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Senator Allen (standing) presents his views on the school financing problem as (from left, sitting) Dr. Cederberg, Representative Powell and Dr. Burns listen.

State support of St. Johns schools dwindles; school financing forum points out inequities

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

"You bet your bippy there are (inequities in the present State Aid Act)," answered Senator Richard Allen during the public school financing forum held last Wednesday night in the St. Johns High School auditorium. Michigan Senator Allen as well as Representative Stanley Powell appeared before a group of approximately 85 interested citizens from St. Johns and surrounding areas who voiced their opposition to the present method of school financing.

Opening the forum which was sponsored by the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and the St. Johns schools, moderator Paul McNamara charged the two state legislators to "Take back the concern of this area."

Following McNamara's introduction, St. Johns Superintendent Dr. Donald Burns outlined the Bursley Formula of the State Aid Act and its effect on the St. Johns School district.

"There is nothing more confusing to understand than public school financing," Dr. Burns confessed to the forum before proving to both legislators. "The state really takes away when you raise the S.E.V. (State Equalized Valuation.)"

Utilizing a system of graphs and tables, Dr. Burns pointed out how the S.E.V. has increased 163 per cent in the past 12 years in St. Johns and the St. Johns school millage support has increased from 12.70 mills in the 1965-66 school year to 25.75 mills in the present school year.

And, yet the state's support of St. Johns schools has decreased from 52.8 per cent of the yearly school budget six years ago to 44.5 per cent of the budget this year.

"We are losing \$746,810," Dr. Burns charged, using a table showing revenues lost under the "Equal Yield" formula.

However, Senator Allen disagreed with Dr. Burns' viewpoint, pointing out that if St. Johns schools were to assess 30 mills instead of its present 27.75-mill levy, St. Johns schools would be receiving the \$746,810.

The state average number of mills levied is 28.51 for the 1977-78 school year, a difference of 2.76 mills. During the 1976-77 school year, the gap was 2.23 mills and in the 1975-76 year the gap was 2.46 mills.

The possibility of raising the millage to 30 mills to receiving full funding under the Bursley Bill wasn't even suggested during the Wednesday night forum, however.

Answering Dr. Burns' documented display of how the state is subsidizing St. Johns schools less and less each year, Senator Allen began by giving a brief background on school financing for the past 20 years.

Advocating the use of an income tax to subsidize public schooling, Allen recalled a 1972 proposal to change the present method of funding schools through a property tax to a method using income taxes which failed in Clinton County as well as in the state. "It's doomed—using property taxes to finance schools," said Allen.

Then, from 1974-77, said Allen, "We (the legislature) financed welfare costs with local taxpayers' problems by using the school aid formula. "We didn't have the guts," he told the forum attendees.

Essentially, you have not benefited by remaining poor," said Allen, referring to St. Johns' increased evaluation but lower prices for farm product in this highly agricultural area.

Following Senator Allen's comments, Senator Powell gave a few brief comments directed toward the school financing problem, including a comment, "Clinton County takes the cake for being mistreated," when he was referring to equalization and evaluation.

Then, Powell introduced his associate, Dr. Bill Cederberg who was a former member of the Michigan Board of Education.

Dr. Cederberg summarized the political problem which is at the base of St. Johns' school financing dilemma: while property assessments in Clinton County have increased by 24 per cent this past year, his own assessment in East Lansing has only increased by five per cent. The wealthier, more populated areas of the state have not seen a 24 per cent increase in evaluation and will continue to advocate the present method of school funding.

However, St. Johns residents have experienced a large increase in taxes to the state coupled with lower prices for their work on their farms.

"Wealth without income cannot purchase revenue for our schools," summarized Pewamo-Westphalia School

Board member Joe Arens. Suggestions from the audience attending the forum ranged from forming a taxpayer's revolt to spreading the tax payments over a year, spending all the lottery money on education (though that would only be a dent in the state education budget), and allowing senior citizens to be taken off the school tax rolls as they have "paid their dues already."

Senator Allen praised the group attending the forum for their knowledge in the state school financing methods but forecasted, "it will be a yearly battle between low millage districts and high millage districts," for school financing rules in the future.

School financing a problem in P-W, too

Joe Arens, Pewamo-Westphalia board member, expressed his personal concern for the alarming increase in property taxes this year at the Dec. 7 school financing forum.

In his district, the operating millage remained the same—yet membership formula property taxes increased by \$106,000 while State Aid decreased by \$18,000.

"I would like to take a minute to point out two alarming and dangerous trends: one—massive increases in property taxes in our district this year; two—large reduction in state support of our school. Our millage rate and enrollment remained constant. Our formula revenues increased \$88,000—local property taxes increased by an astounding \$106,000—while state support decreased by \$18,000," said Arens at the forum.

He said, "The entire increase of \$106,000 paid by my friends and neighbors was due to increased assessments forced on us by the State Tax Commission—which is nothing less than a scapegoat for the State Legislature and the Governor."

"The \$18,000 is a wonderful savings to the State Treasury at a horrible expense to the local property tax payers," Arens said.

Arens expressed concern about depressed farm prices and their effect on future millage issues in his district. "History has repeatedly proven that high assessment school districts with low incomes cannot and will not support millages," he said.

Arens requested help from state legislators, Richard Allen and Stanley Powell. He said, "The crisis looming in the horizon cannot be averted in local school board conference rooms—it can only be avoided by speedy action on the part of the state legislature and the Governor in reducing property taxes as a means to support schools."

In conclusion, Arens suggested setting a maximum of 13.5 mills for operation of schools, and replacing the lost revenues with an increase in the state income tax.

Arens finished his comments by expressing his appreciation and caution of tax credit laws by giving a self definition of tax credits: "Tax credits are taxes collected by government discounted by bureaucratic red tape and administration returned to special interest groups through the hands of politicians who expect the gratitude of re-election for returning to taxpayers money which should never have been taken from them in the first place."

Gullain-Barre victim recovers after year of turmoil and determination

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

John Swanchara is college bound for the second time.

A lot of 21-year-old people go to college, so what makes Swanchara so different?

Well, last year at this time Swanchara was sitting in a wheelchair not able to move. He had lost 35 pounds from his already thin frame and was very weak. Two months prior it was not known whether he would live or die, much less be able to walk again.

It took a lot of guts, determination, drive, and stamina for the young man to go from an almost living vegetable to the person he once was.

Swanchara was suffering from a syndrome called Guillain-Barre, a disease which paralyzes the body's muscles. The youth was vaccinated with the swine flu serum Oct. 5, 1976 while attending a Denver, Colo. school for auto mechanics. Two days after receiving the shot his problems began.

Numbness took over his body starting with his fingers then moving up his arms. Four days later the rest of his body was affected by the paralysis.

Denver doctors at first thought Swanchara was making his situation out to be worse than it really was. A psychiatrist was even brought in to talk with John. After taking a shock treatment test given by a neurologist it was determined he had the syndrome.

Health officials contended there was no definite link between the shots and the paralysis, although immunization clinics were suspended after several persons contracted the disease.

"I'm feeling pretty normal now, except I still have a little numbness," Swanchara said as he walked into the family's Parks Road home from outside where he and a friend were working on a car. "I might not ever get some of the feeling in my feet back," he added. He has no reflexes anymore and probably never will.

Swanchara was going to therapy three times a week from November until March at Sparrow Hospital for hour-long sessions. He also worked out at home every day. Toward the end of the therapy sessions he started working with heavier weights to build up his once useless muscles.

"It just seemed like all of a sudden he was better," Mrs. Swanchara said. "It took a long time to get to that point, but then his recovery started coming pretty fast."

Swanchara went from a wheelchair to walker and was using a cane by New

Year's according to his mother.

"My balance was off and I used the wheelchair a lot in the house," he said. The young man had to learn how to do everything all over again from crawling to picking up and using a fork.

The Swanchara home and family went through a lot of changes also during John's illness.

Mrs. Swanchara had to quit her part-time job at Andy's IGA to take care of her son. Since his recovery she has started working again.

The ramp for the wheelchair was taken down in April and the rented equipment such as the walker, bars for the bathroom and exercising weights were all returned.

The family went through a lot of financial worries. "There were just so many little things," Mrs. Swanchara said. "But the insurance covered the majority of the costs."

Papers from the federal government were received by the Swancharas to file for some financial relief for what their son went through.

"We haven't filed them yet and if we send them in it will probably takes years before we get anything," Mrs. Swanchara said. "I only hope we can get back what we spent."

Swanchara interjected, "I'm going to get a lawyer and talk to him as soon as I get to Denver." He will leave for school Dec. 26 to finish a one-year course at Denver Auto and Diesel School.

Last year he had hoped to return to school in January of 1977. He knew in December that would be impossible so he set his sights on April. His recovery took longer than was expected so the date to re-enter was once again postponed.

He will be finishing the second part of the course. "Right now I only know how to fix half a car," he said with a smile.

Swanchara's humor is back and he can joke and laugh with his family and friends. There were times during his recovery, however, when the picture was not so cheery.

"Sure there were lots of times when I felt frustrated," he said remembering what it was like during those months. "It was tiring just to try to get up and walk." He added, "A few times when it was really bad I did want to give up."

The young man truly "got by with a little help from his friends."

"They were all wonderful," Mrs. Swanchara said. "They would come over and visit or pack him and the wheelchair up and they were gone."

Swanchara commented his brothers were also very helpful and understand-

ing of his problems and were instrumental in his recovery.

In April John was sick of sitting around and not making the kind of progress he thought he should. With gritted teeth and shaky legs he walked into the unemployment office on his own.

"He almost didn't make it though," one of his friends added to the conversation, giving Swanchara a knowing smile.

"The first time he walked into the hospital I was scared to death," Mrs. Swanchara said. "It was so snowy and ice covered."

Not giving in for a minute he began work the second week of April. He worked on a nearby farm driving tractor.

"It was hard at first," Swanchara said. "The farmer knew my situation so he didn't have me out there baling hay."

John is a 1974 graduate of St. Johns High School and worked at Clinton Mechanics in Ovid until he went to school the first time. In August of this year he began working at Community Dodge. While holding down this full-time job he took the Michigan test in mechanics and is certified to work on certain parts of the car. He still has four other areas of the car to study before he becomes fully certified.

"Everything is set up so when I get back to school I can start out where I left off," he said. "All I can say is it sure has taken a long time to finish a one-year course." He says he's looking forward to going back to school.

After he does finish with the course he plans to stay in Colorado for awhile if he can get a job.

What were the thoughts running through Swanchara's mind during the months of struggling to be himself again? "All I kept thinking was it was a lot of hard work," he said. "I really didn't make a lot of plans and I didn't think about a lot of things...I couldn't."

Swanchara's doctors have warned him not to take any kind of shots while he is back in Denver. Not even the regular flu shots.

Those kind of orders don't have to be repeated twice to Swanchara. He learned the hard way.

The day after Christmas John Swanchara can put the last 14 months behind him. He can finish school and start all over again.

Christmas 1977 holds a much brighter future and a lot more hope than last year for at least one Clinton County resident.

Friday, Dec. 23

Community invited to carol at courthouse

Continuing a tradition of Christmas caroling on the Clinton County courthouse lawn, the 1977 sing-a-long has been slated for Friday evening, Dec. 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The 30 to 60-minute caroling will be led by St. Johns Congregational

Church choir director Brian Payne. Song sheets with the words of the familiar Christmas carols will be distributed and there is a possibility of refreshments following the caroling, according to Rev. Ray Shaw of the St. Johns Free Methodist Church.

All persons in the community are invited to attend this meet on the courthouse lawn and join in song with their friends and neighbors.

"We're looking forward to a good time," says Rev. Shaw.



John Swanchara, works on a car in the yard of his parents Parks Road home after recovering from the paralyzing disease called Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Clinton County Sheriff's deputies

Accidents lessen in county

Traffic in the county has returned to normal this week with very few accidents investigated by the Clinton County Sheriff's department as compared to the previous week.

A car driven by Gary M. Sanborn, Hubbardston, was stopped at a stop sign when he was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Charles W. Davis, 610 Church St., St. Johns at the intersection of Main St. and M-21. Davis was injured in the accident and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was also cited by deputies for being unable to stop in the assured clear dis-

tance ahead. The accident happened on Dec. 9 at 7:25 a.m.

A car driven by Carl G. Bird, Maple Rapids, was backing out of his driveway at 138 N. Oak and struck a parked car owned by Thomas Colthorp, Perrinton. The accident occurred on Dec. 9 at 2:55 p.m. There were no reported injuries.

Linda C. Perry, Ithaca, was traveling north on US-27, 50 feet south of Maple Rapids Road, when she hit an icy spot and spun out hitting a guard rail. There were no injuries in the accident which happened on Dec. 8 at 11:55 p.m.

Royal F. Wilcox, 1102 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns, was pulling onto US-27 from Lansing St., and stated to deputies he looked and didn't see anyone coming and pulled out into the right hand lane of traffic.

James P. Riley, Plymouth, told deputies he was northbound on US-27 when the Wilcox auto pulled out in front of him in the right hand lane. Wilcox was cited for failure to yield the right of way. A passenger in the Wilcox auto, Edith Wilcox was injured and sought her own treatment. The accident happened at 9:45 a.m. on Dec. 7.

Jack A. Cornwell, E. Centerline Rd., St. Johns, advised deputies that as he was traveling south on US-27 near Alward Rd. he tried to close his door which was ajar. When he did this he lost control of his auto and ran into a ditch striking a guard post. There were no injuries and the car was removed by wrecker to McNally's. The accident happened on Dec. 12 at 5:10 a.m.

Two car-deer accidents also occurred on county roads this past week.

A car driven by Barbara J. Chamberlain, DeWitt, was traveling east on Chadwick Road, 1/4 of a mile west of US-27 when she struck and killed a deer at 5:40 p.m. There were no injuries.

A car driven by Jerry R. Benjamin, Fowler, was southbound on Tallman Road when he stated a deer came from the east into the path of his vehicle and could not avoid hitting it. The deer was killed but there were no other injuries. The accident happened on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Other action handled by the Clinton County Sheriff's deputies included:

Richard Harrington, West Cutler, DeWitt, reported the larceny of a chain saw from his residence sometime between Nov. 8 and Nov. 18.

Mrs. George Hilla, reported a larceny over \$100. Her luggage had been allegedly lost at Capitol City Airport in July. When her luggage was returned in November she discovered some jewelry and gifts missing.



Dana Sue Kirk

Extension names new 4-H assistant

Mrs. Dana Sue Kirk will be the new 4-H Program Assistant in Clinton County beginning Jan. 1. She will be replacing Theresa Dow who has been promoted to County 4-H Youth Agent.

The former Dana Sue Hazle was raised in Clinton County and completed nine years of 4-H work here. Her achievements in dairy were particularly outstanding and she was named State Holstein Girl of the Year in 1969. That year she also gained distinction as a member of the State 4-H Dairy Judging team and was a Michigan Key Club Winner. In 1970 she represented Michigan at the National 4-H Club Congress. Mrs. Kirk graduated from Michigan State University in 1974 with a major in dairy production and a minor in communications. While there she was a member of the University Dairy Judging Team.

Her major responsibilities in Clinton County will be the recruiting and training of new leaders in all 4-H Club areas and to organize a support and guidance program for them. In addition to

her work in dairy, she will also be working with horses and plans to organize judging teams in horses, dairy and meat. She will also be responsible for crafts, photography, rabbit and poultry project areas. She will be planning and coordinating the Barry County camping trip and will be working with other 4-H camps as well.

"Food for Fun," the correspondence course for fourth and fifth grade students in county grade schools, will also be assigned to her.

She and her husband, Kevin, and their two sons, Kevin and Dana, will be moving here from Marlette within the next few weeks. Her husband is employed with Michigan Farm Bureau and they have purchased a farm on Silvers Road, northeast of St. Johns.

Both Theresa Dow and Extension Director, Jim Pelham have expressed great enthusiasm at the Michigan State University appointment and are looking forward to Mrs. Kirk's arrival in the county.

St. Johns looking into computer accounting system

A request from St. Johns City Manager Roger VanDyk to accept bids on a computer accounting system was approved at the City Commission meeting Dec. 12.

The city hopes to go to a computer accounting system when the fiscal year begins July 1, 1978. Estimated first-year costs of the accounting system are \$26,000 for the initial set-up and \$2,500 a year after the initial year. The city now farms out its accounting to a Lansing firm at the cost of \$16,000 a year.

Also at the Dec. 12 meeting:

A recommendation from VanDyk to set up a petty cash fund of \$50 to pay small bills incurred by city commissioners up to \$10 was approved. Commissioners were also instructed to have documented expenditures for conference expenses. Any bills totaling more than \$10 will be paid from the general fund voucher.

A request by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to support the 208 Water Quality Management Plan was tabled so the city may study any possible costs which may be incurred by the city under the plan. The Commission plans to have a special meeting before Dec. 23 to act on the 208 plan.

Action on the improvement of railroad crossings at Clinton, Lansing and Ottawa Streets was tabled as the city has no engineering reports on the Ottawa Street Crossing. The city's cost of improving the crossings is estimated to be

between \$30,000 and \$45,000.

Actually, the city will pay only 10 per cent of the railroad crossing improvement. The other 90 per cent will come from a grant. The Commission also wants to investigate the possibility of paying off their share of the crossing improvements over an extended time period.

A proposal received from Consumers Power Company to replace incandescent lights with high pressure sodium lights was accepted.

The cost of replacing the lights will be approximately equal to the cost of the new lights.

The costs of the new lights and the present lights is expected to be approximately equal if a proposal to raise the cost of the present lights passes. The sodium lighting will also illuminate more light, offering either 8,500 or 14,000 lumens as compared to the present lighting which offers 2,500 lumens, 6,000 lumens or 10,000 lumens.

P-W board discusses state assessment tests

"We felt they did well," says Pewamo-Westphalia Superintendent of Schools Roy Thelen concerning a report on the Michigan State Assessment Tests which were completed by P-W students.

The report was presented by Mrs. Casari and then the P-W Board of Education reviewed the procedure the schools take following the receipt of the report on how the students scored on the test compared to other students around the state at the Dec. 12 monthly meeting.

According to Thelen, the councilors meet with every student to discuss the test results and then copies of the test results are sent to the students' parents.

Teachers also meet to talk about areas where students

didn't need improvement, and possible methods of improving studies in these areas.

Also at the Dec. 12 meeting:

Plans were discussed for the retirement of Josephine Brayton who is a business teacher at P-W High School and has been teaching for the past 42 years.

P-W's athletic director gave a review of the fall sports and went over the financial sports report.

The Board signed the new principal's contract.

Further discussion on the proposal to draw up a policy for hiring non-certified personnel (custodians, cooks, etc.) was tabled. The school system presently has no formal policy for hiring non-certified employees.

Classes compete in food race

By Sue Kiley Staff Writer

The race is on. Which third hour class at St. Johns High School is going to bring in the biggest dollar value of canned goods this year?

The competition is still fairly open according to teacher-organizer of the food drive, Robert Tissot.

The food drive is sponsored by the club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, of which Tissot is advisor. The food collected is given to Community Services who use the food stuffs collected in their annual Christmas baskets given to needy families throughout the county. Tissot and the FCA took over the job three years ago.

Collecting food at the high school was done in the past and then discontinued the first two years Tissot taught at SJHS.

Although FCA sponsors the food drive, the whole student body is involved.

The way the dollar value is derived is, Tissot takes the price of the canned goods and divides it by the number of kids in the class. He then comes up with the average for each student.

Each third hour class at the school is considered a

team. In the past the winning class has been given McDonald cards. Every class obtaining an average of \$1.50 or more per student is supplied with candy bars.

According to Tissot the classes can collect the canned goods any way they want.

"This year is going slower than last year," he said. "There doesn't seem to be as much enthusiasm."

Last year some students went as far as to hold bake sales and talk to local businesses in an effort to earn money to buy the canned goods. The Vocational Education class sold scrap iron to earn some money for the food.

Tissot also mentioned if the school is told about a needy family in the area that does not qualify for food through the Community Services program the FCA makes up their own Christmas box for them.

The school raised \$1,580 last year in canned goods for needy families in the county. This averaged out to \$1.10 per student.

The winning class averaged \$10.60 per student and the second place class only earned 71 cents less so both classes were treated to McDonald burgers.

"People really got into it last year," Tissot commented. "There was some rivalry between the classes too."

This year Tissot is auctioning off Tootsie Roll Pops in his classes. He commented one student paid a small "fortune" for a two cent sucker. Jim Cleaver's third hour class is making wooden race car toys to sell for Christmas presents. They will then use the money to buy canned goods.

"A lot of classes hold out until the very end," Tissot said. Friday, Dec. 16 is the last day the classes can turn in their goodies.

"You should see it on the last day," he concluded. "Cars, trucks and students are lined up at the door bringing in boxes of food."

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Snyder, 405 E. State, St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Daniel Patrick, on Dec. 6 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie A. Carroll, 220 W. Main, Elsie, became the parents of triplets, Joshua Henry, Jason William, and Jeremy Hugh on Dec. 3 at Sparrow Hospital.

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Maps showing proposals are distributed

Area residents offer suggestions for US-27

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Approximately 50 persons attended the workshop sponsored by Wilbur Smith and Associates and the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation regarding the location of the proposed US-27 link between Lansing and Ithaca Monday night, Dec. 12.

Held at the Bingham Township Hall, the workshop offered an opportunity to area residents to view proposed locations for the US-27 link and offer their suggestions and comments regarding the link.

Bill Hartwig of the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transporta-

tion, as well as two members of Wilbur Smith Associates, the consulting engineering firm, answered questions directed to them.

According to the Wilbur Smith Associates employees, the proposed link will be open for traffic in late 1984, following a three-year construction period.

A public hearing is tentatively set for March of 1978 and following the hearing, the Highway Commission will act on recommendations made by the consulting firm and the Highway Commission staff.

Persons seeking information or wishing to express

their views regarding the US-27 link may contact Wilbur Smith and Associates at Suite 102 Oakland Center, 809 Center St., Lansing, 48906, phone number 485-6500.

For general planning information from the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation,

call toll free: 1-800-292-9576, or call Hartwig at 373-9560 for more specific information.

Another workshop is slated for Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbush Township Hall. (See related map for proposed US-27 route locations.)

Shiawassee courthouse print being offered

A limited edition of 500 reproductions of the Shiawassee County Courthouse is being offered to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis. The picture is available at locations of the Owosso Savings Bank (Main office and downtown Cor-

unna Branch), and the Key State Bank (Main office and Corunna Branch).

The project is endorsed by the Shiawassee Historical Society and the Shiawassee Arts Council, with the print benefiting the museum being established in Cur-

wood Castle.

Each print is distinctively mounted in a handsome walnut frame to accentuate the print, individually numbered and signed by the artist, under non-glare plexi, and ready for hanging.

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And, as an added gift, each picture comes with a richly detailed, two color flyer des-

cribing in words, the history of the Courthouse. Written by Helen Harrelson, local historian, the story of the courthouse will be a welcome addition to any collector's material.

The price for the famed print is \$25, payable to the Curwood Castle Park Fund, City of Owosso. The picture can only be picked up at the Key State Bank (Main office and Corunna Branch) and at Owosso Savings Bank (Main office and downtown Corunna Branch).

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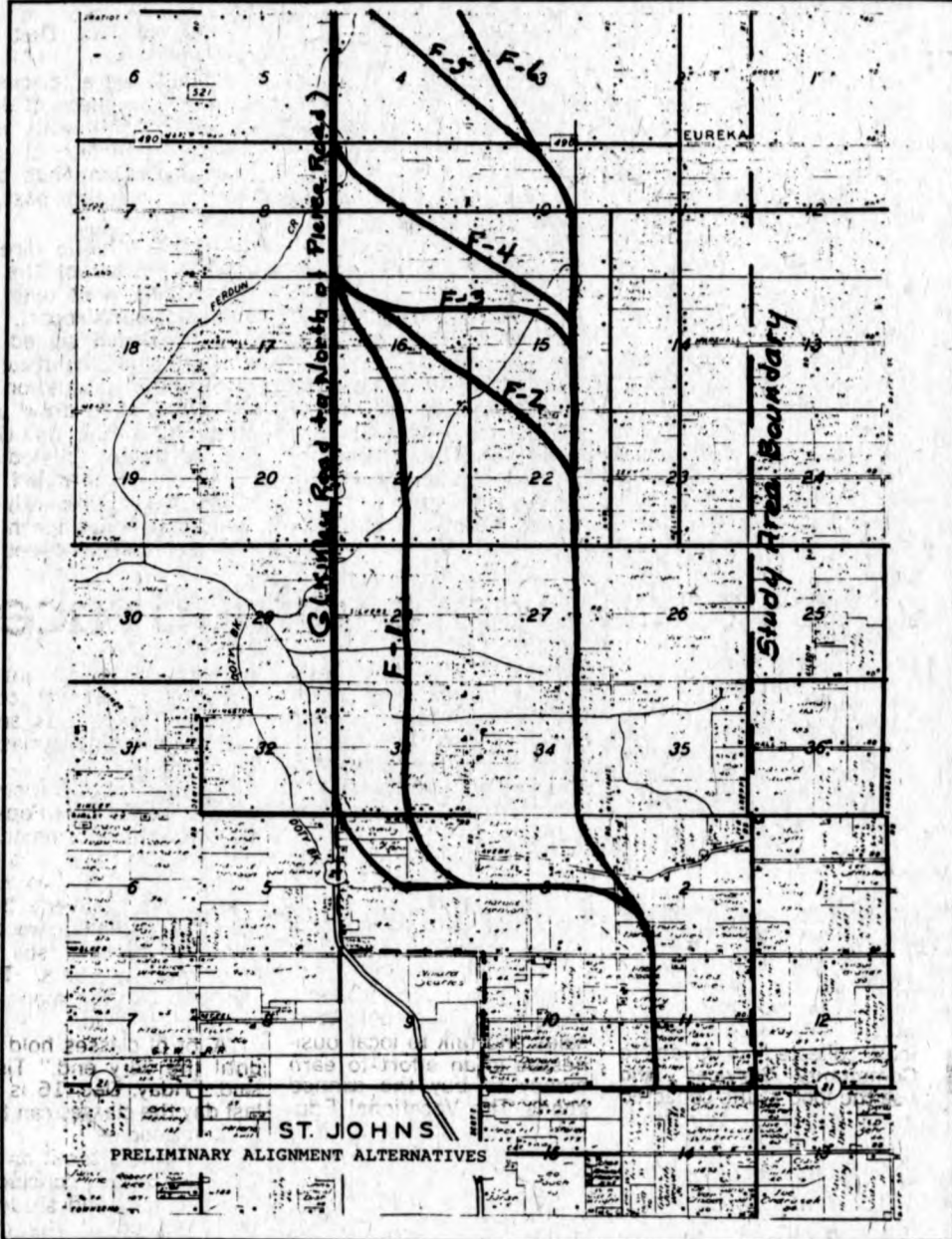
Dec. 14—There will be a meeting of Lebanon Township Ladies Aid to be at Marilyn Fitzpatrick's. Dinner will be at 8 p.m.

The St. Johns swim boost-

ers are raffling off three turkeys. Tickets are 50 cents apiece or three for a dollar, and are available from any swimmer. The drawing will be held Dec. 21 at the swim meet.



Answering questions from the persons attending the Bingham Township Hall workshop regarding the proposed US-27 route location are a panel of three men (from left) Bill Hartwig with the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, C. Henry Hammond who is the project engineer with Wilbur Smith and Associates, and Bob Henry who is the project manager with Wilbur Smith and Associates.



Free recreation guides available

The most complete winter recreation tourist guide ever published for the East Michigan region is ready for distribution by the East Michigan Tourist Association.

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Tickets for all other nights are \$8.50 per person, all reservations may be made by calling Bea Breuth at (517) 723-8141.

Last year, all four nights of the Madrigal dinners were sold out well in advance. This year, the Dinners have been expanded to six nights to accommodate a larger audience. Dr. John Bowman will lead the music; Dr. Beulah Baker, drama. Mrs. Rodney (Sharon) Vliet is chairperson.

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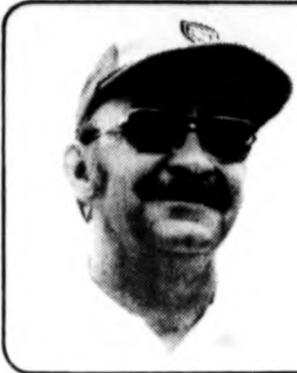
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Here's a choice for FBI head

By Richard L. Milliman

Although President Carter certainly has plenty of sources for sound advice on how to conduct the various aspects of his presidential responsibilities, maybe a little bit more might not be out of line.

I mean, after all, if you have a good idea, isn't it your patriotic duty to speak out?

Mr. Carter came out with a pretty good idea of his own a while back, naming a respected southern judge by the name of Frank Johnson to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He picked Judge Johnson over a list of finalists which included, among others, Wayne County's black sheriff, William Lucas, a former FBI agent himself.

Judge Johnson, unfortunately, has now taken himself out of consideration for the job as FBI head. Between the time Mr. Carter selected Johnson and he was to take office, the judge underwent heart surgery, and hasn't been recovering well enough to permit him to take on the new and awesome responsibilities as head of the FBI. It's really too bad; Judge Johnson seemed like a sound choice, with excellent credentials.

Now it's back to the appointment grabbag for the President and his chief FBI recruiter, Attorney General Griffin Bell. They have prevailed upon present FBI Director Clarence Kelley to stay on the job a few more weeks after his anticipated retirement until they come up with somebody to take over Judge Johnson's intended role. Kelly has said he'll stick around until February.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Bell obviously have proceeded with extreme caution in picking a person to head the sensitive post as FBI chief. Especially since the death of the legendary J. Edgar Hoover, along with the development of the watergate psychosis and other trauma, the job takes on Herculean dimensions. Frank Johnson was an unexpected choice, but indicated that the White House respected the

size of the selection problem and the opportunity facing them.

As a replacement for Judge Johnson, the President might do well to consider one of Michigan's native sons. If the responsibility were mine to find a head of the FBI—heaven forbid—I'd take a look at James Brickley, currently president of Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti.

Brickley is relatively young, dynamic, articulate—and, from the record on the results of the various public jobs he's undertaken, he's capable, too.

Admittedly, Mr. Brickley is a hot political property in Michigan. He served four years as lieutenant governor under Gov. Milliken, then tired of the political wait and went into the college president field instead. The only elective job he's really interested in apparently would be governor—that's a stance designed in part, I presume, to head off those who want him to run for Congress or the United States Senate or something else.

Brickley is a former FBI agent. He also was a federal district attorney in Detroit, and at one time was one the Detroit city council.

Of course, he's a Republican, which normally might be a stumbling block for his appointment to anything in a Democratic administration, much less a major job like head of the FBI. However, Mr. Carter has called on precious few Republicans for national service of any sort, and appointing a competent member of the opposite party here and there can become good politics, especially if the job is right and the political opposite is right. Jim Brickley as head of the FBI just might be right on both scores.

Just consider the background Brickley would bring to the job.

He served in the FBI ranks. He's a lawyer, and a former district attorney. He's worked in urban government, on the Detroit city council. He's served as an elected state official. He's put in some effective work in the field of academia as a university president. And he doesn't wear his political identification on his sleeve, either.

All in all, I think it would be a good appointment for Mr. Carter to consider. He's welcome to the idea if he wants it. There; I've done my duty.

A little of everything

By Patrice Hornak

Recently, I was acquainted with the increasingly popular study of biorhythms, or the "ebb and flow of life energy." So, with Reader's Digest in hand, I set out to plot my biorhythm for the month of December.

Now, biorhythm is not a universally accepted explanation to why we have good days and why we have bad days, but it is being studied more scientifically and becoming more accepted.

The controversial biorhythm explanation is based upon three cycles which the body supposedly goes through every month. There is a 28-day emotional cycle, a 23-day physical cycle and a 33-day intellectual cycle.

Anyway, plotting my cycles on a chart for December, I found out that my critical days—the days which I am to "watch it" and I am more likely to have bad days—are centered right around our staff party at the Milliman's house and later at a nice restaurant, and around my birthday.

The only cycle which is "low" on Christmas Day is my intelligence cycle. Does this mean I am to forget who gave me what gift? Will I forget to bring my dessert to the family gathering? Will my logic be off or will I be able to figure out that my husband gave me a new cookbook because meals have been pretty lousy lately?

My emotional cycle will be on a "high" and my physical cycle will be reaching its peak three days after Christmas—just to coincide with the time I concede that Christmas can no longer be the scape goat for a messy house. Much energy will be needed to put it back in shape.

Also interesting to note: my emotional cycle will be at a "critical" stage on Dec. 31 which is the day my husband and I drive to Escanaba to visit with my family. Should I warn my mother and father that I may be moody, cheerless, lack creative ability and sensibility, and have nerve problems?

On the other hand, my physical and intellectual cycles will be "high" and I'll be able to push our car out of the snow banks as we travel US-2, and discuss intellectually why I ended up in the snow drift.

In summary, maybe I was better off without plotting my biorhythm chart for December.

Back Through the Years



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

December 14, 1967 10 Years Ago

The December term of circuit court for Clinton County opened Monday with a record number of 171 criminal and civil cases on the calendar. The total includes 21 criminal cases, 119 civil cases and 31 divorce cases. A jury has been demanded in 46 of the civil cases.

Feb. 20 has been set as the date for a referendum on the St. Johns city income tax, and there is still a legal possibility of a charter amendment millage limitation issue on the same ballot.

The St. Johns School Board has decided not to bring the recently defeated \$250,000 bond issue for school furnishings back to the voters again—at least not for the time being. The board voted last Wednesday evening to open the rural elementary school with the equipment available—meaning there will be no chalk-boards, cupboards, work benches for their project areas, wardrobes or other equipment.

December 12, 1957 20 Years Ago

Theodore F. Ferris, 45, Rt. 2, Ionia, first of the group of DFC pickets accused of malicious destruction of property and assault and battery in incidents growing out of the milk strike in Clinton County last Oct. 24, was bound over to circuit court following preliminary examination before Justice Alba F. Wert last Wednesday. Ferris and seven other Ionia county men were arrested following the dumping of a tank-train of milk near Elsie and the beating up of Bernard Conklin, owner of the equipment.

Vryl Hayford, 36, Alma tanker driver was bound over to circuit court Monday on a charge of negligent homicide after a preliminary examination before Justice Alba F. Wert. Hayford was the driver of the tanker involved in an accident last Sept. 19 which resulted in the death of Claude Cleland, well-known Greenbush resident.

December 18, 1947 30 Years Ago

The lagging drive for funds to finance the new

addition to Clinton Memorial Hospital took a sudden spurt this week in response to the hospital association's urgent appeal that appeared in last Thursday's Republican-News. More than \$7,000 poured in at campaign headquarters the biggest single week since the drive began late in October. Topping the list of donors for the week were \$1,000 contributions from the Advance Castings Co. of St. Johns, and from Mrs. Clara Cowles, of Maple Rapids.

Services were held at the Eberts Chapel on Monday afternoon for Charles W. Miller, 78, well-known St. Johns man who died at Clinton Memorial Hospital, Friday following several weeks illness. Mr. Miller was probation officer and truant officer of Clinton County at the time of his death. He had served in this capacity since 1916. He was also widely known as a thresherman.

December 16, 1937 40 Years Ago

Mercury in local thermometers slid to 2 above zero Monday night, a new low for the season to date. When dawn broke Tuesday morning winter in all its glory stood revealed. During the moonlit night a fog rose that turned to frost almost as soon as it formed. Every tree, every shrub was painted a silvery white with a half inch coating of hoar frost that dazzled in the morning sun and turned the whole countryside into fairland.

Mrs. Emma S. Osgood, widow of the late W. R. Osgood, and high esteemed St. Johns woman, died at her home, 104 E. Cass Street at 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11. She was 74 years old and had been a resident of this city nearly 46 years.

Speeding north out of Lansing on old DeWitt Road long before daylight Saturday, Melvin Shera, 34, Capital city resident, suddenly lost control of his car which slid across the road, crashed into a telephone pole and rolled into a ditch. A half hour later Shera's lifeless body was found beneath the wrecked car.

Personality Profile



Wendy Walker

Something she wanted to be...a lady vet

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

This 23-year-old Wendy Walker has half-way met her goal of becoming a veterinarian. With only a year and a half of schooling left at Michigan State University, this DeWitt resident is looking forward to making her dream of working with animals come true.

Presently Ms. Walker is managing the Looking Glass Farm where she also lives. The animals on the farm include three cats, four dogs and 17 thoroughbred horses. "I've always loved animals and knew I wanted to be a veterinarian since I was in third grade," she commented. "The only other professions I've thought about was being a lawyer or in the F.B.I." Her father was a FBI agent under J. Edgar Hoover.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Wendy came to State in 1972 as an undergraduate. "I had to pick a school somewhere else because in the six New England states, where are no veterinary schools at all," she said.

Her biggest problem was establishing residency to get into the school. "You really have to prove you are going to stay in the state," she added.

The farm's biggest project right now is taking race track horses from Detroit that have been injured and getting them back into shape. The farm also has a race track where the horse work out.

Back in Connecticut, Wendy worked for a famous vet by the name of Dr. Neil Peiper, while she attended high school. She started out as a "kennel girl" (someone who takes care of the dogs boarding there) eventually working her way up to receptionist.

"He's the one who really encouraged me to go into veterinary medicine," she said.

Wendy noted at the time she decided to make veterinary medicine a career, it was quite a challenge. "Being a girl and coming from New England was hard when I first started," she commented.

Ms. Walker explained now it is a lot different. She estimated in her class about 42 per cent of the students are women. "But this just started two years ago," she added.

At school Wendy said the females aren't treated any differently. She mentioned the instructors seem to enjoy seeing short five foot girls working on cows which are bigger than they are.

"About the only problem we have is not being able to have long fingernails, because of cleanliness in surgery and obstetrical work on cows," she said.

Ironically, Wendy is allergic to every kind of animal except

pigs. "I really don't want to work with them either, although there is a market in it," she added.

Ms. Walker noted quite a few of the students in vet school have this problem. "It's really not uncommon, in fact the doctor I go to says the majority of allergy patients he has are vet students," she said talking from her rustic country home with a smoky grey cat perched on her lap.

Wendy feels she is further ahead in the game than most of the other kids in her class. Her reasoning is she has had the practical experience in the "real" world because she has worked in it. She has been working at the Okemos Animal Hospital for six years, and as she put it, "I've seen a lot of grads come and go and, in a way, it is scary."

Even though Wendy has had a little trouble with some animals she has never been afraid. A few years ago the soon-to-be-doctor was attacked by a Doberman Pinscher while at a friend's house. "It was my own fault," Wendy said. "I just wasn't reading the dog right." The dog bit her in the lip tearing open the upper part of her lip and gums, causing her to have nine stitches.

"That was the worst thing I've had happen to me although I've been bitten by cats several times," she added.

Wendy noted there are a lot of varied backgrounds of the students deciding to attend vet school. "We have everything from psychiatrists, to drama majors, to interior designers," she said laughingly. "I have my degree in med tech which I feel has really helped me out."

The aspiring animal doctor begins clinical work next summer. Right now about the only situations the students are involved with is surgery and x-rays.

"We can look in on some cases too," she said.

"You have to be down to earth to be a vet; it's a lot of work and it's not pleasant a lot of times," she commented.

Wendy likes to help other people learn. On the farm a mare was going to foal. The horse had problems delivering and Wendy had to help. A clinician working for a vet had never seen a horse give birth before, so when the horse was ready to have the baby, Wendy told the girl and she got there in time to see the process. "It really made me feel good to think I could teach someone else," she said.

For the most part, Wendy likes school and carries a 3.4 grade point average. She commented it's hard balancing her life so she can stay in vet school, but also have a life of her own. "You have to weigh out in your own mind what's more important," she added.

Wendy is into a lot of different hobbies, but she claims they all more or less center around animals. She also says she misses Connecticut a lot, mostly because of the hills and water.

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Legislative Log News from the Capitol in Lansing

In the Senate

Unanimous adoption by both chambers of the Single Business Tax conference report topped the action in the legislature this week. The changes in the SBT law will provide some \$55 million in tax relief, retroactive to January 1 of this year, for smaller, low-profit businesses in Michigan via a new tax credit formula, an increase in the small business exemption, and an expansion of a tax credit of unincorporated businesses.

Also approved by the Senate this week was a bill providing \$32.7 million to help senior citizens and the needy pay their winter home heating bills. Since the Senate voted to appropriate about \$10 million less for the program than the House had earlier approved, it is likely that the bill will go to a conference committee where members will attempt to iron out the differences between the two chambers' versions.

Other measures passed by the Senate this week include a package of bills requiring that toxic substances be stored separately from food products, a series of bills revising the administrative procedures used by political action committees, and a ban on the hunting of domestic cats in Michigan.

All now go to the House for its consideration.

In committee action, reported to the full Senate this week were two anti-pornography measures which are aimed at cracking down on persons who use minors in pornographic magazines and movies and at keeping smut out of the hands of young people.

In addition, Senate committees reported bills to codify and update the state's public health statutes, to require that license plates be fully reflectorized and issued every eight years, and to appropriate funds for a statewide PBB testing program to be conducted by Michigan medical institutions.

In addition to approving the Single Business Tax conference report, the House passed legislation this week which is designed to bring Michigan's unemployment compensation law into compliance with a new federal law.

Passage of the bill will protect Michigan employers from the loss of up to \$500 million in federal unemployment tax credits and other funds.

In approving the measure, the House concurred with earlier Senate action and voted to disallow jobless pay benefits for non-professional school employees during their traditional vacation periods.

The bill now goes back to the Senate for its concurrence in minor House amendments.

The House also passed and sent to the Senate this week bills to define and prohibit racial steering in the real estate business, to require that political party caucuses be open to the press and public, to change the date for observing Memorial Day from the last Monday in May to May 30th, and to increase the mini-

mum wage from its current \$2.35 to \$2.65 per hour beginning January 1 of next year and up to \$3.35 per hour in 1981. The Senate also received two alcohol-related bills which passed the House this week, one of which boosts from \$100 to \$500 the fine for driving while under the influence of alcohol and from \$100 to \$250 the fine for driving while impaired, and another which provides for warrantless arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Following a public hearing at which overwhelming opposition was expressed to forcing employees to retire because of age, the House Civil Rights Committee reported to the full House a bill prohibiting mandatory retirement. Under the bill, companies could still have a policy suggesting that their employees retire at 65, but could not force them to do so.

Also signed into law this week were bills requiring the Secretary of State to manufacture drivers' licenses so that they cannot be counterfeited or illegally altered, mandating that voter registration cards include the number of the

Stokes of the Governor's Pen

The Governor signed into law two appropriations measures this week. One authorizes the expenditure of nearly \$40 million in state funds, and more than \$80 million in federal funds, to finance various construction projects being conducted by state agencies, colleges, and other institutions. The other measure will provide nearly \$5 million in state and federal funds to make improvements on 16 Great Lakes harbors and docks, to develop 34 public access sites, and to acquire land for two additional public access sites.

Also signed into law this week were bills requiring the Secretary of State to manufacture drivers' licenses so that they cannot be counterfeited or illegally altered, mandating that voter registration cards include the number of the

electoral districts in which voters reside, and to authorize the State Labor Department director to enter into contracts with and receive grants from the federal government so that the state may participate in federally-funded programs.

In addition, the Governor signed a series of bills bringing various state boards and commissions into compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and three measures which permit the denial of a license to osteopaths, physical therapists, and podiatrists who are convicted of a crime involving fraud. The latter measures are part of a comprehensive Medicaid fraud package.

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Faces in the Forces

Seaman

VanDeusen

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

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1977 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Navy in December of 1976.

Seaman Kelley

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Letter to editor

Bus experience blamed

Dear Editor:

I had a very upsetting experience on Friday concerning my 2 little girls and think that the community should be aware of the situation they were put in.

As everyone was well aware of, we had -30 degrees chill index and schools in the country were let out at 11:30.

My five year old and six year old were left on a corner to walk to the babysitter's house where they usually are taken by bus.

The corner is two miles from sitter's at least.

They walked one-half mile to a house and discovered it was not the corner (only house on the road) and they then turned around, walked back to where they were left off and walked one-quarter of a mile more to a neighbor's home.

(Luckyly she was at home.) They were just so scared and frozen they couldn't make it any further.

I left work after finding out my sitter or one neighbor hadn't heard a word from anyone and tried to contact someone to find out where they were.

Finally a very nice couple phoned and asked if I had two little girls and said her husband and neighbor had stopped to ask them for a ride but refused it (because they were taught not to accept rides with someone they didn't know) and told me they were walking on the road in the storm and they were crying and scared to death.

Her husband and neighbor then went out looking for them and in the meantime my sitter called and said the neighbor phoned her and told her they had walked up to her door be-

cause they just couldn't go anymore. The man who was out looking for them gave me a ride to get them and by this time it was 2:15 before I knew they were finally okay.

To think anyone could have come along in a vehicle with the snow and wind blowing like it was and could have hit one or both little girls or they could have sat huddled under a tree and froze to death. Thank God they were safe as they could be in the situation they were left in.

I will never put them or myself or sitter or friends or relatives through that again, because they will be at home safe and secure with me (even if schools are open).

They will never be put on the bus again to be left out in the road in blizzard conditions.

Why couldn't they at least have been taken to the bus garage and phoned at work (we do have phones) and made sure they were safe.

I only hope no one else has to have an experience like this to realize we should have responsible people taking care of our children on the buses.

A five year old and six year old are not old enough to be on a safe dry road in clear weather, but to be left out in bitter, cold weather where no one could see ahead of them is five times worse. I don't understand why this happened, can't we get someone to make sure our children are safe from these situations?

I want to thank my sitter, neighbors who helped, relatives and friends for all their concern and hope we never have to go through what we did ever again.

A Very Concerned Mother,
Diane LaPeer
St. Johns

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 Wednesday, 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.

With Neva Keys

ELSIE

The recent election and appointment of 1978 officers of Elsie Lodge, Nov. 238 Free and Accepted Masons resulted in the following: worshipful master, Larry Nicholas; senior warden, Murray Cole; junior warden, Neil White; treasurer, Robert Kridner; secretary, Howard Peltier; Chaplain, Leonard Tillotson; senior deacon, Ron Porubsky; junior deacon, Bruce Levey; stewards, Jack Rogers, Don Kennell, Don Ike, and William Robb; marshal, Charles Kridner; and tiler, Sid Keys.

The installation will be Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. The public is invited. Alton C. Darling, Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Michigan will be present.

Organist Mark Aichin of Perry Masonic Lodge will also be present to play the Wurlitzer electric organ recently installed through efforts of Worshipful Sid Keys and trustees of the Lodge.

Mrs. Leonard Tillotson accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. Joe Korienek and granddaughter Jennifer Arnold of Bannister and Mrs. Victor Kristin of Lansing, spent the Thanksgiving holiday near Cleveland, where they visited Mrs. Korienek's daughter, Sister Jacinta (Jan Korienek) at a Convent in Euclid, Ohio.

The Elsie United Methodist Church has two Christmas specials: Dec. 18, Elsie all-church breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday morning; and Wednesday evening, Dec. 21 church school Christmas program at 7 p.m.

The United Methodist Women were entertained with a Christmas program presented by the Madrigal Singers of Ovid-Elsie High School with Mrs. Marilyn Miles as accompanist. It was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Bloomer, which was attractively decorated for the Christmas season.

The Singers chose "Jesus Christ is Born"; "Echo Carol"; "Greensleeves" and two contemporary carols featuring Andy Miles with guitar.

Roger Weyersberg Led the guests in singing the usual carols and as they sang "Here Comes Santa Claus", Santa arrived and distributed gifts to everyone.

Weyersberg announced the program by the High School Music Department for Thursday, Dec. 22. The Madrigal Singers will participate.

Devotions were given by Mrs. Howard Peltier after which a brief business meeting was conducted by vice-president, Mrs. Charles Holcomb and reports from secretary and treasurer and correspondence of the past month read.

There was discussion on need of filing cabinets for Sunday School and UMW and it was agreed to purchase both filing cabinets.

Mrs. Lewis Walling reported cards and gifts given out by the Remembrance Committee. Plans were made for cookie plates for Christmas and also a discussion of a home mission project for a homebound member of the church, such as providing at least one meal a week. Opinion was favorable and arrangements will be made at once with donors.

Other business included: serving dinner for a Holstein Association of Clinton County; preparing Christmas boxes for anyone from the church, in the service; and to purchase candy for the Sunday School for Christmas.

The recent bazaar held at the church last week with Mrs. Oliver Darling, Mrs. Gary Smith and Mrs. Leslie Sturgis as co-chairmen, proved to be a financial success. The co-chairmen are to be congratulated on the planning of this event and the fine cooperation of the many people involved on the committees.

Mrs. Emerson Dunham gave a preview of the program for 1978.

Mrs. Harold Hehrer closed the meeting by explaining the likeness of UMW to a candle. She said, "god is our center like the wick of the candle, the flame is Jesus, the Light of the World."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gary Smith, Mrs. Brenda Parker and Mrs. Myron Tethal.

The first 1978 United Church Women's meeting will be Jan. 4 at the home of Mrs. Robert Kelley with Mrs. Howard Peltier as leader for the general meeting at 8 p.m.



Students learn dough art

Community Resource Volunteers (CRV) are showing area students different holiday crafts. Cindy Swanchara of Swegles School is shown making tree ornaments from dough art.

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Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin W. Smith

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin W. Smith invite friends, neighbors, and relatives to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a card shower, Dec. 21. The couple reside at 703 W. McConnell, St. Johns.

Before an altar decorated with arrangements of fall flowers in the Mount St. Joseph church in St. Louis Carol Marie Bishop and Thomas Komperda exchanged their marriage vows with the Rev. Father Dale Orlik officiating Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Pickford and Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Komperda of St. Louis.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father wearing a dress of sheer organza over taffeta trimmed with Venetian lace, featuring long full sheer sleeves with deep cuffs, sheer keyhole bodice and stand up wedding ring collar and chapel length train. Her long cathedral length veil of sheer organza and matching lace was held in place by a camelot style cap trimmed with lace motifs and seed pearls. She carried a round bouquet of fall flowers and long streamers.

Debra Komperda, sister of the groom was maid of honor with Rosalie Mocha of Portland, Nancy Presocki of St. Johns and Mona Kindel of Maple Rapids all friends of the bride were bridesmaids. They gowns were a deep apricot featuring empire waist lines with stand up collars and short puff sleeves. They wore sprigs of baby's breath in their hair and carried bouquets of fall flowers similar to the bride's.

Best man for his brother was Ted Komperda of St. Louis. Groomsmen were David Bishop of Pickford, brother of the bride, Ron Presocki of St. Johns friend of the groom and Richard Warmus of St. Louis cousin of the groom.

Flower girl was Annette Beebee of St. Johns cousin of the bride. Her dress was like that of the other attendants. Ring bearer was Andy Komperda of St. Louis nephew of the groom. Ushers included Roger Beebee of St. Johns, cousin of the bride and Dennis and

Scott Kukly of St. Louis cousins of the groom. The men were all attired in dark brown with shirts matching the bridesmaids gowns. Honored guests at the wedding were the bride's grandmother Mrs. Hazel Beebee of Eureka and Mrs. Edna Bishop of St. Johns the bride's great aunt. Attending the guest book was Brenda Stoneman of Ashley. Organist was Ruth

Ann Kochenspau of Ashley. She accompanied Patricia Aldrich as soloist who sang several selections including "We Have Only Just Begun," "There is Love," and "The Lord's Prayer." A reception followed at the C.S.A. Hall in St. Louis with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maneval and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harger acting as hosts and hostesses. Kathy Komperda, sister in

law of the groom and Joyce Beebee cousin of the bride served the wedding cake. Annette Loomis and Bonnie Pohl friends of the bride served the coffee and punch. The wedding supper was served by aunts of the groom to about 200 guests. The couple left on a trip to Chicago, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan before returning to their home in Alma.



A boy, Ryan Jerome, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bengel of Westphalia on Dec. 6, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8lbs. 5 1/2oz. The baby has 4 brothers. Grandparents are Mrs. Hilda Bengel of Westphalia and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fernholz of Portland. The mother is the former Alice Miller.

A boy, Sean Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vietti of 209 1/2 W. Park St., St. Johns, on Dec. 6 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6lbs. 13oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Austin, St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vietti Sr., St. Charles. The mother is the former Karla Austin.

A girl, Lynn Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lynn Castler of 633 W. Williams, Ovid on Dec. 6, 1977 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6lbs. 13 3/4oz. The baby has one sister.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Castle of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Dunson of Ovid. The mother is the former Teresa Dunson.

A girl, Debra Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. Thelen of Rt. 1, Fowler on Nov. 22, 1977 at Carson City Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. 12oz. The baby has one brother and two sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Thelen. The mother is the former Ruth Ann Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Harter, 1100 Wight, St. Johns, became the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Marie, on Dec. 5 at Sparrow Hospital. The baby has one brother. The mother is the former Donna Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Purvis, 205 N. Scott Rd., St. Johns, became the parents of a daughter, Rachael Marie, on Dec. 1 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Beatrice Martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Campbell, Grand Ledge, became the parents of a son, Andrew Robert on Nov. 30 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Fuller, Lansing, became the parents of a son, Brock Munroe, on Nov. 20 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Patricia S. Munroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown, 4745 N. Vincent Rd., Elsie, became the parents of twin sons, Jeffrey Allen, and Joseph Frank on Nov. 18 at Sparrow Hospital.

Coed elected president of council

Robin Teichert, a senior at Central Michigan University, is a member of CMU's Panhellenic Council.

The organization, which is affiliated with the National Panhellenic Council, is the coordinator of all campus sororities. Activities include

making policies, recruiting sorority members and promoting leadership and group dynamics.

Teichert is president of Panhellenic Council. She is the daughter of Suzanne Teichert.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Komperda



Mrs. Christina Motz

92nd birthday

Mrs. Christina Motz, (right) a life long resident of Clinton County will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Saturday, Dec. 17. She has eight children, 35 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. According to relatives with her determination and youthful outlook, she still manages to maintain her own home at RR. 1, St. Johns, in spite of her age and almost complete loss of sight.

With Neva Keys

ELSIE

Elsie United Methodist Church Friendship Sunday welcomed the Northland Aires from the Ionia area as they shared in the Sunday morning service.

The trio, Jane Duffey, Connie Foote and JoAnne Williams, who were featured at the United Methodist Men's Retreat at Lake Louise in September, brought a message as well as the singing and music.

Three young girls from the families of the singers, also provided selections as part of the program.

The three red roses on the altar were placed in honor of Jeremy, Joshua and Jason Carroll, the Advent triplets born Dec. 3 to Karen and Jimmie Carroll.

Mrs. Hazel Blayney will be celebrating her 87th birthday Dec. 22. Her address is National Health Enterprises, 1313 Mary Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48906 (Room 9A).

The Howard Cook (Connie King) Family has been quarantined this Christmas season because of hepatitis. Their address is 1329 Sargo Ave., Mare Island, California

94590 They are former residents of Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Keys of Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Ovid attended the installation of officers at the Perry Masonic Lodge No. 350 F. & A.M. Saturday evening when Franklin (Rusty) Bartlett

was installed as Worshipful Master at the 100th annual installation of officers.

The former C & D used car lot on the north side of Main Street has been purchased by the Village of Elsie for municipal parking.

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Julie Ann Sims, 18, 142 N. Main, Perry.

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Home Economist

Chloe's Column



Gifts from one's own kitchen can fit the spirit of the giving season in a lot of ways. Such a gift is personal and unique. It carries the time and caring attention of the giver and might be low in cost. It will not be a gift just like someone else gives.

Think first of the persons you'd like to remember with something from your kitchen. Then go down the list of items that you like to prepare and give. And match the two as carefully as you would in picking a

sweater as a gift. Here are some types of foods that make good holiday gifts:

- warm coffeecakes, delivered on Christmas Eve.
- A specialty bread—may be one from the culture of your own family, or one in which you are especially skilled.
- A homemade mix of your own—with all dry ingredients carefully measured and packaged in one-batch packets, with the special directions to complete the preparation.
- Fresh peanut butter

made in your own kitchen blender.

- Dried fruit—and candies made from dried fruits.
- Jellies or jams made from fruits you picked yourself in the summer.
- A dip that goes particularly well with vegetables—a tasty change of pace from the rich (calorie-laden) foods that get so much attention during the holidays.
- A special blend of seasoning salt—with suggested ways of using it to give a special flavor to food it complements.
- Some flavored or seasoned butter in a pretty tub, with directions for special uses.

That's just a starter list. You can choose from your own kitchen repertoire for the items that will fit the receiver, or you can use this idea of giving to launch some new explorations for items you've never prepared.

Naturally, good cooks try out a recipe before putting a personal stamp on it, and before it goes out to represent their kitchen.



Auxiliary sponsors gift shop sale

Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored its annual gift shop sale last Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9, and offered a large variety of home-made and manufactured goods. Shopping at the gift shop sale were (from left) Cindy Knight and daughter Phyllis Mazzolini. Working on the sale were Mary Adams and Lillian Tiedt (sitting.)

Bishop Povish visits Fowler parish

On Wednesday, November 9, Bishop Povish and Charles Baker, Director of Continuing Education for Lansing Diocese, came to Most Holy Trinity Parish in Fowler for a Mass and meeting to begin the parish continuing education program, which will include "Evenings for Parents" and a lecture series.

break, the Bishop responded to several questions raised in a parish survey conducted last July. He first spoke on the Charismatic Movement, saying that he believed it was God's instrument in bringing people to Him, causing spiritual and sometimes physical healing to many members of the Church.

Following Mass celebrated by Bishop Povish, a program was held in the school hall. Charles Baker began with a speech on the necessity of life-long learning and showed a film on the Genesis II Program which is a possibility for the parish program.

Concerning life-long learning, Bishop Povish said that family life is no longer built in to our social system, but that it must be cultivated and worked on. He stated that children learn religion mostly at home and that parents must keep informed if they are to truly educate their children in current religious matters.

Baker made the point that life includes change which, though risky, is far less risky than drifting. Life-long learning offers us tools to cope with a benefit from change.

Other areas touched in his presentation were the theology behind annulments and the reasons for sex education in the schools.

O-E teachers learn first aid in inservice program

In the afternoon of Dec. 7, Ovid-Elsie area school educators experienced a unique inservice program, "First Aid in the Classroom," presented by community personnel trained and experienced in administering first aid.

The program was divided into four, 30-minute teaching sessions presented concurrently in the following first aid areas: CPR including the Heimlich Method by Alan Dutcher and Walter Huffman; wounds, bleeding, shock, and burns by Gene Woodruff; fractures, sprains and dislocations by Judy Sekerka; poisoning, epileptics, diabetics, bee stings, unconscious states and injury to eye by Judy Curtis, Barbara Malinek and Jon Cleland.

The program was well received and appreciated by the district educators. The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are planning the following inservice program for Jan. 11: a math and reading workshop for elementary teachers; mainstreaming and classroom management for secondary teachers.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Elvan R. Hallmann, Rte. 2, Fowler, became the parents of a girl, Lisa Julia on Nov. 26 at 1:21 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Rita Martin.

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United Way names board members

Ten new members, including one petitioner, have been elected to the 36-member board of directors for the Capital Area United Way, it was announced Tuesday. The new members begin their three-year terms of office Jan. 1, 1978.

Those nominated by the present United Way board of directors who won election are Gwen Andrew, dean of Michigan State University's College of Social Science; Charles Featherly, president of Charles Featherly Construction Co.; Edmund Finch, director of personnel services, Oldsmobile Division of GMC; Thomas Hunter, president of NBD Commerce Bank; and John Miron, chief deputy director with the Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Michigan Department of Labor.

Others nominated by the current board who won positions are James Pocock, Ingham County Friend of the Court; Robert Ring, assistant personnel officer, State Department of Natural Resources; Jonathon White, an attorney with Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengtson; and Paul Wieden, director of the bureau of special boards and commissions, State Department of Management and Budget.

The lone petitioner to win nomination to the board of directors was Illana Mahlow, a recruitment coordinator with the State Civil Services Department.

Featherly, Finch, Pocock, Ring and Wieden are presently serving on the board of directors.

All contributing members of the Capital Area United Way were eligible to cast ballots in the election that was supervised by Main Lafrantz & Co.

White acts in CMU play

MT. PLEASANT—Brandon White III, a sophomore at Central Michigan University, participated in the University Theatre production of "Much Ado About Nothing," staged recently in CMU's Bush Theatre.

The play, directed by Eugene Rydahl, associate professor of theatre at CMU, is one of William Shakespeare's most popular romantic comedies.

White was Antonia in "Much Ado About Nothing." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon White Jr., of St. Johns.

Christmas, 1977

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Merry Christmas and Good Health in the New Year!

P.S. We also need our friends in the community to help Santa out. Any donation you can make to Clinton Memorial Hospital this Christmas will be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible whether or not earmarked for a specific piece of equipment.

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Obituaries

Jesse Davis

ELSIE—Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Davis of 7392 Kinley Rd., Ovid were held Monday, Dec. 12, 1977 at the Carter Funeral Home in Elsie. The Rev. Jeffrey Sak officiated and burial was made in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis passed away Friday morning at the Brown Nursing Home, Perinton. She was 93 and had lived in the Ovid-Elsie area since 1913.

She was born Nov. 9, 1883, in Arrowsmith, Ill., to Andrew and Mary Fenstermarker and married Edward Davis in Bloomington, Ill., in November 1903. He passed away in 1949.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the First Baptist Church in Elsie.

She is survived by five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Warden Kyes

Mr. Warden Kyes, 82, of 11445 Krepps Rd., DeWitt passed away Dec. 5, 1977 in Lansing.

Funeral services were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel on Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. Rev. LaVern Bretz officiated and interment was in Gunnisonville Cemetery.

Mr. Kyes was born in DeWitt Township on Oct. 3, 1895 to Melville W. and Virginia (Huot) Kyes. He resided most of his life in DeWitt and on May 5, 1917 he married Barbara Kinkle who passed away in 1965.

Mr. Kyes was past DeWitt Township treasurer and clerk. He was a member of the Draft Board, the A.S.C. Board and the DeWitt Masonic Lodge. He was a farmer by trade.

Surviving are a brother, Walter Kyes of Bath, two nieces and a nephew.

Glenwood

Fletcher

Glenwood D. (Woody) Fletcher, 20, of 3759 W. Columbia Rd., Mason, formerly of DeWitt passed away Dec. 5, 1977 in Eaton County.

Funeral services were held at the DeWitt Area Chapel on Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. Rev. Jerry Cole officiated and interment was in Gresham Cemetery in Eaton County.

He was born in Eaton Rapids on May 1, 1957 to Donald and Glenna (Harmon) Fletcher. He graduated from DeWitt High School in 1976.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Glenna Wheeler Stone of Mason; his father, Donald Fletcher of DeWitt; four sisters, Mrs. Glennette Pugh of Battle Creek, Kathleen Beardsley of DeWitt, Lisa

Stone of Ohio and Charmaine Stone of Mason; and six brothers, Harry D. Fletcher of Charlotte, Donnie, Bruce and Durwood Fletcher of DeWitt, Larry Puffenberger of Lansing and David Stone of Mason.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Mrs. Mildred Harmon of Eaton Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher of DeWitt Township, and Mrs. Frank Kraai of Lansing. Three nephews also survive.

Jessie Hair

Jessie V. Hair, 72, of 9480 E. M-21, Ovid, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1977 at Owosso Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were at the Houghton Chapel, Osgood Funeral Home, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. Rev. Gilbert Heaton officiated and interment was in Tuttle Cemetery in Ionia.

She was born in Ionia County on Jan. 28, 1905 to

William and Hazel Seiler and attended Ionia schools. She lived in the Owosso area for 10 years and moved to Ovid in 1970.

Her husband, George Hair, whom she married in Grand Rapids on Oct. 16, 1926, preceded his wife in death.

Mrs. Hair was employed as a waitress at Elite Restaurant in Owosso for several years.

Surviving Mrs. Hair are a son, Robert Hair of Elsie; a half brother, Fred Hair of Portland; and three brothers, Russell Seiler of Winn; William Seiler of Calif. and Ernest Seiler of Ohio.

Roberta

Cressman

Funeral services for Roberta M. Cressman, 65, of 401 S. Morton St., St. Johns, were held at the First Congregational Church in St. Johns on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1977 at 1:30 p.m.

Rev. Gerald Churchill officiated and interment was in Wisley Cemetery. Memorials in Mrs. Cressman's name may be made to the Congregational Church Building Fund.

Mrs. Cressman passed away Dec. 7, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing after a long illness.

She was born in Olive Township, Clinton County, on July 19, 1912 to Robert and Elva (Simons) Bond. She resided all of her life in Clinton County, 42 years in St. Johns.

On May 10, 1935, she married Arden F. Cressman who survives his wife. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Mary Droste of St. Johns and Mrs. Sharie Pinch of DeWitt; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cressman was a member of the First Congregational Church.

escent Manor after a short illness.

Funeral services were at the Houghton Chapel-Osgood Funeral Homes, on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Rev. Gilbert Heaton officiated and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

He was born in Clinton County on June 20, 1899 to James A. and Carrie (Trowbridge) Briggs. He never married and was a general laborer, employed by Briggs Floral Company.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

On June 12, 1912, she married Edward G. Hulse in Duplain Township and she resided most of her life in the Clinton County area.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Tanner of Lansing and Mrs. Jean Mary Denham of Adrian; four grandsons; and six great grandchildren.

Julius Simon

Julius J. Simon, 68, Hubbardston Road, Pewamo, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1977 at his home. He was a lifelong farmer.

Mr. Simon was born April 9, 1909 to Phillip Simon and Mary Bauer in Pewamo.

Mr. Simon is survived by his wife, Romilda, Pewamo; two sons, Stanley, Pewamo; Kenneth, Westphalia; three daughters, Mrs. Marie Piper, Grand Ledge; Mrs. Rita Koit, Grand Blanc; and Alice Simon, Lansing; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Matilda Hufnagel, and Mrs. Irene Schrauben, both of Fowler.

Rosary service were held Dec. 12 and 13 at St. Mary's Chapel in Westphalia. The funeral mass was held Dec. 14 at St. Joseph's Church in Pewamo with Monsignor Thomas Bolger. Burial took place at St. Joseph Cemetery in Pewamo.

Josephine

Hulse

Mrs. Josephine Elizabeth Hulse, 90, who lived for many years at 511 E. Cass St., St. Johns, passed away Dec. 7, 1977 at Rivard's Nursing Home in St. Johns.

Funeral services were at Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Keith Laidler officiated and interment was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Hulse was a retired school teacher and a member of the First United Methodist Church of St. Johns.

She was born in Duplain Township, Clinton County, on April 13, 1887 to Herbert and Lilly (Watson) Holmes.

He's a path maker



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Myrtle

Robinette

ELSIE—The cremated remains of Mrs. Myrtle S. Robinette, 93, who passed away at the Essex Nursing Home in Oakland, Calif. on Nov. 14, were returned to "Carter's" at Elsie. They were placed Saturday, Dec. 3 on the plot in the Duplain Cemetery where her husband was buried.

The Robinette family lived for several years in many areas of Clinton County—Elsie, Eureka, the Colony and Victor Township.

Surviving are, three sons, Russell of Gladwin, Jerry of Adrian and Donald of Paducah, Kentucky; and two daughters, Mrs. Howard (Lois) Durand of Sequim, Washington and Mrs. Erl (Frances) Evans of Romulus, Mich.

Lawrence

Briggs

A lifetime resident of Ovid, Lawrence (Buster) Briggs, 78, of 9480 E. M-21, Ovid, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 1977 at the Ovid Conval-

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Letters to Santa from Clinton area children



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Dear Santa Claus I want a Tigers helmet Steve St. Johns

Dear Santa, DEAR SANTA, THANK YOU FOR THE DRUM AND SAUCER YOU GAVE ME LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR I WOULD LIKE A HOCKEY NET, JERSEY, AND HELMET. MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA AND MRS. SANTA. AARON GAFFNEY St. Johns

Dear Santa My name is Nicky Kurncz. I am 6 years old. I am being especially good for you. I would like Milky as I live on a farm, the Barber shop from play dough, Digger the dog, a hamper, and a stocking filled with candy and goodies as I love to eat. Thank you Santa Nicky Kurncz Rte. 6 St. Johns, MI 48879

Dear Santa, My mom says you haven't got too much money this year, so I won't ask so much from you. I am 7 yrs old now, and go to Fowler to school. So if you can bring me a tape recorder, basketball, stuffed animal, candy and nuts, I will be happy. Safe ride back, and God Bless You. Troy Orweller Fowler

Dear Santa I want a Donnie and Marie doll, and their Stage I have a sister Debra. She is 5. She wants a drink and a wet baby, and buggy Santa I am 7 Love. Becky Cox Rte. 4 St. Johns

DEAR SANTA, My name is Scott Koenigs-knecht. I am six years old. I Have Been a good Boy. I would like a Football suit, pulsar man, and a Bat man clock and roller skates. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Love, Scott Koenigs-knecht 11143 W. 3rd Fowler, Mich. P.S. There will be cookie & milk on the table for you!

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Dear Santa, My names is Lisa Haines. I am 7 years old. I have a new brother, he is 6 months Old. We call him Paco but his real name is Perry. Here are a few Toys he would like, a teddy bear, a truck a ball and a Toy gun. here are a few Toys I want, a drum a bat and ball a mit baby alive a holly hobby oven and same surprises. I will leave you some good Things to eat. Love, Lisa Bath, Mich.

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Dear Santa Claus, I want an easy bake oven and also books. I know you work very hard on making toys. We are going to have a play about Santa Claus and I am an elf. Love, Sarah Keener 7897 Grove DeWitt

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Dear Santa Claus I love you. It's so nice of you to share your toys with all the children in the world. I'm in the third grade. Now say thank you to your elves and reindeer. God be with you on your trip. With all my love, Jennifer Mosher 8720 US-27 St. Johns

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? Is it cold at the North Pole? It's not very cold now. We are having a play. I have to say good-bye now. Love, David DeGeer Pratt Road DeWitt

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I'm sorry I can't believe in you but my Mom told me there is no such thing as a Santa, should I believe her? Write back. Love, Michele Whitney 7670 W. Chadwick Rd. DeWitt, MI

Dear Santa Claus, Did Mrs. Claus make your suit? Are all the reindeer still there? You might have to use Rudoph again if this weather keeps up. I have most of my Christmas shopping done. And here is what I want for Christmas, a Little Professor, any kind of crafts, some books, and a doll. Your friend, Sandra Klaver 9485 DeWitt Rd. DeWitt

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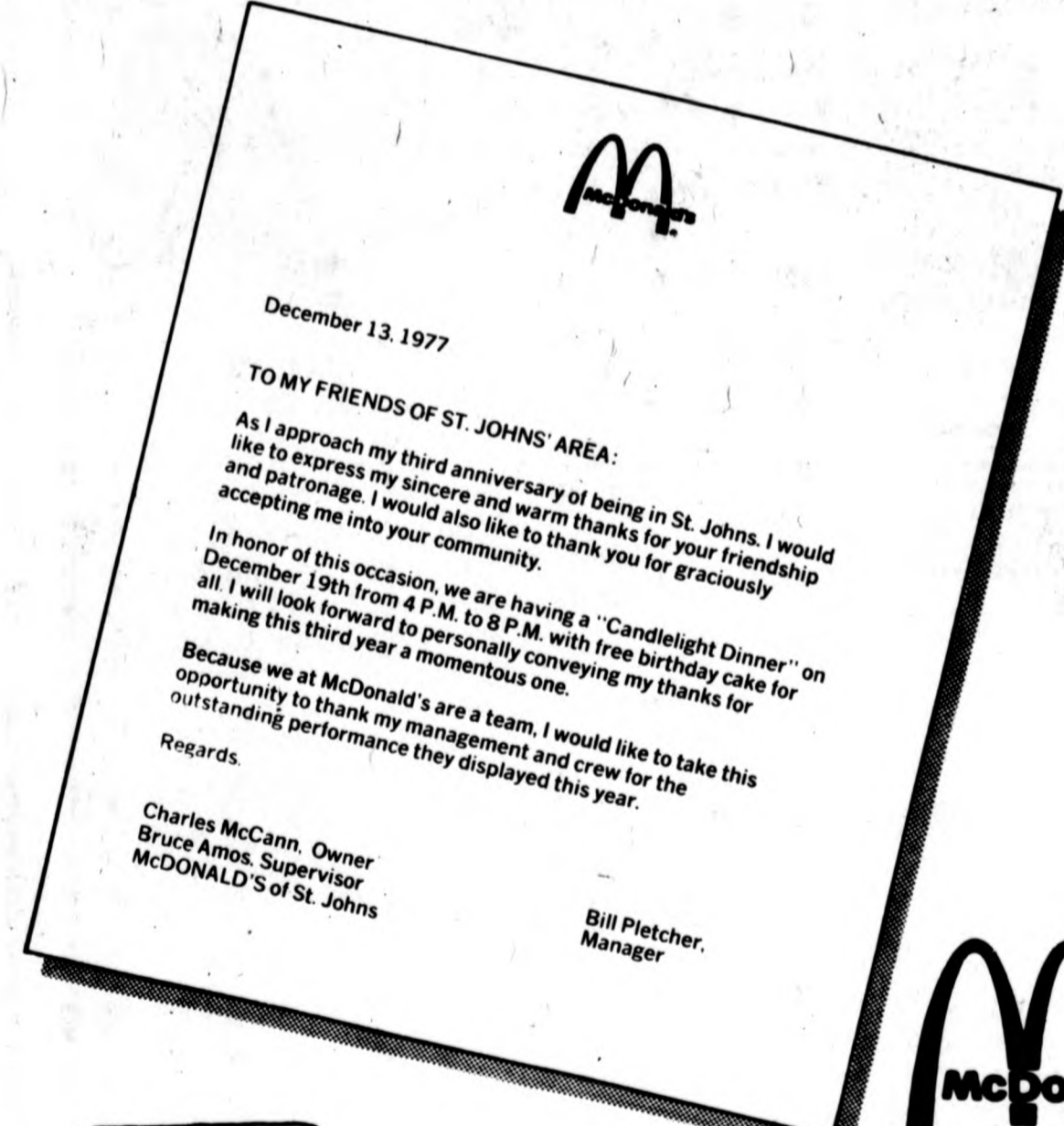
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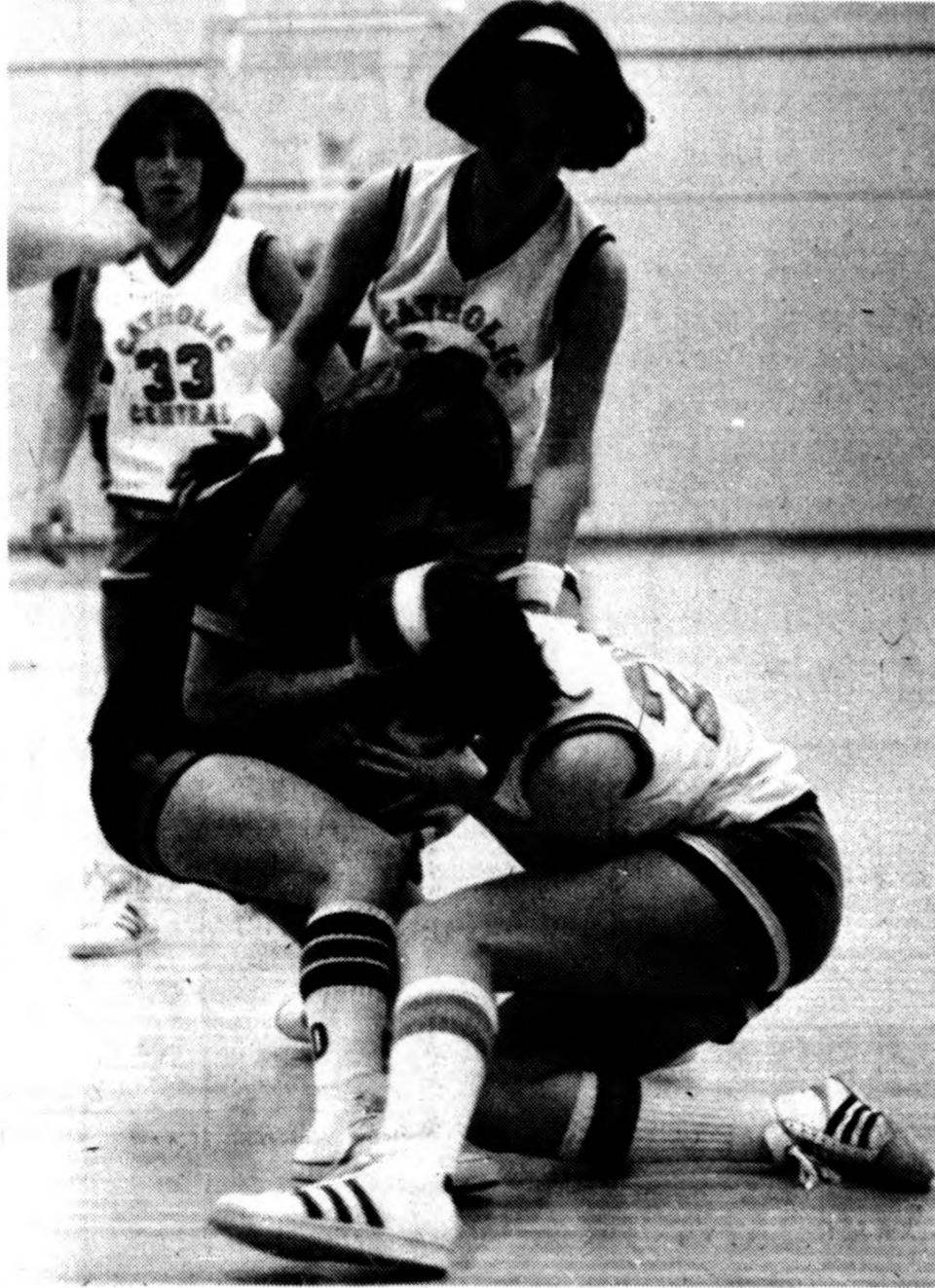
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SPORTS

December 14, 1977

Panthers win regional



County News photo by Bob Donner

DEWITT—DeWitt's girls' basketball team meets Kent City in quarterfinal play tonight at Forest Hills Central High School after the Panthers swept through regional play last week, beating Shepherd 61-47 and whipping Lansing Catholic Central 76-58 in the championship game.

Catholic Central stayed with DeWitt early in the game, trailing at the end of one quarter 19-14, but DeWitt began to take charge late in the half and took a commanding 39-22 halftime lead.

The Panthers really put the game out of reach in the third quarter, when the potent Panthers offense racked up 29 points to 14 for LCC, giving DeWitt a 68-36 lead and allowing Coach Chris Kane to substitute freely throughout the second half.

Senior Cindy White scored 19 points to lead Panther scorers, while Nancy Garland had 16 and Kelly Robinson 15. Jeanne Castellani led the Cougars with 24.

In the first round, the Panthers handled Shepherd with their usual dispatch, outscoring the Blue Jays 12-3 in the first period. DeWitt continued the stretch its lead, moving ahead by 12 at the half and topping the game off by taking a 20-14 fourth-period advantage.

Garland led DeWitt with 22 points, while Sue Elkins and White were in double figures with 12 and 11 points. Kim Gilmore and Cindy Harless led Shepherd with 12 points apiece.



County News photo by Bob Donner

DeWitt's Panthers, after taking the regional title last week, move on to quarterfinal play tonight when they meet Kent City at Forest Hills Central High School.

3 girls' teams bow out at regionals

Class B at Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS — St. Johns girls' basketball team let a six-point third-quarter lead slip away Friday night and was edged by Grand Rapids West Catholic 43-41 in regional play.

The Redwings were down 14-6 after one period, but Jeanna Hallenbeck's four field goals in the second quarter paced a Redwing rally which tied the game 20-20 at the half.

St. Johns continued to dominate play in the third period, with Yvonne Makara scoring eight points to help the Redwings move out to a 33-27 lead after three periods.

But the Falcons rallied in the fourth period, scoring 16 points to the Redwings eight and taking the two-point win.

Hallenbeck, the Redwings' Most Valuable Player this season, was the game's high scorer with 17 points, and Makara added 12. West Catholic was led by Patty

Bouwhuis and Heidi Spielmaker, each with 12.

St. Johns coached by Beth Swears, ended the season with a 13-6 overall record and an 11-3 MMB mark, good for a share of second place.

Class D at Grass Lake

GRASS LAKE—An effective Morenci press spelled doom for Fowler's tournament hopes Friday as the Eagles bowed to the Bulldogs 55-42.

Morenci got off to a good start, opening with a full court press which was more than the Eagles could handle. Fowler trailed by as much as 16 and were down by 12 at the end of one period. The Eagles came back in the second quarter, however, and cut the gap to three points.

But Morenci put the press on again in the second half with the same results—Fowler turnovers and a 15 point Morenci lead.

Kathleen Schmitt had 16

points for Fowler, and Sandy Simon added 14. The loss left Fowler with a final record of 8-13.

Class D at Reese

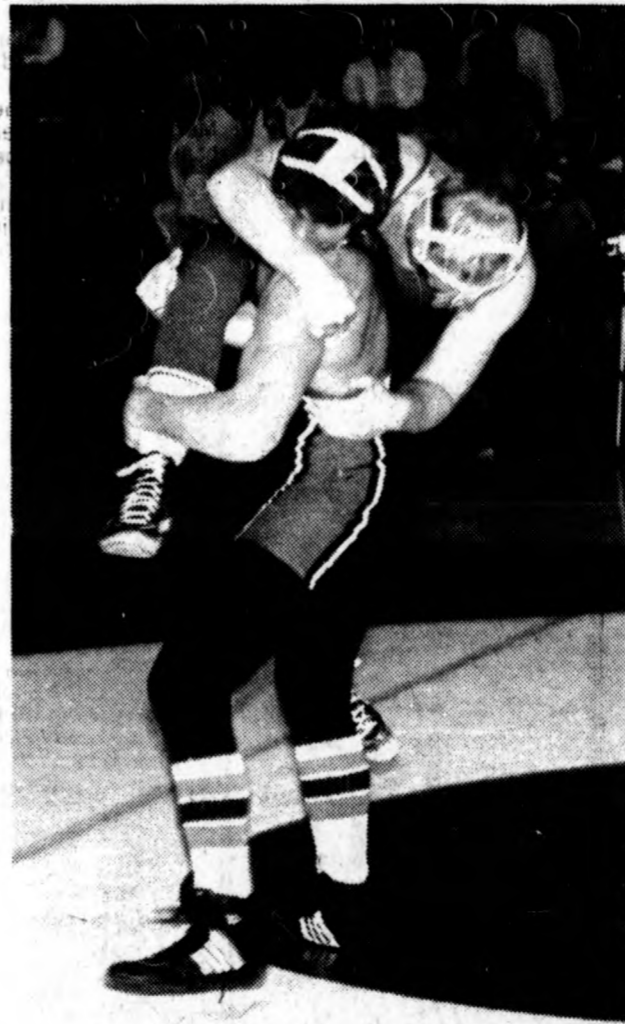
REESE — Flint Holy Rosary outscored Fulton 16-5 in the third quarter and held on to take a 49-40 girls' basketball regional tournament win.

Fulton started strong, taking a 13-8 lead after one period and hanging on to a three-point halftime lead, but the Wolverines turned the game around in the third period and went on to outscore the Pirates 11-10 in the fourth quarter.

Pat Peet, a senior, led Fulton with 19 points. Sandra Price followed with nine and Jill Moore had eight. Doris Ruzicka led Holy Rosary with 14 points.

Holy Rosary lost in the regional finals to Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saturday night.

Fulton, coached by Margaret Nunamaker, finished with a season's record of 12-11.



Greg Wood of St. Johns gets ready to gently set his Ionia opponent down—on his back. Wood ended up taking a decision.

SJ wrestlers crush Ionia

By Marcia Lusk Correspondent

The Redwing wrestlers won over Ionia last Tuesday by the score of 54-17 in a non-conference match.

Winning for St. Johns were Bruce Guenther, Garrett Hayes, Brian Lusk, Todd Mills, Jeff Pearson and Joe Speerbrecker. Decision winners were Irvin Pettit and Greg Wood.

The win boosted the morale of the Redwings and helped prepare them for the match against Hemlock, which was sure to be tough, but the weather forced the postponement of the meeting with the Huskies. It has not yet been rescheduled.

Thursday St. Johns is at Swan Valley for a MMB match and Tuesday the Redwings compete in the Charlotte Invitational.

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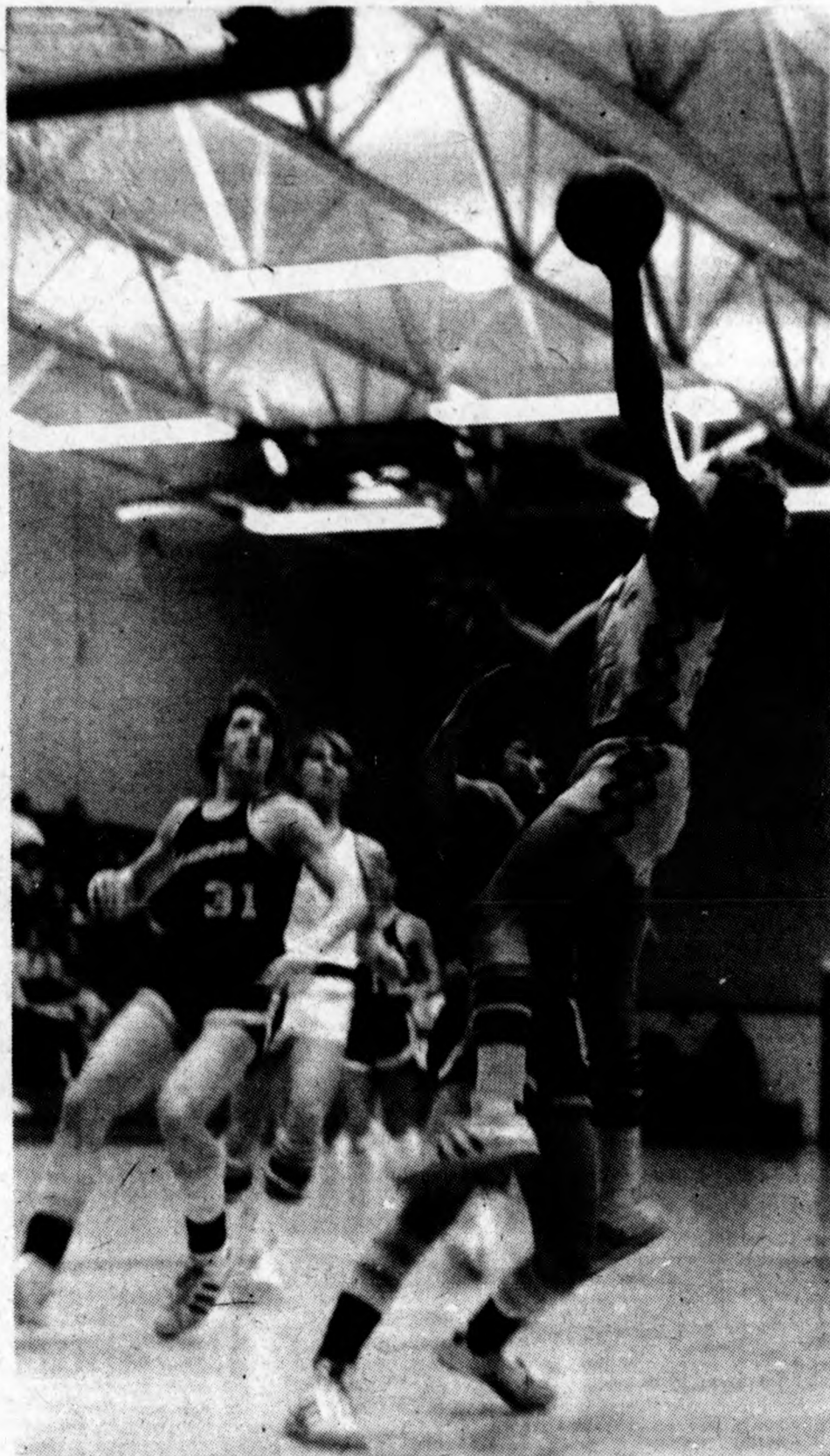
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Mauaraders advance to 4-0

By Tom Nowak
Sports Writer



Nothing, including that Corunna defender, was going to keep Ovid-Elsie's Raymond Bowles from getting to the basket. Bowles had two points in the Marauder win.

OVID-ELSIE — Five starters were in double figures for the Marauders Friday night to push Ovid-Elsie past a hot-shooting Corunna team 81-69.

"Our balance is what won it for us," Marauder coach Bob Foreback said. "We had all five starters in double figures, and that has to happen if you're going to win consistently. I'm pleased about that."

Foreback was also surprised at the shooting of Corunna, which hit 31 of 57 shots from the field for 54 per cent. And those weren't five-foot bank shots, either—the Cavaliers were tossing shots in from all over the court.

"I'm surprised they shot like they did," he said. "We made them shoot from out, and that's what we wanted to do. I thought if we played offensively the way we did the game wouldn't have been close. But they kept themselves in it."

Two baskets by Brian Byrnes and one by junior Ed Kaminski gave the Marauders a quick lead. The Marauders pretty much held that margin for the first five minutes, but then they began to lose control. First and foremost, Kaminski went down with an ankle injury and he had to be removed from the game with 3:13 left in the period. Corunna took advantage of his absence by immediately pulling to within two points.

O-E got another scoring spurt, stretching the lead to 18-11, but Dave Petersen hit two free throws and a long jumpshot to get Corunna back within three.

Then Petersen struck again, stealing the ball, scoring, and drawing a foul and a three-point play to tie the game.

Corunna had another chance to go ahead but Mike Anese was called for a foul after the shot with two seconds left, and Bret Welton tossed in a long shot at the buzzer to give O-E a 20-18 first-period lead.

O-E began to take charge again in the second period. Corunna had some trouble competing with the taller Marauders under the boards and they began to get into foul trouble. O-E took advantage of the situation from the foul line, and by the end of the half O-E had a comfortable 45-31 lead.

That lead held up for most of the third quarter, but midway through the period Corunna's shooting picked up and they narrowed the gap to 10 points after three quarters.

Corunna made one last run at the Marauders in the fourth period. Trailing by nine, the Cavaliers' Ron Gross struck with two long-distance jump shots to cut the margin to six. Kaminski, who had returned to the game in the second period, answered with a short basket, but then Petersen dropped in an incredible

shot to pull Corunna back within six.

That was a close as the Cavaliers were to come. Byrnes made two free throws to put O-E back up by eight. Kaminski scored again from inside and O-E wasn't to be threatened again.

Luckily for the Marauders, Kaminski's injury was not serious, and he still managed to finish with 17 points, and 16 rebounds.

"I don't know where we'd have been if Ed hadn't come back," Foreback said.

Byrnes also played a fine

game, leading the Marauder scorers with 20 points. He shot an excellent six for ten from the field and was eight for ten from the free throw line. He also contributed six assists.

Also scoring in double figures for O-E were Ken Kellogg with 16, Bill Kayanek, who was five for eight from the field and for a total of 13 points, and Brett Welton, who had 11.

Petersen led the Cavaliers with 23 points, while Dave Stewart followed with 14.

O-E outrebounded Corunna 43-34. Besides Kam-

inski's 16, Kellogg had nine and Welton seven.

While Corunna was hot, O-E shooting percentage wasn't far behind, as the Marauders were 31 of 61 for 51 per cent.

But the Marauders' scoring edge came on the foul line, where O-E scored 19 of 28 free throws to only seven of 18 for the Cavaliers.

The win left the Marauders with a 4-0 overall mark and a 2-0 league record, while Corunna dropped to 1-1 in the MMB and 1-2 overall.

Tuesday the Marauders

had little trouble in disposing of Itasca 60-49. O-E took a 17-4 first period lead and went on top 37-18 at the half.

The Yellowjackets played O-E for the first and third period and had a 17-9 fourth quarter advantage to cut the margin of defeat.

Byrnes had 19 points and Kellogg had 18. Kaminski also broke into double figures with 10.

Friday O-E travels to Bullock Creek and Tuesday they host Hemlock in the final game before the Christmas layoff.

Fulton outguns Olivet

MIDDLETON—Brian Betz led a strong third quarter showing by the Fulton Pirates which allowed them to get past Olivet 98-88 last Tuesday.

Fulton had to overcome early foul trouble, which saw six Pirates with three fouls at the end of the half. Fulton called for 24 first-half fouls, and 21 of Olivet's 49 first-half points came on free throws.

Additionally, the Pirates had to contend with Randy Morrison, who sank 39 points for the Eagles. But Olivet only had one other man in double figures.

But after trailing at the half 49-47, Fulton began to play better defense and started to control the Eagle offense. Then Betz got hot in the third quarter, scoring 10 or his 13 points and pacing the Pirates to a 24-15 ad-

vantage.

"We played much better defense in the second half," Pirate coach Kim Lathwell said. "Randy Morrison did a super job for them, but they didn't have anybody after that. They're a good team—they gave us all we want."

Randy Troub led the Pirate scorers with 28 points. Kelvin Drake followed with 16, Betz 13 and Terry Hnetyka 12.

The rebounding was

about even, with the Pirates pulling down 42. Troub had 15 rebounds, while Jeff Cooper had nine.

Hnetyka led the Pirates floor game with four steals and three assists.

"Brian Betz helped turn us around in the third quarter," Lathwell said. "And Kelvin Drake did a good job of leading the team at the guard position."

Friday Fulton goes to Ionia for a non-conference game and Tuesday the Pirates host Pewamo-Westphalia in a CMAC game.

Fulton is now 2-0 in the CMAC.



P-W wrestler Dave Keilen holds his man in check on his way to a pin in the Pirates' 55-6 win over Saranac.

P-W rolls to first dual win

WESTPHALIA — Pewamo-Westphalia's wrestlers had a slight delay last Tuesday but they found the wait worthwhile they ripped Saranac 55-6.

The match was delayed for about 45 minutes because the referee forgot he was supposed to be there, but even then the meet still didn't take long since Saranac only brought seven wrestlers. And out of the five matches that were wrestled

three resulted in Pirate pins. P-W won all five matches.

Dave Shepard, 126 pounds won the closest bout of the night, a 2-0 decision over Craig Madigan. Dave Keilen, 132 pounds, beat Jim Coohen on a fall, and Jeff Raines pinned Kevin Wilson in the 145-pound bout.

Al Droste took an 11-2 decision over Scott Krieger in the 165-pound weight

class, and Brian Miller finished the evening out in grand style, racking up a pin 31 seconds into the heavy-weight match.

Saranac's only points came when P-W forfeited the 191-pound match.

The Pirates, now 1-0 in dual competition, travel to Olivet Thursday for a CMAC match and close the 1977 portion of their season Monday when they host Portland.

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Dave Sehlke of St. Johns lays the ball up in the Redwings' narrow 79-77 loss to Hemlock Saturday.

Redwings drop heartbreaker

By Scott Sousley
Correspondent

It was a barn-burner, but those are the kind you hate to lose most—especially when you had a 12-point lead late in the fourth quarter. But that is what happened to Coach Doug MacKenzie's Redwings as they fell to Hemlock 79-77.

St. Johns started the game rather slowly, and that was all the Huskies needed to take the lead. After one period it was Hemlock all the way, 23-16, and the Redwings licked their wounds and hoped for a better quarter.

The Redwings did out-

score the Huskies 25-19 in the second period, but that wasn't enough and they still trailed at the half by one. Besides, Jimmy Dedyne was bogged down with three fouls.

In the final minutes of the third quarter St. Johns finally got the break they were looking for. Joel Buggs scored, was fouled in the process and made the two free throws to put St. Johns ahead. Randy Pertier and Mark White both added baskets, and St. Johns held a safe margin, 64-56, at the end of the third quarter.

But Hemlock, which had the game in its pocket earlier was not going to quit then, and Mike Crape and

Brian Priniski got together to score 12 points to put the Huskies within striking distance with 4:56 to go.

Then late in the game the Redwings helped out the Huskies by losing two starters, Buggs and White, to fouls. The resulting free throws put the Huskies ahead 76-75 with 54 seconds to go.

St. Johns came back to pick up a loose ball and drive in for the score to regain the lead, but then the Redwings were called for a foul and Priniski tied the game.

Another foul put Hemlock on the line once again, and the free throw put them up by two with five seconds left.

St. Johns called a timeout to set up an out-of-bounds play, but it didn't work and Hemlock went home with the 79-77 conference victory.

Leading scorers for St. Johns were Buggs with 21 points and DeDyne with 18. Mike Stafford finished the game with 16 while White had 14.

Hemlock was paced by Princinski and Crape who had 21 and 19 points.

St. Johns, now 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the league, hope to get back on the winning track when they travel to Mid-Michigan Rival Saginaw Swan Valley Friday. The junior varsity game will start at 6:30.

Bath athletes honored at banquet

By Jenni Snider

On Thursday, Dec. 1, the annual Bath High School Fall Sports Banquet was held.

David Messner, athletic director, served as master of ceremonies, and he introduced the fall sports coaches and their wives. The invocation was given by Rev. Thomas VanDyke, and a bounteous potluck dinner was shared by all. After dinner, highlights of the Homecoming Bath vs. Perry were shown.

The girls' varsity basketball awards were presented by Coach LuAnn Schaubly as follows: Most Valuable, Jr. Sue Parkey; and Most Improved, Tammy Burdick.

Varsity letter winners were: Jane Alward, Tammy Burdick, Debbie Graham, Sue Parkey, Amy Schaubly, Sandy Alward, Dawn Cooley, Ruth Miehke, Linda Schafer and Tammy Tucker.

Girls' and boys' cross-country awards were presented by Coach Howard Roberson as follows: Most Valuable, senior Kathy Nichols; Most Improved, freshman Sandy Jubb.

Varsity letter winners were: Laura Dumond, Jeanne Hanson, Sharon Jubb, Lori Thorton, Cherie

David, Sandy Jubb and Kathy Nichols.

The boys' Most Valuable runner was junior Dale Tarrant; and the Most Improved runner was freshman Donald Rowley.

Varsity letter winners were: Gary Hiatt, Doug Konen, Joe Kerheart, Dale Tarrant, Kyle Kelly, Greg McGarey, Donald Rowley and Mark Thorton.

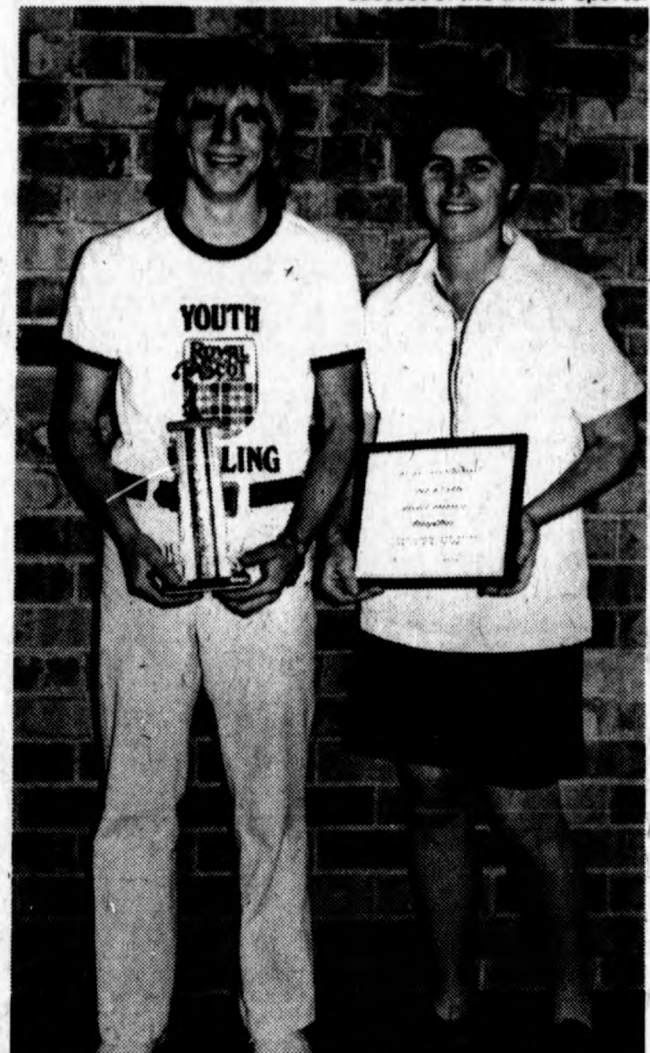
The boys' varsity football awards were presented by Coach Gary Grady as follows: Most Valuable, Ron Easlick; Most Improved, Kevin Shirey.

Varsity letter winners were: Scott Bauman, Barry Brown, Don Cronk, Darryl Graham, Jon Means, Tom Reblin, Karl Tenlen, Andy Beachnau, Reggie Clark, Craig Cullimore, Tim Horan, Mark Phillips, Kevin Shirey, Chris Zeeb, Frank Beachnau, Charlie Cronk, Ron Easlick, Jeff Kloeckner, Jeff Powell, Mark Soria and Joe Vanweiseners.

The varsity golf awards were presented as follows by Coach Dick Wilt: Most Valuable, Les Vitzke; Most Improved, Jeff Geasler.

Varsity letter winners were: Kurt Conley, Dan Kelley, Andy Bos, Jeff Geasler, Brian Riley and Les Vitzke. The evening was concluded a statement by the

master of ceremonies on the success of the fall sports, and the good outlook for success of the winter sports.



Scott Spangler of Wacousta was presented a city championship trophy for collecting \$322.12 for the Michigan Lung Association by Georgia White of DeWitt.

Four selected to MMB b-ball team

Four county girls received honors from the Mid-Michigan B all-conference basketball team announced last week.

Jeanna Hallenbeck of St. Johns, MVP of this year's Redwing squad, made the all-conference first team.

Sally Buggs, a St. Johns junior, made the second team. She also received the

101 per cent award announced at the St. Johns award's program.

A pair of juniors, Brenda Francis of Ovid-Elsie and Marcia Geller of St. Johns, were given honorable mention by the MMB.

Margaret Favor won the most Improved Player award at the St. Johns' program.

Area bowlers honored for aiding Lung Association

Coach Georgia White presented a city championship trophy Saturday to Scott Spangler of 14211 Forest Hill Rd, Wacousta, for collecting \$322.12 for the Michigan Lung Association in a "bowl down lung disease" event held at Royal Scot Bowling Lanes Oct. 29.

A total of 56 students representing four different divisions of the Michigan Youth Bowling Association registered to bowl and sought pledge support in their neighborhoods. After the event, bowlers collected a total of \$1,401.14.

Trophies were awarded to the top money raisers in each division.

In the Peanut Division winners were Kim Harte, Lori Hare and Connie Gimney of 13898 Ducharme, DeWitt, Kristen Corlett,

Tony Streukens of 1020 E. Geneva, DeWitt and Scott VanDeCastele won in the Prep Division.

Junior Division leaders were Teri Richards Mark Mazzullo of 3691 W. Howe, DeWitt and Ron Thelen, and in the Major Division Cindy White, Kathy White and Greg Starkweather of 5231 W. Stoll, DeWitt, received trophies.

The Michigan Lung Association has divided the state into seven regions, with the Greater Lansing area included in the Central Region.

The Lansing area is represented on the regional board by Ford Ceasar; Mrs. Dale Brock, RN; Clyde Hory, Jr., MD; Tom Glass; Mrs. Paul Henley, RN; Gary Mandernack; Mrs. Dorothy Trudgeon and Joan P. Salinas.

Pool league reports

Team	W	L
H & H Lounge	41	22
American Legion	36	18
Zim's Furniture and Antiques	34	29

Team	W	L
Dry Dock'd Lounge	33	30
Titans	33	21
Sandy's	28	35
Bob's Bar	28	26
Central Michigan	26	37
Lumber	22	41
Horny Toads	22	41
Wilcox Engineering	16	38

Bath dumps Haslett, 85-65

By Jon Means

HASLETT—The Bath Bees got their show on the road here Tuesday by soundly defeating Haslett 85-65.

Bruce Swart proved to be a dominant factor in the Bee's triumph. Swart, a 6'7" senior, shot from the floor and 56 per cent from the free throw line for 29 points. Swart also controlled the rebounding in the game by picking up 24.

Kirk Ordiway also played an outstanding game. Ordiway hit on 12 field goals and a free throw, for 25 points, as well as collecting 10 rebounds.

Haslett jumped out to an early 18-16 lead at the end of the first period. But at the beginning of the second

quarter, Swart and Ordiway turned on the offense to score 22 of Bath's 27 second-quarter points. Haslett was never again in the game.

After the game a definite exhibit of jubilation filled the locker room. "It's about time we had decent game, but we can play better," said Bruce Swart.

Coach Richard Wilt of Bath remarked, "I can see some definite improvements."

In the J.V. game, Haslett won 68-63 despite fine performances by Bath's Chris Foote and Les Vitzke who has 18 and 21 points, respectively. Defensively Tim Bower, Tim Kesler, and Joel Gutski played good games for the Bath J.V.'s.

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.

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 (Grants) 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: Beaton's Lake GRAND TRAVERSE: SAND LAKE No. 2 (artificial lures only, 15" size limit)

IRON: Deadman's, Hannah Webb, Kildeer, Madelyn, Skyline, and Spree lakes LAPEER: Cedar Lake (10-inch size limit on all trout; artificial lures only)

LUCY: 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 Millicoquin ponds MARQUETTE: Airport, Bedspring, Clear, Cliff, Cranberry, Gingrass, Hawire, Hemmings (Flopper), Island, Just, Kidney (Sec. 28, T45N, R26W), Lake 41, Long, and Moccasin lakes; Section Fourteen, Section Twenty-eight, Little Trout, Swany, 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: Pickerel Lake* SCHOOLCRAFT: Clear Creek Pond; Ned's, Bear and Dutch Fred lakes, Spring and King's ponds

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Panthers 3rd at Haslett

HASLETT—DeWitt's wrestlers had their second strong tournament showing of the year Saturday, taking third in the Haslett Invitational.

Dwayne Smith at 119 pounds and Stu Lewis at 132 pounds both took individual championships for the Panthers, while Paul DeSmith and Mark Keener were runners-up at 98 and 112 pounds, respectively.

Troy Foland took a third place in the 138 pound class, while John Hummel just missed a third place in the 165 pound class dropping a 6-5 decision in the consolation finals.

Eaton Rapids won the 13-team tournament with

157½ points. Haslett followed with 127½, DeWitt had 98½ and Holt 96½.

"All the kids wrestled well," Coach Randy Smith said. "We finished higher than we expected. We're pleased, though not satisfied."

Thursday the Panthers host Lansing Catholic Central in the first Capital Circuit dual meet of the year. Then Saturday they go to Ithaca for an invitational tournament.

"We should finish in the top three, provided we wrestle well," Smith said.

The match scheduled for last Thursday against Mason will be held Jan. 17.

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DeWitt swimmers in rebuilding year

By Mark Szalajski
 Correspondent

"This will be a rebuilding year," Coach Mike Keenan, says of his 1977-78 DeWitt

boys' swim team. "We'll be happy with a .500 season."

DeWitt, hoping to improve on its 3-9 record and third-place showing in the Capital Circuit meet last year, will rely on its co-captains, backstroker Matt Hokanson and breaststroker Bill Backus, and freestylers Mike DeFoe, Greg Gladstone and John Kirchen. The Panthers also have 11 freshmen.

But if the Panthers aren't expecting to drown their competition this season, they will play an important part in Michigan swimming. DeWitt plans to host the first Class C and D State Invitational Meet on Feb. 4, with the hope that this will evolve into the Class C and D State Championships.

Of 16 schools contacted throughout the state, nine have replied that they will compete. As it now stands, Class C and D swimmers must compete in the Class B State Championships. DeWitt host Ovid-Elsie Monday at 7 p.m. in the last meet before the Christmas break.

Pirates 2nd at tournament

Fulton's wrestlers had a productive week, winning two of three dual matches and finishing second in the Central Montcalm Invitational Saturday.

The Pirates competed in a triple dual meet at Breckenridge and got off to a slow start, falling to Montabella 33-31. Scoring pins for the Pirates were Brian Winsor, 105, Tim Price, 132, and Mitch Price, heavyweight.

Taking decisions against Montabella were Chris Price at 112 and Jerry Winsor, 145. Rob Hanson won a forfeit.

The Pirates came back to edge Breckenridge 34-33. Jeff McVannel, 138, and

Jason DeWitt, 178, both picked up pins. Rick Robbe, 119, Tim Price and Jerry Winsor won decisions, while Brian Winsor and Tim Shook picked up forfeits.

The Pirate fans were able to relax during the last match as the Pirates whipped Central Montcalm 53-21. Scoring falls were Jim Todd 119, Kevin Hart 126, Tim Price, McVannel, Taking firsts were Jerry Winsor, 138 pounds, and Jerry Winsor and Mitch Price. DeWitt won a decision and Rob Hanson took a forfeit.

The Pirates finished with 143 points at Central Montcalm, only four and a half behind champion Clare.

heavyweight Mitch Price. Tim Price, Chris Price and Brad Winsor had seconds, while DeWitt, 178 pounds, and Tim Williams, 155, had thirds.

Fulton wrestles at Potterville Thursday in the first CMAC competition of the season, and then they go to the Ithaca Invitational Saturday.

Sports schedule

- Girls' basketball**
 Girls basketball
 Dec. 16
 Semifinals—Lansing Area
 Dec. 17
 Finals—Jenisen Fieldhouse, Michigan State University
- Boys' basketball**
 Boys' basketball
 Dec. 16
 Bath at Williamston
 Fowler at Potterville
 Bellevue at Pawamo-Westphalia
 Ovid-Elsie at Bullock Creek
 St. Johns at Swan Valley
 Fulton at Ionia
 DeWitt at Howell
 Dec. 20
 Bath at DeWitt
 Portland at Fowler
 Pawamo-Westphalia at Fulton
 Hemlock at Ovid-Elsie
 Corunna at St. Johns
- Wrestling**
 Wrestling
 Dec. 15
 Pawamo-Westphalia at Olivet
 Bath at Leslie
 Ovid-Elsie at Bullock Creek
 St. Johns at Swan Valley
 Lansing Catholic at DeWitt
 Fulton at Potterville
 Dec. 17
 Bath, DeWitt, Fulton at Ithaca Invitational
 Dec. 19
 Portland at P-W
 Dec. 20
 St. Johns at Charlotte Invitational

Pirates edge Potterville

POTTERVILLE — Pawamo-Westphalia overcame a four-point third-quarter deficit to defeat Potterville 49-48 in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference game last Tuesday.

The Pirates trailed late in the game, but Mike Bele scored to give P-W a one-point lead. Potterville had

possession of the ball but they fouled, putting Warren Hengesbach on the line for P-W.

Hengesbach hit both of his free throws with just 11 seconds left to put the Pirates up by three, and P-W just let Olivet shoot to run out the clock.

Davel Belen and Joe O'Brien were the top Pirate

scorers with 14 apiece. Hengesbach had nine and Mike Belen eight.

O'Brien was also the leading Pirate rebounder with nine.

The win kept P-W in a tie for first place in the CMAC with a 2-0 mark, and left the Pirates overall record at 2-1. Friday Bellevue comes to P-W for a CMAC contest.

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Bees split double dual

VANDERCOOK LAKE — Bath's wrestlers split a pair of matches in a double-dual meet Saturday, whipping Athens 52-24 and losing to Vandercook Lake 52-26.

Randy Wills, 132 pounds, scored a pair of falls, as did Jim Soria, who wrestled in the 98 and 105 pound classes and Kevin Shirey, wrestling at 155.

Barry Brown won a decision and a forfeit, and Terry Canfield had a second-period pin in addition to taking a forfeit.

Andy Beachnau, the only senior on the Bath squad, picked up a first-quarter fall against Athens while Tom Rebin won a 6-0 decision. Steve Hicks and Kyle Kelly took forfeits against Athens.

In junior varsity competition at Vandercook Lake,

Tim Horan at 155 pounds, Mike VanSickle, 132, and Don Fellows, 126, all were unbeaten for the Bees.

Thursday Bath goes to

Leslie for its first Ingham County League match of the season. Then the Bees travel to Ithaca Saturday for an invitational tournament.

Fowler beats Webberville

WEBBERVILLE—Fowler's 68-48 CMAC victory against Webberville Tuesday was easy from the start—possibly too easy.

Because after the Eagles jumped out to a 17-point lead in the first period, they began to get sloppy and the rest of the game was, in the words of Coach Charlie Trierweiler, "helter-skelter."

"It was a very sloppily-played game," he said. "I was disappointed. I had hoped that after that St. Patrick's game (which the Eagles won 80-33) we would come right out and pick up where we left off. We did for the first few minutes, but it got very sloppy after that."

Don Schrauben was the

Eagles' scoring leader with 22 points. He was followed by Mark Schrauben with 15 and Steve Johnson with 12. John Teague led Webberville with 13 points.

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Lansing boxers meet Indiana

LANSING—A team of Lansing area boxers will climb into the ring to square off against a team from Fort Wayne, Ind. on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Lansing Community College gymnasium.

Proceeds will go to promote Junior Olympic Boxing in the Capital city area for boys 10-15 years of age, and to support the Lansing Community College Boxing Club.

Tickets are \$2.00 for bleacher seats; \$3 for ring-side seats. They may be purchased at the Control Room in the Health Careers Physical Education Building, the Cashier's Department of the Student Personnel Services Building, Art's Bar and Grill, 809 E. Kalamazoo St., and at the door the night of the fight.

Heading the Lansing team is Jesse Gallegos. Other outstanding members of the team are: Pat Helms, Henry Nelson, Dave Garrigan, Frank Benivedes, and Scott Mischevich. The Hoosier team

is made up of former and current Indiana A.A.U. and Golden Gloves champions.

The gymnasium, located on Grand Avenue across from the River Front Park in downtown Lansing, holds

2,500 fans. Adjacent free parking is available at the LCC parking ramp.

For more information, call Bob Every, physical education control room attendant, at 373-7055.

Boosters Club has organizational meeting

The St. John Wrestling Boosters Club which had its organizational meeting last Tuesday, welcomes all parents of wrestlers to join the organization.

The purpose of the group is to promote wrestling in the area and to help the Redwing wrestlers in any way possible.

This season, the club is sending out more information on wrestling to try to

spark some interest in the sport. It also is helping to buy sweaters for the wrestlers to wear on the day of the meet. The club provides coffee, milk and cookies for each of the home meets and sends food for the team when they participate in Saturday tournaments.

Any parent interested in joining the club should contact Karin Lusk, boosters club president.

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It was a chilly day for tractorcade; 57 St. Johns farmers participate



The St. Johns Co-op was represented in the tractorcade on the state's capitol last Saturday, Dec. 10. Approximately 300 farm vehicles moved along in the tractorcade in protest to present farm prices.

By Patrice Hornak
Photos by Tom Nowak

Weathermen were reporting an overnight low of 10 chilly degrees as 57 farmers from St. Johns set out in their tractors to join the statewide tractorcade to the Michigan capitol last Saturday Dec. 10.

Among the St. Johns farmers was Pete Kurncz, Sr., of E. Colony Road who set out at 8 a.m. and met in Holt a little before 10 a.m. with about 100 other tractors.

Together, the St. Johns tractors and the tractors which had joined in Holt made their way to the capitol building.

"I feel it won't do much good, but at least we brought our problem to the public," says farmer Kurncz of the Saturday tractorcade.

Kurncz farms about 2,000 acres, having both a cash crop and a dairy business. He's been a farmer all his life, and hasn't been hurt too badly by the low farm prices because of his daily dairy business which keeps the cash flowing in to pay the bills.

But, as he puts it, "I'm getting along fine but I participated in it (tractorcade) because we have help

on the farm and I would like to pay them what they could get in industry."

Also, some of his friends have been affected by low farm prices and rising farm costs and he says, "They are in a kind of difficult situation."

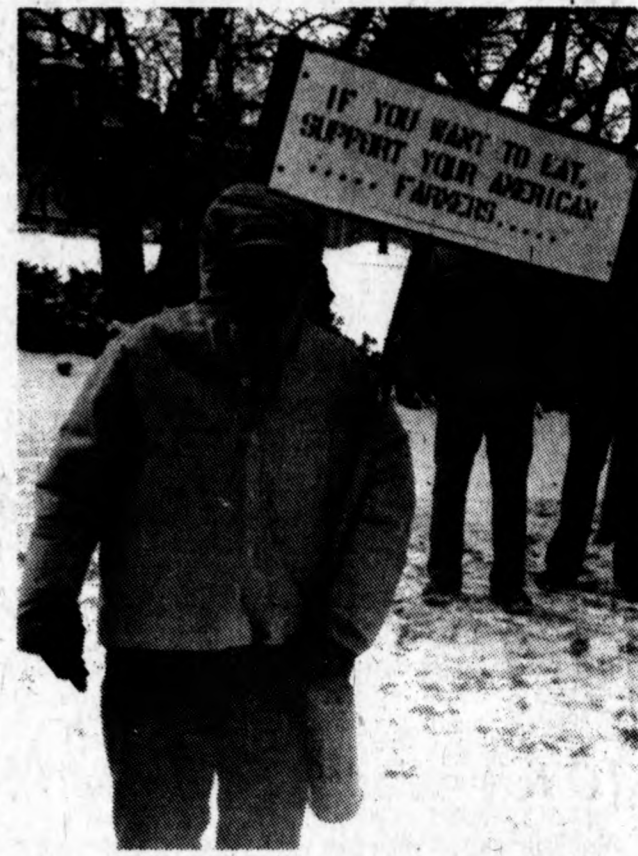
Nearly 400 farmers from around the Lansing area drove their farm implements to the State's capitol building to protest the low farm prices.

Asked if he plans to participate in the nationwide strike beginning Wednesday, Dec. 14, Kurncz said, "We're going to keep our grain at home here... We buy a lot of parts and equipment and I guess there won't be much buying done."

Medicade

hotline begins

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Tax law reforms affect farmers

Fewer estates will be taxed under the provisions of the new gift and estate tax laws that went into effect January 1.

According to Ralph Hepp, Michigan State University agricultural economist, the tax reforms of special interest to farmers include changes in the way gift and estate taxes are computed, increases in the marital deduction permitted for gift and estate taxes, and changes in the way real estate may be evaluated for tax purposes.

Under the new law, gifts made during a person's lifetime and property transfers made at death will be lumped together for taxing. One progressive rate schedule will be used to compute taxes owed. A unified credit against these taxes has replaced exemptions from the adjusted gross estate (the estate minus debts and estate administration costs).

"These changes will lessen the effectiveness of gifts as a tax-saving device," Hepp says. "On the other hand, the switch from exemptions to unified credit cancels out estate and gift

taxes on most small and medium sized estates.

Some tax advantages from lifetime gifts are still possible, he notes. An annual tax exclusion of \$3,000 per donee is still in effect. That is, such annual gift amounts are not taxed. Making lifetime gifts can also save one estate taxes if the gifts consist of property that is growing in value. The value accrues to the estate of the recipient rather than the donor.

Under the new law, the marital deduction for both estate and gift tax purposes has been increased. An estate will be allowed a marital deduction of up to half the adjusted gross estate or \$250,000, whichever is larger. A donor is allowed an unlimited marital deduction for gifts to his/her spouse for the first \$100,000 and no exemption for the next \$100,000. One-half of all gifts over \$200,000 may be deducted. Under the old law, the gift tax deduction was limited to half the amount transferred. The estate tax deduction was half the adjusted gross estate.

Hepp suggests farmers review their estate plans to

determine whether these changes in the law may have rendered unnecessary some planning devices to reduce estate taxes and to see whether plans can be changed to better take advantage of the new tax provision.

"Generally speaking, the new law makes it seem advisable to leave more property to a surviving spouse," he says. "It also makes sense for people with large estates to consider making more lifetime gifts and for those with smaller estates to look into the

possibility of holding property jointly to reduce the estate tax on the death of one spouse."

Also check to see whether your farm would qualify for the special tax-saving evaluation as a farm or closely held business. If it does, taxes will be figured on its value for its present use rather than at current market value based on its highest and best use.

To qualify for this special evaluation, the farm real and personal property must equal at least 50 per cent of the adjusted gross estate,

the farm real estate must equal at least 25 per cent of the adjusted gross estate, the property must pass to a qualifying heir, and the real property must have been owned and managed by the deceased or his/her heir for five of the last eight years before his/her death.

"In many cases, the old law was devastating to farmers trying to transfer their businesses from one generation to the next," Hepp observes. "Farmers should definitely take advantage of the benefits the new law has to offer."

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU EDITORIAL

OUTER SPACE

Among the hardware orbiting the earth is a satellite that is being used to help U.S. farmers keep on top of crop production.

The LANDSAT II satellite measures energy reflected from the earth's surface. Each crop reflects different amounts of energy to the satellite so that once the information is fed to a computer, the picture that's read shows what is planted on U.S. farmland.

But there's a catch. The satellite is pretty good at telling the difference between planted soybeans and

corn. However, it sometimes gets corn and trees mixed up—since they happen to reflect about the same amount of energy during certain periods of the growing season.

Enter the good old human being. Researchers check the computer picture with what they know is planted. Where do they get that information? From the groundwork done by USDA's Crop Reporting Board. The Crop Reporting Board gathers information from interviews with farmers, on-site inspections and from answers to survey questions mailed in by farmers.

The information covers one percent of the total acreage in the United States. The satellite people take this small sample, the computer picture, and then project acreage for the entire country.

They are not able to beat the Crop Reporting Board people in timeliness yet, but in the future both sets of information may play a large part in farmer decisions such as whether to graze wheat or harvest it for gain.

It may come from outer space, but information that helps the farmer get an edge on the market will be well used here on earth.

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Revenue Sharing	\$9,975
Capitol Improvements	none
Anti-Recession	none

Statements of Revenue Sharing and Anti-recession expenditures have been filed and are available for public inspection at the Township Office.

Herman F. Openlander,
Supervisor

NOTICE

The regular meeting dates of the St. Johns Planning Commission for 1978 will be:

January 5	July 5
February 2	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

Richard L. Coletta
Zoning Administrator

Morning Musicale features children's songs

Children's Christmas Music received the attention of members and guests of the St. Johns Morning Musicale when they met at the home of Nola Lambert on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Hila Bross, chairman of the day's program, put the audience in the holiday mood as she played and Kay Pilmore led the group, in the singing of songs that children like to sing at Christmas, including "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Up On The Housetop," and "All I Want For Christmas."

Phyllis Rice, mezzo-soprano, performed a setting of Luther's Cradle Hymn, "Away In a Manger," written by East Hope Martin entitled "The Holy Child." The text of this beloved carol was familiar to all, but the contrasting style of the

music was a special treat for the listeners.

She concluded her portion of the program with a selection from "The Shepherds," the best known song cycle of Peter Cornelius, a German composer. Mrs. Rice was accompanied by Diantha Witteveen.

As Carolyn Campbell reminded the group that Christmas is a time of remembering, listening, and joining together in the music of the season, she related her personal memory of attending a performance of "The Nutcracker Suite" at the New York State Theatre.

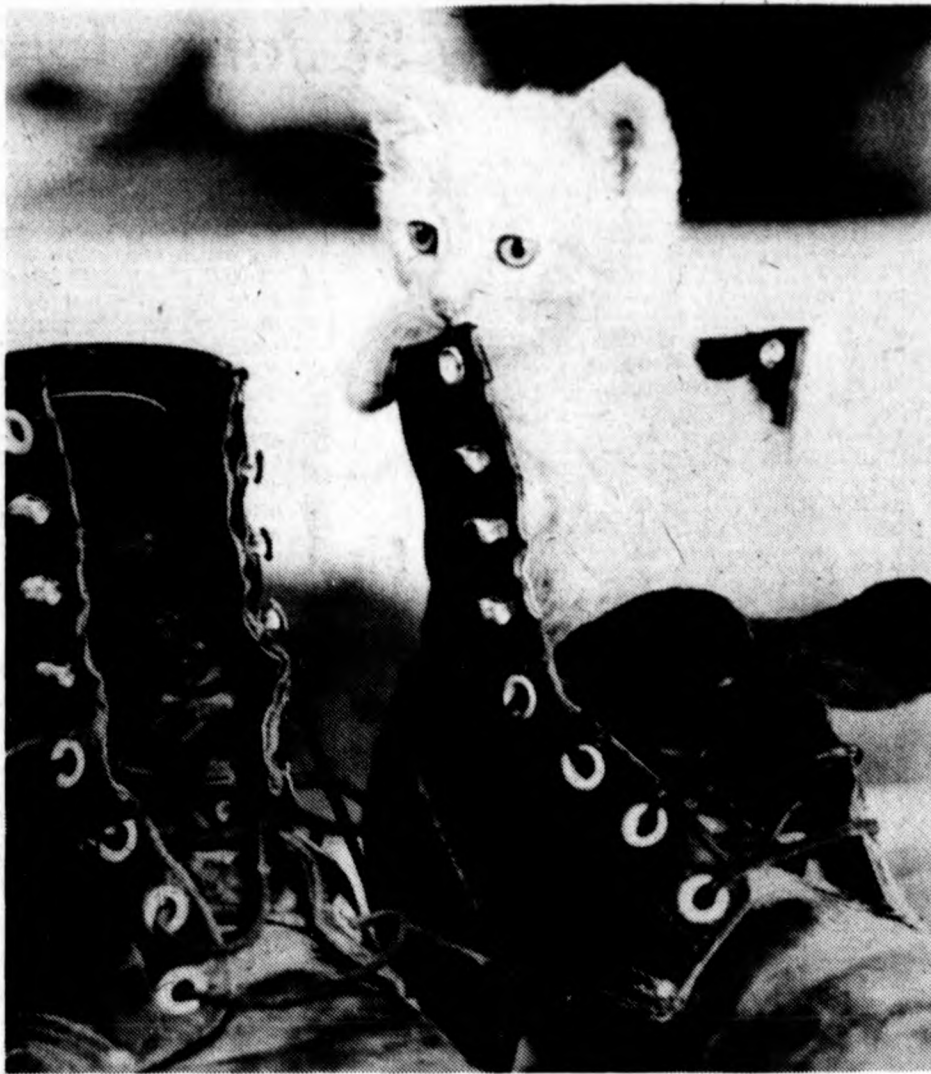
It is a ballet by Tchaikovsky, based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffman, "The Mouse King". It is a child's dream of Christmas, set in a wealthy Victorian

home, and takes the viewers into a fantasy world of sugar plum fairies, dancing flutes, waltzing flowers, and the escapades of dolls of several nationalities.

Mrs. Witteveen concluded the program as she played excerpts of each of the selections from the suite.

A lovely coffee table was prepared by Dorothy Lawrence, Mildred Brown, and Pauline Briggs, and was enjoyed by all the members.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 12 at 9:45 a.m. at the First Congregational Church when Algie Watkins and Jean Fangboner present a program on Elementary Education Music Methods.



This photo by David Love, St. Johns, has been chosen to represent Michigan in the fourth annual National 4-H Photo Exhibit sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

St. Johns 4-Her exhibits photo in national show

A photograph by David Love, 5818 E. Taft Road, St. Johns, has been chosen to represent Michigan in the fourth annual National 4-H Photo Exhibit sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

The 13-year-old 4-H'er is represented by his exhibit photo of a kitten playing in a pair of boots.

Exhibit photos have been selected by the cooperative extension service in each state on the basis of country

and state fair submissions. Kodak has printed and mounted the photos for display, affixing a seal of recognition, and will present each 4-H'er represented with an enlarged print of his or her picture with seal.

Sheila Jorae wins baby picture contest

Sheila Jean Jorae was the first place winner in the first baby contest sponsored by Community Services. The money collected will be used to help fill Christmas baskets.

All the entrants were under two years old. There were 23 pictures on display at the D and C Store in downtown St. Johns.

Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jorae of Rt. 6 St. Johns. They will receive dinner for two at Someplace Else Restaurant and a \$25 savings bond.

Second place winner was Kim Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burns, W. Parks Road, St. Johns. Kim will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the Land of Oz.

If parents have not picked up their pictures yet they may do so by going to 911 E. State Street, Suite C.

Community Services also reports their yearly skating party at Ranch Roller Rink, Toys for Tots event was a great success.

Extension calendar

- 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.
- Jan. 9 Family Living Program—Basic Wardrobe Planning, Smith, 1:30 p.m.—FREE BABYSITTING
- Jan. 13 Private Applicators Pesticide Exam, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Smith Hall, St. Johns.
- Jan. 14 Clinton County Holstein Association Annual Meeting, Elsie Methodist Church, 12:00 noon
- Jan. 10, 17 & 24 Agriculture Market Strategy and pricing Workshops, Scale House Restaurant south of Ionia. Pre-registration with Extension Office necessary.
- Jan. 18 or 25 Weed Control in Field Crops, Smith Hall, afternoon—watch for exact time.
- Jan. 23 Producing, harvesting and recognizing quality alfalfa, Ovid-Elsie High School, 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 23 District Holstein Breeders Annual Meeting, Smith Hall, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 25 Weed sprays—what is new, what is best, and how to use it—Gary Schultz from Crops Science Department, Michigan State University.
- Jan. 28 Tested Boar and Gilt Sale, Michigan State University Livestock Pavilion.
- Jan. 31 Income Tax Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Christmas season marked by two concerts

The St. Johns Public Schools Music Department has two Christmas concerts scheduled for this week. The first program will be presented at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School, Thursday, Dec. 15, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Included in the concert are the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade choruses; seventh and eighth grade orchestra and the eighth grade band.

Sunday, Dec. 18, is the high school Christmas concert. Auditorium doors will open at 2:30 p.m. with the concert starting at 3 p.m.

The high school orchestra opens the program performing LeRoy Anderson's "Christmas Festival". One of the features of the program is a dramatization of the famous composition "Peter and the Wolf". Narration is by Mike Eldridge. Costumes depicting the characters represented in the music will be worn by music students.

Traditional Christmas music will be sung by the high school Chorales.

Next on the program is the Symphonic Band. Compositions included are: "Alleluia! Laudemus Te"; "Elsie Procession to the Cathedral"; "Sleigh Ride" and songs of the season.

Concluding the Sunday Concert, the Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra presents Vivaldi's "Gloria". Vocal soloists are Margaret Wood, Pam Fowler and Nancy Stevenson.

Both programs are free to the public.

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10 to receive college degrees

Michigan State University lists 1,622 candidates for degrees to be awarded at fall term commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 10, in the MSU Auditorium.

The candidates include 1,056 bachelors, 403 masters, 129 doctoral, 11 educational specialists, 4 doctors of osteopathy and 19 doctors of medicine.

The commencement address and awarding of honorary degrees will be at the ceremony for undergraduate degree recipients at 3 p.m. Advanced degrees will be awarded at 10 a.m.

Students living in Clinton County who will be receiving degrees include:

- Catherine S. Morrow of 10301 DeWitt Rd., DeWitt receiving a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.
- Jerome Schmitt of 6824 W. Cutler, DeWitt who is receiving a master of arts degree in counseling.
- John Walsh of 15613 Peacock Rd., Haslett will earn a bachelor of arts degree in communication.
- Kathy McMurtrey of 9669 Jason Rd., Laingsburg who is receiving a master of arts degree in recreation.
- Larry Vance of 1185 Yorkleigh Dr., Lansing will get a master of arts degree in classroom teaching—experimental.
- Daniel Duffield of 7581

- E. Taft Rd., Ovid will receive a bachelor of science degree in fisheries and wildlife. He graduated with high honors.
- Luanne Clark, Rte. 3, St. Johns will receive a master of science degree in biological science.
- Paula Stakenas of 404 Suckles, St. Johns will receive a master of arts degree in elementary education.
- Shirley Wyrick of 3458 S. St. Clair Rd., St. Johns will receive a bachelor of science degree in horticulture.
- Barbara Zeiger of 1007 Lincolnshire, St. Johns will receive a master of arts degree in elementary education.

State aid allocations announced

The State Department of Education has reported a list of state aid allocations to the public schools in the Clinton area.

The figures also give the total allocated to these districts since the last report under Title 1 of the Elementary

and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Vocational Education Act of 1963 (V.E.) which are federal programs.

The figures for the districts of most interest to the readers of this paper are as follows:

- DeWitt public schools received \$329,376 in state aid, \$2,148 in Title 1 funds and \$64 in V.E. funds.
- Fowler public schools received \$137,861 in state aid and \$3,000 under Title 1.
- Bath community schools received \$228,458 in state aid and \$1,084 under the Vocational Education Act of 1963.
- Ovid-Elsie area school got \$307,070 in state aid, \$23,307 under Title 1 and \$3,071 under V.E.
- Pewamo-Westphalia Community School District got \$129,344 in state aid, \$8,466 under Title 1 and \$109 under V.E.
- St. Johns public schools received \$803,491 in state aid, \$38,000 under Title 1 and \$3,785 under V.E.
- Fulton schools received \$143,887 in state aid, \$11,700 in Title 1 funds and \$1,944 under the V.E. Act.

Ken Glickman, director of the Honors Band, will hold auditions on January 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in room 140 of the Performing Arts Building.

For more information, call LCC's Music Department, 373-7414 or 373-7214.

LCC names two groups

LANSING—Lansing Community College announces the formation of two new performing groups beginning winter term: The Lansing Area High School Honors Choir and the Lansing Area Honors Band.

These groups will provide high school juniors and seniors with the opportunity to perform on a year-round basis with other talented high school students from the area. Both groups will be composed of selected stu-

dents who will be chosen by audition.

Bea Jackson, director of the Honors Choir, will hold auditions on December 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room 224, of the Performing Arts Building at 210 W. Shiawassee.

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Ada Pontious, Donna Terrell and Margaret Bakos are all in Carson City Hospital at this time. Marshall Bensing and Margaret Saylor returned home from the hospital over the weekend.

The Bannister Methodist Sunday School program will be held at the church Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Dec. 18. Caroling by the Junior and Senior Choirs will be on Friday evening, Dec. 16.

To the Residents of DeWitt Township:
DEWITT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES—1978

JANUARY 3rd. (TUESDAY)	JULY 3rd.
FEBRUARY 6th.	AUGUST 7th.
MARCH 6th.	SEPTEMBER 5th.
APRIL 3rd.	(TUESDAY)
MAY 1st.	OCTOBER 2nd.
JUNE 5th.	NOVEMBER 6th.
	DECEMBER 4th.

These meetings will be held at the DeWitt Township Hall, 780 E. Wieland Road, at 8:00 p.m.

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Farm Produce 19

WANTED—CORN SILAGE OR EAR CORN. 669-9960.

50-3-p-19

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50-1-p

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42-9-p-19

FOR SALE—Angus heifer and bull calves 300-700 lbs. 669-9960.

50-3-p-21

Pets 23

FOR SALE—FURRY BUNDLE OF LOVE in time for Christmas. Old English Sheep dog, male AKC registered puppy \$150 to the right home. Ph. 224-3577.

50-2-p-23

Misc. 27

ALUMINUM WHEELS - 2 G 50's w-14" X 9" rims, 2 E 60's w-14" X 7" rims, \$195.00 or best offer. Must sell. Also 2 14" belted snow tires on Chevy rims \$30.00 or best offer. 647-7684 anytime. PGRCCN-50

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Misc. Wanted 28

TIMBER WANTED—Logs and standing timber. Logs delivered to our yard, DEVEREAUX SAWMILL, INC. 2872 N. Hubbardston R., Pawama, Mich. Phone 593-2424 and/or 593-2552. 40-tf-28

WOOD STOVES - All kinds. Lots of heat! Little wood! Also burn coal, charcoal or trash for heating or cooking. Anyone can eliminate the majority of their fuel cost. Furnace, supplements, or independent systems. Guaranteed. Call Dan 593-2683. PGCR-32 tfn

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48-3-p-29

BINGO—Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52.

50-TF-29

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33-tf-29

FOR SALE—Parts for all electric shavers. Levey's Jewelry, Elsie.

1-tf-29

BINGO—Holy Family Church, 510 Mabbitt Rd., Ovid. Monday 7 p.m.

16-tf-29

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50-3-p-29

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50-1-p-29

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45-tf-29

I wish to thank Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Grost, the nurses and nurses aides and orderlies for their care. Rev. Shaw for his prayers and visits, also my family for their prayers and deeds of kindness, my relatives and friends who sent flowers and cards, also the Clinton County Ambulance for their service while in the Clinton Memorial Hospital. God Bless you all.

Charles Nunemaker 50-1-DH

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many relatives, friends, neighbors and Rev. Jerry Cole for your many acts of kindness during the loss of our son and brother Glenwood "Woody" Fletcher. It was all very much appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fletcher & family 50-1-p-30

I wish to thank Dr. Butterick, Dr. Chun, Emergency Staff, nurses and aides, Frs. J. Schmitt, Albert Schmitt and Hankerd, Sr. Sheila, relatives, neighbors and friends for prayers, cards and visits during my stay at the hospital. It was greatly appreciated.

Louis Arens. 50-1-p-30

Household 32

FOR SALE—Sofa blue & brown, traditional style. White range. Ph. 224-2594.

48-3-p-32

Lost & Found 35

STRAYED OR STOLEN—1 male and one female Brittany Spaniel, brown & white dogs. Answers to names of Prince & Penny. Ph. 587-6679.

49-3-p-35

Legal news

State of Michigan
The Probate Court, for the County of Clinton, Estate of Lawrence Frechen, Deceased. File No. 1977-6.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday March 1st, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courthouse in St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Earl Frechen, 256 N. Maple, Fowler, Michigan, and Roy Frechen, R.F.D. 2, Fowler, Michigan. Co-Executors, prior to said hearing.

Dated: December 7, 1977
Attorney for Petitioner:
Robert H. Wood
Maples and Wood
306 N. Clinton
St. Johns, Michigan
Phone 224-3238
Petitioners:
S. Earl Frechen & Roy Frechen
256 N. Maple
Fowler, Michigan
&
R.F.D. No. 2
Fowler, Michigan

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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, Mortgagee, 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 the principal and interest in the sum of NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY 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 or 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 4th day of January, 1978, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the North Entrance to 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 fee, which said premises are described as follows in said Mortgage:

Part of the unplat portion of the Village (now City) of St. Johns, Clinton Co., Michigan, desc. as follows: Beginning 64 rods N and 26 2/3 ft. W of the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T2N, R2W, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, running thence N 75 feet, thence S 6 2/5 rods, thence E 75 feet, then S 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of 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 Capital Bldg. Lansing, Michigan 48933
Attorneys for Mortgagee

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. 76-204-GH) wherein CARL L. PEATEE, LAWRENCE J. PEATEE and GERALDINE E. PEATEE are Plaintiffs, and FRANK RESTER, JOHN SHIELDS, RODOLFO VY HAM, HUGH L. GROVER, ESTATE OF DONALD T. DIERKES, JR., DECEASED, JOHN T. BLOCK, 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 Courthouse 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 o'clock 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, T2N, R1W, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, consisting of approximately 22 1/2 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: November 17, 1977
Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
CUMMINS & CUMMINS
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
100 Capital Savings & Loan Bldg. Lansing, Michigan 48933
Telephone: (517) 489-7516

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE No. 71
CITY OF DEWITT
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES. THE CITY OF DEWITT ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ordinance Amendment Ordinance No. 71 of the Ordinances of the City of Dewitt is hereby amended and re-enacted in its entirety as follows:

Section 2. Code Adopted. The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages promulgated by the Commissioner of State Police on February 14, 1958, and published in supplement number 13, and as amended both on February 14, 1961, and published in supplement number 25, and on February 26, 1968, and published in supplement number 54, and on August 4, 1976, and published in supplement number 88, to the 1954 Michigan Administrative Code, in accordance with Public Act 62 of 1956, State of Michigan, is hereby adopted by reference as this Ordinance modified.

Section 3. References in Code. References in the Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages to "government unit" shall mean the City of Dewitt.

Section 4. Notice to be Published. The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall at the same time publish a supplementary notice setting forth the purposes and the fact that complete copies of the Code are available at the office of the Clerk for inspection by and distribution to the public at all times.

Section 5. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Changes in Code. Chapter 8. After section 8.24 add as follows:

Section 8.25 No person shall leave any vehicle parked upon any city street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 8.26 No person shall leave any vehicle parked in or upon the public streets or highways in the City of Dewitt in the area bounded by Franklin, Washington, Scott, and Jefferson Streets, including said streets, for a period exceeding two consecutive hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, inclusive, of each week.

Section 8.27 A citation shall be issued in accordance with Section 2.17b of this Ordinance, and a fine of Two Dollars (\$2.00) imposed for a violation of any parking regulation established by City Ordinance or state law. If said fine is not paid in person or by mail at the City Clerk's office within five days of the issuance of said citation, excluding holidays and weekends, said fine shall be increased to Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dewitt held December 5th, 1977, and shall become effective upon publication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Dewitt hereby authenticate this amendment of Ordinance No. 71 by their signatures.

SEAL OF THE CITY OF DEWITT
CITY OF DEWITT
William E. Drouin
Its Mayor
Sharon K. Pierce
Its Clerk-Treasurer

and wife, of 705 North Swegles Street, St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagees to CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a national banking corporation, with its principal offices situated in St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated May 24, 1973, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, on May 30, 1973, in Liber 71, page 343.

Mortgagee having elected, under the terms of said mortgage, to declare the entire principal and accrued interest thereon due, which election it does hereby exercise, pursuant to which there is claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage on the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 99/100 (\$25,846.99) DOLLARS and no civil suit or action or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 12th day of January, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the North Main Entrance of the Clinton County Courthouse, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within the said County) said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, and any sum which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes and or insurance on said premises, and all other sums paid by the undersigned, with interest thereon, pursuant to law and to the terms of said mortgage, and all legal costs and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, which premises are described as follows:

The South 1/2 of the Lot 14, and the North 40 feet of Lots 11, 12, and 13, all in Block 109, Village (now City) of St. Johns, according to the plat recorded on the wall in the Register of Deeds Office, Clinton County Records.

There being more than two-thirds (2/3) of the original indebtedness still due and owing to the mortgagees, their successors or assigns, or any person lawfully claiming from or under them shall, within SIX (6) months from the date of the aforesaid foreclosure sale, be entitled to redeem the entire premises sold, by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or to the Register of Deeds, in whose office the deed is deposited for benefit of such purchaser, the sum which was bid therefore, with interest from the time of sale at the rate percent borne by the mortgage plus any other sums required to be paid by law.

DATED: December 9, 1977
Clinton National Bank & Trust Company
Mortgagee
RANDY L. TAHVONEN
Attorney for Mortgagee

LEGAL NOTICE

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The following cases will be heard at that time:

Case No. AB-40.77 Ovid Township
Legal Description: SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26, Ovid Township

An application for appeal has been filed by Mr. Richard Ackels on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riddle pursuant to Section 4.12 of the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance as amended. Mr. Riddle is presently occupying a mobile home on the aforementioned premises in violation of Section 3.2 building permits, 3.7 Certificate of Use and Occupancy, 5.44 Uses permitted by Right in the A-1 district, 6.4 required water supply and sanitary sewerage, 6.5 uses of structures for temporary dwellings.

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The Zoning Department denied granting authority to reside on the premises and said applicants are aggrieved thereby and request an appeal from the Department's determination and request a hearing thereon.

AB 42 77 INTERPRETATION
A request for interpretation and clarification of a use not specifically delineated in any zone district is requested by the Clinton County Zoning Department. The Department requests use slaughterhouses to be classified and permitted accessory uses determined within perimeters of the purpose and intent of the 1971 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

AB 43 77 INTERPRETATION
The Clinton County Zoning Department requests an interpretation of Section 6.3(c) concerning forming uses, specifically the intent of the ordinance in reference to the word assessed valuation as a variable in determining a non-conforming use damage to the extent of 60 per cent of the assessed valuation. Was the intent of the ordinance to use the actual value of the premise in reference to determining the status of a building if destroyed?

Jack A. Nelson,
Zoning Administrator

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF PROJECT AREA AND PROJECT DISTRICT AREA TO THE TOWNSHIP PLAN.

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155 Sea Lions make up quite a team

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

Have you ever seen 155 Sea Lions in the St. Johns High School pool in one night? Don't expect to view the furry creature with whiskers—the St. Johns Sea Lions are a swim team composed of boys and girls ranging in age from six to 17 years of age.

Beginning its third season, Sea Lions competitive swim team has grown from a total of 39 swimmers in the fall of 1975 and 110 swimmers in the 1976 season.

Two hundred swimmers, including 50 returnees, tried out for the team this past fall, and according to Coach Gene Goins, "That's more response than was expected."

The Sea Lions is a low-budget, entirely voluntary, non-intrascholastic, cooperative effort to allow young people to develop their swimming skills and compete in swimming events on a regular basis.

Throughout their season which starts in early November and continues

through the beginning of March, the Sea Lions will swim in 14 meets against swim teams such as Jackson, Flint, DeWitt, Saginaw, Alma, Midland, Mt. Pleasant and Ann Arbor.

And, between meets, the team is practicing in the St. Johns pool, readying for the next meet.

Coach Goins deserves credit

Gene Goins, who is one of six coaches of the Sea Lions, deserved much of the credit for organizing the Sea Lions three years ago.

Moving to St. Johns from Flint where he coached competitive swimming for eight years, Goins was disappointed to find that St. Johns did not have a competitive swim team.

"I had four little swimmers (his children) and I wanted them to continue swimming," says Goins, who joined with fellow Federal Mogul employee Fred Meyer and took the task of organiz-

ing a competitive swim team upon themselves. Much credit also must be given to the parents of the swimmers, for it is the parents who keep the cost of joining the swim team down, and get the work done.

Because the Sea Lions is a strictly voluntary activity, swimmers are assessed a comparatively low team fee: \$19 for on child in a family, \$17 if two in a family swim, and \$15 for all others.

The Lansing swim team members pay fees in excess of \$100, but then parents don't have to donate their time, either.

Parents of Sea Lions have to participate in at least two meets during a season. They may be assigned as a timer, a concession stand operator, a driver to any away meet or a number of other duties.

"It takes so many people to run the program," admits Goins.

There is also a Parent Committee, as well as six coaches who devote much of

their leisure time to the Sea Lions program.

Coaches are Ben Munger, Jim Martindale, Art Stratton, George Gavenda, Fred Meyer and Goins.

The Parent Committee is composed of Chairman Perry Veasey; Secretaries Mike and Sarah Homant, Treasurer Kathy Martindale; Assistant Treasurer Sally Gavenda; Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Scranton who manage the concessions; Mrs. Galloway who is wagon master in charge of travel arrangements; Barb and Terry O'Connell, home meet coordinators; Lynn Mailand, Michigan Team representative; Mary Meyer, publicity; and Maryanne Welch, camp outing chairperson.

Camp outing chairperson is responsible for the overnight camping experience each Sea Lion is invited to attend before the season begins.

There were 166 Sea Lions at the YMCA camp in Flint this past fall. They got to know each other and "Then,

it's kind of fun the rest of the season," says Goins.

The season is not all fun, however. The swimmers practice in two shifts three times a week in preparation for the 82 events held during a Saturday swim meet.

The events are broken down into age groups for both the boys and girls. For example, there are seven 200-yard freestyle events, divided into the following groups: girls 10 and under, boys 10 and under, girls 11-12 years, boys 11-12 years, girls 13-14 years, boys 13-14 years, and girls 15-17. There is no division for boys aged 15-17 years because those boys are involved in the high school swim program.

Ribbons are awarded for the first, second and third place finishers in a division and it takes about three and one-half hours to complete a meet.

"This place is a madhouse," says Goins referring to the pool area during a meet. But, following the flurry of activity, the pool waters rest and wait calmly for the Sea Lions to return.



Coach Gene Goins leads some of the Sea Lions in a few cheers. "And we will fight," says one half of the group, while the other half responds, "And we will win."



As junior members of the St. Johns Sea Lions listen, Coach Gene Goins informs the swimmers of an upcoming meet. This is just a portion of the 155-member Sea Lions team.



The DeWitt Business Association recently had a poster contest to announce Santa's arrival at the V.F.W. Post in DeWitt on Dec. 17. Pictured are Willard Reed, president of the DeWitt Business Association, and Carl Ely, the contest winner. Carl received a \$10 gift certificate for his efforts.

DeWitt VFW and Auxiliary sponsoring Christmas party

The DeWitt VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary No. 671 is sponsoring its Annual Christmas Party for the area children on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Post home located at 126 North Bridge.

There will be two cartoon films shown at 1 p.m. and Santa will arrive, via fire truck, at 1:30 p.m.

As in the past, there will be cookies and hot chocolate for the children.

C.C. Hospital license renewed

The Carson City Hospital has received its 1978 license from the Michigan Department of Public Health for 114 total patient beds and 11 maternity beds. The inspection report from the Michigan Department of Health Nursing Division stated there were, "no items of non-compliance". The report from the Physical Plant Inspection of the Health Department stated, "No Violations".

"Carson City Hospital's fine Nursing Staff is to be complimented for their continued efforts in seeing that patient care in this hospital is above average. These efforts enabled the hospital to meet the stringent requirements of the Nursing Inspection with no violations cited," stated Donald F. McKenna, Administrator. The Carson City Hospital's Physical Plant has since 1975 been in an expansion

Eagle man's cause of death unknown

GRAND LEDGE — Authorities say its uncertain now whether the truth will ever be known in the June death of William Michael Lehman, 18, of Eagle.

That verdict comes in the wake of secondary test results from a Texas medical school showing no traces of toxic chemicals in tissue samples taken from the youth. Earlier tests for carbon monoxide traces were negative as well.

"It's really kind of mysterious," muses Eaton County Prosecutor Paul Berger. "We haven't closed our files, the State Police haven't. Maybe we never will."

The test results leave medical officials with no official cause of death for Lehman, who was discovered in a Grand Ledge city parking lot June 26. He was inside his own parked automobile, but the engine of the vehicle was running.

Almost immediately Grand Ledge police ruled Lehman's death an apparent suicide, a move which family and friends disputed. But it wasn't until seven weeks had passed that Berger ordered Lehman be exhumed for medical tests that weren't performed at the time of death.

"Now, more than three months after this, Berger and the State Police detective assigned to investigate Lehman's death say only one thing is certain: the case has not been and may never be closed.

The detective, Sergeant Dale Welton of the Lansing post, adds: "it could be anything. It's not necessarily

true that we're ever going to find an answer."

Welton points out that in a small percentage of cases, no cause of death can be detected by medical testing, and those cases remain unexplained.

Assigned to the case in mid-October, Welton says he's retracing every step of previous investigations into the death.

"I've got to talk to the (Grand Ledge) police. I've got to talk to the witnesses. I've got to talk to his friends and family. I've got to go over it all," he says.

But Welton notes that there has been no recent new information on the case. He won't comment on any of the information which came to light following the reopening of the case in August.

That information included a police report which said the lot in which Lehman was found had been examined and was empty at 2, 2:30 and 5 a.m. the morning of the youth's death. Yet, medical evidence indicated he had been dead since approximately 2 a.m., leaving open the question of how the auto arrived in the lot.

Other evidence which seemed to conflict with the original verdict of apparent suicide was the testimony of friends and relatives that the Eagle youth was in good spirits up to his death. No suicide note was found.

"I've been on a lot of suicides," Welton says. "About nine times out of ten the people who knew the victim are baffled as to why it would happen. I think that's common. And maybe only half the time a note is found when it's suicide."

The State Police detective admits, though, that he's never before studied a case in which neither scientific testing revealed no clue of death. Neither he nor Berger will rule out foul play in Lehman's death.

Welton says the cause might have been discovered had tests been performed on Lehman when he died, rather than seven weeks afterward. "But the police were just doing what they thought was right at the time. Looking back, you can say it should've been done earlier. But we aren't in the situation they were in then."

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