

Community booster

Sommers' a family bakery from start

Editor's note: this is one of a series sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce about community boosters who are members of the organization.

Sommers' Bakery has been a family affair since it was started in 1937 and it is still a family affair today.

The owners and managers are Stuart and Joan Merchant. The Merchants purchased the business in 1967 from her parents.

In 1975 the Merchants doubled the size of the business and added the restaurant that operates in conjunction with the bakery.

A son, Dennis Joe, joined his parents in the business in 1972 after service in the

Army and became the third generation of the family to serve the community.

The Merchants are active in business and civic organizations. Besides Chamber of Commerce membership, the Merchants belong to the Retail Bakers of America and the Eastern Michigan Association of Bakers.

Stuart is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Joan is a member of the Eastern Stars. Both are members of the Trinity Methodist church.

The couple has four children. Besides Dennis Joe, there is a son, Leslie, of Cass City, and daughters, Evelyn Miracle, in Florida, and Lola Osentoski, Cass City.



Stuart and Joan Merchant

Letters to the Editor

Rep. fights curb in term length

Dear Editor,

It is most advisable that all taxpayers become totally familiar with the 1980 Tisch proposal before making a decision.

It would cut property taxes in half, and thus would similarly affect all county, township, village and city services, including fire and police protection. The state would have to reimburse units of government for the 50 percent property tax cut, which would amount to about \$2 billion.

No taxes could be levied by the state without the vote of the people for the money needed to reimburse the \$2 billion. And the state already is about a half billion dollars short today.

Thus it behooves all voters to become totally familiar with the Tisch proposal before making a final decision. Incidentally, the state does not get one red cent of any property tax dollars.

Headlee has raised his head again with a proposal to reduce the number of years, at all major levels that state elected officials may serve.

This is an issue that sounds great, but it would completely demolish the effectiveness of experienced legislators, and thus let bureaucracies thrive and relish with newcomers who

would never really get familiar with the system of how bureaucrats work. A maximum number of terms allowed for elected officials may have merit, but it seems that that decision should be left up to the voters.

Loren Armbruster
State representative,
84th district
Caro

Student seeks addresses

To the editor:

Elvia Pozzi, 1974 exchange student in Cass City from Brazil, would like to hear from any of the persons here who remember her.

Elvia has lost a few addresses over the years but still thinks about all the nice people she met in Cass City. She graduated from college in December and now would like to catch up on the local happenings.

She is still living in Sao Carlos, where she teaches ballet and English.

Her address is: Elvia Pozzi; R.D. Pedro II 1376; 13560 Sao Carlos - S.P.; Brasil.

Sheryll Batts
East Lansing

AROUND THE FARM

Controlling pesticides

By Don Kebler

Shortly after April 17, action at the federal level will be made that could affect all producers of farm commodities.

I am speaking of the petition submitted by a group called "Friends of the Earth."

This petition was sub-

mitted to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration asking the following pesticide restriction and requirement be made.

The proposals would make it illegal for all aerial and ground sprayers to let pesticides be applied without written permission before spraying. This written permission would be from people living within 250 feet of an area to be ground sprayed and 1,000 feet from any aerial application area.

These requirements do not exempt governmental spraying on forests, etc. Also, it would require all pesticide labels to contain management guidelines.

I am sure it won't take long for you to form your own opinion, pro or con, to ramifications of this proposal if put into law. I have mine, but in all fairness of providing unbiased information, I will not expound.

However, if you want to inform the Environmental Protection Agency of your opinions for or against this proposal, you should do so now. Your letter should be in the hands of the EPA no later than April 17.

Because the EPA will be acting upon this proposal you should also send copies of your letter to your senators and representative in Washington. This will inform them of your feelings, so they can lend their assistance in support of your needs.

Here is who you write to: Document Control Offices; Chemical Information Division (TS-793); Environmental Protection Agency; Room 447 East Tower; 401 M. Street, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20460.

Chamber plans town garage sale

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce board at its meeting Tuesday morning voted to sponsor a town-wide garage sale May 16-17.

The idea has been a success in other communities, according to Tom Proctor. The advantages of increased traffic to participants is beneficial to all.

For a \$5 fee from participants, the chamber will provide maps of the locations of all registered garage sales. If sufficient families and homes register, radio advertising will be purchased to promote this event. This should bring in potential customers from the three-county area.

It is expected that the local merchants will have special sales to also draw people to Cass City during the town-wide garage sales. Individual participants can begin Thursday, May 15, but the main stress will be Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

For more information and how to register, contact any board member or Gloria Ouvry at 872-4301.

Riess running for commissioner

Eileen K. Riess has announced she will be a Democratic candidate for Sanilac county commissioner of District No. 1.

The district consists of Greenleaf, Evergreen, Lamotte, Moore, and Argyle townships. She previously ran for commissioner in 1978.

Previously, Mrs. Riess was the office manager of a real estate and investment firm for 14 years.

Since 1974, she has been

the chairperson of the Sanilac County Democratic Party and is also a member of the Democratic State Central Steering Committee.



Eileen K. Riess

She is vice-president of the Sanilac County Council of Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service Homemakers and a member of Area 14 Sanilac-Tuscola Extension Homemakers Council.

Mrs. Riess is active as Sanilac county recruiter for the U.S. 1980 Census. Mrs. Riess lives with her husband on an 80-acre farm in Argyle township.

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Rev. Lewis seeks District 1 post

Rev. Allen J. Lewis of 1800 Bulgrien Road, Snover, has announced his candidacy in the Aug. 5 Republican primary for Sanilac County Commissioner from District 1.

The district consists of Greenleaf, Evergreen, Argyle, Lamotte and Moore townships.

Lewis ran two years ago in the Republican primary and lost to the incumbent, Lloyd Severance, who isn't seeking re-election.

A retired farmer and semi-retired minister, Lewis serves as associate pastor of Trinity United Methodist church in Lapeer.



Rev. Allen Lewis

Holder of a seminary master of divinity degree, he has been a minister 30 years and taught for four years at Sandusky High School.

He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children, all grown. Lewis served in the past on the county Board of Canvassers and was chairman of the now defunct Sanilac County Economic Opportunity Committee. He has been a member of the county Community Mental Health Services Board since 1976.

Those who want to find fault can find plenty of opportunity.

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