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**NATIVITY SCENE** -- Youth from the Shabbona, Decker and Elmer United Methodist Churches are presenting this live nativity scene from 6-9 p.m. through Wednesday on M-53, 3½ miles south of M-81. Not shown are the live mule and sheep that are also part of the display.

## Big chain may buy Provincial House

By Mike Eliasohn

Sale of 24 Provincial House nursing homes, including the one in Cass City, will not affect the residents or the staff, according to officials of the company.

Michigan's largest nursing home chain has applied to the Michigan Department of Public Health to sell all of its homes to Beverly Enterprises of Pasadena, Calif., the nation's biggest such firm. It owns 455 long term care facilities in 27 states, according to the department.

The total sale price has been reported to be \$54 million. The price for the Cass City Provincial House, the health department said, is approximately \$2,182,000. "It (the sale) will not affect the residents in the (Cass City) facility or the staff, Provincial House regional manager Connie Schwaderer told the Chronicle.

Even the name will stay the same, she said. The local Provincial House has 117 beds and 100 employees.

The new owners, according to Helen Wentz, Provincial House assistant vice-president of corporate relations, have to comply with the same state-imposed staff requirements as does Provincial House. It cannot make a wholesale reduction in number of employees.

There will be some minor changes, "It's not a matter of radical change in services."

The Lansing-based Provincial House, Inc., she pointed out, isn't going out of business. It will continue to operate in such health areas as health maintenance, home health and computer services.

**THE FIRM OPERATES** only in Michigan, Ms. Wentz explained, and one reason for its getting out of the nursing home business is the poor state of the Michigan economy.

One result has been a sharp cut in Medicaid payments, funded by the state and federal governments for poor and chronically ill persons. Provincial receives Medicaid reimbursement for 70 percent of its residents.

With Beverly operating in so many states, it won't suffer as greatly because of poor economic conditions in one state.

Provincial House could have survived in the nursing home business, she continued, but it was getting harder to meet government standards.

Also, she said Beverly Enterprises was interested in acquiring more nursing homes, while Provincial,

having changed its goals, wants to expand in other health areas.

William Wright, a Beverly senior vice-president, told the Detroit News that the squeeze in health care funds favors multi-state operators who can offer advantages in efficiency. He denied that meant the "McDonaldization" of care for the elderly.

**PURCHASE OF THE** nursing homes, as mentioned, must be approved by the health department. Before its director makes a final decision, according to Bob Hicks, assistant chief of its planning and construction division, such information as financial data and whether there are any present deficiencies are being reviewed.

The former includes whether the change in ownership would be cost effective and whether the purchaser can handle it financially. Any licensing deficiencies will have to be corrected by the new owners.

Regional health systems agencies must also act on the request, but their recommendations can be overturned by the health department.

Such approvals can take anywhere from 45 days to six months, Hicks said, but his division is working as fast as possible to complete its review.

Provincial and Beverly have said they would like to make the change in ownership in January.

**ALTHOUGH** THE health department makes the decision, Hicks said, the public can make its comments known to either or the regional health agencies.

Michigan Citizens for Better Care, a consumer group, is urging health planners to require proof Beverly will "achieve economies of scale without sacrificing quality

of care." Its executive director, Susan Rourke, told the Detroit News that Beverly's overall record in Michigan is about the same as Provincial House's, considered "fairly decent."

Beverly already operates 14 homes in Michigan. There have been severe problems at two of them. Problems at the one in Petoskey have been corrected, while those in Pontiac, where decertification was threatened in August, are being corrected, according to the company.

Some Beverly facilities in other states have been fined or lost their license because of substandard care, but health officials say the quality varies. Some are excellent and some are "aging warehouses."

The proposed sale is being reviewed by the anti-trust division of the U.S. Justice Department.

## Slippery roads cause many accidents Thursday, Friday

Snow and ice covered roads resulted in numerous accidents recently, most last Thursday and Friday.

Deputies reported that Timothy A. Severance, 20, of 6419 Severance Road, Decker, was eastbound on Severance, east of Cemetery, at 11:15 p.m. Dec. 14.

His car spun around and went off the north side of the road. It came to a halt in a ditch, facing west.

Severance, who refused medical treatment, was ticketed on a charge of speed too fast for conditions.

At 2:15 p.m. Thursday, deputies said, Shirley Ann Koehler, 47, of 3850 S. Eng-

lish Road, Kingston, westbound on M-46, was waiting for traffic to clear before turning left onto English, when a vehicle ran into the rear of her car.

Driver of the other vehicle, Hugh R. Milligan, 40, of Caro, was ticketed on a charge of unable to stop within an assured clear distance.

Fifteen minutes later, Caro state police reported that Norman A. Laverge, 44, of Utica, was eastbound on Deckerville Road, west of Murray Road, when his car went off the south shoulder of the road.

He steered back onto the

road on an icy section and lost control. His auto slid off the north side of the road into a ditch and hit a fence.

At 3:40 p.m. Thursday, Cass City police reported, Leona M. Eberline, 56, of 6378 Garfield Street, was westbound on Pine Street.

She tried to stop at West Street, but her car slid into the intersection and hit the northbound auto of Betty Ann Kociba, 27, of 6328 Pine.

At 3:50 p.m. that day, Charity Ann Carolan, 20, of 4180 Cemetery Road, Kingston, was southbound on Cemetery, south of Denhoff Road, when she lost control of her car, according to deputies.

Her auto went off the east side of the road toward a ditch and rolled over.

Patricia E. Zinnecker, 34, of 5839 Main Street, Deford, sought her own treatment after a 6:30 p.m. accident Thursday.

Deputies said she was northbound on Cemetery, south of Kelly Road, and lost control of her car, which went into a deep ditch along the east side of the road.

### OTHER ACCIDENTS

Sharon Allen, 38, of 6787 Third Street, Cass City, was ticketed by Caro state police on a charge of driving left of center following a 2:45 p.m. accident Dec. 15.

They reported she was headed northeast on M-81,

southwest of Caro, when her car crossed the centerline and hit the left front of the oncoming car of Robert N. Allen, 51, of Caro.

She told troopers the vehicle in front of her was slowing and when she hit her brakes, her car swerved to the left.

Cass City police reported a hit and run vehicle struck the car of Clarence Vining of 5164 Shabbona Road, Decker, at 11:20 a.m. last Thursday.

Vining's auto was parked along the south drive of Cass City High School.

Betty M. Retherford, 60, of 4646 Hunt Street, was ticketed by village police on a charge of failure to stop in an assured clear distance ahead after a mishap at 6:30 a.m. Friday.

They said she was pulling away from a parking place on the south side of Main Street, 200 feet west of Seeger, and ran into a Schafer Bakeries delivery truck parked in front of her.

At 6:30 p.m. that day, Iva Mae Hildinger, 54, of 4394 Oak Street, backed into the parked car of Wendel Harmon of 4400 Leslie Road, Decker, which was parked in the Provincial House lot, but not in a marked parking space.

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## Okay purchase of new tanker

The Elkland Township Board has decided to buy a new tanker for the fire department.

It will cost \$24,423, not including the tank, with delivery scheduled in March, according to township clerk Carol Ware. The tank will be installed after delivery.

The new Ford chassis is being ordered from Geiger-Hunt Ford.

The board was presented with the proposal at its Dec.

14 meeting. A few changes were made in the one ordered, to slightly reduce the cost from what was originally presented.

The board at its meeting authorized members Art Randall and Al Merchant to check the specifications further and make a recommendation. That was done, the recommendation was favorable and board members were polled by phone Monday, Mrs. Ware said, to approve the purchase.



**CHRISTMAS GREETING** -- Carlie from Cass City was one of 120 Highland Pines School students to be greeted by Santa Claus at the 10th annual party last Wednesday at the Cass Theatre for handicapped youngsters. After the movie, they were treated to lunch at the Charmont, courtesy of General Telephone Co. Bauer Candy provided the Christmas candy.

## Walbro declares dividend

The Board of Directors of Walbro Corp. at a regular meeting Dec. 14 declared a fourth quarter dividend of 10 cents per share payable Jan. 29 to stockholders of record Dec. 31.

The fourth quarter dividend continues a five-year trend of 10 cent quarterly dividends.

"It appears that sales and earnings for 1981 will be lower than anticipated," Walbro President Lambert E. Althaver said in announcing the dividend.

"Sales are expected to remain level into the first part of 1982, with a gradual upturn toward the middle of the coming year."



Helen and Harlan Hobart

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hobart will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 29, with an 11 a.m. mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gageton, followed by a brunch and open house at the church.

## 4 from area on Ferris honor list

Four area students are included on the academics honors list for the fall quarter at Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

They are Daniel S. Warack and Pamela J. Winchester, both of Gageton; Anna M. Osentoski, Cass City, and Robert J. Weber, Snover. Ms. Winchester had all A's.

To be eligible, students needed a minimum 3.25 (B+) grade point average and at least 14 credit hours of graded work.

One pound of raw potatoes, unpeeled, makes about two cups when mashed.

## Cass City Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little

Phone 872-3698

Ten members of the Art Club met Dec. 16 at Veronica's Restaurant for a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. In the business meeting, officers for the coming year were reelected. The January meeting will be with Mrs. Mary Kirton.

Mrs. Howard Loomis went Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Murray and family at Williamsburg, Ind., to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kritzman.

Mrs. Paul Craig, Mrs. Reva M. Little and Cleo Spaulding were dinner guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Alva McNeil, on Bristol Road. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Milner of Mt. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lounsbury and sons of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. James Schad Jr. of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boglarsky of Fair Haven and her sons, Ozro Smith of Houghton College and Donald Smith with U.S. Navy at Great Lakes, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Schad at Clio. Also a guest will be a friend of the Schads', Corwin Voss of Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ball and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ball and family at Reese Sunday for an early Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McArthur will have as guests Saturday for a belated Christmas dinner, Mrs. Martha Clement from the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ware.

### Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 21, WERE:

Mrs. William Ashmore, Mrs. Sandra Nicholas, Mrs. Robert Chisholm, Russell Hillaker, Mrs. Mary Kritzman, Roy Leino, Mrs. Evelyn MacKay, Mrs. Clark Seeley, Basil Wotton and Mrs. Bernard Pilarski of Cass City; Mrs. Joan Koepf, Mrs. Edwin Furness, Jeremy Rocheleau and Maurice Winchester of Gageton; Mrs. Ronald Spencer and Mrs. Charles Rock of Caro; Mrs. Sibyl Roth, David Diebel of Sebawaing; Mrs. Danny O. Miller, Mrs. Jean Curtis, Robert Miners of Deford; Alex Kovach of Bay Port.

### Marriage Licenses

Stanley M. Spencer, 39, Vassar, and Ernestine E. Mead, 44, Vassar.  
Mark A. Green, 22, Caro, and Karen Rae Prest, 23, Caro.  
Robert W. Pickard, 22, Millington, and Julie Ann Podulka, 21, Millington.  
Howard Lee Palmerton, 23, Millington, and Shelly J. Coleman, 19, Millington.  
Dennis B. Connell, 24, Caro, and Joy Ann Derks, 28, Caro.  
Charles G. Crittenden, 21, Caro, and Ellen M. Richmond, 19, Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anthes of Gageton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen were among 22 relatives who were guests Sunday of Anne Marie Lorentzen in Saginaw for an early Christmas dinner. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Lorentzen of Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tescho and children of Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith of Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith of Berkley, Mr. and Mrs. John Lorentzen, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Stone and Betty Lorentzen of Burton and Doris Gardner of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forthun and children of Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hool and family of Windsor, Ont., will be here for the week with Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Hunt. Other guests Christmas Eve will be Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hunt and children and Mrs. Ina Hool.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and family had as guests Saturday evening for an early Christmas party, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gelbaugh and Emily of Plainwell, Donna Holm and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Lorentzen of Mt. Morris and Anne Marie Lorentzen of Saginaw will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stoutenburg and son Ed will have with them for Christmas, Earney Stoutenburg, home from CMU, Elaine Stoutenburg of Dearborn, Mrs. Sylvia Miller of Pigeon and Mrs. Hazel Stoutenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esau will have with them from Wednesday until Sunday, their son, Eric Esau of Amherst, Mass., Mary Beth Esau of Southfield and Anne Esau, who attends MSU. Other Christmas Day guests will be Muriel Addison, Leonard Striffler and Laura Maier.

Twenty-one persons were welcomed into church membership Sunday in Salem UM Church by the pastor, Rev. Eldred Kelley, and the congregation. The group included Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, son Leigh and daughter Lonnie of Gageton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haas, Dr. E. Paul Lockwood and son David, Mr. and Mrs. John Eschtruth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Donna Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Karr, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Brinkman and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pobear.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morrell will have as Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Houghton of Houghton Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis and family of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie and family. Coming for the week end will be Mr. and Mrs. James Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quinn of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Fred Thompson of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McArthur and sons, Douglas and David, will be Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McArthur.

Children through the sixth grade presented a Christmas program, "A Blessing Comes Down," Sunday evening in Salem UM Church. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rockefeller spent the week end in Alma with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bird and family for an early Christmas.

Sunday evening, 24 members of the Trinity UM Youth Fellowship attended the annual progressive dinner. Also attending were Rev. and Mrs. T. Wachterhauser and counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nieboer and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marshall. The group started with Christmas caroling and the giving of cards to residents at Provincial House. After salad, pizza and dessert, the group held a gift exchange and sang Christmas carols.

Tim McComb of Ventura, Calif., came Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McComb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Decker of Big Rapids came Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and son Patrick will have with them Christmas Eve, Scott Murphy, who is home from Northwood Institute, Joy Root, Patricia Toner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Toner, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell and Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dorland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuckey will have with them for Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuckey and son of Ann Arbor, Lori Tuckey of Essexville, John Tuckey from Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bader.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stine will have with them Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. David Stine and children of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stine and son of Standish.

Dorothy Chaffee entertained guests Friday afternoon at a Christmas party. They were Mr. and Mrs. James Bauer, Tom Proctor, Bill Kritzman and Mrs. M.B. Auten. Also guests were Skip and Ellen Speirs and Mrs. Norma Speirs.

The Christmas Eve worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran church will be the children's program and will start at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day services are at 9:00 a.m.

The Fisher families gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hartwick Sunday evening for birthday cake and ice cream, celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Hartwick.

Mrs. Mary Kirton was a Sunday guest of her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Bopra at Carsonville.

The Fisher families will gather at the Charles Hartwick home for a cooperative dinner Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen and Steve will have with them Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper and Emily of Caro and Mrs. Karen Egerer and daughter Elizabeth of Bad Axe, Mrs. Arthur Eskilsen and Mrs. Hazel Rusch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auten will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Lester Jersey at Boyne City.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McConkey will be Christmas guests of his daughter and family, Joseph and Rev. Marilyn Dressel and children at Midland.

### ENGAGED



Lori Ann Tuckey

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuckey of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Roy H. Sefton of Bay City. Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sefton of Decker.

A May 15 wedding is planned.

## Rites held for Duane Nicol, 62

Duane Leland Nicol, 62, of Cass City died Friday at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

He was born Nov. 29, 1919, in Greenleaf Township, the son of Gladys (Wright) Nicol and Leland Nicol.

Nicol married Irene Dresser Jan. 3, 1945, in Greenleaf Township. Nicol lived all of his life in the Cass City area except from 1968-78, when he lived in the Lansing area.

He was a member of the Novesta Church of Christ and had been employed by the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Nicol is survived by his wife, Irene; one son, Leland E. Nicol of Williamston; two daughters, Mrs. Gary (Judy) Partlo of Akron and Mrs. Jack (Muriel) Wygant of Williamston; five grandsons; one granddaughter; his father, of Cass City, and two brothers, Stuart Nicol and Thomas Nicol, both of Cass City.

The deceased was taken from Little's Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Monday to the Novesta Church of Christ to lie in state until the 1 p.m. funeral service. Rev. Vern Lockard officiated.

Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

## Board oks cleaning of area drain

The Elmwood Township Board last Wednesday approved a resolution okaying cleaning and cutting of brush in the LaFave Drain. Ten-12 property owners had signed a petition requesting the work be done, according to township Clerk Joanne Sattelberg.

The portion of the drain affected runs from a half-mile south of Bay City-Forestville Road to just south of Hoppe Road.

Cost of the project will be split among the township, county and benefiting property owners.

County Drain Commissioner Stanley Henry said he will apportion the costs after getting the construction bids. He said hopefully the work can be done this spring.

A curve in the drain may be relocated, he said, if the property owner pays. In other action, the board approved paying \$1,811 in federal revenue sharing funds to the county Road Commission for work it did on township roads.

**Large Barge**  
One barge load of soybeans moving down the Mississippi carries the harvest of more than 1500 acres or 50,000 bushels of the oilseed, reports Sperry New Holland.

Hills and Dales  
**Schedule of Events**  
OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC  
Dec. 27 thru Jan. 2

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Dr. Kahn, Cardiologist	Dec. 30	1-6 p.m.	Out Patient Clinic
Drs. Isterabadi and Donahue	Dec. 30	8-12 a.m.	Out Patient Clinic
Dr. John, Urologist	Dec. 31	8-12 a.m.	Office

Physical and Respiratory Therapy scheduled on an outpatient basis as ordered by your physician.

Ken Micklash, Speech Therapy-Scheduled by Appointment.

TO SCHEDULE YOURSELF FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE CLASSES OR CLINICS, CALL 872-2121 Ext. 255.

There is a physician in the Emergency Room from 6:00 p.m., Friday, until 6:00 a.m., Monday. There is always a physician on call in the Emergency Room.

### ENGAGED



Christopher DePoy  
Sara Lee Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Lee, to Christopher Brian DePoy of Muskegon.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl DePoy of Muskegon. The couple plan an Aug. 7, 1982, wedding.

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# "If It Fitz..."

## Evolutionary cooking

By Jim Fitzgerald



"You seem to be promoting an alternative theory of cooking," the husband said. He talked strangely because he was reading the newspaper while eating. He was reading about the "Monkey Trial" replay in Little Rock, Ark.

It was Saturday and, as his reward for getting out of bed before 2 p.m., his wife had offered to prepare whatever he wanted for breakfast, if she had it in the kitchen, if she could find the kitchen. He had ordered corn fritters, and after one bite, he had a question:

"There is something green in this corn fritter, also something red. What is that?"

"Peas and carrots," she said. "I didn't have any corn."

That is when he accused her of ignoring the evolutionary theory of cooking.

"There is no such thing as corn fritters with peas and carrots instead of corn," he said. "These are pea-carrot fritters."

"You like corn fritters made with peas and carrots," she insisted. "Peas are your favorite vegetable."

The husband likes peas alone. All his life, whenever he's been served peas and carrots mixed together, he

has separated them, eating the peas and hiding the carrots under his plate.

"There is an abundance of scientific evidence proving that peas and carrots eaten together don't taste the same as peas eaten alone," he said. "This is especially true when the peas and carrots are mushed together inside a yucky fritter."

"There's no sense being so fussy. Everything you eat goes into the same stomach anyway," she said.

She really said that. The husband thought he might cry. His mother used to say the same thing when she found carrots stuck to the underside of his dinner plate. Throughout his youth, authority figures were always telling him it didn't matter if his pickled beets leaked into his mashed potatoes because all the different foods on his plate would soon have a reunion inside his stomach anyway. In Army chow lines, servers told him the same dumb thing just before he bayoneted them for drowning his meatloaf in canned-peach syrup.

"Living creatures have been tasting and eating for millions of years. As they evolved from dinosaurs into people, they gradually stopped ordering slime on

their grass," the husband said. "The dawn of modern civilization came when the first ape noticed that everything doesn't taste better with ketchup on it, even though the ketchup ultimately ends up in the same stomach with everything. If people are going to eat pea-carrot fritters, they might as well go back to living in caves."

"Just because you say corn fritters are better than pea-carrot fritters doesn't make it true. It's just a theory," she said. "If there are corn fritters served, there should also be pea-carrot fritters served, so people can taste more than one theory."

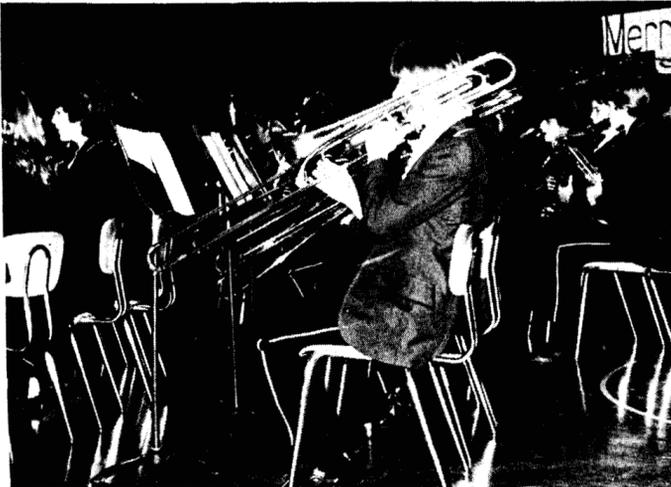
"Not in public restaurants," he said. "If people want to be dumb enough to eat pea-carrot fritters in the privacy of their own homes, that's up to them. However, it would be criminal to put pea-carrot fritters on a restaurant menu. Corn fritters have stood the test of time and scientific tasting, but no one except you ever heard of pea-carrot fritters. If such awful food were made available to the general public, it could poison young stomachs."

"Cooking is a science, not a religion," he continued, "so it was dumb of you to create a new fritter in only one day and then pray I wouldn't notice there were mushed peas and carrots in it, but no corn."

"In the 26 years of our marriage, and your nonsense, this must be the dumbest conversation we've had yet," she said.

"We wouldn't have had this conversation if you hadn't forgotten that our constitution requires the separation of peas and carrots," he said. "You might have gotten away with using peas to make corn fritters, but no fritter can hide the yucky taste of mushy carrots."

Moral: A real creationist would never run out of corn.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** -- Members of the Cass City Intermediate School and High School bands performed their annual Christmas concert in the high school gym last Thursday evening. This was the high school concert band.

# Caro man faces 4 charges in crash

A Caro man faces four charges as the result of an accident Friday in Ellington Township involving a Cass City area woman.

William C. Magiera, 24, of Hurds Corner Road, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, impaired driving (second offense), leaving the scene of a property damage accident and resisting arrest.

He was taken to the county jail in Caro following his arrest. He was arraigned Monday before District Judge Richard F. Kern, who scheduled a pre-trial hearing Jan. 26. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Caro state police reported that Judith R. Rocheleau, 41, of Elkton Road, Cass City, was eastbound on Decker-ville Road, when the Magiera pickup hit the side of her vehicle while passing.

At Hurds Corner Road, he attempted to turn south, but slid onto the east shoulder

and partly into the ditch.

Mrs. Rocheleau, who was following, told officers she parked partially behind the vehicle to block it. She got out, as did the other driver. When she said she was going to call the police, he got back in his car.

In backing out, his vehicle hit her car. He pulled forward, backed up and hit it again before leaving southbound on Hurds Corner.

Mrs. Rocheleau wrote down the pickup's license plate number. State police,

aided by a sheriff's deputy, found Magiera in his home, his pickup parked outside. He was taken into custody after offering some resistance, according to the officers.

State police said the sheriff's department earlier had received a report of a hit and run accident involving the same vehicle at M-81 and Deckerville.

Driver of the car involved was Monica Lynn Kappen, 18, of 2546 Keilitz Road, Cass City.

# Guilty plea in tavern incident

John Ball Jr., charged with felonious assault in connection with a Nov. 20 incident at Ed's Bar in Owendale, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of possession of a firearm while intoxicated when he appeared in Huron County District Court last Thursday.

Judge John T. Shubel accepted his plea and sentenced him to 30 days in the county jail, plus fines and costs totaling \$200.

Ball, 49, of Ortonville, was charged with cursing at the bar's owner, Francis Mitchell, while carrying a shotgun.

Ball, who also has a Sebewaing address, was apprehended in Gageton after leaving the bar. In connection with his being arrested there, he still faces charges in Tuscola County District court of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and driving with license suspended.



# Rabbit tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Pet peeve department. Cards received at Christmas from concerns with which the Chronicle has done business infrequently (sometimes just once) and with whom I have never conducted any personal contact at all.

Spitting my name or the business name from a computer is a cold business arrangement that certainly negates much of the reason for sending the cards.

In the same spirit a card with a personal note on it becomes a hundredfold more meaningful than one with only a commercially produced message. I realize that for many, expressing themselves in writing comes hard and the message written by others truly expresses how they feel better than they could themselves.

Enjoyed being able to chat a moment with Earney Stoutenburg. Earney's a sophomore at Central Michigan. Right now he's working with the varsity baseball team which includes working with weights as well as working out.

In the spring he expects to be on the junior varsity.

Earney's a pitcher. He's been clocked at 85 miles per hour. There are pitchers in the majors with fastballs that aren't any quicker than that.

In 30-odd years in Cass City I've been waiting for a local athlete to make it to the big time. Don't get me wrong. Earney's not even thinking about that, but wouldn't it be wonderful if...

Another reminder. The Chronicle will be out a day early again next week and the same deadlines that prevailed this week will be in effect next week.

I suppose there are a few who really don't care for the snow that fell Monday. The vast majority greeted it with at least mild enthusiasm. A white Christmas really is appreciated.

Remember, it's the snow that arrived Monday that's under discussion. Snow that falls in April is an entirely different matter. The only folks that appreciate that spend the winters in Florida.

The sad truth about the Lions football team is that not since the championship days has the team won even ONE game when it really counted.

There was a time when something like that really mattered. Fortunately, I've either grown up or grown older. Probably both.

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**The Haire Net**

This started out to be a piece about the recession and how we are still better off than most.

I was going to suggest that in the entire Thumb there probably wouldn't be one family going hungry Friday.

I've changed my mind. Certainly if you compare even the poorest among us with the people in Poland we come up roses.

But there's nobody, nobody at all, that is going to compare themselves to the Poles... not in this country anyway.

What they compare themselves to is the way they have had it in the past. They all want it at least that good, most want it better.

And for 35 years now the escalator has been going just one way, up. That means that the vast majority never have had to tough it out at all.

Tough it out in the sense that folks did in the great depression. A friend once told me that once you've been poor you never forget it.

He didn't mean poor as many define poor today. He meant poor in the sense that if there were beans on the table it was a good day, a good meal. He meant poor in the sense that you left the table hungry.

In later years he was financially well off without a worry, but you could see the depression years haunting him anyway.

Knowing him, I can tell you that if bad economic times struck he would have done whatever it took to survive.

His affluent life style would have disappeared faster than a stone cast into a bottomless pool.

I wondered if the present generation could adapt if today's recession blossomed into a full flowered depression.

Not many of them have a diploma from the school of hard knocks to fall back on. I wondered but not for long.

Time has a way of magnifying the good times and blotting out the bad. It's easy to forget the many suicides and the alcoholic binges that the depression spawned.

Most of the people struggled through it somehow. They didn't know anymore about hard times when they arrived than the under 40's do today.

Barring an atomic bomb in our back yards there's little doubt that we'll all cope now no matter how bad times become.

We'll all celebrate Christmas with as much warmth and feeling as ever even if we have less to celebrate with.

We'll enter the holiday season trusting that things will be better in the year ahead and "Merry Christmas" is the way we say it. Merry Christmas.

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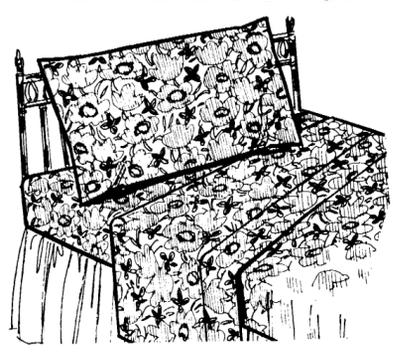
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## Pedaling Around Lions and losses

By Mike Eliasohn

Odds and ends -- because I can't think of anything more interesting to write about:

Poor David Hill. The Detroit Lions tight end was quoted in Sunday's Detroit Free Press, that, "After going through all the times when you were embarrassed to wear your Lions T shirt or you wouldn't read the papers on Monday morning . . . now we've got an opportunity to change all that."

I assume Monday morning, instead of buying a paper, he bought a new T-shirt, maybe a black one as a sign of mourning.

Even if the Lions had won Sunday, they would have finished the regular season at 9-7, (wasn't that also last season's record?), which is nothing to brag about. If it hadn't been for some losses by some other teams at the right time, the final game Sunday wouldn't have been for the division title and a playoff berth.

Did anyone really think a miracle would happen and the Lions would be playing in the Super Bowl instead of watching it?

I am not a fan of President Reagan, but I think it is premature to criticize him and his economic policy for the rotten state of the economy, which I am afraid will get worse before it gets better.

After all, things were bad when he came into office and, more importantly, his major economic policies did not go into effect until Oct. 1, so it is still too early for them to have an impact.

For the sake of us all -- and especially for those out of work -- I hope Reagan's policies work, though I have my doubts.

It's a chicken or the egg proposition, but Detroit is building and will be building

in the near future some really interesting cars (and pickups) that a lot of people will want to buy -- if they have the money.

Save your money, if you have any, but don't save too much.

One reason the economy is so bad is that many Americans who are working are afraid of losing their jobs, so instead of spending their paychecks on cars, refrigerators, television sets, etc., are saving it.

The amount of savings as a percent of disposable personal income has been increasing most of the year, from 4.6 percent in January to 5.9 percent in October.

More money in savings, according to the economists, is good for the economy in the long run because it makes more money available for loans for new machinery, factories, etc. (provided the oil companies don't borrow it all so they can buy other oil companies, to add my two cents worth).

In the short run, however, the more people save, the less they spend for cars, refrigerators, etc., and that's bad for the economy.

Speaking of the rotten economy, if there are any refugees from around here who went to Texas, California, etc., in search of employment, who are back here for the holidays and would like to talk about their experiences, please give me a call at the Chronicle, day or evening.

I goofed in my Dec. 10 column when I said Gabe Kaplan's new television show, "Lewis and Clark," had been cancelled. It has been moved to Saturday nights.



**FULL HOUSE** -- The Colony House on M-53 was filled last Wednesday as more than 1,000 farmers came to the annual Thumb Agriculture Day to hear various speakers and view 64 mostly commercial exhibits.



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# Thumb CETA program costs \$6.75 million

The Thumb Area Consortium spent \$6.75 million in federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, an average of \$2,429 per person enrolled.

The report for the fiscal year was presented last Thursday to the consortium administrative board, meeting in Cass City, by Executive Director Frank Lenard.

Of the total, only 6.9 percent was spent for administration, versus 15 percent allowed.

A total of 2,777 persons were enrolled in the various CETA programs during the year.

Of the 2,315 who left the program during the year, 1,201 (52 percent) did so for non-positive reasons, quitting or being fired. There were 1,114 who left for positive reasons, either finding a regular job, joining the military or going to or continuing school.

The statistics are based on the status of each enrollee at the time he or she left the program. If a person was jobless when leaving CETA but found employment two weeks later, he or she would still be counted as a "non-positive termination."

Divide the number of "positive terminations" into the total CETA money spent and it works out to \$6,056 for each person whose participation in the program was deemed a success.

On that basis, the most successful program was the Summer Youth Employment Program, 71 percent positive terminations, at a cost of \$1,803 each. However,

that program was intended for in-school youth who went back to school in the fall.

The second most successful was Title VII on-the-job training, in which CETA funds are used to subsidize the wages of persons learning jobs with private employers. Sixty-three percent, 109 persons, found jobs, most with the employer who provided the training, at a cost of \$2,437 per positive termination.

The least successful was Title VI, 17 percent positive placements, at a cost of \$16,279 each. That program, which is no longer in operation, was intended as a temporary jobs program. Its purpose wasn't to train persons for careers.

IN CONTRAST TO THE \$6.75 million spent last year (plus \$269,933 left over), the consortium only has an estimated \$2.87 million for the current fiscal year, which started Oct. 1.

The figure is estimated because Congress has yet to appropriate the funds for the CETA program nationwide, despite the fact that in

January, it is supposed to start work on the 1982-83 national budget, yet hasn't finished work on the budget for the present fiscal year.

CETA is presently being funded, Lenard explained after the meeting, by a continuing resolution which authorizes spending for the program through March 31.

The amount of spending during the period is supposed to be based on whichever is lowest: The amount proposed for CETA by the Senate, House of Representatives or President Reagan.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH the latest continuing resolution figures, the administrative board adopted a modified annual plan, with different figures than the one it adopted in June.

Back then, the consortium was anticipating \$2.065 million in 1981-82.

The number of persons to be served in the three CETA programs that remain (there used to be seven) are: Title II-B classroom, on-the-job and training and work experience, 600; Title IV Youth Employment Train-

## Williams stands mute to murders

Terry Lynn Williams, charged with two counts of murder in the Nov. 13 shooting deaths of Leonard and Betty Coward of rural Vassar, stood mute at his arraignment Monday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Judge Patrick R. Joslyn entered a plea of innocent and scheduled a pretrial hearing Jan. 25. Any motions may be heard before then.

Williams, 30, of Mt. Morris, is being held in the county jail without bond.

The Cowards, shot by a rifle fired through the window of their home, were the grandparents of Williams' two children, who were living with the couple.

## Four injured in Dec. 16 crash

Four persons injured in two separate accidents Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Dickerson and Hurds Corner Roads in Elmwood Township have all been released from hospitals.

The first mishap was at 2:43 a.m. Caro state police said Sharon Sue Carlisle, 26, of 758 N. Kingston Road, Deford, was eastbound on Dickerson, which dead ends at Hurds Corner, went through the intersection there and came to a halt off the east side of the road.

The driver was released from Hills and Dales General Hospital Friday. Her passenger, Jean J. Curtis, 61, of the same address, was admitted, but was discharged later in the day of the accident.

That accident, as of Monday, was still under investi-

gation. Driver of the second vehicle involved was Elson N. Baur, 44, of Unionville.

His passenger, Paul J. Martinez, 27, of Sebawaing, told officers they were following the other vehicle, which disappeared from sight. The next thing they saw was the stop sign. By then, it was too late to stop and they went off the end of the road. Their vehicle came to a halt next to the Carlisle car.

Martinez was treated and released from Hills and Dales. Baur was admitted, then transferred to Bay Medical Center, where he was treated for a fractured knee and ankle and released later that day.

Baur was ticketed by troopers on charge of violation of the basic speed law.

## Teen says knife pulled in Cass City fracas

Investigation by Cass City police is continuing in an incident in which a Deford teenager said a knife was pulled on him Saturday.

Jeffrey A. Spry, 17, told officers he was driving on Leach Street at 10:15 p.m. when a car pulled out of the parking area behind the two Main Street bars, narrowly missing his vehicle. Spry yelled to the driver to watch where he was going.

He then stopped at the M&R Grocery on S. Seeger Street. When Spry came out,

he saw the driver of the car that almost hit his kicking out a taillight of the car he was driving.

Spry confronted the man, who hit him in the left temple. The teenager said he then hit the man, causing his nose to bleed. The man then pulled out a pocket knife and told Spry to leave or he would get cut. Spry left.

The suspect was later questioned by police. He said he was home at the time.

## The weather

	High	Low	Precip.*
Wednesday	29	13	trace
Thursday	30	-8	.08
Friday	28	-7	0
Saturday	18	5	trace
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# Rites held for Louis Sabo, 64

Louis Sabo Jr., 64, of 7710 E. Bevans Road, Deford, died Dec. 13 at Marlette Community Hospital after a long illness.

He was born Sept. 23, 1917, in Colgate, Okla., the son of Louis and Vera Sabo. He came to Tuscola County when he was 12 years old. He attended Moshier School.

He was a farmer and employee of AC Spark Plug in Flint.

Sabo married Mildred Mary Schultz July 4, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio. They made their home in Kingston Township.

He was an Army veteran, having served during World War II, and a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Wilmot.

Sabo is survived by his wife; five daughters, Dolores Sabo, Los Angeles, Calif., Mary Ann (Mrs. Roger) Pohlod, Deford; Vera (Mrs. Roger) Bouck, Cass City; Luella (Mrs. John) Krug, Caro, and Madelene Sabo, Deford, and three sons, Louis Sabo III, Michael Sabo and Thomas Sabo, all of Deford.

He is survived by three sisters, Velma (Mrs. William) Haak, Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Sophie Yonker, Cleveland, and Ella (Mrs. Kenneth) Harding, Marlette, and two brothers, Alex Sabo, Flint, and Steve Sabo, Davison.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at St. Michael's, Father Richard Van Mullenkom officiating. Pallbearers were John Sabo, Joe Sabo, Dave Harding, Mike Harding, Joe Walkowski and Carl Geister.

Arrangements were by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

# Shabbona Area News

Marie Meredith

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## PIONEERS

The Pioneer Group enjoyed dinner Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Shabbona RLDS Church annex. A cooperative ham dinner was served. There were 18 present.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Fred Emigh. The secretary and treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Duane Geister, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Plans were made for the next Jan. 28 meeting at the annex.

A local program was given with readings by Mrs. Glenn Roberts, Mrs. George Krause, Mrs. Emigh and Mrs. Guerdon Watson. Mr. Watson played the guitar and sang.

## WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

The Christmas meeting of the RLDS Women's Department was held Thursday night, Dec. 17, with Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh. Eleven members and two visitors were present. The meeting was called to

order by Mrs. Howard Gregg, assistant leader. Worship was by Mrs. Don Mackowiak.

Pictures were shown by Mrs. Alex Cherniawski that her sister, Miss Lana Puterbaugh, had taken when the group met at the Puterbaugh home.

A Christmas story was read by Mrs. Gregg and a reading by Mrs. George Krause. A gift exchange of secret friends was held and a grocery shower was held for Mrs. Jerry Cleland, who lost her home.

A lunch was served by the hostess. The Jan. 21 meeting will be at the annex.



## Around the Farm County Bean Day

By Don Keblor

Tuscola County Bean Growers' Association President Kurt Ewald has informed me the County Bean Day meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 19.

This meeting will be a morning meeting, instead of the usual full day of events that have been held in the past. It will be at Akron-Fairgrove High School, 1 1/2 miles north of Fairgrove, from 9 a.m.-noon. Refreshments and door prize registration starts at 8:30.

Ewald remarked that the reason for this half-day meeting is because this is the year the State Dry Bean Day at the Saginaw Civic Center, will be held.

With this in mind, and to prevent topic duplication at both county and state bean meetings, the County Bean Day will zero in on topics

closely related to Tuscola county needs. The state Bean Day will complement the county Bean Day's information, plus present many additional topics.

The Tuscola Bean Day will present: Update of the dry bean situation and market evaluation; resume of the bean variety plots and the direct cut navy bean situation; bean insect and disease control update; conservation tillage effects on dry bean production, and a talk by the county's Michigan Bean Commission director.

Farmers will also learn about the new Tuscola County Crop Service, its success in 1981 and what it can do for them, plus there will be an election of three new directors and door prizes. Refreshments and door prizes are being provided by county elevators.

## Set weight loss classes in Sandusky

The Cooperative Extension Service family living program has scheduled five-session "lose it and love it" weight loss classes in Caro and Sandusky.

Classes will be from noon-1 p.m. starting Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the extension office in Caro and the following day in Sandusky, location not announced.

Topics will include learning how to lose weight without suffering, adding more exercise and learning to develop sensible eating habits.

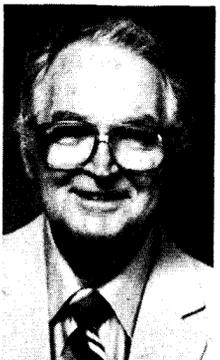
Students can bring their lunch with them, making it possible to attend during their lunch hour. Advance registration is required, which can be done by calling the extension office in Caro or Sandusky. A small fee will be charged.

# Boylan retires at Walbro

After 40 years of selling in the carburetor and small engine markets, C. Clark Boylan is retiring as vice-president-sales of Walbro Corporation's Carburetor Group.

Boylan has been with Walbro the past 22 years, serving as vice-president-sales since 1970.

Prior to joining Walbro, he managed his own manufacturers' representative firm operating throughout the Southeast. He has also held positions with the Clinton Engine Co. and with Zenith-Stromberg Carburetor.



C. Clark Boylan

In his career Boylan received numerous awards, including citations for outstanding service from the Automotive Electric, International Snowmobile Manufacturers and Chain Saw Manufacturers Associations, and has served several terms on the boards of those groups. In 1980, Walbro honored him with a special "salesman of the decade" award.

Boylan is a native of Kalamazoo and a Navy veteran. He and his wife, Phyllis, have three daughters and seven grandchildren. They plan to remain in the Cass City area.

## Cindy Smith class senator at Huntington

Cindy Dee Smith has been elected a student senator representing the sophomore class at Huntington College in Huntington, Ind.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell T. Smith, of Cass City, majoring in elementary education.

Elected sophomore class treasurer was Cindy Lee Smith of Caro.

All new class officers and student senate members, three from each class, will take office in February, the start of the spring semester.

## Student of the week

Student of the week for the week of Dec. 14 at Cass City Intermediate School was David Miller.

A seventh grader, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Miller of 4400 Hughes Road, Owendale.

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## FIVE YEARS AGO

The Cass City village council gave its blessing to a request by Colonial Inn owner Don Stilson for a dance permit. The permit would allow dancing by couples only and not include entertainment.

Elected and appointed Tuscola County officials were looking toward a Merry Christmas this year as the Board of Commissioners was expected to approve pay hikes ranging from 6-27 percent.

Tuscola County's traffic death toll hit 25 when a Vassar man died in a car-truck collision.

The Cass City Village Council learned detailed architectural plans for its proposed wastewater treatment plant will cost a whopping \$36,000.

Damage was estimated at \$250 Friday when a fire destroyed the front seat of a car owned by L.J. Dillon of Unionville.

Elected officers of the Novesta Church of Christ were Keith Little, chairman; Harold Little, elder, and Don Englehart, Ray Peasley and David Little, deacons.

## TEN YEARS AGO

The campaign to educate

drivers and improve police enforcement of highways is apparently having the desired effect. With two holidays to go, deaths due to traffic accidents number 27, the lowest for Tuscola County since 1967.

The largest Christmas decoration that has hung over the intersection of Main and Seeger Streets for the past five years has been permanently removed. The display was damaged beyond repair when strong winds tossed it about, breaking two brace wires on the frame and the electrical wiring.

Cass City will receive about \$3,000 more in state shared revenues in 1972 over this year, according to Village Supt. James Blades. The figure comes to roughly \$38,000, he said.

A second annual Christmas party for boys at Teen Ranch of Marlette held at the home of Mrs. James Bauer capped a year in which Cass City residents gave a substantial boost to the ranch where boys receive the chance to start over.

## 25 YEARS AGO

A permanent skating rink may result from a discussion held at the Cass City Village Council meeting. A

group of interested people attended with Mrs. Mike Yedinak as spokesman.

The Cass City Red Hawks lost a pair of basketball games this week by losing a first half lead to Marlette and losing to Mount Pleasant, 52-50. Jim Johnson led the scoring followed by Bob Martus and Ron Willis.

The annual winter concert at Cass City High School was held Thursday. The senior and junior bands performed A brass sextet consisting of Marvin McCormick, Susan Shaw, Nancy Miljure, Jim Rawson, Bonnie Copeland and David Crane played "Silent Night."

Joan Holmberg was one of the nearly 300 singers to participate in the presentation of Bach's "Magnificat," which was featured at the University of Michigan choir's Christmas concert in Hill Auditorium.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Two Cass City units of the Boy Scouts of America celebrated special events with dinners at the school last week.

Michigan only added 32 miles of double-lane pavement to its system of cement highways in 1946. There was a critical shortage of cement and steel, which prevented work on most projects.

Of the 1,827 students enrolled at Central Michigan College at Mount Pleasant, three are from Cass City: Robert B. Foy, Joan B. Muntz and Lorine P. Muntz. The Cass City Fire Department has lost a valued member in the resignation of Dugald Krug, who has served the village in that capacity for 24 years.

### HEALTH TIPS

## Shoveling good exercise but can damage heart

By Frank Chappell  
Science News Editor  
American Medical Association

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

The American Medical Association reminds men and women of middle years and beyond, especially those overweight and largely sedentary, to take it very easy in clearing the snow from the walks and drives.

If you're in reasonably good health, snow shoveling may actually be good exercise, if you take it easy. This could mean getting up half an hour earlier on the morning of a fresh snow fall, to allow time for leisurely shoveling, with frequent brief rest stops.

The frantic, hurried approach to clearing the drive in an effort to get to the office on time most definitely is not good for the health.

The most common serious health result of over-exertion from snow shoveling is a heart attack. If your physical condition is such that you already are prone to heart trouble, the extra exertion

can hasten an attack. If your heart is sound, you aren't likely to have trouble. Unless you have had a recent checkup, however, you cannot be certain that you aren't a likely candidate for heart attack.

Don't hesitate to invest in a machine that blows or scrapes aside the snow with a small engine substituting for muscle power.

Or don't be ashamed to hire the neighborhood teenager from down the street to shovel your walk.

It's hard for the American male to accept, but the chances are that the lady of the house, if she mostly stays home and manages house and family, is in better physical condition than her office worker husband. Household chores keep her in better shape for shoveling.

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

Flower clocks that tell the approximate time of day can be made by planting flowers that open and close at certain hours, such as four o'clocks.

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## Helen Smith, 81

# Early Gagetown recalled by pioneer

Little remains of the Gagetown that Helen Smith remembers of as a youngster growing up in that community.

One big reminder left is the three-story building that now houses Mr. Kelly's Market.

Mrs. Smith, 81, who now

lives in Saginaw, was born in 1900 at Frenchtown, 4½ miles southwest of Gagetown, the daughter of Charles and Edith (Frent) Palmer. Her father was the first white boy born in Gagetown, in 1868, when all that was there was four corners and a few buildings.

The family moved to Owendale when she was two, where her father and his brothers Elmer and Fred owned a store, lumber yard and elevator.

The store, which also contained the Charles Palmer family's living quarters, burned in 1906, so they moved to Gagetown.

There, banker J.L. Purdy

had just completed construction of a three story building -- now Mr. Kelly's.

The first floor was intended as a store and that is where Palmer and his brother Albert opened their business.

The second floor was an opera hall and the Masonic lodge, which included a dining room, kitchen and meeting rooms, was on the top floor.

Purdy was a Mason and Mrs. Smith believes he had the building constructed so the Masons would have a place to meet. Having a store on the first floor was a means of producing revenue.

The Palmer Brothers store sold everything -- groceries,

clothes, wallpaper, shoes, carpeting, dishes, etc. It eventually expanded to the second floor.

The brothers dissolved their partnership in 1922 and sold the business to two men in Detroit.

Three years earlier, the then Helen Palmer married Hiram Youmans. They lived on a farm near Gagetown.

She moved to Saginaw in the early 1930s, after separating from her husband, who died about 1949. She married Charles Smith in 1951. They lived in Vassar. She moved back to Saginaw after his death in 1963.

Mrs. Smith now lives with a daughter, Mary Averill.

She has another daughter (a third is deceased), eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The photos all belong to

Mrs. Smith. With two exceptions, she believes they were taken around 1914.

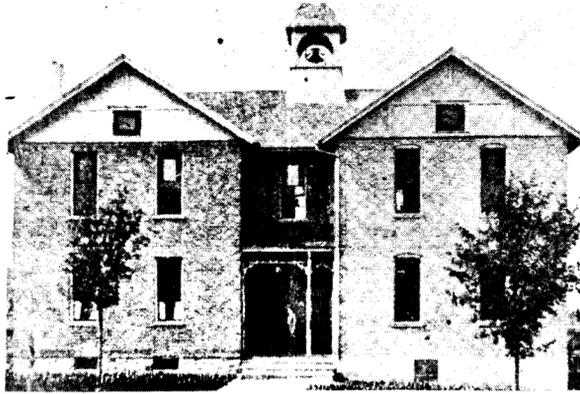
One of the photos shows the aftermath of the 1910 fire

that destroyed the hotel and two stores.

A much worse fire, in 1925 destroyed about 20 buildings in Gagetown.



HELEN SMITH, 81, grew up in Gagetown during its most prosperous years. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer, here she is reading a history of the Palmer family.



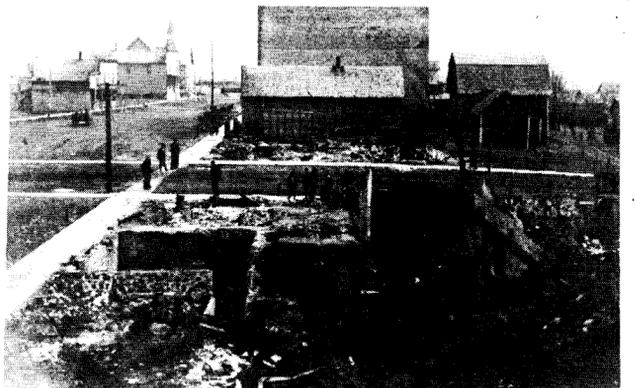
GAGETOWN SCHOOL, which Mrs. Smith started attending in 1906. Photo was taken in 1908. School was torn down in 1969 and replaced by the newest portion of Gagetown Elementary School.



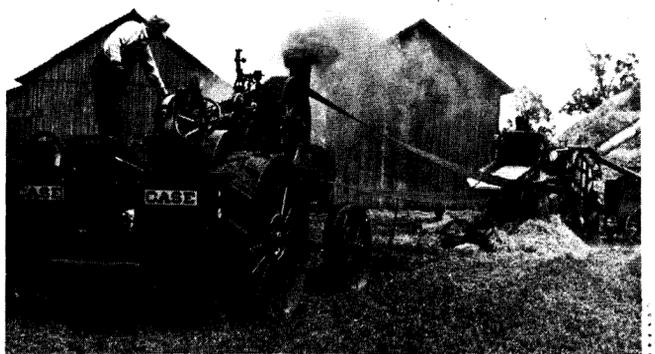
AERIAL VIEW of Gagetown was probably taken from the roof of the three-story opera building, which then housed Palmer Brothers store. Tall white building at center rear is the mill. Tall building at right rear is the grain elevator. Both were on State Street (Bay City-Forestville Road).



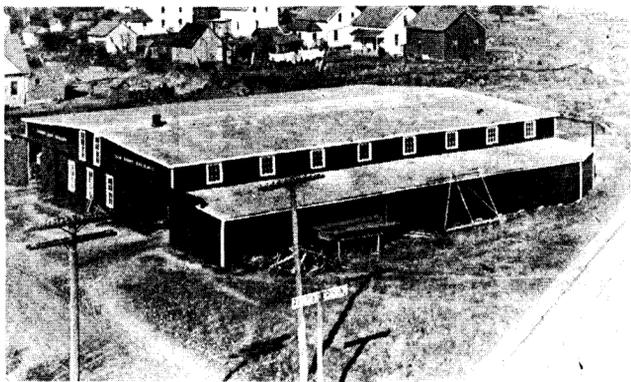
GRIST MILL, where corn, wheat, etc., was ground into flour, was located on State Street, east of the tracks. Gagetown still has a Mill Street. Behind the mill is a factory where shingles were made.



1910 FIRE -- The fire started in Bushey's Hotel George, on the far side of the street. Sparks jumped across State Street and the resulting fire destroyed Ryan's general store, at left, and Bill Quinn's men's clothing store at right. A gas station is now on the site of the hotel, as well as a closed gas station where Ryan's was. The present grocery and Methodist church can be seen in the background.



THRESHING -- Mrs. Smith believes this photo, which belonged to her grandparents, was taken in the Akron area. Date on the back says Aug. 10, 1886.



LUMBER YARD -- The building was on the north side of State Street, west of the railroad tracks. Letters above the door read "lumber, gate, shingles; sash, doors, building. It was owned by banker J. L. Purdy. Photo was probably taken from the elevator, across the street.

## Vandals active in Cass City

Linda Sieradzki of 350 Crawford Road, Deford, reported to Cass City police all four tires of her car were cut the night of Dec. 18-19 while it was parked at 4261 Oak Street.

The tires will cost \$45-50 each to replace.

Helen Agar, owner of Helen's Beauty Shop, 6469 Main Street, told police last Wednesday that the metal stairway railing leading to her business had been damaged. The west side railing was bent over and several pieces were kicked out of the other side. Damage was estimated at \$50-75.

The railing has been damaged before and Mrs. Agar is offering a \$50 reward for information leading to the vandals.

Chester Kulinski of 4918 Lamton Road, Cass City, reported to sheriff's deputies Dec. 13 that nine Christmas trees were cut and removed from his tree lot sometime during this Christmas season.

They were worth a total of \$100.

Fifty dollars were stolen from the wallet of Valerie Beutler Saturday while she was working at Sommers' Bakery.

Cass City police said the wallet was in her purse, which was on a table in a back room.

She didn't know the money was taken until someone brought in her wallet, which was found outside. The theft was reported at 2:28 p.m.

## Thief passes bad checks in area

Cass City police were to seek a warrant charging a Mount Clemens man with uttering and publishing for cashing eight stolen checks for a total of \$685.

Police did not want his name reported until the warrant is issued by the prosecutor's office.

Twenty-five blank checks were stolen Dec. 4 or 5 from David R. May of 6631 Koepfen Road while the man was staying in May's home.

May didn't know they were stolen until last Thursday when he received notice from the Cass City State Bank his account was overdrawn.

The following day, police were called to the bank when the man tried to cash one of the checks at the drive-in window. The teller tried to stall him but he left, leaving the check behind, before officers arrived.

As of Monday morning, the bank had received eight cancelled checks, with May's signature forged and made out to the man accused of taking them.

## Largest Tree

One of the largest Christmas trees ever displayed was a 67-year-old white fir measuring 96 feet, two inches. It was displayed in Pershing Square in Los Angeles in 1948.

## Test results presented

The annual results of Michigan assessment tests were presented to the Cass City Board of Education Dec. 14 at its regular meeting.

While the results were better in all but tenth grade math, it is difficult to determine if the students are learning more or the tests are easier.

In recent years the test results state-wide have been improving and Cass City has been following the trend.

However, the state-wide averages have not yet been released.

In past years Cass City has followed the state trend improving when all schools improved and falling off when all schools have achieved poor results.

Last year Cass City was better than the State average in every test except grade 10 math. Students bettered State averages in grade 10, reading; grade 7, reading and math, and

grade four, math.

Results tabulated indicate the number of students that scored 75 percent or better on their tests.

The 1981 results, showing the number scoring 75 or better were:

Grade 4, math	83.
Grade 4, reading	79.9
Grade 7, math	74.6
Grade 7, reading	83.6
Grade 10, math	54.8
Grade 10, reading	75.6



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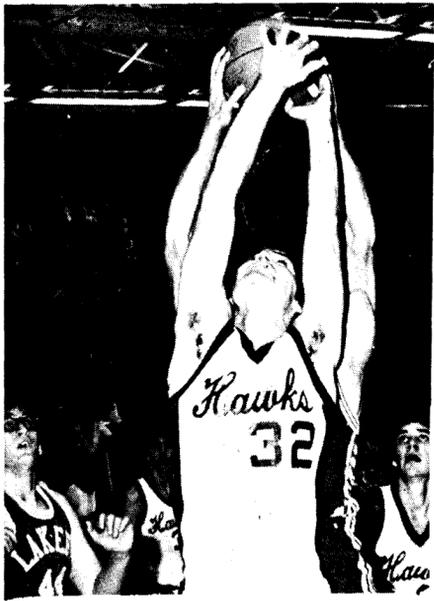
Tickets available at: Fort's Confectionery Store, 6468 Main, Cass City; Veronica's Restaurant, 6234 Main, Cass City; Wm. Magwood, 3 miles north of Bad Axe; AAA Office, 150 Millwood St., Caro; and Colony House, Bay City-Forestville Rd. and M-53.

NOTICE

Zoning permits on all commercial, residential and agriculture buildings are required in Kingston township as of December 18, 1981.

Frank Nemeth

Zoning Administrator



**STRETCHING** for the ball is Scott Hobart. But it was in vain as the Laker that is obscured came down with the ball.

## Shetler's still lead cage loop

With the Cass City Recreational Basketball League season just four weeks old the question becomes who is going to stop Shetler's?

On the basis of the record it could be Farm Bureau which notched its third win in four outings last Wednesday with a 78-60 decision over Elkton.

Elkton broke out of the starting gate in a hurry to take an 18-17 lead in the first quarter, but the Farmers stormed back in the second to take a 34-28 lead at the half.

That was the ball game as Elkton couldn't close the gap, dropping behind by another basket in the third quarter and playing even in the final period.

Tom Koch notched 30 points to lead Farm Bureau. Dennis Dunckel added 20 and Mark Gainforth added 16. Three Elkton players were in double figures, Jim

Schramski notched 18, Aaron Deering, 16 and Todd Dubey, 10.

Stevenson's Insurance showed that it is determined to be a factor in the race this season after a slow start by evening its record at 2-2. Victim in the Wednesday late game was Erla's. The score was 75-61.

The Insurance quintet jumped off to an 18-15 first period lead and were never headed. At the half it was 38-29. The Foodmen stayed in the game through three periods trailing going into the final frame, 49-41, but Stevenson's applied the pressure in the final period to win going away.

Mark Green pumped in 22 for the winners. Bill Stevenson added 19 and Chuck Peterson, 12. In double figures for Erla's were Joel Palmateer, 14, Roy Calahan, 12, and Rusty Hoag, 11.

In Thursday's opening game, Holmes and Walpole notched its second win of the year by topping McMahan's 62-53.

McMahan's took an early lead and held it for three quarters only to see the Lawyers come back to win in the final period. At the quarter it was 21-19 and at the half, the one-point McMahan lead was holding. At the end of the third period the score was 45-43.

But the final eight minutes was all Holmes and Walpole. The winners' 19-8 margin salted away the win and dropped McMahan's to 1-3 for the season.

In the final game of the week Shetlers showed why it is undefeated by annihilating Charmont 34-13 in the first half and then coasting in for a 68-54 decision.

After an ice cold first half Charmont found the range and made the game respectable by playing even in the third period and closing the gap in the final quarter.

Ross Voelker with 17 and Paul Beachy, 14, led the winners while Norm Stephens and Jay Owens chalked up 12 each for the losers.

The standings:

	W	L
Shetlers	4	0
Farm Bureau	3	1
Charmont	2	2
Stevenson	2	2
Holmes & Walpole	2	2
Erla's	1	3
McMahan	1	3
Elkton Merchants	1	3

What a difference the day makes. Just three days before playing the Lakers Friday in a crucial Thumb B Association game, the Cass City Red Hawks blew a 16-point lead in the last quarter and lost to Unionville-Sebewaing.

Friday Cass City trailed at Laker High by 15 points going into the final quarter, rallied to tie the game and then win it in overtime, 53-52.

In the crucial overtime Cass City scored first as Ray Ferris pumped in a shot from the corner in the opening seconds of the three-minute period.

The Lakers came charging back to tie it up. Ferris then found Rick Pobanz under the hoop on a nice feed and his bucket put the Hawks in front again.

Ferris converted a pair of charity tosses and the lead was four points. With 38 seconds left the Lakers

closed the margin to two points with another bucket. Hobart made the front end of a one and one to make the score 53-50 and the Hawks were careful not to foul as the Lakers came down the floor to score with 5 seconds left. Cass City then tossed the ball in play as the final whistle sounded.

When the game started it looked as if neither team wanted the game. Finally the Lakers busted out from a 6-6 tie to score a couple of quick buckets and forge in front 12-8 as the quarter ended.

Cass City pulled into a tie in the first minute and a half

of the second period but the Lakers then took charge to run up a 29-18 lead at the intermission.

The low point for Hawk followers came in the third period.

Cass City was getting beat on the boards and the Lakers' zone defense was proving difficult for Cass City to solve.

It looked like mop-up time for the Green Machine when they led going into the final 8 minutes, 39-28.

But the Hawks caught fire and the Lakers went stone cold just like Cass City did in the game it lost against USA. In the first four min-

utes of the quarter the Lakers failed to score a point while the Hawks pushed in 12 points and suddenly it was a ball game again.

Lakers broke their dry spell with a bucket with 3:48 left in the game and went ahead 41-38. The Hawks fired back and took the lead for the first time since the opening minutes of the game. It looked as if they would take it all in regulation time.

Leading 43-41 on a bucket by Ferris the Hawks pushed it to five points when Hobart converted a technical foul

and Ferris added a pair on a one and one situation.

But in the final 36 seconds the Lakers cashed a pair of field goals to tie the score at 46 and set the stage for the overtime heroics previously described.

The Hawks had three players in double figures led by Ray Ferris with 17. Pobanz and Hobart added 15 each. For the Lakers Jim Weidman scored 18 and John Rathje, 11. The Lakers were pathetic from the free throw line converting just 4 of 12, reminiscent of the Hawks' efforts in the last quarter against USA.

The box score:

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Robinson	2	0-1	4
Ferris	6	5-7	17
Hobart	5	5-8	15
Pobanz	5	5-8	15
Lapp	1	-	2
Meininger	-	0-2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15-23</b>	<b>53</b>

Lakers	FG	FT	PTS
Walsh	3	-	6
Flores	3	-	6
Weidman	9	0-1	18
Rathje	5	1-5	11
Miller	3	3-6	9
McArdle	1	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>52</b>

### THUMB B ASSOCIATION

League	Over	all		
	W	L	W	L
North Branch	3	0	5	0
Cass City	3	0	4	1
Sandusky	2	1	4	1
Marlette	1	2	2	3
Lakers	1	1	1	2
Caro	1	1	1	3
Bad Axe	0	3	0	4
Vassar	0	3	0	5

## Grade pupils complete cage play

Cass City Intermediate School seventh and eighth grade boys have successfully completed a three-week intramural basketball season.

Five well balanced teams competed for the top spot in an eight game schedule.

The team of captain Joe Leeson, Peter Khoury, Mike Kelley, Kurt Bliss, Chuck McPhail, Brian Rutkowski, Scott Wright, John Rands, Mike Curtis, and Bob Joos captured first place with a record of seven wins and one loss.

The intramural teams have split up now with coach Tim Severance preparing the seventh grade team for their first interscholastic game Jan. 6 at Bad Axe. Coach Steve Edington is preparing the eighth grade team for their first game, also at Bad Axe Jan. 6.

The eighth grade squad is comprised of Scott Adams, Matt Clara, Mike Curtis, Keith Czekai, Greg Erla, Craig Hockey, Mike Hutchinson, Bob Joos, Joe Leeson, Andy Nichols, Todd Stahlbaum, Bob Sontag, Randy Teichman, Todd Tibbitts, Paul Woodward, and Rob Wright.

The seventh grade team is made up of Kurt Bliss, Brad Chippi, Matt Groombridge, Kevin Haley, Mark Hobart, Joe Harmer, Jeff Lefler, Pete Leiternan, Chuck McPhail, David Miller, Linn Paladi, Virgil Peters, Peter Khoury, Kevin Parrish, Brian Rutkowski, John Rands, David Steely, Gary Suzor, Pete Walpole, Dan Ware, Rich Witherspoon, Rusty Woodward, and Scott Wright.

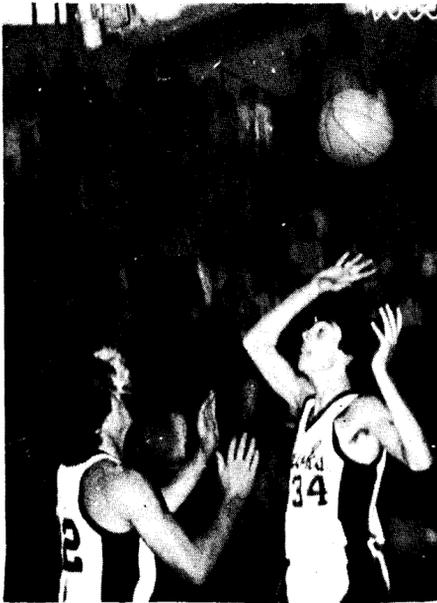
## Rivera promoted by Army

Angelo Rivera, son of Mr. and Mrs. German Rivera of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

Rivera is a radio teletype operator at Fulda, West Germany.

His wife, Rose, is the daughter of Theodore Schad of Cass City, and Dona A. Thorpe of Independence, Kan.

Rivera is a 1977 graduate of Tomas C. Ongay Vocational High School, Bayamon.



**WAITING FOR THE rebound** are John Meininger, left, and Rick Pobanz.

## Big Brothers/Big Sisters

This 12-year-old from Caro has been waiting for a Big Brother for a long time. He is a very nice boy and he enjoys all sports, bike riding, fishing, archery and swimming. Why not give this child a try?

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A nice 9-year-old from

## Arrest near in Owendale break-in

Bulletin: A search warrant was executed Monday at a home in Owendale in connection with the Owendale Market break-in. Arrest warrants were possibly going to be issued Tuesday.

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Investigation is continuing into a break-in of the Owendale Market last week which netted the intruders \$1,171 in cash and merchandise.

Owner Duane Moore of Cass City told Huron County deputies about \$400 in cash, .357 caliber revolver, 20 cases of beer, 14 gallons of milk, about 30 cartons of cigarettes, 25-30 cigarette lighters, three or four boxes of candy bars and an undetermined amount of packaged pizza and hot sandwiches were taken.

Entry was gained through a rear window, sometime between 6 p.m. Wednesday, after the store closed, and 8 a.m. Thursday. The break-in was discovered by a part-time employee who was on his way to school.

### Vet Bills

Farmers in California led the nation in the amount they paid to veterinarians, according to a recent census report. Based on 1978 figures, the latest for which such figures are available, they paid out \$220 million for agricultural veterinarian services that year.

Cass City is anxious to have a Big Brother. He enjoys swimming, roller skating and indicates he'll try just about anything. Stop and think about sharing some of your time with him.

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This 15-year-old from Caro is in need of a one-to-one male relationship. His main interests are hunting, fishing, camping and basketball.

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This 6-year-old from Mayville has an interest in a variety of things. He enjoys walking, riding bikes, animals and sports. If you're a man with a wide range of interests, wouldn't you like to share them with someone who needs you?

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Tuscola County Big Brothers-Big Sisters is located at 129 E. Burnside, Caro 48723, telephone 673-6996.

## Bowling

FRIDAY NITE  
CARCASS UNION  
Dec. 18, 1981

Rescue Squad	4
A.J. Rehms	4
Fishbowlers	3
Incredible 4	3
Colwood Bar	2
Kelly Brothers	2
The Turkeys	1
Not So Hots	1
Cannonballs	0
Old Folks	0

Men's High Series: B. Purvis 520, L. Rivard 503, H. Walter 509, L. Spaeth 514.

Men's High Games: L. Spaeth 213, L. Summers 210, B. Thompson 201.

Women's High Series: S. Cummins 548.

Women's High Game: S. Cummins 214.

Team High Series: Rescue Squad 1987.

Team High Game: Rescue Squad 694.

Triplicate - Ada Rivard 143.

## O-G upsets Caseville for first win in conference

Owen-Gage gained its first North Central D League win Friday night, 53-45, at Caseville.

Coach Claude Stevens' Bulldogs pulled out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but then the Eagles came back with 14 uninterrupted points. By the end of the period, the latter team was ahead 16-12.

Owen-Gage went ahead to stay with 22 points in the

third period, versus only eight by their opponents.

Leading the Bulldog attack was Terry Muntz with 22 points. Dan Glidden chipped in 10.

In double figures for the Eagles were Mike Stahl with 20 and Dan Simet with 11.

The victors picked up 11 of 22 possible points at the charity line; Caseville, seven of 11.

Owen-Gage also won the

junior varsity game, 40-31.

The Bulldogs, now 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the league, were to play at Uby Tuesday night in a non-league game, then are off until Jan. 5, when they host Michigan Lutheran Seminary. League action resumes Jan. 8 at North Huron.

Score by quarters:

O-G	12	6	22	13	53
Case	16	6	8	15	45

### Michigan Mirror

## State library can gain if legislature gains control

By Warren M. Hoyt  
Mich. Press Association

The Michigan state library and law library could get a new breath of life under a proposal to transfer its control from the Department of Education to the legislature.

The state facility has been suffering over the years as it has become a low priority item for the Department of Education's budget.

With this in mind, Senate Majority Leader William Faust (D-Westland), a long-time friend of the library system in Michigan, spearheaded legislation that would place the library under the control of the legislature, where it would receive a greater priority.

The library would be under the direction of a board of trustees comprised of members of the legislature, representatives from offices of the governor, attorney general, secretary of state, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, a representative of the Michigan Library Association and four members of the general public.

The board would be responsible for making recommendations to the Legislative Council - the governing body of the state legislature - regarding the services of the library, the library's budget and other matters of general policy.

Under the legislation, the state library would be organized similar to that of the U.S. Library of Congress.

The transfer from the education department to the legislature is seen as a first step in long range plans to establish a comprehensive computer information system linking the state library with the Library of Congress, Legislative Service Bureau, House and Senate fiscal agencies and various computer information services.

In a related matter, the legislature gave final approval to a new lottery game for charities, which earmarks no less than \$2 million of the revenues for the construction of a new state library.

Although no specific plans have been made for the facility, it will have to be located within a one-mile radius of the state Capitol Building in Lansing.

### ENERGY AID

Michigan will receive at

least \$77 million from the federal government for several energy assistance programs for low income families, with \$19.2 million already on its way to the state.

Congress is still finalizing the exact amount that will be distributed nationwide and Michigan's share under earlier action was as high as \$103 million, compared to \$107 million received last year.

The Reagan administration is pushing a program that will leave the state with funds closer to the \$77 million mark, although the state plan which federal energy officials have approved was based on the higher \$107 million figure.

The state's program includes home heating assistance through energy tax credits for low-income families, special heating allocations for families on general assistance or aid to families with dependent children programs, an emergency needs program to deal with such things as utility shutoffs or furnace breakdowns and Department of Labor programs for home weatheriza-

tion assistance or crisis intervention.

Last year the state served about 520,000 families, about evenly split between those on welfare and those with low incomes but not on welfare.

## Bar fined for liquor violations

The owners of The Station, 6444 W. Main Street, Cass City, have acknowledged two liquor law violations, according to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The violations, selling to persons under 21 years of age and allowing persons under 21 years of age to consume or possess alcoholic beverages, were acknowledged Dec. 9.

The LCC imposed a \$150 fine for the first violation and \$50 for the second one, both due by Jan. 11.

**SUMMARY OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1982 C.E.T.A. ANNUAL PLAN MODIFICATION**  
The following is a summary of the C.E.T.A. Annual Plan Modification to be submitted to the Bureau of Employment and Training, Michigan Department of Labor, Lansing, Michigan, by the Thumb Area Consortium for continued funding under Titles II-B/C, IV, Y.E.T.P., VII, P.S.I.P., and Administration Cost Pool of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The C.E.T.A. Annual Plan Modification will be submitted on December 18, 1981.

I. Enrollment Plan			
A. Total number of participants to be served:			945
B. Total number of participants by C.E.T.A. Title:			
Title II-B/C	600		
Title IV, Y.E.T.P.	120		
Title VII	225		
TOTAL			945
II. Financial Plan and Term			
A. Financial Plan:			
F.Y. 1982 Carry-In	\$ 201,492.00		
F.Y. 1982 Allocation	2,054,111.00		
TOTAL		\$2,255,603.00	
B. Total funds by C.E.T.A. Title:			
Title II-B/C	\$1,536,737.00		
Title IV, Y.E.T.P.	181,913.00		
Title VII	229,274.00		
Administration Cost Pool	307,679.00		
TOTAL		\$2,255,603.00	
C. Expenditures by Program:			
Classroom Training	\$1,268,621.00		
On-the-Job Training	293,274.00		
Work Experience	204,116.00		
Career Employment Experience	181,913.00		
Program Administration	307,679.00		
TOTAL		\$2,255,603.00	
D. Expenditures by Cost Category:			
Administration	\$ 307,679.00		
Allowances	900,000.00		
Participant Wages	298,980.00		
Participant Fringe Benefits	30,550.00		
Training	550,895.00		
Services	167,499.00		
TOTAL		\$2,255,603.00	
E. Term: October 1, 1981, through September 30, 1982			
III. Annual Plan Review			
A. Information regarding planned performance for Fiscal Year 1982, in comparison to actual performance ending the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 1981, is available for review.			
B. The Annual Plan Modification may be reviewed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following location:			
Thumb Area Consortium			
Hann Real Estate Building			
6240 West Main Street			
Cass City, Michigan 48726			
C. All questions or comments on the Annual Plan Modification should be directed to:			
Executive Director			
Thumb Area Consortium			
6240 West Main Street			
Cass City, Michigan 48726			

## NOTICE

The State of Michigan Proposes to License an Adult Foster Care Facility at

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# Cass City Bowling Leagues

## MERCHANTS "A" Dec. 16, 1981

Ouvry Chevy-Olds	17
Cass City Oil & Gas	12
Erla Food Center	11
Charmont	11
Croft-Clara Lumber	10 1/2
Kingston State Bank	10
Fuelgas	9
Charlie's Market	9
New England Life	8 1/2
Warren Electric	8
Blount Agriculture	8
Kritzman's	6

210 or Better Games: J. Smithson 248-227, J. Storm 244, M. Grifka 236, C. Guinther 231, D. Romain 231, F. Ruggles 220, G. Deering 217, D. Root 215-212, D. Vatter 215.

550 or Better Series: J. Smithson 642, Don Root 636, D. Romain 620, J. Storm 602, D. Vatter 572, N. Willy 571.

## THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE Dec. 17, 1981

Crazy Ladies	38
Paul's	36
Deering Farms	35 1/2
Kingston State Bank	33
Rabideau's Girls	33
Campbell Sawmill	32
Pin Pals	30
Pierce Bees	29
Rich's Disposal	28
Wickes Agriculture	26 1/2
C&CC Girls	20 1/2
Happy Hoofers	18 1/2

High Game: M. Lagos 203, P. Schwartz 197 (2).

High Series: P. Schwartz 578.

High Team Game: Paul's 651.

High Team Series: Paul's 1882.

## CHARMONT LADIES Dec. 15, 1981

Fort's Party Store	18
Johnson Six	15
Veronica's	13
Pizza Villa	11
Cablettes	10
Tri-Agri-Inc.	10
Woods Hay & Straw	8
Cass City State Bank	8
Cass City Sports	7
Erla's	7
Live Wires	7
Gagetown Oil & Gas	6

High Team Game: Fort's Party Store 773.

High Team Series: Fort's Party Store 2240.

500 Series: N. Davis 504, P. McIntosh 507, M. Guild 507, C. Wallace 528.

High Series: S. Asher 497.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES Dec. 15, 1981

Cass City-Anns	13
Clare's Sunoco	11
No. 10	10
Pierce Honey Bees	8
Croft-Clara Lumber	8
Don's Auction Gallery	8
Kow-Bells	7
Pinney State Bank	7
Pin Pickers	7
Wright's Painting	6
Lucky's Kountry Korners	5
Hair Benders	5

High Series: R. Capps 499, High Game: R. Capps 208.

High Team Series: Pierce Honey Bees 1772.

High Team Game: Pierce Honey Bees 619.

## FRIDAY NITE DOUBLES Dec. 18, 1981

Gutter Getters	37
Krazier X Two	36
Fearless Four	35 1/2
Faust Rebuilding	33
Alley Bombers	32
Wood Choppers	31
Bloopers	31
P.F. Flyers	29
Gutter Balls	29
Heard's Tears	25
Campbell Sawmill	22 1/2
L&S Standard	19

Men's High Series: R. Koch 626.

Ladies' High Series: N. Wright 495.

Men's High Games: R. Koch 258, D. Wright 231.

Ladies' High Game: N. Wright 180.

High Team Series: Alley Bombers 1926.

High Team Game: Alley Bombers 759.

## TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS "A" Dec. 14, 1981

Mr. Kelly's Market	18
Larry's Car Wash	16
Pierce Apiaries	16
Hillaker's Auct. Serv.	12
Cole Carbide	10
Nicky's Restaurants	10
Harris-Hampshire Ins.	10
Sugar Town Market	9
Faust Rebuilding	9
Charmont	7
Armstead Aluminum	5
Maurer Const Co.	4

High Team Series: Hillaker's Auct. Serv. 2881.

High Team Game: Hillaker's Auct. Serv. 990.

210 Games: L. Summers 248, J. McIntosh 212-245, R. Root and R. Schember 235, Bill Bader 217, C. Comment 213-210, J. Agar 213, E. Helwig 212.

550 Series: J. McIntosh 615, R. Schember 613, L. Summers 607, C. Comment 589, K. Gremel 583, A.D.

Frederick 577, E. Helwig 574, R. Root 572, B. Bader 565.

## TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS "B" Dec. 14, 1981

F&M State Bank	15
Chappel's Men's Wear	14
Thumb Firewood	13
Dale's Eaves Troughing	12
Miller's Egg Inc.	12
Doerr Farms	12
Roger's Hay	10
Wright's Service	10
Leiterman Bldrs.	9
Stahlbaum Asphalt	7
Paving	7
Cass City IGA	7
Barnes Construction	5

210 Games: S. Quinn 235, T. Severance 210.

550 Series: D. Miller 577, J. Lamoureaux 551.

## GUYS & GALS Dec. 15, 1981

Charmont	15
Terrasi & Son	14
Brand X	13
Kruse Farms	11
Odd Couples	10
Copeland & Gornowicz	10
Playmates	9
Alley Sweepers	9
Rolling Hills	9
Elkton IGA	9
D&D Construction	6
Country Cousins	5

High Team Series: Elkton IGA 2414.

High Team Games: Playmates 852.

High Men's Series: J. Brown 609, J. Albrecht 511, D. Seurnyck 510.

High Men's Games: J. Brown 210-204-195.

High Women's Series: D. Terrasi 471.

High Women's Game: V. Bilicki 194.

## MERCHANETTE Dec. 17, 1981

Kritzman's	15
Walbro	12
Charmont	12
Miller's Chicks	11
Albee Hardware	11
Geiger-Hunt Ford	10
IGA Foodliner	10
Anrod Screen Cyl.	10
Faust Rebuilders	8
Herron Builders	8
Cass City Sports	7
Joo's Fifth Wheels	6

High Team Series: Walbro 2423.

High Team Game: Walbro 869.

200 Games: G. Corcoran 210, D. Wischmeyer 207, R. Speirs 202.

500 Series: D. Wischmeyer 549, G. Corcoran 548, R. Speirs 540, P. Erla 536, B. Schott 532, P. Little 510.



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## MERCHANTS "B" Dec. 16, 1981

Clare's Sunoco	16
General Cable	15
Pabst	14
Bauer Candy Co.	14
Rabideau Motors	12
Herron Builders	11
Harmer Racing Stables	10
Charmont	9
Gagetown Oil & Gas	7
Tuckey Concrete	6
Hills & Dales Hospital	3
Shag's Angels	3

210 or Better Games: M. Sontag 235, J. Smithson 234, E. Haag 232, S. Edington 226, J. Hacker 224, D. Romain 223, B. Dunn 213, J. Guinther 212, R. Koch 212.

550 or Better Series: E. Haag 594, D. Romain 590, S. Edington 589, J. Guinther 582, B. Dunn 576, J. Smithson 575, J. Zawilinski 567.

## Palmateer serving in Germany

Army Sgt. Carl Palmateer is presently serving as a senior intelligence analyst for the 8th Infantry Division Artillery in West Germany. He is the son of Carl Palmateer and Jean Deering, both of Cass City.

He recently completed the electronic warfare staff officers course at Bad Kreuznach in Germany. Purpose of the course was to instruct personnel in electronic warfare so that they can advise their commander of the threat and his options in wartime and help plan training in peacetime.

Palmateer enlisted in the Army in May, 1978.

## Snover man in Egyptian exercise

Sgt. Daniel T. McLeish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. McLeish of 2945 N. Uby Road, Snover, has participated in the joint American-Egyptian military training exercise Bright Star, designed to test the U.S. ability to deploy troops in the Middle East.

He was part of a 4,000-man American force that took part in joint maneuvers with Egyptian military personnel near Cairo.

McLeish is an assistant motor sergeant with the 724th Maintenance Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga.

He is a 1975 graduate of Sandusky High School.

## NFO has meeting for farmers

Area farmers met at Wildwood Farms Dec. 15 to hear about new steps made in National Farmers Organization programs.

The theme of the program was collective bargaining is more than marketing.

The meeting was opened by State President Len Harrington with a moment of silent prayer.

Joe Parris of Ohio talked about bargaining and marketing for the good of all farmers. He introduced Jim Presley, the new dairy director for Michigan. Michigan was given an award at the National NFO convention for the biggest increase in milk. They said Borden's has requested a larger volume of milk from NFO.

Bill Deadman from Green Bay, Wis., told farmers to block together their cull cows and steers to get a better price for their production.

Other speakers were Leland Townsend for grain and Al Scott, director of the dairy division of the NFO in Corning, Iowa.

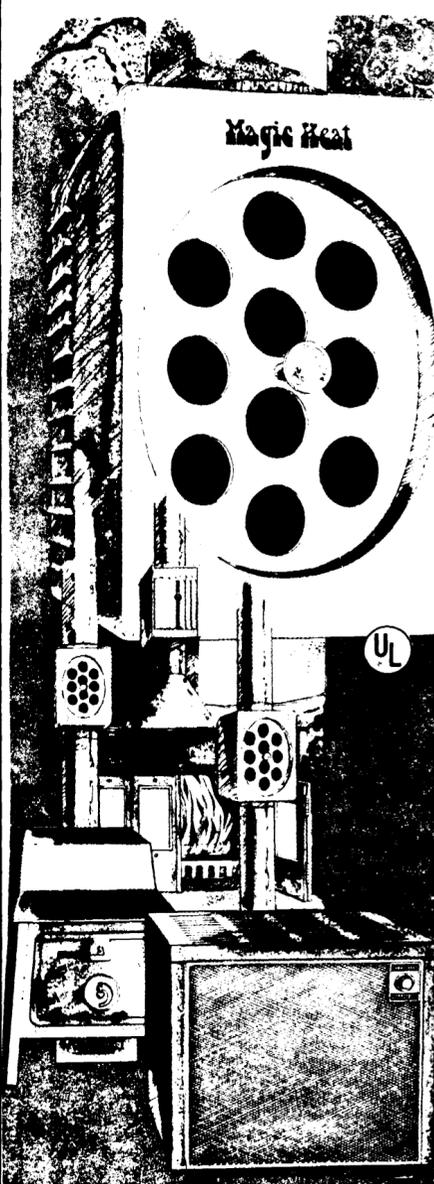
Anyone wishing more information can contact Bill Jones at 872-3089.

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Limit 1 • 1 lb. Pkg.

Limit one coupon per family. Coupon and fifteen dollar (\$15.00) purchase required, excluding beer, wine, cigarettes or other coupon items. Coupon expires Saturday, Dec. 26, 1981.

**SAVE 76¢**

**IGA BONUS COUPON**

**BANQUET Fried Chicken**

**\$2.19**

Limit 1 • 2 lb. Box

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**SAVE \$1.00**

**BONUS COUPON**

**MR. COFFEE Coffee Filters 89¢**

100 ct. Pkg.

**MAXWELL HOUSE ALL GRINDS Coffee**

**\$4.29**

Limit 1 • 2 lb. Can

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**ALL VEGETABLE Crisco Oil**

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**\$1.19 lb.**

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**FAME Semi-Boneless Ham Portions** 1 lb. **\$1.29**

**THORN APPLE VALLEY Boneless Hams** 1 lb. **\$2.09**

**BASTED GRADE 'A' Riverside Turkeys**

**16 lbs. & Up**

**65¢ lb.**

**MOUNTAIN DEW Regular, Diet or Light Pepsi Cola**

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**IGA TABLETITE® Boston Butt Pork Steak** 1 lb. **\$1.19**

**IGA TABLETITE® Pork Boston Butt Boneless Roast** 1 lb. **\$1.19**

**HOLLY FARMS GRADE 'A' CHICKEN Leg Quarters or Breast Quarters** With Wing 1/2 lb. **79¢**

**FAME REGULAR THICK Sliced Salami or Bologna** 1 lb. Pkg. **\$1.29**

**IGA TABLETITE® Fresh Ground Hamburger** 1 lb. **\$1.19**

**HYGRADE Ball Park Franks** 1 lb. Pkg. **\$1.69**

**IGA TABLETITE® 9th & 7th Rib Beef Standing Rib Roast** 1 lb. **\$2.69**

**ECKRICH SMOKED POLISH Sausage or Kielbasa** 1 lb. **\$1.89**

**FARMER PEET OR KOEGL Ring Bologna** 1 lb. **\$1.59**

**HERRUD MILD HOT Roll Pork Sausage** 1 lb. Pkg. **99¢**

**FARMER PEET REGULAR BEEF Hickory Stick** 1 lb. **\$2.39**

**SEASONED OR PLAIN IGA Croutons** 8.9 oz. Pkg. **69¢**

**FAME Cranberry Sauce** 16 oz. Cans **2/88¢**

**FOR THE HOLIDAYS Sugary Sam Cut Yams** 40 oz. Can **89¢**

**REGULAR BETTER FOR BREAD UNBLEACHED SELF RISING Gold Medal Flour** 5 lb. Bag **88¢**

**CAFE WHEAT WAFERS SNACK N SESAME Sunshine Snack Crackers** 8 1/2-11 1/2 oz. Box **79¢**

**KEEBLER Club or Tuc Crackers** 10-16 oz. Box **99¢**

**STOKELY Canned Goods Sale**

15-17 oz. Can **39¢**

**ALL LAYER VARIETIES Betty Crocker Cake Mixes** 18 1/2 oz. Box **77¢**

**CALIFORNIA Sunkist Stocking Oranges Stuffers!**

**3/\$1** CALIFORNIA SEEDLESS Navel Oranges 113's **12/99¢**

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**IDAHO Baking Potatoes** 10 lb. Bag **\$1.99**

**CALIFORNIA Fresh Broccoli** Bunch **79¢**

**California Crisp Celery** Stalk **59¢**

**DELIVERY FOR HOLIDAY SPECIALS THIS WEEK**

**IGA Split Top White Bread** 1 1/2 lb. Loaf **59¢**

**OVEN FRESH BROWN N SERVE Dinner Rolls** 12 oz. Pkg. **59¢**

**HAMILTON BEACH SAVE 89¢ Butter Up Popper** Each **\$13.99**

**REG MINT GEL SAVE 50¢ Crest Toothpaste** 4.8 oz. Tube **99¢**

**FAME FLUTED SAVE 30¢ Coffee Filters** 200 ct. Pkg. **99¢**

**QUARTERS Fleischmann's Margarine** 1 lb. **88¢**

**QUARTERS Blue Bonnet Margarine** 1 lb. Pkgs. **2/99¢**

**FAME CHILLED Orange Juice** 64 oz. Platc. Jug **\$1.29**

**PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese** 8 oz. Pkg. **77¢**

**McDonald's Homogenized or 2% Milk** 1/2 gal. **2/\$1.89**

**CHEF PIERRE Pies** 40 oz. pkg. **\$1.99**

**FAME Whipped Topping** 12 oz. Bowl **69¢**

**STOKELY Cooked Squash** 12 oz. Pkgs. **4/\$1**

**PEPPERONI SAUSAGE HAMBURG CHEESE CANADIAN BACON Totino's Pizza** 12 1/2 oz. Pkg. **99¢**

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**ALL FLAVORS Royal Gelatin** Limit 4 • 3 oz. Boxes **4/\$1**

**FAME ELBOW SHELL Macaroni or Thin Spaghetti** Limit 1 • 2 lb. Bag **88¢**

**PLUS DEPOSIT ALL FLAVORS Faygo Pop** Limit 6 • 33.8 oz. Btl. **\$3.89**

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3,000 cattle on 36,000 acres

# Judy Tyrrell back from open spaces of Montana cattle ranch

The wild West may not be so wild any more, but there are still cowboys, even though they are as likely to be driving a pickup truck as riding a horse.

Judy Tyrrell is back home after spending more than six months where the cowboys, if not the buffalo, still roam.

The daughter of John and Kathryn Tyrrell of Huron Line Road, Ubyly, spent from March 26 to Dec. 1 at three cattle ranches totaling 36,000 acres in north central Montana.

The Michigan State University animal husbandry major did so as part of a MSU internship program.

Miss Tyrrell, 21, will probably graduate in March, 1983. She hasn't decided specifically what she wants to do yet, but possibilities include working on an animal feed company research farm; working in the meat industry, such as in quality control or buying and selling; or staying on the family swine and beef farm.

For her stay in Montana, she received 10 hours credit, plus three credit hours for independent study (her topic being range management), plus \$15 a day from her employer, plus room and board.

Her employer was John Schwartz, the major owner of the corporation which owns the three ranches at which she worked.

She lived at the Cain Ranch, 4,000 acres, where Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz and their four children, a foreman and his wife and their two children lived.

At the 16,000 acre TU Ranch were living the foreman and his wife and their son, who worked there, two couples, one with four kids, and one single man, a total of 12 people.

The Hanson Ranch totaled 16,000 acres. Living there were a caretaker and his wife, who shared duties with the hands from the other ranches.

THE BUILDINGS ON each ranch are clustered together, but it is a long way to the nearest neighbors on other ranches. From the Hanson Ranch, it was five miles across country and 30 miles by roads to the nearest

neighbors. Miss Tyrrell lived in the Schwartz home, most of the time alone, because the family also had a home in Havre, 40 miles away, all on dirt roads, where three of their children attended school. The fourth was in college.

Havre has a population of about 11,000. The only towns closer are Chinook, population 1,900, 35 miles away; Cleveland, population, 5, 10 miles away, and Lloyd, population 2, eight miles away.

Cleveland has a bar, schoolhouse and closed hotel. Lloyd has a dance hall, general store (including the post office, where mail comes three times a week) and gas pump.

THERE ARE ONE ROOM schoolhouses in the area for grades 1-8. For high school, students live in Havre and come home on week ends. The K-8 school serving the kids from the Cain Ranch had seven students; the one for the TU, six.

Because it is such a long distance, most persons only go to Havre once or twice a month.

"It gets kind of lonely sometimes," Miss Tyrrell said. "There's not much social activity."

What little there is includes two women's clubs, participation on the school board and Lloyd vs. Cleveland softball games. There is television, made possible by use of a repeater device in the mountains to bring in the distant signal.

It may not be very social, but another activity is rattlesnake hunting. During the time Judy was there, those on the ranches killed about 200 of them, either with a gun or whatever was handy to hit them with. (She killed about 10.)

THE REASON EVERYTHING is so spread out is because a lot of ground is needed to feed the cattle, because it is so dry.

On the three ranches were a total of about 1,500 cows, almost that many calves, plus 80 bulls.

Of the 36,000 acres, 1,000 were devoted to alfalfa, all irrigated, and 800-1,000 to

barley, all but about 200 irrigated. The rest is devoted to grazing. Schwartz also owns 1,000 acres closer to Havre, on which he grew alfalfa for seed.

Calving (giving birth) takes place from February to May. The calves nurse for six months, then are sold for fattening, except for replacement cows. After 10 months of fattening, they are sold for slaughter.

This year, because market prices were so low, the calves from the three ranches were taken to a feed lot 150 miles away at Great Falls, Mont., also owned by Schwartz company, instead of being sold immediately.

The cattle graze in fenced off pastures, averaging about 600 acres each. When there isn't much left to graze on, they are moved to another pasture.

IN THE SPRING IS calving, castrating and branding -- "Some days run 24 hours long" -- with planting of crops in April and May.

In the summer comes fixing and building fences and cutting and baling hay. The workers had 100,000 bales of hay and straw when they were done.

In the fall comes rounding up the cattle and driving them into corrals and separating the cows from the calves and by sex for marketing. Cows are pregnancy tested and those which aren't expecting are also sold.

The cows and bulls stay outdoors in winter, but are brought into the closer ranges. If the snow is too deep to haul hay by four-wheel-drive pickup, a snowmobile or bulldozer is used.

The snow can get very deep. Oct. 11, when Miss Tyrrell was still there, 18 inches fell. Four years ago, snowfall totaled 22 feet and children didn't get to school

for 61 days. All that moisture is needed from winter, she pointed out, to make up for the rest of the year, when it is very dry.

WOMEN ON THE ranches work outside when they are needed, for which they get paid. Miss Tyrrell was the only full-time female hand. "I got a little tiring, but it worked out just fine," she said.

Although some of the men called themselves cowboys, some called themselves ranch hands. Some wore cowboy hats all the time and others wore farmers' caps some of the time.

As for riding horses, Miss Tyrrell said, "There's a lot of riding and the only way to move cattle is by horse, they use a pickup a lot to ride back and forth and fix fences." Horses are used for the latter if it's too steep or too wet.

Asked whether she thought her experience was worthwhile, she replied, "I thought so. It was kind of a nice change to be in an area like that."

She learned about cows and machinery, she continued, and may go back to Montana to work next summer.



JUDY TYRRELL



BRANDING -- Other than the trailer and a pickup truck at far right, this branding scene could have taken place 100 years ago. It was taking place in May in Montana when Judy Tyrrell snapped the shutter.



EMPTY ROADS -- Way off in the distance, down this dirt road, lies the Cain Ranch in Montana, where Judy Tyrrell worked from March 26 to Dec. 1.



HOME ON THE RANGE -- Fixing a fence is ranch foreman Wayne Anderson.

## Car-deer crashes

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### CAR-DEER

At 6:30 p.m. last Wednesday, deputies reported, Anna M. Childs, 22, of 7125 E. Sanilac Road, Kingston, was eastbound on Sanilac (31-46), east of Cemetery Road, and her car hit a deer.

that at 2:25 a.m. Thursday, Brenda M. Izydorek, 18, of 3120 Decker Road, Decker, was southbound on Cemetery, south of Kelly, when her auto collided with a deer.

Terie Lea Lalko, 30, of 6017 State Street, Kingston, was westbound on M-46, west of Shaw Road, at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, according to deputies, when her car hit a deer.



SPIRIT AWARD -- Representatives of each of the Cass City cheerleading squads show off the spirit award they won over 25 other schools in the competition Dec. 12 at Kingston High School. Back row, from left, Angela Nieboer, freshman; Karen Nurnberger, varsity; Susie Sheldon, JV; Bobbi MacKay, varsity; Andrea Nieboer, freshman. Front row, Deb Cook, 8th; Heidi Iseler, 7th; Lisa Rutkoski, 7th, and Julie Sugden, 8th. The freshmen won second place in competition; seventh and eighth grade squads, both second. Advisors are Geraldine Tibbitts, seventh and eighth; Sandy Nicholas, freshman and junior varsity; Betsy Dillon, varsity.

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By Bill Myers

## Taking Stock



General Motors and Ford say it costs them \$1 billion to bring an increase in mileage of one mile per gallon in a new model. I have no reason to doubt it.

There's a way you as an owner can get an extra mile per gallon—maybe more—and it won't cost you anything.

Switch from your regular motor oil to Mobil One, a 100 percent synthetic.

We did it two years ago, in our 1977 Cadillac. Mileage on the expressway on the Michigan-Florida run jumped from 16 miles per gallon to 17.5 miles per gallon.

Mobil claims less improvement than that, but that's my own experience. It is confirmed by a retired petroleum engineer of Venice, Fla., Austin Brightman. Brightman uses it in his motor home, and in his cars that are either new or have a rebuilt engine.

He's not exactly an amateur in the automotive field. His 1919 Packard station wagon won a blue ribbon at the Fort Lauderdale show last winter, and his Packard 1953 convertible won a second.

We asked him what the secret was of this new-fangled lubricant.

"With natural crude oil to work with," he explained, "the refinery eliminates as many undesirable substances as it can. Conventional oil still has some stuff in it you don't want, if you're after a pure lubricant."

"Mobil builds its synthetic by combining only the things it wants in an oil. The result is that it lasts longer and lubricates better."

It appears to be a thinner oil than the kind you usually buy. That may be the reason it has less resistance and the engine runs more easily.

First time I had it changed was at the Mobil station in Deerfield Beach. There the station manager said they use it themselves in their cars and in the station pickup.

"Some of our customers say their cars run quieter with it," the manager told us.

Brightman, our expert, said this wasn't necessarily their imagination.

"Besides wind and road noise and exhaust, there is only one other source of noise," he said. "That's metal against metal. With better lubrication you cut down this metal-against-metal sound."

Another testimonial came from Henry Ford himself. Henry Ford of Dearborn. Only this Henry was one of the top dogs in the Chrysler engine plant at Trenton. (He vacations at Sterling Village in Boynton Beach.)

"I used this oil in my Chrysler New Yorker," he reports. "I had the only car in the car pool that always started when it got below zero."

So what's the catch? Not the price, although it's \$4 a quart. But it lasts 25,000 miles, so it's cheaper than \$1.20 oil you change every 6,000 miles. (Filters should be changed every 7,000 or 8,000 miles.)

One catch is that it shouldn't be used in a car that has more than 40,000 miles on it when you start Mobil One.

# Firemen quell 2 chimney fires

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to two chimney fires Thursday.

The first was at 1 p.m. at the home of George Gabler on Dodge Road, a half-mile south of Deckerville Road.

According to fireman Roger Hurley, the fire got into the wall where the

stovepipe from a wood-burning cooking stove went through it to the chimney.

The fire then went up inside the wall to the roof, where it started burning in the area where the roof meets the chimney.

The roof was low enough that the owner of the home

was able to throw some buckets of water on the roof. Firemen used a hose to extinguish the fire.

Damage, estimated at \$500 was confined to the wall and roof around the chimney.

At 11:45 p.m., fire fighters went to the Mike Healey

home on Church Street, east of Hill Street.

The chimney in the three-story home led to a wood-burning add-on furnace in the basement.

The fire was discovered by Cass City policemen who were driving by the house. Hot cinders were dropping

to the bottom of the chimney, so firemen used a hose to wash them out. A lot of sparks were landing on the roof, so water was sprayed on it to keep it from burning.

A ladder led from the third floor to the roof. Firemen Ron Pawloski, Jack Hart-

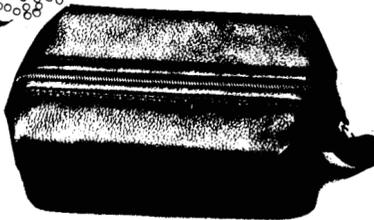
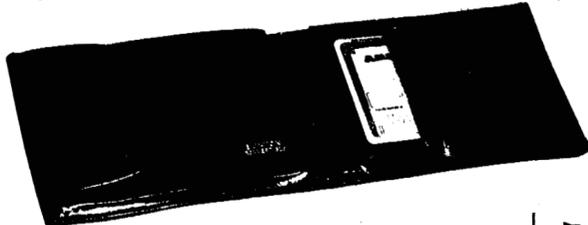
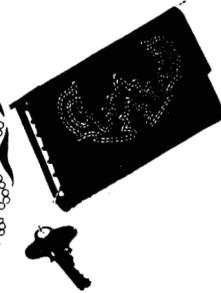
wick and Mick Kirn used it to go out on the roof. They then dropped a chain down the chimney to knock the creosote loose.

Firemen said the chimney at the third floor level was cracked and would have to be rebuilt and the flue replaced.

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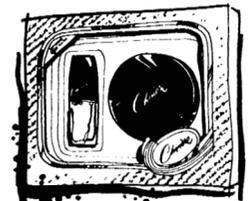
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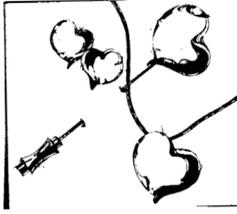
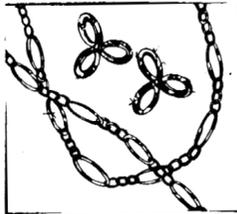
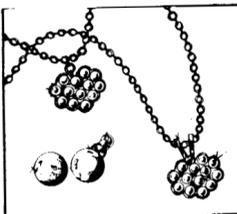
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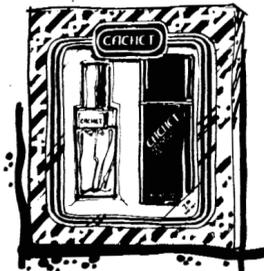


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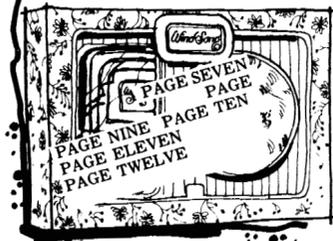
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Becky Sangster

For Christmas, I would like a baton and a Barbie Dream House. I'll leave you some cookies and milk and some sugar for your reindeer.

Love,  
Becky Sangster

Dear Santa,  
I'm Joshua Parker and I'll be two years old in January. Guess what Santa? I had to leave Cass City and come



Joshua Parker

all the way down to Texas to live, but I'm sure you won't forget me.

Mommy and Daddy say I've been a really good boy. Most of all I would love if you could bring me my dog named Pierre.

I would also like a Mickey Mouse mini-cycle or a Chubby Chopper, trucks with hook-ons, and story books. I love to be read to.

Please bring a present for Mommy and Daddy and Grandma and Grandpa. They deserve the best. (All my little cousins, too.) I miss them.

There will be chocolate chip cookies and milk for you.

I love you very much,  
J.D. (Hennessey)  
Parker  
Wichita Falls

Dear Santa,  
My name is Crystal Ann McKnight and I'm 3 1/2 years old. Mom said I've been pretty good.



Crystal Ann McKnight

For Christmas, I would like a Curly Baby and some pretty clothes. Also Santa, don't forget my cousins, Debbie and Buckweat. And my Papa

and GeGe.

I love you,  
Crystal Ann McKnight  
2077 Huron Line Road  
Ublly

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nathan James Bruce. I'm four months old, so I'm a new boy on your Christmas list, so don't forget to stop at my house Christmas Eve.

I would like some toys and a Bronco Buckie rocking horse.



Nathan Bruce

I've been a very good boy, my aunt says. She's helping me write this. Surprise Mom and Dad. I love you.

And Love You too Santa  
Nathan James Bruce  
Silvernail Road  
Kingston

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a Ken doll, a Face Case make-up mirror, My Pretty Pony, a ballerina outfit, a Frosty cone maker, doll clothes for my Gerber baby doll, and a Strawberry Shortcake sleeping bag.

I've been pretty good this last year. Please don't forget my friends and relatives.

Love you Santa,  
Heather Hendrick  
Decker Road  
Decker

P.S. Will leave you and your reindeer a treat.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Missy Sue and I'm 2 1/2 years old. I've been a good girl most of the time. Please bring me a pretty baby and a truck with cows. Please bring my brothers



Missy Sue Shagena

something nice, too. We will leave you and your reindeer something to eat on the kitchen table. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Love,  
Missy Sue Shagena  
Cass City

Dear Santa,  
My name is Amanda LaPeer and I'm 21 months old.



Amanda LaPeer

I try awful hard to be a good girl, but gosh! sometimes I sure do climb alot but I'll try to be alot better O.K.

Santa would you please bring me a new doll, some new clothes and a sled so Daddy can take me for a ride this winter. Mom said she will leave you some goodies if that Daddy of mine doesn't eat them before you get here.

Love and Kisses,  
Mandy  
7026 E. Cass City Road  
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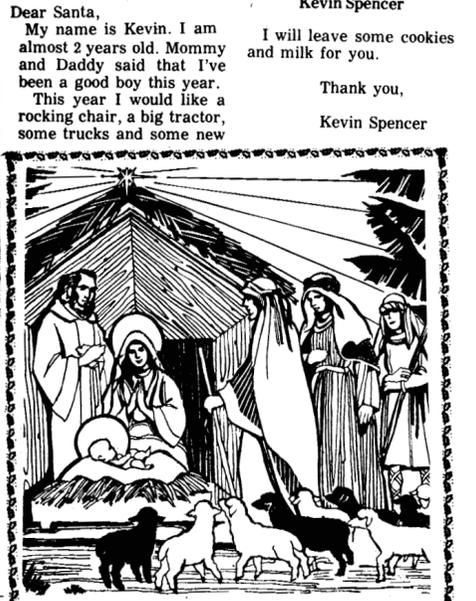
clothes. Please don't forget my cousins, Jason, Brian and Patrick. They've been good boys this year too.



Kevin Spencer

I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

Thank you,  
Kevin Spencer



### O, HOLY NIGHT

They gathered around Him and a spirit of hope and happiness pervaded the Earth. May the joy of that Night be yours.

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# Dear Santa: we will leave some cookies and milk

Dear Santa,  
My name is Melissa Osantowski. I am nine years old. I have been good this year. I try and help my mother take care of Laura.



Melissa Osantowski

For Christmas, I would like western Barbie and Ken, Dallas Barbie's horse and a makup case. Thank you for the gifts you brought last year.

Love,  
Missy

have an electric trucking set, Mr. Professor and clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

John Russell  
5170 Rescue Road  
Gagetown

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sara Lee. I am 3 years old and have tried to be a good girl.

I would like a Muppet doll house, Barbie doll and clothes and table and chairs. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Sara Lee Russell  
5170 Rescue Road  
Gagetown

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christina Doerr. I am 15 months old. Mommy said I have been a good girl this year.



Christina Doerr

For Christmas, I would like a new doll, music box, radio, rocking chair and a See-N-Say.

Love,

Christina Doerr  
6622 N. Cemetery Rd.  
Cass City

P.S. Mommy will leave cookies and milk and sugar for your reindeer.

Dear Santa,  
My sister and I have been pretty good this year.

I only want a 4x4, key car, semi-truck and play scissors.



Jeremy and Lindsay Heater

Lindsay would like a new baby stroller, doll and bottles.

Most of all, we want our Grandpa and Grandma, Uncle Brad and Aunt Staci to have a safe trip here from California. We also want Auntie Barb to come home from Florida.

We love you, Santa  
Love, Jeremy and  
Lindsay Heater

6464 River Road  
Cass City

P.S. We made you some cookies, and we'll leave some apples for all the reindeer.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lance. I am 2 years old.

This year for Christmas I would like a Big Wheel, a Farmers See-n-Say, Dukes of Hazzard car, a new truck, pajamas and new clothes.



Lance Gohsman

Thank you for the nice toys and things you brought me last year. We will leave you some goodies.

Bye, Santa

Lance Gohsman  
4192 S. Seeger Street  
Cass City

Dear Santa,  
My name is Corey. I am 4



Corey Gohsman

years old this year.

First of all I would like to thank you for all the nice things you brought to me last year.

This year, I would like to have a red 4x4 pickup truck, some cowboy boots and shirt, a Dukes of Hazzard car, Play-Doh and some new clothes.

Mom and I are making some goodies for you to have.

Bye,

Corey Gohsman  
4192 S. Seeger  
Cass City

Dear Santa,

My name is Tammy Zep- lin. I am 7 years old.

For Christmas, I would like a doll, game, earrings, clothes, sled, dishes, and a stuffed animal. This is only some of the things that I want for Christmas.

I will leave you some milk and cookies and I will leave some sugar for your reindeer.

Love,  
Tammy Zep- lin  
2400 N. Englehart Rd.  
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Dear Santa,  
My name is Amy Osantowski. I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been trying to be good and help mom with Laura.



Amy



Laura Osantowski

For Christmas, I would like Clown Hall, two clowns and Baby Feels So Real.

Laura is only 17 months old and I think she would like a doll and some other toys. Laura tries to be good too. Thank you for all the toys you gave us last year.

Love,

Amy and Laura

Dear Santa,  
My name is John. I am 8 years old. I would like to

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**Merry Christmas**

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# The little ones know what they want from Santa

Dear Santa,

I am 2 years old. For Christmas this year, I would like a Strawberry Shortcake doll and a new nightgown.



Amanda Dow

My baby brother Billy would like a teddy bear. We will leave you M & Ms and Diet 7-up.

Love,

Amanda Dow

ie doll, sled, clothes and pants.

Merry Christmas.

Love,

Darice Monroe  
3560 Phillips Road  
Cass City

Dear Santa,

My name is Michelle and I'm 4 years old. I have really tried to be a good girl this year.

Please bring me a cash register, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, and some clothes for Christmas.



Lori and Michelle Brown

Lori is my 2-year-old sister. She would like you to bring her a baby doll.

We will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Love,

Michelle and Lori Brown  
5933 Pringle Road  
Cass City

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Chad Phillips and I'm 2½ years old.

For Christmas, I would like a 2 gauge shotgun to hunt bunnies with. I would also like a dump truck and some toy trucks and tractors.



Chad Phillips

I will leave you and your reindeer some milk and cookies.

I try to be a good boy but it's hard.

Love,

Chad Deford

Dear Santa,

Jocelyn, Kirk and Becky will not be at 351 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, this year on Christmas.

They will be at Phila Milliser's house at Lake Pearce, Haines City, Fla. See you there.

Love,

Jocelyn, Kirk and Becky

Dear Santa,

I want a Strawberry Shortcake doll, Operation game, Super Girl Underoos, blueberry hat, winter coat, Barb-

ie doll, sled, clothes and pants.

I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me these toys:

Western Barbie, Cen, horse, inflatable Barbie pool set, Pink Panther, watch,

Barbie tent set, Strawberry Shortcake furniture, curling iron, Strawberry Short Cake guard house, orange blossom raspberry tart and Barbie make-up.

Signed,

Audra Lynn Michael



Stephanie

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me these toys:

Strawberry Shortcake rag doll, Strawberry Shortcake vanity set, Strawberry Shortcake toothbrush set and Strawberry Shortcake color set.

Also, a lemon meringue, roller skating Barbie, roller skates, Adorable Dora, bead machine, Happy Birthday Barbie, Brother Snoopy, Miss Piggy, Girl Monchichi, Barbie dream pool and Cowboy Bear and Sister Belle.

Angie

Dear Santa,

Remember me? I sat on your lap at McDonald's in Caro. Thank you for all the goodies.

I just wanted to remind you that I've been a real good boy this year and for Christmas I would like a rocking horse and a big John Deere tractor just like my daddy's! And just a few other toys would be nice.



Ryan Brinkman

You can help yourself to the cookies and milk and there will be some sugar for your reindeer.

Don't worry. My dog is tied to the tree and he doesn't bite.

Hugs and Kisses

Ryan Brinkman, 1½  
Lamton Road  
Cass City



Shawn

My little brother, Shawn, 7 months old, would like a Teddy bear, a feeding dish, some play pen toys and some pajamas.

Thank you, Santa. We love you.

Stephanie and Shawn  
Talaski  
Wilsie Road  
Cass City

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tory Gibbard. I am 20 months old. I have been a good girl.



Tory Gibbard

This year for Christmas I would like a red wagon, a doll and a new baby brother.

I love you, Santa  
Tory Gibbard  
6125 Hadley  
Cass City

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.



*May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and bring pleasant memories and much happiness to all our friends... we say "Sincere Thanks."*

**KRITZMANS', INC.**  
Cass City

for Christmas

Wishing you the finest joys of a bright and happy Christmas... with much appreciation.

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Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

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Ernest A. Teichman, Jr.  
6529 Main St., Cass City

Best Wishes

Santa drives your way with our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday. Your trust and confidence are a privilege—thanks to our patrons.

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Cass City

Merry Christmas

Wishing you a world of saying thanks for your loyal patronage.

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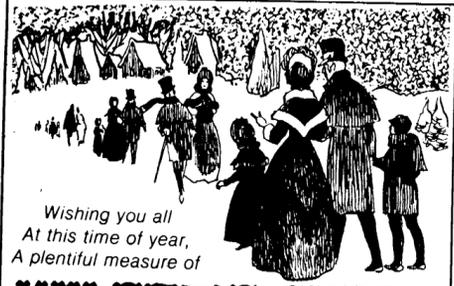
**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

May the magic of Christmas fill your souls with wonderful things! Our thanks to one and all!

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# Dear Santa: Here's my list for Christmas



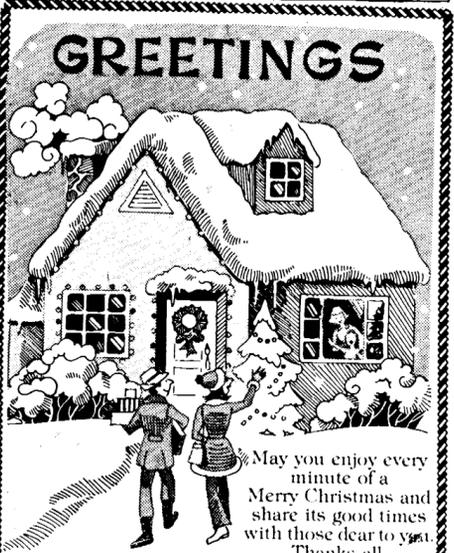
Wishing you all  
At this time of year,  
A plentiful measure of

## YULETIDE CHEER

### Cass City Auto Supply

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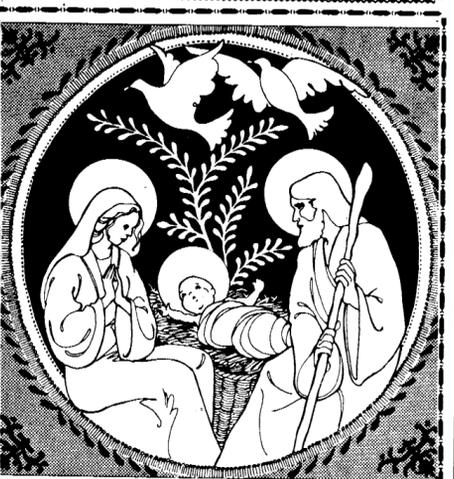
## GREETINGS



May you enjoy every minute of a Merry Christmas and share its good times with those dear to you. Thanks all.

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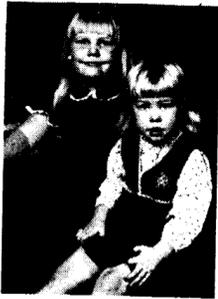


## PEACE ON EARTH

May the radiance and gift of His love light your way to everlasting peace and contentment. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

From The Family & Staff  
**Ken Martin Electric, Inc.**  
Cass City

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a Western Barbie, some clothes for school and a new game.



Tracy Moore Terri Moore

Please give my little sister, Terri, a baby doll and some playdough. We will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Terri Moore  
Tracy Moore  
Elmwood Road  
Cass City

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dee Dee Brigham. I am 7-years-old. For Christmas, I would like a doll, Rubik's Cube, a game, stuffed animal, clothes, sled, and a record player. This is only some of the things that I want for Christmas.

I will leave you some milk and cookies and some sugar for your reindeer.

Love,  
Dee Dee Brigham  
2034 N. Englehart Road  
Deford

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shawn. I am 5 years old. For Christmas, I would like a Big Bolt construction set, Dukes of Hazard barn buster and a cycle.



Shawn and Nicolette Zawilinski

My sister is a year old. Could you please bring her a baby doll and some other toys.

Love,  
Shawn and Nicolette Zawilinski  
6410 Elizabeth St.  
Cass City, MI. 48726

P.S. We will leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Josh and I'm 19 months old.

Please bring me my very own Lil Sport basketball and farm set.

My cousin, Chad Zawilinski, 3½ years old, would like a race car and tractor, too. We have both been good



Joshua Brinkman and Chad Zawilinski

boys!  
Look under the tree for some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Joshua Brinkman  
6290 Bay City-Forestville Road  
Cass City, MI. 48726

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jackie Diebel and I am 3 years old. I have



Jackie Diebel

tried real hard to be good this year. I would like the doll Tippy Toes. I will leave you milk

and cookies.

Jackie Diebel  
5035 MacAlpine Road  
Gagetown

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mandy. I am three. I have a brother Austin. He is two.



Mandy and Austin Kieiltyka

We haven't been very good, but will you bring us something anyway?

I want a Tippee-Toes doll, and Austin will take anything.

When you come, we'll leave you some kielbasa and sauerkraut.

When you go, will you take the soap and Austin's potty chair?

Kahum (Love),  
Mandy and Austin  
Kieiltyka  
Lampton Road  
Decker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a choo-choo train, and Mary wants a dolly.

I also want a horn for my bike. And I love you!

Love,  
Nicholas Hofmeister

P.S. Dear Christmas. Come soon please!



## Merry, Merry Christmas

We're sending you our best wishes for a very happy holiday! Thanks!

### Maurer Construction Co.

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## Greetings



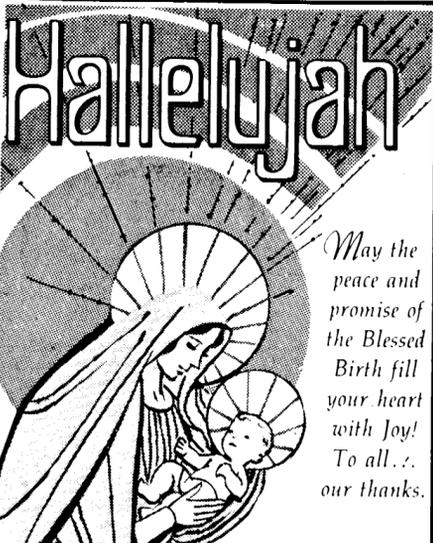
MAY THIS HOLIDAY BE FILLED WITH ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END!

### Copeland and Gornowicz, Inc.

#### Insurance Agency

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# Hallelujah



May the peace and promise of the Blessed Birth fill your heart with joy! To all... our thanks.

## HOWARD'S HEATING

Jerry and Laura  
3275 Cemetery Joe - Guy - Debbie 872-2030

## Tree-trimming with glee

Tree-trimming—one of the pleasant traditional activities that impart to the Christmas season a feeling of family togetherness.

Armed with a bowl of freshly-popped popcorn, and another of eggnog flavored with nutmeg, tree-trimmers will get to work, taking pride in their activity.

Whether the tree is natural or artificial, six feet tall or perhaps two feet, it engenders the same feeling of warmth and happiness that characterizes Christmas.

Ornaments range from strings of bright lights to garlands of popcorn and cranberries to family heirlooms handed down from generation to generation.

Well-traveled people may take pride in the wide variety of countries represented on their tree, a veritable U.N. Food-lovers may opt to make their tree edible—hanging little chocolate balls and bells covered in bright-colored foil, and home-baked gingerbread cookies in a myriad of shapes.

Candy canes can be hung from the tree's branches by their crooks, or can be grouped in miniature Christmas stockings. Miniature stockings can also be used to hold small bottles of booze from the tree.

And, with edible ornaments, there's one further advantage—when it comes to taking down the tree, after Christmas,

you can make a last party of it—eating what comes off the tree, with glee.

### HOLY MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The English word for Christmas comes from *Cristes Maesse*, which means "the Mass of Christ." Most nations derive their term for Christmas from the lengthy Latin name *Festum Nativitatis Domini Nostri Jesu Christi* (The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) or the shorter form *Dies Natalis Domini* (The Birthday of Our Lord). In Spain Christmas is called *La Navidad*, in Portugal, *Natal*, and in Italy, *Il Natale*. Christmas is called *Rozhdestvo Khrista* in Russia, and the German word for Christmas, *Weihnachten*, stands for Holy Night or Blessed Night, referring to the Nativity only by implication.

### OUTDOOR DISPLAYS

Many homes are brightly displayed for the Yuletide holiday. If you're setting up lights outdoors, make sure the wiring is weatherproof and not cracked. Also secure wires so they don't hang or blow too much in the winter wind; secure free-standing displays as well.



We've got all the essential parts to make your holiday a happy one!

## BIGELOW HARDWARE

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## The Cass City State Bank

6363 Main Street Cass City, Michigan 48726  
Telephone 872-4338

December 25, 1981

Dear Santa,

All we ask for this Christmas is that you reduce interest rates.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from:

Meredith Auten  
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Debbie Mitchell  
Marsha Moore  
Jane Phillips

Fred Auten  
Art Randall  
Tammie Avuil  
Joan Sattelberg  
Karen Schmidt  
Sherryl Seeley

Christmas is:  
Snowflakes and sun,  
Colorful and gay  
Exciting and fun,  
Enjoying the day!  
Make yours special!



**Charlie's Market**  
Wilmet

Advertise It In The Chronicle.

## Merry Christmas



As the Christmas spirit radiates around us, we especially hope you feel the festive warmth and promise that this holiday brings. Enjoy it... with our sincere thanks.

From The Whole Gang at

**Village Service Center**

Cass City

**GLAD TIDINGS OF THE SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!**



Fritz Olson, John Olson, Carol Betzold, Tom Fritz, Mike Otulakowski, Tom Fulcher, Dean Fulcher, Dave Eberline, Greg Riccardi, Eric Hagen

**TREND VENDORS**



We never tire of your year-long support! Best wishes to you and your families for a joyous Noel!  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
From All Of Us At  
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Best Wishes to all our patrons!

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**This year's Christmas pleasure may become tomorrow's treasure**

All of us want to give something for Christmas that will be remembered and cherished for years to come. To do this meaningfully, start someone on the hobby of collecting.

The first item towards a collection makes a unique gift and is the beginning of a rewarding pastime that will bring enjoyment for years and cause you to be remembered.

You can find collectible items that will appeal to any age group. Young children can be started on a collection of piggy banks or dolls. Teens will spend hours with stamp or coin collections.

**For lovers of beauty**

For those on your list who appreciate beauty, try paperweights, bells, butter dishes or ceramic plates. Collector's plates come in a variety of Christmas themes, the Norman Rockwell series being a particular favorite among those who collect Americana.

While all of these collectibles will be enjoyed for their present beauty and uniqueness, they do have the potential of becoming valuable treasures in the future.

Bottle collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the country today. Included in this category are ceramic decanters which are issued by many liquor companies throughout the year, as well as at Christmas time. Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc., makers of Wild Turkey Bourbon, issues limited editions of their Wild Turkey ceramic decanters every Fall.

**Increasing value**

Limited edition means that a specific number are produced and the mold is then broken. Thus, there's a good possibility that the decanter will increase in value and become a highly prized collector's item.

The first Wild Turkey decanter, introduced in 1971, originally retailed for \$20. It now commands a price of about \$500. The complete unopened set of eight from the first series now has an estimated value of \$2,000!

Many ceramics are issued as a part of a series, making it that much easier to select next year's gift. However, if the recipient has caught the collecting bug, they'll probably beat you to it.

Therefore, as an added pleasure to the collecting hobby, enroll the collector in a ceramic collector's society. That way, they'll be sure to be informed of the latest ceramic issued, as some are immensely popular and hard to come by.

Royal Doulton has introduced an International Collectors Club. Wild Turkey, too, has its own Ceramic Collectors Society. Enrollment is as easy as filling out the special card enclosed with each decanter.

So, if you're looking for a Christmas gift of distinction, a gift that may someday be a treasured object of value along with the memory of you, remember collectibles.

**WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE**

In 1923, the first National Community Christmas Tree in the United States was set up on the White House lawn. The tree was a spruce from President Calvin Coolidge's home state, Vermont.

The following year, he presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry Association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

**Christmas Eve Legend**

In Iceland, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the entire holiday season. Legend has it that on the night before Christmas, many years ago, dwarfs, elves and other "little folk" danced in the streets.



...and to all our customers, a big 'Thanks!'  
**FAUST REBUILDING SERVICE**  
Cass City



**COLLECTIBLES MAKE DISTINCTIVE Christmas gifts, and can start someone on the hobby of collecting. Piggy banks or dolls, paperweights or ceramic decanters—such as the one pictured here—are the ideal gifts for those on your shopping list who appreciate beauty.**



"GATHERING EVERGREENS," an 1858 engraving by Winslow Homer, shows the old-time method of gathering Christmas greens for the home. While the men at left cut down trees—a practice still followed by economically minded Americans—the man and woman to the right weave wreaths of evergreen, possibly laurel, holly or mistletoe. From the New York Public Library Picture Collection.

**Sampling those delectable holiday foods — forget about the calories!**

The very mention of the word "Christmas" brings to mind any number of images: rotund sidewalk Santas appealing to holiday shoppers; twinkling lights dancing upon the boughs of an evergreen; pleasant hearthside gatherings of family and friends.

the year, seduces even the most disdainful of cooks into the kitchen.

Fruitcakes laden with raisins, currants and citron and laced with a good dose of sherry or brandy, are an old holiday tradition.

Buttery cookies, cut in the shape of candy canes, reindeer, stars and Santas are a favorite with children. An adventurous baker might try his or her hand at a gingerbread house—when decorated with spice drops, icing and sugary confetti, it's a visual treat too good to eat.

**Food figures in**

Of all the associations that come to mind when thinking of Christmas, one of the most vivid is that of holiday foods. For Christmas, like no other time of



**Diet next year**

Don't be afraid to indulge in the seasonal goodies. After all, those New Year's resolutions to diet are just around the corner.

**Peace on Earth**



His birth brought love and hope to all mankind...embracing hearts with joy and spirits with true peace. Let the celebration of this holy day fill each of us with renewed happiness, as we share in thanks for the many blessings we behold.

**Walbro Corporation**

Cass City

# Indoor Christmas gardens bring year-round enjoyment

Small-scale rooms in today's houses and apartments often rule out those splendid ceiling-high Christmas trees of years gone by. Happily, there is an alternative—a tabletop Christmas "garden" that will continue to bring joy throughout the year.

### Seasonal houseplants

Christmas gardens can be fashioned from any number of ornamental houseplants available at florist shops this time of year. One of the most popular combinations is a small Norfolk Island pine tree, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged together in a wicker basket or similar large container.

The symmetrical branches and needle-like leaves of the pine can be dusted with artificial snow. They are also sturdy enough to support small Christmas ornaments, tinsel, tiny ribbon bows and other festive decorations.

With normal care, the Norfolk Island pine will flourish for many Christmases to come, as will the spider plant.

### Post-holiday care

To keep the poinsettia blooming brightly after the holidays, remove it from the arrangement and place it in a watertight container. Position it where it will get full but indirect sunlight, but away from drafts and excess heat from radiators or ventilation ducts. Check the soil daily and,

when it is dry to the touch, water the plant thoroughly and discard excess water. Feed the plant liquid plant food once a month in the amount indicated in the directions.

Florists also stock other seasonal plants that work well in a Christmas garden. They include the Christmas cherry, also known as Jerusalem cherry; Christmas kalanchoe; Christmas pepper; and Christmas cactus.



CHRISTMAS GARDENS SAVE VALUABLE SPACE and bring long-lasting holiday cheer. A popular combination is a small Norfolk Island pine, bright red miniature poinsettia and variegated spider plant, arranged in an attractive container.

# Old-fashioned Christmas still celebrated in parts of Norway

On the seven seas and in the harbours of every continent, Christmas trees are set up on the masts of Norwegian ships during the holiday season. And on shipboard, as in Norwegian homes all over the world, Christmas is celebrated Norwegian style—which means that it is celebrated a little differently than it might be in other countries.

### Subtle differences

Perhaps the difference is not as great as it used to be. Today's ease of communication and the intermingling of nationalities have encouraged a general trend towards uniformity. To the casual observer, the similarities between Christmas in Oslo, London or New York may be more apparent than the differences.

There is the same frantic

Christmas-gift rush in the stores, the gaily lit Christmas trees in the squares, the fanciful window displays with starry-eyed youngsters craning their necks to get a better view.

### Nostalgic dreams

And there is also, as in any city, the same nostalgic dream in the hearts of adults about the way grandmother used to celebrate Christmas. But, in parts of Norway, this is a dream that can still almost come true, especially in the countryside.

In big country kitchens in farms and villages off the beaten track, the preparations begin weeks before the festive season. The special Christmas beer, *juleøl*, is brewed; many traditional pork dishes are prepared; numerous varieties of small cakes, biscuits and cookies—the minimum being seven dif-

ferent kinds—are baked along with the *julekake*, the sweet Christmas bread filled with raisins and citron.

There is a traditional and thorough housecleaning as the holidays approach, and enough wood is chopped to keep the fires burning for at least the first three days of Christmas.

Finally, when Christmas Eve arrives, the tree is decorated by the parents behind the closed doors of the living room—the children are not allowed to enter until the following day, after the family meal has been eaten.

### Opening presents

It is not until carols have been sung around the tree that the children are allowed to open their presents. How's that for suspense?

**Joy To The WORLD**

**It's Christmas! A triumphant time to celebrate all life's blessings and all our special joys. And to you, dear friends, many thanks and good wishes!**

- Helen Agar
- Leota Anthes
- Mary Ann Opanasenko

**HELEN'S BEAUTY SHOP**  
6469 Main St., Cass City, 872-3535

**GREETINGS**

May the glow of Christmas shine on you and your loved ones.

Our thanks

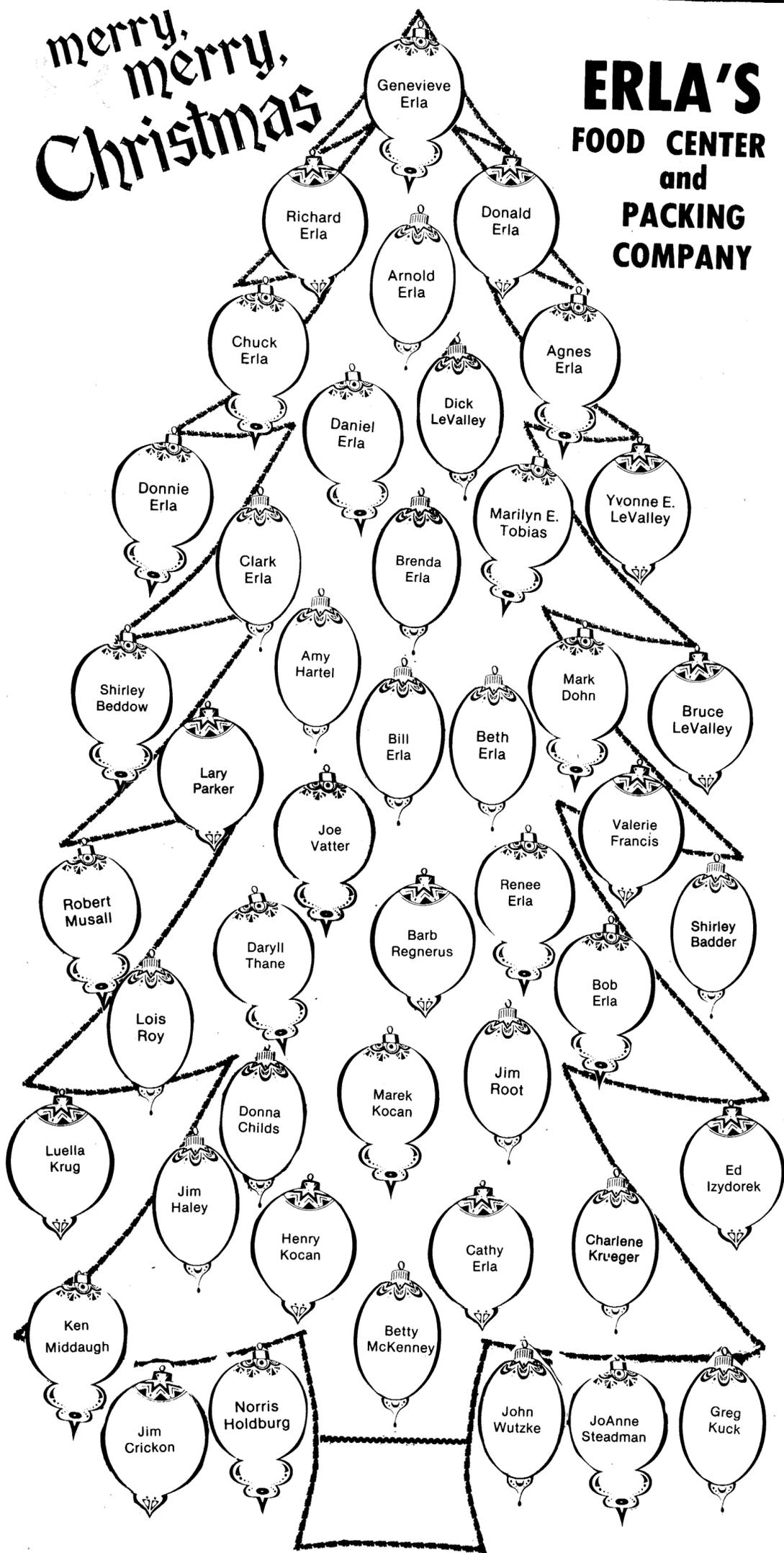
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Max & Mary Ann Cooper

**CELEBRATING THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Wondering what to do on the day after Christmas? Why not invite some guests over, mull over the events of the previous day's celebration, and throw nuts at each other just prior to dinner. This is an old practice which commemorates the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, who was stoned to death on December 26.

# merry, merry, Christmas

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King Arthur's Round Table is traditionally believed to have been the site of the first Christmas feast. References to the famous king have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

## The tale of a Christmas plant: the lovely poinsettia

Ready or not, there's no denying the arrival of the holiday season once the poinsettia plant begins to make its appearance.

Whether it appears on the cover of a greeting card, in the windows of a local department store, or in a sea of red, pink and white flowers at a roadside nursery, the poinsettia is a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

Although the poinsettia plant is not indigenous to the United States, Americans have come to associate its brilliant red, delicate pink and snowy white bracts with the Christmas season.

This exotic flowering plant, used to decorate homes and churches in Mexico during the Christmas season, was introduced to the United States in 1828 by Dr. Joel Robert Poinsett, at that time the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Upon returning from his term of service in Mexico, he brought the plants home to his native South Carolina.

Poinsett propagated these plants, which he called "Painted Leaves," in his own greenhouses, and sent cuttings to botanists throughout the country. The plant was later named "Poinsettia" in his honor.

Poinsettias grow wild in Mexico and other areas of Central America, where they are shrubs that can reach 30 feet in height. Their brilliant flowers are most profuse in mid-December.

The Spanish name for poinsettias, *Flor de la Noche-buena* (flower of the holy night), derives from a Mexican legend which holds that the plant originated in a miracle.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPERSTITIONS

Superstitious? If so, as midnight approaches on December 31, open the windows in your home and sweep from back to front, allowing the old year's bad luck and evil spirits to be swept away, while letting in the New Year's good luck. On New Year's Day, break a pomegranate on your doorstep in the Greek tradition. This is said to bring wealth during the new year.

### LEGAL HOLIDAY

The only religious holiday recognized as a legal holiday throughout the United States is Christmas. Alabama became the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836. By 1890, all other states had done the same.

As the legend has it, a poor peasant child, ashamed at having nothing to take to a service honoring the nativity of the Christ child, sadly picked a few weeds along the road to give as an offering at the church.

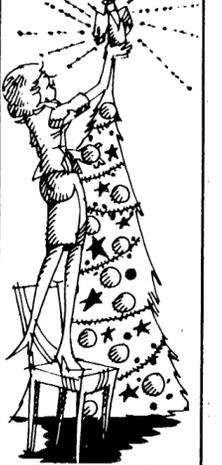
As he knelt at the altar with his humble gift, the child's earnest prayer and tears of reverence transformed the weeds into the flowering plant that has become as much a part of Christmas in this country as the evergreen tree.

Today, poinsettias are still imported from Mexico, though commercial growers in Hawaii and other warm-weather states add to the supply. A careful plant-lover, however, can keep the plant from one season to the next and enjoy its brilliant flowering year after year.

The poinsettia will flourish outdoors during the summer months in most parts of the country, becoming denser with foliage as the weeks of sunshine pass. Prior to putting the plant outdoors, it should be pruned to avoid its becoming too "leggy."

In order to have the plant bloom at Christmastime, poinsettias require equal amounts of daylight and darkness from the first week of October to the second week in November.

### TOP OFF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PEACE, LOVE & JOY!



Nadara's Tree Farm  
Cass City

## Age-old customs blend into a modern Christmas story

by RUTH KLING

Christmas is the loveliest time of the year. Even the most sophisticated seem to get caught in the spirit of the season. They pause to listen to carols, smile at children whose faces show wide-eyed wonderment when pressed against festive store windows, and even drop contributions for sidewalk Santas.

All of this often conjures up pleasant thoughts of Christmases past. This is a wonderful season to ponder the many customs that make the holiday season so special.

There are so many customs, brought from all over the world and from all periods of history, that have become a part of our Christmas customs.

Music is an important part of this holiday. One of the most popular of all the carols is "Silent Night." It was written quite by accident because an organ broke down.

Joseph Mohr, a poor parish priest in the Austrian Tyrol region more than 150 years ago, was upset when the old organ refused to peal when played. He felt his faithful parishioners would be keenly disappointed without music at the traditional Christmas Eve services.

He sat down and hastily wrote the words for "Silent Night." Then he asked his friend, Franz Gruber, to write the melody. In just a few hours, these two dedicated and humble men wrote a carol that became world famous. Back in 1818 in the little church, they sang the carol accompanied by a guitar.

One of the most popular symbols of Christmas is the Christmas tree. This is said to date back to the eighth century. Martin Luther is credited with adding lighted candles years later in his native Germany.

The holly wreath, according to legend, goes back in time to the crucifixion. Christ's crown of thorns is said to have been made of holly leaves. The early Romans ornamented their temples and homes with green boughs, considered a symbol of peace.

Almost everybody has a special place where mementoes of past Christmases are kept. Sometimes it's an ornament from childhood, a card, a tiny toy or a piece of jewelry that had a significance of love.

While the practical side of one's nature may say this is the year to give something useful, the romantic side will say this is the year to give something different.

Anyone can give a gift certificate, clothing or a book. With just a little more thought, there are several really unique gifts from which to choose.

They are from the wonderful world of beauty, and are especially appropriate for Christmas gift giving. Called "Limited Editions," these gifts have been specially packaged and designed by cosmetic companies.

As the name implies, there is just a limited number, so it is a wise idea to shop early. You avoid the crowds and come away with stunning, unusual gifts that will be most welcome



Christmas

May it be decked out with love, wreathed in peace and illuminated with joy and laughter. Many thanks to all our fine customers!

Hillside Beauty Salon

Sandy Scott - Sandy Guo

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LET US REJOICE AS WE REFLECT ON THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AND THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH WE ACCEPT HIS MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS. THIS IS A DAY TO REALIZE HIS MESSAGE OF LOVE, PEACE AND FAITH EVERLASTING AS WE EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING...AND THE TREASURES WE SHARE THROUGH DEAR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES. MAY ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON BE YOURS.

### SEASON'S GREETING

Harry and Mabel Lenda

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Cass City



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### Symbols Adorn Greeting Cards

Christmas card artists have a wealth of symbols from which to draw when preparing illustrations. Holly is symbolic of chastity, flying birds symbolize spiritual life and a peacock stands for eternal life. Lambs call attention to the sacrifice on the cross; beasts of burden often stand for humility. And a white rose recalls the little shepherd girl whose tears were turned to white roses by an angel. The child had burst into tears at the manger because she had no gift. Christmas lights symbolize the Glory of God and holly berries the drops of blood caused by Christ's crown of thorns.



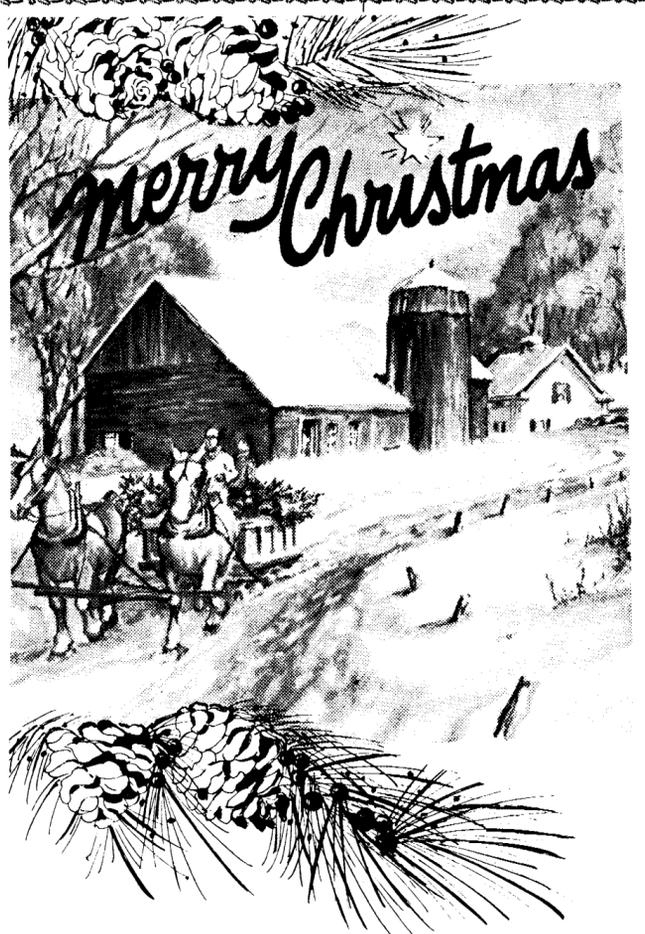
PRaised BE HE...



...Who has shown us the way of true contentment and peace!

Joyous Noel!

Frank's Music Store & Flea Market



May your Christmas be merry and bright as you kindle the fire of hospitality in your heart and home. To our good friends, warm holiday greetings and thanks.

### Mutual Savings & Loan Association

Linda Gaymer - Linda Young

Michele Male - Lorna Dorland - Rosie Quinn

**JOY IS** ... Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

**CROSSROADS RESTAURANT**  
M-53 & Bay City-Forestville Roads  
Cass City

*Merry Christmas*

May all things that warm the home and heart be yours this holiday... along with our sincere "hearth"-felt gratitude to you and yours.

**B. A. Calka Real Estate**  
Curley, Pauline and Sales Staff

**GREETINGS**

Glad voices ring out with every good wish for a glorious Yuletide. We chime in with our thanks.

**GEIGER-HUNT FORD, INC.**  
Cass City

**GREETINGS**

Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

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THE CUSTOM OF SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS originated in England in 1843, where the first known Christmas card was designed by John Calcott Horsley. Today, Americans exchange more than three billion cards during the holiday season. Pictured here is "Best Christmas Wishes," a European print (circa 1890). Courtesy of the Oakland, California Museum.

**The historic origins of the modern Christmas card**

Christmas cards originated with an English nobleman who yearly wrote Christmas letters to friends and family. One year—1843—he didn't have the time, and so commissioned an artist to design a card to which he could just add a note. By the 1860's Christmas cards had caught on in England, and shortly afterward crossed the ocean to America.

Today Americans exchange some 3 billion Christmas cards each year. What with the rising prices of cards and postage, it's a custom that can be costly. No wonder so many people are now making their own.

Here are a few ideas, which are easy and fun to make: First, find envelopes, then cut colored paper or card stock to fit. For a design, cookie cutters are one quick and sure trick, especially for the novice designer. Trace a single tree or star, or

**Hark! the herald angels sing**



THE ANGEL GABRIEL, who announced to the Virgin Mary that she was with child, is seen here in an unusual interpretation: that of a weathervane. Circa 1840, courtesy of the American Museum of Folk Art.

**Ghosts of Christmases past live forever in gifts of jewelry**

Back in the days when teenagers were "bewildering offspring" and Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney were teenagers on the silver screen, one of the most popular Christmas gifts a young fellow could give his girl was a gold heart pendant, says the Jewelry Industry Council.

Today's girls aren't wearing bobby sox and feather flowers in their hair, nor are the fellows sporting bell bottom corduroys and short haircuts, but the heart pendant is still a favorite to give and receive.

Of course, the Council points out, the heart pendant has gone through some subtle changes. For one thing, the heart shape can be free form, cutout, or simply a heart silhouette. But instead of the classic plain gold, today's pendants are highlighted with small diamonds.

There may be one diamond in the heart center, or diamonds may outline the heart shape, or form a rich pave over the whole pendant. What does remain the same is the sentiment.

Through the years, gift selections from the jewelry store have always been special gifts.

The Yuletide season has traditionally been the time of year when young couples announce their engagements, and the bride-to-be has received her engagement ring.

It's also the time of year many husbands choose to add a

diamond to their wives' anniversary rings—it's so much easier to remember Christmas than a specific wedding date!

It only goes to prove that fond memories, like fine jewelry, are meant to last forever!

**An old English tradition: toasting from Wassail Bowl**

Wassail is derived from the Anglo-Saxon expression "Was Haile"—your health. For centuries, the Wassail Bowl was drunk in England with much ceremony and exchanging of holiday greetings. The custom was so common throughout the country that "wassailing" came to mean any kind of Christmas toast.

**Old-time ingredients**  
The old-time recipe for the Wassail bowl was a heated combination of ale, cinnamon, ginger, sherry wine, lemon and sugar which was poured into a heated bowl. Toasted bread and roasted crab apples were added. Today, even in England, the

contents of the Wassail Bowl can be any kind of punch which stands ready to serve and toast friends when they drop in on Christmas.

**Today's holiday punches**  
Popular holiday punches today include egg nog, and zesty cranberry punches such as one combining six cups each of cranberry juice cocktail and grapefruit juice with a 16 ounce can of jellied cranberry sauce. This should simmer for five minutes with four cinnamon sticks, some whole cloves, and the peel of two oranges. It is good served hot or cold.

Just be sure not to pour the hot punch into a glass punch bowl unless it is heatproof.



FOUR DECADES AGO, one of the most popular gifts a teenage boy gave his favorite girl was a heart pendant. And, as they say, the more things change, the more they remain the same. The heart pendant, with a few modern innovations, is still a popular gift to that pretty girl next door, says the Jewelry Industry Council.



As you greet this wondrous season we send warm wishes and thanks for the gift of your continued friendship.

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Cass City

**Merry Christmas**

Our hat's off to you, our good friends and neighbors, for your loyalty and confidence. Thanks and warm wishes for a joyous Christmas.

**FRANK'S SERVICE**  
Frank and Ruth Spencer and Family

**"...While visions of sugarplums danced..."**



THE PEACEFUL REPOSE OF THIS SLUMBERING CHILD will be broken with the arrival of morning and the anticipation of gifts to be opened. Illustrated by Thomas Nast in 1890, "Another Stocking to Fill" was the frontpiece to his Christmas Drawings for the Human Race. Courtesy of the New York Historical Society.

**Feasting on boar's head: traditional holiday fare**

The hustle-bustle of the holiday season is not to be found in department stores alone. Another center of much activity at Christmastime is the kitchen, where, for days before the holiday, the smell of cakes baking and meats roasting announce the arrival of the season to discerning noses.

The tradition of feasting at Christmas is as old as the holiday itself, and each culture has its peculiarities when it comes to holiday menus.

**A popular custom**

Perhaps one of the most peculiar of holiday foods is the boar's head, a long-standing culinary tradition among the British. While a feast featuring boar's head has become less common in England in the past decades, this centuries-old custom is still practiced with great ritual among traditionalists.

Some say the custom goes back to pre-Christian days when the Druids killed a boar and offered its head as a sacrifice to the goddess Freya at the Winter solstice. Others trace the boar's head ceremony to Viking days, when at the season of *Yule* the Vikings sacrificed a boar and feasted on its head to accelerate the sun's return.

**Flourish of pageantry**

Ancient societies and clubs in such cities as London, Oxford and Cambridge still observe the 2000-year old feast, where the boar's head is carried into the dining hall in a flourish of pageantry. The chef bears the head on a tray, followed by the knife bearer, choristers and minstrels.

This great delicacy is splendidly decorated with a garland

of rosemary and laurel and, as a final touch, a lemon—the symbol of plenty—is placed in its mouth.

A modern variation of the boar's head feast is the feasting on a suckling pig, a more common practice in England today.

Just about every Christmas gift comes in an attractive gift box. If you're ecology-minded, don't throw those boxes away after they have been opened. As long as they do not carry a printed holiday message on them, they're good all year in which to package other gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, etc.



BRING ON THE FEAST! Modern-day Christmas festivities differ little from those of the past when it comes to feasting and merry-making, although few American tables are likely to feature a meal of boar's head, as in this 1855 illustration from the London News. Courtesy of the New York Public Library Picture Collection.

**Joyous strains of Christmas carols fill the December air**

What could sound sweeter than a chorus of voices singing hymns in perfect harmony? That same chorus of voices singing Christmas carols from a church choir or a snow-covered street corner.

The heavenly strains of carols awaken ears to the simple beauty of the Christmas celebration and, in no time at all, invite all within earshot to join in and sing.

The word, carol, derives from the Greek and Latin words for "chorus." It was used in the middle ages to describe a ring dance or song, which was generally sung among a group of persons, either seated or standing in a circle. At some later time in history, the word became synonymous with Christmas and songs of wonder.

**Different from hymns**

The Christmas carol—quite different from the traditional church hymn, which was always sung in Latin—originated as the song of the Nativity, sung in the vernacular and understood by all.

While many of the present-day Christmas customs originated with ancient cultures' forms of worship, it was not until the second half of the 19th century that Christmas carols met with general acceptance in both Europe and North America.

When, in 1868, Bishop Philip Brooks was rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia, he was asked by his Sunday school pupils to compose a Christmas hymn. It has since become the earliest popular carol composed by an American.

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark sky shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary:  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondrous love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God, the King,  
And peace to men on earth.*



"OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL..." The joyous strains of Christmas carols can be heard in churches or on street corners during the holiday season. While it is said that St. Francis of Assisi was the first to sing Christmas carols in the 13th century, carolling did not become popular until the mid-19th century in England. Here, choir boys at Winchester Cathedral. Courtesy of the British Tourist Authority.

**Deck tables with boughs**

'Tis the season to be jolly, so why not reflect some of these festive feelings in the most appropriate spot of all—the joyous Christmas banquet table?

Whether it's formal Christmas dinner or an evening of entertaining family and friends, your Christmas dishes will all have an extra-festive air when served on a table covered with white, red and green linens and decorated with boughs of pine, holly, even mistletoe.

Add red bows to your bunches of greenery and arrange Christmas tree trimmings among them.

Candles are a Christmas must, and beautifully-scented pine and bayberry candle arrangements will light up a banquet table.

For a final touch of Yule, turn a dessert table into an angel's delight with clouds of angel hair, carolers, cherubs and tiny lights.

*Little Jack Horner sat in the corner,*

*Eating a Christmas pie;  
He put in his thumb, and pulled out a plum,  
And said, "What a good boy am I!"*

—Nursery Rhyme

**Christmas Blessings**

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### CHUCK GAGE WELDING

## Spirit of Christmas reaches out to all cultures, religions

Another Christmas. For the millions of Christians throughout the world, this is a season of joyous celebration as they mark the birth of their redeemer, Jesus Christ. Yet it is a season which holds special significance for non-Christians, as well. For there is in the air at Christmastime an infectious sense of peace and brotherhood, a feeling which goes beyond the recognized boundaries of religion, culture and geography.

The Christmas celebration offers a glimmer of light in the bleakness of December, when the days are shortest and the worst of winter's onslaught lies ahead. The brightness of a blazing hearth fire, the twinkle of a Christmas tree's lights, the brilliance of the sun against a whitewashed landscape—these are some of the elements of Christmastime that bring light into the hearts of all men.

#### Other December festivals

It is no coincidence that the celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem some two thousand years ago falls at the same time of year as the many festivals of light which preceded Christianity. Late December, the moment of the sun's annual rebirth, has since primitive days been a time of great feasting and prayer. It was a time when ancient peoples, whose lives were so greatly affected by the elements, rested from their labors on the land and gave thanks for the previous season's harvest.

One such festival was the Roman Saturnalia. Beginning at the winter solstice, it was a period of great feasting and thanksgiving throughout the whole of the Roman Empire. With elaborate processions, decorations, gift-giving and other rituals, this highly civilized ancient people paid homage to their deity of agriculture, Saturnus, in hopes of gaining his favor during the following year's planting season.

Similar non-Christian rituals were practiced at the time of the winter solstice by the early Vikings, Goths, Saxons and Druids, and vestiges of these ancient solstitial festivals are apparent in our modern-day celebration of Christmas.

#### Christian celebration established

It was not until the middle of the fourth century that the Church of Rome established December 25 as the date commemorating the birth of Christ. And while the exact birthdate of the Christchild has never been known, the Church did not select this date arbitrarily. Since the winter solstice had always signified a time of celebration and prayer to pagan gods, it was an opportune season of celebration for Christians seeking to convert pagan peoples to their faith.

The Christian celebration gradually incorporated a number of traditions which had formerly been part of the early non-Christian festivals of

light. The decorating of churches with greenery, for example, did not take place until the year 601, when Pope Gregory instructed Augustine of Canterbury to follow the non-Christian custom of decorating temples with holly, laurel and other evergreens.

#### Romans introduced gift-giving

The tradition of gift-giving can be traced to the Roman Saturnalia, at which time the Romans made presentations of various foodstuffs and finery to their emperors. But, it is no less significant to the Christian celebration that the Three Wise Men, or Maji, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christchild as he lay in a manger in Bethlehem.

Today's most popular gift-giver is, of course, Santa Claus. Known as St. Nicholas and Father Christmas until Thomas Nast popularized the name Santa Claus (possibly, from the Dutch *Sante Klass*, or Saint Nicholas), Saint Nicholas was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the fourth century.

Legend holds that Saint Nick saved three young daughters of an impoverished father from a questionable, "dowryless" fate by quietly leaving each girl a quantity of gold to use as a dowry. This he is said to have deposited through windows during the night, a harbinger of the present-day practice of Santa's clandestine nocturnal visit.

#### Christmas spirit survives

In these days of convincing marketing campaigns and gross commercialism, however, it becomes easy to lose sight of the special meaning of Christmas. Many of us become reluctantly swept up by the holiday rush: trying to wend our way through bustling crowds in an elaborately decorated department store; managing to schedule two Christmas parties and a stop at Aunt Alice's in one evening; addressing those last few season's greetings to friends before the post office closes for the day. "Never again!" is uttered by many a weary holiday shopper, party-goer or letter writer, "next year will be different."

But, beyond that hectic holiday rush is a genuine feeling of goodwill which differs little from year to year. For Christmas is a time to take stock of the good things in life, the simple pleasures such as watching a child's face light up with delight at the sight of gaily-wrapped packages spilling from beneath a tree. Or, the warmth of sharing holiday cheer with family and friends, and the comfort of their company.

Let's hope that next year won't be different, and that Christmas for many years to come will blanket the earth in a tranquil moment of peace and brotherhood.

## 'Tis the season for decking the halls, trimming the tree

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, How lovely are thy branches!

—Louis Schneider

There's hardly a Christmas tradition that's more universally popular than trimming the tree. Be it live, fresh cut or artificial, a brightly decorated tree sets the stage for a spirited holiday celebration.

Tree-trimming is a custom that was exported from Germany to England in the late 18th century. But it was not popularized until the 1840s when Prince Albert introduced it into the royal family, thereby setting a precedent which has since been followed by royalty and the common man alike.

It is said that Martin Luther was so moved by the sight of stars twinkling in the sky above a grove of evergreen trees, that he sought to simulate their effect by setting candles on a small evergreen which he brought into his home.

In Victorian England, the Christmas tree was laden with sweets, fruits and nuts—as well as dancing candles. These edibles were not eaten until the dismantling of the tree on the Twelfth Night, adding an element of gaiety to the otherwise sobering activity of putting dec-

orations away until the next year.

Eventually, ornaments made by glassblowers and wood carvers came to replace the edible decorations on Christmas trees. Today, tree-trimming has been elevated to a considerable art form, a medium for the trimmer's expression.

For some, a simple garland made by stringing popcorn and cranberries is an eye-pleasing decoration, while for others, elaborate links of red and green balsa wood appear more festive.

Red ribbons and candy canes may suit one trimmer's taste, while velvet-covered turtle doves and hand-painted wooden figures may suit another's.

The key to tree-trimming is to have fun at it, whether one opts for real candles or twinkling, multi-colored lights; for a strongly scented Douglas fir or an artificial tree.

After all, the evergreen is but a symbol of the presence of life in the darkness of winter, the true meaning of the Christmas celebration.

#### STOCKING STUFFERS

Many people put off buying small stocking stuffers until the very last minute. Christmas stockings are as much a part of the holiday as decorating the tree, family dinners and gifts, and should be chosen with that in mind. How about some of the following?

- Mini-puzzles for children and adults.
- Finger puppets for the little kids. Imaginative ones are available in stores or try crocheting them yourself.
- Key chains with appropriate hobby charms or nameplate.
- Small change purse or miniature bank.



THE SCENE OF THE NATIVITY, as with many of the events in the life of Christ, has long been a favorite image of artists working in various artistic media. The creche pictured here dates to 1738, and was executed by woodcarvers in the world-famous woodcarving district of Bavaria in Germany. Courtesy of the German National Tourist Office.

#### NO CHRISTMAS

Because its inhabitants are Buddhists and Mohammedans, Christmas Day is never celebrated on Christmas Island, located in the Indian Ocean! And no Christmas festivities are held in Santa Claus's hometown of Myrna, Turkey. The birthplace of St. Nicholas is a Mohammedan community.



Count our very warm wishes for a holiday without measure, among your gifts this Christmas. Thanks for being our friend.

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Our holiday wishes for you and yours will echo all through Christmastide, bringing joy and good cheer to all.

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# Your Neighbor says The Christmas I remember best

Loretta Seely's most memorable Christmas was when she told her father to shoot Santa Claus.

"I think it was when I was 10 years old and my folks had a real Santa Claus come to the door," she explained when asked what her most memorable Christmas was. Her home then was in southern Illinois.

Santa was a "great big fellow" to her and her seven-year-old brother and when he told them to kneel down and pray, they both became scared, so scared that she told her father "go get your gun" and shoot Old St. Nick.

This Christmas will be a lot more pleasant. She and her husband Norbert will be visiting their two daughters, Dolores and Donna, in Allen Park, a Detroit suburb. The latter gave birth to the couple's newest grandchild, a girl, in September.

The Seelys, who live on Virginia Drive, Cass City, also have a son, Norbert G., who lives in Elkhorn, Wis. Mrs. Seely works Tuesdays, sale day, in the office at the Michigan Livestock Exchange at M-53 and M-81, for which her husband works as a salesman.



## L. Connell dies after long illness

Larry B. Connell, 38, of Lapeer, formerly of Cass City, died Friday at the Lapeer County Medical Care Facility after a long illness.

He was born March 7, 1943, in Saginaw.

Connell served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He had been a member of the Fraser Presbyterian Church and was a member of the American Legion post of Millington. He lived for a time in the Cass City area, Kansas City and

Bay City. He is survived by his father, Max Connell of Cass City and two brothers, Brent Connell and Colin Connell, both of Lapeer.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. Robert Von Oeyen of the Fraser Presbyterian Church officiating.

Burial was in Colfax Cemetery, Bad Axe.

# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347

Corporal Bob Cleland who arrived Sunday to spend a month with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Sr. and family in Pontiac, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Corporal Cleland returned home after spending a year in the Marines in Japan and Yechon, South Korea. After his 30-day leave, Cpl. Cleland will return to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glaza were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Soule of Bad Axe and Jack Ross of Ubyly were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krug were Saturday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Louks.

Mrs. Jack Tyrrell came home Wednesday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Herman at Montrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCartney of Alma spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family and were Tuesday overnight and Wednesday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and Laura of Lake Orion and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart visited Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chinoski at Parisville Saturday forenoon.

Floyd Zulauf and Jack Ross of Ubyly and Bryce Champagne were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Score of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Around 60 attended an

early Christmas planned potluck dinner Sunday at St. Andrew's Hall at Sheridan for the Tyrrell family with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family as hosts. After a program of skits and singing Christmas carols the gifts were opened. Guests attended from Morrice, Cornuna, Midland, Vernon, Ypsilanti, Owosso, Kawkawlin, Ubyly, East Lansing, Lansing, and South Bend, Ind.

Cpl. Bob Cleland, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Matthews and sons Tuesday evening and Mrs. Anne Pelton Wednesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza and Mr. and Mrs. Gil Maurer were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mrs. Floyd Morell, Brenda and Denise, Rosie Abraham and Mrs. Don Jackson and Jason spent Saturday in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCartney of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and

family were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer.

Clara Bond spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm and family in Pigeon.

Nathan Michael Lapeer, son of Al Randy and Mrs. Randy LaPeer was baptized Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City. A potluck dinner followed at the home of Anna Neal in Cass City. Guests attending were Mrs. Manly Fay Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Daryl LaPeer and Lynette, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer, Sheree and Shelly, Mike Wiederhold, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Haag and Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer and Al and Mrs. Randy Lapeer, Shawn and Nathan.

Mrs. Bud Schneeberger and Mrs. Russ Schneeberger of Cass City were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hunt and Connie were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Mrs. Dave Sweeney spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. John Ulrich in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britt were Friday forenoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk.

## EUCHRE CLUB PARTY

Four tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Atkins. Low prizes by Clara Bond and Cliff Jackson. Bob Atkins won the traveling prize.

The next party will be Jan. 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Christmas gifts were exchanged. A potluck lunch was served.

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Al Randy LaPeer of San Antonio, Texas, arrived Thursday evening to spend till Jan. 1 at his home here.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the Provincial House Christmas party to distribute the 10 dozen cookies furnished by the Greenleaf Extension group.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and Laura of Lake Orion were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Brent and Leanna of Oxford spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family.

## 500 CLUB

Two tables of cards were played when the 500 Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Angus Sweeney. Prizes were won by Mrs. Emma Fisher and Mrs. Dorothy Messing. The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Fisher.

## Teichman in junior college "Who's Who"

Lori Teichman of Cass City is one of 10 Northwestern Michigan College students named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1982" for being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

The college is located in Traverse City. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included her based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

## JOY

"... And the glory of the Lord shall be redeemed!" Rejoice on this day!



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## Good Sam chapter has meeting

The Upper Thumb Sammers of the Good Sam Club met Dec. 12 at the home of Jerry and Betty Stilson of Cass City.

A Christmas potluck was enjoyed. There were 31 attending. Welcomed as new members were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parrish and children, Jamie and Kristie, of Gagetown.

A discussion was held of forthcoming camps. "Samborees" will be held in May in Charlotte; August, Coldwater, and October, Harrison.

There was a gift exchange and carols were sung. The next meeting will be April 17 at the home of Elton and Elta Berden of Seldon.

Twenty-five members attended the Nov. 17 meeting at the home of the organization's Michigan king and queen, Ralph and Lurene Brown of Ubyly. The Good Samanthas of the club served the potluck.

Officers for the coming year are Jim Briggs, president; Gerry Willis, vice-president; Duncan Campbell, treasurer; Alice McComb, secretary; Roy Davis, wagon master, and Ruth Bouck, news reporter.

## New books at the library

MURDER ON CAPITAL HILL, by Margaret Truman (fiction). Senate Majority Leader Cale Caldwell turns up at a party in his honor with an ice pick implanted in his chest. The Senate and the Washington Metropolitan Police go into action, but only when an attractive attorney begins a dangerous investigation of her own do the barriers of Washington's closed political and social worlds begin to splinter and the details of Caldwell's murky, murder-inviting past emerge.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BABY AND CHILD CARE, by Lendon H. Smith (non-fiction). A more compact, more sensibly organized, and slightly better illustrated new edition of his 1971 best-seller. It includes solid information on nutrition, anatomy and development, drugs and medicines and psychological health.

STILL MISSING by Beth Gutcheon (fiction). Alex Selky, a bright, appealing six-year-old, disappears one morning on his way to school. His mother Susan's life stops while the year-long search continues. Author Gutcheon sharply draws every moment of the mother's terror and her attempt to pursue a normal existence while the tragedy looms unresolved. The book offers a course in police procedure, an awareness of the parent societies that exist to ease pain or arouse action, and a sense of media response to kidnapping.

## November milk output up 4%

Michigan's November milk production totaled 411 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

Cow numbers at 395,000 head were unchanged from last month but were up 1 percent from last year. Milk per cow during November, at 1,040 pounds, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

Producers received an average of \$14.40 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk during November, 30 cents above the November, 1980 price. Gains in milk prices compared to a year ago have been steadily narrowing throughout 1981.

The cost of replacement milk cows continued to decline with November's average of \$1,250 falling 4 percent below a year ago. Slaughter cow prices averaged \$37.50 per cwt., down 18 percent.

U.S. November milk production totaled 10.3 billion pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Production per

cow averaged 943 pounds. 16 pounds above November, 1980. Milk cow numbers were up 1 percent.

## AARP Christmas meeting

The Cass City chapter of American Association of Retired Persons held its annual Christmas meeting Dec. 10 with 23 members and five guests attending.

Blood pressure readings were taken by volunteer nurse Irene Freeman.

Tables were decorated by the members.

Vera Bearss gave the invocation. Carols were sung and gifts exchanged.

Martha Durham and Clara Eberts will distribute bananas to the Provincial House patients.

The Jan. 14 meeting will be at noon at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

## CHEERY GREETINGS



Unwinding an endless string of good wishes for your knitting and crocheting joy at Christmas! It's a pleasure to know you... thanks all.  
**Sunny Side Of The Street**  
Marian Keating

## But You Can't Eat It!

Since 1970, the cost of paper, metal, glass and plastic food and beverage containers has risen by as much as 300 percent, reports the USDA. Those materials are used to package more than 85 percent of all food and beverages sold in supermarkets, making packaging costs the third-largest part of the U.S. consumer food bill.

Taking a moment to say thanks for your friendship and understanding.  
Merry Christmas to all!  
**Al Swiderski**

A dessert lunch was served.  
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Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer was a Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fay and family in Pontiac. Gaylord LaPeer was an evening guest.

We're delivering our sincere thanks to you and yours!  
**THE CLOTHES LINE**  
Downtown Kingston 683-2018

May your Christmas be abundant with all good things. Thanks.  
Jay and Maxine and the Staff  
at  
**WILDWOOD FARMS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**  
Cass City

**YULETIDE GREETINGS TO ALL**  
Hoping you all enjoy miles of smiles this bright Christmas time... and accept our special appreciation for your friendship and loyalty.  
**Rieck's Used Auto Parts, Inc.**  
Kingston 683-2351

Our faithful friends and patrons check out high on our register. For this we say thanks, it's a pleasure to serve you.  
**M & R GROCERY**  
Bob - Marge - Joanne  
Mary - Nora

### First Yule Tree

The first Christmas trees appeared in Colonial farm homes about 1730, but largely only among German settlers. Homesick Hessian troops helped spread the custom during the Revolution. As early as 1804, their use had spread as far as Illinois.

### X-Mas Trees

A quarter of a century ago, as many as 10 million evergreens were being harvested off farm woodlands to provide Christmas trees.

# Greetings from Gagetown merchants

## Christmas Fact

Christmas trees were once forbidden in the White House. President Theodore Roosevelt believed so firmly in conservation he forbid their use. But his sons Archie and Quentin, shuggled one in and the President later relented.

## New law can ease tax burden

Expanded eligibility for Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) plans and increased ceilings for Keogh plans are among a number of tax changes affecting retirement savings beginning in 1982, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

For the first time, workers who are already covered by company pension plans may qualify to set up an IRA or to make voluntary tax-free contributions to the company plan. Under the old law, only noncovered taxpayers qualified.

An IRA is a savings program that allows participants to set aside money for their retirement. Contributions to an IRA are tax deductible and the earnings accrued are not taxed until they are distributed, generally upon retirement when income is lower.

Under the new tax law, both covered and noncovered employees will be able to contribute 100 percent of their compensation, up to a maximum of \$2000 to an IRA. The old requirement limited the contribution to \$1,500.

Another change increases the tax-free amount allowed for an IRA and spousal IRA from \$1,750 to \$2,250; however, under the new law, contributions are no longer required to be equal for husband and wife. A spousal IRA allows married taxpayers to set up an IRA for themselves and a separate one for their non-working spouses.

The new law has also doubled to \$15,000 the deduction for yearly contributions to a Keogh plan. Under a Keogh plan, self-employed persons such as doctors, lawyers and farmers, can set aside money for their retirement. Contributions to it are tax deductible and savings accrued by the plan are exempt from tax until they

are distributed, generally upon retirement.

Under the old law, self-employed taxpayers could deduct 15 percent of their earned income to a maximum of \$7,500. Now they can deduct 15 percent of their earned income to a maximum of \$15,000. Special rules apply if income in excess of \$100,000 is used to determine the contribution.

In addition, the new law allows a penalty-free correction of an excess contribution to a Keogh plan if the excess is withdrawn before the return-filing due date. Previously, such a grace period was available only to IRA contributors.

Complete information on taxation aspects of IRA's and Keoghs can be found in IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on Individual Retirement Arrangement," and Publication 560, "Tax Information on Self-Employed Retirement Plan," respectively.

To obtain them, write the IRS or call the IRS Forms-Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory under U.S. Government.

## Gagetown Area News

Gen Kehoe

665-2221

Lonnie Wilson, a student at Central Michigan University, is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, and brother Leigh.

Mrs. Velma Helwig was a caller Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rutkoski and family in Cass City.

Mrs. Arthur Carolan and her sister, Mrs. Robert Day of Caseville, who are spending the winter in Jupiter, Fla., are planning a trip to Imperial Beach, Cal., to visit a niece, Mrs. Jay Swinney, leaving Jan. 15 and returning to Florida Jan. 29.

Mrs. Donald Martin, with other past Worthy Matrons of the Eastern Stars and their spouses were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson of Caro Sunday evening.

Kristy Hendershot celebrated her ninth birthday Friday, Dec. 18, when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Hendershot, invited 14 of her friends for a party in their home. Her brother Jim is home from CMU for the holidays.

Donald Martin was installed a Thrice Illustrious Master of the order of Masons of Cass City Council No. 90 Saturday evening.

The Martins hosted an open house for 35 members and families after the installation.

Members of the Gagetown Methodist church held a potluck supper Sunday, Dec. 13, and were entertained with a Christmas program by the Sunday School class.

Mrs. Donald Martin enjoyed a birthday dinner with her mother, Mrs. Wallace Laurie, at the Tuscola County Medical Center in Caro Thursday, Dec. 17. Mrs. Laurie celebrated her 94th birthday. Her other children, the Grover and Thomas Laurie families, visited her later in the day.

Eugene Comment was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Comment Wednesday evening.

Kirk Carolan is spending Christmas vacation with his family, the Francis Goslins. He attends Central Michigan University.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Langlois and family attended a Christmas get-together at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Agar of Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Comment and Eugene Comment spent the day Sunday in Rochester with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Comment.

### Indian Christmas

Indian farming, which was adopted early in the Colonies, even had an indirect link to Christmas. Among the first decorations on holiday trees were strings of popcorn, likely to resemble snow-tipped forest branches. And popcorn, like most maize culture, came from the Indians.

With our sincere thanks, we wish a happy holiday season to all!

**K & H Motor Co.**  
Gagetown

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ALIKE, JOIN TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF THIS MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**RUTHIE'S HAIR HUT**  
Gagetown

**'Twas the night before Christmas...**

...A truly enchanted time for us to say, "hope yours is a very wonderful holiday. Enjoy!"

**Petrolane Gas Service, Inc.**  
Phone 665-9911 Gagetown



**NEW OFFICERS of the Royal and Select Masters include, front row, from left, James Ashmore, Donald Martin, Gerald Gaul, Richard Thorp. Back row, Gerald Thorp, Thomas Tageson, Edward Mellendorf, James Smith, Alvie Stevens.**

## 50 observe Cass City Masons install officers

Royal and Select Masters of Cass City Council No. 90 had its installation of officers Dec. 19.

Installed were Gerald Thorp, marshal; Thomas Tageson, captain of guard; Edward Mellendorf, assistant chaplain; James Smith, treasurer, and Alvie Stevens, chaplain.

Also, James Ashmore, deputy master; Donald Martin, thrice illustrious master; Gerald Gaul, principle conductor of work, and Richard Thorp, recorder.

Absent were Robert Kerr, conductor of council, and William Hitchings, steward. Installing officers were

George Bookless, past most illustrious grand master and present director of district deputy instructors; secretary, G. Gordon Goodman, right illustrious grand deputy master and past most excellent grand high priest of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan; marshal, Jack Shimomishi; grand sentinel of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and chaplain, Gerald Thorp, excellent grand captain of host of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

More than 50 were in attendance. An honor guard was provided by St. Bernard Commandry of Saginaw.

In The True Holiday Spirit, May We Wish You The Very Best... Along With Our Thanks.

**FARM BUREAU**  
Gagetown

**HOLIDAY BLESSINGS**

May you share in the spirit of loving, giving and worshipping together. To all our friends... many thanks for your kindness.

**NICKY'S BEAGIO'S RESTAURANT**  
Gagetown 665-2571

**it's Christmas!**

May that very Merry Christmas feeling fill your home from floor to ceiling! Warm wishes and thanks.

**Gagetown Oil & Gas, Inc.**  
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Here's hoping you enjoy a family-filled, fun-filled Christmas. Special thanks to all our dear friends.

*Merry Christmas*

**EVANS PRODUCTS**  
Gagetown

From all of us to all of you, our dearest friends and kind patrons, "May you enjoy a very happy, healthy holiday time."

**AGRI-SALES, INC.**  
BLOUNT AGRICULTURE  
Gagetown

**LOADS AND LOADS OF GOOD WISHES**

Piling up stacks of Yuletide wishes for a warm and festive holiday! Serving you is a privilege... thanks.

**KELLY'S MARKET**  
Dawn and Lyn Bolzman  
Joyce - Deb - Paul - Lloyd - Joe  
Gagetown "Open 7 Days A Week" 665-2521