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Caroling...Caroling

St. Johns Congregational Church choir director Brian Payne led carols on the Clinton County Courthouse steps last Friday Evening, Dec. 23, as area residents joined in song. The caroling began at 7:30 p.m. and despite the cold weather, about 80 people, both young and old, turned out to herald the Christmas season.

1977 remembered; year draws to close

And thus another year becomes history.

In Clinton County, 1977 was a year of turmoil over increased taxes; a year of unusual weather including three tornadoes and a hot, dry summer; and it was a year of success for the Fowler schools, the Village of Ovid and the County Road Commission which received part of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds.

Following is a glimpse of the past year. That was the year that was...

January

Roger Overway was selected by unanimous vote as the new chairman of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the board's first meeting of the year.

St. Johns High School varsity basketball coach Doug Japinga announced his resignation as coach following pressures generated from within and outside the ranks of his team.

Michael Ferrance began duties as the DeWitt Township Chief of Police.

Bath school superintendent James Hixson announced his resignation. Max Brown was hired to fill Hixson's vacancy.

The city of St. Johns was awarded a \$198,000 Environmental Protection Administration grant for the development phase of its sanitary sewer renovation and expansion.

February

Watertown Township unanimously voted to place the Wacousta area in a lagoon system rather than go with a forced sewer main system into DeWitt.

The St. Johns High School gymnasium was officially named the Earl R. Lancaster Gymnasium in honor of the former St. Johns Superintendent of 24 years, Earl Lancaster.

Clinton County Soap Box Derby Committee voted to discontinue the annual event.

March

Sewage usage rates went up 50 per cent in DeWitt Township.

Clinton Commissioners voted to build a new county office building at an estimated cost of \$438,000. The building is located across from Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Bath Township sewage usage rates were increased from \$4 to \$5.50.

Fowler and Ovid-Elsie varsity boys' basketball teams claimed district championships.

Mrs. Wanieta Croad was sworn in as Maple Rapids postmaster, succeeding Velma Bancroft.

DeWitt girls' volleyball team won their regional Class C championship and St. Johns' volleyball team won their districts.

Annual Boards of Reviews were swamped with taxpayers appeals.

A third body in a year was found near Sleepy Hollow state park in Bath Township. The body belong to a 25-year-old Lansing man.

A Manpower Coordination office was set up in St. Johns at 200 W. State St.

A tornado touched down twice on the night of March 28 just north of St. Johns near the Wilbur Brandt home and the Richard Boelheke home.

April

A tornado touched down in Bath Township on April 2, causing an estimated \$206,000 in damages.

Clyde Springer of 901 W. McConnell, St. Johns, traveled to Washington, D.C. to present Amy Carter with Easter eggs.

Dredging of the Maple River began in late April.

May

May 7 was declared "25th Anniversary and George Fox Day" in Fowler, honoring the 1952 Class C State Championship Fowler basketball team and the achievements of Fowler graduate George Fox who coached Lansing Everett basketball team to a 1977 Class A state championship.

St. Johns City Manager Randy Humphrey resigned to accept a position in the law firm of Cotter, Janes and Hall in Mt. Pleasant. Roger VanDyk was hired to fill the vacancy.

Bath High School track team won the Clinton County track Meet in Ovid-Elsie on May 14.

Over 500 attended the commemoration of the Bath School disaster in which 45 people were killed and 43 were injured when the school exploded on May 18, 1927, 50 years ago.

St. Johns High School tennis team placed fourth out of 11 teams at the regionals.

June

Millage proposals were approved by voters in Bath, Ovid-Elsie, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia school Districts but a St. Johns millage proposal was soundly defeated.

DeWitt High School girls' softball team claimed the Class C State championship by defeating Niles Brandywine in the semi-finals and Centerline St. Clement in the finals.

The Wheel Inn Restaurant was gutted by fire on June 21.

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department added a new monthly community health clinic site in DeWitt at the South DeWitt Church of Christ each fourth Thursday of the month.

Fowler School Superintendent Roy Ellsworth made a trip to Washington, D.C. to dispute the elimination of Clinton County from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) "give-away" and Ellsworth's trip paid off as three projects were approved for funding by the EDA: the construction of the Fowler Middle School, the Ovid Village Hall and a Clinton County Road Commission project. Notification of the grants being given to these Clinton County units came in mid-July.

Clinton County Commissioners decided to withhold final payment to United Appraisal Corporation for its reappraisal of the county. Withheld was \$27,000 of the \$254,000 reappraisal cost. The money was withheld due to a large amount of errors in the reappraisal and dissatisfaction with the work of United Appraisal Corporation.

August

Clinton County 4-H Fair opened Aug. 15 and featured a variety of activities such as a pony pulling contest, a barbershop quartet and square dance demonstration, a parade, and the annual livestock sale.

Clinton County voters overwhelmingly turned down a request by the Clinton County Intermediate School District for a 1.95-mill levy for a vocational training center. The center went down, 3,285 to 1,618 votes.

St. Johns voters defeated a millage proposal of 17.75 and 1.75 mills combined ballots by 527 votes, the second time the millage increase was defeated that year.

The DeWitt Ox Roast and parade was held Saturday, Aug. 20.

September

A community and school volunteer program known as Community Resource Volunteers (CRV) which was introduced in 1976 in Clinton County

received a \$30,500 grant from the Charles S. Mott Foundation of Flint.

A tornado touched down on Price Road Sept. 17, destroying a garage estimated at \$7,000.

October

St. Johns residents voted to renew 17.25 mills for the operation of their schools following two defeats. The vote meant the school district had to cut \$304,161 from its proposed budget.

The first professional football game in the nation which took place in Shepardsville was commemorated with a special marker and ceremony on Oct. 9 by the Clinton County Historical Society.

Clinton 4-H Youth Agent John Aylsworth and Extension Agriculture Agent Bill Lasher announced their resignations to accept promotions with two other organizations. Lasher is working with the Soil and Water Conservation Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Aylsworth accepted a position with the state 4-H program.

November

Clinton Memorial Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary with three days of activities beginning Nov. 11.

Ovid broke ground for a new village hall Nov. 7. The village hall will be constructed using 100 per cent of federal funds.

A football gambling ring was broken up in Elsie by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, the Elsie Police Department, the Lansing Organized Crime Unit and the Clinton County Investigative Squad. Three persons were arraigned in connection with the gambling ring.

The United Way goal hit an all-time high—111 per cent of goal.

Theresa Dow and Mark Hansen were named the 4-H agent and agricultural agent to succeed John Aylsworth and Bill Lasher.

Another body was found in Bath Township, the body of a 32-year-old Texan.

A new corridor for approximately one-third of the proposed US-27 Freeway between Lansing and south of Ithaca was approved Nov. 16 by the Michigan State Highway Commission.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Fowler Middle School were held Nov. 21. The school will be financed entirely with federal funds by the EDA.

Approximately \$150,000 was offered to the Clinton County Road Commission to replace the State Road bridge over the Grand River in Eagle. Cost of replacing the bridge is estimated at \$420,000.

December

Triplets sons were born to Jim and Karen Carroll of 220 W. Main St., Elsie on Dec. 3 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

The St. Johns Chamber of Commerce sponsored a school financing forum on Dec. 7 when area residents were invited to speak to Representative Stanley Powell and Senator Richard Allen.

Mark "The Bird" Fidrych signed 1,500 autographs at St. Johns High School in a Dec. 14 appearance sponsored by the high school athletic department.

The DeWitt girls' basketball team claimed the state Class C championship.

New doctor to begin practice at Clinton Memorial Hospital

Beginning January 2, 1978, another new physician will begin practicing in the St. Johns area.

Ceneca T. Perez, M.D., is currently finalizing plans to open his practice as a general surgeon in St. Johns. His office will be located at 210 East Walker with doctors Russell, Grost and San Juan. The office phone is 224-2338.

In conjunction with his office practice, Doctor Perez will be performing general surgery at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and is a

fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Perez received his M.D. degree in the Philippines and came to this country in 1966. He served his internship and four-year surgical residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Following these training experiences, he chose to remain in New York.

Included in his experiences at St. John's Episcopal were the assistant directorship, emergency room; surgical attending staff; and his latest position, associate director, Department of Surgery. He had an active

general surgical private practice for six years in New York.

Doctor Perez became interested in moving to St. Johns on his first visit with his wife. After three visits, it was decided that the move would be made.

Paul E. McNamara, hospital administrator, stated, "We are very pleased to have Dr. Perez join the community and hospital. He brings with him a wide variety of experiences which will be helpful for everyone."

Dr. Perez will reside in the St. Johns area with his wife, Chita, and their four children, Cheryl, 11; Christine, six; Claudia, five; and Carla, two.



CB club donates equipment

Representative of the Mid-State Citizens Band (CB) Club (SCBC) consisting of 25 families in the St. Johns area, donated several pieces of equipment to the St. Johns Fire Department and the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Friday night, Dec. 23. Presenting two self-contained breathing tanks are Bob Sheren, president of the MSCBC, (third from left) and Kay Howard, vice-president of the CB club. Receiving the equipment were (from left) Mayor John Arnhart, Fire Chief Clare Maier, and Firemen Scott Knight and Gary Biddinger.



Sheren and Mrs. Howard made the presentation to the ambulance service and accepting the equipment are Dennis Koenigsnecht (left) and Tom Benson. Fifty per cent of the profits realized from Mid-State CB Club activities are given to civic projects.

Be a friend and a host New Year's Eve

If those tablets that go "Plop Plop, Fizz, Fizz" are needed to bring relief the morning after holiday drinking, Automobile Club of Michigan cautions that you should not have been driving the night before.

Recognizing that 80 per cent of Michigan's motorists will drink over the Christmas-New Year's holidays, Auto Club is giving this advice for party goers through its "First A Friend, Then A Host" program—Go by bus, taxi or let a sober friend do the driving.

"Last year, alcohol was a factor in 62 per cent of Michigan's traffic fatalities during the Christmas-New Year's holidays," states James Moffat, Auto Club general manager.

"Through our 'First A Friend, Then A Host' program conducted each Christ-

mas-New Year's season, we want to remind party hosts that they have an obligation to help 'Bring 'Em Back Alive!'"

The FAFTAH program, established in 1966, reminds party hosts not to put guests in a position where they must drive home after being served too many alcoholic beverages.

"Since Auto Club began its FAFTAH program, the death toll over the Christmas-New Year's holidays has been cut from a daily average of 10 in 1965 to less than four last year," state Moffat.

"Although the best advice for reducing traffic deaths is for holiday celebrants not to mix drinking and driving, we realize the impracticality of such a goal," said Moffat. "We recommend that motorists drink no more than one

ounce of alcohol per hour."

Auto Club reminds party hosts they can help guests get home safely by following these tips:

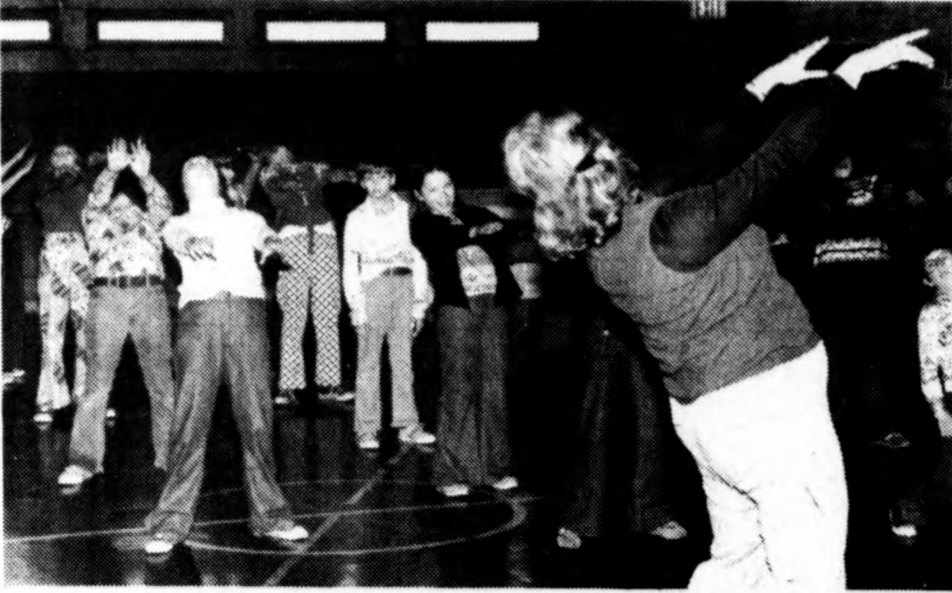
—If offering drinks, serve snacks or a meal to slow the alcohol absorption rate.

—Taper off drinks early and serve coffee and dessert.

—Coffee, tea, milk and other non-alcoholic beverages have no sobering effect, but they can be used as substitutes for alcohol when the hour grows late.

An Auto Club analysis shows the most likely candidates for fatal traffic accidents this holiday are drivers 26 years old or younger returning home in

(Please see Page 15.)



Community Resource Volunteer (CRV) Loretta Escher helps the fourth graders at Central School in Imogene Beck's class learn the basics of rhythm and dance methods.

Kids, parents can dance together

If you are intrigued with modern dance and exercises and would like to share an experience with a group of fourth graders you can join in a Community Resource Volunteers project headed by Mrs. Loretta Escher.

Mrs. Escher will be working with fourth graders from Mrs. Imogene Beck's class at Central School during January. Mrs. Beck and her students spend their gym time at Swegles School each Thursday.

"I know there are other adults in the community interested in dance routines and exercises who could share these experiences with children and teachers," Mrs. Escher said. "Even if they have had no training but enjoy rhythm and movement in a self-expressive context, they should come and participate with us,"

she invited. Mrs. Escher has spent many hours working with children in body movement and dance, much of the time as a volunteer. When the family came to St. Johns seven years ago, she spent three years doing a volunteer exercise program at Central School. This past summer, Mrs. Escher and St. Johns music teacher, Jean Fangboner, held a one-day workshop in music and movement for the summer enrichment program. She also did the choreography for the Riley School music program last spring.

Elementary children do not have an organized physical education program in St. Johns schools. Each teacher takes the responsibility for her (his) own class during a 30-minute a week gym period. Where there is no gym-

nasium at Central and Theresa Merrill schools, students are bussed to another school for this time each week.

Modern dance movements use all the various muscles of the body making this an ideal life-time exercise. Body stretches and other movements done during the dance warm-up can be used right in the classroom as a limbering up exercise each day.

"Body movement and rhythm are important to both the physical and mental development of human beings," Mrs. Escher said. Through modern dance children learn to be aware of themselves as they exist and move in the space they occupy. The emphasis of this program is on individuality and uniqueness; everyone is his own self.

Persons who would like to share in this project with Mrs. Beck's class and possibly other classes can call CRV 224-8285 for further information. CRV is sponsored through a grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation.

Happy today, sad tomorrow—what's the explanation?

By Patrice Hornak
Editor

It's Christmas time and for the holidays you want to be at your best—physically, emotionally and intellectually. But, will you be?

One way to find out is to chart your biorhythm—if you believe that biorhythms are reputable.

Francis M. Justice, Elsie, was northbound on Hollister and a car driven by Barbara J. Williams, also of Elsie, was southbound on Hollister Road. Williams crossed the centerline and when she tried to pull into her own land lost control of the auto sliding sideways, straddling the centerline. She hit the Justice auto. Justice and two passengers were injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital. Williams was cited by deputies for failure to use due care and caution. The accident happened on Dec. 20 at 9:40 a.m.

Lawrence Hospital. David L. Finkbeiner, Detroit, stated to deputies he was travelling northbound on US-27 when he lost control of the auto near Centerline Road on Dec. 22 at 9:17 p.m. The car then rolled over after leaving the roadway. He was injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital. He was cited for a violation of the basic speed law.

Gladstone and a passenger were injured and taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was cited for a violation of the basic speed law. Jack P. Waldron, Grand Rapids, and Royal C. Ritter, Pottsville collided on DeWitt Road near Townsend on Dec. 23 at 10:15 a.m. Waldron and Ritter were injured and sought their own treatment.

by a car driven by Edward J. Ledvina, 546 S. Park, Lansing, who was attempting to pass when he struck the Sleight auto, forcing it into a ditch. The accident happened on Dec. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Kurt F. Gubert, East Lansing, was southbound on Main Street and was about to pass a tractor driven by Dean A. Fedewa, Westphalia. When Fedewa started to turn onto Hanes Road the right front of the Gubert auto struck the tractor causing the driver to lose control and slide into a ditch. The incident happened on Dec. 22 at 10 a.m.

Scott G. Oakes, Portland, was northbound on M-100 and Glenn Conley, Ionia, was westbound on Grand River Highway. Conley failed to stop for a stop sign and collided with the Oakes auto on Dec. 23 at 4:19 p.m. Oakes and a passenger were injured and taken to St. Lawrence Hospital. Conley and a passenger were also injured and taken to St.

Albert H. Bosse, Grand Ledge, was westbound on Grand River and lost control of his auto on the ice and snow covered roads. Bosse was injured when the car rolled over and taken to St. Lawrence Hospital for treatment. He was cited by deputies for a violation of the basic speed law resulting from the accident which happened on Dec. 21 at 6:25 p.m.

Todd R. Droste, Westphalia, was eastbound on Price Road and was turning north onto Walnut Street when an unidentified vehicle was westbound on Price Road and struck the Droste vehicle on the right front side. The unidentified vehicle did not stop but continued travelling on Price Road. There were no reported injuries in the accident which happened on Dec. 23 at 7:40 a.m.

Cars driven by Joseph L. Dyer, Grand Ledge and Michael Dunn collided on Grand River Highway on Dec. 22 at 9:42 p.m. Dyer was attempting to turn around and got stuck on the ice and couldn't move. The Dunn auto could not stop in time, striking the Dyer auto. There were no injuries.

Robert J. Gladstone, III, 610 E. Cass St., St. Johns was southbound on US-27 when it went off the road on Dec. 24 at 2 a.m. and went into the ditch rolling over.

A car driven by Mildred L. Sleight, 2340 E. Price, St. Johns, was south bound on US-27 when she was struck

There were two car-deer accidents handled by the deputies and four other minor accidents.

Biorhythms describe the "apparent ebb and flow of life energy," according to an article entitled, "Biorhythms: A Key to Your Ups and Downs," which appeared in the September 1977 issue of Reader's Digest.

participants such as football teams and boxers to determine which side will win.

According to Reader's Digest, "a growing body of evidence is being collected and analyzed by researchers at more than a dozen U.S. and Canadian universities.

Much of it indicates that there probably is something to the biorhythm theory, and suggests potential application."

Though the theory of biorhythms is just that—a theory—some degree of trust in Biorhythms is being

exercised today as a few airlines are charting the biorhythms of their pilots and making sure a pilot about to make a flight is not at a critical stage.

So, now when you need an excuse for your sluggishness or inability to win at ping-pong, chart your biorhythm.



According to the biorhythm theory, you operate on three cycles, namely, physical, emotional and intellectual. The physical cycle operates on a 23-day cycle; the emotional on a 28-day cycle; and the intellectual cycle covers 33 days.

By computing how many days you have lived, using a formula listed in Reader's Digest, you can determine when the cycles are at their high peaks and when they are low.

Now, when a cycle is in a low period, you are in a "recharge period." When the cycle is high, you have "energy to spare"—you would be energetic physically, creative and cheerful emotionally and able to think quickly and logically intellectually.

Determine when the cycle is at a high or a low is also described in the Reader's Digest article. Everything needed to compute the cycles is available in the article.

Critical days, or days when our systems are going from high to low or low to high can also be determined. "Critical days are days when things are most likely to go wrong," says Reader's Digest.

The same is true for sports—some biorhythm believers are charting athletic



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No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty days (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Dec. 10, 1977
Date

Paul Nobis, Board Chairman

How much does the state give local school systems? Graph gives details

By Tom Nowak
Staff Writer

Even though Clinton County taxpayers feel they are being shortchanged by the state formula for funding public schools, the new method of determining state aid is resulting in more dollars going to local school districts around the state, according to state officials.

And, if the new aid system

works as its designers claim it will, next year it will offer still more money to some school districts, often while allowing a reduction in local property taxes.

The new plan, which was sponsored by Speaker of the House Bobby Crim signed into law last August, is similar to the formula which was previously in use in Michigan. However, one significant change will benefit districts which have relatively low millage rates.

The Crim plan and the old plan are similar because both involve "equal yield" formulas, guaranteeing that a mill levied in any school district will yield a minimum number of dollars per pupil, regardless of the wealth of the district.

The number of dollars per pupil a mill yields is dependent on the wealth of a district, measured in state equalized value (SEV) per pupil. The greater the SEV per pupil, the more dollars per pupil one mill will raise.

An equal yield plan tries to eliminate those differences by guaranteeing every mill will yield a total number of dollars equal to that of a district with a \$40,000 SEV per pupil.

For example, two school districts may be levying 25 mills for school operation. The first district has a SEV per pupil of \$40,000 while the second district has a SEV per pupil of \$20,000. The local property tax in the first district yields \$1,000 per pupil while the second district, even though it has the same tax rate, only raises \$500 per pupil.

Under the equal yield provision of the formula, the state would give the second district an additional \$500 per pupil for a total of \$1,000 per pupil, the same as if the SEV per pupil was \$40,000.

This year, the state will guarantee an equal yield on up to 30 mills. If a district decides to levy more than 30, the additional mills raise revenue only from local sources.

But according to Robert McKerr, associate superintendent for business and finance for the Michigan Department of Education, the new formula has an additional provision which will give a boost to districts with low millage rates.

After the amount of state aid per pupil under the formula has been figured out, he said, an additional \$164 per pupil is given to all school districts. So, in the example above, the district which receives \$500 in formula aid also will get an additional \$164, making the total package \$664 per pupil.

In addition, the district which received no state aid under the formula section of the plan would get \$164. For that matter, if the SEV per pupil of a district was \$41,000, more than what the state would guarantee, it still would get state aid, for under the formula section of the plan the district would be entitled to a negative \$25 per pupil. The \$164 would be added, and the state aid for that district would be \$139 per pupil.

Gene Caesar, education consultant to Crim and designer of the plan, said this provision would benefit districts with lower tax rates because they would be guaranteed the \$164 regardless of the amount of millage levied, while money allotted under the formula is determined in part by the district's millage rate.

"The effect of the change is to make state aid less dependent on the number of mills a district levies," he said. "It makes revenue available slightly less dependent on the willingness of a child's parents and neighbors to approve property taxes."

McKerr said it was not known if more districts would qualify for state aid under Crim's plan, but that the state expected to pay out \$5 million more in aid.

According to McKerr, the formula will again be changed for the next school year, guaranteeing millage levied about 30 mills. However, those mills above 30 will be treated in a different way.

Take again as an example a district with a SEV per pupil of \$20,000, and this time assume it levies 34 mills. The first 30 will be handled the same way as this year.

The four extra mills would yield a total of \$80 per pupil from local sources. But if that district had a SEV per pupil of \$40,000 (the guaranteed level), it would only take two mills to raise the \$80 per pupil.

So under next year's plan, the state will allow the district to cut its local millage by two mills and make up the lost revenue in increased state aid. The district will still receive \$80 per student for the mills above 30, but part of that money will come from state aid while local taxes will be reduced.

"This enables districts that had to levy high millages to reduce the millage slightly without loss of revenue," Caesar said.

"The net return to the district will not be one

penny more," he added. "For the mills above 30, it receives exactly the same number of dollars even with the state aid."

McKerr said that critics of the Crim plan argue that this provision could actually lead to higher millage rates in the future. Districts might use the plan in seeking additional millage, he said, knowing part of the millage increase would be paid by the state.

"Districts can use it to seek additional millage authorization," he said, "assuming that if you vote additional millage you won't have to pay all of it."

Once again using the district with a SEV per pupil of \$20,000 as an example, assume the district already levying 30 mills, decides it needs an additional \$80 per pupil. That would require a millage increase of four mills. The district could have an easier time getting voters to approve those four mills if it tells voters that after approving the millage, the state would reduce the tax by two mills and increase state aid payments.

"While the intent may be to keep districts from asking

for higher millages," McKerr said, "the net result may be the opposite."

Caesar did not deny that such maneuvers were possible, but said they were unlikely.

"Either way they're getting the same amount of money," he said, "and I doubt if we have any idiots running schools who worry chiefly whether the money comes from the state or local sources."

"Besides, a district would have to make a deceptive-sounding pitch to the voters if they wanted to get that message across."

Exhibits being sought for County Awareness Day on February 25

Exhibits depicting facets of life in Clinton County are being sought for the Clinton County Awareness Day, a county-wide forum slated for the discussion of concerns to Clinton residents on Feb. 25.

Area organizations, agencies, schools, public governments and other groups are invited to put up "Awareness Exhibits" which would broaden the county residents' perspectives of Clinton County.

Co-chairmen of the County Awareness Day, Gerald Ambrose and Don Redman, may be contacted for further information about the exhibits. Ambrose may be reached at the Clinton

County courthouse and Redman may be contacted at Central National Bank in St.

Johns. All residents of Clinton County are invited to attend

the County Awareness Day which will be held at St. Johns High School.

Sealed Power reports promotions

Three area men received promotions at Sealed Power Corporation recently, according to Dean Bosman, plant manager.

Jary Proctor of Fowler has been promoted to the position of inspection supervisor. Proctor started working at Sealed Power in 1964 and

has worked on a variety of machine operations prior to being promoted to machine shop foreman in 1971.

Jack Birdsley of St. Johns was promoted to the position of machine repair and tooling supervisor. He joined Sealed Power in 1947 as a machine operator. Most

recently he has been a machine shop foreman. He and his wife Bonna, have three children.


Jim Miller of St. Johns has been promoted to Machine shop foreman, he joined Sealed Power in 1973. Miller and his wife Lisa, have one child, which was born on Dec. 17, 1977.

Bath

Operating millage: 28.0 mills

SEV per pupil: \$16,773

State aid per pupil: \$822




DeWitt

Operating millage: 29 mills

SEV per pupil: \$18,340

State aid per pupil: \$810




Fowler

Operating Millage: 25.0 mills

SEV per pupil: \$19,853

State aid per pupil: \$667




Fulton

Operating millage: 25.5 mills

SEV per pupil: \$24,876

State aid per pupil: \$550




Ovid-Elsie

Operating millage: 26.75 mills

SEV per pupil: \$23,878

State aid per pupil: \$599




Pewamo-Westphalia

Operating millage: 26.5 mills

SEV per pupil: \$24,401

State aid per pupil: \$575




St. Johns

Operating millage: 25.75 mills

SEV per pupil: \$24,566

State aid per pupil: \$558




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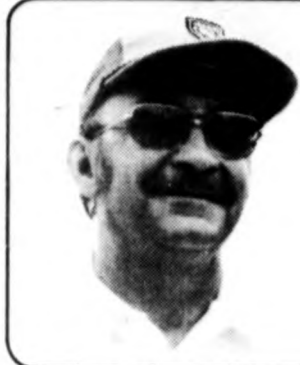
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It could have happened

By Richard L. Milliman

It's the Christmas Season - time for happiness and joy, time for giving and forgiving, time for good will toward all men and women.

Christmas Season - time for family and friends, time for feasting and frivolity, time for faith and prayer.

So, in honor of the Season, the column will forego for now politics and government, lobbying and lawmaking, dissent and social commentary. There's time enough for that sort of thing during the rest of the year.

Here's an essay you might want to ponder—author unknown, at least to me—which I ran across somewhere.

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A little of everything

By Patrice Hornak

Like the song says: Here's to good friends.

The end of the year is usually accompanied with a bit of nostalgia, of reminiscing through memories of the year past. And, interspersed with those memories are good friends, the people who have made the past year a good memory.

Certainly, this year has been filled with good friends and good memories.

As I recall 1977, I remember moving to our first home—and there were good friends who helped us move our collection of three years of marriage from the second floor of an older home, down the circular staircase, through the rain to our home.

I also recall football Homecoming at our alma mater, going from party to game to party to party... greeting college friends and renewing friendships as the day progressed.

Then, there was my husband's birthday when his "good friends" kidnapped him (or so he says) and FORCED him to play golf after work. He was late for his own birthday dinner, attended by some friends and relatives. What are friends for, anyway!

I recall the joy of our friends when babies were born into their homes. These couples have shared with us the joy and sometimes frustrations of a baby... but mostly the joy.

And, there must be some mention of business friends—of all the friends I have through my old job at the Gratiot County Herald and all my friends in my new job at the County News. They certainly have made work a pastime to look forward to instead of a place to make money.

1977 has been a wonderful year, and our friends deserve much of the credit. Thanks, friends.

Letter to editor

CRV talents praised

Dear Patrice, I would like to use your "letters to the editor" column to say "thank you" to some special people in Clinton County who have been sharing their time and talents through Community Resource Volunteers.

More than 1,243 school children in the county had contact with a volunteer just during the month of December, many in special Christmas projects.

About 25 different volunteers helped teachers and students with dough art, forms of stained glass, candle making, yarn flowers, Christmas arrangements, printing, latch hooking, bead craft, decorated cookies and plastic cup ornament. CRV even had Santa on its volunteer list this season and he appeared at several schools to pass out candy and treats.

One of our main goals with CRV is to expose children to other adult people from their community in an interesting and fun activity. When an older person goes into a classroom to help children learn how to wrap and make yarn flowers, something happens way beyond forming a flower.

other people care about them and what they learn and experience each day. Someone new and different responds to them.

At the same time, the children and staff at our area schools are making a significant contribution to the lives of the people who are volunteering. The warmth and eagerness that has been spread by children and teachers is taken back out into the community to be shared with family and friends.

Since September when CRV received its grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation, more than 60 persons in the St. Johns area have been active in a volunteer service. In some cases it has been a one-time contact with one or more classrooms; in other cases it is an on-going once or twice a week meeting with an individual child or small group.

Most of these people have been thanked by the children and teachers they were involved with but I want to give a special "thank you" to all of them and invite other community members to join their forces.

Sincerely,
Sharon Randall

The census-taker from Rome was sent to Galilee around the year 28 A.D. As he entered the region, he came across a man sitting on a donkey. The man had long hair and a flowing beard; he wore an old tattered cloak, sandals and beads.

"Pardon me," said the census-taker, "but I'm taking the census. Do you mind answering a few questions?"

"Not at all," said the man on the donkey. "I believe in rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

"I have no job," replied the man. "Consider the lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin."

"Where is your family?" asked the census-taker.

"I have no family," the man answered. "I have left my parents and my brothers and sisters, and I live alone."

"Humph," muttered the census-taker to himself. "No job and no fixed income." Then turning again to the man: "Now, do you belong to any clubs or social affiliations?"

"None," said the man, "for no man can serve two masters."

"Do you go to school?" the census-taker asked.

"No," replied the man, "for which of us by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?"

"Do you have any money or visible means of support?"

The man shook his head: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt," he replied.

"Have you registered for military service?" the census-taker asked, going on down his standard list of questions.

"I resist not evil, but return good for evil," the man replied. "And whosoever shall smite me on the right cheek, I shall turn to him the other also."

"What is your address?"

The man sighed: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but I have not anywhere to lay my head."

"What are your political beliefs? What political party do you belong to?" the census-taker asked.

The man shrugged: "Only this—a new commandment I give unto you: That ye love one another."

"Who are your friends and associates?" the census-taker asked.

"I go among publicans and sinners, the poor and the lowly," he responded.

The census-taker scribbled on his sheet: "Beatnik character, school drop-out, no permanent address, no job, probable draft-dodger and pacifist, alienated from family, no wife or children, no church attendance, dubious associates among lowest elements in town."

Almost finished now, the census-taker turned again to the man: "One more thing," he asked. "What is your name?"

The bearded one smiled sadly: "Some call me the Son of Man."

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Who knows? It could have happened... in 28 A.D.... or even today.

Back Through the Years



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

December 28, 1967
10 years ago

Welcome back to winter. It looked for awhile like Clinton County and much of the rest of the Midwest might not get a white Christmas but instead would have green grass, and balmy breezes. Then, just a scant few hours before astronomers marked the official start of winter at 8:15 a.m. last Friday, Mother Nature took hold and brought the picture back to normal.

A twice-defeated city charter amendment proposal will be on the ballot along with the income tax referendum in February - maybe. The city commission passed a resolution by a 3-2 vote last Tuesday night to place the amendment in front of the voters, but this time the amendment will call for a limitation of 15 mills (instead of 20 mills previously) on the amount of tax the city may assess.

January 1, 1948
30 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wieber, of St. Johns, narrowly escaped with their lives early Wednesday morning when fire swept through the Bradley Grocery building on Clinton avenue, causing more than \$50,000 damage.

A familiar face will be gone from the St. Johns' post office after today. George E. Osgood is changing jobs after 32 years as a regular at the office. Osgood will take over rural route No. 5 that has been handled by Wm. Puetz, a wartime appointee, for the past few years. Osgood has resigned as assistant postmaster and is through today, Dec. 31.

Miss Brunetta Mazzolini, former St. Johns girl who has appeared in several motion pictures and toured the west coast with the Los Angeles Grand Opera Company, will make her first appearance before a home-town audience in over a year, when she presents a voice recital at the high school auditorium Friday evening.

December 26, 1957
20 years ago

The Byerly chain grocery store in Elsie was completely destroyed in a fire that was discovered about 4 a.m. last Thursday morning. Total loss was estimated by company officials and Joe Bar-tek, owner of the building, at in excess of \$70,000. The new store building was completed and occupied for the first time in August of 1955. George Barber, 90, 232 W. Front St., died at the Ovid Nursing Home Friday morning following an illness of several months. Mr. Barber was a well-known barber and businessman for nearly 60 years.

Up-to-date as it may seem, noise-making — including blowing horns and beating drums—was an old American Indian custom for celebrating New Year's Day. So it's stated in Andrew J. Blackbird's "History of the Ottawa and Chippewa" in the possession of the University of Michigan Historical Collection.

December 30, 1937
40 Years Ago

Going home for Christmas spelled death for Paul H. Hotton, 22, Fennville, Michigan, young man, who was fatally injured in an auto accident on US-27 in DeWitt township early Friday afternoon, Dec. 24. The smash-up occurred at the top of the hill just south of the Looking Glass River Bridge.

In a decision handed down in chancery court at St. Johns Friday, Dec. 24, Judge Kelley S. Searl ruled against the plaintiff, Mrs. Veda Terbusch of Owosso, in a suit involving real estate and personal property estimated to be worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mrs. Terbusch who before her marriage was Miss Veda Troop of St. Johns, came into court in an attempt to set aside certain bequests made by her father, the late George Troop, who died last fall at his home in Ovid Township, a few miles southeast of St. Johns.

Personality Profile



Maridell Nelson

To many she is the 'Postcard Lady'

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Who is the Post Card Lady?

Those who are into deltiology (the study of post cards) in the Clinton County area know she is Maridell Nelson. How she came about getting the name is a story in itself.

"I really started getting serious about my post cards 10 years ago," she explained. "Regularly I used to call the radio station asking for post cards. Pretty soon the announcer got so he knew my name and he started calling me the Post Card Lady."

Maridell said she used to find little packages or envelopes stuck in her door addressed in this way, so she decided she would start using the name herself.

Her interest in post cards began at age nine when she received one from her grandmother. It was a very beautiful Christmas card and because it came from her grandmother, it was all the more special.

While she lived in Oklahoma, she dabbled in the hobby, and did not get into it again until she moved to St. Johns. Now she has over 90,000 postcards in her Lansing Street home.

Mrs. Nelson noted the hobby was becoming as widespread throughout the country as stamp collecting. There are even post card collecting clubs although she doesn't belong to any. "I guess I've done well enough on my own," she commented.

Post cards first came into existence in 1865 and were invented by a German professor. The peak of post carding was between the 1880-1918 and they were originally published to appeal to collectors. Many of them were considered collector's items when they were new.

A lot of post cards are considered antiques because they are almost impossible to duplicate because of the method used in processing the various colors.

There are hundreds of categories in post carding and categories within categories. "It's really fun sorting them into categories," Maridell says. "It's a way to lose yourself completely in what you are doing."

Mrs. Nelson continued by saying collecting postcards is a way of preserving history. A lot of times postcards have pictures of old buildings on them. After they are torn down or destroyed a post card is about the only way to remember.

"It just kills me when I hear that someone has burned a box of them because they didn't know they were worth saving... or worse yet when someone decoupages them," she commented.

Mrs. Nelson mentioned it was interesting to her to learn some well-known artists designed post cards to exist and

some actors and actresses posed for post cards when they were between jobs.

Post cards can be made out of anything from metallic objects, real hair, wood, aluminum, bamboo and mother-of-pearl insets. Some have Indian head pennies on them, and some really sought-after cards are hand-painted on real silk.

How does one go about obtaining post cards? "Well, I go to auctions, advertise, and bring it up in conversation... all the time," she added.

"For me it is a form of relaxation," Maridell said. "I can forget my troubles, and tiredness... it's therapy for me."

The amount of time she spends on her cards depends on the mood she is in. "And you have to be in the right mood to work on them," she asserted. Sometimes she said she even takes them to bed with her.

"I don't often read the backs of the post cards because I feel it is a very personal way of communication," she said.

"However, there was this one time I just couldn't resist," Maridell added with a smile.

She related a story about the time she started reading about a young man who collected post cards. When he became a teenager he started getting quite a few cards from young ladies inviting him to parties, church dinners and the like. From there it became just one girl. She more or less relived their courtship through the cards. They got married, and then started saving the post cards together.

Maridell keeps her cards in boxes, file cabinets, and albums, adding she keeps the most valuable ones in albums. The oldest card she has dates back to 1888.

"They just keep getting higher and higher in price because some of them are very scarce and can't be duplicated," she said. She has quite a few cards of famous people in famous places and Hollywood stars' homes.

Mainly she collects greeting cards because they are the most lovely in her opinion.

Maridell noted she doesn't sell her cards. She commented once you start selling and buying a lot, it doesn't stay a hobby but becomes a business... something she doesn't want to get into.

Besides collecting post cards, Maridell works at the Clinton County News and the Colonial Restaurant. In her spare time she reads and plays bingo.

Maridell has a married daughter, Nancy Pumfrey who is living in Arizona. She is anxiously awaiting the birth of her first grandchild some time in January. She also has a daughter, Sandy who is a junior at Central Michigan University, and a son, Alan, a junior at St. Johns High School.

"I don't just collect post cards for the sake of collecting. I collect them because I love them," she said in conclusion.



Faces in the Forces

Douglas Becher Timothy Hehrer

He joined the Navy in September of 1977.

Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic Second Class Douglas E. Becher, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Becher of 103 W. Steel, St. Johns has reenlisted for six years while serving with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Seven, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Brook Clock

Navy Seaman Recruit Brook J. Clock, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Clock of 340 W. Pearl St., Ovid, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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.

He joined the Navy in September of 1977.

James Page

Navy Seaman James L. Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden M. Page of 9950 East M-21, Ovid, has helped his ship win a competitive award.

He is serving as a crew member aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Richard E. Byrd, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

His ship was awarded the Navy's Battle Efficiency Award in recognition of its outstanding accomplishments and competitive scores obtained while assigned as a unit of the NATO Atlantic Standing Naval Force.

His ship is 437 feet long, displaces 4,500 tons and carries a crew of 354 officers and enlisted men. She is outfitted with guns, missile launchers, torpedo tubes and an antisubmarine rocket launcher.

A 1975 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, he joined the Navy in June of 1975.

Allan Wilcox

Navy Interior Communications Electrician Fireman Allan G. Wilcox, son of Wayne R. Wilcox of 1847 Clark Road, DeWitt, recently participated in a search and rescue mission in the Mediterranean Sea.

He is serving as a crew member aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal, homeported in Norfolk, Va. His ship is operating as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

On Nov. 25, his ship was involved in the search and rescue of five sailors who were adrift at sea in a utility launch. Marine Corps helicopters embarked aboard the Guadalcanal located the disabled craft in the Gulf of Salerno, 20 miles south of the Italian island of Capri. All five sailors were found to be in good condition and were hoisted aboard the Marine Ch-46 "Sea Knight" transport helicopter.

The Guadalcanal is 592 feet long, displaces 18,300 tons and carries a crew of 528 officers and enlisted men. She is designed to transport assault forces for amphibious operations and normally embarks a Marine battalion landing team and Marine helicopter squadron during the deployment.

He joined the Navy in June of 1975.

Arthur Trew

Marine Private Arthur J. Trew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Trew of 10759 Babcock, Bath, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He joined the Marine Corps in August of 1977.

Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy A. Hehrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Hehrer of 8993 N. Meridian Road, Elsie, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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.

Alvin Test

Navy Electrician's Mate Third Class Alvin R. Test Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Test Sr. of 15429 Webster Road, Bath, recently participated in exercise "Unitas XVIII" in the Southern Hemisphere.

He is serving as a crew member aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Mahan, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

He was one of more than 1,000 Navy men taking part in the annual exercise,

which included circumnavigating South America. "Unitas XVIII" was the eighteenth in a series of combined U.S. and South American naval exercises. It was designed to promote a high state of preparedness and cooperation between the various naval and air forces that protect the southern sea lanes of the Western Hemisphere.

U.S. forces, along with navies of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela participated in the training operations, including antisubmarine and anti-air warfare, surface gunnery and communications exercises.

During the cruise, he and his shipmates transited the

Panama Canal and Visited Peru, Chile and Colombia. Participating ships crossed the Equator twice, cruised 24,000 miles and visited 22 South American cities during the four and one-half month exercise.

Test joined the Navy in January of 1974.

Scott Sholty

Marine Lance Corporal Scott N. Sholty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max N. Sholty of 8834 W. Howe Road, Eagle, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Marine Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

He joined the Marine Corps in July of 1976.

Editorial

Local control of education is important

By Tom Nowak
Staff Writer

Much dissatisfaction with the current system of funding public schools was voiced at last week's forum on school financing held in St. Johns.

Clinton County residents are faced with genuine hardships because of the increasing assessed value of their land and reduced farm incomes, and a shift to a statewide income tax to fund schools would eliminate these hardships.

But before taxpayers jump behind the income tax proposal, they should realize the consequences of the change.

First, despite the real inequities of the property tax, the present system is not as insidious as its critics make it out to be. For example, a ballot proposal calling for the shift in school funding from the now-hated property tax to a state income tax was defeated by Michigan voters in 1972—Clinton County voters turned down the change by 1,500 votes. The legislature is not acting unreasonably in continuing a policy approved by popular vote.

The equal yield concept, which is designed to help school districts with a low state equalized valuation per pupil, is not meant to be a penalty to districts with higher valuations. The formula guarantees that one mill levied in any school district will yield a certain amount of tax dollars, regardless of the wealth of the district. Without the equal yield formula, a district with \$20,000 SEV per pupil would get half as much revenue as a district levying 25 mills but with an SEV per pupil of \$40,000. Under equal yield, the state gives money to the poorer district to compensate for its lack of tax base.

That is why St. Johns' share of state aid is dropping as a percentage of its expenditures. The SEV per pupil is rising. St. Johns' tax base is increasing and therefore the district is responsible for raising a greater share of local funds.

Also, it was stated at the forum that a child's educational opportunity should not be entirely dependent on the ability or willingness of his parents or neighbors to approve millage requests. This argument has more serious implications for the nature of education in Michigan.

The Michigan constitution requires that the legislature establish a system of public education, but the system it established was based on local control of local schools.

In setting up school districts the state vested the most important power, the power of the purse, in the hands of the communities. With the power to tax and to set the level of expenditures went the basic control of the operation of the school system.

A statewide income tax and state funding of the schools would take away local control. Residents would no longer have the right to vote on operating expenditures—the amount of money spent would be determined by the legislature. School districts could no longer be able to set their own tax rates—those too would be set by the state.

While a statewide income tax does not necessarily mean that local control over school policy will be eliminated, the implication is very clear. The power of taxation and expenditures is the key to control, and with that power in state hands other forms of control are sure to follow.

Besides the political implications of state assumption of taxation, the philosophical implications also point to the removal of control from local school districts.

Clinton County is unusual in that increasing property wealth combined with decreasing or constant incomes creates an economic burden. In most school districts which are in financial trouble, the problem is not an inability but an unwillingness to support their schools. But if a community chooses to abdicate the central responsibility of funding their own schools, it follows that the state has the right to assume the responsibility of day-to-day operation.

Michigan should adopt a statewide system of funding the public schools, since in our opinion the assurance that every student will get a good education outweighs the drawbacks of the reduction of local control.

But we also believe that local control over public education is a right and tradition which is important to Clinton County residents, and that they should be aware that state takeover of funding probably will not stop there.

With Lucille Spencer SHEPARDVILLE

The annual installation of officers for Ovid Lodge No. 127 F. & A.M. for 1978 was held at the Masonic Temple Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

Installing officers were: Grand Installing Officer, Robert Jones, W. M. of Ovid; Grand Installing Marshal, Clarence Darling, P.M. of Ovid. Grand Installing Secretary, Lewis F. Goodrich, Jr., P.M. Ovid; Grand Installing Chaplain, Robert Darling, P.M. Ovid. Musician, Patricia Aldrich, soloist, Patricia Aldrich.

New officers: Worshipful Master, Harry Pugh; Senior Warden, Michael O'Bryant; Junior Warden, LeRoy Cannon; Treasurer, Donald Willard, p.m., Secretary, John Baker, P.M., Senior deacon, Clare Applebee; Stewards, Donald Chamberlain and Mervin Chamberlain, P.M., Tiler, Raymond Lawrence, P.M., Junior Deacon is Ronald Woodruff.

After installation, the installing officers and new officers introduced their families and friends.

The lights of the lodge room were turned down and the bell tolled at low 12 in memory of our departed brothers. Robert Francis, P.M. lighted a candle in memory of each departed brother, as John Baker, P.M. and secretary read their names, and the date of their passing. The benediction was given by Robert Darling, P.M. A reception followed in the dining room. There was a large crowd in attendance and many lodges were represented.

The Ovid Duplain Library Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Walker on Friday, Jan. 6, weather permitting. The roll call will be the highlights of member's holidays. The program will be a resume from past presidents. Potluck luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m.

Scott Anthony Kusnier, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kusnier, was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 18, during the worship service. The water used was from the River Jordan. It was brought back by his grandparents when they were in the Holy Land last year. Present to witness the ceremony were his god parents, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Squiers and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kusnier, Sr.

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BY CHLOE PADGETT

Home Economist

Chloe's Energy home Column decorating



Everybody's talking about energy conservation, and many people are doing something about it. People are dialing down and looking for alternative ways to make their home look warmer than it actually is.

It's an old trick. Early in history the fireplace was the only method of heating homes. But even then families managed to make their homes look and feel warm.

The tricks of the trade included hanging tapestries on outside walls for both decorating and insulation; placing high wing-back chairs that entrap body heat in front of fireplaces; and surrounding canopy beds with heavy curtains pulled at night to keep cold drafts out.

Some of these ideas still have application today. Today's homemaker can start with room color to create the mood of warmth. Light colors such as pastel shades will reflect light and require lamps with less wattage for illumination.

But if you have a room that always appears to be cold, you can make it appear warmer by using darker colors that will add a psychological warmth. Darker colors also absorb light and warmth during daylight hours and release this warmth at night. So, it is

very much a matter of personal preference.

Wattage costs are nominal between lighting a room with light color versus dark color walls. The color creates the mood for your room.

During daylight hours, open the curtains and let the sun shine in for additional light and warmth. But during the winter months, loss of heated air through windows can be costly and uncomfortable, particularly at night. There are ways to improve the energy efficiency of windows in existing homes.

The number, size and location of windows are important in determining how much heat loss might occur. Homeowners who already have single-pane windows can install storm windows and substantially reduce heat losses. A plastic sheet attached to the inside or outside of windows is another alternative. It is also a good idea, of course, to cover air conditioning units with the same plastic.

Another important aspect to consider is window treatments. Light, sheer draperies should not stand alone. A heavier or lined drape over sheers or an insulated shade under the sheers will cut down on some of the heat loss. Shutters or decor-

ative blinds might also be considered. Tightly-fitted interior treatments are necessary to stop the convection of heated air into and out of the space enclosed by the window treatment.

Draperies over floor registers should stop several inches short of the floor to allow for adequate air circulation from the heat register. And a closed top cornice across the top of the window can be constructed to create a pocket to trap heated or cooled air.

Another way to psychologically add warmth to a room is by selecting furniture. Smooth materials will give you a cool feeling. A lounge chair upholstered in wool will look and actually feel warmer than a molded plastic chair or an open chair of rattan or wicker.

The amount of furniture in a room also seems to affect physical and psychological temperature. A crowded room, for example, gives a feeling of warmth. But avoiding the cluttered look by having too much furniture or too many accessories.

A furniture arrangement that will not obstruct heating or cooling vents is most effective. The furniture could be arranged to take advantage of the sunlight or fireplace. Pieces could be moved closer together, pro-

viding conversation areas for a cozier atmosphere. Move furniture away from cold exterior walls during the colder months.

Some type of carpeting for floor covering also enhances warmth. Certain types of padding installed under a carpet will reduce heat loss by as much as 20 per cent. Carpet not only adds a look of warmth to the room, but it is also a great energy saver.

Eureka Child Study Club delivers fruit baskets

The Eureka Child Study Club met Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Zamarron.

They packed 14 Christmas boxes with fruits and sweets and then went Christmas caroling and delivered the boxes to many residents of Eureka.

The ladies then returned to the Zamarron home to a smorgasbord of desserts, punch and coffee.

A gift exchange from their secret pals were enjoyed by all.

Platner retires after 37 years in Elsie post office

Paul C. Platner, rural mail carrier out of the Elsie Post Office has retired after 37 1/2 years of serving rural patrons of this area.

It was May 6, 1940 when Platner took over the late Wm. Tillotson's rural route which was 44 miles per day while the present route is 79.9 miles with 385 boxes.

There were several routes out of Elsie at one time but they were finally consolidated into just two with the advent of better roads and the automobiles. Jack Hawes has the other route.

Platner served under the late Postmaster Clarence S. Goodrich about the time the post office was transferred to the west half of the Masonic Building on Main Street. Previously it was located in a long rambling building that housed the post office and a theater on North Ovid Street and is now providing a parking area.

In 1961, J.V. Baese was appointed Postmaster and moved into the new quarters at the present location on East Main St. where the new Elsie Post Office was dedicated on a special occasion, June 2, 1962.

During Platner's years as rural mail carrier, the following assisted as substitute carriers: Leonard Tillotson, Roy Fizzell, Dale C. Levey, Duane Platner, Rex Ballantine and Jack Bradish.

Sunday afternoon Dec. 11, Platner was honored at an open house in the Fellowship Hall of the Elsie United Methodist Church by his children Cleon Platner of Dimondale, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Platner of Elsie and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Baese were host and hostess while

Mrs. Nida Dunham, Mrs. Archie J. Moore, Mrs. Viva Scott and Mrs. Jack Hawes, assisted by Mrs. Sue Platner served refreshments.

The tables were decorated with flower arrangements and lighted candles. Punch, coffee, nuts and mints were served with decorated cakes, one made as a replica of the Elsie Post Office.

Miss Sheila Platner was in charge of the guest book where about 160 guests were registered from Dimondale, Grand Ledge, Battle Creek, Ithaca, Elsie and Eagle. Mrs. Robert (Reta Platner) Gillson recorded the gifts, assisted by Kent Platner, Robbie and Ronnie Gillson.

Among the gifts were a postal jacket with name from the Post Office, a certificate of service and a letter from Mr. John Dorna, Regional Postmaster General. He received many lovely cards, gifts, and a sum of money.

A table was arranged with many pictures of old and new post offices; a map of Rural Route No. 1; a letter from Ford Motor Co.; and other papers.

Platner is a past president of Clinton County Chapter of R.L.C.A. (Rural Letter Carriers Association).

Earlier in the month, the local post office group had dinner at the "Snoopy Fox Restaurant" in Owosso with Paul and Dortha Platner as guests.

Engaged



Terri Moore

OVID—Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Moore announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri, to John Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Sr. of Ovid. A summer wedding is being planned by the couple.

DeWitt coed sings in glee club

Sharon Wood, a senior at Central Michigan University, is a member of the Women's Glee Club.

The Glee Club, which is open to all university women by audition, performs folk songs and popular arrange-

ments from many different eras, and also joins the Men's Glee Club for concerts.

Sharon is the daughter of Ila and Richard Wood of DeWitt. She sings alto in the Women's Glee Club.

Marriage licenses

Robert F. McWilliams, 43, 205 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge; Regina E. Esch, 42, Rte. 1, Eagle.

Bruce Eugene Strouse, 26, 9680 Alward Rd., Laingsburg; Sandra Lin Donnan, 25, 9680 Alward Rd., Laingsburg.

Jack Leroy Tyler, 31, 1413 North Watson, Rd., St. Johns; Kathryn Edna Custer, 20, 4021 Harmon Rd., St. Johns.

Franklin Ray Fell Jr., 26, 136 1/2 W. Water, Maple Rapids; Carolyn Ann Parkinson, 22, 136 1/2 W. Water, Maple Rapids.

Daniel Lee VanDuinen, 23, 6980 Price Rd., St. Johns; Penny Jo Canfield, 18, R. 1, Ovid.

David Frank Eger, 19, Route 2, Ovid; Denise Anne Menovske, 20, Rte. 2, Box 131, Fowler.

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new arrivals

A boy, Jason Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtis Parks of 9800 E. Parks Rd. Ovid on December 20 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8lbs. 7oz. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Darrell and Elenora Martin and Sam and Margaret Parks. The mother is the former Helen Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cain, 910 N. Oakland St., St. Johns, became the parents of a son, Bruce Lanterman, on Dec. 14 at 8:26 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Kathleen Lanterman.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan G. Smith, 302 N. Westphalia, Westphalia, became the parents of a daughter, Angela Janet on Dec. 8 at 4:02 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former

Edith Miller. Dr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Popham, 200 Brittany Drive, Lansing, became the parents of a daughter, Emily Brooke, on Dec. 8 at 11:45 at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Susan Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. William Luethge, 1221 W. Geneva Drive, DeWitt, became the parents of a girl, Leslie Kathleen, on Dec. 11 at 5:53 at St. Lawrence Hospital. The mother is the former Mary Maddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Nurenberg, Pewamo, became the parents of a daughter, Kristin Marie on Dec. 10 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bennett, became the parents of a daughter, Allison Jill on Dec. 14 at Sparrow Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke F. Witgen, Fowler, became the parents of a daughter, Jaime Lynn, on Dec. 13 at Sparrow Hospital.

Ms. Pamela L. McCarrock, 1003 Garfield Rd., Lansing, became the parent of a son, Joseph Duane on Dec. 7 at Sparrow Hospital.

A boy, Michael James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of 2265 W. Parks Rd. St. Johns on Dec. 16 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7lbs. 7 1/2oz. Grandparents are the late Jack A. and Lois J. Nieman, and Leon J. and JoAnn M. Miller. The mother is the former Lisa Nieman.

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Village of Fowler

Minutes of Fowler Village Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fowler Village Council was held on Monday, December 12, 1977 at the Village Office. The meeting was called to order by President Carl Koenigsnecht. Councilmen present were McCausey, Braun, J. Koenigsnecht, D. Smith, R. Smith and McKean.

Minutes of the November 10th and November 30th meetings were approved as read. Bills totaling \$5587.58 were approved.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department report was read. John Schafer reported the shooting out of street lights has become a problem and will be reported to the Sheriff's Department. He also reported continued problems with well No. 4.

McKean reported on the December 6th meeting with FHA regarding the water grant application.

Village Engineer Paul Thompson was present to discuss his cost estimate of a water project. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was authorized to proceed with a water rate study and the formal application to FHA for funds.

Smith reported on a meeting he had attended concerning the 208 water quality control plan submitted by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. The Council again adopted the resolution opposing the plan.

The clerk was instructed to obtain bids for a test well.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

Winnie McKean Village Clerk

Shepardsville lists years activities

The Year In Review in the Shepardsville Area

Vital statistics for the area are as follows: Deaths—Mr. George Parmenter, Miss Helen Hebel who is a sister of Robert Hebel, Sr., Mrs. Lena Gutshall, Mrs. Wilm Swender; Births—baby boys to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rustad, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kusnier, and Mrs. and Mrs. Rex Baker; Weddings—Ellen Personious and Charles Edward Cowley on June 25; Michelle Haynes and Duane Dietrich on Oct. 1 and Miss Ann Ferrill and Francis Ferden on Dec. 31.

The Ovid-Duplain Library Club held several of their meetings at the church. At one of the meetings Mr. Glenn Deisler of Deisler's Greenhouse gave a talk on how to decorate with plants and at another Mrs. Iwin Reed whose hobby is dolls, gave a very interesting talk about the many dolls she has.

The Clinton County Historical Society met at the Shepardsville Church on Jan. 20 and presented a very interesting meeting. One member gave a report on the first professional football game played on July 4, 1895. This team was made up of farm boys and was known as the Michigan Rushers. At that time it was brought out that a plaque might be placed near the Alderman store to mark this event. This last fall a marker was placed and dedicated. Eighty people were present at this event. Among those present were George Olson and Dr. McGillicuddy of Lansing, whose father was the team doctor and the first doctor that Shepardsville had.

Wayne Swender and Roger Squiers of the Shepardsville Church were inducted into the Honor Society at the Ovid-Elsie High School. Shepardsville is proud of these two young men. Both graduated last June.

On Feb. 12 the youth of the church entertained their parents and friends to a Sentimental Journey party at the schoolhouse. There was even a photo studio where you could have your picture taken with your spouse, sweetheart or friend. Present were people from 12 to past 70 years of age. There was no generation gap.

Plans were begun for the bazaar to be held in the fall. General Chairman was Mrs. Nathan Casteel. Several workshops were held to make articles for this. Later on it was decided to give the bazaar a name. "Country Holidays" was selected. The bazaar was held on Nov. 11 and 12. It was a first attempt for anything like this. It was termed a

huge success.

There were several special programs presented throughout the year. The Common Bond, a musical group presented a very interesting program on March 20. In April at the general meeting the UMW had as speaker Miss Carol Ross of Campus Ministries. In May the new church organ was dedicated with organists Doug Brown and Mike Miller. There were two special programs in June. The Youth put on a musical "Tell It Like It Is" under the direction of Steve Copelin and the Suitcase Theatre, an entertaining group from Lansing. Roger Squiers of Shepardsville and Soni Beskoff Ovid took part in it. This group later toured Japan.

Mrs. Olga Witt, mother of George Haynes, was honored as Mother of the Day on May 8. She has lived in the Shepardsville area for over 30 years. She is the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living. She also has 22 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Several of the children and grandchildren were in attendance. She is in church almost every Sunday.

Open Houses were held for O-E graduates. Lynn Gruesbeck, Donna Davis Wayne Swender, Roger Squiers and Ellen Personious in June.

A very successful Bible School was held during the week of July 25-29, during the summer recess from regular school. Price joined the Shepardsville church in putting on the school. The theme of the school was 10-4 which means God's message received and understood. Mrs. Edith Walker was the director. The school had an enrollment of 76 with 22 having a perfect attendance. Twenty helpers were in attendance at all times.

Two family reunions were part of the summer activities in the area. The descendants of the Oscar Longcor family had 54 at their re-

union held in the Ovid Park the Sunday after Labor Day. Relatives of the late Mark Welter had a get together to honor their aunt, Mrs. Nada Goff of California. Miss Donna Hettinger and Mrs. Doris Pollard spent a few days out there and she came back with them. Mrs. Goff is a former resident of the area.

The general meeting of the Shepardsville UMW met on Sept. 1. Mrs. Dale Squiers showed some pictures taken on her trip to the Holy Land earlier in the year.

During charge conference of the Price and Shepardsville Churches, it was voted

to have a full time pastor beginning in June of 1978. Rev. Boyd will be the pastor until that time.

The North Family Singers were guests of the church on Oct. 23. They are a very talented family and sing without accompaniment.

On Oct. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Squiers showed pictures of their trip to the Holy Land. A family potluck dinner preceded the program.

October 31 the church decided to try something new and gave a Halloween party for the children of the community. It was a complete success. The children enjoyed it and so did the

parents who attended. Several activities are planned for the holiday season. On Dec. 4 there was an open house at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Boyd and children for the parishioners

of the Price and Shepardsville Churches. On Dec. 11 there was a cookie exchange; on Dec. 18 a progressive dinner was planned. On Christmas morning there was a joint program with the Price Church.

With Neva Keys

ELSIE

Worshipful Master Sidney J. Keys presided at his last regular meeting of 1977 at the Elsie Masonic Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13.

A ham dinner with potluck salads and desserts was served by Masonic wives: Mrs. Don Ike, Mrs. Loyal Hinkley, Mrs. Archie J. Moore, Mrs. Harold Hinkley and Mrs. Sid Keys. A Christmas candle arrangement centered the buffet table.

Organ music was played by organist Mark Alchin of Perry Lodge No. 350 F. & A.M. Mrs. Jean Cobb and Mrs. Ruth Ike of Elsie Chapter No. 69, alternated on the organ and piano during the

dinner hour.

The Rev. Mr. John F. Sorensen, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lansing was guest speaker. He is also a Past Master and member of the Masonic Speakers Bureau of Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Michigan.

He told of his travels that took him to European churches, Cathedrals and Masonic Temples because of their historical association. St. Paul's Cathedral in London brought out points of interest in both his reference to religion and Freemasonry.

Rev. Sorensen had visited St. Paul's Cathedral, the last edifice to have been constructed by the organized Freemasons or craft guilds

of the Middle Ages. Many changes had taken place in the religious, legal, social and industrial condition of the peoples of Europe.

He said the St. Paul's Cathedral was built on the site where a church was erected in the 7th Century by King Aethelbert Kent. The church was dedicated to Saint Paul but after several major disasters it was rebuilt about 1300.

Later, in 1666 the Great Fire of London completely gutted the Cathedral to a condition beyond restoration.

Sir Christopher Wren, probably the greatest of early English architects was appointed to prepare a design for a new church but it was not until 1710 that it



Santa visits

Kindergartners at East Essex school were thrilled by the appearance of Santa Claus three days prior to Christmas. Santa listened to the requests of youngsters during the morning session of class. What the kids asked for ranged from Baby Tender Love to a horse.

was completed. Later, in that century, Sir Wren patronized the Lodge of Antiquity (formerly St. Paul's) for 18 years. He presented it

with three candlesticks and the mallet by which King Charles II had levelled the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral as shown on the records of the Lodge.

Rev. Sorensen led the group in singing Christmas carols before retiring to the Lodge room for their business meeting.

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DeWitt Township

Synopsis of the regular meeting of the DeWitt Township Board held on December 12, 1977 at the Township Hall, 780 E. Wieland Road.

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

Planning Commission minutes were reviewed and approved. Pline stated that the Italian-American Club's request to operate Italian Club at Hurd School Property on DeWitt Road would be brought up at Jan. 9, 1978 meeting. Reappointment of 3 members of Planning Commission will be coming up later. Will be a public hearing on Jan. 3, 1978 re Brown Bros. request to operate sand and gravel pit south of Clark Road. Resolution was passed opposing Senate Bill 692.

Payment of \$733.78 to Richard Cooley for professional services on Looking Glass Park Project approved. Township to reapply for CETA park positions and renew all other CETA positions by December 22nd. Consumers contract reviewed and accepted. Will be signed and submitted to Consumers. Will be Public Hearing Jan. 16, 1978 on Citizens Sewer Committee Report.

208 Water Quality Plan reviewed and discussed. Resolution to be drawn opposing adoption of 208 as contains no referendum provisions. No appointment as yet on Clerk's position. Special meeting December 19, 1977 7:00 at Township Hall to make appointment, discuss constable ordinance, and make recommendations on repairs of township tractor.

MTA convention in Grand Rapids Jan. 11, 12 and 13. Following citizens reappointed to committees until December 31, 1980. Public Safety, Wm. Bakus, Charles Ruble; Planning Marjorie Graham, Frank Horvath, Merry Sellhorn; Park and Recreation, Frank Majkol, Transportation, Mr. Pyleman, Reed, White, Corr appointed to Sewer Committee. Corr and Pline appointed as fence viewers for coming year. Will be vacancy on Library Board. Applications to be submitted to Reed. Still advertising for assessor. Approved all vouchers. Budget of SCCSA to be tabled till comparison figures received. Resolution and plaque to be presented to Syverson on Jan. 9, 1978 meeting for years of service. Newspaper media to receive informational packets at meeting. Adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

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Obituaries

John Salazar

John Salazar, 55, of 2934 E. Walker Rd., St. Johns, passed away Thursday, Dec. 22, 1977, at Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Tex.

He was born March 6, 1922 in Blackstone, Mexico. He later gained his American Citizenship.

He was married to Bertha Salazar in 1947 and she survives her husband. Also surviving are six sons and one daughter, John Jr. Salazar of Chicago, Ill.; Joe Salazar of Lansing, David Salazar of San Antonio, Tex.; Roy Salazar of Encinitas, Calif.; Regino Salazar of Lansing; Jimmy Salazar of St. Johns and Mary Salazar of St. Johns.

Funeral services were held in San Antonio, Tex., at Brooke Hill Funeral Home and cards of sympathy may be sent to Bertha Salazar of 2934 E. Walker Rd., St. Johns.

Charles Metz

Funeral services for Charles Metz, 86, of 9003 W. M-21, Ovid, who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1977 at the Shiawassee Medical Care Facility were held Thursday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Houghton Chapel-Osgood Funeral Home.

Rev. Gilbert Heaton officiated and interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery in Ewart, MI.

Mr. Metz was born in Ionia on May 17, 1891 to George and Ellen (Allen) Metz. He married Georgia Marie Parrish in Clare on April 1, 1927 and she survives her husband.

Also surviving are three sons, Russell Metz of Ovid, Robert Listermann of Ewart and Francis Listermann of Ionia; and two daughters, Mrs. Edna Baldwin of Ewart and Mrs. Etha Stephens of Burton.

Grace Baker

A longtime resident of the Ovid area, Grace Baker, 97, of 307 N. Mead St., St. Johns, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 1977 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

She was born Feb. 11, 1880 in Ovid Township, Clinton County, to James and Adra (Redman) Longcor. She attended Ovid schools and on Jan. 31, 1900 in a Shepardsville Church, she married Fred Baker who passed away Jan. 5, 1955.

Mrs. Baker was a member of the Shepardsville Church for 80 years, the Rachel Circle of Big Beaver United Methodist Church and the Senior Citizens Friendship Club in Troy.

Surviving are a son, Stuart of Troy; a grandson, Richard; and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the Houghton Chapel of Osgood Funeral Homes on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. Rev. Darold Boyd will officiate and interment will be in Maple Grove Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to the Shepardsville Church.

Martin Schoch

Former Ovid resident, Martin Schoch, 79, of Detroit, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1977 at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe of a heart attack after a long illness.

Graveside services were held at Maple Grove Cemetery on Friday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. Rev. Gilbert Heaton officiated and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Houghton Chapel of Osgood Funeral Homes, Inc. of Ovid.

Mr. Schoch was born in Ovid on Aug. 13, 1898 to Charles and Hattie (Wellman) Schoch and graduated from Ovid High School in 1917. He was a World War II veteran and resided in Detroit most of his life.

He was married to Helen Marshall in Detroit on May 20, 1934 and she survives her husband, as well as two brothers, Clyde Schoch of Ovid and Jay Schoch of Rochester.

Mr. Schoch was a retired banker, formerly with First National Bank of Detroit.

Louis Martin

Louis J. Martin, 94, a lifelong resident of Dallas Township in Clinton County, passed away Tuesday, Dec.

20, 1977 at the Provincial House in Lansing.

Funeral services were held at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Friday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Father Leon Martin officiated and interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Rosary services were held at the Goerge Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Homes in Fowler.

Mr. Martin was born in Clinton County on July 24, 1883 to Joseph and Catherine (Fedewa) Martin and he married Louisa G. Pung who passed away in 1969.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society and was a life member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Martin was also owner and operator of Martin Dairy in 1945.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Gregory J. Martin of Lansing, Sylvester J. Martin of Fowler, Clement F. Martin of Fowler, Sister Geraldine Martin of Racine, Wis. and Sister Rita Martin of Paw Paw, MI.

Also surviving are Mr. Martin's sister, Mrs. Seraphine Spitzley of Portland; 14 grand children and 16 great grandchildren.

UMW holds Christmas candlelight meeting

In spite of the dreary weather, the St. Johns United Methodist Women turned out for their annual Christmas Candlelight meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The program was held in the church sanctuary amid the Christmas decorations and with lights dimmed.

Judy Vandemark led the audience in singing various Christmas Carols while Barbara Davis performed at the organ.

President Jan Keisel then gave the annual business report. She thanked the Esther Circle for being kitchen hostesses and the members for their love and support. She recognized the officers that were retiring as well as those who were continuing in office.

She reported that the group made \$1567 on their Mini-Bazaar and Luncheon. She also itemized where the mission money was spent.

Next Pam Fowler sang "Some Children See Him" accompanied by her mother, Bunny Fowler. Then Jan did

a reading from the Family Life Radio 1976 Christmas Program entitled "Child Enjoys Christmas Best." She also quoted the scripture Luke 18:15-17 saying, "God wants us to be trusting like a child." Next Carol Field sang "O Holy Night" accompanied by Sybil Werbish.

Vice-President Katie Aylsworth in charge of program planning then introduced the speaker Catherine Rumbaugh. Catherine's program was titled "Nature Is the Art of God." She showed colored slides of weeds and wild flowers, roses and gardens, rivers and waterfalls, rocks and mountains, fruits and blossoms, leaves, trees and various nature scenes.

As she showed the slides she narrated poems and played song tapes to depict the slides taken by her husband, John. One slide in particular was a beautiful big dogwood tree in full bloom showing the crown of thorns, nail prints and red spots on the white petals. This was the tree from which the cross of Jesus was fashioned.

Then Judy Vandemark sang the third verse of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and the program ended with everyone singing "Joy to the World."

The women then proceeded down the front stairway past the green Christmas tree in the hall way to Niles Hall which was gaily lit with candles.

Katie Aylsworth and Mardell Slote, members of the decorating committee dressed the bookcases and piano with colored hurricane lanterns and evergreen. A silver tree with gold balls, spotlighted with blue, graced the stage. A large red poinsettia with greenery and red ribbon hung on the wall.

The women then circled the hall admiring the 12 individually decorated Christmas tables. Hostesses who decorated and served their tables were: Harriet

Field for the Elizabeth Circle; Catherine Rumbaugh and Karen Kusenda for the Ruth Circle; Judy Beebe, Florence Pope and Janet Scott for the Mary Magdalene Circle; Ruth LeBlond and Billie Pierson for the Sara Louise Circle, and Marilyn Rice, Rose Tarr and Mardell Slote for the Esther Circle.

As soon as the ladies had chosen their tables, Jackie Laidler, Wife of Pastor Keith gave the blessing. Refreshments were then served by the Esther Circle, whose co-chairman are Jean Engel and Faye Abrand.

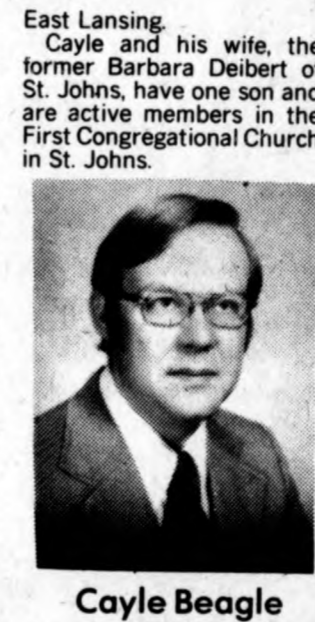
During dessert, Mardell Slote, communications coordinator, took pictures of those members who participated in the program in front of the Christmas tree.

Clinton National promotes two

Clinton National Bank & Trust Company has announced the promotion of two people within its lending division. John R. Cribbs has been appointed assistant vice president and Cayle H. Beagle has been named Consumer Loan officer.

John Cribbs, a six-year employee, continues as head of the Mortgage Loan Department. A Laingsburg native, Cribbs has managed two branch offices of Clinton National and holds a masters degree in business administration from Michigan State University.

Cayle Beagle joined Clinton National in early 1977 as a consumer lender. Originally from Portland, Beagle graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns in 1966 and holds a B.A. in Religion from Albion College. Previous to joining Clinton National, he was employed as assistant branch manager with Pacific Finance in Lansing and as manager of the D&C Store in



Cayle Beagle

East Lansing. Cayle and his wife, the former Barbara Deibert of St. Johns, have one son and are active members in the First Congregational Church in St. Johns.

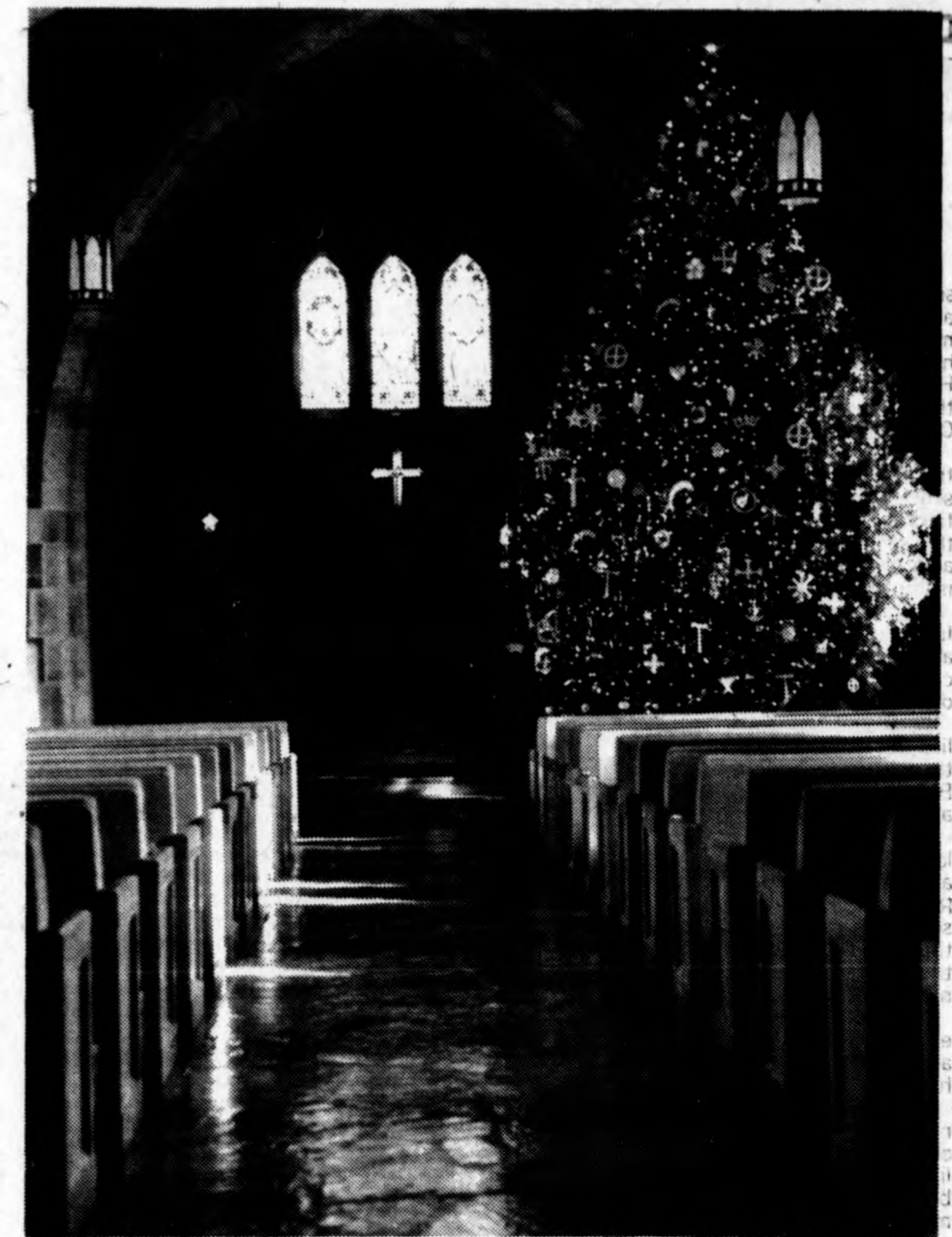


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900 white lights beckon visitors

The public is invited to a Christmas Open House at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler on Thursday, Dec. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. Out 22-foot Christmas tree will be on display. It is decorated with approximately 900 miniature white lights and handmade gold and white ornaments of Christian symbols. Punch and cookies will be served in the parish hall.

Correction

In last week's County News it was reported that Ruth Delo organized the first annual Christmas party for senior citizens at St. Johns High School. The Clinton County Senior Citizens Office, which is a part of the Capitol Area Community Services, organized the party.

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Nursery schools work when moms help

By Sue Kiley
Staff Writer

Nursery schools have sometimes been thought of as babysitting clinics for mothers who want a few hours off during the day. However, this is not entirely the case with the DeWitt Cooperative Nursery School. Mothers and, or, fathers of the children attending the school are expected to participate in the operation of the school. If their children attend they must help. This is known as the onset.

Nursery school can be a fun time, a learning time, or a traumatic time for the children depending on the day or the circumstances.

"I wanna go home," one little boy cries as he enters the playroom. "Oh, there's Bobby," a little girl squeals as she sees her friend.

The children at the school located at the Hope Lutheran Church on Herbison Road all wear name tags, some of those picking out their own as they recognize the letters which form their names.

"I'm Bobby Junior Struthers," one child announces as a mother helps him pin on his tag.

Little girls are seen running and skipping throughout the playroom in short little sweater dresses, with brightly colored tights, and miniature boots.

As the piano begins to play, the little ones run to it knowing it is time to start the afternoon's activities.

Mrs. Bruce (Charlotte) Gideon, director of the nursery school gathers the four and five year olds around the piano on the floor and then sits cross-legged on the floor with the mothers following suit.

It's time to sing the "Good Afternoon" song and each child puts his own thought together singing enthusiastically. The children are then told what they will be doing during the day.

Some of the young students are more outspoken than others and it's making and baking time in the

kitchen. The "Helping" mother in the kitchen is Mrs. Kenneth (Ronni) McCallum, who rolls out the sugar cookie dough as each youngster waits patiently to use his cutter to make that special Christmas cookie.

"That cookie came out super," little Jennifer Rennert exclaims, her blue eyes shining with excitement and her blonde hair swinging as she talks.

Each child wanted to make the best cookie and it showed through the determination and the little extra push each child gave the cutter to make sure it would be perfect.

"Mom, what's that?" one child questions. "Is Frostie supposed to be green?"

"I'm all done with my cookie," Angela Fabus announced to the rest of the group gathered around the mini-kitchen table.

"Aren't you tired of making cookies yet," Mrs. McCallum asks some of the kids who have been making cookies for nearly a half hour.

Jennifer seems oblivious to the question as she continues to work intently on her cookie. She looks up for a minute and flour is all over her face including her nose and green and yellow food coloring is on her hands.

Painting seems to be the most sought-after activity at nursery school, however, as each four year old commented. But why?

"It's something that most kids don't do at home because it is so messy," the other "mommie" helper commented.

Mrs. Jan (Barb) Peterson explained the parents are expected to work about one time a month. "I really like helping," she commented. "I get a chance to see my own child interacting with other children and I can see how he reacts to them."

Her four year old son, Matt, has been going to nursery school since he was three years old. "I send him so he can be with children his own age," she said. "With smaller families these

days, there just aren't a lot of kids for him to play with. In fact, the only child where we live around his age is eight."

She noted that while she is working at the school she tends to lean the other way if there is a slight disagreement between two children.

"You try a lot harder not to play favorites," she added.

She continued by saying the teachers have told the mothers that for the most part their own child is more

obnoxious when they are at school than when they aren't.

"I like playing games with my friends, David, Kathy and Jonathan," four year old Anne Maura commented.

"Well, I like painting," another four year old, Niki Reed, said.

Questions and more questions are the hottest item at nursery school. And where they come up with them is just about anybody's guess.

Mrs. Gideon has been director of the school for three years. The nursery

school itself has been in operation for seven years.

There are 20 children in the afternoon session and 18 in the morning class. Three year olds have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mary Fullmer as their teacher.

Mrs. Gideon commented it is a big thrill for the children to have their fathers help out at the school. "We've even had a policeman, which the children really enjoyed," she said.

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It's almost time to make cookies says Ronni McCallum.



Can five little boys play together for very long without fighting, Barb Peterson questions?

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P-W hands Fulton second loss of season, 89-71

Pewamo-Westphalia fed Fulton a bitter 89-71 loss last Tuesday evening on Fulton's home court in what many thought would be a tight game.

Early in the first quarter, P-W jumped out to a 10-point lead, 12-2, before Fulton responded and the quarter ended, 24-14. Pewamo-Westphalia increased their lead to 52-34 by the half and then kept up the pace with a 66-49 advantage going into the final period of play.

Dave Belen sparked the P-W team with 33 points, though it was also Belen who also was racing around the floor, stealing the ball from his opponents and

passing the ball to his teammates.

Also scoring in double figures for P-W were Mike Belen with 20 points, Steve Miller with 14 and Joe O'Brien with 11 points. Warren Hengesbach added eight points and Tim Thelen picked up three points.

Leading the Fulton Pirates was Randy Troub who accumulated 32 points but Kelvin Drake was the only other Fulton player to score in double figures, contributing 10 in the losing effort.

Jeff Stephens added six, Terry Hnetyka and Jeff Cooper each scored five points, Gary Moore and

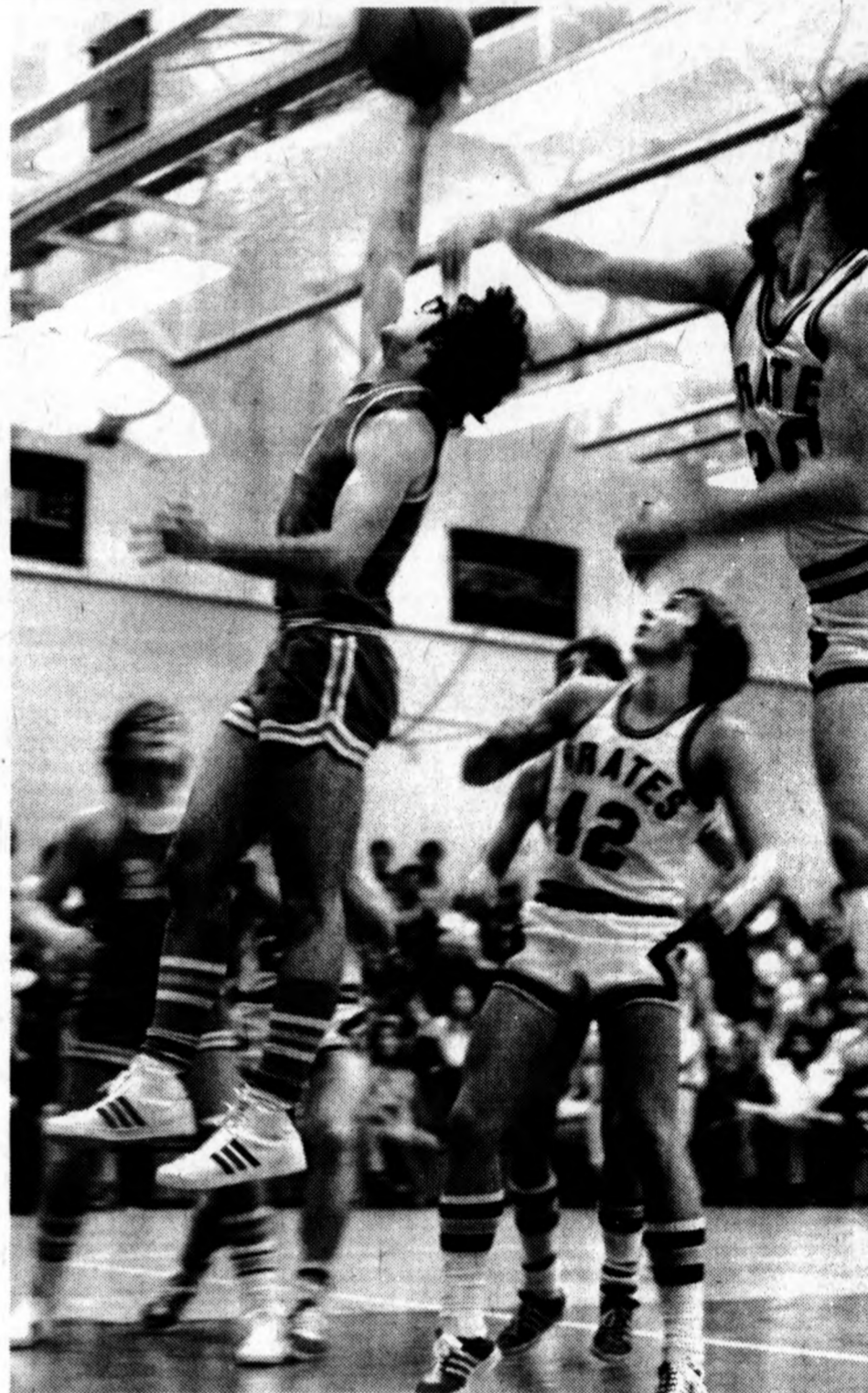
Daryl Trefil scored four points apiece, Dan Blemaster scored a bucket and a free throw and Joe Collins sank two points for Fulton.

The win gave Pewamo-Westphalia the outright lead in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) with a perfect 5-0 record while Fulton dropped to 3-1 in the league and 3-2 in the season. The loss was Fulton's second in a row.

Fowler is also undefeated in CMAC action, though they have only met four conference foes this season. Fowler and P-W are slated to meet Friday, Jan. 6, in the Fowler home court.



Dave Belen goes up for two for P-W during the P-W vs. Fulton game in Middleton.



Pewamo-Westphalia's Joe O'Brien, a 6-1 senior, puts in a rebound despite the efforts of Fulton's Kelvin Drake (20). Also in on the play were Jeff Cooper (42), Randy Troub (behind Cooper), Terry Hnetyka (22) and Mike Belen (22 for P-W.)

O-E remains unbeaten; downs Hemlock 87-59

A 28-point third quarter effort by the Ovid-Elsie Marauders, coupled with a 46-30 half-time lead, enabled the unbeaten Marauders to sweep past Mid-Michigan B to Hemlock last Tuesday night, 87-59.

The host Marauders took a 20-14 lead at the end of the first quarter and then outscored Hemlock 26-16 in the second period. Ovid-Elsie also outscored Hemlock in the third quarter, 28-14, before Coach Bob Foreback put in his reserves for the final quarter in which O-E scored 13 points to the Huskies' 15 points.

Before the reserves went in to finish the contest, Ovid-Elsie's shooting percentage from the floor was

56 per cent, as O-E sank 56 per cent of their shots in the first and third quarters and 55 per cent of their shots in the second quarter.

"We had a team shooting night," said Coach Foreback who had 10 players score against Hemlock.

Leading O-E scoring were Ed Kaminski with 20 points, Ken Kellogg with 17, Brian Byrnes with 14 and Brett Welton with 13. Also scoring were Bill Kayanek with eight points; Scott Schoendorf, Ray Bowles and Cary Bashore with four points apiece; Mike Perrien with one bucket; and Bryon Taylor with a free throw.

Steve Baumann led Hemlock's scoring with 11 points. Mike Crapo, Hem-

lock's leading scorer this season, was held to four points by Kayanek.

Kaminski led the Marauders with 16 rebounds, three steals and six blocked shots. Teammate Brynes had five assists.

From the foul line, O-E converted 11 of 23 shots and Hemlock made 21 of 32 attempts. Ovid-Elsie shot 48 per cent from the floor, hitting on 39 of 79 shots, while Hemlock got off only 56 shots, capitalizing on only 19 of them for 34 per cent.

The win continued Ovid-Elsie's unbeaten season and stretches their record to a perfect 7-0. In league play they are 4-0, and are yet to meet Chesaning, Alma and St. Johns this season.

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Sports schedule

Boys basketball
Dec. 28-29
DeWitt at Haslett
Invitational
Jan. 3
Haslett at Bath
Fulton at Ithaca
Wrestling
Jan. 3
St. Johns at Lansing Hill

League standings

CENTRAL MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Season		League	
	W	L	W	L
Pewamo-Westphalia	5	2	5	0
Fowler	5	0	4	0
Olivet	4	1	4	1
Fulton	3	2	3	1
Laingsburg	2	3	2	3
Bellevue	2	4	1	3
Pottsville	0	4	0	3
Portland St. Patrick	1	5	0	4
Webberville	0	6	0	4

MID-MICHIGAN B

	Season		League	
	W	L	W	L
Ovid-Elsie	7	0	4	0
St. Johns	4	1	3	1
Alma	4	1	2	1
Hemlock	4	3	2	2
Bullock Creek	5	2	2	2
Corunna	1	4	1	3
Chesaning	1	5	1	3
Swan Valley	0	4	0	3

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Redwings' speed overpowers Corunna, 88-79

By Scott Sousley

It was speed, quickness, and domination on the court as the Redwings powered their way to a Mid Michigan "B" victory over Corunna, 88-79, Tuesday night.

The Cavaliers were in

trouble in the early minutes of the first period. Soon, however, their pace began to pick up as Corunna completed two buckets in a row and was a possible threat. St. Johns was on top through the whole game and had a 22-17 lead going into the second period of play.

Brian Salminen, a senior, blocked four shots and had six points as he and Joel Buggs shared scoring honors the first and second quarters. Just before the half, the Redwings pulled out to a 48-33 lead thanks to Mark White who scored a couple of quick buckets in

the final seconds of play before going to the locker room.

The third quarter got under way and all eyes were on 5-11" junior forward, Jimmy DeDyne. DeDyne's 17 rebounds and 25 points made him the stand-out on

the court the second half. DeDyne, who now averages 24.8 points per game said, "We, as a team, are looking to the upcoming games with a lot of respect. The teams we are going to be playing are tough and could be a big threat to us."

Mark White who is deadly with the outside shot came back in the second half to finish the night with 14 points and Randy Pertler shared the action by adding 13.

The Redwing starting five all went into double figures and it wasn't until late in the fourth quarter that St. Johns was beginning to experience some foul trouble. Both Joel Buggs and Brian Salminen fouled out with not much time remaining on the clock.

When the Redwings lost two of their starters to fouls, they were replaced by Craig Goff and Sheldon Parker, both juniors. Parker made a steal and turned it into a basket as Goff played a good defensive game on the boards.

The Redwings were beginning to face their first close encounter with a Cavalier come back with about three minutes howing on the clock. Corunna who took advantage of 16 turn overs themselves within three points, but St. Johns put on the steam to clear themselves of a possible upset.

The Redwings soon regained control of the game and stalled the game until Mark White with a 50-foot jumper ended the game at the buzzer.

St. Johns, now 4-1 in overall action, are 3-1 in league play. Corunna is 1-3 in the Mid Michigan B.

The Corunna Cavaliers were paced in scoring by Ron Gross who was on top with 24 and Dave Peterson was second with 18 while Mike Anness had 14 points.

The Redwings go on Christmas vacation and will resume play Jan. 6 against Chesaning at St. Johns. The next home game is Tuesday Jan. 17 against MMB rival Ovid-Elsie.



Photo by Bob Donner

There is no stopping some determined shooters, or so was the case during the DeWitt vs. Bath basketball game on Dec. 20. Watching the action were Bruce Swart (53), Dave Wilson (30) and Mark Phillips (35).

Fowler outshoots Portland Public, 80-67

By the eighth grade English class at Holy Trinity School

Fowler Eagles defeated Portland High last Tuesday, Dec. 20, in a non-conference game by the score of 80-67.

Fowler had four players in double figures including Don Schrauben who led the Eagles with a total of 27 points, Mark Schrauben who had 21 points, Jim Theis who brought in 18 points

and Tony Schafer with 10 points.

Two other Eagles scored: Steve Johnson with three points and Terry Thelen with a free throw.

Portland had three players in double figures, led by Scott Baker with 19 points.

Fowler took the lead in the first quarter by a five-point margin. By half-time, they widened the gap by 12 points, making the score 42-30.

The second period

seemed to be the best for the Eagles, holding Portland to 15 points while gaining 23 for themselves. During the third quarter, both teams increased their totals by 16 points, refusing to give the other team anymore than they earned themselves.

When the fourth quarter rolled around, Fowler picked up 22 points, holding Portland high back at 21.

Fowler hit on 56 per cent of all floor shots and they made 20 out of 27 attempts

at the freethrow line. This was the leading rebounder for Fowler, with 14 to add to his credit.

"The main difference between us and them was the 56 per cent from the floor," said Fowler Coach Charles Trierweiler. Portland High managed only 40 per cent from the floor.

The Eagles will rest until Jan. 3 when they have a make-up game scheduled against Olivet.

Two local schools to host districts

Two county schools will host district basketball tournaments beginning Feb. 27, the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced.

St. Johns will host a Class B district, entertaining county rival Ovid-Elsie, Chesaning, Corunna and

Durand. The winner will play in the Charlotte regional.

A Class C district will be held at DeWitt High School. In addition to the Panthers, the field will include Bath, Byron, Haslett, Lansing Catholic Central, Perry and Portland. The winner will advance to the regional held

at Ithaca High School.

Pewamo-Westphalia will compete in the Class C tournament at Calvin Christian High School in Grandville. P-W will go against Calvin Christian, Comstock Park, Forest Hills Northern, Kelloggville and Wyoming. The winner of that

district will play in the Middleville regional.

Fulton is back in Class C this season, and the Pirates will travel to Ithaca where they will be joined by Breckenridge, Carson City Crystal, Merrill, St. Louis, Shepherd and the host school. The winner stays in Ithaca for the regional.

In class D, Fowler travels to Potterville. Capitol City Christian, Portland St. Patrick and Saranac will also be there, along with Potterville. The winner advances to regional play at Lansing Eastern High School.

In addition, St. Johns will host a Class C quarterfinal game between the winners of the Ithaca and Grand Blanc districts on Wednesday, March 15.

This year the tournament has been shortened from three to four weeks. Instead of the quarterfinals and semifinals being held one week and the finals a week later, all three games will be played in one week.

The quarterfinals will be played on Wednesday, March 15, and the semifinals will be held Friday, March 17. The Class A games will be played at 1:30 and 3:00 in Jenison Fieldhouse at Michigan State University, while the Class D games will be played at MSU at 7:00 and 8:30.

The Class B semifinals will be at the University of Michigan at 1:30 and 3:00, while the class C games will follow at 7:00 and 8:30.

All four championship games will be held in Crisler at the U of M on Saturday, March 18. The Class B game starts at 11 a.m., Class A 2:30; Class D 7 p.m. and Class C 8:30.

Bowling league standings

First Nighters	
Ann's Coiffures	44-20
Snack Bar	41-23
Nick's	38-26
Brink's Co.	37-27
Farm, Pet. Co-op	36-28
Community Dodge	35-29
Jan's Hair Fashions	35-29
Lantern Inn	33-31
Gen. Nat'l Bank	27-37
Cap. Savings	26-38
Farmer Peet's	23-41
Giorgio's	9-55

Jim's TV	28 1/2	27 1/2
Beck & Hyde	28-28	
Buckeye Lounge	27-29	
General Tire	27-29	
Lambert's	20-36	
Searles Mobile Homes	19 1/2	36 1/2
Silvio's Lounge	12-44	

Rivard's Nursina Home	25-27
B & J Upholstery	22-30
Keelane Buick	20-32
Jeanne's Beans	19-33
Drakes	19-33
Twin Oaks Golf Course	16-33

M. Smith	211-532
K. Bargar	508
K. Penix	226-571
M. Hurst	203

Construction begins on pediatric care unit

Construction of the Ingham Medical Center regional pediatric intensive care unit scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Dec. 27. The unit will be completed in approximately six months.

The new unit will be located on the pediatric floor of the hospital, and will involve remodeling some existing rooms to provide the space needed.

The purpose of the new unit is to provide specialized and appropriate care for critically ill children. The unit will be the only one of its kind in the six-county area of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties.

It will require specially trained staff, and expensive monitoring and therapeutic equipment. By establishing a regional unit at Ingham Medical Center, the possibility of duplication of efforts, staff, and equipment by other hospitals in the area is reduced.

Follow-up treatment for critically ill children is pro-

vided through sub-specialty clinics located at the medical center, such as the cystic fibrosis, pediatric chest, surgery, neuromuscular, pediatric immunology, nephrology, general pediatrics, pediatric cardiology, and prosthetic clinics, and a pediatric physical therapy service.

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Buckeye Lounge	38-26	
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Redwing Lanes	37-27	
WWWF	35 1/2	28 1/2
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DeWitt downs Bath, 73-67

The DeWitt Panthers swept a victory over the Bath Bees with a score of 73-67.

Scoring by quarters went DeWitt 20-23-18-12 and Bath 21-14-12-20.

Leading scorers for the Panthers were Dave Wilson and Bill Alfred both with 19. Leading scorer for the Bath Bees was Bruce Swart with 19.

DeWitt was nine for 15 for free throws with Bath making seven for 18. DeWitt made 32 of 67 field goals.

In team fouls, DeWitt had 16 and Bath had 11.

Other high scorers in the game were Mark Willson and Dale Challiss for the

Panthers and Kirk Ordway with 17 and Mark Phillips making 12 points.

There were 19 turnovers in the game.

Pool league standings

Team	Won	Lost		
Titans	48	24	Dry Dock'd Lounge	38 34
H & H Lounge	48	33	Bob's Bar	38 34
American Legion	47	25	Sandy's	31 41
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Jim's Column

By Jim Pelham
Extension director

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Another call—Does the new tax law reduce the amount of capital gains I have got to pay if I sell a part of my farm? Nope, in fact there is a possibility it may cost you more; this is why and how it works. Explaining

this one required at least 10 minutes.

By now I have a free minute to return a call that was made an hour ago. Our client's remark when answering the phone was "Your secretary said you were on the phone—you sure are long-winded!"

By this time I have been notified someone is in the office to see me so I hurry through the phone conversation and find the caller to be somewhat irritated because a former employee has applied for unemployment compensation. "Will this cost us?" I don't think so, but give me a few minutes to look it up. (Fact is, farm workers are entitled to the benefits but up until Jan. 1 they haven't had to pay in and most small farmers will still be excluded.)

Then we see the gentleman waiting in the outer office. He has a question on transfer of property to his sons that would easily take an hour or two if I was

Getting better organized - Part 1

up-to-date on the new law—which I really am not. He is a little disappointed when I promise a workshop on the subject late this winter or early next spring using MSU resource people to answer questions.

By now another caller is waiting and has a lot of good and varied questions ranging from possibilities of updating the agricultural education of his hired man to how the 208 Water Quality Act is going to affect him and who would be a good person to help him with his farm income taxes.

By this time the mail has been delivered and reports, resource materials and correspondence have already been shuffled so much the four-inch pile covering most of my desk is so mixed up I can't find anything.

A couple of weeks ago two of our secretaries, Natalie Braman and Mary Redman, attended a one-day workshop for secretaries on campus. They came back full of enthusiasm and with all kinds of ideas.

They learned a study in six County Extension Offices in Southeast Michigan revealed the average uninterrupted time interval of County Extension Directors was eight minutes—and not much better for other agents! Not much time to concentrate on difficult problems or prepare in-depth information for clients facing difficult decisions! They knew the situation was no better here and the 60 or more hours agents spend on the job are draining both mentally and physically because "No one ever asks easy questions anymore," and everything is rush! rush! rush!

But, they say, there is hope! Why can't people make appointments so time can be planned better rather than just stopping in to see the agents? Also, we should be making lists at the beginning of each day of things to do and give each one a priority to make certain the most important things get done.

Possibly their best suggestion of all was a "quiet hour" first thing in the morning. Not a time to rest, but a time to get organized

and get the work day started right. Secretaries need that time just as badly as agents and they kind of hinted they would like to have an opportunity to get one job done before the agents interrupt them half a dozen times to give instructions on doing something else.

They also suggest we stop being "paper shufflers." Handle each paper crossing the desk once—don't put it back because you don't have time or don't know how to handle it! Going through the same pile several times is a time waster.

These young women are right, you know, but what will the people in the county think if they have to make appointments or wait for an agent to return their call? I am convinced it would end up in giving them better service but not nearly so sure our public would see it this way.

4-H spotlight interviews Bernie Bishop

Why would a Farm Bureau representative working with five different counties and no children in 4-H become a 4-H woodworking leader? The answer—because some-

body needed a leader and asked him. Bernie Bishop of DeWitt has been a regional representative for Farm Bureau for four-and-a-half years and

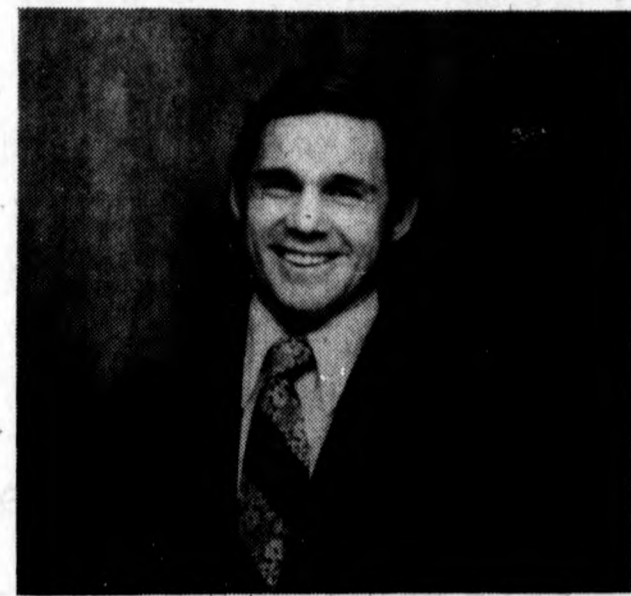
a 4-H leader in the Olive 4-H Club for about three months. Bernie once shared the fact that he was interested in the 4-H program with a Farm Bureau member and a 4-H leader and a few weeks later Olive 4-H organizational leaders asked if he'd work with a group of three beginners in the woodworking project.

Without an extensive 4-H or woodworking background, Bernie is "learning along with the members." One of the boy's grandfathers has a barn and some experience and has agreed to help Bernie and the boys. They'll work together and are looking forward to this 4-H year.

When he agreed to be a 4-H leader, Bernie had some reservations and was concerned both about having enough time to really help

the kids and about his own ability in woodcraft, but they've already built saw horses to work on and are anticipating future projects. 4-H involvement is giving Bernie a chance to help the kids develop skills and acquire a sense of responsibility that will carry over in other aspects of their lives. And just as others have found, Bernie is finding that 4-H is a good way to get involved in the community.

Bernie lives with his wife, Beth, and their 18-month-old daughter, Becky, in DeWitt. In his free time, he enjoys farming and sports. As a matter of fact, Bernie would like to own a dairy farm some day. But for the immediate future he'll be content to help three boys finish their first year 4-H woodworking project.



Bernie Bishop

By Theresa Dow
4-H coordinator

4-H Chatter

Beginning or the end

"Like moving to a new home, starting a new job, or graduating from high school, there are many points in our lives when we have a difficult time deciding if we're happy or sad about the change. It seems that whenever we're enjoying the status quo, we're a little hesitant about anything that may shake that sense of happiness or security. Even though the future looks good and there are no dark clouds on the horizon, often times the good times we've had in the past hold our thoughts.

January 1 is a time like that. If the past year was prosperous and exciting, it's hard to imagine the next being even better. And even if the past year brought sadness, it can sometimes be hard to foresee a brighter future.

January 1 is also a time for reviewing the past year's achievements and learning from failures, for committing the good times to memory and looking ahead planning for the next year.

In the 4-H program, events seem to follow one right after another and it's hard to look at those events and list accomplishments. What is significant is what happened to the 2,100 4-H'ers, the nearly 500 volunteers and their families during 1977.

With an emphasis on human resources and possibility thinking the 4-H program continued to grow in 1977 not because of programs and events but primarily because of opportunities for people to broaden their concepts and grow as a person while helping others grow as well. That's a significant accomplishment!

Last summer one 4-H'er and two adults visited Japan on the LABO exchange program and had an opportu-

ity to appreciate their culture at the same time three Japanese youths were living with Clinton County families and all were sharing and learning together. That's significant!

In 1977 over 200 Clinton County 4-H'ers from all over the State in fun and competition. Four members and two leaders attended the National Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City, one 4-H'er represented Michigan in the Tractor Driving competition in Virginia and five entered the National Horticulture Contests in St. Louis. They all grew from their 4-H experiences and that's significant!

4-H Teen Club for teens between the ages of 14 and 18 started up this year. Starting with a few members, it grew and grew as youth found they could make their own relevant experiences. And although they plan for their own enjoyment, they also try to do things to brighten the lives of others. That's significant!

During the past year over 450 youth and adults participated in the County awards trip program, spending time visiting new places, meeting new people and sharing new experiences. In addition to that, approximately 375 people volunteered their time to make the Fair Food Stand a profitable venture to insure the financing of these trips. People working together to make it happen—that's significant!

At the fair, a little girl came running up to me, beaming with pride, to show me her red ribbon. She felt good about what she'd done and wanted to share her joy. That's significant!

Over 3,000 people in Clinton County are working, learning, sharing and caring

together in 4-H.

Was 1977 a good year or not? You can't see or touch accomplishments, but it was a tremendous year and I don't see how 1978 can be any less.

Q. What is the best way to store fresh nuts?

A. Nuts keep best in their shells. The shells protect them against light, heat, moisture and exposure to air, all of which cause nutmeats to turn rancid.

Shelled nuts should be stored in moisture-vapor-proof containers in the refrigerator or freezer. Nuts in the shell may be stored at room temperature but will keep longer—up to two years—in the freezer.

Corn symposium slated for Jan. 4-5

The Michigan Cooperative Extension Service will be sponsoring the "1978 Michigan Corn Symposium" to be held on Jan. 4 and 5 at Central Michigan University. The symposium will consist of many 20-30 minute programs on corn production, markets and cropping techniques, both on Wednesday and Thursday.

Programs, which start at 9 a.m. daily, will cover such topics as weed problems in corn, fertilizer use and timing, market outlook, harvest handling, and corn utilization

by ruminants. A family program will also be held on Wednesday, dealing with farm business, such as cash flows, debts and planning estates. Exhibits will be set up from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the field house.

Wednesday's program will be held in Warriner Auditorium, while Thursday's talks will take place at the University Center Auditorium. Pre-registration forms are available at the Cooperative Extension Service at 1003 South Oakland, St. Johns, telephone 224-3288.

PUBLIC SALE OF STATE OWNED BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given that the following buildings on the Maple River State Game Area, Gratiot County, at the former Ben Konecny place, 1/4 mi. east of Baldwin Road on Taft Road, Ashley, MI (NW 1/4, Sec. 27, T9N, R2W) will be sold for disposal by sealed bids:

—A 2-story 7-room residence with gas furnace and water heater.

—All outbuildings except metal pole barn. These are numbered, so please indicate numbers on your bid. You may bid on any or all buildings and all bids must be received at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 8562 E. Stoll Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823 by 5:00 P.M., January 13, 1978.

TERMS: Cash or money order from successful bidder(s) plus cash bond for 25 per cent of sale price. Bond refunded when buildings removed according to provisions of building sale permit. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

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Clinton County Board of Commissioners Meeting

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting on January 3, 1978 in the Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan. At 11:00 A.M. the Board will hear the following recommendation from the Clinton County Zoning Commission:

PURPOSE: An application for a Special Use Permit (Case No. ZC-16-77) has been filed by Dale J. Martin, 6042 Skyline Drive, East Lansing, Michigan, on behalf of Martin Aggregate Co., Inc., in order to operate a gravel extraction, sorting and washing operation on the following described parcel of land:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, T9N-R2W, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

J. Anthony Nelson,
Zoning Administrator



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Ag Advice

By Mark Hansen
Agriculture agent

**Sunflowers
no big deal**

Sunflowers, a relatively new word in Michigan agriculture, has many farmers across the state scurrying to co-ops and extension offices, inquiring as to the advantages of sunflowers as a crop. There are a few advantages to planting sunflowers, but there are also some disadvantages—mainly market prices and market availability.

There are two types of sunflowers grown in the United States; one of those is the oil seed types from which sunflower oil originates. The second is the non-oil type which is used as a birdseed. Both types are native to North America, but the majority are grown in the Northern Plain states—especially North and South Dakota. Last year 700,000 acres of sunflowers were grown in the U.S.

Sunflowers will grow on a wide range of soils, but do best on soils which support corn. They are fairly drought tolerant and can grow where soybeans won't. The root system of sunflowers usually extends down to the subsoil moisture depending on soil types and soil compaction. Another advantage of sunflowers is their resistance to temperatures as low as 22-24 degrees Fahrenheit.

However, anyone who tried planting sunflowers in the past year, probably found few market locations for the birdseed type and no

place in Michigan that would handle the oil type, according to reports from Michigan State University. The highest prices given for the seeds were eight to ten cents a point. At an average of \$1,600 to 1,800 pounds per acre, a grower would receive \$130 to \$180 per acre for sunflowers.

Sunflowers should be rotated every three to four years with corn or small grain. Major diseases consist of verticillium wilt, downy mildew and rust, but the insect problems in Michigan have not been researched enough to supply the information which may be needed to prevent an insect infestation. More research is being done now at Michigan State University, but since sunflowers are a new crop in this state (on a large scale basis), so are the problems. If you should plant sunflowers, be sure to get the short varieties (four to six feet tall) and plant them in north-south rows to prevent lodging. The lodging is not based so much on the wind direction, but the turning of the heads and the position of the sun.

We don't have reports yet on how growers made out this year, nor on their feelings about the new crop. However, it appears that most farmers think it's for the birds.

**MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU
EDITORIAL**

UNK SAM IN THE KITCHEN

The attack against so-called junk food is increasing. In many communities, there is growing pressure to ban candy, potato chips and soda pop from school cafeterias. According to U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, 25 states have restrictions against the sale of what they consider junk food in schools.

Farmers have always been in favor of good nutrition. They've supported increased availability and variety of fruits, meats, vegetables and milk from U.S. production. But they can't help wondering if the government might go too far in dictating rigid nutritional

requirements. In the past, parents were responsible for seeing that their children ate proper meals, but now with school breakfast programs, lunch programs, day care provider programs, the government is taking over the role of telling our kids what to eat.

Take, for instance, a proposed regulation by USDA that would ban formulated grain fruit products from the school breakfast program. If you don't know that they are, think about your coffee break. If you ate a doughnut with your coffee, then you had a formulated grain fruit product.

Carol Foreman, assistant

secretary of agriculture for food and consumer services, wants to ban doughnuts and coffee cake and the like from the school premises. She says there is controversy over their fat and sugar content.

If it's doughnuts today—what will it be tomorrow? Farmers are concerned about how far the government will go in telling us what to eat and how much of it. It used to be the government was expected to check on the preparation of food we buy and the purity of food and leave the choice up to the individual appetite. Now just how far will Uncle Sam go in our kitchen?

**Duane and Velmar Green highlight
Michigan Animal Breeders seminar**

Every year Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative presents an educational program to benefit dairy farmers throughout the state.

This year's program "How to Produce 20,000 Pounds of Milk" per cow was repeated at seven locations throughout Michigan. Farmers from Clinton County attended the seminar held at Long's Convention Center in Lansing.

Participants on the program included Clifford "Hap" Allen, popular speaker and genetics expert from Michigan Animal Breeders; Dr. Clinton Meadows, Dairy Specialist at MSU since 1959 and a humorous speaker who keeps the crowd laughing at themselves as much as anyone else as he tells it like it is; and David Gingell, an exacting dairy farmer from Brown City whose herd of 55 cows averaged 23,380 pounds of milk last year; and John Speicher, Dairy Specialist at MSU who thoroughly understands dairy cows and the economics of producing milk.

At each of eight seminars either Duane or Velmar Green, co-owners of the largest purebred dairy farm in the world at Elsie in Clinton County, repeated their story. Each of their 1,475 cows averaged 16,891 pounds of milk and 657 pounds of butterfat last year. This represents a 3000-pound gain in milk during the past two years.

How did they do it? There were a lot of minor changes in management but probably the greatest gain was by going to a mixer feed wagon that blends feed in exact proportion to their cows nutrient requirements. Until they started using

the wagon, complete with scales, they weren't sure exactly what their cows were getting. The Greens are generous feeders and buy soybean meal, which they use as a protein supplement, in carload lots.

The brothers say breeding has a lot to do with it, too. All of their cows are bred artificially to sires with proven genetic capability to produce calves that will someday grow into cows that produce a lot of milk.

They have been breeding their heifers natural to young, unproved sires with powerful pedigrees, but the Greens know that four out of five sires with the best genetic inheritance simply don't prove out, so their

next step toward the 20,000 pounds of milk per cow level will probably be to start breeding their heifers to proven sires, too.

Recently the Greens remodeled their milking parlors to include automatic take-off milkers (sixth dairy farm in the county to do so) and feel these machines will improve udder health over hand-operated machines. They have also installed an automatic air-powered crowd gate that brings the cows into the parlor with no assist from anyone.

The Green story is one of great success accompanied by modesty and humility. Green Meadows is a major Clinton County industry.

Extension calendar

Jan. 4 & 5 Michigan Corn Symposium, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Jan. 7 Glass Collection, Quonset Building, Fairgrounds, St. Johns.

Jan 7 Teen Club Snow Excursion to Echo Valley, Leave St. Johns at 10 a.m.

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. 10 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, Central National Bank, St. Johns, 7:30 p.m.

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 at noon.

Jan. 18 Dairy Program for Ladies, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 Beef Implant Demonstration, Robert DeClery farm—1 1/2 miles east of Durand, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 21-23 Annual Clinton County Snow Camp at Traverse City

Jan. 23 Producing, harvesting and recognizing quality alfalfa, Ovid-Elsie High School, 10 a.m.

Jan. 23 District Holstein Breeders Annual Meeting, Smith Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 24 Restricted-use pesticide instruction, Smith Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 25 Weed sprays—what is new, what is best, and how to use it—Gary Schultz from Crops Science Department, MSU

Jan. 28 Tested Boar and Gilt Sale, Michigan State University Livestock Pavilion.



Students deliver fruit

Kelly Koehn, 13, and eighth grader at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School gives a bundle of fruit to a patient at Rivard's Nursing Home in St. Johns. Ray Ebert's 6th hour class picked a class project to do something nice for someone else in the community. The 26 students in Room 215 distributed 228 bags of fruit to people throughout the county. Stacey Marshall was also on hand to pass out the fruit with Kelly at Rivard's.

**Green seeks
seat on MMPA
state board**

Nine men have been nominated to seek four positions on the MMPA state board of directors in the district elections to be held next month.

Among the nine men nominated for three-year terms are four incumbents including Velmar Green, 39, of Elsie.

Green farms about 3,500 acres and milks some 1,500 cows in partnership with his brother and father. The candidate was first elected to the board in 1969 to finish an unexpired term and he now seeks his third full term on the board.

He is a member of the Michigan State University dairy advisory committee and of the IDHIA state board.



Here's hoping the New Year will bring you all the things you want from life and peace to enjoy them.

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NOTICE

DRAINS—NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

State of Michigan, Office of Clinton County Drain Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF Clinton County Drainage District of Prairie Creek and Gunderman Lake.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Determination, composed of Almond Cressman, Derrill Shinnery, and Alden Livingston, will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 1978, at 10:00 A.M., at DeWitt Community Church 505 Webb Drive, DeWitt, Michigan to hear all interested persons and to determine whether the drain in Drainage District known as the PRAIRIE CREEK AND GUNDERMAN LAKE as prayed for in petition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, tile, extend or relocate along a highway dated November 7, 1977, is necessary and conducive to the public health convenience and welfare, in accordance with Section 72 of Chapter IV of Act. No. 40, P. A. 1956

Harry J. Harden
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FIDELITY AND SURETY

DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOSE SERNA and MARIE A. SERNA, husband and wife, of 705 North Swegles Street, St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagee, to CLINTON NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a national banking corporation, with its principal offices situated in St. Johns, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated 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.

Dated: November 17, 1977
Ernest E. Carter, County Clerk
CUMMINS & CUMMINS
Attorney for Plaintiff
400 Capital Savings & Loan Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan 48923
Telephone: (517) 489-7516

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan on Thursday, January 19, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. The following case will be heard:

ZC-19-77 - EAGLE TOWNSHIP

An Application for a special use permit has been filed by Mr. Mike Brund, 388 Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan to permit the operation of a recreational vehicle race track in an A-1, Agricultural zoned district pursuant to Section 8.40 special uses on the following described parcel of land:

The South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, T5N-R4W, lying north of I-96 Highway, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

The text of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed to be amended and a map showing the Zoning Ordinance as proposed to be amended may be examined at 100 S. Ottawa Street, St. Johns, Michigan between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. of any day Monday through Friday.

A field trip will commence at the Zoning Office on Wednesday, January 18, 1978 at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are requested to appear at the public hearing and voice their opinions in respect thereto.

J. Anthony Nelson,
Administrator
52-1-2-1

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Estelle L. Ageeau, Deceased. File No. 1983.

TAKE NOTICE: On Wednesday January 11th, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Luke Becker, Executor, for License to sell Real Estate of said deceased. Persons interested in said estate are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such license should not be granted.

Dated: December 19, 1977
Attorney for petitioner:
Robert H. Wood
Maples and Wood
306 N. Clinton Ave.
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone 224-3238
S. Luke Becker
11368 Kent Street
R.F.D. No. 2
Fowler, Michigan 48835

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Ruth Ann Smith, Deceased. File No. 1973.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 12, 1978, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Stanley Smith, executor, for the purpose of asking said court for authority to settle a Wrongful Death Claim against third persons, and for the purpose of asking the court to enter its order to Distribute said funds.

Dated: December 23, 1977
Attorney for Petitioner:
Paul A. Maples
306 N. Clinton Ave.
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Phone (517) 224-3238
Petitioner:
Paul A. Maples
306 N. Clinton Ave.
St. Johns, Michigan 48879

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON
FILE NO. 77-6064-DO CIVIL
ACTION ORDER
MARCIA JEAN GAUTIER, Plaintiff, VS DAVID PETER GAUTIER, Defendant.

ORDER TO ANSWER
ON the 13th day of December, 1977, an action was filed by Marcia Jean Gautier, plaintiff, against David Peter Gautier, defendant, in this Court to obtain a decree of Divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANT, DAVID PETER GAUTIER, shall answer to take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the

13th day of March, 1978. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default filed in this court.

Date of Order: Dec. 14, 1977
Leo W. Corking
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
John W. Ulajky (P-27660)
Attorney at Law
Plaintiff's Attorney
5025 W. Saginaw St.
Lansing, Michigan 48917
(517) 321-8422

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Edith Miller, Deceased. File No. 19843.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 1, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, in the Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan, before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Frederick Miller, Executor, for a License to Sell Real Estate of said deceased. Person interested in the said Estate, are directed to appear at said hearing to show cause why such license should not be granted.

Dated: December 20, 1977
Attorney for Petitioner:
Robert H. Wood
Maples & Wood
306 N. Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone (517) 224-3238
Petitioner
S. FREDERICK MILLER
3315 Ridgeway Road
Lansing, Michigan 48906

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Dora Schaefer, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE: On January 12, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Anthony N. Schaefer, praying for probate of a purported Will, granting of administration to the Executor named, and for determination of heirs.

Dated: December 22, 1977
Attorney for Petitioner:
MAPLES & WOOD
Paul A. Maples
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone (517) 224-3238
Petitioner
Anthony N. Schaefer
Route 2
Fowler, Michigan 48835

State of Michigan
The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Clifford Mender, Deceased. File No. 19861.

TAKE NOTICE: On March 15, 1978, at 9:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on claims of said deceased required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Betty J. Mender, 1462 Farwood Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, prior to said hearing, and the heirs of the deceased will be determined.

Dated: December 22, 1977
Attorney for Petitioner:
MAPLES & WOOD
Paul A. Maples (P17063)
306 North Clinton Avenue
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone (517) 224-3238
Petitioner
Betty J. Mender
1462 Farwood Drive
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Legal news

State of Michigan
 The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Lynne J. (Cushing) Bancroft, Deceased, File No. 19869.
TAKE NOTICE: On January 13, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan before the Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Marion Cushing for probate of a purported will of the deceased dated April 6, 1971, for granting of administration to Norman Bancroft or some other suitable person and for the determination of heirs.
 Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Norman Bancroft at 5344 West Townsend Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 and proof thereof with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before March 24, 1978 at 10:00 a.m.
 Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
 Dated: December 22, 1977
 Randy L. Tahvonen
 Attorney for petitioner
 103 East State Street
 St. Johns, Michigan 48879
 Phone: (517) 224-3228

declared or adjudged invalid by present or future legislation or by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 8. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.
Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of DeWitt held December 19th, 1977, and shall become effective upon publication.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Mayor and Clerk, Treasurer of the City of DeWitt hereby authenticate this Ordinance by their signatures.

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

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With Lucille Spencer SHEPARDVILLE



Manger attracts the young

The manger scene on the Clinton County Courthouse lawn is attractive to many, but these youngsters especially enjoyed their visits to the manger. (Top) Matthew and Adam Harris, sons of Gary and Carey Harris of St. Johns, find petting a lamb at the manger a fun experience and (side) Jason and Michael Beebee, twin sons of Roger and Judith Beebee of St. Johns, found a ride on a camel too tempting to resist.

No word received from 'adopted daughter'

The Berean Class and friends of the United Methodist Church, 11 years ago started a project instigated by Leonard and Louise Tillotson to help a 16-year-old girl, Daisy Singh of Punjab, India, to become a doctor.

Miss Singh has written her examinations this month at the University and will take up her residency at a nearby Hospital. Her home is now in New High in Southeastern India where thousands of people lost their lives in the recent typhoons and floods. Her friends here are concerned about her safety since there has been no news since the tragedy.

here as a delegate to the Conference of the Methodist and E.U.B. Churches which met in Chicago.

He told about his daughter, who had topped the list of all the local high school for boys and girls and the university, in such subjects as English, mathematics, social studies, physiology, hygiene and Punjabi and Hindi languages. She was active in debating and

public speaking, and an all-around fine student.

The first Sunday of each month was designated as "Daisy Singh Sunday" when contributions were given to the Tillotsons and sent along with their regular monthly donations to help Miss Singh complete her medical studies.

The Tillotsons feel strongly about Daisy and hope to see "their adopted

daughter" who has been helped by so many Elsie people.

Daisy's mother died young as there was no medical help near their home. She has two older brothers and a younger one. Now that her schooling is over, there will be no more regular "Daisy Singh Sundays" but the Tillotsons and friends are planning to put down a much needed well in the area.

McPhail elected to board

George P. McPhail, Laingsburg businessman, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Clinton National Bank and Trust Company.

McPhail, 53, owns the George P. McPhail Insurance Agency and concurrently manages the Laingsburg branch office of Simon Real Estate.

A native of Kalamazoo, McPhail attended Western

Michigan University and served with the U.S. Navy on active duty in the Pacific.

In his 31 years of business, McPhail operated department and grocery stores in Sunfield and Laingsburg prior to purchasing the insurance agency in 1958.

Professionally, McPhail is active in the Laingsburg Business Association and is past president of this organ-

ization. He currently serves as trustee for the Michigan Professional Insurance Association. His credits include membership in the Lions Club, American Legion, and Masonic Lodge.

McPhail and his wife, Evelyn, have three sons, two of which are active in the business. The family are members of St. Katherine's Episcopal Church in Williamston.

State of Michigan
 The Probate Court for the County of Clinton, Estate of Roman Myers, deceased, File No. 19781.
TAKE NOTICE: On Friday January 13th, 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 on the Petition of Derrill Shinabery, Administrator, for allowance of his Final Account.
 Dated: December 22, 1977
 Attorney for Petitioner:
 Robert H. Wood
 Maple and Wood
 304 N. Clinton
 St. Johns, Mich. 48879
 St. Johns, Mich. 48879
 Phone 224-3238
DERRILL SHINABERY
 200 W. State
 St. Johns, Michigan

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ORDINANCE NO. 90 CITY OF DEWITT CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL CONDUCT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL AND REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF PERSONS AND AROUND LOCAL SCHOOL PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE CITY OF DEWITT ORDAINS:

Section 1. Disturbances of the Peace. Interruption of the Educational Process, persons permitted Upon and Within School Property. No person shall create a disturbance or otherwise disrupt the educational process and good order at any local school or remain upon the property or within the buildings of a local school unless they shall have legitimate reason therefor or lawful business therefor.

Section 2. Duty to Leave School Property When Directed. Any person found to be creating a disturbance in any local school or on the surrounding property shall leave immediately when so directed by the principal or by any other person designated by the principal.

Section 3. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs. The possession, use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any substance that creates abnormal behavior or being under the influence of the same by any person shall be prohibited within local school buildings or on local school property unless possession or use is by a doctor's direction and prescription.

Section 4. Parking and Traffic. Parking and traffic on local school property shall be regulated by Ordinances No. 71 and No. 51 of the Ordinances of the City of DeWitt, as amended, and any other Ordinances of the City of DeWitt regulating parking or traffic as they may be enacted or amended from time to time.

Section 5. Definitions.
 (a) "Local School" shall mean and public school located partially or totally within the boundaries of the City of DeWitt and operated by the Board of Education of the DeWitt School District.
 (b) The singular, as used in this Ordinance, includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

Section 6. Penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 7. Severability of Provisions. This Ordinance and the various sections, paragraphs and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable, if any section, paragraph or clause is

Take care when shoveling that snow this winter

The winter snows are here again, and millions of householders are faced once again with clearing walks and driveways or access to the street.

It's hard for the American male to accept, but the chances are that the lady of the house is in better physical condition than her office worker husband for clearing away the season's first snowfall. An hour or two of daily pushing mop and broom keeps milady in good shape for snow shoveling.

Snow shoveling requires a lot of energy and muscle. Pushing a stalled auto out of a snow bank is even more demanding.

Once again the American Medical Association reminds men of middle age and beyond, especially those who are overweight and lead sedentary lives, to take it easy in clearing away the snow from walks and drives.

If you're in reasonably good health, snow shoveling

may actually be good exercise—if you take it easy.

This could mean getting up half an hour earlier on the morning of a fresh snow fall, to allow time for leisurely snowshoveling, with frequent brief rest periods. The frantic, hurried approach to clearing the drive in an effort to get to the office on time most definitely is not good for health.

Most common serious health result of overexertion from snow shoveling is a heart attack. If your physical condition is such that you are already prone to heart attack, the extra exertion can trigger it. If your heart is sound, it likely won't be

damaged.

Unless you have had a recent checkup, however, you cannot be certain that you aren't a likely candidate for heart trouble. Take it easy. Don't be ashamed to invest in a machine that blows or scrapes aside the snow with the power of a small engine substituting for muscle power. Or don't hesitate to hire the neighborhood lad from down the street to shovel your walks.

Snow shoveling can be good for you, if you use common sense. Light exercise and fresh air in the winter are important to maintaining health. Just don't overdo it.

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