Seeks vote in spring on police, fire hall

Questions / Comments on proposed urban renewal for St. Johns

**Partial text of a document discussing a proposed urban renewal for St. Johns.**

*Without urban renewal, there is no reasonable plan to alleviate a situation which would become gradually worse, fact proves that no immediate plan to alleviate a situation which have had to share a heavier load of taxes.*

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Volunteers complete small draft quota for January

In January, and another 38 will send three men for induction because they volunteered for the draft.

GIFT BUYING A BIG PROBLEM? PURCHASE A GIFT CERTIFICATE!

Do you have someone on your list who wants to "have everything"? Buy a gift certificate in their name and let them select a gift of their choice.

SANTA SEES SANTA PUPPET AT HOSPITAL

Santa Claus visited the children in the pediatrics ward at Clinton Memorial Hospital Saturday. Ullina Theresen Greenhow, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greenhow of St. Johns, shows Santa her Santa Claus puppet, which the hospital auxiliary made for children at the hospital.

Urban renewal / Questions and comments

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CLINTON COUNTY

Traffic deaths

Month

13

TOMB TWO YEAR

16
2 neighbors' Yule trees stripped of lights, wiring

Yule theft has taken its toll. At Christmas time the county takes extra care to prevent vandalism. For this reason, extra care must be taken to protect your home from the perils of Yule tree thieves. Thefts have been reported in the past, and to prevent any future incidents, please keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

**Plan of Operation**

1. Keep your Yule tree as secure as possible. Use strong locks and bolts. Secure the tree to the ground with metal stakes.
2. Use a security camera to monitor your home. Install motion sensors around your property.
3. Report any suspicious activity to the local police department. If you notice any unusual behavior, call the police immediately.

**Tips for Protection**

- Always keep your windows closed and locked, even during the day.
- Make sure your lights are working properly and that your doors are locked.
- Keep a list of neighbors who can vouch for your presence at home.

With these precautions in place, you can help ensure that your Yule tree remains intact and safe from the dangers of the Yule tree thief. Stay vigilant and keep your property secure.

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Dear Santa,

I am the lawyer for the Yule tree owners. We have filed a lawsuit against you for breaching the contract of sale. Your failure to deliver a complete Yule tree has caused us significant harm. We are seeking full compensation for our losses.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Off to dreamland... no more lolling!

Girls are delighted with the new look-down sweaters from Chelsea's. They're Penn-Prest! Choose today! For the man who prides himself on always looking impeccable. They're Penn-Prest all over for Yuletide. Give the gals our best this holiday season! Our shirts are Penn-Prest!

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Our Towncraft tie-lok gifts

Perfect for everyday men'swear, or for something special. Stain and fade resistant, wash and wear fabric. Get yours today!

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No need to pay more for just the holidays. We offer the same great selection year-round. So why pay more? Penney's has hundreds of styles to choose from.

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CHARON

Special highway patrols planned

In addition to the usual traffic control devices, Michigan State Police will use special highway patrol units to prevent Yuletide thefts. These units will be stationed at strategic points throughout the county, including intersections and busy highways. Drivers are encouraged to use caution and drive safely during this holiday season.

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CARMON

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Peace and Joy

May you enjoy the fulfillment of all your hopes and prayers, bringing you peace and contentment this Christmas season and always.

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and Employees

Fowler 4-H'ers gather supplies

Busy H-Bees find spirit of giving in Vietnam orphanage

Shoes, shirts, pants, diapers and bed clothing destined for the Co-Nhi-Vien Viet H o orphanage in Vietnam are checked over by members of the Fowler Busy Bees 4-H Club, which is collecting the clothing. Left to right are Judy Kramer, president, Dolores Schrauben, Mary Lil Fink, 4-H leader Mrs Louis Epsyke, Sandy Snyder (vice president) and Debbie Pline. The non-officers in the picture, along with Monica Myers, are members of the committee collecting the items. The collection will continue through mid-January.

New radiological course planned

A new radiological members course will be taught by Radiotherapy course instructor, Charles Frost, at the Clinton County Road Commission offices.

Charles Frost said the 16-hour training course has been scheduled to start Jan. 5 at the Clinton County Road Commission offices.

The course is designed to develop an understanding of the problems and the ability to apply the techniques required to solve radiological defense problems and the ability to use radiological defense equipment. Techniques required to solve radiological defense problems and the ability to use radiological defense equipment are scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 1966.

THE PROBLEMS OF the Viet-Indian orphanage in Vietnam are being checked over by members of the Fowler Busy Bees 4-H Club, which is collecting the clothing. Left to right are Judy Kramer, president, Dolores Schrauben, Mary Lil Fink, 4-H leader Mrs Louis Epsyke, Sandy Snyder (vice president) and Debbie Pline. The non-officers in the picture, along with Monica Myers, are members of the committee collecting the items. The collection will continue through mid-January.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Radiantly, a new shine across the years... recalling the joy of the first Christmas, and gleaming in hope and happiness for all. Let us rejoice, as we cherish the manifold blessings of this holy season.

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Mrs. Leach hosts Christmas party for study group

The Friends magazine Christmas party study group enjoyed a hearty Christmas party Dec. 13, as hosted by Mrs. Leach. Following the business meeting, there was a refreshment period of all the delectable food Mrs. Leach prepared. A gift exchange was also held. This group is very active, and one cannot help wondering why this group has not grown larger in the past.

Pair honeymoon in New York City

New York City was the honeymoon destination of Carol L. Shoup and Richard Lee Shoup, of 3277 Bent Oak, Adrian, their daughter, Charlotte Webberville, of St. Johns, and their daughter, Vicky Webberville, of Springfield. The bride and groom are graduates of Adrian High School, and she is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

Missionary Society had yule party

The Ladies Missionary Society of the St. Johns United Methodist Church hosted their Christmas party Dec. 14. There were 15 members present. Rev. Earl Jastram of the Church presided over the afternoon. The program of the afternoon included a gift exchange, Mrs. Fran Brown read a paper on Russia, and Mrs. Lonnie Bross read a paper on Belgium. Mrs. Joan Wilcox entertained the guests with old-time bluegrass and folk songs.

Eureka Study Club hosts St. Johns Club

St. Johns Club held its annual meeting Dec. 14, as hosted by Mrs. Walter Mar­ten, Carl’s mother. Eleven members were present from the St. Johns Club. A gift exchange was held for the members. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Marsha Jastram and Mrs. Carl Ryan.

Blessings

The Ladies Missionary Society was the guest of honor at the Christmas party for their charter meeting at the church Dec. 13. The group was entertained by Mrs. John L. Brown, the Regent, and Mrs. Harold Millman, the organizing regent. After the business meeting, Mrs. Harold Millman presented the charter to the Ladies Missionary Society.

Brothers hold DAR ball

Fred and Mrs. Wallace Waggoner hosted the December meeting of the daughter’s chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Dec. 13 at the VFW Hall. The meeting was preceded by a Christmas dinner featuring bountiful, delicious turkey and all the trimmings.

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**A Joyous Christmas**

**Maple Rapids**

By Mrs. William Babcock

Phala 116-222

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**Clinton County News**

*To our friends and patrons, we extend our greetings and wishes for the Christmas season.*

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**Blue Star Mothers give gifts to Veterans**

The Blue Star Mothers chapter No. 68 of St. Johns held its annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 14, at the American Legion Hall. The meeting opened at 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. William C. Braden, commander, presiding. The program was as follows:

- Mrs. John Schenck, chairman, welcomed the group.
- Mrs. James E. Underwood, National president, gave a brief message about the Blue Star Mothers and their work.
- Mrs. Charles B. Keenihan, vice-president, gave a report on the work of the chapter.
- Mrs. Walter Schermerhorn, secretary, gave a report on the activities of the chapter.
- Mrs. John Schenck presented the gifts to the veterans.

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**Ricky of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. San Antonio, Texas, and the Air­**

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**Monday from Mankado, Minn., arrived home from Florida Sat­**

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**Announcements**

- **DeWitt**
  - By Virginia Satterfield
  - Mr. and Mrs. John Farley of Clinton have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith in DeWitt. They plan to return to Clinton soon.
  - Mr. and Mrs. James Boomer, of DeWitt, are spending Christmas with their parents in Clinton.

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**South Ovid**

- All children of the ladies' and gentlemen's ladies of South Ovid met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson on Saturday, December 14, for a Christmas party. The meeting was served by Mrs. O. W. Johnson. The party was enjoyed by all present.

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City plans water meter reading blitz

The St. Johns Water Department is about to start a major campaign to update water meter readings. The campaign will involve reading all water meters throughout the city, and it will begin on December 20. The department plans to use meter readers and temporary workers to complete the task. The effort is expected to take several months, depending on the weather and other factors. Residents are asked to be patient during this time, as the readings will be critical for billing purposes.

DeWitt hotshots roll over Webberville 75-51

DeWitt senior Matt Gray led his team to a 75-51 victory over Webberville in a high school boys' basketball game. Gray scored 19 points in the game, helping the Panthers pull away in the second half. The game was played on Friday night.

Sports

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DeWitt's rally continued in the second half, as the Panthers pulled away to a 75-51 victory. Gray scored nine points in the second half, helping the Panthers maintain their lead.

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Fowler remains unbeaten, on top in CMAC title race

Buck sticks close with 66-42 win over Potterville

Fowler's one-game lead isn't safe. A loss would put the Bees in a second-place tie with Portland and make the Bees' league race a little less certain.

The Bees overwhelmed Potterville by outshooting their opponents 40-11 in field goals. Coach Hal Beatty said Fowler's victory over P-W was another step toward the championship.

The game was played Friday night, Dec. 13, to a standing room-only crowd. The Bees had 37 points against the Eagles, while the Eagles had 13 points.

The Bees used a strong first quarter to take a 19-0 lead. They outscored the Eagles 10-0 in the first quarter.

The Bees outscored the Eagles 45-11 in the second quarter. They outscored the Eagles 26-6 in the third quarter.

The Bees used a strong fourth quarter to take a 66-42 lead. They outscored the Eagles 32-22 in the fourth quarter.

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LITTLE ERIE MEETS SANTA

Niles woman, Mildred Eric Runder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Runder of Houghton, didn’t quite know what to make of Santa Claus Saturday when Santa offered him a candy cane during a visit to the pediatrics ward at the hospital.

GIRL SCOUTS STUFF ENVELOPES WITH MARCH OF DIMES MESSAGES

Some 60 members of the St. Johns Troop 310 Girl Scouts and Daisy Scouts of the Clinton County Chapter, St. Johns, Michigan, stuffed the envelopes of the March of Dimes. Most of the envelopes were stuffed with the help of Girl Scout Troop 310’s 13 members of the St. Johns County Chapter.

PUBLIC SERVICE

A number of the firms that desire to exhibit in the 4-H building on the 4-H grounds set up in what is the concession area are almost completely one who was considering participation in the show. The 4-H grounds will be in use by the end of the month. The concession area is also used for stock cars and other events.

ON TARGET WITH THE ST. JOHNS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A total of 22 families entered the Christmas lights decorating contest, co-sponsored by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Johns Republican News. The contest, which is open to anyone, will be judged on the amount of light, the amount of color, the amount of entertainment value, the amount of difficulty in setting up, and the amount of interest that the public shows in the contest. The winner will be announced in the St. Johns Republican News on December 31.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT YEAR-AROUND JOB FOR ACTIVE BOYS IN BATH FFA

BATH — The Bath FFA chapter has been selling Christmas trees since the fall. The trees are grown by the members of the Bath FFA Chapter, Inc., under the supervision of the Bath FFA Chapter, Inc. The trees are available for purchase throughout the year, and the proceeds are used to support the Bath FFA Chapter, Inc.

Have you Met?

A COLUMN DEVOTED TO INITIATIVES TO THE ST. JOHNS AREA

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Betty Jane Minsky stated.

One firm plans to exhibit 70 the space contracted for.

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Farm, Home and Sport Show

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hospital.

On the first Christmas, a special Star shone bright over the Momer and Child. On that first Christmas, a special Star shone bright over the Momer and Child.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Christmas is the perfect time to count our many, many blessings. High on our list is the confidence and good will you’ve shown us. So yes, my patron, we’re extending a cheerful, hearty holiday “thanks.”

OLIVER MONTAGUE

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MARCH OF DAYS MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED TO WORKERS

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BOWLING

News from Around St. Johns Area Bowling Leagues

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Elzie - Mrs. Neva Keys, Correspondent

Michael Slagh's 'Glimpses of Russia'

Clint Area Deaths

Clifford H. Hunt, former owner of the D. H. Hunt Drugstore, died early Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Clinton Memorial Hospital. He was 79 years old and a native of St. Johns. The cause of death was a heart attack.

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F. J. David, phone 224-4830.

33-tf Dec. 22, at the Central National Bank, St. Johns, Michigan. 8:30 p.m.

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FOWLER MAIN HURT, CAR MANGLED

John J. Schmitt, 22, of Taft Road, R-2, Fowler, suffered extensive leg injuries Friday night when his car was driving rolled over on US-27 at Centerline Road. Schmitt, going north, apparently fell asleep, the coroner said. The car overturned on the median of the centerline road as it left the highway, then slid off on the right shoulder, and came to rest on the shoulder of the road, just off the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dusenberry of 925 South Lansing spent Thursday evening at Mrs. Dorothy and Bill Christianson’s home in St. Johns. Mrs. Dusenberry presented Mrs. Christianson with a dozen roses. Mrs. Dusenberry also presented seven dozen roses to the Blissfield class of 1935 at South Lansing High School. A class of 1935 reunion was held in Blissfield.

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that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago, humble
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Manger, to worship and rejoice. As once again we celebrate
Christmas, may we experience anew that wonder and
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hearts . . . that the real spirit of Christmas shall
ever flourish. To you and yours, a truly merry Christmas!

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**SECTION B**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1966**

**Recount maintains tie in Watertown clerk race, drawing stands as valid**

The recount of the Watertown clerk's position, which resulted in a tie in September, was completed by the Clinton County Canvassing Board on Tuesday. The original tally was 97 votes for incumbent H. W. Paul and 97 votes for challenger James Ray Eubanks.

**Last minute shopping hint...**

**(for people who ran out of money before they ran out of Christmas list)**

Let "Santa's Helper" help you complete your last-minute Christmas shopping and pay for it later.

**Model milk plan booklet available**


**Trio indicted for bank holdup**

The three Detroit teenagers were indicted by a federal grand jury for stealing $5,076 from the Citizens National Bank and Valiantly Parke on November 18. The defendants are: Earl Darnell, 20, of Detroit; Earline J. Babbit, 20, of Dearborn; and Charles L. H. Nix, 22, of Dearborn Heights. They were arrested on November 20 and are scheduled to appear in court on December 22. The indictment accuses them of stealing $5,076 from the bank in the early hours of Friday, November 18.

**Bloodmobile here Jan. 11 will fill big need for blood**

The reliability of St. John's Bloodmobile may be a big deterrent to Clinton County residents wanting to donate blood. The mobile unit, which is expected to be in operation by January 11, will be a welcome addition to the local blood donation program. Bloodmobiles are essential to the national blood supply system, which is crucial for medical emergencies and surgeries. Individuals are encouraged to donate blood at their earliest convenience and support the blood donation efforts in their community.

**Wallace Kroger, Valiantly Parke**

**New equipment build for city's DPW**

The City of St. Johns has been using this new building for several weeks for the storage of equipment for the Public Works Department. The building, 38 by 80 feet in size, was built by McQuillan Construction Co. of St. Johns. It is located between the new DPW building and the sheriff's disposal area on North U-37.

**Christmas seal donations ahead of 65 pace**

Support for the fight against tuberculosis and respiratory disease is now in the increased interest of Clinton County residents. The gift giving season is well under way and the Clinton County Medical Society would like to extend a special thanks to the members of the county who have already donated more than 65 cents per adult in the county. This year, the collaborative efforts with the Salvation Army and local churches have led to a significant increase in donations.

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What’s in a Name? Shakespeare Called Play “Twelfth Night,” But He Chose Different Subject

Shakespeare, however, referred to the winter solstice celebration as a New Year’s Eve party. The play was a renaissance version of the holiday. Appropriately, the fairy tale setting made up for the lack of stage.”

Characters ready for Shakespeare's play were such traditional figures as the “Fool,” "Jester," and "Ensemble," who blend into the plot. At Twelfth Night festival, the family tree, stacks of presents, bells ringing out to herald Christmas, and the awe, the wonder of knowing —

60 on Fulton
High’s 2nd honor roll

MIDDLETOWN – Nineteen Fulton High School alphabetical mark of honor roll through the nine who were on the honor roll were.

It might be interesting to note that the official designation of the English word used for the holiday is “mas.”

The belief that Christmas was a time for remembering those who have lost their loved ones, not for partying. The belief that Christmas was a time for remembering the stormy winds of the English Channel.

Even before the reign of Edward VI, the English Parliament passed an Act declaring Christmas a public holiday.

Rusty cheeks sparkling eyes, happy voices — children in anticipation of everything that Christmas brings: the family tree, stacks of presents, bells ringing out sweet carols, stockings filled with goodies, Santa Claus...and the solemnity of each tiny creche. Watching the delight, the awe, the wonder in a child’s face is knowing the Spirit of Christmas.

To all, our sincere greetings of the season plus our gratitude and thanks.

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I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year.  

— WASHINGTON IRVING

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At Christmas, buy the best;  
At Xmas, pay no less.  

The civic way of celebrating Christmas is complete in each country. The main street serving as a living room, you do so also unto these, the least of My brethren, later said, "What you do for the newborn Saviour, you do so also unto Me," in our world of fully prepared for Christmas today. It is because they don’t have the necessary ingredients. At Christmas, buy the best; At Xmas, pay no less.

Yule Customs Reveal Many Variations

Christmas memories, tooty for Judy’s daughter, everywhere, from Mexico to Maine. Christmas tastes like its keeping in a pot. Though in the message of the Gospel, the first thing of all, the idea of the children is much more of a custom than a country, as studied in the text. The customs vary as their surroundings. In the case of a little girl, we have the xmas tree. The branches are cut from their surroundings. In the case of a little girl, we have the xmas tree.

In New Mexico

The Mexican Indian family, as one of the first trees, then placed in the xmas tree. The branches are cut from their surroundings. In the case of a little girl, we have the xmas tree.

In Califonia

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TRAVELS A LOT, BEEN IN 35 COUNTRIES

Cindy Gregory, a freshman at Rodney R. Williams High School, tells how her family is preparing for the Christmas season. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory, senior citizens in the Washington, D.C. area. Cindy and her family are looking forward to the joy of Christmas and have been preparing for the holiday season. Cindy said the best thing about Christmas is being with friends and family.

Open Letter from Van W. Hoag

Dear friends,

The first Christmas presents were gifts of food and clothing by the early Christians. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory, senior citizens in the Washington, D.C. area. Cindy and her family are looking forward to the joy of Christmas and have been preparing for the holiday season. Cindy said the best thing about Christmas is being with friends and family.

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The Motor Vehicle Accident Information Service in California, according to Ken

The word air conditioning, recommended by the American Hospital Assn.

In 1965, according to a survey done by the American Hospital Assn.

The Firemen brought the blaze under control, and the other fire last Thursday night.

Due to the advent of really cold weather, a practical source of payment for affected insureds is the claims fund, which collects $1

"Christmas is..."...it is a time of a tranquil snowy scene...it is a time of love and good cheer...it is a time of brightly-wrapped gifts. It is our privilege to possess. We wish you an "old-fashioned" Christmas, filled with love and good cheer, and the deep satisfaction of friendships renewed. Happy Holidays!
A visit with Santa

Santa Claus made three public visits to St. Johns on the last three weekends in an effort to get last-minute orders for toys from girls and boys—and to check on how they've been behaving throughout the year. Some of the kids were real talkative, others were shy and still others were kind of curious. It all depended on their age, doubly, with the aid of the Chamber of Commerce and the 40 & 8, which passed out candy canes too, in the days at the Grand Trunk depot.

Kimberly Kloekner, 3, Talked Freely

Keith Smith, 11 months old, wonders

Kelly Kloekner was a little shy

Danny Rose, 7, chats with Santa

Swegles Cubs welcome new Cub den

The Swegles School Cub Scout Pack welcomed eight boys to a new den at their meeting Dec. 12. Mrs. William Patten is den mother. The new members who received their Bobcat pins are Steven Showers, Craig Harrison, Ward Rand, Jimmy Shoemaker, Randy Atkinson, Bobby Ditmer, David Lundy and Tommy Patton.

Older Scouts receiving awards were Mark Randall, John Dewitt, Brian McCarthy and Kevin Knight, all of Mrs. Cora Lee Roof's den. They are members of Mrs. Harold Shane's den.

Other awards were made to boys attending their last meeting as Cub Scouts. They are member of Mrs. Harold Shane's den. They are Terry Devereaux, lion badge; Tom French, lion badge and gold and silver arrows; Ted Moeller, lion badge and gold arrow; Mike Paradise, lion badge; Chris Richards, lion badge and gold arrow; and James Shane, lion badge and gold and silver arrows. All the presentations were made by Packmaster John Minkey.

The evening's program included group singing of Christmas carols and a three-legged race, which was won by Ricky Atkinson and Craig Harrison.

Social security man here every Tuesday

Roger W. Seamon, manager of the Lansing office of the Social Security Administration, stated that a representative from his office will be at the courthouse in St. Johns every Tuesday from 9:30 to noon. Anyone desiring information regarding old-age and survivors insurance benefits, social security account numbers, or other business concerning social security, may contact him at those times.

Peace

And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Our hopes for peace everlasting soar. Christmas, with special faith and fervor in this Holy Christmas season. We join our hopes to yours, and send sincerest wishes for blessings most abundant and happiness truly complete.

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Next Sunday In Clinton County Churches

All Churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Republican-News. They must reach us by 11 a.m. in order to insure publication in the current week's issue.

St. Johns Area

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Rev. James L. Burleigh, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Theodore C. Moeller, Jr.
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11 a.m.—Worship service
7 p.m.—Wednesday Bible Study

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Reginald B. Becker, Minister
10:00 a.m.—Morning Service

BATH METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Reginald B. Becker, Minister
10:00 a.m.—Morning Service

BATH BAPTIST CHURCH
Myron Woodruff, Church School Supt.
I. Beardslee, organist
9:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.—Church School
7:00 a.m.—Wednesday, Senior Choir

GUNNISONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Roy F. LaDuke, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday School

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Thursday, December 22, 1966

OVID-ELSIE — The highest compliment an student can receive is honor roll status. The 235 make Ovid-Elsie junior high and 134 in the high school have been named to the honor roll for the second marching period, 1966-67.

Robert Davis, Nathan DuBois, Hittle, Darwin Hunt, Hallead, Hazel Hallock, Cheryl Ensign, Lydia Eby, Mary Chapko, -John Craig, Joan Crell, David Bates, Ida Brady, Donna the junior high and 134 in the school and Junior high grades of been named to the honor roll.

Thursday, December 22, 1966 CUNTON COUNTY NEWS, St. Johns, Michigan

235 make Ovid- Elsie junior, senior honor rolls

OVID: The Ovid-Elise Honor Roll this week.

Barry A. Meiser

New Cub pack started at Ovid

OVID — Started 5 Boy Scout Troop 134, Mrs. Robert Meiser announced this week. The new Troop was formed with the assistance of the Cub Scout Leaders and the cooperation of the Youth Group. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Alan C. Meiser, who is in charge of the organization.

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The first 1967 meeting will be held on January 4th at the home of Mrs. Meiser. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will be open to all boys in the area.

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By GAY BOND
St. Johns High School

While Santa Claus is getting the last and final survey in a rocket launcher and landing the moon men in one of Science's more spectacular achievements, the students of St. Johns High School are preparing for their Christmas vacation which will be in existence for 10 days, in will take their place. Vacation and countless days of sleeping will become remote objects as final seam in one of Barbie's day.

Eyeing the calendar for this Friday, 8B is preparing for "Our Miss Brooks and the Christmas Carol," a play presented by Peacock-Washington High School students at the annual Christmas concert last Thursday evening. Dick Bollinger (left) and Theaen Theelen (right background) watch the actors. The community choir and junior and senior high school bands provided entertainment after last Thursday's concert.

In 'OUR MISS BROOKS' REHEARSAL

Debbie Cook, Loven Scheider and Linda Theilen are shown in a rehearsal for "Our Miss Brooks and the Christmas Carol," a play presented by Peacock-Washington High School students at the annual Christmas concert last Thursday evening. Dick Bollinger (left) and Theaen Theelen (right background) watch the actors. The community choir and junior and senior high school bands provided entertainment after last Thursday's concert.

The Halls of Rodney B.

DON HENNING

Best Wishes for Christmas

As we celebrate this joyful occasion of the birth of the Christ Child, let us remember especially the hope that was born anew and the love that filled the world on that first Christmas. May their light shine today, so that peace and understanding will prevail among men.

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P-W bands' concert, play appreciated

by G. HUEBNER
Peacock-Washington High

Appreciation and thanks are extended to the Thomas Newman, senior band director, for his fine leadership and work throughout the year. Roger Senner for his fine performance on Dec. 19, Mr. Davis for the senior chorus and all others who contributed to the success of the "Carrolton High School," a skit presented by Carrolton High School in Saginaw County. The student council officers took the lead in the annual Christmas party Monday, the 19th.

The Ovid-Elsie Student Council would like to extend their sympathy to the friends of Mr. V. M. Johnson, who passed away on Jan. 5, 1966. The Ovid-Elsie student council would like to extend their sympathy to the friends of Mr. V. M. Johnson, who passed away on Jan. 5, 1966.
**Festival of Christmas planned at Congregational Church**

The stage is set for a gala appearance of the Festival of Christmas at the Congregational Church. Two large trees, decorated by the Youth Club, stand at either side of the chancel. The altar is adorned by Two large trees, decorated by the Youth Club, stand at either side of the chancel. The altar is adorned by two candles sheds a soft glow over the tabernacle.

Under the direction of the Rev. Gerald Churchill, the Festival of Christmas planned at Congregational Church will share a familiar Christmas pageant under his direction. The service will be the traditional church school Christmas pageant attended by hundreds of children and adults who have been involved in similar programs in the past. The pageant is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

**Luminarias light way for Maple Rapids worshippers**

Luminarias — small candles in paper bags — lined the sidewalk route from the Maple Rapids Village Park to the Maple Rapids Congregational Church. Some 1,200 candles and bags were used.

**Christmas Greetings**

The fund memories of an old-fashioned Christmas store are filled with the warmth of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family trees, the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you a very Happy Holiday!
County Canvassers' Statement

General Election, County of Clinton
Tuesday, November 8, 1966

STATEMENT OF Votes given in the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, at the General Election held on the 8th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred sixty-six, for the office of County Clerk and for the office of County Treasurer, respectively.

We, the undersigned Canvassers, do hereby certify that the votes given in the county of Clinton, State of Michigan, at the General Election held on the 8th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred sixty-six, for the office of County Clerk and for the office of County Treasurer, respectively, have been counted and canvassed in our presence, and the result is as follows:

For County Clerk: [Votes]
For County Treasurer: [Votes]

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the County to be affixed in the City of St. Johns, Michigan, this 8th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred sixty-six.

Alba F. Wert
Alba F. Wert, Attorney for Petitioner

Judge of Probate
Dated: December 22, 1966

Attest:

TIMOTHY M. GREEN
Judge of Probate
Meet the teacher

John F. Burke

John F. Burke, Mrs. Burke's Mythology class, has just eight girls. To be so high on the state's eighth-grade list, especially at a two-month-old class, is a small wonder. A secretary at East Lansing High School, St. Johns, Mich., is the Providence's graduate student in education at Michigan State University. She was a member of the East Lansing (New York) school system and is presently a teacher at the mill. She has been a substitute there for over 10 years. She lives with her husband and two boys in New York.

Miss Burke is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany. She has been teaching in the local schools for over 20 years. She has taught grades at Olive Center School, as well as the Michigan State University, Canadian Board of Education for the Blind, Drive, East Lansing.

She is married to Mr. John T. Burke, a former army officer. They have two sons, John and Michael, ages 12 and 14. Miss Burke enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time with her family.

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CLINTON AREA SHOPPING GUIDE

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Now is the time to take that short drive and shop the Clinton area. You will find wonderful selections and many bargains from dozens of merchants who over the years have developed some of the finest shops in the area, or for that matter anywhere. Enjoy the ride and the new discoveries.

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"Tight money" to continue

Farmers are faced with tight money situation, but they generally appreciate the fact that they are receiving a much-needed improvement in monetary policy. The Federal Reserve Board has taken measures to reduce inflationary pressures, and the Federal Open Market Committee has raised interest rates. While some farmers may be disappointed with the decision to increase the interest rate, they understand the necessity for such action.

The increased cost of credit has been a concern for farmers, but they have also acknowledged the benefits of reduced inflation. The Federal Reserve's efforts to tighten the money supply have contributed to a more stable economic environment.

Aglime tonnage increases

The combined efforts of agriculture and the economy have led to an increase in the demand for agricultural lime. This demand has been met by the local P.C.A. and other providers, leading to an increase in aglime tonnage. The increased usage of agricultural lime is recognized by most people, but relatively few realize the importance of this mineral product in the years to come.

The increased production from the use of agricultural lime is expected to continue, as farmers and others are paying off by the increased usage of agricultural lime. The continued efforts of the P.C.A. and other providers to increase the usage of agricultural lime will benefit the community.

We welcome the glad Christmas season. As the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Manager, so may this holiday season bring to you peace and joy.

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Best Wishes for Christmas

We welcome the glad Christmas season and all the heartfelt joys it brings. We welcome the opportunity to express our appreciation to all of our valued customers. To all of our customers, we extend our wishes for your holiday enjoyment.

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Planets, not ‘star’, may have guided wise men long ago

The "star" said to have guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem may have been a set of planets, not a star, according to University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh. "Such an arresting figure must have drawn the attention of patriarchs who weren’t particularly spiritual, preferring the more concrete symbol of planets," she says.

In her new book, Losh examines the heavens and the history of the idea of a divine guide to the Wise Men. "The Wise Men may have seen the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, according to University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh. "Such an arresting figure must have drawn the attention of patriarchs who weren’t particularly spiritual, preferring the more concrete symbol of planets," she says.

Losh notes that the appearance of the planets was common knowledge in the first century BCE, and that they were often used as astrological signs of the future. "If the Wise Men saw the planets rise together, they might have associated them with a divine message," she says. "The planets were seen as a kind of inanimate deity, or a natural symbol of divine power."
Merry Christmas
As you gather 'round the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our visit. A hearty, happy Christmas... 

Boughton Elevator

Year-around turkey supply is research aim

WOLFORD explains that high temperatures entail egg production in the early spring, which is not conducive to the supply anticipated during the Christmas season. He notes that if the market for turkey eggs is increased, it may be necessary to continue research in the Upper Peninsula. There, the market for turkey eggs may be seasonal, but the potential for increasing the supply is research aim.

More Brickwork on New Courthouse Wing

Second-floor work on the new Clinton County Courthouse east wing got under way last week, with bricklayers building up the walls with blocks and brick, despite cold, gray skies. Note the little stoves on the scaffold, used to keep the mortar from freezing.

R. E. BENSON Plumbing and Heating

Farmers Week opens Jan. 30

The big mid-winter educational event for farmers and farm families will have its usual features on the campus of Michigan State University this winter. The Michigan State University Farmers Week is scheduled for Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 1967. The big mid-winter educational event for farmers and farm families will have its usual features on the campus of Michigan State University this winter. The Michigan State University Farmers Week is scheduled for Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 1967.

Christmas Wishes

Christmas is a time of love and friendship. May the joy of Christmas fill your heart and home with happiness and joy. May your life be blessed with love and laughter throughout the year.

Christmas Greetings

May your day be bright with the glow of Christmas cheer. May your home be filled with the warmth of family love and the joy of laughter. May all your wishes come true. Merry Christmas!
Havens to head DHIA, records show county dairy production up

EUGENE HAVENS was named vice president and as president of the association at the group's recent annual meeting. He and the other elections were made. Alternate freeing and thawing and of their feed grain base if this delay program participation. I want to urge everyone who wants to have their mail forwarded to their address. We will mail an application upon request to those who have shorn wool and unshorn lambs has sold or purchased farm land.

Actual production by various producers in the county office.

The Clinton County ASC Manager in the 1400's. We have been informed that the notices will be mailed around the middle of January. We have been informed that the notices will be mailed around the middle of January.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

A simple story of Christianity

In these days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child. And so it was, when they had enrolled themselves, that the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

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And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that had been told to them.

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RAMBLIN’ with Rink

By Lowell G. Rinker

We’ve told it in days past, the story of Christmas had a special meaning then than it has today. It meant the busy bustling of preparations, the little hearts full of wonder and excitement, and the little mouths full of anticipation. It meant the jingle of bells and the twinkle of lights. It meant the giving to others, and the receiving from those who loved. It meant the songs of angels and the story of the Savior. It meant the story of the coming of the Lord, and the joy of the angels. It meant the story of the baby in the manger, and the glory of the angels. It meant the story of the shepherds and the wise men, and the story of the star.

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Turn the hungry days into days of new hope

This is the season we watch the calendar — just so many days left for shopping, for making Christmas cards, for arranging holiday parties with our families and friends.

To half the people on earth, days mean nothing. Tomorrow will be like today and today like tomorrow and tomorrow like yesterday. But I hope for the people who work hard and long and are tired and weary, are so close to despair.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization says: “The world food situation is now more precarious than at any time since the period of acute shortage immediately after the Second World War.”

The holiday-season CARE Food Crusade appeals for a way for Americans to help, with gifts in the true spirit of goodwill and concern for mankind. By giving to the Crusade, Guardian Building, Detroit 48226, you can help feed 40,000,000 persons in 32 countries from Latin America to Africa. You can help the victims in South Vietnam, helpless children bereft of parents, and refugees from wars.

Serving the Clinton Area Since 1856

By LOWELL G. RINKER

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

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FROM THE HOPPER

By Steve Hopko

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Christmas always starts with the story of a baby. The baby is fathered by God, the baby is mothered by Mary, the baby is wrapped, and the baby is left to grow.

We all tell the story of Christmas. We all tell the story of the nativity. The story of the nativity is to the story of the cross. The cross is to the story of the resurrection. The resurrection is to the story of the ascension. The ascension is to the story of the coming of the Lord.

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A look into the past...
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And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.

Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, in its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations. May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

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