least afford to pay this unfair tax."

The dean of Michigan Congressional delegation said the Congressional compromise still does not contain sufficient tax relief for the middle income taxpayer.

"These people are the backbone of our country and pay a large amount of taxes," stated Cederberg. "They should get their fair share of the tax reductions. The \$28 billion tax cut, proposed by the President, would alleviate this major inequity."

Congressman Cederberg stressed that the Congress must continue to put its fiscal house in order. He said a \$28 billion tax cut could only be conditional on a \$28 billion cut in spending.

"This is not an unrealistic goal as the opponents of this legislation have stated," continued Cederberg. "The President has promised to submit to the Congress in January a \$395 billion budget for fiscal 1977 which will incorporate this goal."

"The Congress cannot continue to cut taxes on one hand, while on the other hand they are raising Federal expenditures, knowing full well that these obligations must be paid for either by future taxpayers or by the merciless tax of constant inflation," concluded Cederberg.

Congressman Al Cederberg (R-Michigan) said the spending limitations, contained in the compromise bill to President Ford's veto of the tax cut extension, were necessary if Congress wants to regain control of the budget process. He noted, however, that this commitment would not have been made without President Ford's insistence and veto.

"Earlier this year, I introduced legislation to impose a lid on federal spending. I am happy that the Congress has finally recognized that need," said Cederberg.

The President vetoed the tax cut extension, which would have provided \$18 billion in tax cuts next year, because it did not contain a Congressional commitment to limit expenditures.

Magna Cum Laude grad

Marti C. Mihalyi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mihalyi, formerly of St. Johns, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

Miss Mihalyi earned a B.S. in English with special emphasis on creative writing. She received a minor in sociology.

While she was a student, Miss Mihalyi was included in "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges;" belonged to the Sigma Tau Delta, a honorary sorority for English majors; and Pi Kappa Delta speech honorary.

Mihalyis are currently residing in Burlington, Wisconsin.

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Clinton area obituaries

Blanche Peterson

Funeral services for Mrs. A. Blanche Coy Peterson of Watertown, N.Y., former resident of the Elsie area, were held Friday, Dec. 19 from Jennings-Lyons Chapel in Owosso, with burial in Ridge Road Cemetery. The Rev. Thomas E. Dunn officiated.

Mrs. Peterson died Monday in Watertown. She was 79.

Mrs. Peterson was born March 10, 1896 in Elsie, daughter of Charles H. and Amanda (Vancuren) Call. She attended Elsie area schools and graduated from Elsie High School. She was married to Lee L. Coy, April 29, 1914. He died in 1959. She later married Arthur J. Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson moved from Henderson about eight years ago and resided in Watertown and Tampa, Florida. A homemaker, she was a member of the Free Methodist Church.

Surviving Mrs. Peterson are: her husband; two sons, Dr. Charles H. Coy of Okemos and Lew L. Coy of Wixom; a sister, Mrs. Frank (Bina) Pearce of Burlington, Ky.; five grand-

children; three great grandchildren and a step-daughter, Mrs. Alfred (Rowina) Babcock of Watertown.

Pearl Munson

ELSIE (c) - Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Munson, 87, of 203 N. Knowlton St., Elsie were held at Carter-Funeral Home, Thursday, with the Rev. LaVern A. Bretz officiating. Burial was made in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Munson died Monday, Dec. 15, at Owosso Memorial Hospital after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Munson, the daughter of William and Mary Baese, was born Oct. 31, 1888 in Bennington Township. She had resided in Elsie since 1912.

She was first married to Harry Price in July 1910 in Fairfield Township. She later married Merle Munson in Ovid in July 1925.

Mrs. Munson was a member of the Elsie Baptist Church and the Elsie Blue Star Mothers. Surviving are: two sons, William Price of Elsie and Charles Munson of Fort Myers, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Lucille

Bauder of Shepherd; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Two sons preceded her in death.

Dorothy May (Ebert) Miller



MIDLAND - Funeral services were held Dec. 15 from St. Bridgette's Catholic Church in Midland for Dorothy May (Ebert) Miller, 47, 412 Cronkright, Midland. Fr. Max Frego officiated.

She died, Dec. 12 at a Midland Hospital following a long illness.

A graduate of Elsie High School and Michigan State University, she had been employed as a teacher at St. Bridgette's Catholic Church in Midland.

She was born Nov. 19, 1928 in Chicago, the daughter of Roy and Helen Ebert.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Kathy of Delaware, Jeannie of Arizona, and Carol at home; 1 son, Rob, at home; 5 brothers, Jack and Tom Ebert of S. Carolina; Roy Ebert of St. Johns, Jim Ebert of DeWitt and George Ebert of Flint and 1 granddaughter.

Graveside services were held at Riverside Cemetery in Elsie.

Walter Suchek

ST. JOHNS - Walter Suchek, 61, of 4791 W. Parks Rd., St. Johns died Dec. 20 at his home following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Home Tuesday, Dec. 23 with Pastor Michael Ruhl officiating. Burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Suchek was born in Chicago Ill. May 22, 1914, to Paul and Anna Senakouich Suchek. He resided on Parks Rd. since 1927.

He married Irene Bandt in Angola Ind. April 6, 1937, and was employed as a set-up man at Motor Wheel.

Survivors include: his wife, Irene; son Walter Jr. of St. Johns; daughters Mrs. Roberta Magoli of Elsie, Mrs. Sue Ann Suchek and Miss Debora Suchek both of St. Johns; sisters Mrs. Helen Michaud of Diamondale, Mrs. Mary Goelsch of Lansing and Mrs. Stella McCoy of Lansing; and 7 grandchildren.

Adeline Baker

Mrs. N. Adeline Baker, 81, formerly of 500 West Gibbs St., St. Johns, died Dec. 17, 1975 at Clinton Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns, Dec. 20 with the Rev. Francis Johannides of the United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Baker was born in Fayette County, Ill. on Dec. 24, 1893, to Charles A. and Ida Ann Young Jenkins.

She came to the St. Johns area in 1914. She married Delmer Baker March 15, 1914 in Illinois. He preceded her in death, August of 1970.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Maple River Grange.

Survivors include daughters: Mrs. Clyde (Verna) Peck of St. Johns, Mrs. Valentine (Mildred) Stoy of rural St. Johns, Mrs. Wendall (Delma) Bolton of Ovid; brother, William Jenkins of Cerro Gordo, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

News about Medicare costs in coming year

Medicare patients with Michigan Blue-Cross-Blue Shield "complementary coverage" won't be faced with higher hospital deductible and coinsurance costs in 1976.

Deductible and coinsurance costs are the patient's out-of-pocket expenses required under the federal government's Medicare program.

Starting January 1, 1976 the government will increase the deductible for inpatient hospital care from \$92 to \$104. At the same time, the coinsurance charge for the 61st to the 90th day of hospitalization (per benefit period) will increase from \$23 a day to \$26 a day.

The deductible and coinsurance are both paid under the Blue Cross-Blue Shield complementary coverage.

Approximately 950,000 persons in Michigan are covered by Medicare and about 60 percent have Blue Cross-Blue Shield complementary coverage.

The government also increased the coinsurance liability for Medicare skilled nursing facilities. The patient's expense will increase from \$11.50 a day to \$13 a day for the 21st through the 100th day of care.

Persons with Blue Cross-Blue Shield complementary coverage which includes benefits for skilled nursing facilities will have the coinsurance paid under the blue Cross-Blue Shield policy.

Medicare was introduced in 1966 as part of the Social Security Act. It was designed for persons 65 and older and the disabled.

Following is a history of changes in Medicare deductibles and coinsurance:

Deductible	Coinsurance
July, 1966	\$40 \$10
Jan., 1969	44 11
Jan., 1970	52 13
Jan., 1971	60 15
Jan., 1972	68 17
Jan., 1973	72 18
Jan., 1974	84 21
Jan., 1975	92 23
Jan., 1976	104 26

Latest changes affect the "Part A" portion of Medicare - basic coverage for hospital, post-hospital and nursing home care, plus diagnostic services, home care and psychiatric hospital care.

Part A is automatically available to persons who reach age 65. There is no cost for this portion of the benefit.

"Part B" is a supplement which primarily covers physician and medical services. This benefit supplements home care and covers diagnostic tests, surgical dressings, ambulance service and the rental of medical equipment. It's optional and can be purchased for about seven dollars a month.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield offers complementary coverage for either or both benefits (Part A or Part B).

Ovid Girl Scouts busy with Yule activities

Girl Scout Troop #395 of Ovid held their Christmas party Dec. 18 at the East Elementary School.

They began with a flag ceremony and then distributed Christmas presents to the O-E Young Mothers' Club and East Elementary Kindergarten.

The girls had spent November and December making dolls, lotto games, and bean bag tosses as part of the Toymaker Badge.

Accepting them for the O-E Young Mothers Club were Mrs. Joyce Waite with the assistance of Sarah and Becky Waite, and Diane Chamberlain. Hugel Leonard accepted them for the kindergarten. The party continued with games and refreshments.

Also in celebration of the

Christmas season, they made the decorations for the Christmas tree in the Ovid post office.

Merry Christmas

Have a jolly Yuletide!

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Andrew Main

Andrew L. Main of 1405 N. Meridian Rd., Ovid, died Dec. 15 at Ingham Medical Hospital as the result of an automobile accident.

Main was 79. Funeral services were conducted from Houghton Chapel of Osgood Funeral Home, Dec. 17, by Rev. Earl Copelin.

Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by Ovid VFW Post 8964.

Mr. Main was born in Kent County, Mi., Feb. 19, 1896 to George and Nellie Rolison Main.

He attended Grizelburg Schools and made Clinton County his permanent home.



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