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## Investigation continues in Elkton corn-bin death

Investigators are attempting to learn why a metal piece gave way and caused an avalanche that buried a 34-year-old Pigeon man under tons of shelled corn, killing him about 8 a.m. Monday morning.

Patrick Dufty died of suffocation after he was trapped at Dome "C" of the Elkton Plant of Cooperative Elevator Company, just east of Elkton, according to Huron County Sheriff's Deputies.

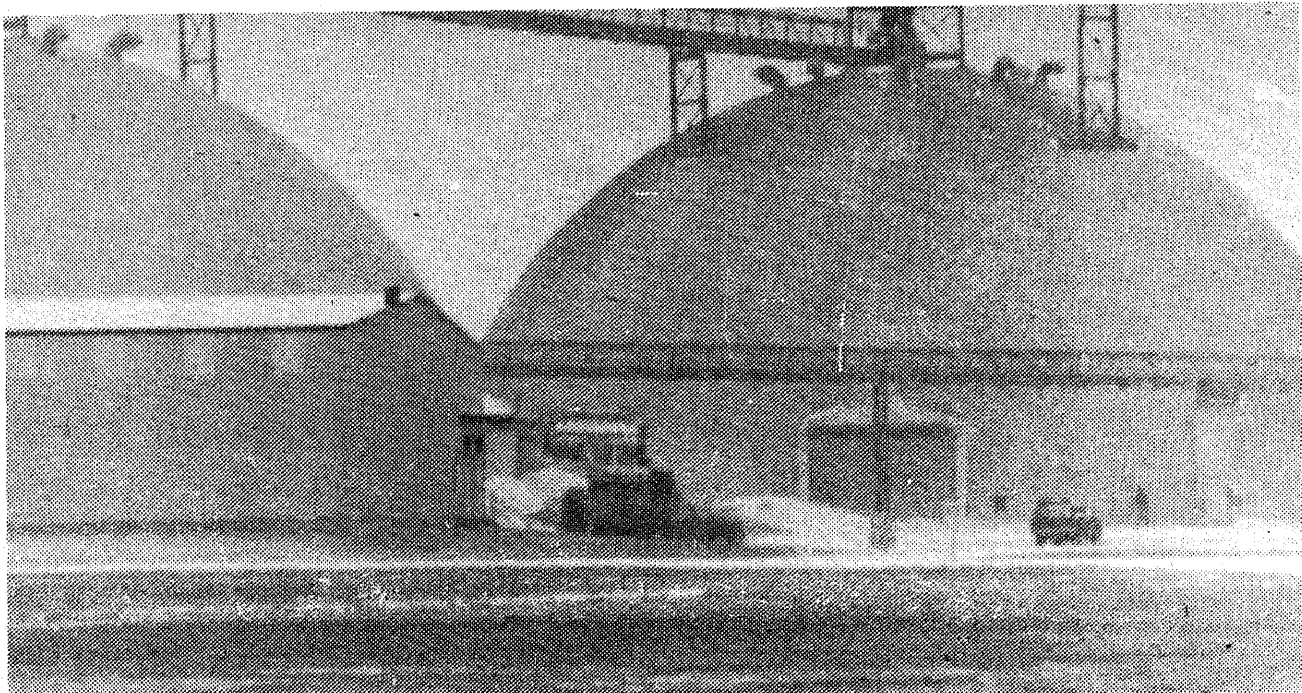
**Police reports say** Dufty and Elkton Plant Manager Ron Wolfram, 49 of Pigeon, were removing planking from a corn storage bin in Dome C to transfer shelled corn to a waiting truck of Buchholz Transport of Pigeon, Dufty's employer.

Police say a bracket holding the top of a steel I-beam in place released from pressure in the full bin, causing hundreds of bushels of corn to spill out, covering Dufty.

**The corn pushed** planks away which caught Wolfram, who jumped away from the flooding corn and was injured. At least two other Co-op workers, Al Licht and Harold Blome, witnessed the accident, but were not injured.

Dufty was caught in the corn for about one hour, as Co-op workers, nearby farmers and other volunteers used shovels and front-end loaders in attempts to free him. The dome was filled to capacity of 650,000 bushels of corn.

A state policeman at the scene said the steel beam providing support inside the domed structure apparently



FRONT-LOADERS are visible at the scene of Monday morning's fatal accident at the Co-op Elevator's Elkton Plant.

## Laker students improving test scores

By AMY HEIDEN

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program is fast becoming the yardstick by which a school's academic program is measured.

And the academic program at Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" Schools is doing well, according to school officials.

**Of most concern** to administrators is the new reading test, which differs greatly from past tests. Laker Secondary School Principal Craig Douglas told the Board of Education Monday night that although reading scores for

Laker fourth, seventh and 10th graders are down, part of the drop in scores can be attributed to the test changes.

"The story part of the test can be compared to reading anovel, and the information part could be compared to reading a textbook," Douglas

said, noting the state Superintendent of Schools had predicted that at least two-thirds of the state's students would fail the test in its first year of use.

**Other test scores** have risen dramatically in the years Laker students have

taken the tests, Douglas said.

For example, in the 10th grade math test, 84.4% of students scored 75% or higher this year, up from 74% in 1988.

**CONTRACTS:** Laker Supt. Robert Drury was granted a

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collapsed, blowing out the wooden unloading door of the structure and dumping grain on the ground.

Numerous volunteers shoveled corn as fast as possible in an attempt to uncover Dufty, but more corn kept coming out, police said. Shoring (or cribbing) was used to hold the corn back and keep it from coming out.

**Wolfram was** treated and released from Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, with a sprained ankle. Also injured was Kevin Buchholz of Pigeon, owner of the transport company, who was treated and released for a bruised left leg. Buchholz Transport had been hired to transport the corn and the victim was an employee of Buchholz, police said Monday night.

The Oliver Township Fire Department, Elkton Ambulance Service and Elkton Village workers assisted Sheriff's Deputies and State Police at the scene.

Several companies and individuals, including Rooney Contracting, Huron County Road Commission, Arlin Herford, and others with payloaders were called to assist.

**State inspectors** were to be at the scene Tuesday to begin investigation. Dome "C" is the newest of the three grain domes at the Elkton Plant. Each is about 73 feet tall and 145 feet in diameter.

**It will be extra  
BRIGHT  
Monday night!**

The shopping area of Pigeon will be a-glow with holiday candles when shoppers visit Pigeon's kick-off week of evening Christmas hours this Monday night, Dec. 18.

The streets will be lined with luminarias — candles in paper bags which have the effect of jack o'lanterns, to give the downtown a festive appearance on its opening evening.

**Another bonus** for shoppers will be Double Ticket Day all day Monday, Dec. 18, in preparation for Friday's Grand Prize Drawing at 8 p.m.

## Have lunch With Santa this Saturday in Pigeon

Local youngsters will be bright-eyed this Saturday as they dine with Santa Claus himself at 11 a.m. at the Pigeon Elementary School, in conjunction with "Kids' Day" activities sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and other community groups.

Games, prizes, a hot dog lunch, visits with Santa and more are all on the agenda for the event. Helping the Chamber of Commerce in putting on "Lunch With Santa" are the Pigeon Worth While Club and the Pigeon Lions Club.

In addition to Lunch With Santa, youngsters will enjoy a full day of events, including horse and buggy rides, bean soup for the entire family, and the final Kids' and Teens' Drawing at 4 p.m.



SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF is flanked by two lucky ladies who went home "winners" after Saturday's Pigeon Chamber of Commerce adult drawing.

Grand Prize finalist is Jenny Bruce, left, who will be going on to the Grand Prize Drawing on Friday, Dec. 22. Pictured at right is Irene Gonzales, who chose the \$300 prize of skis, donated by Bay House Sports of Pigeon.

Also on stage were eight other key-holders (and the store where they got their winning ticket), including Cyndy Rathje, Pigeon IGA; T.E. Yantiss, Polewach's; Cindy Dubs, Polewach's; H. Tabbort, Pigeon Lumber; Arlington Fritz, Polewach's; Fred Maxwell, Pigeon IGA; Lillian Drake, Nancy's and Virginia Thiel, Pigeon Motor Sales.

**INSIDE: Hometown news and pictures from your locally-owned paper!**



# Bay Port Chamber plans busy '90 promotion year

Last Tuesday evening's meeting of Bay Port Chamber of Commerce looked into the future and came up with a number of programs aimed at late 1989 and 1990. First on the agenda is the traditional visit from Santa Claus.

Bay Port Firemen announced that their information was that Santa will arrive at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 16. He'll be headquartered at Bay Port State Bank, and firemen agreed to guide him to the bank building.

Chamber members packed 100 Christmas packages for area kids and their 1989 Jolly Season, said Henry Engelhard, community PR director.

## CHAMBER ELECTS 1990 OFFICERS

Other business involved election of 1990 officers and Forrest Williams was chosen as president, Mrs. Bryan (Bee) Chalou first vice-president, Glenn Henne second vice-president, Mrs. Del (Dorothy) Hinton treasurer and Mrs. Milan (Marilyn) secretary.

The annual Bay Port Chamber dinner will be served Monday evening, Jan. 15, at the Specialty House, corner of M-25 and M-142. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available from Marilyn Miller or any officer. A full program will be announced shortly, Engelhard said.

## FISH SANDWICH FESTIVAL AUG. 4-5

Chamber members took a long look ahead to the first weekend of August, 1990, and announced that the 1990 Bay Port Fish Sandwich Festival was such a successful event, as the goal of 8,000 sandwiches was reached, the 1990 target was upped to 10,000 sandwiches for 1990.

The 1989 Festival's success was due to "perfect weather and high enthusiasm."

Incidentally, Engelhard said, "The Aug. 4-5 weekend dates are definite, regardless of any summit

meeting for President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev."

Engelhard added, "We don't want our Fish Sandwich Festival to interfere with their plans for a better world, but we also don't want their summit meetings to affect Bay Port's role in providing better nutrition for Midwestern fish sandwich eaters. So, let both events go forward, and may the better event win."

## Elkton to vote for best decorations

Elkton residents will get the chance to vote on the best Christmas decorations in town on Dec. 23 as part of a town-wide decoration contest.

Free hayride or bus tours will be offered starting at 7 p.m., and the winners will be announced later in the evening at the Huron Youth Center. A sing-a-long will be held at the gazebo during the evening, also, according to organizers. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available during the evening at the Youth Center.

**CONTEST ENTRY** forms are available at Ron's Party Store. Three prizes will be awarded, with \$100 going to the first prize winner. Second prize is \$50 and \$25 will go to the third prize winner.

**CANDIDATES?** Any Elkton residents interested in running for one of three council seats, mayor, clerk, treasurer, or assessor are invited to pick up petitions at the village

clerk's office, according to Clerk Janet Santos. The announcement was made at last week's Village Council meeting.

The general election for village offices is scheduled March 12. Petitions must be returned to the clerk's office by 4 p.m., Dec. 19, Santos said. All offices run for two years.

The village will also pay for a portion of the cost of the hayride and bus tours to be held in the village Dec. 23. The tours will begin at 7 p.m., and will include voting in the townwide decorating contest.

**COUNCIL ALSO** decided to seek insurance bids for village insurance. The deadline for submitting bids is 4 p.m. Jan. 31.

Council also agreed to send Police Chief Don Hydon to the mid-winter conference of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in Grand Rapids Feb. 7-9. Cost of the trip is \$307.

## Dr. Raythatha leaving Dec. 31 for Albion

Dr. S.H. Raythatha -- known as "Dr. Ray" -- has announced his departure from the Pigeon Clinic, as of Dec. 31.

Dr. Ray will be starting a private practice in Albion. He came to the local area in April, 1980 and joined the Pigeon Clinic, which also provides medical service for the Caseville Medical Clinic, Sebewaing Medical Clinic as well as staff surgical duties for Scheurer Hospital.

He married the former Nancy Maxwell of Pigeon, and the couple has three children.

Remaining members of the

Pigeon Clinic, Dr. Peter A. Ruiz de Castilla and Dr. B.G. Kamlapurker, are seeking another physician to replace Dr. Ray.

## Laker Choirs plan Yule concert

The Laker High School and Laker Junior High choirs will present a Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Laker auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken, and the public is invited to attend.

**JIMMY RICHMOND**, age six, of Bay Port is all smiles as he hops on his brand-new bike, following his win Saturday at the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce weekly kids' drawing.

Other lucky toy winners were Dawn Enderle of Owendale, John Trost, Jenny McKnight, Kelly Damm, Josh King and Brian Nieschulz, all of Pigeon, Christopher Leipprandt and Aaron Liska, both of Caseville, Dustin Forster of Sebewaing and Tammie Schulz of Elkton.

Teen winners each taking home \$10 in Pigeon Money included Tracy Murdoch, Jennifer Rexford, Neida Carter, Kevin Sturm and Thomas Stafford.

This Saturday, Dec. 16 will be the final Kids' and Teens' Drawings, set for 4 p.m.

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTOS



Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

## CASEVILLE PARK BEACH FEES RECOMMENDED FOR 1990

A special consulting firm study recommends a \$2 entrance fee at the Caseville County Park beach, as one part of raising nearly \$200,000 in additional revenues for Huron County government. County Commissioners last week received the recommendations from the Bay City consulting firm of David Griffith & Associates which says small fees can add up to additional county funds.

A \$2 entrance fee will be considered at Caseville County Park, which should generate about \$35,000 in net revenues for the county, consultants say. Similar fees at other parks are possible, but may not be feasible at little-used parks.

Also, the study recommends a \$135 surcharge against people convicted of drunken driving offenses, thanks to a proposed new law in the state Legislature. That would raise about \$14,000 annually to help pay for costs associated with sheriff's deputies' processing of drinking-related cases.

Also, a \$3 landing fee could be charged at Huron County Memorial Airport at Bad Axe, to generate about \$15,000 annually. About 5000 such landings are made each year.

Another new state law allows the county to charge in-county inmates for their own care while serving at the Huron County Jail. That means a \$35 charge would be assessed against all county residents housed, to generate at least \$140,000 in an average year.

County commissioners will discuss the recommendations and may impose some or all of the charges, possibly after Jan. 1, officials say.

## THUMB HOLIDAY FARM SHOW

The Christmas morning edition of the "U.S. Farm Report" will come from a Thumb Area town — when Orion Samuelson brings his weekly program to Frankenmuth.

A film crew came to the Bavarian city last week to tape the special program, and features appearances by the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Choir, downtown Christmas displays and — of course — Bronner's CHRISTMAS Wonderland, during the program seen on 170 TV stations in the U.S.

"U.S. Farm Reports" airs every Monday morning at 6 a.m. on WJEM TV-5. Samuelson last month asked for nominations of which Midwestern city should be featured on the Christmas morning program. He heard from 70 different towns and cities — but got 24 separate invitations from Frankenmuth folks, which helped him make the choice.

For cable TV viewers, the program may also be seen on Chicago station WGN at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23.

## SANILAC GETS JAIL SOLUTION

After Sanilac County residents have opposed state orders to construct a new \$5 million county jail, Sheriff Virgil Strickler has come up with an alternative plan to double the current jail's cell space — at a total cost of \$25,000.

County officials and state Department of Corrections officials have approved plans to turn part of the 35-year-old jail into dormitory-style cells to house 26 additional prisoners. Also, the jail's main floor would be modified so administrative offices would be moved to the former sheriff's living quarters, creating more secured space.

The \$25,000 plan would include all materials, county-supplied workers plus beds and other furnishings needed. Sanilac voters turned down a \$3.6 million plan in 1986 and a \$5 million proposal this fall to build a new jail. Strickler's new plan should get state approval within the next month, officials say.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court (Huron County), Judge Karl Kraus last week heard the pleas of or passed judgment on:

■ Paul C. Adams, 26 of St. Clair Shores, pled guilty to driving with license suspended, following an incident investigated by Kinde Police; \$75 fines and costs;

■ Randy M. McIntyre, 23 of Caseville, pled guilty to drunken driving; ordered to serve 25 days in Huron County Jail, deferred to Feb. 1, pay fines and costs of \$670 and loses driver's license for 18 months;

■ Pamela L. Warax, 42 of Kinde, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Paul R. Bieri, 18 of Bay Port, guilty of damage to public property, following a Jan. 31 incident at Caseville Public School; ordered to serve 30 days in Huron County Jail, pay fines and costs of \$85 and make restitution to the school of \$152.44, and

■ Ralph T. Purcell, 44 of Fair Haven, pled guilty to drunken driving, following a July 23 incident in Lake Township; ordered to serve three days in Huron County Jail, pay \$670 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 18 months.

## DNR BIOLOGIST NAMED

Ray Shepherd of Clare has been named Fisheries Biologist for the Saginaw Bay District Office of the DNR, now based in Bay City. Shepherd, a 19-year DNR veteran, has been instrumental in building the popular walleye fishery in the Saginaw Bay Area.

He served in the Imlay City DNR office with William Please turn to Page 11

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## LAKERS TO JOIN THUMB C LEAGUE?

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one-year extension on his three-year contract at Monday's meeting, along with a

5.5% pay raise. His 1990 salary will be \$53,975, officials said. His 1989 salary

was \$51,160. The extension was granted based on an evaluation done by members of the School Board. "We're very lucky to have a superintendent of Mr. Drury's caliber," Board member Virginia Leipprandt said.

**THUMB C?** The Board also acted on Drury's recommendation to formally apply for membership in the Thumb C Conference for sporting events. The application must be submitted by Dec. 31, Drury said.

The Thumb C Conference is interested in expanding its membership from the current six members to possibly eight or 10. "If we didn't apply for it and they accept four other schools, we would be left on the outside," Drury said. "We would have to drive considerable distances to play schools of comparable size."

Bad Axe, Marlette and Cass City have also expressed interest in joining an expanded Thumb C. If Laker is left in the larger Thumb B Conference, Drury said sports teams could possibly end up playing schools such

as Essexville Garber and Saginaw Nouvel.

**One negative** in the minds of Thumb C officials may be the Laker District's winning tradition.

"A school like Marlette has a better chance of getting in, because they're not considered as competitive in the visible sports such as basketball and football," Drury said. The Thumb C League could possibly select just two schools to join, leaving Laker still in the Thumb B, he added.

**THE BOARD** also recognized two students who received perfect scores on both the math and reading portions of this year's MEAP tests.

Sarah Santos, daughter of Rick and Lily Mason of Elkton, scored a perfect 350 on the reading portion of the test. Ryan Stahl, son of Jim and Linda Stahl of Elkton, also received perfect scores.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Arlene Faist, who is leaving her position as food service worker after 21 1/2 years with the District.

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## OBSERVATIONS BY CO-PUBLISHER MARK RUMMEL AND ANYBODY ELSE HE CAN GET TO WRITE 'EM!

**BRIGHT IDEA** — As a careful Christmas observer for (sigh) 40 years, I can boldly make this statement: There are more holiday lights on homes and businesses this year than I ever remember seeing before.

We've seen entire streets of houses with colorful lights shining brightly this season — and it helps get you in the Christmas mood.

And, you can help us show some of the special presentations to our readers: Tell us where your favorite decorations can be seen, and we'll print pictures of the top three in our Dec. 20 Christmas Edition next week. Just call us (soon) at 453-2331 (or write in care of Box 116 Elkton, or Box 460 Pigeon). We'll show your favorites next week!

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**HOLIDAY SPIRIT:** Sunday's presentation of "In Bethlehem Inn" by Salem United Methodist Church was a delight for the 200-plus folks who saw the two showings. Congratulations, one and all, for a super mood-booster!

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**HOLIDAY TASTES:** Egg nog is the most visible Christmas "specialty" food item, of course, but have you seen how many other products are on the shelves this year?

How about Cap'n Crunch's "Christmas Crunch" cereal with red and green "crunchberries," and M&M's in red and green. Then there are Hershey's Kisses in red and green foil, plus Santa and sleigh boxes of holiday tissues, towels, napkins and tablecloths...

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**TWO FOR THE SHOW:** And, remember the full Christmas 1956 version of the old "I Love Lucy" show will be presented next Monday at 8:30 p.m. on CBS TV. This special show hasn't been seen since 1956, with Fred, Ethel, Lucy and Ricky dressed in red and white suits...

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**COMMUNITY PRIDE:** Not just because it's Christmas time, but we're certainly proud of our local business community. From a customer's point of view, you truly CAN purchase nearly anything you want here in Pigeon, Elkton, Caseville and so on.

But from an advertising point of view, these towns are special, too. The merchants work together in special promotions and holiday sections. And it's not just advertising — they CARE about their customers. They're involved locally. You don't see the big national stores buying school yearbook ads, or saluting kids for good sports seasons. No, that's up to the "mom & pop" stores, the locally-owned businesses. And we're proud to work with them.

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**SPEAKING OF BIG STORES:** We keep hearing the rumor that Wal-Mart Stores, the nation's third-biggest retailer, is planning a Meijer-like store in Bad Axe, right across from the McDonald's Restaurant.

This seems to be too small an area, but Sam Walton's Wal-Mart DOES plan to build 50 stores in Michigan, so it's possible. We can't prove it's true, but we can't prove it isn't either...

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**WISH I'D SAID THAT** — "Just remember, when you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed!" (Charles Schulz)



DEBBY HASTINGS looks the part of Mary during Salem United Methodist's dinner-play Sunday. SEE PAGE 26



## As we see it

## Russia doesn't have U.S. incentives

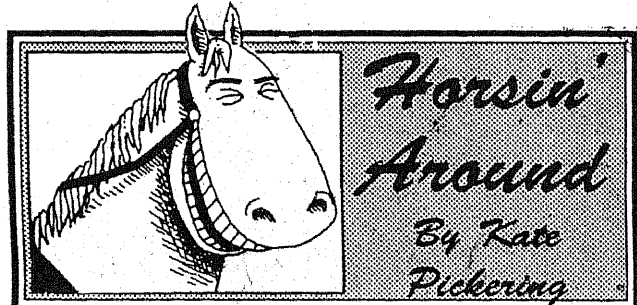
As the U.S. gets more and more friendly with the Soviet Union, we see hopeful signs that these two great powers will learn to put down their terrible weapons and work together for the world's good. Then a study such as that published recently in the Reader's Digest called "Why Russia Can't Feed Itself" gives us insight into the very great problems that huge country has in simple things such as growing enough food to feed itself.

Under the czars at the turn of this century, Russia was an exporter of food. Today — with more land devoted to cereal production than any other nation — Russia's 1988 grain-harvest was 40 million tons too little, which results in more shortages and higher grain imports throughout that country.

Russian consumers wouldn't know how to shop in one of our U.S. grocery stores. Instead of your choice of any ample products stocked, Russians first must pay for their planned purchases — then wait in long separate lines HOPING to purchase cheese, vegetables and the hard-to-find premium product, red meat.

It's not uncommon to wait a half-hour in one line, only to have that commodity run out just before you can place your order. Then it's back to the refund counter, to join another line... hoping to buy fish or milk or something else we Americans take for granted.

Nearly 25% of all Russians work in agriculture, versus just 3% here, yet U.S.S.R. farmers produce just over half the U.S. output per acre.



SORRY!!

I suffer from a couple of your every day, run-of-the-mill neuroses, and — for the most part — I can handle them, or at best, work around them. I'm a little claustrophobic, I have an inordinate fear of bugs — which makes summertime interesting for family and friends — and I guess I could be described as a little paranoid. I also suffer from an inferiority complex, PMS, and a couple of other little mental misgivings which will remain nameless — but when someone says,

"I'm not a morning person . . ."

I laugh (most demagogically) to myself, thinking — those light weights have no idea what it means "NOT" to be a morning person! I am so NOT a morning person that my co-workers no longer question my tousled hair, red eyes, grumbling entrances into the work place, nor — for fear of their lives — do they dare bid me a cheery good morning. My poor boss — who has every right to demand punctuality — has given up all hope of ever seeing me before 9:30 a.m. He has tried gentle reminding, heartfelt pleading, biting sarcasm, and vehement threats, but despite my sincerest efforts and best intentions — I just can't pull my butt out of that bed come sunrise!

My sister — who when home on weekends shares my room — is researching my sleep apnea. She is utterly amazed when — at the break of day — my alarm clock rings loud and clear, yet I don't so much as stir! Even when her gentle prodding brings me swimming to the surface of consciousness — I fail to hear the clock which is blaring a mere 6 inches from my ear. She has been documenting my a.m. incoherence, my violent response to the most harmless of stimuli, and my inability to walk a straight line, touch my nose with my finger, or recite my ABC's backwards when newly awakened.

Late at night when I'm recapping the day's dilemmas, I start to remember the incredibly rude, thoughtless, foul-mouthed, over-bearing fashion in which I have behaved while in the grips of one of these many psychoses. I cringe when I recall something spiteful or hurtful I've said to someone dear and kind — and for no apparent reason other than the fact that I am a spoiled brat who is very fortunate to be surrounded by people who unflinchingly slough off this childish abuse, and probably laugh to themselves when they see me carrying on like a Tazmanian devil.

AND SO — getting to the point — it is to these people — and you know who you are — that I hereby officially apologize — en masse. I can't say it won't happen again, and I can't say I'm hoping I have absolved myself by admitting my many shortcomings, but I am saying I'm sorry, and I am saying — please continue to pay no attention to me between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Thank you.

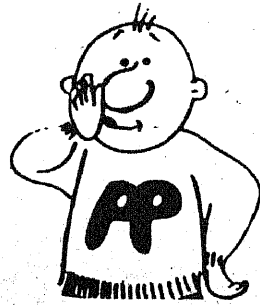
The Reader's Digest article notes that rural Russians have little incentive to produce enough food to feed their countries, much less to export. Many consider themselves rural slaves, and that all-important "love of the land" our American farmers take for granted simply doesn't exist in Russia.

Soviet experts have long blamed their ag failures on the country's severe climate. But that's not the problem. Farmers who don't love the land — who are indifferent to the land, who have no personal incentive to make the land produce — can't be expected to succeed. Too much central planning by bureaucrats destroys any incentive. Russian farmers are told what to produce, even though they may plant seed knowing that crop has little sales value next fall.

Many Russian farmers don't work at all, or drink too much to be good land-users. No wonder Mikhail Gorbachev wants to scrap his entire inefficient system and adopt democratic-like incentives to simply keep his nation moving forward. "If we could put 80 kilos (176 lbs.) of meat a year on the consumer's table, all other problems would be less acute," he said recently.

The rescue of Soviet agriculture is vital. Without adequate food, no other partial reforms now under way can ever succeed. If an army travels "on its belly," an entire world-power nation cannot lead forward if its own belly is growing too much....

Pete Progress says:



"Remember when the back-seat driver had enough room to sit there?!"



## FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

## Grieving with Montreal

Violence of any kind jars our souls. Last week's horrible massacre of 14 women at the University of Montreal in Canada tears at all sensibility.

A single madman, someone with a deep disorder and misunderstanding of women, brutally shot these women on the last day of the fall semester. Men were cleared from the classroom and the gunman turned his weapon on the women in one of the worst mass shootings in Canadian and North American history. Montreal was jarred. One of the first officers to arrive, Pierre Leclair, discovered that his daughter, Marise, a student, was among the fatalities.

It is a deadly equation. Tatke one disbalanced, angry person. Add the right situation (or is it a wrong situation?) and a modern weapon, usually an automatic weapon meant only for battlefield use, and the result is tragedy.

Women everywhere shudder and so should men. All anger in the Montreal killings was directed at feminism — at women. There was really no rational reason. Killing doesn't involve rationality anyway.

Because of their gender, their sex, the composition of who they were that was handed to them before they were born, these 14 women died. Like blacks hanged in the Jim Crow south, like the Jews of concentration camps, like the outcasts of India, like victims of apartheid in South Africa, these women were marked by birth.

People shouldn't die in these circumstances. Racism, sexism, ageism, and elitism should have no place in our modern society. Our laws determine that, but our actions as a total people committed to the inclusion of all peoples fall far short of the ideals we express in the halls of justice.

A mind gone mad brings terror and deaths, deaths sharpened by the approach of Christianity's sacred holiday of peace and love: Christmas. In a society filled with abuse most often directed at women and children, and in a day when women living alone struggle to make ends meet and raise families, the Montreal deaths heighten the plight of women at the end of this supposed modern century. Now it is time to remember and mourn. It is time to mourn for Genevieve Bergeron, Helene Colgan, Nathalie Croteau,

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Of By-Gone Days  
BY GEORGE KEIM

## DEAR EDITOR:

A lot of things have happened since I wrote my last article. On Saturday night Dec. 2 we were at Bad Axe at the Huron County Historical Banquet. There were a lot of people there and right across the table from me was a lady who used to teach school at what we called the Winsor School.

She knew a lot of people I know and said she used to board at the late Noah Haist's. We talked about how we used to have a box social once a year and how each school had to try to outdo the other with a good program. Then we talked about how we used to go together for arithmetic matches and spelling matches and what we called a football game — which was really soccer. We made most of our own rules.

We had a very good meal of turkey at the banquet, with mashed potatoes and gravy. I took along my son as a guest and he asked the blessing.

It snowed on the way home and I let him drive because I don't like to drive at night. I used to drive at night with my old Model T Ford that had magnetic lights. If you wanted to see, you had to race the motor.

On Sunday I had dinner at Glen Swartzendruber's. There were several other people there and we had a very nice time. Then in the evening, were were at the Fair Haven Mennonite Church, where the Bluewater Youth for Christ singing group, "Cornerstone" performed. I encourage any young person to join that group because they have a really good time without using drugs or alcohol.

Then on Tuesday night I was to my son's place for my birthday supper. I got a nice birthday cake and several nice presents. Then on Wednesday they had on the Dutch Kettle sign "Happy Birthday to George Keim." The senior men of our church had a coffee break and I felt honored, even if I had to buy the coffee and rolls!

I was at the Mens' Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday morning and they sang "Happy Birthday" to me and Dale Christner. There were 70 men there and we had a good time. I had dinner at the Dutch Kettle and some lady back by Caseville put on a good show for me and all the waitresses sang "Happy Birthday to me and I got a nice bouquet of flowers.

I almost wish I had a birthday more often — only I don't like to get older!

When I had my 10th birthday at the Pigeon School, Dorothy Sturm was my teacher. She had me stand up in front and they sang happy birthday to me. I didn't get along with one boy and when they sang "Happy birthday dear George," he laughed at me and it made me angry.

They used to say when we fought, "I cleaned his clock." Well, we met and we both got our clocks cleaned — and today we're good friends.

In Psalms 37:25 it says, "I was young but now I'm old, but I never saw the righteous begging bread."

Well, I'm not a rich man but unless things get pretty hard, I don't think I'll ever have to beg for bread, even if I am an old man.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Havier-nick, Barbara Maria Klueznick, Maryse Laganier, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michele Richard, Annie St. Arneault and Anne Turcotte.

They are daughters of the world. They are sisters to us. Their deaths are our reminders that the world is not over the discriminations of sex, age and race. They are signs to us of work yet to be done in bringing justice toward half of the world's people, women.

**A FOOTNOTE:** Food pantries need our Christmas help. There will be long, cold days after Christmas and donations now will meet the winter's needs. Orville and Millie Schuette's IGA in Pigeon has a shopping cart where food can be left in local pantries. Money donations can go to Roy Lawrence at the Bay Port RLDS Church or to Harriett Collins for the Pigeon Community Pantry. Give now! It's almost Christmas!

**PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
— News And Notes —

## PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Preschool Story Hour Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., one session only.

Parents and children will meet together in the community room for a special program, which will include a story, songs, refreshments and Santa's visit.

Parents are asked to bring in one dozen cookies as a donation for the party.

## CHECK IT OUT

Bookworms, make room. The Shutterbugs are coming to the Pigeon District Library. Why? Because now you can borrow a Polaroid Instant Camera from the library through the library check-it-out program.

With Christmas and New Year's right around the corner, you won't want to forget those family gatherings.

## SENIOR FILM FEST

Featured films for the Dec. 21 Senior Film Fest will be "Balloonatic," "Number Start With the River" and "Norman Rockwell's World . . . An American Dream."

These films are open to all senior citizens in the surrounding area. "Bring a friend!" invites Librarian Naomi Jantzi.

## CIRCULATION REPORT

Circulation for the month of November, 1989 was up 344 items compared to the same time last year. A total of 4,660 items were checked out, including 1,275 adult books, 793 junior adult, 1,745 children's, 126 toys, nine 16mm films, six AV equipment, 706 videocassettes. A total of \$270.95 was brought in from the copier and \$193.10 in fines.

Four Preschool Story Hour sessions were conducted with 267 children in attendance. Six children celebrated their birthday with a

song and a crown: Jessica Walsh, Ashley Greene, Tracy Otto, Jim Langley, Joleen Jo Karl and Buckie Rowe.

Thirty-two new registrations for the month include: 10 from Caseville, three from Colfax, six from Oliver, four each from Fair Haven, Lake and Winsor and one from outside the local area.

## WINTER IS READY TO BEGIN

Give winter a big welcome! The winter solstice, when the earth is tilted in such a way that the North Pole is as far away from the sun as it ever gets, Dec. 21 marks the

beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

We will experience the longest night and the shortest day of the whole year. But from now on, the days will be getting longer. And you know what that means, SPRING! Want more details? Check it out with your library!

## NEW VIDEOS

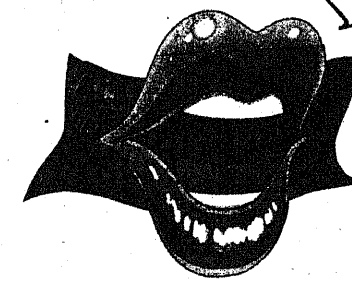
The following additions to the VHS collection boosts the tape total up to 1,450 tapes! Adults: Dead Bang, The Caribbean, Game Processing, Troop Beverly Hills, Scrooged, She's Out of Control, My Mom's a Werewolf, Batman, K-9, Ghostbusters II.

## Children's Collection

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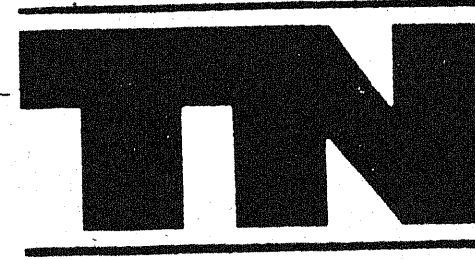


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## LAKER WINTER SPORTS OF THE WEEK

# Lakers start season with an overtime thriller!

By AMY HEIDEN

In two hold-your-breath contests, the Laker varsity basketball team played the distance and ended their first week of competition with two wins.

**MILLINGTON:** The Lakers used the homecourt advantage to good effect in their first win of the season over Millington 62-59.

After running up a 31-19 lead at halftime, the Lakers

saw that lead evaporate and the Cardinals take a four-point lead. But the Lakers got back on the scoring track in the final few minutes of the game to wrest the game away from the Cards.

Brian Bushey was the Lakers' scoring leader with 21 points. Bill McLellan Jr. had 13 points, and Rick Dufty and Jeremy Esch both had ten. Millington's high scorer was John Yorke with 24 points.

**CARO:** Things were a bit tighter in Friday's game against the Caro Tigers as the Lakers won in overtime 66-64.

The first half of the game was fairly close, with the Lakers leading by one at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers outscored the Green 17-10 in the second period to lead 33-27 at the halftime buzzer.

That six point lead by the Tigers helped them tie the game at the final buzzer, even though they were outscored 30-24 during the entire second half. In the overtime period, the Lakers shot two more points than the Tigers 9-7 to capture their 14th straight victory in two seasons.

The Lakers shot 22 of 42 from the free-throw line, while Caro as 14 of 30. The Lakers had 23 fouls called during the game, and Caro was called 32 different times. Rick Dufty scored a game-high 22 points for the Lakers and pulled down 17 re-

bounds, while Bill McLellan had 19 points and 13 rebounds. Mike Keefer chipped in 13 points and Jeremy Esch had ten.

**JVS SPLIT:** The Junior Varsity team split a pair of games last week, losing to Millington 45-34, and defeating Caro 78-63.

In the Millington game, Jim Niebel was the scoring leader with nine points, and Eric Wissner and Dan McIlhargie both had seven. The team was 8 for 26 from the free throw line.

In the Caro game, the Lakers came back for the win after the Tigers had a 19-4 lead in the first quarter. Jim Niebel put in 17 points for the Lakers, Jason Hunt had 11, and Eric Wissner and Scott Fisher both had 10.

David Geiger had nine, and Jeff Fritz and Dan McIlhargie both had eight.

**FRESHMEN:** The Freshmen saw their 20-0 record stopped as the Millington team downed them by three 49-46.

The Lakers gave up a 20-point lead late in the third quarter to let Millington come from way behind and win the game. John Klosowski and Scott Herbert both had 10 points for the Lakers.

Against Caro, though, the Lakers evened up their season record to 1-1, defeating the freshman Tigers 58-37. Jason Krohn was the scoring leader with 14, and Justin Maust had 11. Shawn Cariveau had eight rebounds in the game.

Huron County Probate Court Judge David L. Clabusch has been elected president of the Huron County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Past president Terry Brown passed the gavel to Clabusch at the monthly meeting of the "CAN Council" held at the Huron Area Skill Center.

Other officers elected included: Jim Turner, first vice president; Craig Colton, second vice president; Martha Hahn, secretary and Pat Wissner, Treasurer. Dennis Mitten was chosen assistant secretary and Jan Watts, assistant treasurer.

The Huron County CAN Council is a 60 member organization. Their purpose is to promote programs that prevent child abuse, educate the public about the problems of child abuse, and raise funds for The Childrens Trust Fund (of Michigan) and local programs.

For more information on the "CAN" Council, contact Jim Turner at 269-9201.

Schools Board of Education and serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

At MASHB, Leipprandt chairs the Education and Curriculum Innovation Committee.

The Michigan library media committee will advise the State Board of Education and Department of Education on ways to strengthen school library media programs.

Ellamae Diachenko recently joined Real Estate One Power Associates, where she will work full-time in real estate. Mrs. Diachenko has been a resident of Huron County all her life and has made her home in Pigeon, after having lived in Bay Port for many years. She has one son, three daughters and six grandchildren.



ELLAMAE DIACHENKO

Virginia Leipprandt, librarian at North Huron Schools, has been appointed by the State Board of Education to serve on Michigan's Library Media Program Advisory Committee.

The committee will deal with the application of current and emerging technologies in library media settings, the status of media programs and the role of the library media settings.

Leipprandt of Pigeon is also a 14-year veteran of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port

Diachenko has been active as a member of the Salem

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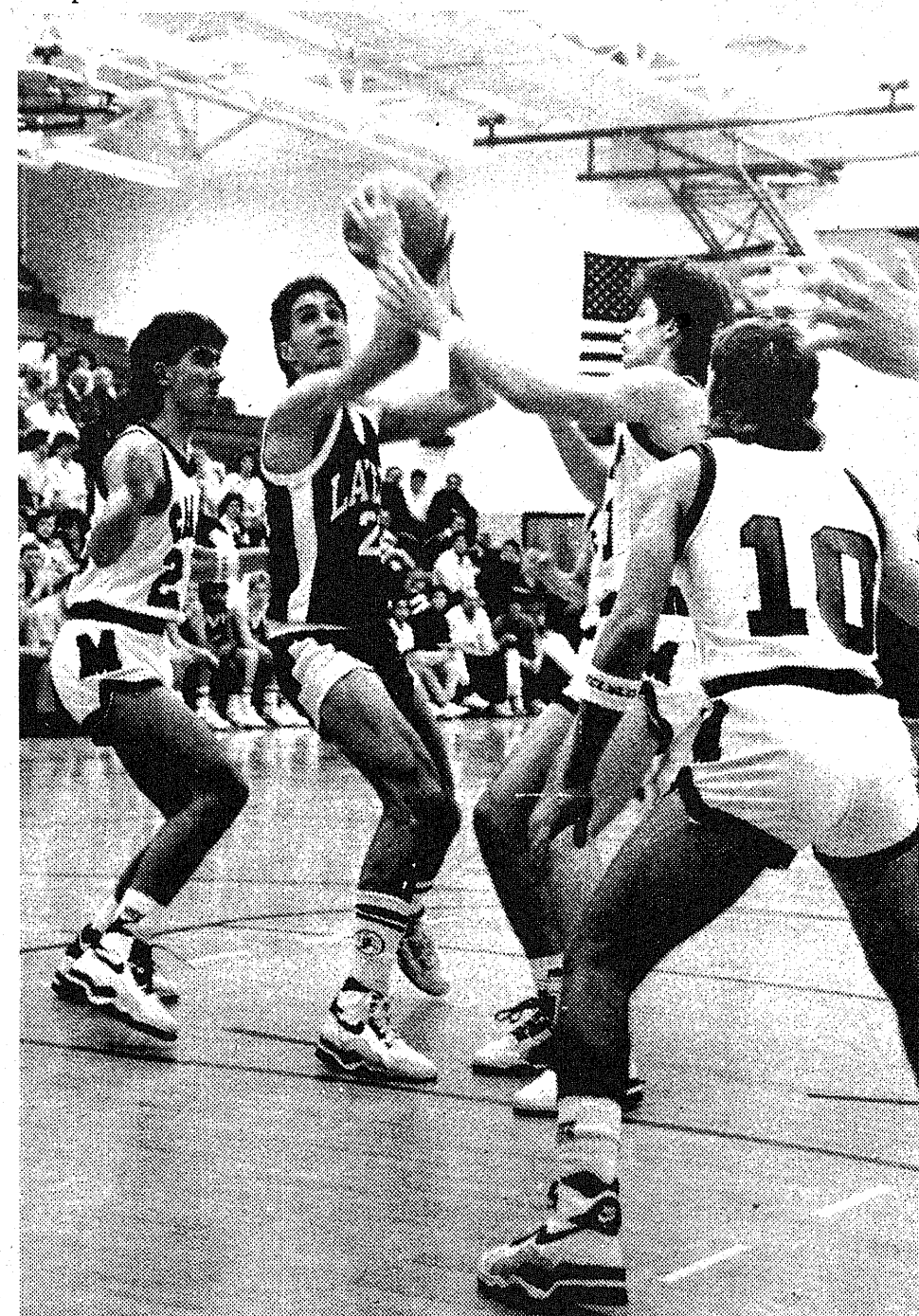
A funeral home is used by many people for the ceremony preceding burial or cremation. Alternatives might be a church or synagogue, or a fraternal meeting place. Transportation may be a factor, as well as cost. In addition, you should consider where the service will be most meaningful to you, the availability of other facilities, and convenience.

Your decision about whether or not to have the body present will also play a part in deciding where to hold the funeral ceremony. If the body is to be present, the funeral home may be the most convenient place. On the other hand, if the body is not to be present,

you will have greater flexibility about where to hold the service.

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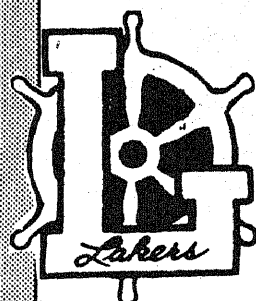
KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF! Laker forward Bill McLellan seems to be saying that to a host of Millington Cardinal defenders Tuesday night.



SKY BALL: Laker center Brian Bushey (50) attempts to outjump Millington defender Chad Engelhart (51), in opening game action last week. AMY HEIDEN PHOTOS

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

United Methodist Church, Pigeon, president of the United Methodist Women and also involved in the camping program at Bay Shore Camp, Sebawaing.

She is also a member of the board of directors of Con-Anon, a volunteer program in Huron County, working for the rehabilitation of inmates.

Michelle (Babiszewski) Shields has completed her Masters degree in Organizational Development from Eastern Michigan University this fall.

Shields, a 1977 graduate of Laker High School, will continue her work as a Human Resource Consultant

with the Control Data Corporation of Minneapolis, Minn.

A former Huron County resident has been honored for his work with scientific glass.

Peter Severn, a graduate of Elkton High School, was given the J. Allen Alexander Award by the Scientific Glassblowers Society at its national meeting last summer. The award recognizes not just superior competence in the art, but also contributions to the profession through participation in the national society.

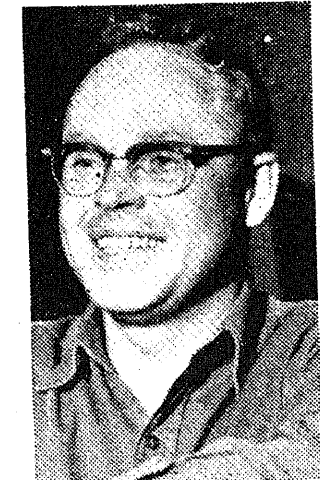
A story about his accomplishments recently ap-

peared in a University of Michigan publication. The article told of the appreciation shown by the uni-

versity's students and faculty for Severn's work.

He is known for his outstanding ability in the design and fabrication of all kinds of scientific glassware and also for repairing these objects. His work has been a part of the university's research from catalytic studies to components used in open heart surgery.

Severn is the son of Nelson and Mary Severn, Elkton.



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## The Past In Print

From the archives of  
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

### 90 YEARS AGO DEC. 27, 1899

We'll very soon write it 1900.

John McLeod is erecting a blacksmith shop just north of the old post office building. Pigeon will soon have four blacksmith shops.

A very pleasant party composed of pupils of the Pigeon High School of this and last year was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Pfaff. For the first time since 1856, dandelions in bloom were picked in Oliver Township the day before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paul and daughter, Luella, spent Christmas at New Hamburg, Ont.

### 80 YEARS AGO DEC. 31, 1909

Tomorrow the Pigeon Post Office will be advanced from a fourth class to a third class office because of increased business. Postmaster Klein-schmidt will receive a straight salary instead of commission and the government will pay the office rent. Joseph Foster, Oscar Broderick, Henry Warren, Conrad Pfaff, George Wilfong, William Schumaker and John Walker made up a "bee" to put up a barn frame for George Heasty at Rush Lake. Samuel Geiger will be local manager for the Farmers Institute to be held Jan. 6 at Diebel Hall in Pigeon. Speakers will include Jacob Wag-ester, L.W. Oviatt, C.F. Leipprandt, L.A. Notter and William Turner. Mrs. Joseph Schluchter has

placed a new lighting system in her home. While out driving Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cla-buesch and two children were thrown out of the cutter and the horse ran away. They were slightly injured.

### 70 YEARS AGO DEC. 26, 1919

Claude Duffy is the new manager of the Saginaw Bay Fish Co. at Caseville. John Wagester sold his farm in Brookfield Township to George Schweitzer. The Misses Hildreth Foster and Ella Maxwell are home from Ypsilanti for the holidays.

Sol Schluchter has purchased the Bert Baur building on Michigan Avenue. This building was formerly occupied by Mrs. Gardner's Restaurant.

Jess Willard is accused of profiteering in the sale of wood at \$3.50 a cord. It sounds as if it might be a friendly suit that Jess started against himself.

Conservative estimates place the number of deer killed in the state's Northern Peninsula during the season at 7,000.

Harvey Dutcher purchased the Schaaf farm south of Bay Port from Charles Kinde.

### 60 YEARS AGO DEC. 27, 1929

Leona Shetler, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shetler of Winsor Township, died in Texas Dec. 21 while on a trip to California. She leaves her parents, four brothers

and four sisters. Eli M. Wilfong, 70, McKin-ley Township pioneer, died at his home. He is survived by five daughters and two sons.

Village President Wellington Horlacher, Robert Wurm and William Schumacher of the street committee told The Progress that snow from the business section will be removed today. Businessmen are expected to provide three hours of labor with shovels to load the trucks. Mrs. Albert Botright, 65, died at her home in Caseville. She leaves a husband and three children.

### 50 YEARS AGO DEC. 29, 1939

Members of the Pigeon Fire Department distributed 30 baskets of food to the needy Saturday evening.

John Danks, 80, died on Thursday. He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

A total of 450 packages of candy and nuts for the children were handed out at the Pigeon community Christmas tree Saturday evening. Rev. Young gave an address.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bauman's children and grandchildren helped them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yackie entertained 35 relatives at a Christmas dinner on Sunday.

### 40 YEARS AGO DEC. 30, 1949

Fourteen Pigeon girls received their Girl Scout pins

in a ceremony. They are Kay Edler, Joyce Hartman, Janet Damm, DeAnn Spence, Jewel Clabuesch, Jean Schramke, Sheila Sarrow, Colleen Yackie, Phyllis Schmidt, Shirley Swartzendruber, Caroline Moro, Lois Shaist, Nancy Van Leidenkerke and Joan Ruppert.

Paul A. Racheiter has received his appointment as rural mail carrier on route two, Pigeon.

Area students at the University of Michigan include Arnold O. Rathje, Helen M. Richmond, Pigeon; Kenneth Puffer, Bay Port; Elizabeth Quinn, William J. Robert, Elkton and James Morse, Caseville.

### 30 YEARS AGO DEC. 31, 1959

Final prizes were awarded by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce to Jay Mitin, Glen Yenglin, Julia Trost, Mrs. Daisy Hinton, Mrs. Henry McAuley, Mrs. Richard Stur-gis and Mrs. Herbert Schweitzer.

Harry Young, 69, Oliver Township farmer, died at his home. He leaves his widow, a son and a daughter.

Office headquarters of the Wallace and Morley Company, which operates a chain of 18 elevators and two bean terminals in the Thumb, will be moved from Bay Port to Saginaw, Edward Crawford, president and manager, announced.

William Gebauer, 59, of Elkton, died Dec. 23. He leaves his widow and two daughters.

Mrs. Sophia K. Quick, 67,

died Dec. 25. She leaves three sons and two daughters.

### 20 YEARS AGO DEC. 25, 1969

First production item, a crew cab for a truck, of the new metal fabricating plant, has been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth, Elkton, observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner. They have two sons and four daughters.

Ladies Aid of St. John's Lutheran Church of Berne observed their 73rd anniversary of their founding. Present officers are Mrs. Ewald Beyer, Mrs. John Otto, Mrs. Ervin Strieter and Mrs. Florence Vollmer.

Julius Cramer, 93, Pigeon, died Dec. 21. He was an early Pigeon grocer. He leaves one daughter.

Gustav Faust, 79, died Dec. 20. He leaves five daughters and four sons.

Dr. Henry Elbing, DDS, 50, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elbing of Pigeon, died at his home in Detroit. Surviving are his wife and three daughters.

### 10 YEARS AGO DEC. 20, 1979

Five local persons share the top three prizes in the second annual Progress-Advance "Christmas Memories" contest: Chris Gretch of Owendale and Brian Maust of Bay Port, Linda McGathy of Pigeon, George Keim of

Bay Port and Irma Collision of Pigeon.

Dianna Dubs of Pigeon is the lucky winner of \$100 in Pigeon's Mystery Shopper Christmas promotion, while shopping at Little Peoples' World.

Robin Sturm of Pigeon, age five, is the third winner of a kids' bike in the weekly Christmas drawing sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sturm.

### FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 54 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1935

The Elkton State Bank will pay 20% of the State Banking Department's trust fund, approximately \$15,000 of the segregated assets of the bank.

To accommodate late Christmas shoppers, Elkton businesses will be open Monday and Tuesday evenings. The stores have full stocks of Christmas merchandise and reasonably priced.

At the Star Theatre, Elkton, "Storm over the Andes" with Jack Holt and Chapter 2 of Tailspin Tommy's "Great Air Mystery," 10c and 25c. Oliver Willett, manager.

Toasters \$1.50 up. Tree lights 40c. Watches \$1.00. Radios \$13.50 up. Wash Machines \$30.00. The Elkton Hardware, Phone 30. ADV.

Vernor's Melody Masters perform Sunday at Bay Port Pavilion. ADV.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Jill M. Mellen, nee Jill Beadle, has been named Administrative Vice President of Rural Housing Corp., located in East Lansing. Mellen's promotion was effective in November.



JILL MELLEN

Employed with Rural Housing Corp. since February, 1980, she has been involved in all phases of development for more than 100 apartment projects throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, Ohio and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The corporation and its subsidiaries also design, construct and manage these projects.

Mellen is the daughter of Bert and Lorraine Beadle of Caseville and is a graduate of Ferris State University. She and her husband Tom have two sons, John and Matt, and reside in Holt.

Two local women are among seven Michigan women who attended the 1989 National Pork Council Women's Information Conference, conducted Nov. 5-7 in Williamsburg, Va.

Gladys Maust and Erma Maust, both of Bay Port, were among 200 NPCW leaders and pork producers from 24 states who participated in the annual event. This year's theme was "Pride in the Past, Commitment to the Future."

Conference attendees shared state plans that focused on programs in the areas of elementary through high school education, pork promotion, the foodservice sector and membership. The event's keynote speaker, Mark Mayfield, spoke on how taking the right perspective on a project can create a positive attitude and is important in achieving goals. A tour of historic Williamsburg was also included.

## Caseville coach seeing team improvements

By KATHY MEYER

Despite the fact the Caseville Eagles dropped their first two games of the season, Coach Rich Moffit sees no place for despair.

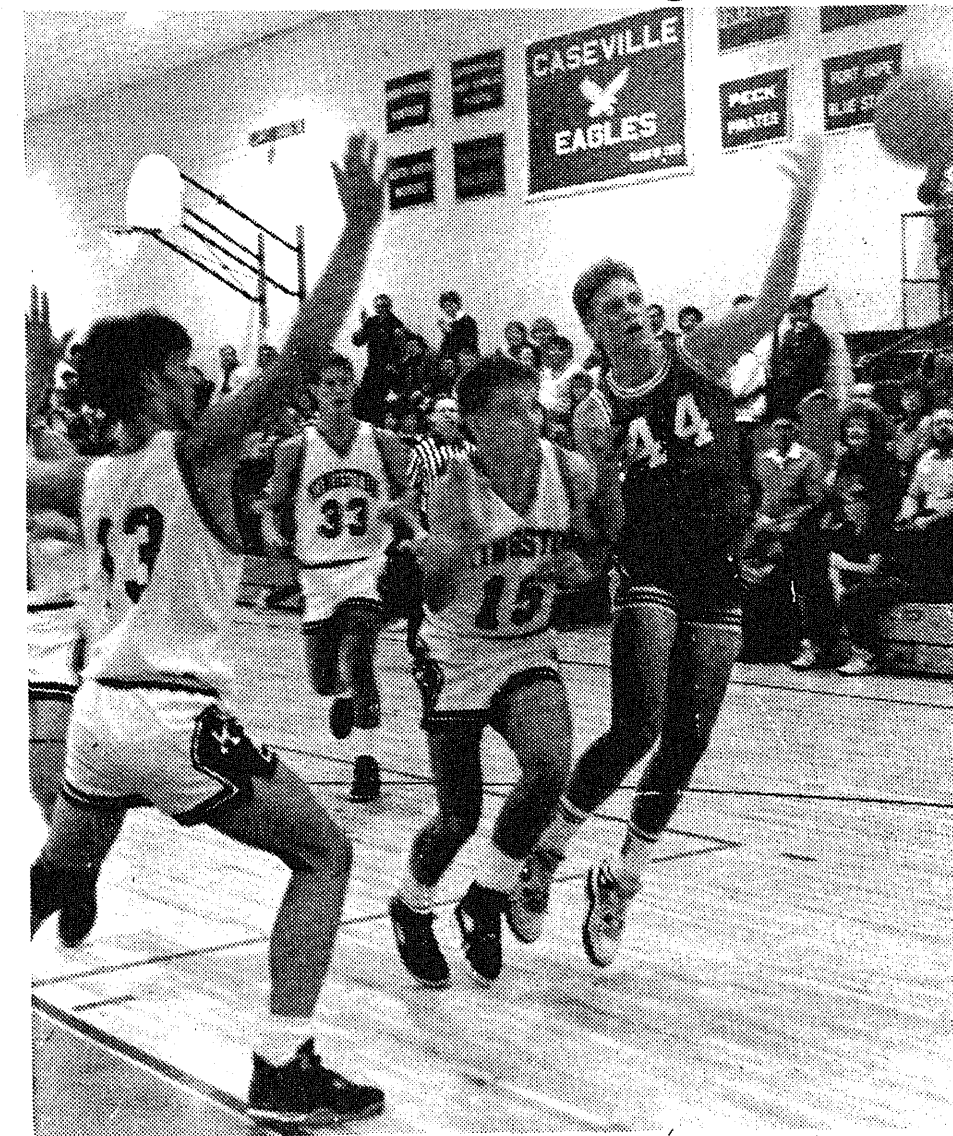
"The game (against Kingston) was a big improvement over the Port Hope game. We still must work on our defense and cut down on our mistakes," Moffit says.

"If we can improve in these two areas and get a few more players back from injury, we will be a very competitive team."

The Eagles lost their opening game of the season to Port Hope 74-60. Port Hope out-rebounded Caseville 57-26 in this non-league contest. Andy Ingram led the offense with 20 points, and Mark Brown netted 18 points. The Caseville offense was led by Jeff Brunni with 19 points, and Don Smith who had 13 points.

SECOND GAME: The Eagles played a much stronger game Friday night, but still fell short to the talented Kingston team 84-65.

Kingston was led by Jim Green and Seth Geister with 26 and 23 points respec-



KEEP IT IN-BOUNDS! Caseville' Jeff Brunni (44) and Kingston's Don Moore (15) both struggle to keep the ball in play, during last week's game. KATHY MEYER PHOTO

## Thumb club news notes

### BAD AXE BPW ORGANIZATION

The Bad Axe Business and Professional Women's Organization met Nov. 13 for their regular monthly meeting at Coral Gables Restaurant.

President Bonnie Perry called the meeting to order and introduced speaker Mary Ann Osentoski, shelter manager for the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, who spoke on the function, purpose, goals and needs of the center.

The Center offers a safe, supportive environment for victims of domestic and sexual assault.

She explained assault is not only physical in nature but can also be emotional as well. One of every three women is abused either physically or emotionally in the U.S., and there is one assault every 18 seconds.

Osentoski related some of her experiences with the shelter and clients using the facility. She also directs a support group for abused women.

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center provides emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, counseling, referrals and accompaniment through the legal process. The Center is a program of the Human Development Commission and is supported by Michigan Department of Social Services, Greater Huron County United Way and other organizations, as well as private contributions.

These may include material items such as bedding, kitchen or office supplies, cleaning items, bath and general living needs.

Individual support groups are being set up in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties. Persons wishing

more information on the Thumb Area Assault Center may call 1-800-292-3666 with questions or to make contributions.

Bad Axe BPW Club members will enjoy a Christmas Party at their December meeting. Anyone interested in more information on the party should call Deb Lerash at 874-5396 or Theo Cleland at 269-8153.

The January meeting is planned for Monday, Jan. 8 at First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with program to follow.

Guest speaker is Darlene Davis of the Adult Foster Care Program through the Department of Social Services. Persons interested in attending should call Chanda Booms or Linda Stroschein at 269-9531 during working hours.

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# THUMB AREA OBITUARIES

## STEPHEN ELLIOTT 1943 - 1989

Stephen W. Elliott, age 45 of Saginaw, formerly of Pigeon, passed away at his home on Saturday, Dec. 2 after an apparent heart attack.

He was born Dec. 11, 1943 in Linton, Ind., son of Mrs. Lorena Elliott and the late Dr. C.S. Elliott. Mr. Elliott was a 1962 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, where he was vice president of his class. He attended Ferris State College prior to entering the U.S. Navy, serving during the Viet Nam era. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Mr. Elliott was an independent draftsman and was currently attending Delta College.

Surviving are his mother, Lorena, Pigeon; two brothers, James Elliott, Milford and Jonathan Elliott, Pigeon; one sister, Mrs. Ted (Jacqueline) Lukowski, Fowlerville; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 11 at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. The Rev. Mark Karls, pastor at Wisner United Methodist Church, officiated with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

## L.D. THOMPSON 1919 - 1989

L.D. Thompson, age 70 of Tecumseh, passed away Monday, Dec. 4 at Herrick Hospital, Tecumseh.

Mr. Thompson was born June 19, 1919 in Elkton, son of the late Martin and Adeline (Schatz) Thompson. He was united in marriage to Betty Lee O'Brien in Detroit on April 22, 1950. She preceded him in death on May 23, 1979.

Mr. Thompson resided in Tecumseh for the past 18 years and was a retired vice president of Manufacturing and Engineering of Tecumseh Product Company. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; one daughter, Mrs. Jeanie (Lori) Price of Tecumseh and one sister, Mrs. Phil (Helen) Malek of Royal Oak.

The funeral was conducted Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh with Rev. Kenneth Boyd officiating. Burial was in the Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh.

Memorials may be considered to the American Cancer Society.

## JESSIE T. CALVIN 1918 - 1989

Jessie T. Calvin, age 71 of Bay Port, passed away Friday, Dec. 8 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe following a six-month illness.

He was born April 13, 1918 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, son of the late Cleveland and Marcella (Hurt) Calvin. He married Irene May Howard on April 13, 1959 in Port Huron. She survives him.

Mr. Calvin had been employed for the R.E.A. in Detroit for 15 years before retiring 15 years ago. They had lived in Hazel Park before moving to Bay Port in 1980.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had been awarded the Silver Star.

He was a member of the Faith Bible Baptist Church in Bay Port; the Royal Oak Lodge #464 F.&A.M. and the Steele-Lambert American Legion Post #533 of Bay Port.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Calvin of Bay Port; one brother, Rev. D. Calvin, Royal Oak; three sisters, Mrs. Opal Powell, Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Lois Dukes, Milwaukee, Wisc. and Mrs. Mervin (Pearline) Utley, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Dallas Calvin in 1966 and Earl Calvin on Nov. 13, 1989, preceded him in death.

Funeral services took place Monday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebawaing. Rev. D. Calvin and Rev. David W. Ballard officiated with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

The Northern Star Lodge #277 F.&A.M. of Sebawaing conducted a service at the funeral home on Sunday evening. The American Legion Post #533 of Bay Port conducted graveside services at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## OTHER THUMB AREA DEATHS

Ione Williams, 77, Springfield, Ohio, with local relatives, passed away Dec. 1.  
William Reinke, 89, Port Hope, passed away Dec. 5.  
Caroline Smith, 66, Colfax

Township, passed away Dec. 5.  
Leo Maurer, 96, Ubly, passed away Dec. 5.  
Sister Theresa Grekiewicz, 67, Monroe, formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Dec. 5.

## Pigeon news

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buerker visited Friday with he cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reiner in Sandusky.

Albert Buerker and Carl Buerker visited last week with their brother, Robert, a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.



## FORE!

By MAVIS  
PECHETTE

"Somehow not only for Christmas, But all the year through, The joy that you give to others Is the joy that comes back to you."

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## County Round-Up From Page 3

Deephouse from 1976 until he was assigned to the Clare District in 1983.

The new Bay City office combines the former Clare and Mt. Pleasant DNR offices, and is emphasizing the DNR's commitment to the Saginaw Bay, officials say.

## 3 FINALISTS FOR JUDGESHIP

Three attorneys are finalists for the U.S. District Court judgeship of James Churchill in Bay City, who retires Dec. 31 after 15 years as a federal judge.

■ St. Clair County Prosecutor Robert Cleland, 42, is the youngest of the three finalists, after U.S. Rep. William Broomfield (R-Birmingham) released the list. Also included are:

■ Michael Connor, 51 of Grosse Pointe, is a Wayne County Circuit Judge, and

■ Steven Andrews, 57 of Bloomfield Hills, is an Oakland County Circuit Judge.

The three names will be forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department, which will recommend one candidate next year to President George Bush, who will pass it on to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

## JUST ONE THUMB ELK HUNTER

The three Upper Thumb counties didn't fare well in the random drawing to take part in Michigan's winter elk hunt between Dec. 5-12.

On one hunter from the three counties — Gerald Toner of Cass City — is among the 110 residents picked for the special season. His permit is to shoot an AO animal — "antlerless only" elk. Eight other hunters may be considered "in the area," mostly between 25-65 miles away.

In addition to Toner, eight hunters are from "around" Huron, Tuscola or Sanilac Counties. They include Pete L. Revard of Essexville, who also received an AO license, Gary Soper of Midland with a hunter's-choice license and Oscar C. Endline of Auburn with an AO license.

Of the 110 successful contenders, 75 will be allowed to take only antlerless elk, while 35 have the choice of taking an antlered or antlerless animal. Their hunting area includes Cheboygan, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties.

## SAGINAW BAY ON LIST

Saginaw Bay is one of nearly 3000 pollution sites identified by the DNR's annual list of such places.

It and the Saginaw River are combined as one site and are named as the 18th worst scene of pollution by the DNR. Some of the contamination comes from industrial solvents and wastes that were dumped in or near the bay, and from chemicals leaching into the water from adjacent plants, officials say.

## WATER LEVELS LOWER

Lake Huron water level is about two inches lower than it was at the end of October, according to figures from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Nov. 30 level was projected at 577.4 feet above the mean levels, four inches below average and also four inches below last year's level.

The lakes are expected to complete their seasonal decline in February, and the water level in April, 1990 will be about seven inches below the long-term average for the month. Below-average rainfall in October contributed to the decline, observers say.

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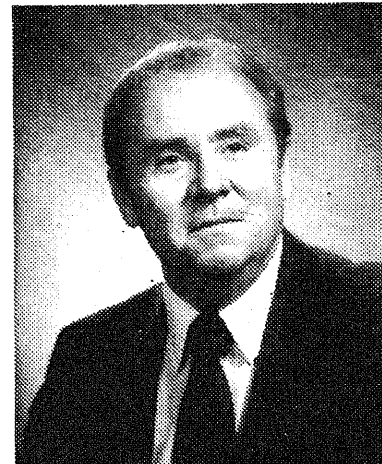
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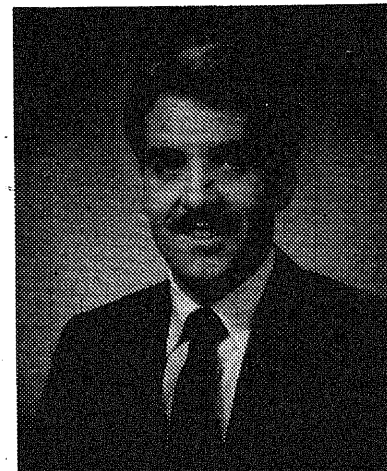
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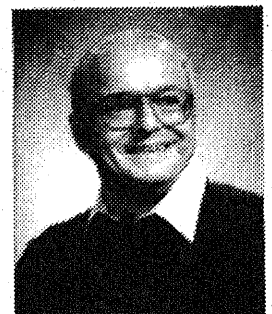
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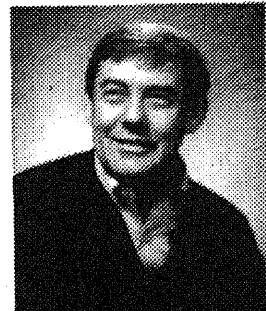
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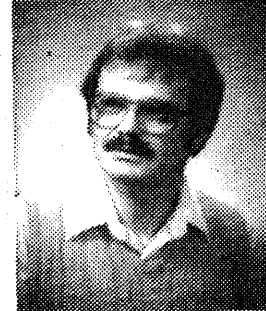
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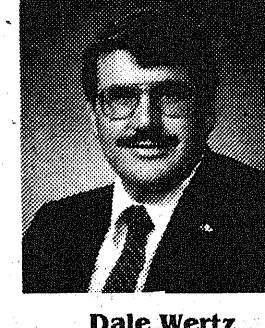
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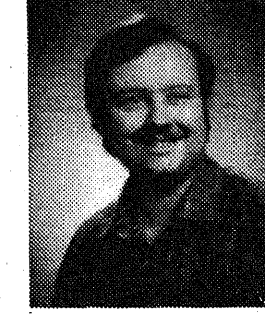
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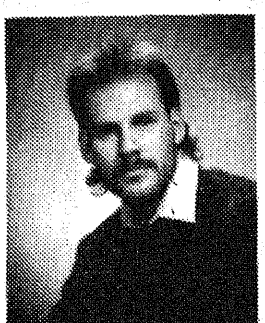
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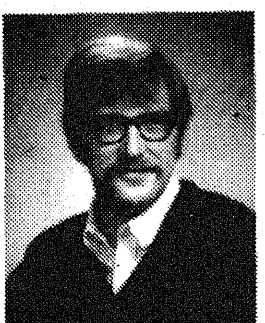
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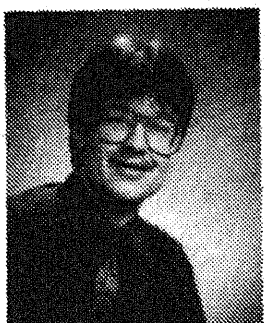
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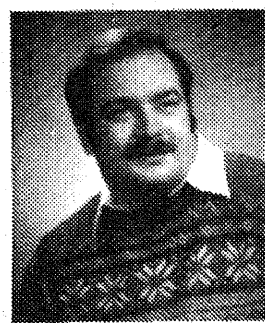
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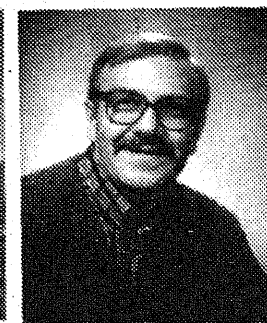
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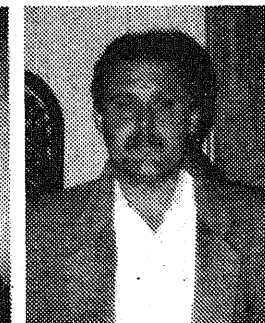
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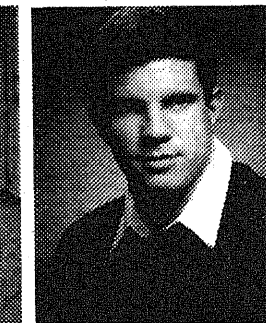
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DEAR FEARFUL:

I'll say you're fearful of AIDS. You're scared about getting it, you haven't taken the time to educate yourself and get the facts straight. The testing for AIDS costs well under \$100 and no insurance company in the country would consider dropping your policy simply because you had the test performed. Take the check I'm sending to pay for an office call with your physician and get some peace of mind. I sincerely doubt you have the disease, so buy an early wedding present from me with what ever is left.

DEAR MR. ROSS:  
How dare you advise that 17 year

old mother of three that she should leave them in foster care while she learns a skill to support them. The separation alone would kill anyone. God never said, "Thou shalt not have kids 'til you're 21." Rather, it's our present day society that has invented the "sin" of "teen pregnancy." You're one of those people, Mr. Ross, who assumes that women under 20 aren't capable of being the best mother for their children. I know my experience that this is a fallacy. You seem to believe in money over more important matters, such as family. May God rebuke you, since you are doing him a disservice by your attitude which is spread so far and wide through your column. Incidentally, it's not your money. All things belong to God! You'd better repent and send that mother money to buy her children some beds. — Anonymous, Portland, Ore.

DEAR ANONYMOUS:

The mother of three children you mention requested money to buy beds so social services would release her children out of foster care. In my opinion, that would be like putting a band-aid on a gunshot wound without removing the bullet. For any single girl of 17 to successfully raise her three children, with no skills to generate an income other than welfare, spells one thing: a lifetime of poverty. You can preach at me about God, with your self-righteous attitude toward motherhood, until you're blue in the face, but I'm not going to change my decision.

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Once I didn't show up at a class reunion, only to learn that it was a big letdown — they missed the organ music. It made me see that the sound of music is very inspirational and that's why I'm writing you. To prove I'm not going senile at the ripe old age of 70, give me a call, and the dog and I will perform for you over the phone. — Mrs. E.Q., Johnstown, Pa.

DEAR READERS:  
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the phone Mrs. E.Q. of Johnstown and I doubt you could have either. Sure enough, she and her dog have got something going.

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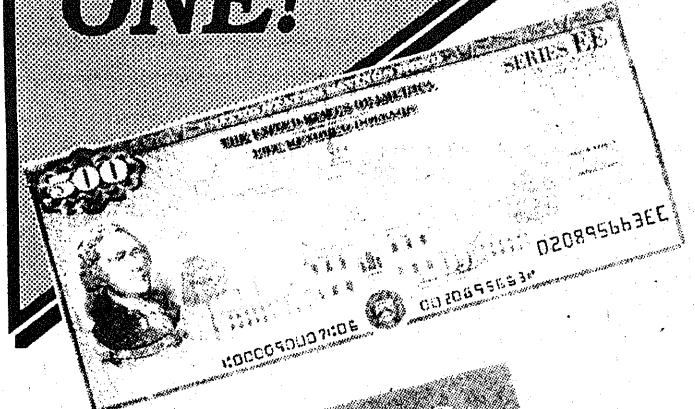
sheer entertainment, let me know. P.S. Next week, my editor, Nancy Webber, will be writing the column. With the holidays closing in, it's time I take my philosophy of "Caring is Sharing" on the road. I plan to spend time with some of my readers in other cities who are in need of help. Perhaps I'll be visiting with you in your community.

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