



**Merry Christmas**

May Santa find your home bright with cheer at this magic time. Thanks for your good will.

From All At  
**Thumb Area Commodity Co-op, Inc.**  
Cass City

**Funeral held for Louis Babich**

Louis Babich, 67, of Gilford Road, Deford, died suddenly Wednesday, Dec. 17, at his home.

He was born Jan. 24, 1913, in Detroit, the son of Joseph and Lizzie (Sterovics) Babich. He came to Wells township as a baby with his parents.

Babich married Fern Reynolds Dec. 25, 1938, in Kingston. Following their marriage, they made their home on the family farm in Wells township where he was raised.

He was a charter member,

board member and deacon of the Deford Community church, a member of the Missionary Men's Fellowship, Farm Bureau and Wells township representative to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Babich is survived by his wife Fern; two sons, Gene Babich of Caro and Bernard Babich of Deford; one daughter, Mrs. John (Illa) Taylor of Fort Wayne, Ind.; six grandchildren; his father, Joseph Babich of Orlando, Fla., and one brother, Joseph Babich Jr. of Manton.

The deceased was taken from Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, Saturday morning to the Deford Community church, to lie in state until the 1 p.m. funeral service. Rev. Gerald Rodgers officiated.

Burial was in Novesta cemetery.

**Laurie again Farm Bureau vice-president**

Jack Laurie of Dodge Road, Cass City, was re-elected vice-president of the Michigan Farm Bureau Dec. 12 at the reorganizational meeting of the board of directors following the close of the organization's annual meeting in Kalamazoo.

It will be the start of the dairy farmer's fifth year as vice-president.

Earlier, he was re-elected to the board to represent District 6 -- Tuscola, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Macomb counties.

Re-elected president was Elton R. Smith of Caledonia, a dairy farmer, who has headed the state's largest farm organization since 1964.

**Pitcher at Fort Campbell**

Pvt. Gerald W. Pitcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Pitcher of 3882 Wheatland Road, Snover, has arrived for duty at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pitcher, a truck driver, was previously assigned at Fort Dix, N.J.

**HUMAN NATURE**

Most folks find it difficult to do two things at once — that's why few can forgive and forget.

**HEALTH TIPS**

**Warning signs of Reye's Syndrome**

Reye's Syndrome is an often lethal children's disease. It affects predominantly the liver, brain and central nervous system simultaneously.

Unless successfully treated, death can follow within three to four days in a previously healthy child. The mortality rate in recent years is approximately 50 percent. The age of those affected ranges generally from a few months up to 18 years of age. It is recognized as one of the top ten killers among all children's diseases.

Reye's Syndrome usually strikes AFTER a viral illness such as flu or chicken pox. The child may be recovering from the first illness and almost ready to go back to school when the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome appear. Parents should watch for the following: extreme tiredness, recurrent vomiting, listlessness, dilated pupils, combativeness, convulsions and coma.

Sudden, recurrent vomiting is almost always the first sign. The symptoms listed above do not necessarily appear in the sequence listed nor do all children exhibit all of these symptoms.

There is nothing that can be done for the child at home, and it is better to be over-cautious in a situation where your suspicions are aroused. Don't hesitate to take your child to the nearest emergency room if your physician is unavailable.

Physicians do not know what causes Reye's Syndrome. They do know it is associated with any viral disorder. It is the experience that the disease is not contagious and affects both sexes equally.

It occurs throughout the year but frequently is higher during the winter flu season. Reye's Syndrome was named in 1963 after Dr. R.K. Reye, Australian pathologist, who focused attention on the disease.

Since specific treatment is currently unavailable, therapy is directed primarily to maintain proper balance of the body chemistry. Protection of the brain and the liver from irreversible injury requires care in a hospital intensive care unit with various kinds of monitoring devices and use of extensive laboratory tests.

Survival depends on the severity of the brain swelling encountered. Approximately half will die, some children recover completely, while others sustain brain damage.

(Written by Reye's Syndrome Association)

**Dry bean crop up 16 percent**

Production of all dry edible beans in Michigan totaled 7,488,000 hundred-weight (cwt.) in 1980, up 16 percent from the previous crop, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

The catalyst for the increase was the large export contract of pintos, black turtles and other colored beans to Mexico.

Michigan remained the leading dry bean producing state with 29 percent of the nation's total production.

The state average yield of 1,330 pounds to the acre was 5 percent less than last year's near record yield. This was better than earlier expected, due to the higher yields of the colored beans. Pinto and black turtle production were up sevenfold, totaling 825,000 and 1,140,000 cwt. respectively. Navy bean production declined 12 percent to 4,648,000 cwt. Cranberry beans at 22,000 cwt. were down 29 percent while red kidney beans showed a small increase to 450,000 cwt. Other beans dropped 10 percent to 165,000 cwt.

The nation's farmers produced a record 26.1 million cwt. of dry edible beans in 1980, up 27 percent from 1979 and 38 percent more than 1978. Production by classes shows a 64 percent increase in pintos, pinks more than double, and nearly a five-fold increase in black turtle soup beans. Navy bean output declined 6 percent.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**



We wish to express our thanks to all who have done business with us during 1980.

**Tri-Agri, Inc.**  
Cass City



**Christmas**

May you find the peace, hope and love which is Christmas. With humble thanks we wish you well.

From The Whole Gang

at  
**VILLAGE SERVICE CENTER**

Cass City

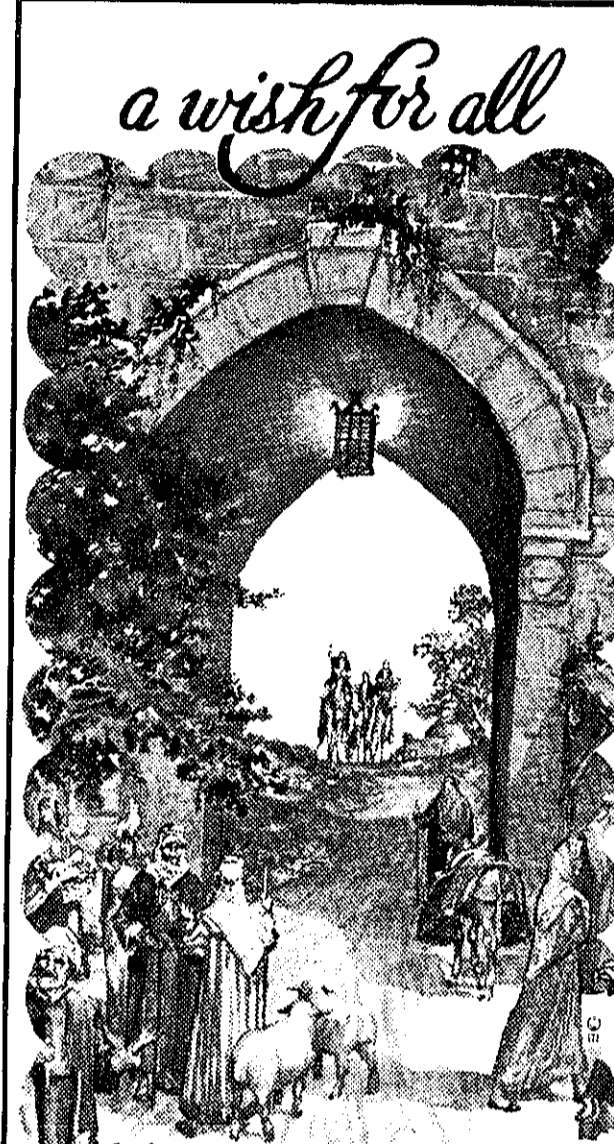


**Joyous Christmas Wishes**

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

**State Farm Insurance Co**  
Ernest A. Teichman, Jr.  
6529 Main St., Cass City

*a wish for all*

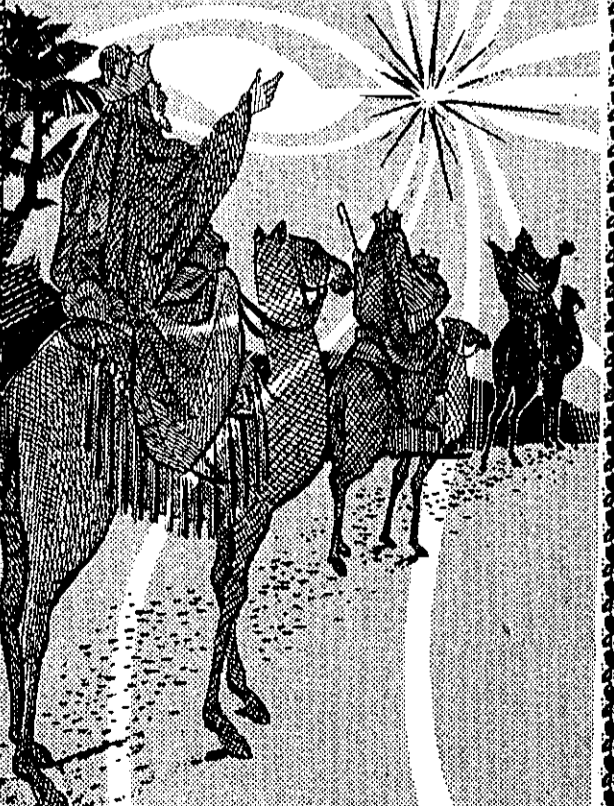


May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and bring pleasant memories and much happiness to all our friends... we say "Sincere Thanks."

**KRITZMANS', INC.**  
Cass City

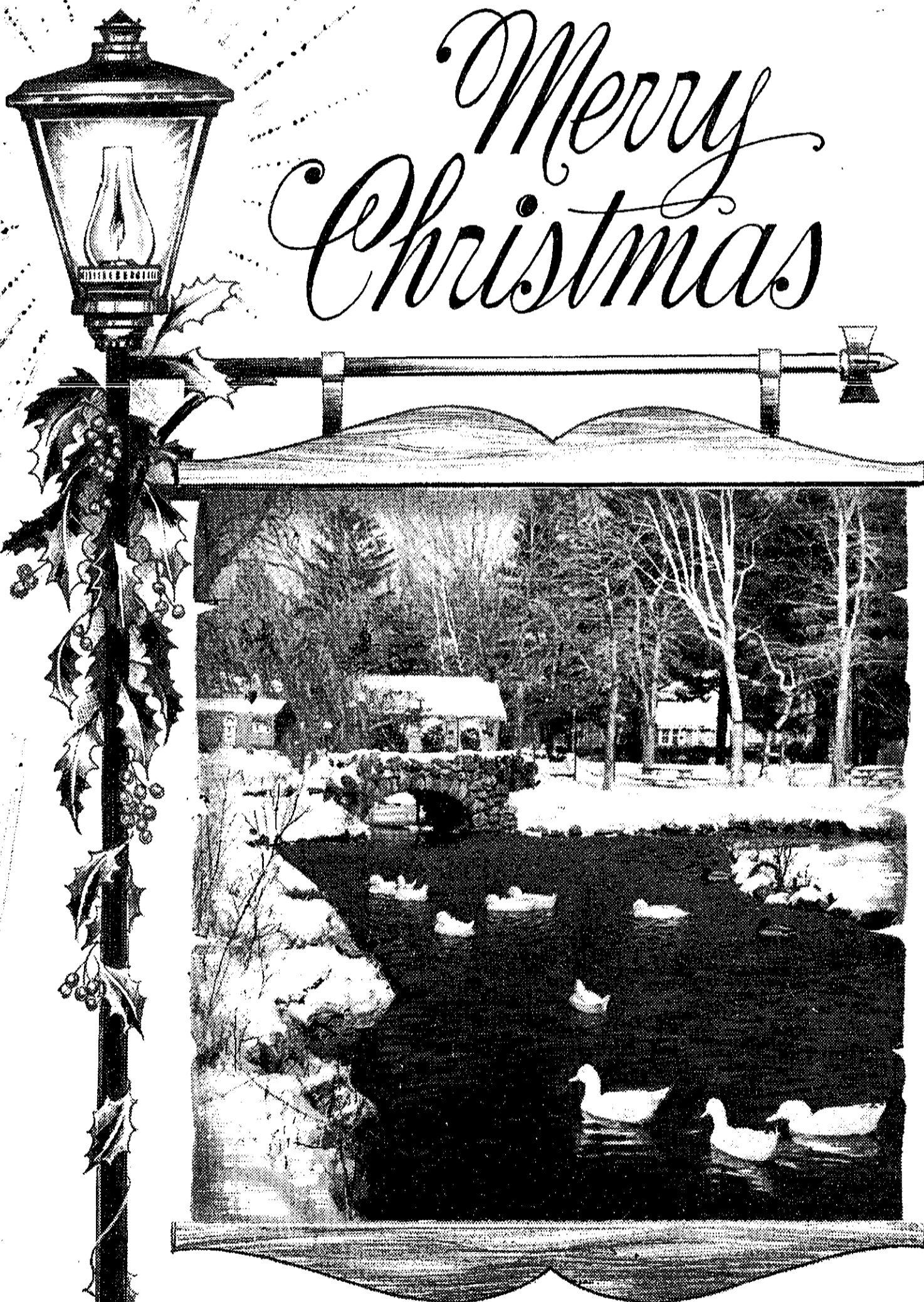
**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

May the Christmas Star guide you to a happier life, abundant with its most precious gifts. At this time of great joy we say thanks to our patrons.



**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

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- Bad Axe



With hearts full of wonder at the eternal beauties of Nature, we savour the magic of Christmas and its eternal meaning. In the holiday spirit of love and understanding, we wish all our friends joy and peace. It's a pleasure to know you!

**Walbro Corporation**  
Cass City