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High winds snap trees, power out for 50 miles

Power for Swan Valley residents won't be restored until Wednesday afternoon.

by Gary Noland

High, gusty winds hit the Seeley Swan early Tuesday morning, snapping trees and breaking power lines and leaving quite a clean-up job for Missoula Electric crews exhausted Tuesday night from 21 hours of effort.

Don Weaver, Missoula Electric lineman from Seeley Lake, said he and a crew of seven were in the field at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday when the winds started.

"The really heavy winds hit about 5:30 a.m. That's when we lost everything," Weaver said.

"Everything" meant electrical outage from the Seeley Lake substation at the Big Larch Campground north to the Swan River Forest Youth Camp.

Weaver pulled his crew in when the situation worsened.

"We were hearing a lot of big ones breaking and snapping when they hit the

ground, and we pulled out when trees were breaking up behind us in the dark," he said.

As they sought refuge at the Elk Horn Cafe, a 10 to 12-inch tree missed their truck by three feet. Another one hit one of the Elk Horn cabins.

By 11 p.m. Tuesday, after 21 hours straight, Weaver said power was restored to just past the Mission Mountain Mercantile in Condon.

"The situation gets worse farther north," he told the Pathfinder late Tuesday night.

With his crew exhausted, Weaver was pulling in for the night.

"We probably have 10 or 15 miles to go yet," he said, estimating that power north of Condon would hopefully be restored by Wednesday afternoon.

Weaver said Missoula weather reports had reported 65 mile per hour gusts and he felt it must have been close to that in the Swan. The state highway department cleaned a lot of trees off Highway 83 near Holland Lake, he added.

Dreyer Ranch purchase gets FG commission ok

After public hearings in Seeley Lake early last week, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks moved quickly on a proposal to purchase the 2,960-acre Dreyer Ranch north of Ovando and adjacent to the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (BCWMA).

The public meetings were held here Monday, Dec. 5, and the Montana Fish and Game Commission approved the reported \$1.48 million purchase on Friday, four days later.

The plan now goes to the the Montana Land Board for final approval.

There was little opposition to the proposal here and almost unanimous support from about 20 speakers at the hearing.

The Dreyer property, which has been operated as a working cattle ranch for many years, is located within the primary migration route for about 1500 elk that winter on the BCWMA and summer mainly along the periphery of

the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, according to a preliminary draft of a management plan for the Dreyer Ranch.

The property also is yearlong range for white-tailed deer and spring-summer-fall range for mule deer. Mink, muskrat, and beaver occur along Cottonwood Creek. Species which occur in lower densities than the above include black bear, bobcat, and mountain lion, according to the draft.

Included in the purchase arrangements as part of the ranch are 12,822 acres leased from Champion International Corporation, 1,640 acres leased from the Department of State Lands, and 160 acres leased from Plum Creek Timber Company.

According to the proposal, the ranch will be managed primarily as elk spring-fall range, complementing the BCWMA winter range and the Lolo National Forest summer range.



DECORATING THE TREE—Casey Thompson, standing, gets a balancing hand from John Anders, while Ryan Nemmers assists from below. The boys were part of a group of cub scouts who helped decorate the Christmas tree in front of the Seeley Lake Post Office last week.

—Kathy Davis Photo

Santa will be getting around . . .

We know of three dates and places that youngsters can have an opportunity to meet that jolly ole man. Try the Saloon's annual Children's Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No alcoholic beverages will be served. Also don't miss him in Seeley Lake and Condon.

"Santa in Seeley"

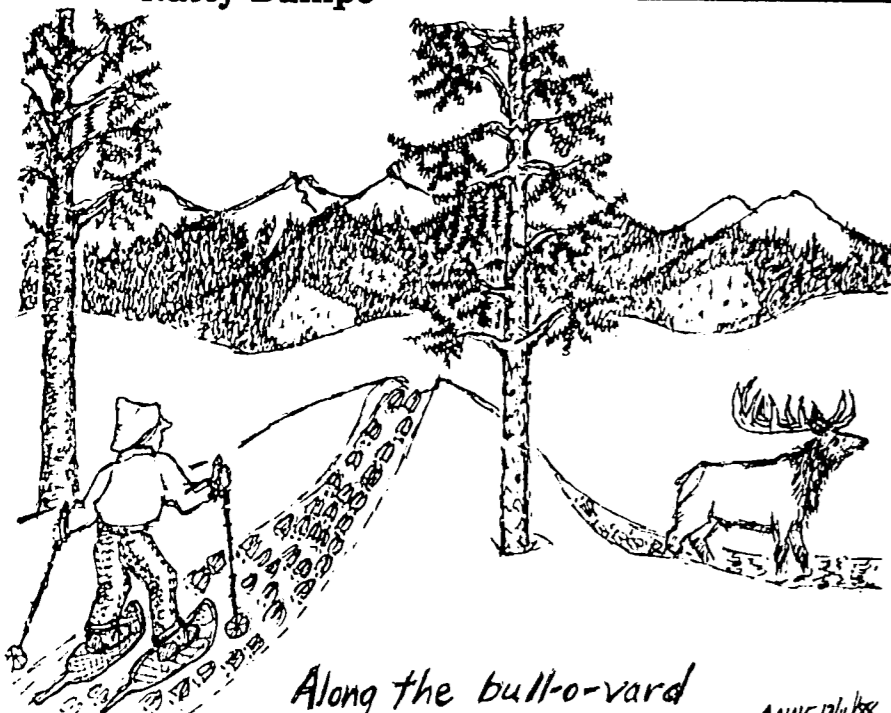
Santa Claus, in his horse-drawn sleigh, will appear at Dan's Discount at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening (Dec. 21). Behind the white beard and colorful suit will be C. B. Rich who will be playing this role for the 32nd year.

"Santa in the Swan"

Swan valley youngsters won't want to miss a personal appearance by Santa Claus who will be making a visit on Saturday, December 17.

With treats for the kids, Santa will appear at Liquid Louie's at 1 p.m.

Natty Bumpo



Along the bull-o-ward

ANNE DILLON

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events

- December 17, Santa's arrival at Liquid Louies, 1pm-gifts for all the kiddies
- December 19, Seeley schools Christmas concert at HS, 7pm, K-12
- December 20, Swan Valley Elem. Christmas Concert, 7pm
- December 20, Senior Citizens Christmas Party & gift exchange, 6:30-Com. Hall
- December 21, Santa's arrival at Dan's Discount at 7pm

- December 20, Seeley Lake Fire Board, meets 7:30pm at Fire Hall
- December 20, Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Christmas party & potluck, 6:30pm, Com. Hall
- December 20, Women's Club meets 1:30pm at Seeley Lake Com. Hall
- December 21, Swan Valley PTA Toy sale
- December 22, TOPS meets 10am at REA

Other

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Condon: Every Thur, 7:30pm, Swan Valley School
- Seeley Lake: Sun, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake; Wed, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thur, Noon, 449 Grizzly Rd
- Young People's Meeting, Every Fri, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
- Al Anon
- Seeley Lake: Thur, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
- Refuse Disposal Site, Sat. & Wed. only, 10am-4pm (winter hours)
- Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake): Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm
- Swan Valley Library (Condon): Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

- December 15, Swan Valley Historical Society meets at Swan Valley Library at 1:30pm
- December 15, Condon Community Club meets, 8pm, Swan Valley Com. Hall
- December 18, Swan Valley Christian Singers, Christmas concert presented in St. Ignatius Mission, 4pm
- December 19, Seeley PTA meets at elem. school bldg.
- December 19, Seeley Lake Community Council meets, 7pm, Seeley Com. Hall



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Editorial comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

It's hard to believe Christmas is almost here. By this time next week, all the youngsters will have seen 'Ole St. Nick somewhere and dunned him with a long wish list. Then it will be a matter of counting down the days to see what's under the "tree". Seems like only yesterday all those "trees" were burning down. Now they're blowin' down in spite of my firm statements to distant friends that the wind doesn't blow here.

Lots of Christmas parties this time of the year. For all you chamber members, don't miss the get together at Wapiti Lodge. And, in the Swan, Howard and Loris Uhl will be having their ninth annual Christmas Day Potluck Dinner at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day at Holland Lake Lodge. Howard and Loris say they had 65 people join them in their home for the Christmas Potluck last year and hope you join them this year. Everyone's welcome.

. . . . And the angels sang. Well, they sounded that good to me when I managed to take in one of the Swan Valley Christian Singers' concerts this past week end. Congratulations director Marge Smith and troops. Looked good, sounded good, and moved the spirits.

Suzanne covered most everything that can be said about the new library. Several individuals put in a lot of time to make this happen and they should feel good about the usage in such a short time. I thank you and I promise to get my overdue books back this week end.

Kim Haines has stirred up local pride in the ongoing accomplishments of the many outstanding people in the Seeley Swan. We have a picture of him and the 1968 State Basketball Champs, the Blackhawks, that will be featured soon, compliments of Eddie Coyle. A lot of hard and dedicated work over the years receiving just recognition.

The Seeley Lake Community Council meets next Monday and one topic of interest on the agenda will be further discussion on the engineering study now in process on the feasibility of a central sewer System for Seeley Lake. Letters went out last week seeking 25 people to serve on a Sewer System Advisory Group. A public questionnaire will be refined at Monday's meeting with a public meeting scheduled for late January. We'll have information forthcoming as things progress, but this might be a good time to get some "first-hand" information early in the game.

The Blackhawk basketball team is off to a running start, downing two Class B schools in non-scheduled games when the Bigfork Tournament was cancelled after a measles outbreak. Coming off a 20-6 season last year, the boys look strong in the early outings and promise a lot of good action for sport fans this winter.

Think snow!

—Gary Noland

Eagles Gather in the Swan

The rain continued to fall and melt the once-beautiful white snow. We now have several inches of ice to contend with in the yard and driveway. The larger lakes are still open, with only a small, frosty rim of ice forming—not much encouragement for fishermen!

The salmon are pretty well "spawned out" and the eagles that followed their seasonal journey have recently been seen in the Swan Valley.

Joyce Himes and son, Austin, were surprised by seven bald eagles feasting on a deer carcass near Kaufman Road. They'll never forget that sight—six of the huge raptors were mature adults, and one was an immature eagle. Several ravens were in the area, and all of the birds lifted in flight as Joyce and Austin drove by. Later, a second immature eagle was seen in the same area.

In addition to eagle stories, we heard one mountain lion story. A friend from the Swan Valley was surprised by one of the big cats when it ran across

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

the road in front of him. If you're not dodging deer, you're dodging the lions that stalk the deer, right?

And when you're not watching ahead for critters, you'd better be watching for trees. The big wind that blew through the valley on Tuesday morning toppled big pines on the Gordon Ranch; blew the sign down at the Hungry Bear Chalet and left limbs and small lodgepole scattered across the highway. The electricity was knocked out north of Seeley Lake and in the Swan for most of the day. Thank goodness for wood heat and clean water from the springs!

People penalized 15 yards

To the Editor:

Time out! Time out! There will a short break before the second half of this World Championship Game.

Score: People 0 Earth 0

The first half has seen some rough play from the People team. Earth is having a hard time and protests. "That kind of rough play will affect our ability to function and stay in the game," says the Earth's team captain. "This is a serious offense."

The second half of the game will start by penalizing the People team for unnecessary rough play — 15 yards. The new rule will be enforced: the use of cooperation and communication.

So, players take your side and let the game resume.

Al Cluck
Condon, MT

Chamber Party at Wapiti

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas party will be held Friday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wapiti Lodge Resort Saloon.

This year's Christmas party will feature a potluck dinner and guests are asked to bring their favorite dish. . . and the recipe.

The recipes will be used to help create a Seeley Lake Cookbook so guests are asked to include their names with the recipe.

Beer and wine will be provided, but guests are welcome to bring other drinks.

Linda and Pat Holt of Wapiti Lodge will be hosting the party. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 677-2775. The Wapiti Lodge is just north of Seeley Lake at a turnoff by the Elkhorn Cafe.

Senior Nutrition Program Menu

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Reservations please, 677-2008.

- Monday, December 19
Hot beef sandwich
- Tuesday, December 20
Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday, December 21
Chef's Day

Senior Citizens Christmas Party and gift exchange will be Dec. 20, 6:30pm. Potluck with turkey furnished at Com. Hall.

Bingo, sponsored by the Senior Citizens, is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Classifieds...
Pathfinder!

Where does the blame lie?

To the Editor:

What does it cost to keep a sawmill open? For starters — an envelope, a 25 cent stamp and a successful bid on timber offered for sale.

Friends of the Great Northwest Log Haul are trying to blame Forest Service appeals for pending sawmill closures. The facts available from the Forest Service, however, show their claims to be totally absurd.

A 11/27/88 Flathead National Forest report shows that it sold 34 timber sales, free of appeals, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988. Stoltze Lumber Company bid on only three of these sales, and bid the lowest on all three. Stoltze was awarded one of the sales, simply because it was the only bidder.

Should Stoltze come up short of logs, however, rest assured it will blame it on the "environmentalists". This is what happened during the convoy of logs to the "empty" Darby Lumber Company yard last spring. The fact that Darby Lumber had bid on only two out of nine timber sales offered by the Bitterroot National Forest, in the fiscal year prior to the Log Haul, got lost in the unfounded screams of "appeals abuse."

We can soon expect Stoltze to again crank up the rhetoric about alleged timber shortages at its mills in Dillon, Darby and Columbia Falls. Before the public is subjected to another diesel powered 'Old Growth Funeral Procession,' however, perhaps the featured mill should at least make a reasonable attempt to bid successfully on available timber.

Keith J. Hammer, Chairman
Swan View Coalition, Inc.
Kalispell, MT

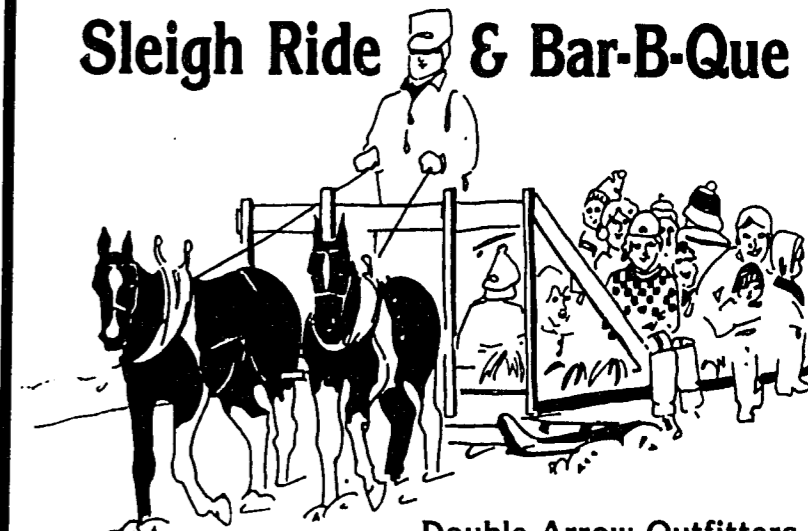


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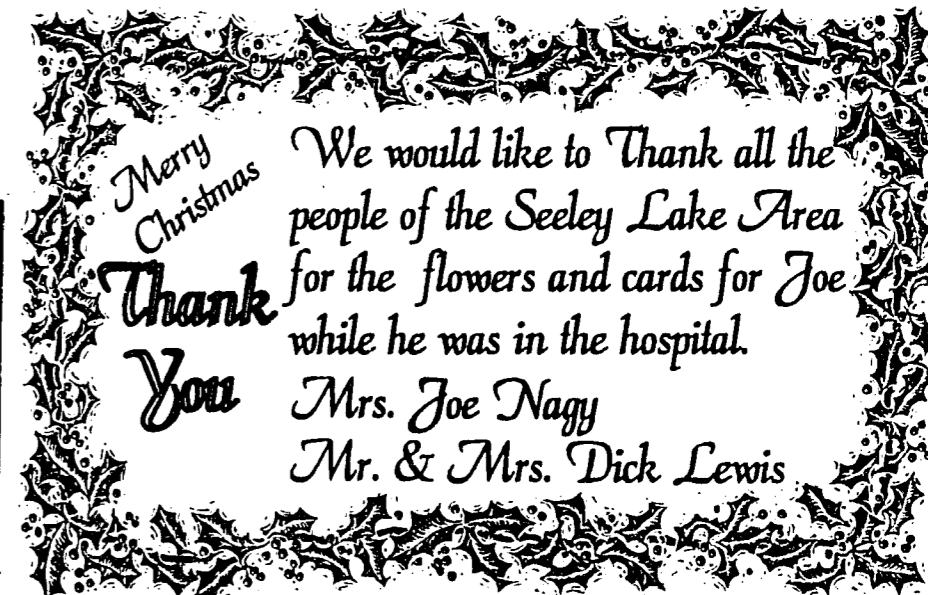
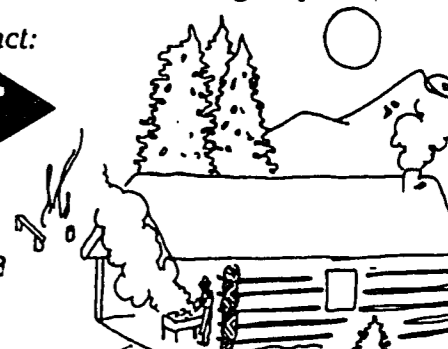


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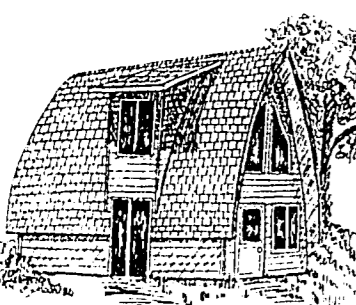
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CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATION—Bishop Elden F. Curtiss of the Diocese of Helena, covering Western Montana, is shown here Sunday at the dedication ceremonies and mass for the new catholic church just completed. Assisting the Bishop is Father John Robertson, chancellor of the Helena Diocese. In the background is Father D. A. Okorn, parish priest. Also taking part in the dedication mass were Father Joseph Mavsar, Vicar General of East Helena, and Father Frank McCormick of John the 23rd Parish in Missoula. Father McCormick is also dean of the Missoula Deanery. The new church near the S.O.S. clinic in Seeley Lake was filled for the special mass Sunday.

—G. Noland Photo



SCOUTS HONORED AT AWARDS NIGHT—Cub Scouts from Pack No. 19, including Dens 1, 2, and 3, were honored at the annual awards presentation last week. From left are: front row: Lane Dellwo, B. J. Parker, Danny Phipps, Ricky Morris, Lelan Anders, Casey Thompson. Middle row: Ben Cahoon, Max Fassnacht, Tommy Croom, Zack Curran, Deno Swerman, Ryan Nemmers. Back row: Tom Chaney, Matt Schneider, Philip Brown, Joshua Wolfe, Cory Thompson, Abe Kats, Chris Paxton, Nathan Bourne.

—Kathy Davis Photo

Blackfoot Parish to have Candlelight Services

Pastor Christopher Williams of the Blackfoot Parish has announced the following schedule for Christmas Candlelight services throughout his parish:

- December 24 at 7:30 p.m. Seeley Lake service
- December 25 at 8:30 a.m. Potomac service
- December 25 at 10:00 a.m. Ovando service



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MAKING CHRISTMAS WREATHS—B. J. Parker, front, gets a helping hand from Charlee Parker as cub scouts and their parents made Christmas wreaths for the holidays. Also pictured are Dean Swerman, Dennis Nemmers and son, Ryan.

—Kathy Davis Photo

We wish to express a special "Thank You" to the Swan Valley QRU - And to the many Friends & Neighbors who responded so Quickly to my Call for help. Also to those who sent Food & Cards.

Ruth and the Family of Donald E. Woolridge



Merry Christmas

The Happiest of Holidays to you and those you hold most dear. Thank you for your continuing Support

Terry J. Sheppard, C.P.A.
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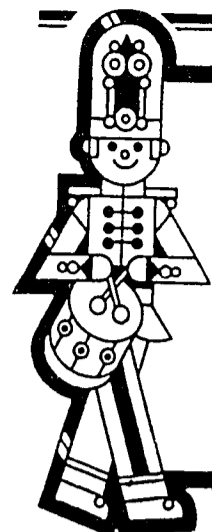
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Swan Valley Elementary news

On December 21 the PTA Christmas Toy Sale will be held. This is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. All items will be inexpensive to allow all students to purchase presents for other family members.

The PTA is accepting donations of items that would be suitable for the sale. These may be brought to the school on or before December 16, or call Linda Anderson, the toy sale coordinator, for further information, 754-2218.

The PTA is also having a PTA Hot Lunch this year and it will consist of a taco feed and juice or milk to drink. The PTA requests \$1.00 from each student to help pay for the materials. This money should be sent with each student before December 16. The kindergartners will be joining in on the PTA hot lunch on December 21 and will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m.

As a community service the winter adult gym nights are in full swing with basketball on Tuesday evenings and volleyball on Thursday evenings. For only \$1.00 per adult, one can enjoy an evening of exercise and fun.

The newly formed Stamp Club will have a bake sale on Friday, December 16. Proceeds will be used to promote various club activities such as movies and prizes for various competitions the club will be hosting.

Christmas break will start on December 22 and school will resume at the regular time on January 3, 1989.

Swan Valley Elementary Honor Roll

The Swan Valley Elementary school has announced its first quarter Honor Roll as follows:

High Honor Roll:
3rd Grade: Jessie Shoup
5th Grade: Mandy Alexander, Aaron Himes and Wendi White
7th Grade: Natalie Anderson and Boone Jensen

Honor Roll:
3rd Grade: Boomer Alexander, Jenny Crippen, Jonathan Mathew and Jimmy Webb.

4th Grade: Kenny Crippen, Cody Jensen and Leah Lapka

5th Grade: Josh Anderson, Cole Christianson, Sarah Cox, Amber Ekstedt, Jack Maloughney and Brooke Mason.

6th Grade: Nick Mordja, Justin Shoup and Traci Styler

7th Grade: Carla Anderson, Brian Auchenbach, Robert Ekstedt, Angie Himes, Danny Kearney, Scott McDonald, Ronny Melton, Lisa Parker and Chandra Styler.

8th Grade: Andrew Anderson, Lisa Cox, Jesse Kehr and Holly Mahaffey

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'Authentic' toys delight this Santa's helper all year long

"Heinie" Heinzmann creates toys for big kids as well as little ones

by Suzanne Vernon

Santa's helper's have been busy in Seeley Lake, especially at the home of "Heinie" and Lu Heinzmann. Wooden treasures are on display throughout their home and shop. Christmas elves will find handcrafted, miniature freight wagons, miniature sleighs, reindeer planters, wooden whirligigs and sturdy home furniture. And for the first time ever, they'll find that some of the items are for sale.

In years past, "Heinie" has always given these treasures away, and it didn't matter if it was Christmas or not. His games and wooden banks with hidden surprises have delighted family members and friends at reunions and get-togethers. He and his wife have, in the past, supplied various wooden Christmas items and crafts to the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens—the group sells them during their Christmas fund raisers.

But this year, for the first time, Heinie offered his wooden treasures for sale at the Seeley Lake Women's Club Christmas Bazaar. People were fascinated with his original designs.

"All my friends have been bugging me to sell," he chuckled during a recent interview. "I guess it's time I tried it."

Heinie's favorite work of art, which has sparked considerable interest from collectors, is his miniature, old-fashioned, horse drawn freight sled, complete with handmade leather harnesses, reins and horse collars.

"When I was a kid, this was our transportation on the farm in North Dakota," Heinie said, explaining the details of the old farm wagon and sleighs he has created. His family farmed with 36 horses in the field, and before he was big enough to harness the horses he learned how to rein one of the four-horse teams in the fields. "We started school in October—after the farm

work was done—and let out in March when the planting had to start all over again," he grinned.

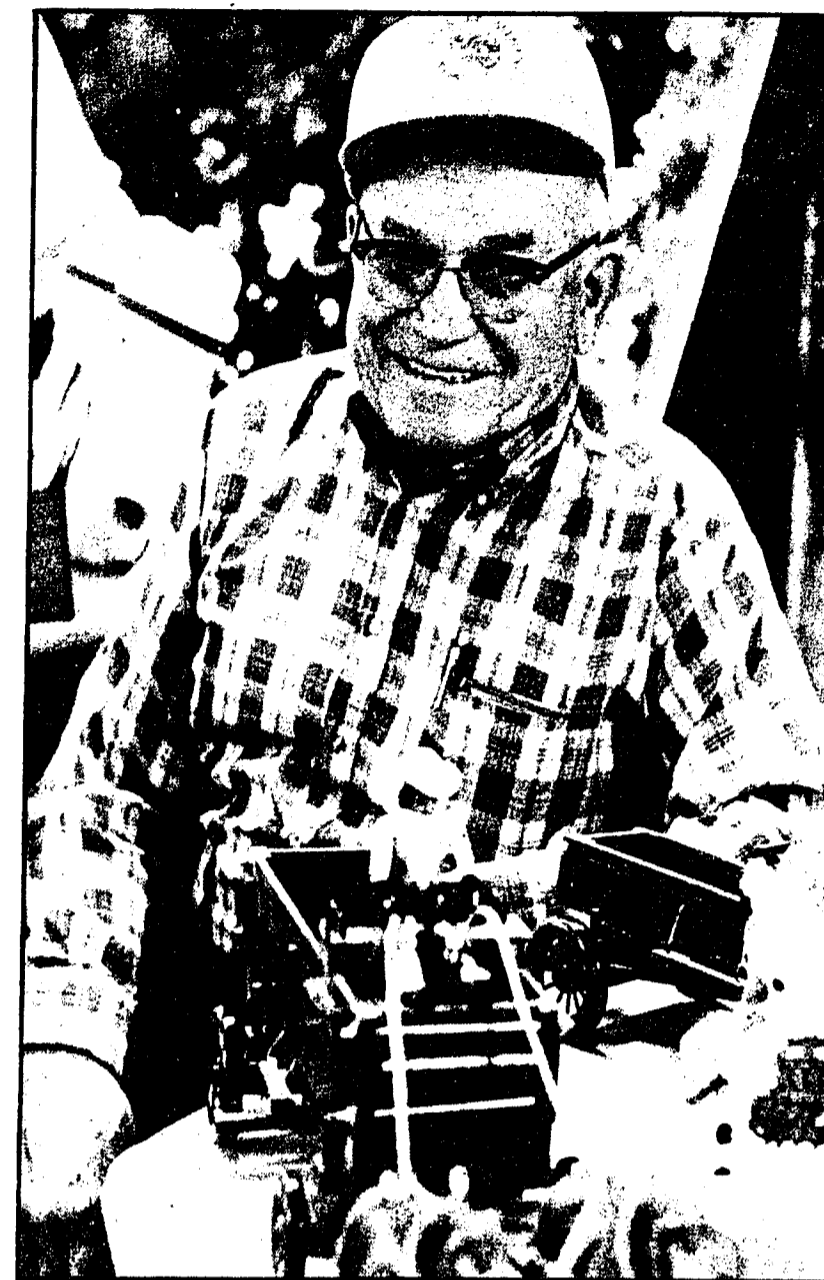
Heinie's woodworking patterns are all original, and he pays special attention to detail. The metal parts of the miniature sleighs are made from pieces of aluminum cans. The decorations on the horse collars are made of hat pins.

"You have to use your imagination," he laughs. The Heinzmann's yard is adorned with large and small windmills, flower planters of all sizes and shapes, a wishing well and whirligigs. Their Christmas decorations include several sizes and shapes of hand crafted reindeer, Santa's and sleighs. Their home is furnished with sturdy, handcrafted end tables and magazine racks.

Heinie and Lu moved to Seeley Lake from Bozeman, after Heinie's health forced him to retire from his career as a station manager and operator for Chevron in Bozeman and Whitehall.

Heinie needed "something" to keep him busy during retirement, and after completing his first woodworking project (a bar-type counter for their home) he discovered that he was quite good at creating his own patterns. One thing led to another, and after he had given away games, furniture and end tables to his five children and 12 grandchildren, he began working on the old-fashioned freighting sleds and sleighs—his favorite projects to date. It was then that friends began to ask if he would sell his woodworking. "Sometimes you put so much work into these things, you don't really want to sell them," he smiled. Heinie is currently working on the pattern for his next project—a miniature cutter sleigh, which might be done in time for next Christmas.

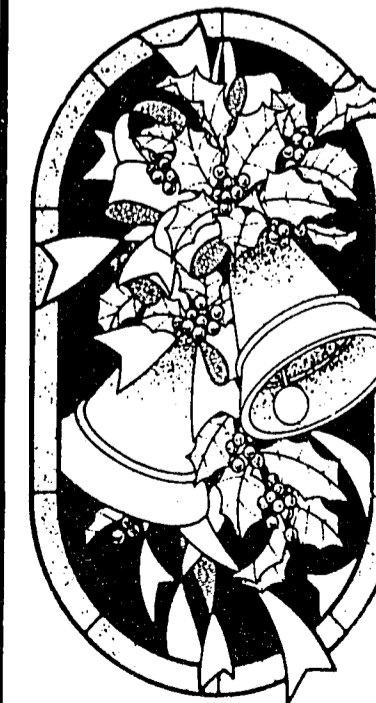
If you see a smiling Santa hauling old-fashioned toys through the Seeley Swan area in the near future, you'll know which of his helpers deserves a special thanks.



"HEINIE" Heinzmann with a display of some of his handiwork at the recent Seeley Lake Women's Bazaar.

—S. Vernon Photo

Happy Holidays



May your holiday season be decorated with the laughter of children, the warm glow of friends and family and the gift of peace. To all of you from all of us, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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Response to new library is "overwhelming"

by Suzanne Vernon

Local residents aren't shy about using the new public library in Seeley Lake, according to Loretta Cooper, librarian. The public support for the new facility has been overwhelming.

"That's what has kept me going," Cooper said enthusiastically. "People are coming in, they are using the library, and they are glad to have it."

Cooper has been recording the number of public library patrons during the library's first official month of operation. Recently, she counted 87 patrons who used the library during a recent week day. "That's unbelievable," she said.

Cooper has been responsible for the implementation of an almost impossible job—the physical conversion of the high school library facility to a branch public library. The public collection (over 2,000 books) has been physically separated from the 8,000 books also available for check out in the high school library section. High school students and children must have written permission from their parents to check out books from the public collection. "We've worked hard to keep it separate," Cooper explained.

Public library cards, she added, are easy for adults to get. Cooper has also established a streamlined system for families to obtain cards. The new library has an outstanding collection (400 books) for preschoolers and elementary school children. Recently, an anonymous donor also contributed several dozen new books which will be used by local storyteller, Sheila Devins, during the once-a-month Story Hour held at the library. The books are also available for check-out.

Cooper, who began working at Seeley Swan High School in 1975 then took time off to pursue a Masters Degree in Library Services, returned to Seeley Swan to work as a librarian and reading teacher in 1983. She had been researching the idea of establishing a branch public library here for many years. She helped apply for a grant to complete the project last winter, but that grant was awarded to another Montana school.

The public library project went into full swing last summer when Missoula County Commissioners announced that the public Bookmobile would no longer be funded for the Seeley Lake area.

Spurred by the loss of the bookmobile, local residents launched a fund raising campaign which was a huge success. Over \$11,000 was raised to which will be used to pay the extra operating expenses for the "public" part of the facility this year—the money will pay for a part-time library aid, for example.

The branch library is now open to the public during all high school hours (except during the noon hour and after 2:30 on Friday afternoons) and the library has now hired an aid to help patrons who visit the facility during non-



BOOKS, BOOKS, and more BOOKS—Librarian Loretta Cooper stand in front of just "part" of the public library collection of adult fiction and non-fiction books now available for public use at the Seeley Swan High School and Public Library.

—S. Vernon Photo

school hours. The library is also open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., and also on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local residents may use the side door (on the east side of the building) to access the library, or they may come in through the main high school entrance.

If you haven't visited the new library yet and are wondering if there is anything in it for you, take a look at the outstanding services now available:

•Do you miss your favorite newspaper? The library now receives the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Christian Science Monitor* in addition to Montana newspapers which include the *Missoulian*, the *Great Falls Tribune*, the *Billings Gazette*, the *Montana Standard* and, of course, the *Seeley Swan Pathfinder*. (Subscriptions to the national newspapers have been given to the library by an anonymous donor.)

•Do you enjoy magazines but just can't afford all those subscriptions? The new library offers over 70 periodicals including *Art* magazine, *Smithsonian*, *National Geographic* (back to 1934); *American Heritage*; *Audubon*, *National Wildlife* (a complete set was recently donated to the library); *Snowmobile* magazines; *Rolling Stone*; *Montana* magazine; *Montana Outdoors* and *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. Cooper has utilized the Reader's Guide in selecting the most popular and informational magazines in several differ-

ent subject areas.

•Are you involved in research? Do you write articles for local or national publications? Then you can probably use the extensive reference section which is also open to students at the high school. It includes four current sets of encyclopedias, dozens of subject encyclopedias, a wide variety of reference handbooks, dictionaries and style guides.

•Are you interested in current science research? The library has an index to current life sciences articles, including reprints of many articles relative to medicine, biology, botany and other sciences.

•Do you keep a list of books at home that you would like to read someday but just don't have time or money to buy? Through the inter-library loan program, Cooper can order just about any book a reader might be interested in. Sometimes, she points out, there is a charge for the service. It may take several weeks for books to come in, she adds.

•Are you interested in holiday crafts? Special holiday or seasonal music? Stories to read to your children about holiday traditions? The special "7-day collection" may be just what you need. Cooper has set aside a shelf for seasonal books that may be checked out for only seven days. Currently, these books include Christmas craft idea books, holiday song books, and story books about Christmas traditions.

•Last, but not least, the library now holds a collection of more than 10,000 books including adult fiction and non-fiction; a juvenile collection for young adults; and an outstanding collection of "easy" books for preschoolers and young readers.

Seeley Lake Public Library Hours

School Days
9:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
11:30 - 12:00
Closed Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Evenings: 7-9 p.m.

Saturdays
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Story Hour
1st Saturday of each month:
10 a.m.

Until June next year

Raptor Room building halts visitations

Ken Wolff, director of The Raptor Room in Swan Valley, says the facility will be closed to other than pre-arranged visits until June of next year.

Due to pressing construction projects and critical overcrowding, it is impossible to keep separate the releasable birds from the grounded birds.

"Our highest priority is completing the housing/flight area so as to be able to isolate the releasable raptors. The permanently grounded birds that are placed on education/possession permits will be available for public viewing when this facility is completed," Wolff said.

Beginning in June, 1989, The Raptor Room will be offering public tours on Wednesdays and Sundays, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Prearranged tours by sponsors, supporters, wildlife artists, rehabilitators, and small groups are still welcome.

Large groups are best served by the education program where live raptors will be brought to a group meeting or gathering. Information on group presentations and school visits is available by calling The Raptor Room.

Group rates vary with distance from the facility, number of presentations, and size of group. The minimum charge

for a group program is \$150 within 100 miles of the facility.

Funds are sorely needed to complete the housing and flight area currently under construction. A separate unit is scheduled to house eagles this spring. All donations and contributions are tax deductible.

Condon gets new deputy

Scott McDonald, deputy sheriff in the Condon area for the past 10 years, has been transferred to the Missoula office.

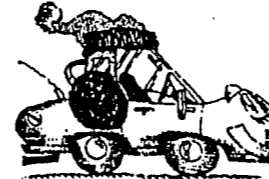
On Monday of this week, sargent Duane Steinke, took over McDonald's position and was on duty in the Condon area.

Steinke has been working in the Missoula office and has been with the department for 12 years, starting in 1976.

McDonald has worked in the Condon area since 1979.

Steinke can be reached at the same phone number used for McDonald.

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Blackhawks defeat Rams

by Brittne Hebnes

On Friday, December 9, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks hosted the Loyola Rams. The Hawks were supposed to attend a tournament at Big Fork, but because of a measles epidemic, Big Fork had to cancel.

The Hawks came on strong in the first quarter with a lead of 22-0 at one point in the game.

The Blackhawks defeated the Rams 77-44. Dustin Gordon lead all scorers with 18 points while Martin Cahoon and Bill VanVallis added 13 points each.

Brad Latcher lead the Rams with 10 points.

Seeley takes Florence

by Lorena Cahoon

Saturday, December 10, the Blackhawks overcame the Florence Falcons by seven points, scoring 63-56.

Seeley-Swan began the season nicely by winning two non-conference games.

The two teams held close until two minutes remained in the 4th quarter; Seeley then pulled ahead to take the game.

Dustin Gordon was Seeley's high scorer with 22 points followed by Martin Cahoon's 10 points. Bill VanVallis, one of Seeley's starters was injured the night before making this game a closer match than it may have been.

Sean Torrey of Florence scored a high of 19 points and Eugene Mitchell scored 14 points.



STRETCHING FOR TWO—Blackhawk Bill Van Vallis goes up for the basket in a close finish last week against Class B Florence. In the closing two minutes Vallis hit three baskets and the Blackhawks pulled ahead to win 63-56.

—G. Noland Photo

Seeley Lake Men's Basketball

by Michael Biggins

Kent Hane and his team the Hoopsters did three things last Sunday night. They scored a season high 114 points; they defeated Dominic Casano's team the Hitmen and they tied Craig Tanner's Trickshooters for first place.

In what was wide open game, the Hitmen also scored a near season high 82 points.

In the other game — the Ballbouncers, playing well together, sent the Trickshooters into the first place tie by beating them 68-66.

Next week is the last week of the season. The unfortunate thing about it is that the Hoopsters and Trickshooters do not play each other.

Standings after 11 weeks of play:

	Won	Lost
Hane	8	3
Tanner	8	3
Biggins	4	7
Casano	2	8

Winter basketball league forming

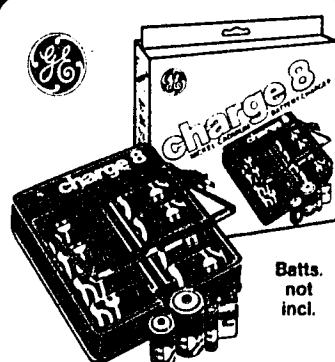
An organizational meeting will be held Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m., December 18th in the Seeley-Swan High School Gym. All those interested in forming teams or being put onto a team should attend.

Play will be Sunday evenings, January through March. For further information or if you cannot come to the meeting, contact Michael Biggins at 677-2166 in the evening.

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December 16, 4:30
Seeley at Drummond A,B,C
December 17, 6:00
Seeley at Arlee A,B
December 20, 6:00
Augusta A,B at Seeley
December 22, 5:00/6:30
Flathead Christian JV & Jr. Hi at Seeley

BOYS BASKETBALL

Swan Valley Elementary School
January 5 4:30
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Seeley Lake Elementary School
December 15, 5:30
Seeley at Drummond
December 17, 10:00
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December 20, 5:00
Augusta at Seeley High
December 22, 5:00
Flathead Christian at Seeley High

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Kim Haines receives National TAC honors

Within thirty minutes at the recent national convention of The Athletic Congress (TAC) Kim Haines, Seeley Swan High School principal and coach was thrust into the national organization's limelight.

"It was like a double whammy," Haines said.

Shortly after receiving a national award he was also elected to the national executive committee of TAC, the national governing body for track and field in the United States.

It was at the 10th annual convention of TAC on December 2 in Phoenix, Arizona, that Haines received the prestigious Frank Sevigne Award. This award is presented annually to the "...individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Youth Athletics."

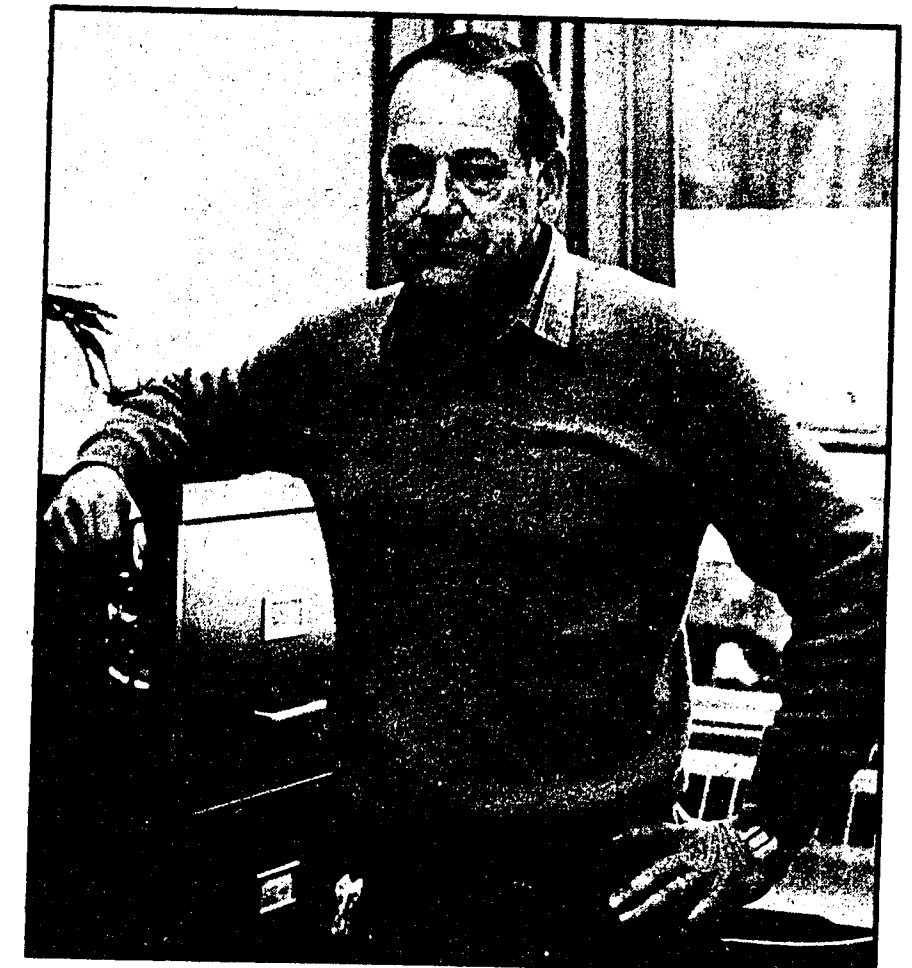
Haines became the seventh individual to receive the memorial award since 1983.

He also was elected chairman of the national organization's Youth Athletics Committee, one of several national committees. As chairman he will serve on the national executive committee.

Haines, who has been a regional coordinator and served on the national multi-events committee since TAC's founding, will now be responsible for appointing 15 regional coordinators and 22 subcommittee positions.

Part of his duties include attending national youth meets. His expenses to these meets are covered by the association, and last week he was at the National Junior Olympics cross country meet in Reno, Nevada.

Haines has had a long career with Seeley Swan High School, joining the faculty here in the school's first year in 1964 as math-science teacher. The next year he became the school principal. Additionally, he heads up the basketball coaching staff and assists with girls' track.



Seeley Swan High School Principal and coach, Kim Haines, was honored recently for outstanding contribution to youth with the national Frank Sevigne award. He also was elected to the executive board of The Athletic Congress.

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The name of the person nominated will be placed on the ballot in the April 4, 1989 election along with School Districts #33 and #34 and part of School District #30.

Persons interested in being nominated for this position are asked to contact the S.O.S. Health Center, Box 367, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, and request a petition from Gloria Johnson, Secretary of the Trustees.

The petitions must be turned into the S.O.S. Health Center by Monday, January 9, 1989 or be turned in directly to the Missoula County Clerk and Records Office by Thursday, January 12, 1989.

EQC advises against forest practices law

Following an 18-month study of Montana forest practices, the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) decided against recommending legislation on forest practices laws to the upcoming 1989 Legislature.

The decision was made at a meeting Friday, Dec. 9, in Helena.

Other Pacific Northwest states have enacted Forest Practices Acts, but the EQC decided that the best course now is to pursue various versions of the existing voluntary system where industry voluntarily agrees to comply with "best management practices" or BMPs.

Audits and studies by the EQC, a legislative advisory council, have concluded that a large majority (near 85%) of industry practices are meeting BMP standards.

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This baby was worthy of the best that this earth could offer. He deserved the finest room, the highest quality of care that was possible. Because of who He was, He should have been given the very best, yet He was given a bed that was used as a feeding trough for livestock.

When he grew to manhood He began to teach about the things of God. He made it very clear that His kingdom was not going to be set up on earth, but would be set up in the hearts of those that would give Him room. This is what He is asking us to do today, to give Him a place in our hearts that He can live in.

My Question to you is, what kind of room are you willing to give Jesus? He deserves the very best of places, the

greatest and highest quality that we can possibly give Him. Yet, so often I see people that do not have room in their hearts for the King. Their hearts and lives are full of other things so there is no room for Jesus. Then there are those who will give Him a place in their heart, but the place that they give Him could be compared to a borrowed barn with a cattle trough for a bed.

This Christmas I urge you to give Jesus the best room in your heart that is available. Give to Him the honor that He deserves. And when you do, your life will be full of the Joy and Peace that Jesus gives to everyone that will let Him into their heart.

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear by voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."



Rev. Christopher Williams with daughter, Katy, and his wife, Robin, holding son, Danny.

-G. Noland Photo

Williams family leaving Blackfoot Parish

Rev. Christopher J. Williams of the Seeley Lake Presbyterian Blackfoot Parish, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Navy on November 21, 1988.

Rev. Williams will serve as Chaplain aboard the U.S.S. Ogden after attending the Naval Chaplain School at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, Rhode Island this January.

The Ogden is a troop transport ship whose home port is Long Beach, California.

The William's family will be staying in Seeley Lake through the

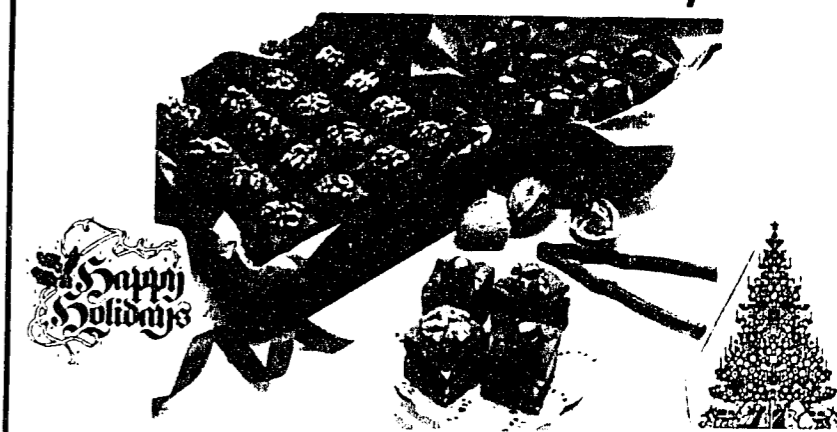
Christmas holidays until the end of December.

Rev. Williams reports to Newport, RI on January 4th. Following the completion of his training, they will be making their home in Long Beach.

He is a 1981 graduate of the San Francisco Seminary and before coming to Seeley Lake three years ago, he presided over the parish at Angoon on Admiralty Island off the coast of Alaska with a concentrated population of Tlingit Indians.

Cornucopia *by Millie Jette*

Sweet Treat For The Holidays



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| 2 tablespoon butter | 2/3 cup undiluted evaporated milk |
| 1-2/3 cups sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups (4 ounces) miniature marshmallows | 1-1/2 cups (1-1/2 6-ounce packages) simisweet chocolate chips |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1/2 cup chopped nuts |
| maraschino cherries | |

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar, and salt in saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Bring to a full boil. Cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients. Stir vigorously until marshmallows melt and blend. Pour into 8-inch square buttered pan. Cool until semi-firm. Lightly score fudge into 1-1/2 inch squares. Gently press maraschino cherries and walnuts on top. Cut in squares after fudge has cooled completely.

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| 1 cup dates-cut up | 1 cup boiling water-Pour over dates and let stand until cool. Beat together. |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 2 tablespoons butter |
| 1 egg | 1 teaspoon vanilla-sift together |
| 2 cups flour | 1 teaspoon soda |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt- Add to creamed mixture along with the cooled dates and water and stir in; | 1/2 cup chopped nutmeats-Pour into grased loaf pan and bake in 350°F degrees oven for 50 minutes. |
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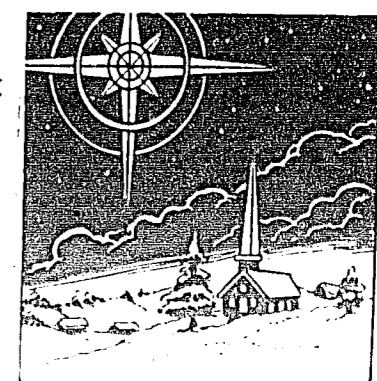
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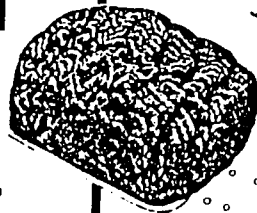


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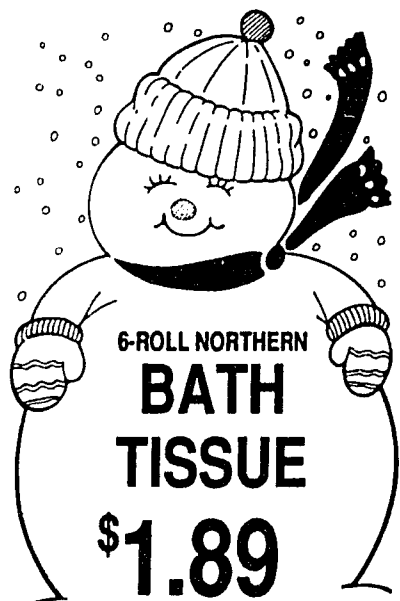


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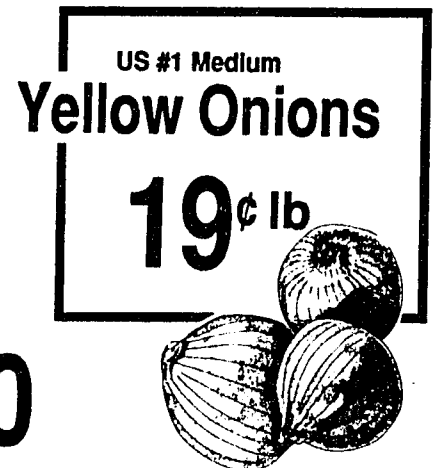
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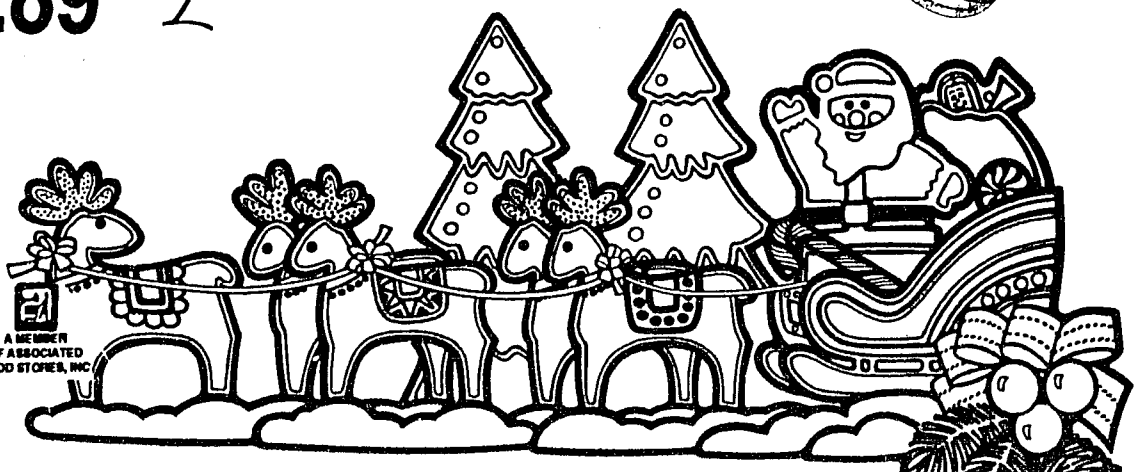


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