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## Host of prizes for first baby of year

Again this year Cass City businesses and the Chronicle will honor the first baby of the new year with a host of prizes.

Just when the new baby will arrive is anybody's guess. In the over 35 years that the first arrival has been honored, he or she has arrived as early as a few minutes after midnight Jan. 1 and as late as the first week in February.

Last year's first arrival, Nicholas Whittaker, son of Robert and Kerry Whittaker of Deford, arrived Jan. 7.

The first baby can be born anywhere but the parents must be current residents within the Chronicle circulation area.

Prizes offered this year include: a \$10 savings account from the Cass City office of Thumb National Bank and Trust; \$10 in baby food or merchandise from IGA Foodliner, Cass City; \$10 towards any prescription from Coach Light Pharmacy.

Others include: \$10 gift certificate from Erla's Food Center; a gift flower arrangement from Cass City Floral; \$10 savings account from Chemical Bank Bay Area; \$10 gift certificate from Krizmans', Cass City; a one-year subscription from the Chronicle; a decorated cake from Sommers' Bakery; \$10 gift certificate from Cass City ServiStar Hardware; a \$10 gift certificate from the baby or prescription department and a free jar of Benson Bottom Paint from Old Wood Pharmacy.

## Ah! Good old Michigan weather



**JACK FROST PUT** in some overtime Sunday night and early Monday morning, leaving intricate patterns of ice crystals on everything from branches to automobiles. Frost was the closest thing to snow area residents have seen this holiday season, but forecasters say that may change over the weekend.



**IT WASN'T BALMY**, but the weather was unusually mild for Christmas break. Above, Grant Frank, 11, (left) and Eric Hopper, 10, take advantage of the weather and some time off Thursday to shoot some hoops in Cass City.

## Council OKs 3.5% wage increases

A 3.5 percent wage hike approved for all full-time Cass City employees will cost the village an additional \$14,680 in 1995.

The increase is included in Cass City's new, \$1.72 million budget adopted by the Village Council last week. Last year, village employees received a 3-percent pay increase.

The village employs a total of 15 full-time people, most of whom are at the top of the pay scale based on years of service.

OFFICE		
	1994	1995
Manager	48,660	50,364
Bookkeeper	25,064	25,948
Secretary	25,064	25,948

D.P.W.		
Superintendent	34,736	39,993
Regular Crew		
1st year	25,605	26,520
2nd year	27,019	27,976
3rd year	28,558	29,558
4th year	30,118	31,173
5th year	32,448	33,592

W.W.T.		
Superintendent	38,640	39,993
Regular Crew		
1st year	25,605	26,520
2nd year	27,019	27,976
3rd year	28,558	29,558
4th year	30,118	31,173
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POLICE		
Chief	38,640	39,993
Sergeant	32,968	34,133
Officers		
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### Inside

Javier Lopez, Rotary exchange student from Spain, enjoys Christmas in Cass City and tells how the celebration differs here from that at home.

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Owen-Gage wins first game of the year. The Bulldogs defeated Caseville in the opening round of the tournament that Owen-Gage is hosting.

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### Few changes seen

## Thumb National to merge with Independent Bank, Ionia

Don't look for changes in the way Thumb National Banks in the Thumb will be operated when they become a subsidiary of Independent Bank Corporation, Independent Bank East Michigan, Paul Clabuesch, president and chief executive officer of Thumb National, said in announcing the merger.

Clabuesch will be chairman and chief executive officer of Independent Bank East Michigan that includes 10 Thumb area banks.

In addition, the Clabuesch family will be the biggest stock holder in the parent holding company and Clabuesch will have a seat on the 7-man board. Employees of Thumb National will be the second largest stockholders in Independent Bank East Michigan.

Independent Bank Corporation is an Ionia-based bank holding company listed on the Nasdaq market.

A letter of intent to affiliate has been filed. When the merger is completed, Thumb National shareholders will receive 5.2812 shares of Independent Corporation common stock in a tax-free exchange for each of their shares.

With Independent stock selling at about \$25, Thumb National shareholders will receive about \$132 for each share they own. The last sale of Thumb National stock was for about \$75 per share.

The transaction, which will be accounted for as a pooling of interests, is valued at approximately \$13.5 million. The affiliation was announced jointly by Clabuesch and Charles Van Loan, president and chief executive officer of Independent Bank Corporation.

Clabuesch said, "This affiliation will benefit our customers, our employees and our shareholders. We will have access to advanced technology and the higher lending limits that we need to serve our customers well. Our employees will have additional opportunities for professional growth and advancement and our shareholders will receive a liquid investment in a highly-regarded Nasdaq-listed bank holding company."

Ronald Long, the current president and chief executive officer of Independent Bank East Michigan, will continue as the bank's president and will serve as chief operating officer. With total assets of \$189 million, the bank will become the largest bank headquartered in that area as well as the largest of Independent Bank Corporation's 4 affiliate banks.

Thumb National Bank and Trust Company had assets of \$98 million Sept. 30. The bank was organized in 1895 and has full-service banks in Pigeon, Caseville and Cass City.

Independent Bank had assets of \$488 million Sept. 30. The company's 4 affiliate banks operated 30 full-service offices in Michigan's lower peninsula.

Clabuesch said that the Thumb National board looked at various merger opportunities before the merger and said that Independent Bank was one that offered the economy of size but enabled their banks to maintain the personal, local service that has been a key to the bank's operation since it was organized.

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### Circulars replace greeting cards

## Post Office remains busy after yule

Christmas may be over, but local postal service workers aren't breathing a sigh of relief just yet.

In fact, mail volume probably won't subside for another month, although the type of mail pouring in changes as the new year approaches, according to Cass City Postmaster Gary Drabek.

Christmas cards and letters dominate the mail throughout much of December, he said. It's a busy time, but the work doesn't slow down after Dec. 25 because of a deluge of advertising mail — tax forms, circulars, garden catalogues, Publishers Clearing House mailings, etc.

"You start seeing Christmas cards right after Thanksgiving; not many, but you start seeing a few,"

Drabek said, adding mail volume starts getting heavy around Dec. 10, with the bulk of deliveries being letters and Christmas cards.

"It's a rushed time because of the amount of letter volume, and it takes longer to sort it because it's small,"

Drabek said.

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## Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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Debbie Timmons, Ruth Timmons, Mrs. Marjorie Pearce and Mrs. Beryl Otto visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer Monday afternoon. Patti Timmons and Brent Fritz were morning visitors.

Sandy and Andy Welter of Dayton, Ohio, arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. They returned home Tuesday.

Debbie and Patti Timmons, Wayne Curry and Brent Fritz were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Other evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer spent Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with Debbie and Patti Timmons and Ruth Timmons.

John Haire spent Christmas Eve and Christmas at the homes of his daughters and their families in Plymouth. Christmas Eve was at the home of B.J. Haire and Roger Salo and family. Christmas Day was at the home of Lynn Haire and Larry Sroka and family. Clarke and Karen Haire attended the Christmas dinner after spending Christmas Eve at the home of her father, Ron Burck.

## Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED TUESDAY, DEC. 27, WERE:

Clark Auslander, Bertha Erman, Cass City;  
Laura Bates, Sebewaing;  
William Sonderhouse, Vassar.

## Communion service planned

A New Year's Eve communion service is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The New Year's Day worship service will be at 8 a.m. and Sunday school will meet at 9:15. The Rev. Tim Loewe, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, will begin serving as vacancy pastor at Good Shepherd Jan. 1. Sunday services will be at 8 a.m. for the month of January.

## Marriage licenses

Bill Muncy Sr. and Peggy May Carpenter, both of Fostoria.

Claire Edward Dye and Sarah Evelyn Arndt, both of Millington.

Douglas Lee LaPratt Jr. and Cindy Sue Socier, both of Unionville.

Jason Lyle Fox and Shamiah Lee Bebertz, both of Vassar.

Aaron Jeffery Sauseda and Jacqueline Michelle Counterman, both of Fairgrove.

Jeffery Allen Fader and Barbara Marie Clouse, both of Caro.

Kenneth Edward Davison Jr. and Susan Lynn Nowland, both of Caro.

Russell John Kienitz Jr. and Dawn Renae Harp, both of Silverwood.



The tree

by Melva E. Guinther

Now that it's time to take it down and dismiss it as a memory, it's probably safe to mention "the tree."

Shopping for a Christmas tree can, in itself, test the fiber of a marriage. After you've come to an agreement on real vs. artificial, there's still the selection process. It's made harder when you go to the tree farm and choose one from among the hundreds standing.

In the first place, trees are a lot smaller out in a field. It's true. They grow while being transported home.

After an hour and a half sloshing through the snow in the cold, up and down the rows of trees, you finally settle on a nice, average size model. When you get the thing home, you discover that it won't go through the door, and if it did, you'd have to cut a hole in the ceiling to accommodate its height.

We won't even get into the gender thing of how men and women look for different qualities in a tree. Suffice it to say that satisfying all the criteria for the perfect tree is nigh unto impossible.

What usually happens is that one or the other grows so weary or cold that he or she concedes just to get the process over with.

It was Stan's turn to concede this year and we took home a beautifully shaped, full-branched Scotch pine.

He put it up and placed the lights while I was at work one day.

When I came home the tree was up, but the house was cold. Upon questioning, he remarked that he'd turned the thermostat down after becoming "rather warm" in the process of putting the tree up. Seems it had fallen over a couple times.

Later that night over the top

of the newspaper, I caught a glimpse as it slid none too gracefully down the wall onto the floor again.

We struggled and, with some adjustments in the stand, got it standing upright again, seemingly secure.

It was still standing the next morning, so I finished decorating it and jokingly remarked that the outstretched arms of the angel on top were actually an effort to keep her balance.

Early in the afternoon, we thought we saw her wings flap as the tree made another trip down the wall, scattering ornaments as it went.

Upon inspection, I saw what Stan already knew but was too gracious to throw in my face. About 18" up, the trunk, artfully concealed by the tree's full branches, curved sharply to the left in the first of a number of twists.

Underneath the perfect outer shape, the tree was a mess. The branches on one side were actually only half as long as on the other. The only thing that had kept that tree standing upright was a strong root system.

Once more we righted it and I held it in place while Stan got a cement block to hold the stand down until we could remove the remaining ornaments and go get a tree with more equilibrium. The block, however, seemed to keep the thing up, so we decided to leave it there disguised as a gift.

There were mutterings about getting an artificial tree throughout the ordeal, but chances are, by next Christmas "the tree" will be but a humorous memory and we'll start all over again.

You could never find an artificial tree with as much character.



Dennis and Melissa DeLong

## DeLong, Hitsman exchange vows

Dennis Lee DeLong and Melissa Lynn Hitsman were married Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City.

The Rev. Charles Emmert officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Linda Hitsman of Cass City and Duane and Denise DeLong of Cass City.

The bride wore a full-length white satin gown, with off-the-shoulder neckline. The bodice was covered with pearls and sequins. Tulle overlay with appliques of pearls and sequins covered the full skirt and chapel-length train. Her fingertip veil was secured to a floral hairpiece which had seed pearl and sequin accents.

The bride carried a bouquet of silk flowers that she had arranged herself.

Soloist was Lena Waltz, cousin of the bride, who sang "Longer."

The maid of honor was Denelle DeLong, sister of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Kathy Woodruff and Shelly Woodruff, cousins of the bride, Jody Sweeney, friend of the bride, Tena LaPratt, sister of the bride, and Davon DeLong, sister of the groom.

Junior bridesmaid was Carrie Woodruff, cousin of the bride. Miniature bride was Nicole LaPratt, niece of the bride.

The best man was Dana DeLong, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Dirk DeLong, brother of the groom, John Zagorski, cousin of the groom, Jeff Naegele and Ted Thayer, friends of the groom, and Mark Waltz, cousin of the bride.

Junior groomsmen was Drew DeLong, brother of the groom. Miniature groom was Mitchel LaPratt, nephew of the bride.

The couple greeted 300 guests at the Dom Polski Hall following the ceremony.

Following a honeymoon at Niagara Falls, Canada, the couple is residing in Cass City.

## Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

JAN. 2-4-6

**Monday** - Stuffed Cabbage with Tomato Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Variety Bread, Fruit Cocktail.

**Wednesday** - Oven Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Salad Beets, Wheat Rolls, Citrus Fruit Cup.

**Friday** - Crispy Fish, Cream Style Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Variety Bread, Dark Cherries.

## CONTEST RULES

Parents need not register or buy anything to become eligible to win all these valuable prizes. All that is necessary is that they be area residents.

# 1995

**What Lucky Little Guy or Gal** will be the first to arrive in the NEW YEAR 1995? Look at all the gifts this newcomer will receive if he or she is the first one to arrive in our community after the stroke of midnight, December 31st - January 1st.

**\$10.00 Savings Account**  
From  
Cass City Office  
**Thumb National Bank and Trust Company**

**\$10.00 Baby Food or Merchandise**  
**IGA Foodliner**

**\$10.00 Towards Any Prescription**  
From  
**Coach Light Pharmacy**

**\$10.00 Certificate**  
**Erla's Food Center**

**GIFT ARRANGEMENT for the New Mom & Baby**  
**Cass City Floral**  
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Owners - Joel and Carol Ingles 872-3675

**\$10.00 Savings Account**  
**CHEMICAL BANK BAY AREA**

**\$10.00 Gift Certificate**  
from  
**Kritzmans', Inc.**  
CASS CITY

**Free One-Year Subscription**  
**CASS CITY CHRONICLE**

**Decorated CAKE**  
From  
**Sommers' Bakery**

**\$10.00 Gift Certificate**  
**Cass City ServiStar Hardware**  
6092 E. Cass City Rd. 872-2188

**\$10.00 872-2075**  
Gift Certificate for Baby Department or prescription and a Free jar of Benson Bottom Paint.  
**Old Wood Pharmacy**

**first baby of the year**

## Wolschlager top popcorn salesman

Chad Wolschlager was the top salesman, followed by Guy Nanne, in an annual popcorn sale organized by members of Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City.

Scout leaders also reported the scouts held their annual Christmas party Dec. 13.

Games were played and presents passed out. The scouts and their families also

enjoyed pool tournaments, and the group received a visit from Santa Claus.

Each scout received a special gift: leather grips to go with a walking stick, according to scout leaders, who said scouts will be working on the project as a troop.

## Hendrick reassigned to Japan

Tsgt. Donald E. Hendrick and family have recently been reassigned to Yokota AFB, Japan, for a 3-year tour. Tsgt. Hendrick joined the Air Force in 1982. He is the son of Don and Barb Hendrick of Green Rd.



Tsgt. Donald Hendrick

His wife, Sharolyn, is the daughter of Dale and Sharon Penny of Empire. They have 2 children, Penny Lynn, 11, and Mike, 10.

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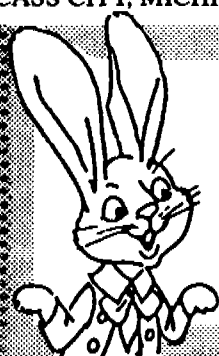
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Avid golfers flocked to all area courses last weekend to take advantage of the unseasonable weather.

Temperatures were around the 50 degree mark. It recalled the Christmas weather in 1982. There was no snow then either and the temperature was even more balmy than it was this Christmas.

The Chronicle listed the weather then at a high of 64 degrees and a low of 35 degrees.

Unusual warm weather and a lack of snow is a downer for business. The 1982 warm weather continued and there was nearly a total absence of snow the entire season.

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It could have been a not-so-merry Christmas for Kay Guinther, except for a one in a 1,000 chance that came true. You might even call it a minor miracle.

This is what happened. Kim Guilds purchased a coat for her husband, Glen, for Christmas.

When he put it on, he found an unexpected bonus in one pocket, a diamond ring.

He called Kritzmans', where the coat was purchased, and found out that Kay Guinther had lost a diamond ring.

What better portrayal of the Christmas season? ..... "Do unto others...."

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The Tuscola County Health Department is in the midst of a campaign to increase the level of immunization for babies by the age of two years. They are seeking help from Rotary Clubs, including Cass City's.

The reason is that just 69 percent of the babies in the county have the needed shots, even though the department offers free immunization.

Early shots are not only health-smart, they are also cheaper than treatment. For instance, every \$1 spent on diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine saves \$30 for treatment of these diseases.

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The Chronicle will be closed Monday, Jan. 2. The paper, as usual will be published a day later than normal. (Wednesday on the newsstand, Thursday through the mail).

All deadlines remain the same. Thank you for your usual good cooperation.

## Chemical declares 3 for 2 stock split

Alan W. Ott, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, announced the board of directors of Chemical Financial Corporation declared a 3 for 2 stock split to shareholders of record as of Jan. 6, with an ex-dividend date of Jan. 23. The 3 for 2 stock split is payable Jan. 20.

At the time of the declaration of the 3 for 2 stock split, the board of directors indicated intent to establish the

1995 quarterly cash dividend at \$0.16 per share on the increased number of shares outstanding. Ott stated that this level of cash dividend would have the effect of a 14.3 percent increase in cash dividends paid to shareholders during 1995. The year of 1995 will mark the 21st consecutive year of annual increases in cash dividends paid to Chemical Financial Corporation shareholders.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	44	33	0
Wednesday	52	24	0
Thursday	50	33	0
Friday	46	36	0
Saturday	44	20	0
Sunday	52	20	0
Monday	36	27	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

## Can Mono Become Chronic?

Some recent studies have suggested that there is a chronic form of mono that a person may develop. It may take two forms; in one form there are persistent symptoms of varying degrees and in the other there are recurrences followed by periods of normal health.

These studies seem to confirm what a few doctors have felt for some time--that there can be recurrences of mono. The chronic form usually begins within a year of the acute mono infection, but on occasion the acute infection is so mild that the illness wasn't noticed.

These people have many of the same symptoms as in acute mono. The most prominent is fatigue just as with the acute illness. The other symptoms are usually a flu-like illness with sore muscles, sore throat, swollen glands and a low-grade fever.

For some people, psychiatric symptoms will predominate, such as depression, moodiness, sleep disturbances and headache. Yet others will have intestinal complaints and some will have aching in the bones and joints.

The virus is called the Epstein-Barr Virus, or EBV, and it causes a lifelong latent infection, generally in certain types of white blood cells. Tests for the chronic form are complex and difficult to interpret reliably. Even if it is diagnosed, there is no effective treatment for it at present, although antiviral drugs and other forms of treatments are being tested and may provide better medicines for the future.

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## In Cass City

# New Year's concert set

Area gospel music fans will want to mark Dec. 31 on their calendars.

The 28th annual New Year's Eve Concert is scheduled for Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Cass City

High School auditorium.

The concert, which annually draws some 1,000 people, is a tradition that brings in the new year with a full evening of gospel music and fellowship. The

event is sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, an organization of men dedicated to serving God as laymen.

Heading up this year's gospel groups are "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," the Flint-based Calvarymen Quartet, which appeared at the first Cass City New Year's Eve Concert and hasn't missed a year since.

Also scheduled to appear are "Southern Cross" of Pigeon, the "Grimshaws" of Vassar, and a Missouri-based group, "Heartland."

There is no admission charge, however, a free-will offering will be taken.

Refreshments will be available during intermission.

## 2-year-old's death under investigation

Police are releasing few details surrounding an investigation into what they're calling the suspicious death of a 2-year-old Kingston Township boy earlier this month.

The infant was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, with head injuries Dec. 5, according to Michigan State Police Det. Al Ogg. The child was transferred to St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw, where he was placed on life support, Ogg said, adding the boy died Dec. 8 after life support was removed.

The boy's parents, who have 7 other children, told

investigators the infant had been a passenger in a car that had been involved in an accident, Ogg said.

Although a criminal investigation has been launched, no charges have been filed and no arrests have been made.

## The Haire Net



An eventful 1994 draws to a close and we send best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to some of the folks who have made the job easier or brightened our days or the year.

Doug Hyatt for his help with high school sports and willingness to chip in when an extra hand is needed for whatever reason.

Supt. Ken Micklash, who makes a conscientious effort to keep us and you informed on all school issues.

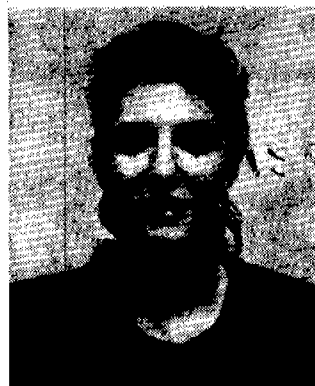
Jack Esau, for years the one the paper turns to for information about early days in Cass City and his efforts for everyone in matters concerning all the veterans.

Dick Donahue, who is willing to share his farm expertise whenever a question arises about the farm situation today or tomorrow.

Jim Hillaker and Gary Robinson, basketball seers, who proved to be gracious winners last year in our prediction derby and remain the same now as they threaten to do it again.

Larry Robinson and his predecessor, Dave Hoard, for their work as assistant athletic director at Cass City High School, the job with lots of time consuming work and no glory. Jeff Hartel for not only furnishing us basketball statistics, but also comments about each game.

Lambert Althaver for retaining his interest in Cass City and working for the progress of the community when his company responsibilities are global.



Karen Geiger

She graduated in 1994 from MSU with a bachelor's degree in crop and soil sciences.

The Tuscola County MSU Extension office is located at 362 Green St. in Caro. The phone number is 517-672-3870.

## Geiger new ag agent

Karen A. Geiger of Palms begins her duties Jan. 1 as the Michigan State University Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Tuscola County.

Geiger will be responsible for extension programs in field crop production and marketing and provide educational support to livestock production and marketing.

## "If It Fitz...."

# Joe Schmo wouldn't have won this debate

By Jim Fitzgerald



"You're stealing my car!" Bradley Greenberg hollered at a thief in downtown Detroit on a Sunday afternoon. Too late.

A few hours later, Greenberg read my Sunday column. Too late.

"Next Sunday I'll read it earlier," Greenberg concluded with surprising good humor, after giving me a disarming description of the help-the-crook service he received from the Detroit Police Department.

Greenberg's car was stolen Dec. 11. But, to explain the ironic timing of that crime, I must begin with an earlier car theft, on Nov. 15, which I first wrote about Nov. 21, and then again on Dec. 11.

An eyewitness to the first theft immediately phoned Detroit's nearby 1st (Central) Precinct, describing the car and giving its license plate number and approximate location.

But the 1st Precinct refused to accept the report because it wasn't submitted by the car's owner.

I checked with the precinct and was told it was standard procedure to require that stolen car reports must come only from the owner. The idea, a cop said, was to save police from wasting time investigating false reports filed, say, by a parent mad at a child for taking the family car without permission.

Subsequently, I was told by several Detroit cops that the 1st Precinct gave me wrong information. They insisted no ownership proof was required, and a CPO — Check for Proper Ownership — report could and should have

been radioed immediately.

## TOLD 'IT WAS NOT MY CAR'

So that's what I wrote Dec. 11, which, on the same day, brings us back to Bradley Greenberg, who is associated with the Michigan State University Department of Telecommunication. Read him and gasp:

"It's apparent that your Detroit police informants who knew about CPO have not yet shared that information with the 1st Precinct, where they also don't read your column."

"Sunday afternoon, at 5:15, I left a holiday gathering at the old County Building and headed for my car, parked on Randolph. To my surprise, my car took off as I was about 10 yards from it...I shouted, 'You're stealing my car!' To no surprise, I was sighted but ignored, as the car spun from the curb and sped past me...No, I did not throw myself in front of the car to stop it."

"Instead, I ran inside the building I had just left and asked security to phone the nearest precinct, which was the 1st. So, within five minutes of the theft, I gave the license plate, my name, address, phone, etc., and a description of the car. Their license plate check yielded my wife's name as the registered owner and I was told that I could not file a stolen car report...it was not my car," Greenberg said.

## JOE SCHMO WOULD NOT HAVE WON

I am briefly interrupting here to say yes, you read that

right. The records showed that Greenberg and his wife have the same address, but he couldn't report the theft because it is registered in his wife's name.

"By then, my wife was sitting somewhere in the Novi Mall, either cursing my lateness or worrying what happened to me," Greenberg continued. "Fortunately, a law officer attending the same event came to the phone and prevailed on some supervisor at the 1st Precinct to overrule the phone operator and the report was taken. Clearly, Joe Schmo would not have won this debate..."

"I read your column about 10 p.m. Sunday after I returned to Okemos in a borrowed car (remembering to pick up my wife en route). Her new red winter coat is in that car and that will be the hardest item to replace. "Best holiday wishes!"

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347



Early Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rubey and family were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kohtz of Grand Rapids, Christy Damm and Chris Folk of New Jersey, Mrs. Scott Hurford and Grant from Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon and Clara Bond.

Sue Bratlin and Chris Peruski of Ubyly, Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Faith LaPonsie of Cass City were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mrs. Alex Cleland spent a few days with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Lois Cardenas, Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Monday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Virgo and Danella.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor of Ubyly and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian in honor of Dan Taylor's birthday for cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Lepek were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly of Armada and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Val Ussery of Cass City was a Saturday guest of Marney Konkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glaza were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Friday breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doer. Mrs. Melvin Paricka, Mrs. Richard Britt and Jerry Cleland were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Dunc McIntyre and Mrs. Earl Schenk attended the Assembly of God Church Christmas program at the Fellowship Hall Sunday evening.

Darlene Terrassi, Sophie Swartz and Art Ertman were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, Clara Bond and Mrs. Cliff Jackson attended the funeral of Walter Nadiger at the W.L. Case and Company

Funeral Home in Saginaw Monday at 10 o'clock. Burial was at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Chuck Darr of Saginaw visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bismack, Ruthie Osentoski and Kim Osentoski of Ubyly were Friday afternoon guests and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ross were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Gladys Briolat was a Thursday forenoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Briolat.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schultz, Samantha, Sharon and Sabrina of Canton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Karg and Jaimie and Randall Knowles of Westland, Mrs. Gary Ross, Jim and Leslie of Arcadia, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher of Bad Axe attended the annual family Christmas get together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk. Around 35 relatives and friends surprised Dan Taylor on his birthday Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. David Hacker took Mrs. Earl Schenk to dinner at the Chinese restaurant in Bad Axe Thursday in honor of Mrs. Schenk's birthday.

Delayed from last week

## EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. High prizes were won by Mrs. Bonnie Gracey and Leonard Beulla. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Arnold LaPeer. Jerry Decker won the traveling prize.

The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beulla Jan. 14 at 2 o'clock.

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Haven Maurer, Edanna Sweeney and David visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer Sunday.

Mrs. David Hacker was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Larry Silver of Bay City was a Sunday dinner guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle of Cass City were Wednesday guests and Valerie Terwilliger of Bad Axe was a Thursday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walschlagler and Michael were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Sr.

Mike Gucwa and Ray Depcinski were Tuesday evening guests of Don Jackson and Jason and A.J. Batie.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schultz, Sharon, Sabrina and Samantha of Canton were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen went to the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach Wednesday to pay respects to Harold Wade.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gornowich of Harbor Beach, Sophie Saule and Louise Gibson of Warren, Fran Briolat of Cass City, Gladys Briolat, Cass Grifka and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Briolat.

Ruth Osentoski was a Wednesday forenoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

The Keen Agers group from the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt Saturday afternoon for a 5 o'clock dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gebaur, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gebaur, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dumaw, Mr. and Mrs. John Hazard, Norene Mills, Tessie Doyle and Gertrude Surbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Sr. were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pearce and family and Don Pearce in Wyandotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Jim Hewitt was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Norene Mills in Bad Axe.

Kathy Meyer was a Wednesday evening guest of Jason Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were Monday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and family and

were Monday overnight and Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl and family at Oakland.

Katha Chockley, Christopher, and Amy of Algonac were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Paul Sweeney of Saginaw and Kevin Kubacki of Deckerville were Sunday guests of Edanna Sweeney and David.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rye Monday.

Mrs. David Hacker and Mrs. Earl Schenk attended the kindergarten through sixth grade Christmas program for grandparents at the Ubyly school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell of Shelby Township, Pat Samson of Caseville, Emory Karl, Mary Karl of Carsonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franzel were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Steve McDonald of Mesa, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Melvin Wolschlagler, Clarence Depcinski, Wally Hagen and George Jackson were Wednesday guests of A.J. Batie and Don Jackson.

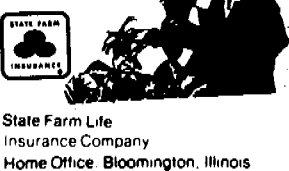
Mrs. Ben Meske came home Thursday after spending a few days in Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rumpitz called on Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer Thursday evening.

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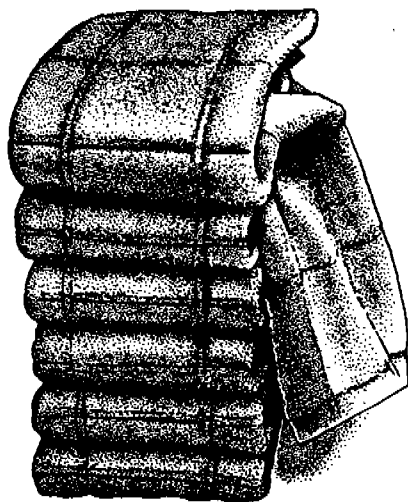
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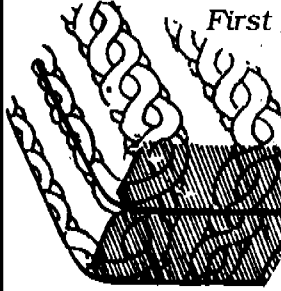
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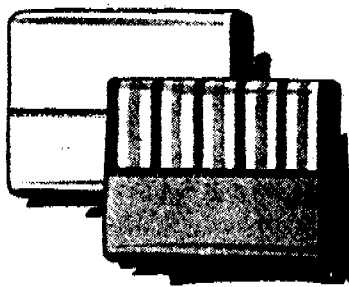
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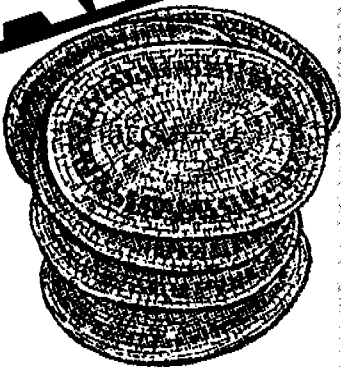
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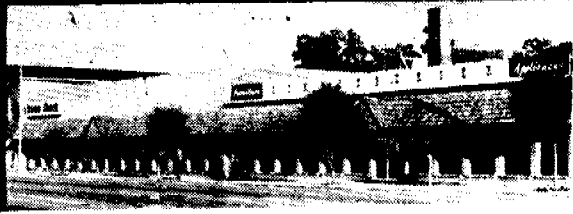
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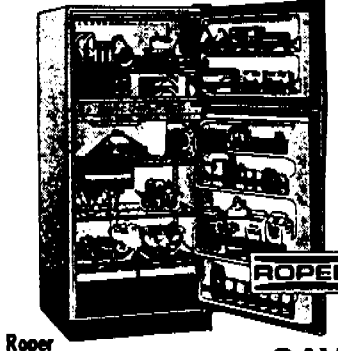
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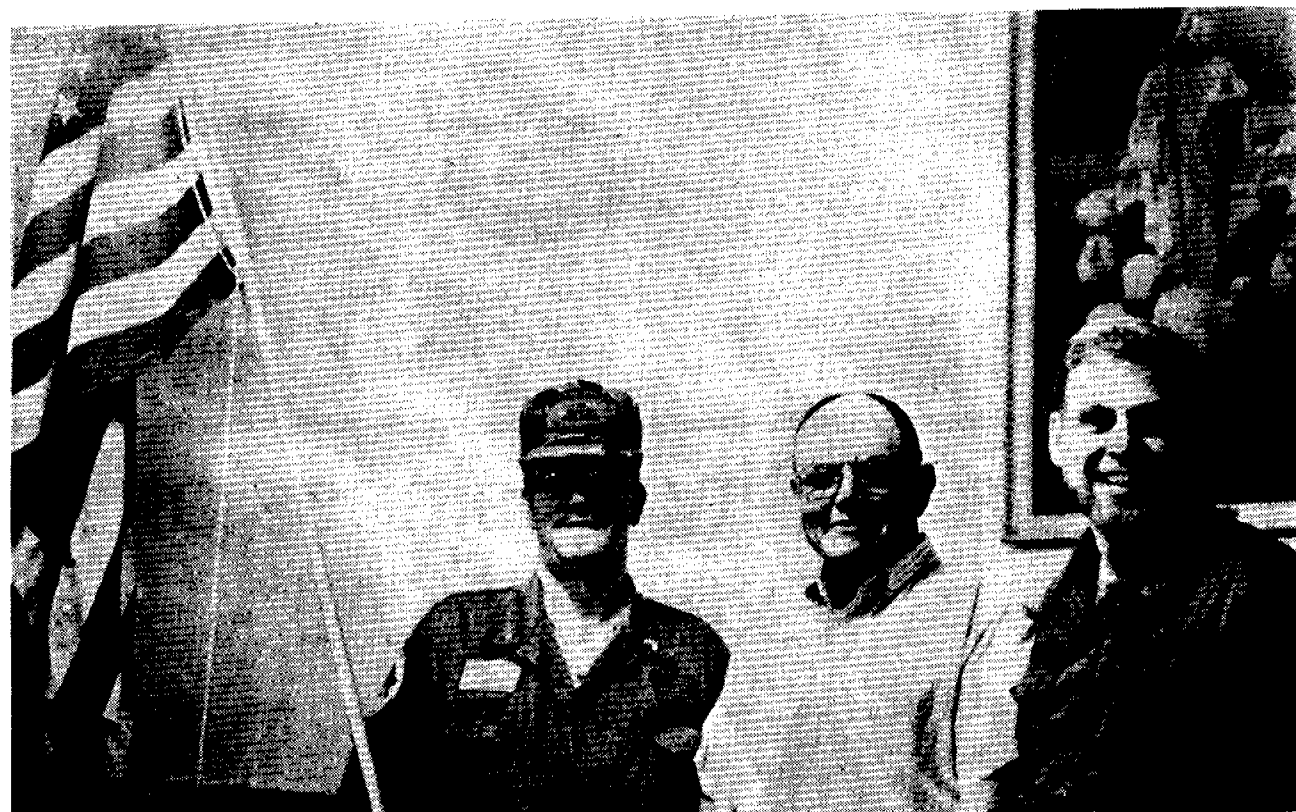
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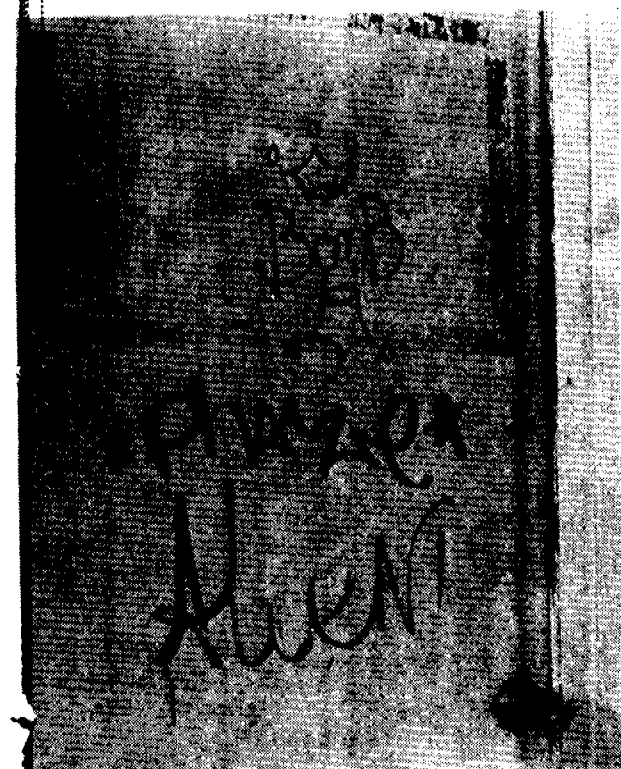
# Pictures that made the news in '94



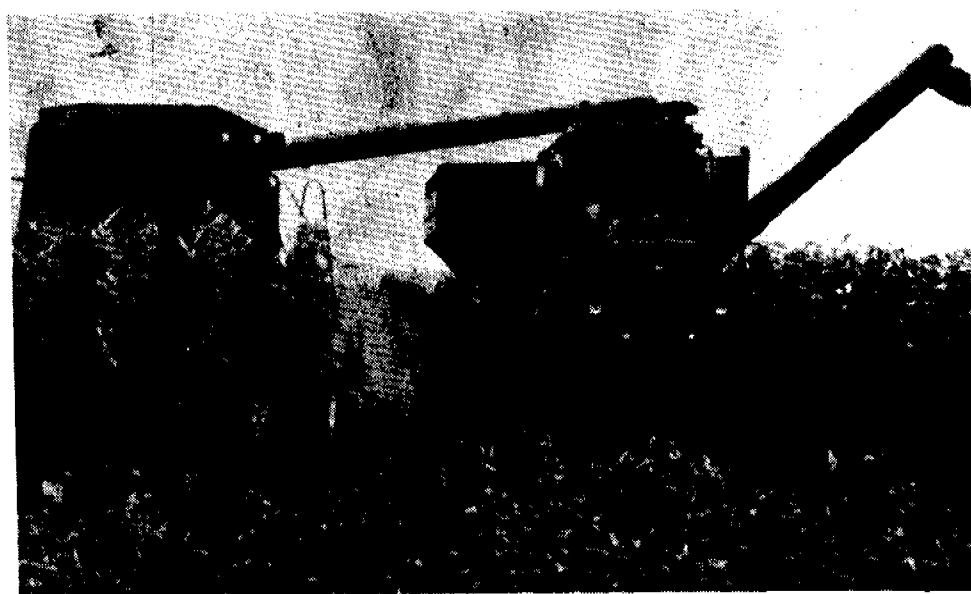
**TROUBLED TIMES** — Jordan College's Thumb Area Campus may soon house village offices as well as Jordan and other schools and/or businesses. Debt problems have prevented Jordan from making its lease payments to the village, but school officials hope better times are ahead.



**CITIZENS' MILITIAS MADE** local headlines over the summer, when recruitment meetings were held in the Cass City area. Organizers say they're neither radicals nor vigilantes, but rather a group devoted to protecting the rights of individuals, and keeping a check on the activities of government at all levels.



**VANDALS** made their mark in Cass City time and time again this year, but village police have worked diligently to catch and deal with those responsible.



**THUMB FARMERS** were hit hard in 1994 by too much rain, but they harvested one of the most bountiful corn crops in memory. Unfortunately, commodity prices gave them little to smile about.



**THE WAR ON** drugs continued in 1994. Education in schools was a big part of the campaign, as was the Multi-County Citizens Grand Jury, which indicted 143 people on 487 felony counts during its year-long investigation into drug trafficking in the Thumb.

*John Haie*

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**VOTERS IN THE** Cass City School District went to the polls in April and said "no" to a \$7.95 million bond issue for a new middle school and addition to Campbell Elementary School. A second vote on the proposal is set for Feb. 18.



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Boldizar is the son of Barbara L. Russell of Burtchville and William Boldizar Jr. of Cass City.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

THURSDAY NITE TRIO  
Dec. 22

Nelesco	19
General Cable	15
Pioneer Seeds	14
Babich Beef	14
Marlette Oil & Gas	12 1/2
Mycogen Plant Sciences	12
IGA	11
Northon Construction	9
Martin Electric	9
Hyatt Farms	4 1/2

High Team Series & Game:  
Nelesco 1907 & 690.

High Series & Games: D.	
Doerr 686 (274-223), R.	
Doerr 684 (237-247), D.	
Beecher 647 (259-215), W.	
Northon 634 (221-222), K.	
Kilbourn 618 (226), Doug	
O'Dell 618 (218), R. Pringle	
588 (223), G. Pringle 584	
(234), K. Martin 227, D.	
Heleski 230.	

SUNDAY NO ROLLERS  
Dec. 18

Ugly Buds & Blossoms	6
4 Hutches	6
N.F.G.	6
Half and Half	5
Schott's Accounting	4
P.B. Fudge Packers	3 1/2
Gutter Dusters	3
CB's	2 1/2
The Fab Four	2
Hit M Leg	1

Men's High Series: T. Com-

ment 665, J. Baker 610.  
Men's High Games: M.  
Hutchinson 256, T. Com-  
ment 245-225, J. Baker 220-  
213, K. Schott 211.

MERCHANTS  
Dec. 21, 1994

Soundz by Greg	15
Charmont Motel	15
Summers	12
Homesteaders	12
New England Life	12
Milletics Surveying	12
Pro-Temp	11
Brentwood	9
Warju Flooring	9
Charmont	7

Cole Carbide  
Kingston

High Series & Games: R.	
Lewis 737 (286-237-214), J.	
Profit 724 (254-245-225), C.	
Comment 683 (236-236-	
211), M. Lutz 669 (267), L.	
Tomaszewski 658 (276-	
229), S. Hammett 655 (226-	
217-212), D. Orton 638	
(254), W. Smith 620 (235-	
235), K. Beachy 618 (225),	

K. Pobanz 614 (231), J.

Putman 607 (212), J.  
Howard 599 (234), M. Jack-  
son 593 (223), L. Summers  
592 (232-215), J. Smithson  
591 (212), D. Volz 591, R.  
Mater 574, T. Humes 572, T.  
Schnell 572, J. Storm 571  
(216), C. Anthes 569 (235),  
G. Goodwine 566 (212), G.  
Robinson 564, A.  
Witherspoon 560 (215), E.  
Schulz 555, B. Kingsland  
553, L. Tomaszewski Sr.  
235, K. Repshinska 231, T.  
Comment 230, D. Wallace  
227, B. Anthes 215, K. Bliss  
213, T. Summers 210.

High Team Series:  
Charmont Motel 3131.

High Team Game:  
Charmont 1092.

CHARMONT LADIES

Walbro	22
Cass City Tire	15
Live Wires	14
Dee's M.P. Rockets	13
Cable-ettes	12 1/2
Thumb Nat'l Bank	11
Wild Johns	10 1/2
Elmwood What Knots	9
Pizza Villa	9
Charmont	4

High Team Game: Cass  
City Tire 1068.

High Team Series: Dee's  
M.P. Rockets 3012.

High Series: P. Corcoran  
592, L. Comment 488, D.  
Mathewson 490, M. Grifka  
477, S. Badder 471, B.  
Howard 477, M. Sieradzki  
479.

High Games: P. Corcoran  
213, S. Badder 193, D.  
Mathewson 193, A.  
Caraballo 180, M. Moore  
181, M. Sieradzki 170, H.  
Karr 170, S. Seeley 180, S.  
Kidney 180, L. Comment  
182, J. Kaye 174, M. Grifka  
180, B. Kilbourn 170.

MERCHANETTE  
LEAGUE  
Dec. 22, 1994

Allen Home Care	1
Cass Tavern	1
Hills & Dales	13
Clean Up Crew	12
Caro Chiropractic	11
Nel's Kitchen	8
For You 3	8
Rolling Hills	7
Crowley Chiropractic	6
Cass City Sports	6

High Actual Team Series &  
Game: Caro Chiropractic  
2034 & 707.

500 Series: J. Morell 548,  
N. Wallace 517, S.  
Hutchinson 513, C.  
Davidson 509, J. Lapp 508,  
Phyllis McIntosh 502.

200 Games: Phyllis McIn-  
tosh 211, B. Howard 202, J.  
Morell 202.

TUSCOLA  
GETTOGETHERS  
Dec. 19

Cass City Sports	32
Board Pro Temp Racing	29
Charmont Motel	28
C.R. Hunt	25
Miller Eggs	22
Brentwood Graphics	22
Charmont	20
Cole Carbide	18

High Series & Games:  
Doug O'Dell 697 (240-248),  
C. Zawilinski 676 (244-246)  
G. Smith 664 (219-247), T.  
Comment 623 (224), K.  
Pobanz 619 (236), F. Kapral  
608 (210-210), R. Rabideau  
590 (233), B. Potrykus 589  
(213-221), M. Grifka 589  
(213), P. McIntosh 584, J.  
McIntosh 576 (215), C.  
Zimmerman 229, Scoi.  
Grifka 226, Steve Grifka  
216, D. Dickinson 211-212.

High Team Series: Miller  
Eggs 2928.

High Team Game: Miller  
Eggs & Cole Carbide 1006.

TUESDAY MORNING  
LADIES' LEAGUE  
Dec. 20

R.A.N.S.	4
Pin Heads	3
Charmont	1
Alley Hoppers	0
High Series: B. Pringle 465.	
High Game: E. Jerore 196.	
High Team Series & Game:	
R.A.N.S. 1697 & 614.	

THURSDAY MORNING  
COFFEE LEAGUE  
Dec. 22

AIDES	4
Dee's MP Rockets	3
Dairy Barn	2
Hi Roth	2
Sal's Country Clipper	1
E's & V's	0

High Series: D. Smith 534,  
S. Lutz 504.

High Game: D. Smith 211.

High Team Series & Game:  
Dee's MP Rockets 1739  
611.

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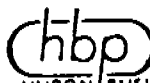
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## Death of man, 60, ruled a homicide

The recent death of a 60-year-old Croswell man has been ruled a homicide.

The news was announced Monday by Croswell Police Chief Jeffery Dawson, who stated an autopsy performed on the victim, John D. Maxbauer of Croswell, confirmed investigators' suspicions.

The medical examiner has listed the cause of death to be strangulation.

At this time, there are still no suspects in the case, and the investigation is continuing, according to Dawson. He asks that anyone with in-

formation about the case, or anyone who spoke to or saw Maxbauer between noon Friday and noon Saturday, contact the Croswell Police Department at 810-679-2200.

The death was reported Christmas Eve, when Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call for an ambulance at 125 Gaige St., Croswell, at 1:52 p.m.

EMS personnel responded, as did Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies and Croswell police. The Michigan State Police Crime Lab from Bridgeport was also called in to assist at the scene.

## Obituaries

### William Hightower

William "Bill" E. Hightower, 49, of Cass City, died suddenly Thursday, Dec. 22, at Saginaw General Hospital, Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 4, 1945, in Highland Park to Raymond W. and Audrey (Hudson) Hightower.

He married Georgia N. Adkins July 16, 1965, in Redford Township.

He was an Over The Road truck driver working for Grabel Truck Lines Inc. from their Charlotte terminal. Previously he was a self-em-

ployed truck driver for 15 years. He was a member of the Teamsters Local #142 in Gary, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia; 2 daughters, Kimberly A. (Charles) Rodgers of Lynchburg, Va., and Tracie L. Hightower of Midland; sisters, JoAnn (Dennis) O'Loan of Bowling Green, Ky., and Debrah (Randy) May of Redford Township; brother, L. David (Gerry) Hightower of Novi, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 26, in the Cass City Missionary Church with the Rev. Clifford Jordan of the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Helen Schmidt

Helen Dorothy Schmidt, 86, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 16, at Four Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe.

She was born Feb. 29, 1908, in Duluth, Minn., to Michael and Frances (Owczarek) Zmyslony.

She married Peter Michael Schmidt June 30, 1934, in Port Huron. He died Dec. 25, 1988.

Mrs. Schmidt worked for Walbro for over 10 years.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph P. (Ellen), and Robert N. (Dorothy), all of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Zmyslony of Duluth, Minn.; sisters, Charlotte Nesgoda and Josephine Greeley, both of Duluth, Minn., and Mary Majerle of California; a sister-in-law, Katherine Achi, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Zmyslony, and a sister, Loretta Carlson.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 19, in Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul W. Bala of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, officiating.

Interment was in West Berlin Cemetery in Allenton.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.



**OWEN-GAGE Junior/Senior High School students helped make Christmas merry for area families by donating about 60 toys to the local Toys for Tots organization. Above, Student Council President Michelle Pisarek and Principal Joanne Hopper help bag some of the gifts.**

## Laurie lauds CRP extension

The Agriculture Department's (USDA) recent offer to extend the Conservation Reserve Program for another 10 years was "long-awaited good news for agriculture and the nation's environmentally sensitive agricultural resources," according to Jack Laurie, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"CPR has done an excellent job reducing soil erosion over the last 9 years," Laurie said. "We applaud USDA Secretary Espy for recognizing CRP's dynamic track record by giving farmers the option to extend CRP contracts on previously identified highly erodible acres. The flexibility offered by the mid-contract modification option is also a plus. Some farmers, as market signals dictate, may choose to put some of their more productive CRP ground back into production. That would free up funding for acreage that might be more environmentally sensitive."

According to Laurie, the CRP should be considered "the centerpiece" of the 1995 farm bill's conservation title.

"The program is good for both farmers and the environment," he said. "CRP is one of the easiest programs for USDA to administer and it is one of the most effective. CRP allows public funds to pay for the conservation of areas that the pub-

lic generally perceives as more environmentally valuable. It is important that farmers be offered incen-

tives like CRP payments for foregoing their land's productive, economic viability."

## Donations, need for toys down

No records were broken in the Cass City Toys for Tots' seventh annual campaign, but the effort is being deemed a success just the same.

The local program provides toys and gifts each year for children of needy families in the Cass City, Gagetown and Deford areas. The program relies on volunteers to collect, purchase, wrap and distribute toys.

Sue Werschky, Cass City Toys for Tots coordinator, said donations this year totaled 600 toys plus cash contributions of \$5,514.

Both figures are down from a year ago, when area residents donated 700 toys and \$5,900 in cash. However, Werschky said, "All in all, it worked out because the (number of) kids was down a little bit."

Last year, 461 children from 175 families in parts of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties benefitted from the local campaign.

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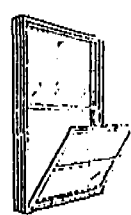
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# Hawks top Pirates in first home game

Hawk fans got their first home look at this season's basketball team last Tuesday and were rewarded with an easy 73-55 decision over the Harbor Beach Pirates.

After the first quarter when the Pirates hit with regularity from outside, Cass City dominated the game.

In the first quarter Ryan Cook connected for a pair of treys and Dustin Miller had a 3-pointer among the 7 points he scored in the first 8 minutes.

The Hawks countered the Pirate outside shooting with some of their own. Two juniors who have been picking up the slack caused by the injury to Kevin Storm paced the opening period attack.

Chad Zawilinski collected a trey and a pair of 2-pointers, all from the outside. Jeff Little added a 3-pointer from the side and Cass City led 16-13 at the end of the quarter.

Cass City stretched its lead to 10 points with a strong inside game and some excellent feeds from Dan Sherman at the point. Corey Ulfig netted 7 points and Scott Iwankovitch and Jason Morgan, 2 baskets each.

Coach Jeff Hartel put his players into a full-court press in the third quarter and it bothered the Pirates. Several turnovers helped the Hawks convert easy baskets.

Going into the final 8 minutes, it was mop up time and the bench took over.

Hartel said that the team is showing improvement and

## Fewer workers on nation's farms

Nationally, there were 3.17 million people working on farms and ranches compared to 3.25 million people last October. Of those, 880,000 were hired workers versus 928,000 last year. The average hired worker wage rate for October was \$6.46 per hour. This rate was up 20 cents from a year earlier. The annual average wage rate for all hired farm workers in the nation was \$6.39 per hour, up from last year's \$6.25 per hour.

some of the younger players on the team are adjusting well to varsity competition.

It would have been hard to have any more balanced scoring than that exhibited against the Pirates. Four players scored 12 points each and the fifth, Zawilinski, netted 13.

Cass City posted a 33-28 edge on the boards, led by Morgan with 3 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds.

### JV WINS

The Cass City junior varsity moved its record to 4-1 with a close 49-45 win over the Pirate JV.

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HARBOR BEACH - C. Bucholtz 0-1 (2-2) 3; R. Cook 1-3 (1-1) 11; D. Miller 7-1 (0-1) 17; R. Wehner 2-0 (2-2) 6; T. O'Mara 0-1 (1-2) 4; M. Wolschleger 3-0 (4-4) 10; E. Rayl 2-0 (0-0) 4. TOTALS 15-6 (10-13) 55.

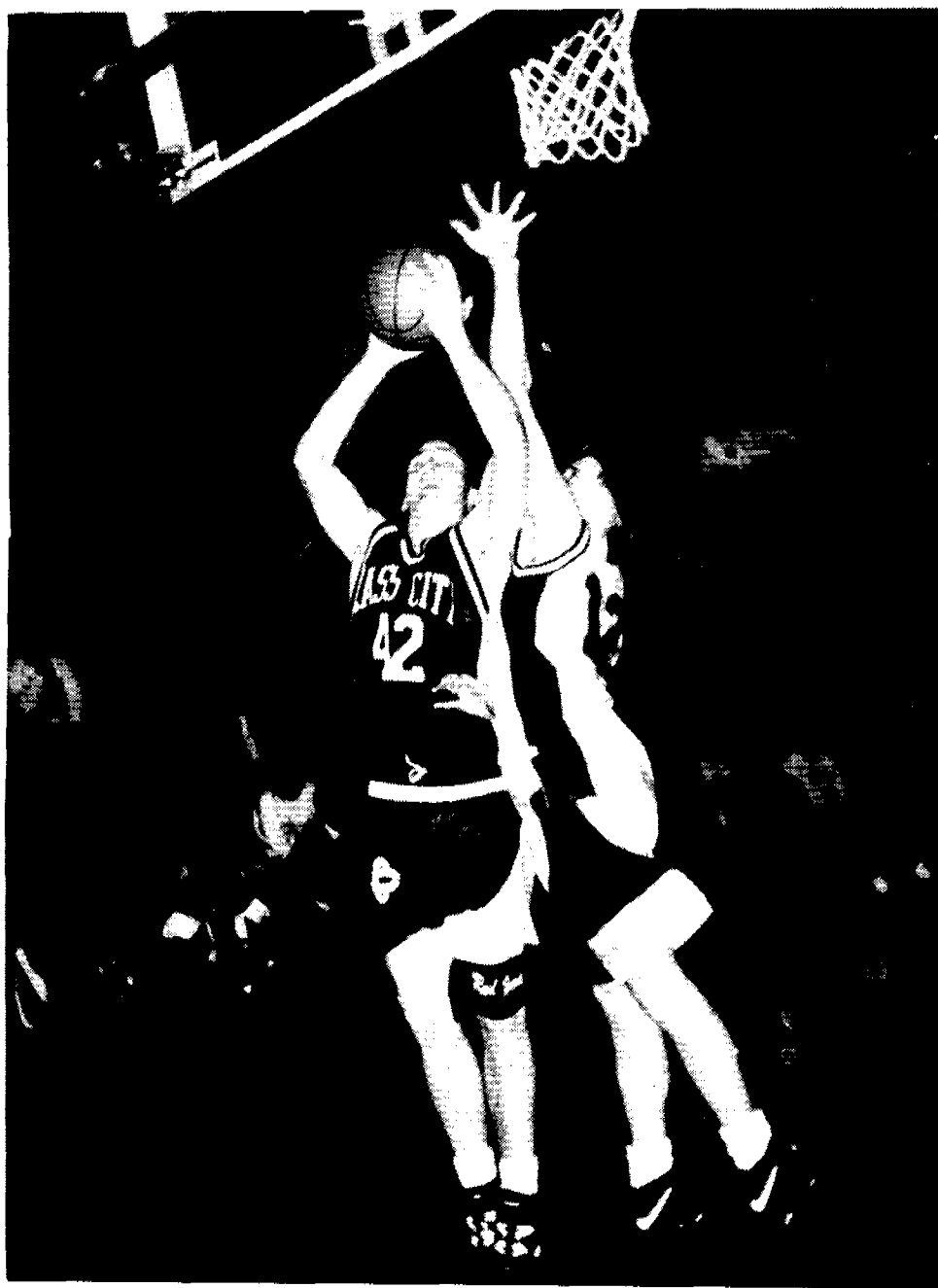
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COREY ULFIG moves inside Harbor Beach's Ryan Cook for an easy 2 points as the Hawks defeated the Pirates, 73-55.

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## Play CPS Thursday

# Bulldogs top Caseville in tourney

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs scored 15 unanswered points Tuesday night that vaulted Coach Jim Brinkman's cagers past Caseville in the opening round of the Tom Thumb Tournament in Owendale.

The 'Dogs' 73-62 win will match them against Carsonville-Port Sanilac in Thursday's final, slated for a 7:30 tip-off. CPS easily defeated Port Hope, 65-40, to open the annual tournament.

Port Hope and Caseville will square off at 6:00 Thursday.

Junior Austin Brinkman poured in a career high 32 points to lead the hosts to their first win of the season over winless Caseville.

The Bulldogs jetted to a 5-0 lead on baskets from Chad Jahr and Phil Fahrner before Caseville's Doug Smith and Aaron Britt headed up and closed the frame outscoring the hosts 16-7. Smith and Britt each collected 8 points

in the inaugural frame that ended with the Eagles in front 16-12.

Caseville built a 23-16 lead on Mark Prill's trey early in the second stanza. Owen-Gage, however, fought back as guard Joe Tkacz and center Mark Damm each tossed in a basket from inside the paint that helped slice the Eagles' advantage to 29-28.

Brinkman's shot from the right side recaptured the lead for the hosts at 30-29 mo-

ments later.

Caseville, thanks in part to Joshua Powell's shot from behind the 3-point arc, outscored Owen-Gage 9-6 at the quarter's end to gain a 38-36 edge at the intermission.

The Eagles extended their margin to 44-36 as Britt, Smith and Prill each scored from the lane to open the second half.

Owen-Gage fans were holding their breath midway through the period when center Mark Damm collected his fourth foul at the 3:13 mark of the period.

Damm's departure, however, seemed to ignite the hosts.

Tkacz's triple started a 15-0 run that included 7 from Brinkman, including that period's final 5 markers that ended with Owen-Gage in front, 51-44. Jason Anthes, who scored 9 points for the winners, collected 5 during the run that proved to be the difference.

Caseville wasn't done yet. The Eagles battled back on consecutive hoops from the inside by Smith, who led Caseville with 24 points, that cut the Bulldogs' lead to 59-57 with 4 minutes remaining in the contest when Damm returned to the floor.

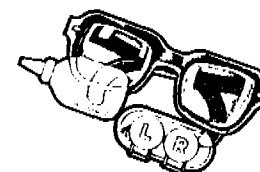
From there it was the Austin Brinkman show.

Brinkman displayed his whole offensive arsenal. First the gutsy junior drove the lane and converted a 3-point play after being fouled by Caseville's Smith. The high scoring forward then hit a shot jumper, followed by a long jumper behind the 3-point arc. Another 10' jump shot and finally 2 charity tosses ended 12 straight points from Brinkman for the

winners. Brinkman registered 14 tallies in the final frame.

Tkacz was the only other Bulldog to finish in double digits, with 11. Damm chipped in 9 points while Fahrner added 6, Jahr, 4, and Eric Dietzel, 2.

Caseville's Britt finished with 20 tallies. Teammate Prill collected 8 points.



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# Bulldogs bow to North Huron, 76-60

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs needed to play 4 good quarters of basketball to stand any chance of defeating visiting North Huron (3-0, 3-1 overall) Tuesday, Dec. 20.

First year Coach Jim Brinkman received 3.

The results: The Bulldogs sank to 0-4, bowing to the Warriors 76-60 in North Central Thumb League action.

"The kids played a good first half, came out flat in the third and then played a good fourth quarter," stated Brinkman after the loss.

However, even in the defeat, the Bulldogs are displaying sure signs that Coach Brinkman's cagers are heading in the right direction.

"We are slowly but surely improving as a team. They have to put 4 quarters together. I see a lot of positive things. We will continue to work hard and we will build on the positive things."

One of those positive things has been the play of junior Austin Brinkman.

Owen-Gage, however, went on a 12-5 run of their own to help narrow North Huron's lead to 39-34 at the break. Bulldog Guard Joe Tkacz played his best ball of the season in the frame, tossing in 7 points. Tkacz played strong on the defensive side and captained the hosts with 7 steals.

North Huron decided the game's outcome in the third period where they outscored the Bulldogs 24-10. The scoring advantage included a 14-2 run to open the frame that staked the Warriors in front 61-42.

Despite 16 rebounds from Bulldog Mark Damm, North Huron controlled the glass in the contest that led to several second and third shot opportunities.

Damm finished the night with 15 points and was the only other Bulldog to finish in double digits. The Warriors got 14 tallies from Jim Knoblock, while Brian Toner added 13. Paul Weber and Chris Inda split 22 markers.

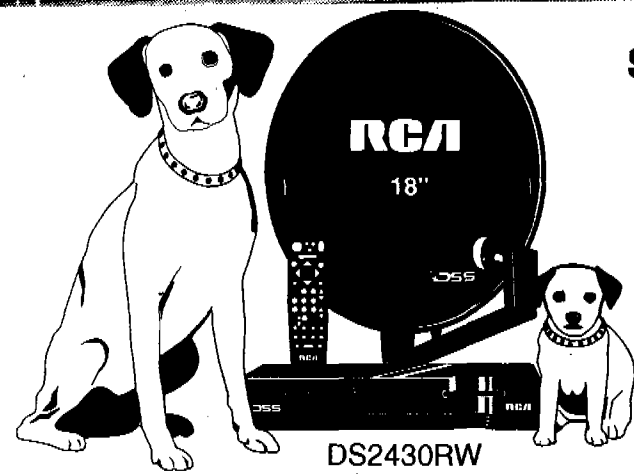
### N.H. O-G GAME

OWEN-GAGE - A. Brinkman 5-1 (7-8) 20; J. Tkacz 2-1 (2-4) 9; E. Dietzel 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Anthes 1-0 (3-6) 5; C. Jahr 1-1 (2-4) 7; M. Damm 6-0 (3-7) 15. TOTALS - 17-3 (17-29) 60.

NORTH HURON - D. Thuemmel 0-0 (1-2) 1; R. Souva 3-0 (2-2) 8; C. Inda 5-0 (1-2) 11; A. Moyer 1-0 (1-2) 3; B. Toner 2-3 (0-0) 13; J. Miller 6-0 (3-5) 15; D. Weber 3-1 (2-3) 11; J. Knoblock 6-0 (2-3) 14. TOTALS - 26-4 (12-20) 76.

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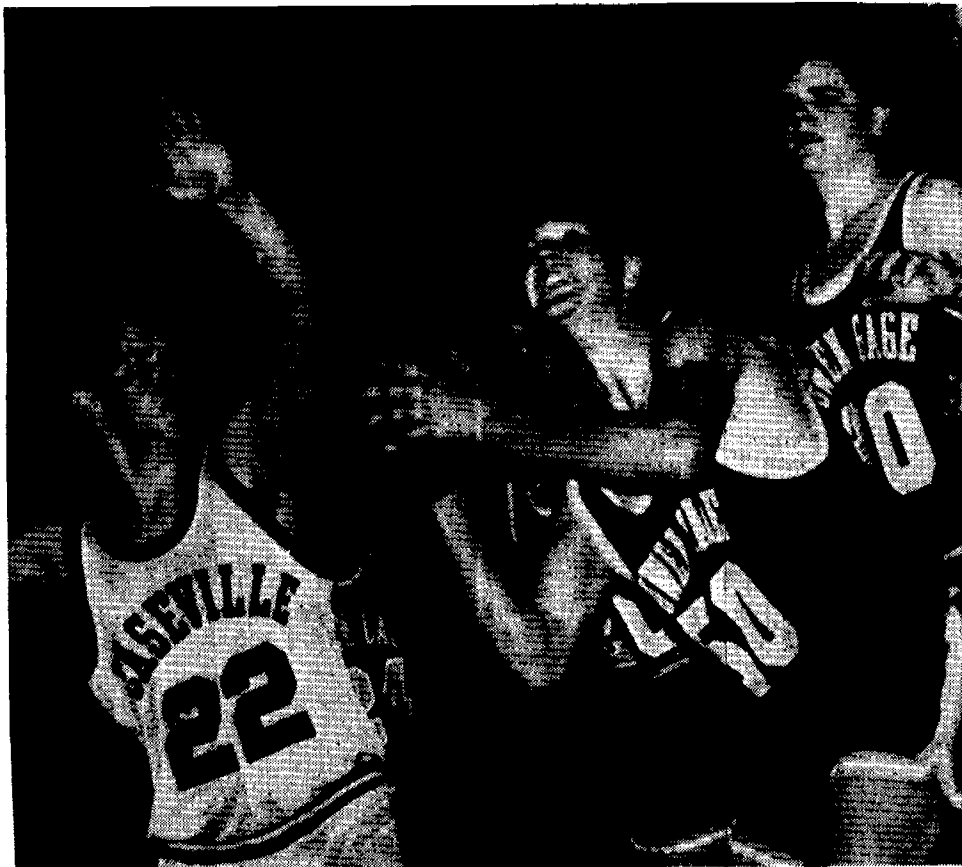
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BULLDOG MARK DAMM eyes 2 of his 9 first half tallies against Caseville Tuesday in the Tom Thumb Tournament in Owendale. The Bulldogs recorded their first win of the season over the Eagles, 73-62. Defending is (22) Joshua Powell.





**SPANISH EXCHANGE** student Javier Lopez holds a box of traditional holiday treats — goodies made of grapes, almonds and nuts — sent to him from home. Christmas traditions here are different than what Lopez is used to, but the teen says he's enjoying learning about new traditions.

## For Spanish exchange student

# Holiday traditions new, fun

American Christmas traditions have proven a bit strange in the eyes of Javier Lopez, but the Rotary exchange student is enjoying himself just the same.

Actually, a number of this country's holidays are foreign to Lopez, who arrived in Cass City 4 months ago from his home in Santander, a city of 300,000 located in northern Spain.

"I like the different (holidays). Halloween was a great experience, and Thanksgiving, too," the Cass City High School senior commented.

As for Christmas and New Year's, Lopez said he thought Spain had become somewhat "Americanized", and there would be several similarities in how the 2 countries celebrate the holidays.

Not so, he added. "They are very, very different. For example, there is no Santa Claus" in Spain.

Lopez explained the holidays in Spain begin Dec. 25 and continue on certain dates through Jan. 6.

Dec. 25 is a family day, Lopez said, adding young people like to go out at night and socialize. Favorite activities include going to discos and partying with friends. Compared to America, he pointed out, there is less emphasis on alcohol among teen gatherings in his country.

Families in Spain enjoy family time and a traditional dinner on Dec. 28, according to Lopez, who noted special treats made of almonds, nuts and grapes are a special part of the celebration.

He referred to the goodies as "sweets," which are enjoyed only on special occasions. However, he acknowledged the treats are bland in taste compared to the rich sweets craved by Americans.

and fireworks are also part of the celebration.

Spain's equivalent to Christmas takes place on Jan. 6 and is known as "Wisdom Day." According to tradition, it's a time when the 3 wise men adorn people with gifts.

Lopez explained it's a tradition in which parents give presents to their children, not the other way around.

"Once the children know what's behind it, it's all over," said the 17-year-old, who has 2 younger brothers, ages 11 and 12, and a 7-year-old sister. He grinned and added, "So, I'm hoping my sister doesn't discover it."

Although people in Spain enjoy Christmas trees, the holiday tradition isn't trashed. Here, Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the season, Lopez observed. "I usually put up (decorations) with my father the day before."

In Spain, houses aren't decorated with lights, and the Christmas trees have fewer decorations.

Traditions aside, the holidays in America have proven to be much more relaxed than Lopez is used to. In fact, his entire stay has been an education in cultural differences.

### VERY FORMAL

"We are very formal," he said, adding formality is an integral part of nearly every aspect of life in Spain, from eating to education.

Meals begin with a warm soup and salad, followed by a main course of fish, meat and/or eggs and, finally, fruit.

Proper use of the knife, fork and spoon is emphasized, and talking with one's mouth full is considered very poor manners.

"(There are) a lot of rules. Here it's more easy to do things," said Lopez, who has come to love American food, particularly hamburgers. He confided he's beginning to wonder if his manners are suffering.

Attending Cass City High School has also been different, although pleasantly so,

### TRADITION

One of the most important holiday traditions in Spain takes place at midnight on Dec. 31.

"There is a clock in the center of the country, and with each gong of the bell we have to eat one grape. If you eat them all, you will have a very good year," the exchange student said. Champagne toasts

### Too much fat, sweets

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# Year in review: news in '94 good (bad)

Ask a dozen area residents to describe 1994 and chances are good you'll get a dozen different answers.

The year was tragic for those who lost a loved one in an accident or violent crime; challenging for local school officials hoping to generate the voter support needed to build a new school; victorious for law enforcement officials working to put drug dealers out of business; surprising for a host of Democrats, from the Thumb to Lansing to Washington, D.C.

The list goes on and on; the only constant seemed to be change.

The new year is only a few days away. But before marching onward, it seems appropriate to take a brief look back on the past 12 months and the events that help shaped 1994.

With that in mind, the Chronicle presents the following top stories of the year as compiled by the news staff.

## NEW SCHOOL?

To build or not to build. The question, raised in 1993, was answered last January when the Cass City Board of Education decided to ask voters to support a \$7.95 million bond issue for a new middle school and an addition to Campbell Elementary School. Officials had also discussed the alternative of renovating the existing middle school, built in 1926.

Just what will happen re-

mains uncertain, however.

Voters rejected the school proposal, 682-563, in an April 25 special election. Two months later, the board voted to try again, and a second special election has been scheduled for Feb. 18.

School officials have worked diligently to educate the public regarding the need for a new school. A Citizens for Education group has also been busy urging a "yes" vote.

Proponents say a new middle school would provide an updated, modern facility needed for today's teaching methods and technology. A new building would also meet all fire codes and barrier-free guidelines, unlike the existing middle school.

## PROPOSAL A

Also making headlines in the arena of education was long-awaited school finance reform.

Proposal A, approved by Michigan voters in March, filled the school funding gap left by the state Legislature's earlier vote to eliminate millage as a funding source.

As a result, residents have seen the sales tax jump from 4 to 6 percent, and their tax bills fall dramatically from a state average of 35 mills to 6 mills for homeowners; 24 mills for businesses. The proposal also reduced the income tax slightly, and added a 50-cent per pack tax on cigarettes.

Supporters of Proposal A say the measure will provide

a steady source of revenue that will be more equitable among the state's schools. Others lament the schools' loss of local control.

And while the funding is coming in as promised, some school officials wonder whether or not the proposal's promises will hold true years down the road.

Concerns include the fact that the new revenue is tied to the sales tax and, subsequently, the state's economy. In addition, portions of the proposal have since been adjusted, such as inclusion of farmland in the 6-mill home-stead tax category.

## CITIZENS' MILITIA

A growing number of citizens' militias sprouting up throughout the country, including Michigan, took on a local interest over the summer, when recruitment meetings were held in the Cass City area.

The goal of the meetings was to spark interest in creating the 21st Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Michigan Militia, "a volunteer, unorganized, well-regulated and independent citizens' militia."

Members of the Patriot Movement describe themselves as defenders of individual rights through protection and enforcement of indictments of the Common Law Citizens Grand Jury, protection of private property and by taking a stand against the one world government of the Anti-Christ.

Organizers, who say they

are neither radicals nor vigilantes, charge government officials at all levels are violating the Constitution and robbing the people by training the public to follow "procedural due process" instead of the Constitution. The purpose of the citizens' militia, they say, is to put a check on government.

## CRIME

There were disturbing incidents of crime in the area in 1994, but law enforcement also claimed some hefty victories.

The year's headlines included a Caro woman charged with murdering a neighbor she had been feuding with for some time; a Cass City man charged in the murder of his wife while the family was camping in Alcona County, and, more recently, a Sanilac County man beaten and robbed and in his own home.

On a more optimistic note, the Multi-County Citizens Grand Jury concluded its year-long operation in the Thumb and the results were impressive: 143 people indicted on 487 felony counts ranging from delivery of controlled substances, such as cocaine and marijuana, to second degree murder.

Cass City wasn't the focus of many of the grand jury's major investigations, but the panel's work had an impact locally; residents helped support the effort with tax dollars, and the investment paid off in terms of the blow dealt to drug traffickers who do business in the area.

Locally, police and village officials continued their battle to curb vandalism of park buildings and graffiti scrawled on businesses and the new walking trail overlook.

Although frustrating, that battle is less alarming than the recent theft of 2 vans in 2 days in the village by a 14-year-old student who was accompanied in one incident

by a 13-year-old and in the other, by 2 other teens, both 14.

## JORDAN COLLEGE

It's been a difficult year for Jordan College, which remains open but struggling with debt problems and the aftermath of a bitter battle with the U.S. Department of Education.

College officials were forced to close 2 campuses and cut staff over the summer following a year-long fight with education department officials over its administration of federal student aid programs.

The accompanying publicity took a heavy toll on enrollment at Jordan as many students — uncertain if the school would close its doors — sought education elsewhere.

In Cass City, where Jordan's Thumb Area Campus was built in 1989 thanks to a \$340,000 loan backed by the village and 34 individuals in the community, officials are considering taking back the campus facility because the school is more than a year behind in its lease payments.

Plans call for a portion of the building to be used for village offices, with the remainder rented out to Jordan and other schools and/or businesses.

That may not be all bad for college officials, whose primary focus at this time is to get the school back on its feet. Meeting enrollment goals for the next semester would be good step forward, they say.

## HEALTH CARE

Health care on the local level will get a big boost in 1995 in the form of a precious commodity among rural communities: the arrival of new doctors.

The news was announced

earlier this month by Deborah Sopo, who began her duties as the new president and CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital just 4 months ago.

Sopo negotiated agreements with 2 new physician groups, ECI/Emergency Consultants Inc. and Family First Community Health Services, which will begin serving the community in January.

ECI/Emergency Consultants Inc. will staff the Cass City hospital's emergency department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In conjunction with ECI, the hospital is opening its own primary care physician office.

Family First Community Health Services, meanwhile, will open a primary care practice in Dr. Richard Hall's former office across from the hospital.

The arrival of both groups was especially welcome following the loss of Dr. Hall, who closed his practice in August after 17 years in the community.

More importantly, the news means an improvement of the care already available locally, as well as an expansion of health services. The additional doctors should also ease the burden shouldered by the community's 2 family physicians and surgeon.

## GOP TAKES OVER

Voters, including those in the Cass City area, went to the polls in droves Nov. 8. Their message to politicians — change your ways or out you go — sent shock waves all the way to the White House.

Americans put Republicans in charge of Congress for the first time since Eisenhower's day. In Michigan, Gov. John Engler's landslide victory led the way for Michigan Republicans to grab control of the Legislature.

Cass City voters followed the trends, helping Spencer Abraham defeat incumbent Bob Carr in the U.S. Senate race.

Aside from Carr, the area's traditionally strong Republican roots also benefited Republican Candice Miller, who posted a stunning victory over longtime Secretary of State Richard Austin.

Closer to home, voters in Tuscola and Huron counties gave Republican Mike Green the nod over Democrat Russell Davis in a lively battle for Dick Allen's 84th District State House seat. And, 34th District State Senator Joel Gougeon trounced Democratic challenger Denny Hayes.

## FARMING

Farmers' success, or lack of it, continues to play a vital role in the Thumb's economy, which is why agriculture is a perennial "top story of the year."

The past year, like many before it, has proved trying for Thumb farmers, whose crops were hit hard by heavy rainfall in late June and early July.

Although the damage varied widely from field to field, dry bean quality and yields were down significantly overall. Sugar beets and soybeans were fair to decent, and the corn crop was among the best in years.

Unfortunately, record corn yields throughout the country pushed commodity prices into the cellar. Likewise, soybean prices were down from a year ago. Dry bean prices soared, but few farmers were able to cash in due to water damage.

A highlight of the growing season was the harvest. An extended dry fall gave farm-

ers one of the best — and safest — harvests in memory.

## SPORTS

The highlight of the year for Cass City sports fans was the regular season and tournament run of the Red Hawk boys' basketball team. The team won the Blue Bay League title and then added the district and regional championships to the trophy case.

The Hawks also shared a National Division Thumb title in football. The school, and the fans said good-bye to a pair of outstanding athletes. Jodi LaRoche, an all-state performer who starred in volleyball, baseball and basketball, and Paul Ulfing, a record-setting hoopster who used his basketball prowess to secure a scholarship to Aquinas College.

## BUSINESS

Perhaps the highlight of the year for the business community was the opening of Self-Serve Lumber Company in the former automobile dealership building east of Cass City.

There was no other major change in the community. Several smaller stores went out of business and several new stores opened. Most businessmen reported sales that were equal to or better than the previous year.

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Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

### Friday, December 30

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Gospel Sing, Cass City High School, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 1

Have a Happy New Year!

### Monday, January 2

Cass City Chronicle closed.

### Wednesday, January 4

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners, John Haire and Alden Asher.

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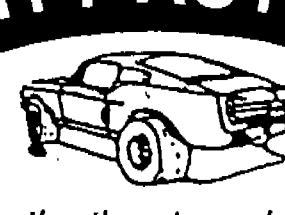
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# Down Memory Lane

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## 5 YEARS AGO

The combined pay for Cass City's 15 full-time employees will cost the village about \$19,500 more next year based on raises approved by the Village Council earlier this month.

Cass City resident Tom Guinther was recognized recently by GTE North for completing 20 years of employment with the company. The Rev. Stephen Smith took over as pastor at Deford Community Church in September. He replaced the Rev. Gerald Rodgers, who left to minister in Columbus, Ga., after serving the Deford church for 12 years. He has been preaching since the age of 15.

Richard Burleson of Cass City caught a 26-inch, 9-pound, 8-ounce walleye Friday while fishing through the ice on the Saginaw River.

Lester Auten Jr. and son Russ spent a few days in Holiday, Fla., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Auten Sr.

## 10 YEARS AGO

In order to reduce operating costs, the following offices of the Tuscola County

Courthouse will be closed on Fridays during 1985: County Clerk's office, Treasurer's office, Register of Deeds, Building Codes, Drain Commission, Equalization Department, and the Personnel office.

Sarah Little Chaffee, the youngest of the family of the late William and Margaret Little, is a patient in the Fair Acres Nursing Home at Armada and was 90 years old Christmas Day.

Robert H. Walpole, executive vice-president at Walbro Corporation, has been elected a director of the Saginaw Valley State College Foundation board.

Members of the Decker Charge Youth Group of the United Methodist Churches of Argyle, Decker and Snover presented a live nativity scene at the Cass City park Friday night. Members are Kathy Rockwell, Brenda Severance, Beth Severance, Becky Severance, Lyle Severance, Kathy Britt and Jeff Bader.

The Cass City Art Club met last Wednesday at Veronica's Restaurant for its annual Christmas party. During the business meeting, Mrs. Etta Fleenor was elected president, Iva Hildinger, vice-

president, and Clara Seeley, secretary-treasurer, for the coming year.

## 25 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Stanley P. Kirm Sr., 71, a retired pastor who served the Salem United Methodist Church in Cass City for 24 years, died Monday at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Army Private First Class Larry L. Rutkoski, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enick Rutkoski of S. Seeger St., Cass City, was assigned as a lineman with the 1st Signal Brigade in Vietnam, Nov. 18.

The Cass City Red Hawks are recovering from a heart-breaking defeat Friday to the Sandusky Redskins in double overtime, 72-71. Joe Hillaker led all scorers with 24 points. Tony Davis had 20.

A family dinner celebration marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Profit of Cass City. It was held Sunday at Frankenmuth.

The steadily increasing highway death toll in Tuscola County has increased the pressure for a Michigan State Police Post

in the county.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Lloyd Vyse's Old Mother Goose display won top honors and \$75 in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas home display contest. Second prize and \$50 was awarded to Jim Wallace. Third prize, worth \$30, went to Cliff Ryan, while Dr. James Ballard was judged fourth, worth \$20. Jerome Root Jr. won \$10 for placing fifth.

Myrtle Rabideau rolled a triplicate game of 123 at the Cass City Bowling Alley Sunday night during open bowling. A special award is given if the triplicate game is registered during league competition.

The "World's Smallest Gospel Singer" will make a personal appearance at the Novesta Church of Christ Monday with a special service. Lowell Mason, 46-inch midget, is a tent revivalist song leader and baritone soloist.

Seven-year-old David Milligan underwent a tonsil operation in Pleasant Home Hospital Saturday.

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# Tell VFW essay contest winners

Each year the VFW and its Auxiliary sponsor a scholarship program by holding a Voice of Democracy essay contest.

This year's topic for high school competition was "My Vision For America", and "My Commitment to America" was the topic for the middle school.

At family night festivities Dec. 1, Ian Guernsey, a Cass City High School senior, was awarded a \$100 Savings Bond for his participation. His entry, sponsored by VFW Post 3644, advanced to District 10 level.

Fairgrove VFW Post 7486

hosted the banquet Dec. 10 when all district first place winners were honored. Only first-place winners advance.

Winners announced at district level were: first, Christopher C. Flynn, Sandusky; second, Timothy P. Jahr, Flushing, and third, Bradley McKee, Lapeer East. (This was the category Ian entered).

Substantial scholarship monies are awarded to winners at each level.

Any student wishing to enter next year's competition at the middle or high school levels may do so. Details will be made available to the schools next fall.

# Spencer top scout in sales

The Cass City Cub Scouts of Pack 3594 have had a busy holiday season.

In November, the scouts participated in the Scouting for Food drive, which resulted in a large donation to the Cass City Food Pantry.

The annual fund raising event, popcorn and pretzel sales, also took place in November. The bottom line: \$4,900 in sales. Kenny Spencer took the top honors for the most productive salesperson, although activity by all of the scouts was on the rise. A sales commission was earned by quite a few of the popcorn peddlers for outstanding performance.

Capping the highlights of November was a trip to Saginaw to see a Wheels hockey game.

The December pack meeting was an eventful one. The Cass City Tiger Cubs attended and helped out. Den 2 was awarded the honor den flag and Den 4 received the good attendance award. The following scouts received both the Naturalist and World Conservation awards: Arthur Brinkman, Tom Sugden, Chris Brinkman, Chuck Keiser, Jarred Glaza, Jeremy Weippert, and Jonathan Bock. In addition, Andy Veneziano received his Bobcat badge.

Amidst all of the ceremony, Santa appeared. He added to the festivities and helped distribute presents. The adult leaders received gifts of appreciation for their efforts

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Smith and the 22nd MEU left the U.S. in late October for a 6-month overseas deployment with USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall and USS Ponce. Departing from North Carolina, Smith traveled to the Mediterranean Sea, where the ARG was scheduled to take part in several multinational amphibious landing exercises.

The 1989 graduate of Cass City High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1989.

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The results of the trials are contained in the fact sheet "Alfalfa Varieties for Michigan in 1994."

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Hall  
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5-12-28-1

## Your neighbor says

## Tradition marks family celebration

It will be a traditional holiday for our family, said Elizabeth Rayl, who with her husband, Tim, and family lives in rural Cass City.

At Christmas the family would open presents at home



and then travel to his parents', the Walter Rayls of Snover, for the Christmas Day celebration. Most of the family will be there, Elizabeth said, perhaps 25 or 30 all together.

Mrs. Rayl was to be at home for the celebration because she had 2 days off from her job as an R.N. working midnights at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

After the Christmas celebration the family will be looking forward to New Year's, when another long-time tradition will be observed.

The family will attend the annual New Year's Eve concert sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club.

That's something the Rayls have been doing about as long as the concert has been staged here.

Another must for New Year's is to go bowling. Tim Rayl has been doing that longer than the children in the family can remember. The children are Shivaun, 16, Emily, 11, pictured with their mother, and Jayson, 14.

Tim Rayl is a dairy farmer.

## 3 recently charged in district court

The following people were recently arraigned on felony

charges in Tuscola County District Court:

•Ryan N. Carrasco, 17, Flint, faces charges of assault with intent to murder and conspiracy to assault with intent to murder Richard G. Mills Aug. 2 in Arbeta Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$250,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 3.

•Lou A. Rhodes, 28, Flint, is charged with writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days. The offense allegedly involves checks of \$32.20, \$50.16 and \$27.54 drawn on Standard Federal Bank between July 20 and July 22, 1990, court records state.

Bond for Rhodes was set at \$1,000. She faces a preliminary exam Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.

•Roger D. Broadworth Jr., 24, Caro, was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle without insurance and use of a forged license plate Dec. 4 in Indianfields Township.

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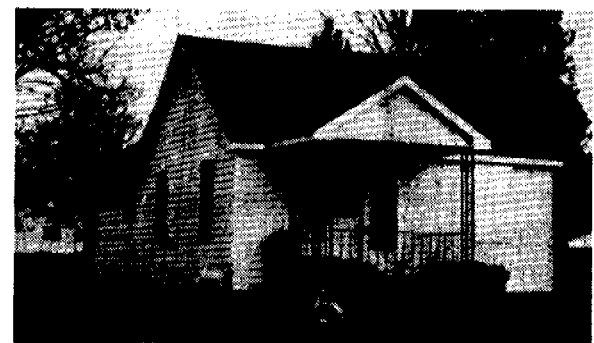
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age of 56.6 feet per day. Another 133 packages were delivered during the same period.

"We've processed 203,000 pieces of mail since the first of December — that's all sorted piece by piece," Drabek said, noting the figure doesn't include pre-sorted mail.

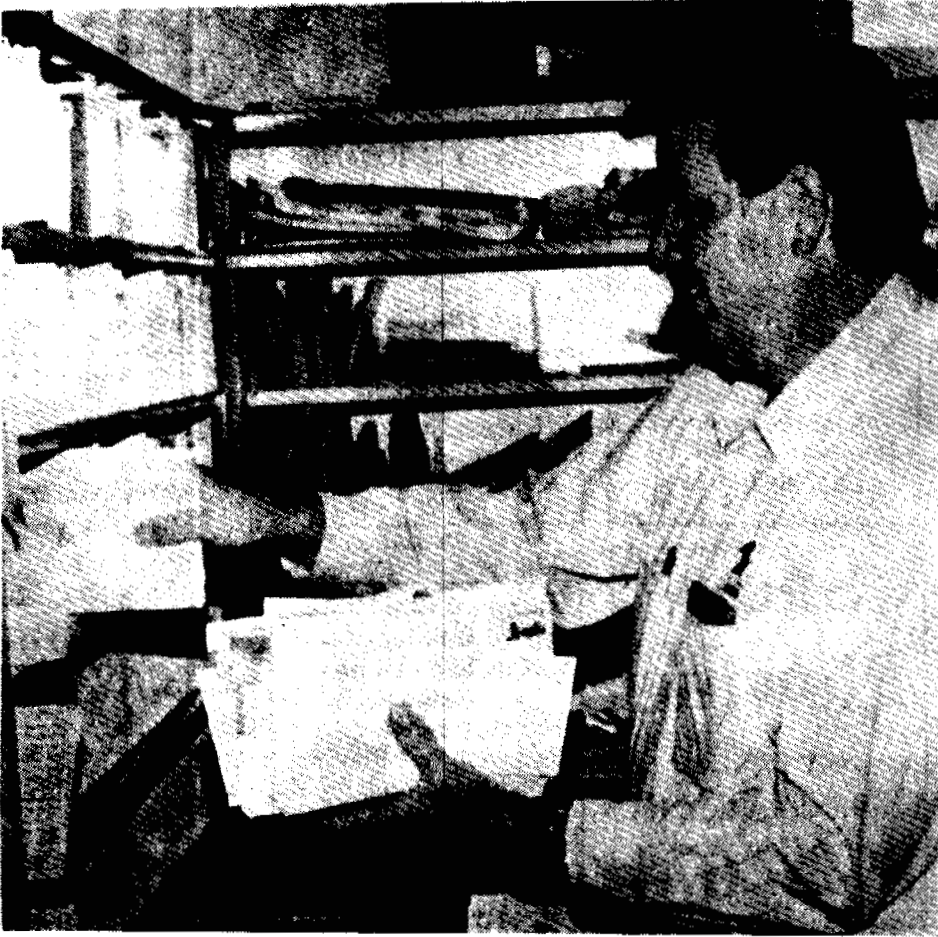
Handling the mail locally is a staff of 13, including 3 sorting/window clerks, 2 city carriers, one relief city carrier, 3 rural carriers and 3 substitute rural carriers.

The rural routes vary from one to another, according to Drabek, who said one carrier has 400 stops over a 13-mile stretch, while another has about the same number of stops, but travels 80 miles. City carrier Dale Bullock said he walks 7 miles and delivers to 450 places on his route, which is concentrated in the business district. Another city carrier, he added, walks a total of 13 miles and has 500 residential stops.

Despite the holiday mail rush, Drabek said business is pretty steady throughout the year, although the volume slacks off in June, July and August. "As soon as school opens, everything starts again," he added.

Honeybees deliver

A newly patented device could turn honeybees into a biocontrol delivery device. Agriculture Department scientists have built a small metal device that applies a naturally occurring virus to the legs of honeybees as they leave the hive. Then, as the bees visit flowers, they drop off the virus which then attacks plant pests like the corn earworm caterpillar.



CHRISTMAS IS over, but local postal workers still have their hands full with a deluge of catalogues and other advertising mail. Above, Dale Bullock sorts mail that will be delivered to 450 stops on his 7-mile city route in Cass City.

Steady decline in acreage

Wheat losing farmers' favor

With wheat prices hovering around \$3 and the average cost of production running about \$3.20 to \$3.50 per bushel, it's understandable why the crop may be losing favor with Michigan's farmers.

That disfavor has been reflected in a nearly steady decline in wheat acreage. In 1967, growers planted about 1.13 million acres; in 1993, according to most recent statistics, 580,000 acres of wheat were harvested in Michigan.

Statewide, per acre yields

during the past 26 years have oscillated between 36 and 60 bushels, with an average of 50.3 bushels and a mean of 44.1 bushels.

These figures sharply contrast with MSU's field trials. In 1994 trials in Lenawee, Kalamazoo, Ionia, Saginaw, Huron, Sanilac and Ingham counties, 100-bushel-per-acre yields were not uncommon.

MSU's 5-year on-farm trials of 8 wheat varieties show an average yield of 84.1 bushels per acre; the range was 68.9 to 80.5 bushels per acre.

So why the discrepancy between the statewide average and MSU's field trial average? And why has there been such a dramatic drop in the number of acres planted to wheat in the past 26 years?

These figures are apparently frustrating to growers and MSU agronomists alike and may be a little scary for Michigan's milling industry, which in 1990 was valued at \$1.5 billion.

Larry Copeland, MSU Extension agronomist, says there is a general feeling that Michigan's wheat industry is at serious risk.

"Growers are well aware of today's potential wheat yields and they don't understand why they've fallen short of their goals," Copeland says. "Moreover, neither we nor they under-

stand why the per acre yield is so inconsistent throughout the state from year to year, but we intend to find out what can be done about it."

The vehicle for finding out is MSU's Wheat 2000 Club.

Copeland, several fellow agronomists and MSU Extension agricultural agents are recruiting growers to participate in a 3 to 5-year project intended to raise the statewide wheat yield average by the end of the decade.

The goal, Copeland says, is 100 bushels per acre. To date, 25 growers have joined the club. More are wanted.

"We'd like to have every county in Michigan's wheat-growing regions represented," Copeland says. "We are also enlisting the cooperation of the millers because this project needs to involve everyone associated with Michigan wheat production."

Copeland's game plan includes drawing from MSU's field trial research, Successful Farming's MAX computer program and the Intensive Cereal Management (ICM) program commonly used in Europe to help growers increase wheat yields.

He also envisions periodic workshops, special training for growers and variety trial tours.

"However, this is not going to be a one-way street," Copeland emphasizes. "We need to understand the limi-

Letters to the editor

Enjoyed days in Cass City 'away back when'

To the Editor

You might want to call this a news letter from days gone by. There are many things I can remember about Cass City. To begin with, when I was a little girl I always got my hair cut at Tyo's Barber Shop, you went down a few steps just off the sidewalk and Mr. Tyo (Clem) would lift me up and put me on a high seat that went across the arms of the barber chair. I thought that was great. Those days I had my choice of wind blown, boyish bob or regular. What a deal. Then there were two other barber shops in town. Charlie McCaslin had one. Besides haircuts you could get a perm or marseille. He could do all three. Then there was

Joe Diaz, the shoe repairman, and when he repaired your shoes they looked like new and what a shine. You always got your money's worth.

Hirem Willis had a small place where you could take your can of cream from the farm and he would give you what it was worth. Mrs. Folkert had a nice store at the corner of Main and N. Seeger where you could buy nice things.

Heller's Bakery at the time would load up a panel type deal to drive out in the country to sell some of their baked goods. They used to stop at my folks' farm and I would go out with my mother to buy some. When they opened their doors, Oh what a wonderful aroma.

The Cass Theater years ago was called The Pastime. How many remember that? Frutchey Bean Company had people come in to pick beans during those days and it meant a lot to a lot of women, at least it was a job. Many a time I went to the

Cass City Fair and what a fair. I recall watching the ferris wheel which I loved so much in those days. It so happened this one day they were loading up and getting ready to start when the big wheel refused to move. I stood and watched and of all the crying and yelling that went on from kids, etc. Somehow, somewhere they got some big heavy ropes and some good caring men with ropes attached to the wheel every so far was able to pull it down little by little

in a fashion we used to call tug of war. Tell you what, I was never too keen after that about the ferris wheel. I could go on and on about my good old hometown with such delight but think I better bring this to a close and let someone else have a go at it, but just want to say, glad I enjoyed those days and have many nice thoughts of away back when.

Sincerely,  
Madelyn Heron Rawlings

Christmas issue "made my day"

Dear Mr. Haire, I'm compelled to write this letter to tell you how excited I was to see your Christmas edition (especially the poems written by local students).

You see, some time ago, you informed me that it was not a policy of your paper to print poetry in any form no matter what the source.

As a novice writer of poems and a charter member of Thumb Area Writers Club, it pleases me to see you changed your policy. Seeing one's work in print entices encouragement.

Your Christmas issue made my day!

Sincerely,  
Isabel Wright

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