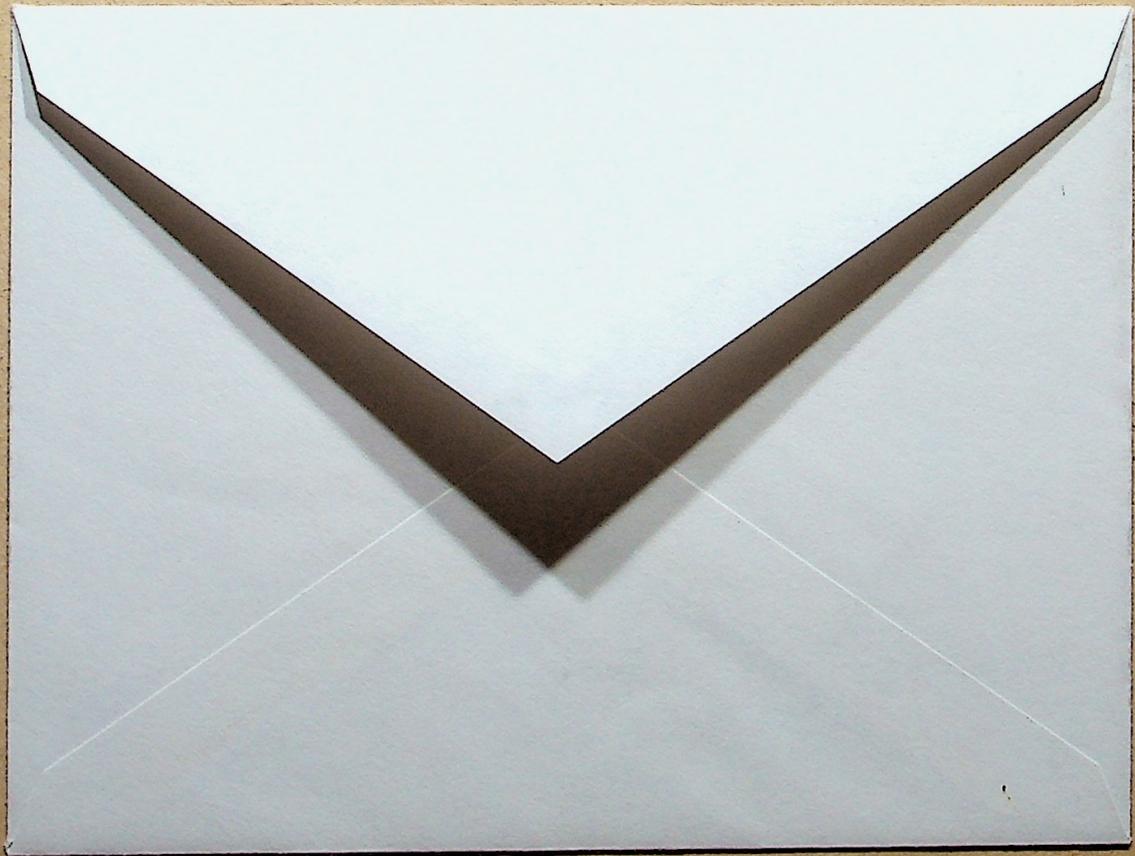


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Halbeisen wins award as Keizer First Citizen



Steve Halbeisen, named Keizer First Citizen, presents Eloise Whitmore her Outstanding Merchant

silver tray at the Keizer Merchant Association awards banquet Saturday night.

By **RON GLEASON**
Oregon Statesman Reporter

Keizer Merchants Association (KMA) named outgoing president Steven Lyle Halbeisen Keizer First Citizen Saturday night at its 18th annual installation and awards dinner.

Before Halbeisen was honored with a silver platter, he presented one to Eloise Whitmore, Outstanding Merchant of Keizer.

"She has served in every capacity you can name," William Whitmore, her husband of 35 years, said earlier in the day.

MRS. WHITMORE, co-owner with her husband of Baskin Robbins, 4060 River Road N, was honored for volunteer work with United Way, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Salvation Army and other organizations.

She received the title earned last year by Halbeisen.

Halbeisen, 23, co-owner of the Flower Boutique, 4912 River Road N, is the youngest member of Professional Floral Commentator International. He also is among the youngest in the American Institute of Floral Designers and the American Academy of Florists.

He traveled to Washington, D.C., three years ago to help decorate the White House at Christmas.

HALBEISEN also helped organize the Keizer Junior Miss Pageant.

Mrs. Whitmore, mother of five, worked her way through Willamette

University beginning in 1939. A past president of the Salem Women's Golf Association, she has served as secretary and treasurer and currently is on the KMA board of directors.

Halbeisen, vice president of Teleflora of Oregon and Washington, attended the Cliff Mann Floral School for Design in Denver before joining his mother at the Flower Boutique in 1971.

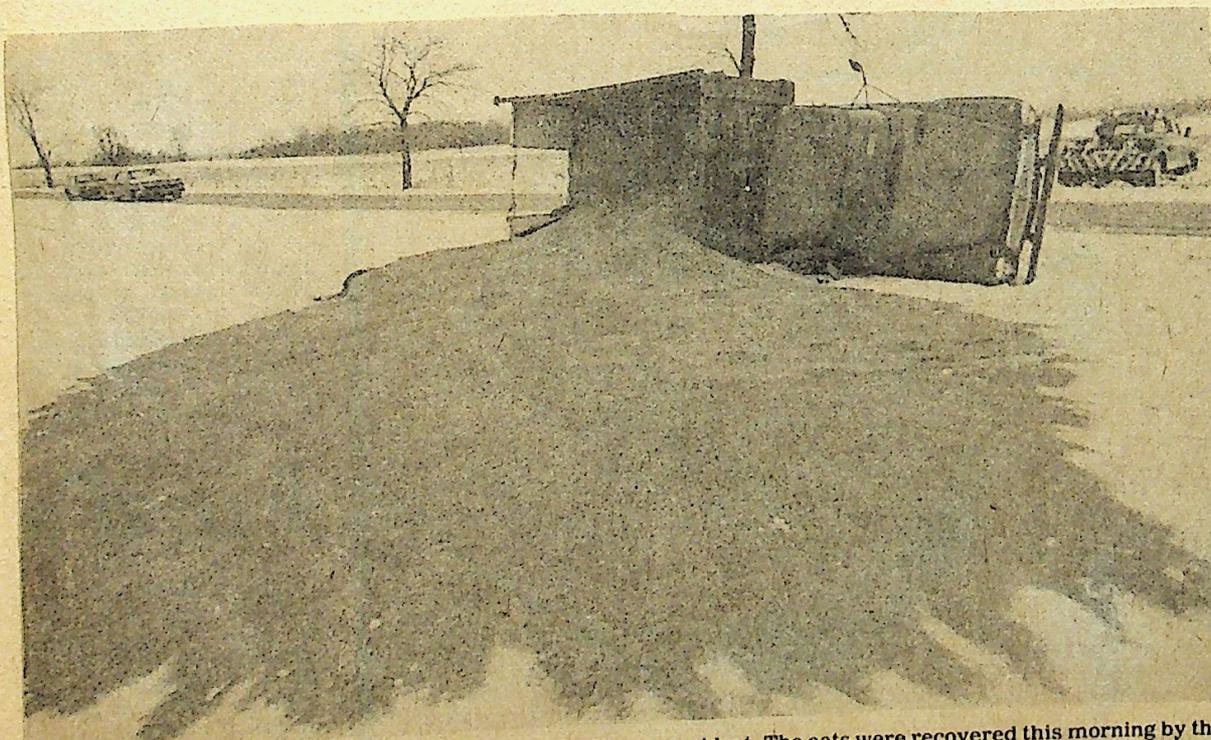
The 175 at the Black Angus restaurant also watched Halbeisen receive a second silver platter as a past president's award.

Pauline Osborn of Commercial Insurance Agency, and Pat Valentino, a former first citizen, received honorable mention.

Jan. 2 — Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huss, 15142 S. Condoda Drive, Oak Forest, Ill., a daughter, Ericka Lee, in Little Company of Mary Hospital, Oak Lawn, Ill. The father is the son of Det. and Mrs. Philip Huss, 213 N. Columbus Ave., Fremont. The girl is the first child of the Husses, and the second grandchild of the Fremonters born within the past three months.

Feb. 12 — Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hirt, 1250 Burkholder Road, Clyde, a daughter at 2:44 p.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital.

March 1 — Mr. and Mrs. John Hirt, 6088 County Road 247, Vickery, a son, Benjamin Aaron at 11:42 a.m. in Memorial Hospital, Sandusky. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hirt, Vickery. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Ada Erb, and Mrs. Christina Hirt, both of Fremont.



A **GRAIN TRUCK** overturned on County Road 198 north of the Seneca County Line Monday afternoon, spilling 354 bushels of bulk oats into a field. Driver Aren Hirt, 19, Clyde, was not injured in the

accident. The oats were recovered this morning by the Ohio Michigan Seed Company, Green Springs. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

Fremont FFA and

By MARY ATKINSON
Fremont FFA Reporter
The Fremont chapter of the Future Farmers of America and the Fremont Young Farmers Association held a combined annual banquet at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed March 17.

FFA members were presented awards for their achievements through the year and four members learned that they will receive the State Farmer Degree, the highest degree the Ohio FFA can bestow on its members.

Amy Amor, Paul Parkhurst, Emily Nitschke, and

Tracy Hull learned that their applications for the degree had been approved at the state level. The announcement was made by adviser Ken Badertscher at the banquet.

Parkhurst was the recipient of the chapter's Star Farmer Award and was presented a trophy by Glen Geib for the Fremont Savings Bank. Parkhurst also won awards for sheep production and accounting.

Miss Nitschke received awards for public speaking contests, specialty crop production, and production

and ornamental horticulture.

The Lila M. Weiler Citizenship Award was presented to Tracy Hull. The award is presented to a senior with the most citizenship, scholarship, and leadership ability. Miss Hull also received awards for livestock production, public speaking contests, and soil and water.

Michelle Wadsworth was presented the chapter's Star Greenhand Award. She also won awards for public speaking contests.

The chapter presented Honorary Chapter Farmer



AMONG SEVERAL award recipients at the Fremont FFA-YFA banquet held Thursday, March 17, were from left in back Jeff King, Jim Sachs, Tim King, Joe Steinberger, Loren Schw-

chow, and Jeff Kindred. Mary Atkinson and Emily Nitschke are in the front row. (News-Messenger photo by Liz Bobbitt)

Mrs. Maude Hirt

CLYDE — Services for Maude Hirt, 69, 418 E. Maple St., will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home with the Rev. T.F. Alexander officiating. Burial will be in McPherson Cemetery.

Mrs. Hirt, a member of the Vickery First United Methodist Church, died Saturday at 3:45 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Sandusky. She had been ill three months.

Born in York Township, June 25, 1907, she was the daughter of William and Jennie (Sherk) Hackenburg. She was graduated from York High School in 1925. She and Milan Hirt were married June 28, 1927. He died in 1964.

Surviving are a son, Larry, Bellevue; three grandchildren; three brothers, Roy, James and Lester Hackenburg, all Clyde, and a sister, Mrs. Melvin (Mae) Dymond, Bellevue.

Friends may call today until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Vickery church.

Couple wed 58 years

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. (Herman) Brugger, 3760 County Road 247, Vickery, were married 58 years ago today. Mr. Brugger and the former Freda Hirt were married April 23, 1919 by the Rev. Walter F. Tressel in Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

Mr. Brugger is a retired farmer. They are the parents of six children: John of Vickery; Mrs. Kenneth (Lillian) Arthur of Wightman's Grove; Mrs. Thelma Blair of Sandusky; Mrs. Glenn (Catherine) Genzman of Oak Harbor; Shirley, at home; and Mrs. Margaret Wynkoop of Norwalk. They have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



MISS BABIONE

among 10 individuals selected at South Shore Christmas Seal Association headquarters as recipients of scholarships to help further their education in fields related to respiratory diseases.

Each will receive a \$350 check through its second annual Respiratory Disease Scholarship Program.

Fremont's recipients are Sarah Babione, daughter of Mrs. Clarence Babione, 709 South St.,

Miss Cyndee Hirt is named Franklin County's 1977 Junior Miss



Miss Hirt, the 1977 Junior Miss, will receive a \$600 cash scholarship presented by the Greater Waynesboro Area Jaycees and four Chevrolet dealers in Waynesboro, Greencastle, Chambersburg, and Mercersburg: Hershberger, Hicks, Frank Gayman, and Bob Hoffman.

She'll also receive a silver bowl, a formal gown, a tiara, and numerous gift certificates contributed by area businesses, organizations, and individuals. The Jaycees will sponsor Miss Hirt's trip to Reading in November for the state Junior Miss finals. The winner of the state contest will compete in the national contest in Mobile, Ala.

"When my name was announced I was dumbfounded," Miss Hirt said after the pageant. "I didn't know what to do. . . I just stood there," she said, surrounded by fellow contestants, parents, and other well-wishers.

During the poise and appearance competition, the girls were asked to make a brief speech on the commitment of America's youth to the future. Miss Hirt, who won that phase of the competition, said youth "should exercise our democratic rights and make an effort to end apathy."

For her talent presentation, the new Junior Miss presented a display of her art work, which included slides and a small floor display. Included in the display were pencil portraits, string designs, jewelry, weaving, ceramic sculptures, pottery, and a pastel portrait.

Miss Hirt has a strong interest in art, and she was chosen to attend the Governor's School for the Arts this summer at Bucknell University.

The new Junior Miss is five-foot, four inches tall and has dark blonde hair. She's a member of the National Honor Society, a Student Council representative, and is a student in a fine arts course at HJC and a member of the gifted seminar.

She hopes to attend Tyler School of Arts, and is a member of Christ United Methodist Church.



CYNDEE HIRT is the Franklin County Junior Miss, read about it on Page 7.

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Cyndee Hirt

Cyndee Hirt, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hirt, 310 Grandview Ave., and a student at Waynesboro Area Senior High School. A member of the National Honor Society, she serves on the Student Council and Executive Committee and attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts this summer.

A part-time employe at Grady's, she hopes to attend Tyler School of Arts and terms herself as "very art-oriented".

Her hobbies include macrame, painting, drawing, caricatures, pastels, cartooning, and photography, and she also dances and participates in gymnastics. She'll present an art show for her talent.

Governor's School for the Arts.

By SUE ERNDE

"Having two local students chosen to attend the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts is equivalent to having one of our wrestlers win a state championship," says Tom McFarland, art instructor at Waynesboro Area Senior High School.

Cyndee Hirt, a senior at the local high school, and Lisa Sung, a junior, recently returned from a five-week workshop on the arts operated by Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

Cyndee and Lisa were among the seven students from the Lincoln Intermediate Unit chosen to participate in the tuition-free program. The LIU, which coordinated the program, comprises 25 school districts in south-central Pennsylvania.

"It's really an honor and an accomplishment to be chosen for the Governor's School," says McFarland. "Of the 2,000 who applied, only 276 were accepted. And Waynesboro, which was competing with larger schools in Harrisburg, York and Chambersburg, had two students chosen."

The school was operated from July 11 to Aug. 14. Of the seven LIU students who participated, one... Larry Newman... was from nearby Fort Loudon.

The students lived on campus, and courses in creative writing, art, photography, dance, music and theater were offered.

Cyndee, whose main area of interest is art, studied fibers and jewelry, with electives in ballet, modern dance and jazz.

Lisa, who says she's been "interested in writing since eighth grade," studied creative writing (poetry, prose, and drama), with music as her elective. An accomplished writer, she also plays piano, organ, violin, and French horn, and enjoys vocal music.

The students were permitted no visitors for the first two weeks, and were on campus for seven days a week.

During the last week of the school, McFarland visited the Bucknell campus for an

exhibit of the students' work. "There was an art exhibit, singing, dancing, theatrics and poetry. . . I was amazed at the accomplishments of the students who participated," he says.

"We were exposed to different ideas at the school, which I'm sure will provide good material for writing later on," says Lisa. "We were encouraged to return to our communities and try to develop more interest in the arts. Waynesboro is so sports-oriented," Lisa explains, "and I think there should be more emphasis on the arts."

"But I met many students at the school whose communities had absolutely no artistic programs," adds Cyndee. "We have the annual sidewalk exhibit, the Studio Club, and many other periodic exhibits. Some communities don't even have that much."

Before being admitted to the school, Cyndee and Lisa had to go through a long and intricate interview process. First, they were interviewed by the LIU and, after passing that step, went to Harrisburg for a three-hour interview.

"They asked questions about our work, asked to see our portfolios, and, in general, tried to find out just what kind of people we were," says Cyndee.

"I think the school was looking for all-around students... creative thinkers," says McFarland, "rather than those who could do only one thing."

This is the fourth year the school has been operated, and both students say they learned about the opportunity from McFarland.

Cyndee, who says she's been interested in art since seventh grade, hopes to attend Tyler School of Arts in Philadelphia. She plans to go into fashion or jewelry design.

Lisa, who hasn't made up her mind about the college she'll attend, hopes to become a music critic, combining her talent in music with her ability to write.

Both girls are enthusiastic about the benefits of the school. "I wish everyone could go," says Cyndee. "I'd never hesitate to recommend it, and I only wish more had applied."



Teacher of year is Joanne Hirt

By JoANN ROSSI
N-M Staff Writer

The good teachers she had are what inspired her to try to become one, Joanne Hirt says, and it looks like she's reached that goal: she was selected in October as the Fremont City Schools' candidate for the 1977 State Teacher of the Year Award.

"There was never a time I can recall that I didn't want and plan to become a teacher . . . I loved school and a great many of my Saturdays and Sundays were spent playing school," Mrs. Hirt stated in a

biographical sketch she wrote when she was nominated for the award.

In fact, the Lutz School first grade teacher still spends her weekends, vacations and much of her free time teaching or helping her students discover new things.

She often invites students to visit her home or to participate in outdoor activities with her during the summer. In her spare time, she enjoys reading magazines and books about teaching to help her keep up with new ideas.

Active in Grace Lutheran Church for many years, she has taught Sunday School 15 years and vacation church school 12 years, has been chairman of the church's education committee, and a member of a Bible study group and of the church council.

Mrs. Hirt was a Girl Scout troop leader for 11 years and is now service unit director of the Fremont Area Girl Scouts. Her interest in the outdoors also is demonstrated by her membership in the Rutherford B. Hayes Audubon Society and the Audubon Canoe Club.

She doesn't feel that her responsibilities to her students end at the last bell. An important factor in their education is their parents' involvement and Mrs. Hirt tries to keep in touch with parents through conferences in the classroom, by telephone or in their homes.

"I have contact with parents through school, but through the church and scouts," she said. Most parents visit their child's classroom while school is in session at least once during the year, too, she said. I think parents in Fremont are as much or more involved in school activities as parents are anywhere else," she added.

After 20 years of teaching, all of which have been at Lutz, Mrs. Hirt now observes that children are different than they were when she began teaching. "They're harder to manage," she said, noting that they seem to be more emotional problems with younger children. "I've even seen second graders with

But they're a lot more knowledgeable. Even though it has its bad points, television exposes them to many things. For example, it used to be that you could go to England to see the smaller children and they didn't know what it was. Now they're exposed to so much, they know things like that."

Mrs. Hirt has taught kindergarten through sixth grade, but enjoys working with younger children best. The age, especially first grade, is also the hardest to teach because of the responsibility involved in teaching students things for the first time in their lives, she said.

To get students more interested in learning, Mrs. Hirt said it is a good idea to let them plan some of their own activities. This works better with older students. Fifth graders last year thought up their own ideas for science and projects and reports instead of those listed in the science book.

"I went our own way, did what each child wanted and I learned a lot. If they're really interested in an idea, they can make anything work," she said. "Clear clarification is one thing that she encourages. This exercise helps students sort out their thoughts and hear other students' opinions about things they experience every day in life."

For example, Mrs. Hirt will read them a real-life situation and will ask them how they would handle it. One of the most important functions of school is to help the child find his place in society, Mrs. Hirt said. "The child must accept and respect himself before he can be happy in his relationships with others. Sincere encouragement and praise will help him feel confident in his abilities . . . I try to build on each child's success so he experiences continual progress."



GIVING SOME extra help to her first graders at Lutz School is Mrs. Merle Hirt. David Beard is reading as Jeanne Brooks, left, and Amy Wehring look on. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen.)

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Miller-Worster wedding Friday



MRS. DAVID WORSTER
(Bonnie Jean Miller)

Bonnie Jean Miller and David Lee Worster repeated their marriage vows to the Rev. Lance Franke at 7 p.m. Friday in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Lillian Arthur, Route 4, Fremont, and the late Kenneth Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Worster, 143 Lemon St., Clyde.

For the ceremony the bride chose a wine velvet victorian gown trimmed with ivory lace. Shoulder length veiling was attached to a white picture hat. She carried a crescent shaped bouquet of red and



MRS. MERLE HIRT, right, was honored Sunday by the area Girl Scout organization. She received a thanks badge, the most coveted

award in adult scouting. She is shown here with Jodi Johnston, field director for the Erie Shores Girl Scout Council. (Photo courtesy of Gary Kaltenbach)

Mrs. Merle Hirt receives top adult scouting award

A "play day" Sunday for approximately 400 Girl Scouts, leaders and friends at East Side Park turned into a surprise program honoring Joanne Hirt.

Mrs. Leo Braeunig presented Mrs. Hirt with a thanks badge, the most coveted award in adult scouting. Mrs. Ed Reineck then read all her accomplishments and credits due the honoree.

Present for the special recognition were Mrs. Hirt's husband, Merle, her father, mother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Barto and Becky of Green Springs.

Jodi Johnston, field director, presented the honored guest with red roses and "Joanne Hirt Day" signs were posted. Mrs. Gerald Myers read letters of congratulations from the Rev. Paul Fuchs, President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Helen Haas.

The potluck dinner featured a special cake reading "Congratulations Joanne"

on "Joanne Hirt Day."

Some of the other special guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Braeunig of Sandusky, Mrs. Daniel Hensinger of Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. William Fullgrabe, Elyria; Mr. and Mrs. David Audorff, and Mr. and Mrs. John Battles, Fremont. Past members of her troop and past co-leaders and helpers were also present.

The program was conducted from a trailer decorated as a stage.

Mrs. Paul Spaulding arranged the celebration assisted by Mrs. Walter Randolph, Mrs. Floyd Slatter, Mrs. Robert Blanton, Mrs. Harry Burger, Mrs. Donald Roddy, Mrs. Reineck and Connie Shoup.

Games were played after the meal by the younger scouts.

Contributions from Fremont business and professional men made the celebration possible.



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Hirt, Seckinger post 69s

Tim Hirt and Dave Seckinger burned up the Sycamore Hills Golf Club course with 69s in the first round of the Sycamore Hills Junior Golf Tournament.

Hirt, from Clyde, and Oregon resident Seckinger, forged to first day leads in the 18-19 and 16-17 boys age divisions, respectively, with the one-under-par rounds. Hirt enjoyed the biggest lead of the two — two strokes — over a quartet of other golfers in the 36 hole tourney.

Steve Stetak of Lorain, Jeff Parons of Toledo, Ted Moore of Findlay, and Vic Kubasak of Lorain all shot one over par 71s to trail Hirt.

Seckinger's 69 was a stroke better than Joe Spatafore of Union Lake, Mich. In third was Scott Malloy of Findlay with a 71 while Bill Pfefferle of Fremont is alone in fourth at 72. Other Fremonters staying close in this division included Alfonso Garcia at 73; John Cimini at 75; and Steve Pfefferle and T.J. Brudzinski with 77s.

Carroll W. Cheek, Great Scot, Inc. chairman of the board, announced new officers and directors at a recent board of directors meeting. New directors include Pete CaJacob and Mark Pehrson of Findlay. Also named to the board were Fremont store manager Larry Schepflin, Mrs. James Hof of Bowling Green and Mrs. James Milby of Cincinnati.

July 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Smith, Tiffin, a daughter, Heidi Rose, at 5:49 p.m. in Tiffin Mercy Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beier, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Smith, both of Fremont. She has a brother, Hann, who is 15 months.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of Memorial Hospital has awarded health education scholarships this year to: left to right, Debra Kwiatkowski, Deborah Hasselbach, Lisa McComas, Beth McKenzie and Sarah

Babione. The students and their mothers were guests at the auxiliary luncheon meeting Wednesday. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

Danbury board elects Bill Hirt

In a reorganizational meeting last night, Bill Hirt was elected president of Danbury Township Board of Trustees and D. S. Kirkpatrick was elected vice president. Only action taken by the trustees was to increase the rates for lots in the township cemetery and increase the cost of opening a grave. Hirt said the rates for residents of the township were raised from \$35 to \$50 and for non-residents from \$50 to \$75. Cost of opening the grave was increased from \$75 to \$100. Trustees discussed landfill rates and salaries for township employes, but took no action on either matter.

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Danbury's **Bill Hirt II**, of Bill's Implement Sales, 4485 East Bay Shore Road, has been adding to his trophy case, and wallet, with some big wins in big time tractor pulls. He competes this weekend at Lancaster, Pa., and hopes to be invited to compete at Indianapolis later. Hirt uses an Allis-Chalmers 180 diesel tractor and has been in 25 different pulls in many locations this year. His first contest in 1976 will be at the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg early in January.

Approve tractor bid

LAKESIDE-MARBLEHEAD — Danbury Township Trustees met Wednesday and approved the bid from Bill's Implement for a new tractor for the township. New tractor cost approximately \$6,900, according to Trustee R. Neil Merckens Sr. A 1946 tractor which the township road crew had been using was traded in on the new vehicle. Tractor will be used in grass and weed maintenance along the road edges and ditches.

Trustees were hosts for the meeting of the Ottawa County Trustees and Clerks Association Thursday evening. Approximately 40 persons were in attendance at the township hall. Guest speaker was George R. Huston, senior agriculture representative of Ohio Edison in charge of load management. He spoke on the energy crisis and various conservation methods including building insulations.

Local man competing in top tractor pulls

This is the "big week" for tractor pull expert **Bill Hirt Jr.**, 27, owner of Bill's Implement Sales, Inc., 4485 East Bay Shore Road. Hirt and his Allis-Chalmers D21 tractor this week are competing in four big pulls, after finishing fourth in the national tractor pull held Friday at Wood County Fair in Bowling Green.

Monday Hirt was in Lima, where he was competing in both the 7,500 and 9,500-pound class. Wednesday, the local businessman will have his tractor at the Ottawa County Fair for competition in both classes.

Thursday, Hirt will drive to Indianapolis for competition in open classes at the Indiana State Fair, and Friday, he'll compete only in the invitational 7,500-pound class at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus.

Weight transfer sleds are used in tractor pulls. Hirt, son of a Danbury Township trustee, lives in Castalia with his family. His chief mechanic, Dave Heinzl, 30, usually accompanies Hirt during tractor pull competitions, or Hirt's wife makes the trip. Hirt has been competing in top-ranked tractor pulls for the past four years, and this is the second year for his present tractor.



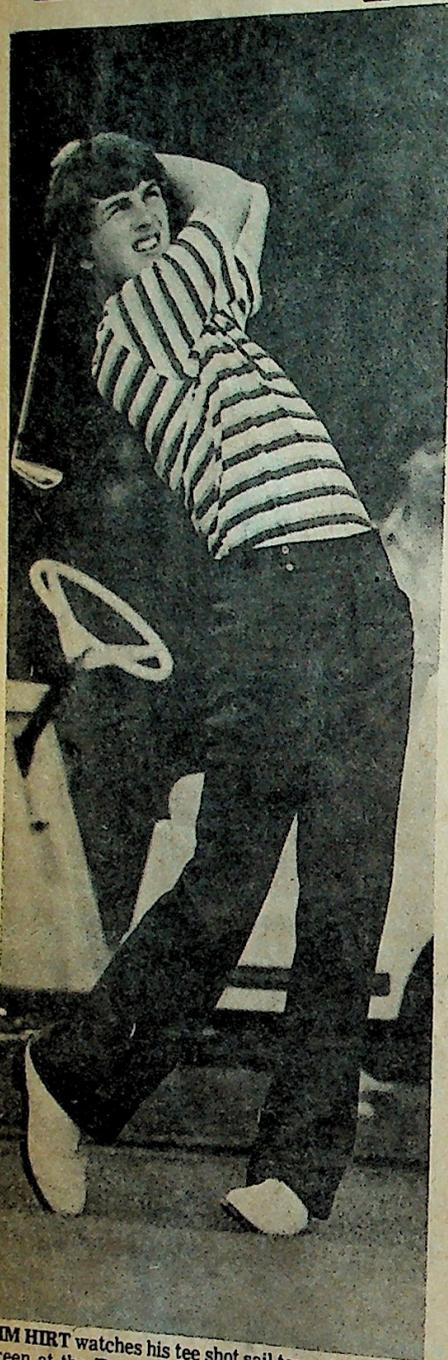
Miss America here

Laurie Lea Schaefer, Miss America for 1972, will be the Allis-Chalmers hostess at the Bill's Implement EXPO '77 being held February 4, at 4485 E. Bayshore. She will present a lively and entertaining multi-screen, musical show titled, "Proud To Be", for those attending the free EXPO. The show is scheduled to begin at 10:30-3:30. Laurie, who is a member of the company's national touring show, is an accomplished actress, and has appeared in numerous theater performances. Previous to earning the title of Miss America, she had the distinction of being crowned Miss Ohio. Bill's Implement EXPO '77 is open to the general public.

THESE ARE MORE THAN FAIR DAYS for Danbury native **Bill Hirt** of Castalia. Bill who is the son of Bill and Marian Hirt of Port Clinton East Road has finished in the big money in tractor pulling contests at the Erie County Fair, Kalamazoo and Mt. Clemens, Michigan, fairs, Lima Fair and is competing at Fremont Fair.

Hirt drops Asektine for TDGA title

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor



TIM HIRT watches his tee shot sail toward the fifth green at the Fremont Country Club Thursday afternoon. Hirt's shot was on the fringe to the left of the green. He took a double bogey five on the hole.

Mentally, Tim Hirt did not want it to happen. He really didn't think it could happen and that mental state of mind nearly cost him in the final round of the Toledo District Golf Association Junior Match Play Championships at the Fremont Country Club.

Instead, Hirt found his composure just in time to salvage a seven and six win over Chris Asektine of Sylvania. The win, not as easy as the score indicates, gave Hirt his second straight title in the 44th renewal of the junior tourney.

"I never thought that we would play," Hirt said as he relaxed on a cart after clinching the match on the 30th hole of the tourney. He was referring to the rain that forced suspension of the afternoon round for two hours and 20 minutes.

"I was talking to Kyle (Fox, the assistant golf pro at the local country club) and we were talking about clubs and everything else," Hirt said. "I just lost my mental concentration."

Before the afternoon rain that halted play after two holes, Hirt was a study in concentration. He had grabbed a five-hole lead over the first 18 by carding a 72, five shots better than Asektine.

Asektine, whose long irons consistently betrayed him by straying far to the right, suffered a roller coaster round in the morning. He had a whopping 10 bogies and three birdies in the morning round. Hirt, meanwhile, played consistently and did not make a bogey until the 14th. That bogey did not hurt as Asektine also bogied the par-three, 217-yard hole.

On the 17th, Hirt hooked his drive out-of-bounds and settled for a double bogey four. Asektine bogied the hole to cut Hirt's lead to four but a par for Hirt on 18 gave him the five-hole lead as morning play ended.

Hirt, 18, started out the afternoon round with a hot hand. A birdie at one gave him a six-hole lead. It was the second time up to that point that he had led by six.

Hirt followed the birdie with a par on the second hole while Asektine struggled to a bogey on the par-four, 363-yard hole. Hirt led by seven and appeared untouchable.

That's when the sky opened up and Hirt lost his key weapon: concentration.

When play resumed, Asektine had the hot hand and Hirt was groping in the dark, struggling to find his game. Asektine won the third, fourth, and fifth holes, to cut Hirt's lead to four.

"I just wanted to win a hole," Hirt said, "just to get him stopped."

That stop sign was erected by Hirt on the 395-yard seventh hole when he missed the par-four hole on his second shot but flipped an iron to within five feet and rolled it in for a par. That put his lead back to five and Asektine had the anchor attached.

A par on the par-three eighth hole gave Hirt a six-hole lead and it stayed that way until the 12th.

After sinking a clutch four-foot putt to halve the 11th hole, Hirt lofted an eight-iron over the pin on the par-three, 125-yard 12th, and watched as it backed up to within five feet of the hole. Asektine flew the green and took three to get down. Hirt missed the birdie putt but easily canned the par for the win.

Aug. 2 — Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Miller, 3926 Ashlawn, Brunswick, are parents of a son Robert A. Miller Jr. The couple also has a daughter Carolyn Ann. Mrs. Miller is the former Pat Troxel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Troxel, Fremont. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. J. H. Thomas Miller Jr., Solon, Ohio.

Sept. 25 — Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirt, 807 Ewing St., a son at 10:15 a.m. in Memorial Hospital. The mother is the former Marsha Theller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Theller, Fremont. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hirt, also Fremont.

Descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt held their 61st reunion Sunday at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds with 100 members and guests attending.

The potluck dinner was followed by the business meeting and program with Gary Hirt presiding. The following new officers were elected: Carl Hirt, president; Dick Schepflin, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

Special awards were given Troy Schepflin, Marsha Hirt, Cindy Hirt and Helen Hirt. Janet Brindley was remembered for traveling the farthest.

Mrs. Helen Kistler Beier reported the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Hans Kistler of Jengenstorf, Switzerland, who brought with them the Kistler family tree dating back to 1540. They were anxious to visit the Kistler homestead in Riley Township now owned by the Walter Kistlers.

Committee this year included Ken and Marg Hirt, Dan and Daun Diedrich, Dave and Janese Diedrich, Grace Zilles, Ruth Peffly, Bruce and Marsha Hirt, Doug and Jean Hirt, Betty Hirt, Helen Hiebel and Marian Diedrich.



FOUR FREMONT FFA'ers took projects to the Ohio State Fair and helped set up the chapter's booth. From left, Dave Knipp, Gary Root, and on the trailer, Greg Diedrich and Tim Bender. (Fremont FFA photo)

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CUP RUNNETH OVER FOR JUNIOR GOLFER OF YEAR
 Tim Hirt presented Stranahan Trophy by Ned Thomas, TJGA president

Hirt Wins Award As Top Junior Golfer

By HAL SHANAHAN
 Blade Sports Writer

Junior Golf champions in the Toledo area were honored Monday at Toledo Country Club with special accolades going to Clyde, O., native Tim Hirt, who plays out of Fremont Country Club.

Winner of the Toledo Junior Championship in June, Hirt came back early this month and won a major senior tourney, the Toledo District Golf Association medal-play event.

The junior-senior conquest was unprecedented in the history of the TDGA, and Hirt accomplished two other first-ever feats Monday.

Judged by the Toledo Junior Golf Association board of directors as displaying not only fine playing ability, but, more importantly, those qualities of fair play, honesty, respect for fellow competitors, sportsmanship, and dedication, the 18-year-old Hirt was honored with the Frank Stranahan "Player of the Year, award.

He also won the Stranahan award in 1976, making him the first two-time winner.

Then, by a vote of other junior golfers, Hirt won the Paul Hahn Sportsmanship award given to one of their ranks who displays the qualities they feel makes a great sportsman.

Winning both the Stranahan and Hahn awards in the same season is also unprecedented.

That was not the final honor for Hirt, who is bound for the University of Toledo in the fall to become a member of coach Don Kotnik's golf team.

The TJGA announced college loan grant winners Monday at a banquet following annual Toledo Junior Tournament Champions, and Hirt was one of recipients along with Chuck Gioffre, Iron, O., bound for Bowling Green State University; Mark Augsburg, Toledo, headed for TU, and Doug Jacobs, Tecumseh, Mich., bound for TU.

soff of Columbiana, O., with a 40-47-87 over the women's par of 34-38-72.

The juniors conclude their summer season Thursday and Friday in the Whiteford Valley Junior Open at Ottawa Lake, Mich., a 36-hole tourney open to boys and girls in age divisions of 8-9 10-11, 12-13, and 14-17.

BOYS

Greg Fields, Lima	34-37-71
Bill Wroble, Sylvania	34-38-72
*Bill Williams, Lexington, Ky.	35-38-73
Lew Dickey, Toledo	36-37-73
Mike Dopsloff, Toledo	37-37-74

*Won playoff for third place.

76—Tim Hirt, Clyde; James Bryan, Gettysburg, Pa.; Mark Nickerson, Toledo.
77—Dick Thornhill, Sylvania; Barry Boniface, Findlay.
78—Tom Sandy, Toledo.
79—Jeff Parsons, Toledo.
80—Mike O'Donnell, Toledo; Geoff Fedurek, Toledo.
81—Chuck Gioffre, Huron; Rick Conini, Lima; Dan Ross, Toledo; Chris Aseltine, Sylvania.
82—Dave Seckinger, Oregon.
83—Cam Smith, Toledo; Dave Jagodzinski, Toledo.
84—Todd Korbas, Shelby; Mike Miller, Lima; John Spengler, Toledo; Doug Jacobs, Tecumseh, Mich.
92—Al Garcia, Fremont.
Withdraw—Ted Moore, Findlay. Did not show—Joe Sealafore, Union Lake, Mich.; Ed Falter, Genoa.

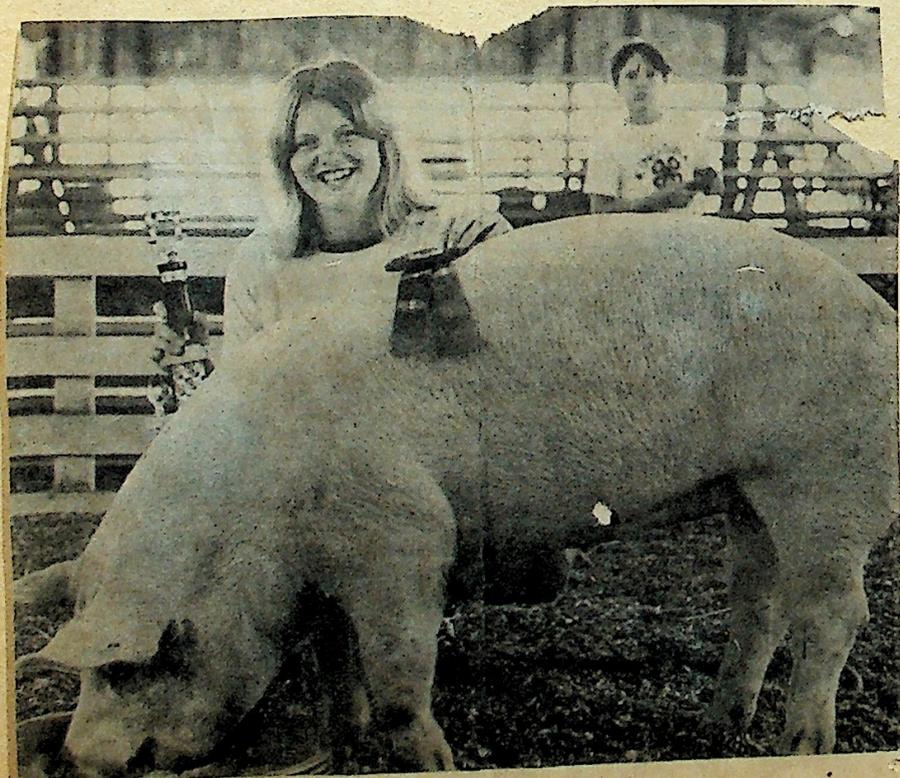
GIRLS

87—Pam Ossoff, Columbiana, O.
88—Vickie Bennett, Toledo.
90—Cathy Hackett, Toledo.
DNS—Cindy Figg, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

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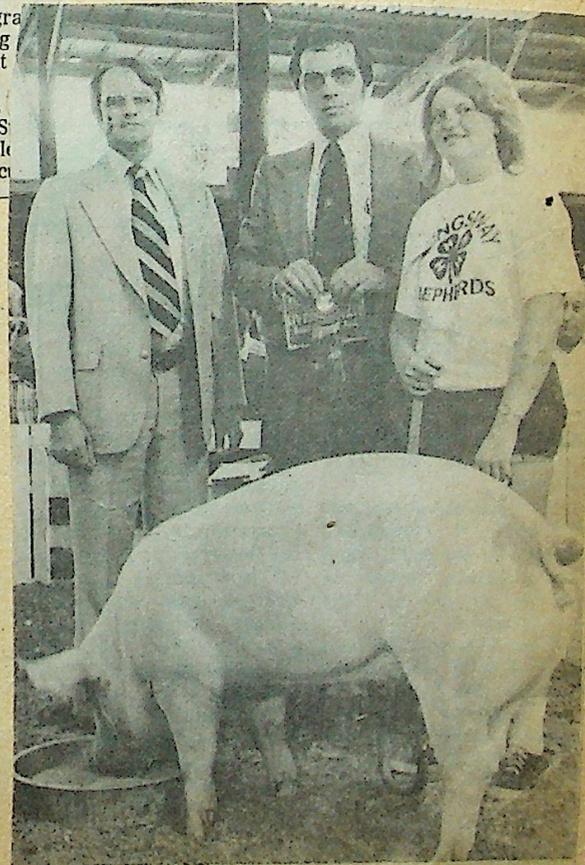
The 240 pound Junior Fair Reserve Champion Market Hog, raised by Mary Atkinson, Fremont, was sold to Wollam and Hiser, Co., Fostoria, for \$1.55 per pound.

Nov. 15 — Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schepflin, 926 Stilwell Ave., a son at 1:31 p.m. in Memorial Hospital.



MARY ATKINSON, Kingsway Shepherds, is all smiles after her 4-H Market hog was named Junior Fair

Reserve Champion Thursday morning at the Sandusky County Fair.



Mary Atkinson, left, received \$1.55 per pound for her Reserve Champion Market Hog from two representatives of Wollam and Hiser, Co., Fostoria.

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Hirt honored as Elks' new Exalted Ruler

Members and guests of Bellevue Elks Lodge 1013 will be giving recognition tonight to incoming Exalted Ruler Gary L. Hirt, 500 N. Sandusky, as they gather for the annual Inaugural Ball.

The dinner-dance is staged each year in Elks Clubrooms, 214 W. Main St., under the direction of the immediate past exalted ruler.

Joining Hirt in the spotlight this evening are his officers Esteemed Leading Knight Barry Reitz, Esteemed Loyal Knight Don French, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Paul Innat, Chaplain Merl McConkey, Treasurer LaMar Schmitz, and Secretary Richard Andrews. Trustees are Donn Rospert, William Stedman, PER, and Mike Tonovitz, PER.

Official duties

All will be installed in office at the regular meeting on April 6 when Hirt will assume his official duties.

Manager of The Gazette Publishing Co., Hirt has been a member of the Elks for 12 years, having joined the Fremont Lodge in 1965. He has been an officer of the local lodge for three years.

As Exalted Ruler Hirt said, "It is my hope that we will continue the successful, on-going projects which the Elks have maintained as well as initiating new projects."

He noted that the annual Elks Charity Ball is the "longest continuing charitable function in Bellevue" and said that the name "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks" implies their concern for charitable causes. Funds from functions held throughout the year are used to support various charities.

Especially proud

Hirt said that he is especially proud of the Elks' sponsorship of the annual Bellevue High School Scholastic Dinner, held in May, when recognition is paid to local youths who have exhibited a high degree of scholastic achievement. "It is an honor to acknowledge the exceptional



GARY L. HIRT

contribution of these students to the school system, their families and the community," he said.

The new exalted ruler and his wife, Karen, plan to attend the upcoming state Elks Convention, held in April in Columbus, and will be participating in the National Elks' Convention in New Orleans in July. Mr. and Mrs. Hirt are the parents of two sons, Brian and Kurt.

Arrangements for this evening's Inaugural Ball were made by the immediate Past Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Robert Ruffing, and their committees: Kitchen, Ernie Widner, PER; Sid Creech, and Edith Morfieri;

Decorations, Bob and Sharon Smith, Bob and Nancy Young, Tom and Vicky Rennick, and Vi Santoro;

Greeters, PER Fred and Chris Edwards, and PER Russ and Em Ruppert; Tickets, Dean Myers;

Refreshments, Bob Smith, Vi Santoro, and Connie Diebert;

Flowers are provided by Schindley's Flower Mart.

Hirt family has reunion

Mrs. C.T. Hiebel was hostess when the descendants of Lewis S. and Clara Werth Hirt gathered for their 14th annual potluck dinner Saturday evening at Riley Grange Hall. Fifty-four members and guests were in attendance.

Table decorations were unique, consisting of corn husk dolls, gourds, corn, leaves and fall floral arrangements.

Mrs. Kenneth Arthur, Eric and Matthew White, Brian Hirt, Matthew Manifold, James and Gregory Diedrich, Mrs. Herman Brugger, Mrs. Russell Hirt, and Sandra Thompson received special awards.

Attending from out of town were: James H. Diedrich, Anchorage, Alaska; Attorney Robert W. Genzman, and guest, from Washington D.C.; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Manifold and family, Dayton; Margaret Wynkoop and guests, Missy, Scott, Eric and Matthew White of Norwalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Peffly will arrange for the 1978 event to be held on Nov. 4 at the grange hall.

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Hirt loses in semis

TOLEDO — Tim Hirt of the Fremont Country Club lost in the semifinals Thursday at the Toledo District Golf Association Match-Play Championship here at Brandywine Country Club.

After beating two-time champ Buck Baumann of Fremont one up in 19 holes in the quarterfinals Thursday, Hirt was beaten 5-3 by Denny Spencer of Highland Meadows in Toledo in the semis.

Spencer, a former champion, will battle Lee

Raymond in today's finals. Raymond was the qualifying medalist going into the tournament.

Hirt beat Charles Emmecker 3-2 and Gordon Meek two up in action Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals. Baumann defeated Fremont Tom Dewey Jr. one up and Paul Betz 7-6 in action Wednesday.

Another Fremont Rob Hall, was beaten 3-2 by Tim Jones of Highland Meadows on Wednesday.

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Holding down the fort

While romping around in the snow Monday afternoon, these young men borrowed a neighbor's snow fort and igloo so they could rest up a bit. From left are Chris Hirt, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hirt, 918 Woodland

St.; Jason Holbrook, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Holbrook, 1401 Smith Road; and Chad Brown, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, 1714 Hayes Ave. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)



Learning a new skill

Members of both sexes recently learned how to knit in Mrs. Charles Hutchings' fifth grade class at Croghan Elementary School. Mrs. Hutchings explained that the knitting is not a replacement for any schoolwork but a project to keep her students busy during rainy recess periods. Troy Schepflin, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schepflin, 204 Norbert Drive, demonstrates his ability while working on a scarf he can use when the weather gets really cold again. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)

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Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Hirt, Vickery, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Merry Lyn to Timothy R. Hinaman of Columbus, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Hinaman.

Miss Hirt is a graduate of Ross High School and Capital University. She is employed as a sales representative by the Keebler Co. in the Columbus area. Mr. Hinaman is a graduate of North High School, Columbus, and attended Ohio State University before serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is currently employed by the Southland Corporation as a zone security supervisor.

The couple will be married May 13, 1978 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

*To have
and to hold
from this day
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for better, for
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for richer, for
poorer, in
sickness and
in health,
to love and to
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FFA projects go to state level

By MARY ATKINSON
FFA Reporter
The treasurer's and

secretary's books of the Fremont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) received first place ratings at District 5 Evaluation, Feb. 14, and now qualify for state evaluation.

provement; Tracy Hull, first in horse production; Brad Edmonds, second place in agricultural processing; and Mary Atkinson, third place in swine production.



MARY ATKINSON, left, takes notes as Tim King counts money. The two Fremont FFA members received first place in District 5 competition for the reporter's book and the treasurer's book, respectively. (News-Messenger photo by Chris McWhirter)

Tim King, treasurer, submitted his book, which listed all the financial activities of the chapter. King was responsible for all of the chapter's money.

Mary Atkinson, reporter, attended the FFA activities and wrote articles about the events. She then sent the information to area newspapers.

Greg Diedrich received a gold rating on the secretary's book.

The chapter also took six various placings in proficiency awards from among 1,430 applicants. The Fremont winners were: Emily Nitschke, first in both agricultural sales and service and floriculture; and second place in home im-



Mary Atkinson is one of three State Farmer Degree recipients from the Fremont FFA Chapter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Atkinson, 257 County Road 119.

Her FFA projects include a swine farrowing and feeding operation, 10 acres of corn, 10 acres of sugar beets, and 10 acres of soybeans. She has also received general farm experience.

Miss Atkinson served as the chapter reporter and received first place reporter's notebook on the district level. She was also active in many chapter activities.

Hirt 3rd in MAC tourney

OXFORD, Ohio — Clyde High School graduate and Fremont Country Club golfer Tim Hirt tied for third at the Mid-American Conference Invitational Golf Tournament Monday at the Hueston Woods Golf Course.

Playing for the University of Toledo, Hirt shot a 36-hole total of 147, three strokes behind medalist Tim Tierney of team champion Eastern Kentucky.

Also tying Hirt for third on the soggy course were Dave Knee of Notre Dame and Mike Burke of Miami. Miami's Dave Brilliant was second with a 146. Hirt is a freshman at Toledo.

Eastern Kentucky came from seven strokes back to win the event with 752. Miami, in seventh at the halfway mark of the tournament, rallied to finish second at 757. First round leader Notre Dame was third with 760, while Western Michigan was fourth with 763 and Illinois State fifth with 769.

Rounding out the 15-team field were Ball State and Bowling Green 722, Northern Illinois 773, Toledo 774, Ohio University 778, Kent State 783, Cincinnati 787, Wisconsin 790, Eastern Michigan 793 and Central Michigan 800.

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Miss Hirt weds William Pert

The Rev. Paul Fuchs officiated Saturday when Cynthia Louise Hirt and William George Pert were united in marriage by a 1:30 p.m. ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hirt of 639 Gibson St., was attended by Vikki Stoia as maid of honor. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pert of 1217 Croghan St., was

attended by his brother, Andy Pert, as best man.

The reception was held at the bride's parents' home.

The new Mrs. Hirt, a 1976 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, is employed as a nurse's aide at Fremont Memorial Hospital. Her husband, a 1975 graduate of St. Joseph High School, is employed at the Northwestern Sugar Co.

The couple will reside at 136 Austin St.

Evening ceremony held

Merry Lyn Hirt and Timothy Raymond Hinaman were united in marriage Saturday evening at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery. The Rev. Lance Franke, assisted by the Rev. Kirk Harel of Providence Lutheran Church in Holland, officiated at the 7 o'clock service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Hirt, Vickery. A graduate of both Fremont Ross High School and Capital University in Columbus, she is currently employed as a sales representative for the Keebler Co.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Hinaman, Columbus. Zone security director for the Southland Corporation, he is a graduate of North High School and Ohio State University in Columbus.

The bride was dressed in a white jersey gown with scalloped neckline, bodice embroidered with lace and pearls, and long lace sleeves. Her fingertip-length veil of silk illusion was edged in the same lace as on the dress. Her bouquet was a cascade of white roses and baby's breath surrounding pearl orange blossoms from the head-piece of her mother's wedding veil.

She also carried a handmade white handkerchief carried by her mother 29 years ago, her grandmother, 54 years ago and her great-grandmother, 81 years ago.

Mrs. Debbie Hirt, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore a peach knit crepe gown with yoke neckline, raglan sleeves, mock blouse and belted waistline. She carried a colonial bouquet of white daisy mums and yellow carnations.

Kay Klamfoth, Wendy Sherick and Pat Hite were the bridesmaids. Their gowns were the same as the matron of honor's dress only in a peach, yellow and white print. All wore daisy mums in their hair and opal necklaces, a gift from the bride.

Holly Wott, cousin of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid. Her gown was of peach knit crepe with empire waist and a bertha collar. She carried a white lace basket with white daisies and yellow carnations.

Daniel Laverack was the best man. Guests were ushered to their seats by Ken Hirt, brother of the bride; William Bybee and Robert MacDonald.

For the wedding and the reception at the U.A.W. Hall, Sandusky, the bride's mother chose a powder blue A-line crepe dress with white cuffs and collar. Mrs. Hinaman wore a dove grey ballerina-length gown. Both had corsages of white daisy pom-poms and white lace bows.

An exact replica of the bride's parents wedding cake was served.

The couple will reside at 4333 Sibley St., Columbus.

Couple wed on March 17

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Karen Peters and James J. Vasill Jr. were married at 6:30 p.m. March 17 in Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston. The Rev. Donald B. Corbin and the Rev. Tom Gallagher officiated.

The bride and bridegroom, who both graduated from Oak Harbor High School, are residing in Graytown. She is a nursing student at Michael J. Owens and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zibbel, Graytown and Jon G. Peters, Fremont. He is employed at the Chrysler Corp., Perrysburg, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Vasill Sr., Graytown.

The new Mrs. Vasill was attended by Becky Beshalske as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Dawn Grieger and Connie Schepflin, cousins of the bride, and Mrs. Arlene Schepflin, aunt of the bride.

Amy Jo Schepflin, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

The bride's gown had silk venise lace flowers and seed pearls on the fitted empire bodice and encircling the open neckline, forming a fitted band at the neck. A wateau train covered the shoulders and matching lace edged the angel sleeves. Lace and seed pearls covered the Juliet cap, which held a cathedral-length veil.

She carried the white lace handkerchief made by her mother, Sylvia Zibbel, and used at her own confirmation, and wore the diamond earrings, which her step-father gave to her mother for their wedding. Her flowers were a cascade bouquet of silk stephanotis, ivy and gardenias.

The attendants wore shrimp colored polyester dresses with accordion pleats, fitted bodice, spaghetti straps and sheer capes. They carried peach, apricot and gold bouquets of silk and dried flowers and wore flowers in their hair.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, David Vasill, as best man. The ushers were Tom Distel and Jake Distel Jr., cousins of the bridegroom and Jon P. Peters, brother of the bride. Jason Tomor, cousin of the bridegroom, was the ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a long green dress with a green, white and shrimp floral jacket. The bridegroom's mother wore a long, mint green dress with matching sheer cape. Both wore orchids, roses and baby's breath.

The reception was at IOF Union Hall, Rossford.

Huss will retire

Fremont Police Det. Phil Huss notified the city today that he intends to retire June 9.

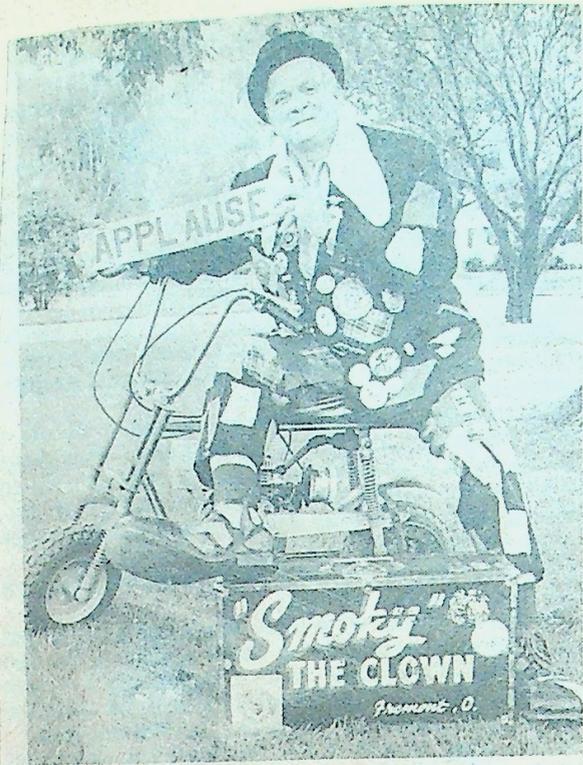
He has been on the police force for 29½ years and has been a detective for 17 years.

Huss is also known in the Fremont area as "Smoky the Clown" and said he plans to devote more time to that activity.



Band officers

Students who were elected to serve as Ross High School Band officers during the next school year are, from left in back row, Tammy Adams, publicity manager; Joe Hirt, vice president; Marty Harlan, treasurer; and front row, Kathy Harman, secretary; and Ken Dymond, president. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)



Applause Yes, it's a fitting time to applaud the efforts of Phil Huss, now retired Fremont policeman, who has done much for the young people of the community. He will continue to do much for them as Smoky the Clown.

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Huss will continue helping community's young

By ELIZABETH BOBBITT
News-Messenger Staff Writer

The Fremont Police Department may have lost "one hell of a good cop" Friday when Philip B. Huss officially retired, but Fremont and countless other cities gained a full-time clown.

Huss, 55, retired after serving 29½ years on the department as a patrolman, then a juvenile officer, then detective patrolman and juvenile officer. Chief Joseph Forgatsch said Huss "did a hell of a good job. We're going to miss him around here."

Despite his retirement, Huss, also well known as Smoky the Clown for the last 24 years, will turn to his clowning as a second full-time career. The man loves people and it is clear he thrives on their laughter.

So far, he has lived a life fuller than most of us could hope to imagine, so much so that it is embarrassing. He says he is pleased with his life and is thankful he has been a success.

Huss was born Feb. 2, 1923, on a farm in Riley Township to Harry and Anna Huss. At 14, he was

already a rowdy, strapping youth who turned his energies to the fight ring.

His boxing career won him many titles, like the 1940 Light Heavyweight Champion of Toledo, winner of the Lorain Golden Gloves Tournament in 1941, and Sectional Heavyweight Champ in Lima, but he was defeated for the state title by an older coal miner from West Virginia.

It was interrupted in 1941, a year after he graduated from Ross High School, when he sped over some railroad tracks in Erlin, lost control of his car on the icy road and struck a tree. Huss lost all his teeth, was unconscious for a week and it was two weeks before doctors could operate on him. His strength saved him, but he still wears a scar on his chin from that day.

The accident took him out of the ring for two years and prevented him from joining the Marine Corps (they require a certain number of teeth), so he joined the Navy and was fighting once again in September of 1942. He won the title of Heavyweight Fleet Champion in the Pacific in 1943 and 1944 and won a fight with Joe Muscato, who was rated fifth in line for the world heavyweight crown.

Although his boxing days are over, Huss says he still works out. "I'm very fortunate. I've kept my body in good shape and that has helped in my police work. I've also been blessed with good health. I've found many times that physical fitness was a good advantage in my work."

Back in the states, Huss met and married Martha L. Martindale of Burlington, Iowa, in 1946 and two years later he was discharged from the service as a First Class Boatswain's Mate.

Never willing to pass up a good offer, Huss accompanied a Navy friend into the circus where he became a daring young man on a flying trapeze. He flew through the air with ease under the Ringling Brothers big top where he met some of the famous clowns, such as Felix Adler, "King of the Clowns;" Emmett Kelly and Otto Griebing.

But Huss gave up his trapeze and finally returned to Fremont and ran for sheriff against Fred H. (Ted) Paul. Paul won, but Huss was asked to join the police department as a temporary replacement when Joe Biggs was killed on duty. Later that year, he took the civil service examination, scored high and was appointed to the department on Jan. 22, 1949.

Huss spent 13 years as a patrolman before he was reassigned on April 1, 1962, as a juvenile officer. After Forgatsch became chief, he changed Huss' job title to detective patrolman and juvenile officer.

"I've enjoyed life as a policeman. There are two reasons I became a clown. I wanted to get back into the circus and also as a clown, I wanted to let children know that clowns love children the same as policemen love children and that policemen love children the same as clowns do.

"I think I've been successful in my work. I just wish that every officer loved and enjoyed his duties as much as I have. It's been a great life. I really do love and enjoy people," Huss continued.

"I'd like to thank the residents of Fremont and



PHIL HUSS relaxes in his home with one of his three dogs. Huss is the father of three children, Brenda, Marsha Smith, both of Fremont, and Philip, Oak

Forest, Ill., and grandfather to five children. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Bomeli.)

Sandusky County for cooperating and in being able to successfully perform my duties. I'm proud and happy to be able to serve the public for many years.

"I believe I'm one of the most fortunate persons in the world, to be successful in both professions, as cop and clown. Life has been very exciting," he said.

As life can be exciting, it can also be frustrating and Huss has also felt that while investigating cases and attempting to take them to court.

"Juvenile and adult courts today are being too lenient in handing down sentences. Too many courts are turning dangerous criminals out. They are released back into society way too soon before they are, so called, rehabilitated. Rehabilitation is not effective.

"Prisons are overcrowded. They should build more and keep serious offenders there longer, out of society. The policeman's hands are tied too much. We are really limited in what authority we have today. Also, too many cases are settled out of court by the attorneys. There is too much plea bargaining in the court system today. It seems as though people are

getting more punishment on minor misdemeanors than on serious felonies."

Back to the subject of clowning, Huss said that he wants to "continue to live a very healthy and happy life by entertaining the public."

"When I decided to become a clown 24 years ago, I just made up my mind and that was it. I had no coaching and one of the greatest challenges I had was that first night I walked out onto the Fremont Speedway in these patched up clothes and makeup, a small boy asked me what I was doing. I told him, 'Well, I'm going to show you and a whole lot of other people.'"

Huss has shown what he can do and is now so popular that business comes to him without solicitation. Smoky the Clown, taken from a tom cat Huss had at the time, has built up his act to include several scooters, a bucking Ford and a new invention he has not let anyone see yet.

His wish to become a full-time clown fulfilled, now all is left is to start his own circus. "I'll call it Smoky the Clown and his Dingaling Circus."



PHIL HUSS, OR SMOKY THE CLOWN, Huss officially retired in his badge Friday and now will only wear medals of his clown days.

Hirts honeymoon in Canada

Honeymooning in Canada are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edward Hirt, who were married Saturday evening by the Rev. Lance Franke in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery.

The former Patricia Ann Hite is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hite, 610 S. Buchanan St., Fremont. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hirt, 4080 County Road 247, Vickery.

Sheer English net and Brussels lace accented the organza gown worn by the bride as her father escorted her to the altar. The net and lace created a V-yoke on the princess fashion and the lantern sleeves were of matching lace. Venise lace inserts were set over the hipline and matching lace edged the flared skirt ruffle and chapel-length train. Matching lace also covered her headband which held the ballerina-length illusion veil edged in Brussels lace. She carried a crescent-shaped bouquet of white sweetheart rosebuds, roses, soft blue miniature carnations and foliage.

Each of her attendants were dressed in pale blue Qiana jersey. These were designed with cowl necklines, capped sleeves, and accordion pleated skirts. Their flowers were cascades of lavender statice, blue and soft pink miniature carnations combined with three large white glameillas and mixed foliage. Each wore a cluster of silk blooms in her hair.

Mrs. Joseph Darr, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were a niece, Betsy Hite; Donna Brown; and the bridegroom's sister, Merry Hinaman.

Serving as best man was Tim Montgomery. Ushers were Tim Wott, a cousin, and brothers, Joel and John Hirt.

The reception was held at the Izaak Walton League.

Mrs. Hite appeared in an apricot jersey gown with a high neckline, long tapered sleeves and a soft side-draped skirt. Her corsage

was melon rosebuds and stephanotis.

The bridegroom's mother chose a red floral gown with white background featuring cape sleeves. Her flowers were red rosebuds and stephanotis.

The couple, both graduates of Ross High School, class of 1976, will reside at 4787 County Road 247, Vickery.

She also attended the University of Akron and is employed at Joseph's store. He is employed by Clifford Meek of Vickery.



MRS. PAUL E. HIRT
(Patricia A. Hite)

Steven Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hirt, Fostoria, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hirt, Fremont, has been

promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class in the U.S. Navy. Hirt is a student at the Naval Consolidated Electronics Warfare School in Pensacola, Fla. A 1977 graduate of Fostoria High School, he joined the Navy last June.

Laura Hirt, 1971 Ross High School graduate, has been accepted to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University. She also attended Texas Lutheran College for two years and received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirt, 738 Sixth St.



Winners

Ruth Wagner, left, and Marty Smith won the Sycamore Hills Two-Women Best Ball Golf Tournament. The duo defeated Kay Stein and Betsy Walters six and five in the finals. (N-M photo by Dan Bomeli)

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Country Club

June 17 -- Mr. and Mrs. William Pert, 136 Austin St., a daughter at 12:52 p.m. in Memorial Hospital.

July 6 -- Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Martin, 916 County Road 97, are the parents of a son, born at 5:58 p.m. at Fremont Memorial Hospital.

Cook wins unique double; Hirt, Baumann in top 20

COLUMBUS — Clyde's Tim Hirt finished in a tie for eighth and Buck Baumann of Fremont shared 15th place following the final round Friday of the 72nd Annual Ohio Amateur Golf Tournament at the Columbus Country Club.

Hirt shot a 76 Friday to give him a four-day total of 302, nine strokes back of tournament champion John Cook of Upper Arlington and an Ohio State University golfer. Hirt shared ninth with Rick Borg of Upper Arlington.

Baumann had his second straight round of 78 Friday to give him a total of 305. He tied Scott McDannold of Worthington and Dan Carmichael of Columbus.

Both Hirt and Baumann play out of the Fremont Country Club.

Ned Maxwell of Upper Arlington shared sixth at 300.

Cook's five-over-par triumph in his first entry into the tournament, gave him the state crowns for both California in 1975 and Ohio this year.

He became the youngest golfer ever to win the Governor's Cup, first presented in 1919 by the late Gov. James M. Cox.

It was Cook's fifth major win of the season in college and amateur play. A high

school student in California, Cook won the Big 10 conference individual championship this year and just two weeks ago he won the Northeast Amateur title at Providence, R.I.

While he was winning the state Amateur crown, Cook's sister, Kathy, a freshman-to-be at Ohio State, was carding the low amateur score of 74 in the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament at Riviera Country Club.

Hirt Best Area Shooter In Ohio Am Tournament

Tim Hirt of Clyde, O., a Fremont Country Club member, led the Toledo area golfers in the 72nd Ohio Amateur tournament at Columbus Country Club with a final total of 302. He tied for eighth place.

The tourney champion, John Cook of Upper Arlington, shot a 291.

Jeff Parsons, from Heather Downs CC, was next highest of the Toledoans with a 303. He was tied with Jeff Mawhorr of Shelby.

Others: Buck Baumann, Fremont CC, 305; Denny Spencer, Highland Meadows, 307; Pat Delaney, Findlay CC, 314.



BILL HIRT of Port Clinton drives his "Running Bare II" down the track in a cloud of dust for a distance of 256 feet and four inches to win the 7,500-pound modified class at the tractor pull Wednesday night at the Ottawa County Fair. The event had been delayed for three hours because of poor track conditions. Hirt was also second in the 9,500-pound modified class. Other winners were John Brough, Oak Harbor, 6,500 lightweight; Jim Dippman, Curtice, 8,500-pound light middleweight; Dan Utz, 10,000-pound middleweight; Roger Daniel, 12,000-pound light heavyweight; Jim Schumaker, 15,000-pound heavyweight; Gary Buhrow, 9,500-pound modified and Judy Buhrow, Limestone, 12,000 powder puff. (Youth Press Corps photo)

Hutchinson to travel to Brazil



Patricia A. Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hutchinson of 110 Ottekee Drive, will be spending this summer in Brazil for AFS.

The Perrysburg's Chapter of American Field Service has just received word from the New York office that Senior Patti Hutchinson will be sent to the Southern Hemisphere to

live in a Portuguese home from the end of June to the end of August. Christopher Johnson, son of Mrs. Ralph Johnston, is the other Senior from Perrysburg High School who is an AFS finalist.

Patti has followed an academic course through high school and has been listed on the Scholastic Honor Roll. Besides contributing as an issue editor of the school newspaper, Patti has contributed substantially to sports. She plays on the girls' varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams, as well as the Zoar Lutheran Summer softball team. In her Freshman year she played clarinet in the band. "Who's Who Among American High School Students" now lists Patti in its recent issue.

Outside of school activities, Patti has won 1st place in Wood County for sewing projects in 4-H. She

has participated in Girl Scouts and was involved with a troop's visit to Europe and to the Grand Canyon. Her volunteer work has been at Vistula Manor. Periodically Patti has been able to work at the Brandywine Country Club in Maumee.

After returning from Brazil Patti will be attending Miami University at Oxford, Ohio as a Biology major.

The next meeting of the Perrysburg Chapter of American Field Service will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Way Public Library on Wednesday, June 7th. This will be a business meeting as there will be no AFS bus trip for Perrysburg this summer.

Mrs. Lyle Hirt named delegate

Mrs. Lyle E. Hirt, 4080 County Road 247, Vickery, a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, is a delegate representing the Ohio District of the American Lutheran Church at the Sixth National Triennial Convention of the American Lutheran Church Women to be held Aug. 9 to 11 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Others from the area who will be attending are Mrs. Willis Walker, Gibsonburg, the second delegate, and several busloads of visitors.

The convention, which is expected to attract about 7,000 registrants, will open with a "Musical Extravaganza" featuring Dave Brubeck. Throughout the convention, with the theme "In Christ — Called to Be," there will be speakers, and on Thursday, the speakers will be from overseas.

The American Lutheran Church Women is an auxiliary of the 2.5 million member American Lutheran Church, with general offices in Minneapolis. Membership of the group is estimated at 500,000.

In the amateur division, Tim Hirt of Clyde took the title with a 71 on nines of 33 and 38. Glenn Apple of North Olmstead was second with 72 and John Dewey of the local club was third with a 72. Rob Hall, another Fremont was fourth with 75 and Jack Cooper, the defending amateur champ, was fifth with a 76.



AMATEUR CHAMP Tim Hirt ran into a bit of trouble on the par-three 14th hole. His shot out of the trap was short and he had to settle with a bogey.

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Casper Hirt family has 62nd reunion

The Sandusky County Fairgrounds was the site of the 62nd annual reunion of the Casper Hirt family with 146 members and guests present.

After a potluck meal was enjoyed, a program and business meeting was held. The program began with a flag ceremony by Helen Hiebel, using the American flag that was given to the family on July 11, 1978. The flag had flown over the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., and was sent by attorney Robert Genzman.

Helen Beier presented the group with a book written about Stillie, Switzerlan, the birthplace of Casper Hirt, and enlarged picture of the Hirt Brothers was given to the group by Richard Hirt.

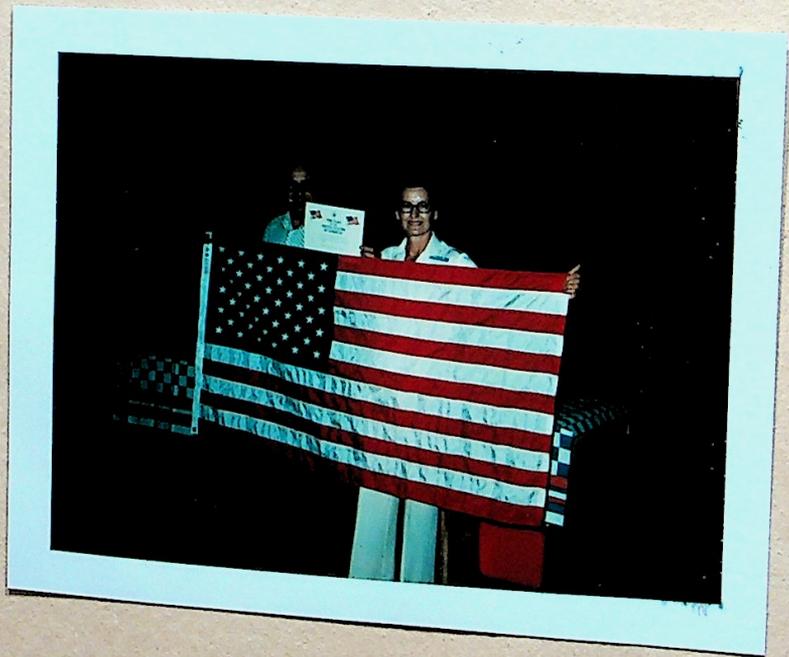
A baby bank was presented to Robert Allen

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Martin, for being the youngest baby present and other special awards were given.

Election of officers was held with the following elected: Dick Schepflin, president; Russell Hirt, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

The next reunion will be the last Sunday of July, 1979, at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds with a new history book to be ready by that time.

Serving on the committee for this year were: the Norman Atkinson family, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hirt, Mr. and Mrs. David White, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Troxel, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Troxel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hirt, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rider and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Klausz.



Hirt wins TDGA stroke play title

TOLEDO — Tim Hirt of Clyde, playing out of the Fremont Country Club, won the Toledo District Golf Association Stroke Play Championship.

Hirt, fired a 292 to edge

another Clyde resident and a FCC member John Dewey by one shot. Hirt shot an even par 70 in Thursday's final round at the Toledo Country Club.

Three of the top five finishers are Fremont Country Club members. Rob Hall was fourth with a 296.

Third in the chase was Craig Conklin of the host club. Fifth went to Mike Curtin of Brandywine at 299.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hirt, 6088 County Road 247, Vickery, a daughter in Sandusky Memorial Hospital.

Riley Buckeyes survive 50 years

By EDNA GARDNER
4-H Program Assistant

An important milestone was reached by the Riley Buckeyes 4-H Club this year. At a special meeting this week, members celebrated the 50th anniversary of 4-H work in Sandusky County.

Adding to the excitement of the evening was the presence of two very special guests — Mrs. Grace (Hirt) Zilles and Mrs. Ruth (Hirt) Peffly. These ladies were the organizers and first advisors of the Riley Buckeyes 4-H Club.

Also in attendance were former advisers Mrs. Annabelle Fisher, Mrs. Marian Meyer and Mrs. Marian Beier. The present club, with Mrs. Beverly Barr, Mrs. Faye An'esberger and Mrs. Eileen Ohms, has 19 members and is very active in the Sandusky County 4-H program.

After a short business meeting, several members gave demonstrations including one which will be going to the Ohio State Fair for competition. Members with sewing projects held a Style Revue for their guests. Walking down a runway decorated in the green and white 4-H colors, they displayed what they had made for this year — ranging from shirts and tote bags through sports clothes and into school clothes.

A beautifully decorated cake highlighted the refreshment table. During the time, door prizes were awarded and a vocal solo was sung by Tammy Martin.

Each of the former advisers expressed their feelings about 4-H today and they all agreed that the 4-H program has steadily improved over the years. Mrs. Peffly commented that when they organized the club, there was no 4-H agent to help them — the county agent handled all programs. She also commented on the increase in types of projects. When they started the club, girls took sewing and cooking, but now they may be involved in any project they want. Mrs. Zilles said she felt 4-H was one of the best groups young people could become involved with. Another former adviser, Mrs. Meyer, said she felt the girls seemed so much more at ease while doing their demonstrations and



BLIVIOUS TO winning the Grand Champion Market Hog designation at the Sandusky County Junior Fair wine Show Thursday, Yvonne

Atkinson's hog eats his fill while she accepts congratulations and a trophy from Miss Ohio Spot Queen, Terri Longanbach.

Vickery youth attends camp, learns conservation values

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Joel Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hirt, Vickery was among 180 Ohio 4-H'ers present for Bob Evans' "Acre-For-Wildlife" dedication at Camp Ohio, Utica. The ceremony took place during State Conservation Camp, on Thursday, Aug. 10.

In sponsoring the acre for wild animals and birds,

Evans hopes to promote conservation education among Ohio 4-H'ers about the habits of wildlife. The "Acre-For-Wildlife" includes wildlife attraction plantings, consisting of types of shrubs and plants that will provide natural food for birds and animals. A source of water is located on the acre, along with a bird blind that will enable 4-H'ers to observe birds without disturbing them.

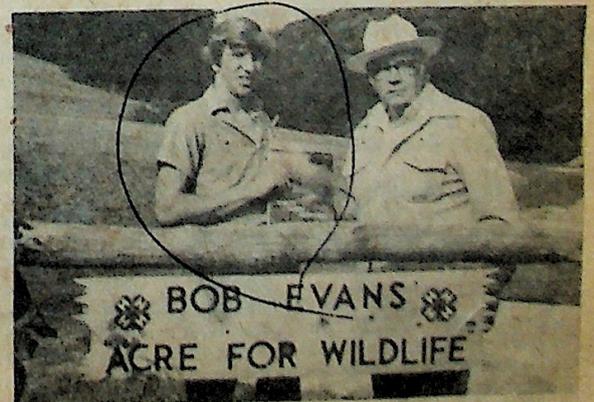
Camp Ohio is one of five Ohio 4-H camps that will incorporate the wildlife acre into its camping site. Other camps that will set aside the acre are: Camp Palmer, Fulton County; Camp Whitewood, Ashtabula County; Canter's Cave, Jackson County; and Camp Graham, Clinton County.

While Evans was presenting the acre to Ohio 4-H, 4-H made a presen-

tation to him—the Buckeye Clover Award. This is the highest honor given to supporters of the Ohio 4-H program.

Some of Evans' contributions to Ohio 4-H include sponsorship of conservation reference

materials, two \$500 conservation scholarships to 4-H members, two quarter horse foals to state 4-H horse winners, trophies for the Ohio State Fair 4-H Natural Resources Day and sponsorship of the annual 4-H trail ride.



CONSERVATION WAS the theme of a summer camp which Joel Hirt, Vickery, attended at Camp Ohio near Utica. Hirt met Bob Evans, above right, during the camp. (Extension photo)

Greg Diedrich: love of farming



Chickens are among the many farm-related projects 4-Her Greg Diedrich has completed. He will be exhibiting at the 1978 Sandusky County Fair. (News-Messenger photo by Chris Michael)

When he talks about farming, Greg Diedrich's eyes and face light up, and his voice takes on an excited, important tone.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James Diedrich, 2825 State Route 233, he is a member of the Riley Boosters 4-H Club and will be very busy during the 1978 Sandusky County Fair.

"I enjoy planting," he says, his eyes sparkling with the thought. "I enjoy it. You put the seed in the ground, and one seed produces a handful, I get a sense of accomplishment, of a bountiful harvest."

Diedrich will be exhibiting corn and soybeans at the fair, but his livestock projects will be just as important. "The chickens and pigs mean the most now," he said. "It's a good money making project."

Diedrich bought the market hogs as feeder pigs and hopes to earn a good return during the show and subsequent auction.

"Actually I should compete more," he said. "I just take them, feed and show them. I don't really try hard. But I'm not there to promote my animals like others are. I'm just there to make a little money."

Diedrich will take any money he earns to invest and buy more animals and acres for next year. "Equipment, too," he added.

"The fair is interesting, it's educational," he said. "You learn a lot about people."

"The midway is self-forbidden, because the prices are so high," he added. "I don't go on the midway, because there's so much fun at the barns."

Diedrich, a seven year veteran of the fair, makes the following suggestions for new 4-Hers.

"Take good care of your animals while you're at the fair," he cautioned. "Make sure they have food and water, make sure they have plenty of drinking water especially when it's hot."



Farm Jim Bolen and Mary Atkinson were recipients of the Danforth Foundations "I Dare You" awards during the Sandusky County 4-H Achievements Program Thursday. Extension office offers farmers two programs. SWCD finalizes banquet plans.

Sept. 26 — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, 118 N. Collinwood, a daughter at 11:21 a.m. in Memorial Hospital.

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Sept. 1 — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schepflin, 1929 Riverbend Parkway, a daughter at 6:36 p.m. in Memorial Hospital.

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Sept. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brindley, 260 Carmelita Place, Fremont, Calif., a 3 pound 9½ ounce daughter Kathryn Debra. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brindley, Lindsey and Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Corthell, Port Clinton.



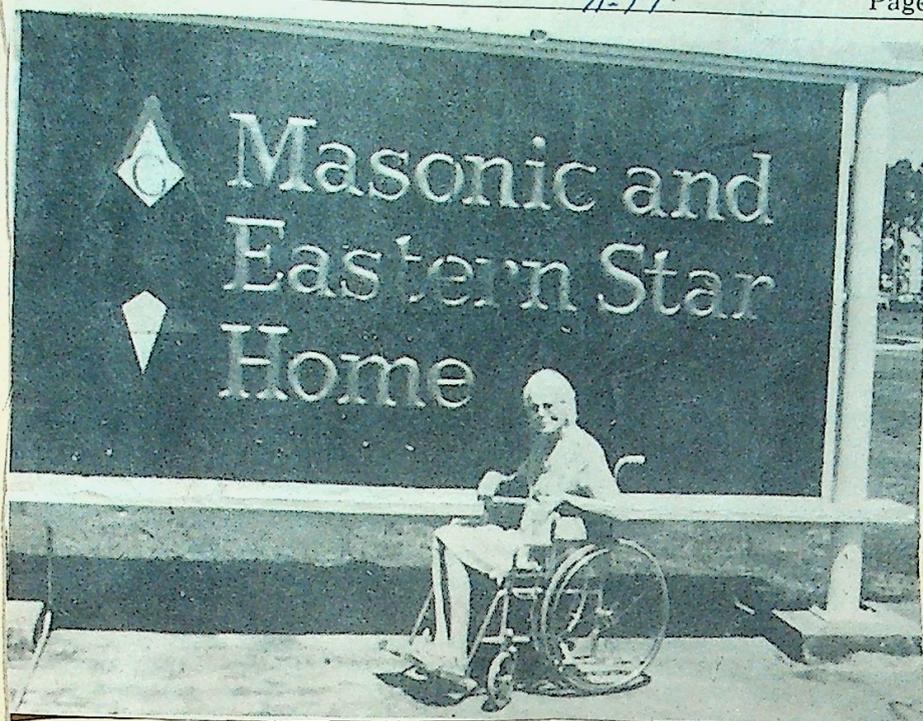
THE SANDUSKY COUNTY Junior Fair Grand Champion Market Hog, raised by Yvonne Atkinson at left, weighed 225 pounds and sold for \$2.25 per pound during the Junior Fair Livestock Auction Monday. Buyers were Clark Boatman and Leo "Dutch" Arndt of Lin-Mor, Inc. (News-Messenger photo by Chris Michael)

Dec. 19 — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diedrick, 808 Castalia Road, a son at 11:13 a.m. in Memorial Hospital.



Mike Hirt

"It's up to him," commented Mike Hirt, 1739 E. State St., "He's a good recruiter and gets along with everybody until someone tries to get him all riled up. He should stay as long as he wants to."



Sister Charlotte Daniels

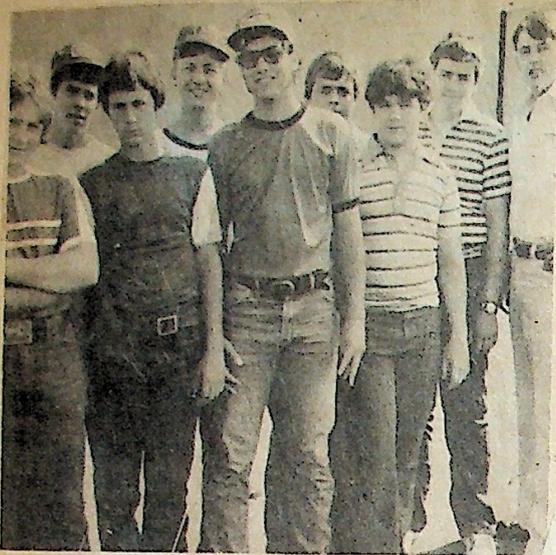
"HOMESPUN"

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Sister Charlotte L. Daniels has the distinction of being a resident of the Masonic & Eastern Star Home the longest number of years, of the current group of resident members. She established residence at the Home March 1, 1962.

She was born February 9, 1894 at York, Nebraska. She was married to Walter B. Daniels. Her initiation in the Order of the Eastern Star, was March 1, 1932 in Hoxie Chapter #317, Hoxie, Kansas. After establishing residence in the Northwest, she affiliated with Josephine Chapter #26, in Grants Pass. The move to Eugene, Oregon gave her the opportunity to affiliate with Evangeline Chapter #51, October 7, 1957. Str. Daniels is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Eugene.

At this writing, Str. Charlotte is in Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro, awaiting the Doctor's decision whether she will undergo major surgery or not. She would enjoy hearing from not only Evangeline Chapter members, but others who would like to drop her a card.



A SUMMER FIELD trip to the Midstates Terminal and Toledo Port was enlightening for eight members of the Fremont FFA. From left, Dave Miller, Ken Risch, Marty Wendt, Greg Diedrich, Tim Bender, Greg Walter, Neal Schleagel, Jeff Bender and tour guide Dave Barrett of the Ohio Farmers in Fostoria. (FFA photo)

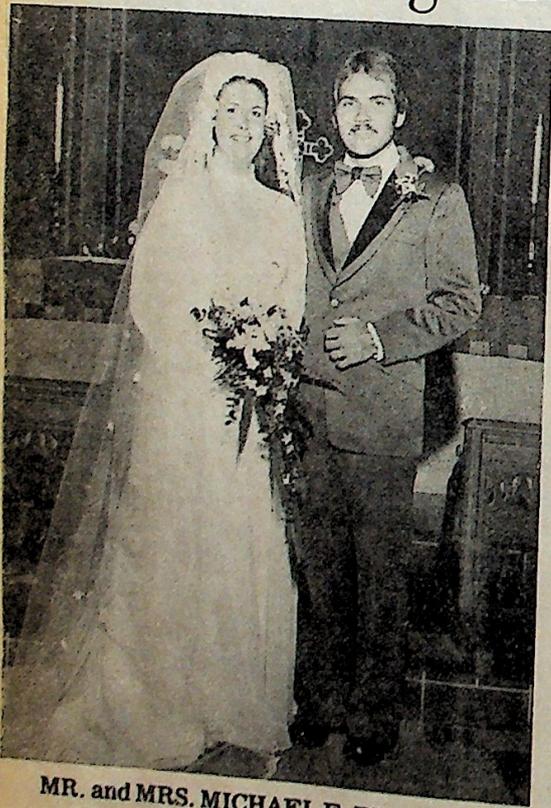
Four join Red Cross board, officers named

The Sandusky County Chapter American Red Cross met this week with Clarence R. Cooper, welcoming new members Mike Tonovitz, Lloyd Bogart, Eleanor Williams and Marjorie Burkett. Mrs. Joyce Wise, presented the state of officers for 1978-79. They are as follows: Clarence R. Cooper, first vice chairman, Marvin Mullholand, second vice chairman, Mrs. Joyce Wise, recording secretary, Mrs. Irene James Draeger, treasurer. The board unanimously accepted Mrs. Robert Krugh, reported for May 186 hours and worked 2340 hours and for June 66 hours. Mrs. Larry Goff, blood co-chairman, reported a successful bloodbank at Vanguard Vocational Center with 172 units of blood collected. Mrs. Goff also stated that a blood bank workers training

session was held at Red Cross Headquarters. Larry Goff, chairman of the motor corp, reported blood runs for June. He also stated the chapter's station wagon had been sold and a new one would be ordered as soon as possible. Clyde Rex, chairman, reported there was one fire in June and two adults and five children were aided. Cooper gave a special Thank You to the annual meeting committee, Clyde Rex, chairman; Mrs. Irene Brindley; James Draeger; Larry Goff; Mrs. Alice Krugh; and James Har-

Mrs. Rita Tuttle, assistant director, reported that two courses will be offered in July at the Red Cross Headquarters. A CPR Course will be instructed by George Busch. It will start Thursday, July 27 and run for five weeks from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. A Multi-Media First Aid Class will be instructed by Harold Henry on Saturday, July 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr., Mrs. Michael Prosser go to Hawaii following ceremony in Grace Lutheran Church



MR. and MRS. MICHAEL F. PROSSER
(Carol S. Schepflin)

On their honeymoon in Hawaii are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Francis Prosser who were married in Grace Lutheran Church Friday evening. The Rev. Paul G. Fuchs of that church assisted by the Rev. Alvin H. Siemsen of the First United Church of Christ officiated at the candlelight, double-ring ceremony in which the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Parents of the bride, Carol Sue Schepflin, are Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Schepflin, 570 N. Jackson St., and the bridegroom's parents are Marie Prosser and the late Francis Prosser Jr., 1716 Emmett Drive.

The bride's gown featured a sheer English net yoke on the raised bodice, decorated with tiny pearls, silk venise flowers and leaves. The same lace formed a fitted lace cuffs. The full-flared chiffon skirt swept into a chapel-length train. A lace and pearl tiara cap, with venise lace motifs scattered throughout the bridal cathedral-length illusion, was completely edged with scalloped silk venise lace. She carried a flowing, formal cascade bouquet of stephanotis, a trio of white japette orchids, dried brown eucalyptus, pheasant feathers, dried brown fern leaves, accented with dried natural starflowers and gypsophila. A white lace handkerchief belonging to her late maternal grandmother was carried with her bouquet. The bride was wearing a diamond necklace, a gift from the

The matron of honor, Mrs. Randy Hottinger, a sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mrs. William Wittke, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. They wore identical gowns with spice lace blouson tops with modified scoop necklines and split cape sleeves, topped a flared Qiana jersey skirt with a self-rolled belt which tied in front. They had fitted spice half-caps, with side roses and long side drape worn as headpieces. Each attendant carried a shorter formal cascade of pheasant feathers, dried brown eucalyptus, spice-colored gypsophila and bleached starflowers,

surrounding a trio of silk spiced colored dahlia blooms.

Dian Schepflin, cousin of the bride, was flowergirl. Wearing a floor-length gown styled of spice Qiana jersey with a fitted bodice, round neckline, shaped midriff and flared short layered sleeves gathered at the shoulders, she carried a natural colored miniature log basket filled with silk and dried flowers like those of the other attendants. A cluster of blooms attached to a ribbon bow effect was pinned over the crown of her head.

Kurt Landig was best man. Ushering the guests were William Wittke, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Randy Hottinger, brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a secret green, long-sleeved gown of Qiana knit. A matching venise lace motif circled the stand-up collar and tapered down the front of the softly gathered bodice. Her cosage was of stephanotis and rust starflowers around a phaleanopsis orchid, backed with dried brown ferns.

The bridegroom's mother wore a steel blue jersey gown with a V-neckline and long sleeves edged with braid. A corsage similar to the bride's mother's was pinned to her dress.

A reception was held at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Prosser will make their home at the Bluffs Apartments, Sycamore Drive, Norwalk.

The bride graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1974. She attended Otterbein College, Westerville, and graduated from Terra Technical College, Fremont, with an associate's degree in medical secretarial science. She is employed by The Standard Sheet Metal and Supply Co.

Her husband also graduated from Ross High School in 1974. He attended Ohio State University, Columbus, and received an associate's degree in architectural design from Terra Technical College. He is employed by Baharoglu and Associates, Consulting Engineers and Surveyors of Norwalk.

Obituary

John F. Halbeisen, son of Charles and Elizabeth Hirt Halbeisen, was born April 11, 1891, at Fremont, Ohio.

During World War I he served in the U.S. Army in the 355th Machine Gun Company. He was a member of the Shelton American Legion Post.

On July 7, 1926, he was united in marriage to Grace Evans at Sheridan, Wyoming. To this union one daughter and three sons were born.

He was a rural mail carrier at Litchfield for 15 years and at Shelton for 25 years, retiring in 1960.

He died in Grand Island September 29th, at the age of 87 years, 5 months, and 18 days.

Survivors include his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Smith of Shelton; three sons, Lawrence of San Diego, Calif., George of San Francisco, Calif., and John of Whittier, Calif., 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Ellen House of Salem Ore., Mrs. Verna Rowe of Salem, Ore., Mrs. Charlotte Daniel of Forest Grove, Ore., and Mrs. Leta Baumann of Eugene, Ore.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Death-

JOHN F. HALBEISEN

John F. (Jack) Halbeisen, 87, Shelton, died Friday evening, September 29, in a Grand Island hospital.

Mr. Halbeisen was born April 11, 1891, in Fremont, Ohio. On July 7, 1926, he married Grace Evans in Sheridan, Wyo. He served in the armed forces in World War I. Mr. Halbeisen was a rural mail carrier for 15 years in Litchfield and for 25 years in Shelton, retiring in 1960. He was a member of the Shelton American Legion and of the 355th machine gun company.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Smith, Shelton; three sons, Lawrence, San Diego, Calif.; George, San Francisco, Calif.; John, Whittier, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Ellen House and Mrs. Vernon Rowe, both of Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Charlotte Danil, Forest Grove, Ore.; Mrs. Leta Baumann, Eugene, Ore.; several

nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 3, at the Shelton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joseph Roe Sr. officiating.

Pallbearers were Andrew Bohnart, Leo Marks, Dick Winey, Clifford Omev, James Lowe and Loyal Cosner, Organist was Janice Oliver, Soloist, Doris Ganz. Visitation hours were held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Amos Funeral Home in Shelton. Burial was in the Shelton Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

PALLBEARERS
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SOLOIST
DORIS GANZ

SONGS
"IN THE GARDEN"
"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

H. Herman Brugger

VICKERY — H. Herman Brugger, 84, died Monday afternoon in his home at 3760 County Road 247. He had been ill for the past month.

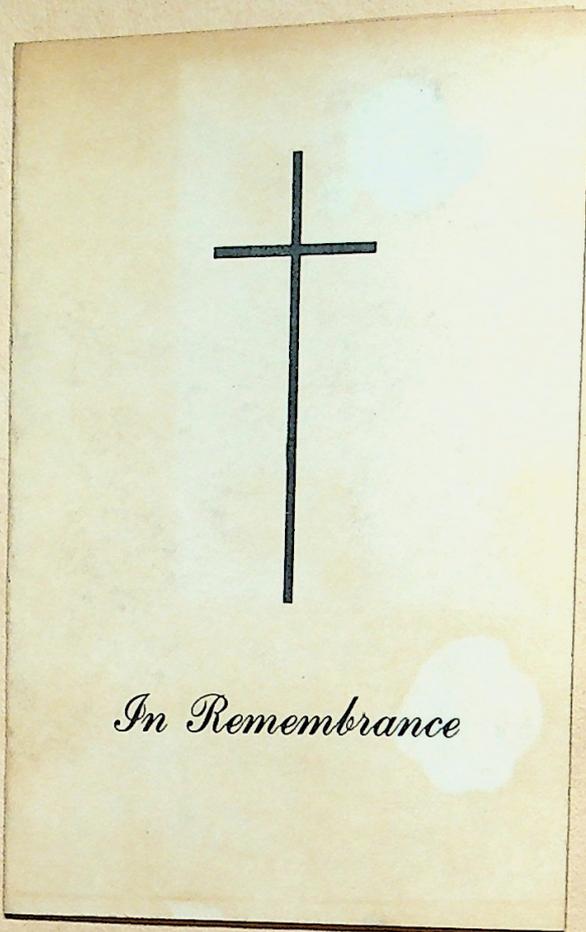
Mr. Brugger was a retired farmer and a former member of Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont. He was born in Vickery Jan. 24, 1894, to John and Emma (Simon) Brugger and lived all his life in this area. He had attended the Fremont Business School and in 1919, married the former Freda Hirt of rural Fremont.

His widow survives with one son, John, Vickery; five daughters, Shirley, at home; Mrs. Lillian Arthur, Fremont; Mrs. Thelma Blair, Sandusky; Mrs. Glenn (Kathy) Genzman, Oak Harbor; and Mrs. Margaret Wynkoop, Norwalk; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A sister, a grandson and a great-grandson preceded him in death.

Visiting hours at the Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, Clyde will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services will be there at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

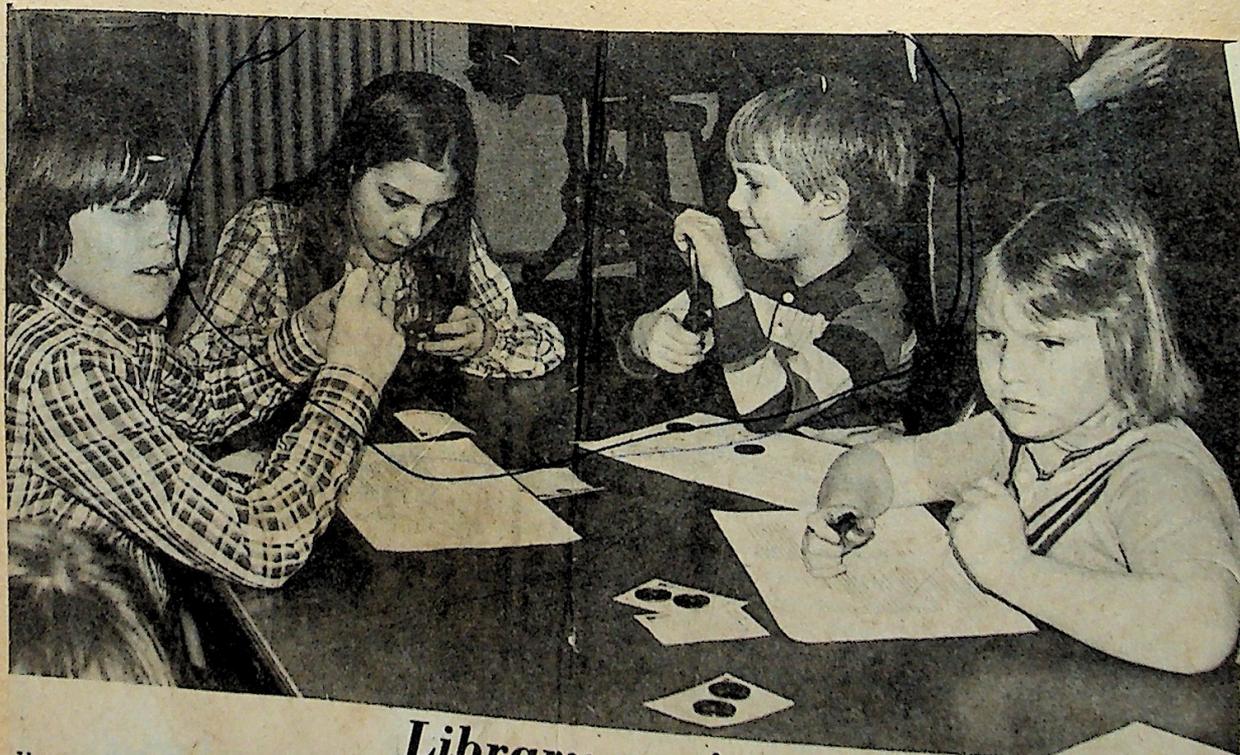


Carolyn Wing

Mrs. Carolyn P. Wing, 58, of 4514 North Lockwood Ave., died Tuesday in St. Vincent Hospital. She worked for Stein's Miracle Mile Shopping Center store for about 10 years, retiring in 1975. Surviving are her husband, George V.; son, Timothy A.; daughter, Mrs. Jennifer Karamol; brothers, Brian, James, Robert, Benjamin, Daniel and Michael Wisbom, and sisters, Mrs. Jean Pinney and Mrs. Sally O'Connell. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Blanchard Mortuary, where the body will be after 3 p.m. today. The family requests that any tributes be in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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Feb. 11 — Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Brindley, 1400 Kimball St., Sault Ste Marie, Mich. 49783, a son, Matthew Ryan. Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Zimmerman, Trout Lake, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brindley, Lindsey.



Library project

Yo-yo making was the project Saturday morning for about 20 children at Birchard Public Library. Mrs. Ted E. Wonder, librarian, explained to the children that the yo-yo was created between 3,000 and 2,000 B.C. by the Egyptians. The yo-yo was also used as a weapon in the Phillipine Islands, she added. The directions for making yo-yos were found in a book at the library. Materials needed included two large round buttons, a piece of wire, a length of string and a

pair of pliers. Puzzling over how to make their yo-yos were, from left, Heidi Lehmann, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lehmann, 418 Birchard Ave.; Michelle Hirt, 10, and Michael Hirt, children of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hirt, 1715 Williams Drive; and Julie Cleveland, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cleveland, 1650 Japack Drive. (News-Messenger photos by Chris Michael.)

LYDIA BABIONE, 709 South St., has been released from Sandusky Memorial Hospital where she recently had knee surgery. She is now at home and will be returning to classes at Terra Technical College next week.

Verena Wisbon

TOLEDO — Verena H. Wisbon, 80, 5567 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, died yesterday at Toledo Hospital.

She was the widow of Claude B. Wisbon.

Surviving are daughters, Carolyn Wing, Jean Pinney and Sally O'Connor; sons, Brian, James F., Robert D., Dan C., Ben and Michael; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Christy; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Wisbons were former residents of Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday in the Foth Mortuary, 3815 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, with the Rev. Robert E. Schneider of the Monroe Street United Methodist Church officiating.

Friends may call at the Foth Mortuary after 7 p.m. Saturday.

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ALL-ROUND WINNERS during the Fremont FFA banquet were from left, Ed Lamalie, Honorary Chapter Farmer; Greg Diedrich, Citizenship Award; Cindy Hetrick, Queen; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nitschke, Honorary Chapter Farmers; Jim Bolen, Star Chapter Farmer; and Don Bolen, Honorary Chapter Farmer. Not pictured was Herb Cahill, Honorary Chapter Farmer. (News-Messenger photo by Chris Michael)

Greg Diedrich received the Lila M. Weiler Citizenship Award. The award, which is presented to a senior who has displayed outstanding citizenship and leadership during the year, was given to Diedrich by Mrs. Ken Baderstcher.

In Remembrance

Merle Hirt becomes eight-gallon donor

Merle Hirt, 1561 County Road 226, reached the eight-gallon donation mark Tuesday at the Sandusky County American Red Cross' bloodbank held at Hayes United Methodist Church.

A total of 221 units of blood were collected. Dale Shimer, 1213 June St., and Robert Roush, Lindsey, both reached seven-gallon donor status while Irene Brindley, Lindsey, reached four gallons.

JEANETTE HIRT, 639 Gibson St., was a six gallon donor at the Sandusky County American Red Cross bloodbank Tuesday at Hayes United Methodist Church. Two hundred twenty-one units were collected.

GLADYS BILLMAN of Clyde is a surgical patient in the Medical College of Ohio, CS No. 1008, Toledo, Ohio 43699. She is in room 210 and her phone number is 419-381-4086.

Carl S. Schepflin

Carl S. Schepflin, 61, 570 N. Jackson St., died in the emergency room of Memorial Hospital at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

A lifelong resident of Fremont, he was born June 7, 1917, to William and Emma (Hirt) Schepflin. He married Viola Kranz in Gibsonburg, May 7, 1944.

Mr. Schepflin was president and general manager of the Modern Construction Company since 1957. He had worked there most of his life prior to that time.



Surviving are his widow, Viola; two daughters, Mrs. Randy (Linda) Hottinger, Genoa; and Mrs. Michael (Carol) Prosser, Norwalk; and a brother, Paul E. Schepflin of Fremont. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church; the class of 1935 of Ross High School; a member and past president of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers and a member of other engineer organizations; a member of Elks; the Fremont Yacht Club; the Catawba Island Club; was a director of Oakwood Cemetery Association; was secretary and treasurer of Standard Sheet Metal Co.; was a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion.

On July 2, 1957, he had succeeded his father, William Schepflin, as a director of the Fremont Savings Bank.

He graduated from Ohio State University in 1940 as a civil engineer and a registered surveyor.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Fuchs officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Karlovetz Mortuary from 7 to 9 this evening and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Tuesday. His body will be moved to the church at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Memorials of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

The family of Carl S. Schepflin wish to acknowledge the many warm and sincere expressions of sympathy showered upon us following the sudden death of our beloved husband and father.

We join our relatives and friends in thanking Pastor Paul Fuchs for his comforting words during this time of sorrow.

Mrs. Carl S. Schepflin
Mr. & Mrs. Randy (Linda)
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael (Carol)
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GLENN GENZMAN, special education teacher at Ross High School, remains in the coronary care unit of St. Charles Hospital, 2600 Navarre Ave., Oregon, 43616, where he was admitted early Thursday morning.

GLENN GENZMAN, a special education teacher at Fremont Ross High School, has been transferred to the coronary care unit of St. Vincent Hospital, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio 43608 and is expected to have open heart surgery on Tuesday.

Fremont Chapter honors Diedrich



GREG DIEDRICH

By DAVE THORBAHN
FFA reporter

Greg Diedrich was chosen as the featured senior this week by the Fremont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Diedrich, a four year member of both the vocational agriculture program and the FFA, resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Diedrich, 2825 County Road 233.

"If it hadn't been for vocational agriculture and FFA, I probably would not be involved in farming," said Diedrich.

Following graduation, he plans to continue farming or possibly attend college.

During his freshman year, Diedrich received the Star Greenhand Award, the top honor a freshman may receive from his chapter. His occupational experience program included three pigs, 25 chickens, and repairs to a building. He also participated in the creed contest.

As a sophomore, Diedrich increased his program with 22 pigs, 50 chickens and branched into corn production on a

share basis.

The number of chickens doubled during his junior year. He also cared for 20 feeder pigs and raised corn, soybeans, oats and hay.

As a senior, Diedrich plans to raise soybeans, corn, oats, wheat and hay. He also plans to care for two registered Duroc gilts and litters, and two registered Angus heifers.

Diedrich was active in the FFA, holding three offices, chaplain, secretary and vice president, during his membership. He also served as chairman of the community service committee and participated in the annual sausage sale, parliamentary procedure contests, officers' training and judged on the soil and agronomy teams.

MRS. PAUL BILLMAN, 344 Hammer St., Clyde, was released today from the Medical College of Ohio Hospital in Toledo, where she recently had knee surgery. She will be wearing a cast for several weeks, and will be at her home.

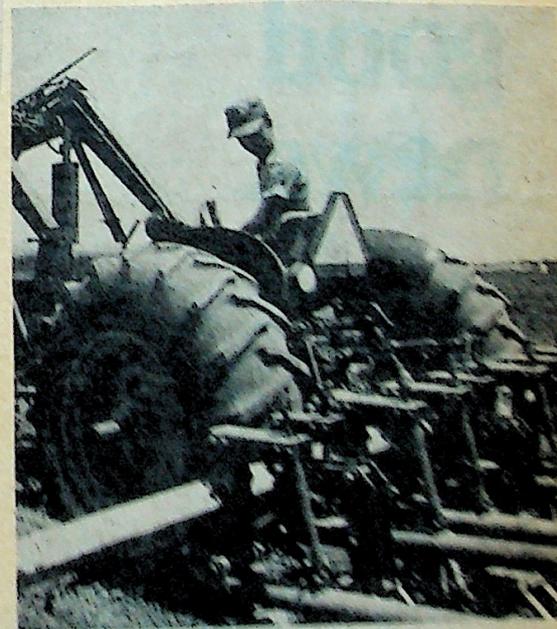


Crosses for processional

The Sunday School children at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor have decorated seven historic crosses to be carried in a solemn processional at the 1:30 p.m. Good Friday service. First row from left are Shelly Atkinson, holding the Tau Cross, representing Old Testament prophecy; Tim Baldwin and Amy Rife, holding the Latin Cross, which became prominent in the fourth century; Lisa Lieske and Warren Weirich, holding the Chi-Rio cross, a monogram from the early Christian era; and Charles Harder, holding the

Crusader's Cross, used in the 11th and 12th centuries. Second row from left are the Rev. Harold Rust, church pastor; Richard Moore, Sunday School superintendent; Todd Fehlhaber, holding the Celtic Cross, which became prominent in Ireland; Eric Layman, holding the Jerusalem cross, used by the Crusader Kings; and Terrie Goldstein and Necole Kohring, holding the Eastern cross, as used by the Orthodox Church in Russia.

GLENN GENZMAN, 2459 N. State Route 19, Oak Harbor, has been removed from the cardiovascular intensive care unit to Room 504 of St. Vincent's Hospital. He is recuperating from open heart surgery on Tuesday, and is expected to be hospitalized another 10 days. The address is 2213 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio 43608.

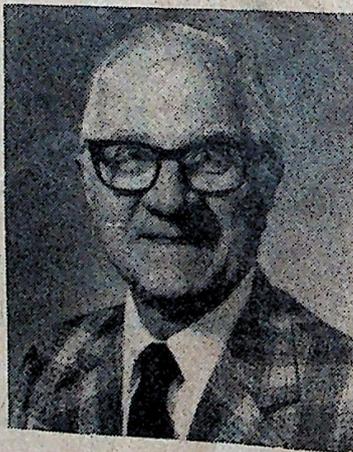


Cultivating

Greg Diedrich, a graduate member of the Fremont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) cultivated the chapter farm this week. The 13 acres the chapter members farm provide an opportunity to compare varieties and chemicals. Five corn varieties and six soybean varieties were planted this year, according to Mike Eiting, farm coordinator. The FFAs also get first hand experience marketing their crops and have forward contracted 100 bushels of soybeans. They plan to store the remainder. (FFA photo)

GRAND OPENING SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 9AM AT 134 S. FIFTH ST., FREMONT

53 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION CONTINUES IN FREMONT



JIM DIEDRICH
STORE MANAGER

Jim's Dad started in 1926 as Kroger Store Manager in Fremont and continued working at various Kroger stores in Fremont until he retired in 1959. Jim followed in his fathers' footsteps in 1928 when he was in Junior High School, working after supper for his dad at the store. In 1935 Jim became Manager of his own Kroger store. Following his various other assignments within the Company, Jim, in 1950 opened the Justice Street Store where he has continued as Manager until its closing today. Jim is now the Manager of the brand new Superstore at 134 S. 5th Street, with 51 years experience behind him. He invites you to come shop the new store and enjoy shopping like you've never shopped before.

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Liberty Bell Award

Huss honor among Law Week events

Attorneys serving as this year's chairpersons are Roger Hafford, Roger Culbert and Barbara Anstead.

Philip B. Huss, a retired Fremont Police Department detective who served nearly 30 years, will be the third annual recipient of the Sandusky County Liberty Bell Award at Law Day ceremonies Tuesday.

The ceremonies will begin with a luncheon at the Four Monks Inn (formerly the Ramada Inn), at noon. Also, awards will be presented to Law Day essay contest winners.

The Liberty Bell Award is presented in recognition of service given to the community and to the legal profession that is above and beyond the normal duties of a person's job.

Huss, 56, served on the police department from Jan. 22, 1949, to June 9, 1978; the last 14 also as juvenile officer.

The award, Law Day and Law Week, are sponsored by the Sandusky County Bar Association.

In the essay contest, three \$25 prizes will be presented to: Scott Zyski, Ross senior; Brenda Lawley, Ross sophomore; and Kelly Ross, St. Joseph Central Catholic seventh grader. A \$10 second prize will go to Lynn Setzler, and a \$5 third prize will go to Willa White, both are St. Joseph seventh graders.

Another awards ceremony will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Common Pleas courtroom with Judge Harry Sargeant presenting awards to poster contest winners.

About 150 posters from fourth, fifth and sixth graders in Sandusky County were submitted to the contest; 48 first, second and special mention awards will be presented to the students. Parents have been invited to attend the ceremonies. First prize winners will receive a \$4 cash award; second prize, \$2; and special mention, \$1. All winners will also receive ribbons.



PHIL HUSS



Liberty Bell Award winner

Phil Huss, retired Fremont police detective, was honored during Law Day ceremonies at the Four Monks Inn. Huss was presented the Liberty Bell Award, a plaque presented in recognition of service to the community and the legal profession. The

award, Law Day and Law Week are sponsored by the Sandusky County Bar Association. Also honored at Tuesday's luncheon were essay contest winners. Their picture appears on page 8. (News Messenger photo by Dan Romelli)

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About 100 Girl Scouts assisted in planting 3,000 trees Saturday and Sunday at Wolf Creek Park south of Fremont. Kim Otermat, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Otermat, 2436 Buckland Ave., and Jodi Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, 51 Bethany Drive, were among those assisting in the project. Trees were purchased by the Sandusky County Board of Realtors. Kim is a member of Troop 83 and Jodi is a member of Junior Troop 244. In the picture at left, Lori Klausz, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Klausz, 101 S. Granville Blvd., and Leanne Zura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zura, 313 E. Cole Road, dig a hole for a tree at the Wolf Creek area. Lori is a member of Cadet Troop 83 and Leanne is a member of Junior Troop 293. The tree planting was under the direction of Dana Reed, Park District director, and Mrs. Pat Randolph of the Erie Shores Council of Girl Scouts. (News-Messenger photos by Harold Barr)



JUDY HIRT

April - 1979
Judy Hirt

attending

seminar

Judy Hirt, a Fostoria High School senior, has been selected to attend a week-long congressional seminar in Washington, D.C.

Her expenses and tuition are provided by Union Carbide's Carbon Products Division plant in Fostoria. Hirt is active in the marching, pep and stage bands, National Honor Society, track, and is senior editor for the yearbook.

April 29 through May, approximately 90 students sponsored by Union Carbide plants and offices throughout the nation will meet in Washington for the seminar. The seminar is designed to introduce young people to the workings of Congress and the American governmental system.

In Washington, Hirt will meet in discussion sessions with congressional leaders, cabinet members, and military and educational leaders. She and the other Union Carbide students will talk with presidential candidates, attend embassy briefings and visit various landmarks in the nation's Capital.

In addition, top staff aides to the Congress lead a series of informal classes on topics such as the committee system, communication and lobbying, the seniority system and congressional reform.

This is the 10th year Union Carbide in Fostoria has sponsored a student to the congressional seminar.

Hirt in the running

AKRON — Tim Hirt of Clyde was one of two amateur golfers qualifying for the sectional tourney after play in the U.S. Open qualifier at Portage and Fairlawn Country Clubs Monday.

Hirt, a Toledo University sophomore, fired rounds of 70 and 73 to finish four strokes back of top qualifier Jack Ferez. Hirt and amateur South Smith of Akron will join 16 professionals qualifying for the sectional qualifier at Sharon Golf Club June 4.

Ferez shot a 69 in gusty winds at Portage in the morning round and then tacked on a 70 under the same conditions at Fairlawn. The young pro has cashed in four of the last five Professional Golf tour events.

The 79th U.S. Open will be played June 14-17 at Inverness Club in Toledo.

Hirt alternate

Tim Hirt of Clyde and Toledo University is an alternate for the U.S. Open to be played at Inverness Country Club in Toledo beginning June 14.

Hirt finished one stroke behind the qualifiers in the sectional tournament at Clovernook Country Club in Cincinnati.

Hirt shot a 70-71-141, while the last qualifier, Larry Gilbert of Brandenburg, Ky., had a 67 on his second 18 for a 140 total.

Don Padgett of Carmel, Ind., fired a 67-68-135 to lead the qualifiers.

Others who qualified at Cincinnati were Harcourt Kemp, Louisville, Ky., and David Zabel, Beachwood. Kemp had a 137 and Zabel had a 139.

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Hirt tied for lead at 69

DAYTON Tim Hirt of Clyde and Buck Baumann of Fremont got off to good starts in the Ohio Amateur Golf Tournament but U.S. Amateur champ John Cook is marking time in the wings.

Hirt, a 20-year-old University of Toledo golfer and the Mid-American Conference medalist this past spring, fired a three-under par 69 to tie Ken George of Canfield for the top spot.

Baumann was one of eight golfers, including Cook, matching par at the Moraine Country Club. He went out in one-under 35 but was one over on the back nine.

Hirt finished two under on the front and was one under coming home.

Cook, the Ohio State flash and the leading amateur in the United States, matched par on both nines to and held fast to his prediction that even par will win the title, a crown that he wore last year.

Cook started off with 15 consecutive pars before

carding a bogey at 16 and a birdie at 17.

"I'll take three more off those," the consistent Cook said. "If I do, I'll pack it up and win by five strokes."

Hirt liked his round. "I hit my irons real well and I putted good," he quickly explained.

The Clyde High School grad had only one bogey, the 15th, and tacked up four birdies during his round on the 6, 457-yard layout.

Hirt, Baumann fall off pace

DAYTON — Tim Hirt of Clyde, who shared the first round lead after carding a 69, fell back into the field with a 36 hole score of 145 in The Ohio Amateur golf tournament.

Buck Baumann of Fremont fired a 5-over-par 77 to bring his 36 hole score to 149. Baumann had previously parred the course on Wednesday.

Hirt tied for 4th in golf tournament

DAYTON — Tim Hirt rebounded from a second-round 75 with a two-under 70 to jump into a tie for fourth spot in the Ohio Amateur Golf Tournament at Moraine Country Club.

Hirt, the first round co-leader, was tied with three other golfers. The Clyde player has a 215 for three rounds, six off the pace of Ohio State golfer Rick Borg of Worthington.

July 28 — Susan and David Atkinson, 425 Behlman Road, Oak Harbor, are the parents of a 7-pound, 15-ounce son, Chad David, born at Port Clinton's Magruder Hospital at 3:20 a.m.

July 23 — Marsha and Bruce Hirt, 807 Ewing St., a 8-pound 1-ounce daughter, Erica Louise, at 6:58 a.m. in Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hirt and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Theller, all of Fremont. The couple also has a son Gregory.

PAUL BILLMAN, 344 Hamer St., Clyde, underwent coronary bypass surgery Thursday at the Medical College of Ohio. He is in Room 203 CS No. 100008, at the hospital in Toledo, 43699.



Co-Op tourney winners

brought in written rules and regulations

If life is bowl of cherries...



Seven-year-old Kurt Hirt pauses during the pie-eating contest at the Bellevue Cherry Festival, pe that all-important clock to see if he has enough time to tackle another turnover.



1977 - Brian Hirt
Bellevue Cherry Festival

Smoky the clown won't ever retire

By TOM TWITCHELL
Ottawa County Bureau

FREMONT — It takes so much more to be a circus clown than just brightly-colored makeup and funny clothes.

It takes a big, broad smile, a loving heart and perhaps just a little bit of the devil, too.

Ask Phil Huss. He knows.

Perhaps better known as "Smoky," the retired Fremont police officer and former amateur boxer has been clowning around for 25 of his 56 years.

From his very first day as a part-timer at Fremont Speedway until today, when clients practically wait in line to book him, he not only has made his audiences laugh but enjoyed a few of his own along the way.

The secret? As far as Huss is concerned, there is no secret.

"I love children," he said. "That's the qualification. You have to love children and you have to love people."

Huss is no stranger to appearing before audiences.

Starting as an ambitious 14-year-old schoolboy in rural Sandusky County and continuing until after his discharge from the Navy, Huss fought more than 150 amateur boxing matches — and won most of them.

Even today, he wonders what would have happened if he had turned professional.

He won the 1944 Southwest Pacific Heavyweight Championship, the 1946 Golden Gloves titles in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and fought 10 colleges as part of the Navy Boxing team in 1946.

"That's when men were men and fighters were fighters," he said. "It was a great sport back then."

But while the seed was planted, Huss still did not realize his performing ambitions until a chance encounter with a fellow enlistee, an old circus-hand by the name of Bill Warner.

Warner had been a trapeze artist before the war with the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus and, together, they built a small rigging to help teach Huss the act.

Huss was trained as a "catcher," the man who hangs from a swing and catches the others as they fly through the air with the greatest of ease. Taking that training, he joined the circus for a two-year stint of his own, from 1946 to 1948.

Circus years were good years for Phil Huss.

Crisscrossing the country by steam locomotive and working under the big top, Huss remembered sharing the spotlight with some of the all time clowning greats — Emmett Kelly Sr., Otto Griebling, Felix Adler and Lou Jacobs.

Names perhaps better known among circus folk than the rest of us, but legendary just the same. Huss admired them from a distance.

"Of all the good old clowns, most have passed on, but there are still a few left here and there. Circuses will never die and neither will the clowning profession."

"I had great respect for those people. They were great people and great clowns."

Ready to settle down, Huss left the circus in 1948 and returned to his home town to join the Fremont Police Department, where he remained for the next three decades as a detective and juvenile officer.

Months went by, and then years, but Huss still could not shake the memories of his life on the road. He liked police work, to be sure, and his home town, but could not forget owning his own share of the spotlight.

He wanted to be a clown.

Becoming a clown in Fremont while holding down a full-time job on the police department was more a matter of selling than performing, Huss decided.

He would-be professional eagerly approached managers of the Fremont Speedway in 1954 and convinced them, sold them, on the idea of having a their own clown in the stands.

They were satisfied with his work and so was he, and the man with the pink makeup and funny black clothes soon became a familiar sight in Sandusky County and well beyond.

"The First of May," as a new clown is called, became a seasoned professional.

Today he has more work than he can possibly handle, appearing before schools, church groups, company picnics and even professional circuses. He simply walks unannounced on the circus lot, in full makeup, and has never been turned down yet.

The church, school and business groups all pay for his work, and pay well, but the circuses he does for free. A labor of love, he explained.

"I've never advertised in all my life. I've never had a booking agent. All of my shows come to me. I've been retired from the police a year now and I haven't yet gone for a show. I let my work do my advertising."

"I'll be a clown until the day I die, the good Lord willing. I don't ever plan to retire."

"Of all the good old clowns, most have passed on, but there are still a few left here and there. Circuses will never die and neither will the clowning profession."

Smoky



What's the secret to Fremont clown's success? There is no secret, says Smoky, just a love for children.

(Register photo — TOM TWITCHELL)

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Fair preparations

Older 4-Hers often help younger 4-Hers learn about their projects. Dave Miller, left, an older member of the Lindsey Boosters 4-H Club, demonstrates showing a steer for younger 4-H members, Jackie Swartz (right) and Jennifer Swartz, who were practicing

grooming their 4-H project. The two will be exhibiting steers for the first time during the Sandusky County Fair, Aug. 29 — Sept. 3. (News-Messenger photo by George Lundskow)

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Hirt family has 63rd picnic

The descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt held their 63rd annual reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

The potluck dinner was followed by the program and business meeting with Dick Schepflin presiding. Dick Hirt, program chairman, announced three marriages, 10 births and six deaths during the past year. A moment of silence was observed for the deceased members; John Halbeisen, Herman Brugger, Verena Wisbon, Charlotte Daniels, Carolyn (Wisbon) Wing and Carl Schepflin.

Derek James, son of Marsha and James Thiessen was given the special bank for being the youngest baby present.

Special awards were presented to: Laura Babione, Walter and Grace Zilles, Sarah Zibbel, Jean Smith, Howard Hirt, Robin Herr, Bill Hirt, and Mike Prosser. Kenneth Brindley and daughter Amanda and Leslie Cole were given a gift for traveling the farthest from California.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Russell Hirt, president; Vince Troxel, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

The new Hirt History Book will be printed soon. Please contact the secretary for information.

The next reunion will be held the last Sunday in July, 1980, at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

The Gazette

Wednesday, August 1, 1979

Son of Russell & Catherine Hirt

Hirt named president

Gary Hirt was named to the position of President of The Gazette Publishing Co. effective August 1, 1979. Hirt joined the Gazette in 1967 as Advertising Manager, was named General Manager in 1971, was promoted to Vice President in 1975 and then named Executive Vice President in 1978.

In commenting on the promotion the board stated, "Gary Hirt's advancement parallels the growth which the company has experienced under his management. As President, Mr. Hirt's prime responsibility will be the continued management of the existing properties plus the setting of corporate direction in insuring the future growth of the overall company. Gary has been an exceptional Manager, and we look forward to the application of his talents in all of our corporate-wide activities." Under Hirt's management The

Gazette Publishing Co. has expanded from The Bellevue Gazette to include: Six regional editions of The RFD News, circulating to over 63,000 rural residents; Haefling Printing Co. in Tiffin; Community Printing Co. in Bellevue; The Light in North Ridgeville; and the recently acquired Danklefsen Sales, Inc.

Before joining the Gazette, Hirt worked at the Fremont News-Messenger in the advertising department after attending Fremont Ross High School and Bowling Green State University. He is a Past President of The Ohio League of Home Dailies and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Bellevue Elks Club.

He resides on Potter Road with his wife Karen and two sons, Brian and Kurt. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue.



GARY L. HIRT



DUTCH ARNDT, representing Lin-Mor Elevator of Lindsey, purchased the champion pen-of-two market hogs for \$1 per pound at the Sandusky County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. The hogs, both weighing 210 pounds, were shown at the fair by Mary Atkinson, 257 County Road 119, Fremont.



SUSAN K. HIRT

Susan Kay Hirt Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Hirt, 400 east Maple street, wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Kay, and James O. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ornid Collins of Borger, Texas.

Miss Hirt is a graduate of Clyde Senior High School and Ohio Northern University and is a medical technologist at St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. Mr. Collins was graduated from Borger High School and West Texas State University. He received his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech. School of Law and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He is assistant district attorney in Randall county, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows at half after seven o'clock Friday evening, October 19, in the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

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127th county fair



RON ATKINSON

GLADYS BILLMAN, 344 Hammer St., Clyde, underwent knee surgery Wednesday at the Medical College of Ohio Hospital, C.S. No. 1008, Toledo, 43699. She is in Room 315.

STROH'S PICNIC



"Smokey" the clown entertained the kids and he is shown above with a crowd around his mini-cycle. Pictured above are Anthony Reed, Robert Kerin, Stephani Albert, Mike Lazara, Jenifer Thompson, Pam Kennedy, Scott Lewis and Denver Beck III.

Three deputies, prisoner hurt

Three Sandusky County sheriff's deputies and a prisoner in the county jail were taken to Fremont Memorial Hospital Monday for treatment of injuries reportedly received when the prisoner became unruly.

As a result of the incident, deputies Michael Ranker, 25, and Steven Whitt, 24, are both on five-day sick leaves while Bruce Hirt, 30, is off for seven days.

Heart Stopped, But Doctor Was Trailing

Distance Runner Nearly Died In Effort

By BILL BYRD
Of The Daily Mail Staff

The desire to finish the Charleston Distance Run last Saturday nearly killed Jeffrey Hirt, 24, an accountant at FMC in South Charleston.

His heart stopped beating as he crossed the Kanawha Boulevard Elk River Bridge, about 11 miles into the race.

He's alive because Larry Dansky, a doctor from Athens, Ohio, was running behind him. Dansky, 31, a general practitioner, gave Hirt cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and later, rode with him in an ambulance to Charleston General Hospital.

Although Hirt remains in the intensive care unit of the hospital, his condi-

tion is satisfactory, a spokeswoman said today.

Hirt was an unlikely candidate for cardiac arrest — the medical term used to describe his unconscious finish, tentatively diagnosed as the result of heat exhaustion, said a hospital spokeswoman.

After all, the old, the crippled, the very young, even a blind man were among the human wave numbering 1,359 that poured down Virginia Street at the 9 a.m. start.

Like Hirt, most of them just wanted to finish the 15-mile endurance test. Amazingly, considering the heat and humidity that dried up that starting wave to a stream, and then a trickle, all but 140 crossed the finish line at Laidley Field.

Sprinkled in their midst were "professional" marathon runners, men and women who compete year after year at national class levels, human running machines accustomed to the torture of long-distance running.

Even they complained of the conditions — a temperature that hit 80 degrees at 11 a.m. (at the start it was 69 degrees), clear skies that allowed the summer sun to beat down on their sweat-drenched bodies, and relative humidity levels that hovered above 67 percent.

But only nine runners had to be taken to hospital emergency rooms for minor aches and sprains. Besides those that dropped out, countless others were treated at seven aid stations by a dedicated corps of volunteer doctors, nurses

and paramedics for blisters, sunburn and exhaustion.

Still, even though Hirt was the only near-fatal collapse, his story reveals the dangerous side of jogging, a fad which has taken America by storm.

Was he an unlikely victim of the heat and humidity? Interviews with his mother, Eleanor Hirt, and a close friend, Alan Robinson, reveal some clues that all runners caught up in the jogging craze should consider.

"We'd run in the evening, after work when it was cool," said Robinson, 28, a veteran sportswriter for the Associated Press, noting the difference in the conditions under which Hirt trained and the weather on race day itself.

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After Narrow Escape, Runner Leery of Heat

By Danny Wells
Staff Sports Writer

"I'll run again...I'll just watch the heat more."

Jeffrey Hirt is fortunate to be able to talk about his future plans. The 24-year-old accountant at FMC in South Charleston almost died last Saturday while competing in the Charleston Distance Run.

Wednesday afternoon, Hirt was sitting up in bed in his room at General Division, CAMC, talking with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Hirt of Waynesboro, Pa. and two of his South Charleston neighbors.

He remembers nothing about the race.

"I don't even remember where I parked my car before the race," said Hirt. A friend, Frank Crowder, later found his car parked under the interstate bridge on the West Side.

Although several runners have been hospitalized, Hirt's condition was the worst in the history of the 15-mile run. His life was saved probably because a doctor, Larry Dansky of Athens, Ohio, happened to be running behind him.

"I was about 11 or 12 miles into the race on a bridge (Elk River bridge)," said Dansky from his office Wednesday afternoon. "I didn't see Jeff go down, but I saw a race official run by me and start working on him. So I stopped when I got to them."

"Jeff was not breathing when I got there. I don't know if his heart had stopped beating or not, but there was no detectable pulse. He required cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He began to breathe again quickly and he had a good pulse after we resuscitated him."

INSTEAD of continuing the race, Dansky accompanied Hirt to the hospital.

"It had to be done," said Dansky. "He was comatose. He was vomiting and I was concerned that vomit could get into his airway. He could have stopped breathing at any time. I wasn't sure he was going to make it. No one was sure. I called the hospital yesterday (Tuesday) and they said he was improving."

Hirt was removed from intensive care Tuesday night.

"Was the race Saturday or Sunday?" Hirt asked from his hospital bed as he tried to recall the events of the day. "All I remember is waking up (in the hospital) with all kinds of stuff hooked up to me."

Hirt had experienced no serious problems with running before Saturday. He was competing in his first 15-mile race, having moved to Charleston from Clarksburg eight months ago.

"I have run in several shorter races. I run eight miles, three times a week, but it's always at night," said Hirt. "I think that was my problem. I wasn't used to the heat. I think it was a combination of the humidity and pollution..."

Dr. Dansky is a frequent runner who was competing in Charleston for the first time.

"I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," said Dansky, referring to the assistance he gave Hirt. "I have always had the feeling I am running for my health. I would hate to see people stop running because of what happened to Jeff. On the other hand, I think people should know when to slow down and when to take fluids to keep something like that from happening again."



Hirt

DISTANCE RUNNER

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The two met when Hirt moved into the apartment building where Robinson was already a tenant in the Spring Hill section of South Charleston.

Hirt got Robinson and a female friend, also a tenant, started on jogging, said Robinson. The trio generally ran about three times a week through the residential neighborhood.

"But he would always run at a faster pace than us. He would do six miles to

our three, and he was proud of that," said the sportswriter.

Looking back, Robinson says he would have advised Jeffrey not to try to finish the race.

"But he's that type of person who wouldn't quit. It fits in with his personality," he said.

As a youth, Hirt never played on his high school athletic teams. But he did play on intramural basketball and softball teams while attending Penn State, his mother said.

"He was a normal boy. I can't even remember if he ever broke a limb," she said during a break from her hospital vigil yesterday.

"He's very persistent in everything he does. He wants to do well," she said.

Like the other runners, Hirt signed an insurance waiver and submitted a medical certificate from a doctor that he was physically capable of competing in the run, said David George, race coordinator.

"But that's all we can do. We can't keep people from entering the race as long as they meet those two requirements. We tell all the runners to drink plenty of liquids," he said.

"I'm surprised there weren't more serious cases of exhaustion," he said.

Dansky said he felt more rest stations should be added to the course, particularly toward the end of the run.

"Psychologically, if there's a rest stop, people who should rest will do so at that point. But, you can't control whether persons are going to use common sense or not," he said.

"Whenever you feel something is not right, you should stop," he said.



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THE GREAT PUMPKIN left the pumpkin patch Wednesday to appear at Lutz School, where the elementary students were celebrating Halloween. Among the unusual costumes were a delicate

butterfly hiding fifth grader, Michelle Hirt, Principal John Brown as the Great Pumpkin, and a scary bat sheltering first grader Mary Klingman. (News-Messenger photos by Chris Michael)



DAVID MURPHY
 and **BETSY LEISER**

Leiser-Murphy

Betsy Leiser and David Murphy are planning wedding rites for Jan. 29, 1980 to be held in Faith Lutheran Church.

Miss Leiser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Joe Leiser of 1525 County Road 127, Lindsey. A 1976 graduate of Ross High School and a graduate of the Ohio State Cosmetology School in Columbus, Miss Leiser is employed by Design I Hair Studios in Upper Arlington.

Murphy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy of Lancaster, is a 1975 graduate of Lancaster High School. He is an employee of Reynolds Aluminum Co. in Virginia.

Betsy Leiser and David Murphy will be married Jan. 26, not Jan. 29 as stated in Monday's News-Messenger.

MRS. H.H. (Freda) Brugger, formerly of Vickery, successfully underwent surgery Thursday at Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk. She is in Room 411B.

COLLEGE STUDENT Joel Hirt was co-recipient of the Danforth Foundation "I Dare You" Award. He is attending Hocking Technical College at Nelsonville and was unable to attend the 4-H award program.



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PHIL HUSS, 231 N. Columbus Ave., reported to deputies that a thief broke into his locked pickup truck and stole a 23-channel Robyn citizens band radio worth \$50 and a Road King 76 microphone worth \$42 while his truck was parked in the Eagles lot, 2570 W. State St., Wednesday night.

Hirt family holds reunion

Descendants of Lewis S. and Clara Werth Hirt assembled at the Riley Grange Hall for their 16th annual buffet dinner and social hour.

Various contests were held and special prizes were awarded to: Mrs. C.T. Hiebel, James H. Diedrich, Mrs. David Diedrich, Scarlet Genzman, Lisa Dunster, Glenn Genzman and Dan Diedrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Zilles and family were in charge of the arrangements.



National Institute

Four Sandusky County farms were included on a farm tour held this week for the National Young Farmers Educational Institute, headquartered in Toledo. The Ron Davis dairy farm, the Antesberger hog and grain farm, the Robert Reed vegetable farm and the Robert Wright cattle feeding operation were among stops in the two-day tour. Above top, sharing a pickle joke on the Reed farm are Sandy Overmyer, Marg Swartz, both Fremont Young Farm Wives members, and Tressa Brase, from Colorado. The unique pickle

handcrafted by a local YFW member included detailed "bumps."

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Dec. 15 — Mr. and Mrs. David Hirt, 1775 S. Church Road, Marblehead, a 7-pound, 10-ounce daughter in Sandusky Memorial Hospital. She was the second grandchild in three weeks for Mr. and Mrs. William Hirt of Port Clinton. Their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Hirt, 106 E. Miami Trail, Sandusky, became parents of a son in Good Samaritan Hospital on Nov. 25.

Oddly enough, the first mother to take her baby home in one of the Christmas stockings was one of Memorial's nurses, Mrs. David Hirt, 1775 S. Church Road, Marblehead. She took home Loree Ann Hirt, born Dec. 15, at 3:10 p.m.

What a wonderful Christmas present!

Babione-Casperson

Lana M. Babione and James E. Casperson are planning wedding rites for 6 p.m., April 25, 1980 in St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Clinton.

The bride-elect, a daughter of Helen M. Babione of 709 South St., Fremont, and the late Clarence H. Babione Jr., is a 1972 graduate of Ross High School and Vanguard Vocational Center. She is also a 1976 graduate of Terra Technical College with an associate's degree in early childhood education and is employed by Shirley's Day Care Center in Port Clinton.

Casperson is a son of Mrs. Harold E. Casperson of 690 Clyde St., Port Clinton, and the late Harold Casperson. A 1966 graduate of Port Clinton High School, he is active in Bay Township Fire Department as a volunteer fireman. He is a bus driver for the Port Clinton Board of Education and is employed by Hogan's Arco Station, Port Clinton.



JAMES E. CASPERSON
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Lester Hirt

Lester O. Hirt, 80, 118 N. Fifth St., died this morning in Fremont Memorial Hospital. The funeral will begin at 10:30 Monday in Grace Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are in charge of the Weller-Wonderly Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will be published in Saturday's News-Messenger.

Lester O. Hirt

Lester O. Hirt, 80, of 118 N. Fifth St., died at Memorial Hospital Friday.

Mr. Hirt was born to Frank and Louise Gross Hirt. He had been a farmer until 1941, when he retired. He had worked at Fremont Oil and as a plumber after retirement.

He married Helen Carley on Oct. 23, 1924.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. David White of Fremont and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Drummond, Fremont.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Fuchs officiating. The body will be taken to the church at 9:30 a.m. and lie in state until the funeral. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Weller-Wonderly Funeral Home are 7 to 9 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Hirt survivors

Inadvertently omitted from the obituary of Lester O. Hirt, 80, of 118 N. Fifth St., who died at Memorial Hospital Friday, were three grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild who survive.



In Remembrance

Hirt-Iannello

Terri Hirt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry K. Hirt of 509 W. Main St., Bellevue, and Joe Iannello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Iannello of 838 Flat Rock Road, Bellevue, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Bellevue High School and is employed by General Telephone Co. of Ohio, Bellevue.

Iannello, a 1977 graduate of Bellevue High School, is employed by Trebor Inc., Bellevue.

The couple have not set a date for the wedding ceremony.

Paul E. (Boze) Schepflin

Paul E. (Boze) Schepflin, 69, died at 11 a.m. Friday in the Medical College of Ohio Hospital in Toledo where he had been a patient four weeks.

He was born Dec. 6, 1910, in Fremont to William and Emma (Hirt) Schepflin. He married Hazel Coy in Fremont on Feb. 7, 1936.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, William E. of Fremont; Larry F. of Fremont; and Fred P. of Mansfield; a daughter, Mrs. Myron (Sara) Ann Zibbel of Graytown, Ohio; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Mr. Schepflin graduated from Ross High School in 1928 and from Ohio State University, College of Agriculture, in 1932.

He was a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association, Grace Lutheran Church and the Ohio Guernsey Association. He had been a dairy farmer and operated Wilema Dairy east of Fremont. He was semi-retired.

The funeral will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Keller and Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Fuchs of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Marg Schwartz to represent Fremont YFW

A rural Lindsey woman was chosen by the Fremont Young Farm Wives Association as its representative for the Ohio Young Farm Wife Award.

Marg Schwartz, wife of James Schwartz, 509 S. Main Street, Lindsey, will represent the Fremont Chapter during the state contest. The winner will be announced during the Ohio Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives Convention, Feb. 21-23 in Dayton.

In other business, the Fremont YFW is planning a bake sale for a money-making project. Members will provide three items each for the sale which will begin at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 9 at

Quality Farm and Fleet, U.S. Route 20, west of Fremont.

Barb Leaser reported on the traveling basket, encouraging members to keep it moving so each member will have received it by May.

Martha Lantz reported her Ag Day committee is planning to fill a bag with groceries and have people guess the cost of the items. The prize will be the bag of groceries.

Joan Sachs reported on two community service projects. The Fremont YFW will provide two \$30 scholarships for FFA girls. One will be toward FFA Camp and the other toward FFA Convention.

Newly-married couple reside in Richmond, Va.



MR. And MRS. DAVID MURPHY
(Betsy Leiser)

Richmond, Va., is special for Betsy Leiser and David Murphy who are residing there, after their Saturday wedding rites.

The couple, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Leiser of 1525 County Road 127, Lindsey, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy of Lancaster, Ohio, were wed at 2:30 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jack Kocsis officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by both parents, wore a gown of polyester organza with a stand-up, ruffled collar; sheer cameo yoke; sheer, bouffant sleeves cuffed with venise lace and wide ruffled flounce and chapel-length train lace accented. A small brimmed derby, covered with silk venise lace and pearls, had back veiling and a side cluster of white and mauve silk roses. A cascade bouquet of stephanotis, baby's breath, white, red and pink roses, fern and ivy was carried by the bride.

Anne Schiefer was the maid of honor and Linda Martin, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Each wore a wine lace cape with wide edge ruffles over wine halter gowns. The empire bodices and gathered flared skirts had bows at the sides and wine Qiana pill box hats with mauve silk roses and face veiling were the headpieces. Each carried an arm bouquet of pink and red roses, wine and pink carnations with heather and baby's breath.

Attired like the honor attendants were the bridesmaids, Annette Zak and Amy Goodwill.

Ken Weber was the best man and ushers were Jim Murphy, brother of the bridegroom; Jeff Hilyard and Hal Miller. Robbie Martin and Joey Love, nephews of the bride, were the ringbearers.

A reception was held at the Elks Lodge.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and a 1979 graduate of Ohio State Cosmetology School, Columbus.

Murphy, a 1975 graduate of Lancaster High School, is employed by Reynolds Aluminum, Richmond, Va.

Engagement 12-27-79 Crossley-Hirt

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hirt, 310 Grandview Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Suellyn Lee, to Gary Bruce Crossley, Orlando, Fla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crossley, Emmaus.

Miss Hirt, a 1975 graduate of Waynesboro Area Senior High School, received a bachelor of science degree in community nutrition from the Pennsylvania State University in November.

A 1975 graduate of Emmaus Senior High School, her fiance earned a bachelor of science degree in forest science from Penn State in August. He is employed by Disney World, as a gardener in the landscaping department.

No date has been set for the wedding.



Miss Suellyn Lee Hirt

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Service news

Kenneth L. Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Hirt, 4080 County Road 247, Vickery, has been promoted to the rank of Electricians Mate Chief Petty Officer.

Hirt, a 1969 graduate of Fremont Ross, is stationed at the Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn. He began his career at the Naval Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., where he received both his basic and electrical training. After basic training, he was stationed onboard the U.S.S. Severn (AO-61) in Newport, R.I.

He was transferred to Nuclear Power School in 1971.

In 1972 Hirt attended the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., where he became qualified in submarines. He was then assigned to the fast attack submarine, USS Gato (SSN-615), then in the shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss.

Upon completion of the Gato, Hirt made several patrols in the Mediterranean Sea. He was transferred to the fleet Ballistic submarine USS

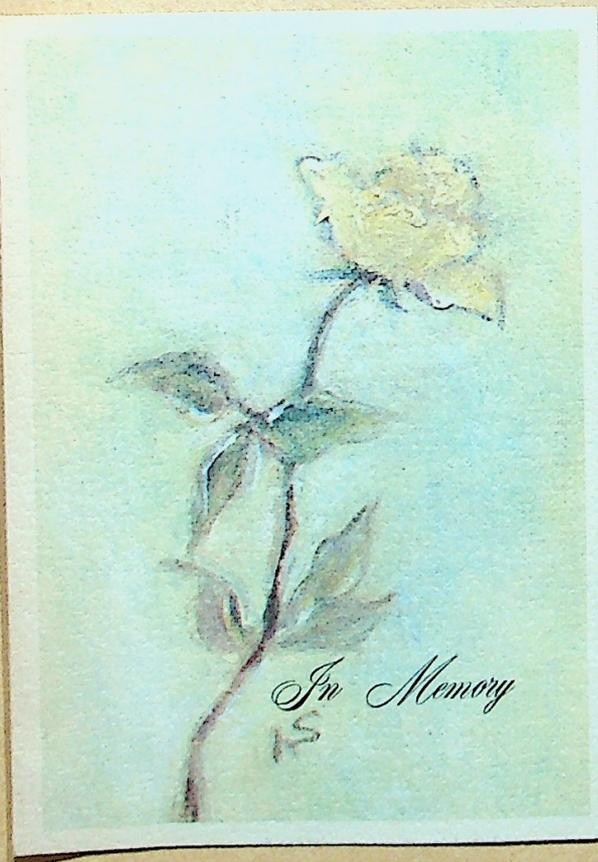
Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635) in 1976. Hirt then made four patrols of the North Atlantic.

Hirt has recently completed a tour of shore duty at the Naval Submarine Support Facility in New London, Connecticut and, after attending the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Plant Operators Course, will be assigned to the USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN-617).

Hirt resides in Ledyard, Connecticut with his wife Susan and son Christopher Robert, 4.

JERRY WHITE, 609 Whittlesey St., is recuperating from leg surgery at Mount Carmel Hospital East, 6001 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43213. He had his operation on Monday.

April 1—Sherry and Wayne Paden, North 110 Place, Apache Junction, Ariz., a 5-pound, 15-ounce son, Wayne Douglas Paden II, at Desert Samaritan Hospital. The couple also has a daughter, Samantha, 2. Marjorie Schepflin of Mesa, Ariz., is the grandmother. She and her daughter are former Fremonters.





The United States Navy wishes to announce a fine new addition to the Fleet. Nine full months went into the construction of this handsome vessel, USS Eric Thomas, which measures 53½ cm. (21 in.) in length and 4200 gms. (9 lbs. 4½ oz.) in weight. He was officially launched at 0156 hours on 13 March 1980 before a host of dignitaries at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va. Furthermore, he proudly awaits your inspection at 136 Sac Lane.

Architects

Melody Anne Miller
Charles Dale Miller

Engineer

March 13 — Melody and Dr. Charles Miller of 136 Sac Lane, Virginia Beach, Va., 23462, a 9-pound, 4½-ounce son, Eric Thomas, at 1:23 a.m., Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va. They also have a son Andy, 7 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Genzman of Oak Harbor and Dora O'Farrell of Fremont. Great-grandparents are Freda Brugger, Leona Kelly and Dale Miller.

CARL SMITH, COUNTY Road 204, is in room 511 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo following heart surgery.

Lana Babione marries James Casperson Friday

A rainbow of colors was used in gowns and flowers when Lana Marie Babione was married to James Edwin Casperson in St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Clinton. The Rev. Harry Holzaepfel officiated during the 6:30 p.m. Friday ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Helen M. Babione of 709 South St. and the late Clarence H. Babione Jr. A 1972 graduate of Vanguard Vocational Center and Ross High School, she graduated in 1976 from Terra Technical College with an associate's degree in preschool education.

Casperson is a son of Lillian Casperson of 690 Clyde St., Port Clinton, and the late Harold E. Casperson. He graduated in 1966 from Port Clinton High School and is employed by the Port Clinton Board of Education as a bus driver and by Hogan's Arco in Port Clinton. He is also active in the Bay Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Given in marriage by a cousin of her father's, Paul Babione, the bride wore a knit gown with silk venise flowers and net decorating the Queen Anne neckline of the raised bodice, long tapered sleeves with a lace and net insert, venise flowers hemming the flared skirt and a chapel-length train. A fitted lace camelot cap had double tiers of bridal illusion outlined with silk venise flowers and she carried a colonial bouquet of silk



MR. AND MRS. JAMES CASPERSON
(Lana Babione)

roses and daisies in a cloud of gypsophila.

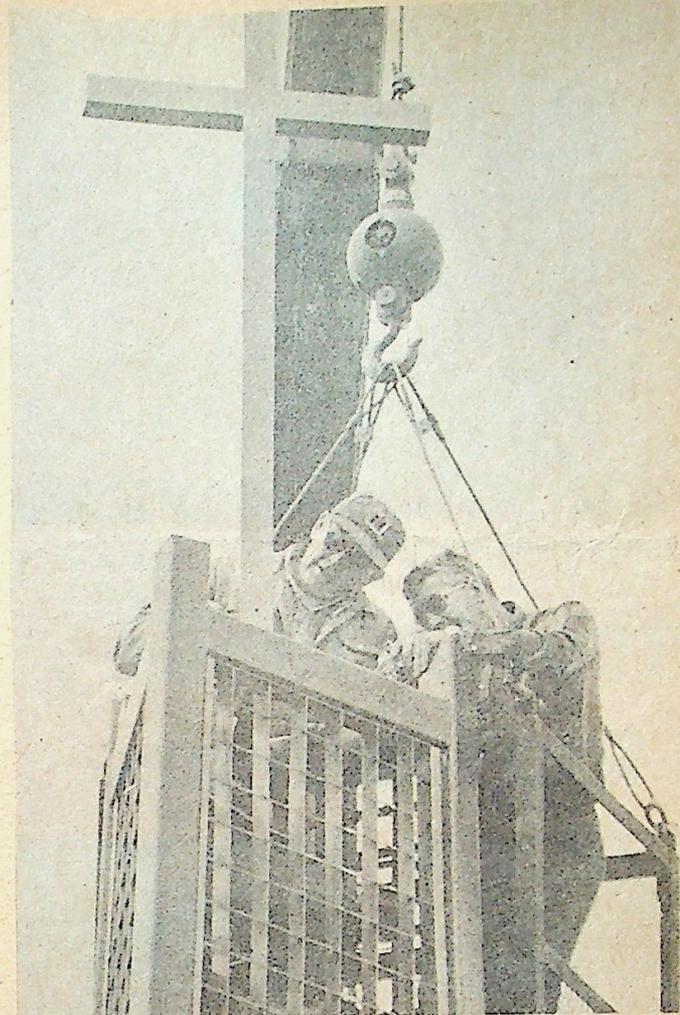
Marilyn Massie was the matron of honor and Deborah Babione, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura and Lydia Babione, sisters of the bride. In a rainbow of colors, the dresses worn by the attendants had crocheted V-necklines, spaghetti straps, full flared skirts; and sleeveless fitted jackets with wide lapel ruffles forming a front tie. Their picture hats were trimmed with maline and ribbon and each carried a bouquet of spring flowers in the wedding colors.

Cynthia Gilleland, niece

of the bridegroom, was the flowergirl in a pink polyester gown with double layer bell sleeves and white lace.

David McDougall was the best man and ushers were Bruce Hamann, William Cooley and Douglas McDougall Jr. Jack Frazier, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

A reception was held at the Misty Meadow Lodge, Fremont, and the couple left from there for their honeymoon to an undisclosed location. Upon their return, the newlyweds will reside at 688 Toledo St., Nugents Canal, Port Clinton.



CHURCH MEMBERS spent about three hours Monday morning erecting their new bell tower. Even Pastor Jack Kocsis helped out. Here Rev. Kocsis, at right, and Morton Brindley hang from a crane as they top the tower with a golden cross.

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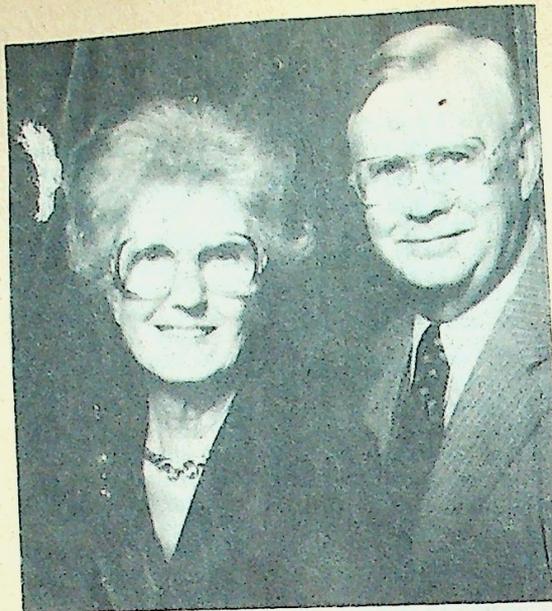
Missing truck is recovered; man charged

A 21-year-old Brandy Hill, Mass., man has been charged with the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that was stolen from a rural Fremont farm within the last four days. A 14-year-old Fremont runaway boy may also be involved in the theft.

Jay M. Hindle was also charged with driving under the influence after he was stopped by Trooper Dean Vincent near the Middleridge Service Plaza on the Ohio Turnpike at Amherst about 4:31 a.m., today.

He was westbound heading for California when he was initially stopped for DUI in the 1970 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Merle J. Hirt, 1561 S. County Road 226. Hindle told the trooper that a boy had given him permission to drive the truck. The boy was not with Hindle at the time of the arrest.

He was jailed in Lorain County on a \$1,500 bond and is expected to appear in the Oberlin Municipal Court. Charges of unauthorized use may be filed locally. The apprehension was Trooper Vincent's fourth this year.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER E. ZILLES of 2497 County Road 232 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house reception hosted by their family at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed Sunday, June 22 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, but the couple request no gifts. Zilles and the former Grace Hirt were wed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Toledo, by Dr. Henry F. Schuh on Nov. 22, 1930. They are the parents of five daughters: Mrs. Gwen Dunster of Lima; Mrs. Joe (Nancy) Leiser of Lindsey; Mrs. Samuel (Shirley) Brodbelt of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. John (Barbara) Cole of Ukiah, Calif.; and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Manifold of Kettering, Ohio. A daughter, Kay Louise, and twin sons, Joseph and John, are deceased. They also have 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ORGAN BOUQUET is in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zilles on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, given by their family.

Fremont man injured in accident

BELLEVUE — A Fremont man was listed in satisfactory condition Saturday evening in Providence Hospital, Sandusky, with injuries sustained in a late morning traffic accident in Bellevue.

Russell Hirt, 66, 511 N. Fifth St., Fremont, was injured after his car struck a semi-truck on Castalia Street. The truck was driven by James Strother, 44, Cleveland.

Further information on the nature of the accident was unavailable from Bellevue police, but Hirt was cited for failure to maintain an assured clear distance.

Hirt first was taken to Bellevue Hospital and later transferred by ambulance to Providence, hospital spokesmen said.

Russell R. Hirt, 66, 511 N. Fifth St., Fremont, in satisfactory condition at Providence Hospital, Sandusky, where he was transferred from Bellevue Hospital following an accident about 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

He was driving north in a pickup truck in the block of Castalia Street when he struck the back of a semi-tractor trailer driven by James E. Strother, 44, 4509 Hyde Ave., Cleveland, who had stopped to pull into Rink's parking lot, Bellevue police report. Hirt was cited by police for no assured clear distance.

Violet C. Schiller, 22, 706 Elmwood East Road, Elmwood

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FREMONT SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL Committee member Jan Sorg, dressed in a Bavarian costume, loaned by Costume Holiday House, holds a promotional package as Bruce Hirt, Shop Rite employee, wraps another package in cellophane. The promotional kits include a Rubeen button and eight ounce can of sauerkraut from the Fremont Kraut Company and a pair of green ceramic cabbage salt and pepper shakers made by Sandco Industries all nestled on a bed of basket grass donated by Johnson's Greenhouse. The promotional packages will be presented to selected individuals in surrounding cities to spread interest in the July 30-Aug. 3 Fremont Sauerkraut Festival. (News-Messenger photo by Chris Michael)





This youngster got a free ride with a clown during the parade at the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association convention in Monroeville Saturday.

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MR. AND MRS. KENNETH Brindley, Amanda and Katy have returned to their home in Fremont, Calif., after spending three and a half weeks with their parents-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morlon Brindley, Lindsey, and Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Corthell, of Port Clinton. Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Brindley, Micah and Matthew, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., also spent a vacation, though a short one, with the Brindleys in Lindsey.

Family members from six states attend Hirt reunion

The Sandusky County Fairgrounds was the site of the 64th annual reunion of the Casper Hirt family with 168 members and guests arriving from California, Kansas, Illinois, Maryland, Indiana and many Ohio towns.

After a potluck meal the program and business meeting was held. The group sang several favorite songs and Kathy Genzman announced eight marriages and eight births in the family since last year's reunion.

The youngest baby

present, Loree Ann Hirt, daughter of David and Janice Hirt, received a special bank.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Vince Troxel, president; Ed Smith, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

Next year's reunion will be held the last Sunday in July at the fairgrounds.

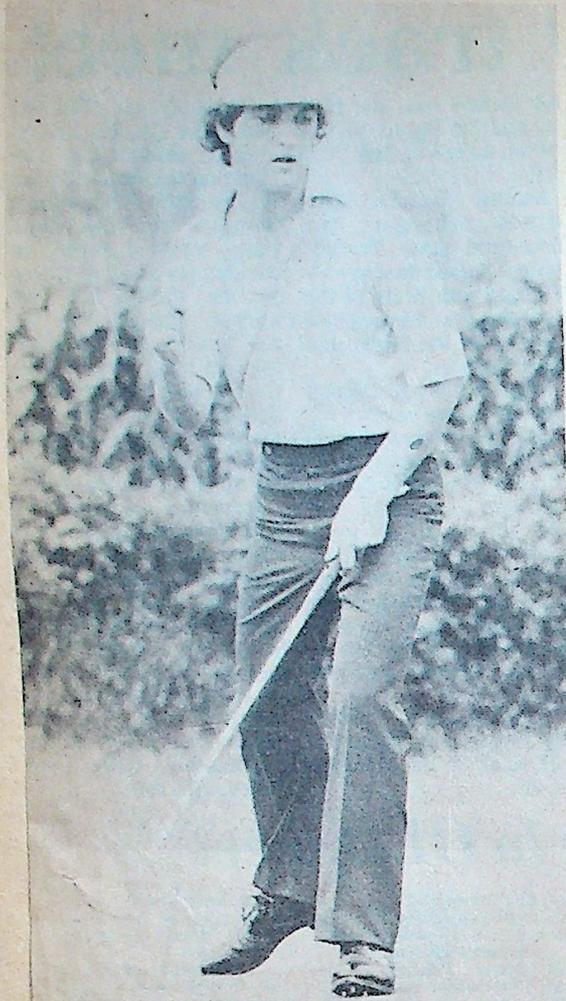
Aug. 19 — Linda and Randy Hottinger, 23245 W. Winfield Drive, Genoa, a 7-pound, 8-ounce daughter, Sarah Lucinda, at 9:09 p.m. in Riverside Hospital, Toledo. Grandparents are Viola S. Schepflin, Fremont, and the late Carl S. Schepflin and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hottinger, also of Fremont. Sarah is the first grandchild for Mrs. Schepflin.

Merle Hirt 9-gallon blood donor

Merle J. Hirt, 1561 County Road 226, made his 72nd trip to the American Red Cross Bloodbank Tuesday to become a nine-gallon donor.

Dale Shimer, 1213 June St., and Homer W. Brittenburg, 1966 Martin Ave., became eight-gallon donors.

Jeannette E. Hirt, 639 Gibson St., and James A. Hultgren, 1200 White Ave., became seven-gallon donors.



TIM HIRT reacts to a putt that found the cup for a birdie on the eighth hole at Sycamore Hills Sunday during the county tournament. Hirt won the tourney with a 65.

Hirt's 65 tops county tourney

Tim Hirt shot a 5-under par 65 to win the Sandusky County Amateur Golf Tournament Sunday at Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

The University of Toledo player and Mid-American Conference medalist, led runnerup Bob Moll by three shots. Hirt, playing out of the Toledo Country Club but a resident of Clyde, was out in 33 and home in 32.

Moll, one of the Ross High School state champs in 1973, carded nines of 34 for his 68.

Hirt's only bad hole of the day was on the front nine when he took a double bogey six on the 407-yard seventh hole. He hit a nine-iron out-of-bounds in back of the green.

"I knew it was long when I hit it," he said, "but it was just a question of how long. It was just a flier and I hit it too hard."

He was four-under at that point but got a stroke back on the eighth with a 10-foot birdie putt after driving into the seventh fairway.

Hirt's round included eight birdies, the double bogey and another bogey on the 400-yard 17th.

John Faist was third in the tourney with a 71. He is a member of Sycamore Hills Golf Club. Buck Baumann, an FCC player, also shot a 71 to tie Faist.

Defending champ Bill Pfefferle was in a group of three at 72. T.J. Brudzinski and Dave Stevenson matched Pfefferle's score. Stevenson shot 32 on the back nine.



DARYL KNIPP, president of the Fremont Young Farmers Association, presented the first place trophy to Greg Diedrich who won the Sandusky County Tractor Operators' Rodeo. Diedrich, who was representing the Riley Boosters 4-H Club, is also a member of the Fremont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Chris Schwochow, a member of the Fremont FFA took second place. The annual contest emphasizes the skill and safety in handling tractors and farm equipment. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Ker...

That Football Quiz has me riled. I'm going after it for the third time, so Mike Hirt, wherever you are, watch me shoot past you this week... I hope.

MIKE HIRT, 1739 E. State and I believe the "Ole Dodger Lover," was the winner of this week's News-Messenger Football Quiz. He missed only two... Oak Harbor vs. Margaretta. and Indiana vs. Iowa.

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Friends, relatives surprise Troxels on 40th anniversary

Fifty-six friends and relatives surprised Vince and Ann Troxel, 1666 Benlu Dr., Aug. 10 with a 40th wedding anniversary party.

The Troxels had been told a family dinner was planned at a restaurant, but they were greeted by

well-wishers at the home of their son, Richard, in Sylvania.

The party was given by Jim and Diane Troxel, Bob and Pat Miller, and Rich and Kathy Troxel.

A mock wedding ceremony, a champagne

toast, a buffet dinner, a wedding cake and gift opening were the highlights of the afternoon.

Guests included persons from Fremont, Lindsey, Oak Harbor, Fostoria, Toledo, Cleveland and Upper Sandusky.

The Troxels were married Aug. 10, 1940.

Clyde's Hirt qualifies for U.S. Amateur

By The Associated Press

Bob Michael of Sarasota, Fla., topped a group of 11 qualifiers for the U.S. Amateur Golf Tournament at two Ohio sites Tuesday.

Michael finished with a 1-over-par 141 to pace seven qualifiers at the Camargo Club in Cincinnati. University of Toledo senior Tim Hirt's 5-over-par 149 was tops at Thunder Hill Country Club in Cleveland, where four golfers qualified.

Tim Hirt won the Sandusky County Amateur championship Aug. 3 at Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

The defending Mid-American Conference champion is a graduate of Clyde High School.

Qualifications at Columbus were postponed until today because of wet grounds on Ohio State University's Scarlet course and the Muirfield Village Golf Club. A field of 220 golfers, the largest of any qualifier in the country, will play one round on each course, with the low 13 scorers qualifying.

The U.S. Amateur will be played in Pinehurst, N.C., from Aug. 26 to 31.

Michael, the national left-handed champion the last four years, shot rounds of 70 and 71 in Cincinnati.

Mike McGee of Columbus finished second at Camargo with a 142. McGee is a member of the Ohio State University golf team.

Ludwig Shenk of Mansfield, a former Ohio Amateur titlist, posted a 143. Brian Fogt of Dayton finished with a 144, while Jim Volpenhein of Crestview Hills, Ky., Richard McPhail of Amelia and Mark Nickerson of Toledo all qualified with a 145.

In Cleveland, Hirt shot rounds of 73 and 76 to win medalist honors.

Also qualifying with scores of 152 were Doug Hanzel, a Wright State University medical student from Orange Village, and former Ohio Open and Ohio Amateur champion Bob Lewis Jr. of Warren. Taking the final spot was Joe Ungvary of Akron with a 153.

Hirt took a 1-stroke victory over Hanzel, who formerly played for Kent State University, in the Mid-American Conference golf championship two years ago.

High water linked to blaze which hit Landing house

WHITES LANDING — Monday morning's high water is believed to be the indirect cause of a fire that completely gutted the home of Darrell (Tony) Frazier, Maple Avenue, here Monday morning.

Margaretta Township firemen, who answered the call along with volunteer firemen from Whites Landing, said the water, at about an 18-inch level, came up under the kitchen stove and caused an electrical short, which started the fire. Firemen answered the call at 9:30 a.m. and were on the scene for about one hour.

Firemen report that there was about \$25,000 damage to the house and \$15,000 to the contents. There was smoke and heat damage to the entire house and fire damage to part of the house.

Nobody was home at the time and no injuries were reported. Frazier had been gone for about 45 minutes before the fire started. He and his wife, the former Jane Babione, are the parents of a 10-year-old daughter Sonja and 7-year-old son Jack. All of their belongings in the house were destroyed by the blaze.

WHEN JOHN HUSS

3990 State Route 53 North, read a story about Heinold's First and Last Chance Bar on Jack London Square, Oakland, Calif., it stirred memories of when he and some of his buddies, including the late Earl Balsizer, Elmer Frey and Joe Guschind, would stop in at that bar during World War II . . . The Gannett News Service story was in the Feb. 23 issue of the News-Messenger. It was about the bar and Bill Tilley, 80, Oakland's oldest bartender, and some of his philosophy of life and what it takes to be a good bartender . . . "I like people," he was quoted as saying. "The key to getting along with your customers is to be patient, tolerant and fair." . . . Huss clipped the story and sent it to Tilley who answered with a long personal letter, saying he was beginning to feel like a celebrity and maybe applying for membership in the Screen Actor's Guild, since he had so much response to the publicity . . . He said the bar floor still sloped and the bar really hadn't changed much in the 36 years since Huss had been there . . . The bar got its name, Tilley said, because when Johnny Heinold first opened Alameda was a dry town on the other side of the bridge, so when the townspeople came off the bridge, Johnny's bar was the first place to get a drink . . . Going back here it was the last chance, and that was in 1883 . . . The area is called Jack London Square, but the little bar is the only building still standing that was there when the famous author lived in that town . . . It's been declared a historical landmark and visitors come from around the world . . . Tilley closed his letter inviting Huss to

WITH ALL THEIR belongings gone up in smoke, Darrell "Tony" and Jane (Babione) Frazier and their two children, Sonja, 10, and Jack, 7, are in need of help . . . Their home at Whites Landing began burning about 9:30 Monday morning when the family was not at home . . . The children were in classes at Thompson School . . . The parents are presently unemployed and while it's impossible to replace the many personal things that were lost their situation would be greatly improved if Fremonters and area residents could look through their closets and come up with clothing for the family . . . Sonja wears size 12 to 14; Jack, size 7-slim pants and 7 or 8 shirt; Jane, women's sizes 9 or 10 and size 12 tops . . . Tony wears 38-waist pants and extra-large shirts . . . Particularly distressing to the family was the loss of clothes recently bought by Jane's mother, Helen Babione of South Street . . . She is the children's only grandparent and had recently stretched her budget to include clothing for the family to wear to the wedding of another daughter, Lana Babione, on April 25.

THE FAMILY which lost all of its possessions in a fire at Whites Landing Monday morning has received a generous supply of clothing from residents of the area . . . In fact, all of the clothing the family needs, according to Mrs. Helen Babione, 709 South St., mother of Mrs. Darrell Frazier, who lost her home in the fire . . . In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier, the family has a son and daughter . . . Mrs. Babione said the family is extremely grateful for the clothing, but will need furnishings as soon as they find a new home . . . Both parents are currently unemployed . . . Anyone who wishes to donate money or home furnishings may call Mrs. Babione at 334-2750.

Hirt MAC Medalist; Ohio U Retains Crown

Special to The Blade

DeKALB, Ill. — Tim Hirt, a University of Toledo junior from Clyde, O., won the Mid-American Conference's medalist honors in golf for the second straight year Saturday at the league championships.

Ohio University won the team championship.

Hirt defeated Ball State's B.G. Winings in a sudden-death playoff after the two tied among individuals for low score with 298 after four rounds.

Hirt bogeyed the 410-yard No. 1 hole in the sudden-death playoff but Winings, the tourney leader almost throughout the 72 holes of regulation, double-bogeyed.

Hirt was medalist in 1979 when the MAC championships were held at Washenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Hirt shot a final-round 76 Saturday on a cold, foggy, rainy day as scores were generally high. Winings ballooned to 80, opening the door for the Rocket golfer.

Hirt's four rounds, in order on the par 72 course at Northern Illinois University, were 79, 70, 73, and 76.

Despite Hirt's efforts, the UT golfers finished eighth in the 10-team field with a total of 1,577. Bowling Green was fifth with a score of 1,547.

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— Blade Photo

TIM HIRT HEADED FOR NCAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

University of Toledo star, left, and coach Don Kotnik

Hirt Ready To Play In NCAA Golf Tourney

By DUANE SCHOOLEY
Blade Sports Writer

Tim Hirt is aware of the advertisement that claims you only go around once in life.

But the University of Toledo golfer also knows the words to a song that is contrary — he's glad of that second time around.

Now, he's going to reach for the gusto, the recognition that a high finish in the NCAA golf tournament would bring.

A year ago, Hirt was the medalist in the Mid-American Conference golf championships. But because the tourney was late in the season and the Mid-Am's representatives to the NCAA already picked, he was not invited to the NCAA. It left him puzzled and his coach, Don Kotnik, upset.

This year, Hirt repeated as MAC medalist. There's no stopping him from competing in this weekend's NCAA tour-



Schooley

namant at Ohio State University's Scarlet Course. A finish among the top 15 is his goal.

A week ago, when Hirt became the second player in MAC history to repeat as medalist, he had to overcome a poor start. In fact, he had left the May 17 final round, only to return two hours later to check the team's standing and to discover he was heading toward a playoff with Ball State's B.G. Winings for medal honors.

When Winings pushed his second shot into the woods on the sudden-death hole, a 420-yard, Par-4, Hirt played it safe, took a bogey, and won the playoff.

"After four rounds of playing the course," Hirt said, "there was a chance to play the man. When you have that opening you take it."

It was an opportunity Hirt didn't think he would have. He thought he had shot himself out of it.

"Thursday, after a seven-over-par 79, I was really dejected," Hirt said. "I had played well for 14 holes and then let it slip away. I knew one round didn't mean it all, but I had hoped to be in the vicinity of the leader."

Hirt was nine shots back of Winings' pace after that first round, but came back during the May 16 double round to challenge.

He matched Winings' 70 in the first 18 holes and then had a one-over-par 73 and trailed by four heading into the final 18 holes May 17.

"I really could have been five or six shots better," Hirt said. "But I was satisfied with the way I played May 16. I felt good during the next day's round until I had a triple bogey on a par 3."

Hirt hit his tee shot in the water on the 230-yard hole and wound up with a 6. It put him five over for the day. He came back to birdie the next two holes, got up and down for a par on 17, and then bogeyed 18 when his second shot hit the back of the green.

"The ball ended up back by the clubhouse and all I could do was chip onto the green and two putt," he said. "It left me four-over-par and there was no way I thought I would tie."

"B.G. is a steady golfer and I didn't think I had a chance to make up eight shots."

But Winings had difficulty himself,

Kadlick - Diekman

TOLEDO PRESS, FEBRUARY 12, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kadlick, 552 Oakdale Ave., Toledo have announced the engagement of their daughter Anna Elizabeth, Lima, Ohio to Michael Fredric Diekman. Mr. Diekman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Diekman of 1782 N. Nissen Rd., Martin.

Miss Kadlick, a 1974 graduate of Waite High School and a 1978 graduate of Bowling Green State University is employed as a Distributive Education Teacher/Co-Ordinator at the Lima Senior High School.

Mr. Diekman is a 1974 graduate of Genoa High School. He attended Owens Technical College and is self employed with Diekman Farms and Trucking. He also works for the Phillips Bottled Gas Company.

The couple are planning a July 19, 1980 wedding to be held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Toledo.



Michael Diekman and Anna Kadlick

shot an 80 on the day, and fell into a tie with Hirt. Winings' second shot on the playoff hole took him out of it.

"He got a flier out of the rough," Hirt said. "It just squirted into the woods. It gave me the chance to play it safe."

There are some who say Hirt should be making his second NCAA tournament trip, but he's not counting.

"It's a super feeling. Ask any college basketball player what tournament he would like to play in and he'll say the NCAA. It's the best of all the collegiate players."

"If I had a choice, I'd like to play in the U.S. Amateur. That's the best of all amateurs, the best of everyone. But this is the best of all college players and that's not bad either."

Hirt credits jogging for helping his golf game, though he admits he didn't do much of it this season. He started jogging again late in the year and his game has steadily improved.

"I can't play golf everyday," he said. "I'm the type who needs my time. If I went to another school, say one in the south, I would have to play a couple of months and then take time off."

"To tell you the truth, I don't hit the ball that well. I have to use my head. When you're in the garbage a lot, you have to think. It's usually a case of getting up and down, and that wears on you."

"Jogging has really helped. I think I would like to be a marathon runner if I weren't a golfer. The running has helped to strengthen my legs and I've needed it. I have to have the legs in my swing and I can tell the difference since I started running again."

Hirt started playing golf at the age of 10.

"I think that's the right age to start," he said. "If you don't start with a good teacher, you're in trouble no matter what age you begin."

Professionally? "It works out that way, fine," he said. "That's the ultimate. But if I don't, well

"Ballistically, right now I'm thinking about the lines of an assistant club pro in the Toledo area and then play the mixtour in the winter and go from there."



THE PEN OF TWO market lambs grand champion was purchased by Paul Molyet of Molyet's Farm Market for \$2.16 per pound. Pictured from left are Molyet; Yvonne Atkinson, who helped show the lambs; and Mary Atkinson, 257 County Road 119, who raised the lambs.



RONALD ATKINSON
Sheep

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JUNIOR FAIR beef showmanship winners were, from left, front row: Troy Brubaker, reserve champion in the Junior Division; Jen Schwartz, reserve Hereford in the Intermediate Division; and Matt Lantz, champion junior Beef. In the second row are Lynette Timmons, reserve senior showman; Dave Miller, champion senior showman and 'super showmanship winner; and Sandra Wallace, champion in the Intermediate Division. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)



MARY ATKINSON (left) had the grand champion pen of two lambs at the Sandusky County Fair. She was assisted by Dan Giebel (right). Miss Atkinson, 20, is a member of the Fremont Future Farmers.



NEEDLEWORK WINNERS at the Sandusky County Fair included (from left) Barb Hackenburg, Janet Bolen, Debbie Hirt and Judy McEow. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

For

Suellyn Lee Hirt and Gary Bruce Crossley

October 4, 1980 - 1:00 P.M.

Christ United Methodist Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

PRE-NUPTIAL RECITAL

- "Nadia's Theme"
- "Always and Forever"
- "Wedding Prayer"
- "Colour My World"
- "The Little Bells"
- "Evergreen"
- "O Perfect Love"

Perry Botkin
 Rod Temperton
 Fern Dunlap
 James Pankow
 Harvey Gaul
 Barbra Streisand
 arr. Everett Titcomb

"WEDDING PROCESSIONAL"

Richard Wagner

INVOCATION

SOLEMN CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (See Insert)

SCRIPTURE - I Corinthians 13

SOLEMN CHARGE TO THE COUPLE

EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND OF RINGS

THE NUPTIAL CANDLES

THE PRONOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS -

Pastoral
 "Lord's Prayer"

Albert Hay Malotte

Vocal Solo - Miss Shank

NUPTIAL BLESSING

PARENTAL GREETING

"WEDDING RECESSIONAL"

Felix Mendelssohn

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Minister: Gary and Sue have invited us to share in the celebration of one of life's most sacred relationships, wherein they covenant to guard the welfare of the other more than their own; they affirm their love before the altar of God; they pledge their faith to one another and enter into the joys and blessings of marriage.

Congregation: As they give themselves each to the other in a life together, we pray that God's blessing be upon them.

Minister: For many of us this is a time of sacred memory as we recall the occasion when we ourselves promised to love, honor and cherish. May we once more renew that covenant.

Congregation: We rejoice in the grace of forgiveness, the gift of sensitivity and the blessing of understanding. We are glad for the God-given capacity to seek another's welfare above our own; to enter into a union of mind and spirit, and to be united in purpose, will and motive.

Minister: As we wish so much, and so greatly rejoice in the privilege of this moment, let us pray together.

In Unison: Gracious God, who brings us together in the relationship of love, we pray that Gary and Sue will share the joys, the abiding peace and the rich rewards of marriage. May their love and understanding grow with the years. May they seek each other's happiness, recognize each other's needs and hopes, and each help the other to become a person more pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

ROBERT W. GENZMAN, a 1969 Fremont Ross High School graduate, has been appointed an assistant United States attorney in Orlando, Fla. . . . The U.S. Attorney's Office, a branch of the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecutes federal crimes in the Middle District of Florida . . . Until recently, Genzman was a legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Robert L. Livingston (R-La.) in Washington, D.C. . . . Previously, he was a staff counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations . . . He received degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the London School of Economics and the Cornell Law School . . . He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Genzman of Oak Harbor.

Hirts hold 10th reunion

Descendants of Frank and Lucy Hirt held their 10th annual reunion Sunday at the Riley Grange Hall. Fifty were present for the potluck dinner.

Mrs. David White conducted the business meeting at which it was decided to hold the reunion next year at the same place on the third Sunday

MRS. CLARENCE Hirt, 1543 County Road 226, Fremont, is in Room 522, Flower Hospital, 5200 Harroun St., Sylvania, Ohio 43460. She was admitted Sunday as a surgical patient.

MIKE HIRT is getting greedy. It's the second time that the Dodger lover has won the News-Messenger Football Quiz for the second time. This time he was perfect . . . 20 of 20 . . . the first person to do that. He picked up \$35 for perfection.

Christ United Methodist Church
 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Reception at two o'clock
 American Legion
 63 East Main Street
 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania



Camp Fire fund-raisers

Hoping to total large sales of Camp Fire products this year between Nov. 12 and 30 are members of the Buckeye Council of Camp Fire. Representing the five levels are, clockwise: Michael Hirt, Blue Jays, first and second grade boys; Becky Randolph, Adventure, grades four, five and six; Laura Brandt, Discovery Club, seventh and eighth grade; Jo Ellen Price, Bluebird, grades one, two and three; and Karen Darr, Horizon Club, grades nine through 12. They are gathered around the totem pole made years ago by Jim Briggs, a friend of Camp Fire. It was a familiar symbol to generations of Camp Fire Girls at Camp Yukita. The totem pole was refurbished and footed in concrete at Misty Meadows by the Walter Ferback family of Moore Street when the new camp was developed. Being sold

this year are chocolate covered mints, nut clusters, chocolate covered peanut butter chips and bags of nuts, each for \$1; a two-year pocket calendar planner for \$1.50; and Discovery Club members will be taking orders for cheese and smoked sausage. The monies generated by this annual sale are used to supplement the portion of the operating budget not covered by the United Way or CUP allocations. Buckeye Council of Camp Fire currently serves 1,100 youth members in Fremont, Clyde, Green Springs, Lindsey and Gibsonburg, with 150 adults involved in the programming. Misty Meadows, the council-owned property along the Sandusky River, offers year around outdoor and indoor programs. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

Hirt At 147 In Golf Meet

Special to The Blade

EL PASO, Texas — Tim Hirt, University of Toledo golf star, tacked on a 74 Friday to his previous round of 73 for a 147 total after two rounds of the Sun

Bowl All-American golf tournament at El Paso Country Club.

Hirt is tied for 13th place in the 24-player tournament in which all-star invited players from colleges and universities all over the country are competing.

The leader at 9-under-par 133 is Jay Don Blake of Utah State. Blake had a first-day 65 and added a 68 Friday over the par-71 El Paso layout.

"He (Blake) is just crushing the field," Hirt commented. "He's playing super golf."

Hirt added, "I'm not playing that badly myself. In fact, I am pleased with my rounds thus far since I really haven't had a lot of practice time on any course recently.

"I've started out poorly in both of my rounds, but am happy that I have been able to rebound and come in with a decent score."

Hirt, who is a senior at UT this fall, worked in the Toledo Country Club pro

Third Straight Time For UT G Hirt MAC Medalist A

Special to The Blade

MUNCIE, Ind. — University of Toledo senior Tim Hirt became the Mid-American Conference's first-ever three-time medalist when he shot a 287 in the conference golf championship at Ball State.

Hirt finished one stroke ahead of Ball State's B.G. Winings and Ohio University's Jerry Mawhorr, from Shelby, O.

Toledo finished sixth in the 10-team league meet with 1,514 points.

"Nobody has ever won this thing three years in a row," Hirt said. "It feels good to be the only person to do so. I played well today.

"It was nice being paired with two other players fighting for the lead (Winings and Mawhorr). They both played well and that made me play better."

On his way to the individual title, Hirt shot a birdie on the 17th hole.

Hirt said, "If it doesn't hit the hole I probably would have three putts ahead of me.

"It (the ball) was moving, but fortunately it was dead center, then it disappeared in the hole."

Hirt clinched the title when he sank a three-foot downhill putt at the 18th hole. He admitted being anything but calm at the time.

"I was nervous and was really shaking," Hirt said.

This was the second year in a row that Hirt and Winings came down to the final hole and beyond before the winner was decided. Last year, both golfers were battling in a playoff before Winings pushed his second shot into the woods.

Hirt bogeyed, but won the playoff.

Hirt works in the summer in the pro shop at Toledo Country Club and has entertained thoughts of turning professional.

"If it works out that way, fine," Hirt said recently. "That's the ultimate. But if I don't, well..."

Hirt
Rules:



Tim Hirt

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MRS. H.H. (Freda) Brugger, formerly of Riley Township, now of 8 Mead Ave., Norwalk, was honored Sunday with a luncheon buffet marking her 85th birthday... The party was hosted by Mrs. Brugger's youngest daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wynkoop of Norwalk, with whom Mrs. Brugger resides... Guests came from Fremont, Clyde, Norwalk, Oak Harbor, Vickery and Columbus.

Iannello vows spoken Nov. 8 in Bellevue church

Terri Lynn Hirt wore a gown of white satin and carried a silk flower bouquet for her wedding to Joseph Iannello, Nov. 8 in Bellevue Immaculate Conception Church. The Rev. Leo Lehmkuhl performed the ceremony.

The bride's parents are Larry and Carol Hirt, 509 W. Main St., Bellevue. Anthony and Sarah Iannello, 838 Flat Rock Rd., Bellevue, are parents of the bridegroom. Richelle Hansen, the bride's friend from Bellevue, served as maid of honor. Sue Iannello, sister of the groom, Bellevue; Brenda Deeter, friend of the bride from Bellevue; Teresa Onest, another friend of the bride, Bellevue, and Ann Damernik, a friend from Bellevue, were bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Michelle Wagner, a friend of the bride from Bellevue, and Michael Tisdale was ring bearer.

Best man was Tony Iannello Jr., Bellevue, the groom's brother. Ushers were the bride's brother, Steve Hirt, Bellevue; Dave Hirt, Willard, another brother of the bride; Tom Howe, Michigan, cousin of the groom; and Carl Iannello.

The couple made a Caribbean cruise and returned to live at 122½ Howard St., Bellevue.

Bellevue Publishing Firm Buys Weeklies In Wauseon, Swanton

From The Blade Correspondent

WAUSEON, O. — Gazette Publishing Co., of Bellevue, O., has purchased three weekly newspapers, two in Wauseon and one in Swanton, from Chief Publishing Co. here.

Gary Hirt, president of Gazette Publishing, and Gordon Smitley, president of Chief Publishing, signed the purchase agreement and announced that Gazette will assume ownership April 1 of The Fulton County Expositor, The Wauseon Republican, and The Swanton Enterprise.

Also included in the purchase is the Chief Delivery Service, a door-to-door delivery service of advertising supplements.

Mr. Hirt said that all three newspapers will continue operations in their existing formats, but will be printed in the Gazette's Bellevue plant.

The Republican, established in 1854, and the Expositor, established in 1875, have about 7,000 subscribers. Circulation of the 94-year-old Enterprise is about 2,300. 1-6-81

Elfreda Hirt

Elfreda V. Hirt, 88, 713 Castalia St., died at 1:55 a.m. today in Fremont Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient since March 6.

Born in Fremont on April 12, 1892, she was a daughter of John and Lucetta (Moos) Diehr. Her husband, Charles Hirt, died Nov. 17, 1945. They were married Feb. 18, 1914. She was also preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Mrs. Hirt was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church and was a life member of the Fremont Soroptimist Club.

Mrs. Hirt and her husband were former owners of Hirt Trucking Co.

Surviving are a son, Richard of Fremont; two daughters, Mrs. Oscar (Dorothy) Claus of Thornton, Ill., and Mrs. Carl (Jean) Smith of Fremont; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral, which will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in Weller-Wonderly Funeral Home, will be conducted by the Rev. Milton Mann of St. Mark Church.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Friday. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

It was suggested that any memorial contributions be to either the Luther Home of Mercy in Williston or to the donor's choice.



**HAPPY
39th
BIRTHDAY
"GROCERY
BOY"!**

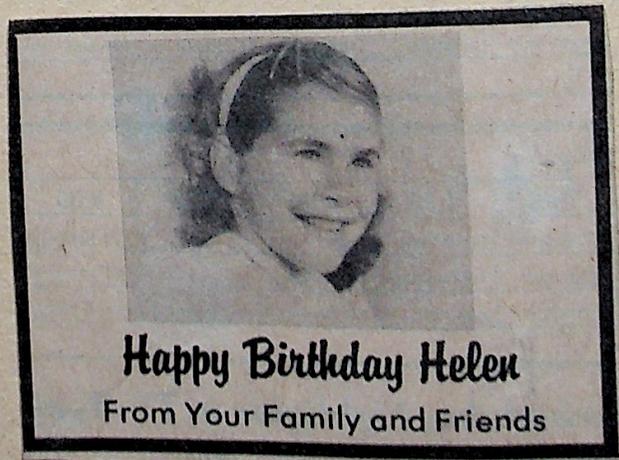
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**Happy 38th
Birthday,
Dick!**



**HAPPY "65TH"
BIRTHDAY
ON JULY 2
HELEN HUSS
BABIONE
Wish her a
happy one...
334-2750**



Happy Birthday Helen
From Your Family and Friends

Helen Schepelin

Freda Brugger

NORWALK — Freda Verena Brugger, 85, of No. 8 Mead Ave., and formerly of 3760 County Road 247, Vickery, died this morning in Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Sandusky County March 1, 1896, to the late Lewis and Clara (Werth) Hirt, Mrs. Brugger had spent most of her life in the Vickery area.

She was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont and had recently attended St. Peter Lutheran Church here and participated in the Christian Service Day Workers Group. She had attended Stokes School in Riley Township.

Mrs. Brugger, who was preceded in death by her husband, H.H. (Herman) Brugger in 1978, recently made her home with a daughter, Margaret Wynkoop, in Norwalk.

In addition to her daughter in Norwalk, Mrs. Brugger leaves a son, John L., Vickery; and daughters, Lillian Arthur, Fremont; Thelma Blair, Sandusky; Catherine Genzman, Oak Harbor; Shirley Brugger, Vickery; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. C.T. (Helen) Hiebel, Mrs. Walter (Grace) Zilles, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Peffly and Mrs. James (Marian) Diedrich, all of Fremont; a brother, Russell Hirt, also of Fremont; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband and parents were four brothers and a grandson.

Friends will be received at the Kubach-Smith Funeral Home, 314 E. Main St., Norwalk, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Sunday.

The funeral will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Quentin Battiste, pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church, officiating.

It was suggested that any memorial contributions be to St. Peter Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.



Members are honored

Awards presented to members of the Fremont Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives Association were from left, Sandy Burmeister, activity award; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kindred III, community service award; Tom Antesberger, corn award; Carol Polter, Young Farm Wife award; Joe Perry, public speaking award; Dan Polter, soy-

bean award; Jim Swartz, Young Farmer Award; Mark Root, wheat and vegetable awards; and Gary Hasselbach representing Hasselbach Meats, Distinguished Service Award. The awards banquet and dance was March 28 at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed. (News-Messenger photos by Chris Michael)



Belles create bells

Members of the Sandusky County CowBelles Association were busy preparing nametags for the Region I National CowBelle Workshop held April 1-2 in Columbus. From left Wanda Gallagher traces bell patterns on cowhide, which Gladine Hirt cuts out, Betty Wright attaches a small bell to the name

tag and Sue Warner fills in names, while her daughter, Becky, 2, displays the completed product. The local group made 80 nametags for the workshop which was attended by women from eight states. (News-Messenger photo by Chris Michael)



Super readers-super cooks

Participants in the Super Readers Summer Reading Program at Birchard Public Library had a cooking contest Monday. The elementary age children cooked different foods and listed the health ingredients in them. The winners pictured from left are Dave Heflinger, baked goods; Kerri

Burroughs, cookies; Jenny Zienta, meat dishes, and Laura Jay, vegetables. After the judging of the food by the library staff, everyone got in line to eat the food they had cooked. About 45 children participated. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Stewart)

Bertsch-Hirt

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bertsch, 240 Lyme St., Bellevue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna, to Steven K. Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry K. Hirt, 509 W. Main St., Bellevue.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bellevue High School and works for the Bellevue Gazette.

Her fiance is a graduate of Bellevue High School and EHOVE Joint Vocational School. He works for Horn's Crop Service.

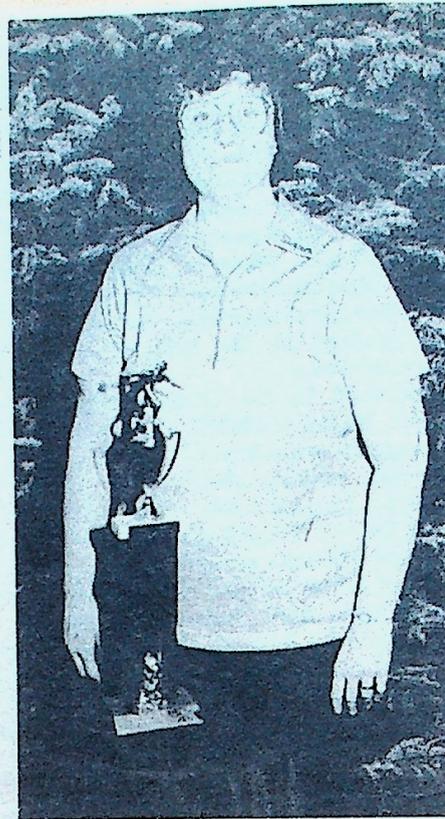
The couple will be married at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in Immaculate Conception Church, Bellevue.

Laurie Hirt, a veterinary student at Ohio State University, received the Robert A. Candon Memorial Award at the awards banquet of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association in May.

The award, and \$100, is presented to the college junior who shows concern for others while pursuing her own goals. She will be a senior this fall at O.S.U.

A "DUKES OF HAZARD" cake was the centerpiece for Eric Hirt's recent birthday party . . . Eric is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hirt, Woodland Avenue . . . Helping him play games and celebrate his 6th birthday were Shelly Ruggiero, Chris Smith, Mark Humbert, Phillip Reineck, Kenny Gottron, Angie Halbeisen, Jennifer, Baltzell, Chris House and Chris Hirt.

With more than 160 children from which to choose, Jasmine Lona Alcalá and Matthew Duane Hirt were the youngest winners in the Fremont Sauerkraut Festival's Beautiful Baby Contest. Parents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alcalá of 318 Lincoln St., and Paul and Pat Hirt, 4787 County Road 247, Vickery. Jasmine and Matthew were chosen as the prettiest girl and boy in the 0-to-9 month category.



Sara Zibbel

Championship Bowler

Sara Zibbel, Graytown, bowling as a "previous winner" representing District 1 of the 600 Club won the Buckeye 600 Club District Roll-Off Championship in Columbus. The roll-off was held during the Buckeye 600 Tournament.

Sara rolled games of 185, 244, 214, 169, 159, and 162 to achieve her win.

Sara bowls at the Elmore Recreation Center and is the Women Bowlers Association secretary-treasurer in Elmore.

Two local girls join association

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Jen Schwartz, 12, and Jackie Schwartz, 11, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Schwartz, 509 S. Main St., Lindsey, are new Junior Members of the American Simmental Association.

Although the Simmental breed is relatively new to the United States, it is one of the oldest and most numerous of all beef breeds on a worldwide basis. Since the establishment of the Simmental breed organization in 1968, membership has grown to nearly 16,000. More than 1,600 of these, including Jen and Jackie, are junior members.

Junior members may apply for lifetime adult membership when they reach age 21.

Junior Simmental activities are expanding rapidly in Ohio as well as nationally.



1, 2, 3, Splash!

Marsha Hirt of Fremont, above, stretches during the Swimnastics exercise program at the Fremont Yacht Club's pool.



at the Clyde Country Fair over the weekend. The popular surrey rides, left, attracted young Clyde resident Aaron Rhodes (front seat) and Jean, Danylle and Carl Smith (back seat). The driver was Weston Payne. (News-Messenger photos by Vicki Young)

EVER SINCE 1916 the descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt have been holding family reunions and this year was no exception . . . For the 65th annual gathering 147 members and guests were present . . . A potluck dinner at noon was followed by a program and business session . . . The group held a songfest including the now-famous "Hirt History Song," with Ruth Peffly and Mort Brindley as leaders . . . It was announced there had been eight marriages, eight births and four deaths since the reunion a year ago . . . The youngest baby present was Sara Irene Thiessen, daughter of Marsha and Jim Thiessen — she received a baby bank . . . Carl Hirt read a poem in memory of deceased members, Elfreda Hirt, Freda Brugger, Lillian Schepflin and Margaret Halbeisen . . . Special gifts were given the following: Mabel Drummond, Helen Babione, Linda Hirt, Howard Hirt, Lana Casperson, Mike Prosser, Kathy and Rich Troxel, Linda Hottinger, Jim Casperson, Myron Zibbel, Troy Schepflin, Irene Brindley, Helen Schepflin, Gloria Smith and Bob Genzman . . . Ed Smith was elected president for the coming year; Daniel Diedrich, vice-president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer . . . It was decided to again hold the reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds on the 1st Sunday in July in 1982 . . . Serving on the committee this year were Irene and Mort Brindley, Lucille and Norm Atkinson, Arlene and Luther Hirt, Carl and Gerry Hirt, Cindy and Bill Pert, Judy and Jerry Rider, Yvonne nson and Jackie and y Schwartz.

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Beier-Waggoner

Patricia Lou Waggoner and Joseph Frank Beier are on a wedding trip to the Poconos following their wedding Friday evening in Sacred Heart Church. The Rev. Earl Loeffler officiated at the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Donald Clark, 1397 State Route 19, and Robert Waggoner, 131 N. Washington St. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beier, 709 Timpe Road.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown with sheer organza overlay, a long train.

Gwynn Ellen Waggoner, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor and wore a lavender floral print gown.

Bridesmaids were dressed like the maid of honor. They were Elizabeth Emrich, Suzan Webster and Cheryl Decker, friends of the bride.

Flowergirl was Melanie Waggoner, the bride's niece. She wore a lavender gown and carried a wicker basket of silk flowers.

Best man was Weslie Weichel, friend of the bridegroom. Ushers were Milton Decker, David Doty



MR. and MRS. JOSEPH FRANK BEIER
Patricia Lou Waggoner

and David Darr.

Ringbearer was Hans Smith, the bridegroom's nephew.

A reception in Ole Zim's Wagon Shed followed the ceremony.

The couple will return from their honeymoon to live at 2650 E. Cole Road.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and attends

Terra Technical College.

She works as an apprentice electrician at Whirlpool Corp.

The bridegroom is a 1970 St. Joseph's and Vanguard Vocational high School graduate. He

graduated from Terra Technical College in 1972

and works as a sales representative for Tod Motor Sales Inc.



Construction

Consulting blueprints for their new building are from left, Merlin Goodsite, Fremont office manager, and Joe Leiser, president, Production Credit Association (PCA) of Northern Ohio; and Earl Hurst, president of the Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA). Construction began in mid-summer and will be completed Feb. 1. The building will house the PCA office

serving Sandusky County and the FLBA headquarters serving four counties. There will be room for future growth in the new facilities. More information on the building will be given during the PCA annual meeting, Dec. 1 and 2 at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed, and Dec. 3 at Arcadia High School. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

Atkinson-Hammer

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Atkinson of 257 County Road 119 announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne, to Jeff Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hammer of Burgoon.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and works for Luckey Farmers, Inc.

The future bridegroom is a 1977 graduate of Lakota High School and works at Brush Wellman Inc.

The couple plans to be married Oct. 1, 1982 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Millersville.



YVONNE ATKINSON
JEFF HAMMER

Owen-Ackerman

Janet Marie Ackerman and Jesse Donald Owen III of College Park, Md., were married July 25 in Vista, Calif.

Parents of the couple are Donald Ackerman and Mrs. Geraldine Hirt, both of Fremont, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Donald Owen II of College Park, Md.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are supply clerks in the United States Marine Corps and are stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LCPL Janet (Ackerman) Owen was promoted to her present rank on

Sept. 1. She is serving in the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif. A 1976 graduate of Ross High School, she is the wife of Cpl. J.S. Owen III and a daughter of Mrs. Gerry Hirt.

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REFLECTING A BRILLIANT fall day, Nov. 7, bountiful corucopias, Indian corn, gourds and pumpkins decorated the dinner tables when members and friends of the L.S. Hirt family assembled for a buffet dinner and social evening at Riley Grange Hall ... Karen Meyers offered the dinner prayer before the smorgasbord of favorite dishes was served ... A moment of silence was observed in honor of all deceased family members and particularly for Freda V. Hirt Brugger who died April 30 ... Thelma Blair read a poem entitled "Mother." ... Weddings during the last year included Karen L. Blair to Gary A. Meyers, July 3; Kay L. Dunster to James L. Smith, Aug. 29 ... Births, Benjamin Blake to Laura (Dunster) and Wayne Talbert on Feb. 2; and Mathew Alan to Veronica (Wynkoop) and Christopher Meyer on June 25 ... Other recipients of special awards were Russell Hirt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zilles and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meyers ... Following the business meeting the group played bingo ... Thelma Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Genzman were in charge of arrangements for this year's reunion ... The next gathering will be on Nov. 6, 1982, with Mr. and Mrs. James Diedrich making arrangements.

Nov. 18 — Carol and Michael Prosser, 104 Silver Maple Drive, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551, an 8-pound, 12-ounce son, Kurt Schepflin Prosser, at 4:42 a.m. in Riverside Hospital in Toledo. Grandparents are Viola J. Schepflin and the late Carl J. Schepflin; Marie Prosser and the late Frank Prosser Jr., Fremont.

Nov. 19 — Debora and Aren Hiri, 1003 Woodland Ave., a daughter at 9:15 a.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital.

THE ANNUAL L.S. Hirt Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Riley Grange Hall, at the corner of Route 510 and Route 247 ... Guests are cordially welcome, according to Mrs. C. Genzman, chairman.



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FROM THE
I.D.W.P.
AND THEIR
HUSBANDS



Happy 50th
Birthday,
Mom!

Love,
Your Family

Happy Birthday
Sylvia L.



Many more good years!
Love, Jim
and "Ye Ole Gang"



RECENTLY
GRADUATED...

Renee L. Hirt, from Clyde, Ohio has recently graduated from the Tiffin Academy of Hair Design. Upon receiving her license from the State Board of Cosmetology, Miss Hirt is planning employment in one of the area salons. Watch for that announcement. Congratulations to Renee from all of us at Tiffin Academy of Hair Design.

Bloodmobile

Charles Aldred, 2240 Woodmont Drive, was among the 21 people who reached special goals when the Red Cross Bloodmobile was at the YMCA Monday. They were part of the total of 216 people who gave blood.

Aldred has donated a total of 11 gallons of blood. Merle Hirt, 1561 County Road 226, 10 gallons; Edward Seils, 245 E. County Road 173, nine gallons; Bill H. Hampsher, 1650 Emmet Drive, seven gallons; Robert Hershy, 1826 Tiffin

Road, and Carl Hirt, 2531 Buckland, each 6 gallons. Together these Fremont men have donated a total of 49 gallons to date.

Others who completed multi-gallon donations are Rose Heckel, 2575 County Road 170; Patricia Schneider, 2314 Tiffin Road, and Dolores Kuns, Clyde, have reached the four-gallon level. Three-gallon donors were Sandra Kessler, Clyde; James C. Smith, 400 St. Joseph St.; and John P. Kuzma, 1830 Stevenson

Honored at banquet

Teachers who have served the Fremont schools for 25 years were honored at the Fremont Education Association banquet last week. They included (from left) Joanne Hirt, Lutz School third grade teacher; Adelaide Amos, high school counselor; Esther Chambers, Hayes school first grade teacher; and Joe Kukoy, work-study program teacher and coordinator, who was not present when the picture was taken.



"IN HOME SYNDROME" — that's what Helen Bablone of South Street says she's been afflicted with this winter ... She's been whiling away the winter hours crocheting and broke loose from the syndrome long enough Friday to get more yarn for an afghan ... Helen observed that school kids have had more time off this year because of the weather than she had in all eight years at Schoch Grade School in Riley Township ... "We walked over the snow and they never closed the schools for that," she said

Hirt qualifies, Baumann fails

Tim Hirt, a graduate of Clyde High School, qualified for sectional play in the U.S. Open Golf Tournament qualifier in Cleveland Monday.

Hirt, now an assistant pro at the Toledo Country Club, shot a 147 (74-73) and the Beechmont Country Club in Cleveland to gain a spot in a sectional qualifier in two weeks.

Buck Baumann of Fremont, playing out of the Fremont Country Club, failed to qualify at the Scarlet Course on the campus of The Ohio State University. Baumann had 80-78 with 101 the cutoff figure for the nine qualifiers from that course.



SKATERS IN a class instructed by Denise Fisher, second from left, wait their turn to take a solo spin around the rink. Left to right, skaters are Leslie Spaide, Mrs. Fisher, Michelle Hirt, Troy Sachs, Matt Moyer, Mark Moyer, DeVanNess and Tina Streeter.



Mardi Gras

Rachelle Carpenter, right, a 6th-grader at St. Ann's School, is a winner in the Magic Numbers game, while 5th-grader Bethanie Shank tries her luck and volunteer Anne Schepflin watches. The students

were taking part in the school's annual Mardi Gras fund-raising event, held just before the beginning of Lent.

(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

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 May 3 — Janet and J.D. Owen III, 201 Los Arbolitos No. 85, Oceanside, Calif. 92054, a daughter, Lisa Marie, born at Camp Pendleton, California Naval Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hirt and Donald Ackerman all of Fremont.

March 20 — Amelia and Richard Weiker, 1057 County Road 127, a daughter at 8:39 a.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital.

Marriage licenses
 David Lee Hirt, 22, Bellevue, tool and die maker, and Dena Marie Barrett, 19, Bellevue.



(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

SUSPECT LANNY POTTS IN CUSTODY OF DEPUTY BRUCE HIRT

Putting game foils Hirt in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI — Clyde native Tim Hirt shot 81-70 — 151 at the Clovernook Country Club here Monday to miss qualifying for the 1982 U.S. Open by 10 shots. It took a score of one-under 141 to be among the four qualifiers out of the 34 golfers that were here yesterday. Russ Gilstad won medalist honors with a 68-70 — 138. He was followed by Bob Mann (71-70 — 141), Ralph Landrum (72-69 — 141) and Bryan Fogt (72-69 — 141).

Hirt, a three-time Mid-American Conference golf champion when he was at the University of Toledo, said it was his putting that give him fits in the morning round.

"I was one-under after five holes in the morning," he said. "But then I three-putted from 20 feet on No. 6 and then the wheels came off."

"I missed it eight times from inside five feet in the morning. The greens were fast and tricky."

Hirt, who now works as assistant pro at The Toledo Country Club, said that he hit 29 greens in regulation out of the 36 for the day. "I just putted it a million times," he said.

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Northern Ohio Sugar plant to close



BILL PERT, a mechanic-electrician
Northern Ohio Sugar Co.

Area golf notes

Fremont CC

Troy Schepflin nosed out Doug Peterson and Shay Moran by one stroke to win the Fremont Country Club junior golf championship Tuesday. Schepflin shot a 90 to win medalist honors in the 13-and-over age group.

Manifold guns down Beavers

By MARC KATZ
Daily News Sports Writer

Fairmont West and Beavercreek matched 4-1 Western Ohio League records and 6-foot-4 centers in the West gym Friday night, and West center Todd Manifold almost couldn't believe the results.

"He scared me, to tell you the truth," said Manifold of counterpart Clay Herbert. "I played him this summer and he beat me to death. He beat us bad last year, too."

This time, Manifold, and West won, 52-38, with Manifold contributing 26 points while holding Herbert to 13.

"I just wanted to win, to tell you the truth," said the red-headed Manifold, whose favorite shot is a baseliner from 7-10 feet.

HE SCORED on 10 of 13 shots from the field and all six from the line, as well as being responsible for most of West's 14-6 first-quarter lead. Eight of those points, including four straight baskets, were Manifold's.

Beavercreek caught up, briefly, at 22-all to begin the second half, but West raced ahead again to lead by nine when forward Mike Paxson injured his right ankle and had to be taken to a hospital for X-rays.

That loss could have been devastating to West and its short bench as 5:27 was left to be played. But, instead of decreasing, the lead increased, as Beavercreek was cut off from offensive rebounding and usually was held to one missed shot each time down the floor.

"There really wasn't that much shooting," said West Coach Bruce Hobbs, explaining the low score. "Our game's usually running, but they shut that down, as we knew they would."

As for missing Paxson, Hobbs said, "Daryl Mummy was already in there, so we brought in Dave Lehmann, who's a starter. The kids didn't let it bother them."

ONLY FOUR of the West players scored, Scott Runkle following Manifold with 15 while Mark Mummy had 7 and Paxson 4.

"We have four guys in double figures, but when Manifold goes up, somebody goes down," said Hobbs. "Manifold's averaging about 15 a game, but he scored 25 in his last game against Stebbins, and now 26. In the first half, nobody else was shooting."

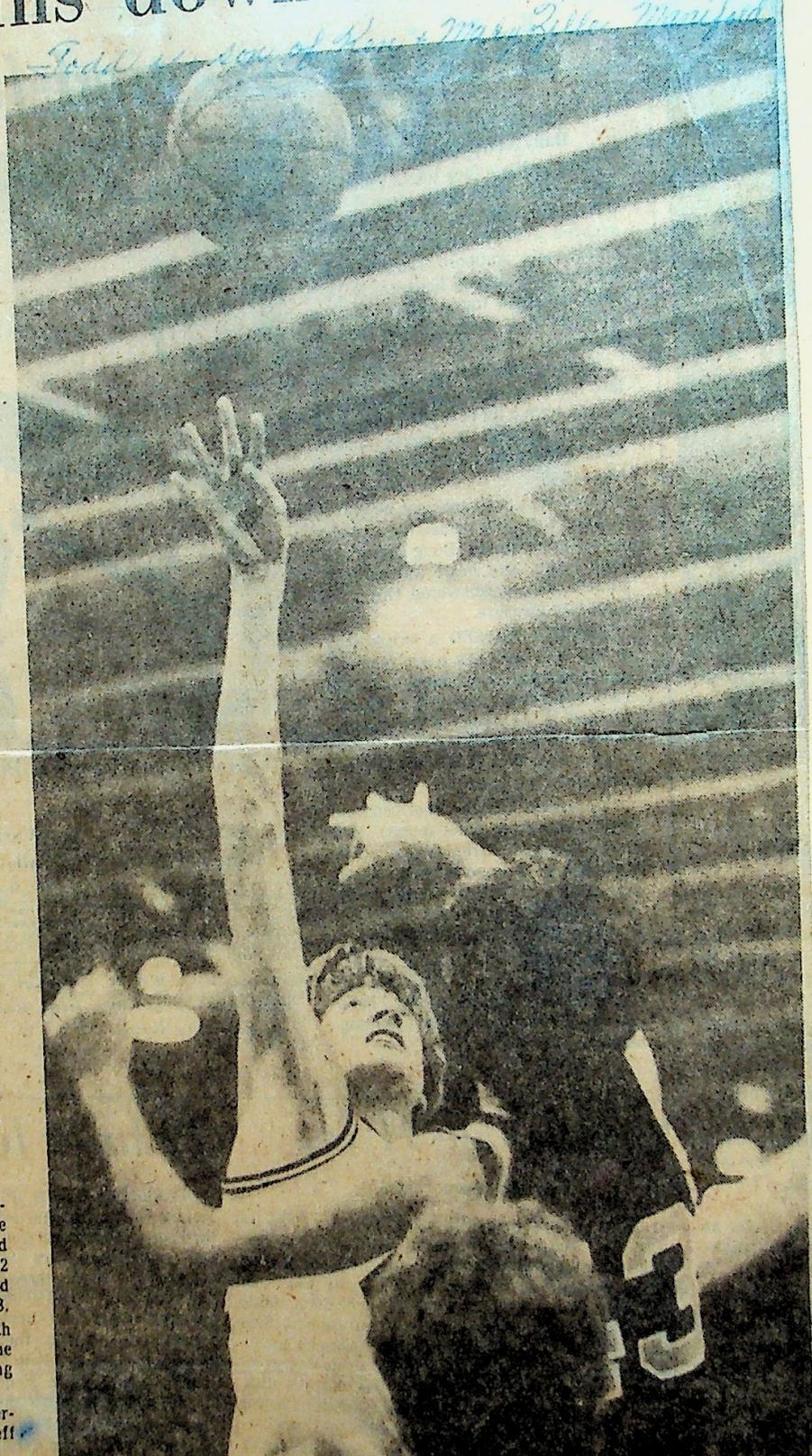
West is 12-2 overall; Beavercreek is 11-4.

ELSEWHERE IN the WOL, Xenia shocked Fairmont East, 64-59, as Xenia raced to a 39-26 halftime lead, then held on to win. East's Steve Anderson and Mark McCormick were not stopped — they scored 22 and 19 — but the rest of the team was. Mark Wingard led Xenia with 21, followed by Scott Phillippi with 13.

Springfield North zonked Stebbins, 89-76, with Larry Carson and Elliot Fullen scoring 22 each for the winners, and Mike Copeland and Ron Jones matching that for the losers.

Springfield South also won, 81-59, over Centerville. Trev Walker had 25 for South, now 10-4. Jeff Campbell led Centerville with 19.

Wayne slipped by Troy, 61-56. Troy's Doug Steineman led all scorers with 21 points.



Up and away — West's Manifold (L.) shoots over Herbert

Staff Photo By Walt Kleine



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GWEN DUNSTER is using her years of experience in various aspects of theater to make improvements in the acting of Glendora Glazier and Thad Welch during rehearsal of the play "Shadow Box."

Glendora Glazier Dunster

8/10/1981

Woman's years in theater pay off with director's job

By MARK WILLIAMS
News Staff Writer

Gwen Dunster has now done it all. She has been an actress, a producer, constructed sets, been involved in make-up, costumes and props. In addition, she has had to run all of these things at one time or another in productions.

But until the latest Encore Theatre production of "Shadow Box" Ms. Dunster had never performed one role, that of director.

And she has reached this level without any formal training.

She said she was in plays in high school and college but, "formally, I've had nothing."

She worked with make-up in her first production 19 years ago but she was not a director until she became a

Ms. Dunster, who works as a medical technologist at Lima Memorial Hospital, said she has picked up all her knowledge from people she has worked with who have the experience.

"I've absorbed a lot from the people I worked with," Ms. Dunster said. "You can really learn or expand yourself" in this way.

The educational background is always helpful for theater work, Ms. Dunster said, as long as those learned talents can be put to use.

She added, "Schooling is excellent, but it's not the only way to become proficient."

Despite her lack of training she sees this move to becoming a director as a natural step.

"I've done everything else," Ms. Dunster said. "I can coordinate all the things I've learned into a unit."

Doing all types of theater work also allows her to know what the different members of the cast are going through and the fears they may have.

Most of her acting roles have been small though she had a major role in the Encore production of "Glass Menagerie."

"I can see the anxiety and apprehensions that actors might have," she said.

What may be more notable than this is that she is the first woman to direct an Encore production.

Once before a woman was chosen, but her husband was transferred out of the area and she had to move before rehearsal of the play could begin.

It is an indication that the board of trustees who select the directors for each season are becoming an outlook and that they're changing," Ms. Dunster said.

"They chose someone that had a feel for a play," she said, "and could do a good job."

"I hope I do a good job with the play to justify their faith in me."

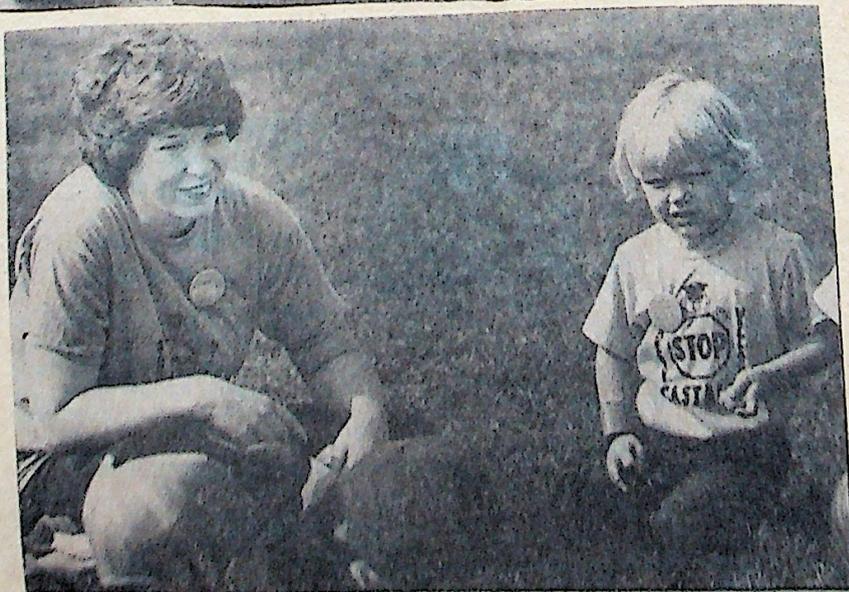
Everybody should be given a chance, Ms. Dunster said, "I happen to be there at the right time."

"Shadow Box" continues at 7:30 tonight at Encore Theater. The play will end with shows next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All curtain times are 8:30 p.m.

All tickets are \$3.

The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

A town for pint-sized folks



1982

Candy Longnecker (top picture) gives instruction on safety to Jennifer Hirt (right) and her classmates. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hirt II, 106 E. Miami Trail, Sandusky. (Right picture) Staying on the sidewalk in the village means staying within the lines.

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Three-Time Mid-Am Me

Hirt Eyes Pro Golf Career

By DUANE SCHOOLEY
Blade Sports Writer

University of Toledo golfer Tim Hirt had just been accorded the honor as Mid-American Conference medalist for an unprecedented third straight year when Ball State's B.G. Winings extended his hand.



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For the second straight year, Winings had finished one shot behind Hirt and carried the memory of an extra-hole playoff a year ago and a wire-to-wire lead this year. He had reason to be upset, but he was sincere in his words.

"Thank God you're a senior," he said, pumping Hirt's hand and echoing the sentiments of every MAC underclassman who clamors to be regarded as the league's best golfer.

At least for one tournament each spring, Hirt has ruled Mid-American Conference golf. Up to the MAC finals, he has "played like a dog at times," he says, but suddenly finds his swing and the incentive to do well in the conference tournament.

For three years, it has been a drastic change of form that has put Hirt on top of the MAC's individual golfers.

Three years ago, he played so poorly, before winning MAC medal honors as a sophomore, he wasn't invited to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament when players were chosen the week before the conference meet. But today he will be on a jet with Eastern Michigan's Marc Dingman, flying to play in his second straight NCAA finals after his four-round 287 total in the MAC tournament last week.

MARIAN DIEDRICH, Fremont, has been named to represent Sandusky County on the board of trustees of the American Heart Association, Northwestern Ohio Chapter. At the same time, John L. Zinkand, also of Fremont, was re-elected vice chairman of the board. Mrs. Diedrich, who will serve a three-term ending June 30, 1985, will help formulate chapter policies relating to research, education and community activities designed to help reduce the toll of heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. The programs are funded by public contributions from the 16-county area served by the chapter.

The NCAA finals, a 72-hole medal play tournament, begins Wednesday at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. Hirt finished 20th in last year's NCAA championships. That earned him an invitation to the prestigious Sun Bowl Tournament where he finished 12th.

This week's NCAA finals will be the closing chapter in the collegiate golfing career of the former Clyde, O., swinger who, at 5-8 and 150 pounds, was believed too small to be competitive in major-college golf.

But the lack of physical size has nothing to do with making golf balls obey the way Hirt is able to control them.

Ask for a draw and he'll hit a ball right to left almost as though it were radio controlled. Request a fade and he can make the ball turn, almost sharply enough to round a corner.

Working with University of Toledo coach Don Kotnik, who also is the pro at Toledo Country Club, has been a plus for Hirt.

Hirt, a willing pupil, has been undaunted by challenges, long hours of practice, and disappointments.

He thinks enough of the game that he wants to make it his livelihood. He'll turn professional, but the timing is a question. He would like to play in the U.S. Open next month in Philadelphia and could do it only as an amateur.

"I have my bags packed for California," he said. "Then, right after I return

home, I'll be going to U.S. Open qualifier. If I don't make the Open after the qualifier."

In the MAC championship at Ball State University Winings for nearly 70 the 17th green faced downhill putt for a bit more on the line the speed and when he knew he had hit it to

"But it hit the back of my head, trapped inside," Hirt playing with B.G. and Ohio University, and God it hit the cup." B.C. with his jaw open, like "I started jumping usually, I am a calm guy

New ve
in Clyde

Laura A. Hirt has joined Dr. L.P. Miller in his veterinary practice in Clyde.

Dr. Hirt graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1971, attended Texas Lutheran College two years, and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in zoology at Ohio State University in 1974. She worked in a drug research laboratory at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine before entering the veterinary college.

She acquired her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Ohio State University in June, 1982, and is now associated with Dr. Miller in general practice.

Her parents, Richard and Helen Hirt, will host an open house at the Riley Grange Hall on the corner of SR 510 and CR 247, Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



LAURA HIRT

FROM FREMONT to Lindsey was a long trip for Kenneth and Debbie Brindley and their two daughters Amanda and Katy. They live in Fremont, Calif., and are on vacation spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brindley of Garfield Street, Lindsey. Kenneth is a 1960 Ross High School graduate and his wife is the former Deborah Corthell of Catawba.

1982
June 28 - Ruth Ann (Zimmerman) and Dennis Brindley, 5240 Cedar Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783, a daughter, Elysha Ann. Local grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brindley of Lindsey.

Girls' Sectional
Prep Track Results

Class AAA At Sandusky

TABLE OF POINTS - Mansfield Senior 50, Fremont 49, Galion 48, Mansfield Malabar and Sandusky, 45 each, Vermilion 34, Findlay 33, Shelby 30, Lexington 27, Tiffin Columbian 26, Mansfield Madison and Ashland, 16 each, Marion Harding 14.

SHOT PUT - 1. Smith (Fr) 35-9/4; 2. Carpenter (Sh) 36-6/2; 3. Fruth (TC) 34-11/4; Thayer (V) 34-7/8.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Kost (V) 5-5/4 (new record); 2. Evans (G) 5-0; 3. Broach (MM) 4-10; 4. Westerhausen (F) 4-10.

DISCUS - 1. Smith (Fr) 108-11; 2. Ward (L) 107-2; 3. Carpenter (S) 106-8; 4. Fruth (TC), 104-9.

3200 METER RELAY - 1. Galion 10:11.1; 2. Mansfield Malabar 10:11.6; 3. Mansfield Senior 10:14.0; 4. Fremont Ross 10:32.5.

100 METER LOW HURDLES - 1. Haas (Fr) 15.6 (new record); 2. Ekin (G) 15.8; 3. Petry (F) 16.5; 4. Hatch (F) 16.9.

100 METER DASH - 1. Gardner (Man) 12.8; 2. Garber (L) 12.9; 3. Barrett (Man) 13.0; 4. Sipes (G) 13.1.

1600 METER RUN - 1. Rife (Mar) 5:15.3 (new record); 2. Grove (G) 5:19.1; 3. Vera (TC) 5:46.2; 4. Carpenter (San) 5:48.0.

400 METER RELAY - 1. Sandusky 50.1 (new record); 2. Mansfield Malabar 50.9; 3. Ashland 52.4; 4. Findlay 52.4.

800 METER DASH - 1. Taylor (Mal) 59.7; 2. Wallington (Mal) 60.2; 3. Avery (Man) 60.7; 4. Kost (V) 61.7.

800 METER RELAY - 1. Sandusky 1:46.0; 2. Mansfield Malabar 1:49.6; 3. Shelby 1:51.8; 4. Findlay 1:52.0.

LONG JUMP - 1. Gardner (Man) 17-10; 2. Rafter (San) 17-9; 3. Broach (MM), 17-5; 4. Boery (F) 17-4.

800 METER RUN - 1. Haas (Fr) 2:23.4; 2. Kost (V) 2:26.7; 3. Capen (A) 2:26.9; Rife (Mar) 2:27.4.

Colonel Crawford; 5. Rutler, Western 1:40.0-METER RELAY - 1. Riverton, 1:40.0; 2. Buckeye Central, 1:40.0; 3. Norwalk St. Paul; 4. Norwalk St. Paul; 5. Buckeye Central; 6.05 (record); 2. O'Flaherty, Carey; Western Reserve; 4. Fisher, St. Paul; 5. South Central.

800-METER RELAY - 1. Buckeye, 1:40.0; 2. Darnel, Seneca East; 3. Bennett, 1:40.0; 4. Luzador, Vanlue; 5. Jackson, New Long; 6.00-METER RUN - 1. Dawson, PI; 2. Darnel, Vanlue; 3. Made, Norwalk; 4. O'Flaherty, Carey; 5. Davenport, Col; 6.00-METER RELAY - 1. Riv James, Watson, Johnson 4:09.4; 2. Buc Western Reserve; 4. Norwalk St. Paul; 5. Monroeville.

Class A At Bowling

TABLE OF POINTS - Arcadia 81, Elmwood 43, Fostoria St. Wendelin 39, Hopewell-Loudon 29, Danbury Lakeside Fayette 26, Van Buren 16, Liberty Cent 15, Old Fort 12, Bettsville 8.

DISCUS - 1. Winstan, Patrick I; Durt, Elmwood; 3. Kietz, Hopewell; Walters, Old Fort; 5. Thornton, Liberty; 6.00-METER RELAY - 1. Walters, Arcadia; Danbury Lakeside; 2. Diebley, Arcadia; Hopewell-Loudon; 5. Breister, Elmwood.

SHOT PUT - 1. Trish, Van Buren; McCormick; 3. Kirby, Elmwood; 4. Holter; Winstan, Patrick Henry.

Hirt-Barrett

Immaculate Conception Church in Bellevue was the setting for the June 11 wedding of Dena Marie Barrett and David Lee Hirt.

The Rev. Michael McLaughlin officiated at the ceremony.

The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Barrett of Bellevue and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hirt of Bellevue.

Maid of honor was Michelle Matter. Bridesmaids were Lorre Wilson; Cynde Barrett and Sue Dillon, sisters of the bride; and Donna Hirt, sister-in-law of the bride.

Flowergirl was Nicole Dillon, niece of the bride. Best man was Steve Hirt, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Mitch Jacobs and Steve Justice, friends of the bridegroom; and Joe Lannello and Bill Dillon, brothers-in-law of the bridegroom.

A reception in St. Michael's parish hall followed the ceremony.

The bride graduated in 1981 from Bellevue High School. The bridegroom is a 1978 graduate of Bellevue High School and works at Midwest Industries in Willard as a tool and die apprentice.

1982
July 26 - Judy and Gerald Rider, Marion, Ohio, a 10-pound, 1-ounce daughter, DeAnne Elizabeth. Local grandparent is Mrs. Oscar Drummond of Fremont.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN HIRT

Bertsch and Hirt wed, honeymoon in Poconos

Donna Bertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bertsch, 240 Lyme St., and Steven K. Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry K. Hirt, 509 W. Main St., exchanged vows in a candlelight ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church on Oct. 16.

Fr. Mike McLaughlin officiated at the double ring ceremony where the bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a long sleeved Qiana gown with a lace yoke, pleated skirt and train. The veil was trimmed with lace. She carried a heart shaped bouquet of white roses and daisies. She wore a gold cross that both her mother and grand-

Qiana gown with a chiffon cape trimmed in pearls. Her flowers were pink and white roses.

The mother of the groom wore a cranberry gown with chiffon sleeves. She wore a corsage of pink and white roses.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Club Amer-Ital. Debra Swartz and Elaine Swartz cut the cake. Hostesses were Dena Barrett, Cheryl Michaels and Ricki Eaton. Kim Blankenship circulated the guest book.

The parents of the groom gave a rehearsal dinner at McClain's Restaurant.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains. They will live at 223 Lyme Bl., Bellevue.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Bellevue Senior High School. She works at NorStat Inc., Norwalk.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Bellevue Senior High School and EMOVE Joint Vocational School.

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Aug. 25 — Nancy and Ronald Atkinson, of 3910 Fangbner Road, a 6-pound, 13-ounce girl, Crystal Lee, at 1:15 p.m. in St. Charles Hospital, Oregon.

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Delaney keeps lead; Hirt trails by 3

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Pat Delaney shrugged off three shots back. He is tied with Gene Ferrell and Marty Radigan. Hirt, an assistant pro at the Toledo Country Club, fired the second-best round of the day yesterday with a 3-under-par 67.

“I’d rather have it a runaway,” he conceded. He knocked his approach shot in a lake Tuesday and took a double bogey 7.

So he settled for a 2-over-par 72, a 38-hole total of 138 and a single-shot lead over veteran Columbus club pro Walker Inman, 1981 Ohio Amateur champion. John Hamarik of Youngstown, now a globe-trotting pro, and young Mansfield assistant pro Jeff Mawhorr, and Clyde native Tim Hirt is next in a group at 141,

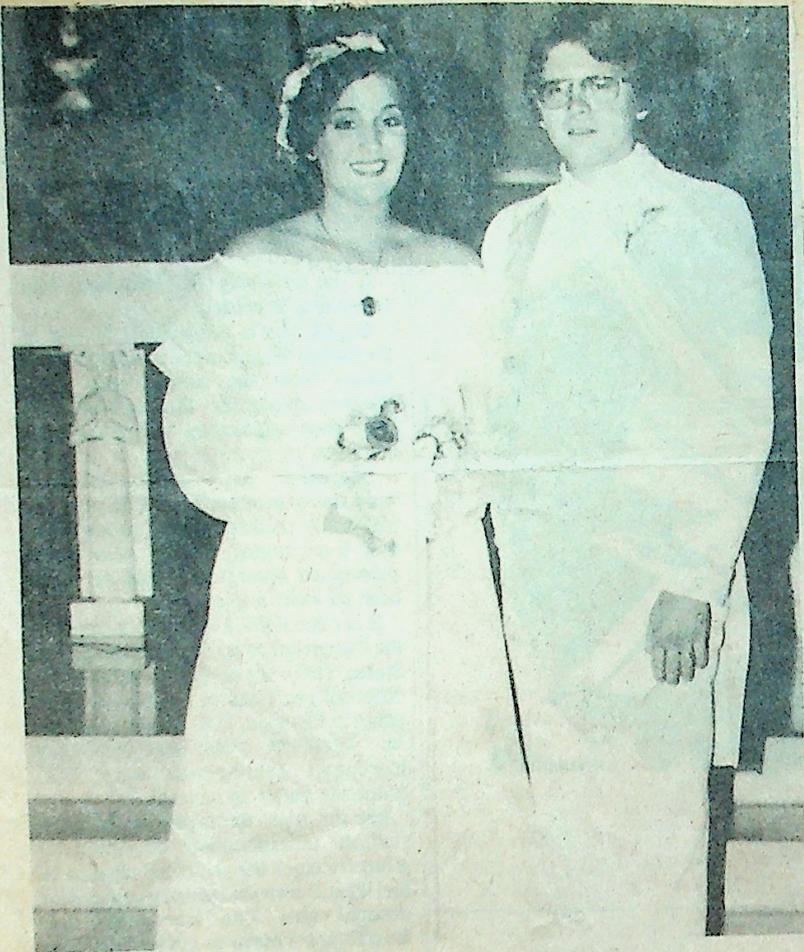


Happy ~~26th~~ 31st
 Birthday
 Tom C. Smith
 “You can’t fool us”
 from
 All Your “Friends”



Art winners

Arts and Crafts winners at the Sandusky County Fair were, left to right, Traci Glass, best of show in grades seven through 12; Ricki Heyman, best of show in grades one through six; and Connie Schmitt, best of show in crafts, grades one through 12.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID HIRT

Barrett and Hirt wed at Immaculate Conception

Dena Marie Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barrett, 615 Gardner Rd., Bellevue, and David Lee Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hirt, 509 W. Main St., Bellevue, were married June 11 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Fr. Michael McLaughlin officiated at the double ring ceremony where the bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a dress of ivory angel-organ over organza with a full skirt. The bodice had an off-the-shoulder neckline with a lace edged in lace. The full-wide cuffed sleeves were trimmed with a row of ivory heart-shaped buttons. The chapel-length train had a wide ruffle trimmed with lace and banded with satin ribbons. She wore a crown of ivory and coral gossamer bridal blossoms, ivory's breath and miniature silk ferns with ivory satin ribbons. She carried

Bellevue; Sue Dillon, sister of the bride, Bellevue. They wore dresses like the maid of honor's, but in coral.

The flower girl was Nicole Dillon, niece of the bride, Bellevue.

The best man was Steve Hirt, brother of the groom, Bellevue. Ushers were Mitch Jacobs, friend of the groom, Tiffin; Joe Iannello, brother-in-law of the groom, Bellevue; Steve Justice, friend of the groom, Bellevue; Bill Dillon, brother-in-law of the bride, Bellevue.

The mother of the bride wore an organza gown with a white top with a scooped neckline edged with a Chantilly lace ruffle. The puffed sleeves were edged with a matching ruffle. The green gathered skirt waisted with a coral pink sash.

The mother of the groom wore a dress of seersucker Tinselt. The corsage

HELEN HEIBEL, who wishes to remain forever anonymous, wishes you would give cheers to the area dog wardens ... There had been a big problem with dogs on the East Side, people weren't keeping the little critters tied up ... After the warden and his assistants swung into action the problems has abated ... Also there was a big dog who lived next door to Helen's sister on the West Side ... He was a monster, and destructive as hell ... Tipped over garbage cans that then rolled into the street and got smashed ... people complained to the owner; it did no good ... The warden slapped a \$100 fine on the owner who then got rid of the dog ... Wardens take a lot of abuse and work hard doing their job ... Cheers do seem in order ... What do you think?

Aug. 21 — Linda and Lynn Martin, 916 County Road 97, a son at 8:28 a.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leiser, all of Fremont.



Happy Birthday
Mom
(Jean)

"That's-a-nice"

Love,
From Your
Family

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Judith Elaine Hirt
Randall Allan Burk

Hirt-Burk

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hirt of Fostoria announce the engagement of their daughter Judith Elaine to Randall Allan Burk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burk of Fostoria.

The bride elect is a 1959 graduate of Fostoria High School and 1981 graduate of the University of Toledo program in respiratory therapy. She is employed as a certified respiratory therapy technician at Fostoria City Hospital.

Burk is a 1957 Fostoria graduate and a 1980 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He works at Electronic Packaging in Fostoria.

The couple plans a March 1982 wedding.

Clowning around at the fair:

Smoky's been a midway fixture for more than 2 decades

By KATHY JANICH
News-Messenger Staff Writer
He's an ebullient county fair ambassador armed with ballons, juggling pins and a bagful of conversation, buzzing about the grounds winning friends and fans.

Smoky the Clown, a bowler-topped, baggy-panted, pink-faced charmer, is popular with the long-time fair workers and toddlers making their first tentative treks around the midway.

"Hi, Marsh!" he whoops to an acquaintance who happily echoes, "Hi, Smoke."

Smoky the clown, who swiped his name from Smoky his pet tiger cat, is Fremont's Phil Huss, a former detective and juvenile officer with the city police force.

Although he wiggled backwards into clowning — after tampering with an amateur trapeze act and doing some police work — he says: "I wanted to tie in the image of the cop and the clown. Both love children. I think it has tied in just beautifully."

He trades lines and handshakes with a trio of boys who collect to admire his squat minibike.

"What's your name?" his patter reads. "Bill? Bill, whaddayasay?" he repeats frantically pumping the boy's hand before he turns to the next, posing the same question with similar enthusiasm.

"Yeah," he says, tilting a rusted gas can over the motorbike's tank, "I've gone through five gallons already today. I had about four tablespoons left, I think."

Smoky putters with a roll of electrical tape, securing a brake line to the bike's crossbar and explaining: "When I pick up a young boy or girl I don't want them to get their feet tangled in the cable." His chatter continues as he perfectly flips the roll over his left shoulder and into a waiting box in the open tailgate of his truck.

The red and blue minibike is Smokey's trademark — at least at fair time. Its soprano zip-zip sputters through the grounds, his arms encircling a child who is between front seat and handlebars.

Between rides the jester sidles to his truck for a pick-me-up, all the time chawing on a slender cigar clamped between lips and teeth.

"How'd I get into clowning?" he asks, repeating a question. "It's a long story, I'll brief it."

Smoky — Huss — was first tangled into circus work by a Navy pal at an Iowa base. The burly former boxer was recruited to catch trapeze fliers at a makeshift base arena. His pal swung from bar to bar — he caught. The two began associating with professional circus performers, Huss said, and he met legendary clowns such as Felix Adler and Emmett Kelly.

"I never realized, thought or dreamt at that time I'd be a clown," he says.

His Navy stint drawing to an end, he married and moved back to Fremont, his hometown. He joined the police force, but looked for a performing outlet.

"I wanted to get back into entertainment so bad," he says. "I had it in my mind I wanted to get back into circus life. I thought I'd be a clown."

Huss sold his plan to the men who operated the Fremont Speedway and began pedaling suckers and balloons that very next Saturday in 1954. Now he performs at parties, picnics and banquets as well.

In the last 28 years, Smoky says, he's spent time at no fewer than 25 fairs.

His patched navy suit and pink-white face have become something of a fixture around the chalky, dirt and concrete fairground pathways.

Just about everybody knows Smoky, it seems. Salutations trail before and after him as he weaves from gate to gate



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

SMOKY THE CLOWN gives 2½-year-old Andy Szakovits a speedier way to see the sights at the Sandusky County Fair. Andy is the son of Jim and Lisa Szakovits, 402 E. County Road 89.

— a Pied Piper astride red-and-white saddle shoes, two wheels and a tinny motor.

Lindsey firemen have not yet determined what caused a Thursday morning fire in a wood shed behind the home of Donald Atkinson, 333 County Road 119.

Firemen were called to the scene at 6:43 a.m. About \$400 worth of damage was done to the shed, which contained only some firewood.

The fire was determined to be of suspicious origin, since there was no electrical wiring in the shed that could have started the blaze.

Oct. 25 — Debora and Aren Hirt, 2568 State Route 19, Green Springs, a daughter at 8:14 a.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital.

Pvt. Anna M. Huss, daughter of Agnes R. Huss of 705 S. Buchanan St., Fremont, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is a 1982 graduate of Fremont Ross High School.

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(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Cute cowgirl

Four-year-old Rachel Pert sits in her saddle posing for family album pictures before entering the horse arena at the Sandusky County Fair. The young rider entered the lead-in category in the horse show, an event designed for younger children. They are judged on how they sit in the saddle as someone leads their horse around the barn. Rachel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pert, 820 Alger St.

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The Casper and Verena Hirt family with 126 members and guests present held its 66th annual reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

Out of state guests were present from Illinois and California.

After a potluck meal, the program and business meeting were held with Ed Smith presiding. Grace Zilles and Rudy Peffy lead group singing.

Judy Smith announced that since the reunion in 1981 there had been nine marriages, 11 births and no deaths. Kurt Schepflin, son of Carol and Mike Prosser, was the youngest baby present and was awarded the traditional baby bank.

Other special awards were presented by Ann Schepflin to the following:

Bob Atkinson, Vince Troxel, Carol Prosser, Grace Zilles, Luther Hirt, Lori Klausz, Rob Atkinson, Betty Hirt and Mable Drummond. A special gift was given to Jeanette Hirt for her 21 years as acting secretary-treasurer of the family.

It was decided to hold the reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds again next year with the last Sunday of July chosen as the date. It was also voted to give \$50 to help with the work on the log cabin now being restored at the fairgrounds. The cabin was donated for the fairgrounds by Dick Hirt on whose property it once stood.

Election of officers was held with Dan Diedrich named president; Dave Atkinson, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

Serving on the committees this year were Teresa Smith, Jean Smith, Ann Schepflin, Judy Smith and Gloria Smith.

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'Phase 2' awaits Hirt after Arizona education

By ROB BOUKISSEN

News-Messenger Sports Writer

AMARILLO, Texas — Tim Hirt may have "learned a lot" out in Arizona the past month, but he says he has "seen better days."

Hirt, the 23-year-old Clyde native, just finished the five-tournament Southwest Fall Tour of the National Golfers of America mini-tour in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

The results weren't encouraging, at least financially.

Hirt made money in only one tournament, that coming at the second stop of the tour where he won \$800, not nearly enough to break even.

However, the former three-time Mid-American Conference champ remains optimistic.

"I don't really feel that bad," Hirt said from his sister's house in Amarillo, Texas, where he is staying until Dec. 27.

"I've played well, but not well enough. I've started out most of the tournaments well, but then I finished badly. I guess I was pressing too hard to shoot a low number."

In the first tournament, which was cut to 45 holes due to a two-day rainstorm, Hirt shot 75-75-37 to miss the money by three shots.

In the second tourney, where he made his only check, his scores were 74-71-75-75.

The final three tourneys he missed the money by two shots each time. His scores at the third stop were 76-73-76-75, at the fourth stop 71-71-76-76 and at the final stop 71-72-76-76.

There were 130 golfers in Arizona with the top 40 in each tournament making money. Among the top names out there were PGA Tour members Dan Halldorsen and Mike McCullough.

Hirt said that the courses in Arizona are "different" from those in northwest Ohio.

He explained, "They are wide open courses, about 6,900-7,000 yards long. You get a lot of roll. And the greens are different — they're like putting on a shag carpet — and they are really grainy."

Hirt won't have those Arizona courses to worry about anymore; he now has to get used to playing on California courses.

On Jan. 4, he will begin the four-tournament NGA Southwest Winter Tour in El Cajon and San Diego, Calif.

"I'll do better out there," said Hirt. "I really learned a lot in Arizona, especially playing with guys like Halldorsen and McCullough. I just gotta be more patient."

Glick picks Air Force

TIFFIN—Brady Glick, a senior at Tiffin Calvert High School, will attend the Air Force Academy this fall.

Glick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glick, 5912 C.R. 44, Green Springs, will report to the Academy July 6.

The 6-2, 220-pounder, will be part of the Air Force football team as a defensive end.

At Calvert, Glick was the team's most valuable player and was a member of the All-Sandusky Bay Conference team the past two seasons. He was a first team All-Ohio pick this past season.

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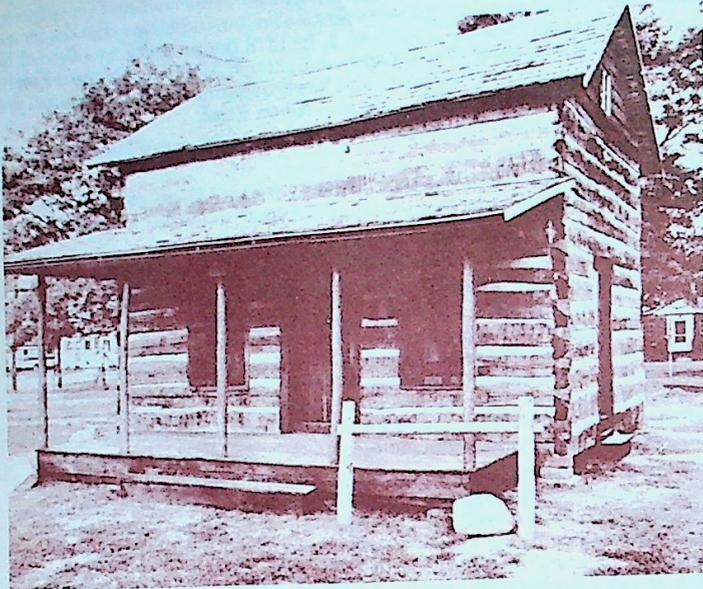
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THE FREEH LOG HOUSE STORY

In November 1981 I attended a Fair Board meeting and proposed an idea of building a log house on the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. I told the Board that I would donate my time and labor to complete this project by the 1982 Fair if someone would donate an Original Log House, (preferably from Sandusky County) or enough hewn beams to build a house from. I stated that I could complete the project for five or six hundred dollars.

Approval was thankfully granted by the Board Members. This idea was publicized a few days later appearing in the "Man In The Street" section of the Fremont News Messenger. At this time, Howard Hirt, (who works for his cousin at Hirt Trucking on Walnut Street) was tearing a frame addition off of an old house next to the trucking garage and he discovered the main part of the house to be built of logs. He had been aware of the news article and mentioned this to his cousin Richard Hirt, the owner. Richard in turn called Robert Gillette, Fairgrounds Superintendent, and donated this house to the Agricultural Society on behalf of his sisters, Jean Smith and Dorothy Claus in Memory of their Mother, Mrs. Charles R. (Elfreda) Hirt.

This log house had been built by or for Albian Freeh, (German spelling - Früh) probably between 1859 and 1861. Albian and Monica (Mueller) Freeh were both born in Baden, Germany. They came to America between 1851 and 1854. The Freeh family moved to Fremont on Elliot Street from Rochester, New York in 1857.

Turo-Atkinson

Kathleen Turo and Donald Atkinson were married at the Community Church of Chesterland Saturday at 4 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turo, Willoughby Hills. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Atkinson, 257 County Road 119.

All the flowers for the wedding and reception were designed by the bride's mother.

The maid of honor was Gretchen Bowman, a friend of the bride. Her bridesmaid was Vicki Wollpert, a friend.

The best man was Ron Atkinson, the groom's brother., and Pat Haeuptle, a friend of the groom, was the usher.

The couple will reside at 313 County Road 119.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Kirtland High School and graduated from Lakeland Community College in 1975 with an associate's degree in dental hygiene.

The bridegroom graduated from Fremont Ross High School in 1969 and from Terra Technical College in 1971. He works at New Departure-Hyatt in Sandusky.

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Hammer-Atkinson

Yvonne Sue Atkinson and Jeffrey Paul Hammer will live at 17479 W. Portage River Road, Elmore.

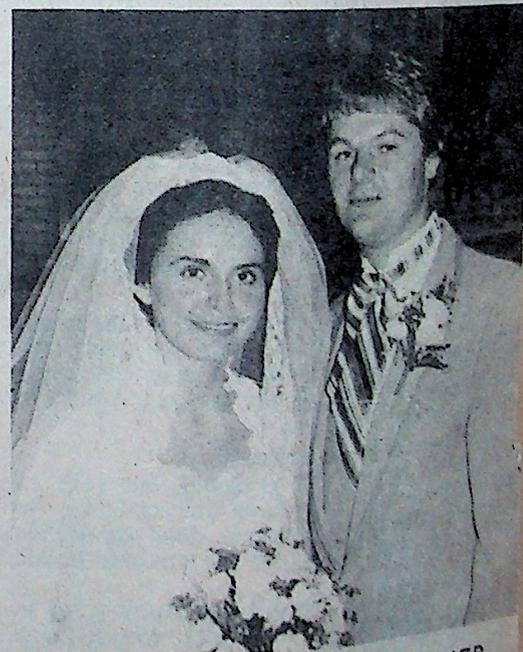
They were married Friday evening in Millersville St. Mary's Catholic Church by the Rev. Ed Littleman.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Atkinson of 257 County Road 119 and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hammer of Burgoon.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Mary Atkinson, who wore a wine-colored floor-length gown of silesta sheer material.

Bridesmaids were Patty Hammer, sister of the bridegroom; Marg Schwartz, sister of the bride; Ann King and Connie Smith. They wore daphne rose gowns. Junior bridesmaids were Kim Hammer, sister of the bridegroom, and Shelley Atkinson, niece of the bride.

Best man was Stan Wasserman. Ushers



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY P. HAMMER

were Dick Wasserman, Dale Hoffman, and Ken department at Brush Wellman in Elmore. and Don Hammer, brothers of the bridegroom.

A reception in the American Legion Home followed the ceremony.

The bride is a 1977 Fremont Ross High School graduate and works as secretary at Terra Technical College.

The bridegroom is a 1977 graduate of Lakota High School and works in the maintenance

W. S. D. C. 1

Hagerty and John Wisbon are having 7 p.m. wedding rites for June 28 at John's Lutheran Church.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. Mrs. Russell Hagerty of 241 South is a Ross High School graduate and manager of the Hobby Center.

son, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ja of 221 N. Wayne St. is a R graduate and employee

March 19



photo by Shari Veleba

Phil Huss - a man who has contributed to our community in his own distinct way.

Smoky the clown

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fights. For some years now, he's announced fights at the Legion Hall.

When he was with the police department he had to cover every type of case from major crimes such as homicide to minor burglaries. He also had to investigate cases which involved drugs and teenagers.

"I've had to investigate many drug-related cases. I didn't think the county drug problem was so bad, but it's there. Any kind of drug problem is bad," he says.

Huss believes most crimes are committed due to the lack of proper education. People should be taught to have a basic respect for their fellow man and others property. He says it's regrettable to hear about people who are extremely intelligent yet are convicted criminals.

His advice to anyone considering the law enforcement field is to have confidence and offer helpfulness. "Know that's what you really

want to do, because not everyone's cut out to be a police officer, just as everyone's not cut out to be a truck driver or Indian chief. Work with people, assist people and be fair."

Although Huss says some police officers don't consider themselves social workers, he believes police are just another brand of social workers due to their daily interaction with people.

Aside from clowning, Huss enjoys gardening, visiting with his grandchildren, fishing, and knowing and being with good people.

"I live for the future," he says, adding, "I've had a beautiful life and will have many more good years to come."

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Mr. and Mrs. Fredric K. Dickman
and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Frank

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20 South Yondota Road

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Reception

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Millbury, Ohio

Millbury Fire Hall

Hess-Schell

Wynn Kimberly Schell and Kirk Fredrick Hess were married Friday evening in St. John's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Gary Logan.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilford L. Schell Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Hess.

Matron of honor was Barb Mason, who wore a huckleberry Qiana knit gown with puffed shoulders, long tapered sleeves, gathered waist and flowing skirt. She carried a crescent bouquet of lilies, statice and foliage around lavender rubrum lilies. She wore fresh flowers in her hair.

Bridesmaids were Peggy Robitski, Chris O'Brien, Chris Johns, and Robin Culbertson. Stacy Gabel, cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid and wore an organza gown in lilac. It had a peter pan collar, bouffant sleeves and full skirt.

Flowergirls were Milesa Staib, cousin of the bride, and Heather Culbertson, both wearing white gowns like that of the junior bridesmaid. They carried white wicker baskets with flowers.

Man Bok Song, mentor of the couple, was best man. Ushers were Richard Welker, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Mike Hauke; Marty Mason; Scott Culbertson; Troy Gabel, cousin of the bride; Jim House, Casey Collins and Gary Gohring. Ringbearer was Robert Welker, nephew of the bridegroom.

A reception was in Sacred Heart Hall.

The couple will live at 1319 1/2 Cherry St.

The bride is a 1975 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, attended the University of Toledo and works as assistant office manager at Bearing



MR. AND MRS. KIRK HESS

Distributors, Fremont.

The bridegroom is a 1975 Ross graduate, attended Clarion, Pa., University, and is self-employed with Hess Contractors.

Smoky the Clown . . . A Fremont Legend

by Shari L. Veleba

For the past 15 or 16 years Phil Huss has flown the American flag in his backyard at 213 N. Columbus Ave. "I'm on my fourth flag," he states, explaining how he never flew a torn or frayed flag. "It's a downright crime to do that," he added.

When it comes to being torn or frayed, however, he has a lot to laugh about. During the past 28 years, Huss has been portraying "Smoky the Clown", a character who wears a black derby, a jacket sporting assorted pins and buttons and pants covered with patches.

Besides being a clown, Huss, 60, has also been in the Navy, a boxer and a Fremont Police officer for 30 years, 17 of which were spent as a juvenile officer.

He began clowning after he met a trapeze artist from the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus at the naval air base in Iowa where he was stationed.

The trapeze artist taught him various acts, and during weekends, the two would go in search of circuses in which to

perform. After being around circus clowns for awhile, Huss contracted clown fever and brought his new clown act to Fremont.

"Smoky the Clown" got his name from a cat Huss had. "There was Smoky the Cat, so why not Smoky the Clown," he explains.

Huss has been clowning at the Sandusky County Fair for the past 25 years, and he can also be seen at the Fremont Speedway, at hospitals, or in area parades. He even goes out of state to Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois to clown around.

"I work close to people. I can shake hands with them. Many children have never touched or talked to a clown before," he claims.

Along with entertaining at parades, Huss also appears at family reunions, and family-factory parties, performing clown comedy magic.

"I've had audiences that were totally made up of adults," he says, explaining that although he enjoys entertaining children, seeing elderly

people smile also makes him happy.

Huss also juggles and makes balloon animals. He belongs to Circus Fans Association of America and Clowns of America, two groups that share the fun of life through the circus and clowns.

At times he becomes a "guest clown" for circuses and performs from two days to two weeks with different troupes.

Claiming not have been the "class clown" at school but merely a "meek farm boy with respect for law and order and other people's property," Huss also brings his clown act into the public schools. In the elementary level, his clown comedy and magic are combined with some of his law enforcement ideology as he also teaches children about safety in their homes, how to properly board their school bus and have a safe play time.

He thinks if more children were taught to regard policemen as their friends and not the people who will come and take them away if the child is a bit unruly, the world would be better

off.

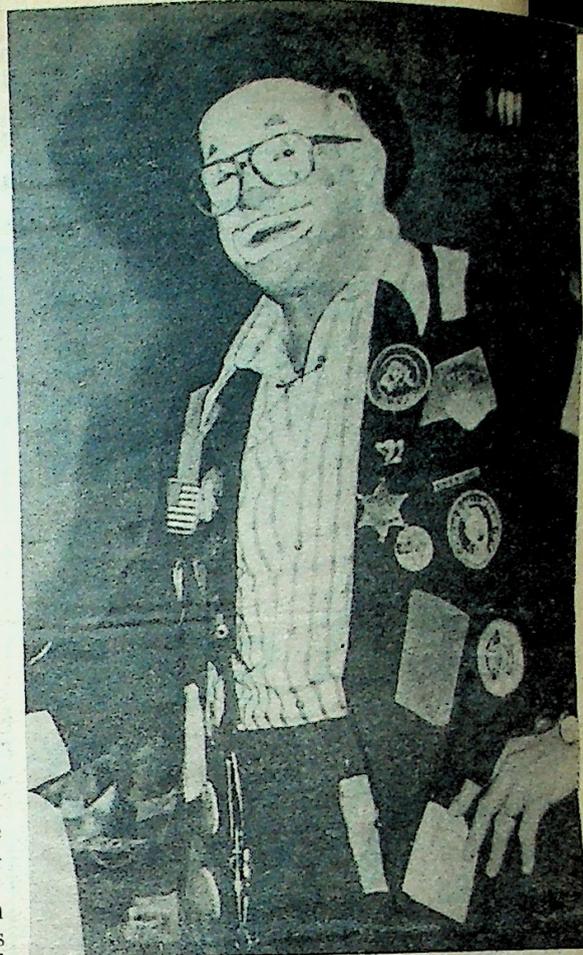
When he performs at school assemblies he tries to convey these sentiments, "Policemen love children the same as clowns, and clowns love children the same as policemen." He wants children to know that policemen are here to protect and help everyone.

Huss retired from the police department in 1978, but continues to carry his messages about law enforcement everywhere.

In 1937 he joined the Croghan Athletic Club and boxed in the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions, capturing several Golden Glove championships and was the 1940 Toledo and Cleveland light heavyweight champion. In 1941, he became the light heavyweight champion of Lorain.

In an auto accident in 1941, however, his boxing days were slowed as he sustained a crushed right jaw, broken wrists, and was unconscious for a week before any surgery could be done. He was in the hospital for 30 days.

"That put me out of commission for a year or so," he says, but adds he thinks he did his best boxing as a heavyweight after his recovery. "The good Lord spared me," he says. He continued to



Smoky the clown, Phil Huss or just plain "Phil" he happens to be one of the least plain people in Fremont.

box while in the Navy, eventually claiming the Southwest Pacific Fleet heavyweight championship.

Commenting on the recent controversies over the safety of boxing, Huss says he sees no reason for pro boxing headgear. He notes that it's optional in amateur

bouts but should be used always for the younger boxers. Either way, he says accidents are going to happen, just like with pro auto racers or in high school athletics.

Huss says he looked to Joe Lewis and Sugar Ray Robinson as idols. He has also refereed and judged

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March 7 — Daun and Daniel Diedrich, 808 Castalia Road, a daughter at 8:14 a.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital.

Hirt-Creeger

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Hirt of Fostoria announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Gregory John Creeger of Tiffin, son of Mrs. Eugene Biller of Port Clinton and the late John Charles Creeger.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Fostoria High School and works as a management trainee at

Ponderosa Steak House in Fremont.

Creeger is a 1975 graduate of St. Francis High School in Tiffin and works for Mugshots Nightclubs Inc. of Tiffin.

The couple plans a July 2 wedding at Fostoria Hope Lutheran Church.



LINDA MARTIN, 29
Housewife
Fremont, Ohio

I see parallels. Roosevelt was handicapped by paralysis, and Reagan is handicapped by old age. Roosevelt's wife provided support and guidance when he needed it most, and so does Nancy Reagan. The only thing that's different is the mood. The tension is so thick today, you can cut it with a knife.



JAMES LAGROU

Three area employees of Brush Wellman, Elmore, were recently recognized for 25 years of work with the plant. James Lagrou, a drawbench operator for the alloy division, was honored. He and his wife live at 3350 County Road 247.

Wedding

Burk-Hirt

Judith Elaine Hirt and Randall Allan Burk were united in marriage March 5 in Hope Lutheran Church.

The couple was married at 3 p.m. in a double ring ceremony officiated by the Rev. Paul L. Bockelman.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Hirt, 139 Rock St. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Burk, 855 Walnut St.

Janet Hirt, Tiffin, served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debbie Burk, Muncie, Ind., sister of the groom; Kimberly Reiter, Fostoria; and Wendy Joseph, Ashland. Amber Schwab, Fostoria, was the flower girl. Bridal colors were huckleberry and primrose.

John Wagner, Arcadia, served as best man. Ushers were Larry Burk, Clarks Summit, Pa.; Randy Schubert, Willard; and David Burk, Fostoria. Zachary Huber, Fostoria, served as ring bearer.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the wedding.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of Fostoria High School and a 1981 graduate of the University of Toledo. She is a certified respiratory therapy technician at Fostoria City Hospital.



MR. AND MRS. RANDALL A. BURK
Judith Elaine Hirt

The groom is a 1977 Fostoria High School graduate of a 1982 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He is a lab technician at Flecthner Packing Co.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parent March 4 at Candyland.

Following a Windjammer cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is residing at 331 1/2 N. Union St.

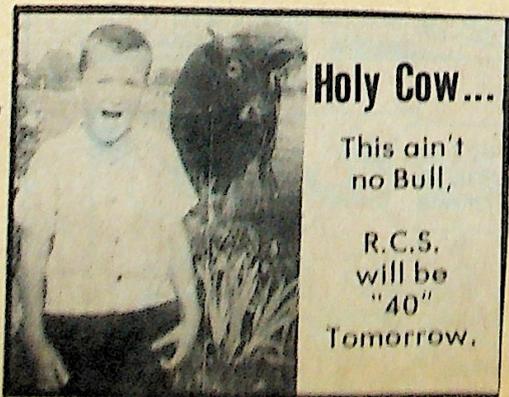


(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Color coordinated

Ginny Schepflin practices coordinating color swatches to Barb Moran's skin, hair and eye colors in preparation for Tuesday's Fremont Christian Women's luncheon. A Rainbow of Color" is theme for

the program on coordinating clothes to skin and eye colors, to start at 12:30 p.m. in Fremont Country Club. Baby-sitting will be available at Hayes United Methodist Church.



Holy Cow...

This ain't no Bull,

R.C.S. will be "40"

Tomorrow.



Joe Lelker laughs as committee chairman Dave Hartley ribs him following his testimony against U.B. 61.

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Glick to fly with Air Force

By DICK EDMOND

Brady Glick, a 6-2, 220-pounder for Calvert High School's football team, has always dreamed of attending the Air Force Academy at the base of the Rampart Range of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

Today, as a result of his football talents, and his academic achievements, the dream is a reality.

Glick has accepted an appointment to the Air Force Academy and will report July 6.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glick, 5912 CR 44, Green Springs, will also be playing for the Falcons' football team this fall.

After viewing films of Glick in action with the Senecas, Air Force head coach Ken Hatfield wanted Glick and got him, when the Calvert standout was leaning toward Miami of Ohio.

Selected as Calvert's most valuable player last season, Glick went both ways for the Senecas at tackle, but is expected to play the defensive end position for the Falcons.

"I just felt that the Air Force Academy offers an excellent chance for me to receive a great education and career, as well as a chance to play football for a team that plays high calibre competition.

"I was also very impressed with the facilities and the football staff," Glick said.

Glick, who carries a 3.4 grade average, said he



Brady Glick

will major in engineering and hopes to become a fighter pilot.

The Air Force Academy is a member of the Western Athletic Conference which includes Brigham Young, San Diego State, New Mexico, Colorado State, Texas El-Paso, Wyoming, and Hawaii.

In addition, the Falcons play such non-conference foes as Army, Navy, and Notre Dame.

Glick is hoping to make the traveling squad and be on the field when the Falcons play Navy this fall. On the other side of the field will be another former Calvert standout Norm Smith.

Selected to the All-Sandusky Bay Conference team the past two years, as well as the first team All-Ohio, after earning honorable mention All-Ohio honors in 1981, Glick credited head coach Roger Kirkhart with his success.

"If it were not for Buzz I would not have the opportunity to play college football. It's because of his help and guidance that I'm able to achieve a dream I've had for a long time," Glick said.

Kirkhart also had high praise for his former player in noting, "Brady has always been a hard worker and a determined athlete. One of his big assets is that if he doesn't do something well, he'll work until it's mastered.

"Of course, Brady had to make the decision of which college he wanted to attend.

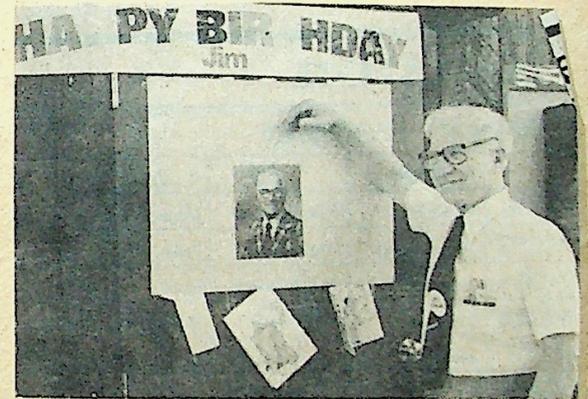
"I'm very pleased with his selection because he has worked so hard since coming to Calvert (from Clyde). And I'm happy that football had something to do with achieving his dream," Kirkhart said.

In addition to Miami of Ohio, Bowling Green, Western Michigan, Brown and Yale were also interested in gaining Glick's services in football.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Forty years of marriage was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. James D. Diedrich on Sunday afternoon. Thirty family members were present at the Fremont Federation of Women for a dinner hosted by the couple.

The couple was married on May 30, 1943 in Fremont, Ohio, at the St. Joseph Rectory by Monsignor J. S. Arnoldi. Children of the couple are: James H. Diedrich, Anchorage, Alaska; Daniel C., David L., and Gregory S. all of Fremont. The couple has two grandchildren: Tatum James, and Jill Elaine, both of Fremont.



A day to remember

Jim Dietrich, manager of Fremont's Kroger Store, celebrated his 65th birthday this week amid much hoopla orchestrated by his employees. The East Side store was decked out with balloons and banners and Dietrich capitalized enough to steal a few kisses. Dietrich said his 65th year just may mean retirement and the end of a long career. He got his start in the grocery business when he was 12 working with his father.



RUTH PEFFLY CONCENTRATES on the sound and raising her right hand during a hearing test at Tuesday's health fair. Those who took the test listened for frequencies through headphones and

raised their hands to signal the moment a sound became audible to them. Mrs. Peffly, 119 Adams St., was one of 175 people who took advantage of the free hearing screenings.

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Mary Atkinson



Happy Birthday Ms. Atkinson

I bet you thought we forgot!

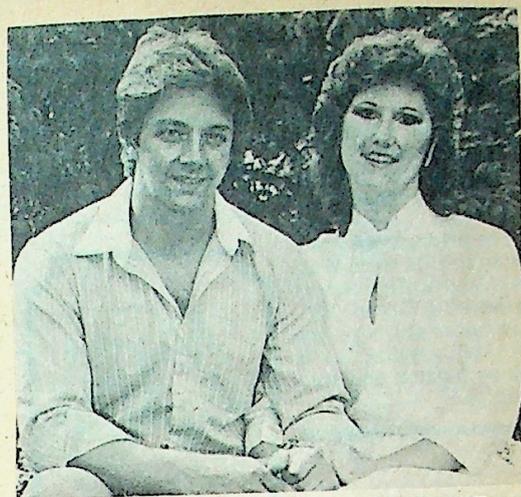
The 'S' Gang



Campers busy in spite of rain

Girl Scouts spent a rainy day at Pleasant Valley Day Camp making paper logs from old newspapers. Scott Conklin, 8, son of Scout leader Sharon Conklin of 1405 Chestnut St., watched as the Girl Scouts did the project to earn Energy Saver Badges. Also picture are, from the left, Kelly Murray, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of County Road 204; Leah, 8, rolling the log, and her sister Jessie Lomax, daughters of

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lomax of 1244 Luckey St.; Melanie, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Worster of 1104 Stilwell Ave.; and Jennifer, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bibler of 609 N. Fifth St. The camp is located on County Road 76. Later, on a clear day, Christie Fought, working on a Silver Award, would supervise cadets, from 7th grade and older, as they learned about canoeing on Burkett's Pond west of Fremont.



JEFFREY KINDRED AND RENEE HIRT

Hirt-Kindred

Renee Louise Hirt and Jeffrey Lynn Kindred are engaged and plan to be married at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clyde.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Crockett of Grass Valley, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds J. Hirt of 122 Morrison St. She is a 1977 Clyde High School grad-

uate and a 1982 graduate of Tiffin Academy of Hair Design. She works at Hair Etc.

The future bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lee Kindred of 3397 County Road 213, Clyde, is a 1975 Clyde High School graduate and works at Clyde Division of Whirlpool Corp.



Tom Smith of Fremont tends the pig that was roasting for the Girl Scouts' luau.



City 'B' tourney winners

Croghan Colonial Bank finished second in the City "B" 14-Inch Softball League and won the post season tournament. Members of the team are, front row, left to row: Rod Cutcher, Terry Swartz, Bob Gabel, Dan Knlsely, Doug Ash, John

Ash; back row: Bruce Hirt, Tom Bablone, Bruce Wobser, John Clarke, Ron Reardon, Bill Baker and Steve Decker. Not in the picture but members of the team are Mike and Mark Gabel.

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TIM HIRT, a 1977 graduate of Clyde High School, is moving up in the world of golf. The former University of Toledo star and three-time Mid-American Conference champion is now an assistant pro at one of the most exclusive country clubs in the country — River Oaks Country Club in Houston. Hirt said that he received an indication as to what kind of members River Oaks has when he met Conrad Hilton, owner of the famous Hilton Hotel chain, during his first interview.

HIRT

When descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt held their 67th-annual family reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 140 members and guests were present for a potluck dinner, program and business meeting. Dan Diedrich presided.

The program began with attorney Bob Genzman now of Orlando, Fla., telling of thrilling experiences he had during a recent trip to Switzerland, homeland of the Hirt family.

Several relatives are living in Switzerland and the original home in Stilli remains intact. Bob made everyone wish to visit the country in the near future. A book written by Max Baumann about Stilli and the Hirts was given to their American relatives. Andres Kistler, formerly of Switzerland but now living in Columbus, was a guest of Helen and Joe Beier.

Helen Hiebel announced 11 births, seven marriages and one death during the past year. Jill Diedrich, the youngest baby at the reunion, was given a baby bank.

Other special awards were given by Kathy Genzman to the following: Andres Kistler, Helen Babione, Steve Hirt, Jackie Diekman, V. Troxel, Dena Schepflin, Irene Brindley and Amy Schepflin.

It was decided to have next year's reunion at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds the last Sunday in July.

An election was held with Dave Atkinson elected president; Randy Hottinger, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary-treasurer.

Serving on committees

were Rudy Peffly, Grace Zilles, Marian Diedrich, Helen Hiebel, Linda Martin and Kathy Genzman.

Oct. 1 — Mike and Ann Diekman, Northwood, a 10-pound, 1-ounce son, Jeremy Michael, at St. Charles Hospital. Local grandparents are Fred and Jacqueline (Hirt) Diekman of Nissen Road, Elmore.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S PARADE included those who marched along Birchard Avenue and those who lined it to watch. Tiffany Michael and Brooke Shetzer, both age 3, above, were among the marchers as members of Fremont's Hi-Society baton corps. Hundreds of spectators lined the parade route to watch the twirlers, clowns and musicians, including, at right, members of the Pert, Mosser, the Reinbolt and the Halbeisen families.



Accepted to academy

Cadet Brady M. Glick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Glick of Rural Route 44, Green Springs, has been officially accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy's Cadet Wing as a member of the class of 1987 during the annual acceptance parade.

The parade followed six weeks of basic cadet training at the Colorado Springs, Colo., academy. Training in military customs and courtesies, drill and physical conditioning, tactical exercises and the firing of weapons, introduced the basic cadets to military life under the program.

The academy is a four-year educational institution graduating men and women to serve as career Air Force officers. In addition to military training, the academy offers athletics and an academic curriculum which includes basic and engi-

neering sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

He is a 1983 graduate of Tiffin Calvert High School.

Kindred-Hirt

The bride's father and stepfather, Reynold Hirt and Gerald Crockett, escorted Renee Louise Hirt down the aisle for her wedding to Jeffrey Lynn Kindred.

The Rev. John Ferne officiated at the Friday evening ceremony in Clyde St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crockett of Nevada City, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold J. Hirt of Morrison Street. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Buddy L. Kindred of Clyde.

Maid of honor was the bride's sis-



MRS. JEFFREY KINDRED

ter, Randi Hirt, who wore a satin mid-calf dress with a wide band collar of ivory lace. It featured a blouson bodice trimmed in ivory and ribbon, full sleeves of peach and fitted lace cuffs, and an ivory satin sash. She wore a cluster of peach silk flowers, rust lilies and pheasant feathers with fresh and s-

Bridesmaids were Christy Cenkur and Pamela Mason, and the bride's sister-in-law, Debora Hirt. They wore ivory satin gowns with rust, brown and avocado accents.

Jerusha Crockett, half sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid and wore an ivory satin gown with peach accents.

Flowergirl was Christian Jo Fisher, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore an ivory mid-calf dress of organdy lace with full sleeves and a peach lining. She carried a basket of rose petals and wore a halo of peach flowers with baby's breath in her hair.

Mike Norris was best man. Ushers were Rick Kindred and Kevin Kindred, brothers of the bridegroom; Jim Williams and Steve Ricker.

Jason Kindred, nephew of the bridegroom, was ringbearer.

A reception was held in the Paragon Room.

The couple will honeymoon in the Poconos.

The bride is a 1977 Clyde High School graduate and a 1982 graduate of Tiffin Academy of Hair Design. She works at Hair Etc.

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CALHOUN and SLIV

Happy 25th
ain't love great..

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By line to Jim Ferguson

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Hirt-Ramirez

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Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Scott Edward Hirt are planning a wedding trip to Hawaii for mid-October.

Hirt and the former Annette Joan Ramirez were married Aug. 27 in the Chapel of the Stardust Hotel and Country Club in San Diego, Calif. The Rev. Mary Curtis officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Raymond Freitas of San Diego, the late Castor Ramirez, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hirt of Fremont.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burke of El Cajon, Calif.

A reception was held at the couple's new home.

The new Mrs. Hirt is a 1972 graduate of Kearny High School in San Diego and works at Home Federal Savings and Loan of San Diego. Her husband is a 1968 graduate of Fremont Ross High School and served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He works for Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America.

The couple is living at 2166 Deerpark Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92110.

Hirshberg-Schepflin

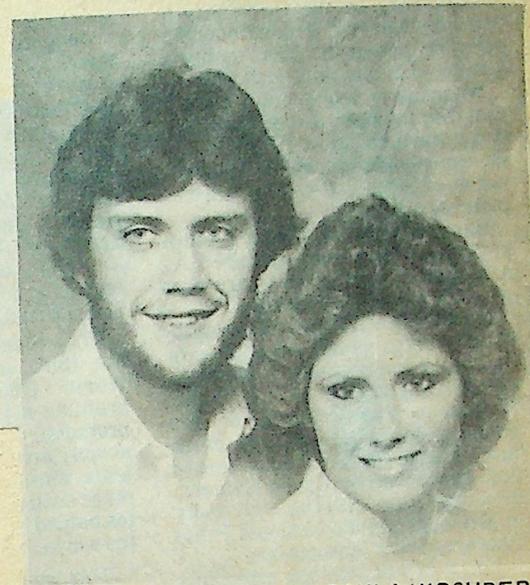
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hirshberg of 128 S. Col-linwood Blvd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Joan, to William C. "Chuck" Schepflin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Schepflin of 2215 E. State St.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Fre-

mont Ross High School and works at Fisher's Big Wheel.

The future bride-groom is a 1979 Ross graduate and works at Willie's Sales and Service.

The couple plans to be married at 7 p.m. Oct. 19, 1984, in Sacred Heart Church.



WILLIAM SCHEPFLIN AND PAULA HIRSHBERG

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Wagon winner

James Diedrich, left, manager of Fremont's Kroger store, hands Ruth Wojdyla the keys to her new wagon, a replica of an early 1900s Kroger delivery wagon. The wagon, which has a one-horsepower engine, was the prize

In a drawing held as part of Kroger's year-long 100th anniversary celebration. Mrs. Wojdyla, of 2042 Port Clinton Road, says she won't ride the wagon herself, but may let her grandchildren take it for a spin.

Meet... MERLE HIRT

Merle has been with *Fremont Today* since its inception. Fact is, he's been stationed at Fremont Airport for almost 20 years as a pilot/chain saw specialist/mechanic/control tower operator/keeps the snow plow cleaning the jet runway. Merle is also in charge of the cattle operation on the pastures along side the runways.

Merle celebrated *Fremont Today's* first birthday. Merle helps keep



MERLE HIRT

Fremont Today coming into your home. His job is well done; he is good and faithful.

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County Area A Better Place To Live

He came, he saw, he sculpted Local chainsaw artist transforms trees into rough-hewn works of animal art

By KEN KUSMER
Special to
The News-Messenger

Three years ago Chuck Schepflin was looking for a challenge. Bored with creating chairs out of blocks of wood, he decided to try sculpting animals, using only a pair of chain saws as his tools.

Today, Schepflin is an accomplished chain saw artist, taking first prize in the wood-sculpting division at September's Paul Bunyan Festival in Nelsonville, O., one of the pre-

mier outdoorsman competitions in the Midwest.

Schepflin said he was introduced to the art by watching the work of Jim Eckhardt, a Columbus chain saw salesman whose sculptures were widely displayed at chain saw demonstrations.

"Chairs were getting boring to me, and just by watching him (Eckhardt), I decided to try one," Schepflin said. "It came out pretty decent. It was a deer, the hardest thing you can do."

A tall, solid, bearded man, Schepflin, 22, is at ease as he talks about his art. He walks around a clutter of logs in the yard behind his father's chain saw and mower shop, Willie's Sales & Service at 2215 E. State St., pointing out how he pictures a pelican's wingspan in the crotch where two limbs come together, and the beak further down, where the bark already has been worn away.

Inside the shop his finished art, and some of Eckhardt's, is displayed in the windows and on the floor, amid lawn mowers and racks of chain saws.

"It must be something I was born with, because I've never sat down and looked at birds or animals. But they must look like the real thing, because there's a lot of demand for them."

"People just come into the shop and see the sculptures. They're different, and people want them. It's a new art coming around," Schepflin said.

Schepflin said he will tackle the challenging or turn out the simple, depending on what his customers want. He may chip out a 1-foot-tall mushroom in 15 or 20 minutes and charge \$10 for it, or spend six hours or more creating a yard-high elephant, sitting on its haunches, for \$125.

His latest project: carving seven eagles in flight from a single log, where seven limbs branch out from the trunk.

In high school, Schepflin said, he was interested in art and took classes in jewelry, mixed media and clay sculpturing. A scout from Walt Disney saw his clay sculptures and liked them, saying they would be acceptable for the entertainment firm's arts and crafts department.

But now he sculpts from logs, and Schepflin said he most often works with sandy-colored catalpa wood, which has the right blend of softness and durability. He also carves from white sugar maple, hickory and black walnut.

When he begins a sculpture, Schepflin said, "I take the piece and stand it up, walk around it a few times and visualize it," trying to picture what he sees in it, whether it be a coiling cobra or an Indian.

"Once I get started, the only time I take a break is when the saw runs out of gas," Schepflin said, and the muscles in his forearms are testament to the hours of non-stop carving with the saws, which weigh 11 to 16 pounds when empty.

With a heavy McCulloch 610 saw, he makes his rough cuts and squares off the extreme parts of the object, like the wings of a bird. Using a lighter Stihl 011 saw, he starts shaping and rounding the sculpture, creating the finer details that later will distinguish the piece.

"I draw it from something I've seen somewhere. I see a piece of wood and do it," Schepflin said. But he never works from a model. "What I have found is that I make more mistakes if I study an object and try to reproduce the detail."

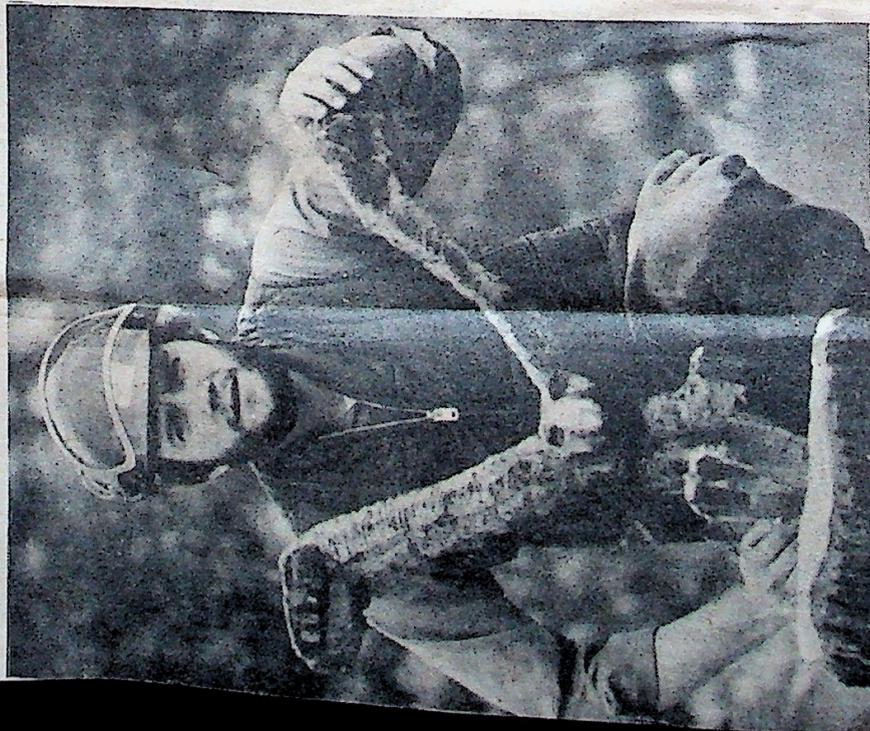
Schepflin says he takes a lot of requests from his customers, people who want to see specific things captured in wood.

"They always want something wild — birds and snakes and rodents, but never any dogs or cats," he said. "I'll try anything."

Schepflin's phone number is 332-3676.



(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy) With a helmet and safety mask to protect his face from flying wood chips, Schepflin works in his yard on a log that will soon become a new creation.



Chuck Schepflin poses with his flying owl, a sculpture that he made at the last Sandusky County Fair.

Former Ross ball player tackles career in medicine

By GRACE LINDSTROM
News-Messenger Staff Writer

I like success stories — particularly those about graduates from local schools. Being a doctor and lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy at the age of 30 certainly qualifies Charles D. Miller, 766 Sheraton Drive, Virginia Beach, Va., for the accolade.

He is a son of Dora O'Farrell, 398 Stewart Drive, an art teacher at Ross High School, and Dr. William Miller of Reynoldsburg, a veterinarian who works for the U.S.D.A.

Miller's successes include being an offensive and defensive tackle on the football



CHARLES MILLER

Faces & places

team at Ross where he graduated in 1971. He graduated in 1975 from Miami University, and was offensive guard on their "winningest" team that captured two Tangerine Bowl titles. In 1978 he graduated from Ohio State University Medical School, attended on a Naval Scholarship.

He served his internship at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Charleston, S.C. After being assistant medical officer aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. America, based in Norfolk, he was a general medical officer at Sewell's Pt. Branch Clinic at Norfolk.

Currently he is in his third year of a four-year Orthopedic Residency at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. As an elective in his Orthopedic Residency Program he helped with the Naval Academy Football team this fall.

Miller came to watch his brother, Terry O'Farrell, a senior at Ross High School, also No. 71, play against Findlay in the last regularly scheduled home game of the season.

Terry was offensive tackle, the same position played by "Chuck" in high school.

Miller has another brother, Sean O'Farrell, a junior at Ohio State University; and two sons, Andrew, 11, and Eric, 3. He is married to the former Melody Genzman of Fremont, a registered dietitian who teaches at Tidewater Community College.

Miller plans eventually to work in general orthopedics and be involved with a sports program as a team physician. He credits his philosophy and direction of his life to his stepfather, the late Thomas C. O'Farrell.

"He had a great deal of common sense — had a positive attitude toward life and didn't know the word defeat. If he wanted something he went after it," the young doctor said of his stepfather.



True Grit winners

Tony Gant (sitting), former Ross High athletic standout and currently the starting free safety on the University of Michigan football team, is surrounded by the winners of this season's True Grit awards, presented by the Fremont chapter of the International Association of YMCA Men's

Club at the 14th annual banquet Wednesday night. The honored high school gridders are, from left to right: Rod Logan of Ross, Mike Loyerle of Gibsonburg, Brian Hirt of Bellevue, Jim Bodi of Margareta, Paul Leite of St. Joe and Mike Taylor of Clyde.

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"I started riding with Dr. L.P. Miller in 1972, then went to vet school in 1978 and graduated in 1982," she explained. She returned to Dr. Miller's practice, where she is a salaried employee. "I plan to someday own my own practice and I want to stay here in Sandusky County."

Dr. Hirt said 50 percent of the students in her veterinary medicine class were women, an increasing trend. "I think women have an advantage in that they make better grades and that weighs heavily on entrance, but veterinary medicine isn't as economically attractive as human medicine or dentistry so that takes some of the pressure off admissions," she said.

She admitted that part of her attraction to veterinary medicine was the opportunity to work with large animals. The Miller veterinary practice consists of 25 percent large animal patients.

"Only a handful of owners have refused to have me, as a woman veterinarian, treat their livestock. The rest pretty well accept me and on the whole are very cooperative," she said.

Dr. Hirt said the major issues facing farmers are economical. "That's what I hear most when I'm out on calls," she said. And that's what she takes into consideration when discussing cases with the farmers.

"We have to consider how we're going to treat the animal — what kind of medicine or if it will be profitable for the owner after the animal recovers," she said.

"The grain prices figure into it as well. And we have to consider if the animal will bring a good market price if it is treated. Sometimes the answer is not to treat the animal," she said.

These are just a few of the many women involved in agriculture. In the house, on the farm and off the farm women are helping to recognize and solve problems facing farm families.

You'll find them in the kitchen, in the barn, in the office and in the Capitol. Each is working toward the improvement of agriculture.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for Ross fall sports teams were, left to right, front row, Katie Marritt, Lisa Hepp, Sue Gahn, Ronna Paulson, Tina Michael, Michele Blue and Jody Schling;

back row: Ryan Smith, Dave Slater, Grant Bender, Mark Miesle, Troy Schepflin and Brad Dierksheide.

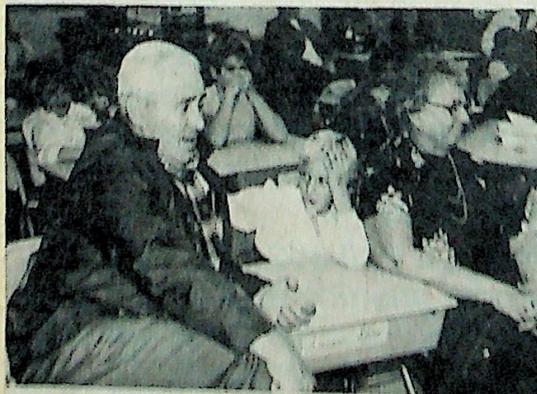
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DR. LAURA HIRT combined her love for large and small animals with a career in veterinary medicine. She says AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS is an integral part of her medical practice.

Observing Grandparents Day

During Atkinson Elementary School observance of Grandparents' Day Thursday, second-graders recited a poem to tell their grandparents why they think they are special. The program gave grandparents a chance to visit classrooms and find out what the children do in school. The poem, written by Susan Blausey, II, follows:



CARL HIRT, 432 Buchanan St., tells his granddaughter Susan Stine and her third-grade classmates at Atkinson Elementary school what it was like to attend school in the days before buses and computers. Hirt and his wife Gerry, at right, were participants in the school's Grandparents' Day program Thursday.

Grandparents Day will soon be here
And mine deserve a nice big cheer.
Always there when I need them most
So to them, I write this Grandparents poem.

Grandma always lends a hand
To help me if and when she can.
She cooks and bakes and lets me taste
Her chocolate pies and all her cakes.

She always wants a favor from me
But I don't mind because you see
I have just her for my grandma now
Which makes her special to me somehow.

My grandpa's sweet and oh so nice
He loves to cook and can at night.
He's lots of fun, and helpful too
For him there's nothing I wouldn't do.

At Christmas time he makes some toys
For all us little girls and boys
Like the cradle he made for my sister and me,
Four our dolls, and it's as pretty as can be.

So this is why I love them so
Because they're always there I know
And I am there when they need me
To work, or do whatever they need.
Happy Grandparents' Day to both of you.

From Susan, Amanda, and Jennifer too!



YMCA campaign to begin

The Sandusky County YMCA will conduct its 1983 membership enrollment drive from Thursday through Nov. 17. The chairwoman of this year's campaign is Phyllis Frampton. Members of the committee organizing the campaign are (from left) Phil Havens, Mrs. Frampton, Tina Hoelzle and Ken Hirt and Dave Buehler, who is not pictured. About

100 volunteer workers will be chasing a goal of \$30,000 and 600 memberships. Anyone wishing to join the YMCA for such activities as swimming, basketball, racquetball, volleyball, weight training or physical fitness may do so through one of the volunteers or by going to the Y between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Marine Cpl. Harry W.

Huss, son of Agnes Huss of 723 S. Buchanan, Fremont, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Larry Schepflin, manager of the Potter Village Great Scot store, examines boxes of Duncan Hines Devil's Food cake mix for boxes from an EDB-contaminated batch. No boxes from the tainted lot were found in the Fremont stores or in Great Scot's Berlin Heights warehouse.



AWARD WINNERS. The Sandusky County area grabbed several honors during the State Young Farmers Convention this weekend in Dayton. From left to right here are Lynn Martin, State Young Farmer of the Year; his wife Linda; Debbie Miller and

Tom Miller, who was honored for corn efficiency; Gene Perry, named Ohio's Spokesman for Agriculture; John Burks, honored for soybean efficiency; and Daryl Knipp.

Here are this week's Good Neighbor Awards:

Mrs. E. L. Lindsay is thankful because: "I have JEANETTE HOWARD and MARK HIRT living next to me. They clean the snow from my walks and driveway, rake leaves, get things from the store and do hundreds of things all year long. Many thanks for being good neighbors."

Photo by Ken Badertacher



Senior **MARY ANN KISTLER**, daughter of Mrs. Walter Kistler of 1263 N. County Road 232, has served her chapter as vice president, student adviser and community service committee chairman. She has also participated in parliamentary procedure, numerous judging contests, public speaking, sausage sale and as a Junior Fair Board member. Her projects have been soybeans, farm work experience and home improvement. A member of the National Honor Society, she was the Lila Weiler Citizenship Award Winner for 1984.

Jeanette Hirt becomes nine-gallon donor at local bloodmobile

Seventy-one units of blood were donated at the Red Cross Bloodmobile Tuesday at the East Side Presbyterian Church in Fremont. Jeanette Hirt, 639 Gibson St. was high donor as she became a nine-gallon donor. Donald Snyder, 1955 Tiffin Road completed his seventh gallon donation and Randy M. Hasselbach, 3165 County Road 182 became a four-gallon donor.

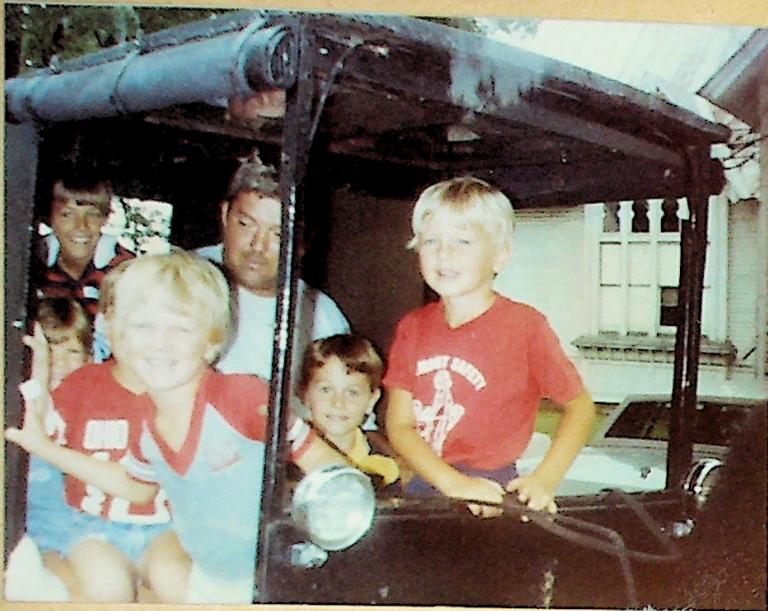
were Julia T. Kavage, 283 S. State Rte 590; Daniel Krar, 730 Fisher Drive; H. McDonald, 217 Elm St.; Christine Zell 1232 Clinton St. Other Red Cross Bloodmobiles to hold in Sandusky City during the month January include one being sponsored by students of Lakota High School on Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the first bloodmobile to hold at the Lakota High School and the donors are hoping that it will help students see how students see and over will date as well as faculty. Monday, Jan. 10 the bloodmobile will be at First United Methodist Church located at 1000 and West Ave. in Clark with hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BRADY BUSOLD and Laura Hirt, both 3, get comfortable to listen to Librarian

Diane Clark read a story. The children's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Busold,

218 N. Wood St., and Mr. and Mrs. Hirt, 1702 Emmett Drive.

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Peters-Halbeisen

Father Earl Loeffler and the Rev. Don Corbin officiated at Friday's wedding of Terese Halbeisen and Jon P. Peters in Sacred Heart Church.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halbeisen of 1829 E. State Route 6. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zibbel of Graytown and Jon G. Peters of Bellevue are the bridegroom's parents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess-style candlelight lace gown with a Queen Anne neckline, bouffant lace sleeves and crystal-pleated hem. Lace decorated her half-cap and edged the double-tiered fingertip illusion veiling. She carried a cascade bouquet of ivory rosebuds, stephanotis and miniature carnations with lavender baby's breath and ivy foliage.

Maid of honor was Tammy Martin, who wore a lilac dress of lace over taffeta with a stand-up collar, lace yoke, capelet effect, raised waistline, long full skirt and satin ribbon belt. She carried a Victorian-style bouquet of heather, pink rosebuds, lavender miniature carnations, lavender daisies, blue bachelor buttons, wax flowers and baby's breath with ivy accents. She wore fresh flowers in her hair.

Bridesmaids were Karen Peters, sister of the bridegroom, and Tina Halbeisen, sister of the bride.

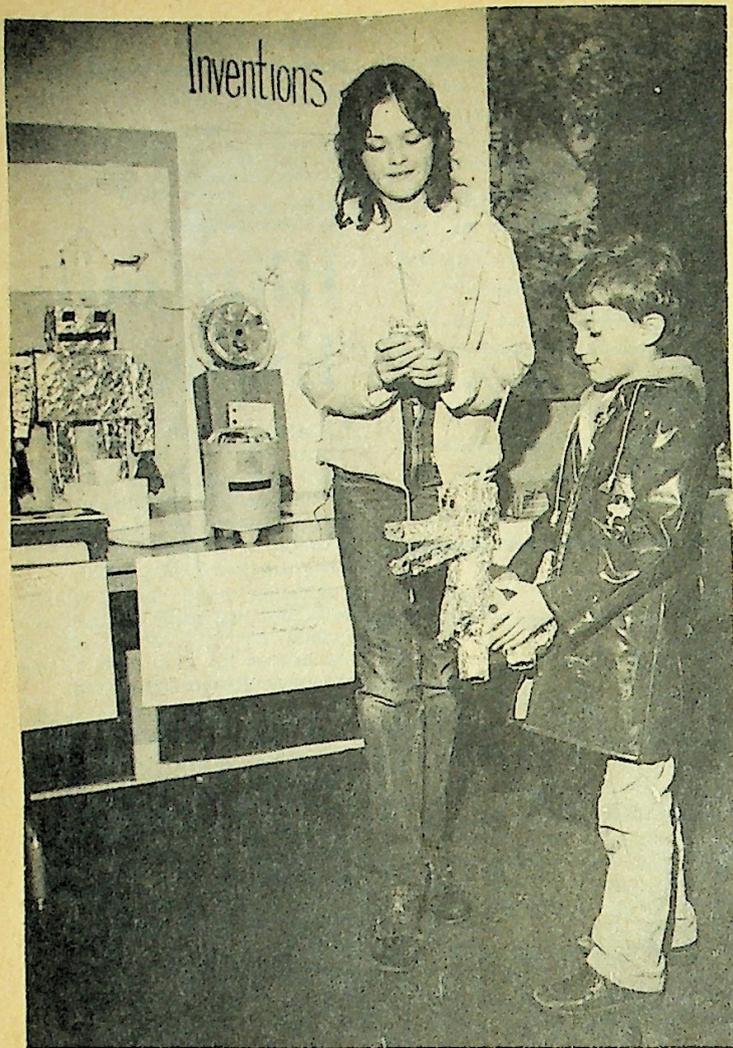
Best man was Jan Grieger, cousin of the bridegroom. Ushers were Russ Damman and Steve Tomor.

A reception in the parish hall followed the ceremony.

The couple will live in Fremont.

The bride, a graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, is a student at Tiffin University majoring in data processing.

The bridegroom is an Oak Harbor High School graduate and works at Whirlpool.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Problems solved

Watchdogs in the future won't have to be fed and walked, if they are electronic like this model by Stamm Elementary School fourth-grader Becky Schwind. About 60 students in the elementary school Gifted and Talented program had to come up with a problem and then create an invention to solve it. "Fred," the robot dog, is supposed to solve the problem of burglars. Other inventions on display this week at the Fremont Junior High School included a robot bed maker and a money tree. Here, Mary Jay, a sixth-grader at Stamm, runs the aluminum foil "remote control" while Jason Wonderly, a Washington Elementary School first-grader, holds Fred.



(News-Messenger Photo by Janice Johnston)

Celebrating 4-H Week 'first'

Lindsey Boosterettes 4-H Club members present a baby blanket and stuffed animal to Pam Sunderhaus, mother of the first baby born in Fremont Memorial Hospital during Sandusky County's observance of 4-H Week. Mrs. Sunderhaus, the wife of Terry Sunderhaus, Game Protection Supervisor of Wildlife District 2, had an 8-pound, 8-ounce baby girl, Tara Michelle, Monday. The Boosterettes, who study mainly sewing and cooking projects, made the baby blanket in 4-H colors of green and white. Standing left to right are Boosterettes members Brenda Glaser, 13, Julie Bloom, 17, Lisa Smith, 17, and Jackie Schwartz, 15, all of Lindsey. Stacy Jeanette, 14, also of Lindsey, is sitting on the bed.

May 12 — Linda and Randy Hottinger, 23245 W. Windfield Drive, Genoa, a seven-pound, one-half ounce daughter, Carla, at 10:30 p.m. in Riverside Hospital, Toledo. Grandparents are Viola Schepflin and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hottinger, all of Fremont.

May 25 — Terese and Jon Peters, 740 County Road 212, Lot 83, an eight-pound, nine-ounce daughter, Ashley Nicole, at 10:12 p.m. in Fremont Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halbeisen, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zibbel, all of Graytown.

Soroptimists name youth award winner



MARY ANN KISTLER

Mary Kistler and Nancy O'Brien were named winners of awards at a recent Soroptimist International of Fremont banquet.

Mary Ann Kistler, the daughter of Helen M. Kistler and a senior at Ross High, received the Youth Citizenship Award for outstanding contributions by high school students to their schools and communities.

Miss Kistler is a member of FFA, National Honor Society, the yearbook staff, student council and Ross Cabinet. She has entered local and county Voice of Democracy contests, has won the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award, was selected as an Exchange Student of the Month, was a delegate to state and national FFA conventions, a state scholarship winner at the Washington, D.C. lead-

ership conference program and is a member of the Junior Fair Board. She is also active in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in choir, Luther League and as Sunday School teacher. She plans to study agriculture communications or agriculture education at Ohio State University next year.

Nancy O'Brien received the Training Award, given to women who want to enter or re-enter the job market.

Ms. O'Brien is a graduate of Sandusky Perkins High School and attended Bluffton College. She plans to attend Providence Hospital School of Radiology Technique. She is the mother of three children and worked until recently as an assembler of electronic devices.

Judges for the awards were Dr.

Jo Battles, Maxine Blakeman and Joyce Havens.

Soroptimists from Tiffin and Toledo clubs were guests at the awards banquet.

Jan Burkett, president of the Fremont club, welcomed members and guests, and Judy Hufford, awards program chairman, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Youth Citizenship and Training Award Programs are Identifying Projects of Soroptimist International. Applications of the local winners have been forwarded to the regional competition.

Ethel Wickert, Old Fort, presented a program of original poetry. She is the author of two books, "More Truth Than Poetry" and "A Slice of Life."

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Drilling for...gas

A small gas leak discovered in the 1200 block of West State Street Thursday morning brought Columbia Gas employee Mick Baker and other crew

members out into the sunshine. Here Baker drills a hole down to the gas main so the source of the leak can be found and fixed.

Norman Atkinson

Norman "Pete" E. Atkinson, 60, 257 Sandusky County Road 119, Fremont, a widely known auctioneer and agriculturist, died Sunday morning in Toledo Hospital after a short illness.

He was born April 30, 1924, in Rice Township, a son of Ira W. and Addie (Fetterman) Atkinson. He and Lucille Hirt were married in Grace Lutheran Church June 3, 1943.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Robert of Lindsey; David of Oak Harbor; and Donald and Ronald, both of Fremont; three daughters, Mrs. James (Margaret) Schwartz, Lindsey; Mrs. Jeffery (Yvonne) Hammer, Elmore; and Mary Atkinson, at home; eight grandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Atkinson was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Ross High Graduating Class of 1942, was a Rice Township Trustee, a member of the Farm Bureau Council, a member of the Ohio Auctioneer Association, served on the Sandusky County Fair Board, was a former director of the Sandusky County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Kingsway 22 Dartball Team.

The funeral will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3077 County Road 170, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Richard Moe officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Visitation at the Karlovetz Mortuary will be from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggested that any memorial tributes be to the donor's choice.

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News-Messenger/Steve Goble

PHIL HUSS, proud of the years he spent as a Fremont police detective, gets ready for another role: Smoky the Clown.





Another class picture from the mid 1930s of the students who went to Riley Township School. At Right—Their teacher, now Mrs. Jane Perry, in front of the school house.

Riley School Class Reunion

Thirty-five former students and twenty guests attended their first reunion of Schoch School of Riley Township since the school disbanded in 1938. The group met at Fremont Airport, June 3, 1984.

Schoch School was built on C R 204 in 1887 on land purchased by the Riley Township Board of Education from William and Lena Schoch for \$25.00. This is one of the four red brick one-room

schoolhouses built in Riley Township by the Hofelich brothers. The other eight school houses in Riley were of frame construction.

Two former teachers, Mrs. Paul J. (Ruth Hirt) Peffly and Mrs. Robert (Jane Wright) Perry, and one parent, C. F. (Frank) Secrist also attended.

The center table was decorated with a scale model replica of a red brick school house made by Paul J. Peffly. Pictures and newspaper clippings pertaining to Schoch School were on display.

Mrs. Oscar (Dorothy Hirt) Claus of Thornton, Illinois, and Robert Kowalk of Tuscan, Ariz. traveled the farthest. All the other "Students" reside in the Sandusky county area.

Mrs. Clarence (Helen M. Huss) Babione researched names and addresses, and she, along with Richard C. Hirt was responsible for a successful afternoon. Miss Sarah Babione, daughter of Mrs. Babione, catered a delicious buffet supper.

There was interest expressed in having another reunion in two years.



Class Reunion?...

The original students of the Riley Township School held their first class reunion recently. Here is a class picture taken in 1935. Marian Beier. *Story and more photos on page 7.*

Do you recognize any of these people? Jean, Grace, Glendora and Paul Reedy; Roger, Philip, Norman Beier, Carl, John; Kenneth, Gerard and Gerald; George Reedy. Florine, Lillian English,

July 8 — Carol and Michael Prosser, 104 Silver Maple Drive, Perrysburg, 43551, a daughter, Michelle Cara, 8 pounds, at 5:17 a.m. in St. Charles Hospital. Grandparents are Viola S. Schepflin of Fremont and the late Carl Schepflin; and Marie Prosser, Fremont, and the late Frank Prosser Jr.

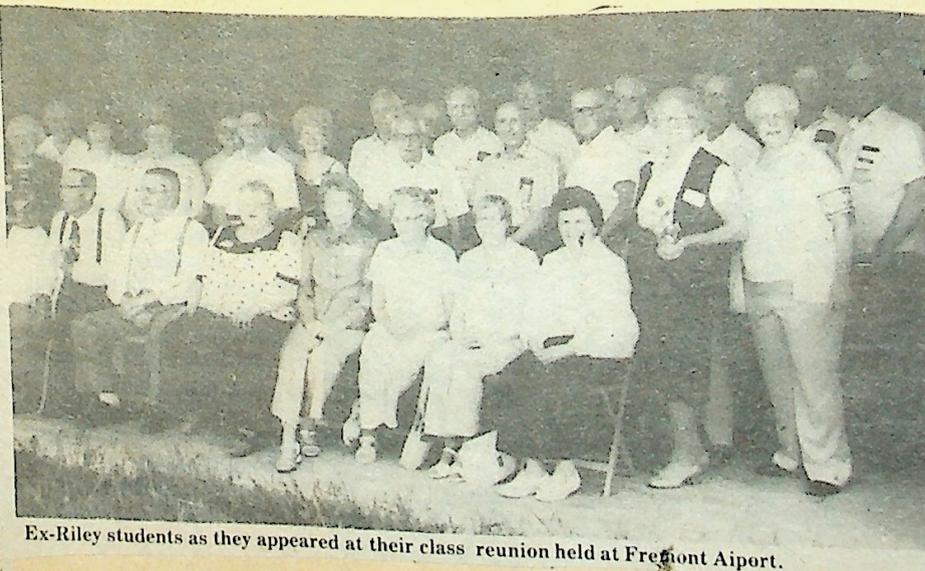
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August 17 — Gerald White, 25, Fremont and Victoria Waters, 23, Alvada, Ohio.



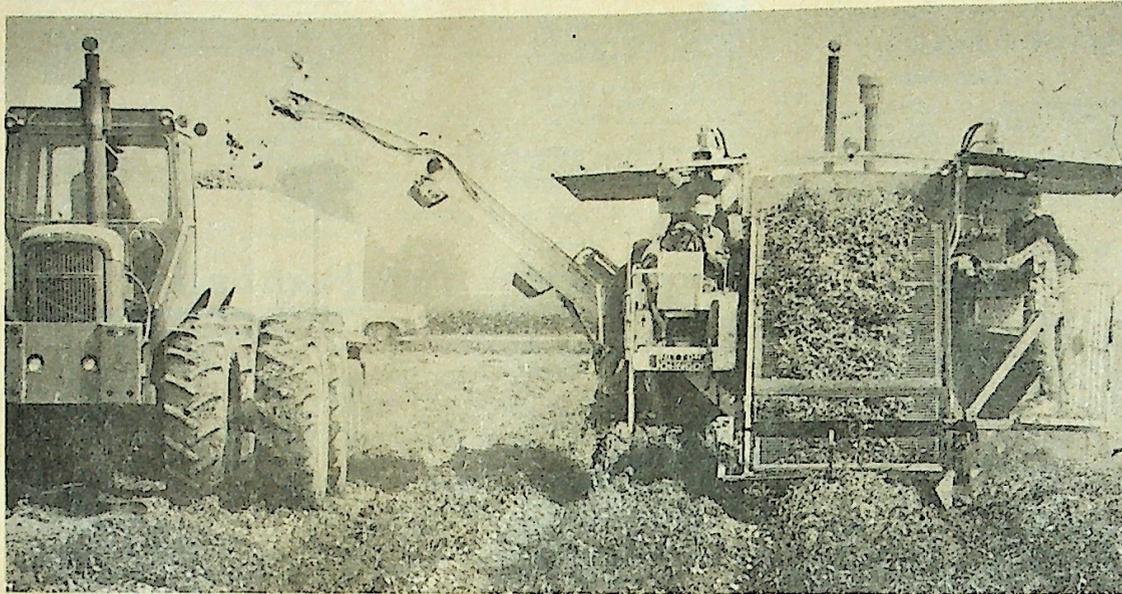
RESERVE CHAMPION CARCASS STEER

John Babione



Ex-Riley students as they appeared at their class reunion held at Fremont Airport.

Farm



A TOMATO harvester moves through a field on L&M Farms, operated by Lynn Martin on County Road 97 in Sandusky Township. The harvester cuts the tomato plant off, moves it up the conveyor

belt and shakes the fruit from the plant. After starting early this week, about 25 of the farm's 120 acres of tomatoes have been harvested, Martin said.



Free-form football

A cool Monday afternoon brings out the best of these four football players as they chase each other around Triangle Park at the corner of Bir-

chard and Buckland Avenues. From left to right are Greg Hirt, 7, Nick Hafford, 7, Jason Alexander, 10, and carrying the ball, Robby Hammer, 6.

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Casper and Verna Hirt

The "Hirt" song was sung by descendants of Casper and Verena Hirt

at their 68th annual family reunion.

The party was held at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds July 29 with 150 family members and their guests registered.

Following a potluck dinner, Ruth Peffly and Mort Brindley led group singing and Dave Atkinson presided over a business meeting.

Out-of-state relatives were present from California, Nebraska and Illinois. Six of the first generation members were present — Leta Halbeisen Bauman, Mabel Drummond, Grace Zilles, Helen Hiebel, Ruth Peffly and Marian Diedrich.

Born during the year were: Jeremy Diekman, Kevin Billman, Emily Talbert, Matthew Theissen, Carla Hottinger, Mathew Hensley, Ashley Peters, Leigh Ann Hirt and Michelle Prosser. As she was the youngest person present, Michelle, was given a special baby bank.

Four marriages were performed in the last year — Annette and Scott Hirt, Renee and Jeffrey Kindred, Terese and Jon Peters and Sarah and Don Hirt.

A memorial was held for three deceased members, Norman Atkinson, Russell Hirt and Paul Dean Fox.

Special awards were given Kim Love, Leta Halbeisen Baumann, Howard Hirt, Sara Zibbel, Ann Schepflin, Helen Hiebel and Short and Wilman Sweley from Nebraska.

Serving on committees were Cindy Pert, Lucille Atkinson, Irene and Mort Brindley, Short and Wilman Sweley, Mary Atkinson and Yvonne Hammer.

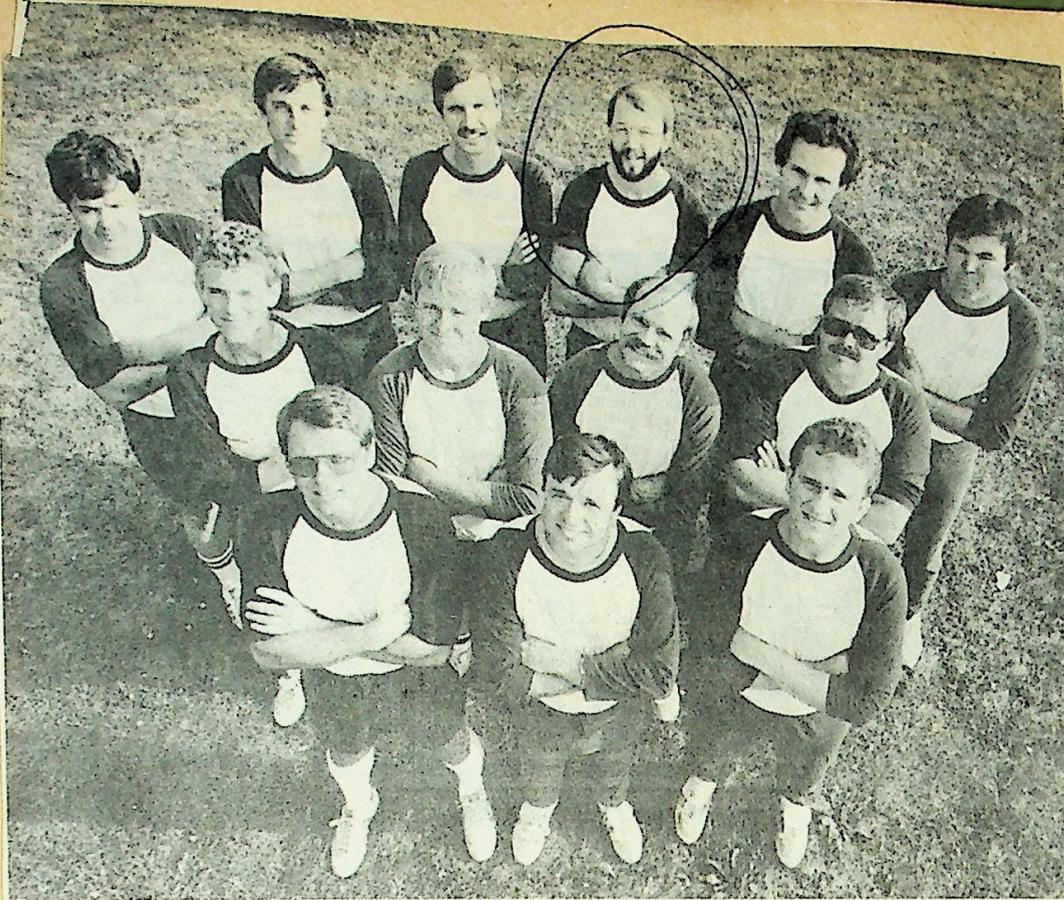
The minutes and treasurer report from 1983 were read and approved and the group voted to contribute \$25 to the Historical Society in memory of all deceased members. The following were elected, Randy Hottinger, president; Joe Leiser, vice president; and Jeanette Hirt, secretary treasurer.

The reunion next year will again be the last Sunday in July at the same location.

WILMA AND DELBERT Sweley, North Platte, Neb., and Leta Baumann, Walnut Creek, Calif., have returned to their homes after spending five days visiting with relatives in Fremont and Lindsey. ... The cousins from the West came East to attend the recent 68th Hirt Family Reunion ... It was the first time East for the Sweleys and they report they enjoyed meeting their many cousins and touring the Northern Ohio area.

SCARLETT, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Genzman, former Fremonters who now live at rural Oak Harbor, suffered a stroke on Sept. 24 ... She is in Orlando Regional Medical Center, 1414 S. Kuhl Ave., Orlando, 32806, Room 849 ... Her home address is 5753 St. Christopher Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32822 ... It is expected that Scarlett will be transferred to Burke Rehabilitation Center soon ... The family said continued prayers would be appreciated.

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14-Inch League champions

D&B Krautball/Tom Babione Construction left no doubt who the champions were of the Men's 14-Inch Softball League this season. That's because they won both the regular-season title and the post-season tournament crown while compiling a 15-3 record. Members of that

team are, front row, from left to right: Terry Swartz, Dan Knisely and Bob Gabel; middle row, from l-r: Mike Gabel, Doug Ash, Bill Baker and John Ash; back row, from l-r: Bruce Wobser, Tom Babione, Ron Reardon, Bruce Hirt, John Clarke and Steve Decker.

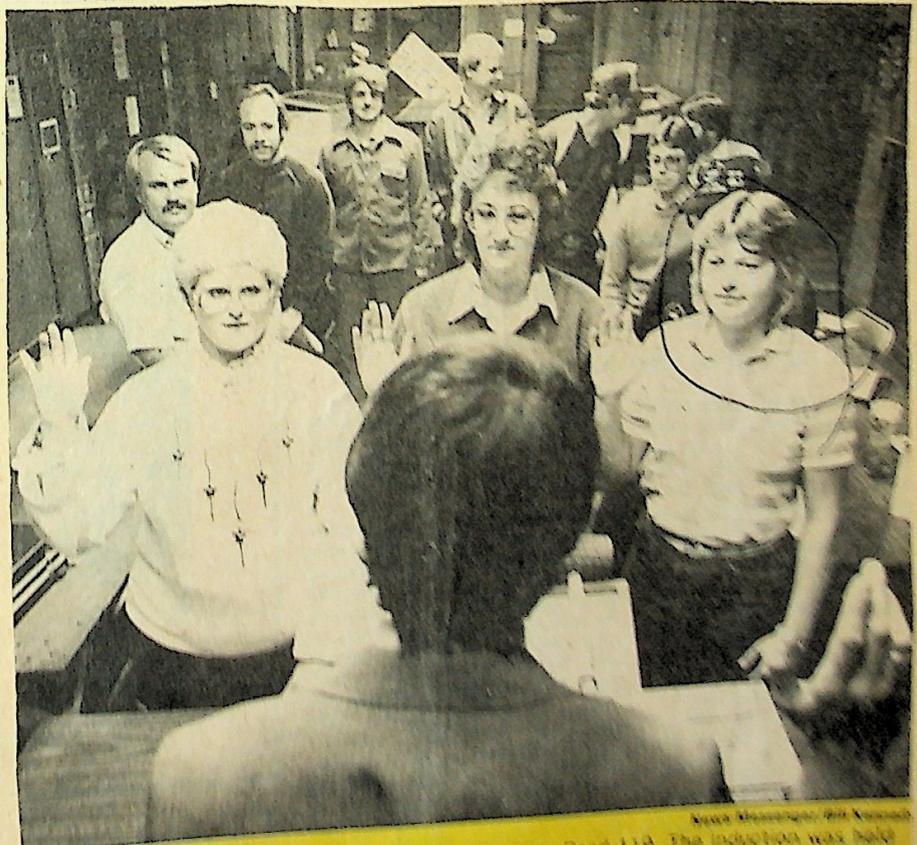
SCARLETT GENZMAN, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Genzman, of rural Oak Harbor, is making progress steadily but slowly. She suffered a stroke on Sept. 24 in Orlando, Fla., and has an added complication of phelbitis. When that is better she will continue with much-needed therapy ... She expects to be at the following address until the middle of November: BIRC - Holiday Division -Room 160, Orlando Regional Medical Center, 1414 S. Kuhl Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32806 ... Scarlett sent the message that she really appreciates the greetings she has received from classmates, friends, relatives and neighbors, as that is the very best medicine of all.



Ashley Nicole Peters

Jan & Teresa Peters
Fremont
May 25, 1984

Army Pvt. Brian G. Hirt, son of Gary L. and Karen Hirt of 12109 Potter Road, Bellevue, has graduated from the wheeled vehicle repairer course at the U. S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.
He is a 1984 graduate of Bellevue High School.



FIRST WOMEN members of the Fremont Jaycees are sworn in by Gary Espejo of 1114 In, district director. From left, Stephanie Stull, 1001 Stillwell Ave.; Pat Mancini, 240 S. Park Ave.; and Mary Atkinson, 287

County Road 118. The induction was held Thursday night in the Fremont Jaycees Club Room above Trappers on State Street.

Ethel Christy

TAMPA, Fla. — Ethel H. Christy, 93, a native of Fremont, died Oct. 3 in Tampa, where she had lived since leaving Fremont in 1934.

She resided at 218 S. Lincoln Ave.

Mrs. Christy was born in Fremont Dec. 20, 1890, a son of Edward C. and Carrie (Black) Hirt. Her husband, Arthur, preceded her in death.

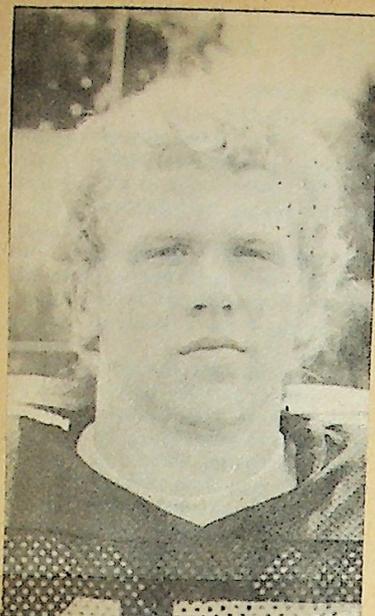
She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Tampa.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur R. Christy Jr., Tampa; Edward H. Christy, Apopka, Fla.; three daughters, Jane C. Watts, Lakewood, Fla.; Ann C. Hayes, Tampa; and Myky C. Barnard, St. Louis; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Curry and Son Funeral Home, 605 S. MacDill Ave., with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

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Oct. 1 — Marle and Dennis Billman, 3385 N. Wildwood Drive, Pelham, Ala., 35124 a 6-pound, 5-ounce daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, at 10:28 a.m. in a Birmingham hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Billman and Martha Russell, all of Clyde, and the late LaMar Russell.



Craig Diekman of Gibsonburg was the recipient for week four, rushing for 143 yards and hauling in a key interception as the Golden Bears defeated Eastwood 9-6.



ELEVEN STUDENTS from the School of Hope recently took a two-day camping trip to Fulton Memorial Campground near Columbus, where they participated in such activities as a nighttime singing hand-dipped candles and making

candy from maple syrup. Above, with class assistant Lyle Hirt are: Sean Burkin, Rick Cullen, Jay Cullen, Sharon Duba, Trena Ehemann, Hansen, Mary Jo Miller, Tim Milton, Rachel Noll and Sandra Sanchez.

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Mrs. Helen M. Babione
is pleased to announce the marriage
of her daughter
Laura Joan
To
Larry E. Waldon
on
February 16th, 1985
2:00 P.M.
at
Word of Faith Fellowship
800 N. Wood St.
Fremont, Ohio

Reception will follow:
Grace Lutheran Church - Dining Room
705 W. State St. Fremont, Ohio

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AS LONG AS THEY can remember having reunions, the descendants of Casper and Verna Hirt have held theirs the last Sunday in July at the Sandusky

County Fairgrounds ... This year because of a conflicting schedule at the fairgrounds the date has been changed ... The reunion will be July 7, the first Sunday in the month, in the usual building and will begin at noon.



Leta Baumann & Jennie Sevelley



News Messenger: Bill Kennedy

Getting in the swing

The melting snow and warming temperatures changed this youngster's thoughts from traditional winter sports to tee ball. Greg Hirt, 7, was in Triangle Park Tuesday afternoon, across from his

1028 Birchard Ave. home, practicing his tee ball technique. He missed the ball and hit the tee on this try but, he did get in a few good hits. Greg is the son of Bruce and Marsha Hirt.



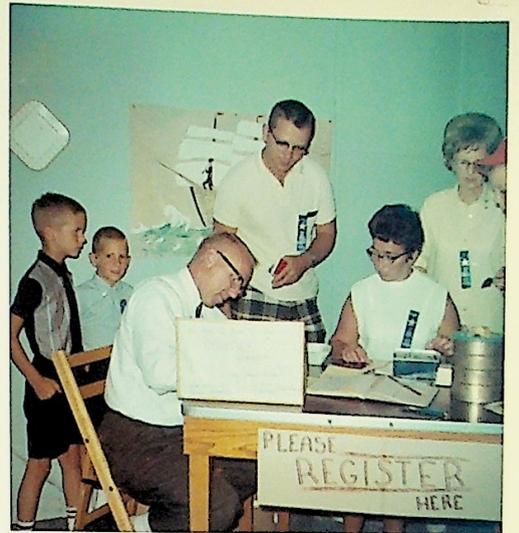
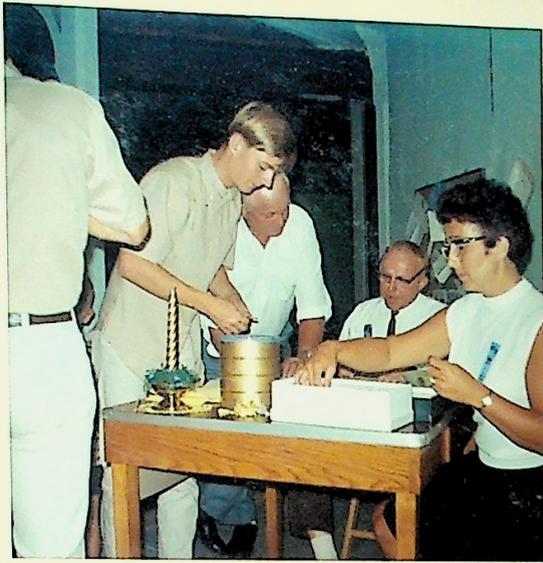
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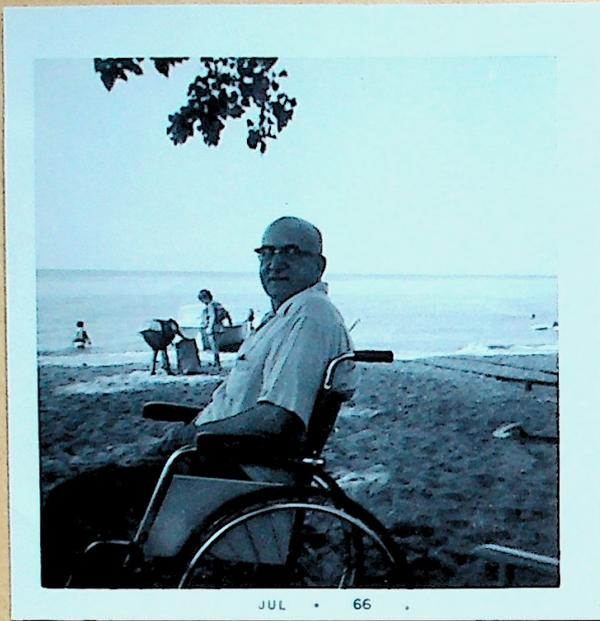
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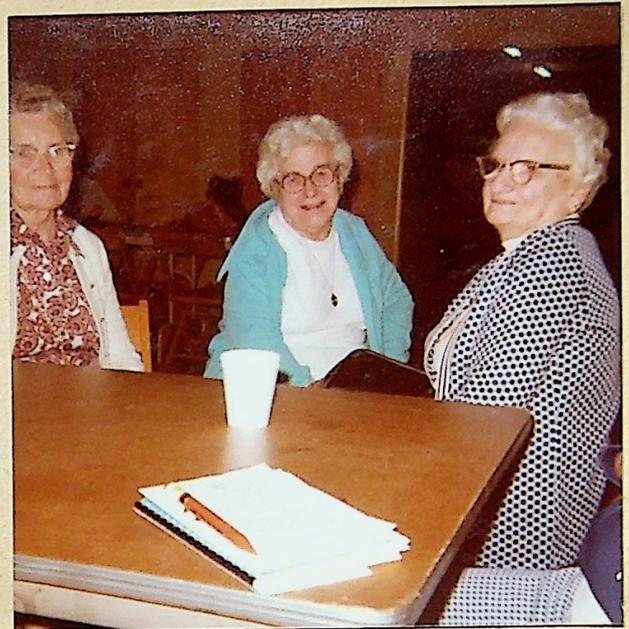
Howard Hertz - Mort Brindley

50 HIRT REUNION 1966





Chester Hirt



Lizzie, Mabel, Helen



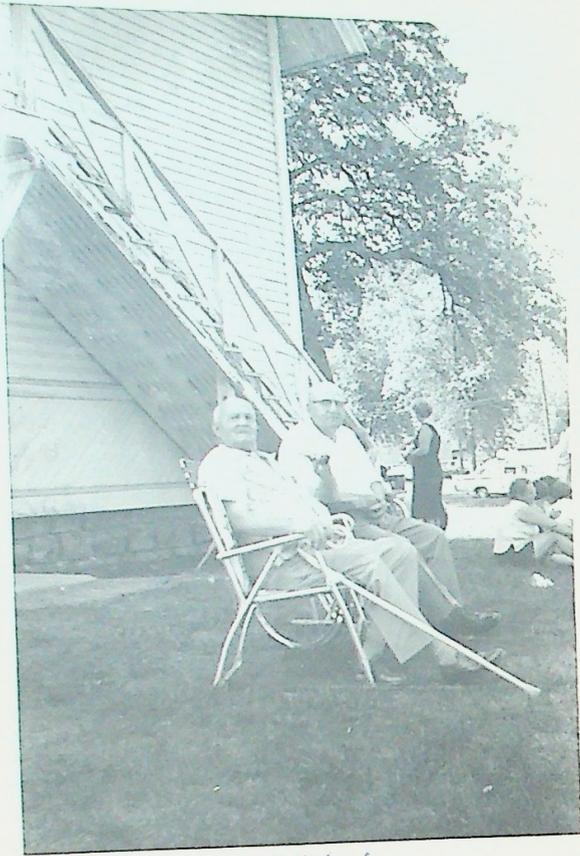
Helen Hirt, Lizzie Hirt



*Lizzie Hirt, Mabel Drummond
Helen Hirt*



Irene Brundley, Kester Hirt, Gladys Hirt



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Harry Hess, Chester Hart



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Sam, Lew, Frank, Elizabeth Hart Halboisen



Juana
Mabel Hart Drummond & Miles Hart



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Brakeman Bud Evison, left, and conductor Bob Riessland were among 273 Union Pacific employes and their families whose lives changed overnight when their home base was switched from Grand Island to North Platte on September 16, 1972.

A BIG MOVE TO ANOTHER TOWN

Photos and Story by Gary Johansen

Ray Peterson, 42, was born and reared in Grand Island. The friendly Dane grew big enough to play football in the Bobby Reynolds era. Baseball was his best game.

A fair country pitcher for the local Legion nine, Peterson turned down a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

"They wanted me to report to their Class D club in Salina for \$200 a month and room and board. No thanks," he said. Instead, Peterson hired out as a truck driver for the Union Pacific Railroad in the Grand Island yard. He was going to work two or three months and then go to college.

That was 25 years ago. Peterson still is with the railroad. He hasn't been to college, but he has been to Korea (shrapnel in the left temple reminds him that the dates were 1951-53).

Peterson took over as the eastbound train-crew dispatcher, 8 to 4 shift, at the yard office in North Platte September 16, 1972, the day a rumor nearly as old as the U.P. itself became a reality.

That's when the railroad eliminated Grand Island as a base for train crewmen and announced that henceforth all Division 2 crews would be made up at North Platte.

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PETERSON said, "Way back in 1918 my dad was a switchman in Grand Island and they told him not to get settled because the trains were going to run through from North Platte to Council Bluffs.

"Before him, my granddad was a U. P. special agent and my great-granddad worked on the steel gang that laid the first track through Grand Island. They probably heard rumors of a move then, too."

Now it is fact. The change affected 273 conductors and brakemen living in Grand Island. As of last month, 175 had moved to North Platte or were in the process. The other 98 were undecided and commuting 140 miles each way.

Peterson moved quickly. He sold his house in Grand Island for a fair market price, bought a \$10,000 Bonnavilla house trailer, parked it at Westgate (one of seven courts in North Platte) and promised his wife, Jennie, a new home soon. Daughter Connie, 15, was "terribly scared and lonely at first, but the kids at the high school accepted me right off and made me feel welcome."

"There was some sadness in leaving, but we've always liked North Platte and we're happy," added Peterson. "There's security at a big terminal."

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LEONARD Buhrman, 44, worked as a head brakeman out of Grand Island for 19 years before he learned of the move. He flat out refused to go.

"I'm a journeyman plumber and I had a good side business built up in Grand Island. It didn't interfere with my railroad work and I didn't want to leave it," Buhrman said.

That was in September. On February 5, Buhrman was a North Platte homeowner. He went from a 50-year-old, 5-bedroom, 2-story structure in Grand Island to a 40-year-old, 2-bedroom, 1-story house.

Why? "Four reasons," Buhrman said. "The wife and the three youngest kids. They were eager to try something different. North Platte seemed like a nice change for them. And my wife wanted a smaller house to keep up." The three eldest daughters stayed in Grand Island, two working and one finishing high school.

Casper Hart
and

In Probate Court March 7th 1881

In the matter of the last
Will & Testament of
Casper Hart deceased;

This day the last Will and Testament of Casper Hart
late of Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, deceased
was produced in Court, and John L. Greene Jr. one of the

Subscribing Witnesses to said Will appeared and in open
Court on oath testified to the due execution thereof; and also appeared in open
Court H. R. Finckhock of Fremont, said County, who on oath testified that he is
well acquainted with the hand writing of John L. Greene Sr. one of the Subscribing
Witnesses to said Will, who has since deceased, and that the signature of said

John L. Greene Sr. in his last Will and Testament is the genuine signature of
John L. Greene Sr. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said
Will was duly executed, and attested; and that said Testator at the time
of executing the same, was of full age of sound mind and memory, and
not under any restraint. It is therefore ordered that said Will and same
may be recorded, and said Will is in words and figures following, to wit:

Will

In the name of the Reverend Father of All, I, Casper Hart of the County of
Sandusky, and State of Ohio, being of sound mind, and memory, do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament. Item 1st It is my will
that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid.
Item 2nd I give, devise, and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Fanny
Hart all the Property of which I may die seized whether the same be real
personal or mixed, and wherever situated for and during her natural
life. Item 3rd After the death of my said Wife I give and devise, unto
my seven Sons, and one Daughter share and share alike, all the residual
residue of my Estate requiring of them out of my said Estate to furnish
for my Brother John Henry Hart a suitable home and comfortable

Support after the death of my said Wife during his natural life. Itemth During the life of my said Wife, It is my Will that she shall provide a Term and reasonable Support for my said Brother John Henry Hirt during his natural life which Term and Support I declare to be a lien on my estate.

In witness whereof I herunto set my hand and Seal this 13th day of July A. D. 1878. Caspar Hirt Test:

Signed Sealed and acknowledged by Caspar Hirt as his last Will & Testament in our presence, and signed by us as witnesses in his presence and at his request J. L. Green Jr. J. L. Green Sr.

Proof

And said Testimony is in words and figures following to wit, I John L. Green Jr. being duly sworn in open Court this 21st day of February 1881 depose and say, that I was present at the execution of the last Will & Testament of Caspar Hirt herunto annexed and I saw the said testator subscribe said Will, and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that the said testator at the time of executing the same was of full age, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint, and that I signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of John L. Green Sr. John L. Green Jr. sworn to and subscribed, before me this 21st day A. D. 1881. C. Doneyson Probate Judge. (Seal) The State of Ohio Sandusky County Ss. H. R. Finckh being duly sworn says that he was well acquainted with John L. Green Sr who is now deceased, that he was well acquainted with the hand writing of the said John L. Green Sr. having often seen him write, that the signature of John L. Green Sr. as subscribing to the said Will and Testament of Caspar Hirt deceased, is in his own proper hand writing, and signature of the said John L. Green Sr. who at the date of said Will was in full life and resided in Finckh in said County. H. R. Finckh. Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of March A. D. 1881 C. Doneyson Probate Judge. (Seal)

Feb 4th 1881

Mrs. Casper Bird Estate

To Coffin, \$7.00 Outside Case, \$1.00 Plate, _____
 Hearse, \$1.00; Carriages, \$0.00
 Shroud, _____ Crape and Gloves, _____ Grave, _____
 Carrying Box to Cemetery, _____
 Preparing Body for Interment, and Attendance, _____

Cr. by cash { March 4th / 81
 \$2.00 for Fall

CLERGYMAN.

Rev. J. Richards

Name of deceased, Casper Bird Age, 80 years
 Date of death, Feb 3rd Date of interment, 6th
 Disease, _____



FRANK HIRT FAMILY



FRANK + TECHLA
wedding day
October 13, 1884

