



DATELINE: DeWitt

February 9, 1987
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Kitty Korner

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS: Five extra projects have been enabled to benefit students in DeWitt schools, thanks to mini-grants awarded by the DeWitt Public Schools Foundation and to the initiative of the system's teachers. High School counselor William Rushcamp will continue his work with Project C.A.R.E. [Chemical Awareness-Research-Education] with a \$500 foundation grant. He will expand on development of a Drug Information Center, which will dispense information for students, parents, teachers, and others concerning alcohol and mood altering drug abuse and dependency. The award is a lifesaver for Rushcamp, who had already "depleted resources from a vocational grant administered through Clinton County Intermediate School District" while working on the project. The foundation grant will now assist the C.A.R.E. group to purchase additional materials toward their goal of helping people become chemically-free.

A \$500 grant to Kelleen Mader, developmental kindergarten teacher, will allow her to bring in Gemini-Music for Children, two 45-minute programs of childrens' music for pupils at Scott and Fuerstenau schools. The gentlemen who present the youngsters' programs emphasize active involvement in the music-making through sing-alongs, hand motion songs, dance tunes to clap along with and even a song that includes sign language.

Linda Ecklund's award of \$283 will help DeWitt Middle School students to celebrate Michigan's sesquicentennial in story and song. The social studies teacher's "Sesquicentennial Sampler" will include publishing a commemorative literary booklet

LETTER OF GRATITUDE

The DeWitt Community Christmas Organization wishes to thank each and everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Project. This is a community project, which is made possible through the generous donations of money, toys, games, rocking horses, dolls, canned goods, cookies, groceries, Christmas bread, toiletries, and hats and mittens made from yarn donated by DeWitt Hardware.

Thanks to churches, clubs, organizations, Mrs. Rae's class at Scott School, DeWitt High School students and teachers, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Cub Scout Pack #277, Girl Scout troops, Boy Scouts, Faye Hanson Memorial Library, Terranova Thirtway, and individuals of the community. It made possible a joyous and happy Christmas for 28 families, 53 children, and several senior citizens.

We would like the community to know that we give assistance all year, if the necessity arises in the DeWitt community.

Thanks again,
The Committee

Holy Land Trip Being Scheduled For April-May

Pastor and Mrs. Harry R. Johnson of Redeemer United Methodist Church will again be leading a spring pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Departure date is April 25, 1987, returning on May 8. The

DHS TO STAGE MUSICAL 'GREASE'

DeWitt High School students will present the Fifties musical "Grease" this week Wednesday through Saturday evenings, February 11-14, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Penny Ryostra and

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

On Tuesday, March 31, the voters of our School District will be asked to support a \$3,980,000 bond debt proposal. This project will provide funding to make needed improvements in our present buildings and move the District ahead in meeting our elementary school needs.

A major concern of all of us is how can we as taxpayers afford this proposal? The need is there. To have an effective school, it is important that the District have good facilities.



Stephen C. Garrett

The State of Michigan provided a means by which districts with low state equalized valuation due to lack of industrial or

levied. When the DeWitt Middle School and High School additions were built, DeWitt funded the bond proposals by this means.

Our present bond debt levy is 7.62 mills. To add the present proposed bond debt will NOT increase the 7.62 bond debt rate. It will mean that taxpayers will be continuing the payment for more years.

This concept is similar to making needed improvements in your home in which you would add the cost of your mortgage, extending the time you would be making payments, but would not increase those payments.

Good schools are important to our community. Your support of this proposal is needed.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

TREE REMOVAL

Auditor Dale Abraham presented the lengthy 1985-86 fiscal year audit for the City of DeWitt at the council meeting Monday evening and the city is "in good shape" according to Administrative Assistant Kurt Klemens.

Linda Ecklund's award of \$285 will help DeWitt Middle School students to celebrate Michigan's sesquicentennial in story and song. The social studies teacher's "Sesquicentennial Sampler" will include publishing a commemorative literary booklet which will contain original historical research and oral history interviews of local people, as well as student creative writing and artwork on a Michigan theme. A performance of Michigan music relating to the state's history and heritage will also be given at a middle school assembly.

A MURAL, planned and executed by art students, will be painted on the west wall of the DeWitt Middle School library. The foundation awarded to teacher Alice Nasrey and librarian Alice Hochman the \$90, which they had requested for the mural project. The mural, which will depict people in the act of reading, will commemorate Michigan's sesquicentennial.

Fourth and fifth grade students at Fuerstenau Elementary School, who excel academically will have the opportunity to participate in three extra field trips, as a result of the \$285.36 award for Honor Student Field Trips. Fuerstenau principal M. Kay Hannah applied for the mini-grant, which will cover expenses of field trips to Abrams Planetarium, Impressions 5 Museum and the research facilities at Michigan State University.

This is the second year of DeWitt Public Schools Foundation mini-grant program. Last year's grants provided \$900 for three teachers' projects - a second grade puppet program, a high school quiz bowl contestant response system, and an assault prevention/self-defense program for high school girls.

PROGRAM ON FASHION: DeWitt Newcomers & Friends will hold their next meeting Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. Cheree Bush is chairperson for a "Fashion" program following the business meeting.

DeWitt Newcomers & Friends, officers would like you to know, is open to all ladies living in the DeWitt area who are interested in meeting new friends or doing new things. You are welcome to join the friendly group. For information, contact president Judi Zeisler, 669-5211.

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

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will again be leading a spring pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Departure date is April 25, 1987, returning on May 8. The pilgrimage will include visits to Amman and Petra in Jordan. Petra is a city, half as old as time, which was the place that St. Paul traveled to and spent three years in meditation and studies following his conversion to Christianity.

Holy sites in Israel to be visited include: Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Garden Tomb, the Upper Room, the Mount of Olives, the Dead Sea, Masada, the Mount of Transfiguration, Jacob's Well, Mount Carmel, Jericho, the Western Wall and Temple Mount.

Before returning to the US, a two day stop-over in Amsterdam, to enjoy the highlights of the tulip festival, is planned. Any persons interested in being a part of the pilgrimage can contact Pastor or Mrs. Johnson for more information.



Actor Alan Alda said in a speech to the graduating class of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons: "The head bone is connected to the heart bone - don't let them come apart."

this week Wednesday through Saturday evenings, February 11-14, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Penny Rynstra and Lyn Kressler are directing the large cast, which has been practicing since September. Jeff Kressler is musical director and the pit band will play the lively Fifties tunes under his supervision. Tina Herro is the choreographer.

Chuck Embs and Carla Hammon play the lead roles of Danny and Sandy in the musical. "Grease," which depicts teenage life in the Fifties, has a few situations and language references which may make it unsuitable for children under age 13 to view. However, none of the language is any more offensive than that shown on prime time TV.

Portraying other lead characters in the play are: Danny Bordui, Doody; Chris Boudreau, Sonny; Jason Brewer, Eugene; Greg Brya, Kenicke; Amy Cooley, Frenchie; Shonda Fowler, Rizzo; Sherry Garver, Patty; Jamie Ives, Vince Fontaine; Raymee Leitz and Marcy Shooks, Cha-Cha; Leslie Philip, Jan; Mark Schrauben, Teen Angel; Mark Scott, Johnny Casino; Amy Sherwood, Miss Lynch; Brad Wieferich, Roger, and Jill Meister, Marty.

The State of Michigan provided a means by which districts with low state equalized valuation due to lack of industrial or commercial property, could meet their needs. This was the State Bond Loan Fund. Utilizing the State Bond Loan Program, the District borrows through the state the amount necessary to meet the bond payment and interest. The District is required to levy a minimum of seven mills until the amount borrowed from the State Bond Loan Fund and interest is paid back. Another factor is that as the District grows, the state equalized valuation also grows, providing a larger tax base upon which the millage is

Elementary PTA To Meet Feb. 16

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Scott School cafeteria.

The national PTA is celebrating its 90th birthday this month.

A real friend is someone who takes a winter vacation on a sun-drenched beach and doesn't send a card - Farmer's Almanac

the council meeting Monday evening and the city is "in good shape" according to Administrative Assistant Kurt Klemens.

Medco of Alma took advantage of last week's mild weather to cut down the two large Main Street trees, which were obstructing motorists' vision at the corners of Logan and Wilson Streets. Medco also began attending to tree trimming and removal of dead trees in the city.

WATER CONTRACT

Council members approved the water contract with DeWitt Township. If the township also grants approval at their February 9 board meeting, the state Health Department will then be asked to inspect both city and township water systems, as specified in the agreement.

The new personnel policy for city employees was approved with a few changes. It will be distributed to employees for their scrutiny and hopefully can be adopted in final form at the February 16 meeting of city council.

Council members discussed the fire agreement, which DeWitt Township may cancel in January 1988, noting their willingness to continue negotiations with township officials, in order to continue providing fire and emergency coverage for township residents.

Abe Lincoln's Birthday
FEBRUARY 12th



GIRL SCOUT DOINGS

DeWitt area Girl Scouts have begun their annual cookie sales. Brownies through seniors are selling this year. As in past years, the cookies are delicious. Please contact Carla Doorn, Cookie Chairperson, at 669-5825 if you want to purchase cookies and have not been called on by any scouts.

Troop 349 - Seventh and eight grade Cadettes have taken great strides in making their Girl Scout uniforms. They participated in a Chi Chi's taco party and made fruit breads for Christmas gifts. They also had a January ice skating party at Washington Ice Rink.

Troop 405 - Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten Daisy Girls went on a tour and dinner party at Burger King last month.

Troop 48 - Fifth Grade, Scouts went to Sparrow Hospital Pediatrics Ward and sang Christmas carols to the young patients, then ate at McDonald's for their Christmas party.

Troop 142 - Had their Brownie investiture in January.

Something fun and special happened in January, when the service unit - all the troops in DeWitt - took part in a giant sleep-over at the

DEWITT QUIZ BOWL TEAM



The six members of DeWitt High School's 1987 Quiz Bowl team have gathered for a number of practice sessions like this, preparing to compete against other high schools in the C-D division. Seated left to right around the table are: junior Christy Serviss, freshman Jeff Church, senior Chris Neubecker, moderator Frank Deak, junior Matt Williams, freshman Dan Deak, and senior Rob Gillespie.

DeWitt was the 1986 C-D runner-up in Alma College's High School Quiz Bowl, losing to Vandercook Lake. This year DeWitt drew a bye in the first round of competition held at Alma on Saturday, January 31. The DeWitt team was scheduled to square off against Vandercook Lake, who had beaten Boyne City 185-80, the previous week, on Saturday, February 7.

One of the limitations of a weekly paper is the fact that events which occur after the paper's deadline - Thursday morning, in the Shopping Guide's case - cannot be reported for another week. If DeWitt won its Saturday match, they will be in the final round of competition Saturday, February 14.

Bath High School's team beat Beal City 230 to 30 in the Quiz Bowl's first round. They were to meet the team from Atherton High School last Saturday in the second round. Quiz Bowl, called the "varsity sport of the mind", is a game of quick recall and fast response played between two teams of four players each. The winning school and runner-up in both A-B and C-D divisions receive a \$10,000 scholarship and \$6,000 scholarship respectively.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt Breakfast Lions heard Middle School teacher Larry Arbanas at their Thursday morning meeting at Prairie Creek Golf Course. Arbanas told the group about the special program under which he taught school in Japan this past summer and fall. Lions Board members will meet at Sam's Kitchen at 7:30 a.m. next Thursday, February 12.

Kurt Klemens, administrative aide for the City of DeWitt, will be the guest speaker Wednesday morning, February 11, when DeWitt Kiwanis Club members meet for breakfast at Prairie Creek Golf Course. Last Wednesday Kiwanians heard Les Turner, Division 16 lieutenant governor, discuss the 1986-87 Major Emphasis Program.

New members are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held at Prairie Creek each Wednesday from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. January programs included Fred Grove providing valuable tips about the new 1987 tax laws; Howard Soltow sharing his knowledge of rifle and shotgun shell loading techniques, and DeWitt High School principal Fred Goers discussing drug awareness programs in progress in DeWitt schools and

nessday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. Diana Nelson will present "Vintage Fashions", featuring styles of many years ago.

Ninth through 12th graders in St. Jude CYC will go on a SnowSnake ski trip to Harrison Saturday, February 14. Facilities will be available for either downhill or cross country skiing.

Kevin O'Shaughnessey was among 167 students named to the dean's list at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the 1986 fall term which ended December 19.

The freshman student is the son of Martin and Bernice O'Shaughnessey of Sage Lane. A 1986 graduate of DeWitt High School, he plans to major in biology at Alma College.

The Catholic Community of St. Jude will hold a Newcomers Dinner at the Church Saturday evening, February 14. Parish council members will be assigned to host each new family. Nancy MacGuinness will be chairperson for the dinner and Betty Putz will pre-

unit - all the troops in DeWitt - took part in a giant sleep-over at the DeWitt Memorial Building. The night was filled with fun and frolic. A big THANK YOU from all the Girl Scouts and leaders to Terranova's Thriftway for donating all the snack time pretzels and chips, and to McDonald's for the orange drink. Their contributions helped immensely!

Michigan Farming Pioneers Sought

Do you know someone actively involved in farming between the ages of 75 and 100? This is sesqui-centennial year and there are going to be several opportunities to honor these pioneers of Michigan history.

Please call or write giving names, addresses and ages of these individuals indicating how they are actively involved in farming, i.e.: raise chickens, run x number of acres of land, sweet corn for sale, or any other activity that may qualify the individuals as being active in farming.

Call 224-3288 or write the County Extension Office, 306 Elm St., St. Johns, MI 48879.

"Everybody needs a hug. It changes your metabolism." - Leo Buscaglia

quick return and fast response played between two teams of four players each. The winning school and runner-up in both A-B and C-D divisions receive a \$10,000 scholarship and \$6,000 scholarship respectively.

Fifty-five Michigan high schools were competing for the \$32,000 in scholarships in the single elimination tournament. Participating schools were divided into two divisions, determined by school size, with 31 Class A and B schools competing in one and 24 Class C and D schools in the other.

TRANSPORTATION FREE TO SENIORS

Clinton County residents who are at least 60 years of age are eligible for free transportation through a program sponsored by the Clinton County Senior Citizens Office, an outreach office of Capital Area Community Services, Inc. A new schedule is in place to encourage more van riders. Trips into Lansing for medical appointments and personal business will also be arranged.

Following is the van schedule: Monday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Medical appointments and personal business [including trips to Lansing]. Tuesday, 8

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Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Grocery shopping [Dewitt / Eagle / Wacousta]. Wednesday, 2:30 to 5 p.m. - Local transportation. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Grocery shopping [Bath / Park Lake]. Thursday, 2:30 to 5 p.m. - Local transportation. Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Local groceries, personal business and medical appointments [St. Johns area only]. To arrange for a ride, phone 224-7998.

USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Washington -- Farmers who want to bid to enter their highly erodible cropland into USDA's 10-year Conservation Reserve Program may do so during the program's fourth sign-up period from Feb. 9 through 27, Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng has announced.

Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a great idea hits you, and just before you realize what's wrong with it.

Ego trip: stumbling over your own feet.

CITY P&R ADULT VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Week of January 30

"A" LEAGUE

Place	Team	Record
1st	DeWitt Shop Rite	12-0
1st	Ball Movements	12-0
2nd	Tower Power	9-3
3rd	Baby Makers	8-4
4th	Outrageousness	8-4
4th	Gold Standard	5-7
4th	To N' Fro	5-7
5th	Swat Team	4-8
6th	Sleaze Balls	3-9
6th	V.B.D.'s	3-9
7th	OwDaControl	2-10
8th	Court Gestures	1-11

"B" LEAGUE

Place	Team	Record
1st	Brewski's	11-1
2nd	Set-Ups	10-2
3rd	Cheers	9-3
4th	Flying Dutchmen	7-5
5th	Mama's & Papa's	6-6
5th	Nets	6-6
5th	Plumbers & Pipefitters	6-6
6th	Steven's Spikers	2-10
6th	Dill Pickles	2-10
7th	Volleyholics	1-11

cipal Fred Goers discussing drug awareness programs in progress in DeWitt schools and community.

Gloria Knapp Bloom was a December 1986 graduate of Olivet College. She received a bachelor of arts degree with business as her major area of study. The daughter of William and Mildred Knapp of Lansing, she graduated from DeWitt High School with the Class of 1982.

Senior high youth of Redeemer United Methodist Church will have a bowling outing to Royal Scot Friday evening, February 13, and a district senior high mid-winter retreat at Williamston the February 20-22 weekend. Junior high youth will share a bowling trip to Royal Scot on Friday evening, February 27.

June Zischke will be hostess Tuesday, February 10, for a 1:30 p.m. meeting of Redeemer United Methodist Dorcas Circle, in her home. Ruth Circle will meet the following day, February 12, for a noon potluck with Grace Hanes.

The Women's Society of Hope Lutheran Church will hold their Mother and Daughter banquet Wed-

nesday. Nancy MacGuinness will be chairperson for the dinner and Betty Putz will prepare the meal.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael A. French, son of Jimmy B. French of DeWitt, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois.

During French's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

French's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

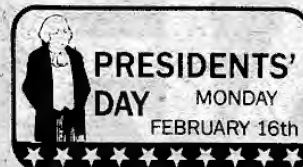
American Legion Auxiliary Post 248, Laingsburg, will hold their annual Sweetheart Dance at the American Legion hall in Laingsburg Saturday, February 14. Music of the 50's and 60's will be featured. Doors open at 8 p.m. with music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Price of \$5 per person includes buffet.

"Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." - Dr. Karl Menninger



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A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE!: Steve Hefty passed his Certified Public Accountant exam on the first try - not a very ordinary accomplishment, as anyone knows who has suffered along with accountants returning several times to repeat portions of the tough three-part exam, which is given only twice a year.

Steve, son of Bob and Theresa Hefty, Lucerne Drive, graduated from DeWitt High School in 1981 and from Michigan State University in 1986. Now employed with Ernst & Whinney in Lansing, he will marry Shari Barkley in September. Shari, a 1982 DHS grad and daughter of Jim and Pat Barkley, Sandhill Drive, will complete her physical therapy requirements at the University of Michigan this summer just before their wedding date.

TERESA AND DAVID BORDUI have both made the dean's list at their respective colleges this past term, making parents Dave and Joyce Bordui, Shady Brook Lane, very proud.

Teresa, a sophomore in the nursing program at Nazareth College, Kalamazoo, has made the dean's list each term since her graduation from DeWitt High School in 1985. David, a junior in the audio reproduction engineering program at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, graduated from DHS in 1982 and attended Lansing Community College.

MICHAEL E. McKEON has received notification from the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society that he has successfully passed the first of 10 national actuarial exams. Successful completion of the 10 exams is required for conferment of a Fellowship designation in the Casualty Actuarial Society. Michael, a 1985 graduate

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The township board of trustees gave approval at their Monday night meeting for \$300 to allow Planning Commission and Board of Appeals members to attend planning and zoning seminars, which will be held March 3 and 30 at Michigan State University.

CITY AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS MET THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, AT DEWITT CITY HALL FOR THE JOINT SIGNING CEREMONY SEALING THE WATER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TWO MUNICIPALITIES. MAYOR LYNN THAYER, CITY CLERK MARGIE LOTRE, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR FRANK MANN AND TOWNSHIP CLERK GREG WHITLOCK SIGNED THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO SHARE USE OF THE TOWNSHIP WATER TOWER.

A time extension until February 28 was given for payment of winter taxes

determine salaries for elected officials.

Effective March 11, DeWitt Township will have higher fines for drunk drivers. Trustees passed on second reading an amendment to the Uniform Traffic Code ordinance, enabling them to increase the former \$100 fine limit up to \$500 for drunk driving charges. Larry Dumeney's promotion to Police Sergeant was approved since he has completed the six months probationary period.

Educator Takes Post Serving Gifted Children

Mary Bailey-Hengesh, Andover Drive, was recently appointed specialist for Gifted Education in the State Department of Education. She had worked previously in the Vocational Education field for the Department of Education before taking the new position.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

SPECIAL ELECTION

"It's About Kids" will be the theme for the Building Project Steering Committee's campaign, asking voters to approve the DeWitt Board of Education's bonding proposal, board members learned at Monday's meeting. Tom Rippy is committee chairman. The election on Tuesday, March 31, will submit the following proposition to school district voters:

Shall DeWitt Public Schools, Clinton County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars [\$3,980,000] and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of: A. erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school facility; B. erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to the Scott Elementary School facility; C. partially remodeling and re-equipping existing school facilities in part for energy conservation purposes; D. constructing and equipping a bus/maintenance facility; and E. constructing and equipping playgrounds and outdoor physical education facilities, and developing and improving sites?

Monday, March 2, is the last day on which persons may register to be eligible to vote at the special election.

OTHER ACTION

The board approved the National Honor Society's request for a trip to Toronto on the March 20-22 weekend.

Community Education has enrolled 661 participants in the various winter enrichment classes.

Kim Ewen and Todd Hokanson will be assistant track coaches for the 1987 season.

Purchase of the following equipment was approved: replacement glass and tracks for large show-cases in high school for \$1903.68 from Pollack Glass Company; a Colorado Timing System and Scoreboard for the pool at a projected \$5805 cost, with \$5421 of cost to be reimbursed over three years by the Athletic Department, Swim Club and Booster Club; high school science equipment replacement from Scofield Science Supply Company at a cost of \$3,341.85; middle school shop equipment replacement from various companies for \$1996.

CHURCH ELECTS 1987 OFFICERS

DeWitt Community Church elected officers and board members last month to serve during the 1987 term. Archie Magsig is moderator; Ardis Sibley, clerk; Dorothy

from the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society that he has successfully passed the first of 10 national actuarial exams. Successful completion of the 10 exams is required for conferment of a Fellowship designation in the Casualty Actuarial Society. Michael, a 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School, is a sophomore in the University of Michigan Actuarial Science Program. He's the son of Ed and Marion McKeon, Southwind Lane.

GOVERNMENT SPEAKER: State Representative Fred Dillingham will be the guest speaker Wednesday, February 18, at the DeWitt Business Association noon meeting in Foo Ying Restaurant. The public is invited to attend.

Good news for local residents is the fact that DBA president Julie T. Lehman is still manager of the DeWitt office, First of America, even though she has been promoted to AVP - assistant vice president, branch division for First of America Bank.

EUCHRE PARTY: DeWitt Lioness Club members are once again at work on plans for their popular annual Euchre Party. Date is Saturday, March 21; the party will begin at 7 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. Snacks, coffee, and soft drinks will be served and price is \$10 per couple.

Prize structure, which will make it really worthwhile for winners, is: first place couple, \$80; second place couple, \$40; door prize [you must be present to win], \$20. For tickets or information, contact June Swan, 669-3660; Vi Pennington, 669-3587, or Jean Malumphy, 669-5918.

VINTAGE FASHION SHOW: Wednesday evening marked a return to yesteryear for guests at Hope Lutheran Church's annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. After dinner catered by the Royal Forks, Diana Nelson showed her collection of old gowns, all accented with matching antique jewelry, hats, gloves, purses.

Success today is when the government takes away in taxes the amount of money you always dreamed of earning.

the new position.

A time extension until February 28 was given for payment of winter taxes by senior citizens and eligible veterans. Trustees approved first reading of an ordinance creating a salary commission to

Wild Turkey Search Is On

Alan Stewart, Wildlife Biologist, Rose Lake Field Office, is searching for people who have seen wild turkeys in Clinton County. Stewart is interested in identifying the location of these birds to determine how well they are doing and how they have moved from where they were released.

There have been two wild turkey releases in Clinton County. The first release, in 1983, was in the Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area in Bath township. The second release was in 1986 from the Maple River State Game Area in the northwest corner of the county.

If you've seen some wild turkeys, please contact Alan Stewart at 373-9358 or the Clinton County Extension Service at 224-3288. The next potential release site is the Gratiot/Saginaw State Game Area northeast of Elsie. Watch for these birds either this year or next. These wild birds will come from the rapidly expanding Iowa flock.



Mary Bailey-Hengesh

The DeWitt educator earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree in Exceptional Education from the University of Wisconsin. She was an instructor and coordinator for gifted children in the West Allis School District in Milwaukee, WI, before joining the state educational team.

The Escanaba native is married to Don Hengesh. In her new position, she maintains liaison between the State Department of Education and some 560 school districts throughout Michigan, as well as with such allied organizations as MAAT, the Michigan Association of Educators for the Academically Talented. She is a member of MAEGTC, the Michigan Association of Educators for Gifted and Talented Children.

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Along the Looking Glass

Marine PFC. Brett E. Johns recently reported for duty with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC. He is the son of Richard G. and Martha Johns, E. Geneva Drive. Johns joined the Marine Corps in June 1986 right after graduating from DeWitt High School.

St. Elizabeth Seton Circle of St. Jude Women's Association have had a busy month. When their January meeting was held at Gladys Stauffer's Schavey Road home, they heard Margaret Wesley describe the extensive program offered by Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing, which provides free assistance to expectant mothers.

Next, they made arrangements for and were hostesses at the Valentine card party for the Women's Association on February 4. Last Tuesday, February 10, they met in the Idylcrest Avenue home of Teresa Nicholas for an evening of sewing baptismal bibs followed by card playing.

"He who hesitates is last." - Mae West

Church elected officers and board members last month to serve during the 1987 term. Archie Magsig is moderator; Ardis Sibley, clerk; Dorothy Keck, treasurer; Eleanor McKinny, financial secretary. Dick Pierson is Sunday School superintendent, with Rob Klan as assistant superintendent; Marge Pierson will serve as Sunday School secretary and Michelle Allen, nursery superintendent.

Stewards were named as follows for one to three-year terms: Joe Hennigan, Maxine Klan, Bob Showers, Paul Mulford, Harold Croley, Ray Decker, and Jeanne Jenkins. Trustees: John McNalley, Ron Mull, Lloyd Rosekrans, LeRoy Vahovick, Bob Krol, Jim McGovney, Orla McGuire. Missions: Jeanne Serviss, Karen Bateman, Ed Richmond, Vikki Sirmons, Phil Thurston, Margi Mull. Christian Education: John Everett, Vicki Kemp, Janice Nose, Helen Moon, Sue Peckham, Sandee Decker.

Music: Doris Vahovick Joyce Leach, Joe Hennigan. Ushers: Larry Stiles, Quentin Alverson, Ron Mull, Ray Decker. Ron Mull will chair the nominating committee. Members include Susan Peckham, Marilyn Coin, Don Heikkinen, Jim McGovney, Lloyd Rosekrans, Ray Ueberroth, alternates Ardis Sibley and Archie Magsig, with Pastor Frederick C. Nose as an ex officio member.

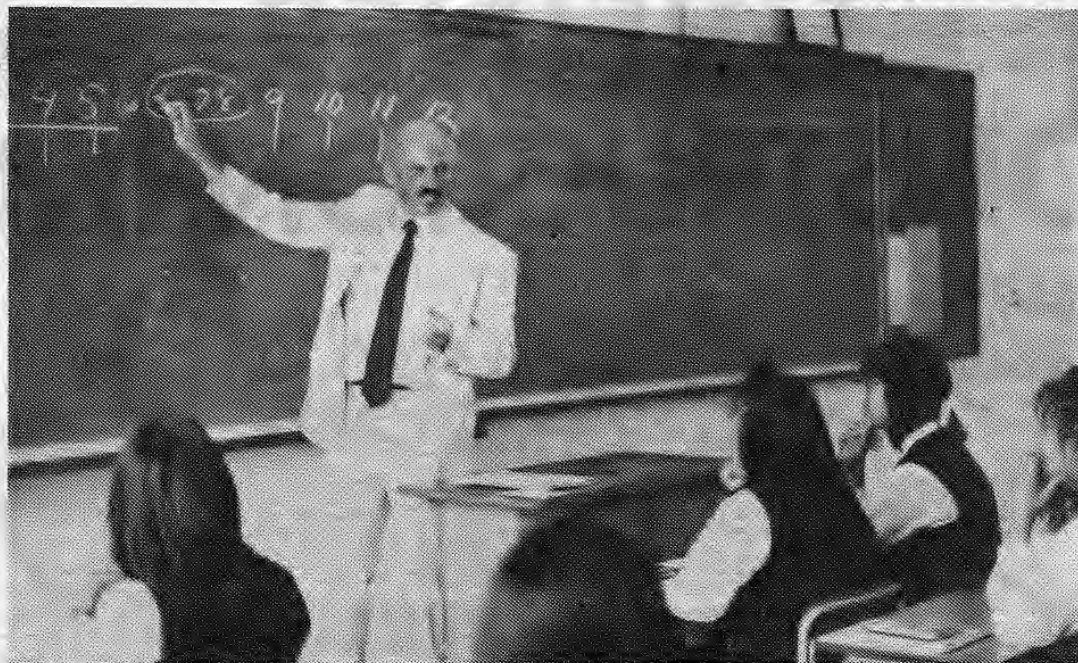
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER COMPARES EDUCATION PROGRAM IN JAPAN, U.S.

If DeWitt Middle School pupils don't appreciate the advantages they have here under the American system of education, it won't be because teacher Larry Arbanas hasn't tried to impress the fact upon them.

After six months' immersion in Japanese education and cultural values as one of three Michigan teachers teaching abroad through a Michigan Department of Education pilot program, Arbanas is firmly convinced that "our system of education here is superior."

Arbanas was chosen for the six months' assignment in Japan, after a year of intensively studying Japanese language and culture at Lansing Community College. Jim Briggs of Bancroft, a teacher at Southfield High School, and Fran Turney, Haslett elementary teacher, were the other two selected for the unique program. The three teachers were assigned to different cities around Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake, in the Michigan-Shiga educational exchange.

During his stay abroad Arbanas assisted Japanese teachers of English with English conversation, dividing four days weekly between two high



Larry Arbanas tells a Japanese class that middle school in America includes grades six, seven, and

from 40 to 45 - the shy pupils cause no discipline problems, ask no questions, and can be left to do their schoolwork unsupervised, "because children grow up learning that their duty is to study." He finds it difficult to compare Japanese and U.S. education "because it's a totally different social system there." All families have grandmothers in the home so there is no such thing as a "baby-sitter"; both parents work and the children's only role is "to learn".

eight, whereas Japanese middle school covers seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. High school there includes grades 10, 11, and 12.



high school or college students may attend."

In fact, the teacher has great control over pupils' lives, he concludes. Teachers have heavy responsibilities - for instance, Japanese kids are rarely in trouble with the law, but if one should go astray, the police chief calls - not the parents - but the teacher.

Japanese schools don't have janitors either, Arbanas noted. The students clean up the school. The average Japanese instructor

filled with snapshots and memoirs of the six months abroad have been on display in the middle school library and he's a sought-after speaker by local program chairpersons.

He is just now getting used to the DeWitt school routine since his December 29 return to the U.S. His wife Peggy, who is an international student advisor at Michigan State University, and their son, Mikey, 3½, joined him in Japan November 22. [Both were surprised at how quickly young Michael was able to pick up the difficult Japanese language - youngsters here could become bilingual rapidly if they were taught at an early age, Arbanas notes.]

When Arbanas' Shiga assignment ended, he and his family left for Hong Kong December 17, then visited mainland China and spent Christmas in Hawaii before their return home.

Arbanas and his fellow exchange teachers will describe their overseas experiences for the members of the state Board of Education on February 17. As a continuing part of the Michigan-Shiga teacher exchange, a visiting teacher from Japan will spend March 23-24-25 with DeWitt Middle School students and another will

ese teachers of English with English conversation, dividing four days weekly between two high schools, Adogawa and Takashima high schools, then visiting six different middle schools on various Fridays. He found both students and teaching staff to be well grounded in English grammar, but lacking in opportunity to practice actual conversational English.

Arbanas was amazed at the cultural differences as he lectured to teachers, students, and parent groups. "You do nothing but lecture," he explained. "At first, it was hard to get used to, never seeing a hand raised. They are shy kids; no one wants to be different or to be noticed."

"The Japanese have a saying which literally means, 'The highest peg gets pounded down', and they grow up being taught not 'to make waves', he said.

Adult audiences followed the same cultural pattern as classrooms full of pupils, Arbanas says. Not a question would be asked in the group assembly following a lecture, but adults clustered around in the hall afterward to bombard him with queries.

In a way, teaching there is easier "because it is one-way teaching", Arbanas remarks. While more pupils are in a class -

parents work and the children's only role is "to learn".

Education like everything else in Japan is very expensive, Arbanas says. Living in Adogawa, he noticed the high cost of living... \$2.50 for a cup of coffee is an example. A great percentage of the parents' wages goes to educate the kids, paying for uniforms, schooling, transportation. Filial duty is ingrained and children must study industriously since the cultural pattern requires them to support their elders once they have secured their education.

It's all tied together, Arbanas points out. Education is the key to good jobs, to earning a better living, hence, the social pressure is to excel in school. "You never see kids push or even touch one another," Arbanas recalls, shaking his head in amazement. "There is no such thing as dating, often until after college... it's a totally different environment."

The Oriental preoccupation with and reverence for education is unsurpassed, the DeWitt teacher found. Japanese use the word "Sensei", which literally means "the Enlightened", when referring to lawyers, doctors, and teachers. Kids there spend a lot more time studying - 240 days in school compared to 180 in this country - Arbanas says, but Japan has a single school system

Exchange teachers Arbanas and Jim Briggs had this picture taken at an Otsu radio station. Arbanas' wife, Peggy, and their son, Mikey, are in the foreground.

centralized from Tokyo, not local school boards. So everything is the same - there is no time for individuality.

Arbanas firmly believes that so many Asian students want to come to this country for college "Because our system is superior, because it gives them so many choices," compared to the uniformity/conformity in Japan. "It's a more relaxed standard there in one way," and he shakes his head, "yet more pressurized in another."



An English physicist once offered this advice to a traveler in London: "You must not miss Whitehall. At one end you will find a statue of one of our kings who was beheaded; at the other, the monument of the man who did it. This is just an example of our attempts to be fair to everybody."

Elephants and grandchildren never forget. - Andy Rooney

Arbanas noted. The students clean up the school. The average Japanese instructor only teaches 16 to 18 hours weekly, Arbanas discovered, in comparison to the 25-30 hours classroom work which DeWitt Middle School teachers average. But Japanese teachers spend many hours of the day in meetings and conferences.

Even recreational choices are restricted for Japanese pupils, he points out. In seventh grade they may select a sport or cultural program, [such as flower arranging] but they must stick with that one choice and practice it two hours daily for the next three years. They cannot make a change to basketball, for example, if they decide they don't like karate.

"Japan has to be the safest country in the world though," Arbanas asserts, recalling that nothing was ever stolen at school...women could set their purses down at a public event and forget about them...everyone is responsible for everyone else...the feeling of security is unsurpassed."

Arbanas, who has been physical science instructor at DeWitt Middle School since its 1970 opening [he also taught Michigan history for some years], is still astonished as he compares the cultural differences between the two countries and school systems. His scrapbooks

change, a visiting teacher from Japan will spend March 23-24-25 with DeWitt Middle School students and another will be at DeWitt High School. The last two days of that week, the two foreign teachers will visit DeWitt elementary schools.

Arbanas has many samples of Origami, the delicate paper sculpture at which Japanese are so adept. One of the parting gifts from his Japanese pupils was a Senbazuru, colorful streamers composed of 1,001 tiny paper cranes, symbolizing peace. Another treasured memento is the framed plaque citing "Mr Lawrence Arbanas...in appreciation for making a significant contribution to Japanese teachers' and students' better understanding of America and its people. You have enlarged the personal horizons of all with whom you have come in contact."

The final sentence of the citation undoubtedly echoes the sentiments of many youngsters who have been privileged to study under Larry Arbanas during his 17-year tenure at DeWitt Middle School.

AMERICAN
HEART
MONTH

Plan ahead - it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings

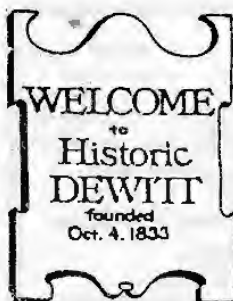
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"A" LEAGUE

Place	Team	Record
1st	DeWitt Shop Rite	15-0
2nd	Ball Movements	14-1
3rd	Outrageousness	11-4
4th	Tower Power	9-6
4th	Baby Makers	9-6
5th	To N' Fro	8-7
6th	Swat Team	7-8
7th	Gold Standard	5-10
7th	V.B.D.'s	5-10
8th	Sleaze Balls	4-11
9th	OwDaControl	2-13
10th	Court Gestures	1-14

"B" LEAGUE

Place	Team	Record
1st	Brewski's	14-1
2nd	Set-Ups	13-2
3rd	Cheers	10-5
4th	Flying Dutchmen	9-6
5th	Mama's & Papa's	8-7
5th	Nets	8-7
6th	Plumbers & Pipefitters	7-8
7th	Steven's Spikers	2-13
7th	Dill Pickles	2-13
7th	Volleyholics	2-13



DATELINE: DeWitt

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Kitty Korner

MOVIES TO BE FOLLIES THEME: "A Night at the Movies" has been selected as the theme of the 1987 edition DeWitt Follies, according to collaborating co-directors Ruth Ueberroth and Connie Toune. Performances of the sixth annual follies will be given Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28.

Auditions for elementary and middle school students, who wish to perform in the follies, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the high school auditorium. Tryouts for high school students and adult performers will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings, March 3 and 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Songs or music from movies of whatever vintage from Walt Disney films to high drama may be used by follies players.

DEWITT NEWCOMERS PLAN 2 EVENTS:

Looking ahead, DN&F have slated an "Italian Happening" dinner and dance for Saturday evening, February 28, at DeWitt Memorial Building. If you are interested in attending, call Stevie Bovee, 669-8166. A Family Swim will be held at Midway Motor Lodge on Sunday, March 22. Reservations are needed, and Stevie Bovee is once again the contact person, if a family swim outing suits your fancy.

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CAKE CONTEST BECKONS BAKERS

The Ninth Annual Salon of Culinary Arts this year will feature something for the 4-H member, leader, parents and for all great cake bakers, too. The event will be held on Sunday, March 22, at the Kellogg Center at M.S.U.

4-H members are invited to participate in the annual event and are eligible to compete in a special program just for 4-H'ers. This year the Capital Area Professional Chefs Association is again sponsoring a homemade cake competition which is open to the general public. Recipes do not have to be original and entries will be judged on taste, texture, appearance and moisture. First prize is a \$25 gift certificate.

Contest details, information and entry forms for the Culinary Arts Salon area available in the Extension Office, but, March 14th is the absolute deadline for each competition. Interested persons should call 224-3288.

FINALIZE WATER CONTRACT



After more than 18 months of negotiations, DeWitt Charter Township and the City of DeWitt approved the water contract which will provide city residents with water from the township water tower located near DeWitt Middle School.

Left to right, DeWitt Township Clerk Greg Whitlock and City Clerk Margie Lotre watch as Lynn Thayer, Mayor of the City of DeWitt, and Frank Mann, Supervisor of DeWitt Township, sign the formal agreement papers in the city council chambers on February 12.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to the open house on Sunday, March 8, at which the newly completed DeWitt City Hall building will be dedicated. The open house will be from 2 until 6 p.m. with dedication at 3 p.m. City officials will be on hand to greet visitors and refreshments

official minutes on becoming a "part of DeWitt history."

LOOKING AHEAD

Since both municipalities had signed the water contract on February 12, the Michigan Department of Health made its inspection of both DeWitt City and DeWitt Township

OTHER ACTION

Council approved the city's refuse contract with Allied Disposal Co. after it had been amended to include dates of service which would change because of holidays, and approved a lot split for property owned by Walter Eyke at 510 Cherry Street.

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SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SALE: DeWitt Charter Township has set Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, for its popular Spring Arts & Crafts Sale at the township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

Registration must be done in person with township residents being allowed to register first. Township people only may sign up on Friday, March 13, between noon and 7 p.m. Registration will also be held on Monday, March 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. Fee will be \$12 with a \$2 refund if your area is left clean.

MORE CPA KUDOS: DeWitt smarties just keep stacking up honors! Bill Kanine was recently notified that he had passed the state exam for Certified Public Accountant. His wife Carla was so pleased that she gave an impromptu surprise party for him in their W. Main Court home. Their children, Jenny and Kristy, and Jim's parents, Jim and Karen Kanine from Shepherd, were among the happy celebrants. Kanine is employed at the KMG Main Hurdman accounting firm in Lansing.

One day an elementary-school teacher said to her class, "Children, I'm going to ask you a question every morning, and anyone who knows the answer will get two days off from school. First question: Who was the architect of the Sphinx?"

Nobody knew, and the class grumbled. The next day the teacher asked, "who is the extra on the end of the third row in the Red Sea scene in the movie The Ten Commandments?" Nobody knew, and there was more grumbling.

The following morning, the teacher spotted a boy in the back of the class wearing a red dress, a wig, and lipstick. "Who," she cried, "is the comedian with the dress on?"

"Flip-Wilson!" exclaimed the boy. "And I'll take off Tuesday and Thursday."

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Perhaps someday a state or city will skip the names of famous people and name new facilities, "Taxpayer Stadium."

Somewhere in America there has got to be a factory that does nothing but make square wheels for grocery carts.

will be dedicated. The open house will be from 2 until 6 p.m. with dedication at 3 p.m. City officials will be on hand to greet visitors and refreshments will be served.

DeWitt Junior Girl Scout Troop 390 opened the council meeting Tuesday, by presenting the flag and leading the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Lynn Thayer congratulated the girls, whose names will be listed in the February 17

ties had signed the water contract on February 12, the Michigan Department of Health made its inspection of both DeWitt City and DeWitt Township water systems this past week, approving them with one minor technicality apiece. Bids for engineering and construction expansion projects will be gathered in the near future.

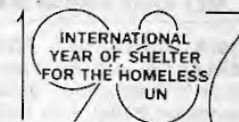
City residents, who would like to be serviced by the expanded water system, are asked to contact city hall individually or prepare petitions, requesting the service for their streets.

City dwellers will soon receive a letter, reminding them that it is necessary to properly number their houses. Some residences do not have house numbers showing, which can be dangerous from a safety viewpoint, according to Kurt Klemens, administrative aide. Police and emergency vehicles can lose valuable time trying to reply to distress calls, if the house is not properly marked. "Seconds mean life in many instances," Klemens stresses, and the city ordinance regulating correct house numbers is going to be enforced.



which would change because of holidays, and approved a lot split for property owned by Walter Eyke at 510 Cherry Street.

Mayor Thayer was appointed street commissioner. Approval was also given to cabaret license renewals for both DeWitt Bar and Prairie Creek clubhouse, and to amended by-laws for the Downtown Development Authority. It was noted that the tree trimming and cutting within the city had been completed under budget.



At the corner of North Rampart and Conti streets in the French Quarter of New Orleans stands Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, which was built in 1826 and restored in the 1920s. Shortly after restoration was completed, a statue of a saint was received.

Workmen uncrating and installing the statue did not know which saint it represented. The only identification was the Italian phrase "e spedito" on the outside of the crate. They assumed the statue was that of a Saint Expedite.

And so it remains today: the only statue of Saint Expedite in the world. Local businessmen are sure that it is their patron saint.

COLLECTOR DOLLS AVAILABLE



The Naber Kids, Ashley [left] and Milli [right]

Something new will be added when Gerry's Dancehall Dairy reopens for the spring season on Friday, February 27. "The Naber Kids", personable dolls which are appealing collector's items, will be available, in addition to the dairy's regular food fare.

The Naber Kids,

progeny of Harald P. Naber in Homosassa Springs, FL., are numbered and come with individual handsigned Certificates of Origin. Molli, the first of the five "Naber kids" limited edition dolls, will be discontinued on June 21. Naber has plans to produce a "naber kids" animated TV series.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

Did you see the high school musical this year? I hope you did! You just couldn't sit through that production without feeling a great sense of pride in our students and staff and having an appreciation for their accomplishment. I am also impressed with the level of community support and the respect shown by the community and students.



Stephen C. Garrett

There are some who feel that the musical "Grease" is inappropriate for high school youth and I respect their feelings. However, as I sat through the DeWitt High School production of "Grease", it was my feeling that it was handled well. I believe that our high school students are at a level to appreciate that they are playing roles

and that because they play a role does not mean they are supportive of it.

I would like to thank everyone who makes such a production possible in our school. To the directors, Lyn Kressler and Penny Rypstra; the musical director, Jeff Kressler; and the choreographer, Tina Herro; a round of applause. Thanks to the pit band: Mr. Jeff Kressler, Mike Ferland, Matt Wilcox, Ethan Yabs, Gary Clavette, and Lisa Koelsch.

Thanks to all those people who worked in the background to make this production possible - making props, costumes, hair styles, lights, programs, and hosting the casts, and to the parents of all the students who put forth so much time and effort.

And above all, the cast! To Carla Hammon, Chuck Embs, Leslie Philip, Shonda Fowler, Greg Brya, Jill Meister, Brad Wieferich, Amy Cooley, Sherry Garver, Danny Bordui, Jason Brewer, Chris Boudreau, and to all 78 DeWitt High School students of the 1987 musical and to all our students who support the musical each year. Good work!

Community Church to Sponsors

DOWLINGS MAKE POPULAR HANDMADE WOODEN TOYS



Debbie and Tom Dowling spend a good many hours in the workshop of their Herbison Road home, producing handmade wooden toys like this bunny pull-toy and hook-and-ladder truck.

Tom Dowling's handmade wooden toys fill the front display window of the Willard Reed Agency on Main Street this month. Tom and his wife Debbie have earned an enviable reputation in local art circles for the finely crafted woodwork. Their handmade Noah's ark, with seven pairs of animals on its deck made of various woods, is a children's favorite, but there are many others to choose from - trucks, cars, alligators, bunnies and a parade of other toy

merchandise around the state. Their son Clay, 16, a sophomore at DeWitt High School, and daughter, Jennette, 10, fifth grader at DeWitt Middle School, assist their parents by putting the finish - a non-toxic mineral oil - on most of the toys, and sometimes by helping at the shows.

Tom, who works for General Motors Service Parts organization, recently began venturing into a new woodworking area for him - fashioning

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Jim Sjoberg has been elected chairman of the Clinton County Democrats. Lesley Ann Selden-right is first vice-chairwoman. Other members of the board of directors are Theda Sink, Eric Kuma, and Max Calder.

Marine Cpl. Robert C. Busby, son of William R. and Charlotte C. Busby of DeWitt, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina.

A 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1985.

Marine Staff Sgt. Kenneth F. LeVeck has reenlisted for four years while serving with 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Santa Ana, CA. The son of Clarence and Patricia LeVeck Sr., N. DeWitt Road, he graduated from St. Johns High School in 1978.

Michael H. Sites, son of Elizabeth G. Sites of DeWitt, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class.

Site is a military police specialist with the U.S. Army Support Command at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He is a 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Marine Cpl. Gregg White, son of David and Patricia White of Laingsburg, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

AG SURVIVAL TEST

Will you be able to survive the agricultural crisis? Here is a test designed to help you evaluate your chances. Your answers will determine whether you are financially and psychologically fit to continue. Please circle either A) or B).

1. My present financial portfolio includes:
A) over \$1,000,000 in land and livestock.
B) a '72 Ford ¾ ton, six horses worth \$.32 per pound, and a wife with a job.
2. Most of my ready cash is:
A) in interest-bearing checking accounts.
B) in a Copenhagen lid on the bedroom dresser.
3. My banker calls me:

at a level to appreciate that they are playing roles

musical each year. Good work!

Community Church to Sponsor Pre-Lenten Spiritual Adventure

The term, "house of the Lord," could take on new meaning this spring when "adventurers" from the local DeWitt Community Church spend 50 days opening their homes to Christ. Beginning on March 1st, the church will join thousands of others across the country in a special Spiritual Adventure entitled, "50 Days to Open My Home to Christ"

The adventure is sponsored by the national radio broadcast, "The Chapel of the Air," which can be heard on WUNN, Mason [1110 on the dial] at 7:30 a.m. The adventure is an annual event dedicated to helping participants experience rapid spiritual growth through a time of intense Bible study, prayer and Christian outreach. This year's theme, "50 Days to Open My Home to Christ," will help local residents better recognize Christ's presence in their homes and see his involvement in their day to day lives.

As Pastor Fred Nose of DeWitt Community Church explains, "Christ promised us, as his followers, that he would dwell with us - actually live in our homes on a day to day basis. But because

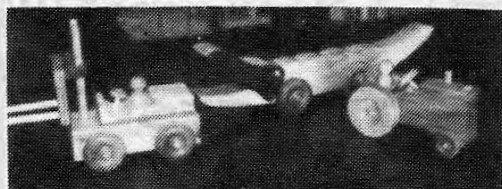
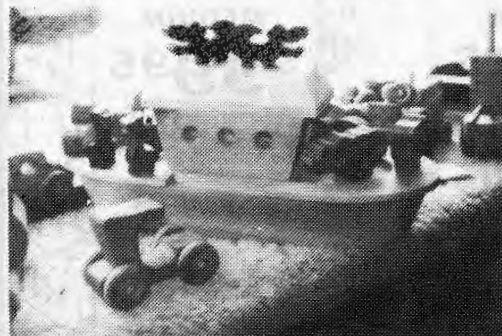
we can't see him with our physical eyes, sometimes we forget that he's a member of our household! So this year, for the seven weeks leading up to Easter we're going to concentrate on recognizing and welcoming the Lord in our homes. As we open our homes to him, we're expecting to see some dramatic changes in the way we live and relate to both the Lord and each other."

Each Adventurer will agree to follow regular spiritual disciplines throughout the 50-day study, including a daily God hunt, prayer, Bible study, verbal affirmation of other family members, and making Sunday worship the high point of the week. A 40-page Adventure Journal containing scripture readings weekly assignments, and a place to record daily progress will be available to each Adventurer.

If you're interested in learning more about the 50-Day Adventure planned for March 1 through April 19, please contact Pastor Fred Nose at DeWitt Community Church by calling 669-5133. Group studies will be formed and community involvement is welcomed.

there are many others to choose from - trucks, cars, alligators, bunnies and a parade of other toy vehicles.

Dowlings put the sturdy toys together with wood dowels and glue,



which are safer for children than metal screws and washers. What began as a woodworking hobby has become a part-time family business, with the couple now turning out 2500 to 3000 toys yearly. They are members of Ledge Craft Lanes, Grand Ledge cooperative where they sell the handmade toys. Dowlings take their turn staffing the shop there, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

The pair also pack up their wares and take part in 12 to 18 craft shows each year, exhibiting their

Parts organization, recently began venturing into a new woodworking area for him - fashioning various executive office accessories, such as clipboards and desktop furnishings, which make nice gift items.

Tom serves on the board of Ledge Craft Lanes and is a member of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. Both Tom and Debbie belong to the Michigan Woodworkers' Guild and the Ohio Artists and Craftsmen's Guild.

One husband's pet theory: "I think women were put on earth to make men feel guilty about taking a nap."

"When you reach for the stars, you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either." - Leo Burnett

2. Most of my ready cash is:
 - A) in interest-bearing checking accounts.
 - B) in a Copenhagen lid on the bedroom dresser.
3. My banker calls me:
 - A) "Mister".
 - B) every two hours.
4. My idea of a sound financial investment is:
 - A) undeveloped pasture in downtown Dallas.
 - B) a racing greyhound.
5. My chances of getting a loan are:
 - A) sure as the sun rises.
 - B) as good as Slim Whitman's of becoming Pope. [Pope Slim I]
6. The best cattle deal I ever made was:
 - A) Sold 3,000 head of 28 cent Corrientes for 56 cents three months later.
 - B) Stole a truckload of feeder calves and lost \$30.00 a head.
7. I started ranching because:
 - A) I love the land and inherited 5 million.
 - B) my daddy chained me to a tractor when I was six years old.
8. The reason I ranch and farm today is:
 - A) I find it a fascinating and lucrative profession.
 - B) I'm in too deep to quit.
9. My long-term economic plans include:
 - A) expansion and increased productivity.
 - B) winning the jackpot team roping next Friday.
10. I intend to ranch and farm as long as I can:
 - A) make money.
 - B) borrow money.

RESULTS: If you circled all A's, you are an optimistic management type with oil on your property. It is highly likely that you will survive through the 80's and invest in satellite technology.

If you circled all B's, you are presently engaged in modern marginal agricultural practices. You will be here tomorrow and the next day and the next because somebody will always have to be there to do the work.

"On The Edge Of Common Sense," by Baxter Black, D.V.M.

This test was originally presented at the Cottonwood County Beef Producers Annual Meeting in 1985 [MN].



BLACK HISTORY MONTH