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LAST TIME? — The approximately seven inches of snow that fell last Wednesday and Thursday will hopefully be the last of it. Among those clearing their driveways Thursday morning were Rev. A.E. McFarland (left) of 6532 Third Street and Stanley McArthur of 6606 Third Street.

Friday house fire fourth one for Smutek family

"I still can't believe it. Not four, not three, not even one," said Kim Smutek Monday, three days after fire caused extensive damage to her house on M-53, about 5 1/2 miles south of M-81.

The Friday night fire was the second at their home and the fourth she and her husband, Ray, and family have endured.

The latest one was reported about 7:30. Elkland Township Fire Chief Jerome Root Jr. said it appeared to have started in a ceiling light fixture junction box in the basement. "At least, that's where the majority of flames were."

He said the fire then worked its way up a cold air duct to the first floor and then up the stairwell to the second floor.

He estimated the loss at \$15,000 to the house and \$15,000 to the contents. So much of the first floor had burned away underneath

that it would have to be replaced, along with the stairway to the second floor.

Mrs. Smutek was away when the fire started. At home were their three children, Joey Lynn, 9, Rebecca, 6, and Christopher, 4, and a baby sitter, Susan Papp.

Ray Smutek was outside in his pickup truck. His passenger, Kell Hoffman, told the Chronicle Monday they were about to leave when the children ran out, saying they smelled smoke. "We ran down in the basement, and sure enough."

The smoke was so thick, he said, that they were unable to put the fire out. "We couldn't even breathe down there."

They attempted to call the fire department, but just then the lights went out. Hoffman then drove to a neighbor's house, where the firemen were called.

Elkland firemen were at the scene about two hours.

They were assisted by the Kingston Fire Department, which brought a tanker.

The Smuteks are temporarily living in a rented home on Lamton Road.

Mrs. Smutek said some clothes and some furniture were salvageable, but much was lost, including items stored in the basement and under the stairs to the top floor. Most of the damage was in those two places and the living room.

She also said Monday it would be a few days yet before she and her husband know what will happen with their house, whether it can be repaired or they will have to build a new one. The house is insured.

The family doesn't have any immediate needs. "We've got enough for now. People have just been great offering help and stuff."

The fire had many similarities to the first fire, which took place Jan. 29, 1982. That was also on a Friday evening, also started in the basement, and the cause was electrical — a short in the wiring.

There was also a baby sitter there, who smelled smoke and ran out to the barn to get Smutek. The fire went up from the basement through the walls and heating ducts. Damage was estimated at at least \$30,000 and the Smuteks were reported to have lost everything.

The Smuteks have lived in the house about four years.

Their first two fires were when the family was living in Huntsville Mobile Home Park. The first, in 1977, destroyed their home there. Its replacement was heavily damaged by fire in 1979, but was repaired.

Elkland firemen were called to the James (Doc) Johnson Sr. residence, 4286 Oak Street, at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday to extinguish a chimney fire.

An extinguishing fuse was used to put out the fire and a chain was dropped down the chimney to clean it out.

The chimney was connected to a fireplace insert. The fire cracked the flue and it will need replacing, Fire Chief Jerome Root Jr. said.

The fire siren sounded in Cass City last Wednesday evening. It was a false alarm.

Investigation by Detective Larry Walker of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department into the cause of a March 11 fire that destroyed the home of Ray Zagorski on Mushroom Road, south of Deford, found it may have started in a water pump in the basement.

That could not be determined positively, however.

Loss was estimated at \$75,000. The fire was extinguished by the Elkland department, with assistance from two other fire departments.

Shaw to come home May 3-4

Astronaut and Cass City native Brewster Shaw Jr. will be returning to his home town Thursday, May 3.

He will be giving a free program for the public, starting at 8 that evening in the high school gym to talk about his 10-day flight in space last November and December and will show a film and/or slides.

He will be guest of honor at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will start at 6 that evening in the high school cafeteria, but will not give a program.

The Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year will be honored at the banquet and the new chamber president will be introduced, replacing Curt Strickland. An announcement will be made when tickets go on sale.

Shaw will also be giving three presentations to school students, one for elementary, one at the intermediate school and the third at the high school.

One of the programs will be Thursday afternoon and the other two Friday.

Describing Shaw's pending visit as "once in a lifetime," Strickland said, "He feels it is something he wants to do for the community."

The 1963 Cass City High School graduate, who was a pilot on his first space flight, has been named by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as commander of another shuttle flight, tentatively scheduled for launch in March, 1985.

ated \$85,000

Council authorizes Seeger St. rebuilding

The Cass City Village Council Tuesday evening approved reconstruction of the north portion of N. Seeger Street this year.

Estimated cost of the project is \$85,000, for which the village has already borrowed \$100,000 in state transportation bond funds. The intent is to use what is left after a construction bid is awarded to pay for repaving of some downtown alleys. The estimate includes engineering costs.

The 1,320 feet to be reconstructed is from where the present four lanes end and two lanes begin to the north end of the high school property. It will be rebuilt into four lanes with curb and gutter.

One of the reasons for doing so, in addition to the present poor condition, is that the route is supposed to be part of the detour when a new M-53 bridge is built over the north branch of the Cass River.

The bridge was supposed to be built this year, but village Superintendent Lou LaPonsie was informed by state Department of Transportation officials last week that construction has been postponed one or two years. He wasn't given a reason.

It was reported the DOT has "indicated" it will honor its commitment this year to pay for repaving of the present four-lane portion of N. Seeger Street so that it will be able to withstand the heavy detour traffic. That isn't in writing yet, however.

Postponement of the bridge construction will give the new pavement time to settle before it's used as a detour, village President Lambert Althaver said. "In a way, I think it's the best possible solution."

The council authorized LaPonsie and its street committee to take bids for the project once construction plans are completed by the engineers. Construction could start by June.

It also established 7 p.m. April 24 as the time for the hearing to establish the need for the project, necessary in order to assess property owners for the cost of curb and gutter. Paying the greatest assessment will be the Cass City schools.

The special assessment for curb and gutter on other projects last year was \$6 per foot, plus 10 percent for engineering costs, so it will presumably be at least that much on the Seeger project. Property owners have three years to pay.

A second hearing will be

held after construction bids are taken and the exact cost for each property owner is known.

SIDEWALK

At the February meeting, a parent expressed concern about lack of a sidewalk along the west side of Seeger, from north of Kennebec Drive to Hillcrest Drive, a distance of 260 feet, which forces some children to walk in the street on their way to and from school.

Tuesday, Elwyn Helwig, chairman of the street committee, reported a check by police found 3-6 children were walking in the street because of the lack of a sidewalk.

Construction of one, Althaver added, "literally would take some engineer-

ing" because one of the lawns the sidewalk would have to cross has a big hill. Present village policy says property owners pay 100 percent of the cost of new sidewalks, which in essence gives them veto power.

"At this time," Helwig said, "the committee would not recommend we pursue this sidewalk, I feel, because of the precedent this would set" (if the village paid for it or mandated the property owners to do so).

He said the committee will continue to study the situation and make a recommendation once Seeger Street is reconstructed.

PURCHASES

The council authorized purchase of a new police

car from Ouvry Chevrolet-Olds for \$10,499; a Motorola police car radio for \$2,274 including installation, and six reconditioned telephones for the municipal building from General Telephone for \$2,506.

The village alternates purchase of a new police car every 18 months between Ouvry and Rabideau Motors. (It buys its pickup trucks from Cass City Ford.) Once the new car arrives, LaPonsie will use the oldest car and his present auto, a former police car, will be sold.

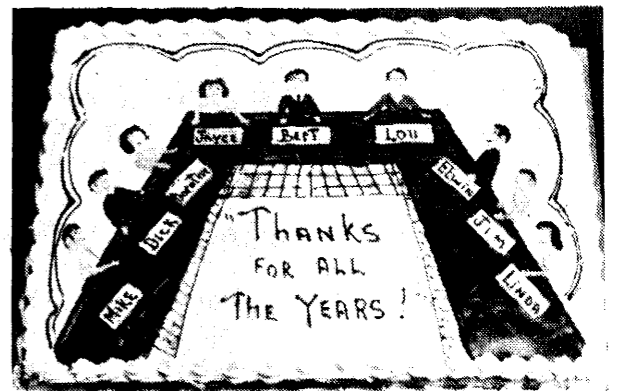
The purchased telephones will replace the present leased ones. The \$2,506 is equivalent to 3 1/2 years of lease payments.

The council also authorized advertising for

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41 YEARS — Tuesday's council meeting was the last one for, from left, Jim Ware and Dick Hampshire, each of whom served 10 years on the council, and Lambert Althaver, who was a councilman for two years and village president for 19, so a cake was prepared as a farewell thank-you.



Mabel Lenda seriously injured in auto crash

Mabel M. Lenda, 53, of 6315 Brenda Drive, Cass City, was reported in serious condition Wednesday morning in the intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, where she was taken following an accident Sunday about seven miles north of Cass City.

Deputy Gary Polega of the Huron County Sheriff's Department said she was southbound on Elkton Road (Cemetery Road), north of McAlpin Road, when her car went off the west side of the road and struck a tree head-on.

Despite severe injuries,

she was conscious and was able to tell the officer she had "blacked out and she didn't remember anything after that."

Polega said the accident took place about 6:15 p.m. and she apparently wasn't in the wrecked car very long before the accident was discovered.

Mrs. Lenda was taken by Elkton ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital, then transferred to St. Mary's.

Polega said her injuries included both knees broken, broken left ankle and an injured scalp. She was

not wearing a safety belt. Another accident took place in about the same location at 2:50 a.m. Saturday.

John P. Isaacs, 25, of Port Austin, told Huron deputies he was northbound when his brakes locked, resulting in a collision with another northbound auto, driven by Steven A. Jarson, 25, of Bad Axe.

Isaac's car went off the road into a ditch, rolled over and landed on its top. He was treated at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

Jarson and his two pas-

sengers were not injured.

SLIPPERY ROADS

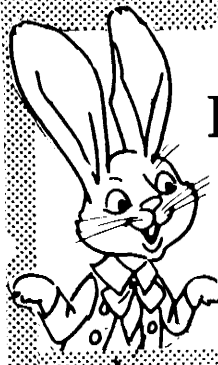
The heavy snow that started falling last Wednesday afternoon, resulting in poor driving conditions, was a contributing factor in three accidents.

Injured in the first one, west of Caro, at 4:35, was Joyce Linabury, 41, of 194 S. Unionville Road, Caro, who was reported in fair condition Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

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HOUSE FIRE — Fire at the home of Ray and Kim Smutek Friday night ate away part of the mattress a fireman drops out of a second story window. Loss was estimated at \$30,000.



Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Again this year there are a myriad number of farm and household auction sales. That's been going on every spring and fall as long as I've been at the Chronicle. That's 33 years.

The question is where do they come from? There should have been an end to the rush many years ago. After all there is only so much farm land.

But auctions keep on appearing, regular as clock work, and show no signs of lessening.

We stayed at a new to us motel at Ann Arbor Friday while in town to see the basketball games. The price was a shock for a small town boy used to country prices. The tariff was \$75 for the room that had a king sized bed instead of the usual double bed.

In other years we stayed at motels a little farther from Ann Arbor and closer to Detroit. A 15-minute drive away saved about half the cost and the accommodations were as good.

Commissioners okay property purchase

The Tuscola County board of Commissioners Tuesday authorized its building and grounds committee to proceed with purchase of a house and property at 239 E. Sherman Street.

Price is \$20,000. Another house stands between the property and the county jail.

It will be the second purchase of property near the courthouse complex authorized by commissioners this month to be used for parking or space for a future building.

March 13, they okayed purchase of a house next to the courthouse annex for \$28,000.



A \$65,000 CHECK was presented last Wednesday by Joe Green (second from right) of the Farmers Home Administration to Gageton Village President Bill Downing, the first installment of the \$700,000 combination loan and grant Gageton is receiving from the FHA to finance the local share of its \$1.8 million sanitary sewer project. At left is Ralph Knop of Edmands Engineering. At right is village Clerk Elery Sontag. Construction contracts were also signed Wednesday. The contractor, Dan's Excavating, plans to start installing sewer lines Monday. The project will take about a year to complete.

Roy Messer resigns as Elmwood supervisor

The Elmwood Township board Tuesday, March 20, "regretfully" accepted the resignation of Supervisor Roy Messer, effective April 1.

Messer has retired from farming, sold his farm and wanted time to do some other things, including travel, he told the Chronicle.

He thought April 1, the start of the township's new fiscal year, was the best time to resign, according to Clerk Joanne Sattelberg.

It also marks 10 years on the job. Messer was appointed to the position in April, 1974, then was elected to his first term in November of that year.

The board appointed Jim Turner, presently a trustee, to serve as interim supervisor. He doesn't plan to run for a four-year term as supervisor this November, according to Mrs. Sattelberg.

The intent of the board, she said, is to appoint a new person as trustee, in place

of Turner. The new trustee will start training to be an assessor in August and run for supervisor in August and November. "We felt this would be the easy way (for someone) to ease into the position," she said. "We felt this was the best way to go."

Anyone can run for supervisor this year, or any other position on the board, since all terms are expiring. Nominating petitions are available from Mrs. Sattelberg, who lives at 2777 E.

Dickerson Road. The deadline for filing nominating petitions is June 5. The primary election is Aug. 7 and the general election is Nov. 6.

Also at last week's meeting, the board reviewed the 1984-85 budget and approved the financial statement for the almost completed fiscal year. It also discussed road work to be done this year.

The budget, financial statement and proposed road work will all be presented at the annual meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. in the township-village hall in Gageton Saturday.

There will be a public hearing on use of federal revenue sharing funds.

"If It Fitz . . ."

Coffee grinds

By Jim Fitzgerald



I would like to say you won't believe the following true story, but you will. And that is a painful commentary on the state of the world. It means we have come to expect human beings, individually and corporately, to remain stupidly rigid in the face of conclusive proof that they should quit acting loony tunes, for lord's sake, and bend a little in the holy name of common sense.

Last Friday morning, Frank W. Brochert, a 41-year-old lawyer with offices in downtown Detroit, went to the Colonnade Cafeteria in the Penobscot Building for breakfast. He noted the menu sign said that the breakfast special, for only 96 cents, was one egg, bacon or sausage, toast and coffee — no substitutions.

That sounded like a decent deal to Brochert, except he'd already had his morning cup of coffee. So he got a poached egg, bacon and rye toast. Nothing to drink.

"That will be \$1.25," the cashier said.

"I told her it should be one dollar — 96 cents plus four cents tax," Brochert told me. "She said no, that because I didn't take coffee, my breakfast was a la carte and cost \$1.25."

"I asked her if I took a cup of coffee and poured it out, what would the cost be, and she said, one dollar. I decided it was ridiculous to waste a cup of coffee and so I gave her a dollar and took the tray. And she said, 'Sir, you cannot do that; you must either pay another 25 cents or take a cup of coffee.'"

But Brochert did neither. He sat down to eat breakfast. The fun was just begin-

ning. "A man dressed in white kitchen clothes came to my table and said I owed another quarter," Brochert continued. "I explained I didn't want to waste the coffee and I thought it would be in the best interest of the restaurant to simply charge me a dollar and save the coffee which they could sell for 42 cents."

"The man insisted that the restaurant policy of no substitutions or deletions had to be strictly adhered to. We went back and forth, I telling him the policy was ridiculous and it would not make sense for me to get a cup of coffee and pour it out, and him insisting that I pay a quarter or take the coffee."

"By this time I was getting a bit exasperated, so I told him to call a cop. He left and a few minutes later returned with a Penobscot security officer who politely told me to pay for my meal. But when I explained the circumstances, he said, 'I'm not getting involved in this' in a tone that indicated he thought the whole thing was as ridiculous as I did. And he left."

The debate continued. The Colonnade employee insisted that the menu sign said no deletions from the breakfast special were allowed. Brochert said let's go look at it, which they did. The sign said nothing about deletions. The employee still insisted that the lawyer pay 25 cents or take a cup of coffee. By this time, Brochert was so irritated that he invited the employee — even though he was bigger and younger — to step outside to settle the argument. At this point, the employee finally gave up and left — after warning Brochert never to return to the Colonnade.

"I was barred from trying to save the restaurant money!" Brochert exclaimed.

On Monday, I spoke with Janet McIntosh, the Colonnade manager. She confirmed that no deletions are allowed on the breakfast special ("they might lead to substitutions") and said the supervisor was only following policy when he confronted Brochert, who was

"rather obnoxious." But she conceded it was "more than likely" the policy would be changed. McIntosh also said "I won't appreciate" reading the Brochert story in the newspaper.

I don't blame her. But I have my duty to perform, in the holy name of common sense.

Walbro to sell 230,000 stock shares

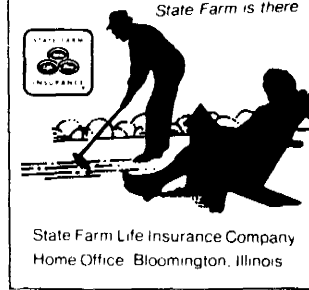
Walbro Corporation has announced it plans to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission registering 230,000 shares of its common stock for sale to the public.

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There's more fun in watching high school tournament basketball finals than there is seeing the great players perform in college or professional ranks.

That thought went fleeting by again this year when for the 32nd straight year I was caught up in the excitement of the game.

Truthfully, there wasn't the fan interest this season that there was in more vintage player years. No Antoine Joubert or "Magic" Johnson to draw the crowds.

Tickets were easier to come by than they were most years. Sure, the joint was sold out for the finals, but there were plenty of tickets for sale and scalpers took a bath.

Why make a point of attending these games? I don't know if I can tell you. Not really.

You had to be there. Had to see the despair etched on the faces of Detroit East Catholic boys who were upset by Powers, the tiny Upper Peninsula team.

You had to see the jubilation of the U.P. kids as they won a two-point decision. I suppose that if you are caught up in the mechanics of the game, high school basketball wouldn't be much.

You have to have an empathy with the 2,000 fans that came roaring into and out of Ann Arbor chanting U.P. Power, U.P. Power. Or with the 3,000 that came to root for giant killer Hamilton which upset heavily favored and defending champion Kalamazoo Christian. A school that had never before won a district roll to the state class C championship. That's what it's all about.

That group of boys will be forever number one in Hamilton.

It's in the games between the smaller schools in class D and C and sometimes class B that most years have the avid followers.

Sometimes the fans from these schools become more emotional than the players themselves. Almost every year the smaller schools have more fans at the games than the big schools

from metro areas.

When the big schools play there is usually a full house but most of the spectators are like me. Not there to watch any particular school or team, but to enjoy the games.

Over the years the game has changed drastically. Players are more talented. Coaching is better. Teams that won yesterday couldn't compete today.

That really doesn't make any difference. Teams of yesterday challenged each other, just as they did last week end.

The game has changed, but not the competition or the impact it has on the players and their supporters.

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Township annual meetings take place Saturday. The Elmwood and Lamotte Township meetings both start at 10 a.m. Area townships with meetings starting at 1 p.m. are: Tuscola County -- Novesta, Ellington, Kingston, Koylton, Wells and Columbia; Sanilac County --

Austin, Evergreen, Greenleaf, and Moore, and Huron County -- Brookfield.

Meetings starting at 1:30 are those in Elkland, Argyle, Grant and Sheridan. The Bingham Township meeting starts at 2.

At the meetings, township boards present their budgets for the new fiscal year that starts April 1 and go over the past year's revenue and expenses. Many also conduct a public hearing on how federal revenue sharing funds they receive should be spent.

State law limits the powers of electors attending the meeting primarily to accepting or rejecting recommended salaries for township officials and authorizing the township board to purchase or sell real estate, equipment and buildings.

The annual meetings in the township halls also present an opportunity for residents to discuss township matters with their elected officials.



BOW WOW -- Dave McArthur (right) of 6733 E. Main Street, brother Doug McArthur, Mike Ware and Joan Hutchinson built this big snow dog last Wednesday evening in the McArthur front yard. Also in the photo are Billy (left) and Steve Sattelberg.

700 at Thumb Electric meeting

The 47th annual meeting of the Thumb Electric Cooperative (TEC) Friday at Ubyly High School attracted an estimated 700 persons.

Reelected to the board of directors were Ron Hoffman, Huron County; Allan Shaw, Sanilac County, and Martin Damm, Tuscola County. After the annual meeting, the board reelected Walter Cook, president; Shaw, vice-president; Roger Volmar, secretary, and Michael Lasceski, treasurer.

Lasceski presented the 1983 financial statement which showed operating revenues of \$6,776,947 and expenses of \$6,439,164 resulting in an operating margin of \$337,783.

In addition, the cooperative earned \$117,917 in interest on short term investment. Total margin for 1983 including patronage dividends from other organizations was \$464,570.

Total expenses including purchased power increased 7.6 percent over 1982 primarily due to higher purchased power costs. Expenses less purchased power increased only 1.9 percent compared to 1982.

Cooperative General Manager Michael Krause then began his report:

--The cooperative's internal expenses have increased an average of 1.2 percent over the last four years. TEC has not had a retail rate increase since July, 1981, but is investigating the feasibility of a modest increase in 1984.

--Power costs make up over 60 percent of the cooperative's operating expenses. In 1983, wholesale power costs increased 8 percent due to a rate increase from Detroit Edison.

--Energy sales and peak usage were down due to the mild winter of 1982-83. However, in December, 1983, the cooperative supplied

the greatest amount of energy for a single month in its history. Use of the cooperative's load management system saved thousands of dollars.

--Members' electric bills increased 6.9 percent in 1983 and increased an average of 7 percent over each of the last 5 years. Cost of electricity will increase above the inflation rate during the next two years due to power plant construction by Detroit Edison.

--The cooperative's peak shaving capability is the key item in keeping members' electric bills affordable. The load management system consists of 1,700 radio controlled water heaters and over 70 dual heating systems. During peak winter loads, TEC has the capability to reduce system load by 2,500 kilowatts which lowers the cost of purchased power by \$40,000 a month. In addition, the cooperative also reduces power costs by using its diesel generators to produce power to lower peak demands even more.

The combination of load management and diesel generation saved cooperative members over \$1,000,000 in 1983.

--After nearly two years of negotiations and planning, a fourth transmission source will be established with Detroit Edison which will greatly improve service reliability in Tuscola County. The project is

scheduled to be completed late in 1984 at a cost of over \$250,000.

--The retirement of \$210,000 in patronage capital to TEC members is the first time a general retirement of patronage capital has been made. Over 11,000 current and past members will share in the refund.

President Walter Cook reported the cooperative pays over \$170,000 in property taxes annually. Its annual budget now exceeds \$9 million with over \$1 million in system improvements being completed annually. The cooperative serves over 9,300 members along 1,975 miles of line with 31 employees.

--In July, 1983, the cooperative completed a transmission study which recommended improvements totaling over \$450,000.

--The cooperative participated with the Michigan Alliance of Cooperatives in a pilot education program in the Ubyly school to inform the students about cooperatives. It was the only one of its type in the nation.

--In 1983, TEC received a check for over \$20,000 as a refund from the Michigan Electric Cooperative Self-Insurance Fund, the result of its excellent safety record and the success of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association.

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bids for the village insurance package, which covers everything except workers' compensation. A bid will be awarded at the May 29 meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

The council authorized payment of \$49,000 to H.C. Weber Construction Co. of Bay City, contractor on the sewage plant. It is the last payment owed.

In return for the payment, Weber is giving the village a "hold harmless" agreement which exempts the village from any liability

because of the contractor's not yet resolved dispute over money owed to the excavating sub-contractor.

The council directed the planning commission to conduct a public hearing on Rural Housing Corporation's request to have 3 acres on which it is planning to build senior citizen apartments rezoned from single family residential to multiple family.

The planning commission after the hearing must make a recommendation on the rezoning to the council.

Federal revenue sharing

officials have notified the village that they are planning to reduce Cass City's listed population from 2,258 from the 1980 census to an estimated 2,176 as of July 1, 1982.

LaPonsie is gathering information for an appeal. If the lesser figure becomes official, it means Cass City will receive less federal and state revenue sharing funds.

Portable signs, being used by some businesses, are legal, it was noted, as long as they don't have flashing lights and are located entirely on private property.

Letters were read from the Chamber of Commerce and Cass City Development Corp. thanking the council and Althaver for their past efforts to promote village development. Ex-council member Nat Tuttle made similar comments in person.

It was the last meeting for Althaver, who served 19 years as president and two as trustee, and Jim Ware and Dick Hampshire, both of whom served 10 years on the council. After the meeting, a "primer" session was held for the new council members and president, whose terms start April 1.

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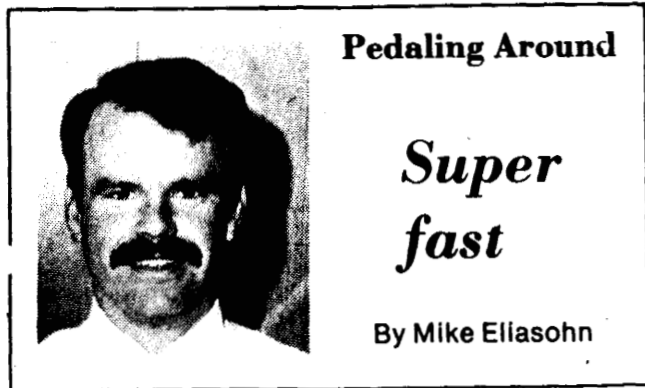
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By Mike Ellasohn

Saturday while on my way to Saginaw, I got my Escort up to about 78 miles an hour while passing two cars and a truck.

I say "about" because I was concerned about getting back in my lane before the oncoming car got to where I was, so didn't spend much time looking at the speedometer. I got back in my lane with a comfortable margin to spare -- I'm not that foolish a driver.

I also got a glance at the tachometer, which showed the engine was only turning about 3,300 revolutions per minute when I was going 78 mph, which got me wondering how fast my car would go. The red line on the tachometer is 5,500 rpm (anything above that and the engine starts making expensive breaking noises), so presumably it could go quite a bit faster.

My guess is my car would die somewhere in the 90 mph range, but I'm not about to find out. My fear of something going wrong at such a speed, like a blown tire, is bigger than my fear of getting a speeding ticket. Either one could be costly.

At legal speeds or slightly above, the Escort serves my needs fine, though a little more power for better acceleration would be nice. Then I wouldn't have to get up to 78 mph to pass somebody.

It makes me wonder what a person does with a car whose comfortable cruising speed is well above the legal limit.

It's not a problem I nor any of you reading this will probably have to worry about. Such super cruisers start at "very expensive" and work their way up to "very, very expensive."

For instance, there is the Vector W2 Twin Turbo, advertised in AutoWeek magazine as "the world's fastest investment."

According to the ad, "The Vector, designed to be the fastest production car in the world, accelerates from zero to 60 in less than 4 seconds and reaches a terminal velocity of 200+ mph."

For the technical minded, the engine is a 348 cubic inch fuel-injected aluminum V-8 "capable of developing 600+ horsepower."

What does all that speed and horsepower cost? "Three Vector models are now available, priced from \$79,950 to \$198,000."

The Vector is made in California by a new company.

For those who want a more established and exotic nameplate, there is the new Ferrari 308 GTO. Ferrari was calling some of its models "GTO's" long before Pontiac stole the name.

The new GTO has twin turbochargers, more than 400 horsepower (at 7,000 rpm) and will go 0-60 in less than 4.5 seconds, with a top speed of better than 190. All that for only \$91,000.

I hate to disappoint any of you who would like to buy one, but the first year's production of 200 cars has already sold -- with none of the buyers having driven the car before ordering it. The reason the Italian automaker is only making 200, at least the first year, is because that is the minimum number required for the car to be eligible to race in production classes.

However, for those who want to go racing with it, a limited number of racing versions of the GTO will be made with an engine pumping out 600 horsepower. The article I'm getting this information from doesn't say how much the racing version will cost.

The cheap way relatively speaking to go fast enough to scare yourself silly is to buy one of the so-called "super bikes."

For less than \$5,000, it's possible to buy a motorcycle that will reach 60 mph in less than 6 seconds and has a top speed of as much as 140.

That's if you don't mind riding a machine that can fall over.

There are 336 dimples on an average golfball.

Mosack arraigned for school break-in

Alain K. Mosack pleaded innocent Monday to a charge of breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling when he was arraigned by Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Mosack, 20, of 5100 S. Bay Port Road, Sebawaing, is charged with breaking into Gagetown Elementary School Dec. 1.

His plea was accepted and a pretrial hearing will be scheduled. Bond was continued.

In other cases Monday, Deborah Ann Katzinger, 31, of 6619 Plain Road, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to obtaining money under false pretenses.

Her plea was taken under advisement. Sentencing was scheduled June 18 if the plea is accepted. Bond was continued.

She is charged with having been paid \$312 reimbursement by her health insurance company by falsely claiming she paid that amount for drugs and visits to a doctor.

The guilty plea of Troy E. Symons, 20, of 322 Wells Street, Caro, to a charge of unlawful use of an auto was refused. A trial date will be scheduled.

He is charged with driving away a car belonging to a Caro auto dealership Jan. 17.

Harley E. Kelley, 36, of 2763 Hurds Corner Road, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of driving with license suspended and transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle March 27, 1983, in Almer Township.

His plea was accepted and a sentencing date will be set.

In a one-day trial Tuesday, March 20, the jury found Sharon Ann Plaetke, also known as Sharon Engle, 33, of 344 Wells Street, Caro, guilty of uttering and publishing a check for \$25 Nov. 12 in Caro.

A sentencing date will be scheduled. Bond was set at \$5,000.

DISTRICT COURT

George T. Trischler, 54, of 2799 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, was sentenced Monday by Judge Richard F. Kern for impaired driving Sept. 17 in Almer Township. A jury found him guilty of the charge Jan. 18.

Trischler was fined \$192, assessed \$133 court costs and is to pay \$50 restitution to the county mental health services. He was placed on probation for one year and is to attend the Alcohol Highway Safety Education program.

Trischler's license was suspended for 90 days except for driving to and from work and the safety program classes.

POSTPONED

The preliminary examination of Malcolm F. House, 17, of 6320 Virginia Drive, Cass City, scheduled last Thursday in Huron County District Court, has been postponed to April 10.

He is charged with criminal sexual conduct (first degree).

A person can live only two to three days without water, says National Wildlife magazine.



THE SENSATIONAL SIX won the fifth-sixth grade division of the Battle of the Books Friday evening at Rawson Memorial Library. From left are Steve Bills, Charlene Mellendorf, Mike Bills, Daniel Barriger, Ken Micklash and Jason Jezewski. They defeated the Sophisticated Smarties: Bobbi Fischer, Traci Haas, Wendy Hercliff, Laura Turner, Janel Sweeney and Michelle Kelly. Steven, Mike, Ken and Daniel were on the championship team four years in a row.



THE BOOKWORMS won the third-fourth grade division of the Battle of the Books Friday. From left are Kristy Gnagey, Tina Pallas, Angie Rhodes, Heather Kelly and Jennifer Fruendt. They defeated the Care Bears: Keri Santos, Tonna Wills, Rachel Kessler, Tanya Dillon and Heather Lindauer. The Bookworms are all members of Shirley Tuckey's third grade class at Campbell Elementary School.

Number of arrests by deputies increases in Feb.

Tuscola County sheriff's deputies arrested 66 persons in February, 14 more than in January.

Of the total, 45 were arrested for traffic related offenses (23 more than in January), usually drunk driving; five for family offenses, usually non-support, and four for larceny.

Officers issued 406 traffic tickets, 63 more than in January. Of the total, 157 were for speeding (an increase of 54); 81 for defective equipment, and 49 for insurance violations.

Eleven appearance tickets were issued, a decline of nine from the month before, all for transporting or possession of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

The sheriff's department received 436 telephone calls classified as "criminal," a drop of nine from January. The greatest number, 149, were for traffic related offenses (accidents, reckless drivers, etc.), followed by larcenies, 55, and vandalism, 45.

Patrol cars were driven 45,146 miles in February and consumed 3,477.4 gallons of gasoline (13 miles per gallon).

The county jail received 157 inmates, of whom 12 were females, and released 156.

Cass City police arrested or brought criminal charges against five persons in February, all for traffic related offenses, and Caro state police, 24, of which 19 were for traffic.

The number of respective complaints from and accidents in area townships and

villages in February were: Columbia, 4 and 1; Elkland, 17 and 0; Cass City, 54 and accidents not recorded by sheriff's department; Ellington, 9 and 1; Elmwood, 7 and 0; Kingston Township, 9 and 3; Kingston village, 3 and 2; Koylton, 6 and 2; Novesta, 17 and 3, and Wells, 15 and 1.

Blood drive at hospital Monday

Hills and Dales General Hospital is conducting a blood drive Monday from 1-7 p.m.

To make an appointment, call Jane Mitchell, RN, at the hospital at 872-2121. The bloodmobile is being sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club.

Fear of the needle keeps a lot of people from giving blood.

Both first-timers and veterans find that donating blood with a friend cuts

down nervousness and fear because they are visiting with each other. Mrs. Mitchell said. The Red Cross likes the idea, too, because it gets more donors to the bloodmobiles. There is a current shortage of blood.

A total of 225 units of blood are needed daily within the region served by the Wolverine Regional Red Cross Blood Services in order to maintain an adequate blood supply.

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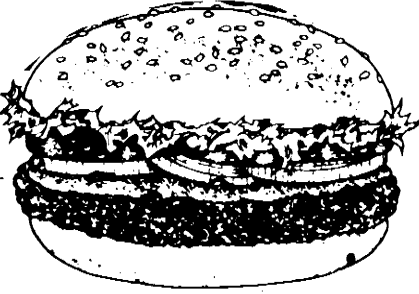
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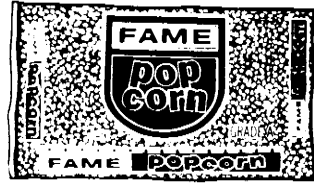
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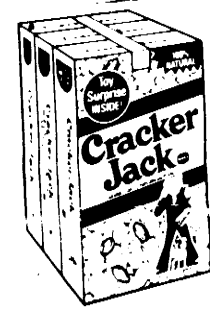


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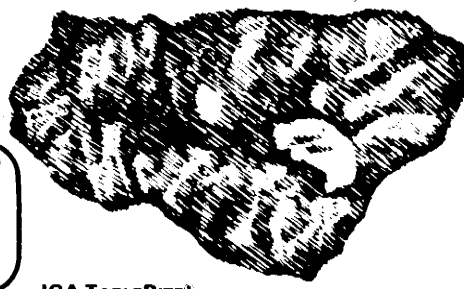
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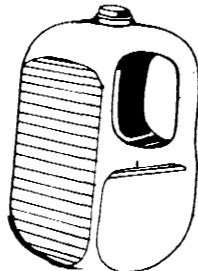
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Shabbona Area News

Marie Meredith

Phone 672-9489

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leslie and family, Ann, Al, Hope and Merilee, John Gallagher and Rick Pobanz were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moore and family were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family.

Fewer farms in Huron

The preliminary report of the 1982 Census of Agriculture shows that the number of farms in Huron County decreased from 1,800 to 1,655 since the 1978 census.

All land in farms totaled 434,975 acres in 1982, an average of 263 acres per farm. Land from which crops were harvested increased to 358,724 acres since 1978.

The county's farmers sold \$140.5 million in agricultural products. The 1982 sales represents an average of \$84,920 for each of the county's farms.

The census reports that \$59.7 million or 43 percent of total sales were for crops, while \$80.8 million or 57 percent came from the sale of livestock, poultry, and their products.

Preliminary data indicate that expenditures for feed for livestock and poultry were \$19.0 million; total farm energy costs were \$10.8 million; fertilizer costs were \$16.6 million, and seed costs were \$5.4 million.

Of the total farms in the county, 343 had gross sales of \$100,000 or more; 389 reported sales of less than \$10,000. Farms operated as sole proprietorships represented 87 percent of the total.

In 1982, the average age of farm operators was 47.7 years. The proportion of operators reporting farming as their principal occupation increased from 74 to 79 percent over the four year period.

Bean group continuation approved

The Michigan Bean Commission has been continued by a vote by bean farmers of 66.1 percent in favor, representing 68.2 percent of the total tonnage of dry beans produced.

The approval was by a much more substantial margin than in 1979, according to the MBC, when continuation was defeated by 17 votes, but those in favor represented 58.2 percent of the tonnage, so the commission lived on.

LeRoy Schluckebier, Tuscola County bean grower and commission chairman, said while the entire commission is pleased with the results especially compared to the vote five years ago, it doesn't mean the commission will be complacent. "In the future we will continue to aggressively pursue new, innovative, and effective programs."

The past several years have seen changes in commission programs, including greater food service emphasis, cooperation with canners and packers, and central administration of all programs through the commission office.

Expressing concern about growers who voted against the continuation of the commission, Schluckebier urged those who have questions or suggestions to attend the next meeting of the commission April 10, at Liberty Lanes in Sandusky. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

George Krause.

Mrs. John Dunlap visited John Dunlap Saturday at Caro Medical Center.

Mrs. Frank Pelton, Mrs. Karen King and girls were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Pelton's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Dyet and family in Pontiac. Mrs. Pelton, Mrs. King and girls later attended the wedding of Miss Lauretta Brandon and Robert Cleland of Pontiac.

Brian Schember was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Geister of Marlette. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Geister of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Franklin and family of Brown City and Mrs. Heather Westover. The birthdays of Mrs. Smith and her grandson, Mark Geister, were celebrated.

Mrs. Andy Hoagg returned home Sunday after being a patient in Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buerkle were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs.

Milk output increases in February

Milk production in Michigan during February, at 434 million pounds, was up 5 percent from a year earlier, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

This increase was due largely to the fact that February 1984 contained 29 days compared with 28 a year earlier. The extra day increases rate per cow and total milk production about 3.5 percent.

Milk cow numbers averaged 400,000, down slightly from a year earlier. Milk output averaged 1,085 pounds per cow, up 55 pounds from the shorter month of February, 1983.

Nationally, milk production during February totaled 10.9 billion pounds, 2 percent more than February, 1983. The longer month, due to leap year, kept milk production from falling below year earlier levels. February production per cow averaged 995 pounds, 26 pounds above a year earlier. Total milk cows averaged 11 million head, 1 percent less than a year earlier. The new dairy diversion program likely contributed to the recent downturn in milk cow numbers.

Don Smith and family.

BUNCO

The Bunco Group held its regular meeting Saturday evening, March 24, with Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Gray.

High was won by Arlington Gray, low by Mrs. Clair Auslander and door prize, to Mrs. Cecil Navarro. A cooperative lunch was served.

The next meeting will be Saturday evening, March 31, with Mr. and Mrs. Clair Auslander.

Skill Center blood drive successful

The nursing assistant-health occupations classes sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive at the Tuscola Area Skill Center March 15 for their community awareness project.

The bloodmobile was selected as a project for the students as a way to serve their communities. The students gained valuable experience in working with community persons in the project, which will enable them to compete in Kalamazoo, for their Health Occupations Students of America Youth Club.

Several Caro businesses donated food items.

The goal was 70 pints of blood and 97 pints from students and staff were obtained. There were 75 first time donors. The bloodmobile was a complete success and a first time project for the students at the Tuscola Area Skill Center.

The teacher for the program is Pat Kirby.

Shabbona United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday evening, April 4, with Mrs. Arlington Gray. The lesson will be by Mrs. Robert Bader. A silent bake sale will be held.

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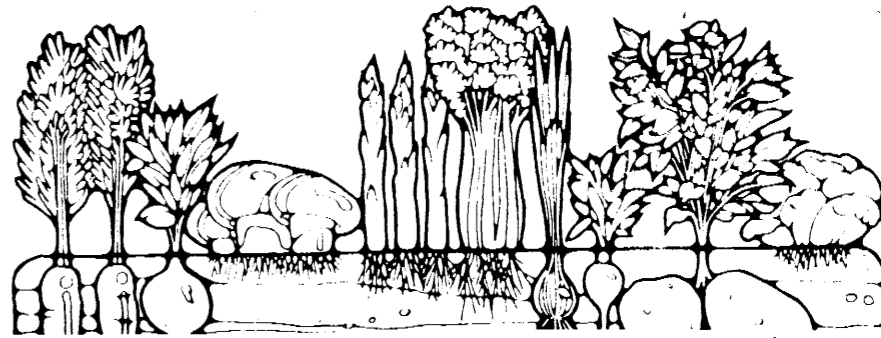
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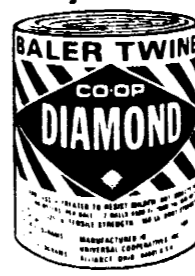
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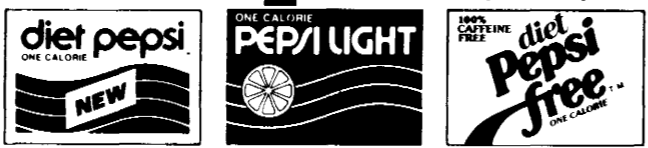
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Among those calling on the family of Mrs. Sadie McHenry at the Steurnol Funeral Home in West Branch last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rabideau, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rabideau of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rabideau of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rabideau, Velma Helwig, M.M. Downing, Gerry Carolan and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kehoe, Gagetown. Peter Langlois was honored last Friday on his 84th birthday when several of his grandchildren gathered at the Langlois home for ice cream and cake. Mrs. Tom (Prudence) Quinn has been a patient at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, for the past several weeks. Allen and Cynthia Prich are the parents of a baby boy, eight pounds and two ounces, born March 22 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. His name is James Scott and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Urban of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. George Prich. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Lenora Shantz. Practice sessions have begun for the presentation of an all-school play, "Murder in the Magnolias," by Owen-Gage High School students. The play is a mystery-comedy, under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Parks and will be shown April 12-13-15. Cast members include Stu Stirtrett, Kendra Kretschmer, Bill Ashmore, Tina Lopez, John Shope, Peter Sparks, Roger Godinez, Kendra Reehl, Marcy Enderle, Ron Good, Lynette Mickelson and Amy Wood.

Saturday, Mrs. Ceil Zuraw visited her sister, Mrs. Irene Sobieray, who is a patient at Saginaw General Hospital, and was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Boenach and family of Saginaw. Overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodell were their daughter and their grandson, JoAnne and Joshua Beauchamp of Bay City. Mrs. Gerry Carolan spent the week end in Bay City with Mrs. Mary Carolan and Sunday they visited Mrs. Oma Vader of Unionville. Miss Gloria Nimitz and Kerry McKellar of Sebewaning and Mrs. Mary McKellar and Mrs. Sue Penrod

Thumb area road being improved

The Michigan Department of Transportation will designate M-142 a "green route" from M-53 in Bad Axe east to M-25 in Harbor Beach upon the completion of a \$1.1 million highway construction project that will be completed this summer. State Rep. Dick Allen (R-Fairgrove) has announced. Designation of the "green route" for the 18 miles of road between Bad Axe and Harbor Beach will allow larger, heavier trucks to use the highway. Wide and heavy trucks have been banned from using the road until now because it did not meet state and federal load limits. Allen has been working with the Department of Transportation to obtain the route designation since early last year. Bids on the construction project were taken last August and the widening and resurfacing of the roadway and shoulders was begun in September.

Huron reunion in Florida attracts 195

The 24th annual Huron County reunion was held March 17 at Beall Auditorium in Bradenton, Fla., with 195 members and guests attending. There was a potluck lunch and organ music. Activities included group singing and prize drawings. Thirteen couples reported they have been married 50 years or more. The 1985 reunion will be March 2 in the same place. The typical U.S. family of four uses about 350 gallons of water each day, says National Wildlife magazine.

attended the 5:30 p.m. wedding Saturday of Laurie Konkol and Randall Martek. The ceremony was held at Redemption Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, with a reception immediately following at Club Monte Carlo. Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous and Deacon Lambert Kuhr visited Mrs. Generous' mother, Mrs. Thresa Johnston, at the Huron County Medical Center Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cummings arrived home Saturday after spending the winter in Lakeland, Fla. Guests of Mrs. Mary Downing and attending the funeral of W.C. Hunter were Mr. and Mrs. Delos Wood of Toledo, O., Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hunter of Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Agnes Corner of Mason, Mrs. Sue Scott of Saginaw, Miss Vicky Downing of Canton and Rick Hunter of Kalamazoo. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Comment arrived home Sunday after a trip to Colleyville, Texas, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Woodard and Jodi. Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous called Sunday at the Huston Funeral Home in Caro, on the family of Allen Gryce. Mr. Gryce was buried Sunday in the Almer Cemetery after services at the Huston Funeral Home with Dr. John Bunce officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Comment and daughter of Un-

ionville, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Bridson of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Comment, Miss Mary O'Rourke, and Miss Nellie O'Rourke were guests for the week end of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Comment and Matthew of Export, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous were dinner guests of their son, Jack Generous of Caro, and they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Generous, Sunday evening. At their regular monthly meeting, the Methodist Women's Group discussed plans for a Mother-Daughter Banquet in May, the Sunday brunch for April 1st, and got an early start making items for their Christmas bazaar. Mrs. Gerry Carolan was a guest for lunch Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Elva Haggitt, Akron. Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka opened her home Sunday to welcome 31 family members for an early Easter celebration while Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ondrajka, Dale and Melanie are visiting. Guests for the potluck dinner were the John Ondrajkas and Robin Ferguson of Marlette, the Mark Ondrajkas of Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Self and family of Flint, the Lester Kochs of Parma, the Wilbert Kochs and Amasa Ondrajkas of Unionville, the Marty Geigers of Sebewaning and Freddie, Patti and Lori Ondrajka. The occasion was also the 2nd birthday of Jake Self of Flint. The Fred

Ondrajakas' leave ends Thursday and they returned to Charleston, S.C. Mrs. Leo Seuryneck and Mrs. L. Cummings attended a shower Tuesday evening honoring the bride-to-be of their grandson, Tim Cummings. He will be wed April 27 to Miss Rose Salman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Seyyaz Salman of Sarasota, Fla. Tim is the son of Ruth and Gary Cummings of Essexville and he is employed with a computer firm in Veldosta, Ga. The bridal shower, hosted by Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Salman, was held at the Carousel East in Essexville.



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DNR plans research programs to increase pheasant populations

The days of the 1940s, 50s and early 60s when Thumb area towns, including Cass City, were crowded each fall with hunters on their way to or from pheasant hunting are long gone.

Those days are likely never to return, but the state Department of Natural Resources has various programs underway in an attempt to at least partially restore the golden years of pheasant hunting.

The DNR is planning to import ringneck pheasants from Communist China to use as breeding stock, is starting a program for 4-H'ers to raise pheasant chicks, and is undertaking research programs to determine how pheasant stocks can be increased.

According to Peter Squibb, DNR farm-urban wildlife specialist, who spoke earlier this year in Sebawaing, in the peak years in the 1950s, there were 750,000 pheasant hunters in Michigan, who bagged about 1.5 million birds each year.

In comparison, there were about 160,000 hunters last year, who took home about 140,000 pheasants. Changes in farming practices are the primary reason for the decline in the pheasant population, although weather has been a factor, according to Carlton (Bud) Jarvis, area wildlife biologist at Caro.

Sanilac pays notes early

Kenneth Rhead, Sanilac County treasurer, has announced that \$950,000 of Sanilac County General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, Series 1981, stated to mature May 1, 1985, will be redeemed one year early.

The notes being redeemed are part of \$2,750,000 of notes issued in 1981 to fund the county's delinquent tax revolving fund for 1980 delinquent real property taxes due to taxing units within the county.

"We have collected more than enough delinquent taxes, interest and fees to pay the notes off early," said Rhead, "and the resolution that authorized the sale of the notes requires me to redeem them May 1, 1984, if we have the money to do so."

Interest due on the notes will be paid as usual May 1, out no interest will be paid on the redeemed notes past that date. "It is very important that investors get their notes in to the paying agent on time," said Rhead, "otherwise, their money will be earning no interest."

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Fall plowing, which is common now, eliminates a source of feed and habitat for pheasants. Herbicides eliminate weeds, the seeds from which were eaten by pheasants. Drainage tile eliminates wet areas where cattails and weeds grew, where pheasants could hide. Cow manure contains waste grain that pheasants could eat, but now most cattle feed in fenced in lots, not in open fields.

Creating larger fields by getting rid of hedgerows has eliminated another habitat.

"That's why pheasants aren't as plentiful and never will be as plentiful," Jarvis summarized.

CHANGING PRACTICES in order to increase the pheasant population would be costly to farmers, so with that in mind, the DNR will undertake a study to determine what farmers might be willing to do and at what cost.

The department has established three test areas, each of about 24 square miles, one along the Huron-Tuscola County line and the others in Shiawassee and Eaton Counties.

Farmers in those areas will shortly receive a questionnaire asking them what they might be willing to do to increase the number of pheasants and what it would cost.

Depending on the re-

sponses, the DNR might then start some measures within the test areas to measure the results.

Measures needed, Jarvis said, are to leave corn standing over the winter, possibly five acres in a square mile, or sorghum, as a source of food and protection. The other is to postpone the first cutting of hay for 35-40 days later than normal on perhaps 10 acres in a square mile, so that the pheasants can nest in the tall grass.

If such a test program proves successful and costs are reasonable, Jarvis said, sportsmen will have to pay for it to become permanent and larger.

ANOTHER RESEARCH project will directly involve the pheasants.

Unfortunately, the test program has probably been delayed a year. What the DNR was going to do, Jarvis explained, was to attach radio transmitters to 50 birds, mostly hens, to determine where they eat, how far they travel, problems they encounter, etc.

The transmitters were to be attached to 25 pheasants which congregated in a field on state land northwest of Cass City and 25 in a farm field near Owendale.

Just before that was to be done, however, in February, the snow melted and the pheasants dispersed from the two areas.

Thus the experiment will probably have to wait until next winter, when a large number of pheasants again congregate in those two areas. There had been more than 100 in each field.

SOME LOGISTICAL problems have delayed shipping 200 wild ringneck pheasants from mainland China to Michigan.

The birds are from the Sichuan Province, which has a climate similar to Michigan's, so DNR officials hope they will thrive here, unlike some other pheasants imported here, which were raised on game farms in Europe.

Once they arrive, after a 30-day quarantine period, the Chinese pheasants are to be taken to the DNR's wildlife rearing facility near Mason.

Jarvis said the hope was to have the birds producing eggs for this year's nesting season, with the offspring to be released this summer or fall. It now looks like the pheasants won't arrive in time for that to take place, so their offspring won't be released until spring, 1985.

It hasn't been decided yet where the new birds will be released, according to the biologist, but likely locations would include the upper Thumb and Ottawa and Barry Counties in southwestern Michigan, where pheasants used to be plentiful.

THE FOURTH PHEASANT project is being undertaken by the DNR in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service.

The DNR is providing up to 100 day-old chicks free to 4-H'ers who agree to:

--Provide adequate, acceptable facilities for rearing the birds prior to releasing them no later than Sept. 30.

--Follow guidelines and habitat requirements outlined in the 4-H project book and DNR pheasant rearing brochure.

--Complete project achievement requirements as designed by the 4-H agent and project leaders.

The chicks will be available at the DNR Mason wildlife facility from about May 20-June 20. The county 4-H agent or a representative will pick up all the chicks there for their county.

The primary purpose of the program is educational, not to increase the number of pheasants, according to Squibb. "Through the proposed 4-H pheasant rearing program," he said in the DNR's "Natural Resources Register," "we hope to increase awareness throughout the farming community of the habitat needs of wild pheasants for survival and increased population."

Sign-up for the program at county 4-H extension offices ended about a month ago. In Tuscola, according to county 4-H Youth Agent Peggy Breclaw, 4-H'ers signed up for a total of

about 2,000 chicks.

The DNR is giving away 30,000 chicks statewide.

This is the second year for the project. Last year,

there was a minimal charge and Tuscola 4-H'ers got about 500 birds, of which only 150 lived to be released in the wild.

2 O-G spikers are all-league

Two Owen-Gage players and one from Kingston were named to the North Central Thumb D League all-league volleyball first team.

They were Bulldogs Sheila Engelhardt, a senior, and Linda Retford, a junior, and Cardinal senior Melissa Gardner.

Others on the first team were Lucinda McNeil, junior, and Sandra Gaffke, senior, both of Port Hope; Brenda Humble, Peck senior, and Stacy Bennett, Caseville senior.

Second team members were Jill Westfall and Alisa

Swan, both Akron-Fairgrove; Denise Kipp, Peck; Gela Kretzschmer and Michelle Simet, both of Caseville, and Mary Lou Williamson, Deckerville.

Senior Denise James of Kingston received honorable mention.

Thumb D names all-league teams

Three players were unanimous selections to the North Central Thumb D League all-league basketball first team.

They were forward Larry Smith, Kingston junior; forward Steve Bollinger,



TURKEY SHOOT - From left: Ron Palmer Jr., Jim Stimpfel, Rod Palmer, Joe Steadman and Richard Palmer, ages 11-16, competed in the junior division of the Cass City Gun Club red bird and turkey shoot Sunday afternoon. The skeet and trap shoot meet attracted about 60 participants from all over the upper Thumb, who competed for prizes including turkeys and chickens (ready for cooking).

Akron-Fairgrove senior, and center Dan Kennedy, North Huron junior.

Other first team selections were Scott Ballard, center, A-F senior; Al Clark, center, Carsonville-Port Sanilac senior; Ray


Boyle, guard, NH senior; Scott McCanham, guard, Peck senior, and Pat Murphy, guard, Port Hope senior.

Named to the second team were forward Scott

Wright, Owen-Gage senior; guard Dave Green, Kingston sophomore; guard Doug Hall and forward Pat Oswald, both Deckerville seniors, and guard Brian Hoody, Caseville senior.

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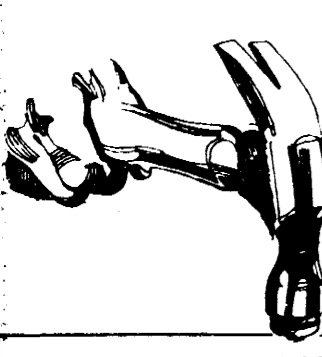
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Sometimes it's dangerous in Alaska

Salmon fishing pays for Gagetownites

When Frank and Beatrice Abfalter and their family go fishing, they don't go to Saginaw Bay and it isn't for fun.

The Abfalters spend their summers on an Alaskan island almost 4,000 miles from their Gagetown area home, netting salmon for pay.

Abfalter and his sons, William Frank, 17, and Robert, 16, do the fishing.

This summer will be the 14th or 15th for Abfalter, who grew up in the Marlette area and graduated from Marlette High School. Before then, however, he

had moved with his mother and stepfather to Alaska in 1959. They returned in 1961.

After high school, Abfalter joined the Air Force and was stationed in Alaska. It was there, he met Beatrice, a native Alaskan who was born north of the Arctic Circle "where there weren't any trees, I knew that." They have been married 18 years.

Her father was a fisherman, and he got Abfalter started.

They first lived the non-fishing months in Alaska, but for the last seven have lived near Gagetown.

In addition to their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Abfalter have four daughters, Marilyn, 10, Janet, 8, and twins Darlene and Melody, 6. The children attend the Owen-Gage schools.

DURING THE FISHING season, the family lives at Kalgin Island, which is about four miles wide and 13-14 miles long. It is in the Cook Inlet, 25 miles from the city of Kenai.

The boats and equipment are left in Kenai over the winter.

About 15-20 families live on the island and fish in the

summer, according to Robert. One family lives on the island year-round. The Abfalters are the only ones living in the "lower 48" during the off-season. The rest live elsewhere in Alaska.

The Abfalters choose to make the long trek twice a year between Alaska and Gagetown for various reasons. One is that Michigan winters are easier on his arthritis and another is his work. Abfalter is a self-employed building contractor and carpenter. In Alaska, it was "just getting hard to make a living up there."

He works mostly in the Detroit area, driving down there Monday morning, returning mid-week, then going back until the week end.

Another reason for living where they do," Mrs. Abfalter said, was that they "didn't want our children growing up not knowing their cousins."

THE FAMILY DEPARTS for Alaska about June 1, and only an airplane gets there faster. Riding in a half-ton pickup fitted with bunks inside the camper, they make the almost 4,000 mile journey in 3½ days, which means about 21 hours of driving a day. Frank Abfalter does most of the driving.

When he first went there in 1959, he said, the Alaskan Highway wasn't much more than a Jeep trail. Now, all but 325 miles are paved and within two years, it will probably all be paved.

The salmon fishing season is limited by the Alaskan government to June 25-Aug. 15, so the family first stays in Trapper Creek, about 80 miles north of Anchorage, where Abfalter does a few carpentry jobs.

Once the season begins, there are other limitations so that the inlet isn't over-

fished while the salmon move upstream to spawn.

The fishermen are limited to netting from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday and Fridays. The government, whose fishing specialists keep watch, may add extra hours or days during heavy runs. Abfalter and his sons fished for seven days in a row during one stretch last summer.

The two Franks fish in one boat. Robert works for a neighbor who lives down the beach.

The netting is done from open boats. The new one Abfalter built is 24 feet long and is powered by a 35 horsepower outboard.

The netting is usually done 300-400 yards from shore. On very good days, the 210-by-19 foot net can be filled in 15 minutes, which is at least 190 fish. There are other days, however, when they catch only seven or eight fish all day.

The fish are emptied into the boat. Once the boat is full, about 250 fish, it is driven to the motorless scow floating offshore, where the fish are unloaded.

A boat from Kenai unloads the scow and takes the fish to the cannery there.

Kenai is also where the family goes to get needed supplies. It is 25 miles or about 40 minutes by boat.

THE FAMILY LIVES on Kalgin Island in a 1 1/2 story, 14-by-16 foot cabin, which is smaller than the living room of their Gagetown home.

A generator provides electricity and a hose running to a stream provides running water. Some cabins there have neither. Toilet facilities consist of an outhouse.

When the men are fishing, Marilyn said, "We cook and clean and take walks around the island. Sometimes we go up a hill and

pick berries." When the men aren't fishing, they repair their nets and gear.

IT'S DANGEROUS work sometimes. When Abfalter first started in the business, the season started in April and some fishermen kept at it until December. They could fish everyday, so if the weather was bad, it wasn't too costly to stay home that day.

But with the season limited now to less than two months and two days a week, they can't afford not to go out. "I've seen 35 foot waves," he said. "I've fished in 15-foot waves. It's not fun, it's scary."

His wife added, "You've fished in fog where you got lost and couldn't see the scow."

Economically, Abfalter said, fishing is like farming. Some years it's good and some it isn't.

In a "super good" year he can gross \$65,000-70,000 and

if he chose, could clear \$55,000. He doesn't like to pay high taxes, however, so in the very good years, spends a lot of his profits on new equipment.

In bad years, however, net profits may be only \$7,000-8,000.

THE COMMERCIAL fishermen in the Cook Inlet are facing two financial pressures. One is that the Japanese company that now owns the canneries last year cut the price it was paying fishermen in half, to 80 cents a pound, for their catches.

The fishermen are vowing this year, Abfalter said, to strike if they don't get at least \$1 a pound.

The other pressure is coming from sports fishermen who want more of the salmon reserved for them. Abfalter predicted within 10 years, commercial fishermen will be forced out of business.

Until that happens, he

has no intentions of stopping. The Alaskan government limits the number of commercial fishermen in the Cook Inlet to 1,035, so the only way to get a license is to buy one from a fisherman who already has one.

That has made the value of a license very high, about \$75,000 and up. Abfalter has been offered \$290,000 for his license, boats and equipment and beach rights, but won't sell. "I enjoy fishing too much."

As for his children, he feels it is an educational experience they could get no other way, that they've probably met more persons and seen more scenery "than most kids would in a lifetime."

How do the Abfalter children feel? Marilyn said when they are in Alaska, they feel they would rather be in Michigan and vice-versa. "We like it (both places) the same."



THE ABFALTER FAMILY consists of, seated from left, Robert, Darlene, Frank, William Frank (who had minor surgery), and Melody. Standing are Janet, Marilyn and Beatrice.



TWO FISHING BOATS in the Cook Inlet. Abfalter builds his own boats, the newest being a 24-footer, powered by a 35 horsepower outboard motor.



NET MENDING -- The fishing nets are normally used only two days a week, 12 hours per day, but in-between, a lot of time has to be spent repairing them, which is what Frank Abfalter is doing.



SALMON as they are pulled from the net into the boat. The Abfalters catch four varieties, most of which are from 3-14 pounds in size. Rarest are king salmon, which average 60 pounds. One they caught last summer weighed 106, the biggest caught in the Cook Inlet since 1949.

Estimate \$150 loss in fire

Elmwood Township Gagetown firemen were called to the John P. Graham residence, 4188 N. Jacob Road, at 2:55 a.m. Friday because of a chimney fire.

Fire Chief Chuck Wright said the fire started paneling in the kitchen burning but the occupants put that fire out. The chimney fire burned itself out and the owner was cleaning the chimney with a brush by the time firemen arrived, he said.

Wright estimated the loss at \$150 to the damaged paneling.

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Several injuries among host of area auto accidents

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The driver of the other car involved, Robert L. Sawdon, 40, of 140 Cemetery Road, Deford, and one of his two passengers, Eldon W. Fulcher, 59, of 4387 Koepfgen Road, Cass City, were reported to have sought their own treatment.

Sheriff's deputies said Sawdon was driving on Gilford Road, west of Purdy Road, when he observed the Linabury auto, headed in the opposite direction, slide into the path of his car. Sawdon said he tried to avoid a collision, but was unable to do so.

The accident report indicated one of the victims was thrown from his or her vehicle, but didn't say which one. It also was unclear as to which car was eastbound and which was westbound.

The second accident took place at 4:49 p.m.

Treated and released from Hills and Dales Gen-

eral Hospital were Lynn A. Sorenson, 29, of Rt. 1 Cass City Road, and his passenger, Mary M. Bushong, 31, of 5175 E. Cass City Road.

The driver of the other car involved, Shirley G. Strickland, 54, of 4431 S. Seeger Street, was reported to have sought her own treatment.

Deputies reported a car driven by a 16-year-old juvenile, later ticketed for failing to signal a turn, had stopped in the westbound lane of M-81, in order to turn left onto Greenland Road.

Sorenson, who was westbound, told officers by the time he realized the other vehicle had stopped, he was unable to stop. His car slid on the snow-covered road into the eastbound lane and it was struck in the right side by the car driven by Mrs. Strickland.

Sorenson was given a ticket citing him for improper

license plates and no proof of insurance.

The snow was the cause of a third accident at 10:26 a.m. last Thursday.

Cass City police said Nancy Lee Kessler of 6420 Sixth Street, was westbound on Sixth, turned right onto West Street and her car slid into a southbound car stopped at the yield sign.

Driver of the other car was Sandra Kay Gwizdala, 34, of Fairgrove.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

At 6:58 a.m. Monday, Cass City police reported, Amy Jo Hartel, 22, of 4651 Robinson Road, was northbound on Weaver Street, stopped at the stop sign at Church, then started to cross the intersection, where her car was hit by a westbound auto.

Driver of the other car was Nancy C. Peters, 45, of 5515 Van Dyke Road.

Mrs. Hartel said she didn't see the Peters' auto approaching, possibly because of the glare of the sun.

Ronald L. Baumeister, 18, of Deckerville, was ticketed by Caro state police on a charge of careless driving following a 12:15 a.m. accident Saturday.

He told troopers he was eastbound on Deckerville Road, west of Lamton Road, when he fell asleep and his vehicle went off the north side of the road into the ditch.

A mishap took place in the parking lot of the Kings-

wood Inn at M-46 and Phillips Road at 5:50 a.m. last Thursday.

Deputies said Don L. Anger, 48, of 3122 Phillips Road, Kingston, and Robert J. Neu, 41, of 6112 Tamarack Drive, Kingston, were backing up side by side in order to park and their vehicles collided.

Last Wednesday, Caro state police reported, Katherine E. Dunford, 38, of Silverwood, was driving on Deckerville Road, east of Kingston Road, when her car stalled.

She got it running long enough to drive it partially onto the shoulder.

Consuelo G. Nickerson, 49, of 5305 Rossman Road, Kingston, who was westbound, then attempted to drive around the Dunford

auto. An eastbound car prevented her from moving over far enough and her car ran into the left rear of the Dunford auto.

Joyce Ann Schwartz, 31, of 6128 Deckerville Road, Deford, also had trouble with a vehicle that stopped running.

Troopers reported she was northbound on Colwood Road at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, when her engine died when she stopped at M-81. She got it started, but 'accidentally' put it into reverse gear and the vehicle backed into the car stopped behind her.

Driver of the car was Dennis C. Putnam, 33, of Remington Road, Caro.

Ms. Schwartz received a ticket for no proof of insurance.

William C. Wren, 35, of Mayville, was westbound on M-46, east of Phillips Road, at 3 p.m. March 19, deputies reported, when the trailer his car was pulling, loaded with slab wood, started fishtailing.

When lost control and the car and trailer went off the north side of the road.

Cass City police reported the car of Kelly Smith was parked in the alley behind 6325 Main Street, west of Downing, around noon March 19 when a hit and run driver backed into it.

Village officers said the car of Charlotte Kitchin of 6178 W. Shabbona Road, Deford, was parked in the alley behind the Coach Light Pharmacy March 15 when a hit and run vehicle backed into it.



LISA BRITT, an eighth grader at Cass City Intermediate School, won the district spelling bee at West Branch last Thursday over the winners from eight other schools. The second place competitor missed on "parfait." Lisa spelled it and then "scalded" to win the title and the opportunity to compete in the upcoming state spelling bee. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britt of Greenland Road first won the eighth grade spelling bee and then the all-school bee to advance to the district event.

Beyette truck is looted

Lee Beyette of 6727 Voss Road, Cass City, reported to sheriff's deputies Friday morning the battery and a baby seat were stolen from his truck during the night.

The battery was valued at \$55; the seat at \$50. Two wheels were taken off a car parked at his house, but the thieves left them on the ground. They also tore the windshield wipers off the car.



COMPUTER -- A computer worth \$240 was the grand prize in the recent St. Patrick's Day drawing conducted by the Cass City Retail Committee. John Montgomery (right) of Fairgrove, who works in Cass City, received his prize last Thursday from Al Milligan.

Mostly water

A person's body is about 65 percent water. A loss of only 15 percent, or less than about eight quarts of one's body water, is usually fatal, says National Wildlife magazine.

Mothering program April 5

Christian Mothering Day for all area women will be Thursday, April 5, at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon.

Sessions will be about the single parent, special child, step-parenting, pre-school child, elementary child, teenagers, grandmothering and the working mother. Those attending will be able to attend two sessions.

The morning keynote speaker will be Elise Arndt of Troy, speaking on the "Importance of Mothering." A pastor's wife and mother of five children, former missionary to New Guinea and author of "A Mother's Touch," she will also lead the teenagers session.

"Causes of Misbehavior," the afternoon keynote address, will be given by Miriom Sweigart of Midland. A teacher of pre-school teachers, former pre-school teacher, mother of five and grandmother of seven, she works with the Saginaw Board of Education, and will also be leading the pre-school session.

The morning session starts at 9:15 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:45 a.m. Closing will be at 4 p.m.

No registration fee is required, but a free will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

Hot lunch will be available at the school for \$3 prepaid, received by Tuesday, April 3. Make checks payable to CLCW Mothering Day. Send to: Mrs. Roger Fritz, 2946 S. Caseville Road, Owendale 48754.

Mothers registering after the deadline should bring a sack lunch.

Baby sitting services for nursing babies and infants will be available at the church and for older youngsters at the school gym.

To register call: Cross Lutheran School until 2 p.m. 453-3331; Sandy Renn, 453-3688; Linda Fritz, 678-4457 or Bernice Shupe, 269-8443.

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