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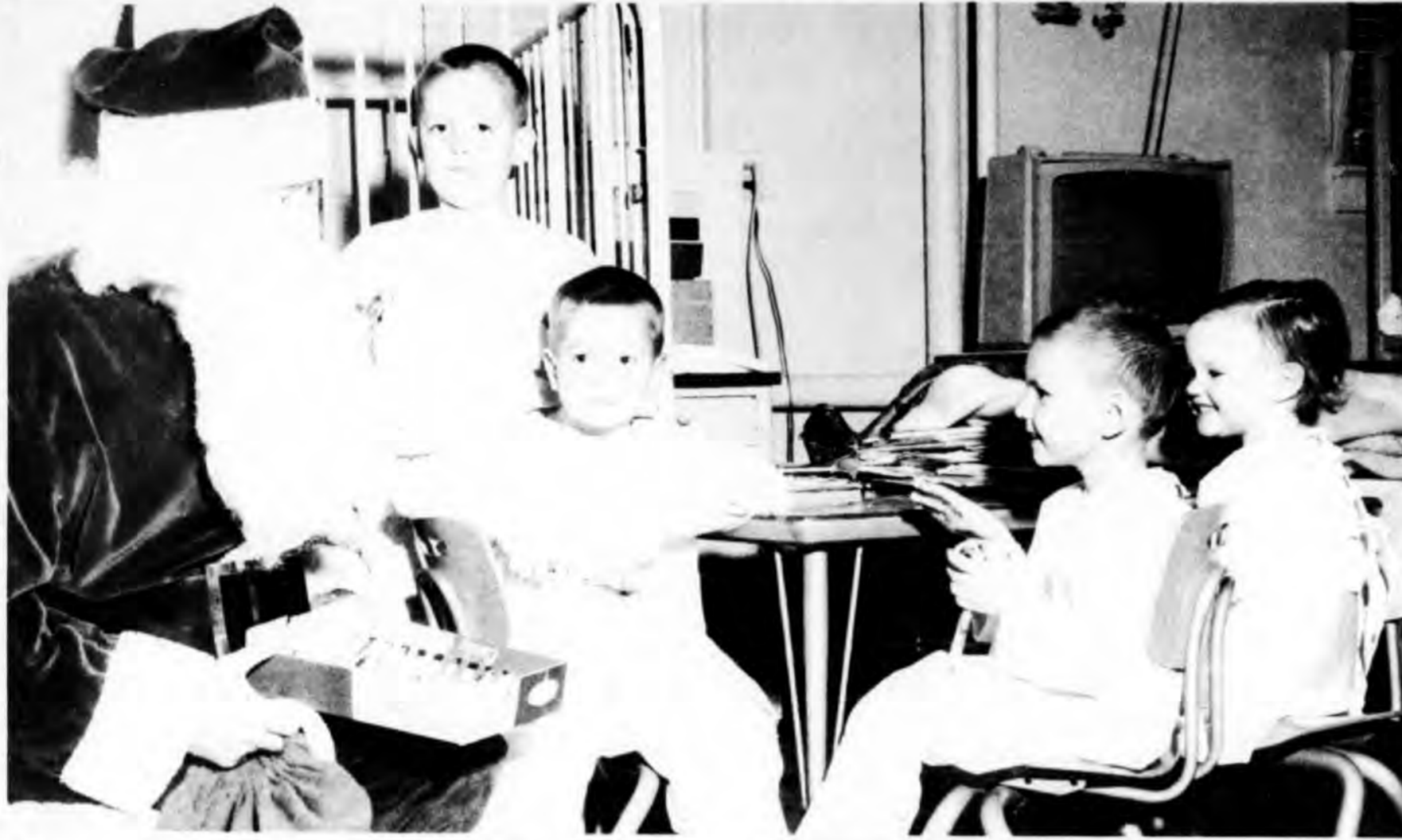
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Name Rinker to associate editor's post

Lowell G. Rinker, 25, a member of the Clinton County News staff since June of this year, has been named associate editor of this newspaper.

His appointment fills a vacancy created earlier this year when Bill G. Eastham, former associate editor, resigned the post to accept a position with the Pontiac Press at Pontiac.

The new associate editor of The News came to St. Johns from Peoria, Ill., where he was a staff member at the Peoria Journal-Star.

HE IS A native of Hart, Mich., and a graduate of Hart High School. He majored in journalism at Bradley University in Peoria and edited a weekly newspaper at Farmington, Ill., prior to joining The Journal-Star.

In addition to his newspaper work, he has done writing for nationally-circulated magazines. His column "Ramblin' with Rink," is a weekly feature on the County News' editorial page.

Lowell, his wife Ann and daughter, Kathleen, 4, live at 110 N. Lansing Street in St. Johns.

New DeWitt charter unit organizes

The new DeWitt city charter commission was to meet Tuesday night to organize itself and plan for drawing up a charter following voter approval Dec. 15 of a proposal to become a city.

The nine-man charter commission was elected by the voters at the same time they approved the main proposal by a 160-21 margin. Village Clerk Ray Price was to swear in the nine elected members, who were to elect a chairman and secretary and to organize their efforts as they saw fit.

THE MEMBERS of the new commission, and their vote totals, are: Howard Woodruff 135, Robert Ballard 117, Lloyd Berkimer 131, Keith Blizzard 143, Lawrence Keck 124, Richard Keck 95, Orla McQuire 101, Arthur Newman 156 and Lee Rummell 164.

Others who received votes in the Dec. 15 balloting were listed as Don Stevens 41, Marshall Warren 75, Virginia Ackerman 78, Jack Lenneman 82 and Lawrence Ridsdale 89.



Santa Visits Pediatrics Department at Hospital

Santa Claus paid a visit to the Pediatrics Department at Clinton Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon and passed out candy to the youngsters there. In top picture he talks with (left to right) Kevin Smith, 5, Dean Cronkhite, 4, David Toth, 5, and Liza Smith 2, all of St. Johns. On up the hall, he and friends Douglas Brzak, 12, of St. Johns and Rodney Snyder, 7, of Perrinton grouped together to wish Gary Smith, 5, (on bed) of Fowler a Merry Christmas and a happy birthday. Gary's sixth birthday will be on Christmas Day.

Bloodmobile here Tuesday

"Be an angel—give a pint of blood."

That's the theme being used by the Clinton County Bloodbank officials in urging St. Johns area people to donate blood next Tuesday when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to the city.

THE BLOODMOBILE will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Church gym from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. It is one of only two visits to St. Johns by the Bloodmobile every year.

Blood donations in the past have made it possible for Clinton County to participate in the Bloodbank program, whereby county residents in need of blood may obtain it free wherever they are in the United States.

CONTINUED SPIRITED donations will keep the county in the program, Mrs. Kenneth Spicer, chairman of the city blood drive, pointed out. She said anyone in the county may someday benefit, and she said a gift of a pint of

blood now is almost an insurance that blood will be available free whenever it is needed.

Most of the blood used by county residents, and everyone else for that matter, is in one or two-pint lots, but every once in a while a need for a lot of blood comes up, and then the value of the bloodbank program really shines.

SUCH IS THE case of a young St. Johns man, Roger Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Fitzpatrick, will undergo open heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., during the holidays. He was a pharmacist at Parr's Drug Store and is now a medical school student at Wayne State University.

Open heart surgery requires the use of a lot of blood, and for Fitzpatrick and others who have to have this operation, the fact that the blood is free is a big factor. The only charge to the patient is for administering the blood transfusion.

MR AND MRS Richard Newman of DeWitt, who have personally benefitted from the Bloodbank program, have been working with Mrs. Spicer in organizing efforts for the current blood drive. The Newmans are co-chairmen of the county Bloodbank program, and he is president of the Clinton County chapter of Red Cross.

The organization this winter is strong, and the drive officials are hoping to receive 200 or more pints of blood from "angel" residents of the area. Two years ago 168 pints of blood were donated, and last December the total was 152. In the last Bloodmobile in July 169 pints were donated.

A TELETHON was held Tuesday night, with four volunteer women making telephone calls to previous donors, asking for pledges of blood in next Tuesday's Bloodmobile. General Telephone Co., and Bill Graef, manager of the St. Johns office, donated the use of the phone company office for the telethon. Making the calls were Theima Acton, Margaret

Hart, Sharon Stone and Nancy Puetz. Assisting were Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Newman.

Fraternal organizations, clubs, lodges and St. Johns industries were also contacting members and employees in an effort to get donors out to the Bloodmobile.

Rotary entertains community elders at Tuesday meet

A group of 13 of the community's older men were entertained at the annual Christmas meeting of St. Johns Rotary Club at Walker's Cafe Tuesday noon. Each of the men was presented with a gift by the club.

There was Christmas carol singing and special Christmas music, supplied by The Wilsonaires, choral group from St. Johns High School directed by Charles Vandemark.

Lawrence G. Sexton was program chairman for the meeting.

Christmas bells call worshippers

Christmas, the holy season, will be observed in many ways in the St. Johns area, including the religious observance in many of the churches of the community.

Church bells will call worshippers to special Christmas Eve services at the First Methodist Church, First Congregational Church, Lutheran Church and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Other churches are planning special programs of note during the Christmas weekend.

Christmas carols will be sung by the adult choir of St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

PONTIFICAL High Mass will be sung at midnight, with Bishop Joseph Green as celebrant. He will be assisted by Father Young, Father Schoettle and parish seminarians. The adult choir will sing the Mass in English.

On Christmas Day, High Mass will be sung in English by the grade school choir at 10:30 a.m. Other Masses are at 6, 7:30, 9 and 12 noon.

THE FIRST Congregational Church's Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 p.m. to encourage the attendance of family groups, including children. Featured will be carols and candles and Stephen Vincent Benet's "A Child Is Born."

Special music will be provided by the senior choir. The highlight of the service will be the spreading of light by candles through the congregation.

THE METHODIST Church will have carols and a candlelight service at 7 p.m., with the chapel choir singing the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah." Solo-

ists will include Kathleen Edwards and Dorothy Serrine, soprano; Phyllis Rice, alto; Dr. Robert Wohlers, tenor; and John Furry, base.

The Rev. Howard A. Smith will read the Christmas story from the Bible and give a short sermon.

ST. JOHN'S Episcopal Church will hold a carol sing at 11 p.m. tonight and it will be followed at 11:30 by a communion service. At 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at the church.

St. Anne's Church in DeWitt will have Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

AT THE Lutheran Church, a Christmas Eve service will start at 7:30, and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day there will be another special service.

The Church of God, though holding most of its Christmas programs and activities over the last weekend, will have Christmas Eve communion at the church from 5 to 8 p.m.

THE BAPTIST Temple was to hold a Christmas supper and program last night (Wednesday) at the church at 6:30.

The Free Methodist Church and First Baptist Church held their Christmas observance Sunday.

Looks like liberal Christmas

If the sound of the cash register jingle means much, folks around St. Johns will be very liberal in their gift giving this Christmas season.

St. Johns merchants have reported generally better sales during December. The increase hasn't been spectacular in most cases but comfortably and definitely above the good year they had last year.

BUYING HABITS appeared to change somewhat, with shoppers getting started a little earlier and laying away their gifts rather than waiting until the last minute. Some merchants noticed crowds slacking off already the first of this week, whereas normally the Christmas rush lasts up to the last minute.

Others are looking forward to the last few days of business and the post-Christmas sales before knowing specifically how they made out in comparison with last year.

THE GOOD Christmas season is a carryover from active fall buying in many lines of merchandise.

Some merchants noticed a greater influx of shoppers from outside the city and immediate area of St. Johns. They noted a greater tendency for people to do their shopping in St. Johns rather than traveling to Lansing.

THEY SAID THAT in stores where merchandise is available and prices are competitive, people are staying at home to shop.

Wert anxious to set up new municipal court in St. Johns

Though voters have approved a municipal court, setting it up will not be an easy task. But it's one Municipal Court Judge Alba Wert is anxious to tackle Jan. 1.

Wert, who was appointed judge last week by the city commission, has a 31-year law experience record to draw from in his new position. He was first admitted to law practice March 7, 1933, in the circuit court of Wayne County.

PASSING JUDGMENT will not be an entirely new experience; Wert has been justice of the peace in St. Johns since 1953 when he accepted the post on the death of Charles Speer.

He also served a term and a half as prosecuting attorney of Clinton County from 1949 to 1952. He sought the Republican nomination for the office again last fall, but lost a close race to Norman White in the September primary.

WERT, 54, WAS born in Ovid Township and attended school at Laingsburg. He graduated from the Detroit College of Law with an LL.B. degree in 1931. After practicing law in Detroit for a time, he moved to Ovid in 1935 and set up an office there. He has been practicing law in the county ever since.

He became circuit court com-



ALBA F. WERT

missioner shortly after coming to the county, and he held that position until 1949 when he was appointed prosecutor to fill the unexpired term of Clement Pung, who died. He also was a law researcher and indexer for the state Legislature for a 6 1/2-year period that overlapped into his term as prosecutor.

WERT HELD the prosecutor position for a full term of his own, but then chose not to run in 1952. In 1953 he was appointed justice of the peace.

A resident of St. Johns since

Memorial Day of 1946, Judge Wert and his wife live at 501 E. State Street. They have two sons, Richard, married and living in Ypsilanti, and James, a sophomore at Olivet College. The family belongs to the First Congregational Church here.

WERT HAS held numerous Masonic offices and is past master of Ovid Lodge 127, F & AM, past high priest of RAM Lodge No. 13 at Ovid and past prelate of the St. Johns Commandery, No. 24.

Judge Wert expressed his belief that the new municipal court system will be beneficial to the city. "It will save people time and money on cases involving between \$300 and \$1,000," he pointed out. "The municipal court will be able to handle these cases now, whereas they previously would have been beyond the jurisdiction of the justice court. Money and time would have been involved in sending the case through circuit court."

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NOTICE TO RILEY TAXPAYERS . . . Due to my being in the hospital, because of an unexpected operation, I would appreciate your cooperation in handling the taxes. I would appreciate anyone who could send theirs through the mail. I will see you as soon as possible. Thank you, Robert Law, Treasurer.

3 Clinton people hurt in Lansing

Three Clinton people were hurt in a crash at the intersection of North Street and Washington Avenue in Lansing Friday afternoon.

R. Cowles, 52, of R-1, St. Johns, collided. Lozano suffered head and chest injuries. Two passengers in the Cowles auto, Abraham Nemcik, 2, and Elizabeth Cowles, were treated for bruises. The injured were taken to St. Lawrence Hospital.



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This lighting at the home of Terrence Larner, 303 Lindy Lane, was judged the best in St. Johns by a committee of the St. Johns Jaycees over the weekend. The Larners won a \$25 first prize.

Name Christmas lighting winners

The lawn lighting display of the Terrence Larner family at 303 Lindy Lane was judged tops in the city of St. Johns over the weekend. Fourteen other homes were judged.

The St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees sponsored the contest and awarded a prize of \$25 to the Larner family.

A CHECK FOR \$15 went to the second place winner, Don Boncha of 803 N. Oakland, and Curtis Simpson of 1000 S. Church Street was awarded third prize and a check for \$10.

Other participants in the contest were George Gavenda, Terry Reho, Leonard Campbell, Arthur Hoffman, Leon Brewbaker, Lee Pederson, Mrs R. G. Plowman, the ex-Ford Kuhns, Lawrence Fish, Ed

Sulka, Richard Worrall and Gerald Latimer.

MANY OTHER homes around the city were brightly and beautifully lighted for the Yule season, some observers saying that it was the best display of Christmas lighting they've seen from local residents.

While the residential area sparked with Christmas lighting, the downtown business district literally shone with Yuletide cheer. Much of it was because of Christmas spirit in the faces of merchants and shoppers alike, but most was from a dazzling display of Christmas lights.

BUSINESS DISTRICT lighting this year is the most extensive it ever has been, and the expenditures by businessmen on

their stores and the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations on the streets seemed to most people to be worthwhile, and they were appreciative.

Christmas lighting along the streets drew praise from almost every nighttime shopper. Light poles were decorated, and lights hung over the streets. The brightly lighted Christmas tree and display of angels at the top of Clinton Avenue were the highlight of the lighting theme.

EMPLOYEES OF the city spent many hours on their own in helping put up the lights and in keeping them lighted.

School's Yule concert draws full house

The St. Johns High School choir, band and orchestra gave their annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday before a full house at the high school auditorium.

Jailed for non-support

Larry J. Owen, 20, of Charlotte, is in Clinton County jail, sitting out a \$200 fine assessed against him Monday by Circuit Judge Leo Corbin on a charge of non-support. The full jail time would be 30 days.

Rev Self accepts call to Midland Church

The Rev Erwin Self, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at 607 N. Lansing Street, will preach his last sermon here Sunday before moving to Midland where he has accepted the call to pastor the Neace Memorial Church.

The Rev Mr Self has been pastor here since July 19, 1962, when he moved to St. Johns from Grand Ledge. While he was here, the local church experienced a gain in membership and attendance, and a foyer, entrance and new classrooms were added to the church.

HE AND his family will be moving next Wednesday, and his first Sunday in his new pastorate will be Jan. 3. The Neace Memorial Church in Midland is a new building on a new site and includes a new parsonage.

In addition to his regular duties as pastor, the Rev Mr Self has been active in other church-connected work. He has been president of the St. Johns Ministerial Assn. and the Clinton County Ministerial Assn. during his stay here.

HE HAS BEEN a member of the district council of NYPs, a member of the Camp Meeting Assn. and the Home Mission Board of the Nazarene Church. His wife, Leona, is zone chairman of the Nazarene World Missionary Society.

Both Rev and Mrs Self have been directing the girls camp of



REV ERWIN SELF

the Michigan District of the Church of the Nazarene at Vicksburg for seven years, and they have accepted a request to direct the camp again next summer.

THE REV MR Self has been a minister for over 12 years. He attended Owosso College and Greenville College and held pastorates at Perry and West Branch, in addition to Grand Ledge and St. Johns. Rev and Mrs Self have four sons, Edwin, Elwood, Eldon and Elliott.

Arrangements for a successor to the Rev Mr Self here are being made by the church board.

Fatal Gratiot crash injures 2 from here

Mrs Steve (Joanne) Hopko of St. Johns and her grandmother, Mrs Eva Azelborn were injured Saturday morning in a crash that claimed the life of the driver of the other car.

Mrs Hopko's southbound car was struck in the side by the other at the intersection of Alger and Tyler roads north of Ithaca in Gratiot County. Charles Harrier, 81, of Alma, driver of the other car, died shortly after noon at Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma.

MRS HOPKO suffered severe bruises and scrapes in the crash. She was expected to be released from the hospital Monday. Her grandmother, Mrs Azelborn, 82, was more seriously hurt. She suffered a broken pelvis and other injuries and was in "fair" condition Monday.

State police, who investigated the crash, reported Mr Harrier was going east on Tyler Road. They reported witnesses said his car "almost stopped" for a stop sign there, then shot into the intersection and into the side of Mrs Hopko's auto.

IT WAS PUSHED into a ditch where it hit a culvert. Both Mrs Hopko and Mrs Azelborn were wearing seat belts; Mr Harrier was thrown out of his car.

Mrs Azelborn has been resid-

ing with the Hopko family in St. Johns for the past few weeks while recovering from recent surgery. Her home is in Ithaca.

Activities table gift to hospital

Santa's pack will be extra large this year because an over-sized gift is being delivered to Clinton Memorial Hospital. It is a large activities table and chairs with "pediatrics department" on the tag.

Santa received his order from Paul Automotive, Inc., a Lansing automotive supply firm with branches in St. Johns, Hastings, Owosso, Eaton Rapids and East Lansing.

PRESENTATION of the gifts was made to hospital representatives at a luncheon last Thursday at the Lansing Walnut Hills Country Club.

C. S. Phillips, firm president, in making the presentations, pointed out that this "is a long-standing tradition with us to give to the hospitals in the name of our customers. The response and appreciation over the years has been most gratifying," said Phillips, "and we feel that both our customers and the various communities benefit from this Christmas tradition."

DON PHILLIPS, vice president, served as the luncheon toastmaster, and Robert Phillips, secretary-treasurer, assisted.

The activities table is a spe-

cially designed adjustable unit which can be utilized for both small fry or older children, and it will serve as a center for handcraft work for convalescents.

IN PREVIOUS years the hospitals have received such entertainment facilities as TV sets, radio-phonograph hi-fi sets, aquariums and rocking chairs from the firm.

Court

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THE NEW COURT system will go into effect Jan. 1, and for the time being the city commission has designated the commission chambers in the basement of the municipal building as the court room. This is while the city administration investigates possible permanent locations. City Manager Ken Greer was authorized last week by the commission to obtain necessary office and courtroom equipment for the judge.

Wert will be paid a salary of \$8,000, set last week by the commission. His appointment will be effective until Jan. 1, 1967, or until a successor is elected and qualified. The municipal judge will be elected at the general election in 1966 for a term of six years.



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DALE L. JORAE of 704 S. Wight Street and his family are new residents of St. Johns, having moved here from Marlette. He and his wife Gloria have four children, Eddy 9, Michael 8, Nancy 5 and Connie 4. Jorae is a spray painter at Fisher Body in Lansing.

ROBERT L. CAMPBELL and his wife Marla are new subscribers to the Clinton County News and new residents of St. Johns. They live at 102 S. Oakland Street and moved here from Mt. Pleasant. Campbell is employed in line work at Fisher Body in Lansing; he previously was an orderly at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

ROLAND L. CLARY, his wife Linda and their daughter Bonnie Lynn, age five months, have moved into 311 Wight Street, St.

Johns, and are now receiving the Clinton County News there. He is employed at Saylor Beall Manufacturing Co. He previously was a maintenance worker at Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio.

LESLIE O. WESNER, mathematics instructor at the high school, has moved his family to 201 E. Sturgis Street in St. Johns. They previously lived in Laingsburg, where they were Clinton County News subscribers. Wesner and his wife Ruth have two children, Jim 15 and Sally 6.

News' family enjoys Yule dinner party

Thirty adults and children—employees and families of the Clinton County News—held a Christmas dinner party Saturday night at Daley's Restaurant.

Gifts were exchanged, and entertainment was provided by the Wilsonaires of St. Johns High School, under the direction of Gordon Vandemark.

Future Bingham fire protection worries city

Bingham Township's future fire protection status is up to the township board, but the St. Johns city commission showed some concern about it last Tuesday night.

Mayor Jack Smit brought up the subject at the regular commission meeting and asked for discussion on it. He said he thought the township board should be made to realize that it will cost them about \$3,000 to get St. Johns fire protection after July 1, 1967, if they don't negotiate their present contract.

BINGHAM IS the only one of eight surrounding townships which did not negotiate for new contracts in the summer of 1963 when St. Johns made plans to buy new fire fighting equipment. In all cases, increases were made

in the standby fee of each township and the per-run charge.

Bingham Township, however, ignored the commission's Nov. 1, 1963, deadline for signing a new contract. St. Johns is continuing to honor the old contract by providing protection at the old rate of \$300 standby per year and \$75 per run. That contract runs until July 1, 1967.

IF AND whenever Bingham decides to renegotiate, it will pay \$800 a year standby and \$100 per run.

Mayor Smit and the rest of the commission, however, are worried that the Bingham board doesn't realize that any new contract would be retroactive to July 1, 1963. That means Bingham would have to pay \$500 a year standby fee above what they have already paid and \$25 a fire run above that already paid since July 1, 1963. A 6 per cent interest is also being charged.

AS OF JULY 1 this past sum-

Postman saves life of woman



GERALD EVERY

The postman usually just delivers mail. It isn't often he gets a chance to save a life.

But St. Johns postman Gerald Every did last Monday, and with so little fanfare hardly anybody except those in the immediate area and family knew about it.

EVERY GOT started on his postal delivery route a little earlier than normal last Monday morning. It was still bitterly cold at 8:30 a.m. when he approached the home of Mrs. Cassie Pope at 209 W. McConnell Street.

There he discovered Mrs. Pope lying on the ground outdoors after having suffered a stroke. Every helped Mrs. Pope inside and then ran to several neighbors' houses before finding a telephone to call for an ambulance.

AN AMBULANCE arrived soon, and Mrs. Pope was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital where she is reported to be improving. Her condition was described as "fair" Tuesday by personnel at the hospital.

mer a difference of \$768.50 existed between the old rate and the new. City Manager Ken Greer said this amount will grow by \$530 each year (stand-by and interest) even if there were no more fire runs into Bingham Township.

"I don't think the township board realizes what this will be at the end of four years," Mayor Smit said. "I don't think they'll be able to pay it."

AND THEY'LL apparently have to pay, unless a future city commission decides to let Bingham back into the fire protection service without paying the back fees. But the present commission is standing pat on their retroactivity demand.

If Bingham refuses to renegotiate a new contract while the present one is in effect, it will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,075 in retroactive fees and interest to get back in July 1, 1967, figuring an average of nine fire runs each year.

THIS SAME has-le came up at the Aug. 18 commission meeting when Bingham Township questioned why its new standby rate should be higher than several of the other townships.

The commission replied that because Bingham Township surrounds St. Johns and is much closer to fire protection, and because many of its residents "across the street" from the city get the same fire hydrant protection city residents do, the township should pay more than a more distant area.

THE TOWNSHIPS served by the fire department are charged varying amounts, according to the area to be covered and the distance from St. Johns. The city figures that generally the closer the township the better the protection it gets and the more it should pay.

Watertown theft costs him jail time

William E. Kester, 20, of 708 Walnut Street, Lansing, was found guilty of simple larceny by Justice of the Peace William Nicholas of Watertown last week.

Kester was convicted of stealing a woman's watch from a store in Watertown on a truck route which he was servicing. Nicholas fined Kester \$10.10, assessed him costs of \$19.90 and sent him to jail for three days.

Car hits parked truck; 1 hurt

William L. Hufnagel, 20, of R-2, Fowler was bruised up Friday evening when his car struck the rear of a parked truck on Wright Road a half-mile south of M-21 in Dallas Township.

Deputy Sheriff Hilary Hafner said a delivery truck driven by Harvey J. Wineand, 61, of Carson City, had pulled off the highway as far as the driver could while the driver went to make a phone call. The truck lights were left on, he said.

Hufnagel's car, traveling north on Wright Road, hit the left rear of the truck.

Man critically hurt in crash

Robert P. Smith, 47, of Laingsburg remained in critical condition at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing Tuesday with injuries received in an auto accident early last Thursday evening.

He was hurt when his car failed to make a curve on Round Lake Road in Victor Township, went off the road and smashed into a tree.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Corson, who investigated the accident, said Smith was traveling east on Round Lake Road and failed to make the curve about a half-mile west of Meridian Road near the Clinton-Shiawassee County Line. The crash occurred at 6:15 p.m.

Fined \$50, costs

Wallace C. Matauda, 19, of Lansing, paid a \$50 fine and \$19.90 costs Sunday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.



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Charge area man wrote bad check

David William Carpenter, 35, of R-1, Bath, waived examination last week at Charlotte and was bound over to the Eaton County Circuit Court on a charge of writing a \$10 check without an account. He is free on \$1,000 bond.

Holidays spur get-togethers

The Christmas and New Year holidays are here and families will gather to spend them together. St. Johns residents are no exception. Some persons will travel to various places throughout the state, others, out of State, while some will just go down the block. Some will have their families from near and far visiting them in their St. Johns homes. Following is a list of how just a few St. Johns families will spend the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Dale Randolph, Larry, and Terrie of North Williams Road will host the J. D. Robinsons of 7099 Fremont, their daughter, Barbara Waggoner, and Mrs Kay Stephens on Christmas Day.

Mr and Mrs William Richards Jr. of 302 Lindy Lane will be busy during the holidays entertaining Mr and Mrs William Richards Sr. on Christmas Eve and dining with the Hank Weidners of Lansing on Christmas Day.

Dining with Mr and Mrs Thomas Beechler, Robn and Scott of 511 South Clinton on Christmas Day will be Mrs Beechler's parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Ricker and her brother, John, of 501 East Sturgis.

DR AND MRS HAROLD D. Shane, Suzanne, and Jimmy of 303 East Sturgis will spend Christmas Day in Eagle with Mrs Shane's brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs David Baker. Mr and Mrs David Baker Sr. and Mr and Mrs James Baker and family, all of Grand Ledge, will join them.

The R. W. Sleights of 812 W. Park will spend Christmas morning with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr and Mrs Stuart Sleight of East Lansing and later in the day they will dine with another son and his wife, Dr and Mrs Justin Sleight of Lansing.

Mr and Mrs Jack Smit of 500 1/2 North Clinton will be joined on Christmas Day by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Donald Guthrie and their children, Jack, Jill and Jann.

ROSS STEVENS, HIS son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Richard Stevens; and Mr and Mrs Kenneth Langdon and family; all of Owosso, will spend Christmas Day with Mr and Mrs Harold Stelter of 8110 North Welling Road.

On Christmas Day we'll see the Paul M. Tarrs and their son, Steven, getting together with Mr and Mrs Paul Tarr Jr. and their baby daughter, Chris, of Lansing; Mr and Mrs William Koivu and Kelly of Flint; and Mr and Mrs Bud Hine. Kevin and John of Benton Harbor.

At The Robert Eldridges on Christmas Day will be Mrs Fred Tiedt Sr., her children and grandchildren. They are Mr and Mrs Fred Tiedt Jr. and Janet; Mr and Mrs Lorenz Tiedt and Larry; Mr and Mrs Allen Tiedt, Craig, and Scott; Mr and Mrs Gary Hyde; Mr and Mrs Erwin Tiedt; Mr and Mrs Keith Tiedt and family; Mr and Mrs Jerold Tiedt and family; Mr and Mrs Rudolph Tiedt, Phillip, and Roger; and Mr and Mrs Morris Tiedt and family.

PLANS OF THE Richard Tonnemachers, Mark and Tracy of 607 North Ottawa over the holidays include entertaining Mrs Tonnemacher's parents, Mr and Mrs G. W. Redfern, of 201 South Clinton on Christmas Day, and spending the following Sunday in Detroit with her husband's brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Harold Tonnemacher.

Mr and Mrs Melvin W. Warren of 307 Clark will have as guests on Christmas Day their son, Douglas, who is a student at Western Michigan University, and his wife; their other son, Winfield, and his wife of East Lansing; Mrs Alex McArthur; and Rowe Everett.

Mr and Mrs Alva R. Wert of 501 East State Street and son, James, who is home from Olivet College, will join their son, Richard, and children of Ypsilanti and travel to Grand Rapids on Christmas Day to visit the Wayne Clarks.

COMDR. AND MRS MILTON Ray, George and Kimberly arrived at the Lewis W. Wolf residence at 402 East State Street from Newport, R. I. Monday, Dec. 21, to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with them.

Home from Michigan State University, to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr and Mrs Dale W. Anderson of Paxton Road, are Pat and Jack Anderson. They will be joined on Christmas Day by Mr and Mrs Stuart Openlander, and daughter, Marilyn, of Dearborn and the Openlander's son, Don, who is also a student at MSU. Mr Anderson's mother, Mrs Ione Anderson of St. Johns will also be present.

Mr and Mrs Warren S. Anderson, Lorrain, and Barbara of 609 West Higham will spend Christmas Day with Mr and Mrs Dorr M. Anderson of 711 South Oakland. The Dorr Anderson's son, Rick, who is home from MSU for the holidays, will also be there.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE Dana Anteses will be spent with their son, Tom, Mr and Mrs Richard Tilford and family of St. Ignace, Mr and Mrs Fred Fernholz of 102 Floral, and Mr and Mrs Donald Low of 204 N. Lansing.

The Herb Bakers will entertain their family for Christmas Eve festivities and dinner. Joining them will be Mr and Mrs Fred Baker, Herby, Julie and Martha of Lansing; Mr and Mrs George McCurry, Jack, Cathy and Vickie of 106 North Mead; and Mr and Mrs Paul Martis Jr., Paulette, David and Melissa of 311 South Clinton. On Sunday their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Max Haviland, Janice, Denise and Todd will arrive from Bancroft, Wis. to remain with them through New Year's Day.

On Christmas Eve the J. E. Bartholomews of 505 South Oakland will entertain their family, Mr and Mrs Arthur Staggemeire, Eric and Sue Ellen of Jackson, and Mr and Mrs Ladd Bartholomew of 309 South Clinton. On Christmas Day all will gather at the Ladd Bartholomew residence.

MR AND MRS R. G. BECHER of 103 West Steel will be joined on Christmas Day by their children and grandchildren, Mr and Mrs Jim Droste and family of Westphalia, Mr and Mrs Richard Becher and family of Fowler, and Mr and Mrs David Butler of Perinton. Their son, Doug, who is a serviceman, is expected to call.

Joining Mr and Mrs Richard Bolling, Rick, Craig and Diane of 410 West Park at the Wayne Bollings at 304 East Gibbs will be Mr and Mrs Harold Elliot of Flint and the Robert Bollings of 1658 West Price Road.

Mr and Mrs Ray Hamilton of 207 North Oakland will first join Mrs Hamilton's parents, Mr and Mrs Martin Edinger and family in Fowler. Her brother, and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Fred Edinger, of Big Rapids, will join them. Later in the day, they will travel to Lansing to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs Ed Hamilton.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, Mr and Mrs Charles Ross and family of Niles visited with Mr and Mrs Lyle Bradley of 107 South Lansing. On Christmas Day the Lyle Bradleys will entertain Mr and Mrs Robert Bradley and family of Utica, Mr and Mrs Ralph Herriott and family of Lansing and Harry Bradley of 101 West Walker.

Traveling to Celina, Ohio for Christmas will be Mr and Mrs Earl D. Creese, their son, Dick, and daughter, Pat, who is a student at the University of Michigan, and an exchange student from Holland, Anita Masterson, who is living with them. They will be visiting the family of Mrs Cresse. The group will spend New Year's Day in Ravenna, Ohio.

Spending the Christmas holidays with their parents are three student nurses from St. Lawrence School of Nursing. They are Carole Stoy, Jane Becker and Beatrice Tomasek.

Mrs W. T. Bandt of 500 South Lansing will join Mr and Mrs Jack Cornell, Chris and Sandra at their residence at 1601 East Centerline on Christmas Day.

MRS E. G. HULSE OF East Cass will spend the Christmas holiday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Jack Tanner and their children of Lansing.

On Christmas Day, Mr and Mrs John A. Furry, Lynne, Todd, and Scott of 500 South Clinton will visit Mr and Mrs Allen Kubista in Okemos. They will be joined by Mr and Mrs Troy Johnson and Karen.

ARRIVING FROM GRAND RAPIDS to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr and Mrs Lloyd B. Harris of 402 South Ottawa and Mr and Mrs James Spousta Sr. of 402 East Baldwin are Mr and Mrs James Spousta. Mrs Spousta is the daughter of the Harrises.

THE WAYNE HICKS OF 504 South Mead have their son, Ronald, who is a student at MSU, home for the holidays. Joining them on Christmas Day will be Mr and Mrs L. E. Ressler of Lansing and Mr and Mrs John B. Ouderkerk.

11 members present at Extension group Christmas party on the council meeting. She read a letter and showed pictures from Park Soo Young, the group's adopted orphan boy from Seoul, Korea.

The Friendly Neighbors Extension Study Group met with Mrs Maynard Marten for a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16.

Mrs Lloyd Hopp presided over the meeting. All of the 11 members were present and roll call was answered by giving a favorite Christmas recipe.

Mrs Walter Marten reported on the council meeting. She read a letter and showed pictures from Park Soo Young, the group's adopted orphan boy from Seoul, Korea.

FOLLOWING the business, was a recreation period, under the direction of Mrs Earl Flegler. A gift exchange was held.

The next meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 20, at the home of Mrs Walter Marten. The project lesson will be "Soft Floor Covering" and will be presented by Mrs John Coffman and Mrs Glenn Hopp.



MR AND MRS MICHAEL HATTA

Mr and Mrs Michael Hatta will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 27, with an open house at St. Joseph School's Social Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Hosts for the affair will be their son-in-law and two daughters, Mr and Mrs Rockne DeLauney and Monica Hatta.

Church library obtains books

The Elizabeth Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs Edward Sulka Tuesday, Dec. 15. There were 14 members and two guests present. Mrs Floyd Parmelee was co-hostess. A dessert was served at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs Merle Redman, chairman, opened the meeting with two articles pertaining to the Christmas season. The committee reported that the books bought in memory of Mrs Herb Rummell, and Mrs Earl Hustin had been placed in the church library.

THE FLOWER chairman, Mrs Fred Hansen, reported on giving the five golden link members handkerchiefs, cards and a copy of Ideals for Christmas.

Worship was given by Mrs Isaac Neelands from the 37th Psalm and Isaiah, closing with a poem, "The Shepherd Tells his Story." Mrs Bruce Lanterman presented the program. This was handled in the form of discussion by the members.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 25, in the home of Mrs J. E. Bartholomew.

WARMEST Greetings Day the holidays find you at the height of happiness, in the best of health... rich in friendships. CHRIS' PARTY STORE ST. JOHNS

Greetings To so many good friends the very MERRY Christmas event! Mary Frances Shop Phone 224-4703 102 N. Clinton ST. JOHNS

a merry Christmas to all! On the night before Christmas and all through the season, when a jolly "Ho! Ho!" rings 'round the house, we would like to join Santa in wishing All Residents of this area, and Particularly Our Employees, Happiness and Prosperity Throughout the Coming Year! St. Johns Plant Sealed Power Corp.

TO WISH YOU Christmas Blessings May your family be blessed with a truly joyous holiday, filled with all the peace and happiness of that first Christmas Day. RAY C. OSBORN GAMBLE STORE DEALER 108 N. Clinton ST. JOHNS Phone 224-2828

Greetings AND BEST WISHES FOR THE Christmas SEASON Julie K St. Johns

Greetings We at Jim's Insurance Service wish to extend to our policyholders and the Community of St. Johns a safe and Merry Christmas. May God bless all of you with a successful and Happy New Year. Jim's Insurance Service 222 N. Clinton ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN Phone 224-2479

Catholic Guild helps missions

St. Monica's Catholic Afternoon Guild held its monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Social Hall of St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Preceding the meeting a potluck was served to the 21 members present. Hostess for the afternoon was Mrs. Auria Crane. Mrs. Richard Cramer assisted as co-hostess.

THE MEETING was opened with a group rosary led by Mrs. William Zuker, president, Mrs. Leo F. Sntigen read a letter from Rev. William McKeon who left St. Joseph's Parish to work in Puerto Rico. Father McKeon thanked the guild for a donation they recently sent him and told them about the Thanksgiving he celebrated.

Mrs. Sntigen distributed used white skirts which are to be made into hospital gowns. The gowns

will be sent to the Catholic Medical Mission Board. The Board will, in turn, send them to leper colonies in Africa.

THE NEXT meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 14. Mrs. Bruno Mazzolini will be hostess. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Pauline Barker.

Following the meeting, the members played Bingo. Christmas articles were given as prizes.

Attend Yule dinner, evening of dancing

The employees of the Clinton National Bank and Trust Co. attended a Christmas party at Brauer's 1861 House in Lansing, Saturday, Dec. 12.

Dinner was served to 59 employees and guests, followed by an evening of dancing. A social hour preceded the dinner. Door prizes were won by Robert Henning, Walter Papciak, and Kay Eisler.

The party was planned and sponsored by the newly formed Employee's Activities Committee.



MR AND MRS JOSEPH J. FOX

A golden anniversary dinner will be held Jan. 10 at noon in honor of Mr and Mrs Joseph J. Fox. An open house and buffet, to which relatives and friends are invited, will be held at St. Joseph School's Social Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Hosts for the occasion are Mr and Mrs Robert A. Fox, Mr and Mrs V. R. Whitey Whited, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Cummins, and Mr and Mrs Gene Downing. Joseph and Rosa Bengel were married Jan. 11, 1915, at St. Mary's Church by the late Father Hofsted. They have spent their married lives in the vicinity of Westphalia and Pawama. Their golden anniversary Mass will be said Monday, Jan. 11.

Girl Scouts give Yule dinner, gifts to needy family

Girls from Girl Scout Troop 522 of St. Johns had a big day of Christmas activities Tuesday, highlighted by the delivery of clothing, toys and food to a needy Mexican family of 14 east of St. Johns.

The girls gathered at the Methodist Church after school and took the goods to the family in five cars. The troop was accompanied by Mrs. John Garcia, who acted as interpreter. Decorated boxes carried the words "Feliz Navidad," "Merry Christmas" in Spanish.

DRIVING CARS for the girls were Mrs. Norman Petersen, Mrs. Donald Hyler, Mrs. Eugene Beagle, Mrs. Gail Goetze and Mrs. John Thrush, the troop leader.

After the trip into the country, the girls returned to the church for a Christmas supper and then traveled around town singing Christmas carols to "shut-ins." They then returned to the church to exchange gifts among themselves and to have hot cocoa.

Mrs Burk entertains the Band of Workers

Mrs. Pauline Burk entertained the Band of Workers, Dec. 17, for a 1 p.m. potluck, followed by the meeting, conducted by Mrs. Anna

Kentfield, president. Twelve members were present.

Reports of the committees were given. Officers were elected for the new year. They are: Mrs. Bervia Smith, president; Mrs. W. E. Jones, vice president; Mrs.

Anthony Stambersky, secretary; and Mrs. Mitchell Hyler, treasurer.

The group will meet for its first meeting in 1965 Thursday, Jan. 14, with Mrs. George Vandousser at her home at 709 East Walker.



We will close Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. to enable our employees to spend Christmas Eve with their families.

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GREETINGS

As Christmas comes to you this year, we warmly wish that it may bring a holy meaning ever deeper, hopes ever brighter, and joyous blessings ever richer.

Osgood Funeral Home

ST. JOHNS



New Names In the News

BATH—A baby boy was born, Dec. 12, to Mr and Mrs Donald Lenz of 3918 Alpha, Lansing, at Sparrow Hospital. He was named Donald Steven and weighed seven pounds and three ounces. Mrs. Lenz is the former Vivian Smith of Bath.

BATH—Daniel Eric, weighing eight pounds and three ounces was born at Sparrow Hospital Wednesday, Dec. 9, to Mr and Mrs Donald Ricks of Bath.

Mr and Mrs Eric Peterson of Plymouth are the parents of a boy, Michael Eric, born Dec. 16, at Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mrs. Peterson is the former Marlene Witt of St. Johns.

A daughter, Tamra Lynn, was born to Mr and Mrs Eugene Simon of 2019 Alpha Street, Lansing, Friday, Dec. 11, at Sparrow Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces. The Simons have two other children, Brendt, who is 22 months old, and Curtis, who is 10 months old. Mrs. Simon is the former Lynda Heinen of St. Johns.

The name "Christ" comes from the Greek word for "Messiah" according to World Book Encyclopedia.

Births

Clinton's Citizens of Tomorrow

IT'S A GIRL!

Dec. 16: Louanna Jean, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Omans of Lansing (Bernice Hustin)

Dec. 17: Deborah Lynne, Mr and Mrs David Yallup of St. Johns (Janice Wadell)

IT'S A BOY!

Dec. 15: James Lee, Mr and Mrs Jerry L. Staley of Ovid (Joyce Harmon)

Dec. 19: Alan Wade, Mr and Mrs Arthur Post Jr., of St. Johns (Joann Weiber)

Hospital Auxiliary plans next meeting

The Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board will not meet in December and January. The first meeting of the new year will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. Plans will be discussed and voted upon for the year's services.

Mrs. Lawrence Huot of Swegles Street School, will take charge of making tray favors for the patient's Christmas trays. Mrs. Albert Nelson's Brownie Troop is making favors for the Pediatric's Christmas trays.

Blue Star Mothers give veterans gifts

A group of Blue Star Mothers presented radios, lap robes, and other gifts to the Veteran's Facility Hospital in Grand Rapids Thursday, Dec. 17, during their annual Christmas party.

The Mothers attending were President Vivian Welton, Mrs. Chloe Bartholomew, Mrs. Myrtle Polles, Mrs. Rose Wilke, and Mrs. Marion Orweiler, all of St. Johns.



GEORGIA HUHN

Mr and Mrs Alfred Huhn of R-2, DeWitt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgia, to Wayne Bennett, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Vendeville of West Price Road. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs Norman Brown hosts Bunco Club

Mrs. Norman Brown was hostess to the members of her Bunco Club, at a Christmas potluck last Thursday evening at her home on Taft Road. There also was an exchange of gifts.

High for the evening was won by Bernadine Keiffer, second by Shirley Wrigglesworth and traveling by Lucille Mueller, and most bunco's by Alice Palmer.

Fashionettes 4-H plan holiday party

The Fashionettes 4-H Sewing Club met Tuesday, Dec. 8, with 10 members present.

It was reported that \$20.40 was in the treasury. A combination Christmas and New Year's party was planned for Dec. 31.

THE girls participated modeling and Judy Irish gave a demonstration on marking fabric.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 12. Demonstrations will be given by Joan Ashley, Janet Eaton and Linda Marek.



As we celebrate Christ's birth, let us unite in the resolve to forge a stronger society built on greater understanding and dedicated to a lasting peace. Merry Christmas!

Herbruck's Cheese Counter

North US-27

ST. JOHNS

Merrie Christmas

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Saylor-Beall Mfg. Co. and Employees



Our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all our friends. We thank you for your most kind support.

Greetings for Christmas

The Hub Tire Center

CHARLES WEBER, Manager

North US-27

ST. JOHNS

Phone 224-3218



JOY to the WORLD

At this most joyful of holiday seasons, we greet you with sincere good wishes and warm appreciation. Merry Christmas!

Federal Land Bank

FLOYD PARMELEE, Secy.-Treas.

108 Brush St.

ST. JOHNS



Greetings

Best wishes for this joyous season to all of our very good friends and patrons.

Hustin Garage

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Delegates end 4-H Congress visit

Memories of a tour of Chicago, a series of educational assemblies and a visit to the Art Institute are still vivid in the minds of Michigan delegates to the recent National 4-H Club Congress.

The five were treated to entertainment by name stars of stage and television. They also attended a "pop" concert played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and sponsored by The Singer Company.

Congress Delegates

The five 4-H'ers were: Jane Cotton, 18, of Kalkaska; Theresa Cain, 17, of Mainstique; William Hensell, 19, of Constantine; Linda Berry, 19, of Marshall, and Mary Jean Schaefer, 16, of St. Johns.

Miss Cotton, clothing winner, has completed eight outfits during eight years of project work. Items include skirts, shifts, suits, a bridesmaid's dress and several sport clothes ensembles. Her congress host was Coats & Clark Inc.

In addition to helping her gain knowledge and experience, Miss Cotton explained that 4-H has guided her toward developing into a better young adult. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cotton.

Intensive work in the safety program helped Miss Cain, the



Miss Berry Miss Schaefer Miss Cotton Miss Cain

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cain, earn the state award. Activities included participation in two state exhibits, demonstrations at the local, county, district and state levels and assembly of several first aid kits. She was the guest of General Motors during her Chicago stay.

Safety Conscious

Miss Cain, who said she is grateful for the opportunities to learn 4-H has provided, has encouraged increased safety consciousness in both family and club members.

Hensell excelled in the agricultural program and was sponsored by International Harvester. He has been active in 4-H Club work for seven years.

Last year Hensell and his brother purchased an 80-acre farm adjoining the 320-acre farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Hensell. He purchased the farm equipment from his cattle projects. He has raised corn, oats, wheat and barley besides developing his herd of cattle.

Miss Berry, a freshman at Michigan State University study-

ing home economics, was the home economics champion in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Berry are her parents and her mother is a 4-H leader.

A 4-H member for eight years, Linda was the guest of Montgomery Ward at the congress. She is a member of the National Junior Horticulture Association specializing in food use. Her 4-H training has taught her such things as proper food preservation, planning meals and menus and making clothes.

Poultry Specialist

Miss Schaefer, the poultry award winner, lives on a 300-acre farm with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schaefer, Heisdorf & Nelson Farms, Inc. sponsor of the poultry program, was her Chicago host. A medical technician is what Miss Schaefer hopes to be.

In her seven years in 4-H, Miss Schaefer has raised more than 2,000 chickens and given demonstrations of vaccinating poultry and cleaning eggs. This and her poultry judging resulted in a trip to the Poultry Fact-Finding Conference in Kansas City.



Greetings OF THE Season

Christmas is in the heart, where joys are deeper and fond friendships are cherished. May your Yuletide be a cheerful one for you and your family.

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Supervisors hear tax man

The Clinton County board of supervisors held a special meeting last Tuesday. They heard David Moss of the State Tax Commission explain new forms and procedures of property classification and reporting to the Tax Commission which the supervisors will have to do next spring.

While at the special meeting, the supervisors also cleared the table of several other items of routine business. They authorized the clerk and the chairman to sign a contract with St. Clair Pardee, architect, for work on the new west wing of the courthouse.

THEY ALSO approved the purchase of a typewriter for the office of the friend of the court and hired Pat Moore as a clerk in the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor's office will be located in the education building at 106 Maple Street (across from the courthouse) when remodeling of the downstairs is completed.

Sewers not all in

Some 350 feet of sanitary sewers remain to be put in on South Lansing Street, the St. Johns city commission was told last week, and this work will be done in the spring. It's part of a job approved and assessed in August.

Road Commission Weekly Report

The Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners held their regular meeting Friday, Dec. 18. The board read and approved the final draft of the 1965 working agreement. The board discussed pay scale and fringe benefits with the foremen.

The commission passed a resolution asking the State Highway Department to investigate traffic hazards at the intersection of US-27 and M-21.

THE COMMISSIONERS then took up the 1965 bridge building program and decided to hold a special meeting with the road and bridge committee of the board of supervisors on Dec. 29, to make an inspection of some of the bridges.

The Commission discussed a plan for a new subdivision in Dewitt Township. The commissioners made an inspection trip to this location and suggested some changes in the plat.

INCOMPLETE figures for 1964 indicate that it was a record year for the Road Commission. We will have more to report on this in about another month.

Winter maintenance and tree removal were the chief concern of the maintenance crews last week.

OK concession building heating

Heat for the concession building at the city park may be near. The city commission voted last week to take bids for the purchase of a propane gas unit and its installation.

The furnace or stove would be used to warm the concession area of the building and office on the main floor and the basement room.

THE COMMISSION had considered natural gas for heating the building but thought the cost would be prohibitive because of the necessity to install, at cost to the city, a gas main from Park Street down to the recreation building.

The city has hopes of someday getting the main road into the park classified as a street, by which Consumers Power Co. would provide a gas line down the street. Conversion from bottled gas to natural gas would then be simple.

Outstanding special assessments down

The following money was outstanding in special assessments by the City of St. Johns as of Dec. 1: curb and gutter \$22,329.37; water main \$7,325.76; sanitary sewers \$5,132.71; and sidewalks \$6,937.41.

THE CLINTON County Road Commission and its 68 employees wish all a Merry Christmas and safe driving over the holidays. DON EWING, Road Clerk

The total of \$41,725.25 owed the city on special assessments compares to \$67,044.03 outstanding on Oct. 1.

Shop in Clinton County.

Plan county TB skin testing

The county nurse's office and staff is in the planning stages of several projects, slated for the first of the year.

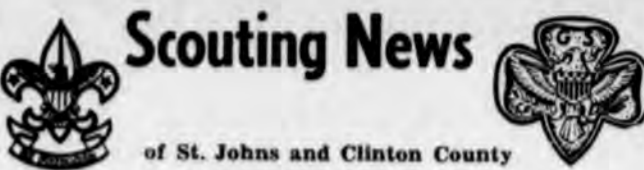
They're preparing for a county-wide TB skin testing program in all county public and parochial schools during January. The program will start in the St. Johns schools immediately after students return from their holidays vacation.

JAN. 21 HAS been set as the date for an otology clinic in St. Johns schools as a follow-up on hearing tests held earlier this year. Clinics will be held in other schools later.

Some 1,500 vaccinations against polio, diphtheria and tetanus vaccinations have been completed in the public and parochial schools of the Pewamo-Westphalia area.

School anticipation borrowing approved

Greenbush School District has been authorized by the state superintendent of public instruction to borrow \$1,500 against anticipated state school aid.



Scouting News

of St. Johns and Clinton County

Cut Scout Pack No. 258, sponsored by the Portland Parent-Teachers Assn., became the first pack in Chippewa District of Chief Okemos Council to win the special award for outstanding achievement in expanding "Scouting to More Boys."

The Frontier Roundup has been in progress since August 12, 1964, and will end Dec. 31. The roundup's purpose is to get more Scouting to more boys.

Cubmaster of Pack 258 is Ted White. He has added over 40 new boys to his pack since Aug. 11. This is over a 20 per cent gain for his pack in boy membership. In accomplishing this, Pack 258 achieved the all weather unit meeting place sign.

The award was presented to White and Marvin Sandborn, assistant Cubmaster, at the pack meeting last Wednesday. Over 200 persons attended.

Cub Scout Pack 271 met at Swegles Street School recently

for their Christmas party, and the boys were entertained by the Wilsonaires. The Cubs explained to the parents about the genius kits they had made.

Hope for Yule ice skating

Weather permitting, the St. Johns ice skating rink will be open for the Christmas holiday season.

Roger Kowalski, recreation director, announced the schedule on which the rink will be open. Today (Thursday) it will be open from noon to 6 p.m., and on Christmas Day there'll be skating from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The remainder of the schedule reads like this: Saturday 12-9, Sunday 1-9, Monday through Wednesday noon to 9, next Thursday noon to 6; New Year's Day and Saturday noon to 9, and Sunday, Jan. 3, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Christmas is here again and to all our friends we wish a Holiday filled with great joy and good health.

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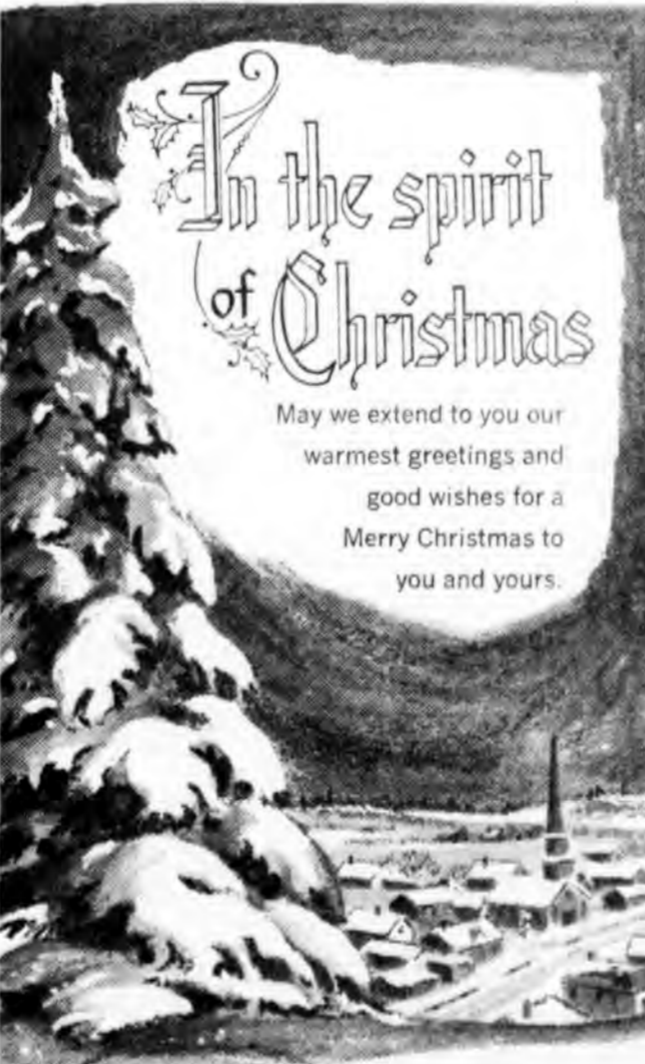


Merry Christmas to all!

Here comes Santa with a sleigh-full of warmest wishes for a happy holiday. May the Christmas season bring every joy to you and your family.

Clinton County Farm Bureau

109 W. Higham ST. JOHNS Phone 224-2724



In the spirit of Christmas

May we extend to you our warmest greetings and good wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and yours.

ST. JOHNS DRY CLEANERS

108 E. Walker ST. JOHNS Phone 224-4144



Our wish for you... the pick of Santa's pack, and the best of everything else for your Christmas celebration. It's our sincere hope that this holiday season will be an especially happy and memorable time for you, your family and friends.

OLIVER MONTAGUE

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**CLINTON COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
1963-64 School Year**

GENERAL FUND	
Balance on Hand July 1, 1963	\$ 16,153.94
Revenue from State	5,891.65
Revenue from Local Taxes	14,053.49
Miscellaneous Revenue	57.23
Transfers from other districts	2,707.84
Total Receipts	\$ 38,664.15
EXPENDITURES	
Board Salaries	\$ 1,421.71
Superintendent's Salary	9,499.92
Clerical Salaries	4,672.50
Supplies	362.34
Other expenses	1,603.79
Contracted Services	1,466.12
Teachers' supplies	578.49
Operation of Plant	794.30
Maintenance of Plant	51.70
Fixed Charges	58.91
Capital Outlay	169.00
Outgoing transfers to other funds	5,085.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 25,763.78
Balance on Hand June 30, 1964	12,900.37
Total Expenditures plus balance on hand	\$ 38,664.15

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	
Balance on Hand July 1, 1963	\$ 82,748.46
Revenue from Local Taxes	78,482.44
Revenue from State	38,663.80
Transfer from General Fund	5,085.00
Miscellaneous	412.75
Total Receipts	\$205,392.25
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries for Instruction	\$ 39,928.04
Teaching Supplies	1,035.27
Travel Expense	3,424.33
Clerical Salaries	3,620.04
Office Supplies	316.13
Other Expenses	375.73
Transportation Services	50.00
Operation of Plant	699.05
Maintenance of Plant	272.50
Fixed Charges	58.91
Capital Outlay	19,777.62
Outgoing transfers to other districts	26,470.33
Total Expenditures	\$ 96,028.00
Balance on Hand June 30, 1964	109,364.25
Total Expenditures plus balance on hand	\$205,392.25

For the school year of 1963-64 there was in operation a total of 54 school districts in Clinton County. There were seven high school districts employing 283 teachers with a total of 6,917 students. A total of 47 non-high school districts employed 107 teachers and serviced 2,668 children. Besides the local effort to support these schools in the County there was in excess of one and one-half million dollars of State Aid monies that came into the County to support this program.

In the field of Special Education for the year of 1963-64 we had one full time Diagnostician and one serving half time. The same situation for Visiting Teachers. We had six type A rooms in operation, five Speech Correctionists, one type C Consultant and one Homebound Teacher. In St. Johns, we had one type B room in operation.

CARL BATES, Supt.



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By MRS. LOUI FRITZ, Correspondent

Present cantata for Christmas

GUNNISONVILLE—During the worship service Sunday morning, Dec. 20, at Gunnisonville Church, the Senior Choir and Dr. John P. Keith, presented a Christmas cantata, "The Gospel of Christmas," under the direction of Mrs. Allen Cable. Their presentation of the cantata was attended by a capacity congregation. Choir members included Mrs. Ralph Green, Susan Green, Mrs. Alva Hartman, Mrs. John Betts, Mrs. Glenn Balduf, Mrs. Merl Trowbridge, Marvin Rhynard, Lynn Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Homer. Pianists were Mrs. John Keith and Mrs. Allen Cable. Organist was Mrs. Lyman Case.

Santa Claus visits Gunnisonville tots

GUNNISONVILLE—The Sunday School children and teachers of Gunnisonville Community Methodist Church presented their Christmas program to parents and friends Saturday evening, Dec. 19. They were entertained by a visit from Santa Claus who gave them each a candy cane and a gift from the Christmas tree. Mrs. Ernie Fritz and Mrs. Margaret Stampf hostesses, served refreshments.

Alva Hartmans host senior choir group

GUNNISONVILLE—Sunday evening, Dec. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hartman hosted a Christmas party for the Gunnisonville Senior Choir members and their spouses. The Hartmans served a buffet dessert during the evening featuring fruit punch from a lighted punch bowl. There were 22 present.

The evening was spent in singing, to the music of a piano, banjo, guitar and ukulele. Mrs. Allen Cable, director, was presented a poinsettia plant from the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritz treated 31 members of the Shirey family Sunday afternoon to a 4 p.m. buffet luncheon and Christmas gift exchange. Guests were present from Webberville, St. Johns, Chicago, Ill., and Lansing.

Last week callers of Mrs. Henry Wohler of Wood Road who is at home after a six week stay in a Lansing hospital were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Jean Fischer, Mrs. Helen Newman, Mrs. Agnes Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Newman and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Balduf of Clark Road left Monday morning, Dec. 21, for Lake Worth, Fla., where they will spend Christmas with their son, Don Balduf. They spent an early Christmas Sunday afternoon with their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stid and Kristin. The Baldufs plan to spend a months vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Fritz were hosts Saturday, Dec. 12, to a family Christmas dinner. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sandford of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hartwick of Elsie, and Mrs. Ethel Bishop of Lansing. Mrs. Hartwick, Mrs. Bishop and Sandford are respectively sisters and a brother of Mrs. Fritz.

Birthday Club has Yule party

GUNNISONVILLE—The Christmas party of the Kith 'n' Birthday Club was a dinner at Light's Restaurant in Lansing Thursday, Dec. 10. There were 10 members present.

Each guest received a gift revealing her secret pal. Names were drawn for 1965.

Guests included Mrs. Clyde Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Bunge, Mrs. Florence Wickerham of St. Johns, Mrs. Farley Bouts of DeWitt, Mrs. Bill Shaver, Mrs. Arnold Gross, Mrs. Max Pierce, Mrs. Clint Wright, Mrs. Alva Hartman, Mrs. Ernie Fritz of Lansing, Mrs. Max Pierce will be the hostess for the first party of 1965 in January.

Krepps District

By Mrs. Lucille Heibeck

Mrs. John Pewoski Sr. of St. Johns spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Pewoski Jr. and Janet.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heibeck called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornell, Chris and Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pewoski Jr. and Janet Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith spent Sunday with her father, Mr. S. D. Miller, of Archbold, Ohio. Ronald Smith of Hesston College, Kan., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thelen and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Smith and family of Westphalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cuthbert and sons attended a pre-Christmas family dinner and gift exchange at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Miller and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornell and family called on Mrs. Calvin Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and Rashelle, and Mrs. Harry Smith and family, all of Howell, and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Challis of Fowlerville, Wednesday.

Hazel Moore, Mrs. Emery Moore, Ina Moore, and Mrs. Virginia Beach of Ovid called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornell and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duski spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cernak of Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cramer and Crystyne attended a family Christmas party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cramer Sr. of Bath Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Hilts of DeWitt spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heibeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heibeck attended the Christmas party at the Rivard Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heibeck spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hicks of East Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Leitze and Dick of DeWitt attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGinnis and family, Sunday.

In Brazil

Papa Noel makes the Christmas Eve rounds in Brazil, in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. He trims the trees with popcorn and bits of cotton — to make up for the snow that never falls.

Ovid
Mrs. Aphra Pixley

Mrs. Baker host to Library Club Yule meeting

OVID—The Ovid-Duplain Library Club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Baker. Nineteen members and one guest were served a potluck.

Mrs. Baker presided at the meeting, due to the absence of the president, Mrs. Ray Jones. Mrs. A. H. Phelps will represent the club at the Ovid Christmas Community Club.

ROLL CALL was a Christmas wish. All wished for Peace. Mrs. Leonard Hall had charge of the program. Mrs. Leon Woodworth gave the Christmas Story in poetry, with a piano obbligato played by Mrs. Clarence Mead. The story of Christ from the four Gospels was given by Mrs. Hall. The birth of Christ, according to St. Matthew was given by Mrs. Chandler Gleason. A Christmas reading was given by Mrs. Robert Hebler Sr. Carols sung were Silent Night and I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.

The next meeting will be on Artificial Resuscitation and roll call will be a quack remedy.

Irene Fink of Royal Oak accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fink to Grand Rapids, Thursday, where they attended the funeral of Louis Grettenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylor Morrill, Lee, and Mary Ellen of Bath attended the pre-Christmas gathering of the Clock family Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kelley, accompanied by Kelley's mother and sister of East Lansing are spending the Christmas vacation with his sisters in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Squier left Lansing Airport Thursday to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Allison and family at Visalia, Calif.

Mrs. Meta Lyon is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Harris, in Flint.

DECKING THE HALLS

Decorating with red and green, traditional at Christmas, traces back to the early use of red-berried green holly to "deck the halls."

South Greenbush
By Mrs. Stanley Whitlock

Until Rev Wittenbach recovers from a heart attack Price and Greenbush will have a guest layman. Ralph Preshaw of Ithaca was the speaker Sunday and Judge Fred Passenger will deliver the message next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swagart visited Mrs. Ronald Beemer and baby, son, Todd Arnold, at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McEcheron and family of Sylvania, Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whitlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitlock and Mrs. Ernest Wakefield attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Numemaker, Sunday, at the Fulton School.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosekrans were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barrett, Belle Swagart, Doris Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosekrans and Mrs. Ivan Rosekrans.

Holiday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis and family were Mr. and Mrs. Art Davis and Ken of Elsie and Mrs. Hazel Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosekrans were guests at a birthday dinner in honor of their son, Carl Rosekrans, of East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Stockwell were hosts at a Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosekrans, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosekrans, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rosekrans, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todocluik, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Havens and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard.

Celebrating Christmas and Pamela Howard's birthday were the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosekrans, the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rosekrans, the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todocluik, the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard and the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Havens. The children gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todocluik.

In Portugal

Christmas is the occasion for a family celebration among the Portuguese. Families gather on Christmas Eve for dinner at the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone to bed, a crib or creche is placed before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the children's shoes, which serve the same function as Christmas stockings.

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Post office closed this Saturday

Most of the nation's 590,000 postal employees will get a three-day Christmas weekend, and at the same time the government will save an estimated \$3 to \$4 million, according to a recent announcement by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski.

In a directive to all postmasters, Gronouski suspended normal mail deliveries this Saturday, giving an extra day off to most of the employees who normally work that day.

IN ST. JOHNS, there will be no delivery of mail in the city and no window service at the post office. Rural mail delivery will be made as usual because of a different work schedule maintained by the rural carriers.

This closing order will not apply to New Years weekend.

Ordinarily employees who work Saturday would be due a compensatory day off the following week, St. Johns Postmaster J. D. Robinson explained. By granting them relief from work

Dec. 26, the necessity to pay substitute employees to replace them during their compensatory leave day is eliminated.

PAST EXPERIENCE has shown that by noon on Dec. 24 most post offices throughout the nation have been cleared of holiday and business mail.

Postmaster General Gronouski said regular "holiday" schedules will be observed by all post offices on Saturday. Post office lobbies will be open and mail will be distributed to lock boxes, but window service will not be provided.

DELIVERIES OF gift parcels, special delivery mail and perishable articles will be provided, he said, and a sufficient number of employees will be retained at all post offices to perform the necessary distribution of incoming and outgoing mail.

All mail deposited in lobbies and collection boxes will be picked up on a "holiday" collection schedule and dispatched as usual.

Fine, jail 4 who took tree lights

Four youths got to see the light of swift justice Tuesday when they were found guilty of liquor and theft charges stemming from their capture with a string of lights from the Elsie village Christmas tree.

The youths were taken before Justice of the Peace Gordon Will-young Tuesday afternoon. They had been arrested by deputy sheriffs early that morning.

JAMES HECHT, 21, of R-2, St. Johns, was fined \$50 plus \$19.90 costs on a charge of furnishing beer to minors, and sentenced to 30 days in jail and \$10 fine and \$15 costs of a charge of simple larceny. Both counts carried extra jail terms if the fines were not paid.

Richard L. Keck, 17, of 214 S. Quarterline, Ashley, was fined \$10 plus \$15 costs plus 30 days in jail on the simple larceny charge, with 20 days of the jail term to be suspended on payment of the fine. He was also fined \$10 plus \$15 for illegal possession of beer; this carried a 10-day jail term if the fine is not paid.

DAVID W. Wallen of R-1, Banner, got the same fines and jail sentences as did Keck.

Raymond L. Russell, 19, of 602 W. Higham Street, St. Johns, drew a \$10 plus \$15 fine on the simple larceny charge and 30 days in jail, plus \$25 in fines and costs for being in possession of beer.

Frosh lose 46-39
The St. Johns freshmen basketballers lost their second start of the season last Tuesday and are now 1-1 for the year. The loss was a 46-39 decision to Lakewood at Lakewood.

St. Johns led throughout most of the game, holding quarter leads of 10-4, 25-19 and 28-25. Lakewood rallied in the fourth quarter to outscore St. Johns 24-11 and win the game.

Bob Cochran was high scorer for St. Johns with 11 points, while Don Palmer had 9. Others scoring were Pete Allaby 4, Steve Gregory 3, John Salemi 4, Mike McKay 4 and Tom Rademacher 2. Bill Bosworth was high for Lakewood with 13 points.

WRC has Yule party following meeting

The WRC met in the Municipal Building Tuesday, Dec. 15, with eight officers filled.

After the meeting the women participated in a Christmas party with an exchange of 50-cent gifts.

The corps will meet the first Tuesday in January with Flossie Woodhams as hostess.

BOWLING

News from Around St. Johns Area Bowling Leagues

Heathman's rolled a 756 high game Monday night in the First Nighters League, but the Chris Party Store had the best series with a 2145 score. Lorna Hopp had a 191 game, and Doris O'Connor rolled a 504 series. Heathman's is the leading team in the league with a 43-21 record.

Strohs has a comfortable lead in the Capitol League after Monday's competition. Western Auto had a 926 team game, and Freshens Tavern had a 2535 series. Stan Nickelson's 238 game was high for the night, while Charles Faylor and Don Henning tied for high series with scores of 563. Doug Carpenter picked up the 7-10 split during the course of the evening.

HOUGHTON'S leads Bashores by one point in the Industrial League after Friday. Bashore's had a 910 game and 2541 series, while Ray Ebert was top individual bowler with a 231 game and 563 series.

The Fearless Four lead the

Kings and Queens League. The A & M's had the best team game and series Sunday with scores of 726 and 1858. Don Adair had a 266 high game and 588 high series for the men. Others rolling games of 200 or better were Vern Lance 247, Norm Moinet 235 and Jim Lance 212.

MOBIL GAS, the Twin City League leader, rolled a 2565 high series in bowling last Wednesday. Bob's Auto Body had a 908 high game. Alfred Mohnke was high individual bowler with a 228 game and 591 series.

Pohl Brothers has a one-point lead over Jim's Insurance in a close City Classic League struggle. Rhynard's, the seventh place team, had the best game and series last Thursday with scores of 961 and 2782. Charles Edwards hit a 227 high game, while Bud Michels had a 62 series.

PARR'S HAS moved into a tie

NEWS FROM THE Rivard Nursing Home

The Christmas holidays are evident at Rivard Nursing Home. Groups of carolers have been in. Young people from The First Baptist Church gave a short program. The junior choir of the First Methodist Church gave the story of Christmas in song and readings. These programs were given over the PA system.

The Christmas tree was decorated in the Day Room and presents have been placed under the tree. This is where residents congregate throughout the day.

Approximately 200 friends and relatives attended the seventh annual Christmas party, Dec. 20. Residents of Home No. 2 that were able to be out were taken to the Day Room of Home No. 1. Some of the residents stayed in their rooms to entertain their families.

Mrs Gladys I. Hetzel welcomed the guests in behalf of the residents, staff and management.

A Christmas message was given by Pastor Nieuwkoop of the First Baptist Church. It was "Unto You is Born a Savior."

A duet was given by Mrs. Marilyn Goldman and Mrs. Mary Ann Green accompanied by Mrs. Janet Lowe.

Paul Moore, with a guitar, sang a solo and led group singing.

A number by Mrs. Rivard, in memory of past years followed

by Jingle Bells, brought Santa Claus with favors for all. Many gifts were sent in for parties, home and staff.

B and B's dine, exchange gifts at Yule meeting

The B and B extension group held their meeting, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Ross Mehney, with Mrs. Bruce Mehney as co-hostess, with a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. There were 14 members present and all officers were present.

Roll call was answered by telling the Christmas customs of various countries.

The Council meeting report was given by Treva Harper. Safety suggestions were given to Mrs. Larry Dershem, safety chairman. Secret pals were revealed in the gift exchange and names were drawn for next year. The group voted to hold a luncheon at the 4-H club building soon.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 22, with Mrs. Charles Bottum and Mrs. Leon Ormes as co-hostesses. The lesson will be "Soft Floor Coverings." Roll call will be answered by telling something historic about Michigan.



Jim Paksi (with knee pads) had his Lakewood opponent down and squirming to avoid a pin in a wrestling match at the high school last Thursday night. The Lakewood man, Greg Wellman, escaped the pin but lost a decision to Paksi. Paksi wrestles in the 133-pound class.

Grapplers split 2 matches

The St. Johns High School wrestling team found Grand Ledge's matmen a little too hard to handle last Tuesday night in dropping a 29-13 decision to the Comets at Grand Ledge.

The defeat may have aroused the Redwings, for two nights later they trampled Lakewood 42-6, losing only two of the 12 matches. Six of the 10 victories were by pins.

COACH ROGER Feeman's grapplers won only three of the 12 matches at Grand Ledge, but eight of their nine losses were by decisions. On the other hand, two of the three victories were by pins. Gary Wood (95) got one, and Jim Paksi (133) also pinned his opponent. Tom Harper (103) won his match by decision.

Roger Speidel (180) was pinned by Jim Winstanley of Grand Ledge. These other St. Johns wrestlers lost by decision: Dick Holcomb (112), Charlie Fisher (120), Lonny Beeman (127), Chuck Smith (138), Terry O'Connell (145), Steve Jorae (154), Marv Dollarhite (165) and Paul Speidel (heavyweight).

AGAINST Lakewood the Spings were fast and alert. Gary Wood won his third match by pinning his opponent for the third time. Also undefeated are Tom Harper, who got a pin against Lakewood, and Jim Paksi, who won by decision.

Dick Holcomb won by decision, Charlie Fisher won with a pin, Chuck Smith won by pinning his opponent, Craig Knight (145) pinned his adversary, Marv Dollarhite and Steve Jorae won by decision.

ADVANCE CASTINGS was winner of the first half action in the Night Owls League, with H & H Lounge finishing second and Jim's Insurance a close third. Last week H & H Lounge rolled an 835 high game and Advance Castings had a 2427 series. Hazel Wager had a 201 high game, and Thelma Acton had a 532 series.

Beck's Farm Market and Blued Oil were tied last Tuesday for the Night Hawk League lead. The third place American Legion Club team had a 907 high game and 2508 high series. Jerry Geller had a 227 high game, and Guy Snyder rolled a 561 series. Other 200 or better games include 210 by J. McKay, 211 by E. Barker, 200 by William Elliott, 201 by G. Snyder, 205 by R. Libey, 217 by R. Hamer and 213 by H. Thornton.

RICHARD'S DAIRY rolled a 711 high game and the KP's hit 1931 on their series score in the Mixed League Friday. For the women, Wilma Smith had a 193 game and Elley Cowan rolled a 489 series. Gene Dunkel had 231 for high men's game, and Richard Zapoli had a 580 series. Other 200 games were 201 and 202 by Zapoli, 202 by Joe Greer, 201 by Bill Kolehmainen.

Drewry's Beer and Town and Country are tied for the Westphalia Women's League lead. The Rose Johnson team had a 740 game and Drewry's had a 2054 series. Marilyn Thelen of Freund Lumber had 183 and 507 score.

Fowler clouts Romans 52-41

OVID—Some erratic shooting cost Ovid a 52-41 basketball game at the hands of visiting Fowler here last Tuesday night.

Ovid could make only one of 20 shots in the first quarter, but after trailing 14-2 at that point, they suddenly came to life, pumping in 12 of 18 shots and taking a 25-21 lead at halftime.

THE EAGLES, sparked by Jim Koenigsnecht, rallied in the third quarter with a strong defense and command of the backboards and held a 39-35 lead at the start of the last quarter.

Koenigsnecht led the scoring with 22 points, 15 of them in the second half, while teammate Roger Conley had 16. Dennis Love led the Romans with 18 points.

JVs hand Alma 51-48 defeat

Bill DeGroot's 18 points paced the St. Johns junior varsity to a 51-48 victory over the Alma JVs Friday night.

St. Johns led most of the way, but their victory margin had to be gotten in the first period. They outscored Alma 14-7 then, and the Alma JVs couldn't quite catch up, although outscoring St. Johns 11-9 and 16-14 in the last two quarters.

Other St. Johns JV scorers were Brian Swatman 11, Elwood Self 8, Gary Boyce, 5, Randy Humphrey 6 and Phil Anderson 2.

Decisions and Paul Speidel pinned his Lakewood wrestler.

Lonny Beeman and Oscar Parsons lost close decisions.



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Wings erratic in pair of West Central wins

Redwings rally to beat Comets

St. Johns rolled in the second half to log a 61-47 West Central Conference victory over Grand Ledge here last Tuesday night. The Redwings, down by three points at the half, doubled the Comets' scoring in the last half to win rather handily.

Clark Berkhausen, Al Werbish and Doug Lundy were the guns that brought the Comets down. Berkhausen got 26 points for the night, high for both teams; Werbish added 14 and Lundy 10.

BERKHOUSEN GOT 10 of his total in the third period as the

Wings' postponed game Wednesday

The Redwings were to journey to Greenville Wednesday night for the game with the Yellowjackets that was postponed Dec. 4 because of snow. The junior varsity game was to start at 6:30 p.m., with the varsity game following it.

Redwings came out loaded for bear. Most were jumpers from the top of the circle. Werbish got two field goals in each of the third and fourth quarters from about eight feet out to the left of the basket.

The Redwings actually led most of the way, and it was a Grand Ledge rally in the second period that put them out in front finally shortly before the half. The halftime score was 30-27.

THE SECOND HALF started with a stiff pace and it was only a little more than a minute before St. Johns had the lead back. They pulled steadily away, leading by 43-38 at the end of the third quarter and by as much as 20 points in the last quarter.

Coach Bill Swears emptied his bench in the last four or five minutes, and Grand Ledge was able to regain some lost ground before the final horn sounded.

OTHERS SCORING for St. Johns besides Berkhausen, Werbish and Lundy were: Bill Sirrine 1, Al Anderson 2, Gary Becker 2, Don Hungerford 2, John Wilson 2 and Lee Hill 2.

The Wings scored on 23 of 52

field goal attempts—a .440 average—and made 15 of 23 free throws.

For the first three games—all victorious—the shooting percentages looked like this: field goals, 67 for 143 (.470); free throws, 58 for 95 (.610).

DOUG BARIBOU was Grand Ledge's leading scorer with 15 points on five field goals and five free throws. Jim Richardson added 9 and Mike Edgel 8.

Score by quarters:
St. Johns 16 11 16 18-61
Grand Ledge 10 20 8 9-47

Defense good, Alma falls 51-43

Some good St. Johns rebounding, sterling defensive work by guard Bill Sirrine and some fair shooting in two quarters helped the Redwings slip past Alma Friday night by a score of 51-43.

The Wings did not by any means play their best game of the season, and their overall shooting was considerably below their average for the first three games. But they were able to work the ball in close, and nine of their 19 field goals were of the lay-up variety.

THE WINGS held the scoring edge in each quarter of the game and never appeared to be in any outstanding trouble, though Alma was always within striking range.

Al Werbish was the big gun on both offense and defense. He popped in five field goals and five of nine free throw tries for a total of 15 points on offense. On the defense side of the ledger, he pulled down 18 rebounds.

BILL SIRRINE, although scoring only three points on offense, almost completely bottled up the Panther's high-scoring forward Ron Cummings, and this all but killed Alma's attack. Cummings has always been a high-scoring thorn in St. Johns side and a week before Friday night's game he had scored 38 points against Grand Ledge.

Friday was different. Sirrine stayed with him like a hawk, allowing Cummings only three

points on one free throw and one field goal in eight tries.

WHILE ALMA was experiencing a cold night from the floor in shooting, St. Johns wasn't exactly burning the nets. They hit six of 12 shots in the first quarter but only three of 16 tries in the second. The third quarter again was good—nine of 17 shots went in—but in the last period the Wings hit only one of 12 shots. They finished the night with an overall shooting mark of .333 on 19 of 57 shots.

Score by quarters:
St. Johns 14 11 19 7-51
Alma 12 9 17 5-43

PAUL DEAN'S 15 points was high for Alma.

Score by quarters:
St. Johns 14 11 19 7-51
Alma 12 9 17 5-43

Portland crushes Ovid 95-59

OVID—The Ovid Romans fell to a powerful Portland basketball team Friday night by a score of 95-59 in a Central Michigan C Conference game at Ovid.

Portland whipped in 31 points in the first quarter and just kept rolling. The Raiders hit 30 to 41 shots from the floor and 35 to 45 free throw attempts. Fouls were heavy in number, Portland being called 27 times and Ovid 30.

DAVIDSON led Portland with 23 points for the night, while Bob Gazda's 15 was high for the losing Romans. Others scoring for Ovid were Frank Gazda 10, Lee Woodworth 1, Dennis Love 13, Mike Hawley and Dick Hill 2 each, Doug Behrens 4, Gale Bancroft 10, and Dennis Borton 2.

Ovid was outscored 30-20 in field goals and 35-19 in free throws.

Score by quarters:
Ovid 10 14 13 22-59
Portland 31 19 15 30-95

Shop in Clinton County.



Clark Berkhausen (12) of St. Johns lofts a shot toward the basket during second half action against Grand Ledge last Tuesday evening. He got most of his 11 field goals from this area. Other identifiable players are Al Anderson (40) of St. Johns and Rolland Alterman (35) of Grand Ledge. St. Johns won 61-47.

Clinton Area Basketball

This Week's Games

No games are scheduled because of the Christmas holidays. DeWitt, however, will play in the Portland St. Patrick Holiday Tournament at Portland High School starting Dec. 26.

Last Week's Scores

DECEMBER 15—
ST. JOHNS 61, Grand Ledge 47
FOWLER 52, OVID 41
CARSON CITY 55, FULTON 44
MORRICE 80, ASHLEY 57

DECEMBER 18—
ST. JOHNS 51, Alma 43
Perry 74, ELSIE 72
DEWITT 55, PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA 43
LAINGSBURG 58, BATH 51
Portland 95, OVID 59
Portland St. Patrick 75, Ashley 46
FULTON 80, Saranac 74
FOWLER 54, Webberville 51

OTHER LEAGUE GAMES—
Charlotte 68, Alma 61
Greenville 64, Ionia 58
Webberville 79, Williamston 61
Leslie 62, Pottersville 59 (OT)
Grand Ledge 69, Lakewood 59
Greenville 51, Charlotte 38
Hastings 99, Ionia 49
Pottersville 71, Boys' Training 43

JV Scores

DECEMBER 15—
Grand Ledge 48, St. Johns 33
Fowler 67, Ovid 50

DECEMBER 18—
St. Johns 51, Alma 48
Portland 72, Ovid 37
Pewamo - Westphalia 96, DeWitt 53
Laingsburg 54, Bath 50
Fowler 71, Webberville 38

Standings

WEST CENTRAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	PCT.
St. Johns	1	0	1.000
Greenville	1	0	1.000
Grand Ledge	0	1	.000
Hastings	0	1	.000
Alma	0	1	.000
Lakewood	0	1	.000
Charlotte	0	1	.000
Ionia	0	1	.000

CENTRAL MICHIGAN D			
Team	W	L	PCT.
Portland St. Patrick	1	0	1.000
Fowler	1	0	1.000
Webberville	0	1	.000
Ashley	0	1	.000
Pottersville	0	1	.000

CENTRAL MICHIGAN C			
Team	W	L	PCT.
Portland	1	0	1.000
Perry	1	0	1.000
Bath	0	1	.000
Ovid	0	1	.000
DeWitt	0	1	.000
Pewamo-Westphalia	0	1	.000
Laingsburg	0	1	.000
Elsie	0	1	.000

Ashley defeated 75-46

PORTLAND — Portland St. Patrick led all the way in defeating Ashley 75-46 Friday night on the strength of a 34-point third period. Steve Schafer paced St. Pats with 27 points. Polish's 13 was high for Ashley.

Big Reds scare Perry before losing 74-72

PERRY—The Elsie Big Reds threw a scare into the Perry Ramblers Friday night before losing their fifth game of the season 74-72.

Perry led most of the way and had a nine-point, 74-65, lead with only a minute left in the game. Then the foul bug hit the Ramblers, and Elsie waded right in to almost pull the game out.

Tractors win league opener

Greg Pentx paced the Clinton Tractors to a 47-37 victory over the Bumble Bees in the opening game of the St. Johns City Basketball League last Wednesday night.

In the second game, Miller's Tavern defeated Sealed Power 60-57.

PENTX SCORED 15 points in the Bees-Tractors game. Dale Knight added 11 and Hub Wait popped in 8 for the winners. Roger Heathman led the losers with 11 points, while Tom White hit 7 and George Gavenda 6.

The score was tied at 6-6 at the end of the first quarter, but the Tractors pulled out to an 18-14 halftime lead and were never behind from then on.

JIM FARLEY scored 21 points and Dan Fox and Vern Sillman 10 each in leading Miller's to their victory. Randy Ott hit 26 and Hilary Stump 20 for Sealed Power.

Miller's victory came on the strength of their play the first three quarters. Their lead was enough to stand up under a strong Sealer Power rally in the last quarter.

SCORING BY quarters:

Team	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Clinton Tractors	6	12	13	16-47	
Bumble Bees	6	8	11	12-37	
Miller's Tavern	18	16	12	14-60	
Sealed Power	9	17	9	22-57	

This Week's Schedule

DEC. 23—Sealed Power vs Bumble Bees at 8, Clinton Tractors vs Miller's Tavern at 9:30; DEC. 30—Miller's vs Bees at 8, Tractors vs Sealed Power at 9:30.

St. Johns High Sports Calendar

Dec. 23, varsity and JV basketball at Greenville, 6:30. No athletics during Christmas vacation. Next event Jan. 5, wrestling at Alma 6:30.

Fowler upends No. 1 Webberville

FOWLER—The state's No. 1 Class D basketball team—until Friday—was Webberville. The Fowler Eagles erased that rating, however, with a 54-51 upset victory.

Chuck Trierweiler, in his first year as Fowler coach, credited the Eagles' defensive play for the win. Webberville had averaged 83 points per game and in one

earlier contest scored 102 points.

FOWLER'S Roger Conley held Webberville's Mike Oakes to 9 points and Clair Armbrustmacher kept Jerry Arnold's output at only 11 points. Ron Hoag, Webberville's 6-5 center, hit 21 points, but was held pretty much in check on the boards by 6-1 Jim Koenigsnecht of Fowler, who matched the big man in rebounding.

Laingsburg tops Bath 58-51

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg won its first varsity basketball game of the young season Friday night by downing the Bath Bees 58-51. Bath is now 2-3 for the season.

Laingsburg held leads at each quarter stop, but the game was a close affair throughout until early in the fourth period when the Wolfpack rolled up a temporary 12-point lead.

DON BROWN scored 17 points and took in 21 rebounds to lead Laingsburg. Jim Sober had 16 and Art Six 14 to pace Bath.

Other scorers were: for Laingsburg, Clyde English 7, Bill Antcliff 5, Bob Kruger 12, Tom Wilson 14, Dennis Shaw 1 and Chuck Beavers 2; for Bath, Chet McGonigal 6, Rusty Woolfe 5, Terry Wood and Bruce Miller 4 each and Wes Parks 2.

Score by quarters:
Bath 16 8 12 15-51
Laingsburg 18 9 12 19-58

Comets JV topples Wings

The Grand Ledge junior varsity team handed St. Johns its second loss in three games last Tuesday with a 48-33 decision in the preliminary to the varsity game.

St. Johns enjoyed a brief lead of 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, but then dropped back to trail 16-15 at the half. The Junior Wings stayed close through the third period and trailed by only two points, 29-27, when the last quarter started.

THEN THE ROOF fell in and Grand Ledge outscored St. Johns 19-6 to provide the final margin.

Gary Boyce paced St. Johns with 11 points, while Randy Humphrey had 10. Other scorers were Brian Swatman 1, William DeGroot 6, Rick Liszewski 4 and Phil Anderson 1.

Scott Spencer was high for Grand Ledge with 11 points.

THE VICTORY kept up a Fowler tradition of winning the important games. Fowler led throughout most of the game.

Score by quarters:
Fowler 14 16 14 10-54
Webberville 12 11 15 13-51

DeWitt tops P-W five 55-43

PEWAMO - WESTPHALIA — The DeWitt Panthers ran to a 55-43 Central Michigan C victory over Pewamo-Westphalia Friday night, even though only three of their players scored field goals.

Jim Dalman got seven, as did Roger Coryell, and Pat Weston hit five as DeWitt won its second game in four starts. Dalman ended the evening with 20 points, high for both teams, while Coryell had 18 and Weston 14. Bill Weston added three free throws and Foster one.

FOR PEWAMO-Westphalia, L-Freund was high with 16 points. Other Pirate scorers were May 2, Nurenberg 7, Werner 7, T. Vance 8, Barker 1 and Irree 2.

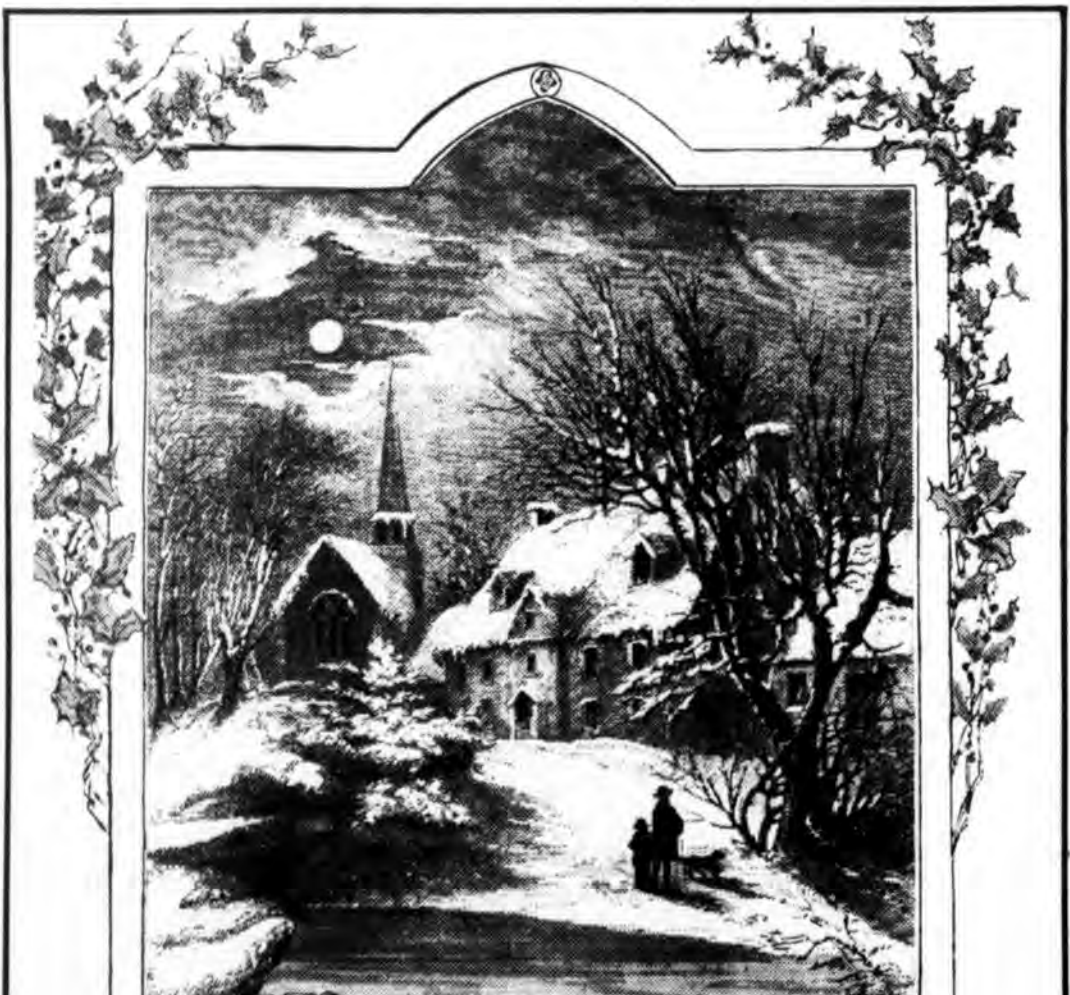
Both teams had a cold night as far as field goal shooting was concerned. DeWitt hit on only 25 per cent of its shots, and Pewamo-Westphalia scored on only 21 per cent of its attempts.

Score by quarters:
DeWitt 11 17 17 13-55
Pewamo-West. 5 14 17 7-43

Carson City trips Fulton High 55-44

CARSON CITY—Carson City jumped to an early lead and went on to beat Fulton 55-44 last Tuesday night. Carson City led 27-14 at the half.

Larry Zimmerman was high for the winners with 22 points, while John Roberts led Fulton with 16 points.



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MRS MARVIN CLARENCE ALLEN

Avery-Allen united in double ring rites

WACOUSTA—The Wacousta Community Methodist Church served as best man, Saturday evening, as Diane Joy Avery and Marvin Clarence Allen, son of Mr and Mrs Clarence Allen of Fowlerville, exchanged marriage vows.

Rev William J. Torrey of Battle Creek, a former Wacousta pastor, and Rev Thomas Peters officiated at the double ring service.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs Charles Avery of R-1, Eagle, and the late Charles Avery. She is a 1964 graduate of Central Michigan University.

THE BRIDE'S gown of white taffeta with re-embroidered appliques, featured a portrait neckline, chapel train, shoulder-length veil attached to a cabbage rose, and long pointed sleeves. She carried an ivy, cascading bouquet of white mums and red roses. She was given in marriage by her brother, Gerald Avery.

Mrs Gene Brownfield, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Mrs Fred Tomlin, a friend from Fowlerville. Karen Avery, the bride's sister was junior bridesmaid. All attendants wore floor-length, red, velvet dresses, and carried white mums with red ornaments. Jeanne Mater was flower girl and Linda Pingel the ring-bearer. Both girls, cousins of the bride, wore floor-length, green velvet dresses.

Bengal 4-H Club holds potluck for Christmas

On Dec. 15, members of the Bengal Community 4-H Club held their annual Christmas potluck with their families at Smith Hall.

The dinner committee consisted of Mrs Wilbur Thurston, Mrs Gerald Thelen and Mrs Marvin Miller.

After the dinner, Gail Shafley played carols on the piano and the group sang. Then each 4-H member was given a 4-H calendar.

BOB KISSANE showed colored slides and told of his visit to Ireland. After the program members of the club had a gift exchange.

Leaders, Leonard Koenigsnecht, Dennis Koenigsnecht, Mrs Keith Shafley, and Mrs Donald Harper were presented gifts from the group.

FRED Tomlin of Fowlerville, served as best man. Seating the 250 guests were Ray Bessert of Fowlerville, Richard Dammon of East Lansing, friends of the bridegroom, Gene Brownfield, brother-in-law of the bride and John Avery, brother of the bride.

Immediately following the service a reception was held in the church social rooms.

The bride was wearing a red, wool suit as the couple left on the honeymoon trip.

MR AND MRS Allen will reside in Lansing where Mrs Allen is a fifth grade teacher in the Cavanaugh School, and her husband is a MSU employee.

Special wedding guests were the respective grandparents of the bride and bridegroom; Mr and Mrs Earl Avery; Mr and Mrs Richard Blough of Grand Ledge; Mr Frank Kleinschmidt of Ann Arbor, and Mrs George Allen of Fowlerville.

Juvenile court topic of talk to Study Club

The Senior Child Study Club met Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs Edward Sulka, 307 West State, at 8 p.m. There were 14 members and four guests present.

Mrs Lyman Struble, president, presided over the business meeting.

MRS LEONARD Vollbracht gave a talk on some of the cases that come to the attention of the juvenile court. She said that some children are placed in either the Children's Home or in foster homes. Others must be sent to Boy's Training School or are helped through the Child Guidance Clinic in Lansing.

Judge Timothy Green often confers with the child and his or her parents, she said. Other children are made adoptable and placed through an agency.

Jolly 8 Yule party held last Thursday

Mrs Ruth Smith entertained the Jolly 8 Club's annual Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 17.

A chicken potluck was served at 6:30 p.m. after which there was an exchange of gifts. Cards furnished entertainment for the evening with Mrs Jessie Conley winning high, Mrs Jennie Banft, second, and Mrs Ruth Mehney, low.

Legion Yule party is attended by 63

BATH—Approximately 63 persons attended the annual Christmas party of the Ray Barker Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion.

A Bohemian dinner was served followed by a visit from Santa Claus. The affair was held in the Memorial Hall in Bath Sunday, Dec. 13.

Due to the Christmas Holiday the next meeting of the auxiliary will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the home of Mrs Miles Herrguth on Clise Road. The Post will meet Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Memorial Hall.

Past Noble Grands elect new officers for the coming year

The Past Noble Grands annual Christmas party was held at the IOOF Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 16. Eighteen members were served dinner at a decorated table.

A special welcome was given to Mrs William Esch, a long-time member, who has been ill and unable to attend for many months.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs Lawrence Burk, president; Mrs Anthony Stambersky, vice president; Mrs William Wilkie, secretary; and Mrs Vernon Sharick, treasurer. Following the meeting, gifts were exchanged.

The next meeting will be held, Jan. 6, at the home of Mrs Herbert Estes Sr., with Carmen Tranchell as co-hostess.

Polluck opens Urbanite party

A potluck opened the Christmas celebration of the Urbanites Extension Club at the home of Mrs Lawrence Rasey with Mrs Gordon Luther as co-hostess, Dec. 17. There were 16 members and one guest present. As gifts were exchanged, mystery sisters were revealed and new ones drawn for the coming year. One member, Mrs Erwin Self, with her family, is moving to Midland.

The January meeting will be held at Mrs Ed Sulka's with Mrs Ivan Parrot as co-hostess.



MATTIE LOU STOCKWELL

Mr and Mrs Emerson Stockwell of R-1, St. Johns, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mattie Lou, to Ron Dean Paksi, son of Tom Paksi of R-1, Ovid. No date has been set for the wedding.

Worship program is presented to Ruth Circle

Mrs Kenneth Munger held the December meeting of the Ruth Circle of the WSCS at her home Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15, with Mrs Walter Nickel as co-hostess.

During the meeting, 26 calls were reported by the group. Announcements made were that the annual United Church meeting at the First Methodist Church will be held Jan. 8 and the Day Apart, at the Greenbush Church, March 12.

"THE BIRTH of Christ" was presented in scripture and music as a worship program to 13 members by Mrs Roy Briggs and Mrs Carl Ludwick. A record by Menotti, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," concluded the program.

The next meeting will be with Mrs Nick Hallsy with Mrs Carl Ludwick as co-hostess.

Potluck is served to Priscilla Alden

Priscilla Alden Division of the First Congregational Church met Tuesday, Dec. 15, for a 1 p.m. potluck at the church. Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs Gifford Pease and Mrs Frank Maier. Table decorations followed a Christmas theme.

A meeting, conducted by Jennie Bandt, chairman, followed the meal. Mrs Vern Brewbaker chose a Christmas topic in giving devotions. Several cards were sent to shut-ins, followed by some discussions.

The next meeting will be held, Tuesday, Jan. 9, with Mrs Bernard Barrett as hostess. Co-hostess will be Mrs John Hammond. Devotions will be given by Mrs Grover Heibek. The meeting will be held at the church.



Unique, Beautiful Tree

This is one Christmas tree the Art Hoffmans at 501 Wight Street really enjoy. They made it themselves last Christmas time with tissue paper, chicken wire and a broomstick in some plaster of paris, all for under \$1. There are some 1,200 pedals of paper involved. Seven pedals make a flower and then the flowers were wired into the frame. The tree is lighted from the inside and decorated on the outside with a few bulbs. It's stored in a plastic bag during the summer. Tim Hoffman, 5, and his brother Chris, 9, shown here, helped their parents and sister Shirley, 12, make the tree last year. It is an interesting tree that has caught the eye of many passersby and friends.

Shepardsville

By MRS. IRA BIRMINGHAM, Correspondent

Play cast is told

SHEPARDVILLE—The play given at the Shepardsville Church Sunday by the choir and Sunday school, following worship service was, "No Room in the Inn." The three wise men were played by Mike Swender, Douglas Miller and Allen Woodworth. Shepherds were Eddie Waters, Don Woodworth, and Robert Ferden. The two strangers were Jeanne Ferden and Charles Tait. Joseph was played by Tom Alderman, and Mary was played by Carol Squiers. Mattias the Inn Keeper was Richard Mead. Jessica his wife, was played by Sally Kioski. The director was Veda Gleason.

Thursday night, Dec. 31, at the Shepardsville Methodist Church, is a family night, beginning with a potluck at 7:15 p.m. followed by a program. All are invited.

Sunday, Dec. 27, at the church, is student recognition Sunday. The sermon topic is "Christian Spirit," by Rev Garth Smith.

Visitors of Mr and Mrs Steven Komives during the week were Bill Muller and Tom Miller of Detroit.

Mr and Mrs Steven Komives left for Detroit Tuesday to spend the holidays with their six children and 16 grandchildren. Mrs Komives' birthday will be observed Dec. 24.

Mrs Irene Crowell and Dale attended, both morning and evening church services at the Banister Methodist Church Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Robert Valentine and children.

Mr and Mrs Clare Alderman and family had as their visitors, Sunday afternoon, Mr and Mrs W. K. Alderman and twin daughters, Vicki and Nancy, of Bay City.

Pat Alderman came home Friday for the Christmas vacation from her classes at Central Michigan University at Mount Pleasant.

Mr and Mrs Harley Hefty of Town Line, near Harrison, were Friday overnight and Saturday visitors of Mr and Mrs Ed Tomesek and children.

Guests from Lansing of Mr and Mrs Robert Salisbury and family were Steven Cooper and bride (Janice Mescott of Ithaca) Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests, Sunday, of Mr and Mrs Charles Palen Jr. and sons were Mr and Mrs Charles Palen and Mr and Mrs Day Cheney of Lansing, in observance of Mr Cheney's birthday.

with 39 present. Three families came from Midland, others from Owosso and rural Owosso. From the Shepardsville area were the Clarence Mitchells, the Francis Ferdens and family, and the Leonard Mitchells and children.

Mr and Mrs Don Dietrich, Ann, and Duane were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Robert Parker and Roberta at Ovid.

Mr and Mrs Russell Waters, Eddie and Diane had Christmas dinner, with Mr and Mrs Henry Waters at Carland. The Glen Austins and family of Alma were also present.

Mr and Mrs Robert Watson and family were hosts for the Christmas dinner and party of the Sloat family with all present except Richard Sloat and girls of Carland, Mrs Richard Sloat's father, Bateson Harris, died Saturday.

Mrs Grace Baker and Mr and Mrs Stuart Baker of Troy were Tuesday visitors of Mr and Mrs William Keck and Willis Kosht.

Mrs Willard Wittenburg of Ovid and the Donivan Koshts and children of DeWitt were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Kecks.

Mr and Mrs Earl Bowles and children were at Morrice Sunday for a Christmas family gathering with dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Walter Bowles.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr and Mrs Henry Bendt Sr. were Mr and Mrs Frank Smith of Muir. Other visitors of the Sr. Bendts were Mr and Mrs Henry Bendt and daughter of St. Johns, and Mr and Mrs Elden Bendt and baby of Harmon Road.

Wednesday lunch guests of the George Ellfrinks were Frank Harrison of Owosso. Sunday lunch guests were the Franklin Harrison and children of rural Elsie.

Mr and Mrs Ira Birmingham, with William Simmons, of Faragher Road, Sunday afternoon, at Middleton, at the Fulton High School, attended open house honoring Mr and Mrs Sam E. Nune-maker of Maple Rapids upon their golden wedding anniversary.

Visitors during the week and Monday morning of the Ira Birmingham were Mr and Mrs Vernon L. Sharick and Bonnie, who is home for Christmas vacation from Lindsey Wilson College at Columbia, Ky., Mrs Joe Palsco and Ernie Palsco of Harmon Road, Judson Gates and Mr and Mrs William O. Fox of Greenbush.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Eger Sr., Sunday afternoon, attended the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Ernest Gurden at the VFW Hall at Corunna.

Saturday, Mr and Mrs Joseph Eger Sr. visited at Ionia, Mr and Mrs Joseph Nemeth and family en route to Tubbs Lake near Remus to visit Mr and Mrs Frank Marsh.

In Lansing, Monday evening, visiting Mr and Mrs Eugene Jambor, were Ernie Palsco and mother, Mrs Joe Palsco.



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9 in Communion Class at Lutheran Church

The Rev Fred Rutkowski, pastor of the St. Johns Lutheran Church, poses Sunday with his latest Communion Class. Left to right are the Rev Mr Rutkowski; Mrs Ruth Zell, St. Johns; Miss Sherry Saylor, Ashley; Gary Zell (proxy for Gerald Stehlik), Owosso; Fred Lietzke, Ezra Lietzke, Eugene Lietzke and Randy Lietzke, all of DeWitt; and Walter and Carl Sidel, both of Ovid. During the past six years about 170 persons have been in the communion classes.

Elsie

By MRS. NEVA KEYS, Correspondent

Extension Club hosts husbands

ELSIE —The Green School Home Extension Study Club entertained their husbands for the annual Christmas party Monday evening at the Carland Methodist Church. There were 17 members and six guests present for the turkey dinner served by the Carland WSCS.

Christmas ceramics made by Mrs Anne Praay, decorated the table. Betty Ketcham, Clinton County home economics, extension agent showed colored pictures of her trip to the West Indies including Jamaica, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. She commented on the banana plantations, coconut groves and cultivation of dwarf trees. She explained the hardship of securing fresh water from the piped-in ocean water and the necessity of reservoirs. The colored pictures of the Caribbean with its pirate legends, native sights, customs and scenery, provided entertainment for the evening.

Literary Club is entertained at Yule party

ELSIE —A group of Clinton County Senior Citizens gave the program for the Woman's Literary Club Tuesday evening at Knight Elementary School. Mrs George W. Bennett presented the guests and Mrs Elsie Exelby emceed the program. Fifteen members of the Kitchennette Band opened the program with a series of old songs and carols. The audience responded to the entertainers by singing along with them. Clarence Hill, chairman of the St. Johns group, gave a few remarks concerning their activities, which include bowling, square dancing, entertaining other groups and maintaining the Drop-in Center for Senior Citizens in St. Johns.

MRS PAUL PLATNER presided over the meeting and reported that \$28 was given to the Children's Home in St. Johns to aid their Christmas party. She invited the husbands to hear George T. Warner, special police speak

at the next meeting, Jan. 5, in the homemaking room of Elsie High School.

Mrs Myrtle Cook and Mrs Lloyd Craven were hostesses for the evening. A social hour followed with the following committee in charge: Mrs Lunsford Melvin, Mrs Merle Green, Mrs Paul Platner, Mrs G. W. Bennett, Mrs Durward Conklin and Mrs Roland Schaad.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with pink poinsettia and halls arranged on evergreens around a pink candle decorated with Christmas ornaments.

Hazel Williams of St. Johns and Mrs Ouida Smith presided at the punch bowls.

Grand Officer from 1930-31 honored by OES

ELSIE —The altar of the OES Chapter was draped Wednesday night in honor of Mrs Mary Covell, 95, past worthy grand matron, and a native of Whitehall, serving as Grand Officer 1930-31. Mrs John Hall read a tribute in honor of her work during her term of office. Mr and Mrs Luman Hall presided in the East. It was voted to prepare special dinners for the Commercial Club and Women's Literary Club after the holidays and committees were appointed. An invitation was accepted from the Job's Daughters for their installation of officers, to be held at the Ovid Masonic Hall Saturday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m. Patricia Dunay of Bannister will be installed as Honored Queen.

IT WAS reported that 11 members attended the school of instruction at the Lansingburg Chapter when Mrs Helen Walterhouse of Flint was instructor. A "Christmas Cheer" program was presented with carols, readings and music. A special collection was taken to provide baskets for the shut-ins for the holidays. A white elephant gift exchange was followed by refreshments, served by Mr and Mrs Park Watson, Mr and Mrs Neil Hall and Mrs Donald Temple. Nut cups in the shape of candle holders made by Mrs Temple's pupils in the Special Ed, Type A classroom marked the places at the Christmas-decorated table.

Unmarked clothing problem at schools

ELSIE — The Elsie Public Schools recessed for the Christmas holiday Friday afternoon. Each winter the teachers spend many hours trying to find which boots, mittens and caps belong to which child. They have asked that parents mark the children's items. At the present time they have a box filled with unidentified clothing and each month it is taken to each room but there are still sweaters, scarves, mittens, boots, and miscellaneous items that are never claimed. Since there are so many needy children at home and abroad who could use the clothing, the teachers hope the parents will make some decision concerning disposal of the unclaimed clothing.

Patricia Dunay honored queen of Ovid Bethel



PATRICIA DUNAY

ELSIE —Patricia Dunay was elected Honored Queen of the Ovid Bethel of the International Order of Job's Daughters at their meeting Monday night. Miss Dunay, a senior at Ashley High School, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Dunay of rural Bannister. Other officers elected: Linda Halleed of Ovid, senior princess; Patricia Kridner of Elsie, junior princess; Gwen Baker of Webberville, guide; and Karen Halleed of Ovid, marshal. The Honored Queen elect read her list of appointive officers and announced their installation date as Saturday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid Masonic Temple.

THE MEETING opened with Honored Queen, Sarah Lott, presiding in the East. Among the guests introduced were Martha Colopy past honored queen of Midland Bethel No. 29 and Grand Bethel senior princess, and her parents who were past guardian and associate guardian of the Midland Bethel. Roll call found 20 daughters, nine council members and seven visitors present. A joint Christmas Party with the Masons and Stars was planned. A pajama party for the girls with their guardian, Mrs Arley Lott as chaperone, was planned for Dec. 31. Judy Allen and Linda Bennett are home for a three week Christmas vacation from their studies at Western State University in Kalamazoo.

Bridgeville

By Mrs Thelma Woodbury

Mr and Mrs Lester Howell of St. Johns were Thursday evening callers of Mr and Mrs Earl Howell.

Mr and Mrs Earl Howell attended the funeral of their cousin, Glen Spiece, at the Burns Funeral Home in Carson City Saturday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Earl Howell attended the open house honoring the golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Sam Nunemaker of Maple Rapids, Sunday afternoon at the Fulton High School in Middleton.

Maple Rapids

By MRS. JOHN SCHMIDT — Telephone 682-3262

Sorosis Club's Yule program held at Uptons

MAPLE RAPIDS — The Sorosis Club held their Christmas meeting, Dec. 8, at the home of Mrs Perce Upton.

Roll call was a collection for the Red Cross, followed by a meeting.

The program committee, Mrs Wilbur Bancroft and Mrs Orrison Bailey, presented the program, using "Show and Tell" as the theme. Mrs Bailey read, "Granny Glitten's Amazing Mittens," gave the recipe for "No Name Goodies," and gave out samples of them.

MRS BANCROFT read "The Toys All Ran Away" and "The Night Before Christmas." She also presented each one with a Santa, candy holder, for the tree, which she had made. There was recorded Christmas music played throughout the evening, the gifts were exchanged among the members.

Mrs Mahlon Horowitz was a guest.

Blue Star Mothers to install officers

MAPLE RAPIDS — On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, the Blue Star Mothers had their Christmas party beginning with dinner at the Middleton Diner, after which they returned to the home of Mrs Nina Freed and Mrs Mina Dangel for the meeting and gift exchange.

It was voted to ask Mrs Mabel Maier and staff to conduct the installation of officers.

The committee reported that 40 packages of cookies had been packed for the women at the Veterans Facility Hospital in Grand Rapids, as well as for several local persons.

The hostesses served dessert at the close of the evening.

Mrs Preston Corson attended the funeral of a cousin, Glen Spiece, of Carson City Saturday. Mrs Gerald Abbott returned home Saturday from Clinton Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for four weeks.

Mr and Mrs William Schulze and son of Caro spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs Inez Schulze. On Sunday they, with Mr and Mrs Earl Schulze and family, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Schulze and family, Nancy Elliott and Dennis Kindel, had a pre-Christmas dinner with Mrs Leona Schulze and family in Owosso.

Mr and Mrs Floyd Britten attended a meeting of the Rebekah Lodge in St. Johns Monday evening. Mr Britten received a pin for 50 years of membership. Mr and Mrs L. C. Schmidt and Glenn of Grand Ledge were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs John Schmidt and children for a pre-Christmas dinner. Evening luncheon guests were George Beebe and Beverly Glendenning of Grand Ledge, Mr and Mrs Bing Bailey of Middleton and Gary Snyder.

Eleanor Annis of Mankato, Minn., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs Harold Annis.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Ball and son arrived home Wednesday after having spent the past three years in Hawaii where he was in the service.

Mr and Mrs Duane Larkin and daughter, Mr and Mrs Larry Upton and family, and Edith Upton, who spent the past three months with her brother, arrived last Saturday from California to spend the holidays with relatives.

A number of area residents attended the golden wedding anniversary, open house for Mr and Mrs Sam Nunemaker at the Fulton School Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Duane Larkin and daughter of McClellan Air Base, Calif., were guests of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Fred Larkin, Wednesday. Other guests that day were Mrs Edna Huffman and Mr and Mrs George Anderson of Grand Rapids.

Mr and Mrs Perce Upton left Saturday morning for Largo, Fla. where they will spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Joe Drown and family.

Fonda Lewis was in Clinton Memorial Hospital several days with an ear infection. She will return on Monday for a tonsillectomy.

Mr and Mrs Lyle Snyder, in company with Mr and Mrs Fred Titus of Lansing, left Sunday morning to spend two weeks in Florida.

Mr and Mrs William Rincheusen and daughter, Judy, and granddaughter, Kerri, of Lansing and Mr and Mrs Wayne Ball and son, formerly of Hawaii, were Saturday night guests of Mr and Mrs Wilbur Bancroft.

March of Dimes Dance date set by Amica Club

MAPLE RAPIDS — At the meeting of the Amica Club at the home of Mrs Victor Johnson Dec. 3, the date of the annual March of Dimes Dance was set for Jan. 23. It will be held in the Maple Rapids Gym, and the Harmonaires of Fowler will provide the music.

The members also acknowledged a donation for the Lorraine Plowman playground fund from Mr and Mrs George Abbott Sr., and contributed \$5 to the street decoration project of Sorosis Club.

IT WAS voted to have a "Whing-ding," a comedy show of club talent, March 20. Mrs Charles Stead was named chairman for this.

The Christmas party of Amica Club was held at the home of Mrs George Thompson, Dec. 18. Team 1 provided the dinner with Team 2 as guests. Following dinner, the gift exchange was held.

Mrs Keith Munger of St. Johns was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr and Mrs Wilbur Bancroft.

East Victor

By Mrs Ray Ketchum

Mr and Mrs Harry Rosekrans of St. Johns were Sunday afternoon callers of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Gerald Barrett.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Dean of Saginaw, Mr and Mrs Duane Dean and family of Owosso, and Mr and Mrs Robert Dennis and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Howard Dennis.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Patterson of Wacousta entertained a neighborhood Pedro Party Saturday evening. High prizes went to Mable Moore and Ray Ketchum and low to Mabel Dennis and Floyd Upton.

Mr and Mrs Ray Ketchum spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Nelson Ketchum and sons of Wacousta.

West Hubbardston

Clara Hogan

At a pre-Christmas dinner on Sunday Mr and Mrs Mike Hogan had as their guests Mr and Mrs Jack Schineman and family of Lansing; Mr and Mrs Philip Sheaffer and family of Muir; Mr and Mrs Donald Hogan and family of Hubbardston; Mr and Mrs Ronnie Burns and family of Grand Rapids; Martin Hogan of Lansing and Mrs Anna Hogan and Jerry of Hubbardston.

At a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday, Mr and Mrs Virgil Slocum had as their guests, Mr and Mrs Dick Slocum and family of Lansing; Mr and Mrs Bob Kitts and Sandra Britton of Owosso; Mrs Carol Evert and Diana of Detroit; Mr and Mrs Larry Cunningham and family of Hubbardston, Jerry Slocum and friend, Carol Britton of Lansing and Mrs Lucille Slocum of Hubbardston.

Jean Ann Cusack and Mary Joe Cusack of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs Richard Cusack.

On Sunday, at St. John the Baptist Church, the banns of matrimony were published for the first time between Daniel Sheaffer and Joyce DeMore.

Elizabeth Welsh visited Mr and Mrs Dennis O'Connell on Sunday.

Esther O'Connell of Lansing spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Dennis O'Connell.



Assessor Begins Work

Donald Clark, St. Johns' new city assessor, began his duties last Wednesday and is getting acquainted with folks around the city. He comes from Alma where he was deputy assessor, and he takes over a post here that has been vacant since August.

3 minors draw fines for liquor

Three youths drew fines and jail sentences last week for being caught in possession of liquor.

Richard L. Bovee, 18, of 2111/2 N. Lansing, was fined \$20 plus \$5 costs and sentenced to two days in the county jail last Thursday by DeWitt Justice of the Peace Roy G. Decker.

Ronald L. Batterbee, 18, of

322 Westmorland, Lansing, drew the same fine and jail term as Bovee when he was brought before Justice Decker Thursday. He was still in the county jail Monday, sitting out an extra eight days for not paying the fine.

BRUCE L. Ward, 17, of 3416 N. Cedar, Lansing, was assessed court costs of \$20.75 and sentenced to five days in jail by Justice of the Peace Gordon Willyoung on Friday.

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Advertisement for Lester H. Lake, Jeweler featuring a sleigh illustration and the text: 'MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH HAPPINESS THIS Christmas Season LESTER H. LAKE, Jeweler "Fine Diamonds for Over 34 Years" "Our Name on the Box Adds Much to the Value" Nothing to the Price" Phone 224-2412 ST. JOHNS 107 N. Clinton'



First Congregational Church Scene of Christmas Buffet

Rev and Mrs Gerald Churchill give an approving nod at an elaborate buffet prepared by the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church for a Christmas luncheon with the Methodist women. The luncheon committee consisted of Mrs Al Northouse, Mrs Robert Pettit, Mrs Jake Wabeke and Mrs Richard Jacoby, Mrs Ronald Sisson, Mrs Robert Ebert, Mrs Arnold Rade-macher, and Mrs Donald Gilson were in charge of table decorations.

East Hubbardston

Mrs Mamie O'Connell Telephone 981-2374

The bans of matrimony were published for the first time Sunday at 10 a.m. Miss Joy DeAmore and Thomas Shaffer. They will live in Howell.

Joyce DeAmore, accompanied by Jeanne Cusack and Mary Joe, motored to her home in Howell Monday.

Mr and Mrs John Riley and family had their annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Patrick Burns (Janet Riley) Sunday, Dec. 21, in Carson City.

Susie Tait received the "Sassy Smart Doll" Saturday given

away by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs Edgar Stoddard called to see her new granddaughter at her son's, the Donald Stoddard home Saturday. She was Mrs Stoddard's 48th grandchild. She was baptized Kimberly Anne, Sunday, in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church at St. Johns.

Mamie L. O'Connell entertained her family with an early Christmas party Sunday with exchanged gifts. Eleven persons were present.

Mrs Jerry Osborne and family were Sunday visitors at her parents' home.

Mrs Mary Ellen Osborne took her mother, Anna Williams shopping Saturday.

Donald Tabor is in the Carson City Hospital. He is having X-rays on Monday.

Fined \$100, jailed

Bernard L. Lowe, 25, of 6885 Coleman, East Lansing, was fined \$100, assessed court costs of \$19.90 and sentenced to 10 days in jail following his conviction for reckless driving Saturday by Justice of the Peace Gordon Will-young.

Square Dance Club has benefit dance

BATH — The Bath Shootin' Stars Square Dance Club held a Christmas benefit dance, Dec. 12, in the Bath High School gym. The 60 couples present contributed \$90.47, which was given to a needy family in the Bath community. The refreshments were provided by the club members, and the calling was done by Wendell Law.

North Bengal

By Mrs Wm. Ernst

Mr and Mrs Louis Moritz and daughter, Kathy, and Mr and Mrs Edward Moritz visited Mrs Fred Walz of Lansing a week ago Sunday afternoon.

William F. Ernst visited Edward Pasch of St. Johns Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Edmund Falk spent Sunday afternoon with Mr and Mrs Allen Weseman of St. Johns.

Mrs William Ernst and daughter, Maxine and Mrs Edmund Falk attended the Christmas party at the Jackson Nursing Home in St. Johns Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Albert Moritz of Essex and Mr and Mrs Edward Moritz were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Louis Moritz and family.

Mr and Mrs Erwin Tiedt, Mr and Mrs Rudolph Tiedt, and Mr and Mrs Robert Eldridge were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Henry Enochs of St. Johns Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Bradley and Mr and Mrs Richard Walker were hosts at the Book Community Card Party Saturday evening. They had a Christmas gift exchange.

Wacousta

By MRS. VEDA FORWARD, Correspondent

Badges awarded to Pack No. 260 during meeting

WACOUSTA— Wacousta No. 260 Pack meeting was held at the Wacousta School Friday evening. Badges were awarded as follows: Randy McDiarmid, wolf; Mike Classen, lion; Dale Davison, denner, lion; Mark O'Bryant, wolf; Wayne Havens, Kevin Kebler, Kenny Atherton, Jeff Day, and Greg Husted, denner; Andy Colburn and Jack Chapman, assistant denner; and Ronny Schmidt, Robin Baker and Paul Tensing, bobcat.

WITH MIKE Classen at the piano and Dean Peters with his guitar, Silent Night was played. Following the entire group of boys sang carols. A gift exchange was held. The boys closed the evening by packing several baskets of fruit and various foods, to be carried later to elderly shut-ins in the community.

Study group meets for Christmas meal

WACOUSTA— The December meeting of the Wacousta Extension Study Group met at the home of Mrs Earl Beagle. Barbara Rose was hostess, with Mrs Ray Speerbrecker and Mrs Lila Esple assisting.

A 6:30 p.m. Christmas dinner was served to the 15 women attending. No lesson was given but a gift exchange was held.

Wacousta Community Methodist Church

WACOUSTA — By transfers, the following people united with the Wacousta Community Methodist Church Sunday morning: Mr and Mrs Don Goodson, Mrs Thomas Peters and sons, Dan, David and Dean, and Mrs Nell Nourse.

A Christmas church-school program was presented Sunday evening.

The MYF members are caroling Wednesday evening.

A New Year's Eve special communion, watch-night service is to be held at 11:30 p.m.

Honoring the birthday of Mrs Muri Walker of Sunfield, she and Mrs Lon Walker of Charlotte were entertained for dinner and evening Thursday by Mr and Mrs Edward Kraft.

After having been at the home of her son, Harold, in Lansing for a week, recuperating from a fall, Mrs Effie Bush is now home.

Mrs Lester Garlock and Mrs Ethel Lange were in Lansing Thursday evening to attend the Birthday Belles Christmas dinner and social evening at the home of Mrs Katie Bogle.

Mrs Dale Shattuck is in Lansing General Hospital recovering from pneumonia.



Legion Filled With Toys for Tots

The American Legion Post in St. Johns was happily swamped with toys this year for the post's Toys for Tots Christmas project. Looking over just one of many tables of toys are, left to right, Joe Toth, post adjutant; Dale Robinson, commander; Percy Carris, eighth district child welfare chairman; John Hall; and Bob Brock, chairman of the Toys for Tots drive. The toys were distributed over the weekend, and all the Legionnaires expressed thanks to those who donated them, including many local merchants.

Dee Washburn named co-ed correspondent

ELSIE — Dee Washburn, 17, has been named Co-ed Correspondent for the 1964-65 school year, Margaret Hauser, editor of Co-ed Magazine, said. Miss Washburn, the daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Washburn, is a senior at Elsie High School. Her appointment was made by Mrs Rodney Tulloch, home economics teacher at Elsie.

Selected for her qualities of leadership and her enthusiasm for home economics, Miss Washburn will serve as junior advisor to the editors of Co-ed, national magazine for teenage girls. She will keep them informed of activities at Elsie High. More than 4,000 Co-ed correspondents throughout the United States and Canada report regularly.

Presentation of a special Co-ed pin and card was made to Miss Washburn.

Mrs Mary Boyd, who was recently hospitalized and has been spending some time with her daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Ted Bates, will return to her own home next week. Her sister, Mrs Dora Walker and Mrs Katy Walker of Brady Twp. visited her last week.

Mrs Dorothy Kaspar of Detroit is spending the holidays with her sisters, Mrs Margaret Edwards and Mrs Neva Keys.

The high point of yesterday's achievement should be your starting point for today.

Mason officers now installed

WACOUSTA— Recently elected Wacousta Mason officers now installed are: Paul Garlock, worshipful master; Bruce Harlow, senior warden; Ken Mattson, junior warden; David Schraeder, treasurer; A. Earle Rowland, secretary; James Colburn, chaplain; Tom Turpin, senior deacon; Lewis Babbitt, junior deacon; Charles Throop, Gary McDonough, Clyde Chamberlain, and Monte Ream, stewards; Herman Openlander, marshal; and Paul Schably, tiler.

CARL MILLER was installing officer; Richard Rosier, installing marshal; Howard McDonough, installing secretary; and Don Lowell, installing chaplain. Seventy people witnessed the service.

Vocal numbers were given by Mrs Don Morrow and Carol Openlander, with Mrs Charles Openlander as accompanist.

Wacousta School

WACOUSTA — Basketball teams are being worked up in all Grand Ledge system elementary schools, in the fifth and sixth grades. Any fathers interested in coaching a team for the Wacousta School should contact Mr Lunden.

"TWAS THE Night Before Christmas" was presented for the Wacousta School Friday morning, by Mrs Jensen with a group from the Grand Ledge High School choir and the high school dramatics club.

CHRISTMAS vacation will be from Dec. 23 to Jan. 4.

Fifth grade pupils have been writing original Christmas poetry.

Pvt. Dick Craun arrived at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Albert Craun, Sunday from Fort Rucker, Ala. This is Dick's first leave since entering the service last Sept. 1. He must report back at camp Jan. 2.

Kay Oden, Bonnie Parks, and Dennis Henretty are home for a two-week vacation. All are students at Central Michigan University.

Fred Tebbets, a senior at Grand Ledge, received a broken upper, left arm while ice skating Sunday. Fred is reported in traction in a Lansing hospital.

Tim Moore of Mount Pleasant is spending a few days in the Ellsworth Oden home.

The word "crusade" comes from the Latin word "crux," meaning "cross." The Cross of Christ was the official badge of those who joined the Crusades to the Holy Land during the Middle Ages, and the expression "taking the cross" meant becoming a crusader.

Elsie

By MRS. NEVA KEYS, Correspondent

Elsie children give program for Christmas

ELSIE — The Christmas program, presented Sunday evening at the Methodist Church, was attended by a large audience of families and friends.

The kindergarten class opened with a welcome and Mrs Alpha Grubough offered a special prayer.

Two plays were given. They were "A Christmas Bible," with its cast of Cynthia Lentz, Janice Kelley, Penny Sturgis, Jackie Moore and Dorothy Bloomer and "Under the Shadows" by the entire school.

An illuminated cross formed the background setting as the classes re-enacted the first Christmas.

ASSISTING as readers were Byron Green, Kenny Lentz and David Williams. Sharon Dunham was pianist for the singing of Christmas hymns and carols. Barbara Warner and Kathryn Melvin sang "Cantique de Noel" with Jennifer Keys as accompanist and closed with the trio singing an old Latin selection.

Following the program, every-

one assembled in the Fellowship Hall for a social hour and visit with Santa. There was a Christmas tree and treat for the children. Punch and cookies were also served.

A special collection was taken for the Children's Village, a home owned and operated by the Michigan and Detroit Conferences of the Methodist Church.

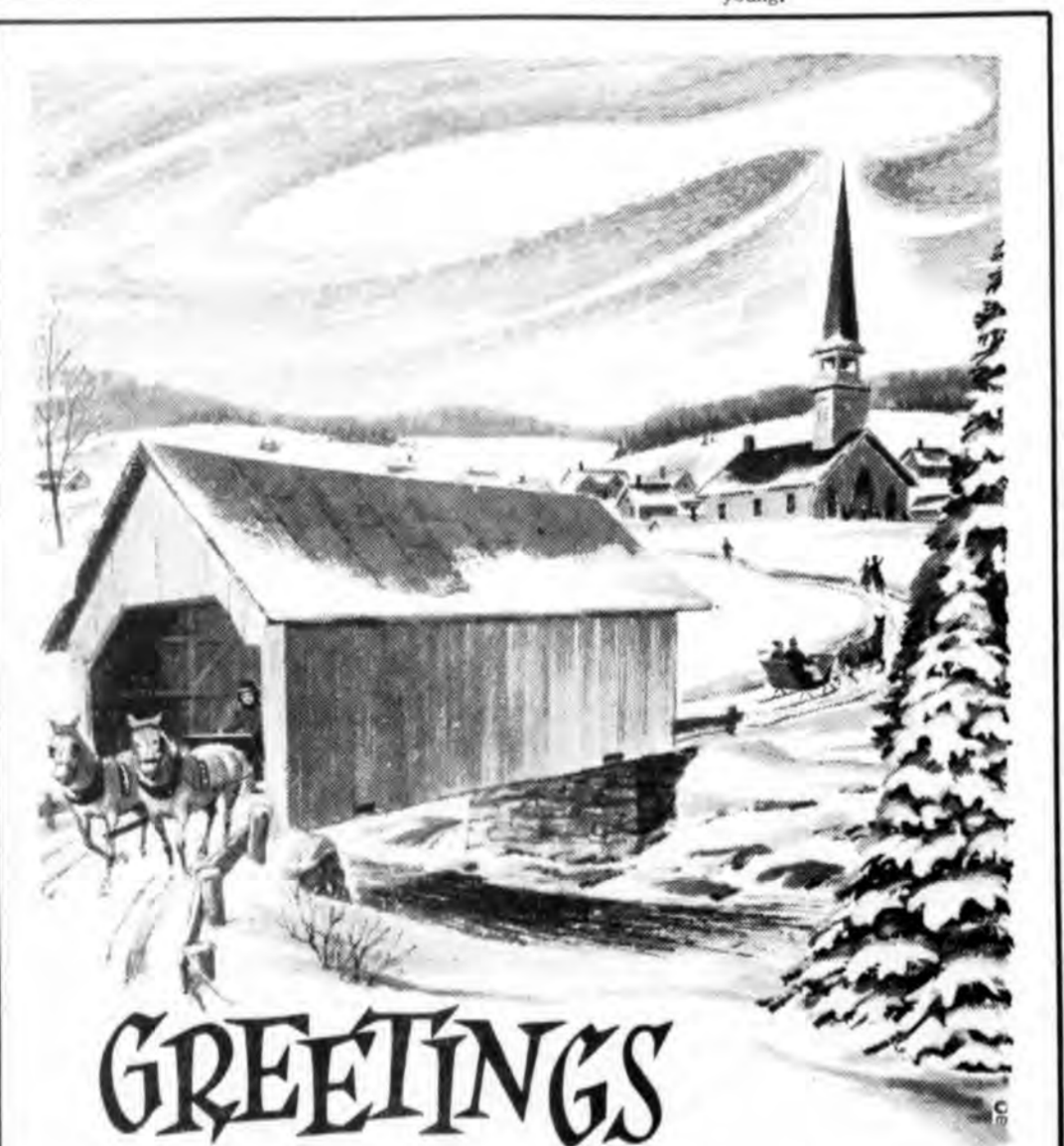
Mrs Emerson Dunham was in charge of the program and Mrs Russell Bouck led the junior choir. Sunday school teachers also assisted with the arrangements.

Page 4 Corners 4-H carols for shut-ins

ELSIE — The Page 4 Corners Club went caroling Monday. They sang for shut-ins. One of the shut-ins, Mrs Rose Smith, sang a carol for them.

The women who accompanied the carolers, in cars, were Mrs Donald Whitaker, Mrs Woodrow Bashore, Mrs Ray Peck, Mrs Burton Tabor and Mrs Joseph Sovis.

At the home of the Norman Blakelys were served refreshments. All signed Helen Blakely's cast.



GREETINGS

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50 Years as IOOF Member

Bill Maier presents a 50-year membership pin to Floyd Britten on behalf of the St. Johns Independent Order of Odd Fellows Monday night. Sitting with Britten is his wife. The cake commemorates the 50 years he has been in the organization and the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Britten, which was Wednesday. Mr Britten joined the Odd Fellows Sept. 19, 1914, at Maple Rapids and was transferred to St. Johns membership in 1921. He has held all of the offices in the organization. Thirty-five persons attended a dinner honoring him and his wife Monday night.

Pewamo

By MRS. IRENE FOX, Correspondent—Phone 2021

Lodge No. 405 F & AM elects new officers

PEWAMO—At the meeting of Pewamo Lodge No. 405 F & AM, the following officers were elected for 1965. Lyle Bissell, worshipful master; Anton Schwedhelm, Sr. warden; Elmer Blair, Jr. warden; George Sabin, treasurer; Matt Miller, secretary; Charles Melvin, Sr. deacon; Robert Pettit, Jr. deacon; Clell Bissell, steward; Kenneth Parks, steward; and Otto Vance, Tyler. Past master, Marlon Sturgis acted as installing officer.

Mrs Steve Kimble, Sr. host to Handi Club

PEWAMO—The Handi Club had their Christmas card party at the home of Mrs Steve Kimble Sr., Dec. 11, with 14 members present. Prizes went to Mrs Norman Schafer for high score and consolation to Mrs V. Barkus. Names of secret pals were revealed, and new names were drawn for the coming year. Cards furnished the entertainment.

Kenneth Schafer arrived home Saturday noon, from Missouri for a 10 day furlough.

Mark Fox is home for a 30 day furlough from Ft. Lowry, Denver, Colo. Following, he will report to England Air Force Base at Alexandria, La.

Mrs Leo Cook has been confined to Ionia Memorial Hospital for observation and treatment for about 10 days.



At Christmas

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Alward-Plowman District

By Bernice Wohlert

Plowman School

Plowman — The Plowman School presented their Christmas program by the children and their teachers, Mrs Pope and Mrs Walker. At the close of the program, Santa visited with a gift for each child. School will start again on Dec. 28.

Mr and Mrs Jack Wohlert, Ken and Betty entertained Sunday at an early Christmas party, the following guests: Mr and Mrs Vincent Strouse and children; Mr and Mrs Fred Strouse and Phillip of rural Ithaca; Mr and Mrs Daryell Towserly and children of Alma; Mr and Mrs Keith Wohlert, Cindy and Scott; and Mrs Delores Cowles, Debbie and Paul.

Mr and Mrs Duane Peck called on Mr and Mrs Cliff Phillips Saturday evening.

Kimberly and Sheri Smith were over night guests, Saturday, of their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Lyle Smith. Saturday evening they were all callers of Mr and Mrs Jerry Smith. Mrs Meretta Mead was a caller of the Smiths on Sunday.

Little David Brownlee spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Virgil Yanz and girls. Mr and Mrs Brownlee were callers.

Wava Secord spent the weekend with her parents and family.

Ken Wohlert returned to his home Friday after finishing exams at Michigan State University.

Sunday afternoon, Mr and Mrs Walt March attended grandson, Mark Weseman's, Christmas program at his church and in the evening they were guests at a birthday dinner honoring Mrs March at the home of Mr and Mrs Raymond Barnes at Lansing. Other guests were Mr and Mrs William Weseman and family, Mr and Mrs Al Krater and family and John Westal.

Mr and Mrs Robert Secord and family and Dennie Rathbun attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs John Gavanda and family at Ithaca.

Mrs Robert Secord and Harry Fuller attended the funeral of an uncle, Glen Spiece, at Carson City Saturday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Harry Fuller were callers, Wednesday evening, in the Secord home.

Callers last week of Mrs Gust Martzke were Mr and Mrs Albert Yanz and Mrs Gene Sigafos.

Sunday evening supper guests of Mr and Mrs Lewis Phillips were Mr and Mrs Cliff Phillips, Judy and Paul.

McGonigal Corners

By Mrs John McGonigal

Mervin Smiths wed 50 years

McGONIGAL CORNERS—Mr and Mrs Mervin Smith of 6185 Slight Road were honored at their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 19, in the parlor of the Bath Baptist Church. The occasion was hosted by Mr and Mrs Smith's, four children and families. They are: Mr and Mrs Veryl Smith, and Mr and Mrs Russell Smith all of Bath; and Mr and Mrs Arlington Smith, and Mrs Don Leuz of Lansing. Around 100 relatives and friends attended. Among those from out of town were Rev and Mrs Robert Briggs of Bay City, a former pastor of the Bath Baptist Church; Rev and Mrs Bretz of Lansing; Rev and Mrs Veder Bass of Mason; and Rev and Mrs E. G. Leesman of Bellevue.

Choir gives program

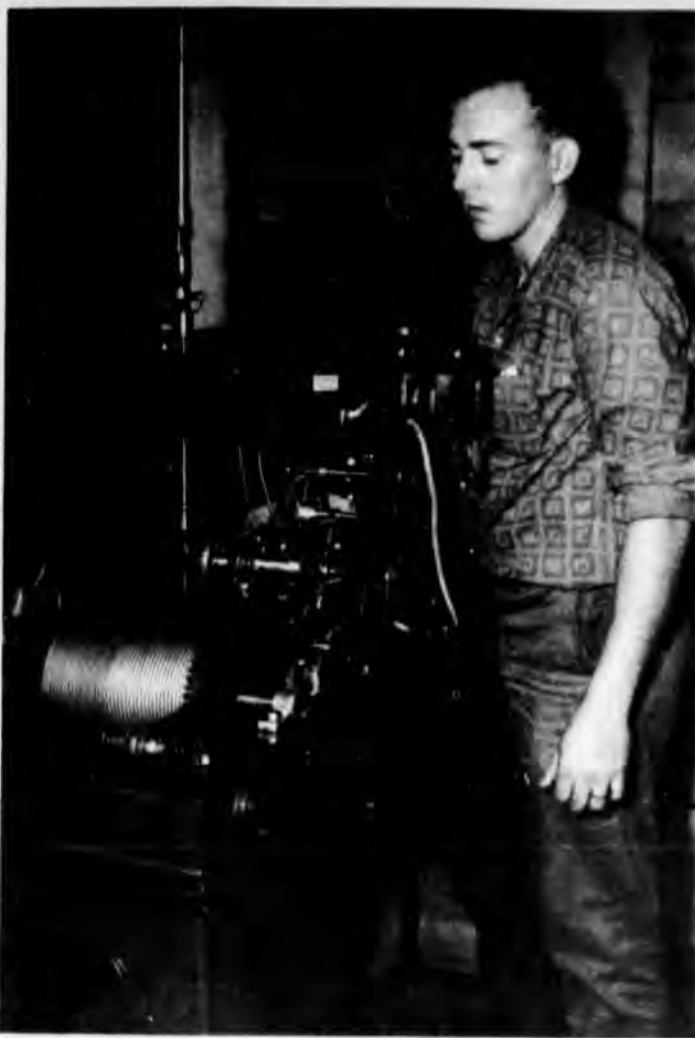
McGONIGAL CORNERS—The sanctuary of the Bath Baptist Church was filled as the church choir presented the cantata, "Love Transcending," written by John Peterson, last Sunday evening.

Foreign student bus to arrive at 2 p.m.

The bus carrying 15 foreign college students for a weekend with Clinton County rural families will arrive at the courthouse in St. Johns about 2 p.m. Saturday. After a reception in the county extension offices, the students will spend the rest of the day, Saturday night and most of Sunday with their host families.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Motz and family were guests of Mrs Herman Wahl Thursday for supper.

Mr and Mrs Dayle Miller of Grand Ledge were guests of Mr and Mrs Oscar Cook one day last week.



Tune-up for Courthouse Clock

Phillip Dutton of the Tower Clock Service Co. of Springfield, Ohio, makes final adjustments in the clock mechanism in the Clinton County courthouse. The clock is now run by an electric motor. Dutton and service engineer Rufus Jackson of the clock firm began putting it back together last Wednesday morning, and it was running by evening. The old clock was wound by electric motors but ran on a system of weights. The clock motor is about 20 feet below the level of the clock hands.

McGonigal Corners

By Mrs John McGonigal

Mrs Ruth Wright of Clise Road, Bath, attended the 7 p.m. dinner of the MSEA Thursday, Dec. 10, at the YWCA in Lansing.

The Missionary Circles of the Bath Baptist Church, were entertained at the home of Mrs Florence Friend Monday evening, Dec. 7 with a Christmas party and exchange of gifts.

The choir of the Bath Baptist Church gave a Christmas Cantata Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at the Church. Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m. the children gave a program.

Kincaid District

Mrs Porter C. Parks

Mr and Mrs Charles Fisher and Chuck were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs William Fisher and family.

Kevin Fisher spent Sunday with his grandfather, Otto Witt. Mr and Mrs Charles Fisher attended the wrestling match at Alma, Saturday evening. Chuck Fisher won his match.

Roy Dumond spent the weekend fishing at Pretty Lake with Mr and Mrs Forest Hooker of Grand Ledge.

Marilyn Parks spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Jerry Myszak of DeWitt.

Otto Witt and Clare visited Mr and Mrs Porter Parks Sunday evening.

Mrs Tillie Hooker of Grand Ledge visited in the Dumond home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Richard Grove and family attended the Christmas program of the Baptist Church in Grand Ledge, Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs Roger Baimer went to Charlotte and brought Mrs Roy Hittle, Mrs Vernon Mapes, and Theodore Balmer to see Mr and Mrs Dell Schmidtman's trailer home. Then they all went to the cantata at Pilgrim Holiness Church at Lansing Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs Dell Schmidtman were guests of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Schmidtman and Charlene for Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mrs Kay Schmidtman had a guest, Rita Pence, from Lansing as a visitor Saturday evening.

Mr and Mrs Jess Parks visited Mr and Mrs Ed Hahn and daughter Sunday evening.

Wayne Valentine visited Harold Hoerner Sunday morning.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Hoerner spent Sunday afternoon and had supper at Mr and Mrs Harold Hoerner's. Russ Sullivan was a supper guest also.

Roger Hardenburg visited Mr and Mrs Harold Hoerner Sunday evening.

Friday afternoon, Mr and Mrs Harvey Hoerner visited in the Harold Hoerner home.

Thursday afternoon Jimmie and Corinna Parks stayed with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs David Parks, and Mrs Rose Marie Henning of Lansing were supper guests of Mr and Mrs Porter Parks.

Riley and Olive

By Mrs Goldie Moore

Mr and Mrs Ray Moore entertained the Moore family Sunday for their annual Christmas get-together. Twenty-one members were served a dinner at noon, a gift exchange and visiting in the afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Jerald Brocker and Mr and Mrs Dudley Anderson and family were Sunday supper guests of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Brocker.

Mr and Mrs Robert Fedewa Sr., accompanied by Frater Kurt Fedewa of Indiana, are spending the holidays in Florida.

Simmons School children had their annual Christmas program Tuesday evening. The Jason School children held their program Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Melvin Gibson is convalescing at home after being in St. Lawrence Hospital for almost three weeks.

Mr and Mrs Ray Moore visited Mr and Mrs Lewis Slim of Riley Thursday evening.

Carole Stoy is spending a week

with her parents, Mr and Mrs Valentine Stoy and family.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Davis of DeWitt were Friday evening supper guests of Mr and Mrs Glenn Locher and family.

Mrs Joseph Gray was a Tuesday evening visitor of Mr and Mrs Ray Moore.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Glenn Locher home were Mr and Mrs Arlo Worden of Engadine and Mr and Mrs William Stortz of Lansing.

Sunday evening supper guests of Mr and Mrs Larry Phinney were Mr and Mrs Arnold Blizard and sons; Kay Grove; Mr and Mrs Glenn Locher and family and Sally Cairns.

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New Names In the News

WESTPHALIA — A son was born to Mr and Mrs Robert Thelen, weighing six pounds and 15 ounces Monday, Dec. 21, at home. The baby and mother are now at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. Mrs Thelen is the former Mary Ellen Pung.

WESTPHALIA — A son was born to Mr and Mrs Richard Thelen Sunday night, Dec. 20, in St. Lawrence Hospital, weighing 8 pounds. Mrs Thelen is the former Phyllis Martin.

PEWAMO — Mr and Mrs Carl Walter are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, Dec. 19, weighing seven pounds. The baby, Mary Jo, was born at St. Lawrence Hospital. Mrs Walter is the former Anita Schafer of Pewamo.

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3-BEDROOM house. Inquire at 917 South Clinton Ave. Phone 224-4353. 35-2

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ATTENTION Senior Citizens: Will consider taking 1 or 2 old men into my home. Room, board, and other privileges. Must be clean, neat and have references. Write Box L, c/o Clinton County News. 35-1p

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★ NOTICES

I WILL not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone other than myself as of this date, Dec. 10, 1964. — Daniel G. Gross. 33-3p

★ CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to thank our family neighbors and friends for their thoughtfulness shown us. Dr. Henthorn and Dr. Devore for their care given me, for the gifts, cards and letters sent during my stay at Ford hospital. Also I wish to thank the staff at Fords—Otto P. Jacob. 35-1p

Many thanks to Dr. Groat, the nurses and nurses' aides, the Gray Ladies for the competent care and personal attention while at the hospital. Also thanks to Rev. Churchill, friends and relatives for calls and messages of comfort.—Ethel Gove. 35-1p

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for cards, visits and flowers during my long illness. All was very much appreciated. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas.—Carrie Pasch. 35-1p

Sincere thanks for the many cards and gifts and also to all the people who visited with us on our 50th anniversary—Sunday, Dec. 20, 1964. —Sam and Mabel Nunemaker. 35-1p

Real Estate

No. 60A — Southwest of St. Johns. Small house, concrete yard, milkhouse with pole barn, double corn crib. Can be purchased on a contract.

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HAVE VACANCY for patient. Pohl Countryside Home, 3 miles east on M-21, 3 miles north on Chandler road, 1 1/2 miles east on Hall road. 35-1p

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NEW YEAR'S Eve celebration. Dancing 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Music by the Firebirds. Beer, wine and soft drinks. Admission \$1.00. You must be 21. H & H Lounge, downtown St. Johns. 35-2

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Yule Is Time For Customs

As the world grows smaller, Christmas observances in different countries grow more similar. Santa Claus in red suit and white beard drives his reindeer-drawn sleigh to North, Central and South America and to many other countries as well.

In fact, when the first explorer lands on Mars, he shouldn't be too surprised to discover that Santa, and even Rudolph, got there first. Sharing of Christmas customs, however, only serves to point up the fact that this is a holiday for everyone, and a holiday which draws ideas from all lands and times, uniting them in both religious and secular observances of the season.

In Mexico

Celebrating the posada is a Mexican custom focused on the Nativity. "Posada" means "lodging" or "inn," and for the nine "posada" days from December 16 to 25, churches, hotels, social groups and families throughout Mexico act out the story of the Nativity.

A procession of pilgrims comes to the place where the celebration is scheduled. They carry clay figures of Mary and Joseph, and they seek shelter from the "innkeepers" within.

At first the innkeepers refuse, then they admit the pilgrims to feast and rejoice. Figures representing Mary and Joseph are placed in a replica of the manger. On Christmas Eve, the figure representing Jesus is added.

In Holland

Gift-giving season in Holland traditionally begins on December 5 and is called "Strooivand" or "strewing night." Children place their shoes by the fireplace, filled with carrots and hay for St. Nicholas' horse — in the expectation that on the morning the shoes will contain candy, fruits and toys.

In Scotland

Christmas feast favorites in Scotland include shortbread, a rich cake or cookie, and haggis, a kind of pudding. New Year's Eve, or Hogmanay, is the principal day for gifts and greetings, when children go singing from house to house, in hopes of a treat. New Year's visits are paid — and it's customary for the visitor to bring along a pocketful of coal.



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By MRS LEO J. HANSON — Phone 669-9384

Doris Nichols Busy B winner

DeWITT— Mrs Gordon Will... Doris Nichols with an 11 pound loss.

SECRET PALS were revealed

Mrs Norman White of St. Johns was a guest and members present were Millie Pratt, June Lankford, Billie Paine, Ardella Peck, Della March, Helen Smith, Della Cowan, Lucille Ward, Helen Schavey, Olive King, Barbara Richardson, Bernice Kennedy, Doris Nichols and Bernice Wohlfert.

Plan Yule services

DeWITT— The DeWitt Community Church will hold a Candlelight and Carol Service at the church on Christmas Eve followed by open house at the parsonage hosted by Rev and Mrs Daniel Keltin.

Gifts are donated by Job's Daughters

DeWITT— The DeWitt Job's Daughters held their Christmas party at the home of Christine Zeeb Saturday afternoon. Instead of having a gift exchange the girls packed boxes of Christmas goods to take to shut-ins and elderly persons in the village.

Mother's March needs helpers

WESTPHALIA— The Daughters of Isabella met in St. Mary's Hall for their annual Christmas party with 70 members attending.

LUNCH committee was Mrs William Haneses Jr.

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Carolyn Malenfant and Dolores Miller of St. Mary's Academy, Monroe, are spending the holiday with their parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Malenfant and Mr and Mrs George Miller.

Mr and Mrs Donald Salemma, Mark and Linda are leaving this week to spend the holiday with relatives in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr and Mrs Leo Hanson and sons attended a Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs Alfred Patterson, in Wacousta, Mr and Mrs Forest Shipman and sons were also guests.

Students from Central Michigan University and Mount Pleasant who are spending vacations with families here are Patricia Flynn, Judith Phillips, Helen Thomas, Doug and Tom Isanhardt, Curtis Lankford, Doug Woodman, Harold Dienis and Sandra McCrum.

Northeast Eagle Mrs Andrew Kempf Phone 627-6710

Mr and Mrs Fred Biergans spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Paul Winegar and family of Lansing.

Mr and Mrs Richard Becker of Nashville, Tenn. spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Harold Becker. Sunday guests in the same home were Mr and Mrs James Becker and daughter of Muskegon.

Mrs Mildred Barnes was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr and Mrs Carl Barnes and Karla Kay. The occasion was Mildred's birthday.

Mrs Frances Cusack of Ionia called on her mother, Mrs Alta Kehler, recently.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Kempf were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs D. C. Allen.

Mr and Mrs Lewis Babbitt and sons attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Curtis Baughan of Williamston Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Lewis Babbitt attended a Farm Bureau meeting at Olivet College Tuesday.

Thursday Afternoon Club has Yule party

DeWITT— The Thursday Afternoon Club held their Christmas party at the home of Muriel Ross, Dec. 17, with Jane Howard as co-hostess.

After a 1:30 p.m. dessert, and meeting a gift exchange was held. Lela Henning won the mystery prize, Mildred Blivin high score at euchre and Dee Anne Noyce low.

THE ANNUAL meeting will be at the home of Betty Leak, Thursday, Jan. 28, with Laura Reed as co-hostess.

There will be a 12:30 p.m. potluck followed by annual reports and election of officers.

Music service given by Methodist choir

DeWITT— The Choir of the DeWitt Methodist Church presented "The Happy Christmas," a worship service in music, under the direction of Nancy Pollok, at the church Sunday evening. The narrator was Rev Ernest Combellack. Soloists were Mrs Bruce Johnston and Mrs Maurice Becker and accompanist, Mrs Oswald Lietzke.

Westphalia Mrs Daniel Spitzley Box 66, Westphalia—587-4554

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Ray Court, Jr. home damaged by flames

FOWLER— The Fowler Fire Department was called to the Ray Court Jr. home on Jones Road, southeast of Pevamo, early last Thursday morning where a fire had started in the basement. The Pevamo Fire Department was summoned at 2 a.m. and Fowler was called later.

Harvey Antoules returned home Saturday from Carson City Hospital where he underwent surgery recently.

Mr and Mrs Larry Thelen and family of Laramie, Wyo. arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Alvin J. Thelen and family.

Mr and Mrs Joe Schafer entertained their family, Mr and Mrs Arthur Schafer and family of Jackson; Mr and Mrs Dennis Schafer and family, Mr and Mrs Gordon Essenberg and baby; Charles Schafer and Audrey West, all of Lansing; and Mr and Mrs T. A. Burdette and family of Owosso; at a Christmas supper Sunday. Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Phyllis George of Lansing spent the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs Vincent Goerge and daughter.

Mr and Mrs Barney Fisher, Gaylord Schafer, Myrtle Brown and Mr and Mrs Joseph Schafer Jr. and family of Lansing spent Saturday evening with their parents, Mr and Mrs Joe Schafer.

Mr and Mrs Ivan Fink entertained at a Christmas dinner on Sunday, Mr and Mrs Duane Platte and family of Kalamazoo and her parents, Mr and Mrs Hilary Hafner.

Cindy Snyder is a patient at Carson City Hospital recuperating from an appendectomy.

Mr and Mrs Rodney Finkbeiner entertained the employees of the drug store at a pre-Christmas party at their home Saturday evening.

Mrs Vincent Goerge entertained the members of the Mission Club at a potluck and Christmas party Wednesday evening at her home. Bingo formed the evenings entertainment. Gifts were exchanged.

Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.



JANET MAE NOFTZ

Mr and Mrs Mearl Nofzt of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Mae, to Dale Kermit Hart, son of Mr and Mrs Kermit Hart of 804 West Park Street, Miss Nofzt is a senior at Alma College where she is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. Mr Hart is a graduate of Alma College where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is now attending the School of Dentistry at the University of Detroit. A summer wedding is planned.

MRS RICHARD Moore presided as president for the business meeting at which time the group was told of the invitation to attend the Jan. 6 meeting of the Elsie WSCS when the 24th anniversary of the society will be commemorated. Mrs Ray Peck gave a report on human rights.

Mrs Ray Canfield, Mrs Dave Green and Mrs Grace Pearce were hostesses for the luncheon

Fowler Miss Helen Fink

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Program is given by Sunday School

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The invocation was given by Mrs Tom Moore, Sunday school superintendent. Teachers, Mrs Bill Porubsky, Mr and Mrs Dave Green, Mrs Ray Peck, Mrs Edward Tillitz, Pat Dunay, Linda Ensign and Don Hinkley presented their classes in group recitations, choral readings, and short plays.

Choral selection was presented by each of the three choirs, Cherub, Junior and Senior.

Sharon and Phyllis Stewart sang a duet as a special number and Mrs Richard Moore gave a reading "A Christmas Fable." Michael Stambersky played a group of Christmas melodies on the accordion.

Rev Edward Tillitz gave the benediction, after which, boxed treats were handed out to the children as they left.

Elect new officers of Royal Neighbors at Yule meeting

The Royal Neighbors of America held their annual meeting and Christmas party Friday, Dec. 18.

A potluck was served at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs Louise Smith and daughter, Birdaline Smith.

A meeting followed, presided over by Jane Jolly, oracle, at which time the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Women's Fellowship hears Miss Peck

EUREKA— The Women's Fellowship of the Eureka Congregational Christian Church met last Wednesday evening with Mrs Wendell Waggoner, with most of the members present. Maureen Peck showed slides and gave a talk on her last summers stay in Holland.

Christmas program features 3 choirs

EUREKA— A Christmas program was held Sunday evening with the singing of Christmas pieces by children.

A Christmas story was put on by Mrs Harry Wadell, with the main parts played by Mrs Maurice Blank, Lawrence Peterson, Cheryl Clark, and Bobby Lewis. Mary was played by Connie Clark. Several specials and duets were sung and special numbers by three choirs were the highlights of the evening.

The offering will go to the Cleveland Christian Home. The children received a box of Christmas candy at the close of the program.

A special money offering will be given to the George Summer family who are missionaries in India.

The Bible Study group packed and distributed boxes for the shut-ins last Thursday.

Mr and Mrs J. D. Robinson's Sunday dinner guests were Mr and Mrs John Martin and Eunice of St. Johns and Mrs Ed Otto of Ovid.

Mr and Mrs Gale Wood and four children of Middleton were Sunday callers of her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Ivan Clark. They also called on her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Gordon Waggoner and daughters.

Bannister

By MRS. ELMER LEYDORF, Correspondent

WSCS presents choral version of Yule story

BANNISTER— Over 40 persons were present for the December meeting of the Bannister Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wednesday evening, when the Christmas Story was given in song and prose.

Mrs Robert Valentine read the Story from the scriptures with the choral readers, Mrs Raymond Stewart, Mrs Bill LeClear and Mrs Ivan Hofferbert following the theme. Musical selections were included with vocalists Mrs Ray Canfield, Mrs Floyd Walters, Mrs Elmer Leydorf, Mrs Walter Miller and three daughters, Lori, Brenda and Carrie, and Sharon and Phyllis Stewart. Mrs Clifford Casler was organist for the entire presentation which was given by candlelight.

Mrs Bill LeClear introduced the worship setting which displayed the nativity scene. Special guest, Rev Edward Tillitz, led the group in a congregational Christmas song.

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Elementary school gives Yule program

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The eighth graders were in charge of the gift exchange which followed.

Eureka

By MRS. GORDON WAGGONER, Correspondent

Farewells are said to area residents by Eureka friends

EUREKA— Mr and Mrs Gordon Waggoner entertained at a farewell party, sponsored by the Young at Hearts of the Eureka Congregational Christian Church, Wednesday evening, for Lynn and Jannes Lawrence and three daughters, Cheryl, Cheryl, and Lynette, who will be moving to Deckerville in January. A gift of TV trays were presented to them by the group. Refreshments were served.

During the Girl Scout meeting, held at the Eureka School on Wednesday, Mrs Lynn Lawrence, who is the Junior Girl Scout leader, was presented with a farewell gift from the girls and co-leader, Mrs Gordon Waggoner. Her daughters, Cheryl and five-year-old Lynette were also presented with gifts from the group. A farewell cake, furnished by Toni Clark, was served to the group. Mrs James Graham is going to help with the Junior Scouts now.

Cheryl, a Brownie, was also given a farewell from her group and her leaders, Mrs Ronald Hubbard and Mrs Kenneth Wicke. Refreshments were served.

Former pastor back for two-week stay

EUREKA— Rev Earl Collins was the guest speaker at the Eureka Congregational Christian Church Sunday and had "The Christian Way to Handle Frustration" as his sermon topic.

The next two Sundays, the former pastor, Ray Middleton, will be at the church and will give the message for the worship hour. He, his wife Betty, and three sons, David, Timothy and Mark will reside in the parsonage for two weeks.

The annual Christmas program of the Eureka Congregational Christian Church was held Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Last Saturday evening, Mr and Mrs Gordon Waggoner and two daughters were callers of Mr and Mrs Roger Shutes and Scott in St. Johns.

Larry Randolph and Bobby Lewis were overnight guests of Tim and Mark Middleton Friday evening.

Mrs Fred Barton and Mr and Mrs Roy Hyke attended the Christmas program and party at the Rivards Nursing Home Sunday afternoon as the guests of Mrs Hattie Letts.

Mrs Elizabeth Halas fell, Saturday, from a stroke and received three broken ribs. She is in Clinton Memorial Hospital. Her husband is staying at home, with the care of his relatives and friends.

Roy Hyke received word here Tuesday, Dec. 15, of the death of his brother, George Hyke, in Largo, Fla.

Church receives 8 new members

By MRS. ELMER LEYDORF, Correspondent

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BANNISTER— The traditional Sunday morning Christmas service was held Sunday morning at the Bannister Methodist Church as eight new members were received into membership.

Rev Edward Tillitz presided over the ceremony, as Mrs Tillitz, Eddie and Sharon, Rosemary Saxton, Romona Bradley, Mrs Nell Criner and Frances and Pauline Vanek came forward.

Rev Mr Tillitz read to the congregation a letter from Kristen Rademacher of Luneburg, Germany. She spent last Christmas here as an exchange student.

The fourth candle of the advent wreath had been lit Sunday morning. This was a custom the church received from Kirsten last year.

The Senior choir presented a Christmas anthem accompanied by Mrs Walter Miller on the organ. Chairman of the Board, Ernest Boog, also presented the Tillitz family with a gift of money from the church and community friends.

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Clinton Area Deaths

Mrs Clara Miller

Clara Miller, a former resident of West State Street in St. Johns, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pohl Nursing Home after a long illness. She was 89 years old.

Rev Raymond Parker officiated at funeral services which were held at the Osgood Funeral Home, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 p.m. Burial was made in Gardner Cemetery.

MRS MILLER, the daughter of Henry Walker and Margaret Castlemann Walker, was born in New York State, July 31, 1875. She married David Miller in Ithaca Oct. 21, 1917 and resided in the St. Johns area since 1926.

Mrs Miller was a member of the Jehovah Witnesses.

Surviving is a sister-in-law, Mrs Barbara Siefert of R-1, St. Johns.

Alfred Pedersen

Alfred Pedersen of 773 South State Street, Chicago, Ill., died Thursday, Dec. 10, in his residence after a short illness. He was 67 years old.

Funeral services were held for him at the Osgood Funeral Home Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. Burial was made at Mount Rest Cemetery.

BORN IN Wesby, Wis., July 16, 1897, Mr Pedersen was the son of Anton Pedersen and Ellen Volden Pedersen. On May 6, 1944, he married Theresa VanAmburg. The last eight years of his life were spent in Chicago, Ill.

He worked as a maintenance man and was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving besides his wife, Theresa, are four sisters, Mrs Martha Tomten of LaCross, Wis., Mrs Selmer Hanson of Lansing, Mrs Nordahl Stigen of Neillsville, Wis., and Mrs Otis Stroud of Haslett; and two brothers, Elmer of Wesby, Wis., and Nordahl Pedersen of Lansing.

Orpha M. Haller

A former resident of St. Johns died in the Capitol City Convalescent Home where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Mrs Orpha Maude Haller, who used to live on North Lansing Street here, died Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 a.m. after a long illness. She was 84 years old.

Rev Erwin Self of the Church of the Nazarene officiated at funeral services which were held at the Osgood Funeral Home, Monday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m.

MRS HALLER WAS born in Gratiot County, May 26, 1880. Her parents were Benjamin Franklin Grubaugh and Sarah Ellen Washington Grubaugh. In 1941 she married Melvin P. Haller in St. Johns.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving Mrs Haller are four daughters, Mrs Viva Hubbard of Lansing, Mrs Thelma Rich of East DeWitt, Mrs Burnetta Kieweg of Sparks, Nev., and Mrs Genevieve H. Gricar of Saginaw; a son, Donald Young of Westminster, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs Jennie Drew and Mrs Bessie Stockwell.

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She was born in New York state and had resided in St. Johns since 1926. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs Barbara Siefert of R-1, St. Johns.

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Mrs Weeks

MAPLE RAPIDS — Mrs Lillian M. Weeks, 71, of Maple Rapids died last Thursday night in a Gratiot County nursing home. Funeral services were at 2:30 Sunday at the Abbott Funeral Home, with burial in Beech Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Randall of Alma; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and two brothers, Perce Weeks and Armon Weeks of Canada.

H. G. Churchill

H. G. Churchill, 89, father of the Rev Gerald Churchill of the First Congregational Church in St. Johns, died last Wednesday in his home town of Endeavor, Wis. Funeral services were held at the Congregational Church in Endeavor Saturday afternoon.

Mr Churchill was born in Big Spring, Wis., near Endeavor, and spent most of his life in that area. He was a graduate of Ripon (Wis.) College and was manager of a bank in Endeavor for 20 years.

Mr Churchill is survived by the Rev Mr Churchill of St. Johns, one other son and five daughters.

Henry Husted

EAST HUBBARDSTON — Henry Husted, 84, died Saturday night at the Lowry Convalescent Home in Muir. Funeral services were Tuesday morning in the New Haven Church in Gratiot County.

Surviving are his wife Hattie; and two daughters, Mary and Rosella Woodland. Mr Husted spent a month at the Mamie O'Connell Convalescent Home in Hubbardston.

Bateson A. Harris

OVID — Bateson A. Harris died suddenly of a heart attack Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:15 p.m. in his home at 5704 North Carland Road. He was 77 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Houghton Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. with Rev Earl Lawrence officiating. Burial was made in Fairfield Cemetery.

MR HARRIS was born in Brady twp., Saginaw County, April 17, 1887. He was the son of Alex and Mary Harris. He attended the county school.

On March 26, 1911 he married Florence Bliss in Brady twp. The last 51 years of his life were spent near Carland, where he was the owner of a garage. He was a member of the Ovid F & AM 127 and the Ovid Chapter RAM 113.

SURVIVING besides his wife are two daughters, Mrs Richard Sloat and Mrs Amour Shannon of Carland; four grandchildren; a great grandchild; and four sisters, Mrs Nettie Bird of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs Mary Boyd of Corunna, Mrs Earl Walker of Henderson, and Mrs Hazel Jeffrey of Hudson.

Anthony Datema

EAST HUBBARDSTON — Anthony Datema died Sunday night at his home in Hubbardston. He came to the United States from The Netherlands as a young boy in 1916, and he has been a resident of Hubbardston since his marriage to Eva Shaffer in the 1930's.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Robert; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. John the Baptist Church, with Father Fox officiating.

Edward Pung

WESTPHALIA — Edward A. Pung, 73, of Westphalia died Monday morning at 2:30 at his home after a long illness. He had been a farmer all his life.

Mr Pung was born in Portland Township Oct. 12, 1891, a son of John and Julia Simon Pung. He attended St. Mary's School and was a life-long Westphalia resident. He married Martha Smith Sept. 4, 1917, at Westphalia St. Mary's.

HE WAS A member of that church and the St. Joseph Society and Holy Name Society.

Surviving are two brothers, the Very Rev Robert E. Pung, SVD, of Rome, and Oscar Pung of Dayton, Ohio; and three sisters, Sister Rosarita of Piqua, Ohio, Mrs Rose Spitzley of Lansing and Mrs Dora Klein of R-1, Pewamo.

FUNERAL services will be this morning (Thursday) at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, with Father Miller officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Gordon Munger

RILEY-OLIVE — Mr and Mrs Raymond Moore received word of the death of a friend of the family, Gordon Munger of Seattle, Wash., who died Nov. 17. He was a former resident of this community.

Folks who look for trouble often underestimate their ability.

Schrauben infant

ST. JOHNS — Monica Schrauben, 10-week-old daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Schrauben of R-4, St. Johns, died Friday morning at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She had been ill two weeks.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church, with Father Miller reading the Angel Mass. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Surviving are her father and mother; five sisters and two brothers; and two grandmothers, Mrs Dora Schafer of Fowler and Mrs Regina Schrauben of Westphalia.

Daniel Magsig

DEWITT — Daniel A. Magsig, 77, of 409 Adams Street, Lansing, died Tuesday morning at a Lansing hospital.

Funeral services will be at the Vincent-Rummell Funeral Home in DeWitt today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. The Rev Daniel Keln of the DeWitt Community Church will officiate, and burial will be in DeWitt Cemetery.

HE WAS BORN in Olive Township Dec. 15, 1887, a son of Fred and Catherine Neller Magsig. He lived most of his life in the area until 25 years ago when he moved to Lansing. He was a farmer, retiring in 1939.

He was married to the former Leona McGinley in Lansing. She survives, along with a daughter, Mrs Lloyd (Arith) Rosekrans of Bath; two sons, Glenn of St. Johns and Archie of DeWitt; a sister, Mrs Bertha Henning of DeWitt; a brother, Raymond Magsig of DeWitt; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Frank LeClear

ST. JOHNS — Frank H. LeClear, 72, of 806 Wight Street, died Monday morning at Clinton Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home, with the Rev Gerald Churchill officiating. Burial was in Eureka Cemetery.

HE WAS BORN March 30, 1892, in Washington Township of Gratiot County, the son of William and Lucy Nickerson LeClear. He married Berenice Creaser, March 8, 1919, in St. Johns.

Mr LeClear had lived in St. Johns since 1916. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Oddfellow Lodge and Rebekah Lodge. He attended the Congregational Church. He had worked as a factory machinist at John Bean-Nash Kelvinator.

SURVIVING ARE his wife; two sons, Arlo of Lansing and Melvin of Owensboro, Ky.; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs Ethel Wagoner of Ohio; two half-sisters, Mrs Ivay Stanick of Lennox and Mrs Mildred Frank of Mt. Morris; and three half-brothers, William McClear of Bannister, Jack LeClear of California and Charles LeClear of Detroit.

Mrs Edna Ewing

BATH — Mrs Edna A. Ewing, 82, widow of Simeon A. Ewing, Bath Township supervisor for 17 years and Clinton County's first zoning administrator, died at 7:30 a.m. Monday at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing following a brief illness.

She was born July 8, 1882 at Perry.

She married Mr Ewing Sept. 21, 1904. They moved to Bath in March 1922 and had resided there ever since. She was a member of the Bath Methodist Church.

SURVIVING are three sons, Harrison C. Ewing of Bath, R. Donald Ewing of Bath, with whom she made her home the last year and a half, and Lyle E. Ewing of Bay City; one daughter, Mrs Thelma Susan Cochran of Lansing; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Leslie Spalding of Petoskey.

Mrs Ewing was taken to the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Perry.

Mrs Antcliff

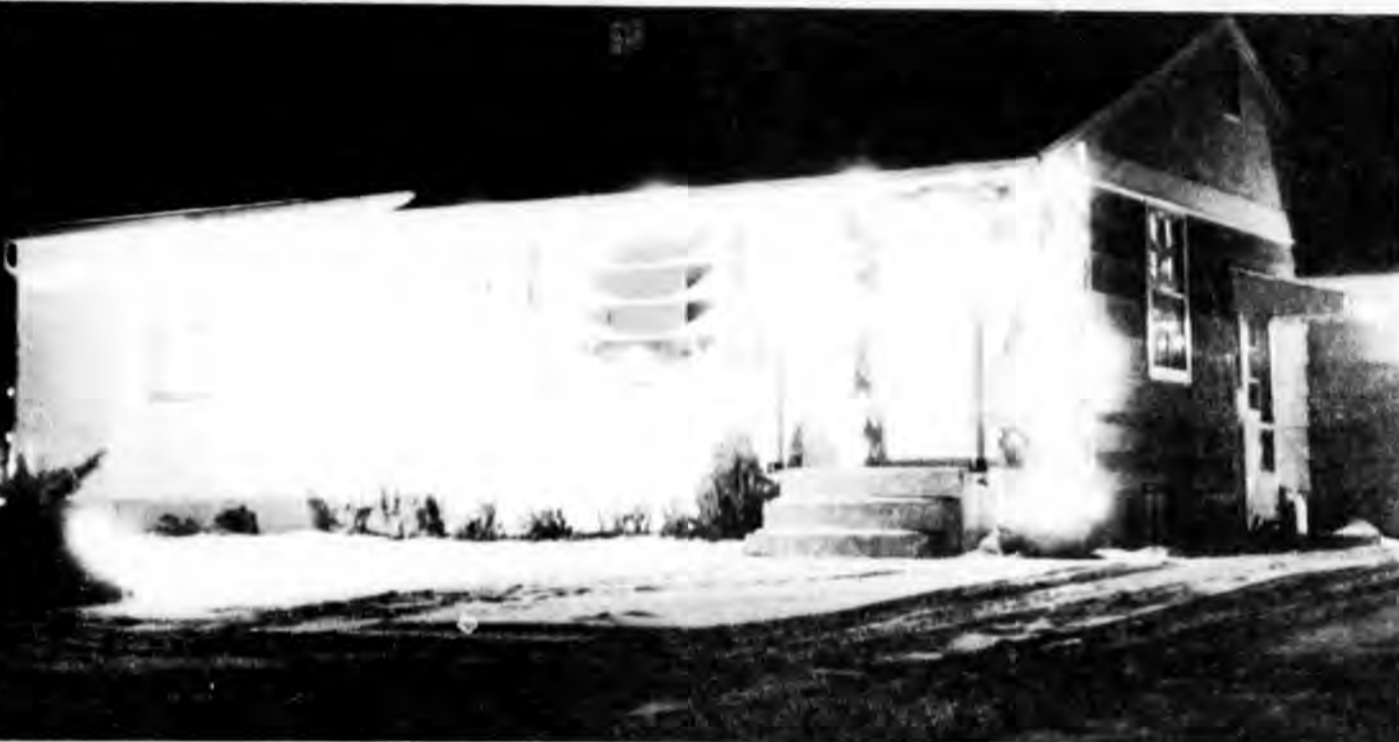
LAINGSBURG — Mrs William Antcliff, 83, of 220 N. Laing Street, Laingsburg, died Monday at the Perry Nursing Home where she had been a resident since July.

The McDougall Funeral Home of Laingsburg has charge of funeral arrangements.



Second Place in House Lighting Contest

This is the Dan Boncha home at 803 N. Oakland Street with its Christmas lighting display. It won second place in the Chamber of Commerce-Jaycees lighting contest.



Third Place in House Lighting Contest

This lighting display at the Curtis Simpson home at 1009 S. Church Street was judged the third best display in St. Johns by the Jaycees lighting contest committee over the weekend.

N. Koenigs knecht

FOWLER — Nicholas Koenigs knecht, 83, of 12550 W. Townsend Road, Fowler, died at his home Monday.

He was born Feb. 15, 1881, at Chab, Austria-Hungary, a son of Ignatius and Anna Kowatch Koenigs knecht. He married Margaret Thelen in 1908 at St. Mary's Church in Westphalia.

HE WAS A self-employed farmer and had resided at the Fowler address 56 years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife; eight sons, Leo, Mark Roman and John Koenigs knecht of Fowler, Rev William, pastor of St. Theresa's, and Frank Koenigs knecht of Lansing; Benno of Jackson and Nicholas Jr. of St. Johns; six daughters, Mrs Helen Stump of Fowler, Mrs Louise Burns of Hubbardston, Mrs Rose Smith of Jackson, Mrs Suzanne Stump of Pewamo and Mrs Agnes Keilen of Westphalia; 83 grandchildren; and one brother, John of Westphalia.

FUNERAL services will be today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at the Most Holy Trinity Church in Fowler. Burial will be in the Most Holy Trinity Cemetery in Fowler. The George Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Methodists plan student day

Sunday will be student recognition day at the First Methodist Church in St. Johns, with college students home for the holidays taking charge of the morning worship service.

Taking part in the service will be: Janice Rumbaugh, organist; Thomas Smith, invocation; Diane Blied, responsive reading; Eileen Boyce, affirmation of faith; Thomas Smith, prayer; and Randall Ott, offertory prayer.

Howard Smith II, son of the Rev Howard Smith, pastor of the Church, will give the sermon.

Other students will act as ushers.

A free guide to winter fun in Michigan may be obtained by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Mich.



MARY LOUISE MERRITT

Rev and Mrs O. Lavern Merritt announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Howard Cook of Slab Fork, W. Va. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan. A July wedding is planned.

Marriage vows said by Count-Szafranski

West Bingham EUB Church of rural St. Johns, was the setting for the Sunday, Dec. 20 afternoon marriage of Betty Count and George Szafranski, son of Mr and Mrs James Szafranski of Lansing.

The new Mrs Szafranski wore an ivory wool and satin suit and a corsage of red yuletide roses.

MRS DONALD Hebel, the bride's sister, was the bride's only attendant and wore an olive green dress with a red rose corsage. Leo Szafranski, brother of the groom was the best man. Gerald Pearson, brother of the bride, and Donald Hebel, brother-in-law, seated the guests.

Following a wedding dinner in the church parlors, the newlyweds left on a Florida honeymoon. They will make their home in Lansing.

SPECIAL guests included Mr and Mrs Henry Koperski Sr. and Mr and Mrs Ernest Sommers of South Bend, Ind., Mr and Mrs Charles Gidnet of Brantford, Canada, Mr and Mrs Jack Steinhoff, Perry and Nonie of Ann Arbor and Mr and Mrs Russel Galvin of Kalamazoo.

Local Chapter of DAR meets with Mrs Rand

Mrs Robert Rand was hostess for the annual birthday party of the River Wayside Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at her home Tuesday evening. All members were present except two. Guests were Roland Sleight, Leo and John Pouch and Mr and Mrs Hubert Hilton of Shepardsville. Mrs Hilton is a member of Pontiac Chapter.

A meeting was held by the regent, Shirley Pouch, and it was voted to send \$67 to the DAR National and State Societies. Mrs George H. Brooks read an article by Henri Aldridge on "What's Right With America."

A FILM on Michigan was shown by John Pouch. It included the Grand River from its source to Lake Michigan and the Porcupine Mountains.

Mrs Rand served birthday cake and other refreshments to the guests in honor of the eighth anniversary of the Chapter.

Busy Beavers meet at Christmas party

The Busy Beavers 4-H Club held a Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Amy and Margaret Castner on Krepps Road.

After a meeting the group sang carols and played games. Karen and Kathryn Barker and Joan Roskrans did a ballet and tap dance. Margaret Castner played the piano and Amy Castner, the accordion. Helen Mueller and Betty Hodge entertained the group with songs.

Refreshments followed the opening of the gifts.

Sing-O-Mars hosted by Ralph Woodruff

Ralph and Norma Jean Woodruff of 210 West Webb Drive, DeWitt, entertained 30 members of the Sing-O-Mar class of First Baptist Church of Lansing, at their home Saturday evening at the annual Christmas party.

The teacher, Mrs Herman Johnson, showed slides and narrated on her experiences while attending a university in Mexico last summer. The evening concluded with the singing of carols.



Dale Coffman Takes Aim

Coffman leading shooter on CMU's rifle team

Dale Coffman, son of Mr and Mrs Warren Coffman of 3184 W. Taft Road, is leading the Central Michigan University ROTC rifle team in its quest for a ROTC league championship this year.

Coffman, a senior, is the top shooter in the league after the first three matches. The rifle team is presently in the middle of a six-week break from competitive matches.

THE CENTRAL squad consists of 13 ROTC cadets. In each match, 10 team members fire, although only the top five scorers from each team are counted. Each shooter fires 10 shots each from the prone, kneeling and standing positions. The best possible individual score is 300.

In leading Central to two wins, Coffman has recorded scores of 275, 260 and 268. Central has wins over the University of Detroit and the University of Mich-

City Brevities

Mr and Mrs Jack Walker of 1150 Wildcat Road entertained Mr and Mrs Ronald Joslyn, Bruce, Luanne, and Danny; Mr and Mrs John Joslyn of DeWitt; Judy Clark of Lansing; and Patrick Joslyn of Lansing at a Christmas party and dinner Sunday, Dec. 20.

James Allaby, son of Mr and Mrs A. T. Allaby of 410 East Baldwin, arrived home Wednesday, Dec. 23, from Oxon Hill, Md. to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs Grover Heibeck will spend Christmas with her son and family, Mr and Mrs Eugene Heibeck, Carol and James of Royal Oak.

On Dec. 17, Mrs Dean Harl and daughter, Marilyn, invited Mrs Frank Ruess, along with other Florida friends, to a birthday lunch and social gathering at her home in St. Petersburg, Fla., in honor of her mother's 85th birthday. After the lunch the afternoon was spent visiting and listening to recordings of their church choir of 35 voices.

Marlyse Brooks attended three Christmas parties at Michigan State University during the past week. Fee Dormitory employees and staff had a Christmas party Friday. On Friday evening the annual Christmas party was given by Dr Hannah and the Executive Board at the student union. Saturday, a coffee hour was held by the manager of Fee Dormitory.

Those who attended the funeral Saturday of their niece and cousin, Mrs Virginia Jensen of Grand Blanc, were Mrs Elma Roberts, Mr and Mrs Charles Frost and daughter, Jean, Mr and Mrs Walter Papciak, Mr and Mrs Percy Creaser, Mr and Mrs Vern Upton and son, Ned, and Mr and Mrs Melvin Frost of East Essex. Mrs Jensen died Dec. 16, of injuries received in an automobile accident. She spent part of her childhood in Maple Rapids.

John Albers and Roberta were Saturday guests at a pre-Christmas dinner and party at the home of Mr and Mrs Irvin Pasch of Lansing.

Most of Michigan's state parks are open for winter camping. Free information on Michigan campgrounds may be obtained by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Mich.

STARTING IN mid-January, the 13-man CMU squad takes on Bowling Green, Michigan State, U of M Air Force, Toledo and Western Michigan in the quest of its first Southern Michigan-Northwestern Ohio ROTC Rifle League title.

Coffman, majoring in history and English, is at Central on a Ford Foundation five-year plan. During the spring semester of two of the five years he does practice teaching. Last spring that was at Greenville; this next semester it will be at Saginaw.

COFFMAN'S WIFE, Patsy, is also attending Central Michigan. Although on a four-year study course, she plans to wait to graduate in 1966 with her husband. Coffman is a 1961 graduate of St. Johns High School.

Serve ideal treats that busiest week

The holidays are here and the week between Christmas and New Year is the busiest of all. Friends will be dropping in unexpectedly, and you'll want to have desserts on hand to serve them. With cranberries so plentiful this time of the year, why not try making your desserts out of them? Pie is perfect for any holiday party.

shape when spatula is drawn through). Fold in whipped cream. Pour into cooled pie shell. Chill until set (about 2 hr.) Remove from refrigerator 20 minutes before serving.

CHILDREN or adults will enjoy this delicious cranberry ice treat.

CRANBERRY DELIGHT PIE

- 8 inch baked pie shell
- 1/2 pound marshmallows
- 1/2 c milk
- 3/4 c ground fresh cranberries (2 to 2 1/2 c unground)
- 1 tbsp, grated orange rind
- 1 c whipping cream, whipped

Place marshmallows and milk in top of double boiler; heat over hot water until marshmallows melt. Then chill until the consistency of thick whipped cream. Drain excess juice off cranberries until quite dry. Fold in cranberries and orange rind. Chill until thick (almost holds

- ### CRANBERRY ICE
- 1 qt. cranberries (4 cups)
 - 2 cups water
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1/4 c lemon juice (2 lemons)
 - 1 tsp, grated orange rind
 - 2 cups cold water

Cook cranberries in water until skins are broken, about 10 min. Rub through a fine sieve to make smooth pulp. Stir in rest of ingredients. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze until firm, 2 to 3 hours, stirring 2 or 3 times. Eight servings. Serve in avocado halves as an appetizer, in small scoops as an accompaniment to roast turkey, or as a dessert.

MEET YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT

St. Cecilia Circle



MRS JOE VanROOYAN

Mrs. Joe VanRooyan of 206 East Gibbs is president of St. Cecilia Guild and a member of the St. Joseph choir. An admirer of the outdoors, she swims and picnics in the summer. Among her other hobbies are knitting, cooking and baking Dutch pastries. She often passes the time writing letters and cards to her family and friends overseas. She has two sons, Ricky, who is seven years old and Mike, who is three.

CLINTON COUNTY NEWS PAGE for Women

... AND MEN, TOO

Remove candle wax with facial tissue

Lights are a wonderful part of our Christmas tradition. The light we most often think of at Christmastime is the light of the Christmas tree, with its twinkling bulbs and gay decorations.

To avoid slips and falls, wipe up promptly any food or grease that spills on the floor. Make sure all handles of pans are turned toward the stove to eliminate the danger of knocking them off the stove. Make sure the young children are away from the stove when the oven door is opened for the Christmas ham or bird to come out. In fact it's a good idea to serve fruit juice or appetizers to the rest of the family while the cooks are putting the last minute touches on the meal—this helps get all the youngsters out of the way.

Legend traces the first lighted Christmas tree back to the 16th century when Martin Luther strolled through the countryside one Christmas Eve. He was so impressed with the snow-flecked evergreen trees sparkling in the moonlight, he returned home and tried to recapture the outdoor scene. He attached lighted candles to a small evergreen tree to recapture the outdoor scene. Candles on trees have been replaced by electricity—but we still like to burn candles during the holidays.

If you get candle-wax on your favorite tablecloth or dress—it can be easily removed. First scrape off the excess wax with your finger nail. Then place the stain between several layers of white facial tissues and press with a warm iron.

TO REMOVE the remaining stain, sponge with a grease solvent. Remember—no solvents are available that will effectively remove greasy spots without hazard to the user. Some are flammable. All of those commonly used are poisonous. Follow instructions for use carefully.

Work out of doors or with several windows open. Do not breathe vapors. Arrange work so that fumes are blown away from you by a fan or the breeze from the open door or window.

Solvent vapors are heavier than air and tend to settle unless there is forced ventilation. Do not allow small children to play on the floor in a room where solvents are being used.

ALL THE familiar rules about safety in the kitchen apply especially during the holidays. This is the time of the year when the kitchen gets heavier use and there often is more crowded. The children are home and everyone likes to crowd into the kitchen.

Christmas symbols have long history

Candles, the yule log, and mistletoe are beloved symbols of Christmastime.

The lighted candle has had religious significance for centuries, going back to the Old Testament and the ancient Hebrew Festival of Lights.

FROM England, where it was introduced by the Vikings, comes the yule log, generous enough in size to burn from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany, and around which everyone gathered to sing carols.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe comes down to us from ancient Druid rites. Mistletoe was believed to have magical healing and fertility powers, and kissing beneath it portended happiness, health and good luck.

'Tis a season of colds, flu

Statistics prove about 50 per cent of the entire population suffers some sort of respiratory ailment between September and April of each year. No drug will cure flu or the more than 100 varieties of colds! These contagious diseases are caused by viruses passed from person to person.

To reduce ailments follow these health tips.

AVOID people with colds or flu. Wash hands often, always before eating. Teach children to keep fingers out of mouth. Don't cheat on sleep.

EAT WELL-balanced meals. Drink plenty of liquids to tone up system, help elimination. Guard against getting chilled. Exercise sensibly. Don't overdo shoveling snow, or in a gym. When you have a cold, stay home and rest the first day.

ALWAYS cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing. A sneeze can blast thousands of germ-laden droplets 12 feet. Use disposable tissues and place in waste containers. Blow your nose lightly. Forcing spreads infection.

SOAP IS an effective germ killer. Keep your home clean. Don't rely solely on home remedies. Indiscriminate use of drugs can hide early warning signals of serious illness. Aspirin and approved nose drops give relief. Call your doctor if fever, chills or headache persists more than 24 hours. Finally, be thoughtful of others by keeping your germs to yourself and you will guard your own health... thoughtfulness is contagious, too!

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Johnny's first Christmas abundant with curiosity



The Karbers' Christmas tree is a large fascinating toy for Johnny, who is pictured here with his sister Janis on the left and his brother Dean on the right. His oldest sister, Sharon, is on the chair.

by PATRICIA HOLMES

All the child in the song wants for Christmas is her "two front teeth."

Johnny Karber, son of Mr and Mrs Larry Karber of 817 Church Street and adopted son of the Clinton County News until April 27 when he will be one year old, would be happy to have one tooth. It was in September when the News reported that Johnny was getting his first tooth.

"But," his mother said, "it looks like Johnny will be eating his Christmas turkey out of a jar."

Christmas means all kinds of

things to a child, but to one as little as Johnny, who will be eight months old Dec. 27, it means a Christmas tree, like the one in the picture, covered with colored bulbs (to cut yourself with), hot lights (to burn yourself with), and plenty of tinsel (for just plain fun). Christmas also means that Johnny will no longer have to wear the braced, corrective shoes, it means a visit from Grandma and Grandpa Karber of Texas, and gifts of love from brother, Dean, and sisters, Sharon and Janis.

"I'M GOING TO give Johnny a horse on wheels for Christmas," Dean said. The thought will have to do because, when asked how he would pay for it, he didn't know. Sharon also said she didn't have enough money to buy Johnny a gift. And Janis?

"She doesn't want anything for Christmas. She'd rather play with the other children's toys," Mrs Karber said. So whatever Johnny gets for Christmas will be all right with her.

In preparation for the guests and gaiety of Dec. 25, Johnny received his first complete haircut

this month, from Daddy. How did he react? As Sharie put it, "he bawled."

Johnny's had his happy moments this month too, however. He loves his baths, his mother said. He splashes quite a bit and only cries when you take him out or wash his head.

HE GIGGLES when he knows he's done something new. This giggling can be heard most when his brother and sisters stand him by a chair and he remains standing there, alone.

Johnny's newest fascination is the much-used back door. Now that he can crawl, mother has to be on the alert that he doesn't get near it.

"He's getting a little temper now," Mrs Karber said. "He can't talk but he can get what he wants." Examples of the things that Johnny wants are his bottle the first thing when he wakes up and the other children's toys, among which is Sharon's Barbie Doll.

Whether he wants it or not, Johnny still has that vaccination ahead of him in the coming month.

PRESCRIPTION
Service at
Rx The LOWEST possible price consistent with the highest quality
DEE DRUG STORE
Southgate Plaza ST. JOHNS

PROFESSIONAL PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

at CHRISTMAS
May your holiday be happy and your blessings many.

Hoag Funeral Home
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available on well located new residential city and suburban property.
Inquire
CAPITOL Savings & Loan Assn.
112 E. Allegan, LANSING Tel. IV 4-1441

Joy
May the peace and happiness of the Yuletide Season be yours

EISLER'S SUPERETTE
St. Johns

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all... hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!
RICHARDS' DAIRY
AND THEIR EMPLOYEES
205 Brush St. Johns

A Christmas Wish
We wish our friends and patrons the merriest Christmas ever and a holiday season filled with good cheer. Our grateful thanks to all.
Harr's Jewelry
MR and MRS ROY HARR
JEAN WILLIAMS BEVERLY FRENCH

EDITORIAL PAGE

"Glory to God in the Highest"

... and on earth peace, good will toward men." Have you ever wondered at how many times this phrase of hope and joy has passed through human lips and flowed from writer's pens? Have you ever marveled at how these words seem to gain in stature and meaning with each telling?

What is there about these words that bring out the quality of men? It is the overpowering strength of the Christmas story. Neither time nor repetition can dull its significance or tarnish its message.

Many customs and traditions have been added to our Christmas holiday down through the years, but the simple words of a birth in a manger 1964 years ago stand out above all else.

THIS SIMPLE PHRASE has stood the test of time because it gives man an everlasting challenge to serve peace and a promise of a rewarding future. What greater story is there? Why can't we practice it 365 days of the year?

Think of it . . . peace on earth and good will toward men every day. . . friendship and understanding, optimism and sincerity, trust and tolerance flooding the world.

Impossible? Maybe so, but have you ever witnessed a miracle at Christmas? Have you ever wondered why that 364-day frown turned into a laugh on Christmas Day? If you have wondered, if you have seen it happen you have witnessed the miracle of Christmas.

IN OUR GREAT search for scientific achievement, in our drive for new advances in engineering, medicine and education, we might do well to consider the possibility of harnessing the Spirit of Christmas in a way that it could be dispensed in liberal amounts throughout the year.

Maybe then the arms race could be forgotten, maybe then governments could work for instead of against each other, maybe then we would push ahead together in ways of constructive development for the good of all mankind. Is it too much to hope for?

Not if we are to accept the challenge and the promise of these simple and yet powerful words . . . "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Board member suggests: No diploma . . . No car

A school board member in a southern city has suggested a solution to the high school dropout problem so perfect it will never be used. It tramples on "individual liberties" but we can't help liking it anyway.

This man charges that the automobile is the most important single cause of drop-outs and he proposes that laws be changed to require the presentation of a high school diploma as the first requirement for a driver's license.

Educators know the possession of a car often lowers a student's grades. Police officials believe the cost of buying and operating a car to be a significant factor in juvenile crime.

YET EVERYONE agrees that a youth and his car are not easily separated.

Any parent with a boy approaching the magic age of 16 when drivers' licenses can be obtained, or even the magic age of 14 when drivers education can begin, knows how fast junior can become obsessed with the idea of owning his own car. He will do almost anything to qualify.

Could this natural desire of a student to own a car be combined with the need of parents and educators to keep the student in school? Would it be feasible to issue provisional licenses that would be revoked automatically if the student dropped out of school?

WOULD THIS encourage the student to

Holiday Greetings

Wishing you season's cheer in abundance. And may it linger in your heart all year!



Back Thru the Years

★ Interesting Items from the Files of The Clinton County News

10 YEARS AGO From the Files of Dec. 23, 1954

Township and village chairmen for the coming 1965 March of Dimes solicitation in Clinton County were named this week. County chairman is Jim Sherman.

A joint announcement was made this week by John Sanders and Jim Fairweather that the latter had purchased the Sanders Insurance Agency in St. Johns.

More than 1,800 parking violation tickets have been issued by the St. Johns Police Department since parking meters were installed in downtown St. Johns last August, it was reported this week by Police Chief Everett Glazier.

25 YEARS AGO From the Files of Dec. 21, 1939

Knocked down and trampled by a horse, Andrew York, Greenbush Township farmer, was found in the barn Monday by his wife, suffering with serious injuries. In a somewhat similar mishap, Joseph Tremi, 65, a farmer living near Ovid, was badly hurt Friday when upset by a cow that had escaped from the stockyards at Owosso.

Temporary seats for 340 youngsters have been installed in the auditorium of the new city

hall in St. Johns where the Red Stocking Club will sponsor its annual Christmas party for the youngsters tonight.

*Besides being the shortest day of the year, today is Joseph Stalin's 60th birthday. We join the Finns in expressing to Joe the hope that this may be his last one. And the same goes for one or two other European gentlemen of similar ilk.

50 YEARS AGO From the Files of Dec. 24, 1914

St. Johns' first park site was given to the city Monday night by James S. Osgood, comprising entire blocks number 104, 105, 108, 109, 110 and 111, excepting some lots in block 111. The land lies north of St. Johns Foundry and St. Johns Portable Building Co.'s factory, bounded by Steel Street, Gibbs Street, Whittemore and Oakland.

James R. Ruel of Lyons has purchased the Munger house. This is one of the largest and best located properties in St. Johns.

Lovers of boxing have a rare treat coming to them in the boxing match between Eddie DeLosh of Grand Rapids and Billy Sprout of Grand Ledge, which will take place at Allison Theater Thursday evening, Dec. 31.

Christmas—1964

By W. E. DOBSON

The tree is up and trimmings' Are all in neat array, The candles in the window Send forth a cheery ray, The folks are up and stirrin' And from our easy chairs We seem to hear in fancy Small feet upon the stairs.

There's loads an loads of stuffin' An cookies in the crock There's packages still hidden Too big for any sock; Old Santa and his reindeer Have scurried everywhere— One thing alone is missin'— Bare feet upon the stair.

The snow is here and Christmas Again is robed in white, The angels sing in chorus The wonders of that night; It's time for some reflectin' As we lay aside our cares, And pardon if we're dreaming of Small feet upon the stairs.

There's fuss and muss at Christmas— Along with all good will, Small hands and feet spell mischief, They're quite a care—and still, Somehow there's somethin' missin' In all the world's affairs Without the gentle patter of Small feet upon the stairs.

stay in school, keep up his grades and advance toward a diploma? Or would it tend merely to encourage driving without a license?

This proposal for a diploma before a license may be absurd. But the teenager's love for a car makes the issuance of a drivers' license an important lever of authority for an adult. Using it might be worth a trial.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

by Ink White

Are carols played too early?

A WOMAN complained to me last week about the Christmas carols played over the loudspeakers on Clinton Avenue in St. Johns on frequent occasions during the Holiday shopping season. "They start playing them too early," she said. "By the time Christmas week is here, I'm sick of them."

This is a common gripe, voiced annually all around the nation. It is a part of the fashionable trend to sneer at the commercialism of Christmas and a Santa Claus on every corner.

Many people are convinced that the hucksters have sunk the Star of Bethlehem and that the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday has been forgotten in the rush to buy and sell and give and get more gifts than the next guy.

"THEY'VE TAKEN Christ out of Christmas," the wailers wail. I don't think so.

Certainly there are many who show bad taste at Christmas time. But these are the same people who succumb to greed in July and April and any other month.

Their ignorance is just more noticeable at Christmas because they are surrounded by the miracle of the season—the almost universal feeling of joy and good will and peace that fills the land and gladdens hearts. The greedy per-

son is the sore thumb in the Christian pudding.

WHAT COULD BE more Christ-like than the yearning for peace and friendliness among all men? It is a yearning that remains unexpressed by most of us throughout the year but comes bubbling to the surface in late December. For want of a better description, it is called the Christmas Spirit.

It has become almost a cliché to ask, "Wouldn't it be nice if the Christmas Spirit would last all year?" But wouldn't it? Shouldn't such a marvelous thing be the ultimate goal of all men of good will everywhere? Certainly.

SO I CAN'T get too indignant if I hear "Silent Night" on Dec. 1. Such songs are a traditional part of the Christmas Spirit. If playing them a little earlier each year will help to spread the peaceful philosophy of Christ all over the calendar, I'm willing to join in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" on the 4th of July.

And even if the early playing of carols does no more than bore people, what have we lost—one more chance to hear The Beatles or The Wailers or some other moaning group with the "top tunes" broadcast over some radio station?

ENOUGH OF that for now . . . In the few lines that remain, let me wish for you and yours all the Blessings of the Season. Merry Christmas.

Bement Library Book Shelf

By Elizabeth Millman

From a Christmas scrapbook: "Eight things are always associated with Christmas. First and foremost is its religious significance. The other seven are: hanging the mistletoe, burning the yule log, the Christmas tree, the Christmas carol, the greeting card, the Christmas stocking, and Santa Claus himself."

Since that was written a half century ago the world has been in a whirlpool of change, but these eight symbols remain the same.

THE DATE, Dec. 25, was set by the Christian world in A.D. 350. This coincided with the pagan festival of the winter solstice, when the retreating sun turns again and renews the year, and the days begin to lengthen. So the festival of the sun gave way to the Christian festival of the true Sun, the coming of the Christ child.

Many other of the present-day American and English Christmas customs were carried over from pagan festivals. Two of these are the hanging of the mistletoe and the burning of the yule log.

Legends say that the Druids regarded the mistletoe with great veneration. How our custom of kissing a pretty girl under it is associated with this is hard to say.

As for burning the Yule log, it's better not to try it unless one has a fireplace. This is believed to have been a custom brought to America by our Scandinavian ancestors.

THE DECORATED Christmas tree is of German origin. It was introduced into England through the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert. German immigrants brought the custom to America.

Singing the Christmas carol was popular in England as early as the 14th century and over 100 old carols have survived.

The Christmas greeting cards appeared about the middle of the 19th century, and the Christmas stocking as a receptacle for Christmas gifts has its origin in an old legend. In some sections of France and Germany wooden shoes are put out to be filled.

WHEN THE early Dutch settlers brought Santa Claus over he was a tall, thin, pale-faced man. It took Clement Moore with his poem, "It Was the Night Before Christmas," to change him into a jolly old elf, plump-cheeked and rosy, and a happy change it is!

The Bement Library staff wishes you all the merriest of Christmases as you go about celebrating it in these delightful ways.

Letters

'Terrific savings, accurate forecasts'

I UNDERSTAND that Secretary McNamara is now considering the idea of combining the United States Weather Bureau with the 'World's Almanac.'

This should result in a terrific savings for the taxpayers, besides furnishing us with a more accurate report of weather conditions.

FRED H. FERRIS
Bannister, Mich.

STRICTLY FRESH

Enlightenment comes to a very young boy when he finds out his brother is a she.

Television is that machine that makes it necessary to



wake up before you can go to bed.

It is said no one in his right mind would go to see a psychiatrist.

Nostalgia is longing for a time you wouldn't live in if you could.

Chances are you are getting old if you look at the menu without first looking at the waitress.

A man with a level head didn't get it from butting into other person's business.

When a man marries for the second time, it could be said he takes a new leash on life.



RAMBLIN' with Rink

BY LOWELL G. RINKER

This is a bustling time of year—partially because people are hurrying to get out of the cold and partially because they've got so much to do.

Stores are full of people scurrying about hunting for gifts. Storekeepers are extra busy because many of them are open every night in the final week or so before Christmas to help satisfy the needs and wants of the gift seekers. It's a wonder they have time to think about and locate the gifts they're going to give.

ON THE streets, policemen are extra busy handling or worrying about the increased traffic and congestion. The street crews are busy keeping the streets and parking places cleared of snow. Or if there's no snow yet, they're worrying that a blizzard might create just those problems.

At home—well, that's been a happy madhouse for a week or so. Children's toys have been put together and hidden away on closet shelves; Christmas cards have been written and mailed (Or —horror!—have they?); Christmas gifts are almost all accounted for; the Christmas tree has been trimmed and is lit every night at the first opportunity.

BUT, LIKE WE said, it's a happy madhouse. Because it's the Season of Joy, the knowledge that it's a time of giving makes

all of the bother and fuss well worth while. We do things and spend so much money and put up with things that we probably wouldn't do at any other time of year.

For all the pressures and headaches that this time of year brings, you always feel they're well worth it. The soft glow of Christmas tree lights, the smile on the face of a friend or loved one opening a gift, and the excitement in the eyes of a youngster opening a gift—all the pressures and headaches that led up to the moment are gone.

AND AS CHRISTMAS Day approaches, homes are filled with the sweet aroma of baking bread, pies, cakes, cookies. Christmas is a time of family gatherings, and families must eat. The last sweet-smelling days are, alone, almost worth the trials and tribulations of the weeks just past.

But on Christmas Day everything is forgotten as families gather all over for reunion and rededication. It's a time of joy—the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

THIS IS THE way I've seen the last few weeks, and so, probably, have you. I'm going to have the best Christmas ever, and I wish you the merriest of them all, too.

—rink

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'Change' theme for new year in state government

Change appears to be the theme for the New Year in state government.

In addition to the face-lifting being given the state capitol building, new construction of government offices and high turnover and change of majority control in the Legislature, Democrats now say they propose another major shift:

To provide additional secretarial help and four-man office units for state lawmakers. The proposal will be a welcome change from several standpoints.

VISITORS to the legislative chambers, particularly school children, expect a certain business-like decor and decorum. Many have been heard to ask four guides if the lawmakers really paid attention to what they were doing, or whether the desks were "always so cluttered."

In the past, committee chairmen generally were the only members who had facilities, other than their desks, to store mail or other material essential to conscientious fulfillment of their jobs.

SOMETIMES members attempted to use session time to answer mail by hand or dictate letters, because this was the only time they could get a secretary. This was caused by an approximate 7-1 ratio of members to secretarial staff for each party.

Democratic House Speaker-elect Joseph J. Kowalski of Detroit said he hopes to have provisions for legislative office space within the Capitol ready by mid-January, shortly after the 1965 session starts.

"FOR 16 YEARS I have been coming up here and have had to interview constituents and conduct business at my desk on the House floor," he noted.

A legislature office building is in the planning stage for future construction, but Kowalski said he does not want to wait any longer. Presumably he also means he wants something done while he is in control of House organization.

Once accomplished, it is assumed a return to Republican legislative control would not mean a reduction in the added clerical staff and office facilities since both parties would benefit by it.

STRONG POPULARITY of new license plates, especially after three years, is evidenced daily on roads throughout the state.

The best evidence, however, is seen in the records of the secretary of state's office, which is responsible for distribution and sale of license plates.



BY ELMER E. WHITE Michigan Press Ass'n.

In the first month of sales, license offices throughout the state had sold more than a half-million plates to set down a sharp hike in the previous record.

THE TWO lines required for "Water - Winter Wonderland" is resented by some. It has been suggested that only one line be used for this ad plug. Or that some plates list "Water Wonderland" and others "Winter Wonderland." Perhaps the words could be alternated on plates for front and back of each car.

With 10 years in his present position, Secretary of State James M. Hare said he "never saw anything like it before." The same sales mark was not hit last year, when only tabs were sold, until five weeks later.

AT THE first-month sales rate, the traditional long lines in late February could be avoided barring a January sag, Hare said.

The strong sales appeared to be attributable once again, as in 1959 and 1962, to the fact that new plates were available to replace the bent, rusted and sometimes just plain worn out old ones which had been tagged in the intervening years.

MOST OF Michigan's new laws enacted by the 1964 Legislature took effect Aug. 28, some 90 days after the session ended.

Perhaps one of the most important laws, in terms of long-range impact, does not become effective until Jan. 1, 1965. This is the state's minimum wage law.

In making Michigan the 34th state with some kind of minimum wage standard, legislators set the 1965 rate at \$1 an hour to cover an estimated 100,000 not previously covered under federal regulation.

IN THE TWO successive years, however, the state minimum hourly rate will be hiked to \$1.15 and \$1.25, respectively. Greatest impact will be the so-called service industries: hotels, motels, dry cleaners, laundries, gas stations and retail stores.

Seasonal employees, on the farms as well as in the tourist industry, will be covered in many cases. The law provides the minimum wage for any employee who works more than 13 weeks a year for a person hiring four or more employees at a time.

EXCEPTIONS TO the minimum wage are many in the law as enacted this year. But once on the books and in use, it is expected annual changes will be attempted to increase the coverage to the maximum number of Michigan workers not covered by the federal standards.

THELMA



"We could invite Donna and Lee - but they're not our dress size - besides they're too pretty!"

COUNTRY FLAVOR

Winter settles in as year prepares to post its books



HAYDEN PEARSON

A cycle has run its course and Year is preparing to post its books. There is a feeling of completeness as Earth's broadest grows hard and gray frost powders fields and hills. Daylight hours are few as time slides down to the nadir. The sun climbs a low arc from southeast to southwest and winter settles in.

December is a month of grays and white. Until the snow comes, the landscape is a low-key painting of muted shades. Grasses in the meadows and on the uplands have faded; reeds in the swamps are drained of their autumn brown; the green of spreading lichens is softening to a pewter-silver hue.

THE COUNTRYMAN likes the 12th month. There is a feeling of security and a sense of unburdenedness now that the fall rush is over. When he looks at bulging scaffolds and heaped woodsheds, he is ready for the time of cold. One feels Nature's brooding expectancy as the land waits for its covering.

December brings gray days when the cloud quilt hangs low; there are days of brilliant light when slanting rays reach far into the woodlands and farm buildings across the valley stand cameo-clear. Gray day or bright, one knows it is the end of the cycle.

FOR IT IS the Master Plan in our region that the seasons shall follow each other in unchanging pattern. The time of planting, cultivation and harvest succeed each other, and when the harvest is over, then comes winter. Thus it is with life, and a man who glimpses the verities is content with the Master Plan.

Where you find it

Beauty is where you find it, says a New York artist who recently introduced a new art form. He creates relief sculpture incorporating plaster casts of the city's manhole covers.

Joy to the World!



Let us hold in our hearts the happiness of that first Christmas when a Babe in a manger brought joy to a waiting world.

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Bells ring out with Christmas Joy...

The sound of church bells fills the minds and hearts of all with the true spirit of this joyous season. With that spirit in mind, we wish you and your loved ones health, happiness and joy at Christmastime and after.

From the Management and Employees of Federal-Mogul Division ST. JOHNS PLANT Federal-Mogul Bower Bearings, Inc.

Advertisement for L & L Restaurant featuring a church scene and the text: 'Sincere wishes and holiday Greetings to all of you from all of us. Bob and Katy Prowant L & L Restaurant ST. JOHNS, MICH.'

Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen



GREETINGS

Here's a holiday tradition we really cherish . . . time out to tell you how much your loyal friendship and patronage mean to us and to wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and cheerful festive season!

Ashley Hardware

"We service what we sell"

Ashley, Mich. Phone 2000



Designate Centennial Farm in DeWitt Township

This farm owned by Clarence A. Bauerle of R-4, 3080 Clark Road, Lansing (southwest of DeWitt), has been designated a centennial farm by the Michigan Historical Commission. Located in DeWitt Township, the farm has been in the possession of the family since 1862. It was originally purchased by the grandfather of the present owner from Mr and Mrs John P. Willett.

You too, will get quick results with Clinton County News classified ads!



A Very Joyous Christmas

Across the years, the blessed Nativity renews in our hearts the message of spiritual joy and peace. We extend to you and your loved ones our sincerest wishes that you may experience to the fullest the wonders of this Holy Season.

PARR'S Pharmacy

THE CORNER DRUG STORE—WITH CLINTON COUNTY'S LARGEST CAMERA DEPT.
Open 7:30 a.m. 'til 9:30 p.m. Daily Except Sunday
ST. JOHNS CORNER CLINTON AND WALKER Phone 224-2837

4 million girls studying sewing

Today almost four million girls are studying sewing in school each year and by 1970 it is predicted that seven million girls will be enrolled in clothing classes.

Many young girls and women are turning to sewing because they enjoy the creativeness and the individual choice of style, fabric and fit, says Bernetta Kahabka, clothing specialist with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

CLOTHING STYLES that are simple to make encourage more people to test their sewing talents, she says.

A survey by the National Home Sewing Institute reveals that 40 million women comprise today's home sewing market. More than half of the women who sew are between the ages of 18 and 34. The average is now 27 years, compared to an average of 45 three decades ago.

MOST OF THE women who sew live in urban areas and are married and have families, the survey showed. Seventy-five per cent of them have incomes higher than the national average.

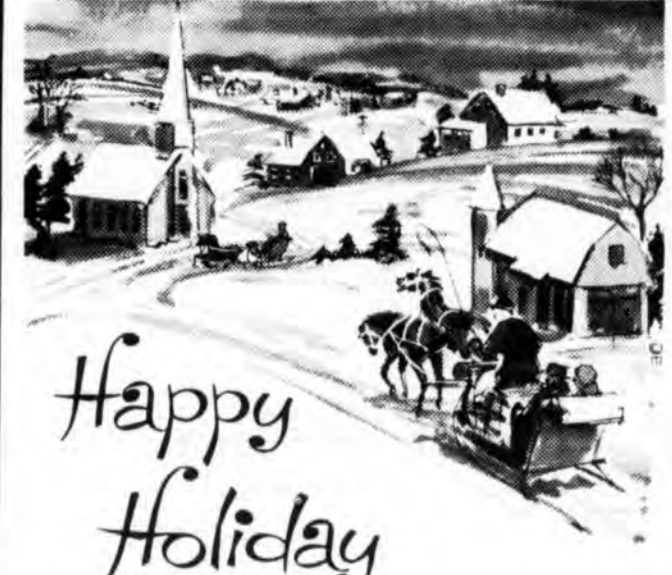
Many groups offer sewing in-

structions to the novice and give special consultation for unique problems of the more experienced seamstress, Miss Kahabka says.

AMONG THESE groups who offer special aid are the MSU Cooperative Extension Service

home economics-family living program in each county; local adult education programs; department store and fabric store classes; pattern company demonstrations, and sewing machine company classes and demonstrations.

For Classified Ads — 224-2361



Happy Holiday

The holiday season is here . . . and in the midst of all the merry-making, we'd like to extend best wishes and greetings to our friends.

Bernard Neller's 3-A Service

1107 N. Clinton ST. JOHNS Phone 224-9970



GREETINGS

Dear Mr. Farmer:

As 1964 draws to a close and your plans for the new year begin to take form, we at KLEIN FERTILIZERS wish to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our many friends and valued customers. We are very grateful and fortunate to have so many valued friendships.

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Next Sunday In Clinton County Churches

All Churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Republican-News. They must reach us by noon Monday to insure publication in the current week's issue.

St. Johns Area

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Howard A. Smith, Minister

Student Day
Our college students will have charge of the entire morning worship service as planned by Thomas Jenkins of Lansing Community College.
Students who will be participating are: Carolyn Nickel, Diane Bled, Eileen Boyce, Thomas Smith, Randall Ott, Scott Manger, Robert Williams, John Sirtine, Gordon Delo, Janyth Rumbaugh, Linda Redman, Linda Swagart, Bonnie Sharick and Janet Friday.
Sermon: "But the Greatest of These is Love" will be delivered by Howard A. Smith II of Albion College.
11:00 a.m.—Church School
December 30, 7:30 p.m.—MYF, recreation program in Niles Hall
December 31, 7:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Gerald Church, Minister

Thursday, Dec. 24
7:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve services, Canticles and carols. Featuring "A Child is Born," culminating in the speaking of the light.
Sunday, Dec. 27
College recognition Sunday
9:45 a.m.—Junior Youth Fellowship
11:00 a.m.—Worship service. Sermon: "The Return of the Shepherds"

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

315 North Lansing Street
Rev. Ervin A. Self, Minister

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
8:15 p.m.—Young People's Service
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Peter F. Nieuwkoop, Pastor
512 S. Whittemore St. (South US-27)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Williams Dodday Supt.
11:00 a.m.—The Morning Worship Service
11:00 a.m.—Junior Church
7:30 p.m.—The Evening Worship Service
Nursery for babies; playground for toddlers during Sunday School, morning and evening worship services.
8:15 p.m.—Junior Youth Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips, Directors.
6:15 p.m.—Senior Youth Fellowship (Wednesdays)
The First Monday—Monthly Deacons Meeting
The First Tuesday—Ladies' Missionary Society
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Most Rev. Joseph Green, J.C.D., D.D., Pastor
Father Edwin Schoettle, and Father John E. Young—Assistant Pastors
Rectory, 100 S. State St.
Phone 224-3313

Mass Schedule—Weekdays: Holy Days: 7:30, 9:00, 11:20 a.m. Holy Communion 7:15 a.m.
Weekdays: (No School) 7:30 and 9 a.m.
Sundays: 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30 (High Mass Oct. through May) and 12 noon Holy Days: 8 and 9 a.m., 9:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Sacrament of Penance—Saturdays: 3:30 to 9 p.m., 9:30 to 9 p.m., during the 8 and 11:20 Masses.
First Fridays—Sacrament of Penance—Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., during the 8 and 11:20 Masses.
Holy Communion: 8 a.m. and before 7 and 8 a.m. Masses; 7:30 p.m. Devotions; Masses: 7, 8 and 11:20 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (No 11:20 Mass when no school) (Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 p.m. Thursday preceding the First Friday, until 1:30 p.m. First Friday night).
Devotions: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena—Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Rosary and Night Prayers at 7:30 p.m.
First Friday Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart on preceding Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Instruction Classes: Adult Instruction and Inquiry Class—Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m.
High School Students—Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Public Grade School Children—Saturday at 10 a.m.
Baptisms: Each Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner of East Walker and Mead Sts.
Rev. Hugh E. Baunaga, Pastor
Phone 224-3300

1st Sunday of Month—8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon, 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

303 Church Street
Bruce L. Scragley, Minister

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study
8:00 p.m.—2nd and 4th Thursdays: Free Methodist Youth meeting

ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Rev. Rudy Wittenbach, Pastor
Greenbush Methodist Church
11:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—Worship Service
8:00 p.m.—MYF

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

US-27 at Sturgis Street
Rev. Fred Rutkowski, Pastor

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service
The Lutheran church sponsors radio's Lutheran Hour each Sunday over NBC and television's "This is the Life" each Sunday on WJIM at 12 o'clock

CHURCH OF GOD

Whittemore and Railroad on US-27
Rev. Duane Bresbaker, Pastor

10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Adult Prayer group
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting; choir practice 8:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST TEMPLE

400 E. State Street
Rev. Roy Green, Pastor

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, All classes teaching book of Second Corinthians
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.—Jet Cadets, Young People
6:00 p.m.—Adults studying Book of James
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Service
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and study hour. Second Thursday of each month ladies missionary meeting

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

S. US-27 & E. Baldwin
Joseph F. Egger, Jr., Pastor

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday Evening
7 p.m.—Wednesday, second and fourth, WMC
7:30 p.m.—Thursday evening service

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

688 North Lansing Street
Kider, William B. Brown, Pastor

Services held on Saturday
9:15 a.m.—Church Service

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCHES

Bingham—Bengal
Rev. Norman Croter, Pastor

9:30 a.m.—Worship with Rev. Arthur Spafford, Jr. preaching
10:30 a.m.—Church School classes for all ages. Robert Gill, superintendent
Bingham
9:30 a.m.—Church School for all ages. Ralph Halstead, superintendent
10:35 a.m.—Worship service with Rev. Arthur Spafford, Jr. preaching

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Kingdom Hall
1993 N. Lansing Street
Sunday, 3:00 p.m.—Public Talk
4:15 p.m.—Watchtower Study
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.—Area Bible Study
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Theocratic Ministry School

LOWE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Calvin W. Carey, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—MYF
Worship meets second Wednesday of each month at the church

MAPLE RAPIDS METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Calvin W. Carey, Pastor
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

DeWitt Area

DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH (Inter-denominational)

Rev. Daniel Kellin, Pastor
9:45—Sunday School "Teaching God, Christ, and the Church," Mrs. Ardis Sibley, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship

DEWITT METHODIST CHURCH

North Bridge Street
Ernest Cornblake, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Nursery care for preschool children
6:30 p.m.—Youth Service

EMMANUEL METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Clark and Schavey Roads
Rev. John P. Keith, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service
Nurses and old friends are always welcome

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner US-27 and Webb Road
Rev. Hugh E. Baunaga, Vicar
Rectory, Office 224-2883
1st Sunday of month—9:00 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon. (No Church School)
Other Sundays—9:00 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon. 9:30 a.m. Church School

EAST DEWITT BIBLE CHURCH

Round Lake Road 1/2 mile East of US-27
Walter W. Sloy, Pastor

Sunday—
10:00 a.m.—Bible School, Maurice Roderick, Director
11:00 a.m.—Church School, Mrs. Vera Shiva, Dr.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
5:45—Youth Fellowship—Senior 11 and up; Jet Cadets 10-13
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service
Wednesday—Prayer, Praise and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., "An Open Door to an Open Book"

Valley Farms Area

VALLEY FARMS BAPTIST CHURCH

241 E. State Road
Rev. LeRoy Brown, Pastor

10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Junior Church for children through 8th grade
11:15 a.m.—Church School. There is a class for everyone from the youngest to the oldest. The Bible is our textbook.
5:30 p.m.—BYF for both Juniors and Seniors
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Mid-week Prayer Service, 8:00 p.m.—Morning Choir practice
Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Choir practice
1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.—Woman's Mission Society
2nd Saturday 2:00 p.m.—Ann Judson Guild for Jr. Hl. girls
3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.—Men's Fellowship

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Herbert Schmidt, Pastor
9:30 a.m.—Worship Service
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School

Riley Township

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSOURI SYNOD
4 1/2 miles west of St. Johns on M-21 3/4 miles south on Francis road
2 miles west on Church road
Elmer B. Schiefer, Pastor
Phone 224-3178

Sunday morning services are held at 8:00 and at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Classes are held at 9:15 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated in the 8:00 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month, and at the 10:30 a.m. service on the second Sunday of each month.
Adult Information Classes are, as much as possible, scheduled according to the convenience of the inquirer

Gunnisonville Area

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Clark and Wood Roads
Rev. John P. Keith Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Sunday School
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
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EAGLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Royal Burnett, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday Prayer meeting

Ovid Area

OVID FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

South Main Street
Rev. Wallace E. Lewis, Pastor
Myron Woodruff, Church School Supt.
Ida Beardlee, organist
9:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.—Church School
7:00 a.m.—Wednesday, Senior Choir
8:00 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer service

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Ovid, Michigan
Corner M-21 and Elsie Road
George Rogers, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
8:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
11:30 p.m.—Wednesday Prayer meeting
8:00 p.m.—Choir practice
8:00 p.m.—Thursday Home Bible Study classes in various homes of the people
"We preach Christ crucified—Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God." 1 Cor. 1:23-24

CHURCH OF GOD

Ovid, Michigan
Rev. L. Sanders, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
8:00 a.m.—Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, Bible Study; 8:45 p.m.—Choir practice

OVID UNITED CHURCH

Garth D. Smith, Minister
Leta Parker, church school superintendent
Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Church school classes
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.—Jr.-Hl. Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Sr.-Hl. Youth Fellowship
Wednesday 4:00 p.m.—Junior choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.—Chancel choir rehearsal
Thursday 9:45 p.m.—Children's choir rehearsal
2nd Tuesday each month—Official board meeting
2nd Wednesday each month—Women's Fellowship meeting

Victor Township GROVE BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. Robert Prange, Pastor
Price and Shepardsville roads
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.—Young People
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, prayer meeting
Ladies Missionary circle meets 4th Thursday
Couples Club meets 4th Saturday in month

Shepardsville Area

SHEPARDVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Garth D. Smith, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.—Church school with a class for everyone
4:30 p.m.—Wednesday, Junior choir practice; 7:00 p.m.—Senior choir practice; 8:00 p.m.—Midweek services

Wacousta Area WACOUSTA METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Thomas Peters, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:30 a.m.—Church School
6:30 p.m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship (1st and 3rd Sundays of month)
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, Senior Adult choir practice
7:30 p.m.—Thursday, Senior Adult choir practice
4th Monday each month, 8 p.m.—Official board meeting
Methodist Music team meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, at Wacousta Community Methodist church

Eureka Area CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Eureka, Michigan
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:00 p.m.—Purgim Fellowship Sunday evening
Cherub and Sunday School Choir practice Thursday from 7 to 7:45
Chancel Choir practice Thursday from 7:45 to 8:30

Bath Area BATH METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Reginald B. Becker, Minister
10:00 a.m.—Morning Service
11:00 a.m.—Church School
7:00 p.m.—Jr. MYF at the church
8:00 p.m.—Sr. MYF at the church

BATH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. James L. Burleigh, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:15 a.m.—Church School
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Midweek service on Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

ROSE LAKE CHURCH

Reorganized L.D.S.
Elder Jack Hodge, Pastor
Corner of Linton and Stout roads
11:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, evening service

Elsie Area ELSIE BAPTIST CHURCH

Carl R. Finley, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Worship service
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Paul Brown, Supt.
6:30 p.m.—Jr. and Sr. BYF
7:15 p.m.—Evening Service
4:00 p.m.—Thursday, Jr. Choir practice; 7:00 p.m.—Sr. choir practice; 8 p.m.—Prayer Service

ELSIE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter Easton, Minister
9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.—Church School, Supt. Mrs. Stanley Kajdas

DUPLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

at the Colony
Rev. Ralph Woodard, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Bible School
Jack Schwarz, Jr., S.S. Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

DUPLAIN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter Easton, Minister
10 a.m.—Sunday School, Supt. Kenneth Kiger
11 a.m.—Worship service

Eagle Area EAGLE METHODIST CHURCH

C. Dow Chamberlain, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:15 a.m.—Church School
6:45 p.m.—Wednesday MYF, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting



IN THE WAKE OF A SONG

The Church for all... the old story made ever new again... the love for the Christ Child, poignant, deep... the nostalgia of past Christmases remembered.

In the wake of a song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," all this comes to mind. And we endow Christmas with the trappings of holly and mistletoe, the flash of bright red ribbons, the glitter of the tinsel on the tree.

Yet, south of the Equator, Christmas comes in mid-summer. There is no holly, no mistletoe, and there's not apt to be a tree. But it is Christmas just the same.

This is not merely a season, this time of the birth of Christ. It is much, much more. To understand it fully... to see it in its entirety... turn to the Church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 11:1-5	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Micah 5:1-4	Luke 1:67-80	Luke 2:8-20	Romans 15:7-13	Colossians 1:9-20

Some Michigan dairymen are increasing production, but not profiting, by feeding their cows extra grain, reports C. Ray Hoglund, Michigan State University agricultural economist. "A study of 1963 DHIA participants shows no difference in returns over cost of feed for Holstein cows fed 4,500 to 6,000 pounds of grain per cow," he says.

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Prescription Not Used

The State Journal reported that a 93-year-old lady died and left a small wooden box to her doctor. I suppose the doctor, being human, anticipated something of a token of appreciation for his services. Imagine his surprise when he opened the box and found a collection of prescriptions in his own handwriting which he had given her over the past 40 years. All of them were unfilled. She had lived to the ripe old age of 93 without them. One wonders at her purpose in paying the doctor for his advice when she had no intentions of using it. As a pastor, I often wonder too, why some folk go to church when they have no intention of carrying out the advice given from the Word of God. Apostle James says, "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." In the verses that follow he likens a man who hears and doesn't act, to a man who looks in a mirror, sees his face is dirty, but does nothing about it. God has raised up preachers of the Word to set before the people the right way of salvation and holy living. Wise people will heed what is spoken and will order their lives accordingly. Are you in this class?

First Baptist Church
A Regular Baptist Church
South US-27
Peter F. Nieuwkoop, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Evening Service—7:30 p.m.
"We invite you to attend"

Clinton's Civic Calendar

Officers of these organizations are advised to notify The Republican-News at least one week in advance of the date of publication of the issue in which any change in the regular schedule should appear.

Christmas Greetings

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

Let the glorious Christmas story be heard again... And as you celebrate this day, may you know in your heart all of the happiness that comes from the feeling of peace and good will to all.



St. Johns

American Legion—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Auxiliary—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Legion Hall
 Bonner Rebekah Lodge—1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., IOOF Hall
 Blue Star Mothers—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Municipal Building
 Child Study Club—3rd Wednesday 8 p.m., in homes of members
 Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary—Board meet the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Nurses' Home
 DAR—2nd Tuesday, in homes of members
 8 et 40—4th Tuesday, in homes of members
 Exchange Club—2nd and 4th Thursdays, noon, Walker's Cafe
 Grison WRC—1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Municipal Building
 40 et 8—1st Monday, 8:30 p.m., St. Johns and Breckenridge Legion Halls, alternate months
 IOOF—Every Wednesday, 8 p.m., IOOF Hall
 Junior Chamber of Commerce—2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Episcopal church
 Knights of Columbus—1st and 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., K of C hall
 Knights Templar—1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Lions Club—2nd and 4th Wednesday 8:30 p.m., IOOF Hall
 Masonic Lodge—1st Monday, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Morning Musicale—2nd and 4th Thursday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Order of Eastern Star—1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Rotary Club—Every Tuesday, noon Walker's Cafe
 Royal Arch Masons—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Royal Neighbors of America—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Municipal Building
 Senior Citizens—2nd and 4th Tuesday, every month, VFW Hall
 St. Johns Woman's Club—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., in homes of members
 St. Johns Honor Guard—2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m., VFW Hall
 Taps Club—Every Thursday, 8:15 p.m., Municipal Building
 Union Home School Mothers Club—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., at school
 VFW Auxiliary—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m., VFW Hall
 VFW—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., VFW Hall
 WCTU—Mare Smith Union—Third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., in homes of members

DeWitt

Cub Scouts—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Memorial building
 DeWitt Grange—2nd and 4th Fridays
 Girl Scouts—Every Thursday 3:30 p.m., Memorial building
 Gay 20's Square Dance Club—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m., Memorial building
 Job's Daughters—1st and 3rd Thursday evenings, Masonic Temple
 Lions Club—3rd Tuesday evening, Memorial building
 Masonic Lodge—1st Wednesday evening, Masonic Temple
 Order of Eastern Star—1st Friday evening, Masonic Temple
 PTA—3rd Wednesday, at high school, 8 p.m.
 Royal Neighbors—1st and 3rd Fridays, 1 p.m., Memorial building
 St. Francis Club—1st Monday, 8:30 p.m., Memorial building
 Thursday Afternoon Club—Last Thursday in homes of members
 Veterans Club—2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Memorial building
 Volunteer Firemen—2nd Tuesday evening, fire hall
 WSCS—3rd Thursday evening Methodist church

Eagle

Helping Hand Club—4th Tuesday evening, in homes of members
 Niles Cemetery Society—2nd Thursday, in homes of members
 North Eagle Cemetery Society—1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Town hall
 WSCS—1st Wednesday, Ladies' Rooms Methodist church

Elsie

American Legion—Alternate Thursdays, 8 p.m., Legion Hall
 American Legion Auxiliary—Alternate Thursdays, 8 p.m., Legion Hall
 Bond Boosters—1st Monday, 7:30 p.m., alternate months, Band room
 B.W.C.S.—2nd Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., in homes of members
 Lions Club—1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Legion Hall
 Masonic Lodge—2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Masonic hall
 WSCS—1st Wednesday 8:00 p.m., homes of members
 Order of Eastern Star—3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Masonic hall
 PTA—2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., school
 Women's Literary Club—Alternate Tuesdays, 8 p.m., homes of members

Bath

American Legion—2nd and 4th Thursdays, Memorial Hall
 American Legion Auxiliary—2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday, Memorial Hall
 Bath Showing Stars Square Dance Club—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., at school
 Bath Showing Stars Square Dance Club—2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., during regular dancing season at the James Coates Gym
 Cub Scout Committee—1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at the school
 Cub Scout Pack—4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., school
 Firemen's Auxiliary—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., home of members
 Park Lake Improvement League—4th Wednesday, 8 p.m., Improvement League Hall
 Past Grand Club—4th Thursday, homes of members
 PTA—2nd Thursday, 8 p.m., Junior high school
 PTA Executive Board—Monday before Thursday PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., to 8 p.m., at school
 Southern Rebekah Lodge—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., community hall
 Volunteer Firemen—2nd Monday, 8 p.m., fire hall
 WSCS—3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Methodist church

DeWitt

Blue Star Mothers—2nd Thursday alternate, Memorial building and homes of members
 Boy Scouts—Every Monday, 7 p.m., Memorial building
 Brownies—Every Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m., Memorial building
 Brownies Study Group—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., homes of members
 Child Study Club—4th Monday evening, homes of members
 Circle Eight—1st and 3rd Saturdays, DeWitt elementary school

Fowler

Confraternity of Christian Mothers—4th Tuesday 8 p.m. Most Holy Trinity church
 Daughters of Isabella—2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m. Most Holy Trinity church
 Fowler Conservation Club—1st Saturday, 8 p.m., Fire of members
 Knights of Columbus—Monday after the 2nd Sunday, 8 p.m., K of C hall
 Lions Club—3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Fowler Hotel
 VFW—4th Thursday, 8 p.m., VFW hall
 VFW Auxiliary—Last Thursday 8 p.m., VFW hall

Maple Rapids

Amica Club—1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., homes of members
 Bond Parents—2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m., students' Community
 Baseball Boosters—3rd Wednesday 8 p.m., at the school
 Blue Star Mothers—1st and 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., homes of members
 Duo Decum Club—1st Saturday, 8 p.m., homes of members
 High School PTA—1st Monday, 8 p.m., students' community
 IOOF—Every Thursday 8 p.m., IOOF hall
 Maple Rapids Improvement Association—4th Monday, 8 p.m., in Municipal building
 Masonic Lodge—2nd Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Order of Eastern Star—3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 PTA—3rd Tuesday, school gym
 Rebekah Lodge—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., IOOF hall
 Sorosis Club—2nd and 4th Tuesdays 1:30 p.m., homes of members
 St. Martin DePorre Altar Society—1st Thursday, 8 p.m., homes of members
 Council Meeting—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship—Last Friday of month, 1:30 p.m., church dining room

Ovid

Acme Society—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., in homes of members
 American Legion—3rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Memorial building
 Businessmen's Association—2nd Tuesday, time and place varies
 Crescent Club—1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., in homes of members
 Disabled Veterans—1st and 3rd Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Memorial building
 Homemakers—2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m., in homes of members
 IOOF—Every Tuesday, 8 p.m., IOOF hall
 Job's Daughters—2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Lions Club—2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:30 p.m., Main Street church of United Church
 Leta-Lot Club—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Masonic Lodge—1st Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Order of Eastern Star—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Ovid-Tuplin Library Club—1st Friday, 12:30 p.m. in homes of members
 Past Grand Club—4th Tuesday, in homes of members
 Rebekah Lodge—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m., IOOF hall
 Royal Arch Masons—1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
 Royal Football Boosters—Meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the high school
 Social Evening—Veterans Memorial Building 8 p.m. every Wednesday, sponsored by Ovid veterans group
 Town and Country Extension—4th Wednesday, in homes of members
 VFW—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Memorial building
 VFW Auxiliary—1st Tuesday 8 p.m., in Memorial building
 Volunteer Firemen—First Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at school
 World War I Veterans—1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Memorial building

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Altar Society—4th Tuesday, 8 p.m., Parish hall
 Bond Boosters—3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic hall
 Blue Star Mothers—3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m., elementary school
 Lions Club—3rd Tuesday, elementary school
 Masonic Lodge—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Masonic hall
 Order of Eastern Star—1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Masonic hall
 PTA Club—2nd Monday, 8 p.m., club house
 WSCS—3rd Tuesday 2 p.m., home of members

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Breakfast Club—Last Thursday, 9 a.m., in homes of members
 Child Study Club—2nd Tuesday evening, in homes of members
 Masonic Order No. 435—Regular meetings first Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Temple
 Methodist Men's Club—Every Wednesday of each month outlook at 6:30 p.m., Wacousta Methodist church
 Neighborhood Society—3rd Thursday, in homes of members
 Order of Eastern Star—1st Tuesday evening, Masonic Temple

Westphalia

Catholic Order of Foresters—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., St. Mary's parish hall
 Daughters of Isabella—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Mary's parish hall
 Knights of Columbus—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., K of C rooms
 Young Ladies Society—3rd Sunday afternoon, every 2 months, St. Mary's parish hall

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Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

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Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen

Merry Christmas

Greetings and sincere wishes for a holiday season full of the warmth of a good, old-fashioned Christmas.



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Discuss Paper Strength

Bernard Fedewa (right), son of Mr and Mrs Robert E. Fedewa Sr., of 3263 Chadwick Road, DeWitt, and Michael A. McGinnis, graduate assistant in packaging, discuss strength of paper samples being tested in a packaging laboratory at Michigan State University. The tensile tester in the background is used to analyze strengths of various package materials. Fedewa is a junior majoring in packaging.



Greetings

We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

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City Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1964, at 7:35 p.m., Mayor Smit presiding. Invocation was given by Father Schoettle, St. Joseph Catholic Church. Commissioners present: Smit, Sirrine, Coletta, Irerer, Kentfield, Manager Greer, Attorney Reed and clerk.

Minutes of the Dec. 1, 1964, meeting were read and approved.

Communications included a letter from Liquor Control Commission re: "Mazzolini partnership." Resolution made and supported that request by Donald Mazzolini for Argentina Mazzolini being dropped as partner with him on 1964 Tavern & SDM Licenses at 226 N. Clinton Avenue, St. Johns, Mich., be granted. On roll call, resolution carried unanimously.

SECOND READING Ordinance No. 177. Motion made and supported that Ordinance No. 177, "an ordinance to implement establishment of a municipal court for the City of St. Johns" be accepted as read with amendments ordered published and placed on record. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners instructed Manager Greer to ask for bids on a furnace for concession building at City Park. Resolution, offered and adopted, stated "Whereas, Mr Donald H. Clark separated from the employment of the City of Alma, Mich., and was employed by the City of St. Johns that Retirement Board hereby is requested to grant Mr Clark such amount of service as he has been credited with as an employee of Alma, Mich." On roll call, resolution carried unanimously.

MOTION MADE and supported that Alba F. Wert, attorney, be and hereby is appointed as municipal judge of the City of St. Johns, Mich., for the new municipal court. On roll call, motion carried. Motion made and supported that salary of the municipal judge be \$8,000.00 per year. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made and supported that claims be allowed as audited in the amount of \$42,742.48, with clerk authorized to draw warrants for same from available funds. Motion carried.

MAYOR SMIT asked for a discussion on the fire protection contracts for townships. It was decided to have Manager Greer prepare a statement as to the status of these Townships in regard to the stand-by charges and the charge for individual fire runs and send statement to the Clinton County supervisors.

Motion made and supported that the city offices be closed at noon on Dec. 24, 1964, and Dec. 31, 1964, for convenience of employees. Motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance No. 178, "To prohibit the racing of motor vehicles upon the streets of the City of St. Johns, Mich., and to provide penalties for the violation thereof" was made.

MOTION MADE and supported that Manager Greer be allowed to purchase office equipment for the new municipal court room and offices. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion was duly made to adjourn.

JESSIE A. FINCH,
Clerk




In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.

R. E. BENSON Plumbing and Heating

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Christmas Greetings

Christmas is a tranquil snowy scene and brightly-wrapped gifts... it is a time of hope and rejoicing for the many things it is our privilege to possess. We wish you an "old-fashioned" Christmas, filled with love and good cheer, and the deep satisfaction of friendships renewed. Happy Holidays!

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We are glowing with warm wishes to our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends. May this Christmas Season bring happiness and joy, peace and contentment to all.

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ST. JOHNS Phone 224-3439

Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen

Farmer's gross income: easy come, easy go

It may be easier for Midwest farmers to make money today than they did 10 or 15 years ago, but it's harder to keep it.

A new US Department of Agriculture study of farm incomes during the past 15 years shows that the average American farmer has more than doubled his gross cash income. During that same period, however, the farmer's take home pay has increased only moderately.

SINCE 1949, the average farm gross income has climbed by \$6,100 per year. But during the same 15-year period, net income rose by only \$1,100. Last year, the average farmer grossed \$11,700, but after paying taxes and other

withholdings, he netted only \$3,500, Michigan State University agricultural economists point out.

This shows that today's farmer is caught in a steadily tighter squeeze between what he gets and what he can keep. There were big variations from one region to another. The lowest net income realized last year was in the North Atlantic states with less than \$2,800 per farm. The highest was the \$5,600 average in the Western states.

WITH GROSS income climbing much faster than net income, many Michigan farmers are looking to greater use of self-amortizing mortgages, permanent life insurance and other means of hatching a nest egg gradually.

DISBELIEF

It has to be a whopper if a man catches a fish big enough to make lying unnecessary.

ASC PROGRAM

Tell major provisions of feed grain program



W. M. SMITH
County ASC Manager

USDA has announced the major provisions of the voluntary 1965 Feed Grain Program, including the decision to keep total price-support levels for cooperators the same as for 1964. Within total price-support rates, loan levels were decreased with corresponding increases in payment rates. The diversion payment rate will be the same as for 1964.

They also stressed that the program will help maintain overall feed grain income for producers at near current levels, or about a billion dollars a year higher than with previous feed grain programs.

CHANGES within the total price rate were made to encourage greater participation in the program by farmers. Department officials noted the success of the program depends on the level of participation being sufficiently high to offset program costs by reduction in public investment in government feed grain inventories.

For the 1965 program, a larger proportion of price support will be in payment form with some reduction in the average loan rate for all three feed grains.

THE ACREAGE substitution feature for wheat and feed grain acreage, which is new to the program for 1965, gives producers a more flexible range of cropping opportunities and income possibilities.

Participation in both the wheat and feed grain programs will bring more returns than non-participation, USDA officials said.

THE TOTAL national average price support for cooperators for 1965—crop corn will be \$1.25 per bushel—is composed of loan and purchase value of \$1.05 per bushel and 20 cents per bushel support payment based on normal (1959-63) production of acreage planted for harvest. Other feed grain price supports are adjusted according to their relationship to corn. Program participants, since they help cut government costs by diverting acreage to conserving use and thus reducing production, not only can get price support loan and purchases, but also price support payments and acreage diversion payments.

Since yields have trended upward in recent years, the moving five-year average (1959-63), which is being used for the first time in 1965, generally will mean higher price support payments for normal production in major producing areas. This payment of 20 cents per bushel in the case of corn and related payments for other feed crops will be paid on acres seeded for harvest within permitted acreage, even though drought or other adverse crop conditions seriously reduce production on any farm.

TO PARTICIPATE in the program producers need to reduce their total acreage of corn, grain sorghum and barley in 1965 by at least 20 per cent. Diversion payments, if less than 40 per cent of the base is diverted, will be the county support rate on one-fifth of the normal production for the first 20 per cent diversion, and on one-half of normal for the remaining percentage.

Payments in kind for both di-

Veterinarians to study latest advances

Veterinarians from Clinton County will study the latest advances in the treatment of small and large animals Jan. 20-21 at Michigan State University.

About 400 veterinarians and students from Michigan and surrounding states are expected for the 42nd annual Postgraduate Conference for Veterinarians at The Kellogg Center for Continuing Education. Featured at the 1965 conference will be six special seminars on various topics related to farm and home animals.

Ground wheat can replace corn pound-for-pound in rations for growing and finishing hogs when price relationships are favorable, says Robert Hines, Michigan State University animal husbandry specialist.

SIGN-UP for feed grains and for spring wheat will be from Feb. 8 through March 26. During the sign-up period winter wheat producers who signed up in the wheat program last fall may change their intentions.

Beginning Dec. 23, we will be offering corn for sale out of our binsite each week until further notice. This corn is offered on an "as is" basis. It can be inspected by any prospective bidder by calling 224-3720 for an appointment. Any one interested in more information regarding these sales, please contact our office.

AGRICULTURE in Action

by M. L. Woell

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

Michigan farmers depend heavily upon income from the dairy cow and her family, yet dairying brings with it some problems that continue to plague the industry.

The rhythms of nature are part of the problem, for the heaviest flow of milk is tied to the usual springtime "lactation"—the birth of the dairy calf. The newborn calf is assured an abundance of food through both the mother's heavy milk flow and the lush grass which provides it.

MODERN farm scientists have enlarged these natural cycles through such things as year-around feeding and have assured a strong flow of milk well beyond former times. All of mankind has benefited from this manipulation of nature.

Still, problems remain, among them the effect of a varying supply upon price. Years ago, farmers of some areas worked together through their dairy marketing cooperatives to reach agreement on premium prices for "slack-time" production. In this manner, they created incentives among themselves to balance production throughout the year. These "base-excess" plans have done their job well, as shown by recent charts where milk production now differs only eight per cent from peak to low point.

YET, NOT all is well in the dairy barn, and complications exist in the price picture. These are due in part to the many uses to which milk is placed. Fresh bottled milk brings a higher price than does milk from which butter-fat is extracted for butter or powdered milk products.

All farmers would like to sell all of their milk for fresh bottled prices—but this is not possible. Customers demand a fairly steady year-around supply of just so many quarts and gallons, and not a great deal more.

RIGHT NOW, Michigan dairy-men are in a quandry. They agree among themselves that there is need to know in advance how much of their milk will find its way into the price "Class I" (bottled milk) market for fresh use. One proposal calls for each producing farmer to receive a share of this market based on his "production history."

A resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau calls for a careful study of the entire problem.

Michigan State University scientists have used the principle that apples float and bob up and down in water to develop a new apple sizing and sorting system called "Hydro-Handling." The system offers a practical and highly mechanized means for removing low quality cull apples before they are stored.

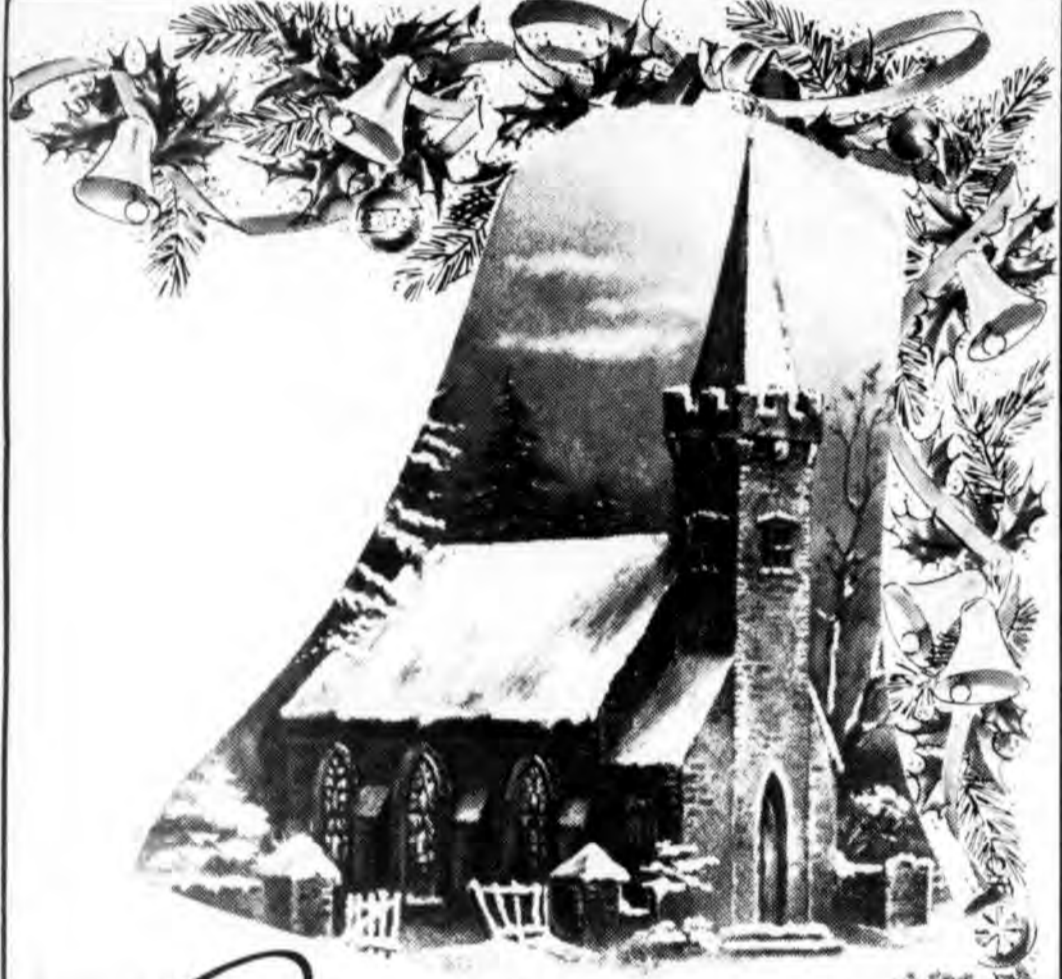


Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

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Greetings of the Season

We love the tradition of extending greetings to friends and neighbors at Christmas time. This age-old custom affords us the opportunity to express our gratitude to those we have long been privileged to serve, and to wish everyone a full measure of happiness and contentment throughout the Holiday Season.

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Christmas...

How wonderful is Christmas, and the message that it brings, of Peace and Good Will to All! How it warms every heart, brightens every eye and lightens every care! As we joyously celebrate this Holy Day we wish that the glow of happiness that it brings may lastingly abide with you.

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Good Wishes for Christmas

At this joyous season of giving and receiving, we take pleasure in extending to you our heartfelt good wishes for a very Merry Christmas! We hope that you and all your loved ones enjoy every minute of this happy holiday!

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DeWitt siren approved

The Office of Civil Defense of the Michigan State Police has approved federal sharing in the purchase of an air raid siren to be mounted soon on the municipal building in DeWitt.

Clinton County Civil Defense Director Charles Frost received the approval last Thursday, and he and DeWitt Township Supervisor Fred Culy have placed an order for the siren.

THE FEDERAL government will pay \$1,162.50, half of the estimated cost of the siren. DeWitt Township will pay the rest with money from its police and fire fund.

Supervisor Culy said that under normal circumstances the siren will be able to be heard over the entire northern half of the township and much of the southern half. It will be mounted atop the fire hall.

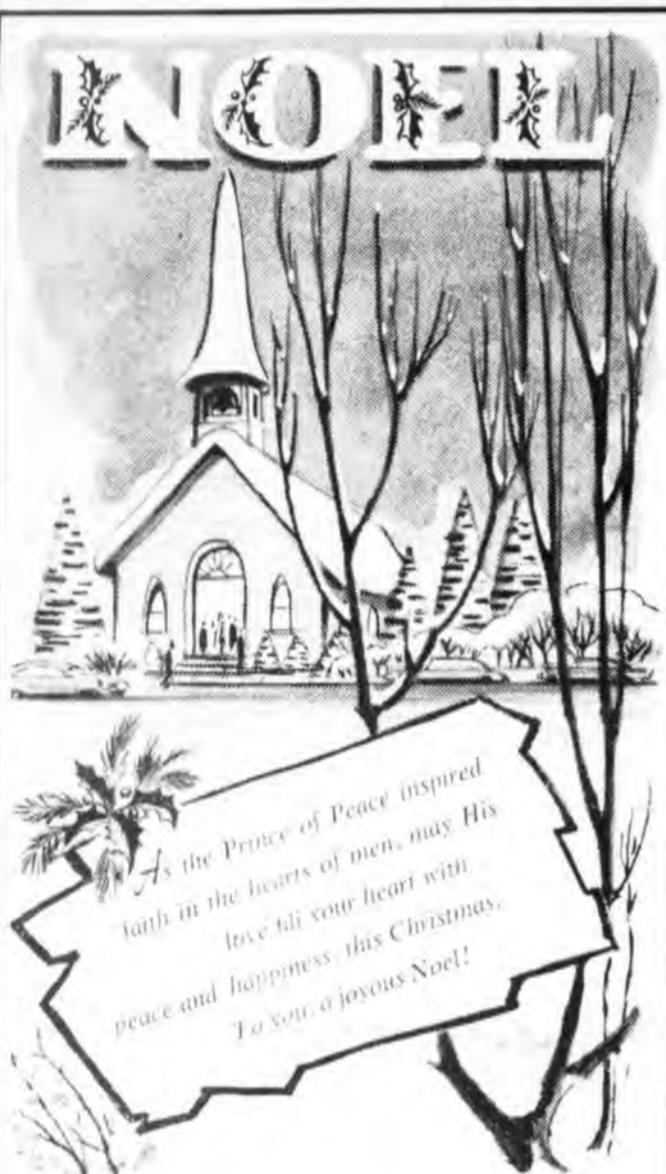
siren to arrive at DeWitt in about three weeks. Frost said it would be probably another week before it would be put in operation. Culy added that several civil defense tests may be made soon after to try out the siren.

It's tax form time for farmers

Clinton County farmers will soon be getting through the mail some property tax forms to be filled out for the supervisors of each township.

In some cases, the forms will be different than previous ones. The new forms were made available several years ago. Many supervisors have been using them since the changeover while others continued using the old forms until their supplies were depleted.

A good conscience is a soft pillow. — John Ray



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Don Ewing (left) county road clerk, discusses some shelter management points with Civil Defense Director Charles Frost. Ewing received his certificate last Thursday as a shelter manager and instructor.

Clerk completes CD course

Don Ewing, Clinton County road clerk, completed a shelter management for instructors course last Thursday at Michigan State University under a civil defense program.

The certificate he received makes him eligible to be a shelter manager or to instruct courses in shelter management. Civil Defense Director Charles Frost also took the course to update himself on material he had studied previously.

THE TWO MEN anticipate setting up public classes in shelter management sometime after the first of the year.

The course which the two took at MSU included 27 hours in the classroom and 24 hours in a civil defense shelter. It was one of the few conducted shelter-stay programs ever held in the state.

Ewing was enthusiastic about the course. "You can't study civil defense and management without being impressed by the attempts being made to save 120 million lives," he said.

"ANY EFFORT to save this many or more surely warrants the attention of the public. I'm impressed with the way civil defense people are trying to cope with the problem."

One of the big shelter management problems Ewing and future shelter managers will have, in the event of a disaster,

is St. Johns High School. The building has been declared a shelter, and it contains 1,400 shelter spaces. Frost said management of these 1,400 spaces would be a big and necessary job, certainly much more than one man could handle.

Farming made popular by farming maids

It seems like the most popular way to become a farmer in Michigan is to be raised on a farm—or to marry a farm girl.

A recently completed survey of 110 farmers across the state showed that 95 per cent of the families had some kind of previous tie with farming before going into the business for themselves.

ONLY 9 per cent were not raised on the farm. And, of those, half had wives who were raised on a farm.

Finally, the study showed that most farm operators marry farm girls and that only one out of three wives had nonfarm backgrounds.

THE SURVEY was conducted by agricultural economists John R. Brake, MSU, and Myron E. Wirth, US Department of Agriculture, who studied farmers participating in MSU's Farm Credit Panel.

Penix, wife win Mexico air trip

Christmas will be around a little longer this year for Mr and Mrs Kenneth Penix of 406 E. State Street, St. Johns.

They are packing for a fiesta trip to Mexico City the middle of January, paid for by Penix's sales performance during the past year at Clinton Tractor Sales, local Massey-Ferguson dealer.

THEY'LL BE in company with 300 other dealers and wives who will be airlifted into Mexico to view a new line of agricultural tractors Massey-Ferguson will introduce early in 1965. More than 5,000 leading dealers and sales personnel will make the visit during January and February.

The Penixes will be in Mexico four days before being flown home. They will visit Teotihuacan, near Mexico City, the site of one of the major early cultures. There they will see a pageant on the Indian culture performed exclusively for the dealers for the first time on the ruins of a once-great civilization by the famed Teatro Clasico de Mexico.

THE TRACTOR demonstrations will be held on the grounds of Mexico's National Agricultural College at Chapingo, some 40 miles from Mexico City.

Navy urges look at future

Chief Petty Officer Taylor, Navy recruiter, has urged young men between the ages of 17 and 31 to stop and "take a good look down the road you are traveling."

Taylor pointed out that the Navy offers a way of life and personal security for young Americans with a sense of purpose. High school graduates can qualify for such specialized training as nuclear power, electronics and engineering. Those who qualify can serve in the fields of aviation, submarines and aboard ships.

To inquire about the Navy, or to enlist, Taylor will be at the selective service board office in St. Johns on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The office at 200 W. State Street.



Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

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As the Star shone on the Babe of Bethlehem, so may the peace and promise of His wondrous message shine brightly on you and yours, this Christmastide, bringing happiness in abundance.


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Merry Christmas

To all our friends and patrons, we extend joyful greetings and best wishes for the Christmas season.

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Ovid, Michigan



GREETINGS
for Christmas

To all our valued friends... we wish that the blessings of Christmas will remain with you and yours, now and always.

ELSIE ELEVATOR -Elsie, Mich.
BANNISTER ELEVATOR-Bannister, Mich.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our wish for you... the pick of Santa's pack, and the best of everything else for your Christmas celebration. It's our sincere hope that this holiday season will be an especially happy and memorable time for you, your family and friends.

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Don't let needless eye mishap mar Yuletide joy

A Christmas memo to American parents on trees and toys: Don't let a needless eye accident wreck your family's holiday happiness.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness cautioned that accidents around the Christmas tree and from unsafe children's toys will be the principal causes of eye injuries during the Yule season. The Society's warning came as part of its annual "Safe Gifts From Santa" campaign.

THE traditional family Christmas tree with its fragile decorations has damaged many eyes in recent years, reported John W. Ferree, MD, executive director of the National Society. A sharp pine needle punctured the eye of a West Coast woman as she bent over to unplug the tree lights. A two-year-old was hospitalized after broken ornament fragments got into her left eye. An exploding Christmas tree light bulb cut the eye of a young Western boy.

"Throughout the holidays remind all the family members, young and old alike, about the hazards of shattered ornaments and lights, the pointed needles on wreaths and trees, the keen edges of wrapping materials, and the threat of fire," Dr Ferree said. "A good measure of common sense will keep the holidays happy."

THE NATIONAL Society estimates that eye accidents will strike nearly 12,800 American youngsters during the Christmas period. Wise toy purchasers would do much to reduce this total, according to the 56-year-old health agency.

"Youngsters often ask for Christmas toys that are too advanced for them," said Dr Ferree. "A normally-safe toy such

as a chemistry set or toolkit can cost an eye if mishandled in small or inexperienced hands. Make sure your child is capable of handling safely every plaything he gets from Santa."

rules of safety before he uses them. Later may be too late.

Other toy-buying hints from the National Society:

- LOOK FOR sturdy construction with shatter-resistant and non-flammable materials.

- Toys should have no detachable parts, springs or gears that can fly into the eyes.

- Edges should be smooth, corners rounded and mechanisms enclosed.



Jingle Bells

Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

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Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

Make sure outdoor lights are still safe

If you are planning to have decorative lights outside the house during the Christmas season, be sure they are heavy duty strings of lights made especially for outdoor use, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

And be sure they bear the UL label. Of course, any strings of lights that have cracked or broken insulation should be replaced.

Does babysitter know fire escape routes?

If you are going to employ a baby sitter during the coming holiday season, be sure she knows what to do in case of fire, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Make sure she understands that if a fire occurs, she should get the children out of the house quickly. Be sure she knows two alternate routes of escape from the house so that if fire blocks one of them she and the children can leave the house by the other one.

Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds. — Mary Baker Eddy

"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh, O'er the field we go, laughing all the way; Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright; What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!"

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride; And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side; The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot; He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upst."

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young; Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song; Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed; Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead."

REFRAIN
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way! O! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, "Jingle, Bells," is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers — or likes to think he remembers. Usually it is thought of as "Jingle Bells," but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" — with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action. Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14. Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's, according to Encyclopedia Americana. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle, Bells" melody.



Christmas Greetings

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen



Voices sing
out our happy
wishes
for a Christmas
rich in
spiritual
joys and
memorable
moments
for you.

**Merry
Christmas
DARLINGS**
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Old, old-fashioned Christmas was not such a joyful event

"Tis the season to be jolly." But then there are minority opinions on everything. Plenty of folks are complaining that Christmas isn't what it used to be. They say stacks of Christmas cards, frantic last-minute shopping, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on the TV, and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" on the stereo don't make a Christmas.

"We've got to get back to the old-fashioned Christmas," they cry.

BUT WE'D better not go back too far. To put it bluntly, the Puritans were against Christmas. They labeled it a "wonton Bacchanalian feast" and spent their first Christmas on these shores pointedly rejecting joy and doing carpentry.

On the second Christmas several "lusty young men" who were found "pitching ye barr, playing at stoole-ball and such like sports" in the public streets caught what-for from Governor Bradford, in person. So the oldest of old-fashioned American Christmases will hardly do for a precedent to be followed in 1964.

BY 1827, HOWEVER, Christmas evolved to the point that an Episcopalian bishop was complaining, "The devil has stolen from us . . . Christmas, the day of our spiritual redemption and converted it into a day of worldly festivity, shooting and swearing."

And by 1876 "The Youth's Companion," a popular magazine of the time, was lamenting the pass-

ing of the old-fashioned English Christmas:

"WE IN America have received many, if not most, of our Christmas customs from our parent country, 'merric England'; but in England Christmas is no longer the day of games and fine old traditional ceremonies it once was. It is rarely that the yule log is burned nowadays . . . and whereas the Christmas game, in the times of good Queen Bess, lasted for more than a month, a week is all the modern, money-making English can devote to it."

Could it be then that this perennial dissatisfaction with present customs and longing for "the old-fashioned Christmas" merely

shows the power of this season to evoke nostalgic memories of happy childhood, bygone pleasures, and the joy of Christmases past . . . the exchange of greetings, the singing of carols, the tree, mistletoe, the festive meal, and the outdoor fun? One last dip into the yellowed, crumbling pages of The Youth's Companion gives an even better reason to wish for a simple celebration of Christmas.

"IT IS RIGHT for us to derive all the innocent pleasure possible from the happy season, not forgetting, the while, how solemn and glorious is the event which we thus joyously commemorate, with its beautiful lesson of 'Love to our fellow man.'"

Social Security man sets Tuesday visits

A Social Security Administration representative will be at the St. Johns Municipal Building every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, according to W. Scott Hamlin, manager of the Lansing social security office.

Anyone desiring information regarding old-age and survivors insurance benefits, social security account numbers or other business concerning social security may contact him at those times.

Use old flooring

Old flooring from the St. Johns city park pavilion is being used in a new salt bin for the Department of Public Works. A new concrete floor will be poured in the pavilion in the spring.

Shop in Clinton County.



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Kincaid District Mrs Porter C. Parks

Mr and Mrs Forest Hooker of Grand Ledge and Herman Hoerner visited in the Don Dumond home Saturday evening, Dec. 12.

Delmer Brace and Jimmie of Grand Ledge visited Mr and Mrs E. J. Brace Saturday night, Dec. 12.

Roger Hardenburg visited Mr and Mrs Harold Hoerner and family Wednesday evening, Dec. 9.

Russ Sullivan was a Sunday, Dec. 13, supper guest of the Harold Hoerners.

Mrs Ella LaPisto of Traverse City spent on Thursday to Sunday with Mr and Mrs Don Sullivan and family.

Mr and Mrs Joe Berger arrived from Muskegon Friday evening, Dec. 11, to visit Mr and Mrs Porter Parks and family. Mr and Mrs Porter Parks accompanied the former to the MSU auditorium for the graduation exercises of their son, Jim Berger, who graduated Friday evening. The Bergers spent the weekend with the Parks, returning to Muskegon Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Richard Grove and family were Sunday, Dec. 13, dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Don Shoup of Grand Ledge.

Mr and Mrs Roger Balmer accompanied by Mr and Mrs Dell Schmidtman visited the new Mason jail Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13.

Mrs Dell Schmidtman took Pat Kindel of DeWitt and Connie Stacey of Williamson bowling Saturday evening, Dec. 11. After bowling they returned to the former's home for Pizza.

Mr and Mrs Ed Fuhr visited Mr and Mrs Del Fuhr and family of DeWitt, Sunday evening, Dec. 12.

Mrs P. Heller and family of St. Johns visited Otto Witt Sunday, Dec. 13.

Mrs Herbert Fisher and girls visited Otto Witt and Clare Witt Sunday, Dec. 13.

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Christmas Greetings

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17 on Bath honor roll get all-A's

BATH— The Bath Community Schools has announced the scholastic honor roll for the second six-week marking period. Seventeen students in the seventh through the 12th grades received all-A grades during the six weeks.

The all-A students are Linda



MERRY Christmas
May your day be bright with the joys of Christmas.

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Asher, Mary Black, Sheryl Swart, Sally Weaver and Bob VanSickle in the senior class, Sarah Nessman in the junior class, Karen Black among the sophomores, Cowdry a freshman, Rita Mitchell and Mark Ondrias in the eighth grade, and Roger Brook, Mike Duvendeck, Dawn Haslick, Bruce Weeks, Mary Shepard, David Rasmussen and Linda House in the seventh grade.

OTHER HONOR students are:

SENIORS— Nancy Ballor, Crystal Blankenship, Beth Briggs, Linda Burch, Connie Cramer, Claudia Culver, Jean Decker, Bunny Dunavant, Beverly Dunlap, Lynda Fountain, Marilyn Grandy, Dixie Gwilt, Phyllis Hagerman, Dolores Howe, Susan King, Marsha McCune, Suzanne Miller, Joan Rhyndard, Tom Richards and Bonnie Waite.

JUNIORS— ROSEMARY Kiesling, Phyllis Kimble, Mary Ellen Morrill, Mike Ricks, Christine Sluys, Carol VanSickle and Rusty Woolfe.

SOPHOMORES — Johanna Cushman, Pat Duvendeck, Diane Grimes, Mary Helen Miller, Linda Shaw, Tom Sluys and William Weaver.

FRESHMEN— Mark Ankey, Joey Barnes, Kenneth Black, Doug Brook, James Erbskorn, Carol LeClear, Kathy Munson, Don Rasmussen, Linda Richey, Piper Sibert, Eldonna Vermillion, Elaine Waltz and Danny Winkel.

EIGHTH GRADE— CHARLES Simmons, Mike Walker, Marsha Brainerd, Dixie Rounds, Ken Bollinger, Martha Brainerd, Shirley Derke, Tom Feguer, Harold Phillip, Kathy Smith, Don Black, Vere Brown and Vaughn Vondrasek.

SEVENTH GRADE — Marilyn Sidel, Steven Loomis, Janice

Vlaches, Ruth Densteadt, David Ankey, Doris Beckborn, Richard King, Ricky Schmidtman, Tom Cooley, Gary Foster, Karen Delamarter, Lillian Iler, Margo Murray, Barbara Peltier, Jeri Ruthruff, Carolyn Verrette, Kathy Harris, Gale Geisenhaver and Margie Rosekrans.

5 from P-W at modern math meet

PEWAMO - WESTPHALIA — Five staff members of the Pewamo - Westphalia Community Schools attended a one-day workshop in modern mathematics Dec. 12 at Greenville.

The workshop was sponsored by the Science Research Associates Inc. of Chicago and the Greenville Public Schools.

THE KEYNOTE speaker was Dr. Larry H. Miller, associate professor of education at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. He spoke on "Mathematics—the Child, the Teacher and the Curriculum."

The workshop was divided into three groups: grades K to 3, discussing fundamental concepts of number, place value and operation as appropriate to the primary grades; grades 4 to 6, discussing fundamental concepts of modern mathematics; and grades 7-12, discussing mathematical systems.

REPRESENTING P-W Schools were Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Ardis Ludwick, Miss Mayers, Mr. Thelen and Mr. Chester Casari.

Apples can be stored for several days in your refrigerator. Michigan State University horticulturists say an outdoor pit or cellar is good for longtime storage of sound apples which are not over-ripe.

P-W students form several new clubs

PEWAMO - WESTPHALIA — Students at Pewamo-Westphalia High School have shown an interest in forming extra-curricular clubs other than those that have been traditionally active

in the past. Newly formed clubs, with sponsors, include: Future Teachers Club, Miss Brayton; Future Nurses Club, Mrs. Becker; Pen Pal Club, Mrs. Dorothy Miller; Junior Engineering; Technical Society (Jets), Miss Mayers; and Science Club, Mr. Thelen.



Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes and sincere appreciation to all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

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News About Clinton County
Service Personnel



FLOYD D. SLOCUM

Seaman Apprentice FLOYD DONALD SLOCUM, USN, son of Mr and Mrs Floyd Slocum of R-1, Eagle, is attending submarine sonar technical school at Key West, Fla.

A 1962 graduate of Grand Ledge High School, the 20-year-old seaman enlisted in the Navy Sept. 8 and completed basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., Nov. 13.

Prior to enlisting in the service, he was employed at the Ledge Industries in Grand Ledge.



May your stocking be filled to bursting with the many joys of Christmas.

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ASHLEY, MICH.



PVT. REX BAKER

Pvt. REX A. BAKER, son of Mr and Mrs Rex G. Baker, 6803 Parks Road, St. Johns, received a perfect score on his proficiency test at the end of eight weeks of training in the combat engineer course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He was graduated Nov. 18. Baker received instruction in map-reading, mine warfare, and the construction and repair of bridges, railroads, airfields and other structures.

The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in July 1964 and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 1962 graduate of Ovid High School.

Airman EDWARD K. CANFIELD, son of Mr and Mrs Earl W. Canfield of 223 Fitch Street, Ovid, has completed Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Airman Canfield has been selected for technical training as a communications - electronics specialist at the Air Training Command (ATC) school at Keesler AFB, Miss. His new unit is part of the vast ATC system which trains airmen and officers in the diverse skills required by the nation's aerospace force.

Army Pfc. NICHOLAS J. DUNAY, son of Mr and Mrs August N. Dunay, R-2, Ovid, participated in Operation AYACUCHO, a seven-nation military training exercise held near Lima, Peru, Dec. 6-8.

Dunay and other members of the US Army Forces Southern Command joined with troops from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela for the maneuvers.

Dunay, assigned to Company C, 4th Battalion, 20th Infantry regularly stationed at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, entered the Army in June 1963. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., was last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived in the Canal Zone in January 1964.

The 22-year-old soldier is a 1963 graduate of Ovid High School.

Pvt. DOUGLAS M. COE, son of Mr and Mrs Myron A. Coe, 302 W. Gibbs Street, St. Johns, completed a radio relay and carrier equipment maintenance course at the US Army School, Europe, in Lenggreis, Germany, Dec. 11.

During the course Coe received instruction in the operation and maintenance of radio relay and carrier equipment.

The 19-year-old soldier, a radio relay and carrier operator in the 7th US Army Signal Support Battalion's Company C in Germany, entered the Army in April 1964 and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He attended Rodney B. Wilson High School.

BRUCE R. WOODMAN, son of Mr and Mrs Robert C. Woodman, R-1, DeWitt, was promoted to specialist four Nov. 16 while serving with the 3d Armored Division in Germany.

Specialist Woodman, a jeep driver in Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion of the division's 32d Armor, entered the Army in December 1962. The 20-year-old soldier is a 1962 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Youth wounds self in fall with rifle


Raymond D. Matoon, 17, of 15344 Lowell Road in DeWitt Township accidentally wounded himself last Wednesday afternoon with a 22-caliber rifle. He suffered a flesh wound in the left shoulder and was treated at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing and then released.

He told state police he was shooting sparrows on the Harold Glassen farm on Stoll Road when he slipped and fell, triggering his rifle.

The airman is a 1964 graduate of Ovid High School.

DONALD F. HIAR, gunner's mate second class, USN, son of Mrs Hazel Hiar of 711 Garfield Street, St. Johns, will be home for the holidays.

He will have completed four years with the US Navy serving aboard the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, operating with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.



With all Good Wishes for Christmas

The scene is set for gladness and cheer... so we send our brightest wishes with a happy "Thank you" for allowing us to serve you.

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New DPW building now being used

St. Johns workmen have moved their operations into the new DPW building on North US-27. The building isn't fully completed, but city crews will be working on it during slack periods. The city is continuing to use portions of the old building for storage of vehicles not used daily until such time as the commission authorizes a pole storage building at the new site.

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Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen

MSU plans extension class in St. Johns

Michigan State University will offer 16 extension courses in 10 central-southern Michigan communities this winter. Included is a course in Rural Sociology to be

held at St. Johns. The classes will start Jan. 4. Adults can enroll or obtain additional information by contacting Elmer S. Anttonen, regional director of the MSU Continuing Education Center, MSU, East Lansing.

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MR AND MRS FLOYD ROBINSON

Mr and Mrs Floyd Robinson, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 22, will be honored at an open house Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Masonic Temple from 2 to 5 p.m. Their children and their children's families will gather together with them for the first time in six years to host the event. They are: Mr and Mrs William Nichols of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr and Mrs Peter Glann of Toledo, Ohio; Mr and Mrs Dean Robinson of Denver, Colo.; Major and Mrs George Sarver of Boston, Mass.; Mr and Mrs Dan Robinson of San Diego, Calif.; Mr and Mrs George Schultz of DeWitt; and Mr and Mrs Dale Robinson of St. Johns.

6 from Clinton County get degrees at MSU

Six Clinton County students at Michigan State University, including five from DeWitt, received degrees at fall commencement exercises Dec. 11.

Students from DeWitt include: Betty L. Barks of 9320 US-27, R-1, bachelor of science in mathematics; Joan Harrison, R-1, bachelor of science in social science; William A. Kronberg, R-1, master of arts in secondary education; Carol A. Richards, both of 502 W. Main Street, both bachelor of science in mathematics.

JON T. WARREN of 9350 Hubbard, Ovid, received a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

US Sen. Philip A. Hart was commencement speaker.

Name new manager



EDWARD SNELL

Edward Snell, formerly co-manager of the Cadillac Kroger store, has been appointed manager of the Kroger store at 900 South US-27 in St. Johns, Joseph R. Sherry, division vice president has announced Snell succeeds Duane Frank who has been transferred to the Logan Center Kroger store in Lansing.

SNELL graduated from Central High School in Grand Rapids and attended Grand Rapids Junior College where he received an associates degree in mechanical technology.

Snell joined Kroger as a clerk in one of the Grand Rapids stores in 1953 and entered the Management Training Program in June 1963 in Grand Rapids, where he received special training to prepare him for his present responsibilities. The Kroger store managers' training program is planned to give a thorough background in every phase of retail food store work.

SNELL'S TRAINING, for example, has taken him through each job in the store, in addition to added training sessions at the division office in Grand Rapids. The program is planned to give prospective store managers a complete understanding not only of the manager's job but of every position in his store.

Mr and Mrs Snell have three children, Joseph, Jane and Jeffery.

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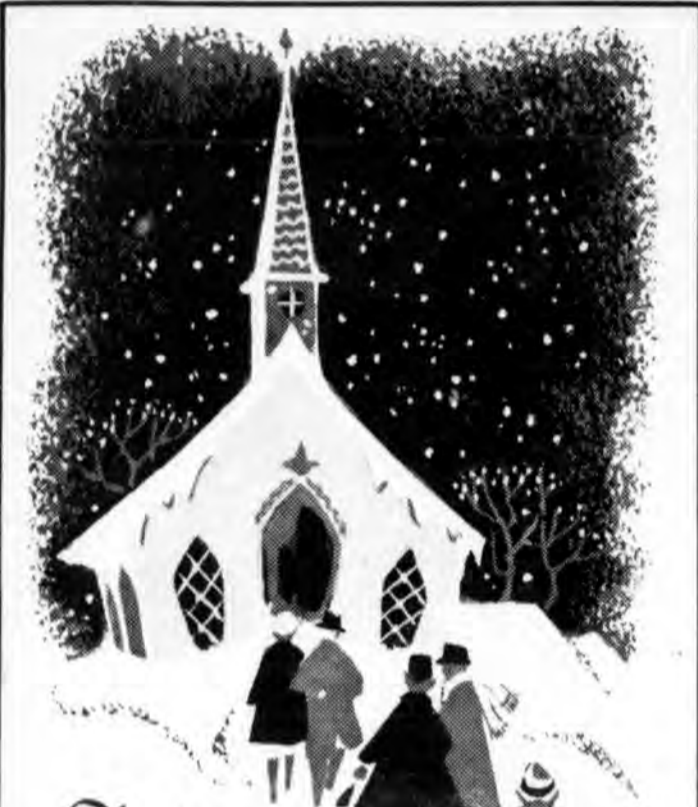


GREETINGS

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Christmas Greetings

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Alien address reports due in January

An estimated 130,000 aliens will report their addresses in the state of Michigan during January under the Federal Alien Address Report Program. Some 135,000 reported last year.

All non-citizens, except those in diplomatic status, foreign representatives of certain international organizations and those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers are required to file the address report.

Aliens who willfully violate the address report requirement may be subject to serious penalties. Address report cards will be available at local post offices beginning Jan. 1.

Hope to have new wells ready soon

By the end of this week the City of St. Johns will hopefully have its two new water wells ready for pumping. Gasoline engines, which eventually will be used for emergency service only, are being installed by Layne Northern Co.

The engines have the ability to pump water against the pressure of the system. The regular electric pumps are designed only to pump water to the new water tower and will not be put into service until after the new water treatment plant is completed next year.

ENGINEERS will check the new wells soon in a test of pump pressure capacity. Once the testing is

done, the new wells will be used only in emergencies until completion of the treatment plant. The two new wells, located on West Gibbs Street west of Lansing Street, will be able to pump as much water as the present five wells, City Manager Ken Greer reports.

After some technical problems with one of the present wells were solved, all the present wells are in production now. They are used on a staggered basis so that usually only one or two is working at a time. Each week the wells are rotated so that one doesn't do all the pumping all the time.

GREER EXPLAINED that one pump is working all the time and that when water use becomes too great for it to handle, the second pump kicks in. The five pumps are rotated in the order of service.

Two wells will be shut down for two days each at separate times in the near future so that they can be chlorinated. Recent samples from these wells show a trace of iron bacteria, Greer said, which if not chlorinated reasonably soon will eventually lower their production rate.

HE EXPLAINED that the iron bacteria grows and eventually retards the seepage of water into the shaft by plugging off the pores and crevices of the well shaft. Those wells will be closed down one at a time but only after the gasoline motors are installed at the two new wells.

Park ranger, fire lookout exams set

Men seeking seasonal work next year as park rangers and forest fire lookouts with the Conservation Department may apply to take examinations for these positions through Dec. 28.

Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission in Lansing by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Written tests will be held for both types of positions Jan. 30. Park rangers will be stationed throughout the state from March to November. Forest fire lookouts are located in northern Michigan.



Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world...the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come...leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!

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Legal News, Business and Professional Announcements

Marriage Licenses

Marvin C. Allen, 24, Fowlerville and Diane J. Avery, 22, Eagle.

David Conrad Elliot, 22, Ovid and Marjorie Hope Ylitalo, 22, South Range.

Lester LeRoy Helms, 22, Lainsburg and Barbara Jean Sherman, 18, Maple Rapids.

Divorces Started

Dorothy Schultz vs. Clarence Schultz.

Dorothy B. Pautke vs. William P. Pautke.

Naomi Mayne Goddard vs. William Franklin Goddard.

New Suits Started

PAUL WAKEFIELD, County Clerk

Capitol Finance, Inc. vs. Kenneth Hart and Mary Hart.

New Business Firms

Bills C.B., 3293 North Wright Road, Lebanon Twp.

County Building Permits

Dec. 10: Flossitz and Rockwood, DeWitt, dwelling and garage.

Dec. 16: Johnson Builders, DeWitt, dwelling and garage.

Dec. 14: William L. Dawson, Bath, garage.

Dec. 17: Furman-Day Invest Co., Watertown Twp., house and garage.

Real Estate Transfers

(From records in office of Register of Deeds)

Adeline F. Herndon to Leonard C. Jr. and Ruth L. Henry, property in Olive Twp.

Carlton and Dorothy Sauber to George W. and Mary Goetze, property in Ovid.

Gertrude Stephenson to Gladys R. Lewis, property in Buchanan Twp.

Robert and Kathryn Hyslop to Ovid Roller Mills, Inc., property in Ovid.

Velva Furthest to Harold Thompson, property in Maple Rapids.

William B. and Ervadene to Duane C. and M. Carol VanEpps, property in DeWitt.

Seward E. Jr. and Betty L. Cushman to Seward R. Sr. and Julia E. Cushman, property in DeWitt Twp.

Clement Fox to Gregory J. Martin, property in Fowler.

Herman M. Flinn to Leon H. and Sandra Sue Smith, property in Westphalia.

Thomas and Agatia R. Natho to Simon Real Estate, Inc., property in Olive and Victor twps.

Chester Ingraham to Melton D. and Shirley J. Mull, property in Eagle Twp.

St. Johns Development Co. to Allen L. Tiedt, property in St. Johns.

Paul O. and Bessie H. Acre to Robert R. and Ivah A. Risley, property in Ovid Twp.

Driving Licenses Revoked in County

(As reported by Secretary of State)

Verl Joseph McCoy, 14760 N. East Street, for driving under the influence of liquor.

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 177

An ordinance to implement the establishment of a Municipal Court for the City of St. Johns in accord with the amendment to the City Charter adopted by the electors of the City at the General Election on November 3, 1964.

THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Appointment of Judge. A Municipal Judge shall be appointed by the City Commission who shall take office on January 1, 1965, and shall serve until January 1, 1967, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2. Election of Judge. A Municipal Judge shall be elected at the General Election in 1966 for a term of six years and each six years thereafter as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Salary of Judge. The Municipal Judge shall receive a salary as determined by the City Commission by resolution, which shall be not less than the minimum nor more than the maximum fixed by Charter, and shall be in lieu of all fees.

Section 4. Place of Holding Court. All regular sessions of the Municipal Court shall be held in the Municipal Building and the office of the Court shall be located therein.

Section 5. Hours. The Municipal Court shall be open and in session for all purposes five days each week Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, and at such other times as the Municipal Judge shall designate.

Section 6. Seal of the Court. The Municipal Court shall have an appropriate seal, and all process issued out of said Court shall be under seal.

Section 7. Clerk of the Court. The City Manager, with advice and consent of the City Commission, shall appoint a Court Clerk and such deputy clerks as may be required.

who shall receive such compensation as the Commission shall determine by resolution. The Clerk and any deputy clerks shall serve at the pleasure of the Municipal Judge and shall possess such powers and perform such duties as permitted or required by law. The Clerk and each deputy clerk shall give bond to the City of St. Johns in the sum of \$3,000.00.

Section 8. Court Officer. A Court Officer shall be provided by the Police Department who shall be in attendance upon the Court at all trials, preliminary examinations and other hearings and at such other times as the Municipal Judge may require. The Court Officer shall have the powers and duties conferred upon Constables by law and in addition thereto shall have the powers and duties of court officers in the Circuit Court. Fees and mileage allowances received by or due the Court Officer shall be paid to the City Treasurer.

Section 9. Terms of Court. There shall be four terms of court during each year, commencing on the first Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. The Municipal Judge may by court rule designate one or more certain days of each month for the hearing of jury trials.

Section 10. Jury. Juries shall be selected as provided by Act 238 of the Public Acts of 1929, which is hereby adopted by reference except as said Act 238 may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance provided, however, that any reference in said Act 238 to justice courts and justices of the peace shall be construed to refer to the Municipal Court and Municipal Judge, and provided further, that the Municipal Judge in his discretion may order a jury impaneled in accordance with the method provided by law to secure a jury in trials before a justice of the peace in townships, and provided further that the Municipal Judge may adopt an optional method of drawing juries as provided by Act 179 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, upon compliance with the provisions of said Act.

Section 11. Fees in Civil Actions. The following fees shall be collected in civil actions brought in the Municipal Court:

Entry fee \$5.00
 Garnishment fee 2.00
 Motion fee—after judgment 2.00
 Filing fee—discovery 2.00
 Transcript fee 1.00
 Writ of Execution fee 1.00

Jury fees, witness fees and mileage, attorney fees and constable fees and mileage shall be those provided by statute. All fees due the Court or Court Officer shall be paid before any writ shall issue or judgment be entered.

Section 12. Court Rules. The Municipal Judge shall establish, such rules as may be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the Court.

Section 13. Charter and Ordinance Cases. The Municipal Court shall have authority to hear, try and determine all suits and prosecutions for the recovery and enforcing of fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and to punish offenders for the violation of such Charter and Ordinances as therein prescribed and directed.

Section 14. Disposition of Fees, Costs and Fines. Fees in civil cases shall be collected by the Municipal Judge and turned over to the City Treasurer on the first day of each month. Fees in criminal cases shall be charged and presented to and audited by the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, in the same manner and amounts as provided by law in the case of Justices of the Peace in Townships, and upon allowance by said Board shall be paid monthly by said County to the City Treasurer for the use and benefit of said City. The Municipal Judge shall turn over to the Clinton County Treasurer all fines and costs in state criminal cases. The Municipal Judge shall turn over to the City Treasurer all costs and fines in City Ordinance or Charter cases.

Section 15. Visiting Judge. In the event of the absence, disability or disqualification of the Municipal Judge, or if he be unable to hear and determine cases pending in his court without unreasonable delay, a visiting judge shall be qualified to act in the place of the Municipal Judge, or to assist him in his duties.

Section 16. Severance Clause. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 17. Effective Date. IT BEING DETERMINED that an emergency exists in that the justice courts of the city shall cease to exist on January 1, 1965, this Ordinance shall have immediate effect.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 15th day of December, 1964, by the City Commission of the City of St. Johns at regular meeting on the above date.

JACK J. SMIT, Mayor

ATTEST: JESSIE A. FINCH, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was published in the Clinton County News on the 30th day of December, 1964.

JESSIE A. FINCH, City Clerk

CLAIMS

Overholt—Mar. 3
 STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Clinton. In the Matter of the Estate of **RALPH O. OVERHOLT**, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1964.

Present, Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge of Probate.

It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said Court.

It is Ordered, That all of the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 30th day of March A.D. 1965, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

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Lueth—Feb. 17
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At a session of said Court, held on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1964.

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Season's Greetings from Clinton County Businessmen



Walker's Cafe
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Handle Santa Claus myth with caution

Many parents are unfair to Santa Claus. They make a bogey man out of him, threatening that the jolly gent will leave gifts of onions or fill stockings with ashes if the children don't behave.

Many of the frightened toddlers, as a result, feel that Santa has awesome power to read their minds, see around corners, or stare through windows even when the shades are down.

NO WONDER some of these same youngsters kick, scream and cry when Mom or Dad takes them to see Santa.

Oscar Rabinowitz, of the Child Study Association of America (CSAR), made these points in an interview concerning children, Santa and the spirit of Christmas.

Rather than threaten children with Santa's anger when they misbehave, Rabinowitz said, parents should stress that being good is the thing to be—because it's expected of them.

"TELL THEM to be good for goodness' sake," he said. "And it's a year-round thing.

"Using Santa as a bogey man undermines the spirit of Christmas.

"It is a time of love, a time for thinking about the golden rule, a time to forgive, a time to rededicate oneself to the spirit of making someone else happy.

"NOT ENOUGH time around the holiday season is spent talking and thinking about the spirit of Christmas."

The belief in Santa Claus, meanwhile, usually is something that most children don't have once they are over the age of three. By six, they're certain Santa's a pipe dream.

"If they haven't told you by the time they're five or six that there is no Santa," Rabinowitz said, "you ought to level with them."

IF YOU DON'T and they continue to try to hang onto the legend, they're liable to be the

laughing stock of their classmates, many of whom have been set straight by their parents.

Further, at this age, when they're still having some difficulty separating myth from reality, they're only going to become confused as you keep the myth alive and their classmates don't.

In their hearts, they know it's all make-believe.

YOU DON'T HAVE to be a kill-joy when you tell the youngsters that Santa's so much pie in the sky, said Rabinowitz.

Tell them your parents played Santa when you were a child, that you did it for them because it's one of those nice expressions of the Christmas spirit—something that doesn't die even once you know Santa's a character from dreamland.

"Tell them you can still have the fun and surprises, still hang the stockings and do the other Christmas things," Rabinowitz said.

AS A MATTER of fact, the minute the Santa myth is destroyed, the youngsters become Santa's helpers.

It makes them feel a lot better and they don't have to puzzle anymore over why there are so many Santas in stores, on street corners, and all over town.

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