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Donation

Joe Good (left) and Jack Fisher (right) present checks totaling over \$1200.00 to Benji Baker and his mother. Benji was severely burned this summer and the money will go to help defray medical expenses. The checks were presented on behalf of the Mentone Fire Department and the Mentone School who co-sponsored a fish fry and bake sale to raise the funds. NEWS photo

TVSC decision

Should we build middle school or renovate old?

by Diana Streevey Bucher

This Thursday, December 6, there will be a special joint meeting of the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation (TVSC) School Board and the Citizens Building Advisory Committee (BAC) at 7:30 p.m. at Tippecanoe Valley High School. The purpose of this meeting is for the School Board to receive the BAC's recommendation for improving the educational facilities for grades K-8 within the TVSC.

On November 19, after examining five options drawn up by the architectural firm of Davenport Associates, the BAC voted to submit the recommendation that the Mentone, Akron and Burket schools be renovated and expanded as separate schools and not to build the proposed new middle school.

As this is a matter that will affect all taxpayers in the TVSC, the NEWS interviewed eight members on the BAC to explain why they either supported or opposed the middle school.

JIM MORGAN, Akron School district, (representing both the Akron Chamber of Commerce and Morgan Chiropractic Clinic)

"There are several reasons I don't want a new middle school. The first is that the projected decline in the population doesn't warrant building a new school.

"My second reason is that we still owe a base of \$2.8 million on Tippecanoe Valley High School. With interest, we owe approximately \$6 million that must be paid over the next 17 years. If we build a new middle school and make the recommended additions at the high school, we'll owe another \$12 million base, with interest making it about \$24 million. We don't even have enough money to pay interest on the combined loans!

"Another argument for maintaining our separate schools is to maintain community identity. The Junior High School kids don't need to be stuck in the country. Local businesses will suffer if we have the new school, too. Having the schools in town creates a lot of traffic through the business district that will be lost if the kids are in the country...

"It would cost a fortune for buses. They would need to be replaced a lot sooner, and the new school would mean extra pay for drivers and fuel.

"Finally, to remodel it costs approximately \$30 a square foot, for a new building it costs approximately \$50 a square foot. Now how can you build a new building and have it cost less? It just can't be."

PHYLLIS BIDDINGER, Mentone, Mentone School District, (concerned parent).

"I'm not an educator, but I feel

the new middle school would allow us to take advantage of the existing facilities at the high school, like the football field...

"If we add on the schools at Akron and Mentone, there is still the possibility there will be crowding...

"If all the students from the corporation were together, they could have better classes, like foreign languages and more business courses, like other middle schools have. We're not able to offer these classes right now at the separate facilities.

"The architects that were hired are educated and know what they're doing, but the Building Advisory Committee doesn't seem to pay attention to their advice or opinion of what is best. They have said the Akron site is too small to have a K-8 program.

"My son is in the second grade at Mentone in a crowded classroom, and his class must share bathroom facilities with the Junior High students. Two of his classmates were roughed up by some of the Junior High boys. The teachers handled the situation well, but it did happen and it is a problem...

"Some of the senior citizens on the Building Advisory Committee spoke only of the money. When we voted, the cheapest plan, which included the middle school, wasn't chosen. And finances aren't really the important thing - we're talking about children's education.

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Mentone Police log

The Mentone Police Department logged 1,536 miles on the police vehicle, while answering 42 calls of service for the month of November, 1979.

The following is a list of the complaints received and handled by the Mentone Police Department for the month of November:

Disturbance, 7; Theft, 1; Accidents, 7; Information, 6; Death

Messages, 2; Extra patrol, 2; vandalism, 1; Title Check, 5; Suspicious Vehicle, 2 and Public Assist, 2.

Five adults and three juveniles were arrested, and eight citations were issued for the month of November.

This report submitted and approved by John E. Hart, Marshal Mentone Police Department.

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Forms are now available for anyone 62 years or older who is interested in federally assisted Senior Citizen Apartment in Akron.

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Wild geese visit area

These Canadian geese may have hesitated just a little too long before beginning their yearly trek to warmer climates. They were spotted last Wednesday on a pond north of Akron and were caught in the area's first appreciable snow fall of the season. NEWS photo.

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Committee members voice opinions Valley controversy

From page 1

"I live in the country, and I've heard some of the people from Akron and Mentone speak about their towns dying if we build the middle school. I don't know if that's true, but should we make this a decision of a child's education versus the survival of a town?"

JO GAMBLE, Mentone School District, (concerned parent),

"It seems to me that from the responses I have gotten from talking to people and from listening to the discussions at the meetings, that all the objectives we need to accomplish can be achieved either way we go. There are pros and cons both ways."

"Some people complained about needing to keep the Junior High and elementary kids separate; we've been told they can be kept separate within one building. Some people have complained we need a better school system; we've been told we can better the system either way."

"From all I've heard, I favor keeping separate schools. I decided that all the objections to separate schools could be taken care of, but there is one objection to the middle school that can't be solved and that is transportation. It will cost more

for transportation if we have the middle school.

"One thing that disturbed me is about the addition to the high school and a new administration building. * The BAC wasn't consulted or given a chance to ask about these, they just appeared on our books one night. It seems the new gym at the high school would be used mainly for extra-curricular activities, not education purposes, and if something must be sacrificed, it should be the extra-curricular activities. We should take care of the younger kids first."

"The new school would be better for the principals, too. 600 to 700 kids in one school is too much for one person to handle adequately."

"I don't know if the BAC has done any good. It seems to have built a great controversy is all. Too many committee members weren't able to vote at the November 19th meeting, and it really doesn't seem fair."

CHESTER CLAMPITT, Atwood, Mentone School district, Harrison Township Trustee.

BEVERLY CLAMPITT, Concerned parent.

Mr. Clampitt - "On the basis of information we have about the School Board's plans, we lean toward favoring the middle school. So many times, as outsiders to the school system, it's hard to know what to do - I'm sure there's more to this than we know about. We have to be considerate of Burket school as well as Akron and Mentone."

"There are good points to the middle school, discipline would be the more easily maintained if we had the new school. Discipline in our grade schools is a problem, because there are too many children. I'm not blaming the principals, because they have a full time job, and it's a difficult job. It might be easier if we had the middle school."

"Both factions here, whether wanting the middle school or opposing it, have many good points. This isn't an easy decision to make."

"We have gone to see the grade schools, and if you see the classrooms with the children there, the problems are more obvious than looking at an empty room. While I lean towards the new school, I don't really care what we do as long as we do something..."

"In the second or third meeting of the BAC, we heard about the high school additions and the administration building for the first time. * It seemed to me that they were adding more onto the committee than had been originally planned and were really confusing the issue. There is no doubt the principal's area in the high school is crowded, and they could use the space if the superintendent moved out; but the School Board will have to decide what to take care of first. As things keep getting added to the list, we seem to be having a chain reaction-type thing here. We need to take care of the grade schools first."

Beverly Clampitt - "If the School Board is going to go into this building program, it makes more sense to spend our dollars wisely and not patch things up that won't last as long..."

MIKE HOYT, Industrial Arts Teacher, Mentone.

"Sometimes I think the middle school would be the way to go, and other times I think it would be better not to have the K-8 schools broken up. I'm not convinced we can get the money to do anything yet; technically I'm against spending \$12 million. I haven't really decided yet what I think we should do."

"From my viewpoint as a teacher a new shop would be terrific. I've got kids in grade school, but I think they would get more out of a K-8. If the space problem is taken care of, the K-8 would be okay."

"Then I'll think I would hate to see a lot of addition at the old schools. The architects say it wouldn't be noticeable but it's hard to visualize that it would look good after being patched..."

"If they want the middle school, why can't they build it and take the rest of this step-by-step? If they build the middle school for the estimated \$5 million, it would alleviate the situation in the grade schools. Here at Mentone we would have extra classrooms, more storage space and more gym time. Then later we could review the grade schools and decide where to go from there. There are so many ways a person can go..."

"We have to stop and think, can the system afford \$12 million? They seem to talk about it like it's change out of my pocket, but I can't even imagine this amount of money. The BAC has no say so you realize, it's all up to the Board. If people are willing to spend the money on the K-8 program, that's the way to go. If we can save money by going with the middle school, let's do that. I haven't made up my mind either way."

MARTY SMITH, Akron, is a senior at Tippecanoe Valley High School and one of three students placed on the BAC. When asked if he had supported the middle school, he replied, "No, I didn't. I'd like to keep the kids in their towns, the Akron kids at Akron and the Mentone kids at Mentone. It's nicer for them in town."

When Marty was questioned as to his fellow student's attitudes about having the middle school by the high school, he gave an emphatic response. "A lot of the students don't want the kids by the high school. They would be using some of our facilities, like the football fields, and we consider it ours. There might be some trouble over it."

MARNA RIEDEL, Burket teacher, (Mrs. Riedel was not appointed to the BAC until November 19, so she did not vote for any of the Options.)

"I was just appointed to the BAC, and while I have gone over the proposals, I haven't come to a definite decision. We do need improvements in the grade schools, but before we commit ourselves we need to know more. I think the architects estimates are too high..."

"I hope we can get our priorities in order. Education in the classrooms is more important than new sports fields and equipment. The propositions are so geared up for sports now; if we can afford it, fine, but education is more important..."

"I was tickled to death they finally decided to include Burket in their plans. I believe they figured Burket would more or less remain the same, then they realized there might be changes to be made. I honestly believe Burket is in better shape than the other two grade schools. We have a gymnasium that is at our disposal at all times, we don't have to share it with a middle or high school. And the staff is small, but we get along well and work well together. We could use a cafeteria, though. Presently the students eat in their classrooms."

"I don't think you need to take our elementary students and build a new gym for them. I don't know about the state laws and regulations, but I assume the gymnasium meets the safety requirements or we wouldn't be using it. What we do need is more classrooms. Should we use money in building a new gym or sink that money in their general education?"

Why a need for any changes?

Many people have questioned why the existing facilities need renovation, why we can't just continue with the system the way it is. Following is the explanation:

In reviewing the existing facilities, many Code violations (Indiana State laws) were identified; inadequate fire fighting devices, boiler rooms in dangerous locations, improper exits, unsafe stairs, no ventilation in Industrial Arts areas, toilet and locker areas that cannot be kept clean, and streets that drive through play areas. These are a few of the Code violations which are not only breaking the law, but endangering the health and safety of the occupants.

By the Spring of 1980, it is, by Federal law, required that all schools be "accessible" to the handicapped; multi-story buildings are required to have elevators, curbs must have ramps, toilet rooms must have special stalls and lavatories for handicap access,

drinking fountains must be available, door widths and locations must be accommodating, doors to hazardous locations must have proper handles to warn the blind. Besides the handicap requirements which are law, there are dimensional handicaps which limit a young child's opportunities. Tables designed for 7th graders cannot be used for 1st graders. Art, library, physical edu-

cation, outside play, music, and lockers must all be scaled to the child. There is a scale conflict between lower and upper elementary occupants.

The State requires minimum facilities for both elementary and middle schools. Nine hundred (900) square foot classrooms, physical education, media center (library), music, art, industrial arts, home economics, typing, and science

are all listed with minimum standards and support facilities. In most areas, the existing classrooms are too small.

Federal law requires equal facilities and opportunities for male and female students. Physical education areas must by law provide the same locker facilities, training rooms, and a space to play in. Not only Akron and Mentone facilities fall short, but the high school is in violation.

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Five options to improve schools

by Diana Streevey Bucher

Five options were presented to the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation School Board and the Building Advisory Committee by Daverman Associates on November 19. While the BAC's recommendations will be taken into consideration along with Superintendent Lloyd Harrell's recommendation; the final authority in this matter is with the School Board. The five options they have before them at the present time are:

Option 1: Renovating Akron and Mentone to accommodate 675-750 pupils each, grades K-8, and renovating Burket grade school to accommodate 160 students, grades K-5.

To satisfactorily accommodate the students at Mentone in this plan, 47,000 sq. ft. (including new music, art, industrial arts, science, multi-purpose rooms and an auxiliary gymnasium) would be added.

Burket would receive a new gymnasium, library, art and music rooms, for a total addition of 12,350 sq. ft.

Akron would receive the most drastic face lift, however, as it would triple its present size by adding 67,650 sq. ft. The old Akron High School would be torn down and turned into a parking lot, and the new addition would be added to the west side of the grade school. In addition to several general classrooms, there would be both a gymnasium and an auxiliary gymnasium storage and locker space, and specialized classrooms.

Total estimated cost of Option 1 is \$10,350,000.

Option 2: Renovating Mentone to accommodate between 675-750 students grades K-8. Renovating Akron to accommodate 550-600 pupils, grades K-8, and transferring 150 pupils from Akron to Burket, so Burket would accommodate 300-350 students, grades K-5.

The renovation to Mentone in this plan would be the same as in Option 1. Renovation at Akron would be less by five fewer classrooms. The square footage added would be 62,650 sq. ft.

Burket would receive an addition of 26,600 sq. ft. under plan 2. Along with the gymnasium, locker and storage space, and other specialized rooms, four general classrooms

would be added.

Estimated cost of Option 2 is \$11,070,000.

Option 3: Renovation of all three grade schools to accommodate grades K-5, 6-7-8 grades at middle school.

Under Option 3 Mentone would have 475 pupils and would need to add only 4,400 sq. ft. in the form of a library, kitchen and boiler room on the first level. Akron's addition would be cut to only 21,000 sq. ft. having only one gymnasium, seven classrooms and less storage space than in Options 1 and 2. Burket's renovation would be the same as described in Option 1.

The proposed middle school would be located on 19N on the same site as TV High School. There would be a total of 88,100 sq. ft., and the high school would use some of the same facilities, such as the pool, football practice fields, and tennis courts.

The total estimated cost of Option 3 is \$10,017,000.

Option 4: This proposal would again involve transferring students from Akron to Burket, so both would accommodate 300-350 pupils, grades K-5. Mentone would still accommodate 450 students, grades K-5, and a middle school would be built.

Mentone's addition would be the same as described in Option 3, and Burket's additions the same as in Option 2. Akron's improvements would be still less under this option, adding only 13,000 sq. ft. and having fewer classrooms than in Option 3. The middle school would be the same as in Option 3.

Estimated price of this option is \$10,387,000.

Option 5: Eliminate Burket school from system and transfer those students to Mentone. Thus, Mentone would accommodate 600-650 pupils, grades K-5, Akron 500 students, grades K-5, and the middle school 500 students, grades 6-7-8.

By eliminating the renovation of Burket, an estimated \$700,000 would be cut. However, Mentone would need an additional 10,000 sq. ft. added to provide for these students, bringing the Mentone

addition for grades K-5 to 14,400 sq. ft. Akron's renovation would be the same as described in Option 3, and the middle school would be built.

The dollar total estimated cost of Option 5 would be \$9,437,000.

* In addition to the renovation/construction plans for grades K-8, Daverman Associates have drawn up plans for an auxiliary gymnasium, practice areas and additional locker space to be added onto the high school, and a multi-purpose building. The auxiliary gymnasium and rooms would be used for the girls' physical education and athletic programs, while the multi-purpose building would be used as a joint administration/concession facility. It would be by the existing athletic field. Cost of the high school addition is estimated at \$2.5 million, and the multi-purpose facility will cost approximately \$200,000.

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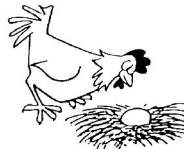
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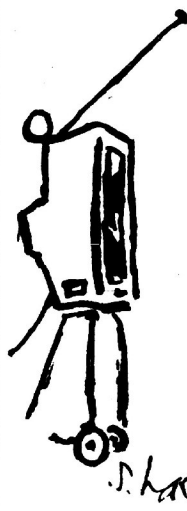
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Mailbag



More on Fluoride

DEAR EDITOR:

The Akron Town Board has considered adding fluoride to the town's water for several months. To help them make their final decision they have asked that the residents of Akron express their choice when paying their water bills this month. I would like to present some information about fluoridation which I hope the people of Akron will think about carefully and be able to use when they decide personally if they would want artificially fluoridated water.

Fluoride is the 13th most abundant element in the earth's crust. It is present in the water we drink, the food we eat, and unfortunately, due to industrial pollution, in the air we breathe. The "optimum" level has been set at 1.0 ppm (part per million). Akron has 0.5 to 0.7 ppm occurring naturally in its water alone. I feel that with the additional fluoride from other sources, such as food, Akron residents are receiving

ample amounts of fluoride, making its artificial addition unnecessary.

Mottling, the discoloration of the teeth with opaque white or yellow spots, that often turn an unsightly brown as a person grows older, has generally been associated with high amounts of fluoride in the water. This is true of severe cases, however, milder mottling often occurs in water with low fluoride levels, even in levels lower than the suggested 1.0 ppm.

The teeth of children drinking naturally high fluoride water, or water with an artificially raised fluoride level, often with some of the children having mildly mottled teeth, have had fewer cavities in many studies, at let us say, age 10 or 12. (I would like to point out that in less publicized studies, the amount of cavities has went up with artificial fluoridation). However, many times when the teeth of children drinking high fluoride water are compared with the teeth of children drinking low fluoride water a few years later, at the age of 15 or so, there is very little difference in the number of cavities. It appears that the fluoride did not prevent cavities, just postponed them.

When these children reach adulthood the fluoridation seems of no help at all. Although they did not have cavities as children, they usually have them now. Their fluoride laden enamel is very brittle

and often difficult for a dentist to drill. Sometimes the tooth will break while the dentist is drilling so it cannot be repaired but must be pulled.

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Fluoride affects much more than your teeth. Many people have become ill when moving to a fluoridated area. Since their doctors did not suspect fluoride as the cause some of these people were near death when the problem was finally discovered. Mongoloid births rise when there are high levels of fluoride in the water. Recent research indicates that fluoride is carcinogenic.

Although hard water can have

beneficial health effects, at times you can get too much of a good thing. Some Akron residents might be interested in knowing that since fluoride is extremely corrosive, it eats the water pipes, causing the water to contain more rust.

I hope that this letter is beneficial to the people reading it. I have much more information if anyone would like it.

Thank you for your concern.

Charlotte Hammond
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Kathryn L. Spice
Clerk of the Circuit Court for
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Lawrence Brown Atty.
Rochester, IN

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The NEWS asks:

by Diana Streevey Bucher

"Have you been contacted or do you feel your interests are being represented, by the Citizens Building Advisory Committee concerning upgrading our present grade schools or building a new middle school?"

Annette Groninger, Akron: "I wasn't contacted. I'm here most of the time but no one called me. The grade school in Akron is fairly old, but what I remember of it, it was in pretty good condition. I like the small schools. They are closer-knit and friendlier."

Lisa Decker, Mentone: "They brought around a petition against the middle school, and we signed it. We don't want it, it's too expensive. Don't get me wrong, I think the children need a good education, but it's ridiculous to leave the perfectly good buildings to go to waste."

Linda Flenar, Mentone: "I was asked to serve on the committee, but I declined. I'm happy with their decision not to recommend building the middle school, I want to keep the separate schools. Kids grow up too quickly as it is."

Zella Bowman, Akron: "I wasn't aware of the committee, but I don't want the middle school. I think we should take care of what we've got."

Wm. Kelly, Akron: "No, I had heard nothing until tonight."

Sandra Cumberland, Akron: "No I don't, not totally, though my father-in-law is on the committee. I haven't sat down and studied the pros and cons on the issue. I have feelings about both the advantages and disadvantages of a new middle school. As far as the committee goes, though, I feel many of the members may be voicing their own personal opinions. No one contacted me on my opinion."

Debbie Norris, Mentone: "Yes. I wasn't really contacted, but I will trust in their decision."

John Hill, Akron: "I have not been contacted by anyone on that committee."

Steve Smith, Akron: "Not at all. We need to know more about the schools. One of our major concerns of living here are the schools. Even if a few middle school is built, I would hope the small communities would maintain and use the old buildings."



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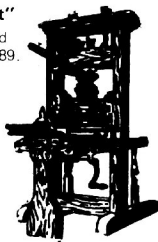
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Family Life

by Renee Norlander

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Akron World War II Mothers will meet at 11:30 for a carry-in dinner at the home of Esther Fenstermaker. Gift exchange. Bingo gifts.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

DAR meeting in the home of Mrs. Agnes Tibbets at 7:30 p.m.

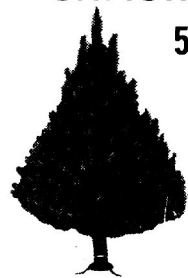
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Seward Home Economics Club will meet at 12:30 at Teal's Restaurant, Mentone, for Christmas party.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

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AKRON CHURCH OF GOD, James F. Hall, pastor; Myron Kissinger, asso. pastor; Larry Klein, supt.; Judith Hill, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
(Children's Christmas Program)
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Christian Service Christmas Party (dinner): 12:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Mon., Dec. 10 - Cheer plates fixed for shut-ins, 9 a.m.

OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubbsfield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Children's Bible Story: 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Meeting: 6 p.m. at the church.
Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Burns.

AKRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Gary D. Irey, pastor; John York, lay leader.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Charlie Jones, Youth, director.
Rev. Kenneth Marken, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Training Hour: 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Tues., AWANA at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.
Choir rehearsal Thurs. evening.

MENTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOW-SHIP, Rev. Robert Morgan, pastor; Thomas W. Harman, co-pastor.
Sunday afternoon: 4 p.m.
Tuesday evening: 7:30 p.m.
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MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, E. R. Heckman, minister; Paul Halst, lay leader; Dr. Wymond Wilson, Ad. Board chairman.
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
YF: 5:30 p.m.

BURKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Don Poyser, pastor; Vernon Meredith, supt.; Dennis Burch, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Billy Steele, minister.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship and Communion: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Children's Bible Story hour: 3:45.
Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class: 1:30 p.m.

OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubbsfield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Missionary Service: 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Youth group will meet at Bowens at 4:30 p.m. to go to So. Bend to get gifts for the Children's Home.
Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.

SILVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD, Fred Landolt, minister; Richard Hoffman, supt.; Sam Brown, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. COYA: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.

Wolfe, Tilden wed Nov.17



Pamela Sue Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gordon Wolfe, Laketon, became the bride of Michael Leroy Tilden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tilden, Akron, on November 17, 1979.

The double-ring ceremony took place at 1:30 p.m. in the Missionary Church in No. Manchester, with the Rev. Robert Skinner presiding. Music was provided by Mrs. Robt. Skinner, No. Manchester, organist, and Mrs. Dave French, Akron, vocalist.

Patricia Wolfe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and bridesmaid was Barbara Vandermark. Tricia Tilden was junior bridesmaid.

Best man was Gerald Harmon, with Dave Harman, groomsmen, and Von Krom acting as junior groomsmen. Ushers were Robert Vandermark, Vonell Krom, Lance Fuller and Tony Edwards.

Flower girl was Cassandra Tilden and Robert Vandermark III was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Tilden graduated from No. Manchester High School and the Upper Wabash Vocation School in Beauty Culture in 1975. Mr. Tilden graduated from Akron High School in 1971. The couple reside at 310 Northwood Dr., Akron.

Couple wed

Freida Morris, R. 2, Macy, and Milton Webb, Camden, Michigan, were united in marriage Sunday, November 25, 1979 in the North Manchester Nazarene Church. The Rev. Whiteberry presided at the service. Organist was Ken Gerbet.

Keplinger named CO-ED correspondent

Daphne Keplinger, 17, R. 1, Claypool, has been named CO-ED Correspondent for the 1979-80 school year, according to an announcement by Kathy Goglek, editor of CO-ED Magazine. CO-ED, published nationally by Scho-

lastic Magazines, Inc., for home economics students, contains features on personal development, careers and consumer awareness as well as the latest trends in fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings.

Miss Keplinger, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Melvin E. Keplinger Jr., is a senior at Tippecanoe Valley High School. She was appointed correspondent by Mrs. Sandy Carmichael, her home economics teacher.

Selected for the qualities of leadership and enthusiasm for home economics, Miss Keplinger will serve as junior adviser to CO-ED editors. Like the other CO-ED correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

Meals on Wheels

The Mentone Meals on Wheels drivers for the week of December 10-14 are as follows:

MONDAY: Mary Cox,
TUESDAY: Mary Hammer,
WEDNESDAY: Baker's,
THURSDAY: Jo Welborn, and
FRIDAY: Lyman Mollenhour.

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The Tippecanoe School lunch of December 10-14 are as follows: MONDAY: green pineapples, applesauce, mashed potatoes, perfect butter, WEDNESDAY: rice, tatered carrots, fruit. THURSDAY: with butter, FRIDAY: chips, broccoli, Celery and juice and All men

The Menu for the week is as follows: MONDAY: macaroni, pineapples, TUESDAY: pears, rice, WEDNESDAY: noodles, meat, lad, apples, THURSDAY: toast, tater, FRIDAY: wick, potatoes, ice cream

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by Vern Hucks

In winters past, many people's outdoor activities have been limited to snow shoveling and vigorous swearing at vehicles that refuse to start. This could be your winter to do something a little different.

Seven Indiana State Parks will be offering cross-country skiing on groomed and marked trails. The parks, Chain O' Lakes, Indiana Dunes, Mounds, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, and Tippecanoe River, have boots, poles, and skis available for rental but skiers may use their own equipment on the trails at no charge.

Pokagon State Park, located just off I-69 north of Angola has long been a winter favorite of many outdoor enthusiasts. In addition to cross-country skiing, Pokagon offers ice skating, ice fishing, and their ever popular 55 mph double toboggan run. The park also has cabins which may be rented and the Inn will be open all winter.

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Vikings open season with 18 point victory



SCOTT TILDEN (33) puts up one of his fifteen shots taken against North Miami Saturday. Tilden hit on 13 of those 15 and pulled down 15 rebounds for the night. NEWS photo

by Vern Hucks

Led by the red-hot 87% shooting of Scott Tilden, the 1979 Valley basketball team opened their season with a 78-60 victory over the Warriors of North Miami at No. Miami.

Tilden, who finished with 27 points, was not the only hot-shooting Viking as the entire team shot

63% from the field. Other Valley players in double figures were Chris Kindig (17 points) and Mike Coplen (14 points). Coplen's quick hands were responsible for six of his fourteen points. He had three break-away baskets resulting from steals of Warrior passes.

North Miami placed four players in double figures; Jim Harp, 20; Jim Garrison, 11; and Rod Birk and Jeff Laycock each with 10. The Warriors will be a team to deal with in the future as they only start one senior.

Valley led the rebounding with a 33 to 13 edge as Tilden again was the team leader. His 15 caroms were two more than the entire Warrior team.

Jeff Murphy played a solid game scoring six points and passing out 8 assists. John Dorsey did a good job coming off the bench to relieve Chris Kindig and Greg Utter.

Probably the most telling aspect of the game is the shot selection allowed by each team. No. Miami did not score inside the three second area during the final three quarters while the majority of Valley's 57 shots were in close.

Viking Head Coach Roger Fleetwood was well pleased with his team's performance adding "we played as a team". Fleetwood was also happy with his team's defense saying he "can't remember" when a team allowed so few points scored inside.

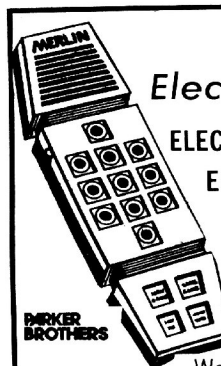
Valley girls undefeated

The Tippecanoe Valley girls basketball team kept their undefeated string alive by dropping two opponents over the past week.

On Wednesday, the Vikings thumped Caston to the tune of 62-14. Lori Tilden was named Player of the Game and nearly matched Caston's entire offensive output with a 12 point performance. Sue Gall led the team in rebounds with 10, five each offensively and defensively. Kay Hively dished out 6 assists and also contributed 8 steals while Virginia Arven blocked 4 Comet shots.

North Miami fell to the Valley on Monday by the score of 58-26. Kay Hively led the Vikes with 19 points, four assists, and eight rebounds. The team aspect of the game really showed in the stats as the Vikings outshot No. Miami 75-35, had 16 more assists, seven fewer turn-overs, 20 more rebounds and had 14 steals to the Warrior's 6.

The girls next opponents will be Argos on Monday, December 10, at home.



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A committee composed of Rita Price Simpson, Jerry Nelson, Guy Alspaugh, J. C. Rhodes, Randall Leininger and Tom Fugate has been formed for the purpose of raising approximately \$7000 to purchase gold championship foot-

ball rings for the Tippecanoe Valley High School team and coaches. The fund raising drive was kicked off at the Valley vs. Rochester basketball game on Tuesday. Patrons wishing to contribute to this fund should mail checks payable

to TVHS to the high school.

The committee has decided that TVHS will issue rings to 40 players, 2 managers, 7 high school coaches, and 4 junior high coaches. School administrators may purchase rings at their own expense.



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Reuter sets record

The Tippecanoe Valley High School boy's swim team has found the early season going a little rocky dropping their first two dual meets to Plymouth and Wausee.

Plymouth, in their home pool, won every event over TVHS but due to strong second and third place finishes, the final score was only 98-72. Dave Reuter and Brett Cumberland shared high point honors with 8 points each. Reuter garnered his points with second place finishes in the 200 free and the 100 butterfly while Cumberland had seconds in the 50 free and the 100 free.

In the meet at Wausee, Valley was outscored 104-68. Brett Cumberland was high point man with 2 first place finishes. Dave Reuter set a school record in the 500 free with a time of 5:56.4.

The Valley tankers will entertain Rochester for their first home meet on Thursday.

TVHS pool schedule

Sunday Dec. 9--2-4 open

Mon-Sat.-- Closed

AREA SPORTS - December 6 - December 13

DECEMBER 6	
Mentone (7 & 8 Basketball) vs. Warsaw at Warsaw	4:15
Mentone (6th grade basketball) vs. Triton at Mentone	5:15
Akron (7 & 8 basketball) vs. Manchester at Akron	6:30
Valley (Swimming) vs. Rochester at Rochester	6:30
DECEMBER 7	
Valley (Basketball) vs. Whitko at Whitko	6:30
DECEMBER 8	
JAWS vs. Manchester at TVHS	9:00
Valley (Basketball) vs. Caston at Caston	6:30
Valley (Wrestling) vs. Wabash at TVHS	11:00
DECEMBER 10	
Valley (Girls Basketball) vs. Argos at TVHS	6:30
Valley (Swimming) vs. Eastern at Eastern	6:30
DECEMBER 11	
Akron (7 & 8 Basketball) vs. Plymouth at Akron	6:30
Valley (Wrestling) vs. No. Miami at N.M.	6:30
Valley (Freshmen basketball) vs. Argos at TVHS	6:30
DECEMBER 12	
Valley (Swimming) vs. Maconaquah at TVHS	6:30
Valley (Girls Basketball) vs. Huntington Catholic at H.C.	6:30
DECEMBER 13	
Valley (Wrestling) vs. Whitko at TVHS	6:30
Mentone (8th basketball) vs. North Miami at N.M.	6:30
Mentone (7th basketball) vs. North Miami at Mentone	4:30

Akron did you know?

Velma Bright and Gloria Bowen visited Bill Bemenderfer, a patient at Winona Hospital in Indianapolis, Friday while in Indianapolis attending a conference.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis, Akron, spent the Thanksgiving weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Doug Davis, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Lisa is a contract specialist and

Doug is a senior program analyst at the Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

Doug recently completed the Detroit Free Press International Marathon in 3 hours, 38 minutes and 29 seconds. The 3784 entrants began the 26.2 mile race in Windsor, Ontario ran through the tunnel under the Detroit River, continued through Grosse Pointe, and finished on Belle Isle in Detroit. Of 2890 finishers, Doug placed 1353rd, seven pounds lighter than when he started.

Doug is the son of Bill and Alberta Davis, former teachers in the Akron School system, now living in Mayer, Arizona.

Gloria Bowen and Velma Bright attended the ILA - ILTA state conference at the Stouffers Inn, Indianapolis, all day Friday, November 30.

Featured speaker of the day was Marjorie Stover, author of children's books. Bob Cromie, moderator of "Book Beat" was another speaker.

Jaeanna McGee, Marlene, Martin, Keith, Kris and Renee of Ossian, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Read, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bammerlin, Carol and Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bammerlin and Terri of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Read of Plymouth, Fred Dickerhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Krieg and Trella Bastian were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Engle.

OBITUARIES

JOHN ADAM COCHRAN

John Adam Cochran, 77, R. 1, Mentone, died at 4:50 p.m. Monday, December 3, 1979, at the Prairie View Nursing Home, Warsaw, where he had been admitted as a patient November 15.

Born near Mentone on November 8, 1902, to Charles and Rachel Anderson Cochran, Mr. Cochran had spent all his life in the Mentone area. He was married November 4, 1925 at Plymouth to Edna Marsh, who survives. Mrs. Cochran lives in Warsaw.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Hartzell, Etna Green; Mrs. Dan (Charlotte) Stine, Warsaw; four sons, Charles, Indianapolis, William, Mentone, George, Lafontaine, and Richard, Ft. Wayne; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Two sons preceded in death.

Services will be Thursday, December 6, at 1:30 at the King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Brother T. R. Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Harrison Center Cemetery. Visitors may call at the King Memorial Home after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

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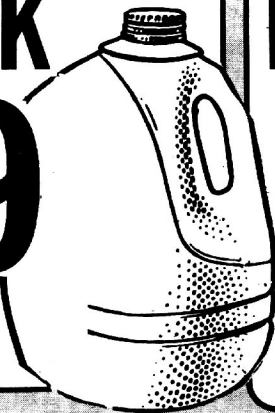
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Mentone Lions Club President George Welch presents a check for \$500 to Mentone volunteer fireman Frank Hardesty. The gift will be used by the fire department to help pay for special "jaws" equipment which will be used to help extricate people.

One million acres per year

Growing loss of farm land is major concern

by Vern Hucks

When I was a kid growing up in Charlotte, N.C., a trip to my grandmother's house seemed to be a long excursion. She lived in a little town about eight miles away from us and we drove through a lot of farmland to get there. A few years ago, I was back in Charlotte and made the trip down to Matthews only to find that I never left the city. Charlotte had grown clear to Matthews and the farm land had been stolen by what is now known as "urban sprawl".

Imagine if you can, driving from Mentone to Akron and not seeing a single field of corn, soybeans, sunflowers, or pasture. Imagine the entire ten miles or so covered with houses, apartments, neon signs, and "homes of Whoppers". I don't have to imagine it, I saw it happen to my home town.

If you have trouble with the concept of Mentone and Akron growing together, look at South Bend and Mishawaka, Minneapolis and St. Paul, or the two Kansas City's. If you begin to feel comfortable with that idea, try this one on for size. Urban sprawl is responsible

for the loss of four square miles of our nation's prime crop land every day. Every day.

The loss of four square miles daily adds up to one million acres per year. Instead of thinking in terms of square miles or millions of acres, think of the loss as being a strip of land one-half mile wide and stretching from New York to California.

Staggering isn't it? Well, we're not done yet. Add to the one million acres of prime land lost, another TWO million acres of agricultural land of lesser quality. This loss of three million acres per year equals the loss of 320 acres every hour.

We haven't escaped the problem in our area either. Steve Boeder, of the Kosciusko Soil and Water Conservation District, says that in 1978 alone, Kosciusko County lost 800 acres of farm land to non-agricultural usages. This is fairly

well in line with the statewide average of 28,000 lost agricultural acres per year.

Figures for 1974 are the latest available on Fulton County but when compared to those of 1969 they show that cropland in the county decreased an average of 2,025 acres per year for five years. According to the figures of Fulton County Extension Agent Martha Shireman, the county had 164,826 acres of cropland in 1974 as compared to 174,951 in 1969. Woodland in Fulton County decreased from 17,544 to 14,866 over the same span.

In 1969, 17.6 million (76.1%) of Indiana's total land area of 23.1 million acres was listed as farmland. In 1974, farmland was down to 16.7 million acres or 72.7%.

The problem is that some of the factors that make prime farmland "prime" also make it the easiest

and least expensive for development. Builders as well as farmers are looking for level, well drained land. Sub-divisions, sewers, water, and roads can be developed easier on such land than on land that is not suitable for agricultural purposes.

Not only is the acreage being developed affected but other land around it, isolated by "checker board" development, becomes difficult if not impossible to farm profitably. Denied prime land, farmers begin to cultivate marginally productive land that results in more expense for an adequate yield.

"Buck shot urbanization" results in other problems in addition to increased costs. Erosion increases, wildlife habitat is lost, rural beauty

Area abounds in Christmas fun

Santa to visit

Santa will be making his annual visits to Akron and Mentone on Saturday, December 15th, and another visit to Akron on Saturday, December 22nd.

Santa has a house at Akron this year at the Akron Realty Office in Cooksey's parking lot. He will visit between 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m., both Saturdays and will pass out treats to the children. The Las Donas Club in Akron has also put up a mailbox for Santa in the Akron Post Office lobby.

Mentone will welcome Santa on December 15 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the post office.

Christmas Concert

The Tippecanoe Valley High School band and choir will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. The sixth grade band and the junior high band and choir will also perform.

This program is sponsored by the TVHS music department and no admission will be charged.

School Programs

The three area elementary schools, Burket, Mentone and Akron, are presenting Christmas musical programs.

Burket's program, under the direction of music teacher, Cindy Carwile, will be on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Grades kindergarten through fifth will participate.

Mentone's annual elementary Christmas program will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. Only grades first, third and fifth, under Mrs. Carwile's direction, will participate. The other grades will be featured in the spring music program.

Mrs. Carwile is also the director for Akron's elementary program. It will be presented on Thursday, December 20 at 7 p.m. The grades participating in the Christmas program are kindergarten, second, fourth, fifth, and the sixth grade choir.

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Newcastle history

Henpeck to Bigfoot

by Eula Romayne Smith

To some people, Bigfoot is a mysterious monster of the western mountains, but to Mary Barkman, Bigfoot is a place - a special little town where her husband was born.

Near the center of Newcastle Township east of Franklin Long's farm, is the site of a town which began soon after the Civil War.

According to a publication of the Fulton County Historical Society, there is some question about the origin of the name. At first the name was "Henpeck", but in the 1870's when they applied for a post office, the postmaster replied that there were other Henpecks in the state, so the name "Bigfoot" was selected.

One tradition says the name came from an Indian chief who lived with his tribe in that vicinity. Another source credits the name to the heavy clay soil which sticks to a farmer's boots and gives him "a big foot".

The first mail to Bigfoot was carried on horseback from Warsaw. Later it came, twice a week from Talma or Athens. Saturdays were special days because dozens of farmers congregated at the store to wait for the mail.

Mary's family, the Frank Lairds, had to walk two miles to get their mail. She also recalled walking two miles to Yale School, a one-room school west of Sycamore Cemetery, which served the Bigfoot Community. Fences at that time were made of rails, and in winter when the drifts were high enough they walked over the fences.

Mary mentioned the horseshoes at the blacksmith shop, and that there had been a doctor there earlier.

Around the turn of the century progressive communities were starting telephone exchanges, and Bigfoot was no exception. A citizen could become a member of the company by building a half mile of telephone line or paying ten dol-

lars. At one time there were about one hundred members who paid \$1.00 per month for the service. Later Bigfoot exchange combined with Mentone, and then this combination was purchased by Northern Indiana Telephone Company.

Many helped operate the Bigfoot switchboard when she worked for the Barretts. However, she had other duties, too, because Barretts had the grocery and postoffice.

"I can remember everybody there and their children," Mary said. She is ninety one now, and says she enjoys thinking about those people. "People had big families back then. Some of the families she mentioned were: Nelson, Wharton, Long, Anderson, Miller and Coplen.

Her husband, Claude, was the son of George and Betty (Coplen) Barkman.

Rural free delivery took away the postoffice; automobiles made it easier to shop in larger towns; fire destroyed buildings; and so after approximately forty years of progress, Bigfoot faded into memory.

Farm land loss...

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is diminished, and certain crops may vanish completely.

One Indiana farmer learned another lesson concerning urban sprawl. This man had raised hogs on his farm for 20 years. His father had raised hogs on the same farm before him. A neighbor, realizing the demand for country homes, subdivided part of his farm and built 30 homes only a half a mile from the first farmer's farrowing houses. When the weather was hot and the wind was "just right", the new neighbors were treated to an aromatic blast of "liquid sunshine". Now if you're realizing the profit of a well-run hog operation, the fragrance can be tolerated. If you're not, it's another matter completely. Regardless of the fact that the farm had supported hogs for many years before their arrival, the new-comers used their 30 voices and votes to put pressure

Service of the USDA, land will continue to be withdrawn from agricultural and forest use at the rate of 28,000 acres per year. These studies estimate that in the 33 years from 1967 to 2000, 924,000 acres will be withdrawn. Allen county, the largest in the state, is about half that size.

What all this means is that we are just about at the frontiers end. The Soil Conservation Service of the USDA says that there are barely 135 million acres of potential crop land left in the United States. Sounds like a lot but only 22 million can be considered prime.

If cropland is our country continues to decline at the projected rate, the following predictions will become realities by the year 2000.

*All food produced in the U.S. will be consumed here.

*Consumer food prices will climb sharply. This will be a "real" rather than an "inflation" increase.

*We will not be able to depend on food exports to offset huge trade deficits. The loss of these exports will result in a negative effect on our economy.

*Starving people in other nations will be on their own for food supplies.

Philip Alampi, New Jersey State Secretary of Agriculture, sums up our problem by saying "Good farm land is precious. It's what this country is built upon. And once prime land is lost, you don't go to the supermarket and buy a square foot of it."

Next week: How much and why have land prices and values increased in recent history?

Valley Board asks Skinner to help

In a special meeting held Friday, December 7, at the high school, the Tippecanoe Valley School Board passed a resolution that due to the unexpected illness and hospitalization of TVSC Superintendent, Dr. Lloyd W. Harrell, TVHS Principal Loran Skinner has been appointed to assist the Board in Dr. Harrell's absence.

Board President Con Shewman explained that the special meeting was called as provided by law under an act which deals with threatened disruption of any governmental activity under the jurisdiction of a public agency by any event.

Dr. Harrell was hospitalized last week after suffering an apparent heart attack at the high school.

Service news

Sgt. David L. Swihart reported June 10 to the Marines in Millington, Tenn. He graduated from Basic Electric and Electronic Course August 28 and went on to school for Aviation Support Equip. Technician and graduated November 13. On December 5 he reported to CG, 2nd Div. Marine Airwing, Cherry Point, N.C.

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Kern Tree Farm

Christmas tree business is "growing"

by Diana Streevey Bucher

Bob and Laura Kern of Rochester are in an unusual business - they grow Christmas trees.

Bob Kern had no thoughts of going into the Christmas tree business when he planted his first plantation after World War II, but rather he did it because he liked to work with trees. Little growing information was available at that time and he had to learn the hard way about spacing, soils and the right species of trees to plant.

Most of the trees the Kerns grow are Scotch pine, though they do occasionally plant white pine. Mrs. Kern explained Scotch pine has a tendency to grow somewhat crooked unless the trees are properly trimmed each year. This yearly shaping of the trees is one of the biggest jobs in the production of good trees. This June operation is the highest priced phase of tree-growing and possibly the most dangerous. Trees are sheared by hand with sharp knives, the operation requiring close supervision and special leg and hand guards.

Another job in the shaping of the trees is bottom pruning when the trees are three or four years old. This is usually done in winter and consists of removing some bottom limbs from the ground up to establish a straight handle. This facilitates both the cutting of trees and leaves a trunk for the future buyer of the tree.

The trees are harvested after they have reached proper size, usually seven or eight years after planting. According to Mrs. Kern "the biggest job is getting them baled, but we can bale about 1000 trees a day. This year we sold between 15,000 and 20,000 trees." Baled trees cut loading time and

reduces breakage of trees. The Kerns start cutting in early November and finish in five or six weeks.

While I sat talking to them, the Kerns received a call from someone who had driven by their farm, and wanted to buy a Christmas tree. Mr. Kern politely explained he only sells wholesale, not single trees. Mrs. Kern said they receive a lot of calls like this, adding "It would be like stopping to ask a farmer picking corn if he would sell you one bushel."

1979 trees are selling for about \$1.60 a foot (retail) in our area, though Mr. Kern said he knew one man selling them for \$2 a foot. "Prices of land and labor have increased so greatly in the last five

years that the price of trees has had to go up and will probably continue to do so." "During the past few years, many growers have quit as they realized the considerable amount of work

and risk involved in the production of good trees. However, the larger producers are taking better care of their plantations and this may compensate for the slack caused by dropouts. The future supply of

trees is hard to foresee accurately. Even economists fail to agree about it. It is an established fact that a producer must have an efficient operation and use good judgment at all times."



Laura and Bob Kern, owners of Kern's Christmas Trees.



Laura Kern demonstrates shaping one of the Scotch pines. Heavy leg pads and glove guard against injury from the sharp knives.

Christmas tree safety tips

Let the warm holiday glow come from the spirit of the season and not a carelessly treated Christmas tree, Indiana University fire and safety engineer James R. Dawson advised.

"A live tree that is kept moist and fresh is very hard to burn," Dawson explained.

In contrast, he added, a dry tree is an accident just waiting to happen.

If ignited by faulty lights, a spark from the fireplace, or a nearby candle, the dry tree "gives off as much energy as a case of dynamite, and it will do it in a short period of time."

"There is a huge burst of energy, and the fire literally fries anything near the tree."

Avoiding this, Dawson said, begins the day the tree is selected and continues to the time when it is discarded.

The prime concern in selecting a live Christmas tree is freshness, the IU fire and safety expert noted.

"Bend one of the needles between your fingers until you have a tight crease. If it does not snap, split or crack, it is a safe tree. If it does, keep looking."

When you get the tree home, do not leave it in a warm place, Dawson said. This only speeds up the drying process.

Before putting the tree up, make a new cut on the bottom—a half inch or more—so that you have new, damp wood, he continued. The new wood also will draw additional water better than an old cut.

Put the tree in a sturdy base that holds at least two quarts of water, the IU safety official noted, adding "A tree will drink two quarts a day."

Using moderately warm water, fill the tree base a couple times the first day to saturate the wood, and then once a day thereafter.

Dawson also offered the following suggestions:

- Place the tree so that if it falls, it will not block an exit.
- Keep the tree away from the fireplace and its occasional popping sparks.

- Using only a flame retardant material to cover the tree base.

- Do not use a string of lights that has had the wiring repaired. "Some of the lights are as old as we are, and should be replaced as a safety precaution."

- Extension cords used in connecting the tree lights should be in good condition, and should not be put under a rug or carpet. "Walking across the cords tends to break down the conductor, and can start a fire under the rug."

- Turn the lights off when no one is going to be in the room. "The surface temperature of a bulb gets hot and, if the bulb is in contact with the branches for a long period of time, it can dry the needles and start a fire."

What about an artificial tree? Dawson was asked.

"The ones that have the UL label are pretty safe and, since you can use them for several years, are a good investment. However, avoid those made of combustible plastic. They are almost as hazardous as a live tree that has been allowed to dry out."

• BOB KERN •
Christmas Trees

Part of the 1000 acre farm, outside of Rochester, owned by Bob Kern.



Newsview

by Bob Norlander

Watching those hordes of demonstrating Iranian 'students' in Tehran on TV recently, it struck me that college has apparently changed considerably since I was in school.

In the first place, Iranian students seem to be in their late 30's and early 40's, running to unshaven jowls and paunches in many cases.

Somehow, I can't seem to see them lined up in their saddle shoes for a fraternity sing on the lawn in front of Old Main.

By incredible coincidence, my vast network of secret agents forwarded to me a page from a typical Iranian student's diary this week. My Farsi is a little rusty, but it seems to read like this:

7 a.m. — Rise and face Mecca, if it's still there, when muezzin's call comes over the P.A.

8 a.m. — Check wall posters to see who's running the country today. Check roster for riot duty list.

9 a.m. — Report to American Embassy for riot duty. Issued American flag for carrying out accumulated garbage from embassy and matches to burn flag.

10 a.m. — Attend class in "Effective Slogans to Letter Crudely on Placards," followed by open air drill on shouting in unison for benefit of American pigs' TB cameras.

11 a.m. — Workshop on effigy construction. Term paper effigy of President Carter due next week. Practice effigy burning with department's asbestos effigy of the Shah.

Noon — Lunch and hashish break.

2 p.m. — Mandatory attendance at lecture by Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, most powerful layman in Iran under Ayatollah, on subject "Why Iranian Women Must Cover Their Heads." Great stuff. He explained how women's hair gives off rays that are harmful to men.

3 p.m. — Attend symposium on Ayatollah's recent statement, "Women have a special place in Islamic society," followed by a surprise quiz on where special place is.

4 p.m. — Refresher course on conditions prevailing in the time of the 16th century Safavid Dynasty. Ultimate goal: Return to 16th century. Stunned at how much has been forgotten since my freshman year 20 years ago.

5 p.m. — To library, researching term paper for Advanced Revolution, "A peaceful death is too good for the Shah."

6 p.m. — Evening demo at American Embassy. Memorize new list of epithets to hurl at hostages when TV cameras arrive.

7 p.m. — Scimitar drill at barracks of Jihad Youth Squad.

8 p.m. — Twilight plowing at eggplant patch. Wife balked again at wooden plow. Will probably divorce her in the morning.

9 p.m. — Night shift for invective-shouting and fist-waving at American Embassy. Think maybe I am getting too old for this student game.

The diary trails off at this point. Perhaps our Iranian student went out with his fellow sophomores for a quick hookah.

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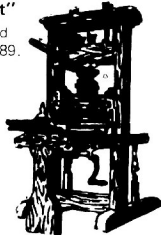
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It Happened in Mentone

Taken from the December 10, 1952 issue of *The Northern Indiana Co-Op News*:

Loren Gross, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gross, was one of the 14 county men who left for the army on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson and son Gail, entertained at a Turkey dinner Thursday. Guests were Mr. Joe Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett and son, Steve, and Jim Cumberland.

Elaine Manwaring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Manwaring, underwent a tonsillectomy last Wednesday morning at the Woodlawn Hospital.

A note has come from Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Nellans at Punta Gorda, Florida asking that the Co-Op News be sent to them there. Hope they have a fine winter there.

In a short letter to George Clark, "Tubby" Coplen says it is cold and damp in Korea. He has acquired a young Korean helper, 10 years old, who lives in the tent with him. The lad had no home or parents and appreciates the dollar a month he gets for doing odd chores for Tubby.

Ernest Plymale, of Beaver Dam, is now employed at Baker's as an electrician, plumber and serviceman.

The Jolly Janes met Monday evening for their Christmas party at

the home of Mrs. LaMar Anderson at Rochester. Mrs. Walter Kent, Mrs. Dwight Reichert, Mrs. Loren Tridle and Mrs. Forest Miner assisted the hostess in preparing the baked ham dinner.

The invocation preceded the dinner given by Mrs. Kent.

The twenty-two members present were entertained with Christmas carols sung by Mrs. Kenneth Romine and Mrs. Wayne Bowser. Mrs. Raymond Lewis and Mrs. Loren Tridle each gave a reading. Mrs. Robert Whetstone conducted a contest.

Sound Off

"Why aren't our students at TVHS informed that they could save a good deal of money if their class rings were ordered from a jeweler. I would like to believe our school officials would protect our children from companies that over charge and see that they get the best possible buy. Why do we have to deal with companies like this? Who gets the advantage?"

This Was News

60 YEARS AGO

Tom Bolley brought back from his trip to Texas a lemon weighing one pound and two ounces. Anyone interested in seeing the Rio Grande are urged to see Mr. Bolley. They can go from Chicago and return for \$26, which includes board and bed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whittenberger, a boy. While driving down Maine Street last Thursday, A. A. Gast had a narrow escape from a bad accident, when the steering device on his machine buckled. The car ran into the curb, breaking a wheel. The driver was not hurt.

The county commissioners were in Henry Township Wednesday for the purpose of inspecting the Groninger road near Disko. They said that it was built properly but needed grading badly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Swihart, Friday sold their property on North Mishawaka Street to Samantha and Dora Barnhisel for \$2900; Mr. and Mrs. Swihart will move within two weeks to Warsaw. They have lived in Akron for 21 years, moving here from No. Manchester.

A valuable driving mare belonging to Tom Bolley died last week, a victim of poison. It is said that poisoning resulted from ensilage. Several farmers living east of Akron have lost horses in the same manner.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Whittenberger are very sick with the measles.

39 YEARS AGO

The downtown area has its Christmas clothes on, and the merchants are displaying the individual store decorations, which will make Akron unusually attractive during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kuhn and son have moved from the Harsh property to the Earl Sausaman property on state road 19, south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Cloie Reed moved from the Sadie Slaybaugh house to the one vacated by the Kuhns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tucker entertained to Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ora Tucker and daughter Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rader were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thompson are the parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday morning.

Max Waechter and Richard Strong began working at the Ball Band factory in Mishawaka this morning.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Effie Scott of Akron has won \$100 in cash, a new General Electric stove, and a trip to New York City with all expenses paid in a Pillsbury Mills nation-wide recipe and baking contest.

Mrs. Arnold VanLue has received word that her husband, who is serving in Korea with the 1st Marine Division, has been promoted to Corporal. Cpl. VanLue is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron VanLue of Akron.

Bill Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, and Dick Alt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alt, have enlisted in the air force and are in Texas for their basic training.

10 YEARS AGO

Byron Tinkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tinkey, and Debbie Groninger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Groninger were named king and queen of Akron's homecoming Saturday night.

Happiness is: Those gorgeous floats, and handsome king, beautiful queen and the six other, just as handsome and beautiful candidates at the homecoming game, also the wonderful sportsmanship shown.

Boganwright elected to association

Theresa K. Boganwright, Mentone, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, reports Dr. C. K. Allen, executive vice-president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with some 38,000 active life and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 10 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U. S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U. S. consumption.

Meals on Wheels

Drivers for the Mentone Meals on Wheels for the week of December 17-21 are as follows:

MONDAY: Eva Mae Haist,
TUESDAY: Nancy Alspaugh,
WEDNESDAY: Rosie Mentzer,
THURSDAY: Jody Lafferty, and
FRIDAY: Harold Ulter.

AKRON PIZZA

893-4528

News Almanac

Last week's weather

	HI	LO	PRECIP.
Monday, Dec. 3	34	18	.00"
Tuesday, Dec. 4	40	23	.00"
Wednesday, Dec. 5	52	33	.00"
Thursday, Dec. 6	41	32	.06"
Friday, Dec. 7	Not Reported		
Saturday, Dec. 8	33	22	.00"
Sunday, Dec. 9	43	30	.00"

Mailbag



Rough times

EDITOR:

Times are getting pretty rough now, what with the price of everything going out of sight. But nobody does anything to stop it. Naturally the ones who haven't got much money, can't buy as much as they used to, but the ones that have the money, are spending more and more and driving more and more.

The price of almost everything is determined on the supply and the demand for that certain item. When everyone is borrowing money, the interest rate goes up. I just heard it was going down a little because businesses aren't borrowing as much as they did. Like also, when there is a large quantity of hogs, cattle, corn or beans. The price goes down. Because of so much supply, there is no demand. Instead of just mulling to yourself or to a friend about things being so high, buy less of the items that you think are too high priced. If everybody would work together, things could be changed. But no one seems to want to work together. (So everyone will go down alone.)

—Sincerely,
Name Withheld By Request

Public Notice

ORDINANCE

For the safety of the citizens of Fulton County, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Fulton County Commissioners, to-wit:

IT SHALL BE unlawful for any vehicle to haul loads of more than twenty (20) tons, which includes the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 850 West from State Road 14 to the C & O Railroad crossing. It shall be further unlawful to haul loads of twenty (20) tons, including the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 100 West from County Road 850 South to County Road 1000 South and the same shall apply over and upon County Road 850 South from County Road 100 West to State Road 25. It shall further be unlawful to haul loads of twenty (20) tons, including the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 650 South from Old U.S. 31 to County Road 250 East, on County Road 250 East from County Road 650 South to County Road 600 South, and upon County Road 600 South from County Road 250 East to State Road 25.

Anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Raymond Rentschler
Fred J. Brown
George Craig
Harrison R. Halterman
Auditor, Fulton County
12/13/20/20

Public Notice

ESTATE NO. E-79-99
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE FULTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
OF FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Notice is hereby given that Akron Exchange Bank of Akron, IN was on the 30th day of November 1979, appointed executor of the will of Hiram Overlander, dec'd.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within five months from the date of this publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Rochester, Indiana, this 3rd day of December 1979.
Kathryn L. Spice
Clerk of the Circuit Court for
Fulton County, Indiana
Lawrence Brown Atty.
Rochester, IN
12/6/20/20

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TODAY!!**

Public Notice

CLAIMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 1979
K. Spice, Clerk, 566.74; Jenkins, Deputy, 616.74; T. Pfeiffer, Sm. Cl. Ct., 583.33; J. Rorer, Deputy, 566.74; C. Bingle, Ex. Help, 384.00; J. Wagoner, Same, 72.00; S. White, same, 120.00; J. Garber, same, 168.00; J. Wagoner, Elec. Bd., 144.00; S. White, same, 14.00; J. Garber, same, 148.00; Haltermann, Auditor, 916.74; L. Riddle, Deputy, 616.66; N. Henderson, Payroll Clerk, 566.74; N. Delworth, Deputy, 566.66; D. Cleland, Full time help, 533.33; K. Carr, Ex. Help, 504.00; J. Bunn, Treasurer, 866.74; J. Rouch, Deputy, 616.74; M. Herskless, Same, 566.66; P. Pace, Ex. Help, 100.00; Crispin, Same, 84.00; D. Riddle, same, 24.00; M. Richter, Recorder, 808.48; A. Clay, Deputy, 566.74; S. R. Neuge, Sheriff, 1,000.00; E. Vance, Deputy, 895.82; B. Baker, Same, 875.00; R. Bryant, Jr., Patrolman, 875.00; J. Cunningham, Radiator Operator, 558.48; J. Cunningham, Jailer, 571.42; D. Riddle, Radiator Operator, 541.66; N. Rayl, same, 541.66; E. Vance, Overtime, 39.60; B. Baker, Same, 39.60; R. Bryant, Jr., Same, 84.00; J. McAllister,

Merit Board, 25.00; R. Fisher, same, 25.00; K. Thomas, same, 25.00; A. Jennings, same, 25.00; E. Vance, Holiday, 25.00; B. Baker, same, 25.00; S. R. Neuge, same, 25.00; W. Hunneshagen, same, 25.00; J. Cunningham, same, 25.00; R. Bryant, Jr., same, 25.00; E. Newgent, Jai Matron, 833.48; R. Daake, Surveyor, 958.48; S. Daake, Deputy, 558.48; A. Craig, Full time help, 741.74; G. Clark, same, 600.00; M. Shivers, House Dem. Agent, 341.74; P. Ashley, Youth Agent, 450.00; A. Sheetz, Clerk, 566.74; S. Tobey, Secretary, 433.32; N. Richards, Ex. Help, 37.70; E. Russell, Co. Assessor, 825.00; T. Frettinger, Deputy, 583.48; M. Cannedy, Ex. Help, 384.00; T. Newgent, Radiator, 558.48; G. Westwood, Deputy, 533.48; D. Morton, Cir. Ct. Judge, 1,125.00; G. Personett, Prob. Off., 828.49; L. Walcott, Cir. Ct. Reporter, 700.00; J. Delworth Jr., Co. Ct. Judge, 298.71; H. McAllister, Co. Ct. Reporter, 683.32; T. Little, Co. Ct. Bailiff, 431.90; R. Holland, Ct. House Custodian, 882.37; M. Holland, Ct. House Matron, 295.98; S. Smith, Vet. Serv. Off., 275.00; J. Good, Coroner, 166.74; D. St. Clair, Wgt. & Meas., 469.24; G. Townsend, Landfill Operator, 891.74; Richard L. Smith, Dir., 420.00; P. M. Dir., Proc. Atty., Sec., 420.00; M. Cheesman, Title IV-D Sec., 325.12; S. Kenoe, Title IV-D Child Sup. 20.00; F. Brown, Dr. Bd., 70.00; R. Rentschler, same, 70.00; G. Craig, same, 70.00; W. Deniston, Dr. Bd. Atty., 266.74; E. Saman, Dr. Bd. Sec., 392.00; R. Rentschler, Co. Commissioner, 358.48; G. Craig, same, 358.48; F. Brown, same, 358.48; W. Deniston, Co. Atty., 300.00; J. K. Krieger, 300.00; G. Clauson same, 300.00; J. Croy, Aubree Twp., Trustee, 125.00; C. Ellis, Henry Twp., Trustee, 125.00; R. Leavelle, Liberty Twp. Trustee, 125.00; L. Dawson, New Castle Twp. Trustee, 103.12; G. Schwenk Richard Twp. Trustee, 133.25; R. Baldwin, Union Twp. Trustee, 125.00; J. Herrold, Wayne Twp. Trustee, 112.50; A. Rutledge, CETA-Landfill Employee, 362.00; H. Holt, CETA-Highway Employee, 266.40; R. Rans, CETA-Animal Warden, 700.00; J. Sampsel, Dep. Prob. Off., 447.50; E. Kelley, Cum Bridge Engineer, 3,428.00; K. Brandt, Cum Bridge - Ex. Help, 150.40; Postmaster, Clerk Postage, 200.00; Kathryn Spice, Clerk-Treas., 28.50; Bailey's Hardware, Clk.-Off. Supply, 30.40; A. E. Boyce Company, Inc., same, 1.80; Barton's, Inc.,

Clerk-Equip., 314.73; J. Harold Read, Auditor-Ex. Help, 100.00; Postmaster, Rochester, Landfill, 43.53; Lowe Oil Co., same, 668.12; Public Service Indiana, same, 3.40; Scott's Hardware, same, 12.19; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc., Co. Comm. Telephone, 271.85; Fulton Co. Treasurer, Co. Comm. Health Ins., 689.50; 4-Co. Compr. Mental Health, Co. Comm. 4-Co. Mental Health, 6,000.00; Foster & Good Funeral Home, Co. Comm.-Burial of Vet., 100.00; Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, same, 100.00; Metro School Dist. Wabash Co., Co. Comm.-School Transfer, 363.34; Fretz Abstract Co., Co. Comm. Deed of Property, 180.00; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc. tolls, 321.10; Hornback-Sickler Corp., Cum Bridge No. 23, 2,600.00; Eugene M. Kelley, Cum Bridge No. 33, 80.40; H. Stewart Kline & Assoc., Inc., Cum Bridge No. 50, 2,760.00; Automated Valuation Services, Cum Reappraisal, 3,865.50; Bob Richards, Gen. Drain-Maintenance, 519.21; Sampsel & Son, Rev. Sharing-Landfill, 1,999.50; Horn Development, same, 7,665.00; Ind. Employ. Sec. Div., Rev. Sharing-Unemployment, 357.24; Treasurer, Fulton County, Rev. Sharing, P.E.R.F., 7,350.90; Treasurer, Fulton County, Cum Bridge No. 33-S.S., 499.32; Treasurer, Fulton County, Criminal Justice-Crime Cont., 95.98; Treasurer, Fulton County, CETA Title II-S.S., 466.55; Treasurer, Fulton County, Rev. Sharing-S.S., 7,939.82.

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Rochester Post Off., 212-Postage 286.00
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The NEWS asks:

"What do you think of the quality of television shows so far this season?"

by Diana Streevey Bucher

Sharon Surface, Mentone: "I don't watch much TV, but what I see doesn't seem to be that great. Everything I see has to do with crime, and I get tired of that."

Kate Jennens, Akron: "I'm not such a bug at TV, but I pick and choose what I see. I watch 60 MINUTES and the news and don't bother with the rest. The other shows aren't so super, and I keep busy with other things."

Judy Walgamuth, Akron: "Lousy. How's that answer it? I'm becoming more of a sports enthusiast all the time. Some of the shows are okay, but alot have too much violence. I think there should be more family related shows."

Tom Baker, Mentone: "I don't watch much TV, only what I want to see. So far they're alright, but like I said, I don't watch a lot."

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Mentone Police log

On Friday, November 30, Elizabeth Ann White, 17, Rochester, was cited for speeding 51 in a 35 mph. Court date was set for December 12. Elizabeth and Diana Tatter, 17, 325 Gilliam Dr., Warsaw, was booked and released in Kosciusko County Jail for illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage. Robert M. Conley was the arresting officer.

Shannon Gayheart, 16, of Mentone, was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol on Friday, November 30. John Hart was the arresting officer.

Timothy Lee Trump, 19, Winona Lake, was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol on Friday, November 30. John Hart was the arresting officer.

William C. McGuire, 18, Winona Lake, was also arrested for illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage. Gayheart, Trump and McGuire was booked at the Kosciusko County Jail and latter released. The arresting officer was John E. Hart.

Robert A. Iline, 34, Piercetown, was cited for driving on the left side of the road when not permitted on December 1 when the Hine vehicle ran into Hershel E. McGowen of Mentone on SR 25. Officer

Hart estimated damage to the McGowen vehicle at \$950 and \$875 to the Hine vehicle.

MEN IN SERVICE

Navy Engineman Fireman Frederick L. Harpham Jr., son of Frederick L. Harpham Sr., Silver Lake, recently participated in exercise "Kernel Potlatch II."

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Office Supplies
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Social Security
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561-Off. Rent 250.00

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R. Kreamer Supt., 1,000.00; D. Zartman, Clerk, 808.00; G. Riley, Truck driver, 977.60; M. Hoge, same, 977.60; H. McIntire, same, 977.60; M. Sutton, same, 998.75; J. Patterson, same, 977.60; E. Peters, same, 977.60; K. Bryant, same, 977.60; V. Zellers, same, 977.60; T. Vaughn, Equip. Oper., 977.60; R. Ginther, same, 977.60; J. Tholl, same, 977.60; M. Hott, same, 977.60; D. Sheetz, same, 977.60; A. Shotts, same, 984.65; R. Thomas Jr., same, 984.65; R. Beck, same, 977.60; J. Tholl, same, 977.60; L. Eycheson, same, 984.65; R. Helt, Mechanic, 1,079.52; K. Hinderer, same, 1,100.32; M. Clark, mowder oper. 977.60; Rochester Sentinel, Contractual Service, 49.40; Haltermann Grocery, same, 33.48; Indiana Wiping Cloth, same, 108.00; Cover All Rental, same, 407.30; The Blue Products, supplies, 168.00; Jim Lease Office Machines, same, 1,650.20; A. E. Boyce Co., same, 244.70; The Book Store, same, 9.07; Indiana Employment Security Div., Current Charges, 88.95; Wilson Coal & Grain, supplies, 22.50; International Salt, same, 1,666.00; Central Paving Co., materials, 443.77; Cowles & Simpson, same, 1,486.40; Engineering Aggregates, same, 917.56; Rock Industries, same, 1,242.61; Logansport Metal Culvert, same, 2,697.70; Rochester Bldg. Service, same, 63.15; Fansler Lumber Co., same, 64.41; James M. Hurst, same, 82.50; Horn Development, current charges, 140.00; Athens U. M. Church, same, 100.00; Sisco Inc., same, 151.45; Rochester Radio Service, contractual services, 223.44; Rochester Telephone, same, 81.52; Public Service Indiana, same, 168.89; Northern Indiana Public Service, same, 95; Power Brake & Spring, same, 366.91; Indiana Equipment, same, 122.94; Truck Equipment Rental Service, same, 96.39; Fabricated Steel Products, same, 451.71; Blackburn Tire & Alignment, same, 392.88; Crissinger Decorating Center, same, 28.44; DeLaurier equipment, same, 15.88; Cleveland Alignment Service, same, 20.00; MacDonald Machinery Co., same, 5,505.69; Rochester Glass, same, 18.41; Seastrom Inc., same, 217.00; Scott's Hardware, same, 13.50; Enyarts Discount, same, 16.52; Lunderbach Chevrolet, same, 106.31; Balleys Hardware, same, 197.42; Gilliland Auto Machine Co., same, 455.52; Vernes Welding Shop, same, 18.34; United Auto Supply, same, 6.14; Weldstar Co., same, 37.50; Workman Welding, same, 25.50; Gil's Auto Supply, same, 311.50; Payne Calmenson, same, 3,120.09; Indiana Dept. of Revenue, supplies, 64.61; Lowe Oil Co., same, 431.21; Blackburn Tire & Alignment, supplies, 3,994.10; Smith Sawyer & Co., Current charges, 20.00; Treas. of Fulton County, same, 5,273.16; Treasurer of Fulton County, same, 6,567.43; Treas. of Fulton County, same, 5,033.29; Lunderbach Chevrolet, properties, 1,295.00.

Harrison R. Haltermann, Auditor, Fulton County
12/13/20/20

Family Life

by Renee Norlander

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

The Akron W.C.T.U. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Akron library. Mrs. John Gerig is the devotional leader and hostesses will be Mrs. Lamoine Hand and Mrs. Ellis Klein. Each member is asked to bring food for plates for shut-ins and a gift for an orphan child. Everyone welcome.

Christmas message

A great deal has been made out of what constitutes a celebration of Christmas. It has often boiled down to whether we are opposed to the ringing of cash registers, as opposed to the non-ringing of cash registers.

The congregations connected with the various churches in the Akron area community are desirous that all of us celebrate Christmas in ways most true and representative of ways leading to peace. Certainly, our times are calling out for celebrations of this kind. We believe, that within Christmas, there

are strong grounds for the celebration of Christmas, as a Prayer for Peace. We encourage all people of goodwill to join in such a movement with God and among and toward our fellow man that will celebrate in this way.

Remembering the message of the angels to guileless and uncomplicated shepherds, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward all men." And getting back to the first paragraph, let the ringing of cash registers follow from and take its cue from the Celebration itself. A blessed Christmas Season to all.

Olive Bethel news

Mrs. Ralph Curtis, Rochester, spent Wednesday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keesey.

Mrs. Walter Safford and LaVon Mikesall attended the Farm Bureau State Convention Monday.

Art Dawe spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. David Sheetz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Leininger and Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams spent Sunday afternoon in Valparaiso.

Alice Hunter, Roann, was a dinner guest Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. George Sheetz.

Mrs. David Sheetz visited John Hott, Kewanna, and Mrs. Gwen Hott, Winamac, this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keesey spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Meredith of Ft. Wayne.

David Cox and Shanna, Rochester, were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox and Helen.

Azbell, Gearhart to wed



Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Azbell, Rochester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Trillia Kae to Dennis D. Gearhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gearhart, R. 2, Macy.

Miss Azbell is a graduate of Rochester High School and is an employee of Moore Business Forms, Rochester. Gearhart is a graduate of No. Miami High School. He is an employee of Sonoco Products, Akron, and is also engaged in farming.

A March 8, 1980 date has been set for the wedding.

Akron did you know?

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slaybaugh of Trafalga were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slaybaugh, Mrs. Lewis Slaybaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Doin Smoker, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Slaybaugh, Stephanie and Shawn, and Kevin Slaybaugh. They all visited Nashville Saturday.

Meredith's to celebrate 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Meredith, R. 1, Mentone, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on December 19.

The former Orabelle Kotterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kotterman, Lake Manitou and James K. Meredith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meredith, Mentone, were united in marriage December 19, 1954 by the Rev. Paul Gilman at the Athens E.U.B. Church.

They are the parents of two children, Gary, Central City, Colorado and Mrs. Warren (Diana) Gruenwald, Mentone.

They will be honored by their children at a family reception. Mrs. Meredith is a secretary at the Boggs and Nelson Agency and Mr. Meredith is engaged in farming.



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Laura Ann Vanderslice

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Zachariah Waymire

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Waymire, Akron, are the parents of a five pound, seven ounce son, Zachariah A., born November 11. The mother is the former Brenda Shonk.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shonk, Francesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Waymire, Akron. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Arvilla Whetstone, Big Pine Key, Fla., and Vern Waymire, Wabash.

Studebaker's open house set



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Studebaker, Akron, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on December 19.

Paul Studebaker and Pat Miller were married December 19, 1954 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller by the Rev. Willard Correll. They have four children; Paul Edward, Akron, and Steve, Ronnie and Donnie, at home.

Paul and Linda Studebaker will host an open house at their home, 202 Virgil Street, Akron, on December 16 between 2-4 p.m.

The couple requests that gifts be omitted.



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Summit area news

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Earl Butt attended the Mt. Stars Past Matrons Christmas party at the Civic Center in Peru recently. Others present were from Kokomo, Logansport, Walton, Galveston, Bunker Hill, Roanoke, Kewanna and Twelve Mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Arthur were hosts Saturday night for the Summit Club Christmas supper. The evening was spent by visiting, a short business meeting and drawing names for secret pals for next year.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eckrich, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bammerlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schipper, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Buck, Ruth Bammerlin, Ruth Hileman, Vera Butt, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kroft.

Ruth Bammerlin visited with Nellie and Marjorie Wagner Sunday afternoon and evening.



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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Annual Family Christmas Dinner: 6 p.m.
Cantata & Puppet show: 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Tue., Dec. 18 - Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 19 - Women's Prayer Hour, 9 a.m.; Puppet prac., 7 p.m.

OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubblefield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Children's Bible Story: 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Meeting: 6 p.m. at the church.
Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Burns.

AKRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Gary D. Irey, pastor; John York, lay leader.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Charlie Jones, Youth director.

Rev. Kenneth Marken, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Training Hour: 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Tues., AWANA at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday School: 10:25 a.m.
Thursday: Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
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AKRON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, Harold Miller, minister.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.
Choir rehearsal Thurs. evening.

MENTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Rev. Robert Morgan, pastor; Thomas W. Harman, co-pastor.
Sunday afternoon: 4 p.m.
Tuesday evening: 7:30 p.m.
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Services held in the new hardware building in Atwood.

MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, E. R. Heckman, minister; Paul Halst, lay leader; Dr. Wymond Wilson, Ad. Board chairman.
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
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BURKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Don Poyser, pastor; Vernon Meredith, supt.; Dennis Burch, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Billy Steele, minister.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship and Communion: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Childrens Bible Story hour, 3-4:45.
Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class, 1:30 p.m.

OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubblefield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Youth Meeting: 6 p.m. at the church.
Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. at the pastor's house.
Everyone welcome to all services.

SILVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD, Fred Landolt, minister; Richard Hoffman, supt.; Sam Brown, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY	Closed	Closed
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by Vern Hucks

In the last regular season football game, Tippecanoe Valley beat North Miami in a contest that was definitely not for the weak hearted. After that game, I spoke with North Miami's head coach and following our conversation, I wrote a column that, in retrospect, was highly critical of Coach Bryant. At the Valley-North Miami basketball game, I had the chance to talk to Bryant. By mutual agreement, we decided that something positive should be written about the game.

Bryant says that he's not bitter about the loss. He is disappointed that his players were beaten so badly but adds that "getting beat 81-0 is our fault. It was a combination of Valley beating us and us beating ourselves. We laid down."

Coach Bryant went on to say that attitude becomes a problem when a school does not have a winning tradition. North Miami has not had a winning season in the school's history in football.

Bryant, however, is not putting the blame squarely on his players. "Some things happened on the field that were probably my fault. I was not aware of them at the time but I was later. At halftime, everything was above board. We talked about sportsmanship, no cheap shots, and not hurting anybody." Bryant did call to my attention the fact that there was "not a late hit called on either team".

We ended our conversation with Coach Bryant stressing that he "really want(s) good sportsmanship between the schools to continue in all sports". Agreed.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Tippecanoe Valley Championship ring fund stood at \$2,278.00. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should make their checks payable to Tippecanoe Valley High School.

Vikings win one...lose two

Valley drops Zebras 63-51

Feeling the mental and physical pressure of playing four games in seven days, the Tippecanoe Valley Vikings managed to top Rochester but dropped contests to Whitko and Caston during the past week.

The game with Rochester, Valley's only home appearance so far this season, could be considered as two games. In the first half, Rochester outplayed Valley and took a two point lead into the locker room. Valley, however, took control in the second half and emerged with a 63-51 victory over their perennial rival. The Vikings actually began their come back with two minutes left in the first half. From that point until the end of the game, Valley outscored the Zebras 42-22.

Mike Coplen, shooting 57% from the floor, led all scorers with 20 points. Coplen also was the games' leading rebounder with ten. Despite four trouble, Scott Tilden added sixteen points and five rebounds.

Valley Coach Roger Fleetwood was well pleased with the win saying "its always nice to beat Rochester since they're so well coached."

Cold shooting spelled disaster for the Vikes on Friday when they were dumped by unbeaten Whitko. Valley only trailed by three at the half but were victimized in the second and lost 73-58.

The turning point in the contest came with three minutes to play in the third quarter. With Valley trailing by only three points,



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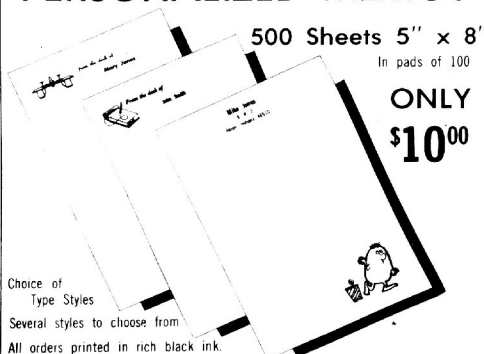
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Jeff Murphy lays in two of his eight points in Valley's 63-51 victory over Rochester last week.

Greg Utter with his fourth foul and Coplen with leg cramps. By the time the pair returned, the game was all but over.

In the fourth quarter, Valley did have the choice of laying back and losing by six or coming out and taking the chance of being beaten by 15. Valley came out and got beat by 15.

Scott Tilden and Mike Coplen were Valley's big guns again with 17 and 15 points respectively. Tilden also had 10 rebounds and Coplen pulled down 7.

The deciding factor in Valley's 72-70 loss to Caston was that Caston felt that they could win. Caston also had 8 days to prepare for the game while Valley had one.

The Vikings had the game won for all intents and purposes when they held an eight point lead with 2½ minutes to play. Valley missed the front end of three one and one opportunities while Caston hit everything they shot. Fleetwood said that he was "not disappointed because Caston played well."

Scott Tilden exploded for 29 points in the losing effort. Coplen added 15 and Chris Kindig scored 11.

The Vikings will return to their home court this weekend for two games, Northfield on Friday and LaVile on Saturday.

Mentone sixth grade boys
down Triton twice

The Mentone 6th grade boys' basketball team defeated Triton in two games Thursday evening at the Mentone gymnasium.

The score of the first game was Mentone 42, Triton 14. In the second game Mentone was victorious, 20 to 11.

The next game for Mentone will be at 4:30 on January 9 at South Whitley.

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Valley Girls thump Argos

The Dragons of Argos became the fifth straight victim of the Tippecanoe Valley girls basketball team, bowing to the undefeated Vikings by the final score of 56-31.

Led by senior guard Kay Hively's 17 points, Valley placed three scorers in the double figure ranks. Lyn Saner and Virginia Arven each chipped in ten points.

Lyn Saner led all rebounders by pulling down 12 boards and Kay

Hively also passed out three assists.

The JVs swarmed all over the helpless Dragon JVs and wound up winning 30-8. Janet Cumberland was the leading scorer in that game with ten points.

The next home game for the girls will be next Wednesday, December 19, when they tangle with Northwood.

Lunch Menus

AKRON SCHOOL

The Akron School lunch menu for the week of December 17-21 is as follows:

MONDAY: Sloppy Jo sandwich, potato chips, green beans, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY: Chili soup, crackers, celery and carrot sticks, fruit, peanut butter bar, hot roll (grade).

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, tator tots, mixed vegetables, banana pudding.

THURSDAY: Christmas dinner. Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, red and green jello with whipped topping.

FRIDAY: Submarine sandwich, baked beans, toss salad, white cake with strawberries.

Happy Holidays!!

MENTONE SCHOOL MENU

The Mentone School lunch menu for the week of December 17-21 is as follows:

MONDAY: Hamburger sandwich with pickles, french fries, peas, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Goulash, coleslaw, peaches, pumpkin cake.

WEDNESDAY: Ham sandwich, onion stix, mixed vegetables, pears.

THURSDAY: Chicken, mashed potato & gravy, green beans, jello.

FRIDAY: Pizza, buttered corn, mixed fruit.

Bread, butter, celery, carrots and milk served each day.

The menu is subject to change.

TVHS LUNCH MENU

The Tippecanoe Valley High School lunch menu for the week of December 17-21 is as follows:

MONDAY: Sloppy Jo sandwich, buttered corn, ginger-bread with topping, peaches.

TUESDAY: Corn dog or burrito, tator rounds, mixed vegetables, pineapple, pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, cheese slices, hot roll with butter, lettuce salad, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY: Ham salad sandwich, baked beans, cottage cheese, cole slaw, applesauce.

FRIDAY: Pizza burger, french fries, green beans, fruit, Christmas cake, ice cream.

Relish sticks, fruit juice and milk served every day.

Menu subject to change.

Upcoming sports

AREA SPORTS - December 13 - December 21

DECEMBER 13
Valley (Wrestling) vs. Whitko at TVHS 6:30
Mentone (8th grade) vs. No. Miami at NM 6:30
Mentone (7th grade) vs. No. Miami at Mentone 4:30

DECEMBER 14
Valley (Basketball) vs. Northfield at TVHS 6:30

DECEMBER 15
Valley (JV Wrestling Tourney) at TVHS 9:00
Valley (Swimming) vs. Howe Military at TVHS 1:00
Valley (Basketball) vs. LaVillie at TVHS 6:30

DECEMBER 16
Valley (Freshmen Basketball) vs. Northfield at Northfield 6:30

DECEMBER 17
Valley (JV Tourney-Basketball) at Rochester 6:30
Valley (Girls Basketball) vs. Manchester at Manchester 6:30

DECEMBER 18
Valley (Wrestling) vs. Northfield at TVHS 6:30
Valley (Swimming) vs. Lewis Cass at LC 6:30
Akron (& 8 basketball) vs. Northfield at Northfield 6:30

DECEMBER 19
Valley (JV Tourney - Basketball) at Rochester 6:30
Valley (Girls Basketball) vs. Northwood at TVHS 6:30

DECEMBER 20 & 21
Valley (Basketball) at Plymouth Tourney

JAWS win third

The Tippecanoe Valley Aquatic Club won their third dual meet of the season on Saturday when they hosted the Manchester Aquatic Club at the Tippecanoe Valley High School pool. The final score was TVAC 250, Man. 130. The team is now 3-0.

Forty swimmers participated in the meet from Valley and all of them had at least one personal best time. Twenty swimmers had best times in every event in which they were entered.

Fifteen new team records were set. The 8-under, 9-10 and 11-12 boys medley relay teams all set records. Individual records were set by Chris Paris, 50 free, 100 IM; Barb Burdge, 25 fly; Kim McCuan, 25 breast; Jennifer Secrist, 100 IM, 25 breast; Ellen Burdge, 50 back, 200 IM; Dayne Manwaring, 200 IM; Sam Manwaring, 50 breast; Randy Paris, 200 IM and 100 free while breaking the one minute mark.

A cut were achieved by Chris Paris, 50 free; Tom Alexander, 50 free, 50 back; Sam Manwaring,

100 free, 200 IM; Deron Manwaring, 50 back; Dayne Manwaring, 50 fly, 200 IM, (AA) 100 free; Randy Paris (AA) 100 free, 200 IM.

Final Results follow:

8-Under Boys: Free and Medley relays first; Chris Paris, 1st 50 free, 25 fly, 100 IM; Derek Manwaring, 2nd 50 free, 25 fly, 3rd 25 free; Tim Secrist, 3rd 25 fly, 25 breast; Jerrod Feldman, 1st 25 back, 25 breast, 2nd 100 IM; Brent Foltz, 3rd 25 back; Toby Green, 1st 25 free, 3rd 100 IM.

8-Under Girls: Free and medley relays first; Barb Burdge, 1st 25 fly, 2nd 50 free, 3rd 25 breast; Robin Hucks, 2nd 25 back, 3rd 50 free; Jennifer Secrist, 1st 100 IM, 25 breast, 2nd 25 fly; Michelle Krieger, 3rd 25 free; Kim McCuan, 1st 25 back, 25 free; Johna Weida, 3rd 25 back; Lindy Skinner, 2nd 25 breast, 3rd 100 IM; Aimee Volitasek, 3rd 25 free.

9-10 Boys: Free and medley relays first; Dayne Manwaring, 1st 100 free, 50 fly, 200 IM; Sam Manwaring, 1st 50 breast, 2nd 100 free, 200 IM; Tom Alexander, 1st 50 back, 50 free, 2nd 50 fly; Brian Peterson, 3rd 50 back; Scott Beery, 2nd 50 back, 3rd 50 breast; Clinton Alexander, 2nd 50 breast, 3rd 200 IM; Ronnie Lafferty, 3rd 50 free.

9-10 Girls: Ellen Burdge, 1st 50 back, 2nd 50 fly, 200 IM.

11-12 Boys: Medley relay first; Randy Paris, 1st 100 free, 50 fly, 200 IM; Jeff Feldman, 2nd 50 fly; Karl Leininger, 3rd 50 fly; Deron Manwaring, 1st 50 back, 2nd 50 breast, 3rd 200 IM; Roy Laughlin, 3rd 50 breast.

11-12 Girls: Sue Lafferty, 1st 50 fly, 50 free, 2nd 50 breast.

13-14 Girls: Diane Good, 1st 200 free, 100 breast, 100 free.

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12/13/1p

We wish to thank our friends, neighbors, relatives, the Rev. Johnson, the Beaver Dam Ladies for the dinner, the Hauptert Funeral Home, Dr. Wilson and others for the good deeds, cards, flowers and prayers. It will never be forgotten. THE ELMER HOFFMAN FAMILY

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OBITUARIES

John T. Hall

John T. Hall, 63, R. 1, Akron, died at 10 a.m. Friday, December 7, 1979, in his residence.

Mr. Hall was born August 4, 1916 to Lewis and Ollie Nicewander Hall. He had lived in the Akron area most of his life. He was married to Eleanor Lee Miller, who survives. He was a retired truck driver and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving with the wife are three sons, Thomas, Ft. Wayne; Michael, Maryland, and Timothy, Argos; three daughters, Mrs. Delon (Terry) Furnivall, Akron; Mrs. Richard (Wendy) Utter, Logansport, and Mrs. Henrietta Hall, Logansport, and nine grandchildren.

Services were Monday, December 10, in the Sheetz Funeral Home, Akron, with the elders of the Mormon Church of the Logansport Ward officiating. Burial was in the Akron Cemetery.

Thomas Flohr

Thomas Flohr, 30, Shepherd, Michigan, died Friday, December 7, 1979, in Michigan.

Mr. Flohr was born February 22, 1949 in Fulton County to Ted and Carol Rogers Flohr. He was married June 16, 1972, to Carolyn Wagner, who survives. He was a shop foreman for Sonoco Products and a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Surviving with the wife are a daughter, Tami, and a son, Chad; a brother, Mark Flohr, Vicksburg, Miss., and a sister, Mrs. Max (Patsy) Waymire, Akron.

Services were Tuesday, December 11, in the Sheetz Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. James Hall officiating. Burial was in the Akron Cemetery.

Edith Rhodes

Services for Mrs. Edith Rhodes, 72, R. 2, Akron, who died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, December 7, 1979, in the Kosciusko Community Hospital, were December 10 in the Hauptert Funeral Home, Akron. The Rev. Wayne Johnson officiated and burial was in the Akron cemetery.

Mrs. Rhodes had been in the hospital for four days. She was born November 11, 1907 at Bisby, N. D., to Jesse and Ida Shively Bryant. She had lived in the Akron area for 50 years. She was married in 1924 to Colfax Rhodes, who died in 1966. She attended the Athens United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Gene, at home, and Russell, Ft. Wayne, and two sisters, Mrs. Olive Romig, Mentone, and Mrs. Forest (Cleo) Miller, Elna Green.

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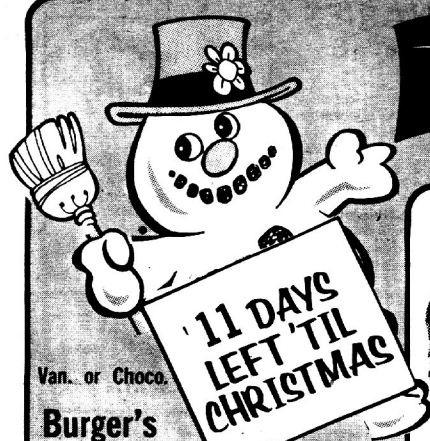
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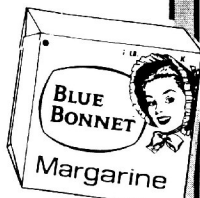


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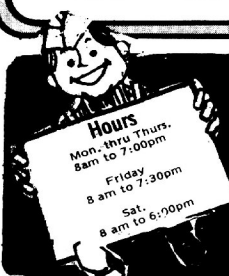


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Board votes to maintain Burket School; improve Akron and Mentone

by Diana Streevey Bucher

A regular School Board meeting was held at Tippicanoe Valley High School on December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

A major portion of the unusually lengthy meeting was devoted to discussions and recommendations concerning improving the present grade school system.

Members of Daverman Associates Architectural Firm and the Chairman of the citizens Building Advisory Committee (BAC), Steve Bruner, spoke first. The BAC, on November 19, had voted to recommend to the Board to renovate Mentone and Akron schools to accommodate grades K-8 and to renovate Burket to accommodate grades K-5.

Bruner expressed concern over the fact that three members of the Board and members from Daverman had gone to Indianapolis to meet with representatives of the Department of Accreditation and School Planning, but the members of the BAC had not learned what the Board had discovered. Board mem-

ber Lee Norris, who had made the trip along with Don Snipes and Everett Besson, explained they had discovered the state's regulations are not as stringent as first believed, due to a change of building codes adopted on or about July 1. Mentone school can be used with fewer structural changes than originally reported, but some improvements are imperative; the electrical system was cited as an example. Some state and federal codes can be waived or altered if proper procedure is followed and approved.

It was pointed out that while state officials do favor building new middle schools over renovation projects, they will accept K-8's that meet the minimum requirements.

Loren Skinner, who on December 7 was appointed to stand in for Superintendent Harrell during his convalescence, read a prepared statement from Dr. Harrell giving his recommendation to the Board. Based on several reports devoted to needs according to population, education, health and safety, legal

requirements, and financial ability and planning, Dr. Harrell recommended the Board improve all three grade schools and build a new middle school. He urged the Board to honor their responsibility of making sure the best educational facilities possible are offered to the TVSC and the children. He also recommended they approve a new auxiliary gymnasium and multi-purpose building at the high school.

After receiving both recommendations, Board member Vern Meredith produced a petition from Burket residents with approximately 400 signatures. The petition stated they wanted to keep their K-5 school and urged the Board not to abandon the school. (The petition was a reaction to the published reports of one of the five options proposed by Daverman Associates. The option would have abandoned Burket School and transferred those students to Mentone.) Meredith said he felt that was a strong statement toward keeping their school.

Board member Norris complimented the BAC and Supt. Harrell for their recommendations. He stated he did not want to diminish or discredit Dr. Harrell in any way, but that not enough support had been shown for the middle school to pursue that course of action at the present time. He then moved for the Board to go on record as maintaining the K-8's at Mentone and Akron, and the K-5 at Burket. Everett Besson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Board member Don Snipes added that while there was not enough support for the middle school now, he hoped eventually there would be.

Norris then made a motion to have the architects and the BAC work to equalize distribution of students between Akron and Burket so that Mentone would maintain its 3-unit (class) system and Akron and Burket would each have a 2-unit system. (The present distribution has Akron and Mentone as 3-unit schools and Burket a 1-unit school. To achieve this, students near Burket are being bussed longer distances to go to Akron.) Meredith seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Bruner then raised the question of what would be done at Akron. Norris moved to retire and replace the old building at Akron, with the possible exception of the gymnasium. Bruner interrupted to ask



John Williams, co-Chairman of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce sponsored \$1,200 Mentone Money retail promotion, discusses final details of the program with Farmers State Bank employee Debbie Baumgartner. The give-away program begins this week.

Mentone Chamber kicks off \$1200 give-away promotion

Twenty Mentone businesses are participating in a \$1,200.00 give-away promotion beginning this week in Mentone.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the businesses will offer an opportunity for some lucky shopper to win \$100.00 in Mentone Money, negotiable at any of the participating businesses.

\$100.00 per week will be given away for 12 weeks.

The promotion works this way:

- Each business will have entry forms which will be pooled into a single group, and a winner will be drawn each week from the entries.
- There are no purchases required.
- Shoppers may enter as often as they like each week.
- Lucky winners have the option to spend their Mentone Money in one lump sum at any of the participating businesses or they may

spread the \$100.00 out for purchases at several businesses.

Chamber of Commerce Board members John Williams and Royal Baum are co-chairing the program.

Akron women killed in car accident

Mrs. Linda S. Thompson, 32, R. 2, Akron, died Thursday, December 13, 1979 from multiple internal injuries suffered when the car she was in was struck in the rear. Mrs. Thompson was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Marvin O. Thompson, 39, Akron, that was struck in the rear by a car driven by Douglas Holcomb, 24, Rochester.

Both cars were traveling north on Indiana 25 when Holcomb attempted to pass the Thompson vehicle. Holcomb hit the left rear end of the Thompson vehicle and the small Honda Civic left the road and hit a drainage culvert before rolling over several times.

Thompson and a son, Miles, 16, were thrown from the auto, while Mrs. Thompson and a daughter,

Fireman of the Year



Mentone Fire Chief Joe Good, is shown presenting a trophy to Frank Hardesty who was named Fireman of the Year. Frank has served on the fire department for 20 years.

Santa to visit

The Akron Chamber of Commerce invited Santa to return to Akron again this Saturday, December 22 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

He will be at Santa's cottage (in the Cooksey parking lot across from the Akron Supermarket) part of the time, and he will go from store to store for awhile.

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Board met Monday; Christmas time at Akron BAC still in effect

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if the building couldn't be gutted and the interior re-designed and rebuilt. Mr. Donahoe, of Daverman, replied it would not be economically feasible. Meredith seconded the original motion, and it unanimously passed.

Norris made a motion for the architects to work for a tentative budget of \$7 million or less, including equipment fees, but excluding architectural and legal fees. After some discussion between the Board members, Besson seconded motion and it carried unanimously.

Board member Snipes moved to keep costs of the auxiliary gymnasium of \$2 million or less, leaving the option of the multipurpose building open for later consideration. Meredith seconded. A roll call vote defeated motion with Snipes and Meredith voting for and Norris, Besson and Shewman voting against.

Meredith made a motion for the BAC to study the needs of the

auxiliary gym and multi-purpose building, Snipes seconded, and it passed unopposed.

In other business:—A written report from NIPSCO was read by Skinner concerning the possibility of running a gas line to the high school. Report said only 40 million cubic feet of gas could be run to the school, and that would not be sufficient for the needs. Approximately 100 million cubic feet is needed.

—Skinner recommended Daverman Associates be appointed to check into the federal Energy Conservation Program for the school system. If certain energy conservation measures are successfully taken, TVSC would be eligible for a 50-50 matching program from the federal government. The Board unanimously agreed to hire Daverman for this project.

—Board was notified of a lunch price increase approved at the state level. Effective January 2 prices will be: elementary, 55 cents; high school, 60 cents; adult, 90 cents.

The next meeting of the School Board will be January 21, 1980.



Mrs. Gearhart's third grade class at Akron School poses beneath their Christmas Pinata of "General Lee", the car of TV's "Dukes of Hazzard" fame. Their creation was inspired by the artwork of Gary Wagoner, shown above in the first row at far right.

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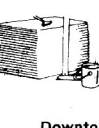











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Newsview

by Bob Norlander

Psychologists, apparently realizing that the Christmas season is not time to sit by the fire and miss the action, have come up with some timely advice (or a new racket, the cynics might say).

They are advising people on what they should give their children for Christmas. In this, they have some tough competition from the toy firms and their ad agencies, but let's hear them out:

"A child's best toy is a parent," we're told.

That's a zinger and beautiful proof of psychologists' ability to say something that everybody already knows, but to say it so nicely that it seems to be an exciting new insight.

Not only do parents know that a child's best toy is a parent. The kids instinctively know it too, and take full advantage of it. Just about every parent becomes:

(1) A toy laundry. From diaperdom to college, the parents takes dirty clothes and makes them clean, even replacing the buttons.

(2) A toy restaurant, where one can disdain the main course and the vegetables, and proceed directly to the dessert, leaving no tip. And an hour later, demand a pizza.

(3) A toy bank requiring no deposits and open all hours and weekends, especially weekends.

A parent is a child's best toy because it is more fun to kick than a football. And better than a puppy because it is easier to train.

The NEWS asks:

"What does Christmas mean to you?"

by Diana Streevey Bucher



Diana

Ryan Thompson, 7, Akron: "You get toys."

Steve Sauer, 9, Mentone: "Giving and receiving, sharing and cheer."

Missy French, 9, Akron: "Fun and Happiness."

Linda Hayden, 12, Mentone: "Lots of presents and stuff. Lots of fun."

Billy Clemons, 9, Akron: "I don't quite know yet. Santa's gonna give me toys and stuff."

Teresa Caverey, 11, Mentone: "Fun and games."

Nathan Klock, 9, Akron: "Nothin' but fun!"

Donna Flenar, 8, Mentone: "Lots of toys. And it's Jesus Christ birthday."

Meals on Wheels

The drivers for the Mentone Meals on Wheels for the week of December 24-28 are as follows:

MONDAY: Lu Teel,

TUESDAY: Christmas,

WEDNESDAY: Noreen Norris,

THURSDAY: Jean and Merl Gib-

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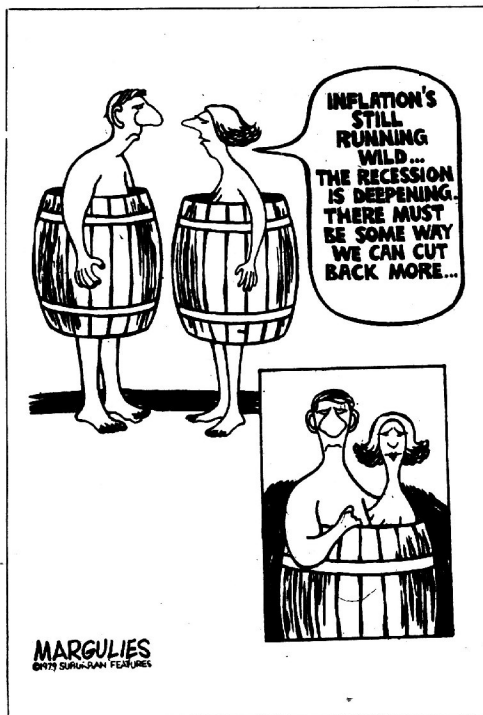
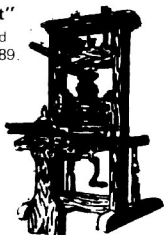
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Mentone Police log

On December 12, Gail Law, 30, R. 1, Mentone, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph zone. Court date has been set for December 28. Arresting officer was Russell Hart.

December 14, Alvin Prater, 23, R. 2, Silver Lake, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph zone. The arresting officer was Robert Conley.

Bernard L. Holloway, 34, was cited on December 15 for speeding 46 mph in a 35 mph zone. Court date has been set for December 26.

December 15, Ivan B. Alsbaugh, 34, R. 2, Warsaw, was cited for expired operators license. Court date set for December 26.

John L. Patterson, 16, was cited for driving without a license. Mr. Patterson is from Rochester. Court date set for December 26.

On December 15, Charles E. Patterson, 24, Rochester, was cited for permitting a violation. Court date set for December 26. The arresting officer was Robert Conley.

4-H ownership deadlines set

The Fulton County 4-H Council has announced the following ownership and enrollment deadlines: for beef steers, heifers (born before Aug. 31, 1979) and dairy (born before June 30, 1979) the deadline is February 1, 1980. All steers must be 1979 calves.

All steers (including dairy beef) and commercial heifers will be freeze branded at the 4-H Fairgrounds. All steers also will be weighed at the time of freeze branding, to participate in a rate of gain contest.

Ownership and enrollment deadlines for Sheep, Swine, Horse and Pony, Poultry, Rabbit and Dog and non-livestock projects is May 1, 1980. There will be two new 4-H projects offered for 1980 - laboratory animals and cats.

Any youth who will be 10 years old in 1980, and not older than 19, is eligible to join 4-H. For information on 4-H, contact your local 4-H leader or the County Extension Office, Courthouse, Rochester, or phone 223-3397.

New members wishing to enroll in the beef or dairy projects should be sure to contact the local 4-H leader or the County Extension Office before the Feb. 1 deadline for enrollment forms and information.

This Was News

60 YEARS AGO

A deal was made this week whereby Walter Haldeman takes over the interests in the F. Stoner Elevator Co. owned by Fletcher Stone. The firm will probably be known as the F. Haldeman Elevator Co.

Postmaster Marion Fultz is enjoying the usual Christmas rush and more packages have descended upon the office than he and his clerk can take care of. He said that he thought the mail was heavier than it was last year.

The dancing hall in the opera house was completed this week and the managers plan to stage their opening dance soon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haldeman, a son.

Nearly every business in Akron will be closed all day Christmas. The postoffice will make no delivery and the window will be closed at nine o'clock. The telephone exchange will be shut from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Martha Burns went to Indianapolis Monday to spend Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. Ray Hoover and Mrs. Ludd Read and families.

39 YEARS AGO

The Rochester Zebras took a 34-20 decision from the Akron Flyers Tuesday night. Rochester led the entire game.

Quentin Hand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamoin Hand, won the safety legion contest held at Leiningers in connection with the Safety Legion cruiser which was here a week ago.

One out of every three pupils in the Akron High School showed a positive reaction to the "patch" test which is being given to school children by the Fulton County Tuberculosis Association.

The Madrid theatre entertained all the grade school children Wednesday afternoon at their annual Christmas matinee. The youngsters saw Baby Sandy in "Sandy Gets Her Man".

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gast entertained at dinner Sunday at the Hotel Akron, Mrs. Beulah Cook, Mrs. Ida Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hitchcock.

25 YEARS AGO

The Akron Flyers scored a 2 point victory over the Rochester Zebras Tuesday night in a game played at Rochester. This was Akron's first scheduled game victory over Rochester since 1943. The lineup for the 1943 victory, coached by Geo. Cullers, included Morris Utter, Dick Landis, Ray Riley, Paul Nye, Gordon Groninger, Gene Burch and Darwin Heeter. Starting the game for the 1954 version was Jim Jones, Harold Shewman, Jack Jones, Kenny Jones and Bob Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hileman are the parents of a baby girl, Christine Sue, born Friday, December 10 at Woodlawn Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

10 YEARS AGO

Eldon Rager, a former Akron resident, has been hired as a full time pharmacist at Corner Drugs, formerly Denton Drug Store, in Mentone, and will assume his new duties January 5.

Mrs. Ann Mizgalski entertained her Canasta Club for their Christmas meeting Wednesday at noon for a luncheon. Those enjoying the day were Mesdames Earl Kuhn, Allen Keim, Lloyd Haldeman, Harvey Sterling, Charles Yeaman and Carrie Norris.

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Monuments

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Since the subject of school construction has been reborn, it might be prudent to review the last 20 years and see how The System works and how this has come about. We should look at who has the most to gain from all of this. The architects, construction people, big labor unions, municipal bond sellers, and various bureaucrats promote these schemes because it is profitable. Very profitable. What they have done in the past is to influence the legislature to pass laws which increase their leverage. What they can not do with legislation, they do with the creation and manipulation of rules and regulations. The first and most obvious thing to do was to rule that all classrooms had to be a certain predetermined size. Having done this they automatically made all old buildings obsolete and thereby created a market for their services.

Having created the market, the next order of business was to create a demand, that is, to sell it to every bodies patsy-the taxpayer. The sell job is promoted by convincing the parents and taxpayers that they must do these things for "the good of their children." Few parents or taxpayers can long resist this sort of psychological pressure. It's a winner every time.

Enter here now the labor unions who by law know that public work projects must employ and pay union scale to their people. This, of course, speaks for itself.

Next come the superintendents and administrators of the school system. They have various methods of stirring up the building fever. The most popular and effective is to refuse to play basketball in any gym that is not, here again, "regulation size." No red blooded Hooser can resist this play because in Indiana a basketball floor that is not "regulation" is a crime of the first magnitude. What they gain from all of this is solidification of their personal power and job security.

Thus we have come full circle. The tragedy of it all is that there is absolutely no proof (with the possible exception of football) that these gleaming palaces teach anybody anything any better.

One need only to look around at the pasture fields of Indiana where these monuments have been erected to see that their promoters have been and continue to be smashing-ly successful.

Sincerely,
Owen Perry

Mentone Homemakers

The Mentone Extension Homemakers met in the home of Esther Sarber for their annual Christmas carry in supper and gift exchange. Fifteen members and one guest answered roll call.

Grace Sullivan presented devotions and the president, Genevieve Warren, was in charge of business.

After the club Collect the gifts were distributed from around the tree.

There will be no January meeting and the February meeting will be with Blanche Whitmyre of Rochester.

It Happened in Mentone

Taken from the December 17, 1952 issue of The Northern Indiana Co-Op News:

Henry Konneck, who came back from a Michigan deer hunting trip with his car decorated with a fine specimen of a deer, will supply the venison for a supper at the Lake Trail Cafe Friday, Dec. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adams and six and a half year old sons, Robert and Russell, are moving into their recently acquired home in Mentone. They have purchased the Chet Coplen property on south Franklin street. Mrs. Adams works at the Farmers State Bank, and Mr. Adams at Bendix. They have been living near Talma. Mr. and Mrs. Coplen and family have moved into the Sarber property near the school, which they have purchased.

Phyllis Alderfer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alderfer, of near Mentone, underwent a tonsillectomy last Wednesday at the Woodlawn Hospital. She is recovering at home.

Last Friday, near the Wallace Anglin home on the Crystal Lake

road, the car driven by Mrs. Tomas Harman going west, and one driven by Mrs. Phyllis Yeiter, going east, skidded into each other, on the icy roads, causing damages of \$75 to each car. A few minutes later, a Nash, driven by Beverly Shaffer, of Bourbon, skidded on the same incline and turned over. Her car suffered damage of around \$200. Fortunately, due to the slow speed of the cars, nobody was injured.

Dick Dillman is spending some time with home folks. He is in the Air Force.

Akron WWII Mothers met

The Akron Mothers of World War II met at noon recently in the home of Esther Fenstermaker for a carry in luncheon.

The ritualistic meeting after lunch consisted of nominating committee presented the slate of officers and appointed officers were filled.

New officers to be installed in January are Esther Fenstermaker, president; Marilyn Stafford, 1st vice president; Marjorie McColley,

Max Grubbs, who is serving in the navy, is visiting home folks.

The Mentone Bulldogs added two more victories to the record by winning both the first and second team games last Friday evening. The first team fought an uphill battle to lose Syracuse at the finish by a score of 42-40. The second team won by a score of 37-30. This Friday evening Mentone plays Atwood in the local gym.

Beverly Witham has been elected F.F.A. queen.

2nd vice president; Cora Coplen, recording secretary; Elizabeth Good, financial secretary; Mabel Alderfer, treasurer; Annabelle Hammond, sergeant of arms, Catherine Rudo, historian; Flossie Drudge, parliamentarian; and Evelyn Ruppert, chaplain.

The meeting then closed in ritualistic form. Gifts were exchanged and bingo was played with prizes going to all.

Public Notice

ORDINANCE

For the safety of the citizens of Fulton County, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Fulton County Commissioners, to-wit:

IT SHALL BE unlawful for any vehicle to haul loads of more than twenty (20) tons, which includes the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 850 West from State Road 14 to the C & O Railroad crossing. It shall be further unlawful to haul loads of twenty (20) tons, including the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 100 West from County Road 850 South to County Road 1000 South and the same shall apply over and upon County Road 850 South from County Road 100 West to State Road 25. It shall further be unlawful to haul loads of twenty (20) tons, including the weight of the vehicle over and upon County Road 650 South from Old U.S. 31 to County Road 250 East, on County Road 250 East from County Road 650 South to County Road 600 South, and upon County Road 250 East to State Road 25.

Anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Raymond Rentschler
Fred L. Brown
George Craig
Harrison R. Halterman
Auditor, Fulton County
12/13/20/2p

Public Notice

CLAIMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 1979
K. Splice, Clerk, 866.74; J. Jenkins, Deputy, 616.74; T. Pfeiffer, Sm. Ct. Cl., 583.33; J. Rorer, Deputy, 566.74; C. Bingle, Ex. Help, 384.00; J. Wagoner, Serv., 72.00; S. White, same, 120.00; J. Garber, same, 168.00; J. Wagoner, Elec. Bd., 144.00; S. White, same, 84.00; Garber, same, 80.00; H. Halterman, Auditor, 916.74; L. Riddle, Deputy, 616.66; P. Henderson, Payroll Clerk, 566.74; N. Delworth, Deputy, 566.66; D. Cleland, Full time help, 533.33; K. Carr, Ex. Help, 504.00; J. Bunn, Treasurer, 866.74; J. Rouch, same, 116.74; M. Rioskless, same, 566.66; P. Pace, Ex. Help, 63.00; P. Crispen, same, 84.00; D. Riddle, same, 24.00; M. Richter, Recorder, 808.48; A. Clay, Deputy, 566.74; S. R. Newgent, Sheriff, 1,000.00; E. Vance, Deputy, 895.82; B. Baker, same, 875.00; S. Bryant, Dr. Patromas, 875.00; W. Cunningham, Radio Operator, 558.48; J. Cunningham, Jailer, 571.42; D. Riddle, Radio Operator, 541.66; N. Rydell, same, 841.66; E. Vance, Overtime, 39.60; B. Baker, same, 39.60; R. Bryant Jr., same, 84.00; J. McAllister, Merit Board, 25.00; R. Fisher, same, 25.00; K. Thomas, same, 25.00; A. Jensen, same, 25.00; E. Vance, Holiday, 25.00; B. Baker, same, 25.00; S. R. Newgent, same, 25.00; W. Hunshegen, same, 25.00; J. Cunningham, same, 25.00; N. Rydell, same, 25.00; E. Vance, Holiday, 25.00; B. Baker, same, 25.00; S. R. Newgent, 958.48; S. Daake, Deputy, 558.48; A. Craig, Full time help, 741.74; G. Clark, same, 600.00; M. Shreman, Home Dem. Agent, 341.74; P. Ashley, Youth Agent, 450.00; A. Sheetz, Clerk, 566.74; S. Richter, Secretary, 433.33; N. Delworth, Ex. Help, 37.70; E. Russell, Co. Assessor, 825.00; T. Frettinger, Deputy, 583.48; M. Cannedy, Ex. Help, 384.00; T. Newman, Roch. Twp. Assessor, 608.48; C. Westwood, Deputy, 533.48; D. Morton, Clr. Ct. Judge, 1,125.00; G. Torsen, same, Prob. Off., 828.48; L. Walters, Clr. Ct. Bailiff, 541.74; W. Pandisico, Clr. Ct. Reporter, 700.00; J. Delworth Jr., Co. Ct. Judge, 298.71; M. Little, Clr. Ct. Reporter, 683.32; T. Little, Co. Ct. Bailiff, 431.90; R. Holland, Ct. House Custodian, 882.37; M. Holland, Ct. House Master, 295.98; S. Smith, Vet. Serv. Off., 275.00; J. Good, Coroner, 166.74; D. St. Clair, Vgts. & Meas., 469.24; G. Townsend, Landfill Operator, 891.74; Richard L. Smith, Civ. Def. Dir., 416.66; P. Miller, Proc. Attny.-Sec., 420.00; M. Cheesman, same, 81.82; M. Cheesman, Title IV-D Sec., 325.12; S. Kanoe, Title IV-D Child Supp., 260.00; F. Brown, Dr. Bd., 70.00; R. Rentschler, same, 70.00; G. Craig, same, 70.00; W. Denison, Dr. Bd. Atty., 266.74; E. Braman, Dr. Bd. Sect., 392.00; R. Rentschler, Co. Commissioner, 358.48; G. Craig, same, 358.48; F. Brown, same, 358.48; W. Denison, Co. Atty., 216.74; G. Krom III, Co. Council, 300.00; H. Showley, same, 300.00; M. Overmyer, same, 300.00; M. Myers Jr., same, 300.00; G. Stephen, same, 300.00; L. Rouch, same, 300.00; D. Clauson same, 300.00; J. Croy, Audubon Wp., Trustee, 125.00; G. Elliott, Henry Twp. Trustee, 225.00; R. Leavelle, Lincoln Twp. Trustee, 125.00; L. Dawson, New Castle Wp. Trustee, 103.12; G. Schwenk, Richland Twp. Trustee, 133.25; R. Baldwin, Union Twp. Trustee, 187.50; J. Herrold, Wayne Twp. Trustee, 112.50; A. Rutledge, CETA-Landfill Employee, 362.60; K. Heit, CETA-Highway Employee, 266.40; K. Rans, CETA-Animal Welfare, 700.00; J. Sampel, Dep. Prob. Off., 447.50; E. Kelley, Cum Bridge-Engineer, 3428.60; K. Brandt, Cum Bridge-Ex. Help, 120.40; Postmaster, Clerk Postage, 200.00; Kathryn Spice, Clerk-Travel, 28.50; Bailey's Hardware, Clk.-Off. Supply, 30; A. E. Boyce Company, Inc., same, 1.80; Barton's, Inc.,

Clerk-Equip., 314.73; J. Harold Reid, Auditor-EE, Help, 100.00; Postmaster, Auditor-Post, 100.00; H. Halterman, Auditor-Travel, 28.50; The Book Store, Auditor-Off. Supp., 3.87; Monroe, Auditor-Properties, 233.70; E. Boyce Co. Inc., Treas.-Off. Supp., 114.70; The Book Store, Recorder-Off. Supp., 14.04; Bruce Baker, Sheriff-Per Diem, 62.00; Earl Vance, Same, 62.00; Emergency Radio Service, Sheriff-Telephone, 126.75; Public Service Indiana, same, 8.23; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc., same, 17.00; Fulton Dist. Co., Sheriff Garg. & Mot., 60.00; Gilliland Auto Machine Co., same, 5.82; S. K. Service, same, 147.34; Belle Oil Co., same, 414.05; The Book Store, Sheriff-Off. Supp., 45.81; Postmaster, Surveyor-Postage, 45.00; George C. Clark, Surveyor, Travel, 32.55; Blackburn Tire & Align., Surveyor-Tires & Tubes, 210.24; The Book Store, Surveyor-Off. Supp., 17.20; Hardesty Printing Co., 7.70; Radio Shack, Surveyor-Equip. (Surveying), 199.92; Delawter Equip., same, 99.95; Barton's Inc., Ext. Off.-Off. Supp., 38.70; Coast to Coast, same, 31.41; Hardesty Printing Co., same, 33.05; Hook Drugs Inc., same, 36.80; Purdys, Ext. Off.-Off. Supp., 36.80; Supply, 223.60; Quill Corp., Ext. Off.-Off. Supp., 63.94; Rochester Community School Corp., Ext. Off.-Off. Supp., 40.00; Everett Russell, Co. Assessor-Travel, 38.40; The Book Store, Co. Assessor, Off. Supp., 2.05; A. E. Boyce Company, Inc., same, 57.85; E. Vance, Roch. Twp. Assessor-Off. Supp., 14.83; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc., Roch. Twp. Assessor-Telephone, 14.83; Jim Lease Office Machines, Roch. Twp. Assessor-Off. Supp., 40.78; Barker Analytical Lab., Inc., Prosc. Attny.-Witness Fee, 250.00; George C. Clark, Surveyor, 9.00; Terry Gagnon, same, 9.20; Joe C. Shepherd, same, 9.50; Hardesty Printing Co., Prosc. Attny.-Witness, 58.60; Alan D. Burke, Title IV-D-Telephone & Util., 18.22; J. Ward Vandergrift, same, 31.00; J. Ward Vandergrift, same, 35.50; J. Ward Vandergrift, Jr., Co. Ct. Judge-Travel, 29.70; Rochester Printing Co., Co. Ct. Printing, 60.00; Xerox Corp., same, 88.10; The Book Store, Co. Ct. Off. Supp., 4.86; Hook Drugs Inc., same, 32.99; West Publishing Co., Co. Ct.-Law Books, 140.00; Scott Holland, Ct. House-Ex. Help, 101.50; City of Rochester, Ct. House-Utilities, 601.02; Public Service Indiana, same, 664.59; Rochester Water Dept., same, 70.29; Arrow Services Inc., Ct. House-Bldg. & Struct., 7.00; Bailey's Hardware, same, 61.48; J. E. Smith, Rental Service, Ct. House-Bldg. & Struct., 53.30; No. Ind. Public Service Co., Ct. House-Fuel, 653.35; Chas. F. Sons, Inc., Ct. House-Properties, 200.00; J. E. Smith, Civil Def.-Travel, 18.75; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc., Civil Def.-Telephone, 23.70; Scott Holland, Civil Def.-Civil Def. Patches, 23.00; Hardesty Printing, Civil Def.-Off. Supply, 38.06; Jim Lease Office Machines, same, 13.14; Western Auto Associate Store, Civil Def.-Off. Machines, 199.99; Electronics Systems, Civil Def.-Comm. Equip., 2.50; Lowe Oil Co., same, 16.00; R. B. 75; Rochester Water Dept., same, 63.86; Bailey's Hardware, Jbl-Bldg. & Struct., 19.47; Bauman Electric, same, 1.94; 75; Elin Manufacturing Company, same, 300.45; Erma's Shirt Sales, same, 77.50; P. N. Hirsch & Co., same, 98.44; Indiana Terminix, same, 16.00; Ribordy Drugs, same, 16.00; Rochester Building Service, same, 3.39; Benzol Industrial, same, 3.39; J. E. Smith, Rochester Radiologists, Jbl-Medical, 40.00; S. R. Druggs, Inc., same, 53.68; S. Robert Newgent, Jail-Prisoner Meals, 762.50; Coast to Coast, Jail-Equipment, 109.00; S. Robert Newgent, same, 148.06; S. Smith, Vet. Serv. Off., travel exp., 120.35; Devon St. Clair, Vgts. & Measurer-Travel, 60.30; The Book Store, Vgts. & Measurer-Off. Supp., 8.41; Gunter Garage, Vgts. & Measurer-Equip., 1,168.30; The Observer, Co. Comm.-

Publ. of Legals, 44.89; The Rochester Sentinel, same, 99.61; Empregas of Rochester, Co. Comm.-Landfill, 43.53; Lowe Oil Co., same, 668.12; Public Service Indiana, same, 3.40; Scott's Hardware, same, 12.19; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc., Co. Comm.-Telephone, 271.85; Fulton Co. Treasurer, Co. Comm. Health Ins., 689.50; 4-Co. Compr. Mental Health, Co. Comm.-Metro, School Dist. Washob Co., Co. Comm.-School Transfer, 363.34; Fretz Abstract Co., Co. Comm.-Sale of Property, 180.00; Rochester Telephone Co., Inc. tolls, 321.10; Hornback-Sickler Corp., Cum Bridge No. 23, 2,600.00; Eugene M. Kp. av. Cum Bridge No. 33, 80.40; H. S. vart Kilne & Assoc., Inc., Cum Bridge No. 50, 2,760.00; Automated Equipment, same, 1,000.00; Metro, School 3,855.50; Bob Richards, Gen. Drain-Maintenance, 519.21; Sampsel & Son, Rev. Sharing-Landfill, 1,999.50; Horn Development, same, 7.66; 00; ind. Employment Sec. Div., Rev. Sharing-Union, 357.24; Treasurer, Fulton County, Rev. Sharing-Union, 357.24; 7,380.90; Treasurer, Fulton County, Cum Bridge No. 33-S.S., 499.32; Treas. of Fulton County, Criminal Justice-Crim. Cont., 95.98; Treasurer, Fulton County, CETA Title II, 45.52; Treasurer, Fulton County, CETA Title II-S.S., 406.55; Treasurer, Fulton County, Rev. Sharing-S.S., 7,939.82.

FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 1 - 31, 1979
J. D. Richardson M.D., 225.00; Carolyn M. Gohn, clerk, 516.52; Robert L. Gohn, Jr., 88.94; Carol Ann Paulk, 181.74; Mrs. Kermit Biddinger, Board Member, 80.00; Estate of Paul Hoover, Board member, 40.00; Dr. John McKee, Board member, 60.00; Dr. John McKee, Board member, 60.00; Dr. Chas. Herrick, Board member, 60.00; Dr. Robert Lord, Board member, 60.00; Mr. Walter Van Meter, Board member, 20.00; Carole Paulk, mileage, 48.45; Robert Gohn, mileage, 21.60; Heisters' Pharmacy, UPS, 4.87; Rochester, Postmaster, stamps, 45.00; The Book Store, supplies, 59.03; Norlab, supplies, 21.59; Fulton County Treasurer, Social Security, 536.34; Fulton County Treasurer, Insurance, 20.00; Rochester Telephone Co., Service, 37.41.

WELFARE CLAIMS
All below listed claims are to be paid December 31st with exception of the payroll of the 18th.

L. Seiwert Jr., 18th 31st
S. Burke, 678.00 678.00
K. Sirken, 522.00 522.00
J. Ludwig, 548.00 548.00
S. Laming, 499.00 499.00
Sarah Reitz, 439.00 439.00
S. Zartman, 482.00 482.00
B. Wood, 204.00 204.00
S. Pea, 320.50 320.50
D. Dague, 25.00 25.00
R. Biewer, 25.00 25.00
A. Stephen, 25.00 25.00
B. Vincent, 25.00 25.00
Rochester Post Off., 212-Postage 286.00
L. Seiwert Jr., 213-Travel Exp. 4.80
Burliana, 12.00 12.00
K. Sirken, same 16.59
J. Ludwig, same 26.05
D. Dague, same 9.60
G. Schwenk, same 4.50

A. Stephen, same 6.00
B. Vincent, same 9.30
Rochester Telephone, 214-Tele. & Tele. 225.82
J. Kocher, 262-Clean-Inn Supplies, 55.00
The Book Store, 360-Office Supplies, 48.37
Ful.Co. Treas., 521-Social Security, 1537.33
Pub. Employees Retirement-Fund-52 PERM, 697.69
Roch. Farmers' Ins., 561-Off. Rent, 250.00
ROAD REPAIR
R. Kreamer, Supt., 1,000.00; D. Zartman, Clerk, 808.00; D. Hisey, truck driver, 977.60; M. Hoge, same, 977.60; H. McIntire, same, 977.60; M. Sutton, same, 998.75; J. Patterson, same, 977.60; E. Peters, same, 977.60; K. Bryant, same, 977.60; V. Zellers, same, 977.60; T. Vaughn, Equip. Oper., 977.60; R. Gintner, same, 977.60; N. Smith, same, 977.60; M. Hott, same, 977.60; Sheetz, same, 977.60; A. Shotts, same, 977.60; R. Clark, same, 977.60; R. Schmidt, labor, 977.60; L. Gordon, same, 1,034.00; L. Ackerman, same, 984.65; R. Heit, Mechanic, 1,079.52; K. Kinderlitter, same, 1,100.32; M. Clark, mower oper., 977.60; Rochester Sentinel, Contractual Service, 49.40; Haltermans Grocery, 49.40; Indiana Drapery Cloth, same, 108.00; Co. Call Rental, same, 40.30; The Blue Products, supplies, 660.00; Jim Lease Office Machines, same, 1,650.28; A. E. Boyce Co., same, 24.70; The Book Store, same, 9.07; Indiana Employment Security Div., Current Charges, 88.94; Indiana Coal & Grain, supplies, 22.50; International Salt, same, 1,666.00; Central Paving Co., materials, 443.77; Cowdell & Simpson, same, 1,486.00; Engineering & Planning, same, 91.75; Rock Industries, same, 4,242.61; Logansport Metal Culvert, same, 2,697.00; Rochester Bldg. Co., same, 63.15; Fansler Lumber Co., same, 64.41; James M. Hurst, same, 82.50; Horn Development, current charges, 140.00; Athens U. 100.00; Sileo Inc., same, 151.45; Emergency Radio Service, contractual services, 223.44; Rochester Chevrolet, same, 81.52; Public Service Indiana, same, 168.89; Northern Indiana Public Service, same, 95; Power Brake & Spring, same, 366.91; Indiana Equipment, same, 122.94; Truck Equipment & Service, same, 36.39; Fabricated Steel Products, same, 451.71; Blackburn Tire & Alignment, same, 392.88; Crissinger Decorating Center, same, 29.44; Delawter Equipment, same, 15.88; Clevenger Alignment Service, same, 20.00; Mac Donald Machinery Co., same, 5,500.00; Rochester Glass, same, 18.41; Seastron Inc., same, 217.00; Scotts Hardware, same, 13,590; Envars Discount, same, 16.52; Loudback Chevrolet, same, 106.31; Baileys Hardware, same, 197.42; Gilliland Auto Machine Co., same, 455.52; Werns Welding Shop, same, 18.34; United Auto Supply, same, 6.14; Weldstar Co., same, 37.95; Wortman Welding, same, 26.50; Gil's Auto Supply, same, 311.50; Pauper Calmeron, same, 3,120.09; Indiana Dept. of Revenue, supplies, 64.61; Lowe Oil Co., same, 21.21; Blackburn Tire & Alignment, supplies, 3,994.10; Smith Sawyer & Smith, Current charges, 20.00; Treas. of Fulton County, same, 5,273.16; Treasurer of Fulton County, same, 6,567.43; Treas. of Fulton County, same, 1,033.29; Loudback Chevrolet, properties, 1,295.00.

Harrison R. Halterman,
Auditor, Fulton County
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Family Life

by Renee Norlander

Perhaps it is now, this special time of year, that all of us, especially parents, should count our blessings and reach deep into our pockets and make contributions to the fine charities and organizations who are trying so hard to save children's lives and make them happy. Whether it's a gift-giving organization or research group on disease makes no difference. Let's just all remember to give one more gift this Christmas, and make a child happy or help save a life.

The true spirit of Christmas is in giving, and who deserves our gifts more than innocent children. I'm sure they're counting on us!

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Five generations

Five generations of the Arthur family gathered to have this picture taken. They are: first row, from left: Elwood Arthur and his father Lawrence Arthur, both from Akron. Second row, from left: Mrs. Vic Spencer and daughter Shannon, Logansport, and her mother, Mrs. Daniel Zartman, Twelve Mile. Mrs. Zartman is Elwood's daughter.

Christmas parties enjoyed by all

The Women's Fellowship of the Akron Church of the Brethren recently had their Christmas party at the church with thirty in attendance.

Norma Weaver gave the welcome and prayer before the meal. Ruby Dawson recited a poem. Louise Miller led devotions, using Christmas thoughts as her theme. Young and old alike, were fascinated by Ann Sheetz's miniature collections. A gift exchange was held also.

Rozella Tinkey, Lana Bowser, Sandra Gearhart, and Joann Kroft were hostesses.

Saturday, December 15, a Christmas party was held by members of the former Famous Akron John Club at Tom and Dots Restaurant.

A gift exchanges was held. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Estel Bemenderfer, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Weirick, Ned Smith, Ruby Dawson, Emma Burns, and Mabel Alderfer.

Also Lillian Cunningham, Elnora Mathews, Ruth Bammerlin, Marge Harold, Dorothy Cox, Trella Bastian, Marjorie McColley, Mary Krouse, Mabel Robinson and Bertha Cook.

Akron did you know

Mrs. Marie Bright and Velma Bright were recent supper guests of Mrs. Alta Alexander.

Mrs. Marie Bright, Velma Bright, Nora Hoffman, Nellie Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kinder and Jeremy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinder and Kay of Warsaw, Sunday.



Jennifer Sipe

Mike and Roberta Sipe, Mentone, are the parents of an eight pound, five ounce daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, born December 5.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sipe, Ridgeville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fahey, Webster Groves, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Bernice Frazee, Saratoga, and Letitia Sweat of Kezar Falls, Maine.

Eric Love

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Love, R. 1, Akron, are the parents of a son, born December 10. The baby weighed eight pounds, 11½ ounces and has been named Eric Michael. The mother is the former Deanna Saner.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd F. Saner, Akron and Mrs. Ruth Love, Akron. Great-grandparents are Homer Saner, Akron, and Sam Kingen, Lewisville.

Prayer vigil

The Akron Church of God is having a twenty-four hour prayer vigil December 25th. The theme is "Proclaim The Holy Birth". The church invites everyone to attend.



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Happy Holidays

Christmas Greetings

We'd like to take a moment of the season to tell you how much we've enjoyed knowing you and serving you this past year. Our special and sincere Yuletide wishes to you and your entire family.



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MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CRIB IN BASILICA, ROME

What is said to be "the most famous Christmas Crib in the world" is on view in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian, near the Coliseum in Rome. This presepe, truly a work of art and the only one of its kind, was created in Naples over 200 years ago. A certain S. Cataldo-Ferricelli and his wife, who



had inherited the Crib from ancestors, presented the scene to the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

The most important part of the Crib is, naturally, the Holy Family. The Magi are dressed in colorful Oriental garments, and kneel before the holy Infant, offering Him rich gifts.

The blue sky is alight with stars, the moon, a comet, and several angels hover. One is waking a shepherd who has fallen asleep near his flock. In the background are hills, valleys, the river Jordan, and lighted villages.

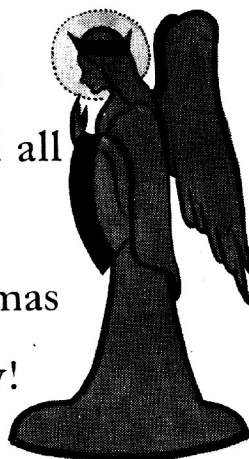
'miracle' of the pine cone

Legend has it that a pine tree sheltered the Christ Child during the flight of the Holy Family from Herod's soldiers. As the family huddled 'neath the tree, the pine dipped its branches to hide them — until the soldiers passed on.

And, when the danger was over, the baby Jesus blessed the tree... If you will cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you will see the imprint of the Holy Infant's hand.

Tom-toms accompany the carol singing of Philippine students at Christian schools.

Bless
one and all
on
Christmas
Day!



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A solitary man...

Author Unknown

HERE IS A YOUNG MAN who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

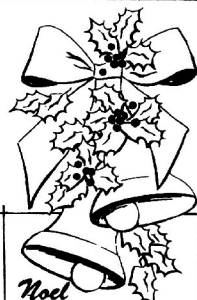
While he was still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his



executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

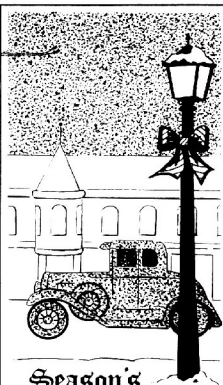


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for an old-fashioned
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I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS...

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"*



"Peace on Earth"
"Goodwill Toward Man"
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this past year.

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We send warm and friendly wishes
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May your holiday be one to remember
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Dear Santa:

DEAR SANTA,
I wish I could come to the North Pole and live with you, but my mom and dad probably won't let me. Now I will tell you what I want. I want a go cart and a mini bike. If you can't get me that, well get me a football.
Love,
Sam

DEAR SANTA!
My sisters want a bake. My brothers want a little car. I want a piggy bank. My mom wants a big car.
From,
Madeline

DEAR SANTA,
I want a bat and I want a dog and I want a horse and I want a radio.
Love,
Kirt

DEAR SANTA,
A ride in the wind and I want candy and a dolly and I like yoyos. I love you so.
From,
Rachel

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I love you. I want a big horse and a big pig and a big fat cow.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa.
From,
Brian Pyle

DEAR SANTA,
I love you. I want a little baby doll that gets rash. I want to get Daddy a necklace. I want to get Mommy a dress. I want to get Shonda a little baby that cries. Joleen wants a little tricycle. I want a bike.
Love,
Tonya Daniels

Letters to Santa Claus



DEAR SANTA,
I hope you and Rudolf are all right because I'm all right and if I'm all right you should be all right but if you aren't all right I understand Santa all right and all I want is a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, and thats all.
Love,
Angela Koch

DEAR SANTA,
Will you bring me a doll that takes baths. I want a Jaws game. Would you bring me some baby clothes. When you go on your ride let your wife bake you some cookies.
Love,
Kerrie Lautt

DEAR SANTA,
I want a race track and a sleeping bag and some cars. Also I wish for Christmas to get a Barbie perfume maker. And thats all. And also Merry Christmas.
From,
David Anderson

DEAR SANTA,
My name is Darby, here is some things I would like for Christmas, Rudolf or dasher, please tell me by Christmas eve if I can have one and a airgun, white cowboy hat, a real TV for my room, a saddle for Rusty (pony), cowboy boots, and surprises.
I have a brother Chad who wants a BB gun but get him a airgun, he won't know the difference. And surprises.
If you come when I'm up, park your reindeer in the barn again this year but wait so I can see them.
Merry Christmas,
Darby Bucher, age 5
P.S. Fill my stocking up good!

DEAR SANTA,
I want a car and cats and drum and money and a kite. I want to see a real elf. I love you.
from,
Chris Baker

(Editor's Note: Some of the first and second grade students at Akron and Mentone wrote letters to Santa. Let our young readers be assured that all their letters were forwarded on to the North Pole.)



Best Wishes

Christ is born in Bethlehem.
May the light of peace
shine around the world.
We thank everyone for their
patronage and good will.

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PEACE ON EARTH

Our wish is that this
season bestow on
you all it's blessings.

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Greetings

A most merry,
merry Christmas
to friends and patrons.
Thanks for letting
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Akron Cafe

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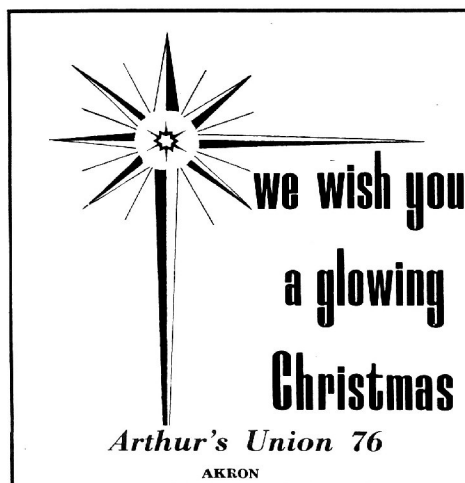
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May Each New Day Light Your
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we wish you
a glowing
Christmas

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Peace
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DEAR SAINT NICK,
Will you make a doll that will
talk without a string, ok?
Love,
Julie Teel

DEAR SANTA,
We all like you. I will be good.
How do your reindeers fly. I want
a lot of toys and a book too!
Love,
Jennifer Bradley

DEAR SANTA,
How are you and your elves doing?
I hope they are working hard on a
football suit for me!
Love,
Scott Smith

DEAR SANTA,
How are you feeling. I would
like a Barbie doll house. Is it
hard getting around?
Love,
Danielle Best



DEAR SANTA,
I been a good boy.
I want a pair of jeans.
I want a surprise.
Love,
Dan Tucker

DEAR SANTA,
I want a Kermit, a necklace,
ringe, bracelet set. And a surprise.
How are your reindeers Santa?
Santa you are good.
Love,
Julie Ralston

DEAR SANTA,
I want a turtle.
From,
Aaron John Kindig

DEAR SANTA,
Please bring me a race car and
the race track and bring me a car.
From,
Jason Shepherd

DEAR SANTA,
I want a stuffed frog, and a ball,
and a truck.
Love,
Joshua Surface

DEAR SANTA,
I would like to have a kitten
and a puppy too. I like this year
because it's the best year I have
ever had.

Thank you,
Carlene Baker

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a baby kitten. I
want a doll to hug. And I would
like to say I love you Santa, and
a Merry Christmas.

From,
Katie Davis

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I hope I get a baton at Christmas
eve and a ball and a doll and a
cat and a barbe doll and a skate
and a key.

Love,
Amy Trump

DEAR SANTA,
How are you and Rudolf doing?
I have been good.
I want a race track and a football.
Love,
Harold Hatfield

DEAR SANTA,
How are you and the reindeers.
I want a Woppie doll, and more.
Love,
Shannon Cox

Peace on Earth

**May the true joy of Christmas be
given unto us all. Best wishes to
our friends and neighbors.**

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**the Medieval
ceremony of the
'royal peacock'**

An elegant meat dish served in royal houses during Medieval times at Christmas, was the roast peacock. This dish was called "food for lovers and meat for lords."

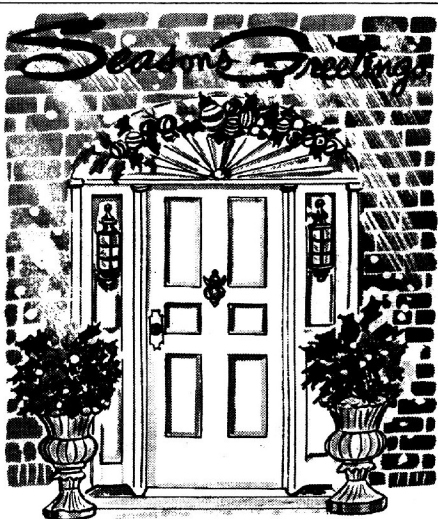
A royal dish it was, too. The cooks carefully removed the skin with all its brilliant plumage. After it had been baked and partly cooked, the feathers were replaced and the tail spread out. just before the bearer entered the hall.

This was never a servant; it was the most distinguished or most charming lady present . . .

**THE TWELVE DAYS
OF CHRISTMAS**



*On the first day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
A partridge in a pear tree
On the second day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Two turtle doves and a
partridge in a pear tree
Third day: three French hens
Fourth day: four mockingbirds
Fifth day: five golden rings
Sixth day: six geese a-laying
Seventh day: seven swans
a-swimming
Eighth day: eight maids
a-milking
Ninth day: nine ladies waiting
Tenth day: ten lords a-leaping
Eleventh day: eleven pipers
piping
On the twelfth day
of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords
a-leaping, Nine ladies waiting,
Eight maids a-milking, Seven
swans a-swimming, Six geese
a-laying, Five golden rings, -
Four mockingbirds, Three
French hens, Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!*



We Wish to Friends and Neighbors a
Great NEW YEAR filled with Peace.

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And Joy Be
Yours This Holy
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**CHRISTMAS
AT ITS
BEST**

Amid the excitement, the hurry and scurry of the flying hours, we pause to send you our very warmest thanks and appreciation for your friendship . . . and extend our heart felt best wishes to you and all who gather with you around your Christmas tree.

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FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY. MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS FOR ALL THE DAYS TO COME.

Holly: A Christmas tradition that dates back years

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a touch of holly around the house or in a wreath.

Holly's association with the Christmas season dates back several centuries. Early man dwelt in

places where holly grew abundantly; therefore, it was one of the first trees used in pagan worship. From a pagan item of worship, holly—through legends and songs—gradually became a Christian sym-

bol at Christmastime.

"There are several varieties of holly," explains John A. Wott, Purdue University extension home environment horticulturist. "Most often used as Christmas decorations are the English and American types," he adds, "but Japanese, Chinese and deciduous varieties are also known."

English holly originated as seedlings so long ago its exact origins are unknown. Many plants are found in woodlands throughout Europe. It comes from an evergreen tree that sometimes reaches 82 feet in height. The leaves are elliptical, glossy and green, with strongly developed spines. In the spring the tree produces tiny, slightly scented flowers.

A native plant, most American holly comes from the Pacific Northwest where it grows well.

Occasionally, it can be found in southern Indiana. There are many varieties or selections of the American species now in existence, says Wott. Some of the more popular Christmastime varieties are Cape Cod, Christmas Hedge and Christmas Spray.

At Christmastime, holly most often finds its use in wreaths hung on doors and in windows. But it is also used in yuletide floral arrangements and as decoration inside the home. Wreaths made from Holly will remain attractive longer if kept in a cool place. Holly arrangements may be watered but also need cool temperatures for longer use. Although the berries may shrivel, they will retain their color if kept cool.

Some homeowners have used holly in their landscape planting. For berry production, two plants are needed—a male and female. Insects will transfer the pollen. Since the male plant produces no berries, it can be placed in a more inconspicuous location, if desired.

Holly should be planted in the early spring before growth starts, says the horticulturist. Select a well-drained site that will allow the plant to develop a full shape. Since holly plants prefer acid soil, most Indiana soils should be checked for acidity before planting.

Holly trees need little pruning except to train branches or remove dead, diseased, or damaged branches. Dormant season pruning is usually recommended, so pruning at Christmastime is ideal.

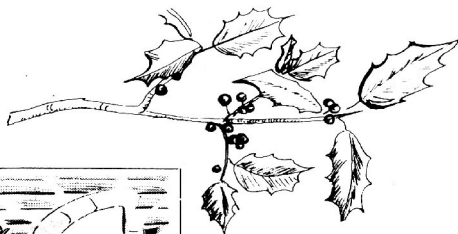
If you're a holly fan, consider growing your own supply.

"Christmas Towns" in the United States

One community in Canada and five communities in the United States are named for the Nativity season:

Christmas, Gila County, Arizona
Christmas, Orange County, Florida
Christmas, Lawrence County, Kentucky
Christmas, Belivar County, Mississippi
Christmas, Roane County, Tennessee
Christmas Island, Nova Scotia

"The Land of Lakes," in Minnesota prides itself on having a lake in Scott County by the name of Christmas.




Best Wishes

Christ is born in Bethlehem.
May the light of peace
shine around the world.
We thank everyone for their
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Skeets, Mary, Jane



May Christmas
bring you much
joy and happiness

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Christmas
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Holiday
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We wish
all of the
fine people
in our community
a very Merry
Christmas.

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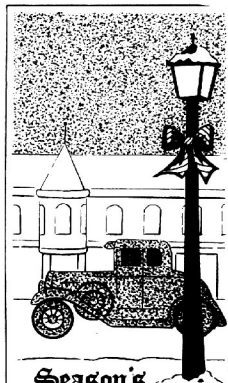
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Season's Greetings

Warmest wishes to all for an old-fashioned and joyful holiday.

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"Fear not for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy..."

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To all our friends and customers, thanks, and have the very best of holidays.

Fultz Distributing Co.

Jon Fultz, owner
West Walnut Street
in Akron

What is Christmas?

What is Christmas? This article, by A. Irven Nelson, late president of the Farmers State Bank, Mentone, discusses the question. The article was found in some old clippings and sent to the NEWS by Mrs. Wayne Bowser.

Christmas is a lot of things. It's bigger than Santa Claus, brighter than a million lighted trees. It reaches far beyond the mailing of Christmas cards, the exchanging of gifts. It's warmer than hot mince pie, more inspiring than the aroma of golden brown turkey and sage dressing.

The spirit of Christmas enircles this confused and tired World of ours every year. Neither war nor personal tragedy can dull its

luster. No dictator can ever destroy this spirit. For it is impossible to place barbed wire around man's soul!

Christmas is a magic thing. It makes a family out of relatives, turns acquaintances into friends. It changes houses into homes, makes bright lights brighter, makes snow more beautiful. Christmas leaves everything with a touch of greatness and peace.

Christmas is indestructible and everlasting because it is a state of mind—a way of thing—a manner of looking at things—a belief in fellow man—and an abiding faith in Christ, Our Lord.



Hope Your Holiday is Bright

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Good Tidings

may joy brighten your home

Sonoco Products Company

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Peace

We meet together as brothers, with peace in our hearts, as we celebrate Christmas.

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We Wish the Very Best to Our Friends and Neighbors.

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Merry Christmas

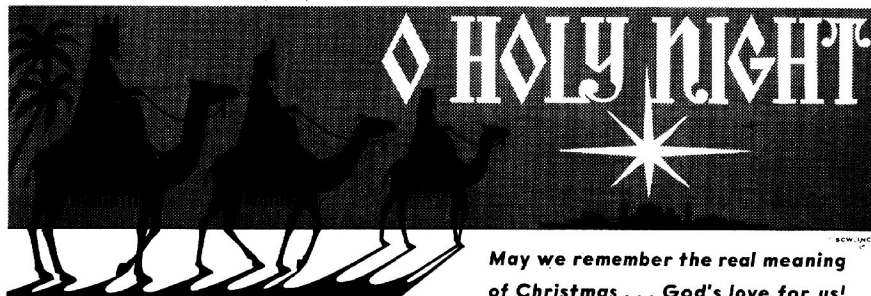
And to one and all
We send warm greetings
and sincere best wishes.



Dr. and Mrs. David Cook

And Family

Mentone



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May we remember the real meaning of Christmas... God's love for us!

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MENTONE

classic favorite Christmas story: The Gift of the Magi retold...

adapted from the famous story by O. Henry

In the early years of the 20th century, twenty dollars a week was considered quite a decent salary. A furnished flat could be had at eight dollars a week. Even so, a dollar and eighty-seven cents seems a very paltry sum, especially to a young wife desperately facing a forlorn Christmas, just a day away.

For Della Young it was enough to drive her to tears; she so wanted to buy a gift for her young husband, Jimmy, and the prospect was, to say the least, bleak.

You see, Della could not compromise with the occasion. Only something "fine and rare and sterling" would do, for her Jim.

Suddenly, amidst her tears, she was struck by a thought. Standing before the mirror her eyes shone brilliantly but her face suddenly lost its color. She pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

It was a gorgeous sight. In fact Della's hair was one of the two possessions the Jim Youngs took a mighty pride in... the other was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandmother's.

And now Della's beautiful hair fell about her shoulders rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee. The thought that had penetrated

her mind was too horrid for her to contemplate. She did it up again quickly. A tear dropped on the worn red carpet.

But the thought persisted. With grim determination she put on her old brown jacket, jammed her old brown hat on her head, and with a whirl of skirts sailed out the door and down the steps to the street.

In a few minutes she stopped at a hair goods shop, presided over by a Mme. Sofronie. The madame was hard and cold, but she knew a fine head of hair when she saw it. She named her price: twenty dollars.

Della accepted it quickly, and raced off to ransack the stores before they closed. She had to find Jim that perfect gift.

She found it: a platinum fob chain exquisitely simple, eminently worthy of Jim and the Watch. Twenty one dollars it cost her, but Della was ecstatically happy. She was warmed by the thought of how Jim would be able to properly inquire about the time among his peers, now that he would have such a fine chain.

When she got home she heated the curling irons and frizzled the remaining thatch of hair hoping thereby to make the cropping less noticeable.

Alas! When Jim came home and looked at her, he was as if struck dumb. Not furious, not disappointed, but somehow in a state of shock.

"Jim, dear," pleaded Della, "don't look at me that way. I had to do it! I couldn't find you the right gift with the little money I had. 'And' (brightening)... 'my hair grows fast! Say Merry Christmas, and let's be happy.'"

Out of his trance Jim seemed to wake. He unfolded his Della. Then he drew a package out of his coat pocket and set it on the table.

"Take a look, Della... then you'll see why you had me going at first."

She quickly tore open the package. There were the Combs, the set of combs, pure tortoise shell, with jeweled rims, that she had craved for months without the least hope of possession. And now the tresses they should have adorned were gone!

But she hugged them to her bosom and managed to

say, again, "My hair grows so fast, Jim! You'll see!"

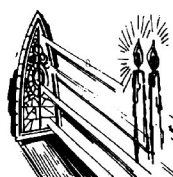
Jim had not seen his present. She held it out to him eagerly. The precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her own ardent spirit.

"Give me your watch, Jim," she said. "I want to see how it looks."

Jim tumbled down on the couch and a flickering smile wandered around his mouth.

"Dell," he said with a sigh, "let's put our Christmas presents away for a while. Look, honey, I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now, suppose you put the chops on."

Perhaps these two young people were, after all, the wisest. They are the magi.



Joyous Noel

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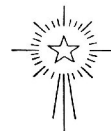
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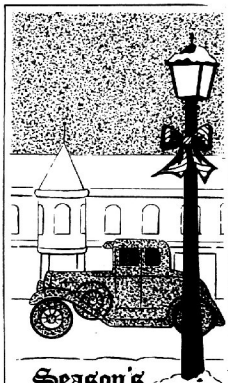
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What is Christmas?

What is Christmas? This article, by A. Irven Nelson, late president of the Farmers State Bank, Mentone, discusses the question. The article was found in some old clippings and sent to the NEWS by Mrs. Wayne Bowser.

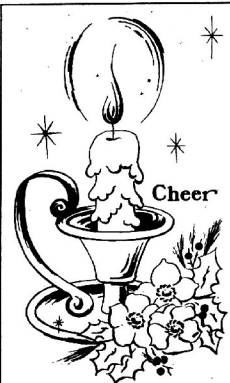
Christmas is a lot of things. It's bigger than Santa Claus, brighter than a million lighted trees. It reaches far beyond the mailing of Christmas cards, the exchanging of gifts. It's warmer than hot mince pie, more inspiring than the aroma of golden brown turkey and sage dressing.

The spirit of Christmas encircles this confused and tired World of ours every year. Neither war nor personal tragedy can dull its

luster. No dictator can ever destroy this spirit. For it is impossible to place barbed wire around man's soul!

Christmas is a magic thing. It makes a family out of relatives, turns acquaintances into friends. It changes houses into homes, makes bright lights brighter, makes snow more beautiful. Christmas leaves everything with a touch of greatness and peace.

Christmas is indestructible and everlasting because it is a state of mind—a way of thing—a manner of looking at things—a belief in fellow man—and an abiding faith in Christ, Our Lord.



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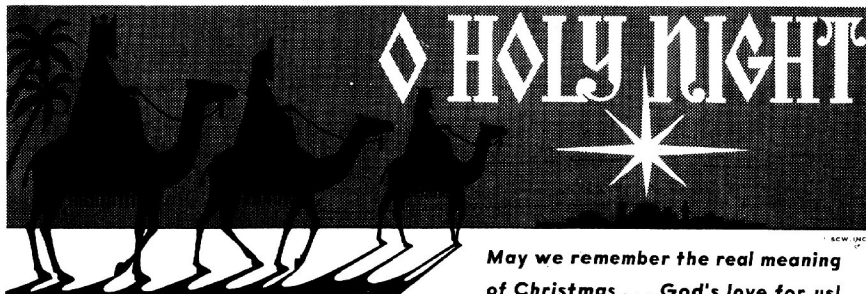
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classic favorite Christmas story: The Gift of the Magi retold...

adapted from the famous
story by O. Henry

In the early years of the 20th century, twenty dollars a week was considered quite a decent salary. A furnished flat could be had at eight dollars a week. Even so, a dollar and eighty-seven cents seems a very paltry sum, especially to a young wife desperately facing a forlorn Christmas, just a day away.

For Della Young it was enough to drive her to tears; she so wanted to buy a gift for her young husband, Jimmy, and the prospect was, to say the least, bleak.

You see, Della could not compromise with the occasion. Only something "fine and rare and sterling" would do, for her Jim.

Suddenly, amidst her tears, she was struck by a thought. Standing before the mirror her eyes shone brilliantly but her face suddenly lost its color. She pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

It was a gorgeous sight. In fact Della's hair was one of the two possessions the Jim Youngs took a mighty pride in... the other was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandmother's.

And now Della's beautiful hair fell about her shoulders rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee. The thought that had penetrated her mind was too horrid for her to contemplate. She did it up again quickly. A tear dropped on the worn red carpet.

But the thought persisted. With grim determination she put on her old brown jacket, jammed her old brown hat on her head, and with a whirl of skirts sailed out the door and down the steps to the street.

In a few minutes she stopped at a hair goods shop, presided over by a Mme. Sofronie. The madame was hard and cold, but she knew a fine head of hair when she saw it. She named her price: twenty dollars.

Della accepted it quickly, and raced off to ransack the stores before they closed. She had to find Jim that perfect gift.

She found it: a platinum fob chain exquisitely simple, eminently worthy of Jim and the Watch. Twenty one dollars it cost her, but Della was ecstatically happy. She was warmed by the thought of how Jim would be able to properly inquire about the time among his peers, now that he would have such a fine chain.

When she got home she heated the curling irons and frizzled the remaining thatch of hair hoping thereby to make the cropping less noticeable.

Alas! When Jim came home and looked at her, he was as if struck dumb. Not furious, not disappointed, but somehow in a state of shock.

"Jim, dear," pleaded Della, "don't look at me that way. I had to do it! I couldn't find you the right gift with the little money I had. 'And' (brightening)... 'my hair grows fast! Say Merry Christmas, and let's be happy.'"

Out of his trance Jim seemed to wake. He unfolded his Della. Then he drew a package out of his coat pocket and set it on the table.

"Take a look, Della... then you'll see why you had me going at first."

She quickly tore open the package. There were the Combs, the set of combs, pure tortoise shell, with jewelled rims, that she had craved for months without the least hope of possession. And now the tresses they should have adorned were gone!

But she hugged them to her bosom and managed to

say, again, "My hair grows so fast, Jim! You'll see!"

Jim had not seen his present. She held it out to him eagerly. The precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her own ardent spirit.

"Give me your watch, Jim," she said. "I want to see how it looks."

Jim tumbled down on the couch and a flickering smile wandered around his mouth. "Dell," he said with a sigh, "let's put our Christmas presents away for a while. Look, honey, I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

Perhaps these two young people were, after all, the wisest. They are the magi.



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History of Christmas gifts

While millions of Americans give flowers by wire, perfume by the bottle and even gems, few among those who give and receive the gifts this Christmas will realize what a long and delightful history the custom of gift-giving has.

It was the Three Wise Men who gave the first Christmas gifts in history, although the earliest Christians refused to exchange presents. To them, the custom was a heathen one—because gift-giving played a prominent role in many pagan festivals.

In time, they accepted the exchange of gifts as an expression of rejoicing and legends about the bringers of gifts began to grow.

The jolly gent we know as St. Nick, for example, is based on the real-life St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey) in the fourth century. Legendary even in his own time for his generosity, and his love of children, he is said to have gone on many a mysterious journey carrying secret gifts to the poor.

On one of these expeditions, so the story goes, he dropped a bag of gold down a chimney. It fell by accident into a stocking hung up to dry by the fire—and prompted generations of hopeful children to hang up their hosiery, too.

Giving to the poor remained a vital part of Christmas celebrations in the centuries to come.

In England, on the day after Christmas, clergymen used to open the church alms boxes and distribute the money to the needy. Later, it became customary to give boxes of money on that day to people who had served you during the year. December 26 is still known as Boxing Day in Britain.

The custom of Bestowing gifts on



friends and family members was popularized in England by King Henry VII, whose services are used extensively during the Christmas season. Henry's granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth I, made the most of this custom: she depended on Christmas gifts to replenish her wardrobe, and made it very clear to courtiers that they had better come across handsomely on Christmas Day. Court records show that the Archbishop of Canterbury gave her \$200 every Yule for clothes. Court ladies presented her with the first silk stockings worn in Europe and even the royal dustman (Garbage collector) came through with two bolts of fine linen for the royal lingerie.

Father Christmas, as the English counterpart of Santa is called, rode high for another 40 years after the reign of good Queen Bess. Then the Puritans took over. They abolished him and his gifts, and indeed all Christmas celebrations, as fit only for heathens.

The stern Puritans brought their distrust of Christmas merriment to New England's shores as well; in 1659, the observance of Christmas in Massachusetts became a penal offense!

On the other hand, fun loving Dutch settlers had already brought "Sinter Klass" to New Amsterdam. Later, a German colony moved to Pennsylvania along with their giftbringer, Christkindlein—who gave us the name "Kris Kringle". Other immigrant groups contributed their own legends and customs of Christmas giving. And

in 1822, a Presbyterian divinity professor named Clement C. Moore sat down and combined many of these elements into a rather well-known poem beginning "Twas the night before Christmas."

The jolly gent we know as St. Nick is actually based on the real-life St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey) in the fourth century. According to researchers at Florists' Delivery Service, he was a legend in his own time for his generosity and love of children.



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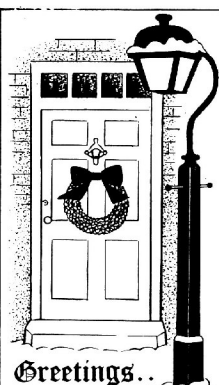
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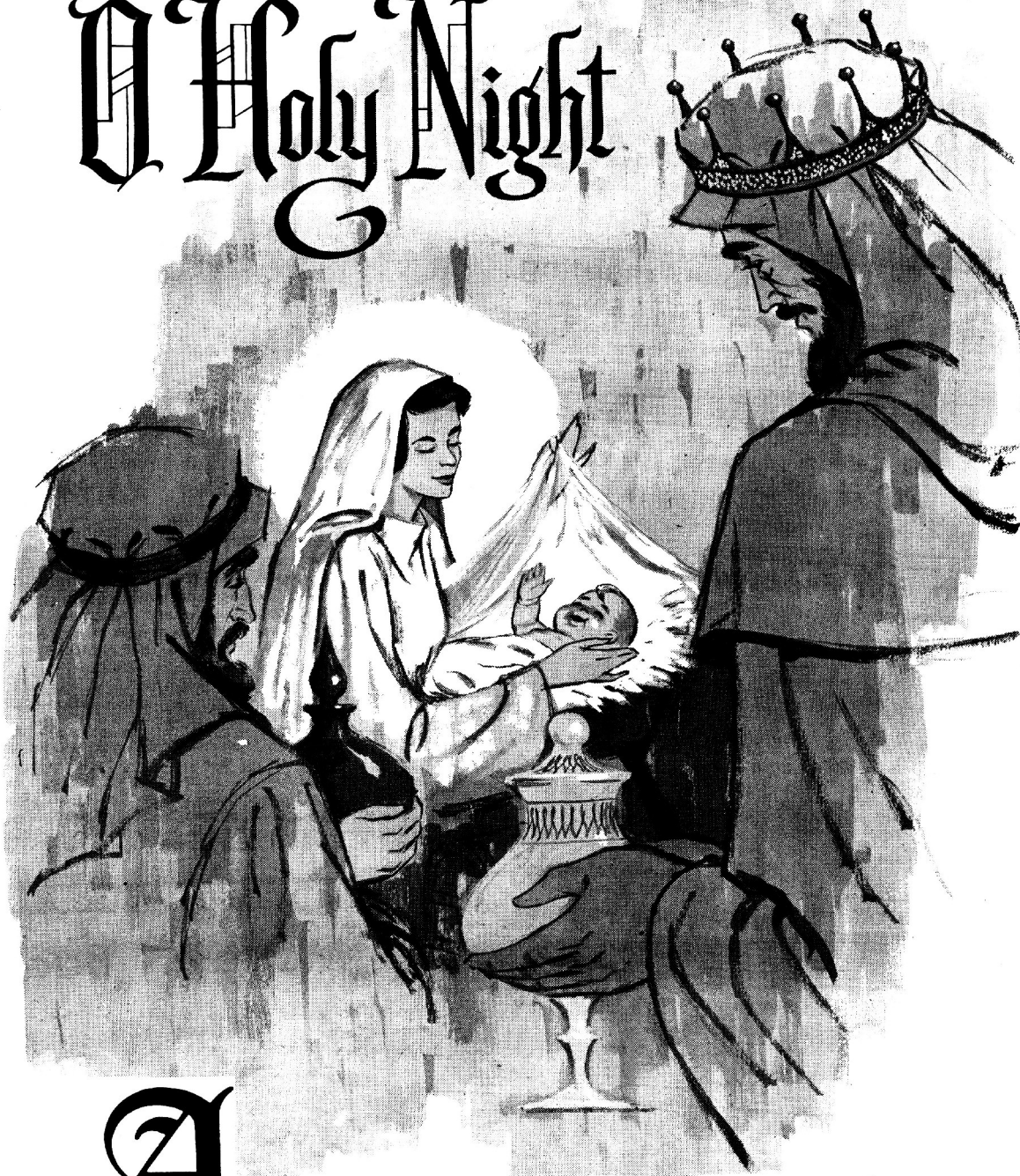
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Mentone to host town meeting

Chances of Mentone will grow to build a "town meeting" on November 2, 1978. The town meeting will be held at the Akron-Mentone News building, 1000 E. 12th St., from 7 to 9 p.m. The town meeting will be held at the Akron-Mentone News building, 1000 E. 12th St., from 7 to 9 p.m. The town meeting will be held at the Akron-Mentone News building, 1000 E. 12th St., from 7 to 9 p.m.

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new office in Indianapolis, ICA is a serious, non-profit organization with national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of "Town Meeting" is to bring people together to discuss problems and solutions. It is hoped that this meeting will get the people of Mentone together to work out problems and solutions.

ICA will present a document about the meeting, community, the idea, goals, and solutions. It will then distribute them to the participants.

More than 1,000 Mentone have already attended "Town Meeting" in the past. The town meeting will be held at the Akron-Mentone News building, 1000 E. 12th St., from 7 to 9 p.m.



Akron Fall Festival is big success



HUNDREDS of kids of all ages gathered in the Akron gym Wednesday to take part in the school's first Annual Fall Festival.

Sound Off!

"When the town ordered roads not to be used last night why just certain last night were to be cut and where the roads stand. If you order all roads last night why not all."

"They haven't been cutting a road in fear of losing the freedom. Now can anyone, physically able, mentally sound, and morally strong, show proof to be a good American if he does not back to work. It's preposterous! So please vote Tuesday, November 7."

"If people can go to the trouble of getting up signs for garage sale, why can't they take the time to take them down afterwards. Now just even give leaving for a garage sale that's over?"

"It's very difficult finding a parking space in Valley you can't see any parking lines! Are they going to re-paint these lines?"

TVHS sports banquet set

The Tuscarora Valley High School sports banquet will be held at the high school gymnasium on Thursday, Nov. 2, 1978, in the high school gymnasium. A copy to appear will begin at 6:30 p.m. with music and dance.

Area churches sponsor bazaars

On Thursday, November 2, there will be a gift bazaar sponsored by the Akron United Methodist Church.

The bazaar, starting at 9 a.m. at the church, will feature food, food, food, and other goods. Subst. goods, plants, handcrafts and Christmas gifts will be among the several items on sale.

The Mentone United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a bazaar at the church on Friday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a soup and sandwich luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Family history hints given

by Eula Romayne Smith

The holiday season, with its family dinners and exchange of letters, is a good time to collect family history. Here are some hints:

1. Include the complete name when practical.

For example, we wonder if Jack Smith is related to Andrew J. Smith until we learn the full name is Andrew Jackson Smith. Some people have a middle initial instead of a name; some do not have a middle name, while others prefer not to use one name.

2. Include the nickname in quotation marks if a person is widely known by a nickname that is not common for his name. Hilton L. "Bud" Wilson.

3. Write a married woman's maiden name in parentheses. Martha (Emmons) Morgan.

4. Some researchers write all surnames in capitals. Eliza (TURNER) RABER. This is especially helpful when dealing with names like Taylor Lloyd or Earl Warren.

5. Indicate a second or third marriage, if it is. Alfred Dyar's widow, Mary (MacConnel) Dyar married Hugh Light, or Mary MacConnel m. (1) Alfred Dyar (2) Hugh Light.

6. Include additional information about first marriage if known. Thomas Morgan m. Mrs. Lydia (Lee) Williams, daughter of Richard and Susan (Abernathy) Lee.

7. Avoid confusion when writing dates. Use Feb. 10, 1865 or 10 Feb. 1865, but avoid 2-10-65 because family history goes back into other centuries, and some people in Europe read 2-10 as the second day of the tenth month, or Oct. 2.

The first seven hints are important when sharing information.

The next three are useful when collecting.

8. Use some abbreviations.

Try these, in addition to the standard abbreviations for months and states:

b. - born
ca. - for the Latin word circa, which means about. Grandfather was born ca. 1860.

m. - married
d. - died
d.y. - died young
bur. - buried
dau. - daughter
bro. - brother
obit. - obituary

9. List the date and source of each bit of information.

July 1970 - Bessie Bybee said that Jimmie Turner was the kind of person who would take in anyone who needed a home - very kind hearted.

Obit. Mentone Co-op News, Feb. 25, 1942 John Underhill b. Dec. 12, 1859 etc.

10. Organize information.

As a convenience to family researchers, Dave Bowser has family group sheets and pedigree charts for about five cents each.

Family group sheets have space for the date and place of birth, marriage and death of a man and his, and space to list their children. Use a separate page for each marriage. Two or three different family group sheets are available. Some are punched to fit into a three ring notebook.

Pedigree charts have space to write the parents, grandparents, great-, and great-great-grandparents of one person plus some dates. List the husband's name above the wife's.

Names, dates, and placed from the skeleton of the family history, but it is not always possible to fill in every blank.

no one should freeze because they can't pay an electric bill

An electric service shutoff in winter is a serious matter. Public Service Indiana fully understands the severity of such a step. That's why we work with the customer in every way we can to avoid it. In the case of the sick and elderly especially, our customer service personnel are urged to use good judgment, common sense and compassion.

let's talk it over

Getting together and discussing a bill payment problem promptly is the best way we know to work out a solution...with person-to-person counseling at local offices where we're small enough to know most customers as individuals, not as account numbers.

If you're running into trouble paying an electric bill, that's the time to come in and talk. Before the problem becomes unmanageable.

how can we help?

- We offer a customer who is behind in his bill payments a formal way to repay... an installment plan for repayment that lets us continue or resume service as he restores his account to a current basis. (Even partial payment and a mutual agreement for repaying the balance will prevent service from being disconnected).
- We actively support Project SAFE, the state energy assistance program for the low income, elderly and handicapped. We help customers apply for aid and forward applications to the state for approval.
- We offer an Equal Payment Plan to eliminate the sharp peaks in electric bills even during high-use months. Available to residential customers, EPP lets customers better budget utility payments, which could be especially helpful to those on Social Security or pensions. (Some 18,000 customers now take advantage of this service.)
- If a customer is financially unable to cope with current living costs, we help direct him to a social service agency and cooperate with that agency in assuring continuity of electric service.
- We can arrange for a third party to pay a customer's electric bill should it become delinquent.

just what is Public Service Indiana's shutoff policy?

- A warning of a service shutoff on the customer's bill is given 17 days before any cutoff could be made. This provides ample time for arrangements to be made with us or assistance to be obtained from another source.
- No service is shut off during extremely cold weather.
- No disconnections are made on weekends or holidays and none are scheduled after noon on Fridays or days prior to a holiday. No shutoffs are made after 3 p.m. on all other work days.
- Every effort is made to make personal contact with the customer before service is shut off.
- Any customer with an illness can forestall a shutoff for 10 more days by presenting a physician's written confirmation. A further 10-day extension can be obtained in the same manner.
- Every effort is made to identify nursing homes and individual residences with electrically powered life support equipment such as iron lungs and kidney machines to avoid any preventable disconnection of service.

why do we ever disconnect service for failure to pay a bill?

Most customers pay their bills on time. But some who are able to pay, don't. Losses from accounts that go unpaid must be shared by those customers who do meet their obligations. (Last year electric utilities nationwide reported more than \$66 million in uncollectable bills.) An across-the-board moratorium on service disconnections would encourage abuse and be unfair to the majority of our customers. Such a policy would also let bills grow so large they would be even more difficult to repay.

So when a customer has bill-paying problems, this is why we say, "Let's work it out together."



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Santa visited Akron and Mentone Saturday



Yolanda, Patricia, and Alicia Lozano all seem momentarily more interested in their free goodies than Santa, when they met him in Mentone Saturday to give him their lists. Mentone Lion Wayne Bowser assisted the jolly old elf during his visit.



Little Karen Randall and older sister Amy, paid a visit to Santa Claus Saturday when the guy in Red Knickers made a stop in Akron. Santa was helped out again this year by Larry Howard, Akron.

A personal view of the Christmas season

by Diana Streevey Bucher

As Christmas draws closer, I find my feelings about it are disjointed and probably don't make alot of sense. And as I sit thinking my jumbled thoughts, I wonder how many of you are experiencing the same contradictory thoughts. For instance:

—For the past several years I have heard people decry the fact that Christmas is so commercial. Let's face it - it is. But has that ever stopped me or anyone else from continuing the habits we grew up with? Hardly. The toys that Santa bring are more expensive and trickier each year, our gift lists grow longer, our trees get bigger and brighter, and Santa continues to be the most popular man of the season.

This year, as I succumbed to the inevitable temptation to be crassly commercial once again, I decided I would not be guilty. So what if I enjoy buying a neon Santa to blink in a window or plastic mistletoe to hang over a doorway? I have good qualities too! I put in my time towards an old-fashioned Christmas! I personally crocheted the stockings I hang for my husband and son — even if they did turn out shaped a little funny. And I can be counted upon to bake at least one batch of cookies — even if I might forget to put the sugar in...

—Being the mother of a 2½ year old, I discovered this year that there is something harder than being a child waiting for Santa; that is being a parent of a child waiting for Santa. I can't wait for the jolly old soul to get here so I can see the expression on my son's face on Christmas morn...

—One Christmas tradition that has been left at the wayside makes me furious! NO one will go carolling with me. Now I may not sound like Barbra Streisand, but I don't sound like Mrs. Miller either. I miss singing a rousing chorus of I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING IN or THE WASSAIL SONG. I must admit I love the music of Christmas, everything from the hauntingly lovely strains of SILENT NIGHT to the bouncy sounds of HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS.

—I would venture to say the only business that has suffered a set-back during Christmas the past few years would be the greeting card companies. And that's only because stamps are so expensive. I had to cut back somewhere...

Seriously though, I like to think that even we're buying that extra strand of garland for the tree, none of us forget the spiritual significance to our Christmas celebrations. The 25th of December has been set aside in observance of one man's birthday, and the celebration has been embraced by people all over the world, of all nationalities and all creeds. The joy of Christmas can be shared between any two people, at anytime, anyplace.

Perhaps the greatest gift any of us could give would be part of ourselves. If you know of someone who will be alone during the holidays, maybe you could share some of your time?

This Christmas season is especially poignant because of the plight of fellow Americans in Iran. It makes me breathe a hopeful wish for us all — Peace on Earth, Good Will to People — and a fervent God Bless Us Everyone.

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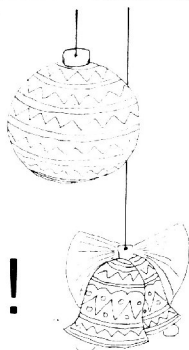
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the side lines by Vern Hucks

When the LaVille Lancers took the floor for warm-ups last Saturday night, their fans nearly raised the roof off the Valley gym. When the Vikings came on the court, most of their fans seemed to be suffering from the cold and were sitting on their hands to keep them warm. C'mon people, let the team know that you're there. Having the home court advantage is important but not nearly as big as having the crowd behind you.

Remember, if you would like to contribute to the TV ring fund, you may make checks payable to TVHS. The fund now stands at slightly over \$2700.00.

I hope that each of you has the type of holiday that you enjoy but I do want to remind you of one thing. I got a Christmas card from the Indiana State Police this week stating that although the common thought is that not a creature will be stirring, they will. Take care!

Record now 4-2

Valley wins two at home

by Vern Hucks

"It was a good weekend", was the comment made by Tippecanoe Valley basketball Coach Roger Footwood after two big wins for his Vikings.

On Friday night, the Vikings connected on their first five shots against the Northfield Norsemen and streaked on to a 67-45 victory over their TRC foe. Valley led by 16 points at the end of the first quarter and coasted on in for their final 22 point spread.

Tippecanoe Valley got balanced scoring in the game and had four players finish in double figures. Mike Coplen led the Vikes with 17 points while Scott Tilden added 16. Brent Arven and Chris Kindig each scored 12.

Valley won the battle of the boards almost as big as the scoring, dominating rebounding 48 to 27. Tilden used his muscle inside to pull down 15.

On Saturday night, the Vikings overcame a one point first quarter deficit and held off a very good LaVille team to win 55-53. Valley took a four point bulge into the locker room with them at half-time and, despite 73% shooting by the Lancers in the second half, never gave up the lead.

The key to the Viking success in the second half was rebounding. LaVille controlled the boards in the first half 17-12 but Valley boxed out well in the second and ended up outbounding the Lancers 27-23. Scott Tilden pulled down 9 rebounds for the Valley and

was helped by Mike Coplen with 8 and Rex Holloway with 7.

Holloway, playing perhaps his best varsity game, did a fine job defensively on LaVille's big gun Tim Dykstra when Coplen needed a breather. Dykstra was the games leading scorer with 24 points but had half of his total in the third quarter.

Mike Coplen led Valley scorers as he poured in 22 points. Scott Tilden chipped in 12 and Jeff Murphy, on some beautiful drives down the middle, scored 11. Murphy also had 3 steals as he played well at both ends of the court.

Valley will take their 4-2 record with them to Plymouth this Thursday to participate in Plymouth's Holiday Tourney.



Scott Tilden tips in two of his twelve points against LaVille. Valley won the game to bring their record to 4-2.

Viking tankers first

Seven first place finishes placed the Valley High School swim team over Howe Military Academy by a score of 48-34 Saturday in the Howe pool.

Dave Reuter set a new Valley record in the 500 yard freestyle in 5:48:0 and also took the 200-yard freestyle. Other Vikings taking first place were: Brett Cumberland, 60 and 100 freestyle; Jay Feldman, 100-yard backstroke; James Swihart, 100-yard butterfly. The 160-yard medley relay team, with Feldman, Cumberland, Rex Loughlin and Joe Harter took Valley's other first place.

Other finishes for Valley: Lough-

lin, second, 500-yard freestyle and 160-yard individual medley; Harter, second, 100-yard breaststroke; Mark Kline, third, 60-yard freestyle; Mark Kline, third, 160-IM and 100-yard breaststroke; Swihart, second, 200 yard freestyle; Cooper Krajewski, second-diving; Byran Rittenhouse, third-diving; and Jed Smith, third, 100-yard freestyle.

Wrestlers do well in JV

Tourney

Tippecanoe Valley Junior Varsity wrestlers took two seconds and a third in an individuals JV tourney at Valley on Saturday. No team scores were kept for the match as there were an uneven number of contestants from the different schools.

Placing for the Vikes were Brent McCloughan, second in the 112-pound weight class and Robert Reed, second in one of the 119-pound weight classes. The 119 weight pound class had 25 entries so was divided into two classes. Ray Fenix placed third in the 138-pound class.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Akron L.T.L. Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. in the library basement. There will be a gift exchange for the members, price limit of 75 cents to \$1. Gifts will also be collected for the Dessie Scott Children's Home. Everyone welcome.

Lincoln Ladies

The Lincoln Ladies Aid met in the Akron library Wednesday evening for their Christmas meeting.

A pot luck supper was served. Devotions were given and carols were sung.

After the gift exchange contributions were given to the Children's Home, Penny Pitch and several donations were made.

Olive Bethel news

Mr. and Mrs. David Sheetz and family spent Tuesday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hott, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kerby and family, Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carpenter and family and Mrs. Harold Claxton and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox and Helen.

Henry Kelley, Plymouth, and Velva Peters, Culver, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Leininger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keesey were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Butts and Jill of Barbee Lake, in honor of Jill's 17th birthday.

Peggy Fields, Kewanna, visited Mrs. David Sheetz and children Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cox, Fulton, spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox and Helen.

Herb Davis visited his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keesey, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gail McKenzie and Norma and Rhonda Grubb, So. Whitley, spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox and Helen.

Mrs. Lincoln Lukens and Jennifer visited Mrs. David Sheetz Thursday morning.

Seward Club met

The Seward Home Extension Club met at Teel's Restaurant Wednesday, December 12 at 1 p.m. with 21 members and seven guests present.

After the meal the president, Ruth Igney, led the group in repeating the club creed and pledges to the American and Christian flags. 1980 secret pal names were drawn. Garnet Latimer read some poems for Christmas.

After roll call several cards were signed and sent to absent members. Merdena Bechtol had charge of program and introduced Bonnie Whittenberger, who told of some of her fond memories and sang appropriate songs.

Gifts were distributed and secret pals were revealed.

Accident...

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Melinda, 10, was trapped in the vehicle and had to be extracted by emergency crews. All three surviving members of the family were admitted to Woodlawn Hospital in good condition.

Services for Mrs. Thompson were held at Sheetz Funeral Home, Akron, on Sunday, December 16. Burial was in the Akron cemetery.

TVHS pool schedule

Sun., Dec. 23 2-4 Open
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OBITUARIES

Linda Thompson

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16, 1979, for Mrs. Linda S. Thompson, 32, R. 2, Akron, who was killed in an automobile accident Thursday evening, December 13, on Indiana 25, south of Fulton. Services were in the Akron Church of God, with the Rev. James Hall officiating. Burial was in the Akron cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson was born March 8, 1947 in Rochester to Kendall and Willadean Scott Rager, who survive. She had lived in the Akron area her entire lifetime. Her first marriage was to Roger Manns, who was killed in Vietnam on May 12, 1966. She later married Marvin Thompson on July 7, 1967 in Indianapolis, who survives. Mrs. Thompson was an employee of Chamberlain Products, Akron. She was a member of the Akron Church of God and a member of the String Town Club.

Surviving with the husband and parents are two sons, Matthew and Miles, and a daughter, Melinda,

all at home; two brothers, Jerry Rager, Ft. Wayne, and Julian Rager, R. 2, Akron.

Andrew Roush

Andrew Jackson Roush, 49, Akron, died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, 1979, at his home. He was born July 24, 1930 in Wash to Lemaire and Laura Irene Hays Roush and had lived in the Akron area for 20 years. He was married August 1, 1947 to Helen D. Summers, who survives. He was employed by the McMahan-O'Connor Construction Company of Rochester.

Surviving with the wife are three sons, Daniel, Akron, and Dewayne and Dennis, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Julio (Diana) Camacho and Mrs. Hugh (Donna) O'Donnell, Akron; seven grandchildren, and two sisters. A brother and a sister preceded in death.

Services were Friday, December 14, in the Sheetz Funeral Home, Akron, and burial was in the Metairie Cemetery.

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OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubbfield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program: 10:30 a.m. Youth Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AKRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Gary D. Frey, pastor; John York, lay leader. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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MENTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP, Rev. Robert Morgan, pastor; Thomas W. Harman, co-pastor. Sunday afternoon: 4 p.m. Tuesday evening: 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Services held in the new hardware building in Atwood.

MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, E. R. Heckman, minister; Paul Halst, lay leader; Dr. Wymond Wilson, Ad. Board chairman. Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. YF: 5:30 p.m.

BURKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Don Poyser, pastor; Vernon Meredith, supt.; Dennis Birch, asst. supt. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Church: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Billy Steele, minister. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship and Communion: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening: 7:30 p.m. Monday - Children's Bible Story hour, 3:45. Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class, 1:30 p.m.

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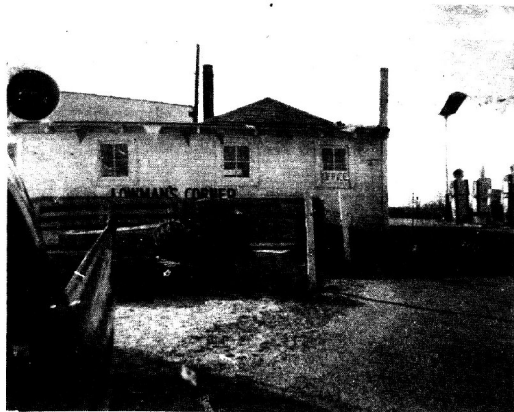
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Lowman's Corner....An area landmark

Lowman's: End of an era

One more land mark of a passing era is gone, with the razing of Lowman's Station on St. Road 14, two miles north of Akron, known as "Lowman's Corner". This station has long been a milestone in helping travelers find their way in any direction.

Donald Lowman established the station as an oil storage plant. In 1937 he sold the place to his brother Glen, who was a teenager at that time. Glen sold gas, and also put in a stock of groceries, and his station became a busy place, during WW II when staple grocery items were in short supply, many things were available at Lowman's Corner, and people found their way there from all around the country.

After Glen married Evelyn Feree, he had help in his store, and as they added two children, they also built a lovely home, and a large garage, and storage building. The station became a well known factor in the Beaver Dam community, with hardware, tires and every day wearing apparel as well as gas and groceries. Farmers and business men met there to get their evening paper and to exchange the news. Housewives could always depend on Lowman's to have bread, sugar, cold cuts, canned foods, etc. in an emergency.

The school kids stopped in after school for a candy bar or a snack and a chat with Glen, who always supported the school, for years

contributing a Christmas tree, basket ball schedules, and his enthusiastic support at ball games. He was stricken with a fatal illness and died in 1973. The station was closed soon after.

So one by one the familiar old landmarks of Old Beaver Dam are disappearing. The school, with the latest addition built in 1928 was damaged by fire and razed by the school board. The old "Principal's House" adjacent to it was also burned. The huge Elm tree that stood by the roadside was removed. The brick mill, that once housed the school until a building project was completed in 1909, has collapsed.

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Combining the AKRON NEWS with the MENTONE NEWS

Thursday, December 27, 1979

That was the decade that was

by Diana Streevey Bucher

As January 1 rapidly approaches, we are watching the end of more than 1979, we are coming to the end of the seventies. I am staggered when I remember all the things that have happened since January 1, 1970. On one hand, time seems to have proverbially flown, while on the other hand many of the events of the seventies seem light years away.

The seventies saw a kaleidoscope of change and reform, both social and political. Although at times the future seemed bleak, the progress achieved in several areas during the decade was encouraging.

Millions of Americans became more aware of their rights, both as individuals and as American citizens, with groups like the National Organization of Women striving for women's rights, the Grey Panthers fighting for the rights of senior citizens, and the voters in California and Ohio voting to cut their exorbitant property tax rates.

Public opinion was emotional and widely varied on subjects like the Vietnam War, the Equal Rights Amendment, the future of nuclear energy, gay rights, the SALT treaties, and the legalization of abortion. Yet the people joined together in celebration of the nation's Bicentennial and in approval of the strides made in our relations with China, the USSR and Egypt, and to our contribution to peace between Egypt and Israel.

The seventies saw a major threat to our system of government in the sordid Watergate tragedy. While the entire truth may never be known to us, it was shown that our politicians, including the

President, cannot blithely set themselves above the law and remain unscathed.

We were curious as to what was happening in Akron and Mentone during some of the momentous events of our nation during the seventies. This is what we uncovered:

Millions of Americans participated in anti-pollution demonstrations during Earth Day, on April 22, 1970.....Akron High School prepared for it's production of 'Brigadoon'.....James Whetstone, Mentone, was assigned to the Economic Development Program of the Platte Valley Community Action Agency in Grand Island, Nebraska, through VISTA.....The Akron Town Board accepted a bid for the construction of a lagoon-type sewage system for the town.

During May of the same year, members of the Ohio National Guard fired upon and killed four students at Kent State University.....Judy Hamilton, Akron High School senior, received a \$500 scholarship from the DuBois Nursing Scholarship Fund.....Susan Romine and Keith Remy, from Mentone High School, received the Golden M award as outstanding senior boy and girl.....Senator Birch



Christmas tree?

Employees of Mollenhour Lumber Company showed their Christmas spirit by building their own Christmas tree. Pictured from left to right are David Cook, Greg Blackburn, Dan Tibbets, Rick Sitts, John Baer, Todd Anglin, Estill Hughes, Dale Wallace, and Jay Secrist.

NEWS Photo

Bayh was the speaker for Mentone's commencement exercises.

In 1971 the 26th Amendment was passed giving 18 year olds the right to vote.....Jim Weber was hired as head coach at Mentone, while his wife Josie was hired as an English, speech and journalism teacher.....Jeff Tilden, Akron, and Angela Bloom, Claypool qualified to compete in the U.S. Nationals Competition by winning top honors in the Novice Mixed Pairs division at the Indiana State Amateur Roller Skating Association.

On October 25, 1971 Communist China was granted membership in the United Nations, and Taiwan was shamefully expelled from that organization.....Frederick Shewman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shewman, Akron, received his PhD in civil engineering from Utah State University...

The Mentone Lions Club prepared for their annual Halloween celebration.....Akron and Mentone prepared to begin their basketball sectional tourney on February 21, 1972.....President Nixon arrived in Peking, on his "journey for peace", opening a new era of relations with China.

Later that year, on May 22, Nixon traveled again, this time to Moscow for a week of summit talks with Kremlin leaders.....Four local girls prepared speeches for their commencement. Valedictorian that year were Joyce Moore, Akron, and Cynthia Wise, Mentone. Salutatorians were Charlotte Jones, Mentone, and Regan Richardson, Akron.

On June 17, 1972, five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate office

complex.....Members of the Akron Lions Club celebrated 25 years of community service. Charter members honored were Roy Meredith, Tom Hauptert, Harold Groninger, Abe Caldwell, and Oscar Fites.... In Mentone, the Rev. Walter House assumed duties as minister of the Mentone and Talma United Methodist churches.

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Akron trash time change

According to Akron Town Clerk-Treasurer, Ernie Smith, due to the holiday trash pickup in Akron will be Wednesday, January 2.

Happy New Year

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The seventies: A look back

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A busy 1973 started on a bright note both locally and nationally. On January 27 the Vietnam Peace Pacts were signed in Paris and the military draft was ended. Plans for the new Tippecanoe Valley High School were being drawn.

On April 30, President Nixon accepted blame for the Watergate situation although he denied prior knowledge of it, and three of his top aids (Haldeman, Erlichmann and Dean) resigned. General Telephone began work on a project to improve cable facilities at Mentone. A controversy as to building the new high school resulted in the TVSC Bond sale being halted.

On June 24, 1973, Leonid Brezhnev became the first Soviet leader to address the American people via television. Lisa Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, Akron, was in Europe with other Ball State University students for the summer. Mentone days were celebrated June 22 and 23, sponsored by the Mentone Chamber of Commerce.

Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned his office on October 10, 1973 and pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to charges of tax evasion. State Tax Board made local rate cuts for TVSC. A volunteer group of Akron citizens formed to patrol the town in order to curb vandalism during the Halloween season.

After weeks of haggling with the Justice department and the Senate Select Committee investigating the Watergate scandal, the President was forced by massive expressions of public opinion to turn over the presidential "tapes" on October 23, 1973. Stephanie Hartzler, Brenda Loer, Diane Wildermuth, Norris Keirn, all of Akron, and Kay Goshert, Mentone, enrolled at Manchester College. A giant puffball, 52 inches in circumference, was found by LeRoy Norris, Mentone.

On November 7, 1973, Anwar Sadat and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger announced the renewal of US-Egyptian ties. "History of Akron, 1836-1936" by Ina Brundige was the subject of the latest Fulton County Historical Society quarterly. A "Walk for the Hungry" was slated Nov. 11 at the court house in Warsaw, proceeds to go to CROP to benefit an area in West Africa that had had no rain in three years.

Patricia Hearst was kidnapped by a small terrorist group, the SLA, on February 4, 1974. Hannah Mitchell, Akron, became the third Hoosier woman accepted in the army for training in military police science. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis, Akron, returned from an eight-day trip to Athens, Greece. Joe Wolford, son of Mary Wolford, Mentone, finished high school at mid-term and enrolled at Grace College.

By July 30, 1974, President Nixon was charged by the House Judiciary Committee with obstructing justice, abuse of power, and unconstitutional defiance of lawful subpoenas. By that time it was apparent that the committee

in a strong bipartisan vote, would recommend impeachment proceedings be started. J.C. Rhodes was elected president of the newly formed Akron Park Board. The

Royals women's softball team sponsored by King Furniture and Carpet, Mentone, won the double elimination tourney at Plymouth by defeating Bill's Furniture City, 21-10.

A national nightmare ended on August 9, 1974, when Richard Milhous Nixon resigned as 37th President. Gerald R. Ford became the 38th President and the only president who had not been elected to his position. TV Head Coach Charlie Smith announced football practice would begin August 12. Michael Deardorff, formerly of Akron, was named to the staff of the Howard County Prosecutor's office.

After the hectic years of 1973 and 1974, the national scene was subdued in 1975. Locally Lloyd Harrell became the TVSC's second superintendent when he replaced Robert Forbes. The first TVHS commencement was held. Elwood Hillis was the Grand Marshall of the Akron 4th of July Parade. Akron and Mentone funeral directors announced they would not provide ambulance service after January 1, 1976.

The big news in the beginning of 1976, both here and in the rest of the country, was the Bicentennial. The outstanding pioneer family in the Mentone Bicentennial style show was the Rick Ralston family. The theme of the Akron 4th of July celebration was "Two Hundred Years in the USA".

Jimmy Carter hailed as the "People's President", was elected on November 2 of 1976 to succeed Gerald Ford. Gov. Otis Bowen was elected for a second, 4-year term and Republican Richard Lu-

gar overwhelmed incumbent Vance Hartke from the US senate. Elected State Senators locally were Robert E. Peterson, D-Rochester, and Richard Miller, R-Plymouth.

In 1977 on November 19, Egyptian President Sadat became the first Egyptian leader to visit Israel since its creation in 1948. He met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the first steps to opening relations. Bob and Renee Norlander purchased The NEWS from Loren and Ann. Sheetz. Gerald Romine, Mentone, announced he would seek the democrat nomination for state representative for the 17th district. Randall Leininger was elected president of the Akron Exchange State Bank.

On Sept. 8, 1978, martial law was declared in Iran. Kathleen Jennens retired after thirty years of teaching. 145 railroad ties were stolen from the unused line that ran behind the Co-op elevator in Mentone.

A Middle-East Summit meeting at Camp David concluded on Sept. 17, 1978, with Israel's Begin and Egypt's Sadat signing a preliminary treaty. President Jimmy Carter witnessed the signing. The Mentone classes of '28 and '53 were honored at the annual Alumni Association banquet on September 10. Over 80 firemen from six different fire departments battled a major fire that swept through the Warsaw Black Oxide plant in Burket.

The Shah of Iran was ousted in February 1979 as the student forces successfully gained control of that country. The Akron 4th of July committee meeting was held. Members were Mr. and Mrs.



Snow flew....

Bill Cooksey, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Leininger, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bahney, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gagnon and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gagnon...

The country was terrified by an accident at the Three-Mile Island Nuclear Plant in Pennsylvania. Mentone EMS Board of Directors learned they were operating in the black. TVSC decided to purchase nine new school buses.

As Americans were (and still are) being held hostage in the American Embassy in Iran, Charles Smith led his TVHS football team to the 1979 state championship. The Akron Town Board

struggled to decide whether or not to approve fluoridation of the town's water. The TVSC School Board decided on a plan for improving the corporation's grade schools.

As we enter the 80's, we face an exciting presidential election, soaring gasoline costs, rampant inflation and a return of the mini-skirt. Who knows what may happen before January 1, 1980? As John Denver so aptly wrote in his ballad, SWEET SURRENDER, "I don't know where I'm going, I'm not sure where I've been. My life is worth the living, I don't need to see the end." Happy New Year.



Ground for TVHS was broken....



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My Side by Vern Hucks

1979 has been quite a year. Last spring, the nation was jolted by a nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania and everyone held their breaths until we were told that the danger was past. Nobody died and so far, nobody has been reported as being ill. As a country, we're pretty much forgotten about the incident. Hearings were held but no one was killed and there were no gruesome pictures so there must be no danger.

Later on in the year, a DC-10 crashed in Chicago killing almost 300 persons. Hearings were held, planes were grounded, DC-10 jokes were rampant, and soon, the accident was pretty much forgotten about.

Almost two months ago, fanatics seized our embassy in Iran and have held 50 of our fellow citizens captive since that time. Meetings have been held, international swords have been rattled, network television and national newspapers have been full of Iran related news, and our President has called for National Unity. Considering our track record, I wonder if this time, after the incident reaches a conclusion, if we'll have the sense to read the writing on the wall.

Akron resident's don't want fluoridation

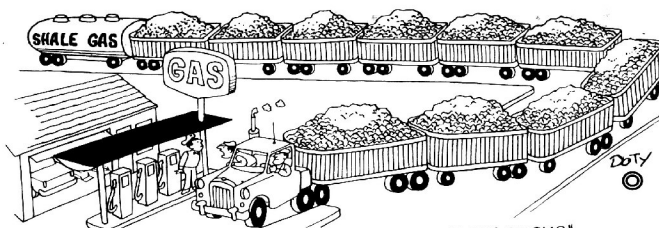
The Akron Town Board met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18 in the town office building, at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Ernest Smith reported on the response he received from the people concerning possible fluoridation of the town's water. By an overwhelming number, 215 no votes and 80 yes votes, the people rejected fluoridation. Upon receiving this information, Dr. Charles Miller moved to accept the decision of the people,

Vernon Waymire seconded, and it carried unopposed.

The new vacation plan was voted upon for town employees. For 1-5 years of service an employee will receive a one-week vacation; from 5-15 years, two-weeks vacation; over 15 years, three-weeks. They are also allowed seven sick days per year.

Ed Hauser reported 78 complaints of various natures were received/acted upon during the time period November 20-December 18.



Wells named Public Defender

The Fulton Circuit Court has named a Public Defender for all pauper cases commencing January 1, 1980. James O. Wells, Jr. will act as attorney for persons determined to be indigent according to the terms of a contract entered in the court records between Wells and Circuit Court Judge Douglas B. Morton.

All previous cases where defendant has been determined as indigent, the court has appointed a local attorney on a case-by-case basis. This should no longer be necessary.

Wells will receive \$800 per month for his services which will include misdemeanor, felony and juvenile cases in Circuit Court. Most misdemeanor cases are heard in County Court which is not effected by the contract. In addition to salary, necessary expenses for defendants including psychiatric examination and testimony, depositions, transcripts, polygraph and stress analysis tests, and the attorney's necessary mileage.

Cases with the charge of murder are not considered to be a part of the public defender's obligation because of the typically greater time requirement in representation of those cases. Wells'

obligation in murder cases will be limited to preliminary hearings, grand jury appearances and other pre-filing interviews of the defendant.

Compensation can be reconsidered if the caseload for the public defender exceeds 25% of the previous year's caseload. Thus far in

1979, 21 cases have had pauper counsel.

Attorney Wells will be responsible for providing office and secretarial assistance together with all travel within the County. He will remain available for all aspects of private practice as he has in the past.

This Was News

60 YEARS AGO

Wendell and Esther Godwin, Sara Strong, Veville and DeWitt Hosman, Pauline Whitcomb and Joanna Miller are among the visitors at home form school to spend the holiday vacation.

Henry Berger, of near Gilead, who has been very ill, visited Akron Saturday for the first time since his illness. He is improving slowly. The S.S. Club, at their social afternoon with Mrs. Stant Thompson, bought a Health Bond, thus showing their interest in the fight on Tuberculosis in a substantial way. A very delightful afternoon was spent. Delicious refreshments were served.

Buckwheat flour at Erb's Mill, nine cents a pound.

The members of the J.W.E. Club Sunday evening entertained their friends at a Grab Bag party at the home of Mrs. Ner Kintner. At six o'clock a community dinner was served.

A wood cutting bee was held at the home of Misses Mollie and Elizabeth Alspach last week, when 16 couples gathered at the home. A big dinner was served. Twelve cords of wood were cut.

39 YEARS AGO

The judges for the home lighting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, awarded Charles Moyer the ten dollars first prize for his display of Santa entering an upstairs window on a ladder.

Willis Bowen, accompanied by Mrs. Bowen, was in Muncie last Thursday night, where he successfully passed an oral test for his master of Science degree in education. Mr. Bowen has been an instructor in the Akron Schools for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferree and family of Mansion, Wash. have arrived to spend the winter here with relatives.

Frank Bright and daughter, Goldie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnhart spent Saturday in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Emerson Sheets spent Saturday evening in South Bend with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Keirn of LaPorte spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Norris, and sister Thelma Armstrong.

25 YEARS AGO

One of the hottest 4-way tournaments of the season will take place December 31 and January 1 at Mentone between Akron, Silver Lake, Beaver Dam and Mentone.

Wm. E. Hanson, 32 year old graduate of the Indiana University Law School, has purchased the law library and equipment of attorney Fred Rakestraw and will start practice here in January.

The Henry Township schools recessed for the holidays Wednesday this week, a day earlier than planned, to enable contractors to work on installing new boilers. Extremely cold weather this week has made it difficult to heat the buildings with the present boiler.

10 YEARS AGO

Stephen H. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henson, Akron, was named to the "Dean's List" at Indiana Institute of Technology Ft. Wayne, for the fall quarter of the current school year.

Norman Burkett, R. 1, Akron, was named Henry Township Trustee Monday.

It Happened in Mentone

Taken from the December 31, 1952 issue of The Northern Indiana Co-Op News:

Kindergarten will open next Monday morning, at the home of Mrs. Harold Nelson, with an enrollment of 21 students. The time is from 8:30 to 11:10.

Harry Sullivan, who has been a patient in the Murphy Medical Center following an auto accident, underwent surgery on Tuesday for the removal of his knee cap, which was broken in 12 pieces. At the same time his broken jaw bone was reset. Harry is pretty uncomfortable,

but is coming along as well as can be expected.

The Mentone Town Board met in special session Tuesday evening to handle the final business of the year and to make the appointments for the coming year. William Schooley and Eli Julian were reappointed marshals, and Arlo Friener was again appointed fire chief. During the reorganization meeting, Councilman Harry Smythe was named chairman for 1953. This honor, in the more friendly circles of the city, generally brings with it the handle of "mayor". One of the first big jobs for the new "mayor",

we fear, will be the perennial problem of stray dogs. In years past a number of these stray animals disappeared behind the "iron curtain," and the same possibility still exists.

Mrs. Myrtle Reed came on Tuesday to spend several months with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arley Cullum. She has been visiting at the Fred Carey home in South Whitley.

Miss Martha Zillmer, of Bremen, and Mrs. Thomas Harman, of Mentone, drove to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., last Wednesday to visit Pvt. Wayne Dinkeldein and Pvt. Thomas Harman. Pvt. Harman returned home with them Saturday for a short visit.

Malcolm Long, who is stationed at Laredo, Texas, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Barkman entertained for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barkman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barkman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Jefferies.

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Winter hours

The Civic Center museum will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. This museum and office of the Fulton County Historical Society, 7th and Pontiac, Rochester, is open year around Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, except for holidays.

The Rochester Depot, Log Cabin and Leiters Ford Depot museums are closed for the winter. They will re-open next June.

Sound Off!



Tell us what you think about anything. Call between 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and 5 p.m. Thursday or drop us a line. No need to give your name. Selected opinions will appear in this column each week.

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Family Life

Sorority endorse housing

In the December business meeting of the Kappa Delta Phi sorority they endorsed their approval of the housing for the Akron Senior Citizens apartments being considered for Akron.

Plans were made for the initiation of Mrs. Wm. Lynn and Mrs.

Stephen Trammell into the organization.

Pine branches, poinsettias and red bows were put into the urns on the corners in Akron, for the Christmas and winter season to help beautify the town.

The next meeting is set for January 8 in the library.

Psi Iota Xi meet for party

Twenty-three members of Psi Iota Xi held their Christmas party December 18th in the home of Peg Eaton.

Jo Nelson, Judy Lafferty, and Peg Eaton prepared a dinner and it was served by Kelly Eaton and Terri Eaton.

A gift exchange followed the dinner. A short business meeting was held and the rest of the evening was spent visiting.

The next meeting will be Jan. 15th with Barb Riner hostess and Jeanette Mollenhour as co-hostess.

Stavedahl, Andrews wed



Stacy Jo Stavedahl became the bride of Robert Lynn Andrews on Saturday afternoon, November 10, in the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. The Rev. Sam Carlton officiated at the couple ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stavedahl, Mentone, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Andrews, Rochester.

Given in marriage by her father, the brides honor attendant was Jean Ann Balmer, Rochester, and serving as bridesmaid was Tammy Wright, Talma.

Butch Harding, Rochester, attended the bridegroom as best man, Mike Smith, Rochester, as groomsmen. Ushers were Terry Stavedahl and Dave Andrews.

Organist was Mrs. Kathy Christman with David Stavedahl as soloist.

The couple greeted their guests in the church hall. Servers were Deb Stavedahl and Joyce Beverly.

Frances Rhodes registered the guests.

The couple are residing at Box 74, Mentone.

DAR meet at Tibbets home

Mrs. James Tibbets, Mentone, was hostess for the December meeting of the Anthony Nigo chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Regent, Miss Annabel Mentzer opened the meeting with the ritual, pledge to the flag and singing of the national anthem. Delegates to the April 17-21, 1980 Continental Congress to be in Washington D.C.,

were elected as follows: Regent, Annabel Mentzer; vice regent, Mrs. Wayne Smalley; alternates, Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Max Smith.

In lieu of Christmas gifts, members decorated a small tree with "green" monetary gifts to be sent to the DAR owned school in the mountains, located at Tamassee, South Carolina.

Mrs. Dennert Ware, president of the Kosciusko County Historical Society presented a program with

slides, of early history pertaining to the county seat, Warsaw. She said the Historical Society is looking forward to the time when the county jail will be available to the Society, as a museum.

The meeting adjourned to meet Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Thomas Fugate, Mentone, for the annual meeting with the DAR Historical Essay winners and their parents will be entertained.

Akron Lions Christmas dinner

Members of the Akron Lions Club met December 11 at Teel's in Mentone.

Thirty-nine members, including wives and guests attended. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harsh, Kirk Robinson, John Gagnon, Harold Turk and George Langstaff. Jim Harsh and Kirk Robinson were inducted as new members.

The sale of grapefruit and oranges is reported to be going quite well.

A musical group from Grace College entertained the meeting with Christmas carols.

Special church film slated

The impact of the raw wilderness on the lives of young people seasoned in an affluent society provides the adventure-laden setting for the feature-length dramatic film, STEP OVER THE EDGE, which will be shown December 31 during the Watchnight Service, which will start at 9 p.m. at Talma Bible Church.

Based on the diaries of young people who have participated in the widely-heralded Vanguard Program, STEP OVER THE EDGE was filmed entirely in the Wisconsin Northwoods. The camera crew followed a typical group of youth

as they trekked for three weeks through the wilderness. Each participant culminated the experience with a three-day "solo". Equipped only with a Bible, a canteen of water and a small tarp, each participant spent the three days in complete isolation along the shores of Lake Superior.



Opens practice

Byron L. Tinkey is pleased to announce the opening of his law firm. The law office is located in the Deamer and Deamer building at 111½ East Ninth Street, Rochester. The telephone number is 223-4327.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tinkey, he is a lifelong resident of the Akron area.

He graduated from Akron High School in 1970 and from Manchester College in 1974. In May 1979, he graduated from Lewis University/Northern Illinois University, College of Law.

Having been admitted to the Indiana Bar on October 4, 1979, he is now looking forward to working in the Fulton County area and helping to serve the legal needs of the community.

News Almanac

Last week's weather

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Church News

AKRON CHURCH OF GOD, James F. Hall, pastor; Myron Kissinger, asso. pastor; Larry Klein, supt.; Judith Hill, Asst. Supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Mon., Dec. 31 - Communion 'Come & Go' Service, 7-8:30 p.m. WATCH NIGHT Party - Fellowship Hall, 8:30-12 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 3 - Mid-week Service; Bible Study for youth and adults, 7 p.m.; Choir practice, 8:05 p.m.

OLIVE BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD
Hazel Comer, pastor; Mike Reed, supt.; Minnie Ellison, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Group: 7 p.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

AKRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Gary D. Irey, pastor; John York, lay leader.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

MENTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Charlie Jones, Youth director.

Rev. Kenneth Marken, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Training Hour: 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Tues., AWANA at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m.

BEAVER DAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday School: 10:25 a.m.
Thursday: Bible Study-7:00 p.m.
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Harold Ulrey, Pastor. He has just moved to Akron for his home and can be reached at all times. Phone 893-4118.

AKRON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, Harold Miller minister.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.
Choir rehearsal Thurs. evening.

MENTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Rev. Robert Morgan, pastor; Thomas W. Harman, co-pastor.
Sunday afternoon: 4 p.m.
Tuesday evening: 7:30 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

Services held in the new hardware building in Atwood.

MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, E. R. Heckman, minister; Paul Halst, lay leader; Dr. Wymond Wilson, Ad. Board chairman.
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
YF: 5:30 p.m.

BURKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Don Poyser, pastor; Vernon Meredith, supt.; Dennis Burch, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church: 10:30 a.m.

OMEGA CHURCH, Lee Stubbfield, pastor; Emerson Burns, supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
No Bible study Sunday evening.
All Church New Year's Eve party, Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Paul Bowen residence.

MENTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST, Billy Steele, minister.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship and Communion: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Childrens Bible Story hour, 3:45.
Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class, 1:30 p.m.

SILVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD, Fred Landolt, minister; Richard Hoffman, supt.; Sam Brown, asst. supt.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. CGYA: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley, Elwood, are the parents of a nine pound, three and one-half ounce son born December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Robinson were foster parents of Mr. Hensley.

Akron LTL met

The Akron L.T. L. had their Christmas meeting at the library basement on Friday night with their leader, Gloria Bowen. Billy Kline, Elizabeth Harter, Betty Williams and Norman Cornell helped with the meeting.

There was a grab bag gift exchange for the members, and gifts were also collected for the Dessie Scott Childrens Home.

The leader showed two Christmas films and a temperance film. After the games refreshments were served to 24 members.

Anniversaries celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Engle and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bammerlin celebrated their wedding anniversaries on December 22 at the home of the Engles. The Engles celebrated their fortieth anniversary, as they were married December 22, 1939 at Dutch Town, Indiana. The Bammerlins were married in Gilead on December 22, 1957, so they celebrated their twenty-second anniversary.

Hosting the event for the two couples were Mrs. Joanna McGee, Mariene and Renee Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Reed, Carol, Diana and Neil Bammerlin, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bammerlin and Terri, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Krieg, and Trella Bastian.

Paper one day later

Due to the New Year's holiday falling on Tuesday this year, the NEWS will be published on the 2nd of January. News and ad copy deadline will be Monday, December 31 at 5 p.m.

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New Bombeck book at library

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HEART OF THE HARBOR by Katrinka Bickie. This is the story of romance and revolution in modern-day New York.

IRENE by Jane Land. This is a novel of romantic suspense which tells about a woman who had risked her life to follow the man she loved. Now she must find a way to survive.

CELEBRATION FOR MURDER by Ruth Wissmann. The family reunion had become a nightmare of death and Lorraine was terrified that she was the cause. This is a modern novel of suspense.

THE VERY BEST PEOPLE by Elizabeth Villers. From the very first time Kathryn Owen saw tall, slim and elegant Tyson Enfield striding assuredly toward her across the lawn of the Bryn Mawr Campus in 1971, she knew she wanted him. But it was a dream that would have to endure for twenty long years of doubt, pain and treachery - for Kate was not

born into Philadelphia Society. This is a moving story of a woman's growing realization of her dreams, and of the passing of a world.

THE BEST DOCTORS IN THE U.S. by John Pekkenen. This is a guide to the finest specialists, hospitals and health centers.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HOLMES by John H. Watson, M.D. In 1886 Robert Louis Stevenson published his chilling tale, The Strange Case of Dr. Jeekyll and Mr. Hyde; for nearly a century it has intrigued millions of readers. But only recently a manuscript has materialized that reveals for the first time that the details of Stevenson's classic were purposely incomplete: that his "story" was based on fact - and that the world's most celebrated detective, Sherlock Holmes, was involved in the case. Here is Dr. Watson's chronicle relating the blackest mystery in Holme's career - the murder of a member of Parliament has baffled Scotland Yard for months.

WCTU meet at library

The Akron W.C.T.U. met recently in the Akron library. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Clifford Bright. Christmas carols were sung by the group and devotions were given by Mrs. John Gerig. Lamoin Hand sang a solo. Velma Bright gave flashes from the Union Signal. Lamoin Hand dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Twenty-two Christmas plates were made and delivered to shut-ins of the community. After the members returned from delivering plates, refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Ellis Klein and Mrs. Lamoin Hand. Gifts were also brought for children at the Dessie Scott children's home.

Mentone item

Mrs. Elmer Hammond is in satisfactory condition at South Bend Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

The Akron Carnegie Public Library Board will meet in the library at 7 p.m. for their regular meeting.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Stated meeting of the Akron OES. Initiatory practice following meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

Mentone World War II Mothers will meet at 1:00 with Blanche Whitmeyer, Rochester, weather permitting.

Meals on Wheels

The Mentone Meals on Wheels drivers for the week of December 31 - January 4 are as follows:

MONDAY: Elaine Fugate,
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WEDNESDAY: Mary Manwaring,
THURSDAY: Jo Manwaring,
FRIDAY: Helen Good.

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WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Closed	Closed
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by Vern Hucks

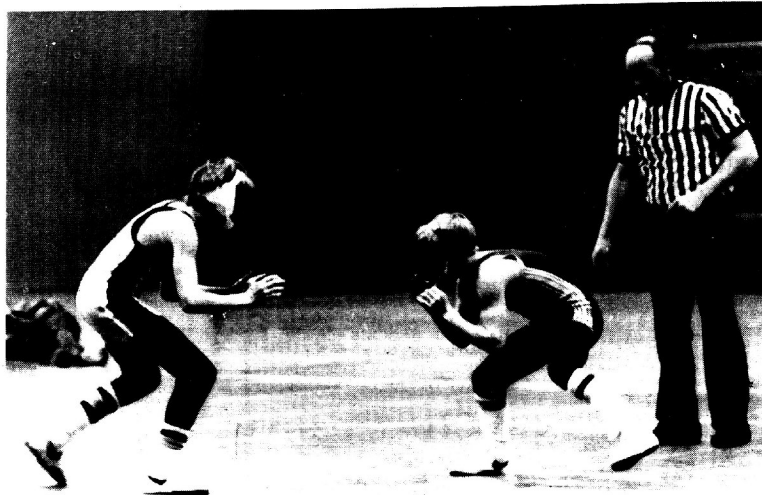
No visitor to the city of Warsaw can escape the fact that the Tiger girl's basketball team have twice been state champions. Large orange signs greet you at the city limits and almost scream out that their team reached a pinnacle of success enjoyed by very few. Logansport's city limit signs let you know that they were champs in baseball and even Bremen tells you that Governor Bowen calls their town home.

Mentone and Akron now have an opportunity to let the world know about their State Champion Viking's. Maybe the Chambers of Commerce or Town Boards could see about some signs for our town limits. We'll check on it and let you know.

Wrestlers lose TRC match

The Tippecanoe Valley wrestling team came up on the wrong end of a 49-18 score. Viking grapplers Dan Fenix, Keith Smith, and Mark Quinlan won their matches by decision while Ray Fenix, substituting for an injured Brian Carnes, won his match by a pin at 4:35.

The loss to Northfield, also in the TRC, dropped the Viking's season record to 1-4. Valley's next match will be on January 3 against Caston at home.



KEITH SMITH (right) squares off against Steve Kirtlan of Northfield in last Tuesday's Valley-Northfield wrestling match. Smith won the decision, 11-0, but Valley lost the match 49-18. NEWS Photo



GARY STATH, Tippecanoe Valley wrestling coach, shouts instructions from mat-side. NEWS Photo

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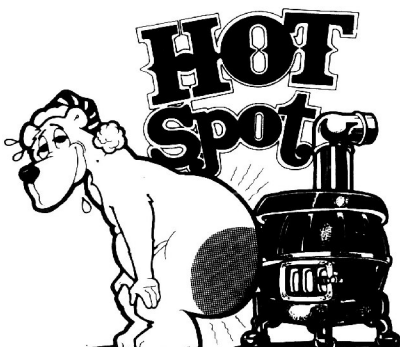
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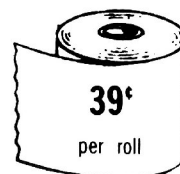
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Drop title game to S. B. Riley Vikings beat Penn

by Vern Hucks

The Tippecanoe Valley Vikings made an impressive showing last week in Plymouth's Holiday Tourney by beating Penn 61-58 before dropping the title game to South Bend Riley 72-66.

In the game with Penn, Scott Tilden was again the leading scorer for the Valley with 16 points. Mike Coplen added 11 before fouling out with under three minutes left in the game. Tilden and Coplen also had 11 rebounds each.

With under one minute left in the contest, and Penn holding a one point lead, Greg Utter sank two pressure free throws to give Valley the lead. Penn failed to score on their possession and John Dorsey canned two more free throws to ice the victory.



Some scales have been devised so delicate they can weigh a human hair or the writing on a piece of paper.

The Valley defense did a number on Penn and especially on Penn's leading scorer, Mark Ward. Ward was shut-out for the evening and his teammates, forced to shoot from the outside, could hit only 36%. The Vikes also forced the Kingsmen into 23 turnovers while committing only 14.

In the title game with Riley, who thumped Plymouth 76-59, Valley missed on 11 inside shots in the first half to seal their own fate. Valley could only hit only 40% of their shots from the floor and came up six points short of the tourney title.

Scott Tilden, shooting an incredible 21 free throws, scored 23 points in all scorers. Greg Utter scored 16 points and pulled down six rebounds. Tilden had 21 carries.

The Vikings and Wildcats finished the first quarter even at 13 but the second quarter spelled out the difference in the game. Riley took a six point lead at the half and held on to it for the final margin.

Valley, now 5-3, will next play Southwood at home on January 4.

Lunch menu

There will be a price increase for student lunches for all Tippecanoe Valley students effective January 2, 1980. Students in grades 1-5 will be required to pay 55 cents per day for lunch. The cost for five days will be \$2.75.

Students in grades 6-8 will pay 60 cents per meal.

This price increase is a result of increased food costs. This raise in price will help keep the lunch program solvent.

The price increase will become effective Wednesday, Jan. 2. The amount of money to send for the first week back to school is:

Grades 1-3 - \$1.86 (3 days + extra milk).

Grades 4-5 - \$1.65 (3 days lunch).

The Mentone School lunch menu for the week of January 2 - 4 is as follows:

WEDNESDAY: Hot dogs, baked beans, cottage cheese, pineapple.

THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes, french fries, spinach, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY: Open face pizza burgers, buttered corn, potato chips, peaches.

Reasons for land value increase vary

by Vern Hucks

Land values increase. In almost every area of our country these increases are a way of life. Since 1972 however, land values have increased at astronomical rates. Over the last 50 years, increases like those experienced since 72 have been rare and then only during major wars. According to figures compiled by J. H. Atkinson, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, the 1979 average value of an acre of Indiana land has increased more than four times what it was in 1967.

There are many reasons for these huge increases but two events seem to have touched them off. First was the disappearance of US grain surpluses and at almost the same time, the improvement of trade relations with Russia. Severe drought in the Soviet Union resulted in increased demand for American grain. These two factors, coming so close together, understandably made farm land more desirable to own.

Other important changes that contributed to ever-increasing land values have gone virtually unnoticed.

One of these changes was the gradually improving economic condition of many under-developed countries. Their improved economic situation coupled with drought in many parts of the world helped to increase their demand for our grain.

Real estate tax relief, which will be covered in the final installment of this series, made owning more land easier and increased credit availability from the Federal Land Bank made the purchase of land easier also.

Farmers have traditionally been caught up in a vicious circle of farm expansion and this process has also contributed to the land squeeze. As farmers bought bigger and better machinery, they felt the need to cultivate more land in order to get the largest return possible on their investment. As the price of farm goods increased and farmers increased their yields by the use of better equipment and supplies, they simply had more money to invest and if you make your living from and land, what better place is there to invest?

Figures from the Cooperative Extension Service publication titled "Indiana Agriculture - A Census Comparison 1969 and 1974" bear out these contentions. In 1964, 458 Indiana farms reported sales in excess of \$100,000.00. By 1969 this figure was up to 1,162 and by 1974 it had sky-rocketed to 5,508. In the same ten year period, farms reporting sales in the \$40,000 to \$99,999 range increased from 3,515 to 13,098.

Another factor that has contributed to the land value explosion and is probably seldom thought of is the sense of security that comes from owning land. Our country has experienced great political and economic uncertainty in the past decade and the owning of real property during such times can promote a feeling of safety.

Of course, one of the real villains in the land price escalation is inflation. Since 1972, we have had to live with near record inflation and there is no end in sight. Inflation, both as it affects farm product prices and the way people think will continue to be an underlying factor in the land market.

Due to the desirability of prime farm land and the market value of the land, many farmers, unless protected by the deferments can't afford NOT to sell. Next week we'll take a quick look at what can be and is being done to protect farmers in such a position.

Corner...

From page 1

The Beaver Dam Church is active and growing, but it does not replace the bond that tied people of the larger area together. Community minded citizens bought the school ground, and with help from the High School alumni association and other sources a park has been established, and a memorial containing the historical plaques from the old building has been built.

As the old familiar landmarks disappear, very much alive is the loyalty and allegiance of any school kid or patron who ever belonged to Beaver Dam, or who made Lowman's Station their community meeting place.

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Fulton County, Indiana, at 1:00 P.M.,
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Akron item

Dosia Dickerhoff, and Mr. and
Mrs. Wayne Engle spent Christmas
day with Trella Bastian and Fred
Dickerhoff.

Service

news

Staff Sgt. Richard E. Earl, son of
Betty M. Borton, R. 5, Warsaw, re-
cently was presented his second—
award of the Army Commendation
Medal in Stuttgart, Germany.

Earl earned the award while assign-
ed as a supply sergeant with the
527th Transportation Company.
His wife, Mary, is with him in
Germany.

Marine Pfc. Keith Dill, son of
George M. and Virginia K. Coon,
Silver Lake, has completed the in-
fantry combat training course at
the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pen-
dleton, Calif.
He joined the Marine Corps in
July 1979.

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman Stev-
en R. Stiles, son of Paul B. and
Sarah A. Stiles, R. 1, Silver Lake,
recently visited Mombasa, Kenya.
He is a crewmember aboard the
guided missile cruiser USS Bain-
bridge. His ship is homeported in
San Diego and currently operating
as a unit of the U.S. 7th Fleet in
the Indian Ocean.

A 1977 graduate of Yorktown
High School, Yorktown, Stiles
joined the Navy in September 1977.

"The liberty of the individual must be thus far limited:
he must not make himself a nuisance to other people."
John Stuart Mill

OBITUARIES

Maude Grogg

Mrs. Maude Grogg, 89, 337
Birchwood Court, Wabash, died at
1:26 p.m. Tuesday, December 18,
1979 in the Wabash County Hospi-
tal, Wabash.

A native of Athens, she was born
Jan. 25, 1890 to Jacob and Emma
Stofer Harmon and had lived in
the Gilead and Akron areas. She
was married May 22, 1909 in Ak-
ron to Charles M. Grogg, who pre-
ceded in death. She was a member
of the Akron Church of God.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs.
Roswell (Melese) Miller, Wabash;
four sons, Elton, of Eugene, Ore.;
Paul, No. Manchester; Floyd,
Indianapolis, and Merl, Wabash;
two brothers, Ray, Elkhart, and
Russell, Hardy, Ark; 14 grand-
children, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Dec. 21, in
the Sheetz Funeral Home, Akron,
with the Rev. Phillip Crubaugh of-
ficiating. Burial was in the Akron
Cemetery.

Della Dillingham

Mrs. Della F. Dillingham, 90,
Mentone, died at 6:50 p.m. Tues-
day, December 18, 1979, in Miller's
Merry Manor Nursing Home, War-
saw. She had been ill for several
years.

She was born in Mentone Nov. 21,
1889 to David and Anna Warren
Holloway and had resided in Men-
tone all her life. She was married
Dec. 10, 1910 to Ray Dillingham,
who died March 17, 1965. She was
a charter member of the Burket
United Methodist Church and be-
longed to the Royal Neighbors
Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ray-
mond (Georgianna) Grubbs, R. 1,
Mentone; two granddaughters, Mrs.
Doug (Connie) Haney, Mentone,
and Mrs. Steve (Donita) Serist,
Claypool, and three great-grand-
children. Three sons and a grandson
preceded in death.

Services were at the King Memorial
Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Don
Foyser officiating. Burial was in the
Mentone Cemetery.

Olive Bethel news

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gagnon spent
Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs.
David Sheetz and family.

The Russell-Jessie Paxton family
had a Christmas supper at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keesey Satur-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. David Leininger
and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smalley
dined in Warsaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lukens and
Dan, Elkhart, spent Wednesday
with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sheetz.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kerby, Bar-
bara and Susan, Galveston, Gail
McKenzie and John Grable and
Tim of So. Whitley spent Sunday
afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Cox and Helen.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pfeiffer spent
Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kee-
sey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baker spent
Tuesday evening with Mr. and
Mrs. David Leininger and family.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to each one who has
made the Olive Bethel News possi-
ble and to each reader also thanks.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED AD RATE & DEADLINE: 8c per word — \$1.20 minimum. There will be no borders around classified ads. Any ads taken over the PHONE or CHARGE are 9c per word. Minimum of \$1.50. **DEADLINE IS TUESDAY** before publication by NOON. **ACCURACY OF ADS** taken by phone are not considered our error after the first week of publication.

893-4433

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FOR SALE: 77 Chev. ¾ ton pickup. Custom Deluxe 20, heavy duty tires. PHONE 893-4630 after 5 p.m.

12/27/2p

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12/20/3p

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12/13/x

FOR SALE: Fresh eggs. CALL 893-4668.

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11/22/6p

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1 - CARPENTER - Handyman for inplant maintenance and construction; 2 - Lumber HANDLERS. We need experienced applicants with steady, reliable employment history. Full benefits and Profit Sharing. PIKE Lbr. Co., Akron.

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WELL DRILLING and repair. ing of two, three and four inch wells. Water systems for sale. Fully insured. ROY SANER & SONS, Akron. Call 893-4815.

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3/29/x

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11/15/x

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TOM DANIEL

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Good fishing, just a short distance away. Year-round living. Partially furnished with 2 bedrooms. You can afford this one. Call today it's a bargain.

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ture, 3 bedrooms, large living room and all appliances included. Can be moved or may remain for reasonable rent. \$4,000.

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vestment and anyone can afford it. Henry township, Fulton County. Land contract available.

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serves the best, and here it is. Convenient country location with plenty of privacy. A comfortable home with plenty of room. TV Schools. CALL 893-7255.

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Enjoy the good life in this completely furnished home. A storage shed and pier are included too. Priced in the low 20's. Financing available.

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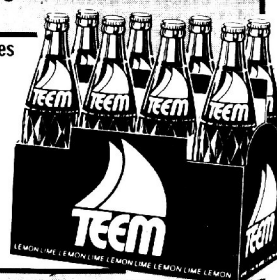
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