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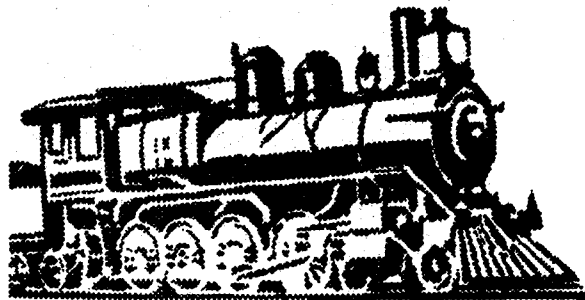
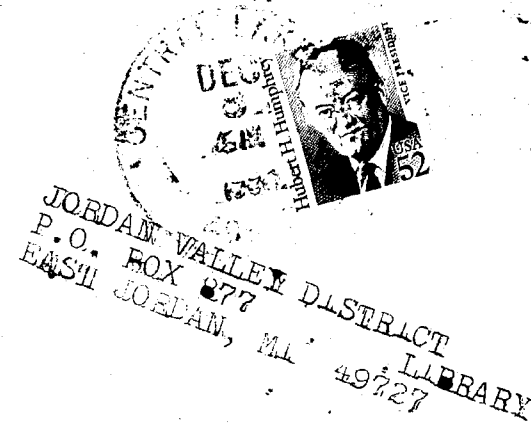
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The Weather

Winter kept her distance again this week, with year-to-date snow-falls totaling just 12.5 inches -- a full 44.2 inches behind last year's YTD total of 56.7 inches! Temperatures were mild for early December, with most daytime highs in the 30s and nighttime lows in the 20s. The weekend saw a warming trend and a welcome return of blue skies. Highs reached the mid-40s Saturday and Sunday, forcing a retreat of the thin ice cover on smaller lakes, and melting the few patches of snow still clinging from earlier in the week.



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EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN



Project is a game!

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

Fun and games were going on at East Jordan Middle School one recent morning.

The games were a project of Mike Farrimond's sixth-grade Tech Ed class. Students were to develop games for second-graders that sixth graders could also enjoy.

The variety and creativity made for excitement in the hall and classroom. Second-graders from Kay Farrimond's class tried out every game from basketball and balloon toss to puppets and puzzles.

Even Superintendent Chip Hansen and Principal Eivor Swan couldn't resist the fun and came away with a few goodies as a reward!

"This shows that technology is more than just computers," commented Swan, showing off her reward with a grin.

◀ TRYING OUT A basketball game developed by Dallas Kowalske and Mike Alpeter (right) is Elliot Roberts.

Middle school play probes teen issues

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

Love, friendship, self-image, the environment, parental expectations, and drug and alcohol use are just some of the many issues examined in a play presented



THE UNIQUE STAGE SET uses ladders for props. Here, Heather Ingraham expresses environmental concerns.

by East Jordan Middle School.

"Sometimes I Wake Up in the Middle of the Night" was written by teens from Walden Conservatory. It was presented Dec. 3-5 by a group of sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Director Paula Vollbach has used the work of the Walden teens before, in a play about disabilities, last year.

"I think the kids relate better because they are written by other teenagers," said Vollbach.

The ideas in this play are very important to the students, Vollbach went on to explain.

"They put the play together in record time because they really care about it," said Vollbach. She praised the students as a wonderful and very professional cast.

The cast will take the play on tour to local schools in January.

Community band and choir to perform Christmas concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band and Choir will perform their fourth annual Christmas concert Sun., Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Come and share in the holiday spirit.

Both ensembles are sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council.

It's
time to
write
Santa!



Attention children of all ages! *The Torch* and *East Jordan Journal* want to publish your letters to Santa!

All you need to do is print clearly using a dark marker or pen on a piece of lined paper. Be sure to include your name and age. (Remember, don't make your letters too long; Santa has so many letters to read this time of year.) Lick those envelopes good and tight and mail them right away to: *The Torch* or *East Jordan Journal* (please specify which paper you'd like to see your letter in) P.O. Box 575, Central Lake, MI 49622.

To assure publication, all letters must arrive no later than Thurs., Dec. 16. After we print your letters in our Dec. 22 issue, we will send them on up to the North Pole so Santa can read them again, and put them in his big scrapbook of special letters.

Constance Baker: The making of an author

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second article on Constance Baker's multi-layered life.

There's a Rainbow Inside of Me
Like Joseph's garment of many colors
Can no one see it but thee
When the world is somber and gray?

It fills me with angel music
For I see Jesus' beautiful smile
A kaleidoscope of lovely hues
Surrounds me all the while.

There's a rainbow inside of me
It keeps me happy and gay
Hold my hand, let us be free
From all the sadness in this colorless land.

For there's a rainbow inside me.
—Constance Baker

Her mother must have been a very strong presence in her life. Whenever she is mentioned, a new emotion surfaces.

At first it was reverence, pride, perhaps wonder; in a time when women stayed at home and cared for families, Viola Crawford was an executive secretary.

When World War II came along, Viola moved into management of a factory.

Constance also spoke of her with great respect; Viola's support, both physically and financially, was the catalyst for maintaining the foster home that cared for over 500 children.

But then she spoke (was it resentment?) of her mother's opposition to her own career choices.

Also near the surface was the hurt that mother was so adamant about the colors the girl should wear. Nothing bright or pretty, only conservative colors, colors the girl saw as drab.

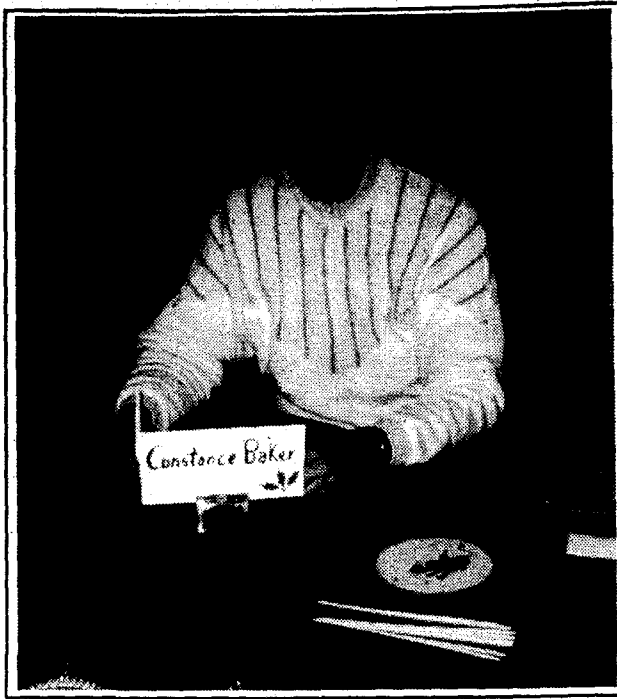
And Viola definitely felt that the writing was not worth the effort.

But Grandma, Lena Crawford, was also a strong influence in Constance's young life. She supported and encouraged the girl's ideas.

It was Grandma who suggested she write for the children.

The stories Constance wrote served as entertainment for her children in a time before TV took the imagination out of the word.

She wrote stories about the children, little things



they said or did or pretended. Adventure stories. Love stories.

And once in a while she even sold a news story to the local paper.

But not until nearly 50 years later did the writing become an imperative, a career.

Constance was forced into bed - an illness so devastating it literally knocked her off her feet.

With the lifelong energy gone, the lifelong passion to do for others cruelly pre-empted, she fell into a depression.

But Constance had a friend, a pastor and a part-time maintenance man who saw her need. He began talking to her and in the talking, discovered her unique and amazing history.

The friend, Gene Mickey, convinced her to tell her story. He felt it would be good therapy.

And he took the extra step; was willing to do the writing, the typing, the editing for Constance, to relieve her of the tedious tasks and allow her just to think. They began with the story of one of her boys. He was Charles Steele, a boy that broke her heart through no fault of his own.

The boy was with her for many years, then went on to college. Soon after graduation, he died in an auto accident, victim of a drunk driver.

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DONATIONS NEEDED

With nearly 30 families designated to receive holiday food baskets, donations of non-perishable items (canned foods) must be delivered to the **C.L. Library, Congregational Church** or **Bachmann's Variety Store** by December 15th.

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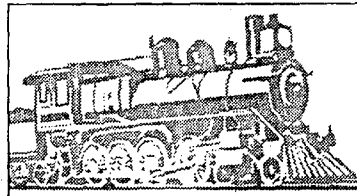
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Constance Baker: The making of an author

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The grief of many years emerged in a story about a dying young boy's last adventure. Like Charles, the boy had imaginary friends that went everywhere with him, finally even to heaven.

They called the story *A Bench in the Park*.

The work revitalized Constance. She became thrilled with life again. Her energy slowly returned and she was able to go and watch the print-

ing process in Cheboygan.

She enjoyed observing the many steps it took to produce her book; she had no idea there were so many details.

Constance loved the illustrations by Glen Gardiner, telling the story with drawings in his startling grasp of a boy in pain.

There were still many more stories to tell. Once *A Bench in the Park* found its way into production,

the voices of the other long-ago children clamored to be heard.

The new book *Children of the Wind*, was much more involved. The 500-page typed manuscript tells the story of Wind-swept, the foster care facility Constance managed for more than 20 years in Greenville, North Carolina.

Constance recalled the names and the faces of the children as though she was with them last week. And Gene typed it all for her, not once, but three times.

They sometimes argued over execution. She agonized over his editing and he mumbled and murmured over her spelling.

The partnership was sometimes lively, sometimes tense, but always loving.

And Constance found in the Mickeys a surrogate family, more opportunities to share with and nurture children.

The writing muse released from within her, poetry also began to surface.

Her poetry expressed her emotions more than

the prose. Homesickness for her girlhood Outer Island home, depression in her own illness, finding the colorful spirit inside despite her mother's admonitions not to display herself in finery.

Gene helped her find an outlet for that, too. Lines of poetry printed on beautiful scenes decorate her rooms, surrounding her with her thoughts.

The first publishing venture has been well-received. Interest in her book has extended beyond her inner circle to area health care facilities, including Hospice of Charlevoix.

They will provide her book for parents and children dealing with serious or terminal illnesses.

And there is still much more for Constance to write. From the poetry, a song about rainbows, comes the next book. It is the story of Constance, her girlhood, her family,

her mother.



And Gene, along for the ride, plans to continue serving her.

In the sometimes perfect symmetry of life, Constance Baker, in her time of need, found someone who was for her what she had been for so many others.



Supper with Santa

Area youngsters will have a chance to share their Christmas wishes with St. Nick himself next Tuesday, thanks to a special evening sponsored by the East Jordan PTO. The Dec. 14 event in the elementary cafeteria will feature a sloppy joe dinner with desserts made by local volunteers, picture taking, free crafts and face painting. This 4:30 to 7 p.m. fun night for the whole family costs just \$2 for children and senior citizens; \$3 for adults, or \$10 per family. All proceeds go to the Reading is Fundamental program. Pictured at last year's event is Brian Doyle.

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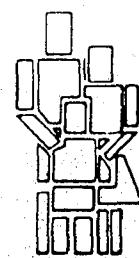
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Vets sponsor essay contest

VFW Torch Post #6985 will be awarding a total of \$900 in cash prizes to students in three area schools as part of a Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

High school students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades have been given the opportunity to write and record a three to five-minute essay expressing their opinions on the theme "My Commitment to America."

On Fri., Dec. 10, members of the Torch Post will be at Ellsworth Community School at 9:20 a.m., Central Lake High School at 10:55 a.m., and Bellaire High School at 2:15 p.m. to award first, second, and third-place winners with \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will also be presented, as will certificates for all students who participated in the contest.

The public is invited to attend the award ceremonies and recognize the students for their involvement in the program.

Parenting class needs assessed by council

The Northwest Michigan 4C Child Care Council is sponsoring a third forum/work group to address parenting class needs in Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties.


The brown bag lunch will be held Tues., Dec. 14, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Commons Conference Room, 720 S. Elmwood, Traverse City. Call Dana LaCross at 941-7767 or 1-800-968-4228 for more information and to register.

The 4C's will be keeping a calendar of all parenting classes and groups in this five county area for 1994. Professionals should relay any class or group information to LaCross and refer parents to the 4C's for information as needed.

Live Nativity at church

The entire community is invited to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas with more than 75 Grace Baptist Church friends and neighbors as they present a Live Nativity Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hundreds of hours in the making, this tribute to the Savior's birth will feature live animals and characters, live musical performances every half hour, and free warm refreshments.

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"And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God'."

— Luke 1:30



How was it that God chose Mary of all the women of her time to bear His Son, who would be known as Jesus Christ? One reason may be that under Judaic law, descent derives through the mother. Since the teenaged Mary was not only virginal but allegedly of the lineage of David, she was an excellent choice. The prophets of old had foretold of just such a coming of the messiah. God also had shown favor to another of Mary's family, her cousin Elizabeth, a woman of advancing years yet barren throughout her marriage to the priest Zechariah. It was Elizabeth who would bear John the Baptist. Mary's was indeed a unique role in the working of God's wonder.
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by Jo Somerville
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☞ Vic and Vangie Robinson returned home Tuesday from a 10 day vacation in Davidson and Flint visiting their children and enjoying Thanksgiving.

☞ Lloyd and Ella Burns were Thanksgiving day guests of Ken and Elizabeth VanHonten and grandchildren Katie and Dillon on Church Road.

☞ Kim LaBeau of Grand Rapids enjoyed the holiday at home visiting with her parents Dee and Jerry LeBeau and brother Craig and other relatives and school friends.

☞ Bruce and Pauline Scott spent the holidays at their farm home with many relatives coming up to hunt. Spent time visiting their parents Dale and Dora James.

☞ Allan and Susie Burns and daughter Paige of Bay Shore and Katie and Dillon of Church Road enjoyed the belated Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday evening on the 31st with the Senior Club. Later at home they enjoyed cake and ice cream to celebrate Katie's 13th birthday.

☞ Allan McKay was taken to the hospital Thursday morning for tests and his son Bill took him and George to visit him in the evening. Mary is progressing well.

☞ Lots of reasons for Thanksgiving from the Holser family. Henry and son Jim (just released from the hospital Nov. 24) are both recovering well. All had a real nice day with their friends Pat and Sue Hanlon and daughters Molly and Maggie. Thanks to all the local people and churches who have offered their support through a very trying summer and fall.

☞ Gerald and Kay Telgenhof of Elk Rapids and son Allan and family from Flint, Joyce and

Everett Tharp and other guests enjoyed Thanksgiving day dinner with their mother Marian Telgenhof.

☞ Marianne Giddings returned home Wednesday from a week visit in southern Michigan and enjoyed Thanksgiving with several families. Her son Bud brought her home and stayed until Friday. They enjoyed dinner and the pretty lights at Grand Traverse mall one evening.

Also they visited Mary and Allan McKay on Wednesday.

Dinner

The Senior Club had a belated Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday 31 at the Governmental Center. It was a delicious carry in dinner with Ella Burns baking the turkey and dressing. Our President Marianne Cramer had tables decorated very pretty. A short business meeting was held

after and was the last meeting until April. Paul Lisk was program director and had a musical game. Passed out ages of lines of many old songs and then played them and had to guess the titles. Lloyd Burns guessed 15 out of the 20. It was a fun evening.

The U.M. Womens Soc. of Methodist Church had an early Christmas dinner Wednesday at noon at the church. A dozen ladies enjoyed a delicious carry

in lunch. Our president had tables decorated very pretty with red tablecloths and candles and pretty

Christmas napkins. A short business meeting was held and was the last one until April.

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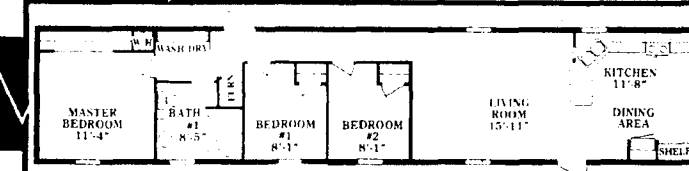
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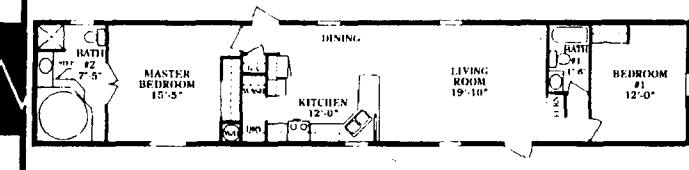
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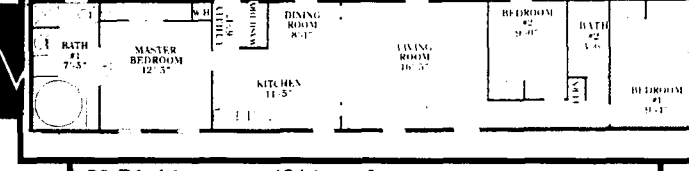
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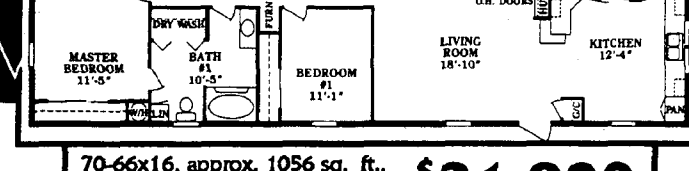
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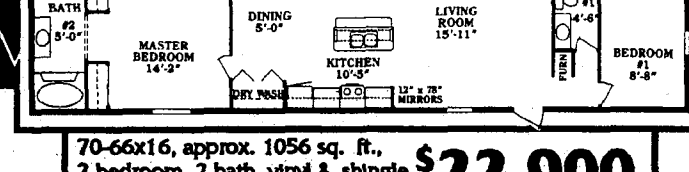
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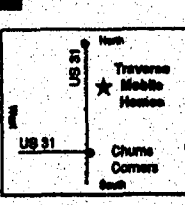
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Historical markers are nearing reality

Banks Township Historical Society has a three-part project underway to honor the early settlers of the area. Pictures and information are being compiled to submit to the Michigan Historic Preservation Council. The project is an effort to place the towns of Essex, Old Antrim City and Mitchell on the Michigan Historic Register and provide information markers for those sites.

The committee for the first phase of the project,

identifying Essex, is composed of Bud Chellis, Linda Record, and Dick Wieland. They have selected a 24 by 36-inch marker, with different text on each side at a cost of \$1,315.

Funding for the project is coming from sales of Grace Hooper's *Pioneer Notes*. BTHS receives \$10 for each copy of the book members sell. Betty Beeby and the Hooper family have donated \$1,000 and a few individuals have contributed to the society as well. So far, \$1,250 has been collected. Once Essex is completed, the second stage of the project is Old Antrim

City.

Historic markers benefit areas by sparking interest in local history. They are well documented and represent the importance communities place on their own heritage.

The information on Essex will be submitted to the state in January, 1994. You can be a part of this preservation of history by sending information on any of the three sites or your tax-deductible gift to: BTHS Historical Marker Fund, Route 1 Box 148A, Central Lake, MI 49622.

Local student earns degree

Mark Lercel of East Jordan is amongst the 2,348 degree candidates for fall term at Michigan State University. Lercel earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Mechanical Engineering. The commencement exercises will be held Sat., Dec. 11.

Players named all-conference

Three East Jordan football players are all-conference selections for the Lake Michigan Division of the Great Northern Conference football team for the 1993 season. They are Josh Pepin, Aaron Otis, and Jereme Johnson. Earning honorable mentions were Jon Crawford, Kevin Rebec, and Jeremiah Lucas.

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SHARING SECRETS with Santa, 5-year-old Andrea Hoeksema of Atwood was among the many youngsters who waited patiently for the once-a-year opportunity during Central Lake's most successful Window Night ever.

ONE OF THE tables set up for the Craft Show in Jan's Place was manned by Boy Scouts from Troop 75. Here, 12-year-old Casey Barnes of Eastport (left), assisted by Central Lake's Scott Shannon, 11, displays "the goods." Sales for the first-year project have already topped 200. If you'd like one of the two dozen or so remaining wreaths, contact Kim Schmidt at 599-2313 or Dawn Shannon, 544-5321.



Photos by
Mary Frey

AMONG THE CROWDS that filled the streets in downtown Central Lake during the Dec. 1 Window Night were these high-spirited pre-teens, awaiting their turn on one of the fire trucks supplying free rides to all takers.



Former Central Lake resident named "Coach of the Year"

Chuck Gordon, son of Gaylend and Vera Gordon of Central Lake, has been named "Coach of the Year" by the *Detroit News* in the Class AA division of high school football in Michigan.

Gordon, a 1968 Central Lake High School graduate, led Westland John Glenn into the Class AA state football finals for the first time in school history this past season. Westland John Glenn lost in the final minutes of the game to Dearborn Fordson for the state championship title Nov. 27.

After being selected as an all-state quarterback during his high school career as a Central Lake Trojan, Gordon played football for Adrian College. In 1973 he served as assistant coach under Lloyd Carr for Westland John Glenn. He became the head coach in 1977 and during the last 16 years has posted a 127-37 record.

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New East Jordan teacher hopes to inspire

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Contributing Writer



CATHY MEYER

East Jordan's newest teacher is already a familiar face in the elementary school.

Cathy Meyer was hired as a full-time substitute for second grade December 1992. Recently, she was appointed as a full-time teacher on the seventh-grade team.

Meyer, 26, a Frankenmuth native, graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. She sent out 250 resumes all over the state soliciting a job.

East Jordan offered her the temporary position and the school board is very pleased with her work.

"She did an outstand-

ing job," said Superintendent of Schools Chip Hansen.

The philosophy of teaching attracted Meyer to East Jordan. She found it compatible with her college training and the ideals she absorbed from professors at Saginaw Valley.

"I like the direction East Jordan is going," said

Meyer. "They are very progressive, and the relationship between staff and administration is really positive."

Meyer feels very comfortable in the area and said Charlevoix reminds her of her home town. Her father hunts often nearby and visits with her. Meyer is looking forward to his retirement up here.

She is so satisfied with her situation, she turned down a job offer in Kalamazoo last summer, before she knew she would be hired full-time.

Meyer chose teaching because she had so many inspiring teachers of her own.

"If I could give back what they gave me, I'd feel like a success," she said.

Meyer enjoys the cre-

ativity and independence of seventh-graders.

"Their thinking skills are really impressive," she said, "and interaction with them is very rewarding."

But Meyer added that she really liked the little children, too. She especially enjoyed observing the dramatic improvement in their reading skills over the year.

"And of course they love you no matter what," she smiled.

Meyer doesn't stop teaching at the end of the school day. She served as assistant coach to the girls varsity softball team last season and guides the middle school pep squad.

She enjoys many sports and physical activities, so

coaching fits easily into her lifestyle.

Meyer doesn't intend to stop learning, either, now that she has her own classroom. She plans to continue her education, possibly pursuing secondary, special education or counseling certifica-

tions. "I want to make myself as useful as possible to the East Jordan schools," she said.

With her enthusiasm and commitment, Meyer seems to be well on her way to achieving her idea of success.

The grapevine tree that was to be raffled off last Sunday at the Jordan River Arts Council Angel Show is still up for grabs. The winner of the tree will be drawn at the Community Choir and Band Concert at East Jordan High School on Sun., Dec. 12.

Lost... and found: A lady's goldtone watch was found by Mac McKune in front of Dr. Arnold's office in Central Lake on Friday morning. It's still ticking and waiting for its owner at Torch Printing.

The Santa posted next to

the stamp machine in the Central Lake post office reminds people to "mail early" for timely Christmas wishes.

Thank goodness there are a few Santa look-alikes in town that are full of that holiday spirit! An unfortunate illness struck "Santa" Mike Gibbard of the Carpet Barn but CL resident Howard Rogers was able to step into that red suit and greet the long line of children who celebrated his arrival during Window Night last week.

Another gift idea from

the Torch office! *Looking Back at the Central Lake Area*, compiled by our very own Terry Donaldson, would make a great gift for someone who grew up in the area or even for someone new to Central Lake. It is full of history about people and places and plenty of great old photos.

Stop in and say hi and cross yet another person off that Christmas list!

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OBITUARIES

George W. Thompson

George W. Thompson, 81, of Central Lake died Mon., Dec. 6, 1993, at home.

Mr. Thompson was raised in Central Lake and moved to Detroit in 1926. He retired in 1976 from the Ford Motor Company in Livonia and returned to Central Lake, spending many winters in Lakeland, Fla.

He was born April 20, 1912, in Central Lake, the son of William and Edith (Jones) Thompson. He was a member of the Central Lake Congregational Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Anderson, in 1973, a son Lawrence D. in 1993, two brothers and a sister.

On July 2, 1977, in Central Lake he married Doris (Zeis) Ramer, who survives. Also surviving are a son, George W. (Arlene) of Sterling Heights; two sisters, Frances Zimmerman of Zephyr Hills, Fla., Arlene Westenfelder of Sparta; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thurs., Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, the Rev. Richard M. Smiley officiating. Interment will be in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake Township. Friends may call Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Charles Delray Watros

Charles Delray Watros, 41, of Central Lake died Mon., Dec. 6, 1993, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Funeral services will be held Thurs., Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Tabernacle in Central Lake. Visitation will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church. Arrangements were made by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.



Good deeds pay off

An old fellow once told me, "What you do that you don't have to, is what you'll be when you can't help it." I think he had mixed his wording but certainly not his understanding. Anyhow, I have found a little volunteer effort will often pay off well in the long run.

Not too long after World War II, a lady came into our work place with a 16mm projector to be overhauled. It was noon on Saturday and all hands were about to leave for the weekend. She wanted her machine fixed that afternoon, as she was having a birthday party for one of her children and she needed the projector to run movies for part of the entertainment. I had just been made shop foreman, so I elected to handle the job myself.

As I called my wife to tell her I would be arriving late, the lady went into our front office to arrange her credit. I had just started into the repair process when the lady came back from a nearby restaurant with a nice lunch and coffee for both of us.

I ate as I worked and in about two hours had honed the shuttle, adjusted the cam and overhauled the sound. I tested the machine with film, packed it up and made out the bill. I told her to send the money in to the office the next week. As I loaded the case in her trunk she tipped me with a \$20 bill, and thanked me very much.

When I got home in Royal Oak, my wife was floating on air. It seems the lady was a Mrs. Pochelon, whose husband was the oldest son of the late Al Pochelon Sr., who instigated the

Churchill's Corner

florist telegraphic delivery system. Mrs. Pochelon had called her shop and had sent out two huge vases and plenty of flowers to fill them. I took my wife out to dinner that evening. It had proved to be a very eventful day. I had enough money left from the \$20 to tip the waiter.

Not much later, on another Saturday noon, a similar event took place. Spike Brigs, who had just inherited the Detroit Tigers, brought in another projector for repair. As I turned the repaired projector over to him, he handed me a \$20 tip and said, "Do you people have arc projectors and furnish operators for them?" I answered in the affirmative.

He said, "Lew Fonseca, the retired shortstop, has been producing World Series movies. He is coming to town for our press party and asked us to provide projection for the event."

The party was at the old Book Cadillac Hotel. I showed up early with a truck and driver, and set up a large screen and projector. There were several ex-Tigers as guests,

as well as press reporters and photographers. A great dinner was served before the movie.

Lew was very happy with the projection and said he'd had bad luck with film damage and interruptions in previous showings. This became a yearly event until television came along and pushed movies back a

little. Of course, yours truly was chosen as the movie operator. (Blow your own horn if you can play the right tune!)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Floyd Churchill is a former area resident who frequently shares his memories with Torch readers.

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Banks Township News
By Linda Record

▣ Banks Township bees will soon be making honey in Florida as the DeKorne family transports them south for the winter. Watch for stowaways in the trucks.

▣ Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smalley, formerly of Ellsworth, were in town recently and visited with friends.

▣ Bill Hoffman, now of Charlevoix, has experienced some health problems. All your friends wish you well, Bill.

▣ Wonderful aromas are wafting from kitchens as holiday baking gets underway. Some of us can gain pounds just from the sniffing.

▣ Major Gene Emery, USAF retired, of Anchorage, Alaska was in Ellsworth during November.

▣ Jim Kinner, of St. Clair Shores, called to

extend Season's greetings to all his friends and family. By the way, he wants a subscription to the *Torch/Journal* for Christmas.

▣ Thanksgiving travelers had fine weather for going over the river and through the woods. The sun had the lakes shimmering as if set with diamonds and streams appearing to be molten silver.

▣ There is a pretty, brand new sign on Center Street in Ellsworth that states Banks Township Community Hall. It looks real nice, Dan.



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The Meggison House: 19th century architecture

The *American House Dictionary* defines architecture as, "the art or science of building, including plan, design, construction, and decorative treatment." Driving around any vintage town will illustrate a variety of architectural trends from the past. A drive through Central Lake is no exception.

Many of the homes in Central Lake were built about a 100 years ago. A few are pretentious but most were built more conservatively to house the average, local, working families. Looking around town a similarity can be detected but a variation usually occurs to distinguish one from another. Central Lake's architecture was characterized by necessity, taste, and availability of house plans and material. Lumber was abundant during some of those years but not all of the residents could afford select woodwork throughout their homes. Many of the homes, however, have impressive interior woodwork.



The above sketch is an interesting example of an architectural design during the 1800s. Artist Charlotte Carpenter of Intermediate Lake has sketched her

rendition of how the Meggison house on Main Street might have looked in the early 1800s. The house is currently owned by Gary and Sue Mortensen. May Loper remembers when it was in its prime and remarked, "It was quite a showplace." Fortunately, the builder inscribed the 1908 construction date on a concrete block in the center above the entrance.

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by Pam Kirts

Dec. 8, 1955

■ After wondering what kind of an animal had been prowling around in the snow near the editor's and his neighbor's house dragging a big flat tail like a beaver, we finally came to the conclusion the tracks were made by Ben Powell of Bellaire, dragging bottled gas tanks behind him.

■ The Central Lake Trojans hung on to defeat Alba 31-28 Friday night before a small home crowd. This was the second victory for this young team.

■ The Charles Weislers Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26. Father Jerry Sydlowski said mass for them at St. Lukes' Catholic Church Bellaire. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fulcher contributed flowers for decorating the church. The women in the choir sang, making everything complete.

■ Mark G. Wiltse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Wiltse of Ellsworth, is one of 500 Michigan State University students to receive his degree, a Ph.D. Botany and Plant Pathology, at fall term commencement exercises held Dec. 6 at the university auditorium.

■ Miss Mary Lou DeVries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DeVries of Atwood, was united in marriage to Mr. Erwin Holencheck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holencheck of Norwood, in a candlelight ceremony performed in the Atwood Christian reformed Church Dec. 3.

■ Barbara Jean Lavanway is the newest citizen of Finkton. She was born Dec. 2 at Meadow Brook Hospital. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lavanway.

■ Pvt. Harold M. Mathers, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Mathers, Central Lake, recently was graduated from the Medical Field Service School's dental

laboratory course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

■ A group of young people of Atwood Reformed Church Christian Endeavor and their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Versal Shooks attended a Youth Rally and dinner at Faith Reformed Church in Traverse City Monday evening.

■ Jackie Patton and Gary Ballou called on Gordon McGuire Saturday afternoon and they spent the afternoon sleigh riding with Jimmy Shooks.

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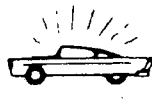
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CENTRAL LAKE TOWNSHIP

Minutes of Special Board Meeting
November 22, 1993

1. Call to order Supervisor Vernon called the special meeting of the Central Lake board to order in the Government Center at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 1993.
2. Pledge of allegiance to the flag. Vernon led the board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Roll call Clerk Goltz called the roll. Members Present: Gadwau, Goltz, Murray, Shooks, Vernon. Members Absent: None.
4. Agenda approval Motion by Shooks supported by Gadwau to adopt the agenda. Roll call vote was unanimous. Vernon stated that "as permitted under board procedures and the Open Meetings Act the board can recess and reconvene as a committee of the whole for the purpose of a work session. Motion by Gadwau supported by Murray to recess the special meeting of the Central Lake Township board and reconvene as a committee of the whole. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. October Revenue & Expense Report work session
6. E-911 Road Identification work session
- Supervisor Vernon reconvened the special meeting of the Central Lake Township board of November 22, at 6:55 p.m. The board did meet as a committee of the whole, however, no decisions were made by the board as it was a work session. There is no report necessary from the work session as a committee.
7. Additional duties of the Deputy Clerk The Deputy Clerk has previously been assigned the duty of updating the Voter Registration records for the Township. It has been determined that she will be assigned the additional duty of transcribing the Township board meeting minutes with the guidelines of no more than ten hours per week at \$5.00 per hour. Motion by Goltz supported by Shooks to assign additional duties of recording and transcribing the Township board meeting minutes. It is required that the meeting minutes be available in the office for public review within five working days after the Township board meeting and twenty-one days for publication. Roll call vote was unanimous.
8. Approve Assessor's attendance at MTA The Assessor will be attending the MTA Annual Conference. The expense to attend will be shared equally by Kearney and Central Lake Townships. To offset the additional expenses the assessor may have in attending the special seminars on assessment, Elmira Township which the assessor also works for may likely help with one third of the costs. Motion by Gadwau supported by Shooks to authorize the assessor's attendance at the MTA Annual Conference held in January 1994. Roll call vote was unanimous.
9. Public comment There were none present.
10. Adjourn Vernon asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Gadwau supported by Goltz to adjourn the special meeting of the Central Lake Township board of November 22, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote was unanimous. Respectfully submitted, Gail D. Fant, Deputy Clerk

c50-1tc

Public Notices

CENTRAL LAKE TOWNSHIP

**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 1993**

Supervisor Vernon called the regular November 17, 1993 township board meeting to order in the Government Center at 7:00 p.m. Vernon led the audience and board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

All board members were present: Gadwau, Goltz, Murray, Shooks, Vernon.

Motion by Murray supported by Gadwau to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Shooks supported by Murray to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 20, 1993 as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Murray supported by Gadwau to approve the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadwau supported by Murray that Vernon be authorized to request more detail on the invoice submitted by the auditing firm of Tobin and Company for services rendered. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadwau supported by Shooks to authorize Goltz to approve the filing of an IRS report by Tobin and Company for calendar year 1992. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadwau supported by Murray instructing Goltz to investigate each accounting irregularity reported by the township auditor and to do additional research of checks written by the former clerk and sufficiency of supporting documentation. Motion carried.

Motion by Murray supported by Gadwau requesting Vernon to develop a financing plan and schedule for the improvement of four major roads in the township. Motion carried.

Motion by Shooks supported by Murray to accept the Village offer to replace the sidewalk on the north side of the library building and pave the parking area on the east side for \$325. Motion carried.

Motion by Shooks supported by Gadwau to adopt an amendment transferring \$270.00 from Contingency to Clerk's clerical account within the general fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Gadwau supported by Shooks to renew snow removal contract for the Waste Receiving Station with Bill's Towing. Motion carried.

Motion by Goltz supported by Shooks to authorize the registration and attendance of four board members at the annual MTA Educational Conference January 18 through 21, 1994. Motion carried.

Motion by Shooks supported by Gadwau to adopt Board Resolution 93-10 supporting House Bills 4724 and 4725 pertaining to publication of legal notices. Motion carried.

Motion by Shooks supported by Murray to adjourn the regular November 17, 1993 meeting of the Central Lake Township Board. Motion carried.

Vernon adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

A RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS ARE ON FILE AS A PERMANENT WRITTEN RECORD OR AUDIO TAPE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE BY THE PUBLIC IN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fant, Deputy Clerk

c50-1tc

ELECTRIC INSPECTOR

Antrim County is now taking applications for the position of Electrical Inspector. Successful applicant must possess a high school diploma, and have a minimum of 2 years experience as a licensed journey worker or be licensed as a master electrician. For an application contact the Antrim County Coordinator/Planner's Office. Application and resume deadline December 16, 1993, at the Coordinator/Planner's Office, P.O. Box 187, Bellaire, MI 49615. Antrim County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 1993 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL - EASTPORT**

Present: Schmidt - Cowell - Smedley - Hubbell - Dawson. Audience: 2.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor at 7:40 p.m. who stated the purpose of the meeting was to open bids for construction work to be done at Fire Station #2.

There were 2 bids submitted and the low bid from Foerster & Bolser was accepted. Motion by Cowell, supported by Hubbell we accept their bid excluding openers for 3 overhead doors (approximately 1300.00); finish existing drain lines (approximately \$500.00); and rough allowance for repair to existing drainfields (approximately \$466.00). Carried.

Motion by Schmidt, supported by Cowell, the expense of approximately \$2266.00 be approved for additional work listed above which was not addressed in the original specifications. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting.

Elva Cowell, Clerk

c/150-16-1tc



ADMIRING ONE OF the trees that will soon decorate an area home, the McPhersons are planning their first large evergreen harvest, as many of their original plantings have reached a good size.



SNIPPING AND SHAPING Douglas fir boughs into wreaths, crosses and mantle pieces are Phyllis McPherson (left) and daughter Melissa.

O Christmas tree . . . the rush is on at Ellsworth tree farm

BY LYNN GEIGER
Torch/Journal Editor

With most of Antrim County under a light blanket of snow and Christmas just over two weeks away, the rush for Christmas trees is on. Spanning over 12 acres on the rolling hills just west of Ellsworth Road are 10 varieties of spruce, pine, and fir trees, each grown with special care in hopes of making a perfectly shaped tree.

McPherson Evergreens, owned and operated by Gordon and Phyllis McPherson, is a company that was generated out of a need for local, fresh greenery.

"It all started with the local church having trouble finding fresh trees to sell in their lot," said Gordon. "So, we thought we would grow some of our own."

That was back in 1982 when the McPhersons planted their first batch of trees. And though the couple has been harvesting their trees for three years now, 1993 will mark the first big cutting.

"It started out as a hobby, now it's work," commented Gordon with a smile. He estimated the total number of trees at 12,000.

The land became available for the McPhersons to purchase around the time that they discovered their niche in the Christmas tree market. So they decided to take the planting plunge. Besides Christmas trees, they raise landscape shrubbery and evergreens for transplanting.

With a wide selection as a choose-and-cut tree farm, Phyllis described the farm as "a good place to get a good, fresh tree." Depending on the variety and size of the tree, prices range between \$10 and \$30.

This Christmas season, the McPhersons will see

many of their largest trees leave to bring the joy of the season into homes around the area. Though their efforts culminate in December, they continue year-round. Between spraying the trees for diseases and trimming them to shape, the tree farm keeps them busy all 12 months of the year.

"It is full-time, part-time work," added Gordon, with a chuckle.

Gordon also works for a tool and die shop in East Jordan and Phyllis drives a school bus for Ellsworth Public Schools.

What customers will also notice when they come to the farm this season is the display of festively decorated wreaths that joined the Christmas tree business as one of Phyllis' hobbies.

"I started making wreaths as inexpensive Christmas gifts years ago," said Phyllis. "This wreath-making has just sort of mushroomed."

With the pre-season rush, six people gather in the garage temporarily turned into a wreath workshop, hands busy cutting boughs, forming them into wreaths, and decorating with bows and other colorful trimmings.

Such activity has given this hobby a whole new meaning. Nearly 600 wreaths have been made so far and Phyllis figures that about another 100 should satisfy all their requests. The majority of the wreaths are sold to wholesalers who market them across the country.

One year someone told Phyllis that one of her wreaths even went to the White House, though she questions the truth of that story. The wreaths are also shown at area bazaars and sold to local florists.

These next few weeks should fly by at the McPherson farm, as they work like elves spreading holiday spirit across the county and beyond.



MAKING WREATHS IS a family affair at the McPherson farm. Here, Phyllis and Gordon McPherson show a holiday wreath designed by their 14-year-old son Phillip.

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Festival of the Bells celebrates holiday season

Get ready to ring in the holidays at East Jordan's Festival of the Bells!

Sponsored by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, the annual event gets underway Mon., Dec. 13, and continues through Fri., Dec. 17.

Ongoing throughout the festival will be a Show and Sale of Angels, daily from noon to 4 p.m. in the Jordan River Arts Council building on Main Street. Other special events include a Dec. 14 Dinner with Santa at

the elementary school.

The biggest festival day is Dec. 16. Included in the Community Night celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening will be a Santa Parade and Senior Center "Meet Santa" Open House. Another open house at the police station, also from 5 to 7 p.m., will give residents a chance to meet new East Jordan Chief of Police Jerry Alward. Visitors are invited to bring a handmade ornament for the station's children's tree.

Winners of the Residential and Merchant Decorating Contest will be announced during Community Night. Forms are still available the downtown and west side locations of sponsor FMB Northwestern Bank, as well as at Glen's Market. Deadline to turn forms in to FMB or the EJ Shoppe is Dec. 10, with judging taking place Dec. 11 and 12.

Throughout the five festival days, shoppers should look for the special bell logo in the windows of participating merchants, many of whom have special evening and Sunday hours.

Concerts slated at local schools

The Central Lake sixth grade, middle school and senior high school bands along with the Central Lake High School choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Thurs., Dec. 16, in the CLHS gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by James Schoensee, the sixth-grade band will perform a medley of *Good King Wenceslas*, *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, and *Up on the Housetop*; and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

The seventh and eighth grade middle school band will perform the *Marchman*, *Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town*, *Instant Christmas Concert*, *Noel, Noel*, and selections from the *Nutcracker Suite*.

The choir, directed by Jill Sommer, will perform *Still, Still, Still* and *Only a Baby Came*, and juniors Anna Mack and Molly Saygers-Porter will perform a duet.

The senior high band will perform *Zia, Zia!!*, *Invicta*, *Prelude* and *Fugue in Bb Major*, *The Rhythms of Christmas*, *Pachelbel's Carols*, and *The Christmas Song - Chestnuts Roasting*.

So for a fine evening of music to get you in that Christmas spirit, be sure to attend the concert! Admission will be by donation at the door.

The Ellsworth senior,

junior high, and sixth-grade bands will present their annual Christmas Concert on Mon., Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the EHS gymnasium.

The sixth-grade band will perform a collection of Christmas carols including *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Up on the Housetop*, *Deck the Halls*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Selections from the junior high band will include *Manchester March*, *Dragons of Komodo*, *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, and

Christmas Montage.

The senior high band will perform *La Fiesta Brava*, *Overture 1812*, *Snow Bells*, *Four Carols for Christmas*, *TerraNova Overture*, and the *Hallelu-*

jah Chorus.

Admission will be by donation at the door. All donations will go toward the Ellsworth Senior High Band concert uniform fund.

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