

Farmland values set to skyrocket

Agricultural land values in the Cass City area are destined to rise from 44 to 83 per cent, according to a report filed last week with the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

The report represents increases in values over the past two years based on sales in the region.

Hardest hit of area townships was Ellington, where farmland values will rise 83 per cent. The increase is slightly less than a predicted

93 per cent earlier in the year by township Supervisor Fred Bardwell.

The average selling price of land per acre in the township ranges between \$625 and \$750. The value applies to unimproved land, excluding buildings or tiling.

In Elkland township, farmland values are destined to rise 52 per cent. Average per acre price is \$750, according to the study.

In Elmwood township, unimproved farmland values

skyrocketed 78 per cent. Per acre prices range from \$750 to a high of \$1,200 in the northwest quarter of the township.

In Novesta township, farmland values will rise 61 per cent where per acre values range from \$625 to \$700.

Kingston township farmland escaped with only a 44 per cent increase carrying a value of \$625 an acre.

In spite of the hefty increases, so far there's been little indication of a "revolt" similar to the one that erupt-

ed last year over increases in residential land values throughout the county.

At that time, supervisors threatened not to spread the added value and complained of lower values in Huron and Sanilac counties for similar types of land.

Since then, land value studies have reportedly been performed in both Huron and Sanilac counties. Whether or not this will satisfy Tuscola supervisors is in doubt. But according to Cmmr.

Maynard McConkey, if supervisors don't spread the additional value, the state holds the threat of applying a factor to all property, including residential.

A factor is a flat rate increase imposed without regard to the property classification.

Last year, five Tuscola county townships went the factor route.

"It's a decision of the supervisor whether or not he wants to spread it," McCon-

key said. Supervisor Edwin Karr said the increase will be spread in Elkland township. If it weren't, he said, all property owners would suffer under a factor.

"We have 27.8 per cent of our land in agriculture and 51 per cent in residential with the rest commercial and industrial," Karr said. "To go with a factor would hit residential property unfairly."

Karr said five townships, Fremont, Watertown, Day-

ton, Indianfields and Arbela, didn't spread added values last year and chose a factor instead.

Ellington township Supervisor Fred Bardwell said he plans to spread added agricultural values. With an 83 per cent increase, he says his township's total tax bill will jump from \$5,417,000 to around \$9 million.

"It's going to hit the people on the poorer land harder than the ones on the good land

because the poor stuff is selling now for almost as much as what we call good farmland," Bardwell said.

Bardwell says he expects a flood of complaints at Board of Review time in March, but there's really little the township can do.

"You can only take a factor two years in a row and then you have to add the value," he says. "The state's going to get what's theirs sooner or later."

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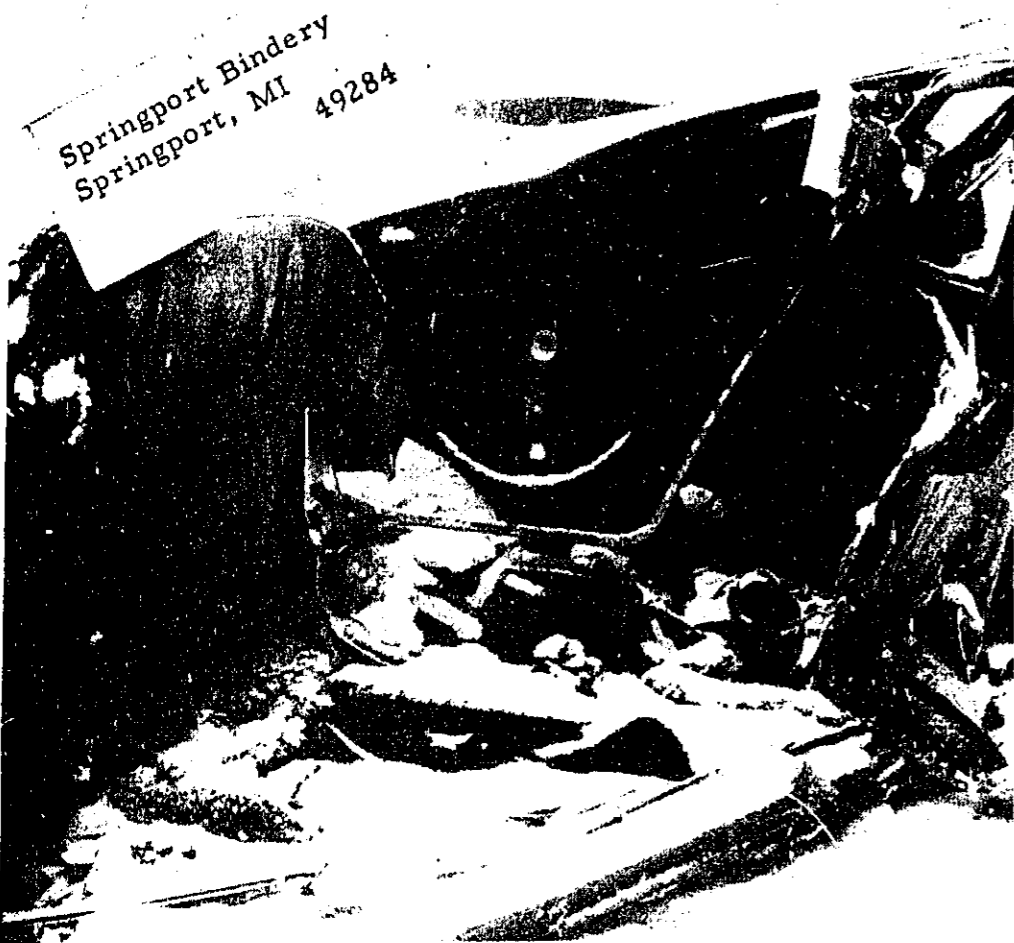
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EIGHTEEN PAGES

Christmas turns to tragedy

Kingston youth dies in grinding pre-holiday crash



THE SHATTERED interior of this auto bears mute testimony to the force of a Thursday afternoon crash that killed Patrick G. Wolak, 12, of rural Kingston. His sister, Susan, 20, driver of the auto, was listed in fair condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Monday.

What might have been a joyous Christmas for the John Wolak family of rural Kingston turned into tragedy Thursday, Dec. 23, when their 12-year-old son, Patrick, was killed when the car in which he was riding slammed into a snow plow on M-81, four miles northeast of Caro.

Witnesses told Caro State Police the death car, driven by the youth's sister, Susan, 20, was southwest bound when it spun out of control and slid sideways into a northeast bound snowplow driven by Albert Curtis, 63, of Kingston Rd., Deford.

The boy was pronounced dead at the scene, officers said. Miss Wolak was listed in fair condition at St. Mary's

Hospital in Saginaw Monday morning.

Curtis was uninjured. The youth's death was the 26th on Tuscola county roads



PATRICK WOLAK

in 1976. Patrick G. Wolak was born Feb. 1, 1964 in Cass City, son of John and Victoria Wolak. He was a student at King-

ston Junior High School and was a member of the Seventh Grade Basketball team and the junior band. He was also a two-year member of the Wells Jolly Workers 4-H Club and served as an altar boy at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Wilmot.

A Rosary and prayer service was conducted Sunday evening at the Harmon Funeral Home in Kingston.

The funeral was held Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Richard Kubiak and Rev. Fr. William Taylor officiating.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

While no major accidents were reported over the Christmas week end in the Cass City area, three persons were injured in two mishaps prior to the holiday period.

Diane Lynne Germain, Akron, was treated for cuts and bruises at Hills and Dales General Hospital following a one-car accident on Elmwood Road, 8 1/2 miles west of Cass City.

Caro State Police said Ms. Germain was westbound when she lost control of her car, ran into a ditch and slid sideways and struck a tree. The accident took place at

2:25 a.m.

Two persons sought their own treatment for injuries sustained in a one-car accident at the intersection of M-81 and McGregory Roads, four miles northeast of Caro, Monday, Dec. 20.

State Police said a car driven south on McGregory Road by Joseph Eugene Howey, 26, of 5368 Pobanz Rd., Gagetown, skidded on the icy road surface and struck a utility pole.

A passenger, Betty Jean Howey, 42, Gagetown, was shaken up. The accident took place at 7:40 p.m.

Two drivers escaped injury Thursday, Dec. 23, in a head-on crash on Van Buren Road near Richville.

Caro State Police said a car headed north and driven by Donald Norman Gaeth, 32, of 2969 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Gagetown, was struck by an oncoming car driven by Paul Leonard Schiefer, 19, Vassar.

Police said Schiefer had just left a private parking lot and crossed the centerline of the highway, striking Gaeth.

Schiefer was cited for driving left of center. The accident took place at 12:50 a.m.

Vern Edward Newell, 60, of 7681 Deckerville Rd., Deford,

escaped injury Monday, Dec. 20, when his car slid out of control on icy Cemetery Road and struck a cement culvert near the south Cass City limits.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Newell was southbound and slowed for a right turn when the accident took place at 10:30 a.m.

Linda Sue Bennett, 29, of 4416 Woodland St., Cass City, escaped injury when her car struck a deer on Deckerville Rd., four miles west of Deford.

Sheriff's officers said the car was westbound and the deer ran from the north side of the road. The accident took place at 5:30 p.m.

Two drivers were uninjured Tuesday, Dec. 21, when their cars collided at the intersection of Sherman and Pine Streets in Cass City.

Cass City Police said a car driven north on Sherman by Russell J. Stanley, 50, of 6532 Third St., attempted to stop for the intersection and slid into a westbound car driven by Nancy Ruth Baird, 42, of 6772 Pine St.

No ticket was issued. The accident took place at 4:55 p.m.

Commissioners okay transportation study

Tuscola County Commissioners voted to join in a study of area transportation needs with Huron and Sanilac counties during their regular meeting in Caro Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The resolution authorizing participation in the State Highway Department-sponsored study passed by a narrow 4-3 vote, with commissioners Kenneth Kennedy, Richard Dehmel and J. Benson Collon casting "no" votes.

Basically, the three objected to the study because they viewed it as another version of Dial-A-Ride which they've turned down in the past. They said even though the study is entirely state financed, it appeared to be the start of another program for which the county would have to find money when state coffers went dry.

Supporting the measure were Commissioners Maynard McConkey, Paul Nagy, Charles Woodcock and Margaret Wenta. They said it would be wise to make the study with an eye to transportation needs five or 10 years from now.

With projections of gasoline selling for as much as a dollar a gallon by 1980, McConkey said making a study wouldn't hurt.

"Admittedly, doing something like this on a three-county basis isn't always the most satisfactory way to go," he said. "But I think it would be good to look at it."

The study had earlier been recommended by the county affairs committee.

In other business, the board gave its stamp of approval to salary increases for county elected and appointed officials. The only change came with a \$300 increase in the salary of incoming Drain Commissioner J. Edward Goodchild. His salary was set at \$14,300.

The salaries are expected

to be frozen for the next two years.

In other business, the board agreed to spend \$2,723 for a new Ford pickup truck. The vehicle, destined for use by the Animal Control Department, will be purchased from Burton-Moore Ford in Caro.

A bid from Wilsie-Simpson Chevrolet of Caro, just \$2

higher, was rejected.

Spike Johnson, Director of the county's Substance Misuse Center, told commissioners he needs more office space to counsel alcoholics and drug offenders.

Johnson was instructed to discuss his needs with the building and grounds committee.

Still in district

Judge rules in favor of Owen-Gage tax plea

The confusion over the spreading of taxes on three parcels of land in the Owen-Gage School District was resolved Monday in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Judge Thomas L. Brown, acting for Judge James T. Kallman, ordered taxes in the Belk, Voelker and Parker parcels, located in Grant and Brookfield townships, be paid to Owen-Gage.

The action came after school attorney James Schouman petitioned for a show-cause hearing involving Huron Intermediate Supt. F. James McBride and a temporary restraining order prohibiting payment of taxes to the Laker and Cass City School Districts.

The three owners have been petitioning to transfer their land to Lakers and Cass City. Schouman argued that the land should still be considered part of Owen-Gage.

Schouman told the Chronicle he based his argument on Judge Kallman's ruling of Sept. 7 which placed the parcels back in Owen-Gage after they had been ordered transferred by the State Board of Education.

Those parcels are part of Owen-Gage until their future is decided by the State Court of Appeals, Schouman said. The attorney said McBride operated under a portion of the law stating taxes should be assigned as of Sept. 1. Monday's ruling clarified the

earlier order stating the parcels were definitely part of Owen-Gage.

Schouman charged McBride ignored the Sept. 7 order by allowing taxes to go to Lakers and Cass City.

The order enjoins McBride from assigning taxes on behalf of any other school district during the 1976-77 school year.

Owen-Gage Supt. Ronald Erickson and several school board members attended Monday's hearing.

I WILL BE at the Pinney State Bank Friday, Dec. 31 to collect township taxes. Elkland Township Treasurer. 12-30-1

Prizes await first 1977 baby

The first baby born at Hills and Dales General Hospital in 1977 won't know it, but his or her arrival will mean a host of prizes for both baby and parents, donated by several Cass City merchants.

Coach Light Pharmacy is offering \$10 toward any prescription. The Gamble store will give \$5.00 in merchandise to the new parents while Kritzman's Inc. will donate a \$5 gift certificate.

From Sommers' Bakery, the new family will receive a congratulatory cake and Old Wood Drug has a \$5.00 gift certificate waiting to be picked up.

Cass City Studio will offer a free eight-by-ten portrait for the little tyke.

Erla's Food Center will give away \$10 in merchandise, while Albee Hardware and Pied Piper have \$5 in merchandise waiting for the new arrival.

Konrad's Bakery will give away \$5 in baked goods while Cass City IGA Foodliner offers a choice of \$5 in baby food or other merchandise.

There is no registration for the contest. The winner will be determined by hospital authorities.



HILLS AND DALES Hospital Lab received a \$500 gift Monday from representatives of the Michigan Sugar Co. Flower Fund. Shown from the left are Gerald Krohn, company chief chemist; Robert Wood, Flower Fund secretary; Richard Brigham, Flower Fund treasurer; Theron Middaugh, hospital lab assistant, and Jon Fahrner, lab supervisor. The gift will go toward purchasing new equipment for the lab, Fahrner said.

NEW YEAR Greetings

From the Chronicle staff and correspondents

Cass City Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little
Phone 872-3698



Mrs. Joe Hillaker

First Presbyterian Church, Harbor Beach, was the setting for the Dec. 18 wedding of Rebecca Ann Ingles and Joe Lorn Hillaker. Rev. James Stewart performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Ingles of Harbor Beach. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Hillaker of Cass City.

The bride wore a short-sleeved eggshell-colored gown of Nixesta-Antron nylon knit. The gown featured a ribbed empire bodice boucle-textured in the front and back. It also had a cotton lace-trimmed stand-up collar and slit neck and cuffs on the short sleeves.

Her veil was a wreath of ivy, orange blossoms and stephanotis. She carried a cascade of pink roses, stephanotis, baby's breath, orange blossoms and ivy.

Matron of honor was Susan Guitier, Harbor Beach, friend of the couple. She wore a long sleeve red wine gown with

eggshell yoke, collar and cuffs. She wore a headpiece wreath of ivy and stephanotis and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, stephanotis, baby's breath and ivy.

Best man was David Hillaker of Mt. Pleasant, brother of the groom. Usher was Clark Hillaker of Cass City, brother of the groom.

The bride's mother wore a blue floral knit floor-length gown. She wore a corsage of gardenias.

The bridegroom's mother wore a long misty ice blue gown and wore a gardenia corsage.

Two pink poinsettia arrangements decorated the altar.

A dinner and reception for 55 guests was held following the ceremony at Williams Inn, Harbor Beach. The bride's table featured a centerpiece of holly and berries with red candles.

The bride is a graduate of Harbor Beach High School and Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cass City High School. The couple will make their home in Cass City.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. William Donnelly were all home Sunday, Dec. 19, for a celebration of Mr. Donnelly's 80th birthday and an early Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thom Bardwell have returned from their flight to La Habra, California, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arthur.

23 youth from Trinity United Methodist Church enjoyed a progressive dinner and gift exchange Saturday, Dec. 18. Adults accompanying the youth were Rev. Byron Hatch, Ernie and Pat Teichman and Shirley Karr. Appetizers were served at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Karr's home. Salads were served at Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher's home. Main course was served at the church, provided by Marge Dickinson, Doris Jones and Elaine Proctor. The dessert was served at Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Reynolds's home. The after dinner mints and gift exchange were at Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gallaway's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Auten and Charles had as Christmas guests, Miss JoAnn Bigelow and Mr. and Mrs. David Bliss of Birmingham and Mrs. A.N. Bigelow.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee and family of Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nemeth of Deford and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and children spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Root.

Mr. and Mrs. David Binder, Craig, Kirk and Kristine of Kalamazoo who had been visiting Mrs. Binder's parents in Fraser, came Dec. 22 to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Erwin Binder.

A Christmas program was presented Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at Fraser Presbyterian Church. Lunch was served following the program.

The program was a joint effort of both the Ubyly and Fraser churches.

Friends of Mrs. Chris Roth of McAlpine Rd. learned she sustained broken ribs in a fall in her home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Finkbeiner, their son Bill and family of Pontiac were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Holland and family at Sebewaing. Also guests were Mr. Holland's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fort-hun and children Michael and Elizabeth of Ann Arbor were expected Dec. 30 to spend New Year's with Mrs. Fort-hun's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Hunt. The Fort-huns had spent Christmas in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Albee and sons Rob, Scott and Mark had with them for Christmas Eve, Miss DeeEllen Albee of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demaray, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Albee and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Albee.

Mrs. Althea Kritzman of Deford had her family Dec. 26, for a belated Christmas when guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bills and Beth, Kathy Dalton and son Stacy, Linda Ringle and daughter Barbara of Caro, Airman and Mrs. Ed Albin of Sault Ste. Marie and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley and sons of Cass City.

Miss Agnes Milligan gave the devotions, the Least Coin, when Circle III of the Presbyterian Church met Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Arnold Fischer. A play, the story of the first Christmas, was presented by Wilma Finkbeiner as Mary, Alexia Cook as Joseph, Sandra Bolton as the innkeeper and Katherine Gross as a shepherd. There was a gift exchange and dessert was served.

Twenty-two were present Dec. 20 when the "Up and Alom" Farm Bureau group met at Colony House for dinner and a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beard-sley left Thursday to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Beach and family at Alto.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Esck-isen and son Steve had as Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Egerer of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eskelsen and Mrs. Hazel Rusch. Also with Mr. and Mrs. Egerer were Warren, their house-guest whose home is in Hawaii. He attends college in the upper peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Hartwick entertained the Fisher families, Christmas Day.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holm were their daughter, Miss Karen Holm of Southgate, her fiancée, Bruce Gelbaugh of Kalamazoo and Miss Wanda Pfeil, also of Southgate, and Mrs. Thelma Graham. Joining them later in the day were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and children.

Students at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., who are home for the holidays and whose vacation amounts to five weeks are Steve Esckisen, Paul Stanley and Sharon Cox, who came home Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hanes of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Joos and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jezewski and Jason were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jezewski.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ball were Christmas day guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Moore and Tracy. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sara Pearson, all of Deckerville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Palms and Mr. and Mrs. James Kern, Bonnie and Russell and Mrs. Mollie Kern, all of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy and Beth and Theo Hendrick joined other members of the family Dec. 19, for an early Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz (Karen O'Dell) at Milan. Theo Hendrick stayed and has been visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwell Kelley at New Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Smith spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kritzman and family for an early Christmas dinner. Friday, the Peter Kritzman's sons, Mike and Jim Wright, flew to Bradenton, Fla., to spend two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and sons, Scott and Patrick, had with them for Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy and son Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell.

Mrs. Edith Ward had as guests Sunday, for a belated Christmas dinner, Miss Mary Hanby of Union Grove, Wis., who came Dec. 17 and will be here until Jan. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanby and two girls of Grand Haven, Mrs. Vera King, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanby.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes Jr. spent Christmas with them and Andrea. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Barnes of Kawkawlin, Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes and Brian of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pierson and sons Brad and Scott of Ypsilanti and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Auten had with them for Christmas, her son John Starmann of Colon and her daughter Miss Barbara Starmann of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Albee and children Tim and Kristina spent the week end at Manistee with Mrs. Albee's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ketchum and Katie spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Cooper of Wheel-er.

Mr. and Mrs. James Batts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Batts' brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Elmore and family of Madison Heights.

Also attending were Mrs. Batts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Elmore of Farmington Hills. While in the Detroit area Sheryll Batts visited Marlene Imrizon in South-field. They both attend Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guinther will host an open house New Year's Eve party for members of the Philathea class of the Baptist church, beginning at 8 p.m., at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury entertained relatives Christmas Eve including Beverly Mosher and daughter Holly of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles and daughter Phoebe and their son, Airman Hazen Wiles, home on leave from Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tuckey and daughter Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Taylor and daughter Laura.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tuckey entertained the same group of relatives for dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tallman and family, Miss Belva Russell and Leslie Russell were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Russell of Fairgrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmack Smith and Mrs. Herman Stine were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Garrison Stine home.

Phil Retherford celebrated his 60th birthday Christmas Day when 30 of his friends made a surprise visit Saturday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Biddle spent Christmas Day in Rochester with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmateer.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sullivan and son Danny had with them Christmas Day, Harvey Bartle, Donald Bartle of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and family of Snover.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sting and family of Columbus, Ind., returned home Tuesday, after spending Christmas week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacTavish and Mr. and Mrs. Ottomar Sting of Owendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baudoin and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Brewton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fischer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth had Christmas dinner at Mrs. Nemeth's sister's and father's home, Miss Dorothy Rothfuss and John Rothfuss of Bay Port.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kritzman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kritzman, Matt and Gretchen of Millersburg, Ind. Other callers were the Douglas O'Dells and the Michael Murphys.

Carlton Craig of Highland was a house guest in the Harold Craig home over Christmas. Other Christmas Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Craig, Mrs. Hazel Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Al Trof.

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell had dinner Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey had with them Monday, for a belated Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freed and Jana of Elkhart, Ind., and their son, Dan, home from Lahonda, Calif., Rev. and Mrs. David D'Arcy of Eaton Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kelley and daughters of Le-Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D'Arcy and family of King-ston, Miss Rhoda Greenleaf of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tuckey and family, Rev. and Mrs. Eldred Kelley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. David Opal and children, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Tuckey and sons, Scott, Jeff and Philip, and daughters, Debra and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stine of Standish, Mr. and Mrs. David Stine and children of Saginaw and Mrs. Herman Stine spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stine.

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BECKY GERMAN

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Dec. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant of Deford, a girl.

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"If It Fitz . . ."

Recall that galosh

BY JIM FITZGERALD

While broadcasting the World Series, Reggie Jackson reminded me of some other kid's galosh.

You probably find that hard to understand. If you are disgustingly young, you might even know what a galosh is.

A galosh is a high overshoe. Reggie Jackson is a millionaire baseball player. And this column is about remembering.

How good is your memory? Jackson said he had hit 280 home runs in his major league career and he remembered every one of them. He remembered who the pitchers were and what kind of a pitch he flamed out of the park.

I find that hard to believe. Jackson said it was easy for him to remember every detail of every home run because home runs are his bread and butter. But I figure I've written about 2,400 newspaper columns. They are my bread and butter. And it is hard to remember what I wrote yesterday. Last year is impossible.

A voice from the bleachers might yell that I can't remember because I've never written any home runs. Jackson probably can't remember his singles, either.

There are always a lot of mouthy jerks in the bleachers.

But I suppose Jackson could be telling the truth. I've read about people who swear

Failure is no excuse to quit—the future always remains.

they can remember coming home from the hospital after they were born. Some guys claim they remember how it was in the womb.

For me, Life began at the age of five as I was walking home from Jefferson School with some other kid's galosh on one foot.

That is my earliest memory. All that occurred before that day is a blank, and there are countless gaps in the years since then. But I've never forgotten the reckless abandon with which I got mud on that strange galosh. I hopped through every puddle.

Jefferson School was torn down several years ago. It was in Port Huron. That town, as I remember it, is crumbling in the face of dratted progress.

I delivered mail in Port Huron and, so help me, they have leveled my entire route. The same fate flattened most of my newspaper route.

Urban Renewal, that brutal bulldozer of boyhood memories, has replaced dozens of worn but warm homes with a few cold office buildings. I wonder where all the people went and if they are getting their mail and newspapers all right.

I will soon run out of places to drive by and point at and bore my kids talking about.

Some of the poolrooms are still there, but they look like dime stores. They even smell good, for gosh sakes, and I don't like them anymore.

I can hardly find a bartender who knows me or knows anyone I knew - not even the most famous lusher. And when I tell them, ha-ha, I paid for this bar, they just shrug and pour a drink for some 14-year-old kid who is probably 25.

I attended Jefferson for only one year-kindergarten. Two things, besides the wrong galosh, I remember most.

One is what I had to wear. Short pants and long, lumpy stockings held up by a garter belt. Anyone remember?

If my wise-guy son reads that his dad used to wear a garter belt he will fall down laughing and say I am kid-

ding. But I can close my eyes and see again my long underwear bulking out between the tops of my stockings and the bottom of my pants.

The other thing I remember most is our kindergarten band. I played the water whistle. Is there such a thing as a water whistle today? I don't think so.

My whistle was shaped like a bird and you filled it with water and then blew through the tail. A shrill, gurgly noise came out the beak. I have always thought that Lawrence Welk must have played a water whistle in school.

Our band had a recital for parents, of course. My dad complained for years after. He swore that I blew and blew but no noise came out. He was right. I was nervous that day and forgot to put water in the whistle.

When you are five years old this is a terrible thing. But it makes a lovely memory.

When you write a column like this, you can write about yesterday, today or tomorrow. When I write about today, I am usually angry about something. For tomorrow, I am usually angry and hopeful, but leery.

Yesterdays are the best. The memories make me smile, and sometimes hoot, and sometimes my eyes get damp.

And almost always I go back to that first day, hopping through the puddles, and I wish I could remember if that other kid ever got his galosh back.

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New ideas

Innovative engineering sends Walbro to top of field

In the last 25 years, because of the innovative and technologically advanced thinking of Walbro Carburetor Division engineers, Walbro Corp. has become the small engine carburetor capital of the world.

Hugh Lautner, director of the Carburetor Division's engineering and research center, and Dick Charmley, new chief engineer, reviewed some of the new carburetor ideas now in final stages of development or in early stages of production.

The first carburetor idea mentioned was a new down-draft carburetor that had been, Lautner said, designed with the cooperation of the engineering staff of Onan Corporation, subsidiary of Studebaker-Worthington.

He described it as a compact, space-saving unit that meets the cramped space requirements of motor home generators and utility engines in lawn and garden equipment. Though small outside, the new Walbro Down-Draft Carburetor is capable of high output capacities that meet the fuel delivery requirements of a broad variety of twin engines, ranging from 18 hp to 25 hp.

Chief Engineer Charmley said that Walbro had recently put two new outboard engine carburetors into production, one a big-capacity, two-barrel unit.

He said that Walbro also has in development new carburetor designs for motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other recreational vehicles.

Both Lautner and Charmley spoke of the new Walbro WS Series as a highly significant advance in carburetor technology—developed specifically for today's increasingly high-powered professional chain saws.

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capacity up to 100 per cent in order to assure dependable performance under extreme operating conditions. We also increased the fuel filtration area as much as 400 per cent in order to cut down time in the woods."

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Lautner also said the Wal-

bro Engineering and research Center had been developing a number of different plastics carburetor designs for some time.

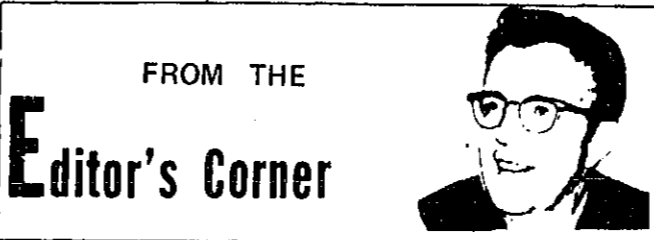
"Our experience in carburetion and plastics technologies will help us give our customers what is needed in plastics carburetors and components."

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Leisure time is profitable only to those who can make every minute of it count.



HUGH G. LAUTNER (right), Director, and Richard P. Charmley, Chief Engineer, Engineering and Research Carburetor Division, Walbro Corporation.



FROM THE Editor's Corner

Like the gal in the TV wine commercial, "Just say I'm skeptical."

Isn't that a sorry way to start the new year? But I can't help it. When I read that labor is cool to the latest cabinet choices of President-elect Jimmy Carter, I'm skeptical.

It may be so. But, since Watergate I ask myself: Is labor really that cool toward the cabinet or is it another rip-off?

How do I know that it wasn't an elaborate public relations ploy, I tell myself. Perhaps big labor realized that there was no way of getting the men they announced as preferred candidates into the cabinet.

Maybe they would have been satisfied all along with the eventual choices of the president. But, by pushing for one candidate and then have another placed in office the administration can't be accused of domination by big labor.

Perhaps this isn't the case at all. But, as I said, I'm skeptical.

What's more, millions of other Americans are just like me.

That's the legacy of Watergate and all of the other rip-offs. Republican and Democrat, that are reported in the nation's press with monotonous regularity.

Don't accuse me of being anti-labor. I'll readily concede that I'm just as skeptical about big business in its relations with government as I am big labor.

When General Motors says it can't meet emission standards set for 1978, I believe it. What I'm very skeptical

about is whether they couldn't have met them if they wanted to.

After all, in less than two years they completely redesigned their cars to meet projected consumer demands created by the energy shortage.

That brings up another skepticism. This whole energy business. If there is a shortage why does this nation increase its consumption rather than curb it?

And, if there is a shortage, why was our stockpile so high that it was reported that we no longer had a place to store the oil pouring into the country?

I'm sure that the powers in charge can come up with a good, plausible answer. Whatever it is I'm sure it would leave me (you guessed it) skeptical.

I'm also a little skeptical when I see those stories about how we are so much better off in real dollars than we were five, 10 or 20 years ago.

Stories like this tell what the current wage earner can buy with an hour's work today as compared to yesterday. I never saw one that measured what the workers' savings would buy today as compared to what it purchased when it was squirreled away for a rainy day or the share that taxes, hidden or otherwise, chop off the total.

All of this makes a gloomy column to start the new year doesn't it?

Cheer up. We may not fare so well when comparing ourselves with ourselves. But, when you compare us with others it's no contest.

We've got it made. About that I have no skepticism at all.



Rabbit tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It could be a happy new year for William J. and Marjorie Holloy of Cass City if anyone knows where to find them. They have an income tax refund coming, according to a story in the Detroit News. The refunds range from \$1.00 up and average \$223.41. The IRS has over 1,000 of them with no current addresses to send them to and are holding the checks.

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Mrs. Melva Guinther is our resident expert on spelling, grammar and word usage. She's right more often than Ivory soap is pure. She's not "wrong" about this either. But she is out of step with the majority.

Melva prefers "Michiganian" to "Michigander". I've always said "Michigander", but she preferred "Michiganian". I immediately changed since I long ago learned that siding with her makes me look good.

Now a 500-person survey reveals that 90 per cent like "Michigander" while only seven per cent favor "Michiganian".

Presumably the other three per cent don't like Michigan no matter what you call it.

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We trust that your New Year will be happy and prosperous and each of you will receive what you really need.

Mrs. Joyce Lane - a seat on the school board... or, at the very least, a seat on the school bus.

Owen-Gage Supt. Ron Erickson - a law degree and a new school building.

Owen-Gage dissidents - a pass to the school of your choice. James Bauer - the end of the hospital fund drive with the half million dollars in the till.

Roger Marshall - (snowmobile parts distributor) - more than a white Christmas... a white winter.

Tom Sutter - four trumps and an outside ace.

John Haire - both bowlers and the ace.

Aime Ouvry - a full house the first Tuesday of every month at the Rotary euchre party.

Ms. Jeannie Comment - a longer work day.

Wayne "Buck" Rabideau - a twin engine jet.

Mrs. Wayne (Mary) Rabideau - a paid up life insurance policy.

Jim Reagh - a deer hunting license.

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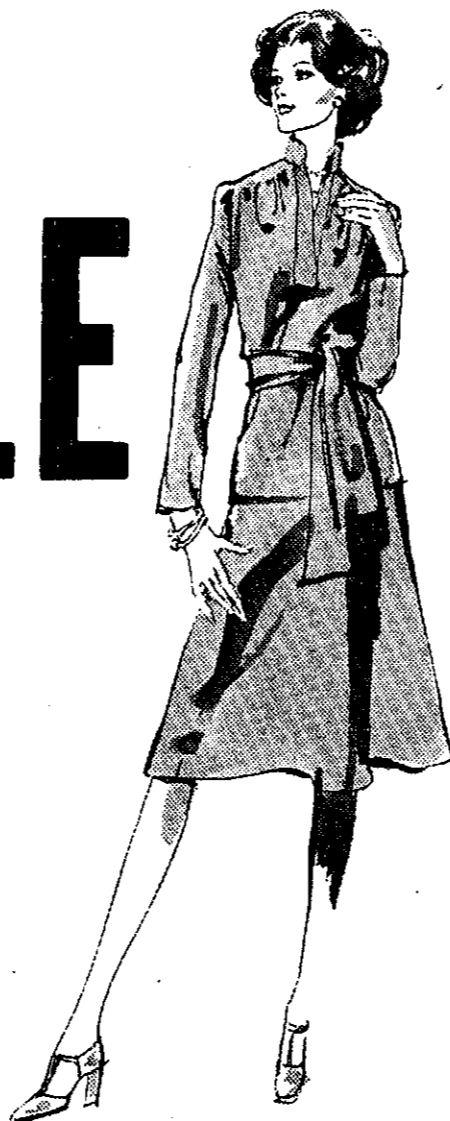
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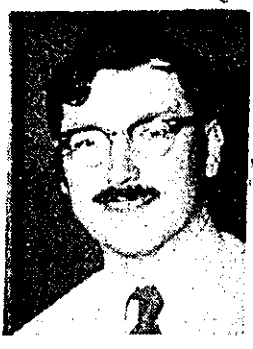
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KETCHUM'S KNAPSACK

Sleep with a gas mask

By Jim Ketchum



You can sleep well tonight because the U.S. Army is protecting you from the Red Menace and the Yellow Peril. Now all we need is someone to protect us from the U.S. Army.

If you can believe recent reports, the Army conducted germ warfare tests for at least 15 years beginning in 1950. And since no other country would cooperate, the Pentagon brass decided to use America as its testing ground and its citizens as guinea pigs.

Which only shows how ungrateful the rest of the world really is. I mean, weren't we pouring billions into the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe? And with all those countries lying prostrate anyway, the least they could have done was donate Austria or Denmark for the tests.

In those days, the Top Brass might have even settled for Luxembourg, providing they could find it.

And if Europe wouldn't cooperate, we had Africa and all of Latin America to call on. For a few gringo dollars, they'd have done anything for us. (Isn't foreign policy wonderful?)

With no cooperating allies, the least we could have done was try dropping germs on North Korea, China or Outer Mongolia. Since we have diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, they'd probably have said no anyway.

Lacking that kind of creativity, the Army chose instead to turn their pesky little germs loose on such diverse

population centers as New York City, San Diego and Mechanicsburg, Pa.

No doubt, they reasoned New Yorkers will put up with anything. And since nobody ever heard of Mechanicsburg, no one would miss it. And if something went wrong in San Diego, they could blame it on the Navy or the Marines.

One of the real creative aspects of the tests included dropping a germ-filled light bulb from a subway train in New York. After all, light bulbs fall off subways almost as often as people do in New York.

With half the waking population of the city on the subway at any given moment, what better place to spread pneumonia and Slobbovian Jungle Rot.

Which is what happened. At another sight, they dropped germs from airplanes to invade cities. Think of how much trouble the Army engineers must have had tying little parachutes to each germ.

Nowhere is it recorded that the germs shouted "Geronimo" as they were pushed out of the tail section of a C-130. It must have been cute to watch zillions of little olive drab uniforms darkening the skies of Mechanicsburg. They were probably mistaken for coal dust or other air pollution and ignored.

The Army says it's through with germ warfare experiments for now. The generals say they'll be nice boys and promise not to bombard any more Americans with germs if the defense budget isn't cut.

Give us more money to spend on weapons and we promise not to fool around with germs. Besides, tailors charge triple overtime to sew those little uniforms and parachutes. And did you ever try engraving dog tags for a streptococcus?

One car company uses the slogan "When better cars are built, we'll build them." The Army's version must be "When better screwball ideas are thought up, we'll test them out!"

So sleep with a gas mask tonight. Your Army is awake.

Colwood Lottery Club members set sights on possible million dollar prize

Five area persons who decided to purchase a few lottery tickets as a lark could end up splitting as much as \$1,893,000—if their luck holds.

But Mrs. Ruth Batts, Mrs. Reva Dillon, Doug DeRocco, Cy Pitcher and Irvin Pogel haven't started spending their winnings yet. They have formed the Colwood Lottery Club, not because they wanted to as much as they were forced into it.

According to DeRocco, owner of the Colwood Bar, it all started one night around the first of November.

"The five of us were sitting here and I had a few tickets left for that week," DeRocco recalled. "So we all decided to go in on them. It cost us \$6 apiece and as it turned out, we won \$15 plus the \$50 on the finalist ticket."

That finalist ticket is what really got the club rolling. It automatically put the group into contention for the Dec. 30 drawing where 10 finalists will be chosen for the grand drawing in January.

DeRocco found out when he went to register the ticket that it couldn't bear the five signatures. Contest rules per-

mit only one signature. "That's when we decided to form the club," Mrs. Batts said. Mrs. Batts is an employee at the bar. She was working the night the group decided to form the club.

That involved signing a form and having it notarized and then registering it with the County Clerk's Office. It took three weeks to round up all the club members since deer hunting season was well underway at that time.

Since officially becoming a club, the five haven't bought any more lottery tickets as a group. They're waiting to see how they do in the finalists' drawing.

"If we win in the Dec. 30 drawing, we automatically win \$10,000," DeRocco said.

Some of the club members admit they've thought about what they'd do with \$378,600, or one-fifth of the grand prize.

"I'd probably pay off all my bills," Mrs. Dillon said. "I think I'd also put most of it in the bank for an education. I think I'd quit my job and go to college to become a nurse. It's something I always wanted to do but I never could afford it."

DeRocco says simply "I'd spend it on anything that came to mind."

Mrs. Batts says she'd use her share to help finance college educations for her children.

The club members played the lottery before joining together as a group. Mrs. Dillon says she spends from \$3 to \$5 each week on tickets. She figures she's won about \$300 since the lottery began in 1972.

"I'm a gambler," she says. "When I play cards, I like to play for money. I figure it this way. If you don't buy the tickets, you don't have any chance to win."

"I really don't miss what I spend on tickets because I'd probably spend it someplace else anyway," she says.

Mrs. Batts says she buys two or three tickets a week. In the past, she's won \$25. DeRocco buys \$2 or \$3 worth of tickets each week-

depending on how many are left over from sales at his bar. This is the first time he's ever been in contention for any big money.

Since the club is registered for three years, members say they'll start buying on a

regular basis after the next instant winner game is introduced early next year.

DeRocco says the number of lottery ticket buyers at his bar has dropped off during the latest games, partially due to the lack of big winners

in the area.

But he says sales of all tickets have begun to pick up as more prizes are being given away.

"If we win big, we'll put Colwood on the map," he says.



THESE MEMBERS of the Colwood Lottery Club have a lot to smile about. They own a finalist ticket which could propel them into contention for over a million dollars in prize money. Shown are Mrs. Ruth Batts (left) and Mrs. Reva Dillon. Standing is Doug DeRocco. Absent were Cy Pitcher and Irvin Pogel.

Police probe tool theft

The reported theft of a chain saw and hand tools from the Vincent Klebba residence at 4220 S. Seeger St., marred an otherwise quiet police week in the Cass City area.

Klebba told Cass City Police an 18-inch chain saw and a quantity of wrenches were taken from his garage some time between Dec. 19 and Sunday. Value was set at \$240.

Klebba also reported a set of tractor chains and ladder jacks were taken from a barn he rents on Milligan Road, north of Cass City. Value was set at \$135. A pair of boat oars were also damaged during the theft.

No suspects have been ar-

rested.

Caro State Police investigated a shotgun blast which broke a window and did about \$30 damage at the Girl Scout camp on Shabbona Rd., 4 1/2 miles northwest of Deford.

The police report indicated the damage took place sometime after Dec. 5. No suspects have been arrested.

A warrant was being sought by Cass City Police against a Snover woman apprehended after she allegedly tried shoplifting merchandise from the Ben Franklin Store Thursday.

Police Chief Gene Wilson said the woman used a box designed to conceal the stolen items. He said the offense is being viewed as a felony.

Tryon sues WKYO owner

A \$350,000 lawsuit has been filed against Tuscola Broadcasting Co. and owner Robert F. Benkelman in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The suit, filed by Glenn A. Tryon, former general manager of the company's radio station WKYO in Caro, seeks \$175,000 for each of two counts.

Tryon claims Benkelman violated terms of a contract which reportedly gave Tryon an option to purchase 24.5 per cent of the company's stock. The suit claims Tryon was fired last June 4 without 90 days notice as prescribed in the contract and that Benkelman gave him no authority in the station's operation.

Tryon's suit charges he contributed "substantial sums" toward the stock purchase which was refused by Benkelman.

Tryon claims he conceived the idea for WKYO-FM, but that once the new station was on the air, Benkelman refused to allow him to participate in its business operation. He had worked for WKYO since February, 1972.

The suit was filed Dec. 23. An answer to the suit had not been filed at press time.

Probe death of Caro pair

A Caro couple were discovered dead in their camper late Friday night as it sat parked in a rest area along Interstate 75, three miles south of Florence, Ky.

Authorities believe Clifton Hiser and his wife, Margaret, both 50, of 1690 E. Deckerville Rd., may have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The bodies were found after a Kentucky State Police officer failed to find signs of life in the camper around 11:30 p.m. Friday. He reportedly broke into the camper and found the pair lying dead in their beds.

A medical examiner said the Hisers had been dead since Wednesday.

There was no heat inside the structure when they were found. Police speculated a heater used to ward off the chill of 30 mile-an-hour winds may have led to the couple's death.

The Hisers reportedly left Caro Dec. 22 and were enroute to Florida at the time of their deaths. Caro State Police assisted in the investigation. Survivors include one son.

Gruber ends training

E/2 Michael T. Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber of 6787 Elmwood Rd., Cass City, graduated Dec. 3 from basic training at the U.S. Navy installation at Great Lakes, Ill.



MICHAEL T. GRUBER

In addition, he attended a two-week apprenticeship course in ATB seamanship. Gruber is presently stationed at Mayport, Fla., on the USS Yosemite, a destroyer tender. He is a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School.

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BIRTH
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bee, an eight pound daughter, Heather, at a Detroit hospital.

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Mrs. Raymond Wallace was a Thursday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holland and family of Sidney, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barker and family of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Egnos and family of Drayton Plains, Rhonda Fay of Garden Grove, Calif., Marcia Fay and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fay and Mark of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bullock and family of Cass City, Randy Lapeer of Houghton, Daryl Lapeer of Millington, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Lynnwood Lapeer, Shelly and Sheree, Mrs. Manly Fay Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons, Debby and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Fay Jr and Ann and Mrs. Mattie Loomis in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nading of Pontiac spent the weekend with Mrs. Emma Decker. Other Christmas dinner guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson. Afternoon guest was Mrs. Michael Shadko of Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booms and family of Harbor Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweeney and family of Ubyly, Caroline Garey of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney.

Mrs. Fred Emigh visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peter of Clarkston were Sunday Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Plotter.

Mr. and Mrs. Murill Shagena and Mary of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena and Sherry near Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and family were Sunday Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booms and family at Harbor Beach.

Margaret Carlson was a Christmas day dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and family in Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Silver and Tiffany of Bay City, Reva Silver and Grant McKee were Sunday Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills and sons.

Don Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts of Marlette were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland and family in Bad Axe.

Bob Berridge of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Burton Berridge visited Sherry Little at the Saginaw Rehabilitation Center, Tuesday.

Karen Bensinger was a Tuesday evening guest of Ruth Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tracy and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson and family of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anderson and family of Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk of Ubyly were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chippi of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming attended the funeral of Don Mater at the Hacker Funeral Home in Sandusky, Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Sandusky cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Nicol of Webberville were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol. Other Saturday morning guests were Yvonne Frent of Akron and Myrtle McColl of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Lapeer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and family and Mrs. Manly Fay Sr were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Ralph Hoxie spent from Monday till Wednesday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the R.L.D.S. Church Christmas program Sunday evening.

Gil Maurer, Jean Deachin, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Deachin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and family at Lake Orion.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker and family of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Don Becker and Leslie Hewitt were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk in Ubyly in honor of Mrs. Earl Schenk's birthday.

Sheila Dalton left Wednesday to spend two weeks' Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Dalton, and family at Richland Center, Wis.

Lloyd Barber of Royal Oak is spending two weeks' Christmas vacation with Dan Gibbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the Cass City Band concert Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Berridge and family of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge and Sid. Other Christmas Eve dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mason Berridge and Arnie of Romeo, Mr. and

Mrs. Burton Berridge Jr and family of Washington, Bob Berridge of Bloomfield Hills and Ron Berridge of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Becker recently went to Spartanburg, S.C., to help Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becker and family move back to Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Wendy Doerr were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt, Ruth and Lori.

Bill Cleland and two friends from Walled Lake and Mrs. Dave Matthews Jr were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol.

CARD PARTY

The Euchre Club met Saturday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey for their Christmas party where three tables of cards were played. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland. Low prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson. The next party will be Jan. 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer. A pot-luck lunch was served.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Sara and Clayton Campbell attended the 25th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Radabaugh in Warren Saturday, Dec. 18.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Daryl Lapeer of Millington, Tenn., was a Monday supper and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Cameron spent the week end in Schenectady, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family.

Mrs. Dave Sweeney visited Mrs. Joe Ternes, Wednesday.

Bob Berridge of Bloomfield Hills was a Sunday overnight guest of Cass Kubacki and Ron.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr and family of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family and Margaret Carlson were Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Becker and Leslie Hewitt were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart were Friday and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Deachin and family and Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and family at Lake Orion.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol were Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda, Marie Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Christmas day dinner guests of Mrs. Nelin Richardson.

Bill Cleland of Walled Lake, Bob Cleland of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bader and family and Anne Pelton of Cass City, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol and Gillis Brown were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wallace.

Mrs. Cliff Robinson visited Harold Dickinson and attended the Christmas party at Provincial House in Cass City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bee and family moved into their new home on Spencer Road over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Nicol and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Eilers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peter and family were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Werner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bush and family of North Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dreger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bukowski and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bukowski.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black and family of Sandusky, Mrs. Theresa Schneidenbach of Minden, Mrs. Aloysius Depcinski and Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and family.

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Matthews Jr. and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney and family of East Lansing spent the week end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Florian Rakowski and family at Bad Axe and Mrs. Dave Sweeney. They were Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Rakowski in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dubey of Bay Port were Thursday dinner guests of Sara Campbell and Clayton and Harry Edwards.

Debbie Timmons spent from Tuesday till Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCartney of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family.

Bob Berridge of Bloomfield Hills spent a week's Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge and Sid.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross of Cadillac, Carol Ross of McPherson, Kan., Ruth Hewitt of Spring Arbor, Vicky Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight, John, Eddie and Kenie Sullivan and Shirley Ross of Bad Axe were Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and Lori.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nicol, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Sunday, Dec. 19, supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirtret.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland and family of Pontiac and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake spent a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol.



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Miss Goslin named DAR Good Citizens finalist

Patricia Goslin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goslin of Bay City-Forestville Rd., Gageton, a senior at Cass City High School, has placed among the finalists in the DAR Good Citizens Contest conducted in area schools.

She received an award given by Piety Hill Chapter DAR of Birmingham Dec. 14.

Miss Goslin has been active in scholastic and extra-curricular programs at Cass City High School. She has been a member of the Varsity basketball and softball squads, the JV basketball and softball

teams and a member of the National Honor Society.



Patricia Goslin

She has also worked on the Annual Staff, and Girls Varsity Club and has served as Trip Club treasurer and a member of the student council as well as serving as senior class president.

She also won the "Most Valuable Person" award in basketball.

She plans to become a Registered Nurse and will attend either Oakland University or Lake Superior State College.

Miss Goslin is active in church affairs and enjoys a wide variety of hobbies.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

Cass City Village Council heard a request for an expanded police force, a director of public works, a secretary and a waste water plant helper from Supt. James Blades at its meeting Tuesday at the Municipal Building.

The up again, down again prices at Cass City Schools are down again. Supt. Donald Crouse announced this week an increase in the reimbursement formula has enabled the school to cancel a raise in hot lunch prices authorized by the board and due to go into effect when school starts Monday.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners moved to participate in a Department of Natural Resources program to maintain a snow machine for the Sheriff's Department at its regular meeting Tuesday at the courthouse in Caro.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Lloyd Vyse was again named the winner of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas display contest and will be awarded the \$25 first prize, it was announced early this week by the chairman of the event, Dr. Delbert Rawson.

Kurt Liedtke, 32, and Willie Vschald, 25, two exchange students from Germany, visited Cass City over the holiday as guests of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin R. Vender.

Carl Reagh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reagh, has been admitted to the bar in Michigan and is now an attorney, according to word received by his parents on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Lou Bishop has been elected president of the Presbyterian Guild for 1952 and will replace retiring president Mrs. James Champion as leader of the society.

Undeclared Cass City added another victim to their winning streak Friday evening when they easily

whipped Marlette, 65-47, as Tim Burdon continued to lead the Hawk scorers with 28 points.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Fire on Christmas morning burned the interior of the front office of the Farm Produce Company's elevator department and destroyed the office equipment. The loss estimated at approximately \$2,000, was covered by insurance.

At the First Baptist church, Cass City, in accordance with the president's proclamation, Thursday, Jan. 1, has been set aside as a day of prayer.

Twenty-four more Tuscola county young men left Caro Monday by bus to take their pre-induction physical examinations at Detroit.

George W. DesJardins becomes circuit judge of the 40th judicial district at ceremonies Friday, Jan. 2. He will be sworn in by his father, E.T. DesJardins, who is a notary public.

Officers of the Tuscola County Council of Civilian Defense are asking residents to register on blanks available at post offices and signify thereon whatever work one is willing to undertake.

Your Neighbor says

Here's my

wish for 1977

1976 has come and gone, leaving in its wake an election, higher prices, higher taxes, the nation's Bicentennial and much more. If you had one wish for 1977, what would it be?

Clyde Wells of 6632 M St., Cass City, says his wish is a simple one.

"I would wish that people would realize there's a God who takes care of us all each day," he says. "If they did that, I think we would have far fewer problems to face."

Wells says outside of attending a worship service on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 is generally a quiet night in his family's home.

"We all try to be together that night," he says. "I don't think New Year's Eve itself holds any particular significance for us other than the fact it marks the end of the year. We gave up making resolutions years ago because all we did was break them

anyway."

Rather than putting more significance on Dec. 31, Wells says he tries to live each day as it comes.

Wells has lived in Cass City since 1955 when he joined Walbro Corp. He and his wife have four children.



Nursing grads told

Three area students, winter graduates of the Delta College Nursing Program, received their caps and pins in ceremonies held Dec. 18.

They are Jane Mitchell and Judy Esckilsen of Cass City and Denise A. Lenhard of Owendale.

Mrs. Mitchell resides near Cass City with her husband, Keith. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leitch Mark of Cass City.

Mrs. Esckilsen resides at 4314 Maple St. with her husband, Theron.

Mrs. Lenhard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Abbe of Owendale. She resides with her husband at 3446 Sixth St., Owendale.

Members of the Delta College nursing faculty presented the graduates with their caps and pins. Speaker at the ceremony was Mrs. Velma J. Phillips, Delta Associate Professor of Nursing.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Frank Rogers of Uby won a 21-inch color TV set in the drawing held by the Retail Division of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce this week.

Employees of the village Tuesday submitted a written request for a 15 per cent across the board boost in salaries for 1967.

Winners of the annual Chamber of Commerce home decoration contest were announced this week. First prize of \$25 went to Almer Krueger. Second prize was won by Orval Hutchinson and third prize went to Tim Knight.

Look for the valuation of property in Cass City to jump some 39 per cent next year as the village moves to state equalized valuation, President Lambert Althaver told members of the council Tuesday evening at the municipal building.

There is still time to become a candidate for the Cass City Village Council. Deadline is Monday at 4:00 p.m. when petitions must be filed with Clerk Celia House.

Fete Knoblet on 85th birthday

Mr. Rinered Knoblet celebrated his 85th birthday, Dec. 16, in the Provincial House. All his children, a grandson and 2 great-grandchildren were present. Pictures were taken and slides shown of the family in former years. Ice cream and cake were served and gifts were opened. Those who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dorman (Ruth) of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knoblet and Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Martha) Putnam, Mrs. Lyle Schember, Brian and Brenda and Mrs. Sarah Myers of Cass City and Mrs. John Lockwood (Charlotte) of Kankakee, Ill., who has been here since Thanksgiving to help care for her father.

Silver bells chime, filling the air with heartfelt wishes, for a year of unlimited happiness, for all our devoted friends.

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1977's

First Baby Contest



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-CONTEST RULES-

These Cass City merchants welcome Cass City area's first baby of 1977 with this list of wonderful gifts.

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 and have their baby in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Hospital will be contacted to determine the winner.

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CASS CITY

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COACH LIGHT PHARMACY
CASS CITY

\$5.00 Gift Certificate
FROM
OLD WOOD DRUG
CASS CITY

\$10.00 Worth Of Baby Merchandise
FROM
ERLA'S FOOD CENTER
CASS CITY

8 X 10 COLOR PORTRAIT
FROM
CASS CITY STUDIO
CASS CITY

\$5.00 WORTH Baby Food OR Merchandise
FROM
IGA FOODLINER
CASS CITY

\$5 Baked Goods
FROM
KONRAD'S BAKERY
CASS CITY

\$5.00 In Merchandise
FROM
Albee True Value Hardware
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THE PIED PIPER
CASS CITY

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FROM
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CASS CITY

We will have a fresh supply of Holiday Poultry and Hams for your New Year. Order early for best selection.

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We will be closed Dec. 31st at 6:00 p.m. and open Dec. 30 until 9:00 p.m. for your shopping convenience. Thank You

Hickory Smoked Sliced



PORK CHOPS

\$1¹⁹ lb.
(Mixed Cuts)

Erla's Homemade Sliced
HEAD CHEESE
or
CHICKEN LOAF 79¢ lb.

Erla's Home Made Sliced
DUTCH LOAF
OR
COOKED SALAMI 98¢ lb.

Erla's Home Made
FRESH LIVER RINGS
or **BRAUNSCHWEIGER** 79¢ lb.

Erla's Home Made
SUMMER SAUSAGE \$1²⁹ lb.



Fresh Ground
HAMBURGER
69¢ lb.

PRODUCE
Large Green Cukes - Peppers or Your Choice
GREEN ONIONS 2/39¢

U.S. No. 1 Michigan
POTATOES 69¢
10 lb. bag

U.S. No. 1
BANANAS 19¢ lb.

Size 176 Florida
TANGERINES 49¢ dozen

Size 24 California
LETTUCE 3 for \$1⁰⁰
or 39¢ head

Erla's Hickory Smoked
Slab Bacon 69¢ lb.
(By the chunk)

Hickory Smoked Sliced Rindless
Layer Bacon 97¢ lb.

Tender Aged Beef
CHUCK ROASTS
Blade Cuts 69¢ lb.

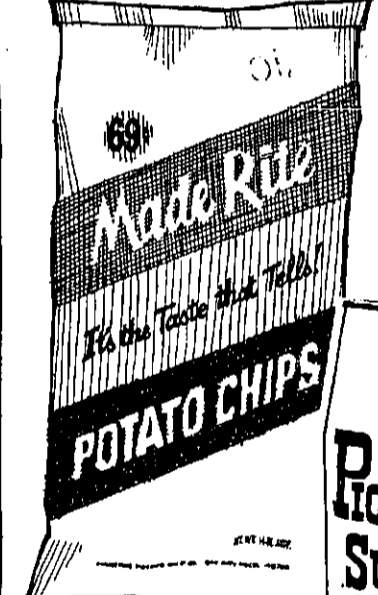
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COCA-COLA 8 16 oz. btl. \$1.49

Holiday Special

Erla's Homemade Smoked
Polish or Roasted Sausage
98¢ lb.

Erla's Mild Sensation
SKINLESS FRANKS
RING BOLOGNA
LARGE BOLOGNA (Chunks) 69¢ lb.

6 oz. pkg.
Sunshine Pretzels 39¢
9 oz. pkg.
Pretzel Stix 49¢



McDonald Quality Chek'd French
ONION CHIP DIP 8 oz. ctn. 39¢

Kraft Philadelphia
CREAM CHEESE 8 oz. pkg. 49¢

Michigan Made Pure
SUGAR 5 lb. pkg. 89¢

McDonald Quality Chek'd
SHERBET 1/2 gal. 99¢

McDonald Quality Chek'd
ORANGE JUICE 1/2 gal. 69¢

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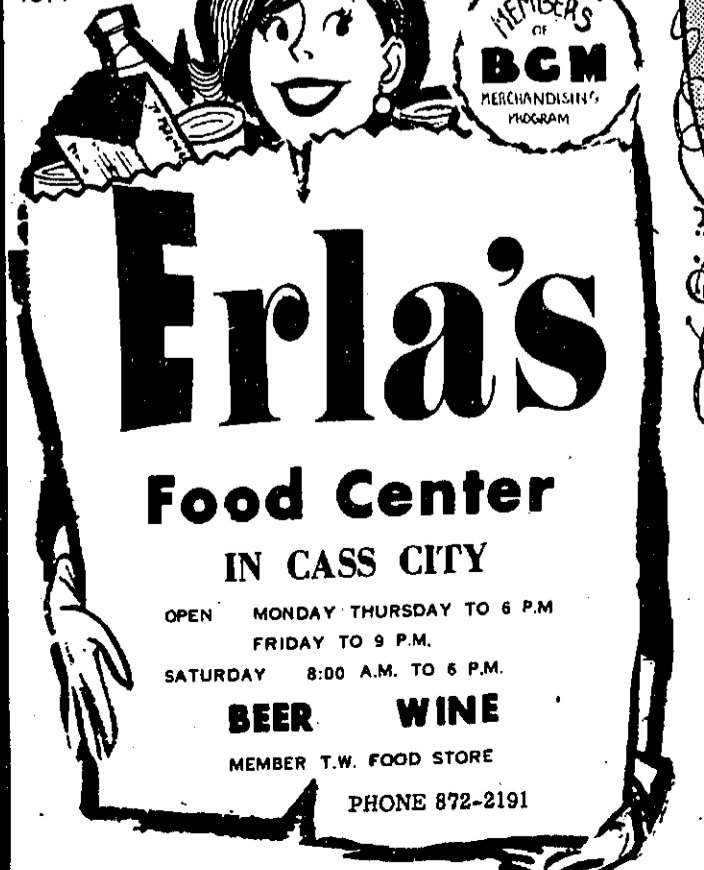
Oven Glo
BREAD 1 1/4 lb. loaf 3/\$1⁰⁰

Oven Fresh
RYE BREAD 1 1/4 lb. loaf 49¢

Oven Fresh
BLACK RYE 1 1/4 lb. loaf 59¢

Oven Fresh
OLD STYLE BREAD 1 1/4 lb. loaf 49¢

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Tomato Soup 10 1/2 oz. cans 5/\$1⁰⁰

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Butter lb. pkg. 99¢

Peter Pan Smooth or Crunchy
Peanut Butter 28 oz. jar \$1³⁹

French's Big Taste Instant
Potatoes 28 oz. pkg. 89¢

Wilderness Cherry
Pie Filling 21 oz. can 69¢

Seven Seas Low Calorie French or Italian
Dressing 8 oz. btl. 2/89¢



FAYGO
POP Or MIXES
3 \$1⁰⁰
Qt. Btl.

Hunt's
Ketchup 32 oz. jug 79¢
Real Lemon
Lemon Juice 32 oz. btl. 79¢
Delmonte
Tomato Juice 46 oz. can 59¢
Chef Boy-Ar-Dee
Pizza Mix 17 oz. pkg. 69¢

Health & Beauty Aids
Reg. 2.28 - 30 ct. \$1⁸⁹
Sinutab
Reg. 59¢ - 30 ct. 44¢
ALKA 2
Reg. 1.03 - Complexion Lotion 79¢
NOXEMA 6 oz.
Reg. 1.25 - 60 ct. 99¢
BUFFERIN
Reg. 1.22 - 7 oz. Breck
SHAMPOO 99¢
Papa Fabbrini Frozen
DELUXE PIZZA 33 oz. pkg. \$2⁴⁹



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New Year bring
abiding Peace and
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BETTER HEALTH

Common-Sense care for aged

DR. WILLIAM I. WELCH



Experts in the care of children agree that it is always preferable to say "yes" rather than "no" to small children, unless there is a compelling reason to refuse them what they want. The result of such enlightened permissiveness is not only a happier child but the avoidance of needless conflict.

It would be a blessing if this lesson could be learned by many who care for the aged. In their zeal to do "what is best" for their charges, they impose rigid restrictions on harmless activities, insist on dietary deprivations that destroy appetites and primarily forbid minor vices. In short, common sense is bungled and common humanity outraged.

A 70-year-old acquaintance of mine for years had greatly enjoyed a Scotch and soda before dinner. But because his liver had reacted badly a year ago, thanks to the side-effects of pills he had been given to "calm his nerves," he has been under strict admonishment for the last 12

months not to touch alcohol for fear his liver would act badly.

That's a fair interdiction perhaps for a youngster whose liver is inflamed but a mindless "no" to a man not only no longer young, but one long since past the time of any reasonable threat of yesterday's pills.

A corollary of such unnecessary arbitrariness is the mechanical interdiction of eggs and butter because they

threaten the "cholesterol count" of men and women long past the three-score-and-ten mark.

And it should be clear even to fanatical health nuts that the solemn warning, "You'll only cough if you smoke, Grandpa," is an empty threat to a convinced pipe-smoker on the dreary downslope of old age.

My old grandmother, bed-ridden with crippling arthritis for the last decade of her life, taught me the dietary principles of an abundant old age. Corned beef and cabbage, or buckwheat pancakes with sausages and syrup were her notion of an invalid's diet, even if it meant only a single forkful, followed by a dollop of mineral oil to hurry it along, and aspirin for her pain.

**Gifford OES meets
Dec. 21**

Twenty-five attended the monthly regular meeting of Gifford Chapter OES at Gagetown, Dec. 21, which included a Christmas party and gift exchange under the direction of a committee of Inez Beach, Millie Wilson, Glenda Wilson and Marjorie Karr.

Two guests attended, Betty Frost and Jennie McCurdy of Peck. Mrs. Frost is a member of the grand chapter membership committee.

In the business meeting, a joint school of instruction with Bethany Chapter of Unionville, to be held at Gagetown Jan. 4, was announced. Mrs. Ruth Ann Whittaker, grand marshal will give the school.

Committees to serve for the coming year were announced by worthy matron, Mrs. Thelma Mellendorf. They are auditing, John Marshall, Robert Osborn and Iva Profit; examining, Ed Mellendorf, Joyce Mosher and Luella Root; sunshine, Pearl Albrecht, Inez Beach and Luella Root; publicity, Luella Root; dining room and kitchen, Marjorie Karr, Inez Beach, Joyce Mosher and Beverly Hartman; Friends Night, Fronda Mellendorf and Betty Good; anniversary, Linda Ashmore; card party, Jim and Joyce Mosher and George and Beverly Hartman.

Heading the refreshment committee for the meeting were Mrs. Ed Good Jr. and Mrs. Leonard Karr.

**NEWS FROM
District Court**

Gerald Russell Eggleston of Cass City in Indianfields township was ticketed for being unable to stop in an assured clear distance ahead. He paid fine and costs of \$25.

Frederick Lee Klinkman of Cass City in Elkland township was ticketed for excessive speed (radar) 91 mph in a 55 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$91.

Kenneth Nostrant of Deford in Indianfields township was ticketed for improper passing. He paid fine and costs of \$20.

Henry Edward Ciesielski of Cass City in the village of Cass City was ticketed for unnecessary noise (mufflers). He paid fine and costs of \$15.

William Duane Chippi of Cass City in Juniata township was ticketed for disregard of posted speed limit 59 mph in a 45 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$30.

Martin Frank LeValley of Cass City in Indianfields township was ticketed for speeding 74 mph in a 55 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$30.

Sheila E. Joos of Cass City in Ellington township was ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 mile zone (radar). She paid fine and costs of \$30.

Richard Paul Selby of Cass City in the village of Cass City was ticketed for failure to stop and identify himself at a property damage accident. He paid fine and costs of \$50.

Fred Lynn Henderson of Kingston in Koylton township was ticketed for disregarding a stop sign. He paid fine and costs of \$25.

Thomas Eugene Holtzlander of Kingston in the village of Kingston was ticketed for violation of basic speed law. He paid fine and costs of \$20.

Michael Whitney Cowles of Bad Axe in the village of Cass City was ticketed for exceeding posted speed limit 45 mph in a 35 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$20.

Florence Margaret Duncan of Cass City in Indianfields township was ticketed for excessive speed 70 mph in a 55 mile zone. She paid fine and costs of \$30.

Natalie Wynn Rabideau of Cass City in the village of Cass City was ticketed for excessive speed 35 mph in a 25 mile zone. She paid fine and costs of \$20.

Mark Lewis Battel of Cass City in Elkland township was ticketed for failure to yield right of way at an unsigned

Smith completes course

Robert G. Smith, 6370 Third St., Cass City, was among the graduates of the No. 140 Truck Driver Training Class of Lansing Community College.

Training involved forty hours of classroom instruction and 120 hours of driving on the training range and highway, including an over-the-road trip to parts of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia.

Truck Driver Training Certificates were awarded to the students at graduation ceremonies Dec. 17, at Fort Custer in Battle Creek.

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For the community of Cass City as a whole, no one can doubt the progress that 1977 will bring. Past records have been too consistent to leave room for doubt. The path is straight ahead, and it leads to new achievements every year.

The Pinney State Bank

School Menu

- Jan. 3 - 7
MONDAY
Hot dog and bun
Buttered potatoes
White milk
Pudding
- TUESDAY
Spaghetti and meat
Bread-butter
Buttered peas
White milk
Cookie
- WEDNESDAY
Hamburger and bun
Chips
Fruit cups
White milk
Cookie
- THURSDAY
Mashed potatoes and
Hamburg gravy
Buttered beans
Bread-butter
White milk
Cookie
- FRIDAY
Barbecue on bun
Chips
Buttered corn
White milk
Cookie

Menu subject to change.

Slate Sanilac clinics

The regular immunization clinics of the Sanilac County Health Dept. will be held in the health department office at 115 N. Elk Street in Sandusky Jan. 6 and Jan. 12. The hours for both days are 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

If possible, parents whose last name begins with A-M should attend on the first day, and parents whose last name begins with N-Z should attend on the second day.

Protection against measles, rubella, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and polio will be offered. Tuberculin tests will also be offered.

Children three months of age and over are invited to attend.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child. Parents are urged to bring a record of previous immunization.

The New Year bells ring out... our hearty wishes for a prosperous New Year!

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	MFG. LIST PRICE	RETAIL PRICE	TAX SALE		MFG. LIST PRICE	RETAIL PRICE	TAX SALE
25" G.E. T.V. DELUXE MAPLE	\$799.95	729.95	\$629.95	T.V. STANDS	29.95	19.95	9.95
R.C.A. "19" COLOR T.V.	469.95	419.95	389.95	CHANNEL MASTER ANTENNA	129.95	99.95	73.95
G.E. "13" COLOR T.V.	369.95	329.95	299.95	CHANNEL MASTER ROTOR	69.95	59.95	49.95
G.E. "25" COLOR CONSOLE	639.95	599.95	549.95	ALL ANTENNA SUPPLIES		20% OFF	
R.C.A. "21" COLOR CONSOLE	569.95	519.95	479.95	JOHNSON C.B.	149.95	129.00	98.00
ZENITH "25" COLOR CONSOLE				C.B. ANTENNA		20% OFF	
MAPLE	899.95	799.95	749.95	ZENITH STEREO	329.95	299.95	249.95
G.E. "12" B/W T.V.	139.95	119.95	89.95	ZENITH CONSOLE STEREO	399.95	349.95	299.95
USED T.V. COLOR ZENITH "25"				MAGNAVOX TAPE CASSETTES	49.95	39.95	24.95
WALNUT			175.95	ZENITH MODULAR SOUND SYSTEM	459.95	419.95	389.95
USED T.V. COLOR R.C.A. "25"			169.00	R.C.A. RADIO CLOCK	39.95	34.95	29.95
MAPLE							
USED T.V. COLOR PHILCO "21"			99.95				
WALNUT							

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VELVET PONT. SWIVEL ROCKER	269.95	209.95	139.95
SOFA - EXTRA LONG	599.95	449.95	259.95
PONT. RECLINER	349.95	279.95	209.95
ROCKING CHAIR	89.95	65.95	45.95
BABY CRIB and MATTRESS	\$ 99.95	\$ 69.95	\$ 39.95
GUN CABINET	139.95	119.95	89.95
BASSETT PINE HUTCH	359.95	309.95	269.95
OAK HUTCH	499.95	469.99	399.95
BASSETT MAPLE HUTCH	479.95	379.95	329.95
ROLL-AWAY BED	109.95	99.95	69.95
BASSETT H.B. 3/3	39.95	29.95	19.95
SIZE 3/3 MATTRESS	59.95	43.95	35.95
SIZE 4/6 MATTRESS	79.95	69.95	49.95
SIZE 4/6 BOX SPRING	89.95	69.95	49.95
BUNK BED	209.95	179.95	129.95
DRESSER - WALNUT	199.95	149.95	99.95
DRESSER - MAPLE	199.95	149.95	99.95
CHEST - WALNUT	99.95	69.95	49.95
CHEST - MAPLE	99.95	69.95	49.95
DINING TABLE and CHAIR - GREEN	299.95	249.95	199.00
DINING TABLE and CHAIR - WHITE	389.95	349.95	298.00
CHAIR - GREEN	169.95	139.95	88.00
CHAIR - BLUE	119.95	89.95	59.95
CHAIR - LA-Z-BOY - GREEN	249.95	199.95	169.95
CHAIR - LA-Z-BOY - GOLD	249.95	199.95	169.95
HIDE-A-BED	199.95	169.95	129.95
SOFA-BED QUEEN	409.95	369.95	299.95
SOFABED - TWIN	309.95	299.95	229.95
SOFA-BED - REG.	349.95	269.95	199.95
SOFA - RED	699.95	599.95	399.95
SOFA - BROWN	699.95	599.95	399.95
END TABLE - MAPLE	39.95	29.95	9.95
COFFEE TABLE - MAPLE	39.95	29.95	9.95
OCT. TABLE - WALNUT	49.95	39.95	19.95
SOFA - BLUE	499.95	399.95	249.95
CHAIR - BROWN	199.95	169.95	99.95

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G.E. REFRIGERATOR	329.95	279.95	239.95
WHIRLPOOL FREEZER	289.95	249.95	219.95
G.E. REFRIGERATOR - NO-FROST	519.95	469.95	379.95
WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR	899.95	799.95	749.95
EUREKA CLEANER	59.95	49.95	39.95
G.E. RANGE - SELF CLEANING			
DOUBLE-OVEN GOLD	889.95	749.95	649.95
WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR-14 CU.	399.95	369.95	329.95
WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR			
SIDE BY SIDE	649.95	579.95	525.95
G.E. RANGE WHITE "30"			
SELF-CLEAN	399.95	349.95	299.95
SELF CLEAN DELUXE RANGE	449.95	399.95	359.95
WHIRLPOOL DISHWASHER	329.95	299.95	269.95
G.E. DISPOSAL	59.95	49.95	39.95
SPEAKERS	99.95	79.95	59.95
WHIRLPOOL AIR CONDITIONER	189.95	159.95	129.95
DELUXE HUMIDIFIERS	109.95	89.95	69.95
WHIRLPOOL TRASH MASHER	249.95	199.95	169.95
SHARP MICROWAVE	329.95	299.95	249.95
WHIRLPOOL DRYER	219.95	199.95	169.95
WHIRLPOOL WASHER	269.95	239.95	209.95
RANGE HOOD	69.95	49.95	39.95
WHIRLPOOL WASHER	229.95	199.95	179.95
G.E. RANGE "30"	329.95	289.95	259.95
WHIRLPOOL RANGE			
CONTINUOUS CLEAN	349.95	289.95	189.95
G.E. DISHWASHER	309.95	279.95	239.95

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Mrs. Brind 'home' after 38 years

Centennial farm owner recalls pioneer days

The Model T did it. It changed everybody's life style and took people farther and farther apart. At least that's how Mrs. Dorothy Brind of rural Gagetown sees it. Mrs. Brind moved back to her grandfather's centennial farm last fall after spending 38 years in Garden City. The farm borders the southern boundary of Huron county along Huron Line Road, with 40 of the original 80 acre homestead still intact. Life was different in those days, Mrs. Brind recalled. "Travel was restricted until the Model T Ford came along," she said. "People were friendlier and helped each other more." Mrs. Brind was born and raised not far from the farm her grandfather, Daniel Bearss, bought in 1869. He and his new bride, the former Jane Rockefeller, had come from Canada.

while she was born on another farm between Owendale and Gagetown. Mrs. Brind and her husband, William, moved to Garden City where they lived 38 years. He was a Ford Motor Company employee. Her father continued to live on the farm until his death at age 96 in 1969. After his death, Mrs. Brind found a number of old magazines and catalogs dating to before the turn of the century. In an 1897 edition of the Michigan Farmer she found in her father's effects, a

report of the first successful crop of sugar beets ever raised in Michigan is featured. Old editions of the Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalog were also found. Among the items featured were copper boilers for \$3.89, a folding bath tub for \$5.89, a bridal outfit including 3 1/2 yards of silk for \$4.50 and an electric cream separator for \$59.95. She also managed to locate the original deed to the land which had been preserved among family documents.

The original farmhouse has been torn down, replaced by the comfortable, sunny home Mrs. Brind occupies today. She moved back to the Thumb last fall. "Garden City was too much for me," she said. Increasing taxes and crime led her to return to the centennial farm. "I'm real happy I did," she said. "I enjoy living here very much." Outside of being involved with the Owen-Gage Senior Citizens group, her home and family take up most of Mrs. Brind's time.



MRS. DOROTHY BRIND of rural Gagetown displays the original deed to her centennial farm located on Huron Line Road west of Gagetown. The land was acquired in 1869 by her grandfather, Daniel J. Bearss. Also shown is a certificate from state authorities recognizing the farm as being continuously owned by the same family for 100 years.

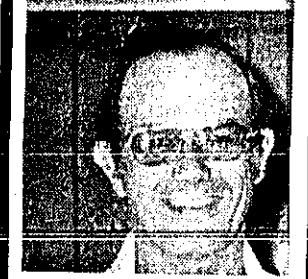


WALBRO CORP. President W.E. Walpole presents Mrs. Verna VanNorman with a \$75 Savings Bond for 20 years of service. Mrs. VanNorman will retire next week. She says she'll miss her job and her co-workers.

GAGETOWN Mrs. Harold Koch 665-2536



DANIEL J. BEARSS, (left) original centennial farm owner, poses with his great-granddaughter and neighbor Fred Finkbeiner in 1926.



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Walbro vet eyes end with mixed emotion

It's hard to give up what you're doing and retire after nearly 21 years—especially when you enjoy the people you work with. Mrs. Verna VanNorman knows how it is. She'll retire Jan. 7 after two decades at Walbro Corp. And while she admits it's time to step aside, that's not as easy as it sounds. "I've enjoyed working with the people here very much," Mrs. VanNorman said after receiving a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond from company Chief Executive Officer W.E. Walpole. "I'll miss being with the workers here because I did enjoy them and I enjoyed my job," she said. Mrs. VanNorman, a Shabona area resident, came to work at Walbro just a few years after the company set up shop in Cass City in 1956. In those days, jobs weren't plentiful in the Cass City area and having Walbro made the difference between having a second income and going without. "I started out in final assembly under Carl Nye," Mrs. VanNorman recalled. "Then I went into pre-assem-

Hospital fund drive inches up

The 16th department at Hills and Dales General Hospital to achieve 100 per cent participation in the current building fund campaign was reported this week. The afternoon nurses shift on second floor received gifts and pledges totaling \$5,283.60. The contribution brings the total fund drive to \$416,298.32. The campaign will continue into January. Funds raised will go toward remodeling the existing building and a new outpatient clinic.



CASS CITY'S wrestling team has lost only one dual meet this year. The latest victory was posted Wednesday over Marysville. The squad, from left, first row: Wally Laming, Gary Warju, Doug Dickinson, Don King, Mike Truerner, Todd Alexander. Second row: Coach Russ Biefer, Ed Zimba, Al Pratt, Mark Atkin, Dean O'Harris, Chris Reynolds, Rick Fader. Third row: Brian Reynolds, Paul Guernsey, Ron Michalski, Steve Meeker, Steve Bean. Fourth row: Craig O'Harris, Lloyd Newsome, Tom Dorland, Randy Rabideau, Gene Elliot, Steve Corcoran.

3 tough games ahead key to Hawks loop title hopes

The first two weeks in January will answer a lot of questions for fans and players of the Cass City Red Hawks. After a two-week Christmas vacation the Hawks swing back into action and the games that are carded in the first 14 days of the new year will tell if Cass City is a genuine Thumb B Conference title contender.

Right now Cass City shares the league lead with Caro with 4-0 marks. However, the schedule has been in Cass City's favor.

The Hawks have yet to meet most of the better teams in the league. Only a win over Bad Axe in the first four league games has been against genuine title contenders.

In contrast, Caro's victories include decisions over Frankenmuth and Lakers, two of the stronger teams. The Hawks will have a non-conference tune-up game Tuesday when they entertain Harbor Beach. Fans will have a chance to measure the team's progress.

Friday, Jan. 7, the Hawks play the Lakers, always tough on their home floor. If the Hawks win that one it will set the stage for the first really big game of the year Tuesday, Jan. 11. That's when the Hawks meet Caro and if both teams are undefeated there's a chance that Cass City's gym would be full for the first time since it was first used in 1969.

Regardless of what happens in that game, Cass City will have its hands full the following Friday. The Hawks

meet Frankenmuth in the Eagles' home gym. Muth has only a narrow loss to Caro marring its conference record. The odds are great that Cass City will not get through the first two weeks of 1977 without a loss. But, if Coach Ron Nurnberger's charges could pull it off, the outlook would be great for the first Thumb B title in 18 years for Cass City's basketball team.

Completes basic training

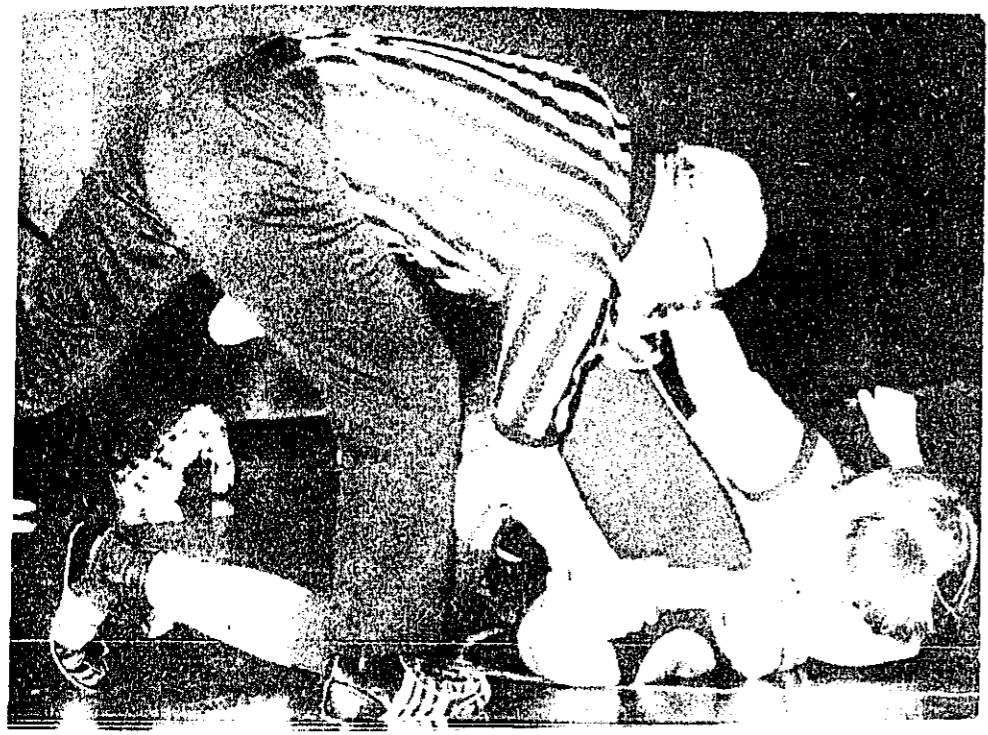
Airman Perry C. Romzek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Romzek of 1205 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Ubyly, has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training. During the six weeks' training at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of Ubyly Community High School.



Your 1977 Guide to Michigan's 58 Skiing Areas

Table with columns: CODE, NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE, Day, Lift Fees Per Day, Type and number of lifts, Type Overnight Facilities Offered, Package Rates, and PHONE. The table lists 58 skiing areas across Michigan, categorized into Upper Peninsula, West Michigan, East Michigan, and Southeast Michigan.



RANDY RABIDEAU missed a pin by a narrow margin here but the Hawk wrestler was credited with a pin later in the match against Marysville.

Why Michigan lottery is tops

From nothing to tops in its field in just a bit more than four years. That's the success story of the Michigan lottery, which began its fifth year of operation only last month.

Michigan's lottery also is considered the nation's most successful, leading the dozen other states with lotteries in categories of total sales and per capita sales.

Tips for avoiding food contamination poisoning

Don't let unwanted and potentially unhealthy creatures creep into your holiday dinner. Handle foods with care to avoid organisms that can cause food poisoning.



Sound the trumpets! Here comes another New Year. We hope it proves to be the best one ever for you!

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The best way to guard against possible contamination is to put leftovers in the refrigerator immediately after the meal. Michigan's Department of Agriculture issues this warning to holiday cooks: Foods containing milk or milk products, eggs, meats, poultry or fish require refrigeration and should not be left standing for long periods of time. A final note to turkey lovers—cook the bird to an internal temperature of 185 degrees F. and if you're adding dressing to the turkey to cook them together, put the dressing into the body cavity just before roasting, and take it out of the turkey before storing in the refrigerator.

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