

BITS & PIECES

—The Eagle News—

1-7-82 **By Susan Logsdon**

"The essence of genius is to know what to overlook." -William James.

In that vein, I suppose we may as well overlook (as much as that's possible) our Wisconsin snowstorms, since there's very little we can do about them anyway. Being snowed in isn't necessarily *too* bad, if the company's good and you're stocked up on all the necessities. (In our household the necessities are firewood, milk, Pepsi and disposable diapers!)

To welcome the new year Alice Baker Memorial Library has some new hours. The library will be open Mondays from 2 to 4:30 and from 7 to 8:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 4:30 and 7 to 8:30, Fridays from 10 to 4:30, and Saturday from 9 to 12.

The staff at the library would also like to begin the year by expressing their thanks to those who donated books as memorials to Donald Burton, George Stead, Victoria Cap and Frances Sasso. That type of memorial would seem to me very special, as the gift of a book to the public library is a gift that will continue to benefit others for many years.

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"You cannot train a horse with shouts and expect it to obey a whisper."—Dagobert D. Runes

If the Lord is indeed coming back in the near future, I hope he does so *before* we have another weekend like the last two!

Now is an excellent time to visit the Alice Baker Memorial Library. The library is an inexpensive, cozy, pleasurable form of recreation and it's often accesible to local residents even when other places of recreation and entertainment are not, due to poor weather (Not that there's ever any poor weather around here, of course). The library has some new hours which make it more accesible than ever before. On Mondays, it's open from 2 to 4:30 and 7 to 8:30, on Wednesdays from 10 to 4:30 and 7 to 8:30, on Fridays from 10 to 4:30 and on Saturdays from 9 to 12.

You might want to take a look at the large-type Reader's Digest magazine at Alice Baker's - a gift from the Eagle Lioness Club that is much-appreciated by the library and its patrons.

Do you have piles of "Workbench," "Better Homes and Gardens," "Family Handyman" and similar magazines at home, and find you have trouble locating the article you're looking for in them? Well, the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature has a subject index to the issue you need, and all you have to do to get your hands on a copy of the Reader's Guide, is stop in at your local library!

There are two Waukesha women who want to see the local shelter for battered women supported by the community and growing stronger. They have spent close to two hundred hours of their personal time researching, drawing, embroiderying, quilting and sewing a quilt to be raffled to benefit the Women's Center's Sister House, and draw attention to the center for battered women and their children.

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"The mark of your ignorance is the depth of your belief in injustice and tragedy. What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly" "from "Illusions" by Richard Bach.

I may have used the above quote in my column before. Even so, I feel it bears repeating. I believe very much in what that says. I don't mean to say that I rejoice at misfortune. I cry as much as the next person. But I believe with all my heart that there is no situation so bad, no trauma so intense, that God cannot make something beautiful and useful out of it, if we ask him to.

ALICE BAKER LIBRARY NEWS - Reading to children benefits both you and your child. Just take fifteen minutes a day, especially now, when the weather makes it so much nicer to be indoors. Through association at an early age children can learn to enjoy and love reading. The benefits are many, including pure fun, adventure, travel, and education.

Eagle's library has a fine selection of children's books. Recently, the Palmyra Education Association donated a large number of children's fiction and non-fiction books to the library.

A reminder that the story hour for pre-school children is being held every other Wednesday from ten to eleven a.m. The next one will be March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Mothers and fathers are invited to stay for coffee if they wish to wait for their children. The children really enjoy story hours so please bring them and share some time with the library staff. The date and time of the next story hour is always posted on the bulletin board at the library.

A sign up sheet is available at the

library for young people who want to work now and in the summer. Eagle citizens looking for someone to help in one way or another, with yard work, cleaning, running errands, etc. may stop in to see this list at the library or call 594-2111 during regular library hours.

The library now has a Book Return Box to help those who find it inconvenient to return books during regular library hours. You may return any books that are due by simply dropping them in the box, which is at the bank in Eagle. The library staff hopes that this will make returning books even more convenient for its patrons.

Some library trivia: Did you know that one third of the populations of the town and village of Eagle use the library for recreation, continuing education, and information?

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"The only thing that keeps a person going is energy. And what is energy but liking life?"

The library staff at Alice Baker like to alert readers every once in a while about the new books that come in. One book that deserves mention is "Pathfinders" by Gail Sheehy. If the author's name sounds familiar, it's because some of you may have read her book "Passages". This new book is written especially for people in mid-life or beyond, men as well as women. It is meant to help adults overcome crises and find their way to well-being. The book is full of heartwarming and humorous personal experiences. There are also chapters on mourning and ways it can be endured.

Another new book on the library shelves is one by Steven Allen called "Funny People". If you like Steve Allen, you are going to like this book because he who has written best-selling books on lots of subjects has now written one in the field for which many consider him to be the longest reigning authority. The book is filled with anecdotes about many of the great comedians, including: Woody Allen, Sid Caesar, Jimmy Durante and Bill Cosby.

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The first book mentioned can help us get through our mid-life crises, and the second can help us overcome the recession, high taxes, squirrely children, etc. through the magic of humor.

Art lovers please note! The fifth graders from Eagle State Graded School are displaying their art work at the library for Youth Art Month. Please come and enjoy them.

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bake sale at Eagle United Methodist this Saturday!

Did you know that, among other things, next week is National Library Week? If you didn't find a book or information you needed in our library last year, or last month — or even last week! — try again. There are many new additions on the shelves.

The library staff wishes to extend its thanks for the recently received memorials. The memorials were donated in memory of Iris Sasso, Geneva Hoyt, and Leo Garlock. These gifts will be applied to the library building fund.

As of this date the library staff has not heard from many young people, or from our Eagle town and village residents. Remember, there is a sign-up sheet available at the library for young people wanting to work now and in the summer, or for that matter, all year. Eagle citizens looking for someone to help in one way or another: yard work, cleaning, errands, etc. may stop in to see this list at the library or calling 594-2111 during regular library hours.

Someone mentioned that they would have loved to have someone to call on during our last unexpected snowfall, but alas, the library had no one listed. Let them hear from you!

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"Back when the railroads were making their way west, one of the proposed routes ran smack through some wasteland that was known to be Indian territory. A representative of the line contacted the tribal elders and offered them \$1000 for the piece of property. Well, the Indians deliberated awhile, and then the senior among them spoke up.

"We want \$25,000," he said.

"Why," yelled the railroad man, "that land is rocky, dry and alkaline...it ain't fit for anything!"

"Oh, I don't know about that," the tribal leader replied, "it seems to be good enough for the railroad!"

—Anonymous

Live to Dance and Dance to Live! On Tuesday, May 11, Gloria Woldanski's Dance Slimnastics Class will be doing aerobic dancing from 9 to 11 a.m. in the basement of the Eagle United Methodist Church. This will be a benefit dance session for the American Heart Association. Sponsors are needed, or, if anyone would like to make a contribution he or she could contact Gloria Woldanski at 594-2234. Contributions will also be accepted during the dance session on May 11. Anyone who has taken dance slimnastics and knows the steps is welcome to come join in the fun.

The Alice Baker Library staff wishes to acknowledge with appreciation a donation to the library's building fund as a memorial to Robert Bowey.

A reminder that the pre-school reading hour continues to be held every other Wednesday. If you are not sure when, either drop in or call during regular hours and the staff will be glad to let you know. All moms and dads are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee each time, while their youngsters are being read to.

The reading of biographies is a favorite pastime for many people, and maybe it could be for you too, if it isn't already. The Alice Baker Library has many biographies available. There are books about the great, the near-great, and books about people that are hardly known. There are stories about people who have struggled against many difficulties to find a meaning and purpose in their lives. Books are written to share these findings with others. Biographies and autobiographies bring us as close to the mind and heart of the people we are reading about as the very families of those people. On a rainy spring day you may relish having just such a book to read.

Please come in and browse.

You know, I think we tend to picture love as a very soft and gentle thing. Every so often our view of a loving God clouds over into a picture of a loving,

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"Ever notice that to entertain some people, all you have to do is listen?"
Alfred E. Neuman

Ah, summer. The slower pace, with the kids out on vacation. Barbecuing in the yard and puttering in the garden. Waking up in the fresh, green mornings to the sound of birds singing in the trees and workmen tearing up Highway 59 in front of my house....I know it's going to be good to have that road fixed and changed around and all, but I'd still rather listen to birds than heavy equipment!

Don't forget about the United Christian Summer School, a combined effort of St. Theresa's Catholic Church and Eagle United Methodist. It'll run from June 7-11, 9 to 11:30 a.m. for Kindergarteners through 6th graders at St. Theresa's School Hall. Should be a lot of fun for little people and their older brothers and sisters, as well as a good opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.

Pre-registration forms are available at both churches and at Krestan's and the Marine Bank Kettle Moraine. For more information you could call Gleda Dreke at 363-3572 or Mary Anderson at 594-2768.

Congratulations to all the recent high school graduates! Many graduation parties were held over the weekend. Some were wilder than others, of course, but I promised I wouldn't print anything in the newspaper about the insane, scandalous things Melody Erd did at Warriners last Saturday. And I won't.

In a completely different vein, the staff at Alice Baker Memorial Library are looking forward to your joining them for their summer reading program. The theme is "Through The Looking Glass" and special programs will be held every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 starting June 23rd through August 4th. It is for children ages 3 and up, and now is the time to register.

A yellow bookmark was given to most of the school children, giving this same information as well as the hours to come in and register. In the event they were lost, here again are the hours to come in: Monday: 2-4:30 and 7-8:30, Wednesday: 10-4:30 and 7-8:30, Friday: 10-4:30 and Saturday: 9-12 noon. The staff at the library hopes to encourage reading over the summer as well as to offer a fun time to everyone who comes on the special Wednesdays. If you have any further questions you could call the library during the hours it's open at 594-2111.

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"Your friends will know you better in the first minute you meet than your acquaintances will know you in a thousand years." -Richard Bach

Alice Baker Memorial Library's first "Through the Looking Glass" story hour proved to be a big success. Approximately 40 children, ranging in age from 4 to 11, spent an hour at the library on June 23rd and all of them seemed to enjoy the program. The children were split into two groups: pre-school and school age. Plans are to first read a story to the children with a game, a craft, and possibly a movie following.

The theme for the July 7th story hour is "Garden of Live Flowers". Remember that the time is from 10:30 'til 11:30 a.m. and all children are welcome.

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News of special interest

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"That life is worth living is the most necessary of assumptions and, were it not assumed, the most impossible of conclusions." —George Santayana

Another quote, this one from a library director: "Alice entered a looking glass world and experienced a grand adventure. Everyone can experience that kind of adventure just by opening a book and reading it. Books are looking glasses, for by reading about other people you can step into their bodies and look at the world through their eyes. In doing this you learn things about yourself that you didn't know before." This is just what's happening with the summer reading program at Alice Baker Memorial Library, and the staff there is glad to see so many children participating.

They do want to alert everyone to a special library system program on Wednesday, July 28th from 10:30 to 11:30. It is the "Queen's Croquet" and will revolve around the portion of "Alice in Wonderland" featuring the Queen of Hearts. It will be read jointly by the Queen and the Mad Hatter, and then, with the aid of props, the children will be asked to retell the story. Following this, the activity will consist of creative dramatics where the children will be asked to play different parts in the story. Once again, it should be a learning and a fun experience.

I love listening to children retell stories. The little details and nuances they add are always nifty. For instance, a child in my household informed me

that Thumbelina found her magic prince in Canada, and that Goldilocks had an older brother who was supposed to be watching her to make sure she played safely outside, only she wouldn't listen to him, and went walking in the woods anyway! The program at the library on July 28th could be a lot of fun for parents too.

Did you know that July 20th was the 13th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon?

Hey! This Saturday night's free movie at Eagle Village Park will be "Die Monster, Die", a horror movie in the classic sense. So, grab the children and the mosquito repellent, come down to Eagle at dusk, and be scared — a little — and entertained — a lot. Popcorn and soda are available and reasonably priced.

Not much news right now. Lots of clubs and organizations seem to close down for the summer. I think the word I hear most often coming up in general conversations lately is "garden". Everyone's weeding or picking or putting up. Me, every time I go out to the garden to do something I wonder what mistake I'm going to make. I've made some whoppers, too. Any agricultural endeavor (if I may be so bold as to call my garden an agricultural endeavor), carried with it a lot of variables, and a lot of room for mistakes. The really terrific thing is that it also carries lots of opportunities to learn and I have. That's what makes it fun, after all. Life in general is like that too. When I was younger, I was always afraid to try new things because I didn't want to make mistakes. After I made my first major rotten decision, and by the grace of God came out of it intact and wiser, I stopped being quite so scared of life. I imagine that every one of the people reading this column has made a decision or decisions that he or she regrets. That's life, and the last I heard it doesn't offer any good advice that helps, as you and I go on with our lives (and gardens).

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told you lately that Jesus loves you? My foster sister visited last weekend, and Sunday we drove her back to her home in Chicago. I hadn't made that trip in several years, and it brought back a lot of memories of how my parents and I made that trip every weekend for years before we found our place in the country. As we were stopped about midway to home getting some gas for the car, I looked around at my family, and at my life, and considered the many different ways things could have worked out for me and for them I began to feel very lucky, and then corrected myself, because it hasn't been just luck, and it certainly hasn't been my own skill or wisdom that has brought me happiness. And so, I felt blessed, and took a moment to thank God not only for all the good things that have happened to me, but for all the bad things that haven't. And I thanked him for bringing me here, to Eagle, and introducing me to you, and giving me the chance to try and pass on the blessing and tell you he loves you very much.

Alice Baker Library News — A summer of Through the Looking Glass will end on Wednesday, August 4 with a movie, games and a Tea Party. The movie will be "Hardware Wars" which should be good. The refreshments at the Tea Party will include Alice's Magic Mushrooms, and perhaps some surprises, too. Remember, the time is from 10:30 to 11:30 and don't forget to bring in your book folders for stamping.

A reminder as well to our other readers that there is a book drop off box at the bank in Eagle if you find you cannot make it to the library during our regular hours.

Last, but not least, have a super week!

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Thought for the week: "The important thing is this - to be able to sacrifice at any moment what we are for what we could become."

Alice Baker Memorial Library News - You older readers who loved the Hardy boys and Nancy Drew when you were younger will be pleased to know that they remain popular with young people today. Our library has most of the books about these young investigators and they are still bringing enjoyment to many. The library also has many books from the Bobbsey Twins series, and the staff hopes that more young people will read them with interest.

For good reading this fall, or any time, the library recommends the series of books by Howard Fast beginning with "The Immigrants", which was televised a long ago, and depicted San Francisco from the time of the earthquake into modern days. There are a total of four books about the Lavette family and San Francisco.

Then there is a series of five books by Donald C. Porter starting in the early 18th century with "White Indian" and ending with the French and Indian Wars in 1763 in a book called "Renno". Those

of you who enjoyed the Bicentennial series of books by John Jakes should also enjoy these books.

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"Needs there grow a world in anguish just to teach us sympathy?" Robert Browning said that, and I feel it's very appropriate in light of the international news this week. Too many wars have been started, too many children have been killed, in conflicts that began in the name of religion. We call the Middle East "the Holy Land", and in a way that's almost laughable. So much blood has been spilled on that ground needlessly.

There is no simple solution, but I believe that we who call ourselves Christians have to make a start, and there are enough of us, surely, to make it a good-sized start, by practicing the love that God taught us. If people *believe*, truly, that God loves us, and that his son gave his life so that we could become children of God, then I think we have to live that love and acceptance, and show it to all people. I doubt very much that many of us will get to the Mid East, but we can start living love today, and now, by reaching out to the people around us. We can reach out to the newcomer and draw that person in. We can listen to the people who are hurting and try to help. We can search for ways to free the drug addict and the alcoholic from their afflictions instead of condemning them. And we can see people as individuals instead of colors or religious affiliations or sexes. And maybe bit by bit, in small ways at first, we can change our world.

So many of you practice love now. More power to you!

The following is a news release sent to me by the Women's Center, Inc. in Waukesha:

"By popular demand, Anne Wilson-Schaeff, nationally known psychotherapist, lecturer and writer,

will return to the Waukesha area to present a two-day workshop under the auspices of the Women's Center, Inc. of Waukesha.

"Wilson-Schaeff is best known for developing "process therapy" and her recent book *Women's Reality - An Emerging Female System In the White Male Society*, has received critical acclaim.

"With gentle humor she offers keen insights into the two systems, male and female, which have developed in our society and which lead to different ways of thinking, feeling and acting.

"Thus, this workshop offers an invaluable opportunity to share these insights while also experiencing process therapy facilitated by Wilson-Schaeff.

"The workshop will be held Oct. 1, 2, and 3, beginning at 4 to 6 p.m. on the first and ending at 3 p.m. on the 3rd. The fee is \$160.00, lodging is included, but not food. Participants must send a \$50.00 deposit with registration by September 24th, 1982."

Thus ends the news release. Not to put down the Women's Center or anything, 'cause they do some excellent things, and I'm sure this workshop is top-notch, but \$160.00? Still, I guess the worth of a thing is relative to the desire for it, so if you go, enjoy!

To keep you posted on what's new at the Alice Baker Memorial Library, here is a partial list of some of the new, exciting books recently added to our shelves:

"The Prodigal's Daughter" by Archer

"Eden Burning" by Plain

"Vow on the Heron" by Plaidy

"Cat's Eyes" by Jordan

"Flanagan's Run" by McNab

"Wordly Goods" by Korda

The staff is sure some of you will recognize your favorite authors among them.

The library staff wants to remind you of the book drop-off at the bank in Eagle. Also, if you receive an over-due notice, please return the book promptly to us. Many times there are other people waiting to read that same book. Books are checked out for three weeks at a time, and will be willingly renewed if asked, so your promptness in returning them is appreciated.

And have a nice week!

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"The important thing is this - to be able to sacrifice at any moment what we are for what we could become."

It's not easy to let go of old ways and old habits, is it? But, as the quote above says, it's important to be willing to do so. I believe that God has something beautiful and worthwhile in mind for each of us, but it takes courage and commitment to make ourselves open to the changes that might bring it about. When my first marriage fell apart I was devastated. I felt awful, and the pain was very genuine. 'Had we somehow managed to hold that mediocre marriage together, though, both of us would have gone on suffering and would have missed a great deal of happiness. I'm not saying that every tragedy that befalls you is a blessing in disguise, and that you should shrug off pain and sorrow and say "This is for my own good." No one likes the pain that often accompanies change. What I am saying is *hang on*, because often on the *other* side of sorrow there is joy.

My apologies for not having a column last week.

The fall story hours at Alice Baker Memorial Library have started.

A goal of story hours such as these is to prepare and familiarize children with some of the social and learning processes they will encounter when entering kindergarten.

The library staff looks forward to seeing your child. Keep watching this column for notice of future story hours.

The following news item was written by Girl Scout Troop 484's Patrol No. 1:

"On September 23rd Troop 484 of Eagle and their leaders went to the Kettle Moraine Ranch. When we got there, we learned all about horses. We learned how to put on the saddle, the bit, and how to get on the horse. We learned on a horse named Sox. When we got to the trail we rode for an hour. We trotted and cantered. We bounced up and down - then returned to the ranch. We had lots of fun. They hooked up the horses and we got off. We had very sore legs and a very good time."

Airman Cathy A. Olson, daughter of Roger E. Olson of Rt. 2, Eagle and Nancy K. Engel of Rt. 2, Butternut, Wis., has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the Airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the food services field.

She is a 1982 graduate of Palmyra/Eagle High School.

The Friday Drop-Ins at the Schuetze Building in Waukesha have made a traditional fan-pattern quilt and given it to the Waukesha County Historical Society to be raffled as part of the Society's annual Holiday Fair on Sunday, Nov. 21.

"We are very pleased that the Drop-Ins have added this additional community involvement to the Holiday Fair," said Jean Penn Loerke, director of the Museum.

The quilt is on exhibit until fair time at the Waukesha County Museum, downtown Waukesha. Tickets for the raffle are available there for \$1 each, or a book of 6 for \$5.

Proceeds from the raffle and the Holiday Fair will be used to benefit the

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Dag Hammarskjöld said "The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear."

The folks at Alice Baker Memorial Library want to remind parents of young children about the library's story hour. This is a program that has brought much pleasure to the library staff in the past and they hope it will continue to do so in the future. The story hours are open to both pre-schoolers and kindergarteners.

The next story hour is set for Wednesday, December 8 at 10 a.m. It will have a Christmas theme, and the staff looks forward to seeing you and your children there.

The WCTI Student Activities Board is sponsoring a presentation titled "How To Say No To A Rapist And Survive" on Tuesday, December 7, at 7 p.m., in the WCTI Student Commons Cafeteria. The speaker will be Frederick Storaska, the founder and executive director of the National Organization for the Prevention of Rape and Assault. There is no admission fee, and the program is open to everyone. 'Sounds like the kind of bargain that could save your life.

The Eagle Lioness' annual Lunch

With Santa will be this Saturday, December 4. The event runs from 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m., with Mr. Claus arriving at the Eagle United Methodist Church at 11:30. Advance tickets are \$1.50. At-the-door cost is \$1.75. Pictures of your children with Santa will be available for \$1.00 each.

Well, last week was Prayer Vigil Week here in Wisconsin, as proclaimed by Governor Dreyfus. He asked us to pray, not just during that week, but every day. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of our homes. That's admirable. Our culture is such that emphasis has shifted away from the home and family. I really believe that too many children are being "parented" by forces other than their parents. It's way too easy to allow television to bring our children up, too convenient to blame teachers for juvenile delinquents. There are so many forces that influence a child that parents who are so inclined can *always* find someone or something to take responsibility for their kids' minds and bodies other than themselves. I see censorship as a poor move because of this, and I resent it as a parent. I'm ready and willing to take responsibility for what my children read and watch and hear. If someone takes that job from me, it diminishes my role, and I think that's going to be bad for the children in the long run. I know their needs and levels of understanding better than someone who's making general statements. I imagine you feel the same way about your children.

Our schools present a similar situation. I think the public education system is terrific, but I don't think we can hold our kids' teachers solely responsible for educating them. Blaming educators because Johnny can't read can be an awfully big cop out. Ultimately we - you and I - are responsible for the upbringing of our children.

Wow - that's an awesome responsibility when you stop to think about it, isn't it? 'Hard work, this parenting. And for me, anyway, that realization brings us back full circle to prayer. The family is such a terrific concept, such a beautiful system when it's functioning properly - but it needs power to sustain itself, especially with all it's got to stand up to today. For me, and mind you, this is just how I feel personally, that power, that sustenance, comes from prayer and communion with a God that I honestly believe cares.

Have a nice week!

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they were jobs, and since Grandma was working, and so many people weren't she did what she could to help out, both within the family and by giving food and clothing to strangers, the drifters who'd come to the door.

Later on, when Granny was sick and needed not money or food, but company, some of the people she'd helped forgot her, but most of them didn't. They gave too, in time, and caring and love. I don't think Grandma minded all that much about the ones who forgot. She was a little sad, but essentially she gave because she wanted to, not because she expected a return.

I guess Grandma taught me a lot about what being Christian really is. I know that good deeds can't earn us a way into heaven, but she showed me that if you call yourself a Christian you have to do more than wear the title. You have to live the love. That's more important than ever this year, when so many need.

My wish for each of you this Christmas is that you be of a merry heart, that your needs, physical as well as spiritual, will be met, and that your Christmas will be warm and happy.

I know a family that really needs prayer this Christmas. The grandma has double pneumonia, one daughter-in-law is near death with cancer, one son is out of work and being evicted, and the daughter is going through a painful divorce. Your thoughts and prayers would be appreciated.

Eagle Cub Scout Pack 54 would like to thank everyone for their fine support of the wreath sale. They wish to extend a "Job well done!" to Old World Wisconsin for its part in the November and December pack meetings, and they are pleased with Burger King for its donation to their Christmas party - "Thank you!"

November's pack meeting saw this year's first uniform inspection, with Kevin Kwiatkowski winning first place with a score of 97. Tied for second place were Richard Steckmann and Jim Moeller. In 3rd place were Aaron Persinger and Max VonDahlen. Bob Batzler again worked his magic by getting Santa to stop in at the Christmas party.

Santa left each cub a car for the Pinewood Derby, and brought candy and gifts for everyone.

The pinata, under the watchful eye of Jerry Christensen, finally fell to the blows of Cub Scout Grant Wasson. The cubs gave their parents gifts they had made at den meetings, and ended the evening with cookies and drink.

The Pack Committee would like to thank Pat and Debbie Blair for picking up the wreaths, Ken Leonard for taking the Goodwill items in, and Kay Persinger and John Riley for hosting the

time of giving and sharing. The Alice Baker Memorial Library again received a gift from the Eagle Lioness Club of a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest, large type, magazine, for which the whole staff says, "Thank You."

In turn, the library's gift to its many friends is more books for children and young adults. The library is rapidly adding to the non-fiction section as well.

Thinking of the new year and looking forward to spring, the library staff already has application forms for camping registration available to all you campers.

Last but not least, the whole library staff: Joanne Batzler, Karen Hastings, Robin Himebauch, Betty Isleb, Barb Jateczak, Barb Warriner and Kathy Wendorf, wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

And so do I. God bless you all.