

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Peace and joy — our holiday wish
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2 perish in Caro area fire

Two persons were killed late Wednesday night Dec. 18, when their eight-by-20-foot mobile home exploded in flames on Wireline Road, four miles southwest of Caro.

Killed were Ida Nelson, 58, of Caro, and her brother, Jacob Nelson, 48, of Standish.

The couple died when a 50-gallon fuel oil drum apparently exploded near an oil space heater. Ronald Fields of Caro, who was driving on Colling Road, called Tuscola County Sheriff's officers to the scene shortly after 10:15 p.m.

An investigation showed the trailer had only one useable exit. A rear door to the trailer had been nailed shut, sheriff's officers reported.

The fire broke out between the rear part of the trailer, where the pair were resting, and the front door, trapping them inside the raging inferno.

Fire officials said the trailer was totally engulfed in flames by the time they arrived on the scene.

BARN FIRE

Faulty wiring has been determined as the cause of a fire Saturday morning that destroyed a 20 by 30-foot barn at the Alex Braun residence on M-81 about four miles northeast of Caro.

The fire was reported shortly after 10:15 a.m. and did an estimated \$2,500 damage. Destroyed in the fire were two hogs, two Hungarian show chickens and a quantity of hay.

Elkland township and Gagetown firemen assisted the Caro Fire Department in battling the blaze.

The building was covered by insurance, Caro Fire Chief Don Berry said.

ARSON RULED OUT

Arson has been ruled out as the cause of a fire that did an estimated \$5,000 damage to the James Gray home, located on State Street in Gagetown, fire officials announced last week.

The State Fire Marshall's office said faulty wiring started the fire Dec. 14, which heavily damaged the structure.

Gagetown and Cass City firemen battled the blaze.



WE HOPE YOU got what you wanted for Christmas, too. Here, an unidentified handicapped youngster attending Thursday's free movie at the Cass Theatre, stresses his Christmas wishes to Santa prior to showtime. Whatever you received, all of us at the Chronicle hope your Christmas was the best one yet.

Gagetown officer injured in gun accident

Gagetown Police Officer Jack McCampbell was wounded in the left arm early Friday morning when the pistol he was wearing accidentally discharged.

Cass City Police and the Tuscola County Sheriff's

Dept., who investigated, said the injury occurred as McCampbell was about to get out of his police car at his home on Dale Road, south of Gagetown.

Police said the gun fired as McCampbell reached into the back seat to remove a briefcase.

According to a report compiled by Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, McCampbell's wife found the officer

lying on the ground next to the patrol car. McCampbell was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital where he was listed in fair condition Monday.

Doctors reported the bullet entered the officer's left arm just above the elbow and came out near the shoulder.

Wilson stated that McCampbell was wearing a western style holster and the only thing that holds the gun

in the holster is a small cord that loops over the hammer. McCampbell told officers he removed this cord earlier when he stopped a car and apparently forgot to replace it.

The report stated that the gun could fire if the hammer is hit on the firing pin, which apparently happened.

SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT

An 18-year-old Kingston

man was treated for facial lacerations Sunday when the snowmobile he was driving struck an unseen fence near M-46 in Dayton township.

Donald Jack McPhail of 5905 Curtis Dr., was traveling west in a privately owned field about a mile south of M-46 and 150 feet east of Shaw Road at the time of the mishap, Caro State Police said.

McPhail was treated for his

injuries at Marlette Hospital. An unidentified passenger on the snowmobile was uninjured. The accident took place at 7:30 p.m.

UBLY BREAK-IN

Huron County Sheriff's officers and Ubyly Police investigated the theft of an estimated \$95 in change and currency from the Jaroch

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Solvent lines to stay

Some Thumb railroads may be saved

Protests from the Thumb Railway Users Association and associations throughout Michigan opposing wholesale abandonments of state railroads may begin paying off soon.

A spokesman for the Federal Rail Services Planning Office told a group of Thumb area representatives Wednesday night that the U.S. Railway Association is not considering abandoning solvent rail lines in the area.

If this is true, the Grand Trunk Railway line serving Cass City may not come under the federal reorganization plan.

In spite of the fact that Grand Trunk officials stated the line lost nearly \$150,000 last year, sources outside the railroad indicate the line is solvent.

The spokesman, Michael Davidson, a public counsel for Rail Services Planning, did not reveal details of the revised Department of Transportation plan.

If indeed solvent lines are not being considered for abandonment by DOT, several Huron and Sanilac county lines would not be included. These include the C and O line running from Port Huron through Marlette, Clifford, Mayville, Vassar and Reese.

Other C and O lines which would purportedly not be planned out of existence by DOT include the line running north from Croswell through Deckerville, Tyre, Ubyly, Bad Axe, Kinde and Port Austin, the line from Palms through Minden City, Ruth and Harbor Beach, and short doglegs of the C and O from Carsonville east to Sandusky and from Bad Axe to Grassmere.

Assuming the Grand Trunk line running from Imlay City through Kingston, Deford, Cass City, Gagetown, Owendale and on to Caseville is solvent as some sources indicate, it too would be excluded from governmentally-planned extinction.

The Grand Trunk situation will admittedly be a tougher nut to crack. Davidson told the group it could expect many of these lines to petition the Interstate Commerce Commission for legal abandonment, even if they are exempted from the federal plan.

He cited the Grand Trunk request specifically.

Davidson told the users group to be prepared to appear at ICC hearings to argue their cases for keeping the rail lines.

Currently, the Thumb Railway Users Association, founded in Cass City in November, is pushing for an ICC hearing on the Grand Trunk abandonment request.

Dean Hoag, a member of the

group, said Saturday indications are good such a hearing will be granted.

He said in a recent meeting the group discussed hiring legal counsel but arrived at no solutions on how to raise the needed funds.

Earlier estimates placed legal fees at a minimum of \$20,000.

TESTIMONY EFFECTIVE

Testimony given at a series of hearings on DOT's proposed abandonment plan has apparently had some effect, according to Samuel Work, Croswell, a Sanilac County Commissioner.

Work said last week he learned that this testimony, backed by volumes of carefully researched technical data, played an important part in the decision to alter the plan for the Thumb.

Had the original plan been adopted by Congress, rail service in the Thumb would have been virtually wiped out, with the only remaining line running from Saginaw through Sebawaing and on to Elkton.

It's a sure bet that if other Thumb rail lines follow Grand Trunk's lead and petition for legal abandonment, hearings that would follow would tie cases up for years. In the meantime, chances would remain good that little maintenance or repair would be done to the lines.

At an earlier meeting of the Thumb association, it was pointed out that railroads hoping to abandon trackage provide as little maintenance or service as possible.

Car shortages were blamed on this policy by committee members.

The work of the Thumb association was noted by Sen. Phillip Hart (D-Mich.) last week. Hart sent the local group a copy of a letter he sent to the DOT protesting proposed abandonments.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce also plans to add its voice to the chorus of protests next week with a letter of its own stating general objections to Grand Trunk's abandonment of the local line.

One of the biggest problems faced by the Thumb association will be providing that the Grand Trunk line is indeed solvent. Access to company records is reportedly difficult.

Another problem will be proving the line is needed. This will eventually involve a survey of all major rail users along the 66 miles of track from Imlay City to Caseville. It's expected DOT's latest revelation that it will not include solvent lines in abandonment will give the Thumb association added ammunition in its fight.

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Police probe theft

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 Grocery Store, located on Main Street in Ubyly Thursday. Officers said a quantity of cigarettes, four bottles of wine and the cash were stolen from the store, owned by Lambert Jaroch of Ubyly. The police said the break-in occurred sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Thursday. Entry was gained by cutting a screen from a basement window. Once inside, the thieves came upstairs and rifled the till and a lottery box containing \$10. Police have no suspects.



WALBRO PRESIDENT W. E. Walpole presents \$75 savings bonds to employees completing 20 years with Walbro Corporation. From left, Shirley Zinnecker, Bessie Muntz, Vernita Linderman, Edna Linderman, Mildred Kain. Absent was Marie O'Neil.

Take positive view- Walpole

KETCHUM'S KNAPSACK
A truly good thing
 By Jim Ketchum

A truly good thing happened to me the other day. I watched my first child come into the world. I was there and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Somehow, word has gotten out that it's some sort of new innovation to bring the old man into the delivery room when each addition comes along. Modern physicians have discovered that both parents make the job go a lot easier. Yet I keep wondering how it was done before. Who condemned dear old Dad to a smoke-filled waiting room with nothing better to do than chew his finger nails and develop terminal lung cancer from all those cigarettes? Surely back in the cave-person days, the witch doctor didn't exile the prospective cave-daddy when his new arrival was about to burst on the scene. I've wondered how all that got started. Maybe it came from the fact that one or two men probably fainted or got in the way when the time came and some kindly midwife decided that was enough. So, for longer than anyone could remember, father became an excess piece of baggage, deposited at the waiting room door to sweat things out. Some prospective fathers possessing a certain amount of practical sense, decided why even bother with this, and ended up at the local pool hall. One father I heard about decided there was nothing he could do, so he went home and slept the night away. Practical, I suppose. Correct? No way. I've become more convinced than ever that having a baby is a job that takes two people to accomplish, along with the doctors, nurses and hospital staff. While not blowing my own horn, I like to think I didn't get in the way too much. Oh, sure, I asked a lot of silly questions and stewed and fretted part of the time. I did important things like watch the sun come up and feed the candy machines and drink coffee while all this was happening. But for better or worse, I was there. For awhile, I began to wonder which one of us would be wheeled to the recovery room when it was all over. It got to be a race to see whose supply of adrenalin would run out first. I think we ended in a tie. During those 14 hours, I thought about doing every-

thing but writing my will. You get time to think about what it all means and how you're going to handle things after it's all over. Then, there she was. She uncurled from her long, silent sleep into a lighted room and immediately began testing her lungs. She was the most beautiful sight I've ever seen. At that moment, it didn't matter a damn whether or not Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman and the rest went to jail or whether or not the inflation rate would continue to climb at 10 per cent or better. All that mattered was that little kid. My daughter. It humbles you to be on hand for the event. Lord knows we could all stand a little humbling once in a while. Every leader in the world should go through it. Then maybe we could get down to the business of making this a better world for my daughter and everybody else's child. At least we should try.

At a special Christmas family-style dinner Friday at the Walbro Corporation Auto-pulse plant on Main Street President W. E. Walpole told some 75 employees that Walbro was taking a positive view for 1975. We have just completed the best year in our history and all of our thinking for next year is focused toward even better results. Don't buy all of this talk about recession or depression, Walpole continued. We have the people and the products to go forward. It's not the machinery or the buildings that has made this company prosper, it's the people who work here. For that we thank you, he concluded. After the informal talk, Walpole presented \$75 bonds to five of the six employees present who have worked for the company for 20 years. Misery loves company, but not the kind who stay on long visits. It follows that a man must raise the standard of his work if he's working for a raise. Disgrace lies in mistrusting one's friends, rather than in being deceived by them.



CELEBRATION TIME

Why celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next? It seems a strange custom, yet there is a good reason for it. Few, if any of us, have come even close to perfection in the year just ending. So we look ahead toward 365 brand-new days, blank pages in the next chapter of our lives. What will we do with them? On the eve of a New Year, most of us certainly have the desire to try harder, to be better people. But even while we are saying, "Off with the old and on with the new," we are also clinging to the good in the days gone by. As we renew old friendships, we thank God for those friends, for the Faith he has given us, for life itself. And, in the midst of revelry, we start the year the best way of all: We go to church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 7:10-14	Isaiah 9:1-6	Micah 5:1-4	Luke 2:1-14	Matthew 2:13-23	Hebrews 1:1-6	Titus 3:4-7

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Mail volume drops 15 %

Cass City postal patrons mailed early and less this Christmas season, according to Postmaster Grant Glaspie. Mail volume through the Cass City Post Office dropped an estimated 15 per cent over volume a year ago, Glaspie said. No mail backlog was reported at Cass City or at the regional post office in Saginaw. Glaspie said normally 300,000 pieces of mail are handled at Cass City during the 10 days prior to Christmas. "Our peak mail volume came Dec. 16," Glaspie said. "Normally, we hit it the 18th. This year we had excellent cooperation from people who mailed early. That really helped us." He said much of the reason for the 15 per cent drop in volume over a year ago could be traced to the economy. "People either don't have the money to spend on Christmas this year or do and just aren't spending it," he said. "I don't think it's the cost of postage because our stamp sales are just about what they were last year." He said another reason for the drop in volume is that Cass Cityans aren't sending each other as many Christmas cards as they did years ago. Parcel post volume is also down, Glaspie said. "This may be that there are fewer servicemen overseas now than last year," he indicated. He said few persons took advantage of extended window hours the two Saturdays prior to Christmas. "The first Saturday, it was hardly worth having the window open," he said. "We did very little business." The post office will be open for regular hours Christmas Eve, he said. Deliveries will probably be later, however, in order to process all last-minute mail. There will be no special deliveries Christmas Day, barring an unforeseen surge in mail volume. Only one delivery is scheduled Christmas Eve. Glaspie said probably the biggest problem in handling Christmas mail is incomplete addresses. He said complete street addresses and zip codes help insure quicker deliveries.

Promote Sgt. Wolner

Det. Sgt. Milton Wolner of the Caro State Police Post has been promoted, Col. George Halverson, State Police Director, announced this week. The promotion is a one-level advance in sergeant rank and follows a year on Wolner's present assignment. Wolner has been a State Police officer since 1956.

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Christ's Ambassadors set Nashville show

The odds against a group of amateur, mostly untrained singers cracking the big time gospel singing entertainment field have to rank right up there with the chances of a plow horse winning the Kentucky Derby. Next to none at all.

But four area singers are defying the odds and right now are flirting with the big time. Four fellows who started singing for their own amusement in neighborhood churches just three short years ago. The big time in Gospel and

Country singing, of course, is Nashville and the "Grand Ole Opry" and that's the show where you'll find Christ's Ambassadors performing live Jan. 5. The radio outlet for this is WSAM, 650 on the dial, and the show will be aired from 8 to 10 p.m.

Among the quartet only one has any professional connection with music. He's Dorland Kuntz, the vocal music instructor at Cass City Schools.

He is joined by a grocery store worker, a construction worker, and a farmer. The accompanist, Dean Bell, works in an auto parts store. All except Kuntz live in Caro. Dave Smith is in construction with Smith Builders and is the bass. Baritone is Jerry Montei who works for a grocery chain in Caro. C. R. Smith is the lead singer and farms in the Colwood area while Kuntz is the tenor and handles the bookings from his Cass City address.

And the bookings have become a problem...not because the group can't find work but because there are too many jobs for them to handle.

"We have more jobs than we can handle," Kuntz said, "we work every week end but one each month. When we started we resolved to keep one free for our families."

It wasn't always like this. The group started singing around local churches. Probably the first, says Kuntz, was the Colwood United Missionary Church.

If area Gospel music fans don't care to wait until January 5 to hear the group over radio they can find them in person at the annual New Year's Eve Musical Crusade at Cass City High School.

This will be their second "official" year at the show. Actually they performed a couple of numbers three years ago.

They were not listed among the scheduled performers but they were able to work a couple of selections into the big show staged annually here by the Cass City Laymen's Club and as a result became full-fledged members of the show the next year.

Besides singing all over Michigan the group has cut three albums and will produce a fourth at Nashville the day before their radio show.

It's probably a good thing that the quartet hasn't had to depend on singing for a living the last three years.

We've managed to pay expenses and buy some really excellent sound equipment, Kuntz explained. But we haven't made any money from our engagements.

The odds against it are still overwhelming but it's possible, just barely possible that all this will change after Jan. 5.

And even if it doesn't, the giant strides of the quartet in just three short years haven't been all that bad.

Already they have achieved more than could be reasonably expected from five fellows working part time in one of the world's most competitive businesses.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS will perform live Jan. 5 at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Shown are (from the left), Dorland Kuntz, C.R. Smith, Dave Smith, Jerry Montei and Dean Bell.



AROUND THE FARM Colostrum helps calf feeding

By William Bortel

Dairymen know that newborn calves need colostrum - a valuable, highly digestible food - at birth. Colostrum contains disease protecting antibodies which the calf absorbs through its digestive tract during the first 12 to 18 hours after birth.

More and more farmers are also taking up the practice of feeding milk produced the first five days after birth. If stored properly, it can improve gains, reduce scours and save on the cost of whole milk and milk replacer.

Some farmers refrigerate fresh milk for calves. Those with freezers available, keep the milk frozen and thaw it about a half-day before feeding. A third method, which does not require a refrigerator or a freezer, is fermenting colostrum. Many dairymen are turning to this method because it works well and they can store the milk

relatively inexpensively. With this method, newborn calves receive mother's milk immediately after birth. Then the leftover colostrum - collected from the first milking up to the third to the fifth days after birth - is stored in clean plastic garbage containers or clean tinned milk cans. Most dairymen use plastic garbage can liners and throw them away after each batch to simplify cleaning. Colostrum milk can also be added from other cows that freshen within a few days. But the fresh milk must be thoroughly mixed with the old so fermentation is uniform.

It's best to begin feeding stored colostrum two to five days after birth, mixing it well before each feeding. The fermented colostrum stored at 50 to 70 degrees will keep for several weeks because of the high lactic acid which preserves it.



TUSCOLA COUNTY youth takes livestock title -- The lamb showmanship of Cass City's Roger Seelye Jr. won a Grand Championship at the 44th Annual Junior Livestock Show held in Howell, Mich. Dec. 5, 6 and 7. The show was sponsored by the Michigan Junior Livestock Society, Inc., and was open to Michigan boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. The show and its attendant sale netted over \$55,000 for the young livestock handlers.



Take a Break

By Richard Jones

Time: the stuff between pay-days.

After Christmas, what we'd like to exchange is the weather.

Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today, because if you enjoy it today, you can do it again tomorrow.

Trash compactors aren't new. We had one years ago, but we called it the hall closet.

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A pleasant holiday to you and your family.

Churchill confirmed for court seat

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge James P. Churchill was confirmed as U.S. District Judge from the Eastern District of Michigan Wednesday by the Senate.

Churchill, 50, was nominated last summer to the seat vacated by the death of Judge Stephen Roth. A Democrat prior to his election as a judge on the non-partisan ballot, the Vassar native was recommended by Senator Robert Griffin, a Republican.

It was not known at press time when Churchill would be sworn in.

Five candidates are reportedly interested in succeeding Churchill on the Tuscola-Lapeer circuit.

They include Assistant Tuscola County Prosecutor Leo Maki, Tuscola District Judge Richard F. Kern, Lapeer County Prosecutor Martin Clemens, Lapeer District Judge Michael Dionese, and George Lutz, Lapeer County Probate Judge.

Court officials explained Churchill's successor will be named by Governor William Milliken following an extensive investigation of each candidate.

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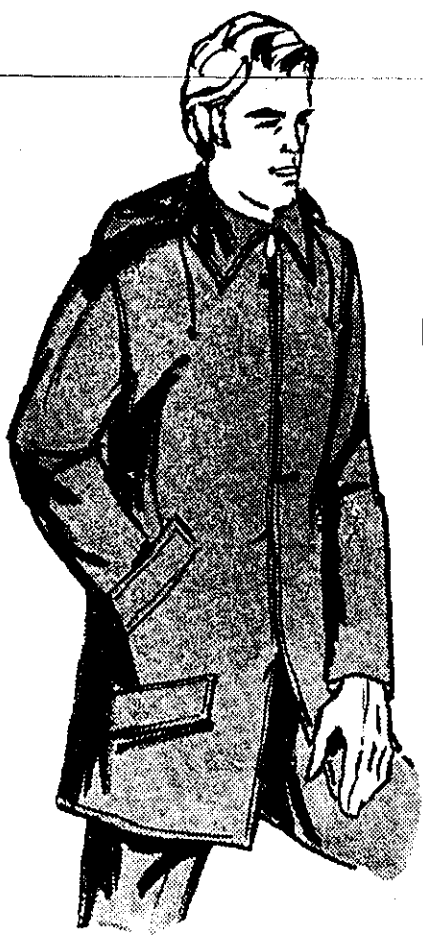
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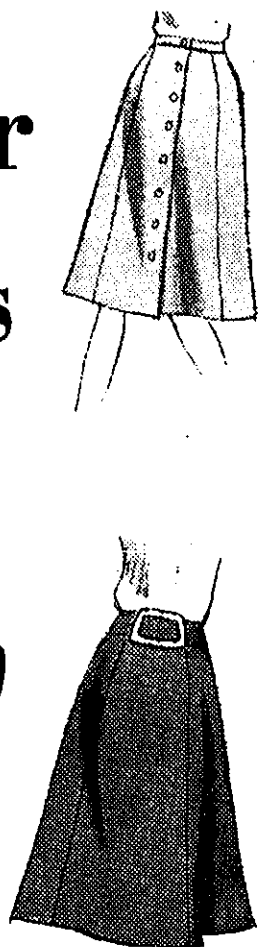



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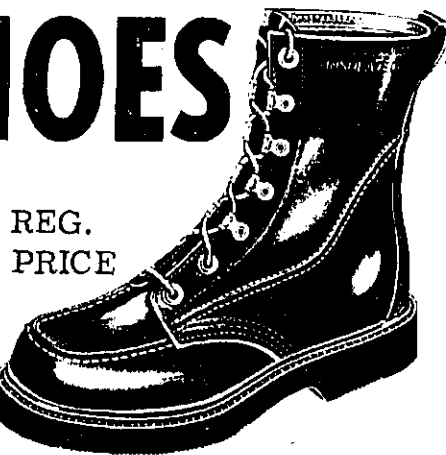
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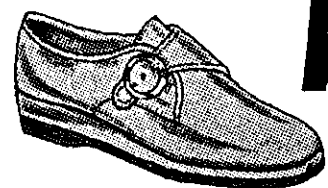
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Jill Field nominated for sweetheart title

Jill Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Field of Deford, has been nominated

as 1975 Campus Sweetheart Candidate representing Cass City High School.

Miss Field won the nomination in a four-way race that included Linda Battel, Marie Hobart and Cindy Tuckey. All girls are seniors.

The 1975 Thumb Sweetheart pageant will be held Feb. 8, at Marlette High School, at 8 p.m. Miss Field will compete with 15 other high school seniors in the Thumb area for 1975 Campus Life Sweetheart Queen.

Becky German, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl German of Deford, is Miss Field's campaign manager.

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Cass City Bowling Leagues

THURSDAY NITE TRIO
Dec. 19, 1974

Don Doerr 533.
High Team Series: Nemeth 1602.

LADIES CITY LEAGUE
Dec. 17, 1974

Smith	16 1/2
Nemeth	16
Woods	16
Draves	15
Wildwood	14 1/2
Van Dale	13
Smith Bld.	12
Root	9

High Individual Games: 1. Haley 190, G. Deering 184, D. Smith 203-180, R. Root 191, F. Nemeth 181, D. Allen 187-185-179, D. Doerr 198-181.

High Individual Series: Dale Smith 536, Dan Allen 551,

"Beauties" 2099.
High Team Games: Johnson's Plumberettes 792, Cab-lettes 755-750.

High Individual Series: S. Cummins 516, J. Lapp 509, M. Guild 497, R. Speirs 486, V. Gruber 483, J. Ardler 475, C. Furness 469, L. Selby 468, M. LaPeer 467, B. Schott (sub) 466, G. Root 465, C. Mellendorf 465, B. Abke 451.

High Individual Games: R. Speirs 199-159, C. Furness 199, J. Lapp 188-183, M. Guild 188-169, B. Abke 181, S. Cummins 179-172-165, V. Gruber 178-167, M. LaPeer 172-156, L. Selby 172-155, J.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE
Dec. 19, 1974

Walbro	19
Cass City Lanes	18 1/2
Kritzmans'	18
Richard's TV	15
Cole Carbide	14
Clare's Sunoco	13 1/2
Herron Builders	8
Albee Hardware	6

High Team Series: Kritzman's 2272, Walbro 2139, C.C. Lanes 2077, Albee's 2055, Clare's 2024, Richard's 2015.

High Team Games: Kritzman's 796-749-727, C.C. Lanes 763, Walbro 752-740, Clare's 733, Richard's 724, Albee's 701.

9th Annual MUSICAL CRUSADE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31 8 P.M.



The Calvarymen

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THE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST from Cass City and Caro area, enjoy an ever growing popular demand, not only in their home area but throughout Eastern Michigan. Be sure to hear and see this local group of talent. They also return to us with a new arrangement of gospel numbers.

THE CALVARYMEN GROUP come to us again this year, with a new "look" in personnel. They have reorganized their repertoire with a wide variety of Gospel songs and, as always, are well received throughout the Michigan and Ohio area, by all denominations.

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The Dorman Sisters

THE DORMAN SISTERS are another local group from the Shabbona and Snover area, who have consented to take part in the Cass City Laymen's Club Crusade. They have a well balanced arrangement of Gospel numbers, and also enjoy an ever popular growing demand for their singing.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED
10 p.m.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

at the doors, but the entire program will be supported by a Free Will offering. Refreshments will be served during the 10:00 p.m. intermission. Plenty of good seating capacity in our modern spacious gym. The entire floor and bleacher area will be available.

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CASS CITY LAYMEN'S CLUB



Bob Wills and the Inspirationalists

High Individual Series: B Schott 565, M. Guild 510, E Buehrly 485, I. Schweiakart 466, P. Little 456, Pat McIntosh 451, M. Zdrojewski 451, P. Johnson 450.

High Individual Games: B. Schott 235-176-154, M. Guild 189-172, G. Kelley 189, P. Little 174, M. Zdrojewski 173, N. Wallace 172, E. Buehrly 169-155-161, Phyllis McIntosh 169, C. Davis 166, Pat McIntosh 166-161, D. Wischmeyer 164, I. Schweiakart 161-158, C Mellendorf 160, B. Deering 159, P. Johnson 155, N. Helwig 153, P. Allen 150.

Splits Converted: P. Allen 3-10, K. Anson 3-10, C. Davis 5-6, P. Erla 5-6, M. Guild 3-10, 9-10, P. Johnson 3-10, G. Kelley 5-10, Pat McIntosh 3-10, 3-9-10, J. Morell 2-7, M. Zdrojewski 2-7.

MERCHANTS "A" LEAGUE
Dec. 18, 1974

New England Life	4
Miracle-Allen	3
J.P. Burroughs	2 1/2
Kritzman	2
Croft-Clara	2
Bigelow Nuts & Bolts	2
Erla Food Center	1
Fuelgas	0

500 Series: F. Knoblet 577, F. Schott 575, D. Doerr 558, B. Musall 547, C. Vandiver 546, M. Helwig 544, B. Copeland 537, B. Thompson 529, A.D. Frederick 524, D. Vatter 524, K. Pobanz 521, J. Root 520, A. Witherspoon 512, D. Wallace 510, D. Erla 509, L. Summers 508, D. Ouvre 505, P. Rienstra 504, J. Little 501, E. Helwig 500.

200 Games: F. Knoblet 235, B. Musall 233, D. Doerr 218, F. Schott 209, J. Little 201, C. Vandiver 201.

In a roll-off for the winner of the first half of the league, Bigelow Nuts & Bolts defeated New England Life, Bigelow Nuts & Bolts - 2653, New England Life - 2640.

500 series in roll-off - J. Little 569, J. Root 569, D. Vatter 553, N. Gremel 547, D. Doerr 529, J. Smithson 505

MERCHANTS "B" LEAGUE
Dec. 18, 1974

Croft-Clara Lumber	4
Walbro	3
Rabideau Motors	3
Schneeberger TV	2
Winter's Truck Sales	2
Clare's Sunoco Service	1
Village Service Center	1
Wesley Milk Co.	0

500 Series: M. Wasserman 553, J. Belk 547, C. Mellendorf 538, F. Knoblet 533, F. Schott 528, B. Bartle 525, L. Talaski 521, N. Gremel 508.

High Games: J. Belk 237, F. Knoblet 211, M. Wasserman 208, L. Talaski 207, B. Bartle 200, L. Salas 192, D. Englehart 190, T. Furness 190, J. Guinther 190, F. Schott 190.

SUNDAY MIXED
Dec. 22, 1974

Low Rollers	23
Boagarts	21
Mixups	20
4 Tops	16
Falling Stars	15
Trailers	15
Wildcats	1/
Brewers	.

Team High Series: Boagarts 1936, 4 Tops 1887.

Team High Games: Boagarts 672, 4 Tops 643, Low Rollers 643.

High Men's Series: L. Tracy 528, T. Furness 521, G. Lapp 487, V. Ricker 485, E. Francis 483, T. Hendrick 475

High Women's Series: J. Lapp 511, J. Deering 450, C Crawford 426, A. LeValley 408.

High Men's Games: V. Ricker 188, T. Furness 185, Hendrick 182, L. Tracy 181, 178, E. Francis 177.

High Women's Games: J. Lapp 198-166, J. Deering 166, A. LeValley 154, D. Tracy 151

Splits Converted: R. Parler 5-10, G. Lapp 5-10, C. Frederick 5-6-10, J. Lapp 2-1, E. Francis 5-7, R. Deering 6-7, J. Deering 2-7, T. Furness 2-7, 5-7-9, D. Randall 2-7, Tracy 6-7, 3-6-7.

PRICES GOOD THURS., DEC. 26 thru TUES., DEC. 31, 1974

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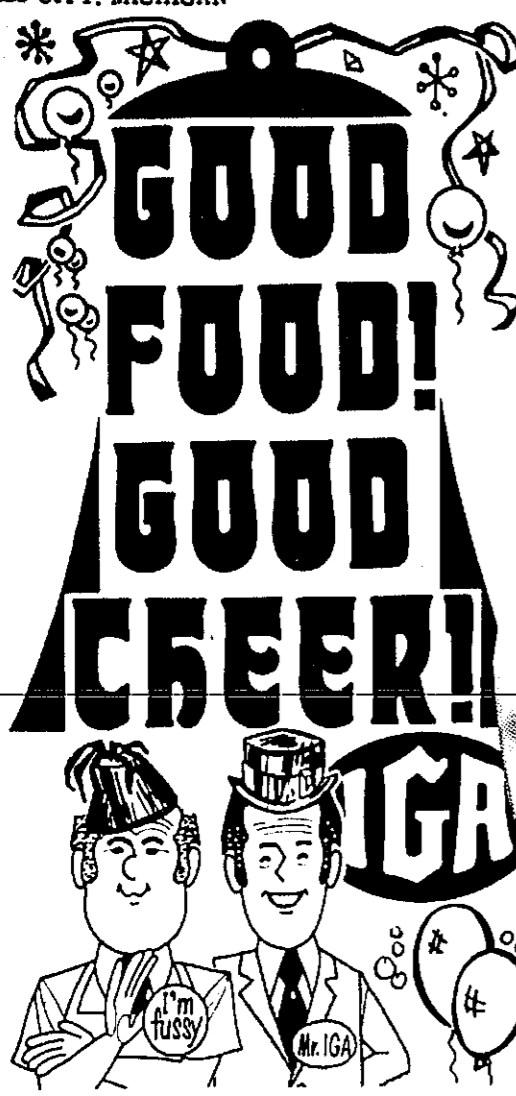
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SMOKED POLISH SAUSAGE
'QUICK-TO-FIX'
lb. 98¢

IGA-TABLERITE
BLADE CUT CHUCK STEAK
'WELL TRIMMED'
lb. 77¢

WHOLE FRYERS
'A FAMILY PLEASER ANY OCCASION'
lb. 43¢

SOMETHING FOR EVERY OCCASION OR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION!

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Lemon Juice
Realemon 32-oz. Btl. 79¢
Poppin Time 'Yellow or White'
Popcorn 2-lb. Pkg. 69¢
Vlasic 'Sweet or Sweet Mixed'
Pickles 16-oz. Can 75¢
Pillsbury
Frost 'n' Swirl Pkg. 75¢
'Vanilla, Fudge or Cherry'

Fame 'Salad'
Mustard 32-oz. Jar 41¢
Fame
Fruit Cocktail 16-oz. Can 41¢
Tom Scott
Mixed Nuts 13-oz. Can \$1.05
Lindsay 'Medium Pitted'
Olives net 6 oz Jar 63¢

Chef Boy-Ar-Dae
'Ground Beef or Meatless'
Spaghetti Sauce 16-oz. Jar 59¢
Stokely 'Cut or French Style'
Green Beans 16-oz Can 35¢
Fame 'Puffed Wheat or Rice'
Cereal 6-oz. Poly Bag 33¢
Fame 'Red'
Maraschinos 10-oz. Jar 49¢

•CUT-UP **FRYERS** lb. 49¢
•SPLIT **BROILERS** lb. 49¢
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Dill Dip Recipe A Holiday Favorite!
1 c. HELLMANN'S MAYONNAISE
1 c. SOUR CREAM
1 1/2 tsp. YOUR CHOICE OF ONE Dry Onion, Chives, or Parsley
1 1/2 tsp. DILL WEED
1 1/2 tsp. SEASONED SALT
★ Mix Ahead of Time, so seasonings blend.
Serve with FRESH VEGETABLE DELICIOUS, CRACKERS or CHIPS!

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COLD CUTS & HAM
VAN CAMP 'Party Pleaser'
PORK & BEANS 29-oz. Can 49¢

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TOMATOES
'Naturally Delicious'
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GRAPEFRUIT
'WHITE or PINK'
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BREAD 1 1/2-lb. Loaf 49¢
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FAME '100% PURE FLORIDA'
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DOLLAR STRETCHER WITH COUPON
SWEET 10 ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER 6-oz. Btl. 49¢
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COLD CUTS & CHEESE
FAME 'MAKES A HALF GAL.'
ORANGE JUICE 16-oz. Can 49¢

BORDEN 'OLD FASHIONED'
'A Variety of Tempting Flavors'
ICE CREAM 1/2-Gal. Ctr. \$1.09
BANQUET 'FRIED'
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ORANGE JUICE 1/2-Gal. Jug 67¢

DEAN'S 'DAIRY FRESH' 'Don't Forget the Chips'
FRENCH ONION CHIP DIP 8-oz. Pkg. 29¢
IGA-TABLERITE 'INDIVIDUAL WRAP'
CHEESE SLICES net 12-oz. Pkg. 69¢
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Regular Drip 2-lb. CAN
Limit One Coupon Per Family Coupon Expires Dec. 31, 1974 With this Coupon & \$7.00 Purchase
YOU SAVE 26¢

New agricultural land assessments due next week

Figures are scheduled to be released next week detailing changes in Tuscola county agricultural land assessments. County Equalization

Director Mac B. O'Dell met with the County Board of Commissioners Friday to go over the figures. O'Dell promised the new

assessments would be made available to the press sometime between Christmas and New Year's Day. O'Dell refused to release

the figures until they are in the hands of all township supervisors.

"My working relationship with the supervisors means too much for me to release these figures to the newspapers before they have them," O'Dell told the Chronicle. "I expect they'll have them sometime after Christmas and that's when they'll be released to the newspapers."

All agricultural land in the county was reassessed this year. Any increases will be reflected in tax statements sent out for the 1975 tax year. Also in Friday's meeting, an era ended with the retirement of Board Chairman Shuford Kirk. Kirk, a Juniata township farmer, has served as board chairman since late 1969.

He was also a member of the old Board of Supervisors and has been active in county government many years.

Kirk announced earlier this year he would not seek re-election from his district.

Friday's meeting was also the last for Commissioner Floyd Ducker of Mayville. Ducker represented Wells, Kingston, Fremont, Dayton and Koylton townships and was a member of the public works, personnel and veteran's committee.

In other business Friday, the board and the Tuscola Intermediate School District came to terms on a land trade involving the district's Caro offices.

The county agreed to buy the facility for \$245,000 plus ten acres of land located just north of the Medical Care Facility on Cleaver Road near Caro.

In addition, the district retains a five-year option on 30 more acres of county land at \$2,000 per acre.

The county is scheduled to take over the building Oct. 1, 1975.

The building was acquired with federal revenue sharing funds.

Holiday treat

FRUIT CAKE
By Thelma Jackson

- 1 lb. Graham cracker, finely rolled
- 1/2 lb. Ginger snaps, finely rolled
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 lb. pitted dates
- 1/2 lb. candied fruit
- 1 lb. gumdrops, large, all but the licorice
- 1 lb. raisins
- 1 lb. nutmeats
- 1/2 cup dark Karo syrup
- 3/4 cup orange juice

Mix graham cracker and ginger snap crumbs and spices; then mix in all the fruits and nuts. Last, pour syrup and orange juice over crumbs and fruit and mix well.

Pack very tight in angel food cake pan.

Let set a few days before cutting.

Southeastern

halts new

gas hook-ups

Robert F. Hagemann Jr., Vice-president - Marketing, announced this week that Southeastern Michigan Gas Company will cease issuing permits for new gas connections. This action was necessary due to increased curtailments from its principal supplier, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. Southeastern expects deliveries from Panhandle to be 13 billion cubic feet in 1975. This compares with 1974 deliveries of 13.6 billion cubic feet, or a 4.4 per cent reduction.

The utility will honor all heating permits now outstanding so long as gas service is commenced prior to the expiration date of the permit. Commitments for new non-heating gas service will be honored if the application has been received by Southeastern on or before December 16, 1974, and service is commenced prior to March 16, 1975.

Southeastern has been able to obtain sufficient supplemental supplies locally to assure meeting all committed loads to residential, commercial and industrial customers this winter, Hagemann said. He added that Southeastern expects to have some supplemental gas supplies available for commercial and industrial customers this winter resulting from a special, one-time purchase of natural gas.

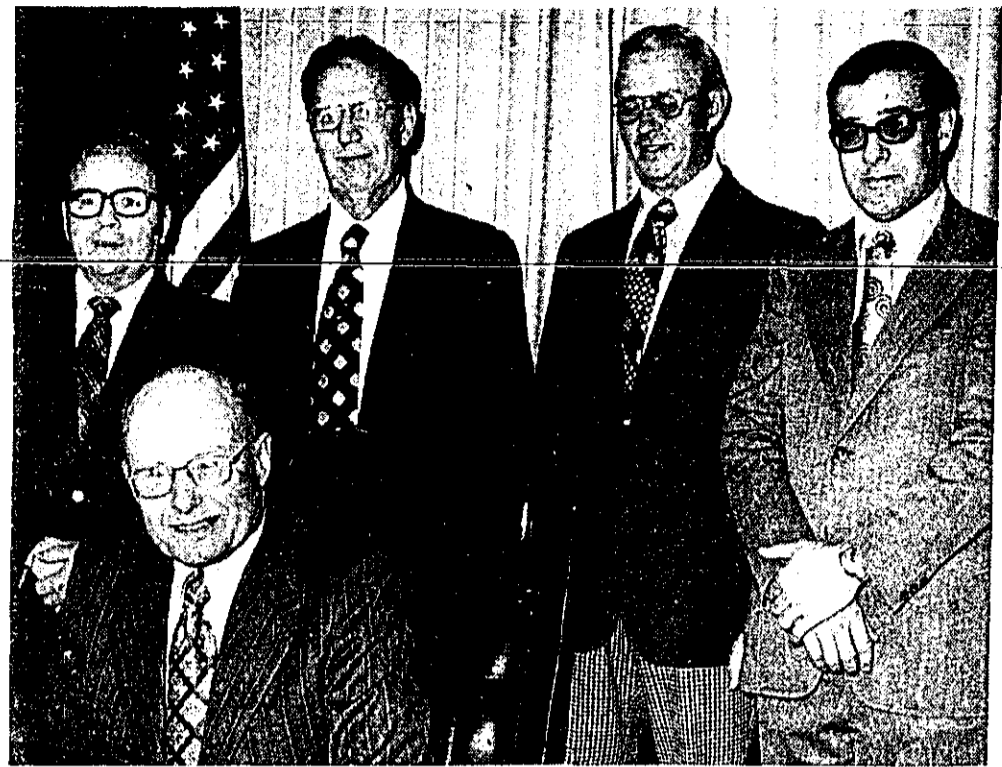


HILLS AND DALES General Hospital employees received pins Friday in award ceremonies marking five, 10 and 15 years of service.

Seated (from the left) Johanna Miklovich, Judy Eskilsen, Mary Ann Abbe, and B. Hughes (five year awards). Second row: L. Roberts (who received a five-year pin prior to Friday's ceremonies), Isabel Wright (five years), Dorothy Seeley, (five years), Helen Copeland (five years), Evelyn Smith (10 years) and Marrietta Whittaker (five years).

Back row: Jon Fahrner (10 years), Florence Karr (15 years), Lillian June Shevchenko (five years), and Dorothy McCreedy (10 years).

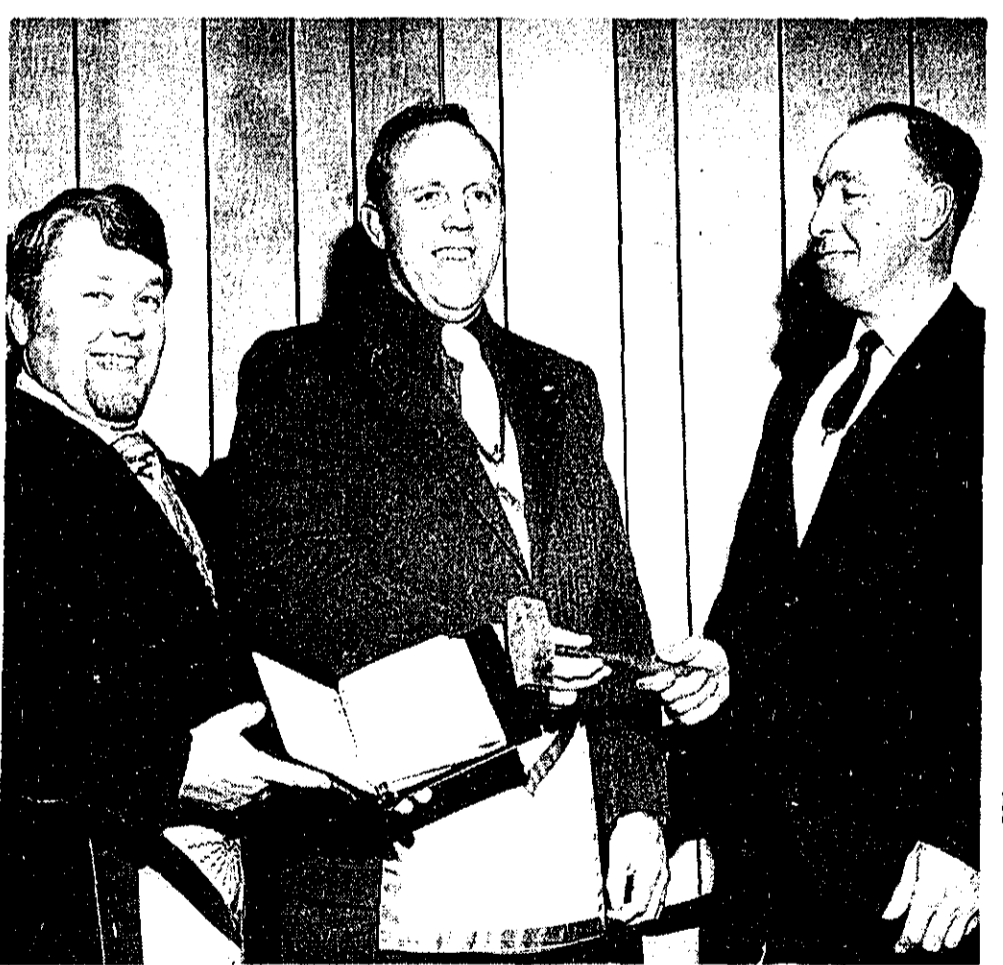
Not shown are Consuelo Nickerson, Florence Sweeney and Elsie Kelley, all five years.



SHUFORD KIRK (seated) pauses for a moment prior to presiding over his final meeting as chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. Kirk completed over four years of service as board chairman and numerous years in county government. Shown giving Kirk a proper sendoff are (from the left) Commissioners Charles Woodcock, Vassar; Kenneth Kennedy, Millington; Floyd Ducker, Mayville (who also retired Friday), and Richard Dehmel. Absent were Cmmrs. Maynard McConkey and J. Benson Collon.



A SATURDAY morning fire destroyed a 20 by 30-foot barn at the Alex Braun residence on M-81 about four miles northeast of Caro. Cass City and Gageton firemen also responded to the alarm. (Neitzel photo).



JERRY THORP (left) past master of the Mt. Moriah Lodge, Caro, presents a planning book from Scottish Rite of Bay City to Elmer Francis, (center), new worshipful master of the Cass City Tyler Lodge F&AM 317 in ceremonies Saturday night. Shown presenting Francis the gavel is Clayton Hall, worshipful master of the Port Hope Lodge. New Tyler Lodge officers for 1975 were also installed. (Neitzel photo).

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OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

TUSCOLA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC Spring Convention

Precinct delegates who were duly elected at the primary election held August 6, 1974, are called to attend the County Democratic Spring Convention, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Spring Convention.

Date - Jan. 11, 1975 Time - 8:00 p.m.
Place - Tuscola County Court House, Caro, Mich.

KATHLEEN ASHER Chairperson
Tuscola County Democrat Committee

Others Get Quick Results With The
Chronicle's Classified Ads - You Will Too!

Rev. von Oeyen sees vitality, spirit in Ubly, Fraser Presbyterian churches

The country and rural churches have always appealed to Pastor Robert von Oeyen. That's one reason why he decided to accept the call as minister at the Fraser and Ubly Presbyterian churches.

The 56-year-old von Oeyen was installed Dec. 8, as pastor of both congregations and he indicated he is happy to be involved again in the rural ministerial scene.

"This church has great vitality," von Oeyen said one snowy afternoon last week as

he sat at the back of the Fraser Church, located at the corner of M-53 and Huron Line Road.

von Oeyen is no stranger to rural churches. Born and raised in Detroit, he served in a number of rural congregations while in seminary in Iowa.

"I've always liked the country and the people you find there," he said. "In this church particularly, you find a good group of real solid people who can handle tasks

on their own."

von Oeyen entered the ministry after working four years in an insurance office. He has studied at the Moody Bible Institute and the University of Dubuque, in Iowa.

He served 11 years in Davisburg, Mich., and laid the foundations for a new congregation in Lambertville in the extreme southern part of the state.

Besides his church background, von Oeyen served as a juvenile counselor of Probate Court in St. Clair county for 28 months and helped organize the Huron Mental Health Services board on which he served 28 months.

von Oeyen sees this experience as directly related to his work in the ministry.

"I've learned so much about people in these other jobs that I look on them all as preparation for this job here," he said. "My first love is the ministry but my other experience was valuable as well."

He said one of the greatest problems as pastor of two congregations is scheduling. He tries to divide his time as equally as possible between both congregations and makes numerous pastoral calls.

von Oeyen sees calling as a vital part of his job and makes it a point to see as many parishioners as possible.

involve working with members in smaller groups. He hopes to develop youth and adult Bible study groups at both churches.

"I think this is an effective way to increase the awareness of the total church mission which is to serve all people in the community," he said.

von Oeyen is pastor for 66 parishioners at the Fraser church and 101 persons in Ubly. He said in spite of small numbers, he expects to have few problems getting things done.

"My motto is 'Expect great things of God and attempt great things for God,'" he said.

He said he would like to see the churches becoming more involved with both spiritual and physical needs of aged persons in the area. Fraser Church members prepare two meals a month, he explained, that cost only the price of a donation.

He said he would like to see this kind of involvement continue and grow in the Holbrook area.

"We are here to serve everyone—churched and unchurched," von Oeyen said. "We want to let people

know they're wanted and needed. That's part of why Christ came."

von Oeyen sees room in the church in general for reaching out to the mentally retarded. His experience working with mentally handicapped persons showed they can and want to be reached, he said.

"The church can function

and be a great help," he said. "We were involved with a special religious education program in Huron County and I think more churches are accepting the mentally retarded."

von Oeyen, who presently lives in Harbor Beach with his wife and three of his six children, plans to move to Ubly by mid-January.



CHRISTMAS WISHES

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KRITZMANS' INC.

CASS CITY



Merry Christmas

To the young and young-at-heart. Our holiday wishes...heartfelt appreciation.

THE PIED PIPER

Cass City

von Oeyen said his goals for the Fraser and Ubly churches

GOALS



Rev. Robert von Oeyen

Hold free movie for handicapped students

Approximately 125 handicapped children and young adults were guests of honor at the eighth annual free movie and luncheon Thursday, sponsored by local businesses.

Children from the Caro Regional Center, deaf and hard of hearing youngsters from Caro elementary schools and adults from the Work Activity Center in Caro were greeted by Santa Claus.

Candy was distributed to each child, courtesy of the Bauer Candy Co.

They were treated to a show by theatre owner Dick Hendrick, followed by Lunch at the hotel, courtesy of General Telephone Co.

Woman's study Club holds Dec. 10 meet

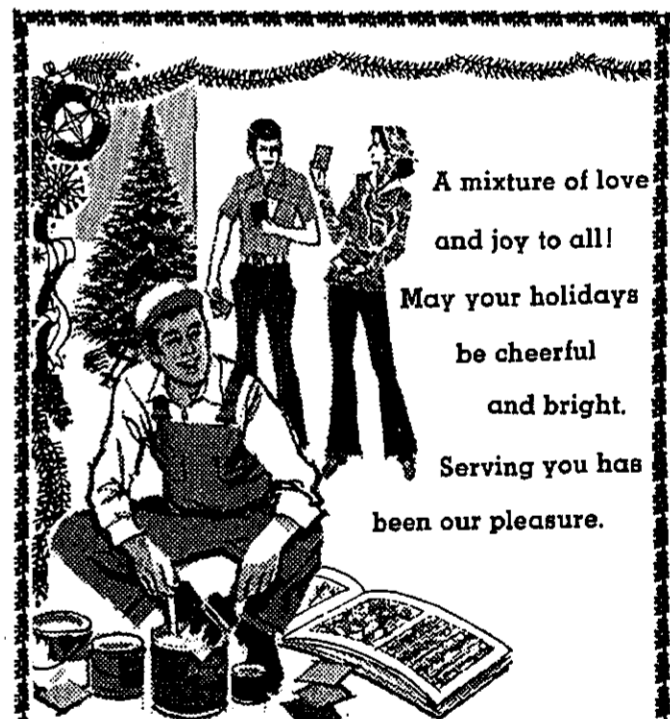
The Woman's Study Club met with Mrs. Harold Perry Tuesday, Dec. 10, with 14 members and two guests present.

Mrs. Esther McCullough, president, opened the meeting. After a short business meeting, each member signed cards to be sent to Mrs. Grace Moore, Mrs. Adah Wetters and Mrs. Irma Hicks.

Mrs. Lottie Pinney gave a paper on Christmas traditions. She showed the group some of the first Christmas cards ever printed.

Roll call was answered by reading favorite recipes.

The January meeting will be with Mrs. Ester McCullough.



A mixture of love and joy to all! May your holidays be cheerful and bright. Serving you has been our pleasure.

Merry Christmas

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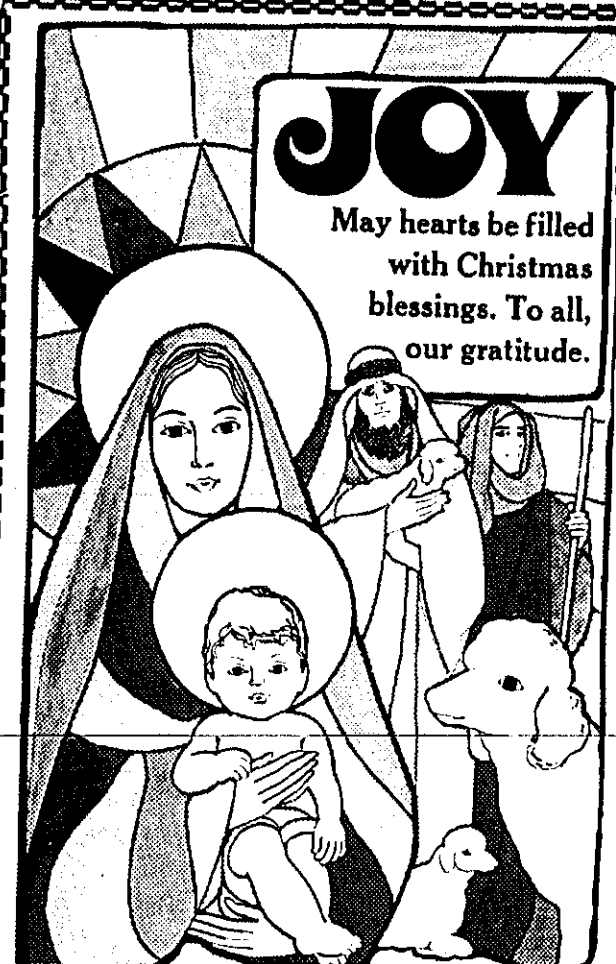
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GREETINGS

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Holly, ivy symbolic of holiday

For a green Christmas, consider holly and ivy. Holly is regarded by some to bring luck to men while ivy does the same for women. Holly represents the home, ivy the inn (for that Yule cup).

Holly is also close to Christmas symbolism with its white flowers, red berries, and thorns. Ivy can also depict the frailty of human nature clinging to heavenly strength.

And if you get a kiss under the mistletoe, remember that the Druids in Britain believed that the parasite brought great blessings. If the kiss is from someone you like, perhaps the superstition is true.

The word "wassail" derives from the Anglo-Saxon "waes hael" which meant "Be in health." Wassail was a mixture of mulled ale, eggs, curdled cream, roast apples, nuts and spices.

In England, Boxing Day, the first weekday after Christmas is so named from the practice of giving boxes of food, gifts and money to servants, tradesmen and tenants.

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

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

Postmaster Grant Glaspie this week said that it appears that the Christmas mail volume will be down about 25 per cent this year.

The Tuscola County Advertiser reported this week that they had learned from a "reliable source" that the Caro State Home and Training School may be slated for phasing out over the next 20 years.

The Cass City Red Hawks will have nearly three weeks to recover from a heart breaking defeat Friday to the Sandusky Redskins, 72-71 in overtime.

TEN YEARS AGO

Police Chief Carl Palmater is looking for vandals who were responsible for the senseless destruction of property in three Cass City High School rooms Friday night.

The steering committee for the proposed Thumb Tri-county Community College voted to ask every high school district in the three counties to petition its Intermediate District, asking for a study of the new facility.

It won't be like home, but Sheriff Hugh Marr reports that the seven prisoners he expects to be housed in the county jail will have a bountiful Christmas dinner.

The Evergreen Township Unit School sold \$39,000 worth of general obligation bonds Friday to the Pinney State Bank at an interest cost of 3.21 per cent.

Official recognition of the newest branch of the American Association of University Women in Michigan came to the Cass City Branch this past week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Work is nearly completed on the Cass City Arena Roller Rink and a grand opening is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 28. However, the rink has

been open to skaters this week.

Two foreign students from the University of Michigan will spend part of their Christmas holidays in Cass City as guests of Rev. and Mrs. M.R. Vender. They are Edward Yanne of Hong Kong, and Mamood Sadjadi of Iran.

Grant Little, Cass City, a student at Central Michigan College of Education, will be heard on WGEN radio in an adaptation of Dicken's Christmas Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mudge and Mr. and Mrs. Audley Rawson served as hosts when the Cass City Grange members and families enjoyed a Christmas supper in the Grange dining room Friday evening.

Lloyd Vyse has made his outdoor Christmas decorations out of old newspapers and has rigged a record player and speaker to add to the realism of his fine work.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Guy W. Landon's group of bowlers won the 51-game series in the Cass City Bowling League which ended Dec. 21 with 38 games won and 13 lost, ending the schedule with a .745 percentage. W.L. Mann's team finished second with a 34-17 record.

Business at the Cass City Post Office was heavy this Christmas season with 35,000 letters and cards mailed from here in one 10-day period.

Willis Campbell, district manager of the "Pennies for Peace" campaign in this area, presented Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, with \$33 raised by school students last week.

Cass City's unpaid taxes of \$113.50 were returned to County Treasurer Arthur Wilfitts this week.

Your neighbor says

Christmas Eve at our house

How will you and your family spend Christmas Eve this year? While there are lots of ways, Mrs. Lori (Smith) Puskas formerly of Cass City and now a Bay City resident, says she and her husband do something special.

"We like to read the Christmas story from the Bible on Christmas Eve," Mrs. Puskas says. "Generally, we read from Luke's gospel."

Mrs. Puskas says she and her husband, Frank, who is also a former Cass City area resident, spend Christmas Eve by themselves.

"This year we had an early Christmas with my husband's parents the Sunday before," she explained. "And this year, we'll spend Christmas day with my parents. So we like to set Christmas Eve

aside especially for us."

Mrs. Puskas, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, is a graduate of Cass City High School.



Merry Christmas

May the peace and serenity of the season be in your hearts and in your lives - not only at Christmas, but all through the year. Thanks for your friendly support and patronage.



Eggs by J N R

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ALDEN ASHER
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Trim a tree creatively

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and homemakers are faced with the annual task of organizing their households for the oncoming rush of "season's greeters."

Children everywhere are keyed-up with anticipation, and finding things to keep them occupied and off-the-scene is no minor chore.

Why not give them something interesting to do, save yourself time and do your pocketbook a good turn all at once. Let the children, with the aid of some everyday household items and a container of Elmer's Glue-All or new (washable) Elmer's School Glue, direct their creativity toward making Christmas ornaments this year.

Put the oldest child in charge of directing tree-trim-making activities and set up rules for the rest of the youngsters to follow.

Or, if all the children are a young age, you might consider asking for help from your favorite babysitter. Home-baked holiday cookies might be an irresistible reward. (You might even enjoy a bit of creative play-time yourself!)

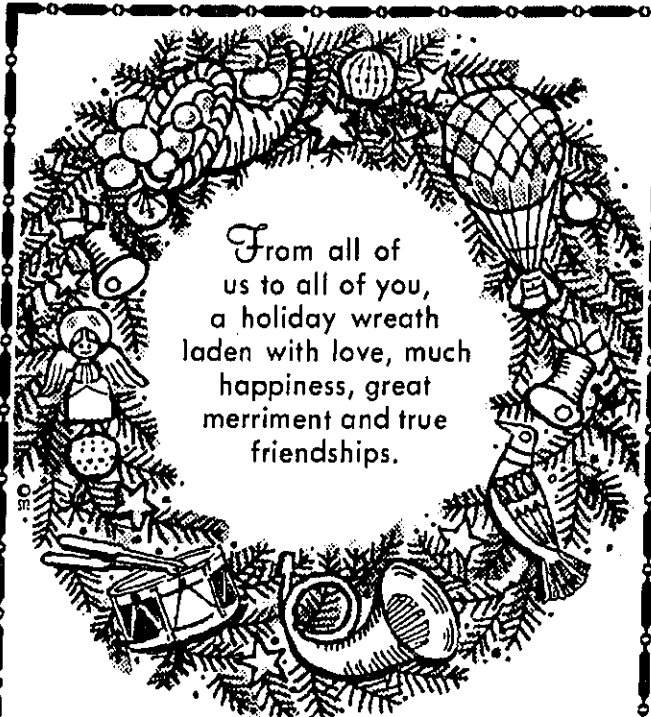
Here are some easy, inventive ideas to start you off, so get the children together, give them a container of Elmer's and just take it from there!

(Note: If children are very young, give them new Elmer's School Glue, made to wash out of fabrics easily. Now you can let the little ones get into the Christmas spirit without worrying about the mess they'll make!)

Angel tree-topper



FOR THE ANGEL, decorate a cone of white paper (or a cone-shaped drink cup) with silver ric-rac. Wings are two pipe cleaners covered with tissue paper folded over and glued to itself. Tape wings and a pair of pipe cleaner arms to back of cone. Angel's head is a painted rubber ball (sequin features and cotton hair added), hollowed to fit the cone, and glued in place with Elmer's.



From all of us to all of you, a holiday wreath laden with love, much happiness, great merriment and true friendships.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your loyalty

FIRST AUTOMOTIVE

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Greetings

As the Yule log glows, so glow our feelings as we extend warm greetings to our customers and friends. Thank you and Happy Holiday to all.

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Cass City



All Good Wishes

May the light of Christmas shine on you and your loved ones, bringing true happiness. We deeply appreciate your loyal patronage.

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Creche Art Dramatizes Story Of Birth Of Christ

Whole families fashioned the little figures from wood or clay and created replicas of Bethlehem, as they imagined it would look. Often these scenes looked more like their own villages than the Holy Land.



THE BRIGHTEST STAR

In the East, the star of Bethlehem shone so bright. Its light reconfirms our hopes today. Let the glories of the season be yours.

HAHN'S TREE SALES and EDW. J. HAHN REAL ESTATE
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the holidays fill us, young and old, with the wonder of childhood. Best wishes and thanks to our good neighbors.

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CASS CITY

able art because of the interest of the Bourbon King Carlo III, who set the pace by the elaborate settings of the Nativity scene, which he had set up in his castle every Christmas Eve.

The members of the court took up the hobby of their king and soon all the great Neapolitan families were vying with each other to produce brilliant and lavish creche displays. They employed the talents of the best sculptors and the ladies of the great houses frequently made elaborate clothes of velvets and satins for the figures.

The most outstanding of these figures were produced in the workshops of Naples during the second half of the eighteenth century. The Metropolitan Museum has a large collection of them, which are usually on display during the Christmas season.

season. Most of these are from the famous collection owned by the great Neapolitan Catello family.

The figures, an average of 12 to 18 inches in height, have pliable bodies of woven twine and wire, expressive faces. The limbs are of finely carved wood. The figures are dressed in 18th century costumes, enriched with jewels and embroidery. The heads and shoulders of the figures, modeled in terracotta and painted in flesh tones, are credited to some of 18th-century Naples' finest sculptors: Giuseppe Sammartino and his pupils, Salvatore de Franco, Giuseppe Gori and Angelo Viva.

Creches are also popular in other parts of Europe notably Provence in France, and in Spain. But none has reached the high degree of artistic elegance of those of 18th century Naples.



AWED SHEPHERDS AND THEIR GOATS, polychromed terracotta, wood, fabric, tow and wire. Shepherds 15 1/2" high. Italian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of 18th century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.



ANGEL WITH CENSER, attributed to Giuseppe Sammartino. Polychromed terracotta, wood, fabric, tow and wire and silver-gilt, 15" high. Italian (Neapolitan) 2nd half of 18th century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Loretta H. Howard.

DUTCH GREAT GREAT UNCLAS
The original Dutch settlers in New York (then, New Amsterdam) named their first church after Saint Nicholas.

IN THE NICK OF TIME
In Europe, Saint Nicholas appears on a white horse carrying baskets of treats for children who have been good and birch rods for those who have misbehaved.

PROEILICHE WEIHNACHTEN
German settlers in Pennsylvania were the first known users of Christmas trees in America as early as 1746. That makes 1973 the 227th anniversary year!

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, Please send me some new toys for Christmas. Also books, puzzles, a coloring book and crayons and a dolly. I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
Connie Schneeberger

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the things you sent me last year. I would like a toy tractor, cars and trucks.



David Twork

Dear Santa, My name is Michele Lea and I am 17 1/2 months old. My Mommy and Daddy said I've been a pretty good girl this year.

For Christmas I'd like a Patches McGee Doll, a corn popper, Digger the Dog, Molly-Moo cow, a Musical TV, and a Rocking chair.

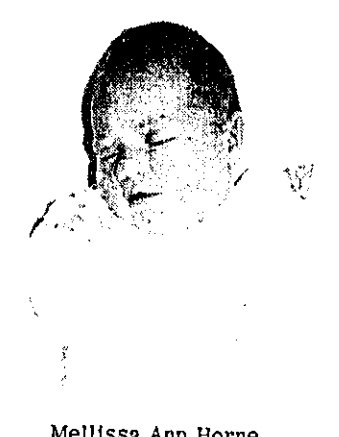


Michele Lea Horne

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the things you sent me last year. I would like a Baby Alive, roller-skates and a tape recorder. Please leave something for my mom and dad and my dog.



Your friend, Cindy Twork



Melissa Ann Horne

My sister's name is Melissa Ann, she's only 2 months old. My Mommy and Daddy said she's been a good girl also.

She'd like a Pony Parade Musical, Squeak-A-Boo Rattle, Happy Apple, Shake'n Roll Rattle, and a Happy Blue Bird Music Box for Christmas.

We'll leave you some cookies and milk and sugar for your reindeer.

Love,
Michele Lea & Melissa Ann Horne

Riding Club sets meeting

The January meeting of the Indian Trails Riding Club will be held Thursday, Jan. 2, at the home of Art Dumaw, 2731 W. Kinde Rd., Kinde. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

It's true—all things come to those who wait—on themselves.

Thumb Chiropractors elect officers

The Thumb Chiropractic Association recently elected new officers as follows: Dr. Elfrida Conrad, Sandusky President; Dr. R. Grant Wilson, Marlette Vice-president; Dr. Thomas Mawdesley, Deckerville Treasury; and Dr. Paul Lockwood, Cass City Secretary.

The meeting was held in Dr. Mawdesley's office in Deckerville. Various conditions were discussed, particularly hypoglycemia and pancreatic tests and trigger point therapy.

FORGE AHEAD
Never waste time reflecting on opportunities you have lost—chances are you'll lose more.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With old-fashioned warmth and lots of good cheer, we wish you a Merry Christmas... and thank you for your continued friendship and patronage.

ANDERSON'S THUMB APPLIANCE

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Cass City



MERRY CHRISTMAS

All aboard this holiday train. It's right on track to bring a full load of good will and friendship your way. Enjoy it... have a happy day! Serving you is our ticket to pleasure.

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We're stitching up a Merry Christmas for Everyone

Here's wishing friends extra yardage on holiday joy. Special thanks.

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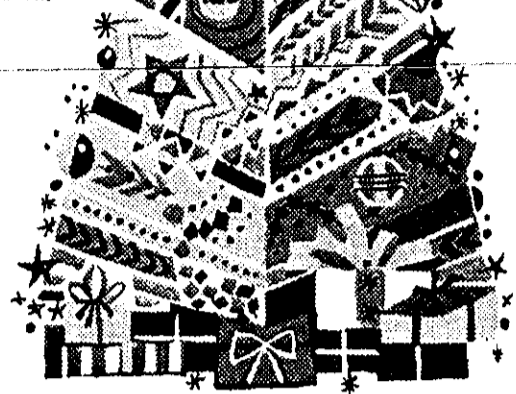
Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone OL 8-3092

Merry Christmas

May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season.

This greeting comes your way with deep appreciation for your patronage and good will.



AUTEN MOTOR SALES

Cass City

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk spent the week end with Willard Beelan at Holland for an early Christmas dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stahl and family of Caseville were Saturday guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Friday evening guests of Emma Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob LePia of Yale were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peter and family and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday dinner guests at the Jerry Cleland home.

Mary Sweeney and Kathy and Mrs. Dave Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCarty Friday. Allan McCarty came home Thursday

after spending several days in St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tracy were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family and Mrs. Hubert Hunderson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy where they helped Mrs. Schenk celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Paul Streussnig and

Jody and Mrs. Bob Swackhamer of Bad Axe were Friday guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Greenleaf Extension Christmas party was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jim Doerr. After a salad luncheon, there was a Christmas program and an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Henry Jackson visited Rose Strauss and Lillian Otulakowski Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mrs. Fred Maurer of Sandusky was a Monday afternoon visitor at the Curtis Cleland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson of Bad Axe were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Twenty-two members of "The Happy Hearts Bible Class" met at the Holbrook Baptist church Thursday for their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged.



Merry Christmas

In appreciation for our many friends, we wish you a merry Christmas season topped with a rich frosting of happiness.

Hillside Beauty Salon

Sandy Scott - Terry Alegria
Mary Schrader - Kathy Root
Cass City



BETTER HEALTH

Beware! Alcohol and pills don't mix



BY DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ and DR. WILLIAM J. WELCH

Pain relievers, sleeping tablets, tranquilizers, anti-histamines, aspirin, antibiotics, hypoglycemics, anti-convulsants - pill, pills, pills. The list is endless, the amounts consumed astronomical, the good they do an article of American faith.

But that good is a very serious hazard when alcohol is consumed along with them. Yet by the million, pills are going down the hatch of unsuspecting Americans who, almost literally, chase their medicines with alcohol, apparently unaware that they can not only do their bodies harm, they may do away with themselves altogether.

It ought to be common knowledge, though clearly it is not, that alcohol and sleeping pills, when taken at the same time or too close together, even in so-called "ordinary" amounts, can result in coma and death.

Narcotics, sedatives, anti-anxiety drugs, tranquilizers and antihistamines all depress the central nervous system to some degree. No-body should underestimate the danger of drinking alcohol, which is chemically a first cousin of the venerable

anesthetic, "ether", even in sociable amounts, when also taking such medications.

Interaction between alcohol and other drugs vary from one individual to another, with the amount of alcohol consumed and with the duration of the abuse of large amounts of alcohol.

Though the majority of American adults, and one gathers that close to a majority of young American adults, drink alcohol to some degree, very little attention has been paid to the problem of mixing cocktails and medications.

Many men and women with a drinking problem have learned that the pill antabuse is unnoticed by the body when taken regularly. But when it is mixed in the body with alcohol, it produces violent flushing of the face, severe abdominal cramps, vomiting, confusion and even transient madness. This catastrophic conflict with alcohol is the basis for its use on a regular, daily schedule, as a deterrent to the subject's impulse to take a drink.

Similar antabuse-like symptoms can occur when alcohol is mixed with some antibiotics and also with certain of the oral medications used to lower the blood sugar of diabetics.

Anticoagulants (the blood-thinning agent used to lessen the tendency of blood to clot), on the other hand, may be made less than effective in chronic drinkers of alcohol, or may overshoot its effect and cause bleeding in someone who is acutely drunk. The same perverse reactions are often observed in those who take anticonvulsants to prevent epileptic seizures.

Aspirin, which alone can cause a malfunction of part of the normal blood-clotting mechanism and bring on

intestinal bleeding, may be much more likely to produce this often disastrous complication when alcohol is present in the system.

The means by which alcohol produces these unwelcome effects is various. Sometimes it simply adds its toxic capacity to the potentially toxic effect of the drug in question. It may, as we say, potentiate the effect, that is, not just add its toxicity but multiply it to make a combination much more powerful than the simple additive effect would be.

Sometimes it produces its bad effects by interfering with the body's metabolic processes of the liver with results that may make a given drug underactive or overactive, often depending on how much or how little alcohol one drinks.

If you have to take medicine, and you wonder whether the simultaneous taking of alcohol will be harmful or not, the chances are very good you will be right if you assume you should go on the wagon.



We hope your holiday scores high in fun and good cheer, and we extend the best.

We thank you for your kind patronage

Irene & Ray Schweikart

"CASS CITY LANES"

Brownies receive badges at Yule party

Cass City Brownie Troop 664 received badges during a Christmas party held Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Elkland Township Cultural Center. The girls also presented their mothers with Christmas presents they had made.

The troop includes Angel Pena, Susan Sheldon, Carol Curtis, Chris Curtis, Barb Craig, Lisa Easton, Juanita Bradley, Teresa Turnbull, Wendy Pomeroy, Debbie McIntosh, Jamie LaRoche, Pam Merchant and Nancy Rands.



Merry Christmas

May Santa find your home bright with happiness at holiday time. We appreciate your patronage. Laethem Equipment Co. Phone 673-3939 Caro

PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN

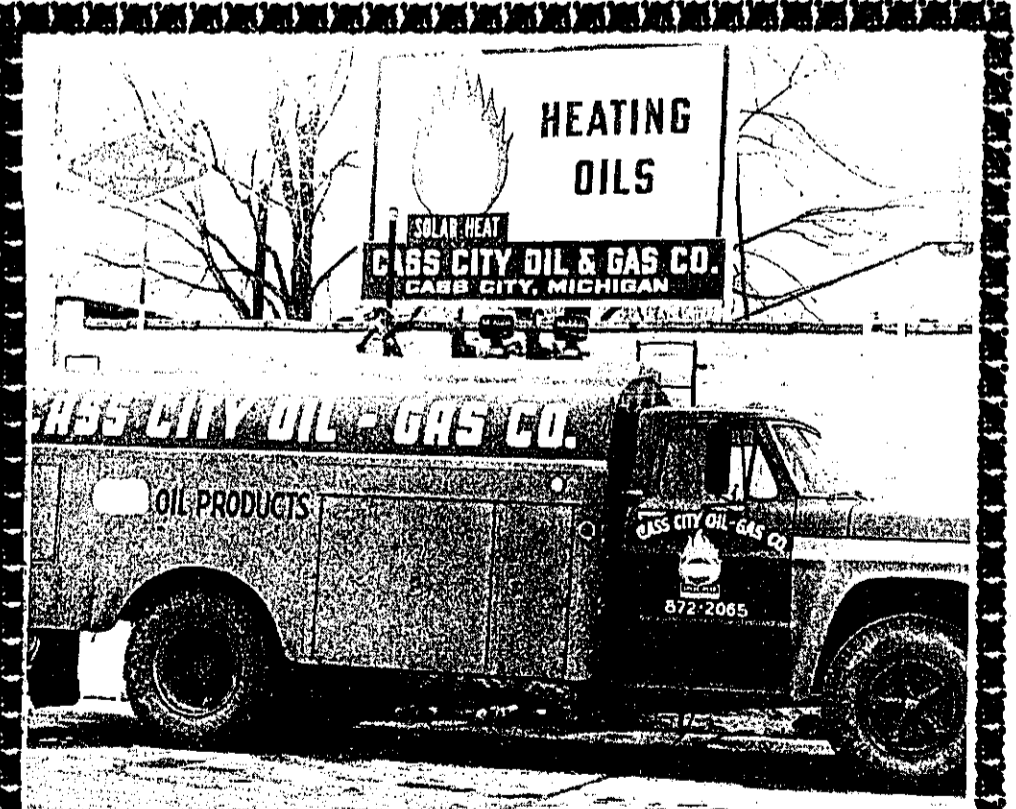
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READY FOR THIS SPECIAL DELIVERY TO ALL OF YOU
Season's Greetings
CASS CITY OIL & GAS CO.

Who cares about future of communities, MSU prof. asks

Does anyone care about the future of Michigan and its communities?

That's the question asked by Dr. Daniel Kruger, professor of industrial relations at Michigan State University. "America's love affair with the automobile seems to be in drastic revision," says Kruger, "and if the auto industry is not so vibrant as it has been, what else do we do?"

With newspapers and other leaders as a conscience to stimulate interest, committees should delve into these questions, he suggests.

"We should look at what we have now—the businesses in a community and their problems," Kruger says. "We should see if there are any growth possibilities within the existing base."

A look at zoning regulations, for example, might show that a business would not be able to relocate within a community if it so desired. There just might not be any place it could go—without leaving the city boundaries.

Kruger believes communities should take a hard look at where they stand today, where they want to go tomorrow and how they can get there.

And there's the problem of electrical power, as just one more example. Kruger mentions the prospects of businesses moving elsewhere if they cannot be guaranteed adequate power to carry out their operations.

Communities must be rallied to consider these problems and ask themselves what they want from the future, Kruger says.

and arm are to be extended horizontally.

--For right turns, the hand and arm are to be extended upward.

--For stops, the hand and arm are to be extended downward.

The bill eliminates the present all-purpose horizontal hand signal used by drivers with no signaling devices on their cars. That all-purpose signal was used to indicate stopping, starting and turning in any direction, Anderson notes.

Where Are They?

'Twas a bad year for gypsy moths in Michigan, and that's good, says the Department of Agriculture.

Recovery of traps last summer shows a "drastic reduction" in the insect population, the Department reported recently.

Dean Lovitt, plant industry division chief, says the trapping to find infestations in 1974 covered nearly the entire state. Some 122 moths were found in nine counties—compared to 15 times that many in 21 counties last year.

The moth larvae eat leaves and defoliate millions of acres of forests in other states.

Same All Over

Individual citizens can influence the goings-on of government.

So says Democratic State Rep. Thomas Anderson of Southgate, chief sponsor of a recently approved bill dealing with motorists' hand signals.

Anderson says a Wyandotte Public Schools driver education teacher, Morley P. Bingham, contacted him about the state of Michigan's driving signals. Michigan, he said, was the only state in the country not using the federal uniform traffic code standard hand signals for vehicle turning.

So Anderson came up with a bill that calls for these hand signals:

--For left turns, the hand

Warning Siren

Beware of false advertising by some ambulance companies.

That warning comes from Rod Palmer, president of the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Technicians.

Palmer says only three Michigan areas—Kent and Washtenaw counties and the city of Southfield—are currently permitted to provide intravenous injections and other services limited to those who've completed advanced emergency medical technician training.

Legislation authorizing establishment of advanced emergency medical technician programs has been signed into law. But, Palmer says, it's expected to take some six months before that program is working statewide.

However, Palmer adds, "a few irresponsible ambulance providers, non-members of (his association) already are claiming to operate mobile cardiac and trauma units and implying the capacity to administer intravenous injections and drugs and highly technical cardiac care."

"This is more than false advertising," he contends. "It is a public hazard and one the public should know about."

NEWS FROM

District Court

Toby Rosalind Spencer of Kingston in Kingston twp. was ticketed for having no proof of insurance on person. She paid fine and costs of \$6.

David Thomas Bliss of Cass City was ticketed for exceeding statewide speed law (Night) 70 mph in a 55 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$30.

Donna Mae LaFave of Gageton in the village of Caro was ticketed for making a prohibited left turn. She paid fine and costs of \$10.

Gordon Orville Wascher of Kingston in Denmark twp. was ticketed for faulty equipment (muffler and exhaust system). He paid fine and costs of \$6.

Douglas Scott Bennett of Gageton in Elkland twp. was ticketed for no operator's license on person. He paid fine and costs of \$6.

Pauline Nora Bills of Cass City in Akron twp. was ticketed for excessive speed 70 mph in a 55 mile zone. She paid fine and costs of \$30. She also paid fine and costs of \$25

for disregard of a stop sign. Janice Marie Smith of Cass City in Ellington twp. was ticketed for speeding 69 mph in an allowed 55 mile zone. She paid fine and costs of \$30.

Elsie Nichol of Kingston in Wells twp. was ticketed for speeding 67 mph in a 55 mile zone (radar). She paid fine and costs of \$30.

Robert W. Green of Ubyly in the village of Gageton was ticketed for running a stop sign. He paid fine and costs of \$15.

Jeffery Lynn Warner of Deford in the village of Cass City was ticketed for exceeding posted speed limit 40 mph in a 25 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$30.

James Michael Lenhard of Gageton in Almer twp. was ticketed for speeding 65 mph in a 55 mile zone. He paid fine and costs of \$20.

Jane Marie White of Cass City in the village of Cass City was ticketed for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mile zone (radar). She paid fine and costs of \$30.



PEACE to all this Christmas Season and Joy in every moment.

BASSETT MANUFACTURING CO.

FROM BETTY & BOB BASSETT



Rejoice! Today, as in His time, let us rejoice and renew faith at this Holy Season. Thank you.

EICHER'S CLEANERS

Cass City and Pigeon

Greetings



More than a wealth of good wishes do we send you at this, the most joyous season of the year. We're proud to claim you as friends.

CLARE'S SUNOCO SERVICE

6597 Main Cass City

Greetings



Season's best to you, this Christmas Day. We appreciate the patronage shown to us.

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May the light of friendship shine over your home and bring its blessings this holiday season

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Turn plastic drink-cup covers into charming decorations: cut off the rims, spread Elmer's glue generously on both sides to hold glitter, beads, buttons.

Styrofoam balls make interesting tree ornaments when decorated with gift-wrap ribbon, trim, sequins and beads in colorful, imaginative patterns.

Make papier maché tree ornaments; soak shredded newspaper in water; drain, then mix in Elmer's Glue-All. Mold ornaments and let dry, then paint.

CHRISTMAS LESSON

How do you say Christmas in German? Try "Heilige Nacht," which roughly translates into "Holy Night."



Merry Christmas

We extend old-fashioned good wishes and earnest thanks to you, our valued customers.

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CASS CITY

GREETINGS




To all of you, the merriest of Christmases is what we're wishing. May fondest memories endure. Thanks, most warmly.

WASH KING LAUNDRY

CASS CITY

MERRY CHRISTMAS



In the glow of this happy season, we thank you for the loyalty you have shown. Joy to all.

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Hans, Helga and family
Nancy-Jim-Ada-Jack

Cass City

greetings



Impala Sport Coupe

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We're ready to roll up and wish you a very Merry Christmas. Thanks for your confidence.

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Rediscover Christmas with shared traditions, direct family efforts toward conservation

By CAROL ANNE MUELLER
Metro Newspaper Service

"Twas the night before Christmas" . . . and, once upon a time, 'twas a time for family togetherness, for close friends to visit, for hot cider and tradition-filled tree-trimming parties, when children made their own decorations, and cries of "Pass the Elmer's!" were heard through the house.

Of late, however, too often the "night before Christmas" is merely the night when last-minute shoppers are caught in the blind stampede for the last size 12 robe on the rack, the first of the 1/2 price sales on semi-melted chocolate decorations, the last lonely tree in the lot.

The soft glow of candle-light has been replaced by the glare of electric bulbs, the serenity of the Christmas carol drowned under the noise of "Santa-rock" swelling through every department store.



IGNORED BY COMMERCIAL CARDS? . . . then make your own! Let children make their own colorful, collage Christmas cards by using roughly-torn shapes torn or cut from translucent, colored tissue paper. Let them experiment with interesting color-over-color effects, gluing paper down with a thin coat of Elmer's Glue-All or Elmer's Washable School Glue. Glaze made by brushing Elmer's over the finished picture creates the shining, translucent effect. Hint: when gluing paper, try to spread Elmer's evenly, not too thickly.

With today's trend toward nostalgia, however (in music, fashion, theater, movies), comes an awareness of what has been rapidly fading from our celebration of this tender holiday.

In the mad rush to outdo the Jones' presents, the Smiths' Christmas lights and the Browns' outdoor speaker system blaring "Merry Christmas, ho, ho, ho," we have almost lost the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is for sharing: of affection, of caring, of love and brotherhood. Christmas is for filling the house with tenderness togetherness, cooperation and creation . . . for a sharing of energies and efforts.

Why not try to make this Christmas different from those past, by getting everyone in the family involved. Create your own Christmas present to the rest of the world, by conserving, re-using, recycling, rather than wasting as has been the style of late.

The Borden Company has, in this light, published two family craft booklets, for Christmas and year-round, with suggestions for making things out of what you have, rather than buy-

Holiday crafts to delight young and old



GLITTERING CHRISTMAS TREE is easy-to-make with gold foil paper. Cut foil paper into six-inch strips. Fold each strip lengthwise so that to one side of fold it is 3/4 inch narrower than the other. Slash through the folded side every 1/4 inch or so to within 1/2 inch of the short edge. Use Elmer's to glue edges together so that narrower side is even with the wider side, to create a flounced effect. Starting at the bottom of a paper cone, take each strip prepared this way and glue it around the tree, covering the top part of the last ruffle with the next ruffle. Top the tree off with gold trim and a small ornament.



SANTA CLAUS CARD HOLDER is a tidy way to stow away all those greetings, and makes a cute ornament when hung over the mantle. Using a square of red felt, fold up the bottom third and glue edges together to form a pocket. This is Santa's body. Give him felt arms, head, face, hat and belt. Use cotton for his hair and buttons for trim. Glue it all with Elmer's. Hang with a yarn loop glued to his back and stow cards in his "pocket." A cute idea for decorating your home, or for children to make and give to Grandma.



NO-BAKE CERAMICS . . . easy, fun



TO GIVE OR GET . . . Anyone can now easily do their own ceramic decorative piece without a kiln or firing. Bisque-Kits, a new hobby/craft kit, comes complete with a finely sculptured kiln fired ceramic bisque piece, a palette of the unique Master Stroke colors and stains especially formulated to finish ceramics without firing, paint brush, paint sponge for antiquing and highlighting, and a paint-by-number instruction sheet. Hobbyists who want to be individually creative can use the colors as they are or mix them and paint the piece to their eyes' desire. Thirty subjects to

choose from: charming collectible figures, table center-pieces, candlestick holders, bowls, wall plaques, and humorous spirit decanters to liven up any party. From about \$3.50 to \$7.50 at hobby, craft, and department stores.

CHRISTMAS BELLS are made from disposable drinking cups. Decorate with ric-rac trim and glue glitter to rims with Elmer's. For clappers use two small ornaments or jingle bells on lengths of knotted yarn strung through holes in top of ball. Tie the yarns together in a bow and hang in a doorway for a melodious season's greetings to visitors.




BEST WISHES for CHRISTMAS

On hand for the holiday . . . jolly good wishes to everyone.

DAMM IMPLEMENT

CASS CITY

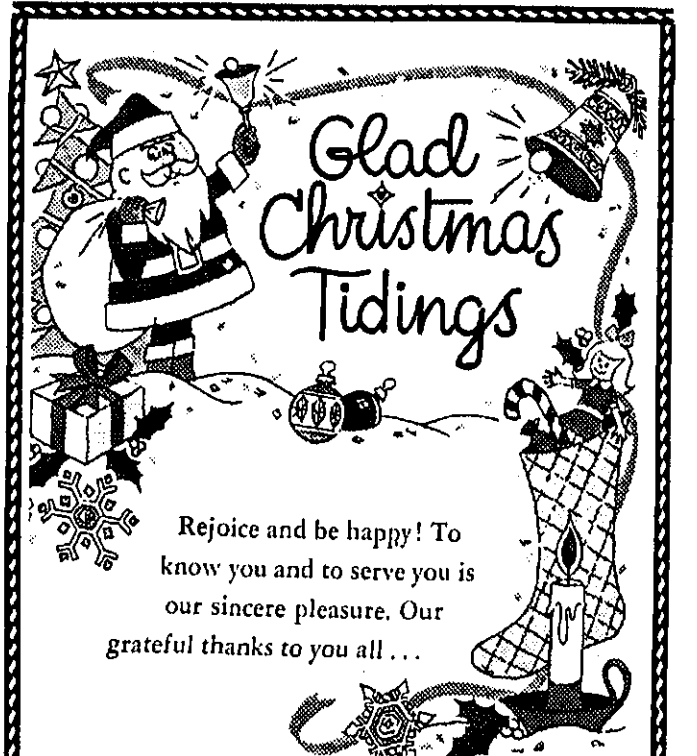


Best Wishes for Christmas

We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Crossroads Restaurant

M-53 & Bay City-Forestville Rds.
Cass City



Glad Christmas Tidings

Rejoice and be happy! To know you and to serve you is our sincere pleasure. Our grateful thanks to you all . . .

RABIDEAU MOTORS & FARM SALES

Cass City

Merry Christmas



We wish to express sincere thanks to all our fine customers. It's a pleasure to serve you.

SANDY'S BEAUTY SALON

KATHY SMITH - PATTY MARTIN
CASS CITY

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You Will Too!

The Cass City State Bank

Cass City, Michigan

December 25, 1974

Dear Santa Claus,

"How sweet it is" to live in Cass City! And what a Town it is! How nice our Main Street looks with it's new curb and gutters!

The Firemen are happy with the new Fire Hall. The Hospital is going well with four new Doctors in town to feed it. With the beautiful new nursing home we all look forward to old age with pleasure.

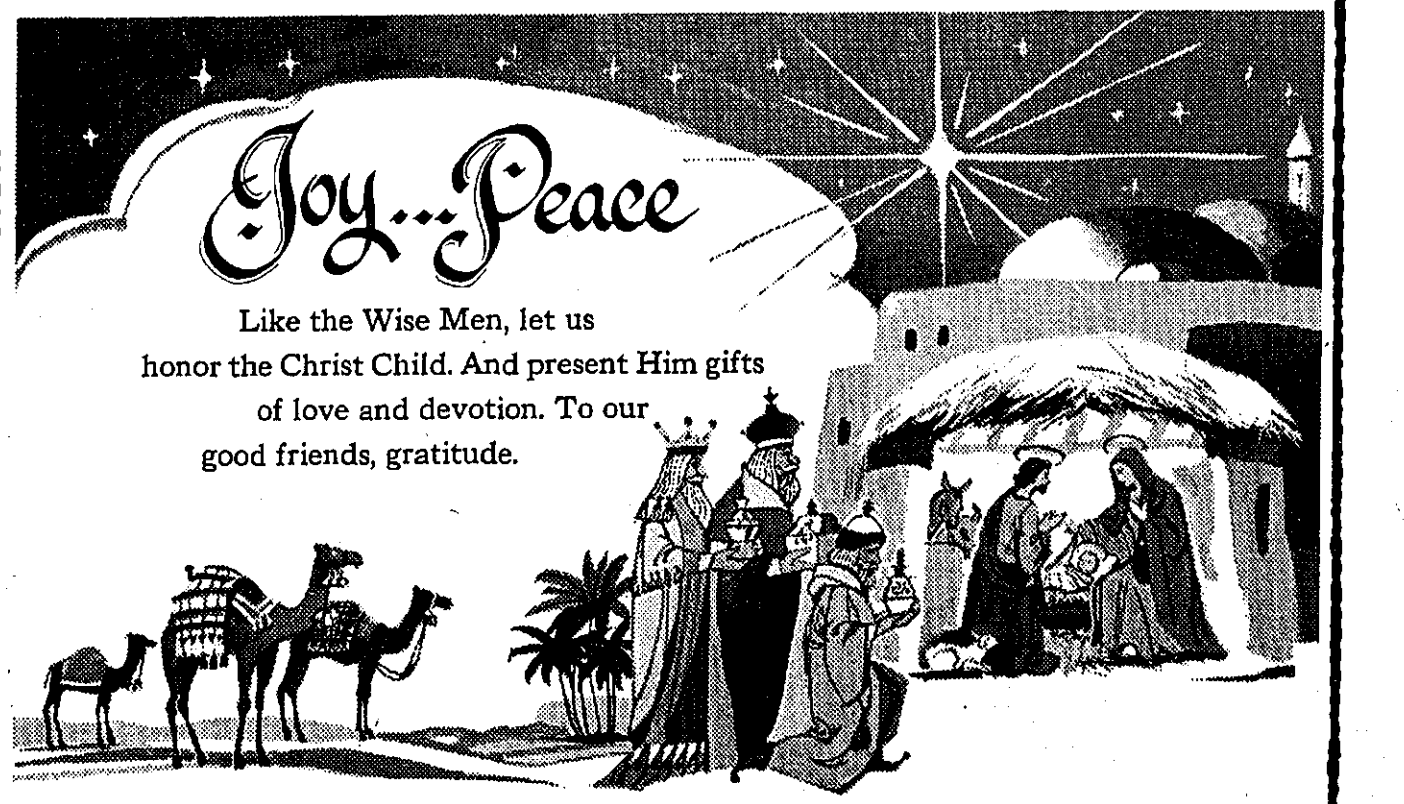
The Business places are being improved. New homes are being built. Curly Calka says the town has everything except a new Cass City State Bank. We know the bank is small but it is full of warmth and good cheer,

And wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Betty
- Mardi
- Marsha
- Pat
- Sherryl
- Art
- Fred
- Larry
- Meredith

Joy...Peace

Like the Wise Men, let us honor the Christ Child. And present Him gifts of love and devotion. To our good friends, gratitude.



TUCKEY BLOCK

CASS CITY & CARO



Greetings

Santa's coming along spreading lots of holiday cheer. And, he's delivering special thanks to our nice friends.

L & S STANDARD SERVICE
Cass City

Shabbona News
Marie Meredith Phone 672-9489

Miss Julie Smith was a Tuesday supper guest of Cindy and Susie Smith.

PIONEER GROUP
The Pioneer Group held their Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Decker Masonic Hall with 19 present. Due to bad roads, the attendance was small.

After dinner, a short business meeting was conducted with Mrs. Fred Emigh in charge. Singing of Christmas carols was held. Mrs. Maude Holcomb gave a reading.

The Jan. 23 meeting will also be at the Decker Masonic Hall.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Julie and Donnie, were Tuesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap Sr. to help Erma celebrate her birthday.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
The RLDS Women's Department met Thursday evening, Dec. 19, with Mrs. Ryerson Paterbaugh. Twelve persons were present.

Mrs. Don Smith, Women's Leader, called the meeting to order by reading a Christmas story. The worship service

was conducted by Mrs. Dean Smith. Each member present told about a Christmas they could remember best. Those taking part in games and reading were: Mrs. George Krause, Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mrs. Voyle Dorman and Mrs. Wilfred Turner. The Dorman sisters sang Christmas Carols.

A gift exchange was held and many also received secret friend gifts.

A lunch was served by the hostess. The Jan. 16 meeting will be with Marie Meredith and the worship by Mrs. Kritzman.

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A student program was held Thursday morning, Dec. 19, at the Evergreen School with parents as guests.

EXTENSION
The Shabbona Extension Group met Monday evening, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. Larry Hollis with 20 present.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Laurence Hyatt. All repeated the Women's Creed in unison along with a moment of silent prayer. Roll call was answered with "The best Christmas that I can remember." The secretary and treasurer report was read by Marie Meredith.

Mrs. Jim McIntosh was asked to report on the Christmas tea. Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Citizenship Chairman, reported the group should express its opinion on the railroad situation.

Plans were made regarding the 25th anniversary. The group is still looking for the historian's book.

The next meeting will be at the RLDS church with Marie Meredith, Mrs. Laurence Hyatt, Mrs. Paul Murray and Mrs. William Jones.

Secret friend gifts were exchanged and revealed. New names were drawn for the coming year.

A luncheon of Christmas salads and crackers was served by the hostess.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL

WE WISH TO THANK OUR POLICY HOLDERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED CONFIDENCE AND PATRONAGE IN 1974


HARRIS-HAMPSHIRE Insurance Agency

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Newell Dick CASS CITY

The Meaning of Christmas

By The Rev. SMITH L. LAIN
Editor, FINDINGS
Author, "Prayer," in the NEW BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE
The Episcopal Church Center
New York, N. Y.



Christmas is the time when . . .

We make approximately 75 per cent of our yearly profits. The time roughly between Thanksgiving and Christmas is our busiest season in the store. Easter is busy, too, but nothing like Christmas.

— a retail merchant

My wife and I think mostly about the kids. We had lots of fun when we were growing up, and we want our kids to have fun, too. Sure, we may go a little overboard on toys and all that sort of thing, but what the heck? Christmas is for kids, isn't it?

— a young father

We really go all out on music. Last year we hired a brass quartet to accompany the boys' choir. The congregation really loved it. The only trouble is that this year we'll have to come up with something even better or they'll think we are slipping.

— a church organist

People think they are celebrating an historical event. But they really aren't, you know. No one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth. The primitive church didn't even celebrate Christmas. Eventually the church settled on December 25th as a way to baptize an already popular, pagan holiday to celebrate the fact that the depth of winter was over and the days were getting longer again.

— a historian

Some of us get leave. Next Christmas I'll be home. I hope. It's a time when everybody should be home.

— a serviceman overseas

I get tired. The kids are on vacation. I have a thousand and one things to do — 500 cards to address, a half-dozen parties to go to, gifts for the children and Bob, a dinner party for Bob's boss and his snooty wife, get the tree and decorate it.

— a suburban housewife

People at Christmas time are kind of funny, kind of sad, kind of lonesome. Some are really happy no matter what reasons. Are these people really facing up to what Christmas is really all about? I wonder.

I have a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on my desk, and so I opened it and began to look through it, remembering what these people had said about Christmas. Here are some of the passages I found.

I found an expression of the wonder and humility of a mother expecting her first child, but a child unlike others: And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name . . ." (Luke 1:46-49)

I found the simple, moving story of Christ's birth:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

And further on I found the joyous message of the angels to the shepherds on the hillside outside Bethlehem:

" . . . I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day . . . A Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11-12)

But perhaps, most important of all, I found the story of Christ's life, a life which changed the history of the world and of the relationships between men. He said:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied." "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh." "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven . . ." (Luke 6:20-23)

And further on:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also . . ." (Luke 6:27-29)

For the message of Christmas is not just the familiar and beautiful story of the birth of Christ and of its meaning for mankind. Christmas is the time when we remember the promise fulfilled by the Man who was born on Christmas. The people I have quoted — people not unlike many of us — have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because they have forgotten the promise of Christmas.

The truth of Christmas and the renewal of our belief in the real message of Christmas lies both in our understanding of the simple and at the same time awesome fact of Christ's birth and in our realization of the intimate and immediate way the fulfilled life of Christ touched and touches our lives.

Greetings

May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday. We thank you warmly.

FORT'S STORE CASS CITY
BETTY — PHIL — RALPH — WILMA

Merry Christmas

To you and yours . . . special Yuletide joys. For the patronage shown us, sincere thanks.

Rolling Hills Golf Course
Grant and Mary Hutchinson




Peace on Earth

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we greet you this Happy Season.



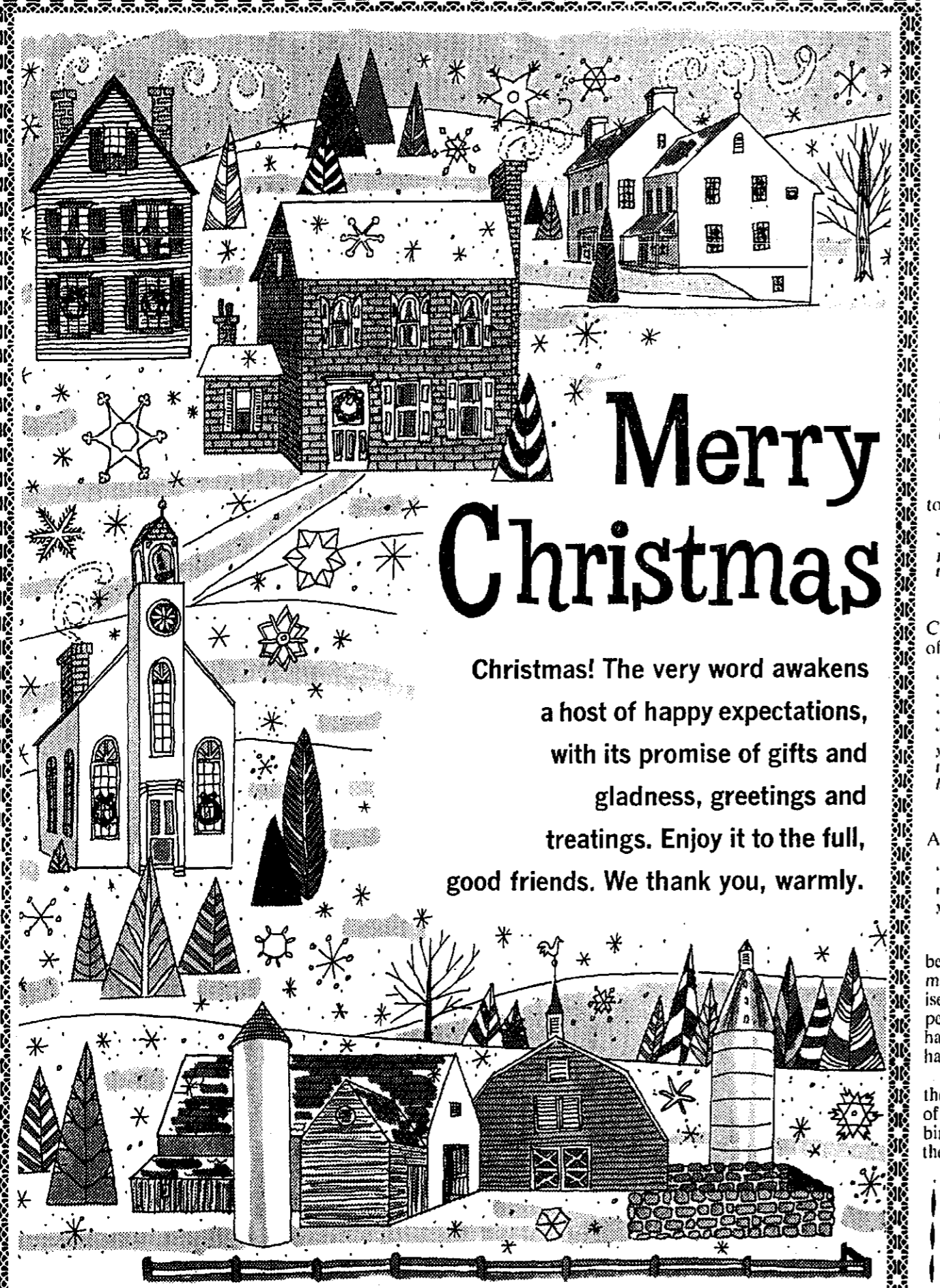
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CARL & IRENE WRIGHT
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU



We're all tuned up to tell you how very much we appreciate your loyal patronage.

DAVE'S MOBIL & NU-WAY MUFFLER CENTER
CASS CITY



Merry Christmas

Christmas! The very word awakens a host of happy expectations, with its promise of gifts and gladness, greetings and treatings. Enjoy it to the full, good friends. We thank you, warmly.

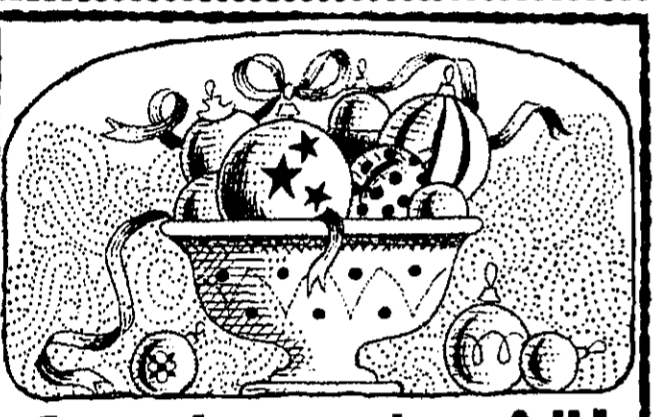
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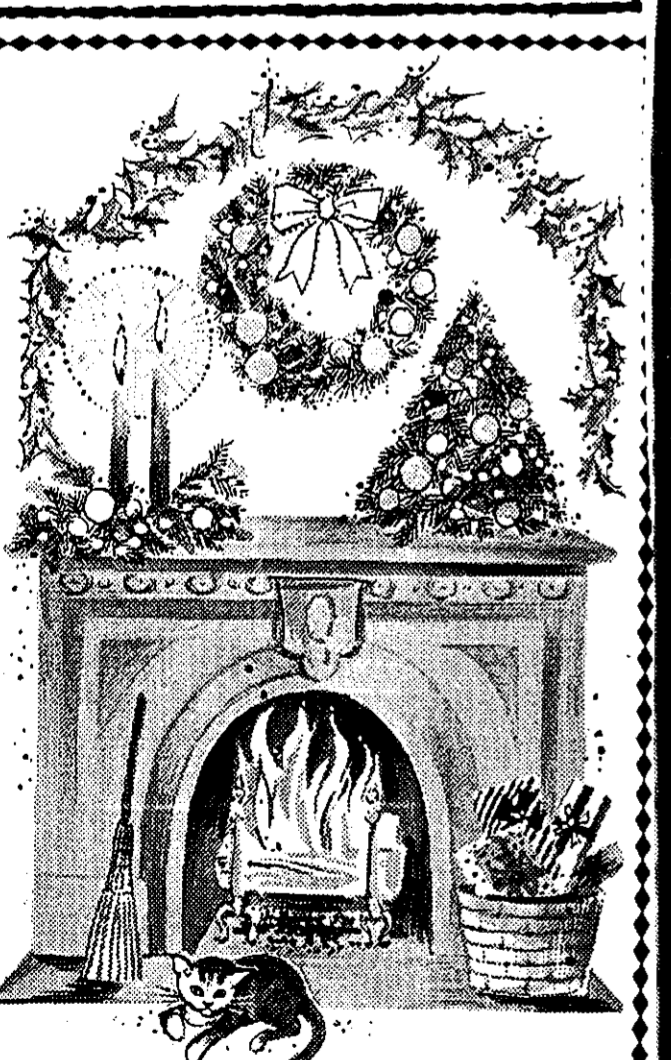
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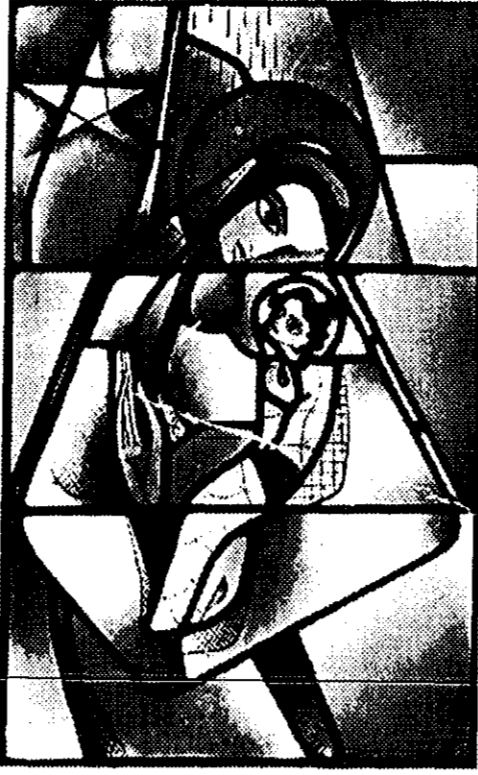
Joyous Greetings
May this Christmas bring you spiritual peace and contentment. It's been a pleasure to serve you.
NEW GREENLEAF GARAGE
CASS CITY



Greetings to All!
Enjoy each happy moment of this family holiday. The best and our thanks, too.
GAMBLES
Lloyd Bryant, and Staff
Cass City



GREETINGS
May your home be warmed by the spirit of the Christmas spirit. And to our loyal patrons and neighbors we extend our thanks.
BARTNIK'S SERVICE
M-81 and M-53
Cass City



Madonna, Child Inspire Glass Art Through Ages

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS by the hundreds depict scenes of the Nativity. Perhaps the most favored subject for these windows is the Virgin Mother and Child.

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, stained glass art reached its peak. A simple sincerity characterizes early windows, such as the Madonna and Child window shown above, at right. A medieval artist whose name is lost in history designed this window for a church in Switzerland. Illustration from Chicago Art Institute.

AS A LIVING ART, stained glass continues to be the medium for evocations picturing Madonna and Child — for example, the scenes from stained glass windows shown above. Illustration at the left is from a window designed by the New Jersey artist George Spiers, for the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Allendale, N.J. Modern interpretation of the Madonna and Child, center, is from a stained glass window designed by Emil Frei, for St. Peter's Church in Kansas City, Mo. Illustrations from Encyclopedia Americana 1969.

ESPECIALLY DESIGNED for this newspaper, and for the pleasure of its readers, is the feature illustration, left, a Nativity scene which expresses the traditional mood of stained glass art in contemporary terms.



Spirit of Christmas Spreads Its Joy

By ANNA MANG
"Merry Christmas, one and all."
With this simple and sincere greeting, all the warmth and excitement of Christmas reaches its peak.

In this community, as in cities and towns throughout the nation and around the world, days and weeks of list-making, gift-shopping, home-decorating, party-planning and Christmas-program-rehearsals are reaching a happy culmination.

Families gather, Santa enters, church bells ring. Christmas arrives!
Every year, Christmas seems to generate more eager anticipation, here and everywhere, with earlier and more enthusiastic planning — appropriately, for part of the spirit and the joy of Christmas is in the planning.

The spirit of Christmas starts with thoughtfulness. It begins in the hearts of each of us. It grows with a hope, a wish, a prayer.

It shows itself, outwardly, in such manifestations as merry songs and bountiful gifts, and in the festive decorations and glowing lights now adorning local streets and stores, homes and churches.

It expresses itself, most deeply, in private devotions and in special services such as those scheduled by local churches.

It is a spirit abounding in legend and lore, in customs and traditions honored through the years. And most of all, it is the spirit of reverence and joy that shepherds and wise men knew.

To capture that spirit is to keep Christmas truly and well, for it enriches all the things this wonderful season stands for.

For Children
Christmas is for children. Candles and cookies and all those holiday goodies, trees gaily adorned and brightly lit, Santa's pack stuffed with surprises — all these things are planned and prepared just for the children.
Or at least, so the grown-ups say, and who's to doubt them?

In a still more special way, Christmas is for children. The manger scene in homes and churches ever reminds us that the Child born in Bethlehem was He who later said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

For Rejoicing
Christmas is for rejoicing. Since first the herald angels sang, this rejoicing has most often found expression in music and song.
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," the angels sang.

Now as in earliest times, the spirit of joy and wonder echoes anew in the hymns and carols of Christmas.

For Giving
Christmas is for giving. The eagerness of children waiting for Santa, the excited plotting and planning that goes into the choosing and wrapping of gifts, the packages heaped beneath the tree happily symbolize the spirit of Christmas.

Even as the Wise Men gave of their most precious treasures, to honor Him, so people give generously at Christmas, and true generosity stems from thoughtfulness — giving with open heart as well as open hand.

For Sharing
Christmas is for sharing. Thus giving to the less fortunate is a traditional part of the Christmas spirit.
Joy grows through sharing, says the holiday message, and sharing is most

blended when it extends not only to those near and dear but to those known only through their need.

For Greetings
Christmas continues as it begins, with "Merry Christmas, one and all." And as long as the spirit of this cheerful greeting prevails, Christmas never really ends.

Yes, Christmas is for greetings, to family, friends and neighbors. "Merry Christmas, one and all," we say, and the spirit of Christmas lives forever in the words.

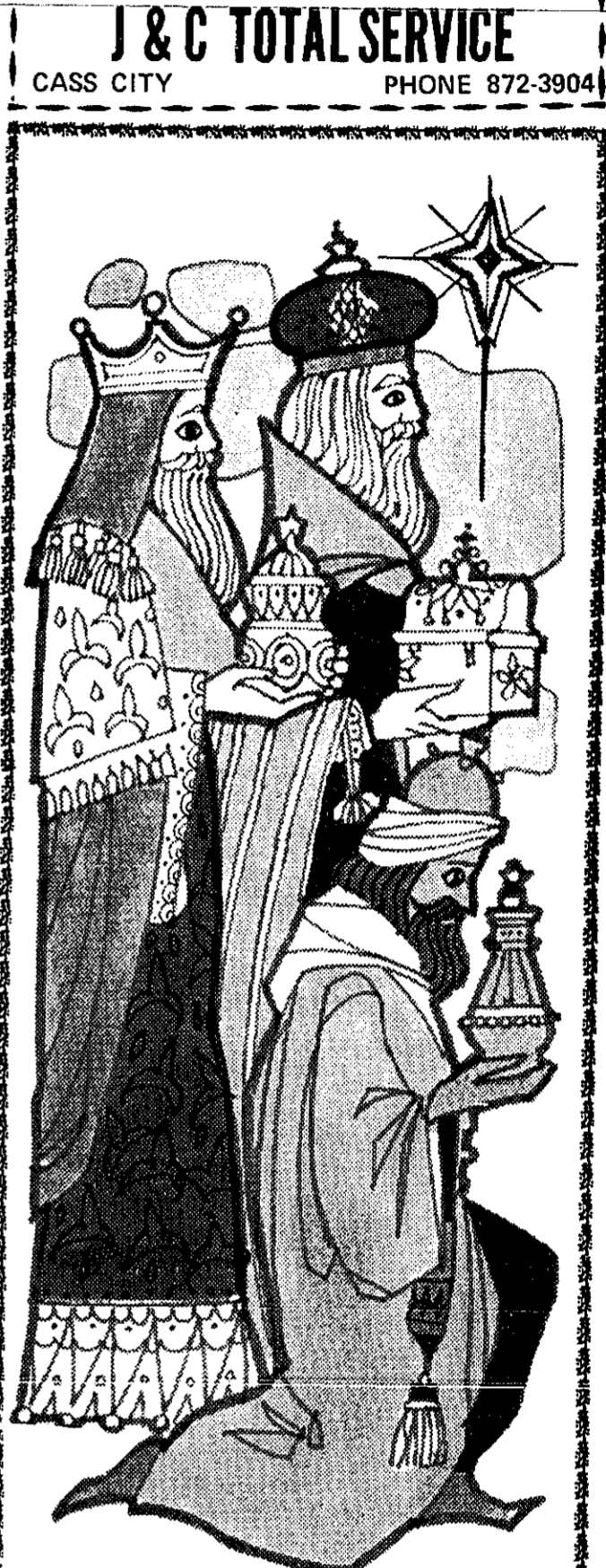
In just this spirit, today's edition of this newspaper is one big Christmas card, filled with greetings from the business firms of the community, who take the opportunity to say, "Merry Christmas, one and all," with special thanks to their patrons and friends.

The Irish place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as a guide and an invitation to all, who like Mary and Joseph, may be seeking shelter.

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table with layers of straw in memory of the night in Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas
Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.
Hillside Barbershop
Cass City

GREETINGS
We're ringing in the holiday season with the best of wishes for you and yours. And a hearty thank you to our faithful patrons.
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CASS CITY PHONE 872-3904



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Wise Men bore gifts from afar...but none more precious than our gift of caring. In the spirit of giving...our gratitude to you!

WALBRO CORPORATION
CASS CITY

May the peace and serenity of this holiday season fill you with hearthside warmth. For your kind patronage, our thanks.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

B. A. CALKA REAL ESTATE Curley & Pauline Calka and Family and Salesmen.

Greetings from Gagetown merchants

AGENT'S CORNER

Plan goal setting workshop

Cynthia Crain - Home Extension Agent

The focus of the Life Workshop Series is to help Planning and Goal Setting you develop personal plan-



Here's our cheery greeting for an old-fashioned Happy Holiday! Your friendship and patronage warm our hearts.

BILL'S FOODLAND

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ning skills for planning your life goals and projects whether it be organizational, personal, career, family, or a combination of these.

The workshop will be taking place at Wildwood Farms Restaurant on M-53. The dates for this three part series are Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 13. The time schedule is the same for each of the three dates; the session starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

There is a fee of \$15.00 for the three part series. This fee includes three lunches and a five dollar workbook that the participant may keep. This fee is to be sent in with your reservation no later than Jan. 10. Contact your Cooperative Extension Service for the address to send your reservation.

This workshop taught by Ann Ross and Aliene Mills, Extension Home Economists, Judy Doerr and Jean Clarke, trained leaders, will help you understand your personal values and improve your skills in goal setting. It is advised to attend the complete series to receive the greatest benefit of the workshop.

If you would like to take charge of your life and decide on future goals and directions with a planned program of action, contact your Cooperative Extension Service. Reservations are limited to 50.

This program is jointly sponsored by Cooperative Extension Service and Extension Homemakers.

4-H Council members told

The 4-H adult leaders and 4-H members have selected their new representatives for the Tuscola county 4-H council. The adult representatives are elected for a three-year term and the teen members for a one-year term, reports Bernie Jardot, 4-H youth agent.

The new adult representatives elected for a three-year term are Ron Emiling of Caro, Dean Hutchinson of Cass City, Mrs. Richard Blackmore of Millington, and Mrs. Lyle Higgins of Akron.

This year five new teen members have been added with full voting rights. They are Valorie Middleton of Mayville, Lori Althaver of Cass City, Linda LeValley of Caro and Lonnie Kester of Millington.

Social custom of exchanging cards grows from one greeting in 1843 to more than 3-billion annually

Most of the traditions of the Christmas season have evolved over the centuries from so many obscure sources and different cultures that their exact origins are almost impossible to trace.

But there is one outstanding exception: the exchange of greeting cards. This social custom, which is now almost universally observed, is one of the youngest of our holiday traditions.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsley, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection, the world's largest private repository of greeting cards and related memorabilia.

Safekeeping

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially-constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsley, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

This was the golden age of Christmas in England, a time when the holidays were observed with greater reverence and more elaborate celebrations than in any period before or since.

The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log, and great family dinners were all in vogue.

The year that Sir Henry's card appeared, incidentally, was also the year in which another of his friends, Charles Dickens, published "A Christmas Carol," the immortal story of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim.

The first Christmas card had three panels. The large center panel showed a family dinner gathering and



TWO PRICELESS CHRISTMAS cards. Top, the first card ever produced for the holidays. Bottom, another early version of Yule greeting card.

the two side panels illustrated the still popular holiday charities of feeding the hungry and clothing the needy. Beneath the illustrations was the universal greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Well researched

An American antiquarian and international authority on greeting cards, Carroll A. Means, of Woodbridge, Conn., was instrumental in the research that proved the Cole-Horsley to be the first Christmas card. And in 1959, Means was commissioned to institute a search for copies of the original.

That year he traced one specimen through the family of Sir Rowland Hill, founder of penny postage in England, and two years later, Means brought the second Cole-Horsley to this country, the unsigned specimen.

Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen (who might have been the forebears of Santa Claus), plum puddings, holly and mistletoe.

At this point, the production of cards coincided with use of ornamental paper and color reliefs. They were usually either lithographed in copper-plate engravings or colored by hand, as was the Cole-Horsley.

Followed trend

Lithographs were crudely stenciled in color, cut out and pasted on the cards, and plain embossed reliefs were tinted. The cards at- test to the Victorian trend toward embellishment. "Frosting" was a new method of decoration.

It was originally produced by a substance made from fine glass blown into bubbles and then burst.

At the end of the 19th Century, a decoration known as "jeweling" became popular. This effect was obtained from a thin film of copper which was heated after being chemically treated.

Lace paper was also used extensively. And ultimately, just about every other means of decoration was used including natural grass, seaweed, dried flow-

ers, crewel-work, velvet and chenille, and anything else that could be adhered to paper.

The first Christmas cards were introduced in America in 1875 by Louis Prang of Boston, a German immigrant. They were much admired at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and proved to be an immediate success.

Social custom

Except for a brief period in the early 1900's when post cards enjoyed a spate of popularity, the exchange of greeting cards, and especially Christmas greetings, has developed steadily in this country into an established social custom.

In recent years, an estimated three billion cards are sent each Christmas season in America. These gay missives, composed of myriads of color, design and expression, play an important role in creating annually the festive spirit of the holiday season at home and also serve to reunite distant friends and relatives.



To all our loyal patrons, warm thanks.
SPENCER'S Upholstery & Drapery Shop



Christmas Cheer

We hope lots of good cheer will be coming your way during the holiday season ... and may we say "thank you" for your patronage

FARM BUREAU Gagetown

Please accept this old-fashioned wish for a cheery, wonderful holiday season ... along with a warm "thank you."

Petrolane Gas Service, Inc.
Phone 665-9911 Gagetown

A medley of wishes are coming your way ... to add to your collection on Christmas Day. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gagetown Elevator Inc.
J.P. Burroughs & Son
Gagetown, Mich.

Christmas..

May the serenity and joy of the Holy Family inspire you with the spirit of love and peace at Christmas. Our sincere thanks to everyone.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
Gagetown Owendale Sebawaing

PEACE
in the New Year

Our most fervent wish is that the New Year be blessed with the spirit of peace for all.

HUNTER FUNERAL HOME
Gagetown

A Very Merry Christmas to All!

Happy holiday wishes to each and every one of you. And thanks for your very kind patronage.

Ami's Texaco
Gagetown Oil & Gas Co.

O, HOLY NIGHT

'Tis the night of the dear Saviour's birth ... May His blessings be upon you and all of those you hold dear ... may His star guide us to peace. Thank you, sincerely, for your valued patronage.

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