

# Country Hearth

The Journal of Indiana's Northwest Valley

Adams Hearth Publications Post Office Box 550 Kouts Indiana 46347 phone (219) 766-3982

# FREE

December of 1993

## THE TABLE OF CONTENTS

TALE OF HOOSIER PIONEERS TO ROBINSON'S PRAIRIE . . .	PAGES 1 & 6
OLDE TIME ADVERTISEMENT CATALOG.....	BEGINS ON PAGE 2
AWAY FROM THE HEARTH . . .	PAGE 2
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE . . .	BEGINS ON PAGE 3
SHOPKEEPS FOR CHRISTMAS . . .	PAGE 4
FARM WIFE . . .	PAGE 7
DINING WITHOUT DISHES . . .	PAGE 7
BACK FIELD ADVERTISEMENTS . . .	PAGE 8
NORTHWEST INDIANA MAP . . .	PAGE 8

## TALES OF HOOSIER PIONEERS

# JOURNEY TO ROBINSON'S PRAIRIE

WRITTEN BY C. BANE

THE WINTER OF 1834-35 HAD BEGUN AS AN UNUSUAL, GREEN WEATHER SEASON. OCCASIONAL SNOWS MELTED WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN. FOG AND DREARY DAYS OF RAIN WERE MORE CERTAIN THAN A FLURRY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. OAKS STILL HELD BROWNE LEAVES LEFT AFTER THE PASSING OF AUTUMN. AND SO THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA WEATHER SEEMED TO BE INCLINED TO REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL SPRING CAME TO SOLON ROBINSON'S GROVE.

TRAVELERS MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE PRAIRIE THAT WINTER SPENT MANY NIGHTS IN DOUBT THAT THEY WOULD ARRIVE.

Thirty one-year-old Solon Robinson swiftly strode from the Michigan City post office and stopped before the steep decline of stairs.

He tucked the letter from Harriet Warner Holton into the breast pocket of his coat. The widow of his friend had seemingly received his early November letter in good time. She and her family would join him to claim this hospitable country.

But Robinson was grim. Her letter indicated arrival in February. She had not heeded his advice to travel during this month of December or wait until early spring.

The blond Yank who hailed from Tolland, Connecticut turned his attention to the trading post where he intended to pass around his latest issue of the Albany, New York *Cultivator*, the farm paper for which he was a correspondent. The editor had published the first of his letters that he hoped would prompt settlers to come to the new prairie in northwest Indiana.

Throughout his travel that day though, his thoughts were on the Holton family. February was often bitter. Harriet Holton was traveling from Madison, in the southernmost region of Indiana, along the oft warmed banks of the Ohio River. And though she hailed from Massachusetts, she and her sons did not seem to realize the changeableness of the western weather. Now there was not time to caution them again.

Could it be that January and February would be better months to travel than he had anticipated? After all, now the land was so boggy that Robinson and his wife, Mariah, had been concerned. Christmas was near and the marshes were fuller than he had seen them since he arrived nearly two months before on the last day of October.

Surely, Robinson thought, the traveling party would take shelter or turn back before they came to peril.

Two days later, Solon Robinson's intense blue gaze watched as his old friend and neighbor from Jennings County, Indiana, left the prairie. Clark passed through the grove, his wide back swaying above the prairie until he disappeared from the Robinson claim.

William Clark was on his return to southern Indiana. He had completed the cabin and stock shelters, after spending nearly six weeks on the prairie to do so, and was restless to return for Ann and the children.

Though Clark had said he supposed they might have to wait until spring before they made the trip, Robinson was not convinced that his friend would heed the possibility of bitter weather settling onto the central and northernmost regions of Indiana.

That was the day Solon Robinson took his hatchet to the woodpile and roughed out several long signs. As he had done with the signs for the New York travelers following the Old Sauk Trail, he used an ember of oak to burn into the wood until he had crafted a pointer for directions and the words:

Fifteen miles to Robinson's Prairie . . .  
Ten Miles to Robinson's Prairie . . .  
Robinson's Prairie, five miles north . . .  
North to Robinson's Prairie . . .

He had posted the Old Sauk Trail signs with the help of Henry Wells, who was commissioned the new Lake County sheriff. A month before, Wells had posted the furthest of the signs when he departed, to spend the winter with his wife and child in Detroit, Michigan.

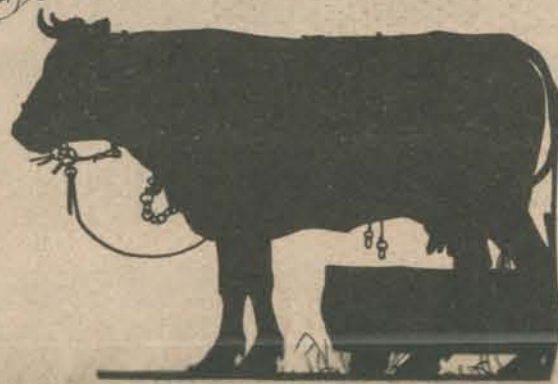
In order to post the signs for southern travelers, Robinson traveled into the Grand Marsh with Lyman Fowler, who had arrived with Wells and was spending the winter with the Robinson family. They nailed the last sign to an oak deep in the swamp, northwest of Eaton's Ferry.

Uneasy about the safety of his friends, Robinson also instructed Mariah to keep a beacon fire to alert travelers to their home in the oakgrove on the prairie.

William Clark leaned against the swift February wind as he guided the frightened team of horses further into the marshland that he had crossed over just two months before. Sleet stung his face and neck. His boots were soaked with rain and slush. But at least the ground was solid and the wheels rolled easily over frozen grasses.

Clark's oldest son tramped along the other side of the team. The third child of the Clark family, twelve-year-old Alexander, was beside the wagon, pulling with all his might on a loose end of the canvas cover that the wind threatened to tear free. The heavy cover was sodden from the rain and sleet. The other four children rode in the wagon that their mother handled.

He turned to see if his wife was in need of a temporary reprieve. Ann was wet from the storm hitting her with its full force because of where she sat on the wagon bench. Her shawl was covered with ice and snow and her wet hands were firey red. He motioned for his eldest to climb on the bench beside his mother and take the reins.



Clark knew his family hoped he would stop for the night but they would have to travel for as long as the daylight was supplied to them. Cold and wet as the storm had left them, Clark knew there would be precious hours ahead when they would need shelter and food. If they stopped now, the trip would be dangerously prolonged.

The family, who were hours away from where they would cross at Eaton's Ferry, maneuvered along the southern side of the Kankakee River on that afternoon in early February of 1835. Slush spewed from the wheels as the heaving wagon pounded across the frozen land of the swamp.

Harriet Warner Holton held the soaked and freezing blanket over her mouth so she could catch her breath but the wind beat her with a force to which she had never been exposed. Her eyes watered from the extreme cold that permeated her body and clothing.

The dark of another day was settling sooner than ever before. She called to her sons and they didn't hear because the furious storm roared about them and whipped their coats.

Then young William Holton turned, as if he had felt her call. Harriet waved for him to stop their team of oxen so they could begin preparation earlier than usual for the night that awaited them. Tomorrow maybe they would cross the frozen river since they had not been able to use Eaton's Ferry on the south end of Porter County. For tonight, they would have to remain where the day of travel had left them.

There was not a fire that evening because the woods were dripping with the aftermath of rain and the slush on the marsh ground had begun to grow heavy with cold.

The young Holton sons, Warner and William, prepared the oxen for a night in the open. Their team had been frightened by the howling of the marsh winds but calmed when they were no longer urged forward into the pelting rain. They turned their huge heads away from the force and ate the hay from the wagon box. At dark the family was huddled in the wagon, their clothes changed so they were dry and more comfortable. Harriet's daughter passed bowls of cold stew to her brothers and mother. Then she began to rub the boots of her brothers with heavy toweling so that they would be drier for the morning travel.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

Entertainment of the Seasons Around the Heart of the Northwest Valley

# Away from the Hearth

Letters between Meredith of Winamac & Bobbi of Chesterton

Dear Bobbi,

Kathy told me about the 'Prarie Pride at Christmas Country Folk Art Show'. Wish we had known. I was told that the promoter, Marcy Dailey arranged live dulcimer music and there was a great selection of antiques and folk art. There were hand-forged iron works and grapevine trees. This was one of those small town gatherings that has the spirit of the season and I really hope we can meet there next year.

The day of the folk art show I was in Plymouth. George and I spent a late afternoon shopping and had dinner at the Hayloft. That evening we went to the high school for "Babes in Toyland" by the Performing Arts Commission. The girls met us. It's a favorite of theirs!

George and I still love the simple concerts. We're headed to the Gala Christmas Concert at Saint Mary's College in South Bend on December 19th. But I'll see you before then. Merry Christmas, my friend.

Love, Meredith

Dear Meredith,

I love the hustle and bustle of Christmastime and already it's shaping up to be a very busy season. On Friday, December 10th, John and I are taking the kids to Valparaiso for the Downtown Openhouse Around the Square. I'm looking forward to the live Nativity scene and the performance of the Porter County Children's Choir. The kids can't wait to take a ride around

the square on the horse drawn buggy. And, as usual, John is going to munch his way through all the openhouses in the shops while I search for a sweater for my sister.

I hope you haven't forgotten our plans for December 11th and 12th. I have arranged for Mom and Dad to watch your five and our two children on Saturday evening. As soon as we get the kids settled, we can leave for Christmas at Barker Mansion in Michigan City.

I can't wait for you to see this gorgeous English home all dressed up for Christmas. When you walk through you will feel like the lady of the manor, especially since we will be dressed for the Mandrigal Dinner. We need to leave Michigan City early enough to arrive at Valparaiso University around 6:30. We don't want to miss the trumpet fanfare and the procession of lords and ladies.

The kids are looking forward to the next day when we will take them to the Indiana Dunes for the Chellburg Farm Swedish celebration.

It's always nice to celebrate Christmas with close friends and family. *And I consider you, George and the girls as both.* Can't wait to see you! I'll close for now. Merry Christmas to you, too.

Love, Bobbi



Adams Hearth Publications Presents  
**THE COUNTRY HEARTH STAFF**

Journal of the Northwest Indiana Valley

Publisher / Editor Diane S. Adams

Chronicler of the Office Vicki Lowman

- Penpersons
- C. Bane
  - Iiah Miller
  - Meredith & Bobbi
  - Vicki Lowman
  - Cheryl Ponder
  - Diane Adams
  - Elise
  - Robinson's Prairie
  - The Farm Wife
  - Away from the Hearth
  - Shopkeeps
  - Shopkeeps
  - Shopkeeps
  - Dining Without Dishes

Photo Credits  
Wisconsin State Historical Society  
Cover Logo for Country Hearth  
Laney Griffin

Country Hearth Journal  
Adams Hearth Publications  
Post Office Box 550  
Kouts, Indiana 46347  
(219) 766-3982

## Christmas Tree Farms

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY**

**KRUEGER CHRISTMAS TREE FARM**

SR. 14 & 231,  
1 1/2 MI WEST ON SR. 14,  
1 1/2 MI NORTH ON 700 W,  
1/2 MI WEST ON 250 N.

(219)866-5248

**WHILE THEY LAST**

6' TREE \$15.00  
7' TREE \$17.50  
8' TREE \$20.00  
TREES OVER 8' STILL \$20.00  
TAX INCLUDED

SAW AVAILABLE CUT YOUR OWN SAME PRICE

USDA INSPECTED

**EGOLF'S CHRISTMAS TREES**

1455 S - 700 W LOCATED EAST OF WANATAH

733-2143 / 733-2623

FREE SASSAPARILLA TEA

BEAUTIFUL SELECTION CHOOSE & CUT SOME WHOLESALE

BALE TREES / NO CHARGE

BRING TREE BY JAN 8 AND HAVE IT CHIPPED FOR YOU! MUCH

OPEN DAYLIGHT HOURS DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

GIFT SHOP  
WREATHS  
GRAVE PILLOWS  
GRAVE BLANKETS BY ORDER

**25% OFF MONTEREY PINES CHRISTMAS TREE RANCH**

FOUR GENERATIONS OF GROWING CHRISTMAS TREES FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PLEASURE.

2 1/2 mi W of SR 17 on Fulton CR 700 N  
219-542-2219

**SALISBURY PINES**

12299 LONG LAKE ROAD - HANNA, IN

1 1/2 MI EAST OF HANNA ON 30 - 1 MI NORTH ON LONG LAKE ROAD.

(219)797-4745

CHOOSE & CUT TREES UP TO 20' PINES - FIR - SPRUCE

**HESSLING'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM**

OPEN THANKSGIVING UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HOURS: MON THRU SAT 8-4 SUN 12-4

LARRY & JUDY HESSLING  
100 W 1700 N WHEATFIELDPHONE 956-3288

CHOOSE & CUT TREES 3' & UP

**TWIN SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM**

OWNERS: JAMES & BETTY KINGMA, MARK & LINDA KINGMA

SPRUCE  
FRAZIER FIR  
BALSAM  
SCOTCH PINE  
WHITE PINE  
DOUGLAS FIR

**Choose & Cut REAL CHRISTMAS TREES! "INDIANA FRESH"**

WREATHS  
BLANKETS & PILLOWS  
CROSSES & HEARTS  
STANDS DRILLED ALSO

OPEN DAYLIGHT HOURS  
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY  
CLOSED SUNDAY

(219) 956-4449

ST RD 10 TO FIRST ROAD EAST OF KANKAKEE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TAKE 350 NORTH 2 1/2 MI TO 1450 GO EAST 1/2 MI - WATCH FOR SIGNS

ORDERS TAKEN

- \*WREATHS
- \*GRAVE BLANKETS
- \*GRAVE PILLOWS
- \*CANDY CANE
- \*CROSS

Map labels: VALPARAISO, WANATAH, HIGHWAY 30, S.R. 2, S.R. 49, S.P. 121, HEBRON, KOUTS, LACROSSE, S.R. 8, BAUMS BRIDGE ROAD, S.R. 231, WEST, 1700 N, HESSLING'S, EAST, 1600 N, 100 W, 1700 N, DEMOTTE, WHEATFIELD, S.R. 10, SOUTH, SAN PIERRE



**QUALITY CLOTHING BOYS & GIRLS 0 TO 14  
TOYS!!! GAMES!!!  
EQUIPMENT  
MATERNITY WEAR**

**GIFT ITEMS FROM  
THE BEAR FAMILY &  
THE COW COLLECTION  
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TOO!**

**CONSIGNORS  
WELCOME!**



408 E. COMMERCIAL AVE., LOWELL  
HOURS: TUES - FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4  
PHONE 696-2357

**PHONE 766-3982**

**FOR 1994 RATES**

**AND INFORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS:  
WED 8:30-2  
THURS/FRI 8:30-5**



**Carolyn's  
Beauty Studio & Boutique**

209 S. Main in Kouts phone 766-2535

HOLIDAY GIFTS AT THE BOUTIQUE IN KOUTS

**LADIES CLOTHING SIZE 12 THRU 3X  
FESTIVE JEWELRY**

*Master Card & Visa Welcome*

**BROWN'S  
GARDEN CENTER & CHRISTMAS SHOP**  
HIGHWAY 114 WEST IN RENSSELAER  
PHONE 866-8735 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**"CONSIDER A GARDENER'S GIFT"**  
SUN DIALS - TROWELS - CHIMES  
BIRDBATHS - PLANT MARKERS  
GIFT CERTIFICATES



**SPLENDID SELECTION OF  
ELEGANT & WHIMSICAL  
CHRISTMAS DECOR**

FOR ANY HOME  
WALL & TABLE DECORATIONS  
CANDLES - SCENT CHIPS - ORNAMENTS  
LARGE VARIETY OF RIBBONS  
POINSETTIAS - FRESH WREATHS  
SWAGS - ROPING - BOUGHS  
SADDLES - GRAVE PILLOWS  
AND  
**FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES**  
DOUGLAS FIR - FRAZIER FIR  
WHITE PINE - SCOTCH PINE

**BOOKS BY LEWIS COE**



**THE TELEGRAPH: A HISTORY OF MORSE'S  
INVENTION & ITS PREDECESSORS IN THE UNITED STATES**  
\$25.95 FROM MCFARLAND & CO, INC.  
Box 611 JEFFERSON NC 28640

**GREAT DAYS OF THE HELIOGRAPH**  
\$5.95 POSTPAID FROM LEWIS COE  
115 E. 113<sup>RD</sup> ST.  
CROWN POINT IN 46307

**AMERICAN  
HOMELESS  
MISSIONS, Inc.**

PHONE THE HOTLINE FOR INFORMATION  
IN NEED OF USED CLOTHING, FOOD,  
FURNITURE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

1950 E. GREYHOUND PASS #18  
CARMEL, IN 46033  
1-800-967-0952

**FINE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF MUSIC & ART  
FROM  
THE OLDE TYME MUSIK SHOPPE**

LOCATED NEAR MILL POND IN THE HEART OF UNION MILLS, INDIANA AT 606 WATER STREET  
PHONE 219.767.2877 OPEN MON. THRU SAT. 10AM TIL PM5

"Sit, RELAX AND ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE, TEA OR CAPPUCCINO WHILE YOU LISTEN TO OUR DEMOS."

**THE GIFT OF  
MUSIC**

**CHRISTMAS & VINTAGE MUSIC**  
DULCIMER - CELTIC - CLASSICAL - MOOD - PAN PIPES  
STRING BAND - BIG BAND - RAGTIME  
YOULETIDE

CDs - TAPES - DEMO TAPES  
BOOKS - ACCESSORIES - INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

**GALLERY OF  
OLDE TIME INSTRUMENTS**

APPALACIAN & HAMMERED DULCIMER  
HARP - PSALTRY - MOUNTAIN BANJO

LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE



YE RESIDENT OLDE TYME PORTRAIT SKETCH ARTIST

T. M. H. FLETCHER  
UNIQUE PENCIL PORTRAITS  
BECOME TREASURED  
HEIRLOOMS & INSURES YOU  
THAT THE GIVER WILL  
BEREMEMBERED LONG AFTER

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...  
PORTRAITS ARE RENDERED  
FROM YOUR PROFESSIONAL  
QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHS

PENCIL PORTRAITS FULLY FRAMED START  
FROM \$100. PRICES DEPEND ON NUMBER OF  
SUBJECTS IN ARTWORK.



**JoAnn's Bookie Joint**  
Used Paperback Exchange  
BOOK STORE  
Buy - Sell - Trade

Hours  
Mon/Tue 10-6  
Thu/Fri 10-5  
Sat 10-2

1040 E. Commercial  
Lowell Indiana  
219-696-4742



**L & M WESTERN WEAR HAS A HAUL  
OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS...  
THE BEST OF THE WEST!**

SADDLES...BOOTS  
JACKETS...HATS  
SHIRTS...SLACKS  
BELTS...BUCKLES  
ACCESSORIES

YOUR COMPLETE OUTFITTER FOR RIDING EQUIPMENT & WESTERN CLOTHING  
L & M WESTERN WEAR 772-5549 & 772-5502


LOCATED SOUTH OF KNOX  
CORNER OF 10 & 210  
BASS LAKE, IN



**LOCAL COLOUR**  
219-324-7783  
PRIVATE PARTIES  
FESTIVALS/RESTAURANTS

A REGIONAL BLEND  
OF  
BLUEGRASS/FOLK MUSIC

DAN & KRISTEL  
MOSEK



**ERNE'S  
FIRESIDE INN**  
902 SOUTH HEATON  
219/772-3746

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION  
ERNE'S FIRESIDE INN  
ON US 35 IN KNOX, INDIANA  
IS THE FINEST EATING & DRINKING  
ESTABLISHMENT IN THE WORLD.

HAROLD L. SMALL



**Nancy's  
Boutique  
& Gifts**

"A Little of Everything to Make Your Purchase Unique"

**5th Annual Open House**  
All Wednesday & Saturdays  
in November & December  
Hours: 10am - 4pm or by appt.

MENTION COUNTRY HEARTH & RECEIVE 5% OFF!

Clothing, Earrings, Hair Accessories  
Hand Crochet Doilies, Dolls  
Ornaments, Soft Sculpture  
Victorian Dolls


LOCATED IN LEROY, IN JUST OFF HIGHWAY 881 TURN SOUTH  
AT FOWLER FENCE & DEER. GO TO END AND TURN LEFT ON  
145TH AVE. 4TH HOUSE ON RIGHT (WHITE WITH BLUE TRIM)

PHONE (219)663-9737 Nancy

**BAKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS ?**

**OUR PIE CRUST RECIPE**  
(THAT'S BEEN KEPT SECRET FOR GENERATIONS)  
IS QUICK & EASY.

SEND \$1 AND SASE TO:  
"PIE CRUST"  
P.O. BOX 2101  
VALPARAISO, IN 46384




**NORTH LIGHT STUDIO & GALLERY**

**16TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPENHOUSE**

Offering Contemporary Baskets, Jewelry, Paintings, Stoneware  
Pottery, Stained Glass, Note Cards & Hand-painted Silk Scarves.  
Many one of a kind items.

OPEN DECEMBER 1ST THRU 23RD 1 - 8PM (OR BY APPOINTMENT)  
DORIS B. MYERS, PROPRIETOR Phone 219-956-3707  
R.R. 3, BOX 239 LOCATED 1/4 MI WEST OF WHEATFIELD ON S R 10

**Shopkeepers** Christmas Shops Around  
the Heart of the Valley

*Glimpses of the Past* by D. Adams  
I discovered this country gallery of Monon quite by accident, when I traveled to the Miller Tree Farm Harvest Festival. Nancy Bush had brought her famous limited-edition photographic prints of historic grist mills, barns, covered bridges, lighthouses, scenic vistas and Indiana round barns. I was enraptured with the hand cast and painted sculptures of authentic grist mills and lighthouses but I think the most fascinating was railroad memorabilia. You will find Glimpses of the Past at the end of a wooded country lane. The In-Barn gallery is located between Renssealer and Monon. Take S.R. 16 to 500 West and travel north. When you reach 850 North turn west and follow signs to the wooded lane. You will find posters, prints, heralds, drum heads, medicine tins and bottles, treasures that take you to the past. 253-7606.

*Shirley's Merle Norman* by Vicki Lowman  
Whether you're planning a romantic candlelit Christmas dinner or looking forward to a glitzy night on the town, this shop has everything you need to make your dreams come true. Nestled in downtown Valparaiso at 7 North Franklin, Shirley's Merle Norman offers personalized makeup for that special occasion, as well as a lovely selection of day and evening clothing in sizes S, M, L and some XL. Many beautiful and unusual jewelry pieces can also be found there and they offer a complete line of Merle Norman skin care and cosmetics. Shirley Williams will have her shop open during the Valparaiso Christmas Openhouse the evening of December 10th. 462-4887.

*Bearly Worn* by D. Adams  
When you drive by the window of this Lowell shop your head turns. Red velvet dresses, decked-out teddy bears, coats, tinsels and trees are in the Christmas spirit. Kathy Toy opened Bearly Worn so she could offer children's toys and clothing (sizes 0 to 14), equipment and maternity wear on consignment. The shop offers a beautiful selection and a deal for your family! Kathy also offers some nice gift items, Bear Family, Cow Collection and ornaments for Christmas. You will find Bearly Worn at 408 East Commercial in Lowell. 696-2357.

*Woods 'N Things* by Cheryl Ponder  
Woods N Things of DeMotte is a little bit off the beaten path but the trip is truly worth it. Just take Division St west to 950 W. then south approximately one half a mile. You will have discovered Woods N Things. The proprietors are Jack and Marilyn Zeilenga. Jack creates in wood and Marilyn is in charge of the things. Those things include pillows, pictures, dolls, stuffed animals, and she also does stains the wood items and paints with a needle and thread. The finished product is special. A picture that she made is now in Sweden, and a doll is in Germany. For Marilyn, that is exciting. Open Saturday or hours by appointment. 987-4521.

*Watkins* by Vicki Lowman  
Remember when the Watkin's man once visited your home with a valise full of household necessities? You can still use their home delivery service. Or before you begin your holiday baking, plan to visit this new shop. Watkin's offers a tantalizing variety of gourmet extracts and spices, including their famous double-strength white vanilla and Gold Medal Award winning cinnamon. Entertaining is made simple and delicious with their assortment of snack and dip mixes. Watkin's proprietor, Rodney Ray, also has a shop full of gifts, balms, salves, liniments, tonics, creme soaps, colognes, and baking items that people have used and trusted since 1868. The shop is open seven days a week. Located at 1202 Formula Dr., Suite E in Valparaiso (directly across from the VFW on Roosevelt). 464-8126.

**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS DRAWING!**

FOR 6 FOOT STOCKING LOADED WITH GOODIES !!!  
BOYS & GIRLS UP TO AGE 12

ALSO

**DRAWINGS FOR \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE ON DEC. 3RD, 10TH & 17TH AT 4PM !**

**DRAWINGS FOR \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE ON DECEMBER 24 AT 2PM !**

**WEINBERG STORE IN TOTO**  
FRIDAY IS SENIOR CITIZEN DAY  
PURCHASES UP TO \$50 MAY RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT

HOURS: 8:30AM-5:30PM WED THRU SUN  
8:30AM-5:00PM MONDAY CLOSED TUESDAYS  
FINANCING AVAILABLE

PHONE  
772-4533



# Christmas Shops

December 1993 Country Health Page 5

**NORTH JUDSON**

**True Value**  
HARDWARE STORES

301 LANE ST., NORTH JUDSON  
219-896-2833

**CHRISTMAS SALE ON NOW**  
**TOYS & MORE** *Lay Away Is Easy*

**T-Shirts & Sweatshirts**  
*in Many Designs & Patterns*

TEAM & ORGANIZATIONS QUANTITIES AVAILABLE  
CUSTOM T-SHIRTS AS LOW AS \$7.50 IN QUANTITY

**THIS AD GOOD FOR \$2.00 OFF ANY ADULT PRE-PRINTED SHIRT IN STOCK**

**OVER 100 DESIGNS TO CHOOSE FROM!**

**Christmas & More Printed while you Wait**



**GIFT IDEAS GALORE!**  
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL!



**HOLIDAY HOURS AFTER THANKSGIVING**

**NATURE & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**  
NATURE TAPES, CDs, CALENDERS, UCR NATURE FILMS  
TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS, NATURE BOOKS, HOW TO BOOKS

**CLOTHING DEPARTMENT**  
RAIN & WIND WEAR, POLARTEC, GOR-TEX, POLYPROPYLENE

**CAMPING DEPARTMENT** TENTS, SLEEPING BAGS  
1' MSR STOVE, WATER SYSTEMS, COOKING EQUIPMENT

RENTAL AVAILABLE TENTS, BACK PACKS, BACKPACKING STOVES

**HIKING & BOOT DEPARTMENT**  
COMPLETE SELECTION OF FOOTWEAR INCLUDING LINE OF HIKING SOCKS  
LIGHT TRAIL SHOES, EXPEDITION & LIGHTWEIGHT HIKING BOOTS

LARGE SELECTION OF TRAIL FOOD & CAMPING EQUIPMENT

**TRAILHEAD OUTFITTERS**  
CAMPING/HIKING/BACKPACKING  
Supplies & Equipment

358 INDIAN BOUNDARY, INDIAN OAK MALL, CHESTERTON  
BEHIND SUBWAY

**HOLIDAY HOURS AFTER THANKSGIVING**  
Mon - Fri 9 TIL 9  
Sat 9 TIL 6 / SUN 11 TIL 6

**REGULAR HOURS** Mon - Fri 10am to 8pm  
Sat 10am to 6pm / Sun 11am to 4pm

**(219) 929-1970**



**JAKE'S**  
FEED & GARDEN



**Pet & Livestock Feeds**

**Now featuring a full line of BIRD FEED FEEDERS & SUPPLIES**

326 S. STATE RD. 49 MALDEN IN 477-4174

Purina Dealer

**Christmas Greetings**  
from

Your Full Service Store...



In-store Bakery • Decorated Cakes  
Hot Deli • Catering  
Quality Meals • Fresh Produce  
Wide selection frozen foods  
Film processing • Postage stamps  
Floral Dept. • Carry out service  
Sr. citizen discount every Wed.  
In-store banking at DeMotte State Bank

**TYSEN'S**  
Family Food Center

987-2141

Store hours 7am-10pm Closed Sunday  
345 N. Halleck in DeMotte Plaza

**"Lets Trim the Tree"**



Prepare for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Coats & Sweaters For Your Pet**  
"New Styles Are In"  
Bring Your Pet For Perfect Fit!

Expires 12-10-93

**20% OFF**  
Dog & Cat Beds

**20% Off**  
Habit Trail & Sam Pet Homes

Expires 12-10-93

**10 Gal. Aquarium \$9.95**  
Set Ups \$39.95 up  
**20% OFF**  
All Aquarium Set Ups

**Dalmatian Puppies**  
AKC Registered  
First Shots  
Vet Checked

**Reptiles**  
Boas - Pythons  
Lizards  
Turtles  
Frogs  
Iguanas

Young Parakeets.....\$9.98  
Singing Canary.....\$69.95  
HANDFED BIRDS  
Love Birds.....\$49.95  
Cockatiels.....\$79.95 up  
Quakers.....\$150  
Jendaya Conure.....\$299.95  
Large Selection  
Cages & Supplies

**Valparaiso Pet-N-Hobby Shop**  
18 N. Washington • Valparaiso • 462-8346  
Sunday 12-4 • Mon.-Thurs. 9:30-5:30 • Friday 9:30-8 • Sat. 9:30-5

**BROWN'S GARDEN CENTER**

AND  
**CHRISTMAS SHOP**


Highway 114 WEST IN RENNELAER  
PH866-8735 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**"CONSIDER A BIRD WATCHER'S GIFT"**

BIRD SEED - BLACKOIL  
WILDBIRD FEED - SAFFLOWER  
SUET

LARGE VARIETY OF  
BIRDFEEDERS & HOUSES

AND CONSIDER THIS!  
RECEIVE A FREE 35MM CAMERA WHEN YOU BUY  
A 40# BAG OF PURINA BEST PRO PLAN DOG FOOD  
WITH A 20# BAG OF PRO PLAN CAT FOOD



**Holiday Gift Specials**  
 from  
**SHIRLEY'S MERLE NORMAN**  
 (219) 462-4887 OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY  
 7 NORTH FRANKLIN, VALPARAISO

FACIALS & FACIAL TONING  
 PERSONALIZED MAKEUP  
 NAIL SERVICES  
 PEDICURES  
 EAR PIERCING  
 CAMEO CUSTOM FIT BRAS  
 LEISURE WEAR  
 CLOTHING GREAT FOR ALL OCCASIONS

**SKIN CARE TRAVELER**  
 NOW \$15 w/ any two reg. priced Merle Norman cosmetics. Is a \$60.00 value!

**CAPTIVE EYES \$45.00 value/ Now \$20.00**  
**CLASSIC LIPS \$40.00 value/ Now \$20.00**  
**BRUSHES GALORE \$40.00 value/ Now \$20**

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



## SETTLERS OF ROBINSON'S PRAIRIE

SOLON ROBINSON was born in Tolland, Connecticut on October 21, 1803. He is considered by most to be the founder of Crown Point. He was married to MARIAN EVANS of Philadelphia in 1830. They moved to Jennings County in Indiana, where their children Solon Oscar and Josephine were born in 1831 and 1833 respectively. The family moved to northern Indiana, locating their cabin across from the northwest corner of the court house in Crown Point. They arrived October 31, 1834. Three other children were born in Crown Point; Charles Tracy in 1836, Leila Gertrude in 1838, and Allen Downing in 1842. Robinson was in partnership with his brother MILO. They operated a trading post and other businesses.

HENRY WELLS, a native of Massachusetts, was appointed the first sheriff of Lake County. Wells is reported to have traveled from Detroit with LUMAN A. FOWLER. They left their oxen team and wagon on Twenty Mile Prairie and completed the journey to Robinson's Prairie on foot. Wells returned to his wife and child in Detroit. Fowler stayed the winter of 1834-35 with the Robinson family then returned to Detroit the following spring and married. Fowler returned to Robinson's Prairie before Wells, bringing his new wife and the wife and child of Wells. Henry Wells joined his family before the winter of 1835-36.

HARRIET WARNER HOLTON was also a native of Massachusetts, where she was educated and married to an attorney. She and her husband settled in Madison, Indiana where he practiced law until his death. Harriet Warner Holton was the first school teacher in Crown Point. Her children were near the age of twenty when they settled in Lake County. Sons, W. A. W. HOLTON (WARNER), J. W. HOLTON (WILLIAM), and daughter, possibly named JANNA.

WILLIAM CLARK, who was later known as Judge Clark, arrived in the area very near to the time when Solon Robinson staked his claim. Clark and his wife Ann were friends of the Robinson's. Both migrated from Jennings County. His wife was ANN CAMPBELL CLARK.

THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS PARTIAL. INTERESTING READING IS AVAILABLE IN AREA LIBRARIES. FOR THE COUNTRY HEARTH FEATURE, INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM NUMEROUS HISTORICALS OF LAKE COUNTY. CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS MAKES THE ACTUAL RETELLING OF THE STORY IMPOSSIBLE.

**Watkins**  
 HOME PRODUCTS  
 Since 1868

ALSO AVAILABLE:  
 CRAFTS, DOLLHOUSE FURNITURE & STANLEY PRODUCTS

RODNEY RAY, PROPRIETOR  
 707 ROOSEVELT, SUITE E (NEXT TO BEEF MARKET)  
 VALPARAISO PH 464-8126

"I'm Max. I might sound grumpy but I'm friendly enough.  
 A purring bundle of fur  
 makes a great gift.

The Shelter has so many cats and young ones that can be adopted for Christmas. There's Nellie, Alan, Luce, Katrina, Pretty Girl and lots of others. I hope you will stop for a visit. I'm available, too. Just in case you were wondering." MAX

Independent Cat Society 219-785-4936 for appt/hrs  
 A place for adopting - not for dropping. Please find a home for your unwanted cat. Don't leave it defenseless and frightened in boxes at the ICS door.



### TALES OF HOOSIER PIONEERS

WRITTEN BY C. BANE

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

## JOURNEY TO ROBINSON'S PRAIRIE

Harriet could not sleep. By midnight, she thought they would surely freeze to death before morning. She roused her sons and daughter throughout the night so they could move around to keep some warmth in their arms, legs, and feet.

The only thing that kept them from the bitterness of the wind on that February night was the ridge on the southside of the Kankakee River, in Jasper County, and the once soaked wagon cover, which was now frozen and as stiff and unyielding as a wall.

Miles south and east of the Holton family, on the same side of the Kankakee River, William Clark's wagon was frozen where it had come to rest just before dark, with the wheels deep in the slush covering the marsh scrub land.

Such cold he had never experienced when he was not in a shelter with a fire on the hearth and quilts over the bedframe. He had nearly frozen his hands and feet in an attempt to make a fire. There was not a possibility of one on this night. His children shivered where they were curled, against each other in the center of the wagon. The younger four whimpered with hunger and fear. He and his wife rested on each side of them holding a quilt above their heads so the heat from their bodies would be captured beneath. They hoped this and the heat provided from their own bodies would be enough so none would perish, suffer ill or frostbite. Before dawn the family at last slept, shivering but too exhausted to awaken from their discomfort.

Morning crept upon them, still and grey, then bright with the yellow rise of a winter sun. William Clark opened his eyes and squinted against the boldness of the rays that, through a frayed opening, invaded the wagon cover. He rolled to his left side and pushed the solidly frozen flap until it yielded and opened.

Golden, shimmering light rushed into his face. The scrub marshland shone with the look of wet, clear glass. The extreme cold had frozen ice on every tree, scrub, dried grass blade and inch of ground for as far as he could see. He knew that before evening he must find shelter for his family.

Clark pulled his wet boots over the dry, wool foot warmers that Ann had made. But his feet were damp before he climbed down from the wagonbed.

He attempted to walk around the wagon and repeatedly slid onto his knees as he inspected the wheels which were now imbedded in ice. Clark raised his pick and began to hack the ice from the wheels.

His sons awakened from the pounding and lended assistance. An hour later they were making their way over the land, where along smooth paths the boys secured footing for their team by breaking off scrubs and tossing them in front of the horses.

The cold was excruciating. Exposure left the family breathless as they expended their energy to make the way forward to Robinson's Prairie.

Clark decided that they would cross at the point west of Eton's Ferry since now the river had been solidly frozen for more than a week. He estimated their arrival time at the crossing would be within that afternoon, and the day of their arrival at Robinson's Prairie would be delayed after the storm. If possible, with quick travel under the circumstances, they would only have to withstand another full day of the weather.

Clark did not know if they could. The sign he found, put on a tree by his friend Solon Robinson, indicated that they were twenty miles from the prairie. He had to find shelter.

Just after dark the Clark family saw a light from the tiny hut of Shobar. He had guided his family nearly ten miles south of the Kankakee River, to the shelter of the Frenchman and his half-Indian family. There they remained for two days before at last reaching their destination of Robinson's Prairie.

The Holtons were struggling for their lives. They had found a low bank to cross the Kankakee River and now the oxen were stranded on the solid ice. Their team of oxen was on its knees for the second time and they still had not traveled more than two rods. They could not be urged forward or to turn back to the bank. William leaned against the wagon, gasping the frigid air into his

lungs as he tried to breathe. Warner attempted to prepare a sling that would attach to the wagon and possibly offer support for the oxen. Because of the extreme temperature and the exposure they had suffered the day before, the young Holton men would not be able to take much more of this great exertion. Harriet knew they could not be too far from the Solon Robinson claim. She considered sending her sons for a rescue party but feared they would not reach safety and her entire family would perish in the swamp. So their struggle continued. It was far into the day before the frantic and exhausted oxen were urged to their feet again, only to drop before they had been led to the center of the frozen Kankakee River.

The family accepted their fate and, as the temperature dropped below the extremes of the night before, they prepared for another night. The sons ran from bank to bank, trying to locate branches or wood to burn. None could be found. Warner ran further along the river bank and over the ridge. There he found a pile of logs that had been peeled and stood ready for a cabin. Nearby was a pile of firewood! He shouted for his family and they carried what they needed back to the team and wagon. That night, the heat of the fire on the bank was enough to keep them from freezing to death.

The next morning, Warner discovered the team had a better footing when they stood on scattered hay that had fallen as they ate. The brothers made a path and sprinkled water over the hay so the team would have a rough path to cross. Within a few hours they were headed north and found a sign, crude but welcome. THIS WAY TO ROBINSON'S PRAIRIE. Heartened because the extreme weather had broken, the family traveled into the dark until they saw a beacon fire at the Solon Robinson home.

SOLON ROBINSON



Courtesy Wisconsin State Historical Society

CBJ

# The Farm Wife

by Ilah Miller

"When I get big, and stand so high, I'll speak a piece, at least I'll try."

There is an old saying that says *Christmas is for children*. A lot of people believe this is true. I don't! Christmas is sharing - love, home, hugs, church and school programs, family get-togethers, and good food. Notice that I didn't say gifts - not worldly anyhow.

The first Christmas after Katy, our oldest daughter was born, was very special. We had purchased one of the "chicken coop" houses from the farm dealer, Chick Arty. He sold brooder houses, and yes, the first prefabs in the area. We had worked to erect the house from September through mid-November. With great excitement we moved into it in early December. Our first Christmas tree was an artificial one from the Woolworth Dime Store in Valparaiso. It was about a foot tall and was the most beautiful tree in the whole world.

The next year we were in yet another new home. We moved to the Warren Farm. That Christmas was both happy and sad. Mom and Dad had sold the old house in Kouts and moved to Tennessee. I thought the end of the world had come when they left Kouts. Mom gave me the old artificial tree we had at home when I was a kid. It was super tall compared to our little one - about two and a half feet! Katy was about a year and a half old, so she was quite a walker and a toucher. The tree had to be put on the sewing machine to keep it away from tiny fingers.

Each Christmas, as our family grew, has been a milestone in my life. One Christmas season I remember dearly was when the girls had their first recitations for the church program. Katy was probably five and Wilma was a three year old. The girls were very shy, so their teacher gave them a piece to say together. The girls slept downstairs with us during the cold winters. Many winter nights after we went to bed the pieces were practiced. I can still hear them as Katy said, "When I get big, and stand so tall, I'll speak a piece, to please you all" Then Wilma would come in with, "When I get big, and stand so high, I'll speak a piece, at least I'll try." And then together they would say, "But today we are so small, so we'll say to one and all MERRY CHRISTMAS!" No matter how much we practiced, Merry Christmas was "Merry Chrithwath". But it was beautiful.

We talk a lot about the Depression Christmas seasons but there were a lot of families in the early 1940s that had had years, too. I made the girls Christmas dresses out of material that had come from Junior's sister, Harriet's, hand-me-downs. They thought the red plaid and green velvet outfits were just great. Sometimes the girls got new dolls, sometimes they just got new doll clothes. They would always try to see what I was sewing so I had to be very careful to keep things hidden.

Games don't have to cost money to be enjoyed. One thing my girls liked to do was play "Pick" out of the Sears Christmas catalog. They would sit on the davenport with the catalog on both their laps and choose what they wanted from the page that was on their side. Many arguments ensued about "picking first" so I had them change sides every other night. That way each could have first pick on some special page.

We made a lot of Christmas cookies to share with our family, the school teachers, and just to eat ourselves. How excited the kids were when they got to cut out gingerbread men, trees, stars and even Santa Claus. There were a lot of burned cookies at our house because we got too busy with cutting to think about the oven. One of our favorite things to do at Christmas time was to dip coconut balls or peanut butter balls into melted chocolate. What a mess when the kids were little, but oh, how they enjoyed licking the spoons and bowls, let alone their fingers.

My girls were not given an allowance like some of the kids in their class, but once a month when we got the milk check we would give them some spending money. They saved their money for Christmas, and went to Harvey's basement in Valparaiso. They bought me five dessert dishes. Yes, five. The sales clerk asked Katy, "Why do you want five dishes, and not six like other people buy?" Her answer was "There are only five at our house - Mom, Dad, Wilma and I, and Uncle John." We've laughed often over that Christmas gift.

A caring heart is what the Christmas season is all about. The right gift doesn't always come wrapped in a box adorned with ribbons. As you share this Christmastide with your family and friends make sure that the "Gift goes on and on" like the song says. Merry Christmas, Ilah.

Ilah Sandberg Miller and her husband Junior reside southeast of Kouts, near the Kankakee River. Farming has been a way of life for them during the past fifty years. Ilah's articles are often published in *The Kouts Journal* and other publications.



Merry Christmas  
from  
Country Hearth!

**TOLLEY'S**  
Auto Tech Inc.

Domestic Autos Only

- Brakes
- Tune-Ups
- Engine Rebuilding
- Passenger Tire Sales and Service
- Shocks
- Fuel Injection
- Computer Diagnostics

3 VANS CIRCLE  
Hebron, IN 46341

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(219) 996-6554

**SHIRTS HAND FINISHED**

PROFESSIONAL DRY CLEANING SHIRTS HAND FINISHED ZIPPERS REPAIRED LAUNDROMAT

**Sunrise**

2 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU . . .

**DEMOTTE**  
634 N. HALLECK  
PHONE 987-2281

**HEBRON**  
822 N. MAIN ST.  
COUNTRY SQUARE PLAZA  
PHONE 996-2281

STORE HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK

**Whirlpool**  
**KitchenAid**  
For the way it's made

**ROUGH'S**  
TV & APPLIANCE, INC.

SALES & SERVICE  
1302 E. LINCOLNWAY • VALPARAISO, IN  
PHONE 219-462-4293

**ROPER**  
**LARRY ROUGH**

Porter County's ONLY TV & Appliance Store  
With Our Own Service Department and In-Store Warehouse  
"SINCE 1966"

**RCA**

NEXT ISSUE OF  
**COUNTRY HEARTH**  
3RD WEEKEND  
IN JANUARY

**Dining Without Dishes** *Reviewed by Elise*

**PEPPINS COUNTRY CORNER RESTAURANT**  
101 Elm Street in Rensselaer, IN 866-5283  
Owner: Jeri Peppin

A Christmas place to dine, I imagined, would be a corner restaurant that welcomes one with warmth and the aroma of cinnamon from baking pumpkin pies.

A Christmas restaurant would have an adorned Christmas tree and there would be treasures all around the room that reminded you of the holiday, the owner and the snowy prairie countryside.

A Christmas place would have to remind you of the days of cranberry strings, black and white family portraits, hat boxes with a green velvet Sunday hat for mother, and candy canes for the children.

When I thought of where that Christmas place hid in northwest Indiana, I realized I had visited recently, one of the most intimate family restaurants. And they will be open on the day before Christmas. Imagine, traveling to town on the morning of Christmas Eve, stomping snow from your boots, and entering such a Christmas place. The home away from home for breakfast and lunch on every day of the year would be a treasured meeting place for neighboring families on this special day.

Peppins Country Corner Restaurant is the place of fine, homemade foods. The prices, service and value of partaking at this restaurant are well served for the diner. Even if you don't live near or in Rensselaer, you may visit sooner or later for shopping or a festival. Take a few extra minutes to find this corner family restaurant on the north side of town, located a few blocks west of 231.

The hours are Monday through Saturday from 6am until 2pm. Jeri said they will be closed Christmas Day but she is looking forward to serving breakfast and an early lunch on the day before Christmas.

*Elise*

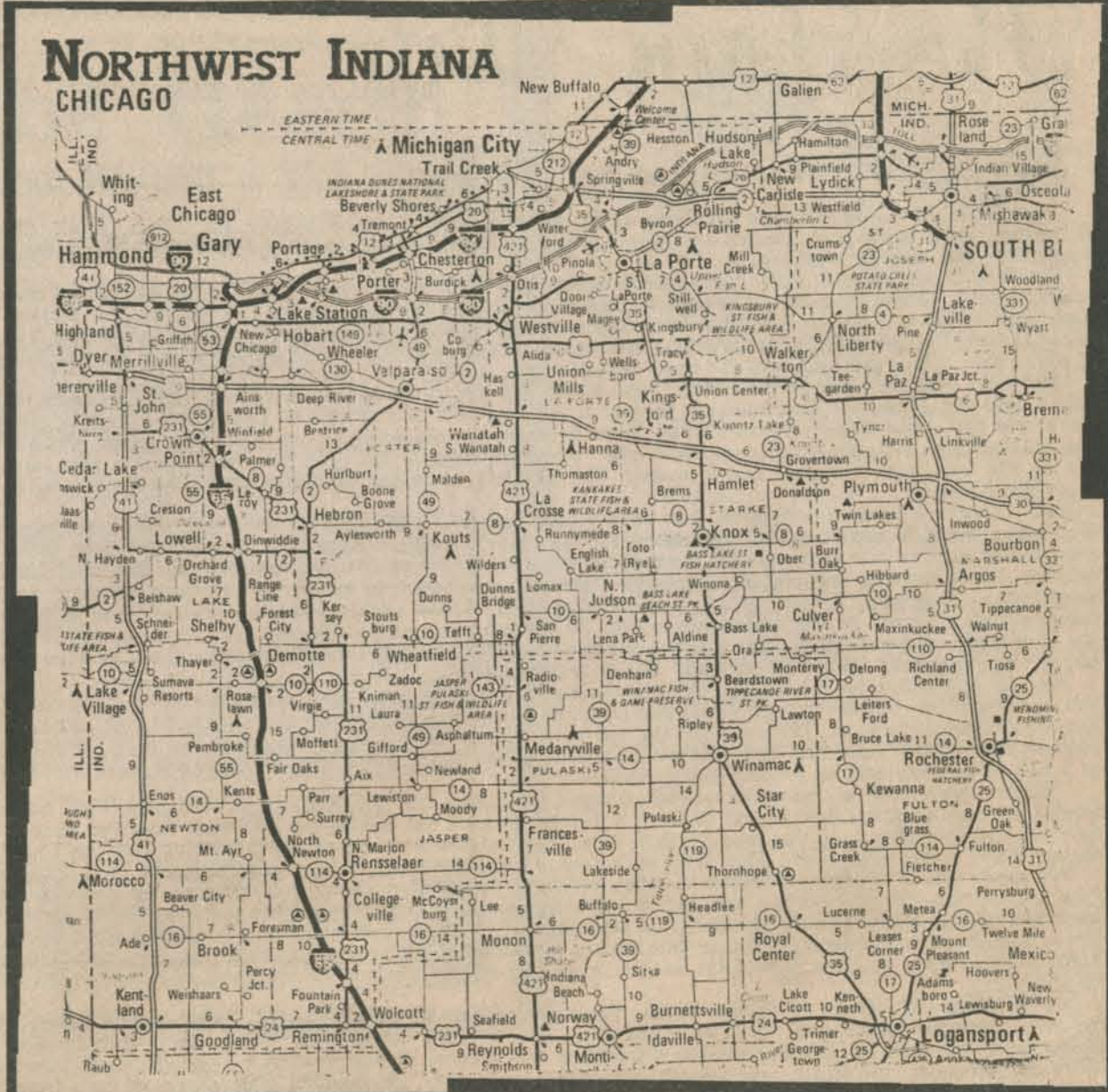
**CELEBRATE**  
**ARBOR DAY & EARTH DAY**  
**& RELIEF INDIANA**  
**PLANT A TREE**

CONTACT OR SEND MAIL ORDER TO:  
**PORTER COUNTY SOIL & WATER**  
**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**910 ROOSEVELT ROAD**  
**VALPARAISO IN 46383**  
**PH(219)464-1049**

**PREPAYMENT REQUIRED!**  
**RECEIPTS MAILED APRIL 1994**  
**ONLY ONE PICKUP DAY**  
**APRIL 15 - NOON TIL 7PM**  
**PORTER COUNTY EXPO CENTER**  
 FULL SIZE ORDER BLANK WITH PICTURES & DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE.

QUANTITY	TREES	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL COST
	WHITE FLOWERING DOGWOOD	12" - 18" 5 FOR	\$ 5.00	
	TULIP TREE	20" - 30"	5 FOR \$ 5.00	
	RED OAK	14" - 24"	5 FOR \$ 5.00	
	RIVER BIRCH	9" - 16"	5 FOR \$ 5.00	
	WASHINGTON HAWTHORNE	14" - 24"	5 FOR \$ 5.00	
	AMERICAN ARBORVITAE	10" - 14"	5 FOR \$ 10.00	
	WHITE SPRUCE	10" - 16"	5 FOR \$ 10.00	
	NORWAY SPRUCE	12" - 16"	5 FOR \$ 10.00	
	WHITE PINE	16" - 22"	5 FOR \$ 10.00	
	5" X 8" MARKER FLAGS	100 EACH		
				TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



**Four Seasons Animal Hospital**

**Glen N. Major, D.V.M.**  
**Cynthia Sue Kelly, D.V.M.**

- Boarding & Grooming Are Available
- Science Diet, Eukanuba Pet Foods
- Serving Hebron & Porter City Area

**(219)663-8387 (V-E-T-S)**  
**1-800-662-4838**

10963 Four Seasons Pl., Crown Point

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**MICHAEL C. TAVENNER, JR., D.D.S.**  
 Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

DENTAL CLINIC OF HEBRON • (219) 996-3311  
 56 Park Place Drive, Hebron, IN 46341

**Entertainment - Music**  
**Rendezvous - Power Shows**  
**Art Fairs - Grand Openings**

**Reach Northwest Indiana**  
**Through Country Hearth**

**Phone 766-3982**  
**Ask for Diane or Vicki**

**VALPARAISO OFFICE** 219 - 462-0325  
**PORTAGE OFFICE** 219 - 762-8155

**ED BERTHOLET**  
**Bail Bondsman**  
 24 HOUR SERVICE

**ED BERTHOLET & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
 154 Franklin St. Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**1-800-232-0325**

**Upletide Greetings**

**Silhouette Farms**  
**Training Center**

Horses trained and shown  
 Riding lessons • Boarding

Trainer / Instructor **Stephenie Miller**  
 6E 1050 South, Kouts, Indiana  
 219 - 766 3852

**MatchMaster, Inc.**

The Dating Service With the Personal Touch  
 That Works Like No Other

**LOW COST - CONFIDENTIAL 18-80**

Call or write for **FREE** no-obligation  
 information packet!  
**1-800-659-2788 TOLL FREE**  
 PO Box 442, Valparaiso IN 46384

**BACK FIELD ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Maureen's Country Christmas 5th Season.** Not just Christmas! 25 Crafters Open Thurs. Fri Sat 10am to 5pm and Sun. 12 to 4pm. Closing December 19th. Located at 17125 Mount St. Lowell 696-0951

**Pick up free by the SELL-IT-AGAIN-SHOP** We sell it for you. Furniture, hardware, appliances. Next to DeMotte Post Office. 987-5735.

**WEST PETER SHOP** Chairs seated - cane split rush. For all your caning needs phone 464-1787.

**HOUSE FOR SALE - Valparaiso-** Close to U.S.30. North of Shorewood - Two bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, two car attached garage, 18'x36' inground pool, pool house with bath. \$118,000. OBO Phone (219)759-3355.

**MOMS!** Turn your love of cooking into cash! Become a pampered chef & get paid for having fun! For a new career or to earn free merchandise call 219-464-3697

**CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN** Seeks Painting Jobs. Clean, dependable, neat, honest. Professional quality. Satisfied customers. References. Please call 942-1636. Ask for Rich.

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS** Floral Supplies! Roses, Statice, Mints, Herbs, Artemesia, Sweet Annie, Lavendar, etc. Large selection. Prefer to sell together. Call Mary at 763-1816

**EARN EXTRA CHRISTMAS MONEY!** An exciting opportunity for you. Become a Watkins dealer today! Full or part-time. Start your own business. Be your own boss. Call Rodney Ray at 464-8126.

**WRITERS WANTED** Interested In Articles by the Northwest Indiana Public. Family Histories, Historical Photos, Town Settlement and Business History are of interest. Manuscripts must be accompanied by size-proportioned SASE to guarantee their return. **PAID ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSSIBLE** Phone Diane at 766-3982 or Mail Inquiries to Country Hearth, POBox 550, Kouts, IN 46347-0550.

**ADVERTISEMENT RATES**  
**BOLD & BORDER INCLUDED**  
**20 Words for \$6**  
 5 cents each additional word

Please Run Ad \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
 Fill in above for number of words.  
**MAIL WITH CHECK OR M.O.**  
 Ad will not run without payment unless you have an advertising account with us.  
**Adams Hearth Publications**  
**COUNTRY HEARTH BACK FIELD**  
 Post Office Box 550  
 Kouts IN 46347-0550

**COUPON**

**WORLD FAMOUS WATKINS**  
**DARK VANILLA**  
**FREE**

Receive 2 oz. bottle of dark vanilla  
**FREE w/ any \$10 purchase.**

Rodney Ray, Proprietor 464-8126  
 707 Roosevelt, Suite E, Valpo (next to Beef Mart)