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Notes Santa Claus

ST. JOHNS Santa Claus is visits downtown too. He will be at Penney's on Saturday, Dec. 7 and 14, from 11 a.m. until noon. He will also be at Penny's on Tuesday, December 10 and 17, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Of course, pictures with Santa are available.

Tree lights

MAPLE RAPIDS The second annual Christmas Tree lighting will be held at the park in Maple Rapids on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

County residents are also invited to join in a Christmas carol sing-along at the park.

Following those activities, everyone is invited to the village hall, next to the park, for refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

Decorating

ST. JOHNS It is not too late to enter the 1985 Home Decorating Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Christmas displays may be entered in two categories, traditional and religious, with first place prizes to be awarded in both categories. There is no entry fee for the contest.

The deadline for entries is Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Judging will be held the next day.

Send entries to the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce. Please indicate both your address and the category you wish to enter.

Centennial

FOWLER The farm of Mark and Kay Klein, on Taft Road, has been certified as a centennial farm by the Michigan History Division of the Department of State.

In order to be certified a farm must have been in continuous possession of the same family for 100 years or more. The Klein farm was originally purchased in 1875 by Klein's grandparents, John and Anna Klein, from Marthias, Francireia and John Rocke.

Mint update

ST. JOHNS The Dec. 15 deadline approaches for Mint Festival event proposals. Committees are already working on some of the majors projects for the 1986 festival. Applications for the festival craft show are already available by contacting the Chamber at 224-7248.

But Chamber of Commerce Director Joann Martis reports she knows there are groups planning events the Chamber does not know about yet. Get those proposals into the Chamber soon in order to be included in Mint Festival promotion brochures.

Farmers

ST. JOHNS Susan Chant and Theodore Ashley, both of St. Johns, will be in the spotlight on Dec. 11 as they vie for the titles of Distinguished Young Farmer and Outstanding Young Farm Woman for 1985.

Both Chant and Ashley will be taking part in the Michigan Farm Bureau's annual meeting, to be held in Grand Rapids on that day.

Winner of the Distinguished Young Farmer will receive a trip to Atlanta, Ga., to participate in the national competition plus the use of a Deutz Allis tractor for one year. The Outstanding Young Farm Woman winner will travel to Washington D.C. next spring to participate in the organization's annual lobbying mission.

Auctions counted under Senate bill

A bill that would allow tax assessors and equalization directors to include farm auction sales in determining the cash value of farm land was approved by a Michigan Senate committee last week.

The bill does not include bankruptcy or liquidation sales and requires auctions to be a common sales method in the area in which the cash value is being assessed.

The House approved an identical bill earlier this year. The bill will come before the full Senate this week for approval. If the House concurs with a Senate amendment to the bill it will then go to the Governor for his signature.

By including auction sales in the assessment process, the legislation would increase the size of the sample used in determining farm land market values. Current law requires that only "arm's length" sales be included in the sample and auction sales are excluded. Some have said this has led to higher-than-actual market values and thus to inflated assessments.

THE SENATE FINANCE Committee, when it approved the bill last week, amended it to strike out a requirement in the House version of the bill that excluded auction sales that were "in response to an emergency."

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Photograph by Rich Wertz

Victorian

TREE OF OLD — The Historical Society's Katherine Rambaugh displays a weighted candle used during the Victorian era to decorate Christmas trees. The Victorian Christmas exhibit at Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum continues Wednesdays and Sundays until Jan. 2

Board kills summer tax collection

A summer tax collection for the St. Johns School District was killed for another year by the Board of Education last Wednesday.

Currently, taxpayers are billed once each year, in December, for school taxes. A summer tax collection, in which taxpayers would be billed for a portion of their taxes for the year, would create extra revenue for the school district by decreasing borrowing costs while increasing revenue to the district on earned interest.

The idea of implementing such a plan has come before the Board several times in recent years but was rejected each time.

Implementing a summer collection was offered as an option to the district by Phillip Runkel, state superintendent of education, in a letter to the district earlier this year.

The letter said a summer tax collection could increase revenues to the district by \$75,000.

Richard Terres, assistant superintendent for business for St. Johns schools, on Wednesday presented to the Board his own estimates of revenue to the district from a summer tax collection. His estimates were in the area of \$40,000.

"They're (the state education department) tottering on the high end and my figures are tottering on the conservative end," said Terres.

During discussion, Board members said the amount of money the district would gain by a summer tax collection would not be justified by the burden it would impose on taxpayers.

"It will cost the total taxpayers more money than the district will gain," said Trustee Eugene Livingston.

The Board looked at two plans for a summer tax collection. Under one plan, agricultural property would have been exempt from the summer collection. Under the other plan, 75 percent of agricultural property would have been exempt. Summer tax collection would be especially burdensome to farmers because the large amounts of property involved in farming and because farm income is not spread through the year as is the case with most other forms of income. Many farmers would be forced to borrow money to pay a summer tax bill.

However, Livingston said, in order to be exempt from a summer collection, farmers would have to file an exemption form each year.

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Schools still facing trouble, administrators say

By RICH WERTZ
Editor

Despite the tax increase approved by voters last month the financial position of St. Johns Public Schools will continue to deteriorate, school administrators said at a public hearing last Wednesday.

The deterioration justifies levying the entire 3.5 mill increase approved by voters Nov. 26, administrators and Board of Education members said at a public hearing.

The chairman of the citizen group Concerned Taxpayers of St. Johns requested at the hearing that the Board this year levy only 1.5 mills of the increase approved by voters. The Board will officially set the tax rate on Dec. 11. The Board gave no indication that it would honor the request and one member said it would be "fiscally irresponsible" to do so.

The hearing was required by state law before the millage increase could be levied. Seven days after the hearing — Dec. 11 — the Board is authorized by law to officially levy the tax.

Although the millage increase will allow the school district to operate at current levels, the cash fund equity is still expected to be almost depleted by the end of the fiscal year 1987-88, administrators said.

The fund equity is the amount of cash left over after expenditures are deducted from revenues at the end of the fiscal year.

At the hearing, Assistant Superintendent of Business Richard Terres presented figures showing a yearly decline in the cash fund equity of the district. Starting with a fund equity of \$424,838 at the end of this fiscal year it would decline to \$382,980 at the end of the 1986-87 fiscal year and to \$42,275 by the end of the 1987-88 fiscal year, according to the projections.

The projections are based on certain assumptions that will affect school revenues and expenditures, including a continuing decline in enrollment and a slight increase in state aid to schools, Terres said.

The projections assume a state aid increase of five percent per year and an enrollment decline of about 50 students per year.

Other assumptions are that the millage rate will remain constant, that salaries will increase by five percent per year, that all facilities will continue operating and that costs to the district will increase "based on

past economic trends and future forecasts."

Terres said the projections justify levying the entire 3.5 mill increase.

Concerned Taxpayers Chairman Harold Foster, who said last week that he would request the Board to levy only 1.5 mills, presented the Board with a statement making that request.

"We feel this would cover the 85-86 school year," he said in a written statement given to the press.

Board of Education Trustee Gary Whitford said in response to the request that given the projections presented by Terres it would be irresponsible to levy anything less than the full 3.5 mills.

"It seems to me fiscally irresponsible to levy anything less than the 3.5 mills, then go back to the public for more mills," he said. "We'd be back in a deficit situation and we'd have to go back to the voters for even more millage."

At the hearing, which was moved from the administrative and Board offices to the high school library in order to accommodate a crowd of about 60 district residents, administrators and the Board fielded a number of questions from residents about the school district's finances.

Two residents suggested that the enrollment decline could possibly be reduced by making the district more responsive to the desires of the residents, especially regarding transportation.

"There were a lot of people who were more than vocal about why they were changing their children to parochial schools," said Johanna Harris, a St. Johns school bus driver. "Sure, you can keep alienating people...and close all the schools eventually."

Whitford responded to those comments.

"I, for one, have advocated more complete busing to satisfy more people," he said.

But, he said, "We are providing public transportation to private schools."

Administrators and Board members have also said some of the busing problems began when the Board, responding to public pressure, decided not to close some rural schools and opted instead to keep them filled by busing in children from areas near the city.



Courtesy photograph

Christmas Concert

THE COMBINED Eighth Grade Bands, under the direction of John Speck, will perform the annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 12. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about one hour. The 84-piece ensemble will perform a variety of music from modern festival selections to Christmas favorites.

Again this year the Seventh Grade Band will also perform. It will begin the program with three traditional Christmas songs. Gregg Mowen, the new high school band director, will conduct a portion of the program.

There is no charge for admission.

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Family focus

Food gifts

Dawn Harris



Last week in my article I talked about how to package gifts for mailing. This week I would like to continue on that topic by giving some suggestions on how to send food gifts.

Food gifts are easy to send and a delight to receive when they are packaged correctly. If you are thinking of giving a food gift for Christmas this year, be sure it is one that travels well in the mail. Send foods that won't spoil quickly or crumble.

For example, drop and bar cookies travel better than the crispy types. The breads and cakes that travel best are those that are moist and have lots of fruit.

When packaging, wrap two cookies together back-to-

back in plastic or foil. Bar cookies can be cut and wrapped individually or left in one large piece to be cut later. If you plan to send breads or cakes, bake them in foil pans, remove the food while cooling, then slip them back in the pan for mailing. Place heavier foods on a layer of cushioning on the bottom and put lighter foods on top. The cushioning can be shredded paper or, if the foods are tightly wrapped, marshmallows or popcorn. After wrapping the package, be sure to mark it PERISHABLE — FOOD.

Special care in wrapping your gift will help assure the food arrives looking "good enough to eat". Dawn Harris is the Home Economist for the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service.

KAYSER — O'CONNOR Reside in Germany

Tammy Johanna O'Connor and Mark Edward Kayser were joined in marriage on Oct. 15 at St. Martin Catholic Church, Grosslittgen, West Germany.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Margaret O'Connor of Grosslittgen, West Germany. The groom is the son of Edward and Dianne Kayser of 5595 W. Centerline Road, St. Johns.

Father Ludger performed the double wedding ceremony for Tammy and Mark, and Tammy's sister, Kathleen, before 60 guests.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor length white gown of white tafata with a dotted swiss netting overskirt. The same netting was used in her veil which was attached to a white headpiece.

She carried a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses, fern and statice. She wore a "Wedding Bell" necklace and earrings, hand-made by the groom's grandmother, Celia Seeley of Lansing.

Serving as maid of honor was Isabelle O'Connor from Grosslittgen. She wore a street length gown in shades of maroon.

Best man was A/C Steve Edwards serving in the U.S. Air Force.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Gasthaus Steilen, Grosslittgen for the wedding couples and the bride's parents who were celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Festive cakes were served followed by a formal sit-down dinner.



Tammy and Mark Kayser

Special guests coming from the United States were the groom's parents and brothers, Brian and Matt; coming from England was the bride's uncle, Kevin O'Connor of Manchester; and the bride's grandmother, Frau Emmy Heck.

Following the wedding, the groom's parents and brothers traveled through West Germany, Austria, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland before returning to the United States.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Kayser are residing in Grosslittgen, West Germany after a honeymoon trip through Southern and Western Germany and Austria.



Family life

Gift giving

Mona Ellard

The holiday season is fast approaching. This year, why not make the joy of giving that much greater with food gifts from your kitchen...gifts that are as much fun to give as they are to receive.

Here are some exciting ideas to help you plan your holiday list so that each gift will be extra special. You can make the present as elaborate as you wish, whether it is for a relative, friend, mail carrier, or household helper. Even the person who "has everything" doesn't have your favorite recipe.

The secret of gift giving from your kitchen is to think of the particular trait, skill, or occupation of the person and plan the gift accordingly. Here are some fun ideas to help you get started:

The great entertainer

Make this tasty cheese spread and pack it into a pretty party crock. Melt one pound of your favorite yellow cheese in a microwave, on high, for two minutes or longer if needed. Add 1/2 cup of horseradish, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, and a dash of steak sauce. Mix well. Add a box of specialty crackers on a decorative serving tray and you have a perfect gift for hectic holiday entertaining.

Workaholic's survival kit

Give a friend who has very little time the makings for quick, delicious, and nutritious meals. There are a variety of dried soups and canned one-serving meals available. Add some individual servings of applesauce, puddings, crackers, and fresh fruit and your survival kit is complete.

The movie goer

Pop a tin of popcorn. Since flavored popped corn is so popular, you don't make it strawberry. Here's the recipe:

Strawberry Popcorn

- 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1-3 oz. pkg. strawberry gelatin
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 8 cups popped popcorn
- Combine corn syrup and sugar in saucepan; stir over low heat until dissolved. Bring to a full rolling boil. Remove from heat. Add gelatin; stir until dissolved. Pour over popped popcorn. Mix well. Pour onto waxed paper. Cool. Store in tightly covered container.

If your budget allows, why not attach two tickets for a movie or a coupon to rent a movie at your local video store.

Sinlessly sweet tooth

Line a wicker basket with holiday fabric or purchase a colorful metal tin and fill it with your own homemade candy...don't forget to include the recipe so they can make it too. Why not try these Mound-Copy Cats?

Mounds

- 3 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 4 cups coconut
- 3/4 cup mashed potatoes

- 1 tsp. almond
- Mix and refrigerate. Form into balls.
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 8 oz. pkg. of chocolate chips

Combine in double boiler and melt. After chocolate mixture is melted, drop coconut balls in and cover completely. Let dry on waxed paper.

Armchair muncher

You may have many friends and relatives who will fall under this category. Why not make them a nutritious snack to munch on while watching Monday Night Football or one of the long min-series? I'm sure anyone would enjoy Spiced Pecans:

Spiced Pecans

- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 2 cups pecan halves
 - 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
 - 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- Combine sugar, cream of tartar, and cinnamon with 1/4 cup water in saucepan. Cook to soft-ball stage or 238 degrees on candy thermometer. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and pecans. Continue stirring until pecans are coated. Pour onto waxed paper; separate pecans with fork while still warm.

Remember, the wrapping is almost as important as the gift — but it doesn't have to be expensive. Use colorful paper plates and plastic bags tied with ribbon or yarn for homemade goodies. Try covering coffee or shortening cans with fabric for attractive air-tight containers. Brown paper, tied with colored cord, leftover wallpaper, or fabric makes beautiful wrappings. Plastic wrap used for food gifts is ideal because the food shines through; just tie with colorful yarn. And — don't forget who the gift is for — attach gift cards made by recycling last year's Christmas cards. Just cut out pretty motifs and write holiday messages on the back.

This year give a gift from your kitchen...truly a gift from your heart.

Happy Holidays!
Mona Ellard is a Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service Home Economist.

History of Westphalia produced

Orders are being taken for "Of Pilgrimage, Prayer and Promise — A Story of St. Mary's, Westphalia."

The book, produced by the Westphalia Historical Society, will include many names and pictures of people and their contributions to the Westphalia area.

Also included in the book will be a current family registry of the people of Westphalia, pictures of both old and new Westphalia and stories of the "first families" of Westphalia.

Pre-sale price of the book is \$15.60 and is good now until Feb. 15, 1986. After that date, the price will be \$18.72. Publication date is planned for May 24, 1986. Gift certificates are also available for the 200 page, hardbound book. Orders may be phoned to Marie Bengel, 587-6612.

LCC classes to begin in St. Johns

Classes for the Lansing Community College winter term Learning Center begin on Jan. 7 in St. Johns.

Registration for St. Johns classes will be held at St. Johns High School on Dec. 18 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Jan. 6 from 5 until 7 p.m. LCC classes offered in St. Johns will include accounting, typing, management, home computers, business law, government, writing and more.

For more information, call Vicki Waggoner or Darlene Lawrence at 224-9341 days or 224-9344 evenings.

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opinion

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Superintendent called unconcerned

To the Editor:
I am writing concerning the bus service for St. Johns schools.
Now that the millage was passed, I wonder what kind of blackmail scheme Mr. Earl Gabriel is dreaming up for the next time he doesn't get what he wants.
It appears to me that he is unconcerned about the safety and welfare of the students.
I wonder if a parent while taking her children to school had been in an accident and the student killed, would he have cared enough to even send flowers?
The rural people pay more than half of the taxes and yet they were the ones that were inconvenienced by his holding the buses for ransom.
There are other ways to cut expenses besides cutting buses.

Thanks given for support of the schools

To the Editor:
This season for Thanksgiving finds me wanting to say thank you to a number of people who have helped to make the last few weeks worthwhile.
To all of you who called, sent notes or stopped me on the street to offer support, your thoughts and actions were very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the people who took the time to put their thoughts in the paper or who came to speak or listen at the public meetings.

Earl Gabriel to begin new office hours

St. Johns Superintendent of Schools Earl Gabriel will conduct open office hours twice weekly.
Persons may visit without an appointment to offer ideas or to discuss concerns or problems any Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. or 7-8 p.m. unless other district commitments prevent him from keeping this schedule.
There will be no time limit on the visits unless someone else is waiting, in which case, time will be limited to 15 minutes. These open office hours do not preclude anyone from making an appointment at any other mutually agreed upon time during the week.
Individuals should call the superintendent's office at 224-9352 prior to visiting his office to determine if the superintendent will be available.

Letters

Maybe Mr. Gabriel and the teachers should take a cut in wages. Most people employed work more than 180 days a year and for a lot less money.
Another alternative would be for Mr. Gabriel to resign and let someone in there who can handle the school's finances.
A proud and concerned grandparent of St. Johns school children
- Marjorie Gould
Middleton, Mich.

A special thanks goes to all the young people who presented their position to the community in such a positive way, and finally, a thank you to all of you who took the time to vote last Tuesday. Whatever your persuasion, you cared enough to be there.
Please stay interested in your school district.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Newman
School Board Member

Send us a letter

The Clinton County News encourages letters from its readers concerning topics of public interest. Letters must be signed originals. We reserve the right to edit letters for reasons of space and clarity. Send letters to the paper at 117 E. Walker St., St. Johns, MI 48879.

In the service

Ronald Becher Group, West Germany. Becher, a military police specialist, was previously assigned at Fort Riley, Kan.
Army Spec. 4 Ronald Becher, son of Roger and Liz Cook of Rural Route 2, Fowler, has arrived for duty with the 26th Support of Fowler High School. Becher is a 1982 graduate of Fowler High School.

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Obituaries

Leo Welton

ST. JOHNS Leo Welton of Route 1, St. Johns died Nov. 29 in Clinton County.
 He was born on July 7, 1909 in Gratiot County, the son of William and Sophia (Mann) Welton.
 He was a farmer and resided most of his life in Clinton County.
 Surviving are two brothers, Stanley and Lester of St. Johns; one sister, Mrs. Marie Brown of Higgins Lake; several nieces and nephews.
 Funeral services were held on Dec. 2 at the Abbott Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. James Longhurst officiating. Interment was made at Payne Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Osgood Funeral Home.

Reynold Hanses

WESTPHALIA Reynold Hanses of 420 Willow Street, Westphalia died Nov. 26 at a Lansing hospital.
 He was born on Sept. 3, 1922 in Westphalia, the son of Joseph and Laurina Wirth Hanses.
 He was a member of St. Joseph Society, the Catholic Order of Foresters and St. Marys Church, Westphalia. He was a retired livestock buyer for the Merco Packing Co.
 Surviving are one son, Phillip of Westphalia; one daughter, Nancy Hanses of Westphalia; step-son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Dorothe Briggs of St. Johns; daughter-in-law, Linda Briggs of Holly; three grandchildren, Trent, Jessica and Stacy Briggs; one brother, David of Westphalia; four sisters, Mrs. Simon (Revelia) Smith of Westphalia, Mrs. Robert (Kathleen) Barker of Pewamo, Mrs. Reece (Dorothy) Hattis and Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Spitzley both of Westphalia.
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose, in Oct. of 1976; daughter, Stacy in 1968, and step-son, Mike in 1984.
 Funeral mass was held on Nov. 30 at St. Mary's Church, Westphalia with Fr. James McDougall officiating. Interment was made at St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia. Arrangements were made by Neller Funeral Home, Portland.

Brenda Walter

OVID Brenda Walter of 1715 N. Hollister Road, Ovid died Dec. 1 as a result of an auto accident.
 She was born on Feb. 18, 1957 in Marion Springs, Mich., the daughter of Herbert and Marie (Kendell) Dingler.
 She was married to Dale Walter on July 12, 1982 at the United Methodist Church in Perry. She was a homemaker.
 She was a graduate of Merrill High School and a member of the Free Methodist Church in St. Johns. She moved to Ovid 1 1/2 years ago.
 Surviving are her husband, Dale; two daughters, April Rose and Crystal Marie, both at home; her mother, Marie Dingler of Marion Springs; five brothers, Lonnie, Gary, Herbert and Timothy all of Marion Springs, and James of Brant; two sisters, Connie Hodges of Marion Springs and Sandra of Bassette, Germany.
 She was preceded in death by her father.
 Funeral services were held on Dec. 5 at Carter Funeral Home in Elsie with the Rev. Paul Armstrong officiating. Interment was made at Marion Springs Cemetery, Marion Springs. Arrangements were made by Carter Funeral Home.

Eleanor Simon

WESTPHALIA Eleanor Simon of 213 W. Elm Street, Westphalia died Dec. 1 in a Lansing hospital.
 She was born Aug. 24, 1916, the daughter of William and Louise (Luttig) Smith.
 She was a member of the Christian Mothers, Daughters of Isabella, and St. Mary's Church.
 Surviving are two sons, Kenneth and daughter-in-law Kathy of Wacousta, and Bernard and daughter-in-law Martha of Westphalia; three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Mary Lou) Schmitt of Westphalia, Mrs. Terry (Ruth) Eman of Haslett, and Mrs. Eldred (Diane) Stump of Wacousta; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Smith of Lansing; five sisters, Marian Thelen of Westphalia, Mrs. Norbert (Loreta) Thelen of Westphalia, Mrs. Ervin (Leona) Leik of Charlotte, Mrs. Elmer (Verena) Rademacher of Eagle, and Mrs. Ronald (Dorothy) Lenneman of Portland.
 Her husband, Florian, and three brothers, Aloysius, Isidora and Celestine preceded her in death.
 A funeral mass was held on Dec. 4 at St. Mary's Church in Westphalia with the Fr. James McDougall officiating. Interment was made at St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Neller Funeral Home in Portland.

Gilbert Osborn

ST. JOHNS Gilbert Osborn of 703 Spring Street, St. Johns died Dec. 3 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.
 He was born on June 4, 1906 in Park County, Ind. the son of Luther and Mary (Hadley) Osborn.
 He was married to Ida Yoder in Eureka on March 1, 1928. He was retired from the Springbrook Ice Company and resided in Clinton County since the age of 12.
 Surviving are his wife, Ida; one daughter, Eleanor Purdy from Fort Myers, Fla.; one grandson, David Purdy from Columbus, Ohio; two nephews, James Osborn from Atlanta, Ga. and Hadley Osborn from Woodside, Calif.
 Funeral services were held on Dec. 6 at Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Jay Terbush officiating. Interment was made at Mt. Rest Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Osgood Funeral Home.
 The family suggests contributions be made to the chair lift fund at the First Congregational Church in his name.

Lawrence L. Casteel

LAINGSBURG Lawrence L. Casteel, 70, formerly of 9962 Babcock Road, Laingsburg, died Dec. 2 in Lansing.
 Mr. Casteel was born Jan. 28, 1915, in Michigan to Harry and Julia (Hansen) Casteel. He was employed as a general contractor in construction and was a member of the Laborers Local No. 998 in Lansing. He was married to the former Beatrice Babcock of Lansing in 1945. She preceded him in death on Jan. 20, 1983.
 Survivors include one daughter, Judy Kares of Laingsburg; two sons, Nathan of St. Mary's, Ohio, and Robert of Lansing; four grandchildren; one brother, Wallace Casteel of Lansing; and three sisters, Lillian Wakley of Lansing, Leona Morrow of Jackson and Irene Schultz of Indiana.
 Services were Dec. 5 at the DeWitt Chapel of Gorsline Runciman Co. with the Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Lansing, officiating. Interment was in the Reed Cemetery, Victor Township.

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News welcomes new manager

The Clinton County News last week welcomed a new staff member.

Kenneth M. Kralik, a St. Johns resident, joined the newspaper staff as office/sales manager. Besides filling the newly created office manager position, he will fill the sales vacancy left by John Fetter. Fetter is returning to his native city of Bay City to pursue a career in public relations.

Kralik moved to St. Johns with his wife Vickie and children Justin, 6, and Joseph, 3, in 1978. A native of Manistique, he holds an associates degree in business management from Lansing Community College and a bachelor of business administration from John Wesley College in Owaso.

After his graduation from Manistique Public High School he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, including a year of service in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge in 1971, he worked in the civilian job market and began earning his college degrees. His work experience includes carpentry, financial management and advertising sales.

Since moving to St. Johns he has been active in a number of civic organizations. After joining the St. Johns Jaycees in 1978, he served as treasurer of that organization in 1979 and received the Executive Officer of the Year Award as well as four Jaycee of the Month awards that year. In 1980 he served as Jaycees community development vice president and received the Jaycees Key Man Award in 1981.

He served on the Board of Directors of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce in 1979 and 1980. He was president of the DeWitt Business Association in 1981 and 1982



Kenneth M. Kralik

and was named the Tri-County Voluntary Action Center Distinguished Volunteer in 1981.

Kralik has also served the Chief Okemos Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the United Way, the DeWitt Lion's Club, the Clinton Senior Citizen Center, the St. Johns and DeWitt fire departments, the St. Johns Exchange Club and other community organizations.

He is currently secretary of the Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

"I think with Ken Kralik's education and work experience, as well as his community involvement, he will be a true asset to the business community and *The Clinton County News*," said Pete Cantine, the newspaper's general manager.

Kralik said the goals he has set for himself in his new position include increasing the amount of local advertising carried by the newspaper. He said he will draw on both his work experience and his involvement in the community in a continuing effort to improve the newspaper.

"By bringing local talents and concerns into the *News* and by attracting more readership and advertisers, we'll continue to make the newspaper more and more responsive to community needs," Kralik said.

Business report

Marge Simon earns travel certification

Marge Simon, CTC, travel counselor at Outlet Travel of St. Johns, recently earned the professional designation of Certified Travel Counselor (CTC) from the National Institute of Certified Travel Agents in Wellesley, Mass.

Simon, who has been in the travel business for 25 years, is a graduate of Northwestern University. She has served on the city commission of Alma, on the Board of Trustees of Gratiot Community Hospital, and is a member of the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.

More than 5,000 other travel professionals from across the nation have earned the CTC title. To receive certification, applicants must acquire a minimum of five years travel counseling and complete a two-year, graduate level course in ethical and efficient travel agency management. Simon also had to pass four 4-hour exams and write a research paper.



Marge Simon

Birthing program completes first year

The Prenatal/Postpartum Care Program at Mid-Michigan District Health Department is nearing the end of its first successful year of operation in Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties.

The Prenatal Program offers physical exams, lab tests, prenatal educational sessions and vitamins all at no charge for low income families. The program was set up by the State of Michigan to provide services to low income families who have no prenatal care insurance coverage.

To date the Prenatal Program has enrolled and provided services to 136 women throughout Mid-Michigan.

The MMDHD offers confidential, personal care by a certified nurse practitioner, public health nurses, and a consulting physician. Public health educators and a nutritionist are also available.

The staff arranges for prenatal care, examinations by a doctor, delivery in a local hospital, and care and services for a family after the baby is born. Also, newborns are given a physical screening after delivery.

Information is available regarding: breastfeeding versus formula, family planning services, parenting information, nutrition, weight control, health assessments, child safety seats, WIC and immunizations.

Anyone in the Mid-Michigan area interested in enrolling in the Prenatal Program call 224-8393 to determine whether you qualify for the program.

"It's in the Bag"

by Bob Beck



If I told you I was eating a stuffed olive, you'd probably assume that it was stuffed with pimento. And you'd probably be right.

But, in gourmet circles, olives are also stuffed with almonds, anchovy filets, celery, cheese, cucumber, garlic, hot peppers, various spices and goodness knows what else. In fact, there are even olives stuffed with olives!

As one writer put it, "olives have been stuffed with everything but feathers."

An olive tree, by the way, is a story in itself. It will thrive in soil too poor for any other crop. It requires almost no attention. And it will grow from seeds, buds, root cutting, graftings, even from branches.

As a matter of fact, a cavalry unit in North Africa, centuries ago, was ordered to bivouac one evening near an olive grove. Each trooper cut a branch from a tree and drove it into the ground to serve as a picket for his horse. The following morning they departed, leaving their pickets in the ground. And eventually, sure enough, a new olive grove grew there in the shape of that abandoned cavalry picket line!

Incidentally, olives come in 140 different varieties, but only a few are popular here, mainly those green and black beauties from California, and European green olives, known as Spanish olives, which you see winking at you from grocery shelves.

Now then, I'm certainly not suggesting that you should be stuffed with olives. But I do remind you that Beck's always has a good supply of olives handy ... and you ought to do the same!

Draft registration deadline is nearing

The Selective Service System reaches an important milestone in the registration of young men on Jan. 1, 1986.

Beginning on this date, men who were required in 1980 to register with Selective Service will be turning 26. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept registrations of men after they turn 26.

Men who failed to register will have permanently forfeited their right to certain Federal student aid and job training benefits as well as Federal employment. Additionally, registration with Selective Service is a requirement in some states for various employment opportunities, such as law enforcement agencies and permission to practice law.

Men born in 1960 who have registered will no longer be eligible for selection for induction. Over 15 million men, age 18 through 25, have registered

with Selective Service since President Carter initiated registration in 1980.

Many of the men who are nonregistrants may be unaware of the requirement or do not understand the importance of the obligation to register. Some have served in the military but failed to register either before entering the Armed Forces or after leaving active duty. Others may have been incarcerated at the time of their 18th birthday and not realized they were required to register if released from custody prior to age 26.

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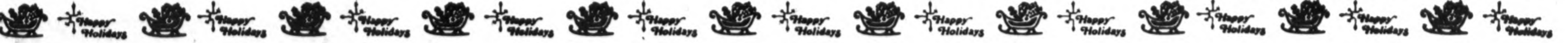
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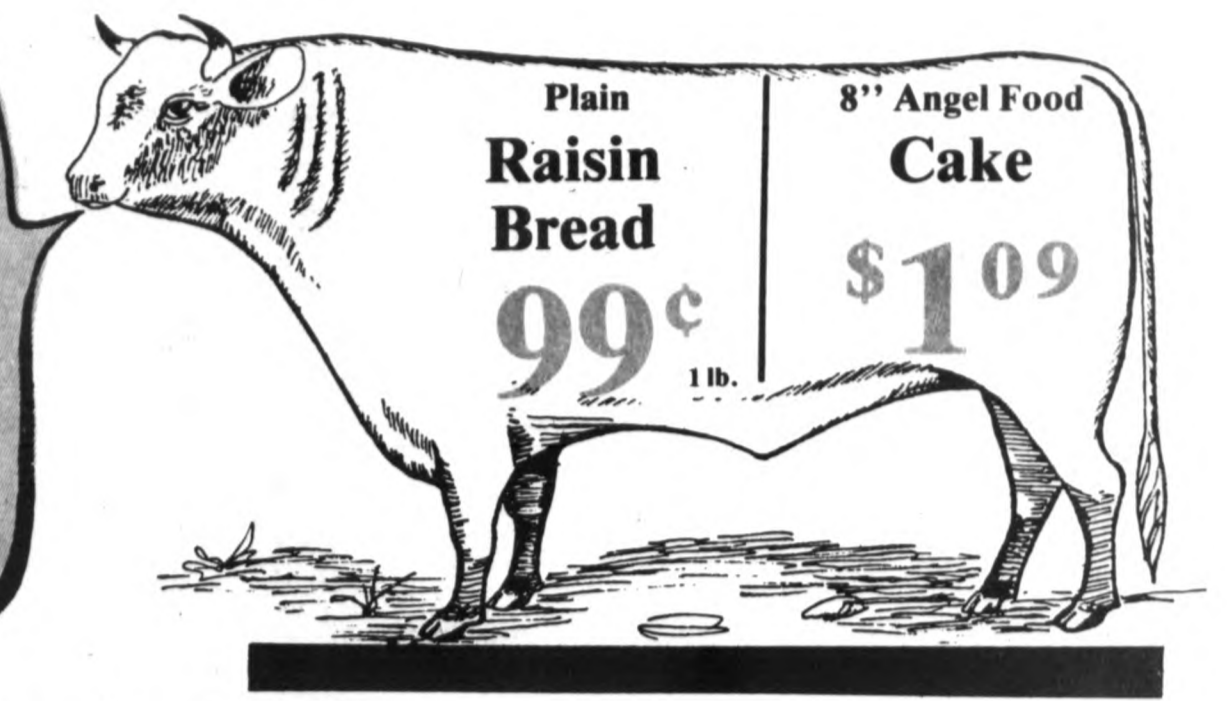
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MEMORIAL — John Caudy and Dave Miller display a model of a Veterans Memorial that will be placed at Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.

Memorial

Veterans remembered

"I guess I can't emphasize enough, where would we be without veterans?" asks David Miller, sexton of Mt. Hope Cemetery in St. Johns. "People can take them too much for granted."

Which is one reason why Miller, who is not a veteran himself, started thinking about building a Veterans Memorial in St. Johns. When he began working at the cemetery three years ago he noticed that the existing monument at the cemetery was dedicated to Union soldiers of the Civil War. Nothing had been built to honor the veterans of wars since then.

He talked to John Caudy, a local World War II veteran who serves on the cemetery board, and the two men began exploring the possibilities.

"We started talking about why we shouldn't have a memorial for World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam," Miller says.

OTHER LOCAL GROUPS, including Veterans of Foreign Wars

and the American Legion, also got involved. The groups began soliciting donations in October. Donations are now at the \$1,600 mark, with the project expected to cost between \$3,000 and \$3,500, Miller says. Chances are good that the memorial will be in place in time for the Memorial Day Parade this May.

"Now people are realizing we don't have a memorial up here," says Caudy.

The monument will sit on a broad expanse of lawn in front of the Mt. Rest mausoleum. Bearing the inscription "Dedicated to all veterans, through peace and war their memories will never die," the monument will be five feet wide and three feet high. The design came from similar monument Caudy saw pictured in the VFW newspaper.

The foundation for the monument is already in place. The foundation, made with cement donated by Karber Block and with digging donated by Randolf Excavating, will support a seven foot base,

which will in turn support the monument. Miller plans to provide landscaping around the memorial.

Those who wish to contribute to the memorial should send their check to "Veteran's Memorial Fund," c/o, Mt. Rest Cemetery, 706 East Steel St., St. Johns 48879.

Or contributions may be made through John Caudy at 208 Wight Street in St. Johns, or through the local VFW and American Legion posts.

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Theresa Silm



Everyone seeks some form of recognition for their individual abilities and accomplishments. In 4-H young people are provided with numerous opportunities for recognition.

The desire for recognition is a powerful motivator. Everyone wants some degree of prestige, status or attention. People strive for the elusive "pat on the back." We all need to "be somebody" in the eyes of our peers.

Recognition means different things to different people and everyone has different individual needs and different motivating forces. Some individuals seek ex-

trinsic awards, such as plaques and trophies, while others simply seek personal, intangible recognition, such as the satisfaction of having done a job well.

In 4-H, recognition achieved through rewards can take several forms. Blue ribbons at the county fair are one form of recognition, but there are a variety of other county, state and national awards available to 4-H members as recognition for outstanding project achievements.

One opportunity that 4-H members may take advantage of is the Michigan telwards program. This is the process that Michigan uses to select members to participate in the national awards program.

4-H members who wish to participate fill out an awards information sheet. The information requested is then used by an awards committee appointed by the 4-H Council to select the county representatives in each of the project areas.

County winners then complete a second report form that is used to determine the district and then the state winners.

It's hard to explain the system without making it all sound difficult — it really isn't. Members and leaders who are interested in learning more about the Telwards program should contact the Extension Office for additional information. The forms are available in the office now and need to be returned by early January.

Theresa Silm is the 4-H Youth Agent for the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service.

Day Treatment holds fundraiser

Participants in the Clinton County Day Treatment Program have been working on a community service project which has been of benefit to themselves and to the community.

The St. Johns Lionsess Club provided the day treatment program with materials to make Christmas napkin rings which the residents of the program made and the Lionsess sold at the St. Johns Arts and Crafts Bazaar. Proceeds from the sale were channeled through the Lionsess Club back into the community.

day treatment project ran high," said Anne Beauchamp, senior mental health activity worker. "The participants feel they have a great deal which they can contribute and are hopeful that the community will continue to encourage and support their efforts."

O-E High plans trip to Hawaii

The Ovid-Elsie High School trip is planned for Hawaii during the week of spring break — March 29-April 5.

An organization meeting was held on Nov. 18 where costs, options, times, etc were discussed.

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Clinton Memorial Hospital opens fourth clinic this month

By MARILYN HESS
DeWitt Editor

When the Laingsburg Medical Center opens later this month, it will be the fourth in a chain of clinics developed by Clinton Memorial Hospital.

DeWitt Medical Center, where Duane Wisk, D.O., now has his family practice, and Bath Medical Center, where Kristy Davis, D.O., practices, are in the clinic network.

"The purpose of linking the centers is to coordinate the medical services in the DeWitt, Bath, and Laingsburg area, and provide greater flexibility in coverage for the patients," Wisk says.

That flexible coverage involves both geography and medicine. Soon patient records will be computerized, so patients can walk into any one of the centers and be treated accurately and effectively, Wisk says. Having the center hours vary from town to town will also increase the number of hours patients will be able to come in for treatment. Walk-in care, as well as appointments, will be available.

MEDICALLY, linking three medical centers with different physicians provides a broader base of expertise for patients. For instance, Wisk explains, his main in-

terests are pediatrics and sports medicine. Davis offers osteopathic manipulation and physical therapy that is not emphasized in DeWitt. A third doctor, John MacDonald, M.D., is an internist (specializing in internal medicine) and comes in on a regular basis. Also a part of the program is David Klein, Ph.D., who counsels persons with marriage and family problems.

Having a network provides advantages for the physicians involved, too. Not only can they share expertise, but supplies and staff as well.

"Clinton Memorial is trying to be sensitive to the needs in this area. We're trying to be innovative. It's coming together, but it's taken a lot of work," says Wisk.

'Child File' kits are available

The Willard J. Reed Agency announces the limited availability of the "Child File", a kit designed to contain essential identification information on small children.

Included in the kit is a fingerprinting pad with space to register prints of every finger on both hands. There is also space and an adhesive strip for a child's photo as well as an area for personal information such as features, doctors and

dentists, school playmates, relatives, etc.

The kits are now available from the Willard J. Reed Agency, 108 W. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820, during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at no cost.

Willard Reed of the Reed Agency said the intent of the "Child File" is to enable parents of children in the DeWitt area to develop and maintain a

"WE'VE HAD the long-established goal of assisting in the development of medical services in Clinton County," says CMH administrator Paul McNamara. "We started eight or nine years ago and we're gradually growing. McNamara says the hospital is considering another site for a clinic, but plans are not definite.

The local clinics are not obviously labeled as affiliates of the hospital. McNamara says this was done consciously: "The hospital is less important than having good quality physicians in the community," he says. The doctors are not restricted as to which hospital they refer their patients to, he says. It depends on the needs of the patient.

The doctors are able to refer patients back and forth

between clinics as well, taking advantage of the diversity of expertise, says Davis.

DAVIS SAYS the clinics are equipped somewhat differently. "It's an advantage for the patient because instead of having to send them into Lansing or St. Johns for a specific treatment, I can send them ten minutes away," she says.

"The practice in Bath is building, and I'm really enjoying working in the community. I think people were skeptical at first, wondering if I was going to stay around, but I don't really have any intention of going anywhere," she says.

"I think the network has been a success based on the use of services by the community," McNamara says.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Clinton County Chapter of the LaLeche League International will meet at 9:30 a.m. at 1414 N. Scott Road (1/2 mile north of Nicks Fruit Market on M-21). This group offers information on breast feeding and emotional support to mothers-to-be, nursing moms, babes and siblings, all of whom are welcome to attend. This month's topic: "Overcoming Difficulties in Breast Feeding." If you have any questions, or need a ride, phone Sue at 224-7741 or Linda at 224-6084.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

"Tree of the Lost Child", a special program for parents who have experienced the death of an infant, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Room, 3rd floor, Sparrow Hospital South Annex. Parents are invited to place an ornament on the Christmas tree in memory of their lost child. Sponsored by Helping Other Parents in Normal Grieving (HOPING). Call 321-2188 for information.

The Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop will hold its annual special Christmas Sale and pre-inventory sale on Dec. 12 and 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The "Annual Guest Night" of St. Johns Morning Musicales will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Guests are welcome to enjoy Christmas music and group singing of carols.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

A family style fish supper will be served by Wacousta Masonic Lodge 359 from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Take out dinners are available at a reduced rate. To find Wacousta, go five miles west of Airport Road on Grand River Avenue to Wacousta Road, then north 2 1/2 miles.

DeWitt VFW Post 671 will have a dance from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. with music by the "One Man Band." Admission is \$3 per person with proceeds going to fill Christmas baskets for the needy. The Post is located at 12250 U.S. 27, DeWitt.

Bath Shootin' Stars Square Dance Club will hold a silent auction from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 per couple, at the Bath High School.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Bath United Methodist Church Womens Group will have a Christmas Dinner, bazaar and baked goods sale. Craft sale begins at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The dinner will feature ham and turkey with prices of \$15.00 for a family, \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children aged 5 to 10, and children four and under are free.

Owosso Musicales presents "A Christmas Walk in Historic Corunna" on Dec. 14 and 15 - the 11th Annual Holiday Home Tour. Donation is \$5 and tickets may be obtained by phoning 725-8549 or writing Owosso Musicales, 425 E. Mason Street, Owosso, 48867. The tour begins at 2:00 p.m.

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will hold its meeting at the Shangri La Restaurant in St. Johns at 12:00 noon. Reservations should be phoned to Mary Hughey at 862-5796 after 4:00 p.m.

The Maple Twirlers Square Dance Club will have their Christmas/ 28th Black Cat Dance from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in St. Johns. A silent auction will be held with proceeds going to an area needy family. Fingerfood will be furnished. Wendell Law is the caller.

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Theatre restored

Clinton makes a comeback

By RICH WERTZ
Editor

The world may have thought it had seen the last of such items as theatre balconies and crying rooms. But when you combine two people who love antiques and movies with an old theatre built in 1935, things begin to happen.

This happened in St. Johns and the town can now boast not only a genuine and prospering downtown theatre but one that has been refurbished to look much as it did when it was built in 1935 — complete with balcony and crying room.

The two people, in this case, are Bill and Jean Clark and the theatre is, of course, the Clinton Theatre in downtown St. Johns. The Clarks bought the stately old movie house last summer and set about restoring it to its former grandeur.

The Clarks were not new to dealing with things old. Their home, 140 years old itself, is packed with antiques they have collected over the years. Furniture and other odds and ends from that collection, combined with things they found in storage at the theatre and others they bought especially for the redecorating job, now grace the decor of their theatre.

OLD MOVIE POSTERS line the walls. Above the concession stand can be seen a parade of old fashioned items: Coca Cola bottles, Santa Clauses, popcorn boxes, a mirror bearing the words "Clinton Theatre, Established 1935." Even the popcorn machine is antique.

"We like old things," says Jean. "I guess it was just fate that we fell into this," says Bill, who left a career as a chemical salesman when he and his wife bought the theatre. "But we really enjoy it."

The Clarks say the restoring project that followed their purchase (and still follows, it is an ongoing project, Bill says) was given a boost by the six theatre employees who worked there before the Clarks took over and who work their still.

"We were impressed by their performance," says Bill.

The employees, say the Clarks, really got behind the renovation project. They cleaned, patched, fixed up...and at times had to be practically pushed out the door at midnight when it was time to quit for the day.

"We kind of made a party out of it for a week," Bill says.

THE RESULT IS a theatre in which the new blends in imperceptibly with the old. The stage curtain is new. But the old curtain was cleaned, recut, and made into drapes that give the lobby the look of the 1930s and '40s. The lobby, once only a narrow aisle between the concession stand and the wall, is now roomy enough to linger comfortably before the start of the movie. But the woodwork has been restored to its natural finish.

The two 25-year-old projectors that came with the theatre, however, needed no restoration. Although they are old — the light is provided not by a bulb but by an arc between two metal rods, similar to an arc welder — they were in excellent condition when the Clarks bought the theatre. A father and son team, whom Bill identifies as Mike and Frank, operates and maintains the projectors. Nine-years-old Bill Clark Jr. has been hanging around the projection booth learning about the machines, says Bill.

THE BALCONY, says Bill, was opened by popular demand.

"We're listening to what the people want," he says. "We're making changes and we're giving the people what they want. One of the first things they said was 'Why don't you open the balcony?'"

Up a few steps from the balcony there can be found the crying room. This is a soundproof room with a window overlooking the screen. A speaker pipes in the sound from whatever movie is showing. So it is no longer a gamble for parents of very young children to go to the movies. If the kid starts announcing his discontent a tad loudly, all you have to do is make a short trip to the crying room where a crib and other amenities are available — and continue to watch the movie at the same time.

Such a novelty is admittedly not new to everybody. The theatre is 50 years old and more than one movie goer today can remember when it was new.

"There's a lot of people who used to come here when they were kids," says Jean. "There's a lot of memories."

ONE SUCH PERSON is Gerry Beechler. Her and her husband, the late Richard "Bill" Beechler, were the original owners of the theatre. She remembers when the theatre was built using only local labor.

"We had telegrams from all over," she remembers. "Of course from the film companies and the governor."

She also remembers when the admission price for a double feature was ten cents. In those days, she says, the theatre sold eight to ten tons of popcorn each year.

Looking to the future the Clarks say they will continue to listen to what the patrons of the theatre want. They are offering one dollar matinees and are booking the newest, most popular movies they can. There is a suggestion box in the theatre so patrons can request movies they want to see.

"We're still learning, and we're still listening, about the movies they want to see," Bill says. "We're putting money into the biggies because that is what the people want. And then, every now and then we throw in a classic."

The Clarks are also thinking about conducting film festival, perhaps centered around the Mint Festival. For right now, though, they are keeping their ears to the ground as they learn more about running the theatre.

The Clarks says they are not overly concerned about the competition provided by the Cinema III theatre in the Southpoint Mall that reopened last week under new ownership.

"We look at it more as if we're in competition with ourselves," Bill says.

"This is an established business," he says. "It's been here for 50 years. We think of it as the type of business we'll pass down to our kids."



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CLINTON THEATRE owners Bill and Jean Clark, with their baby daughter, display the refurbished lobby of their theatre. Right, the marquee of the 50-year-old theatre.



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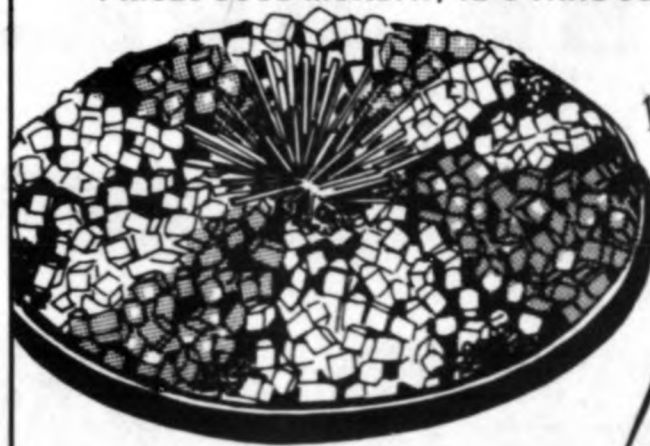
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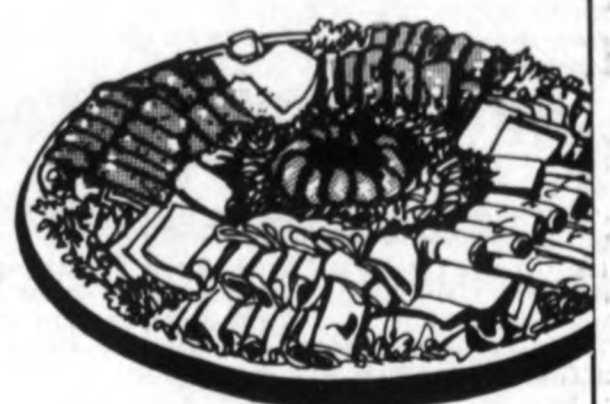
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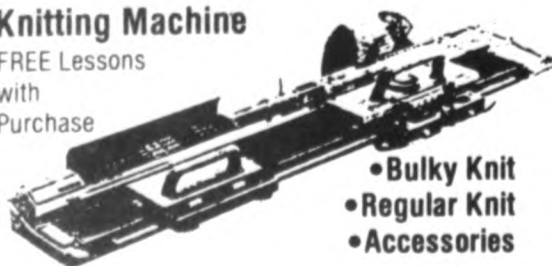
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Summer tax collection killed

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"It's one more government form you have to keep track of or members also said they would like to allow more time for the public to be

notified when consideration of the summer tax collection comes before the Board next year. The Board would have had to approve the collection this month in order to implement it next summer. The Board requested

the matter be brought to the Board in September or October next year.

"I still wish I had some input from the public on how they view this," said Trustee Gary Whitford. "Do they see it as another tax?"

Schools eye insurance pool

St. Johns Public Schools are investigating an insurance pool plan being put together by the Michigan Association of School Boards in an effort to combat sharply rising insurance costs.

However, the district still has questions about the plan, said Richard Terres, assistant superintendent for business.

Terres reported to the Board of Education last Wednesday that the school board association is asking school districts in the state to contribute three dollars per student to the pool, which would then be used to approach insurance companies for coverage. The share required of St. Johns Schools would be about \$10,000,

Terres said.

The plan could be more attractive to insurance companies than current coverage plans because the pool would be used to pay smaller claims while only large claims would be made against the coverage provided by the insurance company, Terres said. The pool would in effect cover the deductible of the coverage provided by the insurance company.

HOWEVER, Terres said, a communication from the school board association is vague about whether the \$10,000 start-up money will be returned to the district. The communications says the money will be returned when the pool is determined to be solvent.

"The question is, it's unclear if we would get that money back," Terres said.

Terres said he should be able to get an answer to that question at a Dec. 13 meeting of Michigan school business officials. He will report back to the Board at its Dec. 16 meeting, he said.

The district's current insurance policies do not expire until next spring, Terres said. He said it is possible that the district could opt not to contribute the initial \$10,000 but still join the plan later if it is started by other school districts in the state.

The insurance pool plan follows sharply rising insurance costs for school, municipalities and others.

In the service

Robert King

Spec. 4 Robert King, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. King of 929 W. Webb Road, DeWitt, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

King is a metal worker with the 37th Field Artillery. He is a 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Gene Ruess

Navy Fireman Recruit Gene Ruess, a 1985 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During Ruess's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Ruess's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

Ruess joined the Navy in Aug. 1985.

Jon Riley

Marine Lance Cpl. Jon Riley, son of Eugene and Audrey Riley of Route 2, Fowler, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Force Service Support Group on Okinawa.

A 1981 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School, he joined the Marine Corps in Aug. 1984.

Drug abuse seminar Dec. 16

A drug and alcohol abuse education seminar is planned for Dec. 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1400 S. Oakland Street, St. Johns.

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Farm assessment

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Meanwhile, the Michigan Tax Commission has named a 12-person tax force to study farmland assessments in Michigan. Bob Smith, legislative counsel for the Michigan Farm Bureau and a member of the tax force, said the group will have a report ready for the legislature by Jan. 1.

The tax force was formed in response to a request by the legislature that the Tax Commission study farm assessments to determine if the value of farm properties is being accurately represented. The tax force will also investigate alternative ways to assess farm lands.



Photograph by Rich Wertz

PAINTER — Water painter Florence Horn drew a sizable audience recently when she appeared at the Clinton County Arts Council Gift Shop and Gallery.

Seniors to host Christmas dinner

The Senior Citizens Drop-in Center will host a Swiss Steak Dinner on Dec. 16 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with "The Arts of Christmas". Dinner tickets are \$4.50 per person and may be purchased from the Senior Center, Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop, or the Paine-Gilliam-Scott Museum.

The CRV bus will be used to provide transportation for those persons needing it. Bus information may be obtained by calling 224-

8284. Other activities planned throughout that evening are hors d'oeuvres served at the Arts Gallery from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m., holiday music performed by several ensembles and art show at the Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m., and a candlelight tour of "A Victorian Christmas" at the Paine-Gilliam-Scott Museum.

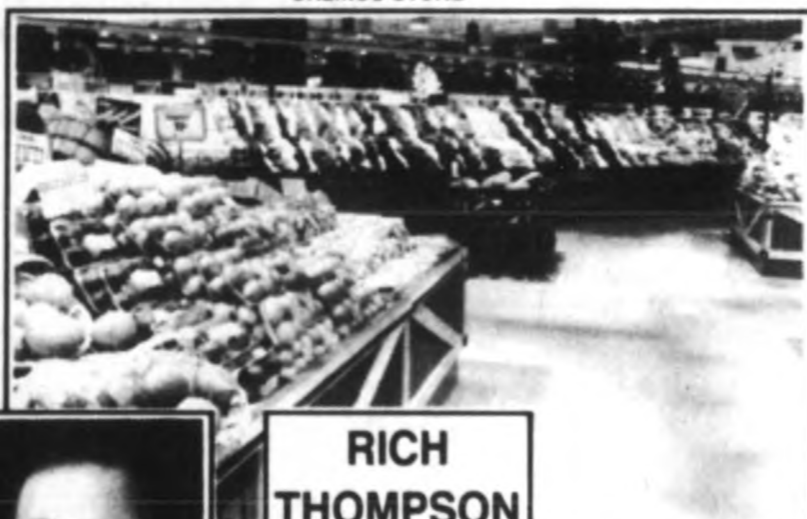
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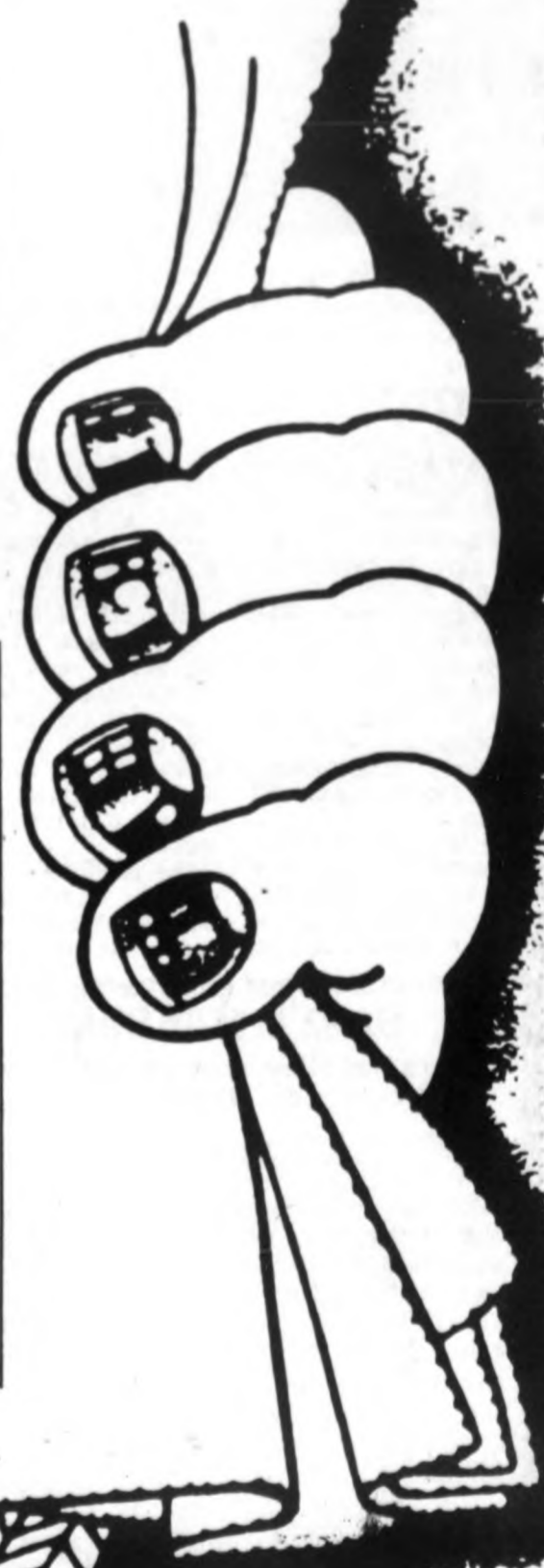
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Agricultural news Pesticides

Marilyn Loudenslager



Thousands of Michigan growers are expected to become certified pesticide applicators for the first time this winter.

"Many commonly used granular insecticide products have recently been classified as restricted use pesticides (RUP), necessitating field crop producers to become certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)," says Dave Star, MSU Extension IPM/pesticide information program assistant.

"Becoming certified to use RUPS will legally allow growers to continue to use these products effectively and safely during future growing seasons."

State certification for farmers to use RUPS begins with obtaining the self-study guide, "Safe, Effective Use of Pesticides - A Manual for Private Applicators," CES bulletin E-1025. This manual is available from the Clinton County Extension Office, at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, or from the MSU Bulletin Office, PO Box 6640, East Lansing, 48823-6640.

The manual contains information on the laws and regulations that govern pesticide use in this state, pest identification techniques and pest management, the chemistry of pesticides, labels and labeling information, application equipment and techniques and safe use guidelines.

Thoroughly studying this manual will provide applicants with the necessary information to use pesticides effectively and safely and assist them in

gaining the 70 percent minimum passing score required for certification. County Extension agents can also provide additional information and instruction, if requested.

An application for state certification is provided in each self-study guide. Fill out the application and send it, plus a \$10.00 check made out to State of Michigan, to the MDA. The MDA will then process the application and inform the applicant about the certification exam schedule. It is up to the applicant to set up a date with the MDA to take the exam. The MDA issues the appropriate certification documents after an applicant has passed the test.

Marilyn Loudenslager is the Agricultural Agent for the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service.

Prices received edge upwards

The index of prices received by Michigan farmers for all farm products was 114 percent of its 1977 base for the month ending Nov. 15. This represents a three percent increase in farm prices from last month according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

November's increase in the farm price index is the second month in a row that an increase was noted.

Livestock and livestock products showed a two percent increase while all crops showed a three percent increase from the

previous month. Prices for all farm products during November were 10 percent below levels a year ago.

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He is a 1984 graduate of Portland High School.

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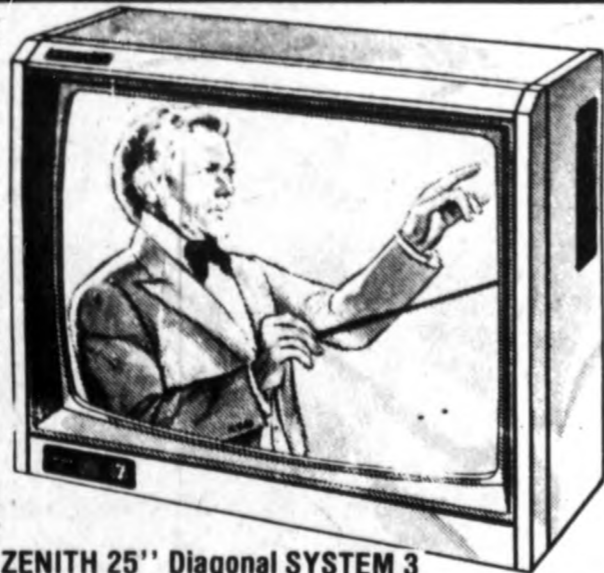
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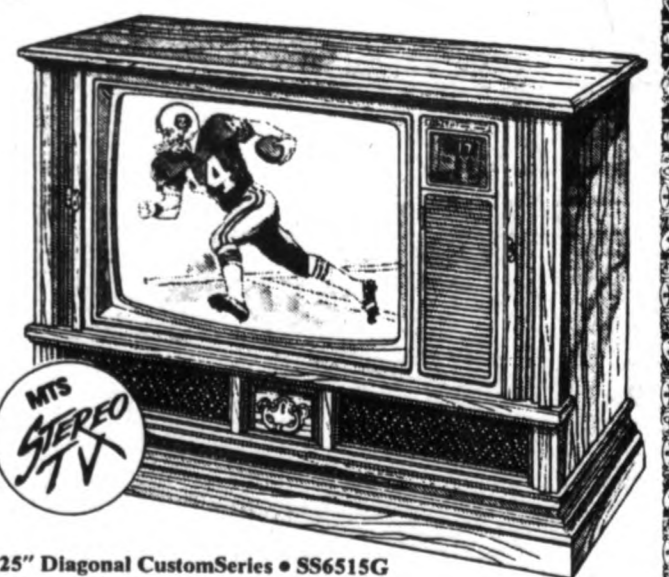
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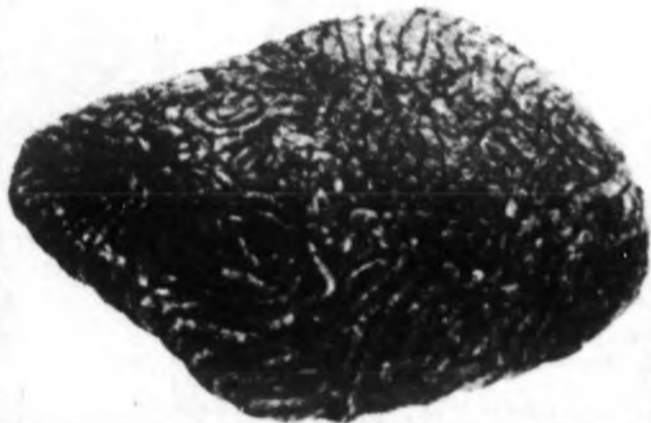
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Treasured traditions are at the heart of the Christmas holiday

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answer to why, year after year, we persist in fighting the crowds to find just the right gift for Aunt Sarah, or spend hours in the kitchen preparing our fami-

ly's favorite foods.

Traditions and customs play an important role during the holiday season. Fond Christmas memories from childhood or pleasant

associations that we've made over the years shape our concept of Christmas tradition.

Just as we embrace traditions that our grand-

mothers or mothers started, our country has embraced Christmas customs from all over the world. However, most of the traditions that we

maintain today we've inherited from our German and English ancestors.

The creation of the first decorated Christmas tree is often attributed to Mar-

tin Luther. While walking one evening, he was struck with awe at the beauty of the starry sky peeking through the branches of trees. He immediately hurried home to place candles on the branches of a tree. Today, for safety reasons, we place lights on our tree in an effort to recreate this German custom of a candle-lit tree.

One of the most popular Christmas traditions is waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus or Saint Nick on Christmas Eve. Children all over the world await the arrival of Santa and his gifts, but many do not know the legend that surrounds this jolly fellow.

Unfortunately, very little is known about the real St. Nicholas except for his role as the benefactor of children. St. Nicholas is known, first and foremost, as the patron saint of children, but his other roles include the patron saint of sailors, students, vagabonds and, surprisingly, pawnbrokers. His colorful past gives us a clue as to how he acquired his present-day image as a jovial gift-giver.

Some of our fondest Christmas memories probably center around food. Christmas meals are usually festive and filling and deeply steeped in tradition.

Plum pudding is one of

the most famous Christmas dishes. Straight out of a Charles Dickens story, this dish conjures up images of the quintessential Christmas feast.

Traditionally, plum pudding was made from meat, dried fruits, rum and brandy, butter, sugar, eggs and a great deal of spices. Preparing the pudding was a major event, with each member of the family present, helping to stir the rich stew.

While traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation are an important and irreplaceable part of Christmas, creating our own holiday traditions is the best way to keep this tradition business flourishing.

Some great Christmas traditions to start this year include:

- Join an elderly neighbor or relative for a holiday dinner that you've prepared;

- Organizing a neighborhood arts and crafts fair (this is a wonderful way to extend the Christmas celebration to friends and neighbors);

- Encourage family members to make gifts this year instead of buying them.

In this season of giving, creating our own traditions is a perfect way to give of ourselves.

Gifts in keeping with spirits of schooltime past and present

During the harried holiday season, do you ever feel like shouting "Bah, Humbug" right in the middle of a crowded department store?

Well, if you happen to be shopping for the perfect Christmas gift for your favorite student, take a tip from Scrooge. Visit with the Spirits ... the spirits of schooltime past and schooltime present, that is. Combine both and give your student a gift that will live on and on: A class ring.

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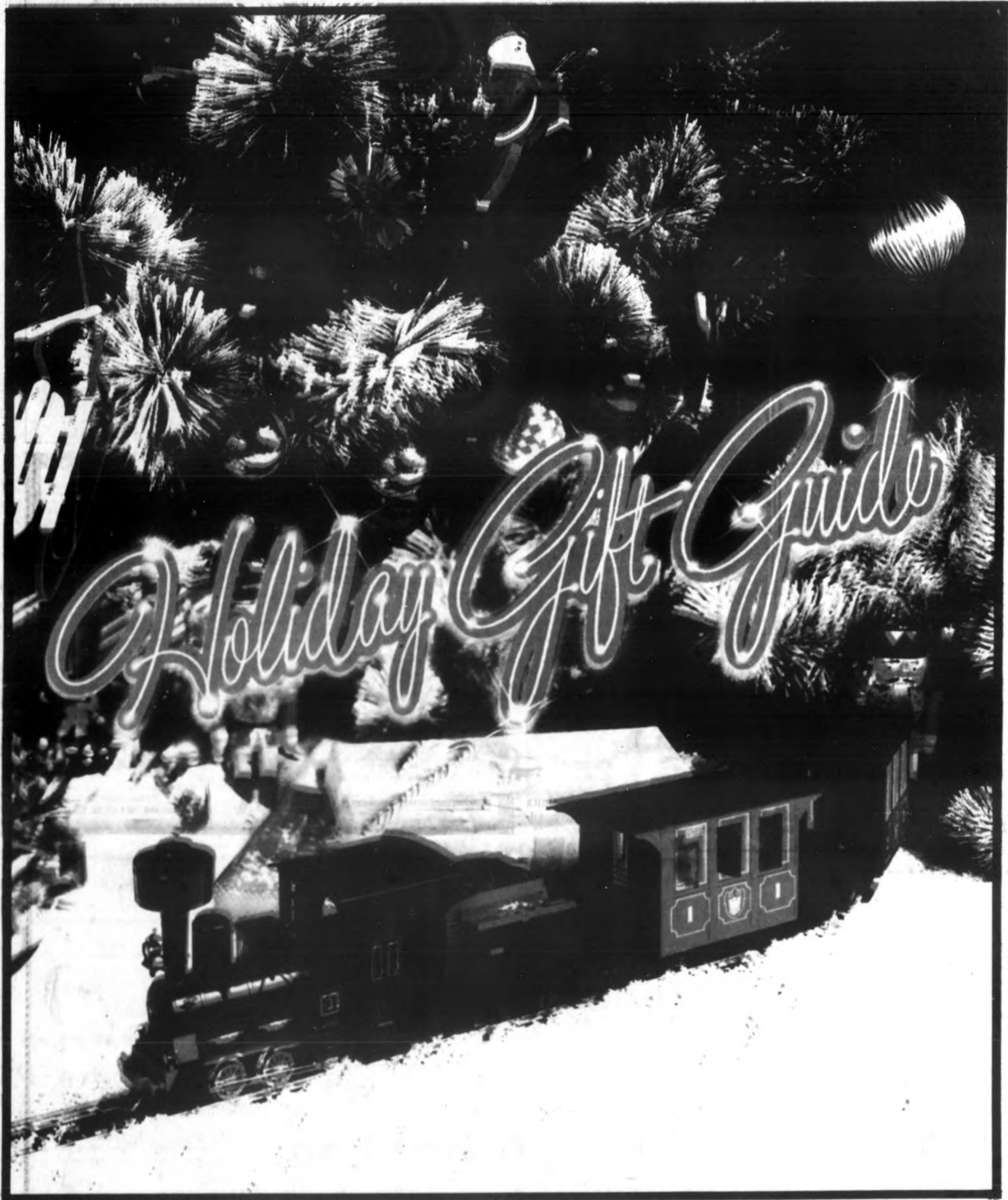
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This holiday season, give your favorite student the gift of school spirit: A class ring. Perhaps if Scrooge had received one as a lad, *A Christmas Carol* might have been different.



Christmas gift of love from mother to daughter: A treasured cedar chest

Few gifts have as much meaning as those given by a mother to her daughter. Whether it's as simple as a recipe for a favorite casserole or cookie, or a family heirloom passed down through generations, there is a special feeling attached to each exchange that can never be forgotten.

One of the oldest gifts from mothers to daughters is the cedar chest. "Centuries ago," says Carolyn Davis of the Lane Company, maker of cedar chests, "A young woman's father would build a 'dowry' chest for his daughter, usually out of native woods lined with cedar. But it was her mother who lovingly decorated the chest — sometimes with a monogram, painted flowers or colorful stenciled designs."

Labors of love

According to Davis, it was also mother who wove and embroidered the first handkerchiefs and delicate linens that would go inside the chest, to wait for the day when her daughter married and began a home of her own.

Cedar chests like these were treasured by their owners. The sturdy boxes protected the belongings of women who crossed oceans and continents with their families. (You could tell a lot about a woman by the contents of her cedar chest.)

Only the most precious things — hand-made quilts, linens, a favorite Sunday dress — were stored inside and away from the ravages of hungry moths.

Cherished possessions

Frequently, cedar chests were passed from mother to daughter, over many generations. Some of the oldest chests are cherished possessions in the homes of

women three, four and five times removed from the original owners.

Today, cedar chests enjoy the same widespread popularity as gifts from mother — or grandmother — to daughter.

"The legacy of romance and tradition, combined with the versatility of a piece of

furniture that serves as storage space, coffee table, end table, nightstand or extra seating, makes the cedar chest a very appealing gift," says Davis.

"A mother knows she's giving a practical and attractive gift. A daughter knows she's receiving a gift of love."



CHRISTMAS is the perfect time to start a new family tradition that will endure for generations. A cedar chest, like Lane's Queen Anne cabinet-chest pictured here, can be the beginning of a family tradition, passed down from mother to daughter.

Create Christmas cheer all through the house with favorite collectibles

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about decorating your home. This year, rather than limiting your decorating ideas to the dining table and the mantelpiece, try creating a holiday atmosphere throughout the house.

The best way to get the ball rolling is to take inventory of the materials and props you already have. According to interior designer Michael Cannarozzi, "The most rewarding way to decorate your home for the holidays is to combine your favorite treasures with simple craft projects."

With this in mind, Mr. Cannarozzi designed a Christmas village to showcase a collection of M.I. Hummel figurines by Goebel. "These figurines, with their bright eyes and rosy cheeks, are a natural for this Christmas project. And, when you place them in this special environment, they take on a holiday charm all their own."

Easy to construct

To make the Christmas village, Mr. Cannarozzi chose two simple materials — poster board and construction paper. The cottages are made out of the colored poster board and simply decorated with the multi-colored construction paper.

To give each house a personality of its own, Mr. Cannarozzi created different shapes and rooftop trimmings. The windows and doors are ingeniously outlined in white construction paper to give each feature more depth.

Tiny cut-out wreaths on doors and a Christmas tree in a window are finishing

touches to this enchanting mini-street.

"The best part about this project is that it can be displayed anywhere in the house. The cottages are held together by masking tape at the sides like a folding screen, so that they can be grouped together or used in pairs, depending on your space require-

ments," Mr. Cannarozzi explained.

Spreading Christmas spirit

Displayed here on a windowsill, this charming scene spreads the Christmas spirit to a new and different part of the house.



A COLLECTION of M.I. Hummel figurines joins in the Christmas spirit when it is displayed as part of this charming vignette. Featured are four of Goebel's famous figurines: (from left to right) "Chick Girl," "Going Home," "Hear Ye Hear Ye," and "Sensitive Hunter," which range in price from \$60 to \$125. The Christmas village can be easily constructed from poster board and construction paper, using only scissors, glue and adhesive tape.

A new taste treat — tropical eggnog!

There's nothing like eggnog for holiday entertaining. But if you really want to dazzle your guests, try a new taste treat: Tropical Eggnog.

This recipe, delicious, rich and unusually flavorful, is a really nice change from the customary eggnog. It is served at the Dorado Beach Hotel and Cerromar Beach Resort and Casino, owned and managed by Hyatt Hotels Puerto Rico.

Located on the balmy north shore, about 35 miles west of San Juan, these were originally a Rockefeller private playground.

The recipe was developed by the Cerromar's Swiss executive chef, Gerard Messerli, who was formerly the Rockefeller's personal chef.

Tropical eggnog is flavored with coconut, which grows on the coconut palm trees that abound in the area. (The hotels employ teams of men who climb the trees by shinnying up with their bare feet

and cut them down with machetes — a sight to behold!) Nevertheless, the chef doesn't use the fresh product but rather canned cream of coconut, readily available and which, he says, is just as delicious and much easier to handle.

Your guests are certain to rave about this eggnog, which the Rockefellers always served at their holiday parties. Another name for the Tropical Eggnog is *Coquito* — the Spanish for "little coconut."

TROPICAL EGGNOG (Coquito)

4 egg yolks
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1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
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Santa: Start with a 3" foam egg with one end cut so he can stand. Glue on pieces of felt — red for the coat, a pink circle for a face, another red piece for the hat. Strips of batting form hat brim and beard.

Use Elmer's Tacky to add pompom nose, bead eyes, and felt bits for hands, mustache, cheeks and holly.

Tree: Paint a pine cone with Gouache Paint (Elmer's Glue-All and food coloring). While paint is still wet, attach buttons, beads

and colored stones.
Ball: Using a plastic foam ball as the base, attach paper ribbon by applying glue to one side of ribbon and pressing it into place on the ball.

Wreath: Trace two circles, one inside the other on a piece of cardboard and cut out. Decorate with pompoms, pine cones, yars, shells, pasta, other.

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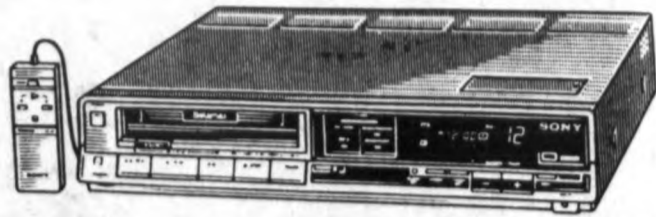
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Tips help parents and children enjoy a relaxed, happy holiday season

Holidays are a time of family reunions and get-togethers with friends. While it's a joyous season, it can be a busy time as well, often characterized by hectic schedules and disrupted routines. It can be particularly difficult for young families with infants or toddlers to cope with the time pressures of the season.

The experts at Gerber Products Company, who have advised parents for over 50 years, have the following tips to help ensure a joyful and relaxed holiday season for family and baby:

- Try to keep baby on his or her usual feeding schedule despite time pressures. Even during this busy season, mealtime should be a happy and relaxed experience for parent and child.

Set time aside for feedings
 To make it as enjoyable as possible, be sure enough time is set aside for feedings so you and baby don't feel rushed.

- Don't be surprised if your baby's or toddler's eating habits change during the holidays. All the excitement may cause him to be more interested in the new people and the activity around him than in food.

- A baby can be the center of attention during the holidays, but it's important to make sure that friendly relatives and caregivers understand baby's feeding routine. Politely but firmly establish that a young baby should not be offered holi-

day sweets or adult table food, which may not be suitable.

- If your baby is just starting to eat solid foods, be patient. The introduction of baby foods opens up new experiences in flavors and textures and involves a good deal of learning.

- Try feeding or introducing one new baby food at a time when baby will be most hungry, and therefore most receptive to the new food. Continue feeding the new food for a few days to let baby become used to the flavor.

- If you will be visiting grandparents frequently during the holidays, you might want to keep a supply of baby needs on hand at their house. "Staples" for baby include diapers, bottles, strained juices and favorite baby foods.

- For car or airplane trips to see friends or family, it makes good sense for parents to keep a packed bag for baby on hand. Be sure it contains diapers, per-moistened towlettes, bottles and formula is necessary, baby food and strained juices.

Handy extras
 A change of clothes and a litter bag may come in handy as well.

- Even if you're busy, make the extra effort to find a few moments each day, perhaps before bedtime, to relax with baby or toddler. It will help slow the pace and calm baby down for bedtime.

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Who loves the holiday season more than kids? In fact, right after the last slice of Thanksgiving pumpkin pie has been served, their thoughts usually turn toward Christmas with all its festive activities and foods.

Part of the holiday fun is making special treats, say home economists from Whirlpool Corporation. Both boys and girls love to make cookies, and may be surprised at just how creative they are when it comes to decorating them.

Fun and easy
 With a little guidance and supervision from mom or dad, youngsters can have a great time ... and you'll have plenty of goodies on hand for drop-on guests, friends and relatives.

For excited children, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas seems to move very slowly. To help the time pass more quickly, let the youngsters start baking for Christmas early, advise the home economists.

Many cookie and candy recipes can be made weeks ahead of time and then frozen or stored until the holidays.

To help young cooks get started on the right foot, the Whirlpool Appliance Information Service has developed a new booklet, "Adventures in Basic Cooking" that contains useful information on techniques, utensils and equipment for ages nine years and up.

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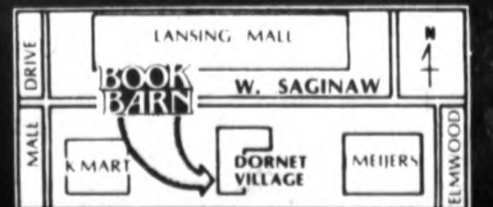
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Beauty tips for the winter traveler

During the holiday season, when winter's deep chill has burrowed in, more and more families and couples are spiriting off to festive vacation spots.

Whether it's a sun-kissed isle or a cozy ski chalet, here's how to beautify any mid-winter trip:

- Keep up fitness by booking into a hotel with a pool, gym or sauna. When that's not an option, take along your leotard, portable cassette player and best exercise tape for in-room workouts.

- Fight in-flight calories by calling 24 hours ahead to order a diet entree.

Many airlines offer special meals — for instance, fruit salads, seafood platters and vegetarian plates — at no extra charge.

- Pressurized airplane cabins are notorious skin-parchers. Helpful strategies: Drink plenty of

water and sodas (but not diuretic coffee, alcohol).

Keep your face makeup-free. Massage often with a replenishing moisturizer.

- Caribbean-bound redhead or pale blonde? Though he doesn't endorse this practice generally, Dr. Jacob Rispler of Arcadia, California, suggests two or three pre-trip visits to a tanning salon.

Preparing fragile skin with a UVA-based tan will lessen the likelihood of a painful island burn.

- When you arrive, to avoid a bad tropical sunburn, Dr. Rispler suggests wearing a high-intensity UVB sunscreen (at least SPF No. 8).

Slather on at least 30 minutes before exposure so skin has a chance to absorb the activating PABA and PABA esters.

- Skiers, beware! Glare of winter sun off snow is as harmful as tropical rays. Protect face and lips with a high-SPF block, wear polarized sunglasses.

- Smartest beauty take-along: A plastic bag stuffed full of cotton puffs or pads. Use to remove eye makeup and nail polish, to apply skin toner and dust on loose powder.

Dipped in ice water, two puffs soothe tired eyes.

- Lost luggage? Perish the thought! Nevertheless, it's clever to stash a "Panic Pack" in your carry-on.

According to Clare Miller, Author of *8 Minute Makeovers*, "In it go emergency basics: For skin, a travel tube of Cold Cream such as Pond's to remove makeup, deep-cleanser skin and exfoliate when used with a natural sea sponge.

For makeup, a

mirrored-compact blusher, lipstick, powder eye shadow stick. For hair, a small brush and comb and other health and beauty must-haves."

- Pack a personal body cleanser, wherever you go, says Dr. Rispler. West of the Rockies, water's hard. A non-detergent bar will cleanse best, won't leave a drying film on skin.

If you're headed south, know that some smaller Caribbean hotels supply soap containing photo-allergic agents now banned in the United States.

Bring your favorite

soap; cold cream is safe for the face.

- Refresh achy feet after a day's skiing or sightseeing: Soak in cool water, elevate for 10-15 minutes, soften calloused areas overnight by rubbing in a dry skin cream and donning a pair of cotton socks.

- Tailor skin/makeup formulations to your destination. In cold climates, switch to an oil-based foundation, cream blusher, silky eye shadow.

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