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United Appraisal seeks compromise with Clinton Board

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Will the problems between United Appraisal and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners ever be resolved? That appeared to be the main question at Tuesday morning's board meeting.

Sherwood Vermillion, president of United Appraisal, a Findlay, Ohio based firm, told the board he wants to come to a reasonable area of compromise.

"After acquainting myself to the problem it seems we have reached an impasse that doesn't look like it would be easily resolved," he said.

Vermillion told the board that a five per cent difference in evaluations made by his company and the state was too much of a difference, in his opinion. The state added \$30 million to the county's evaluation this year. In previous years, the county was getting a five per cent factor and had thought by having an appraisal they would alleviate the situation.

"I'm here to openly discuss things to see if we can't get off dead center," Vermillion told the Board.

Chairman of the board Roger Overway told Vermillion the majority of the second cards have already been done. (Errors with these cards were a big area of contention with the local assessors.)

"In speaking for the assessors in the county," Thomas Woodruff, Bath Township supervisor said, "They don't want United Appraisal touching their cards again. They've done most of the work over and we feel they would create more problems if they were to work on it again."

Recently the Board unanimously voted to withhold \$27,000 of the money for United Appraisal. The original amount of the contract was \$254,000.

Woodruff told Vermillion at the

meeting there were several mathematical errors, and houses were placed on the wrong property, characterizing just a few of the mistakes made by United Appraisal. "And we're still finding mistakes," he added.

Vermillion kept pressing members of the board for specific problem areas during the course of the meeting.

"Windshields and steering wheels cause problems when pictures of houses are taken from the car," Woodruff responded.

New administrative aid to DeWitt City, James Spalding, commented when he looked at the pictures he felt they were taken too far away to give an accurate accounting of the houses.

"It bothers me that a highly recommended company such as yours could produce such poor quality and that you'd con the county into taking them," Commissioner Robert Zeeb said. "I agree with the townships. If you didn't do it right the first time, why do it again?"

In response, Vermillion commented, "I saw some of the cards and had them done over to be reasonably acceptable."

"We didn't bring your mistakes to your attention, we shouldn't have to," Zeeb said. "You should have done it right the first time."

"I wouldn't be here right now if I thought we were all wrong," Vermillion commented. "I want to come to a reasonable compromise."

He noted during the course of the meeting the person responsible for the quality in the Clinton County region was fired.

Chairman to the Finance Committee reiterated the company did not finish on time, they were given a 30-day extension and the county still was not given an acceptable second copy.

Vermillion agreed with the Board the copying part of the cards was not done on time.

This put the assessors in a bind because they had to have the work done by March for the Board of Review.

"We spent a lot of hours getting those cards ready," Woodruff said.

Commissioner Duane Chamberlain questioned Vermillion as to what per cent the errors should be? Vermillion stated between one and two per cent.

"One of the supervisors told me that there were 10 per cent errors in his cards," Chamberlain said. "If an employee of the county made a 10 per cent mistake, they'd be out."

Woodruff commented, because of all the mistakes made by United Appraisal, a December Board of Review will have to be held in Bath. "This is something we have never had to have before," he said.

"The assessors told me they don't want them to mess up the cards again," Nobis said.

A meeting has been set up sometime this month for the Finance Committee and United Appraisal to discuss the problems.

Overway clarified it (the Board) is telling United Appraisal they don't want them to do any more work for the county and they don't feel the county should pay the specified amount of the contract.

The Board also discussed the 208 Water Quality Proposal recently adopted by Tri-County Planning Commission. The Board passed a resolution to adopt the plan subject to verification of the needs and certain problem areas in the county to be done with federal and state monies that are available. The vote was eight to three in favor of the resolution with Glenn Webster, Nobis, and Harold Martin casting dissenting votes.

Commissioner Richard Hawks told the Board a special meeting was held Dec. 1 with 48 people in the county

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Look out Luigi! Here comes Mr. Morlock (Dick Hunt) over the couch to see if he can tackle the ghost of his foe. The Ovid-Elsie Junior class is presenting the play "Rest Assured" which will be held Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Senior High Auditorium. Looking on in the picture are Mrs. Morlock, played by Merijo Hubbard and daughter, Jessica, played by Brenda Francis. Luigi is played by Ernie Bywater.

'Rest Assured' to be presented at O-E

The Junior class at Ovid-Elsie High School will present the play, "Rest Assured" on Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Ovid-Elsie High School Auditorium, at 8 p.m.

The play, a comedy, consists of three acts under the direction of Don Thayer, guidance counselor at the Ovid and Elsie Junior High Schools.

The plot centers around the love two people from different family backgrounds which sets the stage for a feud

between their fathers. The feud appears ended when one father dies, but he then comes back to haunt the other. Special attraction is Lucifer, the "rounder upper" of lost souls from "down under."

The cast consists of Dick Hunt (Mr. Morlock), Merijo Hubbard (Mrs. Morlock), Brenda Francis (Jessica), Julie Booth (Mildred), Tammy Woodbury (Mary), Doug Kadolph (Joe), Kathleen Baese (Martha), Ernie Bywater (Luigi

Lanconi), Jim Pontack (Lucifer), Dawn Irish (Miss Akers), Don Cilla (George Plew), Philis Ackels (Mrs. Schmaltz), Charlie Harden (Dr. Brown), Joe Horak (Mr. Black and understudy), Marty Fineout (Jake), Sue Coon (Mrs. Frinck), Denise McCue (understudy), Kay Rivest (prompter).

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from members of the junior class. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Conflict of interest question resurfaces, Overway clears the air

By Patrice Hornak
and Sue Kiley

Charges that Clinton County Commission Chairman Roger Overway may have been in conflict of interest when voting to enlist the services of Datamatic, a computer firm hired to computerize the county's payroll and Friend of the Court accounts, has resurfaced again.

However, the Commission head again has clarified his involvement with Datamatic, which is owned jointly by the Michigan Animal Breeder's Association and Accudata; and his involvement with WRB Corporation of East Lansing which is owned by Wesley R. Benzing who also has ownership of Accudata.

In a recent interview with the County News, Overway explained that he has 15 percent stock in the WRB Corporation and drives a 1977 Toronado with license plates PW0005, registered to WRB Corporation "for tax advantages."

Recent questions by some residents of Clinton County were directed to Overway's use of a vehicle registered to WRB and WRB's involvement with Datamatic.

The vehicle was purchased shortly after the vote of the Commission last April 12 to contract with Datamatic, a contract costing the county an average of \$34,000 a year and possibly reaching \$40,000 a year.

Overway explained that the only link between Datamatic and WRB is Benzing. He also affirmed that WRB Corporation has no contracts with Datamatic, dissolving any conflict of interest charges.

The County Commission met in special session several weeks ago to

discuss a possible conflict of interest between Overway and Datamatic, as Overway once held stock in Datamatic. However, Overway told the Commission he had sold his stock in Datamatic (October of 1976) prior to the vote by the Commission on April 12, 1977.

There was some question by some county residents why the Commission failed to take bids on the \$34,000 annual expenditure, but County Administrative Assistant Gerald Ambrose defended the Commissioners' move by saying Datamatic was the only computer firm contacted which offered on-line service.

On-line service relates to the use of the computer via a telephone as compared to filling out computer forms and taking the forms to a computer company.

"We went through a pretty logical step," says Ambrose, referring to signing the contract with Datamatic. But, he added, "If we did it again, I daresay, we would take bids."

The computer service is expected to keep the county from adding additional employees as the work load increases, according to Ambrose.

The conflict of interest law basically says no public servant shall be a party, directly or indirectly, to any contract between himself and the public entity of which he is an officer or employee.

Overway expects to sell his stock in WRB Corporation before Christmas, in the case that WRB Corporation does become associated with Datamatic.

Workshops scheduled for discussion of US-27 link

At the request of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, County Planning Commission, Clinton County Farm Bureau, Greenbush Township Board of Supervisors and several interested citizens adjacent to existing US-27, the State Highway Commission on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1977 approved the development of an alternative alignment for US-27 within an area bounded by Krepps Road on the east, M-21 on the south, US-27 on the west and the Maple River on the north.

The new alternative alignments will be compared and evaluated with the alignment which uses existing US-27

from Kinley Road to Pierce Road, south of Ithaca.

Wilbur Smith and Associates and the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation are sponsoring a township workshop to review the alignment alternatives with area residents to solicit their comments and/or suggestions. Persons residing in the area described above, are invited to attend the workshop scheduled for their township at the time, date and place indicated below:

Bingham Township, Township Hall, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. and Greenbush Township, Township Hall, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Final funds for 1976 ice storm received

The Clinton County Drain Commissioner, Harry J. Harden, has received the final payment of \$48,543 from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration.

The county was originally approved

for \$148,500. As the work progressed, there was additional work completed within the scope of the project for approval of \$11,418 which made a total of \$159,918 for the Clinton County drains.

The funds allocated were divided up between several drains as follows: Maple River Drain located in Duplain and Ovid Township received \$73,119; Maple River Drain located in Essex and Lebanon Townships received \$54,460.80; Hayworth Extension Drain located in Essex and Lebanon Townships received \$14,400; Spaulding Extension Drain located in Bingham Township received \$4,750; Stoney Creek Drain located in Bengal and Dallas Townships received \$8,088; North Swagart Drain located in Essex Township received \$1,200; and Shiawassee Drain located in Duplain Township received \$2,400. Steel and Walbridge Drain located in Bingham Township received \$1,500.

Fourteen miles of drains, amounting to \$29,000.00, not originally approved by the F.D.A.A., were cleaned by private contractors with township resolutions, which authorized the drain commissioner to exceed the \$800 per mile limitation written in Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code.

Harden noted that the spring rains of 1977 affecting the Drains removed the runoff water with no apparent damage to cropland.

Triplet sons born to Jim and Karen Carroll of Elsie

Elsie's first triplets were born to Jimmie and Karen Carroll of 220 W. Main St., Elsie on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing between 4:30 p.m. and 5:20 p.m.

Making their grand entrance were Joshua Henry Carroll weight six pounds, Jason William weighing five pounds and 11 ounces, and Jeremy Hugh weight five pounds and six ounces.

Grandparents of the triplets are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carroll of 7752 Island Rd., Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickens of Mancelona.

The triplets have a brother, Chad Clayton, 16 months old at home. They also have a half sister and two half brothers ages seven, eight, and 10 who live with their mother in Phoenix, Arizona but spend the summer months with their father in Michigan.

The triplets' parents are employed at U.S. Post offices, the father at Owosso and the mother at Lansing.

They plan to move to a larger home in Ovid as soon as possible.

Dr. G. W. Bennett of Elsie is the family doctor and two pediatricians were called when multiple births were confirmed last month.

Raccoon hunting Bashore trio have furry 123 stories to tell

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

There is a trio of Clinton County men who have earned the right to be called true coon hunters—after all, shooting 123 raccoon in one season is quite an accomplishment.

Don Bashore of 2834 N. US-27 and his son and grandson, Jerry and Donnie, respectively, recently put their season's catch out for display. One hundred and twenty three coon skins were hung on a barn, and collectively the men reflected on the 42 nights they spent tromping the fields of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, hunting raccoon.

"It's a sport," says the elder Bashore, adding, "It isn't for the money (that we hunt)."

A prime raccoon pelt can get \$20,

and though the raccoon the Bashores' got hadn't reached their prime, they will bring enough "money to feed the dogs for a year," he smiles.

The pelts are sold to a fur buyer in Owosso, which in turn sells the furs to buyers in New York. Commenting on the 123 pelts recently sold, Don Bashore jokes, "They would make a coat or two."

The trio hunted with their four dogs, Sue, Andy, Ruby and Bell. Ruby is the eldest dog and Sue and Bell are her year-and-a-half old daughters. Andy was raised by Don Bashore's brother, Max.

"We like to hear the dogs bellow and run coon," says Bashore who has hunted for the past 35 years. His son Jerry has hunted for the past 20 years and grandson Donny has hunted with his dad since he was five years old.

Since the season opened the first of October, and until it ended on Nov. 19, the Bashores went out regularly every night except Thursdays, which is their bowling night, and on rainy nights.

They would average three coon a night, though some nights' catch was as high as 10 or 11, according to Don Bashore.

"They mounted up pretty fast," he says looking back upon the season's acquisitions which were skinned in the woods and then the pelts were brought back to be put in deep freeze.

After the season ended, Don Bashore was happy with the results and thankful to the farmers who granted the Bashores permission to hunt on the farmers' property.



One hundred and twenty-three raccoon skins is an impressive sight to the coon captures, (from left) Don Bashore, Don's father Jerry Bashore, and Jerry's father, Don Bashore.

Drivers land in ditches travelling on ice-covered roads

Clinton County's first unofficial ice storm didn't keep drivers off the roads, but a lot of them ended up in the ditch Wednesday, Nov. 30. According to Clinton County Sheriff deputies reports, there were 12 accidents handled during the day, none of which were considered very serious.

Cars driven by Sherry C. Edlund, Alto, Anne H. Pierson, Grand Rapids, and Lloyd P. Peterson, also of Grand Rapids were involved in a three-car crash on I-96 at the intersection of Grand River. According to deputies, the cars went out of control at 9:55 p.m. There were no injuries.

Cars driven by Carol L. Clark, Portland, and Gary H. Hart, Holland, collided on the overpass of I-96 at the intersection of Grand River. There were no injuries in the accident which happened at 10:10 a.m.

Cars driven by Richard M. Meier, Capac, and Ronald F. Lahr, collided on I-96 at the intersection of Grand River at 10:10 a.m. There were no injuries.

Barry G. Hark, East Lansing, was eastbound on Grand River approaching the intersection at Forest Hill Road. He told deputies he could not stop on the ice and was struck from behind by a car driven by Cyrus R. Knishely, Lansing. The accident happened at 10:10 a.m. with no reported injuries.

A car driven by Gerald L. Simon was traveling on country roads when he hit a patch of ice and lost control going off the west side of the road into a ditch. He skidded and then hit a barbed wire fence at 8 p.m. He was cited for careless driving.

James A. Albert, 2305 Green Rd., St. Johns, was southbound on Chandler Rd. when he lost control of the auto on the icy bridge. The accident happened at 6 p.m. There were no injuries and Albert was cited for a violation of the basic speed law.

A car driven by Durwood Moon, Ithaca, collided into the back of a car driven by William Fraser, DeWitt, which was stopped for a school bus on U.S.-27 near Cutler Road. The incident happened at 3:50 p.m. Moon was cited by police for failing to stop within the

assured clear distance ahead. Fraser was injured and sought his own treatment.

Thomas A. Hatta, Hollister Road, Ovid, was northbound on Ovid Road and in the process of making a left hand turn when he was struck by a car driven by Julayne E. Selfridge, Kinley Road, Ovid. Selfridge was injured in the accident which occurred at 2:30 p.m. Selfridge was cited for failing to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

Edward B. Hawkins, Cornuna, was northbound on Hollister Road near Colony Road when he lost control of the vehicle on the ice, slid sideways, struck a mailbox and uprooted a tree in a yard. Hawkins was injured and sought his own treatment.

There were four other minor accidents occurring on Nov. 30, due to icy road conditions.

A bus driven by Annette R. Wilson, DeWitt was stopped at the side of the road with its flashers operating on US-27 when it was struck by a car driven by Stanley R. Ordiway, Lansing on Nov. 28 at 4 p.m. Ordiway was attempting to pass another car when he lost control of his vehicle, causing him to go off the roadway. The bus contained 10 children at the time, none of which were hurt in the mishap. Ordiway was injured in the accident and was cited by deputies for failing to stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

A car driven by Paul E. Holmes, DeWitt, was westbound on Cutler Road, one-quarter of a mile north of Forest Hill Road when he lost control, went down a slight embankment and rolled over into a fence row on the south side of the road. Holmes and three passengers were injured and transported to St. Lawrence Hospital for treatment. The accident happened on Dec. 4 at 1:25 a.m.

Cars driven by Mary A. Gardner, Lansing, and Sandra A. Robbins, Eaton Rapids, collided at the intersection of Chapel Hills entrance and Grand River on Dec. 2 at 7:45 a.m. There were no injuries and Robbins was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

A car driven by Christopher A. Weber, Fowler, was traveling north on Hinman Road and started to fishtail, causing him to lose control of the auto, slide into a ditch and hit a tree. He was not injured but charged by deputies with driving while under the influence of liquor. The accident happened on Dec. 3 at 1:30 a.m.

Four car-deer accidents were handled by sheriff's deputies during the past week of Nov. 28.

James Thurlow, 11018 W. Clinton, Fowler, reported the breaking and entering of his residence sometime between Nov. 25-27. Taken were three guns, a tape player, and eight-track tapes.

Robert Whittenburg, reported the breaking and entering of a business which happened on Nov. 22 or 23. Broken into was the Hempsted Grocery on Round Lake Road. It is unknown at this time if anything is missing.

George Wills reported a larceny over \$100 which occurred at Martin Aggregates. On Howe Road sometime between Nov. 21 and Nov. 25. Taken were several items from a portable plant.

Thomas Kissane, 14445 S. Clintonia, reported the theft of two stereo speakers sometime before Nov. 17.

Ted Ball reported a larceny under \$100 at the Highland Hills Golf Course. Taken were golf balls.

Linda Benedict, reported to police while her car was parked on Price Road near Meridian Road \$280 worth of clothing was taken from her car on Nov. 20.

Robbin Purtil, 2131 N. Scott Rd., reported the theft of two spark plugs and four wheel covers from his auto.

Clint Overn, reported the larceny of \$650 worth of golf equipment taken from the Royal Scot Golf Course.



Elaine Smith name DAR recipient

Elaine Smith, daughter of Charles and Nancy Smith has been chosen by her classmates and faculty as DAR Good Citizen at Fulton High School.

The DAR Good Citizen is chosen for qualities of good citizenship based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Elaine was Homecoming

Queen and a member of the band for three years, is a varsity cheerleader, and is vice president of the student council. She was president of the class in her junior year and has held offices in the FHA.

Her present plans upon graduation are to attend nursing school, probably at Hurley Hospital in Flint.

St. Johns police report quiet week

St. Johns city police, reported a quieter week with nine accidents occurring, three of those occurring on Wednesday.

Other activities handled by the department included: the investigation of the theft of a snowblower from Dean's Hardware on Clinton Avenue. The incident occurred on Friday sometime between 6 and 9 p.m. while the snowblower was displayed in front of the store. It was a black and red

Tru-Test snow thrower. One person was cited for driving on a suspended license; two warrant pick-ups were made; two people were arrested for being drunk and disorderly; and two persons were arrested for being disorderly.

Two stolen license plates were reported and one bike was recovered. There was also one incident of simple larceny, one larceny from a vehicle and one report of a dog bite.

Area happening

Dec. 7—A potluck dinner and white elephant exchange is slated for 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting of the Radiant Chapter No. 79, Order of the Easter Star, at the Masonic Hall. The regular meeting will be at 8 p.m.

St. Johns cracks down on shoplifting

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

Ripping off stores, to some it is a game, to others a challenge, and to a few a way of life. But it's a crime, punishable by law whether it is a dime pencil or \$250 television set.

Yet, stores and businesses throughout the nation are being "taken for a ride" every day they are open, and the St. Johns business district is no exception.

Some of the changes store managers have made is avoiding tall displays, keeping small items locked up, using display patterns that draw attention to missing items, using more personnel especially around the holiday shopping season, and using devices to discourage shoplifters such as cameras, mirrors, and signs.

Employees in a store ask if a customer needs help as a deterrent to shoplifting because according to Ruby if a customer knows he is being watched he is less apt to steal.

"Curing shoplifting is a matter of prevention," Ruby commented.

Last year employees and some managers did not know what their rights were where shoplifters were concerned. Now they know and they are aware.

"Some of them didn't know what to do," Ruby said. "They do have the right to question somebody, discriminately of course."

He mentioned stores lose about 20 per cent of its merchandise to shoplifting every year. This for the most part hurts the honest customer who pays more in higher prices so the store does not take too big of a

loss.

Shoplifting is a felony. If it is over \$100 it can be called larceny from a building. If it is under \$100 it is considered a misdemeanor. The maximum fine for this is 90 days in jail and (or) a \$100 fine.

Ruby stressed store managers have to prosecute to make the shoplifting campaign work.

"Last year there was an active campaign and the gearing of sales people on shoplifting," he said. "This year they should see a substantial reduction in this crime."

It was noted St. Johns merchants have a call tree. This is used when a person who has been known to shoplift in certain stores is seen, other merchants are made aware so they can become more observant of this person.

Who is stealing from merchants? It could be anybody from juveniles who shoplift for thrills, to housewives, who are bored or frustrated, to kleptomaniacs, who can't control themselves, to professionals. They make stealing their business.

Shoplifting hurts everybody, so who needs it?

I Squad breaks bikes case

Stolen bikes has been a big problem in the St. Johns area this year, but police feel they have the biggest part of the thefts solved.

During the course of another investigation officers developed information leading to the stolen bikes. According to Art Hopp, squad leader of the Investigative Squad, 12 cases have been closed which involved three juveniles and one adult. None of the bikes have been recovered however.

Two personal injury accidents were reported by DeWitt Township as a result of icy road conditions on the last day of November.

A one-car accident happened when an auto driven by Christopher G. Olance, 14229 Turner, DeWitt lost control of the auto he was driving. Olance was traveling east on Herbison Road, one-half mile east of Turner when an unidentified westbound vehicle lost control and went into the eastbound lane.

Olance swerved to avoid a collision and went into the ditch. Olance and two passengers, Eric Carl, Lansing; and Joe Cassel, DeWitt were injured. The other vehicle did not stop to give assistance. The accident happened at 12:15 p.m.

Harry J. Dowell, 10970 Airport Rd. The theft occurred on Nov. 24. The truck was valued at \$5,000 with \$2,000 worth of tools also being in the vehicle.

The vehicle was recovered in Detroit on Nov. 29.

One adult has been charged with the crime.

Between May and October of 1977 28 ten-speed bikes were stolen in the St. Johns area valued at almost \$3,000.

Hopp noted the thieves would steal the bike, bring it to a pre-designated location change the parts and then attempt to sell the bike in St. Johns.

Accidents result in injuries

The second accident resulted in serious injuries of three DeWitt residents following a head-on crash on Herbison Road. A car driven by Michael S. Zalewski, 7721 Herbison, was westbound on Herbison when he lost control of his auto on a curve and struck an auto driven by Jeffrey Tahvonen, 13175 Tucker.

The accident happened at 3:30 p.m. just east of Airport Road. The two drivers

and a passenger, in the Tahvonen auto, Greg Berkner, were transported to Sparrow Hospital for treatment. Zalewski was cited by police for a violation of the basic speed law.

A third personal injury accident happened in the township on Dec. 4 at 12:15 a.m. when a car driven by John J. Stuber, Lansing, went out of control while attempting to round a curve on Turner Street south of Herbison.

The car slid into two mailboxes, hit a tree and a telephone pole before crossing the road and coming to a stop. Stuber and two passengers, Julie Chlebo, and Robert Secord both of Lansing were also injured and all three were taken to St. Lawrence Hospital for treatment.

Stuber was ticketed for a violation of the basic speed law and driving with a suspended license.

Other activities handled by the department included: seven property damage accidents, one car-deer accident, one arrest for carrying a concealed weapon, four malicious destructions of property, one simple larceny, one larceny from a vehicle, and two driving while license suspended.

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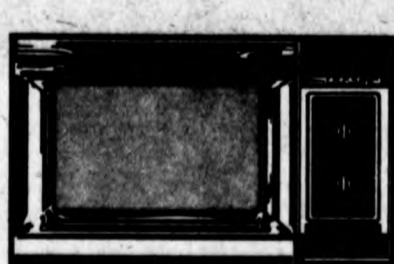
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Two paramedic instructors from Lansing Community College get ready to be simulated crash victims during the Tuesday night class teaching EMT's to remove victims from an automobile crash.



Roy Ziegler of the Lansing Fire Department who is a paramedic, demonstrates the removal of a windshield and a steering wheel from an auto donated by Hettler Motor Sales of St. Johns. Watching the demonstration are (from left) Clair Maiers who is the St. Johns Fire Chief, Denny Koenigsnecht, Ralph Bailey, Sid Lounds and Tom Vincent.

School financing forum set for tonight

Do you have questions about the present way schools are financed?

Do you have concern about the rising property taxes? Are there other ways to finance quality education? Take an opportunity being offered by the St. Johns Area

Chamber of Commerce to present your thoughts to area lawmakers, Senator Richard Allen and Representative Stanley Powell at a public forum on school taxes and financing, Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Johns High School auditorium.

Property Tax Credit meeting set at O-E

A meeting to explain The Farmland and Open Space Act as well as the Property Tax Credit Program will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid-Elsie High School Auditorium. This meeting is open to all.

Jim Pelham, county extension director, and Leon Thelen, county equalization director, will explain the Farmland and Open Space Act and answer questions.

Don Kenney, Ovid-Elsie superintendent, will explain the Michigan Property Tax Credit Program



For Christmas, I would like...

Telling Santa what she would like to receive Christmas morning is Marla Lade who visited Santa after the Santa parade Friday evening, Dec. 2, in St. Johns.

Area EMT's practice skills

Clinton Area Ambulance Service emergency medical technicians (EMT's) participated in a mock two-car accident last Tuesday night at the ambulance garage on south Oakland Street in St. Johns.

The mock accident was part of a refresher course the EMT's are taking. The course began the last week in October and will continue through Jan. 3.

Tuesday evening the EMT's learned the process of removing a windshield, steering wheel and seats in a mock multi-injury accident. They also reviewed patient care and removal of patients from an automobile.

Eight instructors and students from Lansing Community College acted as victims during the mock accident.

The automobiles used in the accident were donated by Hettler's Motor Sales of St. Johns.

Emergency medical technicians taking the refresher course in St. Johns include three persons from the fire department and 12 from the ambulance service. They have been spending three hours each Tuesday evening attending the class covering

such topics as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), splinting, back boarding, bandaging, general training, radio communication, how to determine blood pressure and shock treatments.

Anyone in need of the ambulance service is reminded to call 224-4357 which is the same as 224-HELP.

Bath police report

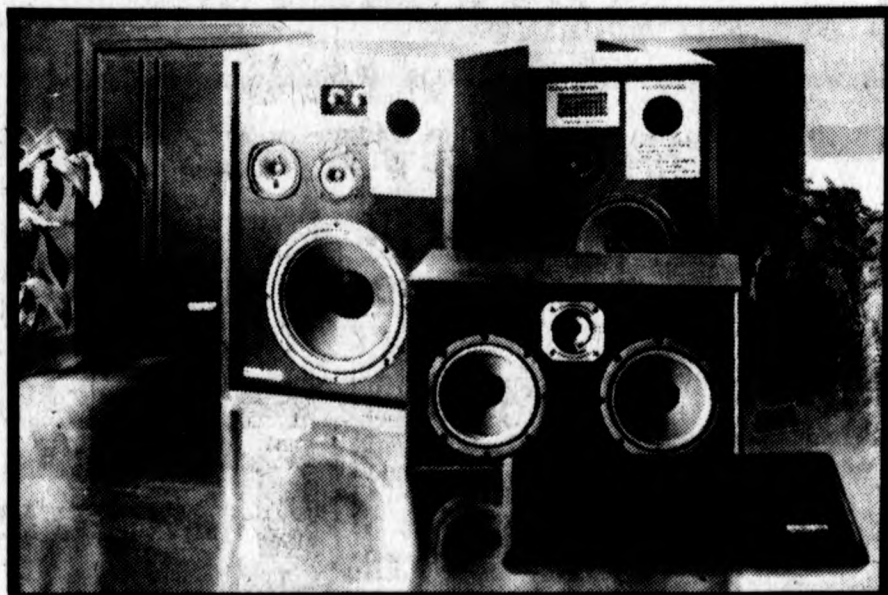
Accidents were the main activity handled by the Bath Township during the week of Nov. 28.

Police investigated mishaps on Clark, Upton, Center, and Coleman Roads, two of those being car-deer accidents.

Incidents also handled by the department included four cases of malicious destruction of property, one assault and battery, one drunk and disorderly, and on assist for a missing person.

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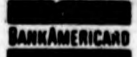
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Lobbying is an art

By Richard L. Milliman

Legislative bodies, especially at state and federal levels, hold great control over the lives and fortunes of individuals, groups and businesses; so the fine art of lobbying is much in demand where decisions are made.

And a fine art it is, too. Essentially, lobbying can be defined as getting your story across to decision makers, so that the decisions they make will go your way.

Lobbying is indeed an art, as opposed to a science... as witness recent comments by a couple of effective practitioners of the trade, one at the federal level, one at the state level.

Andrew Biemiller, legislative director for the AFL-CIO in Washington, is often called the most powerful man on Capitol Hill, because of the heavy Democratic dominance of the Congress, coupled with organized labor's effective role in electing many of its members.

Biemiller, of course, denies control of the Congress; but the heavy influence of his organization cannot be denied. A contemporary of AFL-CIO President George Meany, former Congressman Biemiller has held the labor lobby job for 23 years.

Recently, Biemiller described the conversation when Meany hired him. Asked how the job should be conducted, Meany recalled for his new lobbyist three rules which Meany claimed he himself had followed for years when he was labor's spokesman in the New York state capitol at Albany. As described by Biemiller, Meany's lobbying rules went like this:

- Don't threaten; you'll only make enemies.
 - Don't beg; you'll only demean yourself and lower your own self respect.
 - Don't assume you're always 100 percent right.
- Meany's rules for lobbying make sense. They also sound like they're intended for long-haul effectiveness.

A little of everything

By Patrice Hornak

This column will be indicative of jumbled thoughts around a big holiday.

During the past week I've been to four basketball games on three different levels. There was a girls' basketball game on Thursday, a boys' basketball game Friday, a girls' district final game on Saturday night and a college game (CMU vs. Indiana State) Monday night.

Strange how the crowd gets rowdier as the teams progress in ability. Monday night's game at CMU was characterized by 100 decibels of noise as the CMU fans cheered at every call the referee made favorable to the Chippewas and booed at every call which went against the Chips.

I personally can't say I enjoyed the more experienced game, either. The local teams are exciting to watch because you know the players and you know the coaches. You want this girl to do well because she has a pleasant personality or you want this guy to score lots of points because he has friendly parents.

It was good to get back on the campus, however, and see unbelievable outside shots swish through the bucket, only one or two jump balls during the whole game, and a good controlled ball game.

Giving the small, weekly newspaper a pat on the back: Did you know that one of three people read a community newspaper, as reported by a recent nationwide readership report?

Thirty-four per cent of those questioned last March said they read at least one paid weekly newspaper."

Respondents to the survey were to give weight to 34 subjects ranging from astrology to wedding announcements.

Heading the list were: best food buys, health, nutrition and medical science, and general consumer news. Also high on the list were human interest and people stories, articles on the environment, editorials, stories on politicians and public officials, and sports news."

However, a conclusion drawn from the survey is that news remains the most important component of a newspaper, even for the infrequent readers who are most attracted to features."

Only 17 more days until Christmas. I keep pointing out to my husband every house which has its Christmas tree up and decorated, secretly wishing that our tree were selected, erected and decorated. This weekend for sure. Christmas is such a short season—and it takes a whole year to get here.

On the state scene, one of the more effective voices in Michigan government belongs to Michigan Citizens Lobby, the home-grown version of Common Cause. It's a do-good type of citizen's organization, in the best sense of that term, dedicated—so it claims—to the good of the consumer. That's all of us, of course.

A young man named Doug Ross is co-director of Citizens Lobby, which has claimed success in such areas as auto repair reform, gaining approval for generic drug prescriptions and thereby lowering medicine costs, and repeal of the state sales tax on food and medicine through a statewide referendum.

In a recent news article describing one of the Citizens Lobby's latest campaigns for foodness, Doug Ross gave a straightforward statement of how the Lobby works in attempting to influence the state legislature.

"Our strategy is fairly simple," Ross is quoted as saying.

"If we get 20 people from a district focused on one legislator, I don't care whether General Motors, Detroit Edison and the whole banking community are on the other side, nine times out of 10 times, the legislator will go with us."

And that's probably right; most legislators would consider 20 letters or calls or contacts from bona fide constituents as a landslide of opinion, and very likely would tailor their actions accordingly... that is, in the absence of some overriding consideration to the contrary.

What Mr. Ross points out is something to keep in mind: Legislators generally will respond to the voice of their constituents.

The problem most of us have is that either we're too busy or too complacent to make our voices heard.

Citizens Lobby is neither too complacent nor too busy to be involved. The AFL-CIO is neither too complacent nor too busy to make its viewpoints known to members of legislative bodies, in state capitols and in Washington. Neither are the other lobbies which operate at the various capitols.

That's how the system works.

Back Through the Years

From the Clinton County News files of 1937, 1947, 1957 & 1967

December 7, 1967
10 Years Ago

Jean Hicks Frost, 71, of 50 Tonnacour Place, Grosse Pointe Farms, died Saturday Morning, Dec. 2, at her home.

The new Duplain Church of Christ has been completed to the point that it is ready for occupancy, and church members will do that this Sunday. Their 9:30 a.m. service will start in the old church across Colony Road at Rochester Colony, and then members will walk in a body across the road to the new church for the completion of the service. The new pastor of the church, Justin Shepard, will preside.

A strong turnout of voters Saturday gave a better than 2-1 approval for the Pewamo-Westphalia School Board to levy 10 extra mills for school operations on the December 1968 tax bills. The final total on the millage proposition Saturday was 542 yes to 239 no. There were four spoiled ballots.

December 5, 1957
20 Years Ago

For the 51st consecutive year Roy Whitman of Bannister, has come home with his buck. Roy has hunted in the same Upper Peninsula area for the entire 51 years.

City Commission at their Tuesday meeting turned down a petition for a water-main to be constructed on East Cass from Baker to Scott Road.

Vernon Sherwood, 53, of Rt. 2, DeWitt, was killed Sunday afternoon, when his clothing was snagged by a power take-off on his tractor. Mr. Sherwood was putting corn in a crib with an elevator powered by the tractor, when his clothes caught in a revolving shaft. Coroner Glenn Osgood, of St. Johns, said Sherwood was killed instantly.

John Farrier, 73, of 5611 Lehmann Rd., succumbed to a heart attack at Clinton Memorial Hospital early Monday.

December 11, 1947
30 Years Ago

The body of Gordon W. Willoughby, Elsie soldier killed while fighting in the battle of the Belgium Bulge, arrived home Friday. This is the second Elsie man to be returned home for burial. Services were held last month for Pfc. Richard Lover.

Richard Lee Stedman, 16, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stedman, of Ovid, died Friday evening at his home in that city. Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning following a post mortem by Dr. Black of Lansing and Coroner Dempsey B. Ebert of St. Johns, early Sunday.

A \$1000 donation from the St. Johns division of the Federal Mogul Corporation helped swell the fund for the new addition to Clinton Memorial Hospital to nearly \$44,000 this week.

December 9, 1937
40 Years Ago

In the path of a storm that began to sweep out of the west and southwest Wednesday morning, St. Johns and most of Clinton County is blanketed with a 4-inch covering of snow that today is gradually increasing as the fall continues. The storm brought in the coldest weather of the winter and local thermometers registered 8 degrees above zero this morning.

D.L. Hunt died Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, following a long illness. He was 71 years old and St. Johns was his home throughout his life.

Under the terms of the late Wm. M. Smith's last will and testament, which was admitted to probate this week Clinton Memorial Hospital is one of the principal beneficiaries. The will provides that after certain legacies have been paid, and certain life estates satisfied, the balance shall be bequeathed to the hospital, as a permanent endowment, the principal to be held in trust and the interest to be used for any purpose the governing board of the institution deems necessary.

Personality Profile



Donna Syverson

Her job is no longer challenging so DeWitt Township clerk resigns

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

After eight years of being DeWitt Township clerk, Donna Syverson has decided she's had enough.

"My job just isn't a challenge to me anymore," she said during her last week in office. "And that's the time to leave—when you don't have that enthusiasm."

She explained when she first took the job she found it exciting and challenging. "But that's how it is with any new job, because you're learning all the time."

Mrs. Syverson was appointed to the position on Aug. 11, 1969. A trustee of the board had asked her if she wanted the position. Not really thinking about taking the job, she applied anyway along with another person and then became clerk.

When Donna took office, she recalled the township consisted of a police chief, four part-time officers, a treasurer working out of his home, and a secretary who had summers off.

"The supervisor and I basically ran the office," she said. "We went through a lot of growing pains."

She noted the responsibilities of the job definitely increased during the years which followed her appointment. They (the township) went from six people on the staff to the present 16 on the payroll and from one board meeting a month to two.

"At my first board meeting they asked the Clinton County Department of Public Works to set up bonding and the construction of a sewer system," she said. Mrs. Syverson was appointed to the sewer authority when it began in January of 1976.

"That's the one project I plan to continue with," she commented with a grin. "They aren't getting rid of me that easy." She added she would like to see it through to the finish.

Mrs. Syverson feels the clerk's job is the best of the all the elected positions because it has the most variety. "You're a jack-of-all-trades and master of none," she said. "If you get tired of doing one job there is always something else to do."

During the first year she said she had to look for work to do because there wasn't a great volume of activity. "Now it's hard just to keep up," she asserted.

According to the "retiring" clerk, there are no real qualifications needed for the job. She said a person just had to learn by doing. Mrs. Syverson commented she was not

really all alone when she first started because the supervisor had been the former clerk. When the new clerk in the township takes over, Mrs. Syverson said, "I'm only a phone call away. I'd be more than happy to help."

Donna found the most rewarding part of her job to be meeting a lot of nice people and making good friends because of her job.

Frustration? At times, yes, especially this year because there were four elections in an off-election year. "You just get over one election and you're on to another."

She has found that by having a good sense of humor and finding it easy to laugh at certain situations it has made her job easier. "I really feel sorry for people who can't laugh," she commented.

Mrs. Syverson has viewed her job as a learning experience as well as enjoyable.

Politics and government seem to run in the Syverson family as Donna's husband Lars has worked in state government for the past 22 years.

The ex-clerk related a funny situation regarding her daughter, Sue, when she was attending DeWitt High School. "Sue was in government class and the teacher was discussing township government. He would say something and she would tell him that's not the way it really was. Then the class started studying state government and Sue piped up again pointing out some mistakes," she said. "After all she had lived with it all her life... I really felt sorry for that instructor."

Mrs. Syverson will begin a part-time job in the purchasing department of Demmer Corporation on Dec. 19 for a few months. After that she has no idea what she would like to do.

"I guess I'll find a job where I only work 40 hours a week," she said half seriously—half jokingly.

Now Mrs. Syverson will have time to knit and sew, hobbies she hasn't been able to do for awhile. "The very first item on the agenda, however is to go Christmas shopping," she added.

She plans to apply for a committee or commission in the township before too long. She says it will seem kind of good to be taking a back seat to the governmental day-to-day operations.

However in conclusion, Mrs. Syverson affirmed, "I can't let the township alone completely."

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Legislative Log News from the Capitol in Lansing

In the Senate
The Senate passed and sent to the House this week a bill allowing teachers who have completed university courses in preprimary instruction to receive certification by the state. Senate approval was also given to several House-passed measures, including one regulating construction and sales contracts for condominiums, one exempting beverage containers marked "returnable" from a requirement that the refund value also be embossed on the containers, and another providing for an inventory of soil resources in the state. The Senate also adopted a conference report on a bill which provides \$9.8 million in supplemental funds for various state departments, and defeated (but scheduled a reconsideration vote on) a measure repealing the 15 per cent limitation on reimbursements by the state to private colleges. Legislation increasing tuition grants and scholarship awards for tuition and fees at colleges and universities was debated by the Senate this week and placed in position for a final vote next week. Also likely to come up for a vote in the senate next week is a bill prohibiting the hunting of cats in Michigan. Reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee this week was a package of bills

aimed at cracking down on hard drug dealers in the state. The bills would allow wiretapping of suspected narcotics dealers, impose stiff sentences, and deny parole for those convicted of dealing in hard drugs. Also reported to the Senate floor was a House-passed bill which assures homeowners a break in their property taxes for home repair work. A controversial measure appropriating funds for a statewide PEB testing program was re-referred to the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee for further study. The conference committee studying the Single Business Tax has apparently reached an agreement which will be announced next week. In the House Among the major measures winning House approval this week was utility subsidy bill which is designed to help senior citizens and low-income families pay their home heating bills this winter. The bill appropriates some \$47.5 million to provide heating grants ranging from \$125 to \$250 for the needy in Michigan. Also passed by the House this week were two civil rights measures, on (previously defeated) prohibiting telephone eavesdropping by private companies on their employees' conver-

sations with customers, and another allowing employees to examine their personnel files. In addition, bills were approved to expand minimum wage coverage to workers over the age of 65 and in companies employing at least two persons and to allow the sale of liquor on New Year's Day until 4 a.m. These bills not go to the Senate for its consideration. The House also okayed a Senate-passed measure providing state aid to cities for police and fire protection of state facilities, and defeated a bill raising the population limit for liquor licenses. Placed in position for a final vote in the House, probably next week, were bills which increase the penalties for drunk driving convictions and require that legislative caucuses be open to the press and public. In committee action, a bill raising the minimum wage by 35 cents an hour, from \$2.30 to \$2.65 per hour, as of January 1, 1978, and up to \$3.35 per hour in 1981, was reported to the full House for debate, as were measures to permit the arrest without a warrant of persons involved in accidents and believed to have been drinking, to set vehicle noise standards, and to permit schools to offer instruction in humane treatment of people.

Strokes of the Governor's Pen
Included among the major bills signed into law by the Governor this week was a measure lifting the ban on the teaching of birth control in sex education classes taught in public schools. The new law permits the inclusion of family planning and human sexuality in the elective course offerings, but prohibits the teaching of abortion and the dissemination of birth control drugs and devices. Also signed into law by the Governor were bills revising the educational benefits, including tuition aid, provided for the children of deceased, totally disabled or missing-in-action veterans; enlarging the size of election precincts from the present maximum of 1,400 voters to 2,999 and requiring at least one voting machine for each 500 registrants in precincts of less than 1,000; and amending various health professional licensure acts to permit licensing boards to deny an application for, revoke or suspend a license if the applicant or licensee was convicted of a crime involving fraud. Several bills requiring various state boards and commissions to comply with the open meetings act were also signed. Signed into law during the Thanksgiving recess week was a capital outlay measure which appropriates some \$128.1 million for various state building projects. In addition, bills permitting county boards of canvassers and the board of state canvassers to certify special legislative election results as soon as the data is ready, and exempting duplicate reporting requirements for auto loans of up to \$5,000 from savings and loan associations and credit unions, were signed.

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Letters to the Editor

Veteran asks for mail

Dear Editor,
I lived in St. Johns in 1955 for 11 months. I am a 53-year-old disabled veteran of World War II. I was wounded three times in action in the Battle of the Bulge. I had seven operations, had my left leg amputated and I had four more operations afterwards. I had very poor circulation in my right leg and I had to have my right leg amputated too just last year. I now have a liver infection. I would make me very

happy if you, the editor, would please have my letter published in the Clinton County News. It would make me very happy to receive get well cards, letters or Christmas cards to cheer me up these long dreary days. Receiving mail makes me happy and it gives me something to look forward to.
Thank you
A disabled Veteran
Mr. Albert Yesrosky
RD. 3 Box 300-9
Oakdale, PA 15071

Merchants thanked for share in diabetic clinic

Dear Editor:
On behalf of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Hospital and the people of St. Johns, I would like to say a word of thanks to all merchants in the St. Johns area who have so generously contributed to the annual cost of promoting the diabetic clinic which is held at Clinton Memorial Hospital each fall.

make people aware of its availability to them. That is what our area merchants have accomplished for us with their contributions. Too often their generosity is taken for granted although I am sure that each of us appreciates the concern that these merchants show for our community each time they contribute to the cost of one of our community programs.

The Clinic was an outstanding success this year in that a record number of people turned out for it. It was also an outstanding success in that it found 22 new diabetics and 29 new hypoglycemics. This means that the future of 51 of our friends, neighbors and relatives will be much brighter than might have been the case without the clinic.

I would like to encourage each of you, the readers, to personally thank the merchants who helped in these community programs as you meet them in their store or on the street. I am sure they will appreciate your consideration.

This annual program can be successful only if we can

Sincerely,
Donald Roesner
Co-Chairman of Diabetic Clinic

Faces in the Forces

Airman Reid

Airman Michael W. Reid, son of Mrs. Eunice Kopka of 11768 Leonard Road, Nunica, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.



Michael Majeski

During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Reid will now receive specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of Spring Lake (Mich.) High School. His father, Wallace Reid, resides on Rt. 1, Eagle, Mich.

Airman Majeski

Airman Michael S. Majeski, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Rolland D. Majeski of 3433 Lowell Road, St. Johns, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., in the Air Force aircraft maintenance field.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Majeski is a 1977 graduate of St. Johns High School.



Second and third place winners of the Book Reading Contest shown with Library Board Director Lynn Banninga. Further details on Page 6 in the Library Column.



First place winners in the annual Bement Library Book Reading Contest shown with Lynn Banninga of the Library Board.

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Honors: Annette Bontrager, Doreen Davis, Steven Dufflo, Timothy Floate, Laurel Fricke, Nancy Kresge, Richard Robbe, Rebecca Skaggs, Charles Theodore and Brian Winsor.
Honor Roll: Eric Batway, Cynthia Burr, Martha McVannel, Judith Murdock and Scott Winsor.

JUNIORS
High Honors: Kevin Harlow, Mark Haynes, Sharon Kresge, Gaylene Tuttle.
Honors: Kelly Aldrich, Lisa Conner, Deborah Cooper, Jeffrey Cooper, Teresa Donald Lori Duffo, Jennifer Hinton, Honey Jernstadt, Gretchen Penner, Shannon Riggie, Linda Sorrell, Tim Williams, Audrey Wing, Karen Zelinski.
Honor Roll: Glenna Baker, John Fricke, Alan Garner, Patricia Gavenda, Scott Hoard, Mark Kolakowski, Tamey Malek, Linda McVannel, Stephen Niznak, Alisia Kumsy, Lynda Shunk, David Stead, Jeffrey Steph-

ens, Kay Thomas, Charlotte Upham, Karen Wheeler.
SENIORS
High Honors: Brenda Davis, John Kresge.
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Schneider, Davis repeat vows



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis

Wedding vows were exchanged by Ellen Louise Schneider and Robert Dwight Davis on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns. The double ring ceremony was performed by Father William Koenigsnecht.

Commentating during the service was Tom Schneider. Pat Schneider and Jeff Feldpausch served the nuptial mass.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schneider, Welling Road, St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davis, 1610 E. Hyde Rd., St. Johns.

The couple was escorted down the aisle by their parents to an altar decorated with yellow and white mums.

Organist was Jackie Schneider with soloist Pat Aldrich who sang, "Wedding Song," "Ave Maria," "Whither Thou Goest," and "On This Day Oh Beautiful Mother."

The bride chose a Victorian styled gown of polyester knit over taffeta. The A-line skirt was trimmed with Venice lace and featured a Cathedral train, empire waist. The dress was designed with sheer inserts of French lace and bordered with Venice lace. It also featured long fitted sleeves with sheer inserts and Venice lace.

She wore a fingertip mantilla on a half Camelot head-

piece with matching Venice lace and pearl trim. Her bouquet consisted of white roses and an assortment of fall color dried flowers.

Maid of honor for her sister was Ann Schneider, St. Johns. Bridesmaids were: Rhonda Davis, sister of the groom, St. Johns; Peggy Schneider, sister-in-law of the bride, St. Johns; Debbie Bebow, friend of the bride, St. Johns; and Paula Fox, cousin of the bride, Pewamo.

The attendants wore rust and apricot color floor length double knit halter style gowns with matching floral capes. The girls wore flowers in their hair and carried yellow and white mums and daisies.

The mother of the bride chose a mint green double knit gown with a long sleeve

sheer jacket. The groom's mother chose a yellow long sleeve double knit gown. The mothers wore white daisy mums and yellow carnation corsages. During the ceremony each mother was presented with a yellow long stem rose.

Best man was Mark McBride, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were George Davis, brother of the groom; Michael Schneider, brother of the bride; and Jerry Stevens and Ken Andrews, friends of the groom. Ushers were: Dan Schneider, brother of the bride and Bill Fox, friend of the groom.

A reception for the couple was held immediately following the ceremony in St. Joseph Gym with 350 people attending.

Host and hostesses for the occasion were, Mr. and

Mrs. Bernard Feldpausch and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Peterson. Others serving at the reception included Connie and Cindy Schneider; Lorie Feldpausch, Lisa Burns, Trudy Viers, Julie Reynolds, Cindy McBride, and Patty Straka.

Special guest were Mrs. Anna Fox, grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Opal Pearl McBride, grandmother of the groom; and godparents of the bride, William Schneider and Marlene Fitzpatrick.

The bride and groom graduated from St. Johns High School in 1975. The groom graduated from ITT in Fort Wayne in 1977.

The couple took a wedding trip to northern Michigan and Canada. They are making their new home at 2407 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne, Ind.

new arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James I. Gray, 8175 Hunter Rd., Bath, became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Elaine, Nov. 13 at 12:31 a.m. at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Karen Foland.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Holton, 324 E. Front St., Grand Ledge, became the parents of a son, Mark Dean, Jr., on Nov. 15 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Julie Ann Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven A. Schneider, David Highway, Pewamo, became the parents of a daughter, Dawn Marie, on Nov. 11 at 11:43 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Mary Lou Schafer.

A boy Kyle Joseph, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kristin of Evergreen Mobile Home Park, St. Louis, MI on Nov. 29, 1977 at Mt. Pleasant Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 8oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kristin of Bannister and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowles of Ovid. The mother is the former Jayme Bowles.

A girl, November Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Montry, Hall Rd. Rt. 6 of St. Johns, Nov. 23 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. 15 1/2oz. The baby has three brothers and three sisters. Grandparents are Leiu and Bridgett Montry of St. Ignace, MI and Venus and Milton Van Hoff of Hutchinson, Kansas. The mother is the former Connie Shores.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Smith, Fowler, became the parents of a daughter, Nicole Danielle, on Nov. 23 at 4:33 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Mary Martin.

A boy, Todd Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael LaBar of St. Johns on Nov. 22 at Carson City Hospital. He weighed 7lbs. 4 1/2oz. The baby has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nick Van Belkum and Mrs. Dorothy LaBar. The mother is the former Donna Van Belkum.

A girl, Lisa Julia, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Halfmann of Rt. 2, Box 169, Fowler, Nov. 26, 1977 at St. Lawrence Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. 8oz. The baby has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Martin of Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halfmann of Westphalia. The mother is the former Rita Martin.

A boy, Jason James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Thelen of Parks Rd. Pewamo Nov. 10 at Carson City Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 1 1/2oz. The baby has 1 brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Thelen and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thelen. The mother is the former Karen Simon.

A girl, Margaret Nancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Maier of Traverse City on Nov. 24 at Munson Hospital. She weighed 6lbs. 15 1/2oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Gorrie of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Maier of St. Johns. The mother is the former Martha Gorrie.

A boy, Bradley James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Dexter of 211 Swegles St. Nov. 25, 1977 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 7 1/2oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franklin. The mother is the former Wendy Barrett.

A boy, Andrew Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kruger of 1703 N. Lowell Rd. on Nov. 26 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 10lbs. 1oz. The baby has three brothers. Grandparents are Mrs. and Mrs. Charles McNeilly of DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. Verlen Kruger of Bath. The mother is the former Kathie McNeilly.

A boy, Matthew Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Brown of 500 E. State St., St. Johns on Nov. 23, 1977 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8lbs. 1 1/2oz. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Dunkel and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown. The mother is the former Diane Dunkel.

Marriage licenses

Allen Richard Petty, 33, 300 E. Sturgis, St. Johns; Susan Kaye Lemmen, 29, 1797 Sunnymead, Lansing; Jeffrey Allen Hodge, 22, 7195 Hollister Road, Laingsburg; Ann Louise Hoose, 19, 7195 Hollister Road, Laingsburg.

Gary Michael Rademacher, 24 904 S. Wight St., St. Johns; Linda Ann Geller, 22, Rt. 1, Fowler.

Daniel Kirk Whitmore, 19, 433 Charity Circle Apt. 1110, Lansing; Marcia Lucy Rademacher, 18, Rt. 2, St. Johns.

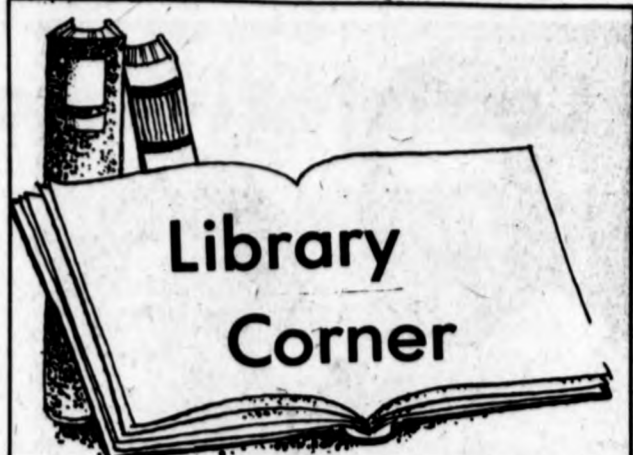
Mark Dean Van Deventer, 19, 14277 Turner, DeWitt; Cynthia Lynn DeZess, 19, 14277 Turner, DeWitt.

Norbert Joseph Thelen, 64, W. Price Rd., Westphalia; Loretta Margaret Rademacher, 59, S. Grange Rd. Rt. 1, Pewamo.

Theodore Louis Ashley, 22, Route 5, St. Johns; Tamra Jo Harris, 19, Route 5, St. Johns.

Scott Gerald Younglove, 20, 313 Normandy Drive, Lansing; Marsha Lynn West, 18, 555 Valley Road, Lansing.

Terry Lynn Teems, 21 Rt. 3, St. Johns; Victoria Soliz, 18, Rt. 3, St. Johns.



By Jean Bartholomew

The Holidays are nearly here, and the Library's festooned with all sorts of goodies. We're having our Contribute-An-Ornament tree again, so if you would like to share with us, just bring one in, pick your branch, and hang it.

The Christmas books and records are out for circulation with some new additions from last year. Do come in and browse, you may find that special item for a holiday party, a child's story time or family listening before Santa arrives.

The Library Board sponsored a Punch and Cookie party for the winners of the Reading Club with awards being presented by Mrs. Hugh Banninga, Board Chairman. The winners were:

3rd Grade
1st place, Jim Beagle
2nd place, Charlene Buentz
3rd place, Pam Boehlke

4th Grade
1st place, Theresa Koenigsnecht
2nd place, Christine Thompson
3rd place, Richard Kirby

5th Grade
1st place, Colleen McCarthy
2nd place, Susan Glowacki
3rd place, Alice Puetz

6th Grade
1st place, Kim Heyer
2nd place, Theresa Glowacki
3rd place (tie) Jill Seperic
Mary Burk

These children read fifteen books and then wrote a book report of their favorite story. All of them did a fine job and we at the Library are very proud of them.

According to the latest Best Seller list, your local library has 13 of the 15 fictions, four of the 15 nonfiction, ten of the 15 mass-media, and two of 10 trade.

Partial List of new books,
Anna Hastings, Drury
Beggar-Man, Thief, Shaw
How to Prepare for Civil Service Exams, Riemer
Chilton's Motorcycle Troubleshooting Guide
The Reef Girl, Gray
The Organdy Cupcake, Stolz
I, Judas, Caldwell
Full Disclosure, Safie
The Managerial Woman, Henning
The Devil's Gamble, Slaughter
How to Write Better Resumes, Lewis
All Things Wise and Wonderful, Herriot

The staff of Bement Public Library wishes each and every one of you Happy Holidays.
P.S. The Library will be closed Dec. 24th, 26th, 31st and Jan. 2nd.

Child Study Club gathers

The November meeting of the St. Johns Child Study Club was held at the home of Mrs. Carol Johnson.

Jim Pelham from the Clinton County Extension Office was the guest speaker for the evening.

Refreshments were served by co-hostesses Mary Hutton and Jane Szymczak.

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Gil and Wanda Baker

Open House

The children of Gil and Wanda Baker, Rt. 3, St. Johns are holding an open house in honor of their parents 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the VFW Hall in St. Johns. All friends and neighbors are invited. The children of the couple are Gary and Rose Purvis; Alan, Nancy, Susan and Dell Baker; and one grandchild, Joey Purvis.



Lunch with Santa

Lunch with Santa put on by the St. Johns Jayettes was a real hit with the children of the community on Saturday. Even the littlest ones enjoyed lunch and had a chat with Santa telling him what they wanted for Christmas.

Kellys receive B.A. degrees

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly have received bachelor of science degrees from Ferris State College School of Pharmacy in Big Rapids.

St. Johns. Jim was granted his degree Nov. 18, 1977. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelly, Jr. of 1501 Herman St., Owosso.

Mrs. Kelly, the former Barbara Maier, received her degree Aug. 25, 1977. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Maier, 504 E. Higham, St. Johns.

By Chloe Padgitt

Home Economist

Chloe's Column



Just a few years back, the typical American family was comprised of mom, dad and two youngsters. But things have changed!

With Cecilia Thelen
FOWLER

The community wishes to express their sympathy to the families of Dora Schafer for the loss and death of their mother.

The families of Anthony and Anna Thelen had their Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith of Portland on Dec. 4 with a potluck dinner at 1 p.m. and exchange of gifts and other entertainment.

Since 1960, a new lifestyle has emerged in the U.S. One or two person households today represent over 20 percent of all U.S. families.

If you are buying and cooking for one or two people, you are probably all too well acquainted with certain frustrations—a sneaky suspicion that you are spending more on food than you should have to, recipes written for four or more, and leftover meals which you begrudgingly serve to the garbage disposal. Sound familiar?

Help is on the way! The Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service can provide you with shopping pointers and other helpful

new ideas in a new newsletter. It's designed especially for singles or mini-families and will be called "Food For You—One or Two."

Beginning in January of 1978, there will be a new issue each month for a year. The newsletter will focus on the challenges of choosing and buying food, as well as planning and preparing meals on a small scale.

Each monthly issue will zero in on special "food features"—foods in good supply which offer seasonal values for careful shoppers. The food features will be included in numerous mouth-watering recipes.

Taste-tempting meal plans will encompass impor-

tant nutritional considerations and coordinate what's good tasting with what's good for you. For the calorie conscious cook, each recipe will be calorie coded.

The traditional "three square meals" a day may not be conducive to your particular lifestyle. A special section of the newsletter will detail ways to divide those three meals to make four or five smaller ones—using the same amount of food either way.

To receive the "Food for You—One or Two" newsletter at no charge, please return the coupon below and return to the Extension Office, or phone 224-3288 for more information.

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Elsie senior citizens celebrate Christmas dinner Thursday

The Elsie Senior Citizens and friends held a Christmas dinner Thursday noon, December 1 at the American Legion Hall. The Rev. Mr. David L. Miles returned thanks and Mrs. Grace Fizzell led the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Helen Wiltsee, Mrs. Mildred Hartwick, and Mr. Ed Kramer.

President William Robb directed a brief business meeting. Mrs. Genevieve Druen, Clinton County Coordinator of the Senior Citizens' groups, announced the following: Friday, Dec. 16, Senior Citizen party at St. Johns High School with program, lunch and dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. the only charge is \$1 per person; and January 20, 1978, there will be a meeting at St. Johns High School with a program on homestead

taxes in the state. All are asked to bring their tax credits.

Mrs. David Miles showed pictures of "The Birth of Christ" and also the 1967 Christmas of her son, Andy. Christmas carols were sung and Santa Claus arrived with candy canes and exchange of gifts by the 43 people present.

Sid Keys and Loyal Hinkley of Elsie Masonic Lodge and Laurel Moffet and Herb Williams of Vernon Masonic Lodge attended a Master Mason Night at Mt. Pleasant Masonic Temple Wednesday evening, Nov. 30.

They also attended an all-day meeting of Royal Arch Masons and Council Saturday, Dec. 3 at Caro.

Mrs. Donivan Williams, former Elsie resident, now residing in Norway, U.P. underwent major surgery last week at the Owosso Memorial Hospital.

Ford Stinebower of 451 N. First St., Elsie is a medical patient at the Owosso Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hinkley and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Keys observed their wedding anniversary Tuesday evening at a Lansing restaurant. Both couples were married in Detroit, the Hinkleys 47 years ago and the Keys 49 years ago.

Engaged

Mrs. MariJane Wallack, San Clemente, California announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Kathleen Wohlers, to Larry Robert Becker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Becker, Granada Hills, California. Miss Wohlers is also the daughter of the late Dr. R.L. Wohlers, St. Johns.

The couple is planning a Jan. 15 wedding date.



Mary Wohlers

Area happening

Dec. 8 and 9—From 10 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., the Clinton Memorial Hospital gift shop will hold its annual Christmas sale.

Dec. 13—The Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 88, will

have their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Carl Book at 105 S. Lansing St., St. Johns. A potluck supper will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a gift exchange and meeting.

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Obituaries

Lela Robinson

Mrs. Lela M. Robinson, 82, of 205 E. Elm St., St. Johns, passed away Sunday, Dec. 4, 1977 at her residence after a short illness.

She was born in Montcalm County on March 31, 1895 to Fred and Ida (Hare) Dean and she graduated from Sheridan High School in 1914.

On Dec. 22, 1914, she married Floyd Robinson in Sheridan and he preceded his wife in death. They lived most of their lives in St. Johns.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of the St. Johns United Methodist Church, the Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the Order of the Eastern Star and the St. Johns Woman's Club.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Shultz of DeWitt, Mrs. Doris Nichols of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Portia Glenn of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Priscilla Sarver of Washington D.C.; three sons, Dean Robinson of Denver, Colo., Dale Robinson of St. Johns and Don Robinson of Malibu Beach, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Nina Orser of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. from the Osgood Funeral Home. Rev. Keith Laidler will officiate and interment will be in Clear Lake Cemetery, Fenwick, Mich. Memorials may be made to the Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

George Myers

Mr. George E. Myers, 69, of 16 Mile Rd., Thomas Lake, Gowen, Mich., and formerly of St. Johns, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1977 at Carson City Hospital, having suffered injuries in an auto accident north of Maple Rapids on Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home. Rev. Gerald McVicker officiated and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Myers was born in Gratiot County on June 13, 1908 to George and Mary (Ayers) Myers. He attended school in Gratiot County and lived in St. Johns most of his life. He moved to Gowen in 1966.

On Nov. 2, 1928, he married Eloise Myers in St. Johns. She survives her husband as do a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Michutka of Ovid; three granddaughters, Mrs. Jan Thornton of Ovid, Mrs. Lea Ann Dunn of Sherwood, and Ms. Amy Jo Michutka of Ovid; three brothers, L.G. and Verloy Myers of St. Johns and Ralph Myers of Carson City; and five sisters, Mrs. Doris Savage, and Mrs. Elva LeDuke, both of Gowen, Mrs. Grace Ringer of St. Johns and Mrs. Marjorie Wright and Mrs. Clarice Abernathy, both of Holt.

Mr. Myers worked for the F. C. Mason Company in St. Johns for 50 years and retired in 1966.

Mike Franklin

Michael Robert Franklin, 20, of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away Nov. 29, 1977 in Upper Heyford, England as a result of an automobile accident.

He was born in August of 1957 to Marlene VanVleet Franklin and William Franklin of Florida and resided in Florida most of his life.

Surviving are his parents, Marlene and William Franklin of 2320 Euclid Ave., Fort Myers, Fla. 33901; a brother, David of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanVleet of Skaneec, Mich. who are formerly of St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Franklin of Englewood, Fla.

Lynel Johnson

Lynel E. Johnson, 25, of 1932 Poly Ave., Lansing, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnson of DeWitt, passed away Dec. 1, 1977 in Lansing.

Funeral services were held at the Wayside Chapel Church in DeWitt at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, with Rev. Darold English officiating. Interment was in East Lawn Cemetery in Okemos.

Mr. Johnson was born in Lansing on Dec. 18, 1951 to Elwood and Merle (Vestal) Johnson and attended Lansing Sexton High School. He was employed as a laborer.

Surviving are his parents; a brother, Joe of Lansing; a sister, Mrs. MeriAne Johnson of DeWitt; and his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Vestal of Lansing.

Funeral arrangements were made by the DeWitt Area Chapel.

Eldon Clark

Eldon G. Clark, 72, of R.R. 1, Fowler, passed away Dec. 2, 1977 at Carson City Hospital.

Funeral services were held at the Abbott Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home in Maple Rapids on Monday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. Rev. Hector Goodall officiated and interment was in Payne Cemetery.

Mr. Clark was born in Ewart, Mich., on April 29, 1905 to Harry and Nina (Coykendall) Clark and he lived most of his life in the Gratiot County area.

On Oct. 24, 1928 in Holt, he married Anna Hood who survives her husband. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Upton of St. Johns; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; an aunt of Traverse City; and several nieces and nephews.

Five half sisters and four half brothers also survive: Mrs. Dorothy Head of Ewart, Mrs. Thelma Westerbelt of Wixsom, Mrs. Edna Westerbelt of Howell, Mrs. Pauline Irwin of Edmore, Mrs. Barbara Augustine of South Lyons, L.B. Clark of Ewart, Vern Clark of Wixsom, Norman Clark of Milford and Leavere Coykendall of Cadillac.

He was a farmer by trade.

Ethel Patton

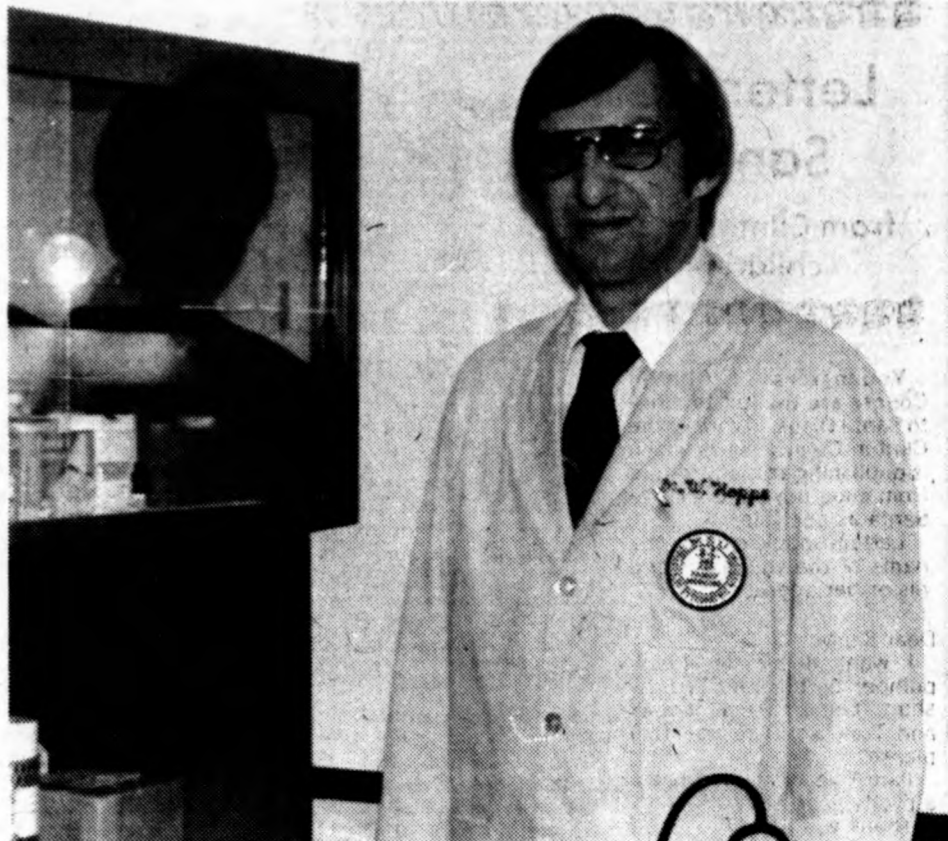
Mrs. Ethel Patton, 80, of 609 N. Morton Ave., Lot 84, St. Johns, passed away Dec. 2, 1977 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Homes, Inc. in St. Johns on Monday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. Rev. Terry MacArthur officiated and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Patton was born in Kent County, Mich., on Sept. 16, 1897 to Lewis and Kathryn (Misner) Jones. She married John Patton on Oct. 7, 1944 in Lansing and she resided most of her life in the St. Johns area.

She was a member of the Lowe Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, John; a daughter, Mrs. Luther Landis of Kansas; two step-daughters, Miss Ilene Patton of Lansing and Mrs. Donald Kruger of Lansing; three step-sons, Mahlon Patton of Lansing, Stanley Patton of Lansing and Bernard Patton of Holt; a great niece, Mary Ellen Schmidt of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.



Dr. Walter Hoppe

Dr. Hoppe takes over St. Johns practice

St. Johns will be losing one doctor but gaining another at the same time.

Dr. Roger Fitzpatrick has sold his practice of 650 families in St. Johns to Dr. Walter Hoppe of DeWitt.

Dr. Hoppe is a 1975 graduate of Michigan State University medical school and set up his first practice in DeWitt a year and a half ago. He received his Master of Science in Cardiovascular Physiology and did undergraduate work at Aquinas College.

Originally from Alpena, Dr.

Hoppe, his wife Patty, and two children, Michael, 10, and Brian, two and a half have lived in DeWitt for the past two and a half years.

Dr. Hoppe taught part-time at MSU as an assistant clinical professor. He has been a staff doctor at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns for a year and a half.

The new doctor stressed he will keep the office in St. Johns for the convenience of patients living in town and his office in DeWitt on Herbyson Road.

He will alternate his hours and days so he can be in both DeWitt and St. Johns every day.

Dr. Hoppe has a special interest in skin diseases. He is a family physician.

Professionally he is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the Michigan Association of Osteopathic General Practitioners. Locally he is involved in the Lions Club and the DeWitt Business Association. He is also the team doctor for the DeWitt Schools, taking care of the players' injuries and giving team physicals.

Dr. Hoppe said he can be reached anytime at either office. The St. Johns number is 224-6717 and the DeWitt number is 669-2511.

Dora Schafer

Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Schafer, 81, of Rte. 2, Bauer Rd., Fowler, were held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Thursday, Dec. 1, 1977 at 10 a.m.

Rev. Father Albert Schmitt officiated and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. A rosary was officiated at 3 and 8 p.m. daily at the George Chapel of Osgood Funeral Homes in Fowler.

Mrs. Schafer passed away Monday, Nov. 28, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She was born in Westphalia on Oct. 1, 1896 and resided most of her life in the Fowler area.

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the Christian Mothers.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Anna Fedewa of Westphalia, Mrs. Bertha Fedewa of Fowler and Mrs. Rita Schafer of Pewamo; six sons, Norbert, Mark and Gerald, all of St. Johns, Anthony and James of Fowler and Joseph of Portland; 36 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Josephine Fraker

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Fraker, 93, of 406 Giles, St. Johns, who passed away Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1977, at Rivard Nursing Home were held Friday, Dec. 2 at the Osgood Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Rev. Fred Crowell officiated and interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Fraker was born in Vestaburg, Mich., on Oct. 24, 1884 to Andrew J. and Emily (Falor) Wardwell. She lived in the St. Johns area all of her life.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Rice of St. Johns; a son, Ransom Fraker of St. Johns; nine grandchildren; and 39 great grandchildren.

Pewamo girl wins contest

Francine Silvernail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Silvernail, Pewamo was the winner of \$25 in the Portland VFW Voice of Democracy contest in the junior division.

Miss Silvernail attends St. Joseph School in Pewamo. Her entry was taped and entered in the District 9 contest. In the junior division she is competing for a \$50 savings bond.

Betty Hancock

Betty I. Hancock, 41, of 1989 Dean Ave., Holt, formerly of St. Johns, passed away, Nov. 29, 1977 in a Lansing hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Holt on Friday, Dec. 2, at 2:30 p.m. Pastor William R. Richard officiated and interment was in Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Hancock was born Aug. 23, 1936 to W. Edward and Wilma Spiane of St. Johns. She married Vurble Hancock in Holt in St. Matthew Lutheran Church and he survives his wife.

Also surviving are three sons, Paul Robert Hancock, Russell William Hancock and Dennis Edward Hancock, all at home; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Spiane of St. Johns; a sister, Mary Jane McCullough of St. Johns; and a brother, Robert E. Spiane of Wyoming, Mich.

Obituary

Rodney Orweller

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Redwood City, California for Rodney Orweller, 23, son of Leon and Nora Orweller.

He was born May 15, 1954 at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns. He died on Sunday, Nov. 27 in LaCenter, Washington where he resided. His father preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife and son; his step father and mother, Russ and Nora Smith of Redwood City; also one sister, Sheila Shirley, and three step-brothers at home.

Mr. Orweller leaves several aunts and uncles and other relatives in the Clinton County area.

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Synopsis of the regular meeting of the DeWitt Township Board held on November 28, 1977 at the Township Hall, 780 E. Wieland Road.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Reed. Board members present: Reed, Syverson, White, Pline, Corr, Kzeski, and Olger. The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved with additions. There were no public comments.

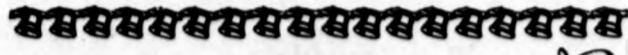
The fire and police reports were given by Corr. Approved the payment of the Howe Greenhouse billing. Approved the purchase of an in-line foam inductor and nozzle. The Parks and Recreation Commission minutes were reviewed and discussed. The DeWitt Digest Vol. 2, No. 4 issue was reviewed and approved.

Approved changing several streetlights. The citizens committee presented their recommendations on the sewer use charges. A public hearing will be held on January 16, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. The Board will interview the applicants for the Clerk's position on December 7, 1977. Appointed White to the FOP bargaining committee. Approved the purchase of a chain saw. Accepted the resignation of Merrill from the Planning Commission. Authorized the attorney to proceed with civil action against Central Advertising regarding the illegal sign at G & L Sales. Accepted the bid for the sale of the two police cars. Corr suggested that the newsletter contain a questionnaire regarding cable TV.

Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna B. Syverson, Clerk

Approved by Alta C. Reed, Supervisor



Letters to Santa

from Clinton area children



Youngsters in Clinton County are invited to write to Santa Claus, in care of the Clinton County News which is publishing as many letters from good boys and girls to Santa as possible.

Letters should contain the name of the youngster and his or her address.

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle, fuzzy pumper barber and beauty shop. Guns, Truck crane and Train set. Goodies Too please.

I am 7 years old and been a pretty good boy.
Thank you SANTA.

Tom Glowacki
Rt. 3 No. Scott Rd.
St. Johns.

Dear Santa,

my name is scott Seelhoff, and I am 7 yrs old. I will tell you I have been a good boy but dont ask any one else! I want to thank you for my early Christmas present—a new dad. Now all I want is stretch arm strong, a farm set, train set and B.B. gun. I will leave you cookies and milk.

love scott
Fowler

Dec. 1, 1977

Dear Santa Claus

my name is Bobby Seelhoff i. am 6 yrs old I have a big brother. 7. I. have. been good Most. of. The. Time. for Christmas I Would like a baby. sister. cow boy gun, guitar, race, car, and. something for My Dog, her name is Candy.

Love, Bobby
Fowler

B B gun

Nov. 30, 1977

Dear Santa,

Hello. How are you? My name is Casie, and I am 3 years old. My mommie is writing this letter to you for me. I want to tell you what I'd like for Christmas. I would like a desk and a typewriter, the farm with the pumpkins, a truck, and the barber shop from Play Dough.

Would you bring my baby brother a toy stuffed giraffe?

Thank you. See you at Christmas time.

Love,
Casie Givens
of Eureka

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Shaun Cassidy record and a record player and a racing car set and a ball and lincoln logs and a toy train and a six Million Dollar game and a battle-ship game. and candy and surprises.

Michael Spitzley
Age - 6
Rt. 2; Box 210
Fowler, Michigan
48835

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Weebles Haunted House, Medical Kit, Castle, Village, Wordwriter, Calculator, Minnie Mouse Watch, Baby Heartbeat, Numbers Up, Mr. Mouth, and a Tote Bag.

yours truly
Stephanie Sue Schmitz
Age - 7
Rt. 2
Box 58
Fowler MI. 48835

Dear Santa, I want a Fun Castle, Roller Coaster and a farm and a Rabbit Hunt and a pistol pete and a snoopy Watch and a Deluxe jam Car Royale.

Dennis Schmitz
Rt. 2 Box 58
Fowler, MI 48835
Age: 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Heath Miller. I live at 1717 Yallup Rd., St. Johns. My mother says I am a typical 3 yr. old boy.

Santa, I like everything in the catalog, but I would really like a Fisher Price Garage Set and a Mickey Mouse guitar.

I also have a sister, Jannea Jailee, who is 1 yr. old. She is learning how to be a good girl. For Christmas she would like a Playskool Snail and a Fisher Price Xylodrum.

Santa, my friend Jesus and I will also be praying for all boys and girls during this Holiday season. Also, please visit my special friends Jonathan and Joel. Thank You.

Merry Christmas
Heath Miller
1717 Yallup Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879

Dear Santa Claus,

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Your friend,
Anna Holmes
of Ovid.

Dear Santa,

I want an Easy Bake oven, dressing table, up bed-down bed for my baby, Baby This and That. For my brother a toy camera so he won't break mine and another truck because he broke his.

Carrie Sue Murphy
of Eureka.

Girls from Netherlands, France visiting for year

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Both Henriette Fokkert (Henry) of the Netherlands and Genevieve Ragonneau (Genny) of France have been living in the United States since the middle of August and in that span of time they have had an opportunity to make some comparisons between their homeland and native countrymen and the American environment and people.

Henry and Genny, the names of the girls are known by at St. Johns High School where the girls are attending classes, are members of the Youth For Understanding (YFU) international exchange program. They will be living in St. Johns until August of 1978 when they will return to their homeland.

"We don't wear bright colors," says Henry who hails from Almelo, Netherlands and is now staying with the Ken Lashaway family of 908 W. McConnell St. In her wardrobe, she has no clothing in colors of red, orange, purple or yellow.

She also noted, "The girls here are dressed very much like ladies. My mom has tried everything to get me into a skirt," she laughed as she looked down upon the straight-legged jeans, white shirt overlapping the waistband and a black crocheted shawl she was wearing.

She also was wearing wooden shoes, often associated with the Netherlands. Henriette explained she usually wears wooden shoes in the winter as they are warm, and she brought four pairs for the Lashaways.

In France, according to Genny, girls her age are wearing tight blue jeans, shirts not tucked in at the waist and dresses which all fall below the knee.

Commenting on the

appearance of American boys, Genny says, "In France, the boys always wear jeans." She also said the boys dress "less clean" and wear their hair longer.

Henry, who is more outspoken than Genny, said boys in her country do not dress as "mature" as boys in the U.S. and boys do not wear colored pants—which both of the girls find unusually strange.

Since living in the U.S., Henry has taken to curling her hair like her American counterparts do. "I never curled my hair because it's unnatural," she says.

Henry told a story about the first time she was in gym class and when the class was over, many of her classmates started curling their hair with curling irons. "What's happening," she exclaimed, and then gave a little chuckle.

Genny also does not curl her hair and simply says, "It's a waste of time to curl hair."

Both girls are enjoying their classes at St. Johns High. Genny is studying speech, American government, foods, American literature and French. Following her graduation in France, she hopes to become an English teacher and do some traveling.

Henriette is taking classes in pottery, speech, expository writing, Spanish, trigonometry II, and advanced biology. She hopes to become a pilot or a missionary nurse in Africa or South America.

While studying in St. Johns, however, the girls are enjoying the freedom to choose the classes they wish to study. In both their countries, classes are pre-established and as Genny explains, "In the state school, you can't choose your class. It is dependent upon our

brain." For example, if a student has an aptitude for literature, he or she will study literature.

Both agreed, also that exams in Europe are tougher.

Other observances the girls have made during their five-month stay in the States includes:

—Americans eat more sugar and eat more snacks. "People are going to the refrigerator often," says Henry. "Since I've been here, I've gained weight and can't fit in some jeans," says Genny.

—There is no minimum age set restricting young people from going to the bars for a drink. Genny says she goes for a drink "When you feel like it," and indicating that drinking is not such a problem as drugs are in her country.

Henriette says she and her friends go to teen bars and play cards while listening to folk songs. She says some bars have upstairs rooms where students can stay while having problems getting along with their families.

—To drive a car, one must be 18 years of age and pay \$200 to \$300 to get a driver's license. Then, if the driver's course is failed, the person must pay another \$200-\$300 and take the test again.

—Many students flunk their courses and most graduate at 19 or 20 years of age from secondary school.

—Christmas vacation is 15 days long in France and 14 days long in the Netherlands.

—French people say "Joyeaux Noel" and people from the Netherlands say "Kerstfeest." Americans say "Merry Christmas."



Foreign exchange students at St. Johns High School this year are Genevieve Ragonneau of Macon, France (left) and Henriette Fokkert from the Netherlands.

Lowe U.M. women set Christmas program

The Lowe U. M. W. will hold its annual Christmas dinner and program Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the dining room of the Lowe Church.

President Mrs. Donald Bast, and other officers are planning the meal and program.

They extend a cordial invitation to all members of Lowe U. M. W. and women of the Lowe Community.

Mrs. Nola Lumbert of St. Johns will be present to install the U. M. W. officers for the new year.

The theme of the program is "Oriental" as well as the dinner menu.

Dr. Roger Fitzpatrick, well-known St. Johns physician, will be the after-dinner speaker.

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Jim's Column

By Jim Pelham

The winter-long season of farm group meetings is starting and with it comes the battle this agent has of holding his waistline to a mere two or three belt notches longer than it ought to be! When farmers meet—farmers eat!

Just a few meetings attended lately include one with the County Farm Bureau Board (ice cream and pumpkin pie at 10 p.m.); Production Credit Association and Harvestore (noon luncheon at one of St. Johns' fine restaurants); Job Maintenance Workshop (coffee and rolls following a hearty breakfast); Holstein Association at Erv and Vern Marten's farm (about an eight-course meal they referred to as lunch at 10 p.m.); Agricultural Stabilization Committee (more coffee and rolls between breakfast and lunch); Michigan Bean Growers (more milk and coffee and rolls between lunch and dinner)!

Do they ever get anything done between meals? As a matter of fact—yes!

I enjoyed meeting with Farm Bureau—it's the first county board meeting I have attended since leaving Huron County 17 years ago.

This organization takes pride in working to solve its own problems and though the organization's membership is keenly aware that 1977 is a heck of a ways

from being the best on record for farm folks, you don't hear anything about a march on Lansing or Washington to force legislators into supporting agriculture. In fact, you might say they are an independent lot bent on solving their own problems.

Newly elected county president, Dave Pohl, listens to John Jones' push for more in the way of informational meetings and research plots to get higher yields of soybeans with little extra per acre cost of growing them.

Mike Pettigrew has a lot of fresh new ideas coming from the "Young Farmer" organization he represents from within the organization.

They have some pretty definite ideas for promoting better understanding between farm and rural groups at their annual Farm-City Day.

He is a little less definite on how to organize and promote a farm machinery exhibit within the county following Farmer's Week at MSU. Probably wouldn't do it at all if the state's machinery dealers would display more equipment at MSU that is within the reach of "average" farmers rather than bringing out their biggest and best with all the "gizmos" and "gadgets" available and a price tag representing enough dollars

Meet--eat--meet

to cover the Empire State Building!

The Board also discusses how they can get support from state legislators without begin disagreeable about it and how some of the new businesses designed to bring items ranging from bolts and batteries are working out.

Their conclusion is that in general they are not doing badly, but some Clinton County businessmen are serving needs at reasonable profits and they are not especially excited about increasing competition for them.

The meeting with PCA and Harvestore was pretty well described in last week's column. Their representatives want to know how they can help strengthen the 4-H dairy program in the county.

Should there be an excursion to a football or hockey game for all dairy exhibitors at the Fair regardless of official placing? Wouldn't it be great if agribusiness united with dairy organizations to build a new livestock judging pavilion at the Fairgrounds shielding both exhibitors and spectators from rain or hot sun during the Fair? These fellows might get the momentum started for just such a thing to become a reality!

What is the Job Maintenance Workshop? Just an

idea so far, but the idea of helping Clinton County's youth and unemployed develop the skill of making themselves more attractive to prospective employers is growing.

Tom Chatel and Carol Cortright from Manpower like the idea—so does Norm Wolfe who heads the CETA crews you have become familiar with working in your township.

Gerald Ambrose, County Administrator, wants to see the idea explored and Jerry Butts, Vocational Coordinator for the Clinton Intermediate District thinks youth have a lot to gain from it.

What is the Holstein Association doing? They are making definite plans for hosting the District meeting at St. Johns, Jan. 23, following their county meeting at Elsie on Jan. 14. They, too, are looking for ways of strengthening the 4-H dairy project and in addition to that are working on making the spring dairy tour a real educational experience that will be helpful as well as an enjoyable experience.

What is happening in ASC? Farmers will be disappointed to learn two very popular practices—field tile drainage systems and liming of the soil are being discontinued this year by State directive. The purpose of cost sharing is to encourage

desirable soil and water conserving practices.

These two have been available for a long time and maybe farmers have been convinced of their merits and money will be better spent to encourage practices that will cut down on air and water pollution such as manure storages, diversions, winter soil cover, and sub-soil tillage. Anyway, the Committee is having a difficult time drawing priorities on what are most and what are least important.

When the District II Bean Growers met in St. Johns last week they nominated two men, one of which will be chosen by the Governor to serve on the Bean Commission for the next three years. The two names submitted were Commission incumbent Kenneth Graham of Breckenridge and former Bean Commission member Maurice Gove of St. Johns.

The assembly didn't get much encouraging news for higher prices from Dale Kuenzli, bean marketing representative. John Baker, Gratiot County Extension Director, and his two agricultural agents, Greg Varner and Brent Wilson, brought a lot of extra copies of their navy bean, corn and soybean research plots and copies are available upon request from our county extension office.

Are more meetings coming?—You bet! This is just the start of a long season.



Larry DeVuyst of Ithaca, Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors member, presented the Bronze Mike award to Ross Woodstock (left).

Woodstock receives award

Two farm broadcasters and a newspaper reporter were honored as "Agricultural Communicators of the Year" by the Michigan Farm Bureau on Thursday, December 1, in Grand Rapids. The recognition took place during the organization's 58th annual meeting.

Ross Woodstock, news broadcaster and announcer for WRBJ, St. Johns, received the "Bronze Mike" award. He was cited "for his efforts to promote an understanding of farming."

The three news people were picked by judges from nominations submitted by county Farm Bureau units throughout the state. All nominees were recognized at the local level during the

county Farm Bureau annual meetings in October.

In presenting the awards, Larry DeVuyst, Ithaca farmer who serves on the Michigan Farm Bureau board of directors, paid tribute to news media representatives who have helped farmers tell the story of agriculture to the non-farm public.

4-H Chatter

Aylsworth's last column

By John Aylsworth

The 24th Annual "Adventure in World Understanding" will be held December 23-31, at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University in East Lansing. Nearly 50 foreign college students who are attending colleges throughout the United States and cannot go home for Christmas will be participating in the program.

One of the highlights for the participants is the visit to a family over the Christmas weekend, Saturday, Dec. 24, to Monday, Dec. 26. Reports from the host families indicate the experience is an excellent one as they share their Christmas with someone far away from home. There is a need for rural, rural non-farm, and town families who would be interested in hosting a foreign college student for this holiday gathering.

Families will pick up the foreign guest on Saturday, Dec. 24, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. and return their guest back to MSU on Monday late in the afternoon. Each host family is invited to a special dinner and program on Thursday, Dec. 29, when they will again be able to visit with their foreign guest. It is expected that there will be few women. If you have any specific country you would like a guest from, please indicate this information on the application form which is available from the County Extension Office in St. Johns or phone 224-3288 for more information.

The Great Lakes Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Dec. 8-10 at the Michigan State University Livestock Pavilion in East Lansing. The show will feature market steers, hogs and lambs. Junior beef breeding classes for all breeds will also be included. A special feature will be the feeder calf sale to be held on Dec. 10.

The Happy Hustlers 4-H members received their Fair premiums and certificates, and learned which members were selected for trip awards and honor roll. The Honor Club score sheet was explained and the Club would like to try for an Honor Club this winter. The Club has donated \$21 to the Kettunen Center Improvement Drive. The members saw the slides of John Aylsworth's trip to Japan this past summer and learned about his experiences in Japan.

The Fowler Fireballs 4-H members will hold their Christmas party on Dec. 9 at the Holy Trinity Hall in Fowler with a potluck supper to begin at 6:30 p.m. The Club will go roller skating on Dec. 15 and again in March. The Club dues were set at 50 cents per person for the year. Money making projects were discussed but not finalized. The members will be saving papers for the Feb. 4 4-H paper drive. Christmas party committees were appointed.

In concluding my final 4-H Club Chatter Column for Clinton County, I want to thank everyone for all their help and cooperation they have given me these past 11 years as Extension 4-H Youth Agent.

The experiences gained will help me in my new position as State Program Leader, 4-H and Youth, starting Dec. 1 at Michigan State University.

I've enjoyed working with the 4-H members, parents and leaders in making Clinton County's 4-H Program one of the top 4-H programs in this State. The 4-H program has made many changes these past 11 years as the projects and the programs were changed to meet the needs and interests of the youth involved.

Interest shown by leaders, parents and members in 4-H over the past years point to a continued growth and expansion of the 4-H program. The assistance given to me by everyone is greatly appreciated and I know the 4-H program is in good hands for the future.

Extension calendar

- Dec. 7 Central Genetics Annual Meeting.
- Dec. 7 4-H Dairy Leaders Meeting, Smith Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Annual Dairyman's Meeting and Banquet, Pilgrim United Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dec. 12 MABC Dairy Seminar, Long's Convention Center, Lansing, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 13 Private Applicators Pesticide Exam, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Dec. 13 & 14 Seed, Weed and Fertilizer School, Long's Convention Center, Lansing—Must make reservations to attend.
- Dec. 14 Meeting to explain how Farmland and Open Space Act can reduce farmers property tax liability—sponsored by Ovid-Elsie High School and Cooperative Extension Service—7:30 p.m. Ovid-Elsie High School—Public is invited.
- Dec. 15 4-H Teen Club Christmas Party, Smith Hall, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 4 & 5 Michigan Corn Symposium, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.
- Jan. 7 St. Johns Co-op Annual meeting at Smith Hall.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION

Designation of Trout Lakes for 1978

The Natural Resources Commission, at its July 15, 1977, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, and Act 165, P.A. 1929, as amended, designated the following lakes as trout lakes and restricted fishing on certain lakes as indicated.

Lakes shown in capital letters are new designations for 1977. Live minnows may not be used for bait on those lakes denoted by an asterisk.

- ALCONA: Horseshoe* (T26N, R5E) and O'Brien lakes
- ANTRIM: Green Lake*
- ALGER: Addis Lake and Pond, Cherry, Grand Marais, Mirror, Trueman, Hike, Irwin, Rock, and Violet (Grant's) lakes; Cole Creek and Kingston ponds; the ponds on Sec. 25, T46N, R20W and Sec. 30, T46N, R19W; Sullivan Pond (Sec. 21), (T49N, R15W); Rock River Ponds (Sec. 14, T46N, R21W)
- CHARLEVOIX: Boyne Falls Pond*
- CHEBOYGAN: Weber Lake; Twin Lake No. 1*
- CHIPPEWA: Naomikong Lake, Trout Brook Pond (Sec. 22, T44N, R4W); Naomikong and Roxbury ponds
- CLINTON: Burke Lake (10-inch size limit on all trout; artificial lures only)
- CRAWFORD: Bright* Glory, "Horseshoe," Kneff* and Shupac* lakes
- DELTA: Carr Ponds (Sec. 26, T43N, R18W); Lake 23, Square and Wintergreen lakes; Zigmaul Pond
- GLADWIN: Hoister* and Trout* lakes
- GOGEBIC: Beatons Lake
- GRAND TRAVERSE: SAND Lake No. 2 (artificial lures only; 15" size limit)
- IRON: Deadman's, Hannah Webb, Killdeer, Madelyn, Skyline, and Sprae lakes
- LAPEER: Cedar Lake (10-inch size limit on all trout; artificial lures only)
- LUCIE: Bennet Springs lakes; Brockie and Buckies ponds; Dillingham, Holland (artificial lures with one single pointed hook only; limits of two trout over 15"), Jack, Lost, and Peanut lakes; Silver Creek, Spring Creek and third Creek ponds; Benny, Moon, Trout, Ward, Little Whorl, Whorl, Wolverine, and Youngs lakes
- MACKINAC: McAlpine and Millecoquin ponds
- MARQUETTE: Airport, Bedspring, Clear, Cliff, Cranberry, Grass, Hawire, Hemming (Flooper), Island, Just, Kidney (Sec. 28, T45N, R26W), Lake 41, Long and Moccasin lakes; Section Fourteen, Section Twenty-eight, Little Trout, Swazy, and Big Trout lakes; Morgan Pond and all ponds on Spring Pond creeks in Sec. 13, 24, T48N, R28W
- OAKLAND: Dickinson Lake (12-inch size limit, 3 fish creel limit during June, July and August. No kill during remainder of trout season—artificial lures only)
- OSCEOLA: Center Lake*
- OSCODA: Crater Lake*
- OTSEGO: Pickrel Lake*
- SCHOOLCRAFT: Clear Creek Pond; Ned's, Bear and Dutch Fred lakes, Spring and King's ponds

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Ag Advice Lodging in corn

By Mark Hansen

Several growers in the area have recently asked up why they are having trouble with corn lodging—especially in the last two or three years.

There are many reasons for lodging but they can be based mainly in four categories. These categories are: 1) results of insect damage; 2) results of damage from disease; 3) results of plant nutrient deficiency; and 4) characteristics of a certain variety of corn in combination with soil types and other environmental factors in a particular area.

The main insect which causes lodging is the corn root-worm. We have two species in Michigan—Western and Northern. The larvae of these pests are active in spring just as the new corn seedlings are emerging. The larvae feed on the root systems and travel through some of the larger roots. This weakens the root system and the plant begins to "goose-neck", in other words, a curving of the stalk. Later when plants get larger the plants become lodged.

Another cause of lodging is nutrient deficiency. A lack of potassium may cause this and may show up in foliage as a yellowing or browning of the leaf edges. A soil test is the best way to check for potassium deficiency.

Diseases and fungi can cause weakening of plant tissue and this weakening can cause the plants to tip over. The high amounts of humidity and rainfall this past August and September provided excellent weather for fungal and disease growth. Diseases are best

tested in laboratories at Michigan State University and can be sent through the Extension Office here in St. Johns. Reddish or gray coloration of the inside of the stalk is symptom of two diseases now, present in Michigan, but there are several others.

Lodging may also be due to variety. Some varieties just do not perform well in certain soil types and react differently to other environmental factors and managing practices. You may have to sacrifice some lodging for more ears per plant and other trade offs.

These are not the only reasons for lodging in corn, but they may make you aware of cause that you hadn't thought of before. It is hard to say why lodging has been more abundant in some fields for the past year or two, but perhaps one of these is the answer to your lodging problem.

Maurice Gove nominated for Bean Commission seat

Two men were chosen by growers of six central Michigan counties in District 2 of the Michigan Bean Commission, for nomination to a seat on the Commission.

Kenneth Graham of Breckenridge, present Commission member and Maurice Gove of St. Johns, who served on the Commission from 1972 through 1974, were nominated, and their names have been sent to Governor Milliken. The governor will appoint one of the men to serve from 1978 through 1980. The meeting was held in Smith Hall, St. Johns.

On the program were Maynard D. Brownlee, Lansing, secretary-manager of the Bean Commission, Dr. Russell Frazier, bean industry agronomist of Saginaw, Dale Kuenzli, St. Johns, manager of the bean department of the Michigan Elevator Exchange and John Baker and Greg Varner of

the Gratiot County Cooperative Extension Service.

Brownlee praised progress made so far by Ketchum, MacLeod and Grove, public relations firm of Pittsburgh, that is undertaking an extensive promotional campaign for the Bean Commission, to develop a greater use of beans in the U.S.

The agency contacted and interviewed 25 foodservice companies throughout the country, relative to testing beans on their menus. Some serve beans, from greater to very small scale, but no merchandising aids are used by any to promote beans.

Of the 25 chains, 20 are interested in promoting sale of beans through merchandising, and only five declared they are not interested. Presently, the agency is finalizing arrangements with one chain relative to carrying out a test on a limited number of its outlets.

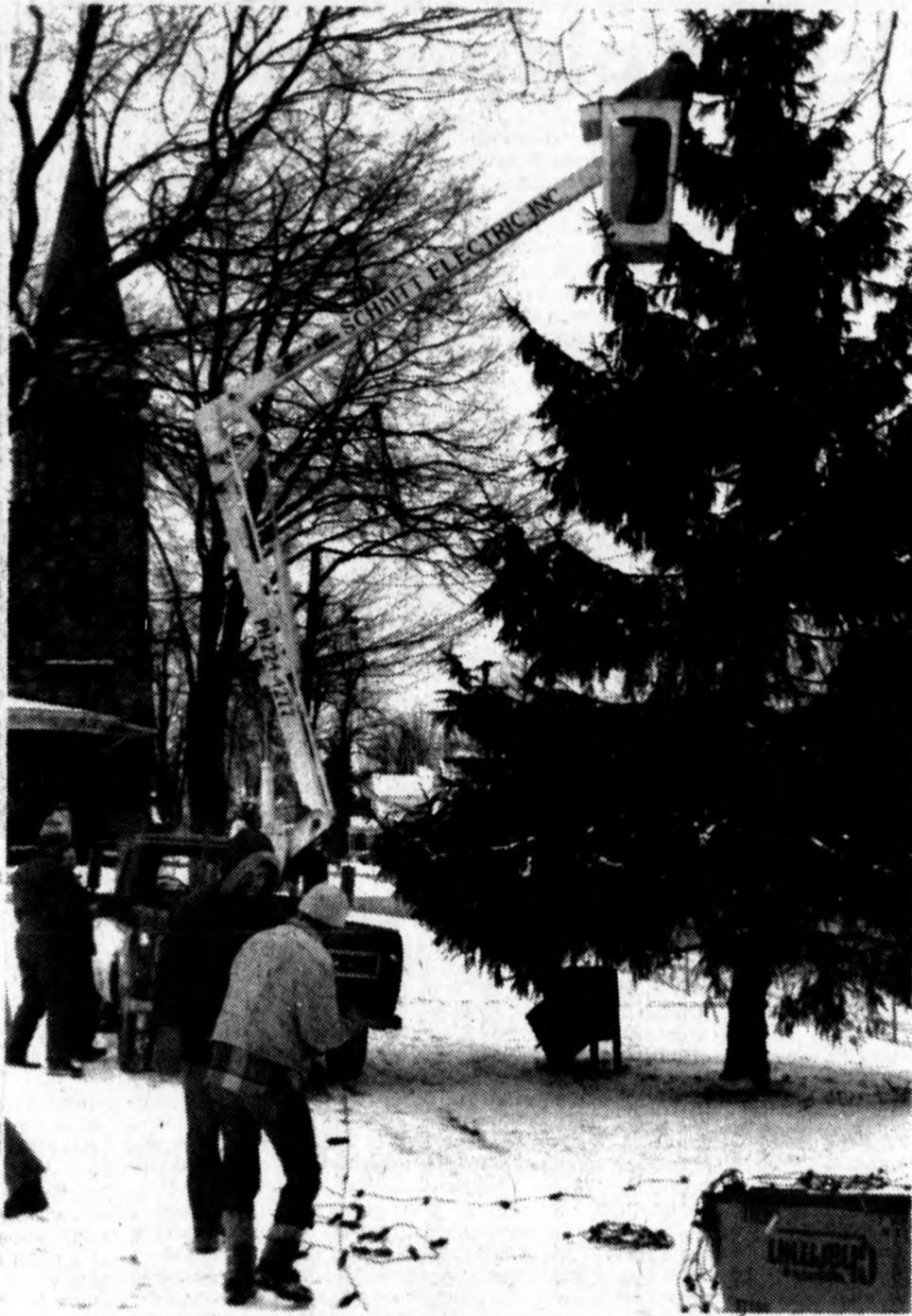
Brownlee said that the key to solid promotions are steady and clever ways to merchandise beans, which includes providing the sales materials—like table tents, buttons for employees, posters, suggestive selling techniques and creating awareness and continued usage.

Kuenzli discussed bean markets and stated that despite dire predictions during the extended rainy periods, the 1977 bean crop was substantial, and that USDA Crop Reporting Service estimates that 5,250,000 bags of all types of beans were produced in Michigan. Of these, about 4.5 million are estimated to be navy and the remainder are colored.

Canada's crop was far below estimates, however, for Canadians had planned to harvest 2.4 million bags—which would have been a new Canadian record—but because of heavy rains, only about 819,000 bags were produced.

Looking to 1978, Kuenzli warned that many Canadian beans are heavily infested with anthracnose, and he warned against Michigan producers purchasing or planting seed from Canada. He predicted heavy damage to Michigan bean crops if Canadian seed is imported, and warned that anthracnose attacks navy beans, kidney beans and all other bean types.

Baker and Varner gave a resume of the annual Gratiot County Corn-Bean Report, and explained details of some of their 1977 findings. Copies of the Report were available to growers.



Jaycees help decorate

St. Johns Jaycees helped to install decorations on the Clinton courthouse lawn Sunday morning, Nov. 27. The Jaycees put lights on the tall evergreen facing Clinton Avenue, and erected a manger scene on the courthouse lawn. Schmitt Electric of St. Johns furnished lift truck.

Thering's pumpkin places third in national contest

Doug Thering of Elsie placed third in the National Big Pumpkin Contest sponsored by the Men's Garden Clubs of America.

His 176 pound pumpkin won the Clinton County Big Pumpkin Contest earlier this fall. He will be receiving

a certificate and small award for his third place finish.

Doug is a member of the Elsie 4-Corners 4-H Club and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thering.

The January-February issue of "The Garden" magazine will feature pictures of the top three winners, including Ed Brehon of LaSalle, Colorado, who placed first with his 220 pound pumpkin, and Mark Saelens of Coal Valley, Ill., who placed second with his 196-pound pumpkin, and Thering.

Koenigsknecht gets CMU alumni award

Roy A. Koenigsknecht, chairman of the Speech and Language Pathology Department at Northwestern University and St. Johns native, was one of five Central Michigan University alumni honored recently for achievement and public service.

Koenigsknecht, a 1964 graduate of CMU, received an Alumni Recognition Award from the CMU National Alumni Association during 1977 Homecoming festivities earlier this autumn.

A respected speech and hearing consultant, Koenigsknecht, of 700 Forest St., Evanston, is currently professor of speech at Northwestern. He has been active in a large number of professional organizations and has been a consultant to a number of journals and governmental agencies, according to the citation.

Village of Fowler

Notice to Fowler Residents

Positions of Village President, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and three Trustees will be filled at the Spring election to be held March 13, 1978.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions for these positions is December 20, 1977, 4:00 P.M.

Petitions may be obtained at the Fowler Village Office or from the Village Clerk.

Winnie McKean
Clerk - Village of Fowler

Area homemakers get in the 'sew biz'

Close to 100 homemakers were enthused to "get in the sew biz" as they gathered for a workshop designed to improve sewing skills.

The Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service sponsored the "Sew Biz" Workshops in Westphalia and Bath seeking to reach a greater number of people in the county.

To initiate the program, Jackie Scofield of East Lansing Stretch and Sew Fabric Center, styled a coordinated wardrobe giving tips on selecting styles and color and how to have "more for less," that is, how to stretch the clothing budget.

Following the style show, all participants were given their choice attending two of the six workshops. Those present who are working for the first time with 4-H students were given the opportunity of choosing a workshop led by Theresa Dow, 4-H Youth Agent, to give them assistance in learning more about the program.

In addition to presenting the style show, Scofield arranged a display of fabrics from her store, again emphasizing the coordinating feature of stretch and sew fabrics. She also held a workshop demonstrating the construction of a t-shirt as she incorporated pointers on working with today's knits.

Mary Ann Fedewa of Mary Ann's Fabrics, Fowler, led her group in examining the proper use of interfacing in fabrics and other construction details. Focusing in on those final details, which give a home-made garment that professional look, Katie Aylsworth, a 4-H Leader from St. Johns, gave some good practical pointers at the Westphalia workshop. Lucy Baker, home economics teacher at Okemos High School, handled this topic at the Bath program.

One of the highlights of the program was an inspiring workshop in machine embroidery. Led in West-

phalia by Cynthia Warren of Edwards Distributing Company, Lansing, the participants were challenged to explore their creative skills.

Sue Townsend, a Bishop instructor from Lansing, led the group in Bath. Persons attending their workshops were enlightened as to the importance of thread selection when embroidering by machine and were given a demonstration in designing.

The area of fitting was dealt with as one group looked particularly at difficulties involved in fitting jumpsuits. Sandy Cole, assistant home economist, led the participants to discover how to pinpoint the problems and how to adjust a pattern to alter the problem.

Time was allotted during the program for viewing exhibits provided by several sources. Hand-fashioned gift

ideas were loaned by Lambert's Fabric Center of St. Johns for display.

A suitcase filled with craft ideas for sewing was on display to give 4-H leaders ideas for projects for their students. Numerous bulletins were available from the Extension Service to provide another avenue of information in the area of sewing.

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Mrs. Amelia Tejkl of Juddville Rd., Carland, recently attended the Ray Kearns of Flint Fall Beauty and Fashion Show that was held at the Country Squire in Flushing.

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City of St. Johns taxpayers are hereby notified that the 1977 Winter (School-County) real and personal property tax notices were mailed November 30, 1977.

City residents may now obtain the 1978 Dog License (\$5.00) at the City Municipal Building, however, an unexpired rabies shot certificate must be brought in at the time of dog license purchase.

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Mailbox destruction plagues county

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer



Deputy Mark Finnila and Lewis Lonier view a destroyed mailbox.



Deputy Finnila points to where the post holding the mailbox was struck by a car.

"What's a mailbox? It's just a little thing, who cares if it gets wrecked?" one local youth was heard to say.

To Clinton County residents it's a lot. During the past year, literally hundreds of rural mailboxes have been destroyed in various fashions from being blown up by cherry bombs, to being clubbed, to being pulled right off their posts.

"It's an inconvenience to have this kind of thing happen," Lewis Lonier, of 6681 Clark Rd. told Deputy Mark Finnila, of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department recently. This was the second time Lonier has had his mailbox destroyed this year.

"The biggest percentage of mailbox destruction happens at night, although it's not restricted to that time slot," Deputy Finnila commented.

Almost 80 percent of the mailbox destruction occurred either in the late evening hours or early morning hours according to sheriff reports of the last year. They happened every month somewhere in the county from Eagle to French Road, to Fowler, to Clark Road. No area seemed immune to the "mailbox destroying syndrome".

Very few convictions are made for several reasons. Deputy Finnila explained a few.

"We have very little evidence or details to go on most of the time," he said. "Most of the time residents say they just hear a crash and by the time they get outside to check on it, the car is gone, meaning there is no license plate number or a description of how many people were in the car." He added, "There's just nothing to go on."

Besides being inconvenient, having to replace a mailbox can become very costly. Mailboxes in the county for the most part, range in price from \$3 to \$25. One time might not be so bad, but one resident has put up the twelfth box this year.

"Some people just give up," Postmaster Austin of Laingsburg said. "We must have at least 20 people renting boxes who are just tired of putting up new boxes time after time."

He added between 50 to 100 of the 1,500 people having rural mailboxes have reported them destroyed at one time or another this year. "It's been a tremendous amount," he said.

R. J. Halfmann, Fowler postmaster indicated his office had called the postal inspector nine times this year to report 38 cases of vandalism to rural mailboxes.

"There seems to be a pattern," Halfmann began. "It seems after football games the kids get a little carried away and that's when we have the most problems."

"It seems to go in streaks," Richard May, detective sergeant of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department commented.

He added sometimes they have leads, but most of the time they don't. "Sometimes people don't prosecute because they know who it is," May said.

A lot of times several mailboxes along the same road are all destroyed on the same night. This takes up a lot of the deputies' time because they must go door to door checking out information that might possibly turn into a lead. Deputy Finnila took about 20 minutes to talk to Lonier.

"We had a lot of mailbox destruction over Halloween," St. Johns Postmaster Keith Mishler, commented. "It seems to be a continuing problem around here." He noted when his mail carriers find a mailbox is destroyed, they must take the mail back to the post office where it is kept until the customer picks it up.

"It gets to be a real problem and quite expensive," Mishler added.

Pewamo Postmaster John Cotter commented at one time or another, every mailbox in his area has been destroyed.

"Very few mailbox destructions are actually reported to us," David Yallup, DeWitt City postmaster said. "Most of the time it is reported to the local police authorities."

He continued, "Our hands are really tied in a situation like this. It's a hit and run type thing."

Yallup cited an incident where he was involved about eight months ago.

"Someone was shooting at mailboxes in my area," he said. "I noticed the car didn't have a taillight. It was reported to the police and they happened to have a car in the area at that time. When the deputies stopped the car one taillight was out and they found the gun in the car... where it went from there I don't know."

Yallup noted it seems to get to a point where certain people are singled out. "They just put up their box and someone destroys it again," he said. "There's just no clues for the most part."

He added heavily traveled roads such as Turner and Webb have more problems than less traveled areas.

In conclusion he said, "It has been a real problem, but locally we have no legal arm."

Donna Besko, Ovid postmaster, said, "there are times when people are pretty sure they know who did it, but are afraid to say anything because worse things might happen to them."

"We've probably had 100 cases this year," James Baese, Elsie postmaster commented. "There's nothing the public can really do to prevent this type of thing from happening."

Lonier's son has a solution for cars who have tried to run his mailbox down... he put a big rock in front of the box.

Insurance a lot of times does not cover the expense of putting up a new mailbox because most policy owners have a \$50 deductible which doesn't help them in this case.

All the postmasters stressed it is a federal offense to destroy mailboxes containing mail, which some of them do. Sheriff's Department officials further explained destroying mailboxes is a misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine.

Kellermann selected to 'Who's Who' for 1976-77

Kevin T. Kellermann, senior at Ovid-Elsie High School, was selected last summer to appear in the 1976-77 edition of the "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

The students who receive recognition from Who's Who represent approximately five per cent of the nation's 6,500,000 junior and senior class members.

Who's Who Among American High School Students was first published in 1967 in order to provide national recognition for the positive

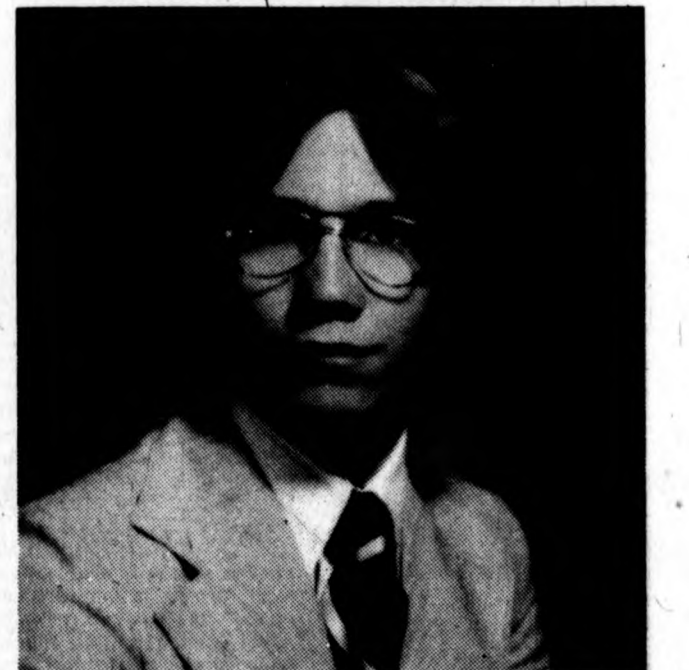
achievements and leadership qualities of students throughout the country. These young people have made many and varied contributions to their schools and communities.

Optimist Club and has twice been awarded first place by the Rotary Club of Clinton County for his model exhibits.

Kevin was in sports and lettered two of his three years in wrestling. He played football as a freshman and ran cross-country his junior year. He is past president of the State Keepers Union and is a member of the Varsity Club.

Last summer Kevin attended the University of Michigan Leadership Camp and was a 1977 honor guard for O-E graduation.

Kevin works part time for Moore's Seed Farm near Elsie. He has been accepted by Central Michigan University and plans to begin next fall, majoring in business.



Kevin Kellermann

DeWitt police report destruction

Malicious destruction of property occurred during the past week at both Dr. Manring and Dr. Young's offices according to DeWitt City police reports. Also having malicious destruction done to its premises was the Dance Hall Dairy.

There was one minor accident in the city and several cars have been reported to have been egged.

A car fire occurred at the corner of Herbison and Shavey Roads. Larceny of

Christmas lights from a Cherry Street residence was also reported.

Public health clinic set

The St. Johns Public Health Clinic will be held at the Congregational Church, 100 Maple St., St. Johns Thursday, Dec. 8.

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Eagles stun Potterville; 3 other county teams win

Class D at Fowler

FOWLER—Fowler's girls' basketball pulled the biggest upset of the district tournaments Saturday when they beat Potterville 32-31 for the district title.

The Vikings, who were 18-2 going into the game, had beaten the Eagles twice in the regular season, once by five and once by about 20. But this time was different, as Eagle coach Melody Sowers said.

"The difference was that we had a very aggressive defense," she said. "Actually, the offenses for both sides were not hitting."

While the Eagles held Potterville in check, they only shot 17 percent from the field in the first half and 26 percent in the second.

The game was tied 16-16 at the half, and the lead went back and forth in the second half. But with under a minute left in the game, Kathleen Schmitt made a free throw to put the Eagles up by three.

Kim Day came back to score for Potterville to make the score 32-31, but Fowler got the ball out of bounds and ran out the final seconds to take the district trophy, their fourth in five years.

Schmitt, who has been leading the Eagles all season, was the game's top scorer with 15. Pam Brandt led the Vikings with 11 and Day had 10, a significant statistic since Day scored 30 points when the Vikings overran Fowler earlier in the season.

Sandy Simon led the Fowler rebounders with 11.

Earlier in the tournament, Fowler defeated Saranac 41-38 and beat Lansing Christian 46-38.

The Saranac game was close all the way, with Fowler outscoring the Redskins 11-8 in the final quarter to take the win. Schmitt led the Eagles with 16, while Kay Thompson had 13 and Peggy Grieves 11 for Saranac.

Likewise, the Lansing Christian game was tight most of the way. Fowler only had a one point lead at the half, but the Eagles took a 14-7 third period advantage and played Christian even in the final period.

The game's high scorer was none other than Kathleen Schmitt, who had 16. Kelly Hoffmann also broke into double figures for Fowler with 11. Becky Farmer led Christian with 11 points.

Fowler, now 8-12 on the season, meets Morenci (19-2) Thursday in regional play at Grass Lake. The winner of that game meets the Grass Lake-Britton-Macon winner in the regional finals Saturday. All games are at 7:30.

Class B at Lowell

LOWELL—St. Johns won the class B district tournament Saturday as Yvonne Makara made a pair of free throws with two seconds left to give the Redwings a 54-52 win over Greenville Friday.

St. Johns had a 29-21 lead at the half, but Greenville came back to tie it at 50-50 late in the game. Jeanna Hallenbeck scored with a minute left to put the Redwings on top, Greenville tied it again before Makara won the game with her free throws.

Hallenbeck and Makara each finished with 20 points.

In the semifinals, St. Johns got past Ionia 41-37.

Lori Henning was the top scorer with 12, while Hallenbeck had 10.

St. Johns moved on to regional competition Thursday when they play Grand Rapids West Catholic (19-2) at Grand Rapids Christian. The winner of that game meets the winner of the Okemos (17-2)-Grand Rapids Catholic Central (6-12) game in Saturday's championship game.

Class C at DeWitt

DEWITT—DeWitt High School's girls' basketball team won the Class C district title here Friday night with a 70-53 victory over county rival Pewamo-Westphalia.

As they have done so many times this season, the Panthers used their defensive pressure as an offensive weapon. Both teams came out in a full-court press but DeWitt's was more effective, forcing P-W into turnovers which gave the Panthers easy baskets.

DeWitt outscored the Pirates 28-14 in the first period, shooting 14 for 19 from the floor for 73 percent. P-W narrowed the gap to 10 at the half, but DeWitt outscored the Pirates 28-21 in the second half to take the district trophy.

"The score looks one-sided," Panther coach Chris Kane said, "but it was a good game. Both teams played well, but our press forced them into turnovers which helped us."

Jeanne Spitzley, a CMAC all-conference selection for P-W, was the game's leading scorer with 22 points. Lynn Weiber had nine, and Mary Kay Hanses eight for P-W.

Nancy Garland led the Panthers with 18. Kelly Robinson had 16, Sue Elkins 11 and Sue Noch 10. Robinson was the Panthers' top rebounder with 11, while Cindy White was right behind with 10.

In the semi-finals, DeWitt downed Carson City-Crystal 66-43. Again, the Panther press broke the game open in the first quarter, giving DeWitt a 22-11 first period advantage and a 40-23 half-time lead.

White was the leading scorer for DeWitt with 20 points, 10 of which came in the first period and eight in the third. White was the one who converted the Carson City turnovers into baskets, scoring on fast breaks and after steals.

Robinson and Elkins added 10 apiece, while Karen Galbraith led the losers with 13. Carson City shot 75 percent from the line, but unfortunately for them they didn't do nearly so well from the field.

In the first round DeWitt beat Bath 62-48, and again the Panthers seemed to have the game under con-

trol early, taking a 26-7 first period lead.

But the Bees didn't quit, and they cut the Panther lead to just eight points in the third period before DeWitt once again pulled away.

Sue Parkey of Bath was the game's top scorer with 21 points. White led DeWitt with 19, while Robinson had 15 and Noch 11.

In the semi-finals for P-W, Jeanne Spitzley scored 32 and Mary Kay Hanses 20 as the Pirates defeated Portland 69-57.

But despite those outstanding individual performances, the game's scoring honors went to Portland's Pat Spitzley, who had 36 points.

P-W also scored an easy 62-30 first-round win over Maple Valley. As usual, Spitzley led the Pirates with 21 points. P-W, coached by Bonnie Comeno, finished with a 14-8 season record.

Tonight the Panthers take on Shepherd (16-3) at 7:30 in regional play at DeWitt. The winner meets the winner of Tuesday's Lansing Catholic Central (12-10)-Whitmore Lake (21-0) in the regional finals Friday.

Class D at Ashley

ASHLEY—Pat Peet's school record 43 points paced the Fulton girls' basketball team to a 65-44 win over Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart to win the Class D district Saturday.

"She played a fantastic game, absolutely fantastic," Pirate coach Margaret Nunemaker said of Peet, who was removed from the game with three minutes still left to play.

Fulton moved to a 26-11 first quarter lead, and stretched that out to a 20-point lead, 44-24, at the half. The Pirates then outscored Sacred Heart 21-20 in the final half to coast to the win.

Not surprisingly, the Fulton scoring fell off sharply after Peet. Sandy Price was far behind her with eight points.

For Sacred Heart, Shelly Lannen had 12, Terri Verliger nine and Richardson had eight.

Fulton opens its regional play Thursday at Reese when it plays Flint Holy Rosary (9-13) at 7:30. The winner will meet the winner of the Michigan Lutheran Seminary - Owendale - Gageton game. The regional finals will be Saturday night.

SJ swimmers optimistic

By Tim Buggs
Correspondent

St. Johns boys' swimming coach Jim Makarauskas speaks very highly of this year's team. He has nine lettermen returning, including two state qualifiers. "We've been working especially hard this year,

P-W finally gets first victory

After losing a pair of tough games, Pewamo-Westphalia finally broke in to the win column Friday with a 83-62 CMAC win over Laingsburg.

Dave Belen, the Pirates' all-state guard, led the team with 22 points, while Joe O'Brien had 18 and Warren Hengesbach 12.

The Pirates were in control the entire game. Leading 24-16 after one period, 43-32 at the half, and 67-42 after three quarters. P-W coach Joe Ghiardi said that the Laingsburg game was an improvement



Photo courtesy Fitch Studio

The Fowler girls' basketball team won the Class D district title Saturday with an upset win over Potterville. Front row: (l-r) Lynette Thelen, Judy Thelen, Sharon George and Lois Koenigsnecht. Second row: Kathleen Schmitt, Pam Feldpausch, Sharon Pung and Kelly Halfman. Third row: Cindy Theis, Sandy Simon, Sandy Thelen and Jane Armbrustmacher. Top: Coach Melody Sowers.

5 compete in girls swimming finals

Five county swimmers competed at the state finals for classes B-C-D at Central Michigan University, last weekend.

Kelley Meyer, a senior from St. Johns, finished fifth in the diving competition. Denise Cerney, a St. Johns junior, was 16th in diving, while another Redwing diver, sophomore Sharon Law, was 25th.

Karen Howland, a DeWitt

diver, earned the Panther's only team point with her finish.

Sue Stratton, of St. Johns, set a school record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:11.2, good for 22nd place overall.

Milan won the state title, with East Grand Rapids second and Fruitport third. Okemos was fifth, while St. Johns finished farther back with 10 points.

Class B at Durand

DURAND—Despite the score, the Ovid-Elsie's 68-39 loss to Fenton in the Class B district here was not all that lopsided.

O-E trailed 19-11 after one quarter, but the Marauders cut the deficit to 19-14 midway into the second period. But turnovers, which have hurt O-E all season, blew them out of the ball game.

"Fenton finally scored," Coach Bill Foren said. "And then we committed seven turnovers and they got seven layups. Instead of being down by five we were down by 19. That took us right out of it."

Once again the Marauders rallied, this time in the third period, when they pulled to within 13. But after another rash of Marauder turnovers Fenton pulled ahead and that was the game.

After that rally, Foren substituted freely, allowing girls who hadn't seen much action to get some playing time. Fenton continued to

add to its lead against the O-E reserves, outscoring them 17-9.

Jennifer Litomisky again led the Marauders scorers with 11 points. Denise McCue had nine and Brenda Francis had eight.

Fenton was led by Sandy Johnson with 13, Rose Pushies with 12 and Kelly Carnes with eight. But though Fenton had only two in double figures, a lot of girls had four and six points.

The key statistic for O-E was turnovers—the Marauders had 38. Fenton shot 48 percent from the floor, but that was aided by all the layups which the O-E turnovers made possible.

"They didn't have a really good season's record," Foren said. "But they were a good team. They beat Lake Fenton, which came into the tournament 16-3."

Foren said he was disappointed in the Marauders' 5-11 record, but added that O-E was only losing one player, Jane Reed, to graduation.



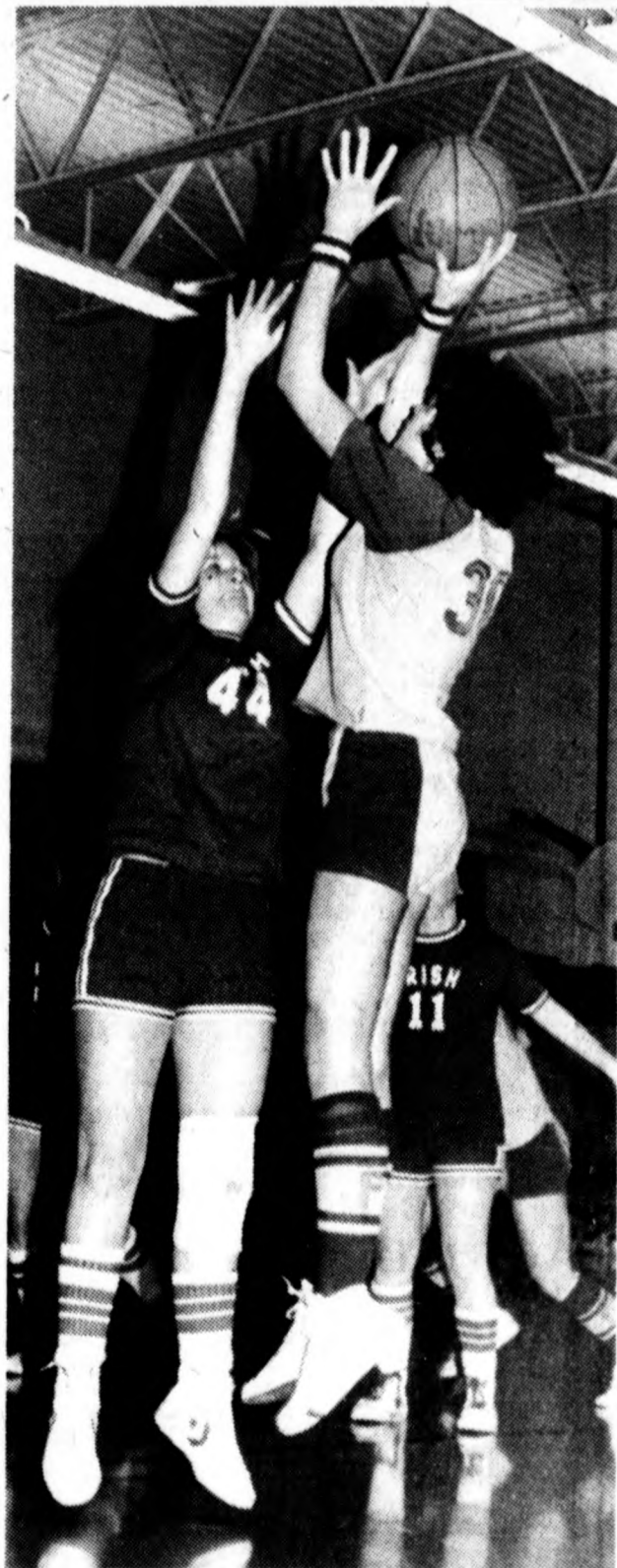
'Bird' coming to St. Johns

The public is invited to attend a baseball program presented by Mark "The Bird" Fidrych Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

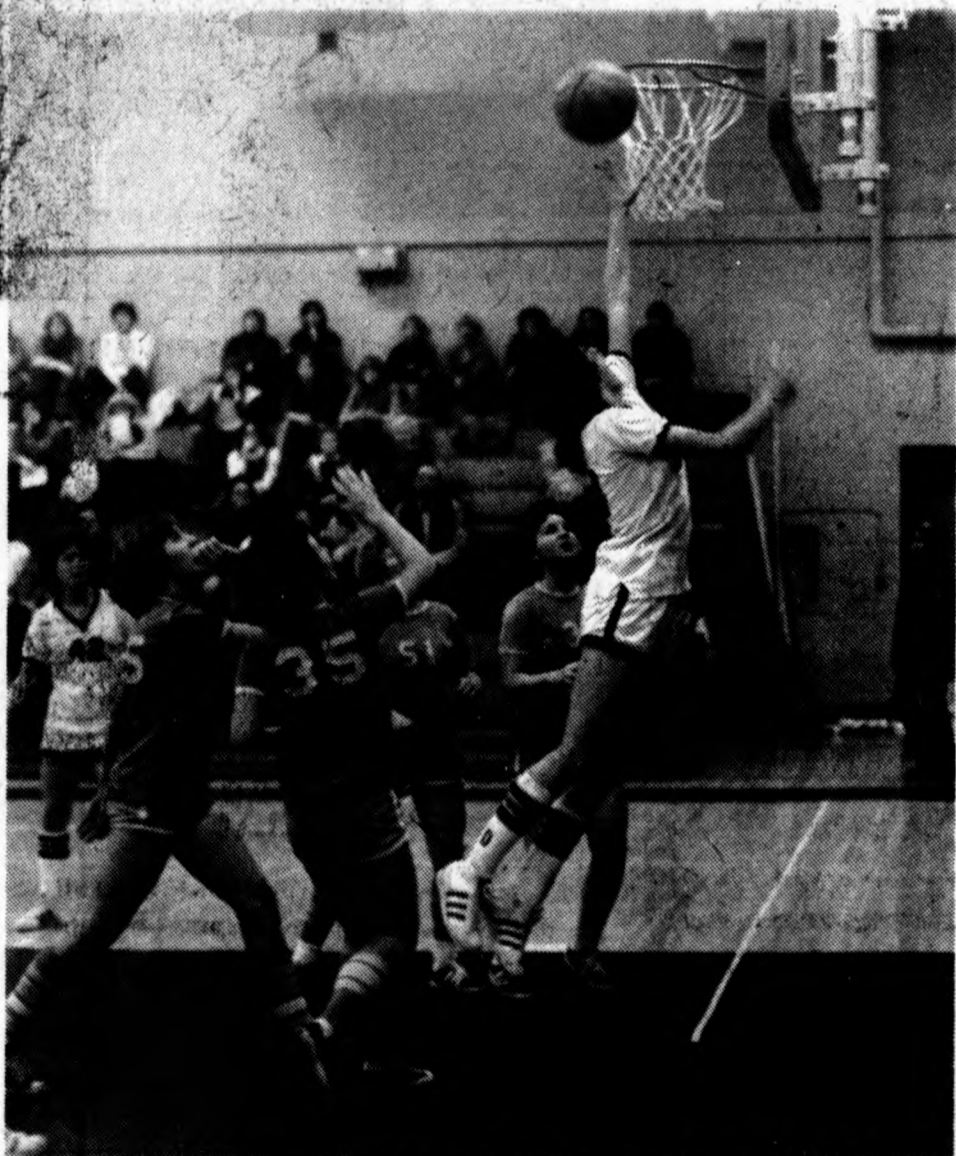
"The Bird" will demonstrate his pitching abilities and also sign autographs. There is the possibility of having Ben Olgivie present

to demonstrate hitting. The program is sponsored by the St. Johns High School Athletic Department.

Ticket prices are \$1.50 for students and \$2 for adults. Advance tickets can be purchased at the High School Athletic Director's office.



Pat Peet (30) shoots over Sacred Heart's Kathleen Brandell for two of her record 43 points in Fulton's district win over the Irish.



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DeWitt's Kelly Robinson soars to tip the ball through in DeWitt's championship victory over Pewamo-Westphalia.

DeWitt Panthers take second at Perry Invitational

DeWitt wrestlers took three individual championships and a second-place finish in the Perry Invitational last Saturday. Winning championships for the Panthers were Hugh Bates at 105 pounds; Duayne Smith at 119 and Stu Lewis at 132.

Winning second place at 98 pounds was Paul DeSmith, while Troy Folland took third at 138, as did Mark Keener at 112. The Panthers finished second with 109½ points, nearly 100 points behind champion New Lothrop. St.

Louis was third with 92½, and Perry was a point behind in fourth. "We wrestled very well," Coach Randy Smith said. "We placed higher than I expected. New Lothrop is going to be one of the teams to beat in the state tournament this year."

Earlier in the week DeWitt dropped its opening dual match of the season, a 30-27 Capital Circuit loss to Okemos. Wins by Keener, Smith, Lewis and Steve Richmond left DeWitt tied 15-15 going into the 155 pound match. Okemos won that bout on a decision, but John Hummel pinned his opponent with one second left in the second period to give the Panthers a 21-18 lead. The Panthers had to forfeit the 178 pound match, and a Chief pin wrapped up the match. But that didn't discourage Panther heavy-weight Gary Petersen, who pinned his man 25 seconds into the second period.

The Panthers are on the road again this week, going to Mason for a conference match Thursday and then competing in the Haslett Invitational Saturday.



Both these wrestlers found themselves in precarious positions in DeWitt's opening match against Okemos, which the Panthers dropped 30-27.

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Win MMB opener

By Marcia Lusk Correspondent

The Redwings lost their first meet to Durand by the score of 83-8. The score was a blow to the St. Johns team, which had lost one of their letters before the match.

Redwings split dual meets

There were many injuries, major and minor, that hampered the Redwings before they met Durand; but none was as lowering as the loss of Carlos Martinez. Martinez will not wrestle this season due to a chronic dislocation at the shoulder.

Also injured before the match with Durand was Norm Rewerts, who sprained an ankle, and Brian Hazle, with a dislocated elbow. Rewerts is back now, but Hazle is unable to wrestle. He will stay with team as a manager.

Thus the Redwings seemed to be out of stride at Durand and were easily beaten. The winners for St. Johns were Irvin Pettit and Greg Wood. Both wins were by decision.

The story was different at Bullock Creek, however. The Lancers were soundly

defeated, 48-24. St. Johns took an early lead by winning the first few matches, but the Lancers came back to tie the score with 18 all. The Redwings came around and made it 24-24, and then they steadily pulled away.

A record was set at Bullock Creek. Jeff Pearson broke the record for the fastest pin by beating his opponent in 19 seconds. The old record was 24 seconds, set by Jeff Brasington. Other winners for the

Redwings included Peters, O'Shaughnessey, Pioszak, Garret Hayes, and Bruce Guenther. The Redwings take Hemlock at Home Thursday and host DeWitt Tuesday. Both matches are at 6:30.

6 Pirates win medals

SPRINGPORT — Pewamo-Westphalia's wrestlers got off to a good start last Saturday as the Pirates earned six medals at the Springport Invitational.

"I was really pleased with the way we wrestled," Coach Steve Hardick said. "All the other teams had

three or four matches before that, and it was our first. So I thought we did very well."

Tom Schafer, 138, and Al Droste, 165, both took third place for the Pirates. Winning fourth place medals were Chuck Hill, 155; Dave Shepard, 126; Jeff Raines,

145, and Brian Miller, heavy-weight. Overall, P-W finished sixth in the eight-team tournament.

P-W's match scheduled last Thursday against Maple River was canceled because school was closed. The Pirates are in action Thursday when they travel to Ionia.

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St. Johns girls advance

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Going on to regional competition are the St. Johns girls' basketball team composed of (front row, from left) LuAnn Hopp, Linda Roenser, Connie Pattison and Marcia Geller, (middle row, from left) Sally Buggs, Patti Malusek, Lori Henning and Jeanna Hallenbeck who are co-captains, Margaret Faivor, Marilyn Thelen and Donna Feldpausch, manager; (back row, from left) Coach Beth Swears, and manager Kelly Pertler. (Photo courtesy of Fitch Studio)



Fulton girls head to regionals

Fulton High Schools' girls won the Class D district championship. Kneeling: (l-r) Bonnie Baxter, Jill Moore, Tamela Price, Sharon Kresge, Patricia Peet, Martha McVannell, Lori Dufflo. Standing: Tamara Zamarron, Charlotte Upham, Penny Badge, Sandra Price, Linda McVannell, Coach Margaret Nunamaker, Laurie Fricke, Beth Batway, Linda Sorrell.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION

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

OPEN SEASONS AND CATCH LIMITS ON PIKE, WALLEYE, SAUGER AND MUSKELLUNGE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on August 12, 1977, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that its subject order of August 15, 1975, remain effective through December 31, 1977, and that the following order become effective on January 1, 1978:

It shall be unlawful to take the following named species except within the open seasons and daily limits prescribed (statewide regulations apply unless otherwise restricted):

Statewide open seasons on all waters not otherwise closed to fishing shall be from May 15 through February on walleye, sauger, northern and muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge). The daily catch limits shall be 5 singly or in combination for largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike; 1 for muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge).

The above regulations apply except that walleye and sauger may be taken at any time from the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, Lake St. Clair, and Lake Erie; and that muskellunge in Lake St. Clair, St. Clair and Detroit rivers may be taken only from the first Saturday in June through December 15 of each year.

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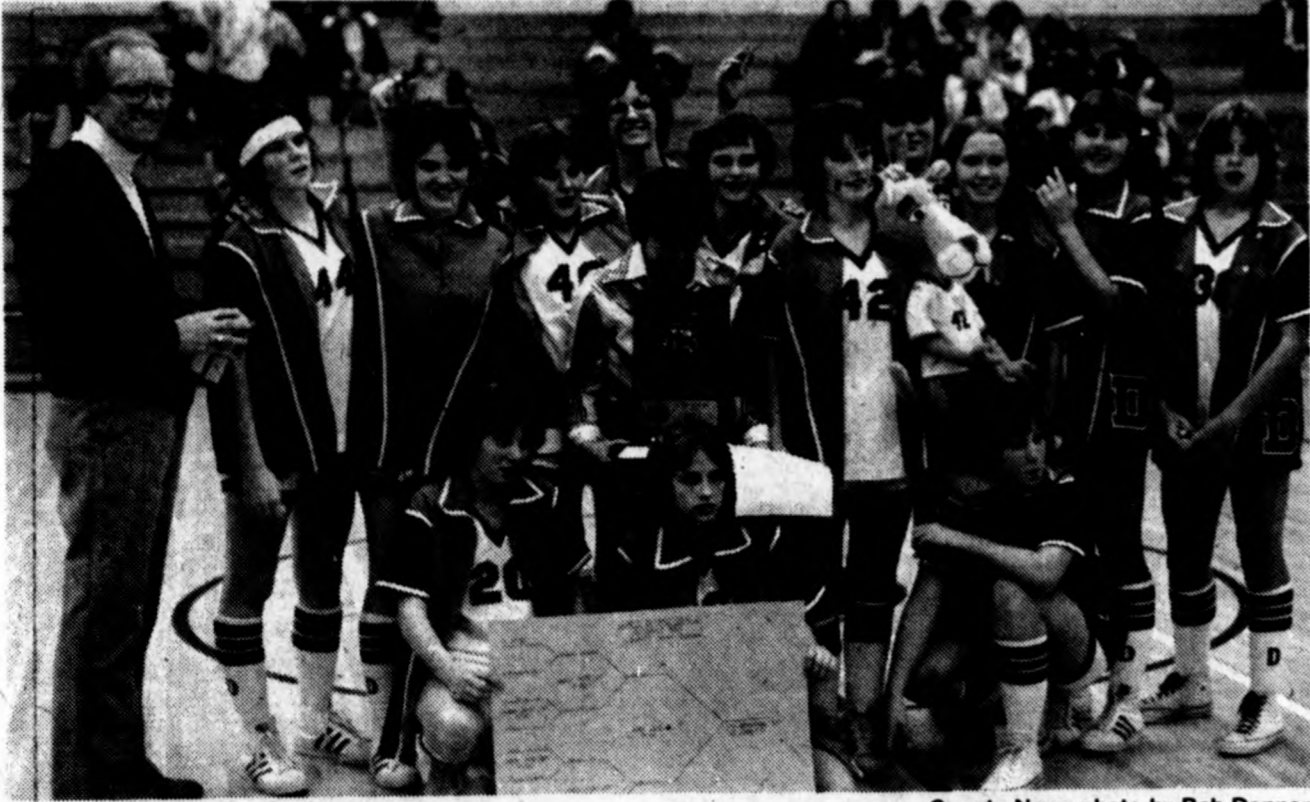
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DeWitt girls accept district trophy

DeWitt Athletic Director presents the district trophy to the DeWitt basketball team, which defeated Pewamo-Westphalia in the championship game.

Redwings win first two

By Tim Buggs
Correspondent
Michigan B conference season Friday with a win by defeating Bullock Creek 80-72.
The Redwings started the

game off quickly, while the Lancers began sluggishly. With 3:56 to go in the first quarter, Mike Stafford got into foul trouble and had to be benched, and Bullock Creek came back to take a 14-13 first quarter lead. But St. Johns went ahead late in the second quarter and walked off at halftime with a 41-33 lead.
In the third quarter, however, Bullock Creek outscored St. Johns by 10 points to take a 55-53 lead as the final period began. But after one minute and one timeout, St. Johns re-

Area Happening
Dec. 20—The next meeting of the Compassionate Friends, an organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, will be at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Freel of 3215 Alden Dr., Lansing. Topic will be hostility and resentment. This meeting is open to all bereaved parents and friends.
The starting guards, Mark White and Randy Pertler, both hit double points with 11 points apiece. Craig Goff played most of the game and in the final minutes he dumped in eight quick points and had 11 rebounds. DeDyne finished the game with 15 rebounds and four steals, while Pertler and White both had seven steals.
Tuesday night the Redwings opened their season with a 75-48 nonconference win over Lakewood-Lake Odessa. White led with 16 points, while DeDyne added 12 points and pulled down nine rebounds.
The junior varsity, after losing their opener to Lakewood, bounced back to beat Bullock Creek 53-52.

Pirates smash Webberville

Fulton wins opener

MIDDLETON—Outstanding balanced scoring by the Fulton High School gave the Pirates an easy 104-69 opening game win over Webberville Friday.

"We just had them outmanned," Fulton coach Kim Lathwell said. "They only came with nine players because a couple of them were sick, though I don't know if they were without any starters."

The Pirates took a while to get untracked, and it took them about four minutes to really get cranked up. But even with the slow start Fulton had a 21-11 first quarter lead and went ahead at the half 47-27. Webberville started to score more in the second half, but the Pirates still had a 57-42 scoring advantage in the last two periods.

Fulton had six players in double figures. Randy Troub and Jeff Stephens led with 12. Mark Haynes and Kelvin Drake had 11, while Jeff Cooper and Dan Blemaster had 10 each. Joe Collins, Daryl Trefil and Terry Hnekynka were right behind with eight.

While the Spartans couldn't match the Pirate total, they did have the game's top three scorers. Ed Chamberland led with 25, while Ron VanSickler had 16 and Jim Lander 13.

Fulton had a 62-40 rebounding advantage, as Troub took down 10, Haynes nine and Collins and Cooper eight apiece.
Hnekynka had six steals

Fulton Basketball

December	January	February
2 Webberville	3 at Ithaca	3 at Pewamo-Westphalia
6 Olivet	6 at Bellevue	10 Bellevue
9 at Laingsburg	10 at Portland St. Patrick's	14 Portland St. Patrick's
13 Potterville	13 Fowler	17 at Fowler
16 at Ionia	17 at Webberville	24 Beal City
20 Pewamo-Westphalia	20 at Olivet	Varsity coach: Kim Lathwell
	24 Laingsburg	
	27 at Potterville	
	31 St. Louis	

and four assists, while Drake contributed six assists.

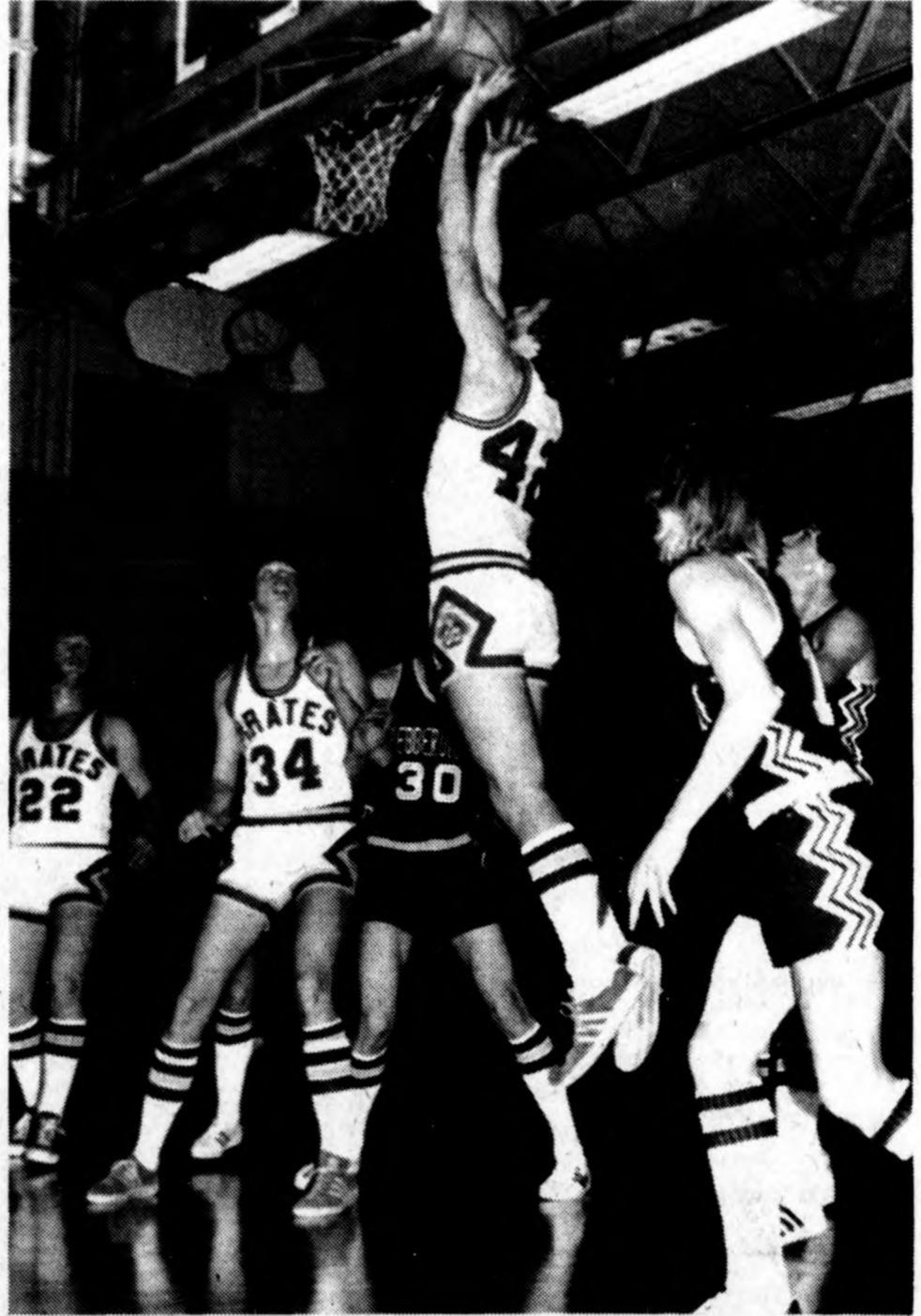
"We just had them outgunned," Lathwell said. "Both teams played a man-to-man defense, they tried

to stay with us but they couldn't keep up. They just didn't have the personnel."

Lathwell said that even though the Pirates did out-rebound Webberville, the Pirates still had to work on

improve that phase of their game.

Fulton is on the road Friday at Laingsburg and is at home Tuesday for a CMAC game with Potterville.



Jeff Cooper (42) goes to the hoop for two points in the Pirates' 104-69 conference win over Webberville. Randy Troub (34) sets himself for a possible rebound.

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DeWitt downs Bath in season opener

Dave Wilson scored 25 points Tuesday to pace DeWitt to a 77-61 victory over Bath in the season opener for both teams.
But both squads' luck changed Friday, as the Panthers lost their first conference game to Okemos 57-51 while the Bees won their first Ingham County League game, 76-64 over Leslie.
In the DeWitt-Bath game, DeWitt moved out to a 22-14 first period lead but Bath narrowed the difference to 36-32 at the half.
The Panthers pulled away in the second half, however, outscoring Bath 17-8 and 24-21 in the final two periods.
Mark Willson followed in the DeWitt scoring with 16, while Bill Alfred had 12.
Mark Phillips had 16 to top Bath, while Bruce Swart had 14 and Kirk Ordiway had 11.
In DeWitt's loss to Okemos, Wilson was again the scoring leader with 15 while Willson followed with 14. The Panthers trailed by five at the half, but they came back to within two after three periods before Okemos re-established control late in the game.
Against Leslie, Ordiway led Bath with 22 points

while Swart added 21. Phillips was again in double figures with 15 points.
Friday DeWitt is at Mason and Perry is at Bath, and Tuesday Pinckney travels to Bath while DeWitt hosts Lansing Catholic Central. All are conference games.

Area happening
Dec. 7—A public school tax financing forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Johns High School auditorium, sponsored by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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Led by aggressive defense

Fowler crushes St. Patrick's

By Tom Nowak
Sports Writer

FOWLER—After an opening game most coaches come away talking about the mistakes their team has to get rid of. But Fowler coach Charles Trierweiler had something different to say after the Eagle's 80-33 victory over Portland St. Patrick Friday.

"I'm just well-pleased with the way we played," he said. "I'm really optimistic about the whole year, and I think this got it off to a good start."

And it was a good start, as the Eagles dominated the entire game and had a sure victory after only nine minutes of play.

The Shamrocks managed to stay even with the Eagles for the first three minutes of the game. For that matter, Portland held a 6-5 lead with 5:19 left in the first period.

Mark Schrauben then put Fowler ahead for good when he scored after a rebound. The aggressive Eagle zone defense limited the Shamrocks to low percentage shots from the outside, while at the same time the Eagles shooting was warming up. Jump shots by Tony Schafer and Steve Johnson at the end of the quarter gave the Eagles a 20-10 lead at intermission.

Fowler put the game out of reach early in the second period. Don Schrauben, Mark Schrauben and Tony Schafer scored in the first minute of play to give the Eagles a 16-point lead.

Portland came back with a basket after a timeout, but by the time they scored another five minutes had elapsed and Fowler, hitting on six straight jump shots, had stretched its lead to 38-14. The Eagles attack continued until the end of the period, which ended at 43-16.

The third period opened with another Eagle spurt, which put them up by 30 points with just a minute gone. Trierweiler went to his bench and the Shamrocks started to narrow the margin somewhat, coming to within 25. But the Eagle subs began to stretch the lead, even against St. Patrick's starters, and Fowler was on top 56-29 after three periods.

The fourth quarter was a battle of the substitutes, and that went about the same as the rest of the game—Fowler's subs outscored the Shamrocks 24-4 in the final quarter.

The Eagles had good balance, with nine men scoring and four of those in double figures. Don Schrauben had 16 points, 14 in the first half, and Schafer had 14 first half points. Mark Schrauben had 11, and Terry Thelen came off the bench to score 10 fourth-quarter points.

Dave Hattis led the Shamrocks with 11, while Dave Pung had eight.

Trierweiler said that Hattis' low point total may have been the most important factor in the game.

"We did what we wanted, we took Hattis away from them," he said. "If they had been able to feed him inside it might have been a different ball game."

Jim Theis played well defending Hattis, but others helped him out. I can't single anyone out—the whole team did a good job, and I'd just be leaving someone out."

The aggressive Eagle zone defense, which forced the Shamrocks to take a lot of poor shots, held St. Patrick's to just 22 percent from the field. But the Eagles, who were scoring well on the fast break and with mid-range jump shots, hit for 56 percent.

Fowler also had a 56-26 rebounding edge. Individual leaders were Theis with 14, Don Schrauben with 10, and Mark Schrauben and Tim Thelen with seven apiece.

Guard Steve Johns had five assists, while three others, Theis, Schafer and Don Schrauben had two each. Theis also had three steals, while Dan Braun and

scored a second period pin, while Cannon and Richard Ackels both won decisions.

Thursday O-E hosts Corunna in a MMB match, and Saturday the Marauders will participate in the Haslett Invitational.

Jeff Thelen had two apiece. The Eagles are at home to Laingsburg Tuesday for Friday to host Olivet in a CMAAC game, and they travel to Laingsburg Tuesday for another conference game.



Fowler's Tim Thelen rips down a rebound late in the Eagle's decisive win over St. Patrick's last week.

Sports schedule

Girls' basketball

Dec. 7-10
Class C regional at DeWitt
Class B regional at Grand Rapids Christian
Class D Regional at Grass Lake
Class D regional at Reese

Boys' basketball

Dec. 9
DeWitt at Mason
Perry at Bath, 6:15
Olivet at Fowler, 6:30
Corunna at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30
Hemlock at St. Johns, 6:30
Fulton at Laingsburg
Dec. 13
Pinckney at Bath, 6:15
Fowler at Laingsburg, 6:30
Pewamo-Westphalia at Portland St. Patrick, 6:30
Ovid-Elsie at St. Louis, 6:30
Pottersville at Fulton
Lansing Catholic Central at DeWitt

Wrestling

Dec. 8
Pewamo-Westphalia at Ionia, 6:30
Fovierville at Bath
Corunna at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30
Hemlock at St. Johns, 6:30
DeWitt at Mason, 6:30

Dec. 10
Bath at Vandercook Lake (quadrangular)
DeWitt, Ovid-Elsie at Haslett Invitational
Fulton at Central Montcalm Invitational

Dec. 13
DeWitt at St. Johns, 6:30
Mason at Ovid-Elsie, 6:30

Fulton wins three medals

PERRY—Three Fulton wrestlers won medals at the Perry Invitational Saturday. Leading the Pirates was Jerry Winsor, last year's Class D state champion at 138 pounds. Winsor, wrestling in the 145 pound class, took first place and was awarded the Most Valuable Wrestler trophy for the tournament.

Senior Jason DeWitt, 178 pounds, and junior Mitch Price, heavyweight, each had third-place finishes.

Fulton finished seventh in the eight-team tournament, which was won by New Lothrop.

The Pirates are in action Saturday when they participate in the Central Montcalm Invitational.

Fulton Wrestling

December
3 Perry Invitational
6 at Breckenridge
10 Central Montcalm Invitational

15 at Pottersville
17 Ithaca Invitational
January

5 Olivet
7 Ravenna Invitational
12 Michigan School for the Blind
14 Fulton Invitational
19 at Pewamo-Westphalia
21 Stockbridge Invitational
26 Bellevue
28 CMAAC at Pewamo-Westphalia

Coach: Jayke Pell

O-E wins MMB opener

SAGINAW—Ovid-Elsie overcame a terrible night at the free throw line to squeeze out a 63-62 conference victory over Swan Valley Friday.

The Marauders were behind most of the game, but Ken Kellogg made a pair of free throws with 3:30 left of the score at 57-57.

Swan Valley came back to take a 60-59 lead with 1:30 left, but Bill Kayanek scored with 57 seconds left to put O-E on top 61-60.

Again, Swan Valley scored to go ahead, but Brian Byrnes scored for O-E with 13 seconds left to put the Marauders ahead 63-62. Then an O-E foul with eight seconds left gave Swan Valley a chance to go ahead. But the Vikings missed, O-E rebounded and the Marauders had their second win of the year and their first MMB win.

Junior Ed Kaminski was the leading scorer for O-E with 24, while Byrnes had 16 and Kellogg 10. Matt Heard led Swan Valley with 17.

O-E was 26 of 58 from the field for 45 percent, while Saginaw was 26 of 56 for 46 percent.

But according to Marauder coach Bob Foreback, O-E shot a "horrendous" 41 percent from the free-throw line, while Swan Valley was 56 percent from the line, "which was not so great."

"If we would have hit a halfway decent percentage of our free throws," Foreback said, "we would have won more easily. If they would have made the free throws at the end of the

game, they would have won. Free throws were the difference in the ball game."

O-E hosts Corunna Friday in a MMB game and goes to St. Louis Tuesday for a non-conference game.

Marauders place 5th at LCC tourney

Two Ovid-Elsie wrestlers won individual titles in the Iggy Conrad Classic wrestling invitational at Lansing Catholic Central Saturday.

Taking first were Dave Toth at 112 pounds and Lee Pumford at 138. Jeff Cannon, wrestling at 119 pounds, earned a third-place finish.

The championship capped a fine week for Toth, who ran his record up to 5-0 with four pins.

Earlier in the week O-E dropped a pair of dual matches, 41-31 to Perry and 42-17 to Swan Valley.

Scoring pins for the Marauders against Perry were Toth, Bob Latz and Pumford. Rick Bancroft won a 20-2 decision, while Lyle Huntoon wrestled to a 1-1 tie.

Bruce Valentine scored his first win of the season at 98 pounds against Swan Valley, picking up a convincing 16-1 decision. Toth

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1. The football contest is open to everyone except employees of Clinton County News and their families.
2. All entries must be completed and postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday on the week the games are played. Entries may also be delivered to the newspaper offices in St. Johns before 5 p.m. Friday.
3. If mailed, please address to FOOTBALL CONTEST, Clinton County News, 120 E. Walker, St. Johns, MI 48879.
4. Names of the winners will be published in this ad every Wednesday following the games.
5. In the event more than one person correctly picks the same number of winners, the person whose total points for tie breaker game will be declared the winner.
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Legal news

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on the 10th day of November, 1976, between DARLENE K. RYAN, a woman, Mortgagor, and CAPITOL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan on November 12, 1976, in Liber 288 of Mortgages, Page 489, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal and interest the sum of NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 30/100 (\$19,514.30) DOLLARS and an attorney fee of SEVENTY-FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS allowed by law, as provided in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the monies secured by said Mortgage of any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided on Friday, the 6th day of January, 1978, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the North entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, that being one of the places where the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in the said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid due on said Mortgage, with Nine (9) per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney fees, which said premises are described as follows in said Mortgage:

Part of the Unplatted portion of the Village (now City) of St. Johns, Clinton Co., Michigan, desc. as follows: Beginning at rods N and 262 1/2 ft. W of the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T7N, R2W, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, running thence W 75 feet, thence S 62 1/2 rods, thence E 75 feet, thence N 62 1/2 rods to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record.

The length of the redemption period as provided by law is Six (6) months from the time of sale.

CAPITOL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

DATED: December 7, 1977
CUMMINS & CUMMINS
400 Capitol Savings & Loan Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Attorneys for Mortgagee 49-5

LEGAL NOTICE

CLINTON COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION: Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 15, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. in the Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan.

At that time the Commission will act on the following:

Case No. ZC-16-77—Greenbush Township

PURPOSE: An application for a Special Use Permit has been filed by Dale J. Martin, 6042 Skyline Drive, East Lansing, Michigan, on behalf of Martin Aggregate Co. Inc. in order to operate a gravel extraction, sorting and washing operation on the following described parcel of land:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, T8N, R2W, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

The text of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed to be amended and a map showing the Zoning Ordinance as proposed to be amended may be examined at 100 S. Ottawa Street, St. Johns, Michigan between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. of any day, Monday through Friday.

A Field Trip will commence at the Zoning Office on Wednesday, December 14, 1977 at 9 a.m.

Interested persons are requested to appear at the Public Hearing and voice their opinions in respect thereto.

J. Anthony Nelson,
Zoning Administrator
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NOTICE OF SALE BY COUNTY CLERK

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 24th day of August, 1977, in a certain cause therein pending (Case No. 76-2024 CH) wherein CARL L. PEATEE, LAWRENCE J. PEATEE and GERALDINE E. PEATEE are Plaintiffs, and FRANK ROSTER, CHARLES W. WANG, RODOLFO VY HAM, HUGH L. GROVER, ESTATE OF DONALD T. DIERKES, JR., DECEASED, JOHN T. BLOCK, ROBERT SHIELDS, DOUBLE L ENTERPRISES, a Michigan Co-partnership, jointly

and severally, are defendants, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following described property shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the North Main Entrance to the Clinton County Court House in the City of St. Johns (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County) on Friday, the 6th day of January, 1978 at 10:00 in the forenoon, local time, the said property being described as follows: The Southwest 1/4 and the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, T7N, R1W, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, consisting of approximately 226 acres, more or less. Excepting however, oil and mineral rights retained by Carl L. Peatee.

The period for redemption shall be six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated: December 17, 1977
Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
CUMMINS & CUMMINS
Attorney for Plaintiffs
400 Capitol Savings & Loan Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Telephone: (517) 489-7516 47-7

With Judge Deming

CARLAND

A Thanksgiving birthday was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming in Carland, Thanksgiving Day, honoring Mrs. Deming's mother on her birthday, the honored Mrs. (Francella) Lewis Walling.

Other guests attending the turkey with all the trimmings dinner were: Mr. Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winkler, Kenda Winkler, Kristi Winkler, and Brian Taylor of Ovid; and Mrs. Mabel Curtis of Elsie.

Evening meal guests added to the list of guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mead and son Brian of St. Johns who helped Grandma Walling celebrate her eighty-first birthday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brent Austin were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Austin's father, Mr. Casey Jones in Carland. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Stinson spent Thanksgiving weekend in Florida. Miss Kenda Darling spent several days with her father in Ohio.

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Bible study of the Carland United Methodist Church is now being held at the home of Mrs. Clara Horn in Carland. Anyone interested in studying about the Holy Spirit is welcome. Meetings are held weekly every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leydord of Bannister entertained Carland people, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming Saturday evening by showing their slide pictures of Europe that they recently took while visiting their son, Michael and family who is in the Air Force there.

Other people attending were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mead and son, Brian of St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walling and Mrs. Mabel Curtis of Elsie.

With Neva Keys

ELSIE

Elsie Chapter No. 69, Order of Eastern Star opened its regular meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 1, to organ music played by Mrs. Jean Cobb. This was the first meeting the OES used the organ since its recent purchase and installation by the Masonic Lodge No. 238, F. & A.M.

Worthy Matron Jeanne Temple and Worthy Patron, Sid Keys presided in the East while flag bearers Alex Dunay (American), Robert Kridner (Christian) and Doreen Kridner (OES) carried their flags for the pledge and salute in the East. A new American Flag with 50 stars was recently purchased to replace the old one with 48 stars.

Treasurer Patricia Sills, Secretary Alvera Ade, Evelyn Porubsky and several standing committees gave progress reports. Many letters and cards of thanks were read from the ill and homebound.

W. Matron Jeanne Temple appointed Mrs. Evelyn Porubsky, Mrs. Dortha Platner and Mrs. Anna Mae Thorn-ton to update the suggestions for the Sunshine Committee and report at the next meeting.

Associate Matron Ruth Ike explained the plans for January, February and March 1978 regular meetings when an early supper and program will be held pre-

vious to the opening of Chapter, allowing the members to return early to their homes during the winter months.

A Christmas letter from the Worthy Grand Matron Erma M. Meinhart and W.G.P. Anthony Malacos brought greetings from the Michigan Grand Chapter, OES. "For we have seen his Star in the East and are come to worship Him." They wrote of love of Christmas as it was expressed by happy family gatherings and by our worship of the Almighty.

The joint school of instruction for Elsie and Owosso Chapters will be given in the Masonic Temple. A potluck supper at 5:45 p.m. is planned prior to the School which will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

A letter received from Mrs. Leila Wilson who recently moved to Ventura, Calif., was read telling of her experiences and thanking the chapter for the farewell gift of money.

It was decided to have initiation of candidates on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 8 p.m.

W.P. Sid Keys reported a visit to Oscar Fisher of Owosso, a former member of Elsie Lodge No. 238 F. & A.M., now an honorary member, and resident of the Masonic Home at Alma. Brother Fisher, now 88

years of age, was one of the most active for many years in the Owosso Lodge and recently honored at a Tiler's Night, prior to moving to the Masonic Home. He said he was very contented and happy in his new home.

Worthy Matron Jeanne Temple introduced a special guest, Mrs. Geraldine Workman of St. Johns, chairman of the Sunshine committee of Grand Chapter of Michigan OES, and Clinton county association OES president. She brought greetings from the Worthy Grand Matron and urged the members to "go that extra mile" to make this a season of joy and hope, love and faith. She also introduced her traveling companion, Mrs. Francis Luther, also of Radiant Chapter in St. Johns, and Mrs. Elisabeth Levey, Clinton County Ass'n OES, Chaplain of Elsie.

Wanda and Jim Litomisky the junior past matron and patron were escorted to the East where they were presented a money gift from their officers. Other gifts pertinent to the program of the Michigan Grand Chapter, were given to W.M. Temple and W.P. Keys by A.M. Ruth Ike.

At the close of the Chapter meeting, a Christmas program for the good of the Order was directed by Mrs. Ike. She was assisted by Dawn Levey, the star points in a candle-light ceremony with colored candles of the five points of the Star at the altar and the singing of carols.

Donald Ike, RoseMary Moore and Elisabeth Levey and Neva and Sid Keys, were escorted to the East

where the first three heard "Happy Birthday" sung. All joined in singing "Happy Anniversary" to Mr. and Mrs. Keys who were observing their 49th wedding anniversary.

A barren money tree which was placed on the dais, soon became green as members, one by one tied dollar bills, fan-folded in red and green ribbon, to fill the tree.

The proceeds will be sent to the WGM Erma Meinhart for her favorite project—Research on Multiple Sclerosis.

During this period several members shared childhood memories, Christmas keepsakes and all received a candy cane.

Tables in the dining room were attractively decorated with centerpieces of Santa, snowmen, reindeer, and lighted candles, most of them handmade. Christmas cookies, red and green gelatin salads and coffee were served. The committee was composed of: Jean Cobb, Dawn & Bruce Levey, Katherine Watson and Wilma Cole.

ELSIE CUB SCOUT NEWS

The new den mothers for Elsie Cub Pack 76 this year are Tillie Bohil, Ellie Dennis, Debbie Barnhill, Rosemary Loyne and Webeleo leader Mike Koyn.

So far the Pack have had a busy and fun year. In October they enjoyed a weiner roast and hayride in perfect weather.

They attended "Holiday On Ice," with a total of 39 people and had a great time. The November Pack meet-

ing was held at the E. E. Knight school auditorium. The theme was "American Indians". Bear Dens 2 and 3 made a teepee and totem pole, bull roarers and a vest and headband. They performed a buffalo dance around the campfire. Wolf dens 4 and 5 made tom toms, hatchets, vests and headbands. They performed an Indian Sun dance.

Cubmaster Hermineo Roland presented Bobcat

badges to new Scouts Corey Bohil, Joel Bohil, Dennis Casteel, Ronald Perrien, Brett Johnson, Dennis Clark, Chad Bush, Doug Purnford, Keith Reeves, Joe Porubsky, James Loyne, Steven Dennis and Troy Barnhill.

The December Pack meeting will be held on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the E. E. Knight cafeteria. They will have a Christmas party.

With Lucille Spencer

SHEPARDSVILLE

The Ovid Duplain Library Club met at the home of Mrs. Wayne Mead on Friday, Dec. 2 with 14 members and one guest in attendance. Assisting the hostess was Mrs. Neva Betzer. The invocation was given by Mrs. Roger Smith.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and gift exchange. During the business meeting it was voted to give a monetary gift each year to the Esther Hunter Library Fund, and to continue the paint project for the VFW Hall. It was also reported that records have been purchased for the Ovid Convalescent Manor and for a nursing home in St. Johns.

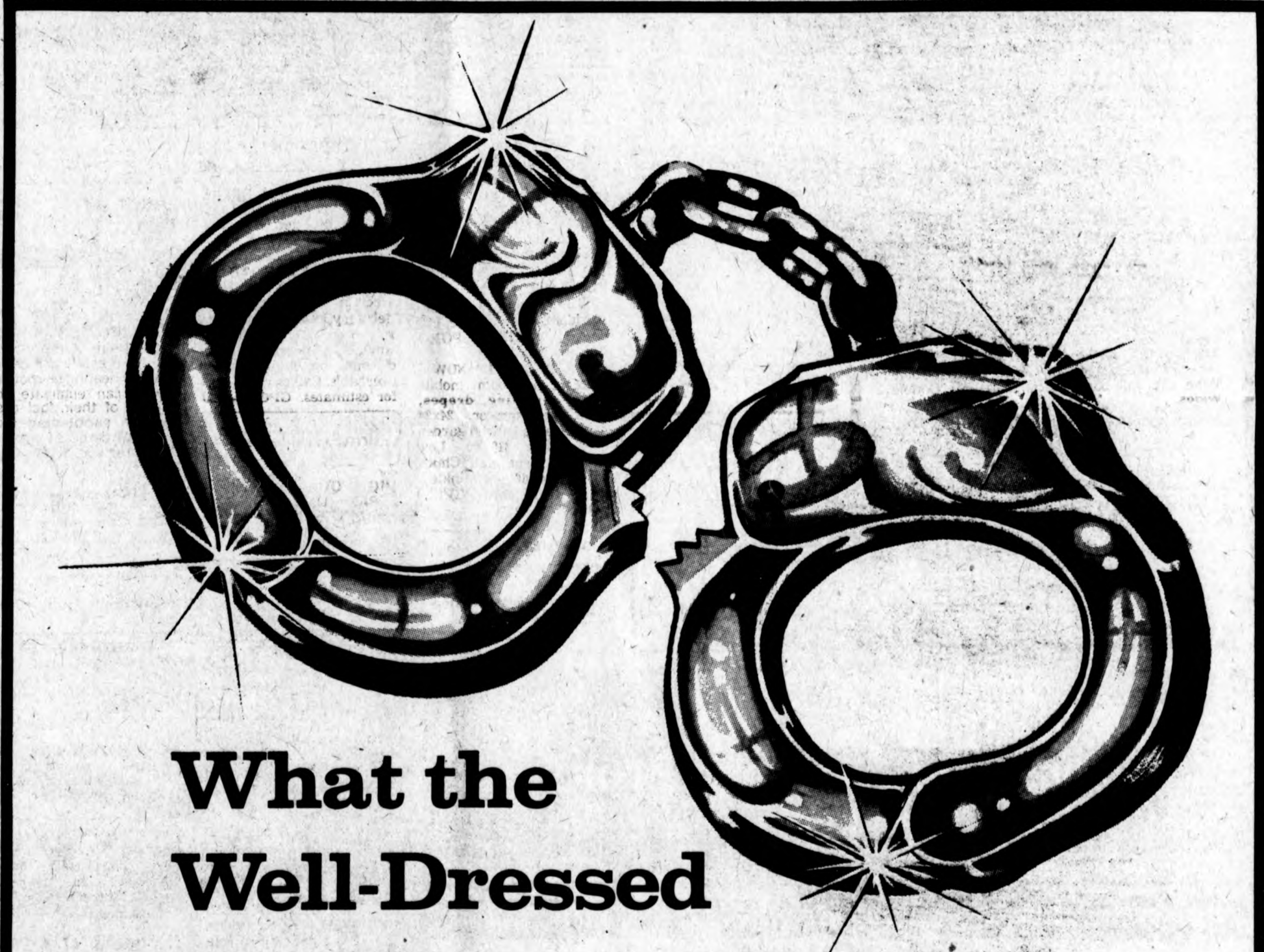
The next meeting will be

Jan. 6 at the home of Mrs. Charles Walker on Kinley Road. The program will be a resume by past presidents of their term or terms in office.

Morning Star Chapter No. 279 of Ovid and the Maple Rapids Chapter held a composite school of instruction on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. The school was conducted by Grand Esther Judy Lengyel of Grand Blanc Chapter. There was a good representation from both chapters.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and jello were served in the dining room.

The next regular meeting of Morning Star Chapter will be Jan. 10.



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Dollmaking mother-daughter team enjoying Christmas creativity

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a young child to appreciate dolls. Especially after one sees the handiwork of Ruth Smalldon and her daughter Fern Burgess both of St. Johns.

The mother-daughter team began making the various dolls three years ago after Mrs. Smalldon saw a magazine article featuring dolls.

The first doll started out with the base of an Ivory Liquid bottle. They have since become Roman cleanser bottles. "That's where you're friends come in," Mrs. Burgess said. "You just talk them into saving them, because you could never go through that much cleanser."

Creating the dolls came as Christmas surprises for the three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family. Grandma dolls were made for the girls and grandpa dolls for the boys.

Although the ladies don't usually work on their dolls together if one gets stuck on a certain part she has her partner to rely on. "What one of us can't figure out the other can," Mrs. Burgess said.

It seems in the process of making the dolls one idea leads to another. Now the pair has started making Christmas dolls although they don't call them by that name.

They make Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and a lady dressed in old-fashioned style. The dolls are fashioned in red velvet clothing trimmed in white fake fur. Santa carries his official toy sack and Mrs. Claus is adorned with holly complete with wire framed glasses.

"Working with velvet is probably the most difficult part of making those particular dolls," Mrs. Smalldon commented. "There have been many times we've had to scrap material."

Both women commented if they stuck to making the dolls they could get done in two days time.

"My best ideas come at night when I'm lying in bed," Mrs. Burgess commented.

There is no real pattern to their doll making because the ideas are from the head not a book. "That's why no two dolls are quite alike," Mrs. Smalldon said.

The bottles which form the figures of the dolls are sturdied by either beach sand or washed gravel stones.

"If I'm lucky my husband takes me up north to get the sand," Mrs. Burgess said with a quick grin.

The bodies of the dolls are attached with wire, because both women commented the won't tape the pieces together.

"I guarantee the Santa Claus dolls to stay together forever," Mrs. Smalldon said.

The next step with the dolls is putting the head on and then working with the fake fur to make the hair style. This especially holds true when making the "old-time" lady. "You use a lot of pins and glues in that process," the younger partner said.

Neither of the ladies feel there is any part which is harder than the other except perhaps in just sitting down and getting to work.

Velvet is harder to work with than other materials because it ravel's more easily and can only be cut one way. About a yard of material is used.

"Sometimes it gets hard because you don't have a lot of material to work with and putting the fur on the sleeves sometimes gets difficult," Mrs. Smalldon commented.

One drawback Mrs. Burgess has encountered is not being able to get all the materials she needs to make the dolls with in St. Johns.

This year she has only made five dolls because she has been working part-time also. However, she said she is taking orders for the dolls.



Ruth Smalldon and Fern Burgess view some of the many dolls they have made for people in Clinton County. Here are some of their "Christmas" dolls they have made like Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and an old-fashioned lady dressed in bright red velvet.

Bank robber nabbed by Clinton deputies

A 24-year-old black man from Detroit or Barryton who was suspected of an armed robbery of a Winn bank Monday afternoon, was apprehended by two Clinton County Sheriff's deputies only an hour and a half after the robbery.

The man who robbed the Winn branch of the Shepherd State Bank on Monday, Dec. 5, at 2:45 using a handgun, was arraigned on charges of armed robbery Tuesday morning in Isabella County where the offense occurred.

Following a call from the Winn bank, State Police in Mt. Pleasant set up road blocks in cooperation with the Lansing Police post.

Three different descriptions of the vehicle used by the bank assailant were given to Clinton County law

enforcers and at 4:20 p.m. on US-27, near Taft Road, Clinton Deputy Mike Corey and Detective Sergeant Dick May observed a car similar to one of the descriptions.

The deputies stopped the vehicle and the driver was

using a suspended license. The description fit the bank robber's description and the man was taken to Isabella County where he was lodged in the Isabella County Jail overnight.

Liaison to visit county

Congressman Elford A. Cederberg's Liaison Dora Stolz will be visiting Clinton County in order to offer the citizens of the Tenth District an opportunity to bring difficulties they might have with the Federal government to his attention.

Mrs. Stolz will be at the County Courthouse in St. Johns on Monday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cederberg reminds those who might have a problem with a Federal agency to

bring along any documents that might help to identify his case to Mrs. Stolz.

Cutting your own tree coming back in style

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

You see these quaint old scenes on Christmas cards of a family coming back to the house, dragging a perfectly shaped Christmas tree. Their cheeks are healthy red and their tree is the most gorgeous green.

The custom of going out in the woods and cutting down a Christmas tree is being revived and, in Michigan there are 78 choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms which are aiding in the renewal.

Residents of Clinton County have a variety of choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms to visit within a relatively short proximity.

To the north, there is Crowley's tree farm on 9002 E. Broomfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant. They have about 2,000 trees, ranging in cost from \$4 to \$6. Crowley's is open daily from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and offers Scotch Pine, Spruce, pre-cut trees, machine cleaned trees, tree wrapping and saws if persons forget to bring their own.

In Greenville, there is the Blanding tree farm at 905 Evergreen St. which is open daily. It features 1,000 Scotch Pine, Spruce and Douglas Fir trees at \$3 each as well as larger trees. Saws are also provided.

To the west, Seldum Rest tree farm is located at 5304 Charles Rd., Ionia. It is open daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and offers 3,000 Scotch Pine trees ranging from \$2 to \$7, as well as larger trees.

To the east, Asplin Farms is open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and from noon until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, it is located at 12190 Miller Rd.

Lennon and offers 2,100 trees ranging in cost from \$6.75 to \$10.50. Asplin Farms grows only Spruce trees, and also offers a snack bar, hot beverages, saws and tree wrapping.

And, finally, to the northeast, two tree farms are located in St. Charles. There is Wolf Creek at 6105 S. Graham Rd., and Swan Creek at 12675 Lakefield Rd.

Swan Creek is open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk and tree hunters can choose from 10,000 Scotch Pine and Spruce trees, each costing \$6. It also has pre-cut trees.

Wolf Creek has the largest local selection of 40,000 trees at \$6 apiece and is open from 9 a.m. until dusk daily. Saws are provided for persons to cut the Scotch Pine and Spruce trees. Wolf Creek also has pre-cut trees.

When cutting your own tree, remember to bring a saw, as opposed to a ax. Axes are not allowed on most tree farms. Also, bring twine to tie the tree on top of the car or in the truck.

Most pines and Douglas firs will hold their needles, but if a balsam or spruce is selected, water properly or the tree will shed its needles before Christmas Day arrives.

Store trees in a bucket of water in a cool area. Before placing the tree in a stand, cut an inch or so off the base to help the tree absorb water, and then remember to fill the stand daily with water.

Going out in the woods and cutting your own tree may prove a fun outing for the family in 1977 and may also become a tradition in years to come.

The monthly men's breakfast was held Sunday morning at the Bannister United Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Swanson served as greeters for the worship services and will continue for the month of December. Assisting Pastor Emmett Kadwell in the pulpit for the month will be Russell Schlarf. A time of coffee and fellowship followed the services in Wesley Center.

BANNISTER

Mrs. Beverly Baker spent the Thanksgiving week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hofferbert. Her sister, Mrs. John Weber and husband and children of Lansing also visited for the weekend. Beverly renewed several old acquaintances during the week before flying back to her home in Buckley, Wash.

Concert set

The DeWitt High School music department will present a free musical Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will feature the school's stage band, choir and concert band.

All interested persons are invited to attend the concert.

Swim coach hired at Ovid-Elsie

After a lengthy fall which has been most uncomfortable for anyone enjoying the sport of Competitive Swimming, we have hired a swim coach," says Ovid-Elsie Pool Director Charles Holcomb.

Dennis Wiggins is the new coach. Coach Wiggins hails from the Marshall area and learned competition swimming while in high school.

After that, Coach Wiggins enrolled at Kalamazoo Community College later enrolling at MSU. He will graduate this

spring from the Engineering Department.

Regarding his swim career, Coach Wiggins swims at Marshall and KCC. He has coached age group AAU programs and also the O-E High School varsity.

Practices will begin Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Practices will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with some Saturday practices or AAU meets.

"We are OUR team with no name as yet. We wish to improve our present

swim knowledge, condition our bodies and expand our relationships with swimming," says Holcomb.

The competitive program is open to any school-age student who wishes to become familiar with the fundamentals of competitive swimming and to improve these skills while in competition against other swimmers their age.

Additional information may be had by contacting Holcomb, Community Education Director of Ovid-Elsie High School.

United Appraisal vs. County

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attending to discuss the water quality proposal. He said Tri-County was asking for a resolution agreeing with the plan.

"The big thing to consider is the cost," Hawks said. He commented it would take 4.9 mills to finance the plan. "If it had to go to the people it would be impossible to pass," he added.

Board members stressed by passing this proposal they did not agree to levy 4.9 mills. "We don't have the power to do that," Zeeb said.

"If anybody has been telling you (the Board) if you don't pass this proposal the Department of Natural Resources will be told to come up with a plan and it has to be implemented, they are wrong," Dennis Dunnigan, county planner said. "You can turn it down."

I feel we should take a stand and check it out to find out exactly what has to be done," Zeeb said.

Chairman Overway commented he couldn't fault the plan too much except for the cost.

The question Chamberlain raised was Tri-County spent \$706,000 to come up with a plan. "Are we going to spend that much again if it has to be revised?"

In other action, members of the Clinton County Historical Society questioned members of the Board on what they planned to do with the building located at 106 Maple Avenue which presently houses the Mid-Michigan Health Department. This department

will soon be moved to the new administrative building next to the hospital.

The Society told Commissioners they needed a larger home to fit its needs.

"At this time we haven't made a motion as to what we are going to do with the house," Overway said. "We have been talking about completely destroying the building and making it a parking lot, which the county needs. We have not thought along the lines of a museum."

Two years ago a study was made to determine how much money was needed to bring the building up to a half-way decent shape. According to Martin, it was estimated to need \$13,000 worth of work. He cited a crumbling foundation and heating to be the two most serious problems.

The boiler was put in 25 years ago and it is an obsolete heating unit, said to be one in a million and considered an oddity.

"After looking over the situation, they do need more room. At first I did feel the way to go was to tear down the building—but who says they have to use steam heat? "Why can't they get a forced heat unit which would cost them a lot less?" Zeeb questioned.

Overway told the Society members to find out how much it would cost to bring the building up to code and then come back to the Board. A meeting will be held sometime in March to discuss the building again.

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