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SUPT. KEN MICKLASH, right, welcomes group to third annual school-community meeting, where the new school improvement program highlighted the discussion.

Koylton Board okays Kingston Camp permit

As expected, the Koylton Township Board last week approved a special use permit for Pioneer Work and Learn Center, paving the way for the juvenile rehabilitation program to again operate at Kingston Hills Camp.

But it appears township voters will have the final say.

The permit was approved during an hour-long special meeting last Wednesday.

Some 70 people packed into the small township meeting room to hear discussion preceding the vote. The talk focused on provisions of the permit as well as guarantees that the camp would fully comply with those provisions.

Board members also debated a key question: could the special-use permit become void if voters, in a special election set for March 17, overturn a December Township Board motion that is essential to the camp's application for the permit?

According to a legal opinion obtained by Trustee Douglas Kramer from the Michigan Township Association, the camp could retain its permit even if voters overturn that motion, which repealed a 1988 zoning ordinance amendment prohibit-

ing camps from being occupied by any more than 10 people.

"If (the camp) establishes a vested interest in that special-use permit, they would be able to keep that permit," he said.

Township attorney Dan Atkins, however, stated he believes the permit will be invalid if voters overturn the board's motion.

AGREEMENT

As for the provisions of the permit, Kramer briefly outlined an agreement in which Pioneer officials stated they will:

*Operate as a licensed child care facility.

*Serve a maximum of 50 youths at any one time.

*Serve youths aged 12-17 who are categorized as neglected, dependent, abandoned, abused or delinquent, and who have been convicted of non-violent crimes only.

*Abide by all state and local fire, health, safety and building codes.

*Educate youth exclusively on the camp premises.

*Continue to offer employment to qualified local applicants.

*Seek Township Board approval before making any substantial modifications to

the camp facility, and

*Upon the township's request, provide periodic reports on camp activities related to the special-use permit.

"In my mind, we've tried to get specific guidelines as to what they can and can not do," Kramer said.

CONCERN

Only one board member, Treasurer Louis Haase, voiced concern about granting Pioneer permission to move back into the Kingston area camp. He wondered aloud whether the state-backed agency would again ignore local zoning laws.

Zoning Board Chairman Russell Mayer, who repeatedly pointed out that the Zoning Board has not completed its public hearing on the camp's permit application, agreed. He urged the board to get some guarantees in writing.

"Do you go back to court to enforce (these provisions), or do you get a performance bond?" he asked.

Requiring the camp to post a \$50,000 performance bond was one of several recommendations submitted to the board by Mayer. Another suggestion was to set a time limit on the permit.

The board agreed to require the performance bond, provided the cost doesn't exceed \$500. Members also discussed, but took no action on, a proposal to grant the permit for one year, with renewal based on an annual evaluation of the program.

Following discussion, the board voted 4-1 in favor of granting the permit.

BACK IN COURT?

Haase cast the lone dissenting vote. He later indicated he fears the township may eventually end up back in court, again trying to force Pioneer officials to comply with local zoning laws.

"We had a strong ordinance. I thought we did," Haase said. Having approved the permit, he lamented, "I don't think (we) have a leg to stand on."

"The people will have their say (in March) one way or another."

Mayer protested the board's decision to act on the permit rather than wait until after the referendum. He said Pioneer officials, who are temporarily operating at Camp Fowler, have a 6-month provisional license from the state.

Camp associate director Bill Haines countered that Please turn to back page.

Invitations ignored

Little interest in special school meet

The special meeting at Cass City High School Thursday night was designed to have a dialogue between school personnel and members of the business, professional and industrial community.

Despite special letters sent to selected persons only 5 of the 25 that attended were from the community. The remainder were either school personnel or members of the board of education.

It was the third annual community interaction meeting and the consensus was that there was less criticism of the school than at the previous 2 meetings.

Supt. Ken Micklash opened the meeting and said

that he felt the school was getting better each year and said that there would be no need to ask for an increased millage this year. He outlined the physical improvements of school buildings and stressed the school's comparatively low millage rate of 30.9 mills.

Teachers and administrators from the various school buildings explained the new school improvement program (SIP) that the school is working to adopt.

Geraldine Tibbitts, one of the leaders in the school improvement program, outlined the various meetings she had attended to learn about the new system. She also pointed out that relationships between teachers

and the administration have been excellent.

Linda Gray talked about SIP in Campbell Elementary School. We are making changes there, she said, and hope in the future to change the marking system from the traditional A-B-C method now used.

One of the biggest changes that SIP is bringing will be in the Middle School where students in each grade will be grouped together and a new "team" teaching approach adopted. Students will only have to walk across the hall to class and the traditional class bell will be a thing of the past, Diana Williams, said.

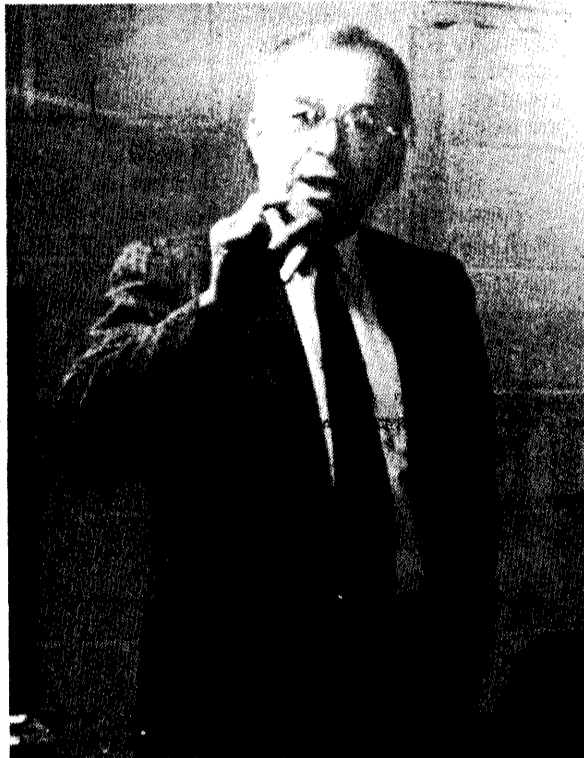
Principal Dorland Kuntz said that new sched-

ules allow for teacher planning at Deford School. Jerry Cleland told of the increase in interest in foreign language and math at the high school.

In the discussion that followed, Dan Hittler said perhaps members of the community should be asking, what can we do to make our school better?

That sparked a discussion about community support which was described by Micklash as great.

Micklash said that communication between the community and the school has been very good and, he grinned, the band will play at the July 4 Festival even if I have to lead it personally.



MICHIGAN MILK Producers President Elwood Kirkpatrick, speaking during the annual meeting of the Deford Local of the MMPA Saturday, urged producers to contact their legislators and tell them how they feel about proposed changes in the dairy industry's pricing system.

For higher prices

Deford MMPA told to seek new milk law

The good news for dairy producers is that milk prices aren't expected to drop as much in the coming year as they did in 1991. On the other hand, they aren't expected to reach the highs seen in 1991.

Prices in 1992 will be "not good, but better than last year," Elwood Kirkpatrick, president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, predicted at the annual meeting of the Deford Local of the MMPA, held Saturday at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Kirkpatrick noted producers received an average of \$12.15 per hundredweight (cwt) last year, when surplus levels reached 9 billion pounds.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials predict farmers will receive about the same average price in 1992, with an expected increase of one percent in production and one to 2 percent in consumption, he said.

However, he added, the surplus is expected to fall to 6 billion pounds in 1992, which means producers should receive an average of 20 to 30 cents cwt. more this year.

During his discussion, Kirkpatrick indicated the price woes facing the dairy industry are due primarily to problems with the current method of pricing.

He outlined price levels over the past 2 years. Producers received \$15.75 cwt. in December 1989, \$11.70 cwt. in December 1990, \$11.20 cwt. in April 1991 and \$13.58 cwt. in December 1991.

"As far as we could tell, the consumer didn't back off when the milk price was at \$15.75," he remarked, adding that when the price fell, there wasn't an increase in consumption.

UNDER PRICING

"(That) tells us that we're probably under pricing our product."

Over the years, the emphasis in the dairy industry has been the support price program, Kirkpatrick continued. He said it worked well until a surplus began to build up, prompting a trend of backing away from the program.

As a result, the 1981 support price of \$13.10 cwt. was reduced to \$11.60 cwt. in 1985, and to \$10.10 cwt. in 1990.

Kirkpatrick said an attempt was made last fall to remedy the problem via legislation that proposed setting the support price at a level near the cost of production — \$11 to \$12 cwt. — with a built-in "trigger" (2-tier pricing system) that would prevent a surplus build-up.

"We ran into all kinds of

problems" trying to get the legislation passed by congress, he said. By the time legislators were finished, the bill offered a support price level of \$11.60 cwt., but included assessments of as much as 60 cents cwt.

As a result, the National Dairy Producers withdrew their support and the bill died.

WILL TRY AGAIN

Industry officials will try again, according to the MMPA chief, who said the goal is to establish a system of balanced market pricing, paid for with a 5 or 10-cent assessment, that will maintain a surplus of between 4 and 6 billion pounds of milk. The result would be a 20- to 30-percent increase in the price producers receive.

Kirkpatrick pointed out that a key ingredient in the effort will be participation by individual producers, who can help by calling their legislators and telling them how they feel.

He noted that today's MMPA, with some 3,600 members, is marketing more milk than when the membership totaled 8,550 in 1981, and for that matter, when the membership was 17,500 in the 1960s.

"It means more (to the legislators) to get a call from you," he concluded. "You Please turn to back page.



NEW KOYLTON TOWNSHIP Supervisor Albert Ruggles was sworn in by Clerk James Borek at the start of last week's special Township Board meeting, which saw board members approve a special-use permit for Pioneer Work and Learn Center.

Engaged

Classes offered for children and adults

The Cass City Community Education Department has a number of winter enrichment classes to help area residents chase the winter blahs away.

The offerings include a variety of basket and shirt painting classes, a new wood carvers class and Irish Chain Quilts.

Karate and Fitness Factory are set to begin soon. Also available are men's conditioning plus morning and afternoon walking at the high school. Seniors can stay fit with "senior stretch" classes on Wednesday nights.

Anyone who has experienced anxiety or works with anxiety sufferers may be interested in a 3-week program slated for next month;

sound investment planning will be featured in March, and an intermediate German class is planned.

Also on the agenda are classes on Apple Works and MacIntosh skills, math, typing and accounting.

For kids, there's gymnastics, basketmaking, guitar, storytelling, Spanish, nature fun, watercolor and cookie decorating.

Details and list of costs, dates and times are available by contacting Michelle at 872-4151.

Wallace is FSU graduate

Tom James Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace of Cass City, is one of 536 students to graduate from Ferris State University at the end of the fall quarter in November.



Tom James Wallace

Wallace is a graduate of Cass City High School. He earned a BS degree in accounting. His future plans are indefinite.

Reverie is the Sunday of thought.
—Frederic Amiel

Cass City Personal Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office - 872-2010

Band Boosters slate meeting

There will be a Band Boosters meeting Monday, Feb. 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School band room.

All parents of band members are invited.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, JAN. 27, WERE:

Millie Mark, Kim Hopper, Betty Spencer, Martha Schairer, Cass City; Celia Gamet, Sebewaing.

BIRTHS

Linda and Paul Blakely of Caro, a baby girl, Pearl Lynn, Jan. 3.

Angela and Jamie Doerr of Cass City, a baby girl, Courtney, Jan. 9.

Kimberly and William Freeman of Akron, a baby boy, Dominic, Jan. 23.

Marriage licenses

Robert James McCollum, Caro, and Carla Lee Holden, Unionville.

Richard Joseph Foster and Renee Dianne Baldwin, both of Vassar.

James Alan Greenia and Christina Marie Baker, both of Reese.



Americans are an imaginative people language-wise. Consider how many ways we can think of to say a person is not up to par mentally.

You can say he's dumb, dense, dim-witted, dull, doltish, a dunce, dingbat or dunderhead, and those are just the "D" words.

You can call him a nincompoop, idiot, moron, ignoramus, harebrain, imbecile, half-wit, stupid, ignorant or loony.

But we aren't satisfied with mere words. We keep coming up with more graphic figures of speech.

We say, "He isn't playing with a full deck," "He doesn't have both oars in the water," "His elevator doesn't go all the way to the top," "He's one brick short of a load," "The lights are on but nobody's home," "He's 2 quarts low in a 3-quart system."

A new expression, to me, showed up in a comic strip recently when a character remarked, "He's one goose short of a gaggle." Think of the limitless possibilities that one opens!

These are just a few of the derogatory terms Americans use.

Terms of approval seem to change with each generation, so much so that what was once insulting may, a generation hence, be considered a compliment.

Teenagers, being a unique entity, have always enjoyed having their own jargon, and as soon as the older generation figures out that "bad"

really means "good" in Teen-ese, they feel compelled to come up with a totally new vocabulary.

On the other hand, old timers also have expressions unique to them. Grandma always called a frying pan a spider, and her strongest expletive was "land sakes."

What does "land sakes" mean, for crying out loud?

A colleague remarked one day when someone said they were going home, "Might as well. Can't dance and it's too wet to plow."

I love it! She claimed it was a phrase inherited from her grandfather.

Probably every family has phrases like that. If you recall some of those "passed down" expressions, send them along and we'll make a list.

Some of our most common expressions get twisted around so that they're meaningless. How many times have you heard someone say, "I could care less" when what they mean is "I couldn't care less"? In other words, "I don't care at all. I couldn't possibly care any less than I do. I really couldn't care any less."

If you could care less than you do, then you must care to some extent.

And if you don't follow that reasoning, guess how much I care.

Another habit that is mildly annoying is the tendency to say, "The problem (or the truth, or the point) is that...." For some reason people tend to think of "the problem is" as a subject phrase needing the predicate "is."

Grammatically, "problem" is the subject and that first "is" is the predicate. There's no need to stick another "is" in.

But the truth is...that if we have time to worry about such trivial things, life must be going pretty well.

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Enrichment classes set at library

Rawson Memorial Library will host a 6-week older adult enrichment program, "The Heritage of the Future" at 9:30 a.m. each Monday starting Feb. 6.

Marion Gray, a retired educator, will moderate this National council on the Aging discussion unit.

"The Heritage of the Future" invites its readers to look at, study and assess the potential of the future. The unit focuses on the possibilities individuals have to affect the future. It also emphasizes the unbreakable link between the past, the present and the future.

This program is offered free of charge. Registration is requested and a guide book will be issued. Details are available by calling 872-2856.

Church to host Galileans

The Cass City Missionary Church, 4449 Koepfgen Rd., will host the Galileans Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Galileans are considered one of the most refreshing gospel music groups in Michigan today. Their program features an old fashioned, down home sound as well as the imaginative beat and lyrics of southern gospel.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



David and Wilma Ashmore

Ashmores celebrate golden anniversary

David and Wilma Ashmore of Cass City celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 25, with a party hosted by their children, at Old Country Buffet in Saginaw.

The former Wilma Hartsell and David Ashmore were married Jan. 25, 1942, at the Methodist church in Elkton by the Rev. Cedric Harger.

The couple have 7 children: Rev. David Ashmore of Colorado Springs, Judy Stephew of Southgate, Roger Ashmore of Bay City, Henry Ashmore of Essexville, Dale Ashmore

of Coleman, Sharon Grant of Saginaw and Karen Fritz of Cass City. They also have 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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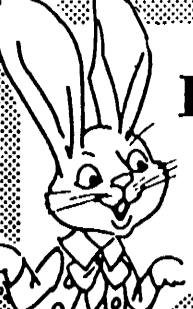
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire
(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Do you know anyone who has been a part of television surveys which determine who is listening to what across the country? Few of us have.

Well, this writer could learn first hand how it's done. A postcard came across the desk last week from Nielsen Television Research announcing that John Haire had been chosen to be a "Nielsen Family" for one week.

Nowhere on the card does it say that they will pay me anything for participating, but if it works out I plan to say, yes, because I feel it might make a good story.

Don't hold your breath waiting. The card also said that the company would phone me long distance to set things up.

The trouble is that they will have a hard time catching me during the day and many times during the evening hours, too.

Every story I've written for the paper for 45 years has been composed either on a typewriter or a computer keyboard.

It was a matter of necessity. Illustration: I was reading my notes for the stuff in this week's "Haire Net" and couldn't really decide if I had written Ron or Don.

A call to the school set me straight. Ron or Don? Nope. The name is Dan (Schram).

An attempt is underway to change the marking system for elementary students in the Cass City School District.

Disenchantment with the A-B-C system is nothing new. In my high school years, 1936-40, the system was replaced with E-excellent, S-satisfactory, P-poor and U-unsatisfactory. It didn't last long.

A rose by any other name.....

Weather permitting Port Crescent State Park will host candlelight cross-country ski runs Saturday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 15.

There will be a one-mile trail through the woods lighted by candles and the run is expected to last 2 hours.

The trail is located across from the iron bridge, 5 miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25. There will be a bonfire and warm refreshments.

The day this news release arrived was right after the heavy snow storm in the Thumb. The day this was written was last Thursday when the temperature soared to 40 degrees.

When Saturday arrives, who knows? The park manager is Roy Elie and his phone number is (517) 738-8663 if you need to check.



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OWEN-GAGE HIGH School Band members Deb Powers and Rick Ziehm have been selected to join the Lions Band International, which is scheduled to perform in Hong Kong, China and Hawaii in June.

Select 2 from Owen-Gage for Lions Band International

A pair of Owen-Gage High School students have been selected to join the Lions Band International, which will be performing in Hong Kong, China and Hawaii in June.

They are Todd Ziehm and Deb Powers, both members of the Owen-Gage High School Band.

Ziehm, a sophomore trumpet player, is the son of Rick and Mary Ziehm of Owendale. Powers is the daughter of Doug and Rhonda Powers of Gagetown. She is a junior and plays the baritone.

Because of the expense involved in participating in the upcoming international tour, the students would

appreciate any donations area residents may wish to make, Owen-Gage Band Director Janet Breza said.

Interested individuals or groups may send donations to the Owen-Gage Public Schools in care of Ziehm or Powers, 7166 Main St., Owendale, MI 48754.

The Haire Net



Compared to mainstream school issues such as taxes, union negotiations and curriculum this doesn't amount to much. Not really.

But more time has been spent by the Cass City School Board on deciding this issue than on any other, and it is almost certain to be on the agenda again before school starts next fall.

The issue is the transfer of students from one elementary school building to another. Most times parents seeking transfers in the past wished to send their child to Campbell Elementary even though they live in an area that is normally serviced by Deford School.

Previously the school board had reluctantly approved some requests and denied others without ever coming up with a hard and fast policy. The board's action undoubtedly caused hard feelings among some of turned-down applicants.

Well, board members won't have to worry about that anymore. It's been

taken from their hands. In the future state-aid payments will be tied to letting students attend schools of choice within the school district.

A committee was formed in November composed of elementary principals, Supt. Ken Micklash and 6 parents of school children, Sally Ziemba and Denise Puterbaugh, with children in Deford School, and Dan Schram, Sandy Sheppard, Mark Swanson and Karen Ouvry with children at Campbell School.

The group is expected to have a recommendation for the board this spring on the issue. In it you can expect to have suggestions on class size limits which when reached will automatically prohibit transfers.

It will also be accompanied by a lottery system that will kick in if more students seek transfers than the class-size limit will allow. For instance, if 10 wanted to attend Campbell's second grade and only 2 more students would bring the class size to the limit previously imposed, a drawing would determine who the lucky 2 are that get to attend.

Schools that do not want to accede to the state's mandate have the option of placing the issue on the ballot. If the majority do not want the school of choice program, the school will not be required to have it. If the vote is in favor of the "choice" program, the school board will be required to have it to get state aid.

If the details can be worked out to the school board's satisfaction by the committee, there's little doubt that a choice plan will be adopted and a vote will not be necessary. It will be interesting to see what the committee's recommendation will be if students are allowed to transfer from Deford and the next year a student influx places that class over the limit. Who will get axed, the students who transferred in?


Whatever the final solution it's an odds-on bet that a plan will be adopted.

Harried school board members will be relieved of the responsibility and you can be sure that everyone of them will be happy to say, amen!, to that.

"If It Fitz...."

Separate church and medicine

By Jim Fitzgerald



The suburban housewife has been in constant, terrible pain for 14 years. She belongs to the Hemlock Society, which promotes what she prefers to call "self-deliverance" because it "has a softer sound than euthanasia."

She wrote me: "I know that you could not write anything about the Hemlock Society or your beliefs about assisted suicide. For one thing, it's not a very upbeat subject and, for another, you might feel that you would antagonize a lot of readers if you were to agree with the Society's positions."

On the contrary, I agree with the Hemlock Society, and 40 years in this business has convinced me it's an inevitable, shoulder-shrugging truth that whatever I write, on whatever subject, will antagonize someone somewhere. So what the heck.

As for the subject of euthanasia being downbeat, sure. But it's also tremendously interesting and — because of "Dr. Death" Jack Kevorkian — very timely. There was considerable reader response 2 weeks ago when I first wrote about this suburban housewife who, because of her endless pain, reluctantly admitted: "I truly don't believe I can take much more of this."

came very testy. She was less interested in the story behind the problem than she was in the dramatization of Dr. Kevorkian's actions.

The suburban housewife has the same pelvic ailment that forced Marjorie Wantz to ask Kevorkian to help Wantz kill herself last year. What does the suburban housewife think of Kevorkian?

"Most members of the Hemlock Society have disassociated themselves from him. I know I certainly have. His arrogant personality and refusal to soften his image, along with his buffoon lawyer Geoffrey Fieger, have done a lot of damage to the cause of legalized euthanasia."

General C. Everett Koop said he did not believe in assisted suicide and would never consider doing anything to help a patient die because he had taken the Hippocratic Oath, which states, in part, that a physician should "do no harm." What more harm can a physician do than to keep a person alive who has absolutely no chance of recovery and is in intractable pain?

"When I hear someone say that only God should decide when it is time for someone to die, I wonder whose God they are talking about. Theirs? My idea of God is one of infinite mercy and forgiveness who would not deny my right to choose to die if life became unbearably painful.

"When physicians keep dying people alive against their will and the wishes of the family, are they not, in fact, interfering with God's will? Religious faith is a wonderful and comforting thing to have, but it should not be forced upon a person who does not, or cannot, believe the same way another person or group believes.

"We have separation of church and state. We should, also, have separation of church and medicine."

'INTERFERING WITH GOD'S WILL?'

She is most articulate and persuasive in support of "self-deliverance." Listen: "I intend to do all I can to further the cause of the Hemlock Society, and not just because of my own situation. Both my husband and I watched in horror as our mothers died slow and painful deaths and we were unable to do anything for them..."

"Former U.S. Surgeon

MAINTAINING HER SECRET

She asked to be called simply "suburban housewife" because her name would be widely recognized and she shuns public attention. Two local TV stations asked me to put them in touch with her, but she balked because of past unpleasant experiences. One phone contact was arranged by the Hemlock Society with this result:

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The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	32	17	0
Wednesday	42	20	.05"
Thursday	42	16	.2"sn
Friday	22	-2	trace
Saturday	20	2	.02"sn
Sunday	27	22	trace
Monday	35	20	0

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Exemptions: (See instructions on page 8.)

Income: 7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc., 8 Taxable interest income, 9 Dividend income, 10 Taxable refunds of state and local income taxes, 11 Alimony received, 12 Business income or loss, 13 Capital gain or loss, 14 Capital gain distributions, 15 Other gains or losses, 16 Total IRA distributions, 17 Total pensions and annuities, 18 Rents, royalties, partnerships, estates, trusts, etc., 19 Farm income or loss, 20 Unemployment compensation, 21 Social security benefits, 22 Taxable amount, if any, from the worksheet, 23 Add the amounts shown in the far right column.

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Cass City Bowling Leagues

ECUMENICAL CHURCH LEAGUE Jan. 18

The Bloopers	6
The Neighborhood Gang	6
3 Men & a Babe	6
The Antiques	5
The Last Resorts	5
D-n-3	5
The Alley Cats	3
The Stouts	3
The Strugglers	3
The Gutter Cleaners	2
The Little Kids	2
3 + 1	2

500 Series: J. Luana 509, D. Dickinson 516, J. Luana 541.
200 Games: M. Inbody 203.

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS Jan. 20

Miller Eggs	46
Parkway Drive Thru	44
Kermit's Krushers	37
C.R. Hunt	37
Spaulding Builders	33
Cass City Sports	30
Erla's Inc.	27
B.A. Calka	26
Charmont	24
Kelly's Market	11

High Series & Games: T. Furness 692 (215-232-245), Phil Robinson 625 (256), Doug O'Dell 655 (233-238),

T. Comment 635 (216-226), M. Lutz 615 (226), E. Schultz 607 (211), K. Elbourn 602 (214), F. Kapral 583, N. Holdburg 577 (238), L. Tracy 238, B. Shagene 215, J. Smithson 214, D. Doerr 212, N. Willy 212, C. Comment 212, J. Zawilinski 211.

High Team Series: Parkway Drive Thru 2912.
High Team Game: Parkway Drive Thru 1018.

CHARMONT LADIES' LEAGUE

Cable-ettes	23
Wild John's	23
Cass City Tire	21
Continental Rental	21
Live Wires	20
Thumb Nat'l Bank	20
Board Chrysler	17
Pizza Villa	17
Gilligan's	16
Trueman Salvage	15
Charmont	13
ServiStar	10

High Team Game: Thumb Nat'l Bank 1066.
High Team Series: Thumb Nat'l Bank 3023.

High Series: P. Corcoran 622, E. Romain 512, S. Badder 568, D. Mathewson 505, B. Howard 518, S. Bock 487, L. Comment 483, J. Merchant 489, P. McIntosh 491, K. Guinther 489.
High Games: P. Corcoran

220-212, A. Turner 204, S. Badder 215, K. Guinther 203, B. Howard 197, E. Romain 198, J. Merchant 187, S. Guc 181, P. McIntosh 180, L. Comment 189, V. Patera 172, S. Bock 184, D. Mathewson 181, M. Moore 179.

NIGHT OWLS 2 Man Teams Jan. 22

Lookin Up	8
Bad to the Bone	7
D & G	7
R & R Bowling	5
TJ's	5
D & D	4

High Series & Games: J. Langenburg 583 (216), J. Schwartz 581 (212-212), B. Kingsland 554, T. Kuck 510, T. Babish 508 (202), Ron Byrnes 505, L. Albrecht 212.

High Team Series: TJ's 1089.
High Team Game: TJ's 372.

MERCHANTS' "A" Jan. 22

Brentwood	27
Charmont	25
Warju Flooring	24
New England Life	23
Mathewson	23
Summers	18
Charmont Motel	17
Chronicle	16
Kingston State Bank	15
Gilligan's	11
Kritzmans'	10
Jaycees	7

High Series & Games: T. Comment 734 (255-245-234), R. Hull 664 (246-224), K. Beachy 662 (257), J. Putnam 653 (234-226), M. Jackson 652 (237-215), M. Lutz 651 (254), J. Smithson 637 (224), E. Robinson 636 (238-214), P. Harmer 630 (230), R. Rabideau 621 (244), W. Teets 615, L. Morgan 613 (224), G. Robinson 611 (234-223), G. Riccardi 596, W. Smith 590, J. Howard 587 (212), D. Volz 585 (216), D. King 561 (211), G. Howard 557, J. Hartel 552, R. Kerkau 216, J. Churchill 215, P. Robinson 211.

High Team Series: New England Life 3046.
High Team Game: New England Life: 1054

MERCHANTS' "B" Jan. 22

Board Chrysler	24
Gilligan's	21
3 S.O.'s	21
Mack Tools	20
Shag's Angels II	18 1/2
Charmont	14
Mr. Chips	13 1/2
Bliss	12

High Series & Games: M. Lutz 735 (300-230), T. Comment 662 (266), C. Hillaker 583, R. Rabideau 583 (224), K. Frappert 557, B. Shagene 225, B. Rutkoski 215, D. Zdrojewski 213.
Highlights: 300 Game - Mark Lutz.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Jan. 23

Caro Chiropractic	29
Clean Up Crew	21 1/2
Rolling Hills	20 1/2
Cass City Sports	20
Quaker Maid	19
Harry Lenda, Inc.	19
Cass Tavern	17
Miller's Chicks	16
Allen Home Care	16
Kingston State Bank	14
Nel's Kitchen	12
Herron Builders	12

High Actual Team Series: Rolling Hills 2439.
High Actual Team Game: Caro Chiropractic 832.

500 Series: P. Corcoran 588, J. Morell 552, N. Wallace 540, S. DeLong 539, Pat McIntosh 534, S. Greenlee 521, S. Gage 506.
200 Games: C. Wallace 214, N. Wallace 213, P. Corcoran 211.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 23

Gilligan's	28 1/2
Kilbourn Tech	25 1/2
Nelesco	25
Deford Country Groc.	23
Cass City IGA	23
Lemke's Repair	21
Rooster Ranch	20 1/2
Jacques Seeds	19 1/2
Kilbourn Service	15 1/2
Charmont	14 1/2
Northon Const.	14
Martin Electric	10

High Series & Games: Doug O'Dell 684 (225-236-223), P. Withey 610 (227-255), S. Miller 611 (266), G. Robinson 671 (216-234-221), D. Beacher 214, N. Daniels 230, K. Kilbourn 632 (223), D. Doerr 597 (215-213), B. Biebel 213.

High Team Series: Nelesco 1847.
High Team Game: Nelesco 720.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Jan. 23

HI Roth	21
Sal's Country Clipper	18
Team #006	18
Kingston Mini Mart	17
AIDES	11
Pin Pals	8
Deford Country Groc.	3
Bye	0

High Series: V. Humes 521, L. Zajac 507.
High Game: V. Humes 224.

High Team Series: Sal's Country Clipper 1918.
High Team Game: Team #006 686.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 24

Should've Been	21
Look Out, We're Back	20
Cass City Oil & Gas	18
The Old Folks	14
The Family	12
Town & Country	10
Bee Gee's	9
The Kids	9

Men's High Series: J. Navarro 579, R. Rabideau 578.

Men's High Games: R. Rabideau 222, J. Navarro 214.

Women's High Series: B. Watson 503.

Women's High Games: M. Fee 215, B. Watson 204.

High Team Series: The Family 1977.

High Team Game: Cass City Oil & Gas 730.

SATURDAY SPINNERS Jr. League Jan. 25

Kids Club	7
Sharks	6
Braves	5
Cherokee Indians	5
Gutters	5
Switcheroo's	5
The Blue Whale	4
Terminators	4
K K E	3
Super Arc's	2
Turtles 2	2
Big Time Bowlers	0

Boys' High Series: M. Peters 368.

Boys' High Game: M. Peters 161.

Girls' High Series: K. Gaymer 291.

Girls' High Game: K. Gaymer 104.

High Team Series: Gutters 923.
High Team Game: Terminators 333.

SATURDAY SPINNERS Sr. League Jan. 25

High Rollers	8
Tigers	8
Bulls	7
Miller Eggs, Inc.	6
Mess Meisters	5
Disaster Area	4
White Kittens	4
The Wild Side	3

The Strike Force 2
Neon Cruisers II 1
T.L.C. Jrs. 0

Boys' High Series: C. Zawilinski 433, E. Hoppe 431.

Boys' High Game: J. Russell 203.

Girls' High Series: T. Pawlowski 384.

Girls' High Game: T. Pawlowski 144.

High Team Series: Miller Eggs, Inc. 1517.

High Team Game: Miller Eggs, Inc. 586.

Crisis center sets training sessions

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center officials are looking for interested individuals to work at the domestic violence shelter in Caro and to provide transportation for clients as needed.

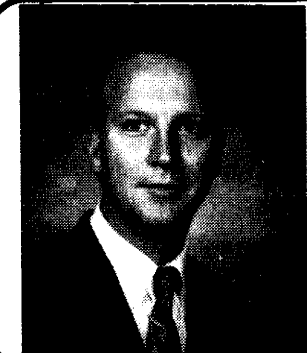
Interested individuals are required to complete 40 hours of training in empathy and domestic violence at the Caro office.

The next training will be held Feb. 4 - March 11 in Caro; it will take place from 5-8 p.m., 2 days per week, for 4-6 weeks. Attendance at all training sessions is required. An orientation ses-

sion is scheduled for today (Wednesday) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is a program of the Human Development Commission and assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault from Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. The assault crisis center provides such services as a 24 hour crisis line, one-on-one counseling, emergency shelter, support groups, etc.

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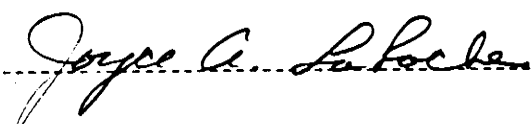
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The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

In addition to the election of candidates for various offices, the following proposition(s) (if any) will be voted on:

 Village Clerk

YOUR FEET

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TAILORS OFTEN IRKED BY SMALL PAINFUL BUNIONS

A patient recently came into the office complaining of a painful, bony mass near the joint behind her small toe. I have a bunion but it's on the wrong side of my foot," she said.

Having a bunion on the outside of the foot is not unusual. The condition is called a TAILOR'S BUNION or BUNIONETTE. Obviously, a bunionette means a bunion, in contrast to the bunion, which we find involving the joint behind the big toe.

Why is it called a Tailor's Bunio? Many years ago, tailors would sit with their legs crossed as they did their work, which resulted in pressure on the area known as the 5th metatarsal head, resulting in pain. Hence the name "Tailor's Bunio."

This condition may be caused by an overgrowth or swelling of the soft tissue covering the joint, an inherited enlargement of the metatarsal head behind the little toe or actual bowing of the metatarsal bone.

How the condition is treated depends on the amount of discomfort the patient is experiencing and may include orthopedic padding, medication to suppress the inflammation, or in some cases, surgically removing the enlarged bone is necessary for permanent relief.

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Icy roads result in several accidents

Several property damage accidents were reported during the week.

Michigan State Police from the Caro post said that Janet Bastian, 33, of Deford, received minor injuries in a crash on Kingston Road, north of Legg Road. The accident occurred Wednesday at 11:15 p.m. when Bastian lost control on the ice and skidded off the road.

Cass City Police investi-

gated several property damage accidents.

Friday at 11:15 a.m. cars driven by Nancy Lee Adams, 6806 Shabbona Road, Decker, and Milissa Lynn Knowlton, 4394 Woodland Avenue, collided on Main Street, near Maple Street.

Snow piled in the middle of the road by the village snow removal workers contributed to the crash. Adams

was attempting a left turn from the right side of Main Street and was hit by Knowlton, driving a white car near the piled snow.

A fender bender was reported Wednesday in Northwood subdivision when a vehicle driven by Scott Paul Hendrian, 6719 Main, backed into the car of Donald Glen Doerr II, 4210 Seeger Street.

Bonnie Kay Michael, 5300 Cemetery Road, Kingston, was arrested Saturday at 2:30 a.m. on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, on Main Street, near Woodland Avenue.

Minor property damage was recorded when a car driven by Dennis John Steely, 4485 Leslie, Decker, struck a deer on M-81, about a half mile east of Lampton Road Sunday.

Cancelled

The Jan. 31 Corn Production meeting to be held at the Brentwood in Caro has been canceled. Producers are encouraged to attend this program in one of the other locations in the state.



WATCHING ALL THE cars go by — This deer was spotted browsing east of Cass City, just a few yards north of M-81, late Saturday afternoon.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Millions of Americans are affected by a neurological disease called Alzheimer's disease. It is a disease of the brain cells where there is decreasing function and progressive debilitation. It occurs most often in people over 65, but it does occur at younger ages too.

Some of the first symptoms are a loss of memory for recent events and difficulty in doing more complicated tasks. Judgement becomes impaired and the person may have confusion and disorientation. One of the most difficult symptoms of the disease is when the person has a change in personality. Someone who has been very congenial all his life may become irascible and uncooperative, even abusive. In the most severe stages of the disease, the person may be unable to take care of himself and completely unable to communicate with his family or friends.

In the later stages, the person is unable to recognize relatives, cannot do simple tasks and even has trouble with walking and coordination.

There is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, but other diseases that may mimic it are often treatable. Treatable causes include drug reactions, hypothyroidism, depression, head injuries, or poor nutrition.

The doctor will do a number of studies to evaluate the possibility of other illnesses which could be treated. In addition to a full exam, he may order a CT scan, brain wave test, blood tests, and occasionally other tests.

There is no cure for the disease yet, but some medicines may help decrease the agitation, anxiety, and behavior problems associated with the disease. It is also important to make sure the person gets good nourishment, exercise and hygiene.

This is one of a series of articles brought to you in the interest of better health by Hills and Dales General Hospital



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Obituaries

Arthur Brown

Arthur Thompson Brown, 65, a lifelong resident of the Cass City area, died Saturday, Jan. 25, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 6, 1926, in Elkland Township, Tuscola County, the son of Roy and Eliza (Clow) Brown.

He married Miss S. Joan Reed May 31, 1953, in Cass City.

He was a member of the Michigan Well Drillers Association. He served with the United States Army during World War II in Italy and was a past member of the American Legion.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Joan; 2 daughters, Ms. Susan Brown of Niles,

Mich., and Mrs. Sara DePoy and her husband Christopher of Grand Rapids; 3 sons, Bruce Brown and his wife Sharon of Linwood, Paul Brown and his wife Rochelle of Cass City and Barry Brown, at home; 5 grandsons, and one brother, Dale Brown of Cass City. Two brothers, Arlan and Ray Brown, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Cass City Missionary Church, with the Rev. William McKown, pastor of the Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church, officiating.

Arrangements were by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Melba Hartman

Mrs. Melba Evelyn Hartman, 67, of Cass City died Jan. 20, 1992 at Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, after a long illness.

She was born July 12, 1924 in Oak Hill, Ohio, the daughter of Noah and Hazel (Clark) Kuhn.

Miss Kuhn was united in marriage to Mr. Charles R. Hartman Sr. in October 1945 in Unionville. After their marriage they moved to Ashmore coming to Cass City in 1968.

Mrs. Hartman is survived by her husband, Charles of Cass City; 2 sons, Charles Hartman Jr. and his wife Margaret of Avoca, Mich., and Jerry Hartman and his wife Joyce of Brown City; 5 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren; her father, Noah Kuhn of Marion, Ohio; one brother, Bernard (Joe) Kuhn of Marion, Ohio; 2 sisters, Mrs. Janet Caldwell of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Robert Olson of Marion, Ohio, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Hartman of Sebewaing.

She was preceded in death by her mother and 2 sisters, Kathleen and Nellie.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hartman were held Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Cass City Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Richard W. Mearns, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Decker, Mich. Arrangements were made by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Altha Cooley

Altha M. Cooley, 91, of Center Line, formerly Cass City, died Friday, Jan. 10, at Bi-City Hospital in Warren.

She was born Feb. 23, 1900 in Sanilac County, Decker, the daughter of John Henry

and Alfretta (Hurlburt) Chapman.

She was a member of Mizpah Missionary Church. Mrs. Cooley is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marian (Herbert) Head, and one grandson, Ralph Head, of Center Line.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward, parents, brother, Elmer, and sisters, Millie McGregory, Edith Hyatt, Lila McKee and Alice Sadler.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 13, at the Ford Funeral Home in Center Line. Rev. Roy Protsman, pastor of the Warren Missionary Church, officiated.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Helen Muegge

Mrs. Helen Marie Muegge, 74, of Essexville died Saturday, Jan. 25, at Concept Care in Gagetown.

She was born Feb. 28, 1917, in Detroit. She was the wife of Harold F. Muegge.

Mrs. Muegge is survived by her husband, Harold, of Essexville; 3 daughters, Joan M. Rittig, Largo, Fla., Joyce H. Troy, Ann Arbor, and Janet E. Bryant, Cass City; 5 grandchildren, Kaylene Vandemark, Karl Brown, Nathan Bryant, Gillic Bryant and Ruby Bryant; 3 great-grandchildren, Bridgett, Brenda and Andrew Vandemark, and one brother, Carl Peebles, and Marianne Winn of Detroit.

Memorial services were scheduled Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church, Cass City, at 8:00 p.m. with Harry Capps officiating.

Her remains were dedicated to Wayne State University School of Medicine.

\$6.2 million profit at Mutual

Mutual Savings Bank, f.s.b. achieved a profit of \$6.2 million for 1991, according to Wendell L. Evans Jr., president and chairman of the board for the Bay City based Savings Bank. This compares to a \$3.6 million loss in 1990. "This is the first annual profit for Mutual since 1987," states Evans, "and represents 4 profitable quarters in a row."

Deposits increased \$31.8 million or 6.5 percent in the

25 offices that Mutual operates. This compared to a deposit decrease of \$65 million a year earlier.

Mutual Savings Bank posted a record year in the lending division. During 1991 Mutual provided home financing for over 1,500 Michigan families with the value of loans totaling over \$87 million. This compares to less than 300 loans the previous year.

Gruber is O-G student of month

Angela Rae Gruber, daughter of William and Lori Gruber, 2703 Bay City-Forestville Road, Gagetown, has been named student of the month at Owen-Gage High School for January.

A senior, she has been a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years. In athletics her achievements include: basketball, 3 years; volleyball, 4 years; track, 3 years. She has been a member of the honor roll club for 4 years and served on the student council. She was the snowball queen this year.

She plans on studying

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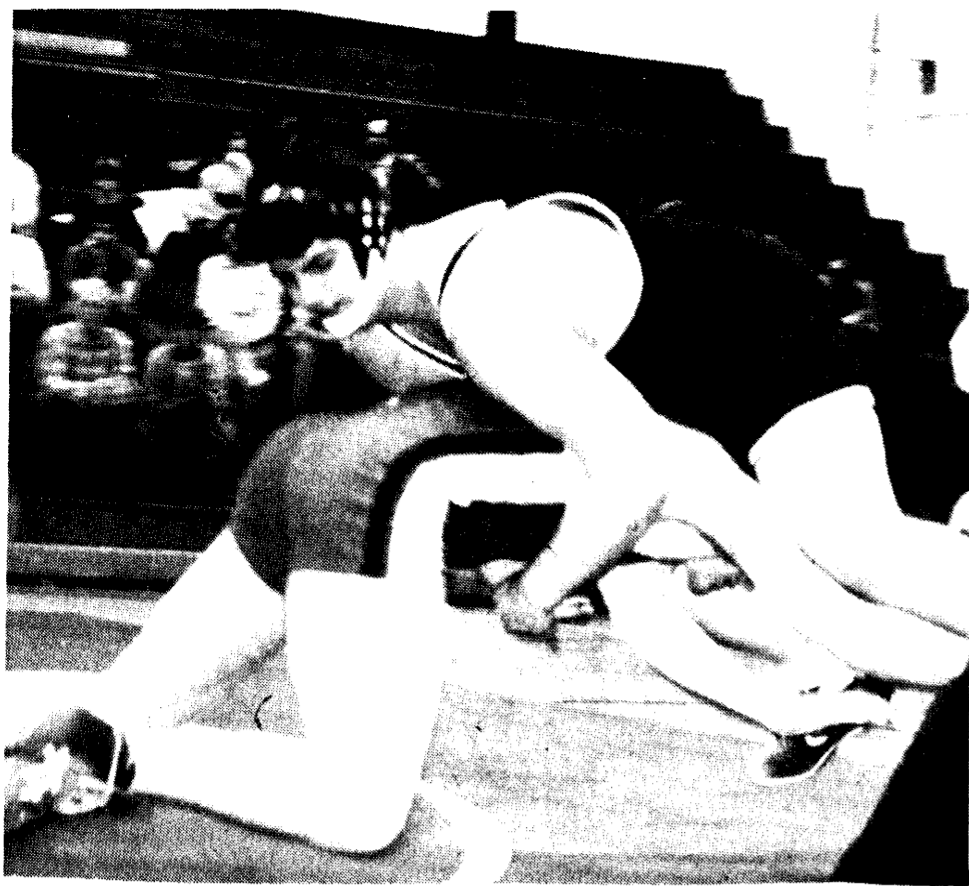
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CASS CITY'S Jeremy Hubbard puts Marlette's heavyweight Jay Streeter to the mat in the Hawks' home match Wednesday.

Hawk grapplers no match for Blue Bay guests Marlette

The Cass City Red Hawks entertained the Marlette Red Raiders Wednesday and suffered a disappointing 51-12 defeat.

"This was by far our worst outing of the year. We wrestled very poorly against a good Marlette team," said Coach Don Markel.

The only winners for Cass City were:

103 pounds, Bob Davis won on a forfeit.

160 pounds, Delbert Mat-

thewson pinned Troy Fuller in 27 seconds.

With the loss, Cass City's record fell to 1-1 in the Blue Bay Conference.

CARO MEET

After an "attitude adjusting" practice Thursday and a good practice Friday, Cass City resumed its winning ways Saturday, defeating 3 Class "B" schools in a quad meet at Caro. Final scores

were:

Cass City 49, Caro, 21.

Cass City 45, Mt. Morris, 30.

Cass City 44, Saginaw Swan Valley, 30.

Entering the match, Swan Valley had a 13-2 dual meet record.

Winners for Cass City vs. Caro were:

125 - Matt Hoppe pinned Jason Hull, 1:27.

135 - Domonick Vargo pinned Tom Lopez, 3:28.

140 - Ed Nizzola decided Bill Lord, 4-2.

145 - Greg Woodruff pinned Nat Bean, 1:17.

152 - Tom Davis decided Shane Baker, 15-0.

160 - Delbert Matthewson decided Zach Touchette, 17-1.

171 - Dan Muska pinned Brian Rendon, 2:18.

189 - Ron Woodward pinned Pat Curry, 3:19.

275 - Jeremy Hubbard won on forfeit.

Winners for Cass City vs. Mt. Morris were:

119 - Pete Matson won on forfeit.

125 - Matt Hoppe pinned Larry Couturier, 1:47.

130 - Shawn Sherman pinned Mike O'Brien, 1:03.

135 - Jeff Mathewson won on forfeit.

140 - Ed Nizzola decided Lamar Tulbert, 8-3.

145 - Greg Woodruff pinned Tim Brigham, 1:26.

152 - Tom Davis pinned John Reid, :41.

Campbell's spikers defeat Vikings

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers had little trouble with visiting Akron-Fairgrove Thursday, winning their match in straight games, 15-8, 15-12 and 15-11.

The veteran mentor used her patented rotation, inserting senior Aimee Merchant for her serving and back row play, to register several crucial points throughout the night.

Merchant, the Bulldogs' leading scorer with 68 points on the year, responded with 8 points against the Vikings that included a team high 6 ace serves.

Alissa Draschil, a roll player on last year's team, continues to be a pleasant surprise for the Bulldog spikers.

Draschil's biggest asset may be her ability to score from mid court and her willingness to take the big shot.

On numerous occasions the blonde junior rifled spikes from deep in her own court for scores against Akron-Fairgrove.

Draschil finished the night with 40 sets, 15 assists and 22 spikes — 10 of which were unreturnable.

As usual Owen-Gage, whose record now stands at 6-3, got a strong showing at the net from senior Lisa Dorsch.

Dorsch dominated the contest from the front line, where she posted 30 attacks. Dorsch also led the winners with 13 service points, including 5 aces.

Owen-Gage's next match is scheduled for Thursday at home with North Huron. Saturday the 'Dogs will travel to play in the USA Tourney.

Moody on dean's list

Lucinda Kay Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moody of Kpalime, Togo, West Africa, formerly of the Cass City area, was named to the dean's list by Jerry F. Goddard, vice-president for Academic Affairs, at Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the fall semester. This was a result of earning a "B" average or higher.



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USA 45, Cass City 61
Lakers 73, Cass City 60
Vassar 73, Cass City 79
Bad Axe 57, Cass City 59
Marlette 59, Cass City 50
Ugly 60, Cass City 55

Vassar 64, Cass City 68
Bad Axe 58, Cass City 66
28 Mayville Away
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11 Mayville Home
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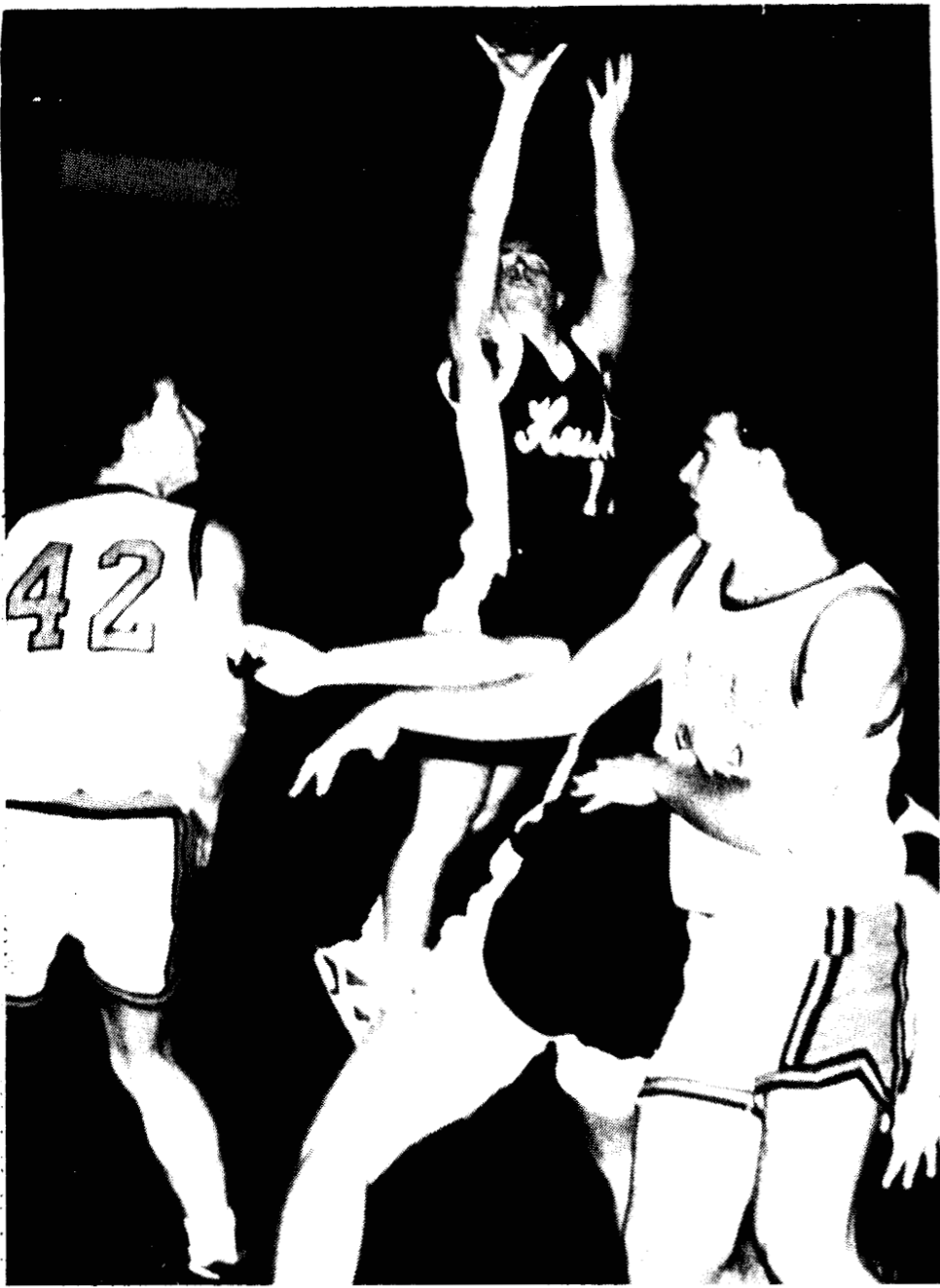
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Upcoming Calendar Items

Date	School	Event
Jan. 27-31	Middle School	Differential Aptitude Test for 8th grade students
Feb. 5-10	Campbell School	Elementary Book Fair
Feb. 6	High School	10th gr. visitation to Tuscola Area Skill Center
Feb. 7	All Schools	Teachers curriculum development in p.m.----- Elementary and Middle students dismissed at 11:45 a.m. High School students dismissed at 11:55 p.m.
Feb. 8	High School	A.C.T. Testing Program - a.m.
Feb. 10	All Schools	P.T.A. meets at High School - 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Middle School	Honors skating party at Sandusky for grades 5-8. Bus leaves at 4:00 p.m. and returns at 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Campbell & Deford	K-4 Mobile Education Science Program
Feb. 23	Middle & High School	Band Concert in High School Gym at 3:00 p.m.
Month of March	Campbell & Deford	March is Reading Month - Young Author Books
March 6	All Schools	End of 4th Marking Period
March 9	All Schools	P.T.A. meets at Campbell Elementary - 7:00 p.m.
March 10	Middle School	Academic Track with Lakers - Home
March 13	Middle School	7th & 8th gr. dance in gym - 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
March 17	Middle School	Academic Track with Bad Axe - Away
March 24	Middle School	Academic Track with U.S.A. - Home
March 28	High School	Academic Games - all day at S.V.S.U.
March 31	Middle School	Academic Track All-Star testing only at Bad Axe
April 11 through		
April 20	All Schools	Spring Break begins at the end of the school day on Friday, April 10, 1992. School resumes on Tuesday, April 21, 1992.



MARK IRRER scores from close in for Cass City. Jeff Hecht (42) and Steve Bobowski contest the shot.

Leaders win in Recreational Hoop

Rolling Hills and Hemans Elevator remained co-leaders of the Cass City Recreational Basketball League, while the Charmont remained only one game back as all 3 teams recorded victories in last week's play.

Monday, Gary Robinson's 34 points led Hemans to an 87-76 win over Brentwood, who got 22 tallies from Kurt Hoffmeister and 19 markers from teammate LeRoy Hayward.

Hemans, who led by one after 3 quarters, also got a

LEADING SCORERS		STANDINGS	
Gary Robinson	24.0	Heman's Elevator	5-1
Bert Brinkman	22.8	Rolling Hills	5-1
Todd Comment	22.7	Charmont	4-2
Rick Tuckey	21.4	Charmont Motel	3-3
Dennis Hyatt	20.8	Brentwood	1-5
Mike McLaughlin	18.0	Board's	0-6

Marlette home Friday

Hawks dull in win over Hatchets

As expected, Cass City defeated visiting winless Bad Axe Friday, 66-58, and upped its record to 7-3.

However, as has become a trademark of first year Coach Jeff Hartel's squad, the Hawks also played an extended stretch of unproductive basketball.

It's a span the Hawks will have to avoid Friday if they hope to widen their distance

between visiting Blue Bay League foe Marlette. The contest will also serve as the rubber meeting between the 2 schools, who each posted previous wins on their own floors.

With Bad Axe, the Hawks' lackluster period came with the tip.

After Cass City's Paul Ulf registered the game's opening basket, the Hatchets scored 14 unanswered points and held the hosts scoreless until Greg LeValley knocked down a triple with only 1:40 left in the stanza.

Moments later LeValley connected on another jumper from beyond the arc and the Hawks came out of the quarter trailing just 10-16.

Maurice Evans, still returning from an ankle injury, gave the hosts some quality moments during the second frame and was partly responsible for the hosts catching the visitors at 28-all.

Cass City built its edge to 34-28 at the half, as a wake-up call enabled Hartel's

cagers to run off the half's final 11 points. The run included 7 points and LeValley's third trey of the first half. LeValley finished the night with game scoring honors and 18 tallies.

Cass City kept a comfortable lead throughout the last half and gained its biggest lead of the night, 46-37, on 2 consecutive layins by guard John Gibson midway through the third period.

Gibson finished the night with 14 points and carried some of the scoring burden as Bad Axe used a box and one defense on Ulf, who was held to 3 baskets, one in each quarter, through 3 periods.

"We deliberately went away from him (Ulf) in the first half," said Hartel, who witnessed the gimmick defense in the 2 schools' first outing.

Bad Axe was forced to abandon its defense scheme in the final period and it didn't take long for the Hawks' center to pour in 9 quick points.

Leading 51-43 entering the final period, some solid defense slowly upped Cass City's lead. With 2 minutes remaining Gibson settled the contest with a steal and subsequent layin that resulted in a 63-49 Hawk margin.

Hawks topple Vulcans, 68-64

The Cass City Red Hawks visited the Vassar Vulcans Tuesday, Jan. 21, and notched their second win of the season over the host team, 68-64, with a last quarter rally that overcame a Vulcan 9-point lead.

If the remainder of the season follows the pattern established in the first month and a half, Cass City fans can expect to see a close, exciting game each time the Hawks take the floor.

The Hawks have a 6-3 record and only in a loss to the Lakers (73-60) has there been as much as 10 points separating the winner from the loser. Two games were decided by 2 points and 2 others by 4 and 5 points each.

One of the close wins was with Vassar the first time the teams met and Cass City prevailed, 79-73.

It looked for awhile as if Vassar was ready to square the season's record with the Hawks.

In the foul-plagued game that slowed the action to a crawl and resulted in 3 technicals, 2 on Cass City, and one on Vassar, the Vulcans had charged to a 50-41 lead at the end of 3 periods.

The Hawks started the rally that got them back in the game in the first 2 minutes of the last quarter. Greg LeValley, who had spent about a quarter on the bench because of fouls, started the rally with a 3-pointer from the side. Paul Ulf, who suddenly started getting the ball inside to pace the Cass City comeback with 12 points in the period, added a bucket on a pretty spin move

from the low post. Mark Irner converted a fast break and John Gibson made 2 free throws. With 6:18 left in the game Cass City went ahead for the first time since the end of the first half, 51-50.

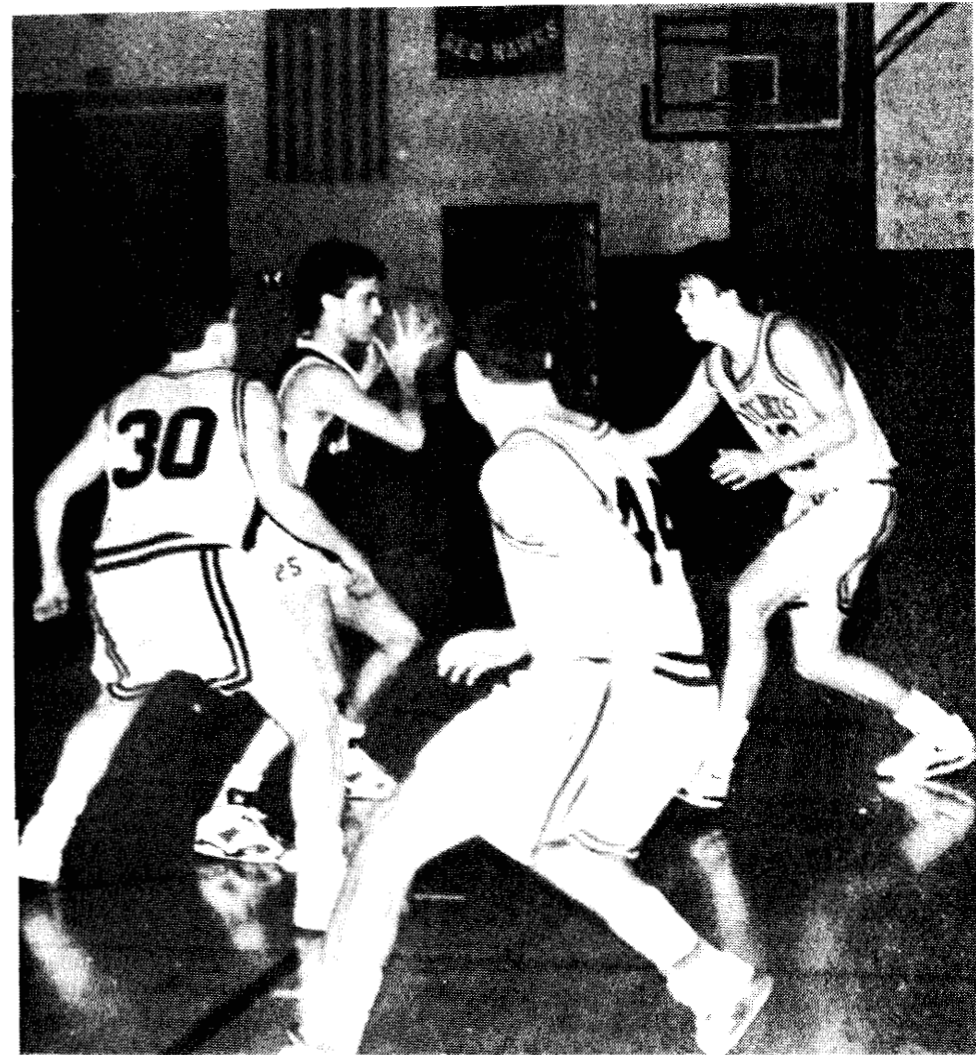
The lead didn't last long as Paul Robinson, diminutive Vassar guard, took personal control with a couple of steals that resulted in 2 free throws and a basket. Robinson led Vassar's scorers with 24 points and it was his long range bombing in the second and third periods that enabled Vassar to take the lead.

Cass City overcame that lead with 4 minutes left in the game as Irner scored to tie the game at 56-all. The lead changed hands several times until the last 2 minutes when the Hawks scored 6 unanswered points to salt away the game.

In a switch from 2 previous games, Cass City got off to a fast start and took a 11-3 lead in the first 2 minutes before Vassar found the range.

In the second period Vassar staged its best rally of the night with a 10-1 run and a 25-16 lead with 2:39 left in the half. The Hawks went to a pressing defense and charged back to take a one-point lead at the intermission.

The Hawks had 3 players in double figures. Ulf scored 28, LeValley, 15, and Irner, 13. Jeff Hetch scored 16 for Vassar. Cass City won the rebound battle, 30 to 23.



CASS CITY'S BRAD GRAY draws a crowd of defenders in the Hawks' win Friday against Bad Axe.

O-G grabs pair of easy victories

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs stopped a 3 game losing skid last week with easy victories over Caseville and Port Hope.

Coach Brian Wright's team's record now stands at 5-6 entering the second half of the season, which starts Friday at North Huron, who is on top and undefeated in the NCTL.

To register an upset, Coach Wright's squad will have to solve the Warriors' tenacious diamond press, which staked the Warriors to a 63-32 half-time lead in their first meeting. The Bulldogs will also have to come up with a way to contain all-conference candidate Tony Rice, who collected 24 of his game high 26 points in the opening half last December.

At Caseville Friday, senior Chris Anthes led the way for the visitors with 22 points and 11 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 65-48 victory.

Eagle Mark Samborski, who finished with a team high 17 tallies, kept his school close in the opening minutes with 3 quick baskets.

Owen-Gage, however, was able to gain a 14-12 lead in the period as Brad Niester had his way in the paint and poured in 8 points.

Samborski continued to pace the losers throughout the first half, as he single-handedly accounted for all but 2 of the Eagles' second quarter tallies.

Owen-Gage broke open the 29-21 half-time game with a 19-11 run just after the intermission.

Matt Mandich collected 7 points and his second triple during the span that gave the visitors a 48-32 lead entering the final period and sealed the win.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs had a simple time with Port Hope, winning 85-30.

The hosts jumped out in front 21-4 and never looked back as the contest was decided by the half, where Owen-Gage led, 45-14.

All 8 of the Bulldog players broke into the scoring column, led by Mandich, who finished the night with 20

points, including 4 triples in the final period.

It was a well balanced attack for the "Dogs, who had 5 players in double figures.

Following Mandich was Joe Garza, who posted 16 tallies, while Niester and Anthes split 23 points. Mickey Parks also posted 10 points for the winners.

The losers were led by John Rober's 11 tallies.

O-G - Martindale 0-0 (1-1) 1; Fritz 2-0 (2-2) 6; Garza 5-0 (6-8) 16; Mandich 1-6 (0-0) 20; Niester 6-0 (1-2) 13; Anthes 5-1 (0-0) 13; Englehardt 0-2 (0-0) 6; Parks 2-0 (6-12) 10. TOTALS: 21-9 (16-25) 85.

PORT HOPE - Prange 0-0 (2-2) 2; McNeil 2-0 (0-1) 4; B. Emerick 2-0 (1-4) 5; K. Emeric 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ruper 3-0 (5-16) 11; Reinke 2-0 (2-4) 6. TOTALS: 10-0 (10-26) 30.

CASEVILLE - Groff 0-0 (3-4) 3; Domorowski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Samborsky 5-1 (1-2) 14; Samborske 7-1 (0-2) 17; Smith 1-0 (2-4) 4; Gaertner 4-0 (0-2) 8. TOTALS: 17-2 (8-16) 48.

Hawk spikers down Raiders

The Cass City High School volleyball team came from behind after dropping the first 2 games of a 5-game match to defeat the Marlette Red Raiders Thursday in a Blue Bay Conference match.

Cass City lost its 2 games, 15-2 and 17-15, and then won 15-7, 15-9 and 15-7.

The Cass City junior varsity also won its games, 15-2, and 15-3.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

BLUE BAY CONFERENCE		W L W L		
EPBP		5	0	5
Cass City		3	2	7
Marlette		2	3	5
Bad Axe		0	5	0

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB LEAGUE		W L W L		
North Huron		5	0	6
Kingston		5	1	6
CPS		3	1	6
Peck		4	2	4
Owen-Gage		3	2	5
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Caseville		0	6	0

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Smith is on dean's list

Kimberly A. Smith of Cass City has been named to the fall dean's list at Grand Valley State University, Allendale.

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Pesticide use classes offered

Huron County producers wishing to take classes for Restricted Use Pesticide recertification credits will have 2 opportunities this year.

The first class, worth 4 recertification credits, will be held Feb. 5 at the Huron Community Fairgrounds Expo Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. "Solving Your Weed Control Problems" will be presented by Harold Rouget, district field crops agent, and Karen Renner, herbicide specialist, Michigan State University Crop and Soil Sciences Department.

There is a registration fee, which includes lunch and materials. Each participant will receive a copy of the MSU Weed Control Bulletin. Participants need to pre-register at the Cooperative Extension office in Bad Axe by Jan. 31. A second recertification program, worth 3 credits, will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Pigeon VFW hall. This program, which emphasizes "Water Quality Concerns," is being co-sponsored by the Cooperative Elevator Company.

While there is no registration fee for this program, growers planning to participate need to register at the Cooperative Elevator office in Bad Axe or at the Cooperative Elevator office in Pigeon.

Currently, 445 growers are certified to use Restricted use Pesticides in Huron County. A grower must obtain 12 credits within a 3-year time period to get an RUP certificate renewed.

Every day a learning experience for exchange student Anuska Pena

It's difficult not to enjoy a visit with Anuska Pena.

The exchange student, who arrived in Cass City last August, has a quick sense of humor and loves to talk. She speaks with animated gestures and an infectious grin, making the listener believe she could face nearly anything with a smile on her face.

Actually, she probably can, judging by the way she describes her experiences as a stranger in a strange land.

Her first day of school is a good example. At the end of the day, she missed her bus and found herself walking into town, trying to communicate with a very limited English vocabulary and hoping to find a public phone, although even if she had found one, she didn't have a phone number.

The 18-year-old wasn't fazed; she laughed at her predicament and considered it another challenge to be met and overcome.

"I'm glad I (had) this experience," she recently remarked of her stay here. "Every day's learning one more thing."

Pena is from Torrelavaga, a city of some 85,000 located in northern Spain. She is participating in the Pacific International Exchange program and will remain in the area, where she resides at the home of Lorraine Steely, until June.

Asked of her impression of life in the Thumb, Pena indicated she was relieved to find things quieter than she expected.

DIFFERENT LIFE

"Before I came here, everything I knew about the U.S.A. was from TV," she said. "I like (it here) pretty much. It's a different life. It's more relaxed here."

And the people are different in some ways. For example, she added, "Here, the

people say, 'thank you', 'I'm sorry', 'excuse me'. In Spain, nothing."

Pena noted some other cultural differences. In Spain, families are close, although each member lives a very independent and busy life.

For young people, the hours after school are filled with activities such as sports, shopping and socializing with friends at a bar. Pena said she's quickly learned to tell people here that "meeting at a bar" doesn't mean getting drunk.

Despite busy schedules, families sit down and eat together every day at 2 p.m., with schools and businesses closing for 2 hours for the traditional meal.

The 3-course menu consists of a soup or vegetable, followed by meat, fish or eggs, followed by fruit or yogurt.

FAST FOOD

Fast food is much bigger in America than in Spain, Pena commented, adding that with an older sister, 2 older brothers and a younger brother, "My mother has to be all morning cooking."

All in all, she's taken the differences in food and culture in stride. She's found that she's quite fond of macaroni and cheese and, according to her host mother, has become a typical American teen when it comes to combining study and music.

Looking back, language has been perhaps Pena's biggest challenge, and she acknowledged she was a bit nervous when she first arrived in the area.

"I came here with 'thank you', 'I don't understand' and 'I'm sorry'," she recalled. "I didn't know how I would talk to other people, but really I was very excited."

"I confused everything. It

was so funny," Pena added. "I'm glad that I came here without English because you really enjoy learning the language. It was nice because everybody helped me."

Everybody includes her host family, teachers and friends, according to Pena, who said she studied English at her school in Spain, but that the curriculum emphasized grammar rather than conversation.

ENJOYS SCHOOL

She said she has enjoyed

attending school in Cass City. "Here, the teachers help you a lot" and explain things more.

Pena remarked she also likes having periodic exams. In contrast, tests at her school in Spain are administered less often, and they require answers that are essay in nature. She smiled and added, "You have to tell the teacher all your life."

After high school, Pena would like to attend college. She isn't certain of a career, but knows she wants to be involved in dealing with people, perhaps on an international level.

"The thing is, I like to talk a lot, and so I have to talk a day. If I can, I talk to the wall," she joked.

Pena remarked that her experience as an exchange student will help her in the future. She said the challenges she's faced have enabled her to reach 2 goals: developing the ability to express her ideas with others, and maturing and becoming more independent.

Pena concluded that her time here has helped her to realize she can solve problems for herself. "You have to think for yourself," she added.

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Vicki Colton of Cass City says that she feels "it is pretty sad when a woman can't do with her body what she wants to". In fact, she said, I am pro-choice because my job includes teaching kids and way too many times have I found that the dad leaves and the mother has the task of raising the kids alone.

Mrs. Colton and her husband, Craig, have been Cass City residents for 3 years, moving here from Texas, although she is originally a Michigan person, born in the Detroit area.

Craig Colton is a psychologist who works at the Mental Health Clinic in Bad Axe. The couple has one son, Jamie, 14.



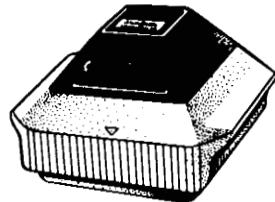
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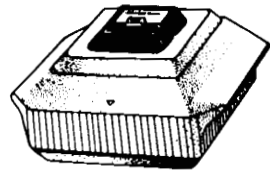
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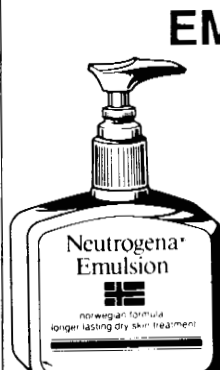
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Habitual criminal sentenced

Several criminal arraignments and sentencings were heard in Tuscola County Circuit Court in Caro Friday before Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Robert Edward Kienitz, 4802 E. Mayville Road, Silverwood, was sentenced to a

year in Tuscola County Jail for drunk driving, third offense. In addition he was placed on probation for 3 years, ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000, costs of \$1,000 and \$30 to crime victim fund.

Charles Edward Mester,

5270 Shabbona Road, DeFord, requested a re-sentencing, which was denied. He was sentenced to a year in jail for drunk driving, third offense. He had desired to secure a work-release permit.

Janice Peterson, 114 N. 13th Street, Saginaw, was sentenced to 6 months in the county jail for an attempted larceny from a house in Reese.

Roger Zelmer Jr., 1260 Cleaver Road, Caro, stood mute when arraigned on a charge of negligent homicide. A plea of innocent was entered. The charge stemmed from a fatal accident on Deckerville Road.

Michael Barromy, 1315 Pennington Drive, Lapeer, was sentenced for larceny in a building. He was sentenced to the time he has spent in jail and ordered to make restitution of \$3,150.18.

Dean Armstrong, 5931 South Kingston Road, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering with intent to rob a workshop at 3283 Elmwood Road, Caro. Sentence is to be set.

Larry Lee, 1309 Sutton Street, Flint, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison as an habitual criminal after he was found guilty of breaking and entering an unoccupied building in Denmark Township. Credit was given for time served.

Cheryl Giddings, 4973 Poplar Street, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to charges of felonious driving and driving under the influence of alcohol. She was ordered to spend 90 days in jail, placed under probation for 24 months, fined \$500 and ordered to pay costs of \$500 and pay \$30 crime victim fee.

Michael Reese Shaw, 1313, Sutton Street, Flint, was sentenced for breaking and entering in Denmark Township. He received a jail sentence of 2 to 5 years and was ordered to make restitution of \$140.41.

A criminal case was also heard Wednesday. David Donald Dipzinski, Millington, was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense. Sentence will be passed Mar. 6, 1992.

Letter to the editor

Go Red Hawks

The Cass City Chronicle is well read at the Retirement Community of Hawthorne at Leesburg, Fla. Ellen Sickler, now Mrs. Stanley Beach (Gagetown), subscribes to the paper. It is then passed on to Thelma Sickler, now Mrs. Norbert Gaeth (Sebewaing), who then gives it to Bud Sickler. It then goes to a Fairgrove man, Robert Hickey.

We are Red Hawk followers - Ellen was a cheerleader and Bud played in the early 40's. Willis Campbell was instrumental in getting me to start school and Lester Ross was a great influence on my life. I enlisted in the Navy Air Corps while in high school and while in the service I got involved with the top basketball program in the country. This wholly American sport was picked by the Navy Air Corps to prepare cadets for pilot training.

Basketball is now celebrating its 100th year. It was

developed by a YMCA instructor, Dr. James Naismith, at YMCA Spring College in Springfield, Mass. Alonzo Stagg was also a student and instructor at the YMCA College. He played in the first public basketball game March 11, 1892.

The Basketball Hall of Fame is located at Springfield YMCA College. After the war I completed my college program, majoring in Physical Education at Bowling Green, Ohio. I went to work for the YMCA as a physical director and spent over 30 years coaching, refereeing and organizing leagues and tournaments. I enjoyed my work - thank you Coach Ross. Go Red Hawks. Cass City has influenced the lives of many people. Thank you.

Bud Sickler
102 Ixora Way
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Class of '42

Set dedication for Caro school

Citizens of the Caro School District will dedicate \$3.2 million worth of new and renovated school facilities Thursday, Feb. 13, in ceremonies from 2-3 p.m. in the new Caro Community Middle School gymnasium. A 3-6 p.m. open house at all district schools will follow dedication ceremonies.

The dedication concludes a major program of expansion and modernizing of the district's 4 school buildings, made possible by a one-mill bond issue approved by voters Sept. 17, 1990.

Center piece of the project is a new 21,000 square foot Middle School, erected at the front of the existing High School in order to integrate existing Junior High School facilities. The new Middle School features 6 new classrooms, 2 science laboratories, special education classroom, kitchens, offices, lobby, gymnasium/multi-purpose room and also created girls' and boys' locker rooms plus exterior site

work and furnishings. Robert DeBoer is principal of the new facility.

At the neighboring McComb Elementary School, also located on the Hooper Street campus, 2,310-square-foot additions were erected, providing 4 new classrooms, restrooms, corridors, furnishings and exterior site work. Bernard Nelson is principal of the school.

The boys' and girls' locker rooms at the high school's Stamats Gymnasium athletic complex have been renovated and modernized.

The program also included a complete renovation of the interior of Schall Elementary School, including renovated wooden floors and replacement with modern tile, lowered ceilings and fluorescent lighting, complete repainting and a new heating system. The work completes renovation of the school, whose exterior was renovated 2 years ago. Mrs. Sally Dittman is principal of Schall School.

Friend of Court employees lose jobs in dispute

Two Tuscola County Friend of the Court employees will be laid off because of a lack of funding and space in the FOC office.

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, who has been locked in a dispute with commissioners over both issues for some time, announced the decision in a news release last week.

He criticized 3 commissioners — new board Chairman Terry Houthoofd, Vice-Chairman Robert Russell and Norma Bates — saying the trio, "for their own political motives, continue to use the power conferred upon them by the voters to handicap the functions of the Friend of the Court rather than allow the office to work for the county and most importantly, the children."

Joslyn stated that before William Worth was replaced by Houthoofd as board chairman, an agreement had been reached over the disputed issues, but that the board "has decided not to abide by that agreement."

Joslyn said the FOC office "is in serious trouble" and as a result of funding and space problems, all enforcement personnel will be laid off.

"A support investigator has been notified that she will be laid off effective Feb. 3, 1992, (and) the enforcement

officer will receive his lay-off notice shortly."

According to Joslyn, the FOC office is currently running 2 months behind in numerous functions.

If properly funded, staffed and equipped, he said, the office "could provide a tremendous service to children in need."

"I request that the public become involved," he concluded. "Write your commissioner today. Let him or her know that you are concerned about the children and parents of divorce and that you would like to see the Friend of the Court Office properly housed and staffed."

Although no official response was offered by the county board last week, Houthoofd categorically denied that he, Bates and Russell have used the FOC for their own political motives.

"To suggest such in the fashion and public forum as has been done indicates the level of degree Judge Joslyn will degrade the office of circuit court in order to have his own way," he stated. "To imply that the welfare of the children in this county is secondary or of little important to us, is an insult — period!"

"At a time when the state's economy is in serious trouble and the dollars in short supply... I believe we must pull together and combine our resources to assure the county can maintain as many services as possible."

"We must act together for the good of the whole," Houthoofd added, "which means trying to safeguard such things as services to our senior citizens, law enforcement and our children."

"As a commissioner, you must strive to do the best job possible while viewing the entire picture rather than only a single segment."

Nicholas is nurse grad



Lisa Nicholas

Lisa L. Nicholas, registered nurse, recently graduated from the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Kalamazoo.

She is presently employed at Bronson, where she works in the Cardiology unit.

Nicholas is a 1988 graduate of Cass City High School and the daughter of Randy and Sandy Kozan of Kalamazoo.

Firemen set benefit dance

Last year, the Mayville, Kingston, Vassar, Fostoria, Gagetown and Elkland Township Fire Departments raised over \$16,000 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's comprehensive programs of patient services throughout the Thumb area.

March 7, these departments, along with the Fairgrove Fire Department, will host the 4th annual fire fighters dance to benefit MDA. The dance, sponsored by the Vassar Eagles, is open to the public and will be held at the Vassar Eagles Hall from 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 per couple.

Last year's dance, which was a sell out, raised over \$5,500.

Swine marketing is meet topic

The third meeting in "Your Swine Enterprise: Coming Through in '92" will be held Feb. 4 at the Huron Area Skill Center in Bad Axe.

The Cooperative Extension Service meeting, set for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., is open to all swine producers who pre-registered for the series or are willing to pay the single session fee.

Mike Bigelow, representative of Michigan Livestock Exchange, will be discussing swine marketing by Michigan Livestock Exchange. Mike will also explain financing programs available through the livestock cooperative.

More information and registration are available by contacting Dr. Beth Ellen Doran at (517) 269-9949 or (313) 648-2515.

Pigeon to host pork producers

The annual winter meeting of the Huron County Pork Producers Association will be Monday, Feb. 3, at the Main Street Cafe' in Pigeon. The dinner meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to any pork producer wishing to join the association. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person.

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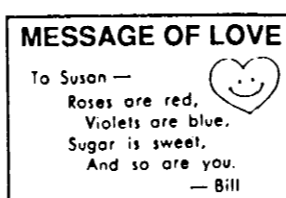
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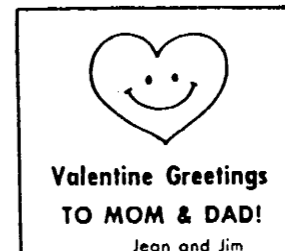
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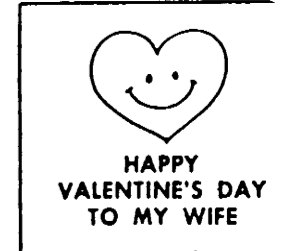
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Gordon Farrelly and

Nancy of New Baltimore were Wednesday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Barb Salowitz was an evening guest.

Reva Silver was a Monday guest of Edanna Sweeney. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Drake were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Monday guest of Mrs. Ray Michalski.

Mrs. Joe Walsh and Mrs. Evans Gibbard spent Monday with Rose Czarnecki in East Detroit.

Mrs. David Hacker spent Thursday with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reckling of Rochester Hills were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart of Bad Axe were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaughlin were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. Other visitors through the week were Jeff Hallock, Janice and family, Kim Walker, John Boland, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Jr. and son and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kanaski.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard was a Friday guest of Stella Leszczynski.

Matt, Justin and Emily Miller spent the weekend with Jack Miller at Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Talaski of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gedert and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibbard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian.

Birthday cake and ice cream were served in honor of Brian Taylor's and Mrs. Greg Moore's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Sunday dinner guests of Gordon Farrelly and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Silver and Tiffany of Bay City were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Wednesday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell at Utica.

Franklin Sweeney of Lansing was a Friday night guest of Edanna Sweeney and David and Saturday attended the funeral of a cousin, Helen (Sweeney) Morley, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church.

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There were 20 members present.

President Mabel Ondrajka brought the meeting to order with the group reciting the Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag.

Members sent a sympathy card to Nettie Doan and get well card to Beulah Kretschmer.

Elizabeth Szidik won the women's door prize and Jack Doerf won the men's door prize.

After adjournment, euchre was played. Prizes were awarded to Mary Thomas for women's high; Selma Koch for women's low; Orville Mallory for men's high, and Amasa Anthes for men's low. Virginia Anthes won the owl prize.

Weed control topic for Caro meet

A special program for farm producers will take place Feb. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Brentwood restaurant in Caro. The topic of the workshop is "Weed Control and Herbicide Recommendations." This program will feature Dr. Karen Renner, weed specialist from Michigan State University, who will discuss changes in technology and products available for weed control in general field crops.

The recommendations that will be discussed take into consideration the most profitable and environmentally sound production practices. Participants will earn 4 RUP (restricted use pesticide) certification credits that can be credited toward recertification. For further details contact the Tuscola Cooperative Extension Service Office in Caro at 517-673-5999 ext.228.

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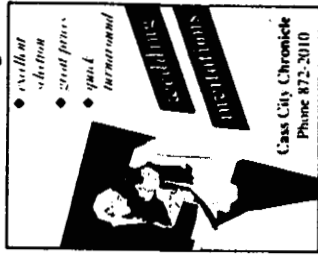
To avoid trouble

Share financial information

Financial planning is probably the last thing on the minds of most prospective brides and grooms. However, it is one of the most important issues they will face as a couple. To avoid what (according to various reports) will probably be the cause of their first fight, couples need to sit down together, share information on their financial resources and credit histories, and establish a working plan for their finances well before they march down the aisle.

New couples' financial planning starts with "yours, mine and ours" — your previous bills and responsibilities and savings, and our joint incomes, investments and lines of credit. You, the bride and groom, have to make equitable decisions at the very beginning on how to handle debts and combine current resources.

Here are some general



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guidelines offered by Gold MasterCard that will help you get started on your financial plan:

* Decide up front who will be the best person to pay the bills and balance the checkbook. It usually works best if one person takes over this responsibility, but you can try rotating once or twice a year.

* Start a joint checking account by pooling your paychecks or agreeing on a set amount you will both contribute to the account.

* Earnmark a percentage of joint income to savings and put this away before you pay the bills.

* Decide how much of a cash allowance each of you will have between paydays and stick to it.

* Review the status of your credit cards and consider joint accounts to achieve higher credit lines.

Once you have made your joint financial plan, commit to periodic "economic summits" to review its status and make necessary adjustments.

It's all about saving money — even the wealthy are careful not to splurge outrageously in these trying times.

Of course, there are certain

occasions in which money, family and friends and a lot of it, is necessary in order to make a lasting, memorable, and forever come up with some money-saving ideas for your wedding. Birthdays, holidays, motions — all are very special occasions and important, but also absolutely beautiful, and if one person takes over this responsibility, but you can try rotating once or twice a year.

The singular glorious ceremony that is celebrated and treasured forever, is your wedding day. And, although the wedding day is a precious one, and perfection is the ultimate goal, spending thousands of dollars and running yourself ragged is not the answer; it will only result in post-marital blues.

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Traditionally, the bride gives her attendants a gift that will coordinate with their gowns, but can also be worn after the wedding.

If the gifts are to be engraved or monogrammed, the bride and groom should take the precaution of purchasing them well in advance so that they will be ready prior to the wedding.

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Gold or silver charm
Pearl bracelet or stud earrings
Fashion jewelry
Gold or silver bookmark

FOR THE FLOWER GIRL

Locket
Pearl pendant
Birthstone ring
Bracelet
Religious jewelry
Gold or silver barrette

FOR THE BEST MAN

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Jewelers of America (JA), the national organization dedicated to consumer education and information about fine jewelry, states that although 75 percent of all couples shop together, the man and woman perceive the purchase of the diamond engagement ring differently.

The man strongly believes in the tradition of the diamond engagement ring and the importance of the quality of the stone. It is the one aspect of the wedding proc-

ess over which he has control!

For the woman, the ring is just one aspect of the wedding process. She is concerned with the size and shape of the stone as a function of style, but is also worried about their budget. The symbolism of the diamond engagement ring is implicit, but she tends to downplay the importance of size and price while he is ready to spend more for the best he can give her.

In view of these facts, to determine what you can best afford, a wise guideline to use is the 2 months' salary guideline. Research shows that this allows a couple to buy the best quality diamond they can afford without breaking their budget.

Diamonds are not inexpensive, but remember that while most purchases depreciate over the years, the diamond lasts long after the honeymoon and champagne are over. And, if you appreciate quality and look for it in everything you do, you'll want a diamond that is symbolic of the quality of your

love.

Once you've decided on a budget of 2 months' salary, quality should be your first consideration. In order to understand quality in diamonds, you must understand the four C's: Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat-weight.

Cut: Diamonds are cut into a number of shapes, depending on the nature of the rough stone. A well-cut diamond is better able to handle light, creating more scintillation and sparkle.

Color: Diamonds are found with a range of color; however, the best color for a diamond is no color. It is a totally colorless diamond that allows white light to pass through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

Clarity: Most diamonds contain very tiny natural birthmarks known as inclusions. However, the fewer and smaller the inclusions are, the less likely it is that they will interfere with the passage of light through the diamond, and the more beautiful the diamond will be.

Carat-weight: This is the

weight of a diamond measured in carats. One carat is divided into 100 "points" so that a diamond of 75 points weight .75 carats.

Jewelers of America suggests you ask your local jeweler to show you a selection of quality diamond

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often takes stock of her situation and feels left behind, even though she's happy her friend is moving on," says Cynthia Mitchell, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in Cambridge, Mass.

What's important to the continuity of the friendship is for both of you to explain the pulls that you are experiencing. Even a 10-minute phone call or short note can appease hurt feelings. Then, when your newlywed life is settled, be sure your friend knows how much his or her patience was appreciated.

The jealous friend. The "man shortage" has created its share of acute spinsterphobia among single women. Your plans may make them feel jealous, even hostile, from the moment you announce your engagement. But recognizing the reasons behind those feelings can help keep them to a minimum. Hauling out your gifts may have brought shouts of glee at your 14th birthday party, but your friend might now interpret a display of wedding gifts as showy or bragging. Instead of dwelling on your glorious future with the man of your dreams, focus on your friend's ideas, new job, or honed, and turning points such as marriage lead you to pay more attention to relationships that enrich you.

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Planning is important

Blended families can pose problems

Over 20 percent of 83.5 million U.S. households are now "blended" families, with more than 1,300 new stepfamilies being added every day. The Ozzie and Harriet nuclear family is branching out. Recent studies show that the "average" American family may include as many as 8 parents and numerous children. Complexities that arise with adoption and adoption can make remarriage an emotional event for all fam-

ily members. Bride's magazine offers these suggestions for smoothing over the transition from single parent to strong stepfamily.

UNDER ONE ROOF

Before the wedding: Planning a life together is important for every couple, but for a stepfamily, it is essential. Topics that can create conflict in marriage — how

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Blended families can pose problems

Over 20 percent of 83.5 million U.S. households are now "blended" families, with more than 1,300 new stepfamilies being added every day. The Ozzie and Harriet nuclear family is branching out. Recent studies show that the "average" American family may include as many as 8 parents and numerous children. Complexities that arise with adoption and adoption can make remarriage an emotional event for all fam-

ily members. Bride's magazine offers these suggestions for smoothing over the transition from single parent to strong stepfamily.

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Before the wedding: Planning a life together is important for every couple, but for a stepfamily, it is essential. Topics that can create conflict in marriage — how

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How to be a good guest

Here are tips on how to be a good guest, suggested by Ladies' Home Journal magazine:

* Always respond to RSVPs. "Everyone should answer any social invitation promptly," says Judith Martin, A.K.A. Miss Manners. Give regrets if you can't attend, but mention the reason. However, never ask about bringing kids if they haven't been invited.

* Arrive on time. Unless it's a flexible open house,

don't be more than 30 minutes late for a cocktail party, or 15 minutes tardy for a sit-down dinner. And its never all right to be even a little early.

* Bring a gift. This is always a welcome touch. Good choices include: chocolates, nuts, a bottle of wine or liquor, a tin of homemade cookies, or a pretty plant. Avoid cut flowers which will send a harried hostess scrambling for a vase.

* Mingle. Don't be tempted to stick with familiar faces. Strike up conversations with other guests; ask open-ended questions, such as: "What do you do?" or "How do you know the hosts?"

* Don't overstay. Unless drafted to help with cleanup, don't be the last to leave.

* Show your appreciation. Always call to thank the hostess the next day. Classier yet, send a brief note.

18 months in advance

Choose location early

Caterers, wedding planners and managers of historic houses offer this advice.

Choose the house you want at least 18 months in advance of the wedding, especially if it will be on a weekend. Keep in mind that most houses can accommodate no more than 250 guests.

Make a list of all your

needs. Ask if you will be allowed to put up a tent on the lawn and whether you will have to choose a caterer from a list approved by the house managers.

Determine whether the location is easily accessible for most of your guests. Provide them with a list of nearby hotels.

Try to rent chairs and tables

from the caterer, as this usually costs less than hiring a party equipment company.

Ask about insurance charges and whether the management requires that "chaperones" be hired to keep an eye on the house during the wedding.

Ask if there is an extra charge for setting up an area for the ceremony.

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Money won't buy happiness - LaPeers

Most young folks contemplating marriage have no doubts at all that they are entering a lifetime union and see nothing but smooth sailing ahead. Yet statistics show that a good many of their marriages will break on the rocks of matrimonial strife.

Why does this happen? we asked Gaylord and Charlotte LaPeer, Cass City, who were married Mar. 5, 1938.

There are many reasons, Mrs. LaPeer believes, but a principal reason is that many couples today equate material possessions with happiness. You don't need 2 cars or fancy furniture, you don't need a lot to be happy.

Certainly the LaPeers speak from experience. They were married in the height of the great depression in Lapeer. It was my idea to be married there, Mrs. LaPeer said, because his name was LaPeer. We took a trip to Flint for our honeymoon and when we returned home we had no money at all.

But Gaylord did have a job even though it paid very little. And while the couple

feels that many young persons contemplating marriage put too much emphasis on money, they feel it is a mistake to marry unless the new family has someone bringing home a paycheck.

A big bonus for any newlyweds, the LaPeers say, is to develop a feeling of family. His family or mine, we always depend on each other, and it smooths out any rough spots in a marriage, they believe.

Every marriage has problems and the one that was probably the biggest for the LaPeers was when a daughter became ill and died. How did the LaPeers cope with it? By talking about it and leaning on the family for support, they said.

How did the LaPeers manage to have 54 years of a happy life? It helps if you can manage never to get angry at the same time, they said.

Anyone getting married should realize that you have to give a little and take a little to make it successful, said Gaylord, while receiv-

ing an emphatic nod of approval from his wife as he said it.

Bridal thoughts

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems to short.

—Andre Maurois

By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

—Socrates

Love is much nicer to be in than an automobile accident, a tight girdle, a higher tax bracket or a holding pattern over Philadelphia.

—Judith Viorst

Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution.

—Mae West

Marriage is hardly a thing that one can do now and then — except in America.

—Oscar Wild



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Where to go

Skiers: Try honeymoon in Vermont

For winter sports lovers, Vermont is an exciting honeymoon destination. Vermont may be the best place in the world for cross country skiers. A total of 49 cross country ski areas maintain 2,119 kilometers of trails. These range in elevation from 100 feet to 3,550 feet and offer such services as instruction, rentals, sales and repair services. Skiers can pick the areas that best meet their needs, and return again and again to groomed and tracked trails that cover the beauty of Vermont.

Some favorite cross country skiing resorts in the Green Mountain State are:

* Craftsbury Nordic: The Craftsbury Nordic Center is heading into its 15th season amid beautiful trails, lakes and mountains. Prodigious natural snows fall early and stay long at 2,000 feet in the Northeast Kingdom. If you want to watch the pros to learn technique and speed, this is a good place to do it amid high open meadows, historic white-clapboard villages, dense forests and glacially carved lakes. Call (802) 586-7768 for information.

* Highland Lodge: Highland Lodge, on a hill above Caspian Lake, is a refuge from the cares of the everyday world. Guests are reacquainted with relaxation and the natural world around them on 45 kilometers of trails across the rolling hills of historic Greensboro (charted in 1781). Call (802) 533-2647 for information.

* Hazen's Notch: At Hazen's Notch in Montgomery Center, you are about as close to Canada as you can get within Vermont. Hazen's Notch has a lot of snow and scenery, but is inexpensive and inviting.

The trail system enjoys high elevation in the midst of northern Vermont's snow belt. Call (802) 326-4708 for information.

* Sugarbush Inn: The Sugarbush Nordic center at the Sugarbush Inn offers fine service and cuisine along with cross country skiing in the heart of "downhill" country. Blessed with a variety of "rollercoaster" terrain across the inn's golf course, the trail system provides moderate sections for beginners as well as intermediate and advanced areas. Call (802) 583-2301 for information.

* Woodstock: Woodstock is one of the most popular, attractive and fashionable resort towns in the nation. The Woodstock Ski Touring Center uses the golf course of the Woodstock Inn as the start of their 70 kilometers of trails. About half of the trails follow one hundred-year-old carriage roads on Mt. Tom, where a traditional, wood-heated log cabin was opened last year for picnic lunches. At Woodstock you can ski to lunch, a whirlpool bath, a drink, a health and fitness club, a swim or epicurean meals. Call (802) 457-2114 for information.

* Stratton: In southern Vermont, Stratton Mountain uses their 27-hole golf course as a finely groomed ski touring complex when the snow falls. Many of the mountain's alpine crowd like to alternate downhill with a bit of gliding. The rolling trails are excellent for a "skating" technique, and you can join a moonlight trip to Pearl Buck's stone cabin or take a backcountry tour. Call (802) 297-1880 for information.

* Nordic Inn: The Nordic

Inn in Landgrove serves Scandinavian food in the dining room and maintains 25 kilometers of trails for working out. Visitors claim it's just about as close as you can get to Scandinavia on this side of the Atlantic. Believe it or not, they also offer nordic instruction at the Nordic Inn (in skiing, that is). Call (802) 824-6444 for information.

* Tater Hill: Five miles from the Magic Mountain downhill area in Chester, the Tater Hill Ski touring Center has an extensive clubhouse, a side benefit to a property that is a golf course in summer. With a restaurant, bar, roaring fire and 40 kilometers of trails that are excellent for beginner and intermediate skiers, Tater Hill has a lot to offer. Call (802) 875-2517.

* Hawk: Where is the biggest hot tub in the Green Mountain State? It's at Hawk Inn & Resort in Plymouth. They also have 25 kilometers of cross country trails at this 4 star, 4 diamond facility. Of those, 10 kilometers are groomed and track-set, 5 kilometers are groomed for skating, and an additional 15 kilometers of outlying trails are available through the surrounding forests. Call (802) 672-3811 for information.

ALPINE SKIING AND SNOWMOBILING

Several of Vermont's alpine ski areas operate independently of any organization, yet many equal the challenges found at any Vermont winter resort. And each provide their own charm, some in a more simple way, but personally rewarding to those who ski

there.

Mad River Glen in Fayston is the largest and best known of these. For years, expert skiers and would-be experts have met the tests of serious skiing.

The location in central Vermont's snow belt assures an abundance of natural snowfall in unspoiled settings. Nearby are cozy accommodations, fine meals, personal attention and a relaxed pace where it's easy to make new friends while anticipating or recounting ski experiences.

Mad River's 4 ski lifts serve 33 trails on Stark Mountain. Selective ski-making covers trails served by 3 of the lifts. Looking for high adventure? Then attack 2,000-foot verticals or try off-trail skiing at Paradise. The 45 degree pitch thrills the best of skiers.

At the same time, beginners can discover the true spirit of skiing on an abundance of well-marked Birdland trails where gentle slopes reveal nature's variety, charm and beauty. For more information on Mad River Glen, call (802) 496-3551.

Vermont has the best of all possible worlds for the snowmobiling public. The VAST system provides at least 3,500 miles of corridor, secondary and feeder trails. You can park your car and trailer at designated locations throughout the state and travel as far as you like on interconnected trails. You can ride to hundreds of trailside motels, inns and bed and breakfasts.

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In Vermont, winter is a celebration of life. You will travel through front yards, barnyards, lakes and forests with permission from the owner of the land. You will travel on trails, railbeds, logging roads, town lanes, and on 220-foot suspension bridges built by VAST members over large rivers. Do all your traveling by snowmobile.

Contact VAST for more information: Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, P.O. Box 839, Montpel-

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Fire-resistant containers

A practical wedding gift

Looking for the perfect wedding gift can be a real challenge—especially with many brides today marrying later in life or for the second time, and already in possession of a wide assortment of toasters, blenders, and other necessary household goods.

But there is one gift that many newly-married couples of all ages probably don't have and could definitely use. That is a gift of fire protection for their most important papers and belongings — fire protection in the form of a fire-resistant safe, file or security chest.

With more than 2,000 fires striking American homes each day, safe storage for one's valuable or irreplace-

able papers and possessions is a necessity, not a luxury. Knowing that items like their marriage certificate, deed to a new house, wedding photos — as well as insurance policies, tax records, family heirlooms, and more — are protected can mean true peace of mind for any newlyweds.

There are a wide variety of fire-resistant storage containers available for any gift-giving budget too. The most important thing to look for is the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) classification, ensuring that the product has passed rigorous tests for fire safety.

A fire-resistant container may not seem like the most glamorous gift you can give

a new bride — but you can be sure it is one that will be

used and appreciated for years to come.

Bed buying tips offered

You and your spouse will spend one-third of your lives together on your mattress and foundation. Here are some bed-buying tips from the Better Sleep Council:

*Shop for bedding when you're rested and unhurried, so you can concentrate on finding what feels right.

*Take your partner. When buying for 2, both of you should make the decision.

*Wear comfortable clothes and shoes you can remove easily for lying down.

*Lie down and stay there. You can't judge support and comfort by sitting on an edge or lying down for a few

seconds. Don't be shy. Get on the bed with your partner, roll around, lie on your side — are your hips and shoulders comfortable?

*Get the whole story. Request literature, study the information on display, read the labeling and insist that the salesman tell you about product features.

*Shop for the best value, not the lowest price. You can always find "bargain bedding" at rock-bottom prices, but it's no bargain when it comes to getting a good night's sleep.

For a free copy of the "A to Zzzzzz Guide to Better Sleep," write to the Better Sleep Council, Dept. B, P.O. Box 13, Washington, D.C. 20044.

Bridal thoughts

By the time you swear you're his,
Shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is
Infinite, Undying —
Lady, make a note of this:
One of you is lying.
—Dorothy Parker

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.
—Phyllis Diller

It's hobbies you pursue together,
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That make marriage a joy.
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Picking the wedding gown

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FABULOUS FABRICS

- * Crisp transparencies — organza, silk gazar, a profusion of tulle layers, point d'esprit.
- * Frosted effects — iridescent hues, pearlized fabric.
- * Matte mixed with shiny, such as satin with light-weight taffeta.
- * Fluid, 2-ply crepe.
- * Rich texture — floral jacquard, ottoman, silk shantung, faille, silk doupi-oni, panne velvet.
- * Laces — guipure, reem-broidered, Alencon, Venetian, Chantilly, eyelet.
- * Dimensional surfaces — pique, quilted fabrics.
- * Sheer shades — whitened pastels (mint, pink, yellow, lavender) add a pearlized look to white or ivory.
- * Metallics — gold or silver threads, beads, plain or crepe.
- * Embellishments — dimensional flowers of silk or self-fabrics blooming around the neckline,

strewed about the skirt, hem border, and train; colored embroidery; pastel beading; trellis ribboning, jewelry and/or pearls concentrated on collar, cuffs, hemline; a soft bow gracing the neckline, waist, bustle.

SHAPELY SILHOUETTES

- * Pure lines — elongated bell-shaped skirts gathered at the hips; A-lines.
- * Necklines — open, rounded square; scoop; bateau; fichu collars; high wedding-band collars.
- * The waist as a focal point — nipped and cinched with a sash.
- * Silk columns with narrow fishtail bottoms or flyaway trains sweeping down from the back of the shoulders.
- * Trains — the extra-long monarch length; a soft, oversized bustle bow.

A SHORT STORY

Short dresses are a growing option for the sophisticated bride or an encore wedding. Shapes are borrowed from the most elegant evening wear, reinterpreted with a bridal influence. New lengths:

- * Above-the-knee and flared; short bell shapes.
- * A short dress with a detachable ball-gown overskirt that can be removed after the ceremony.
- * The high-low hemline — above-the-knee length in front, flowing to a dramatic

sweep train in back.

* A play on separates — a short slip dress paired with a matching coat; tunic top over a short, slim skirt.

* The softly tailored above-the-knee coatdress; buttons, lapels, and cuffs are embellished with pearls, jewels or lace.

NECESSARY ACCESSORIES

Accessories are uncluttered, dimensional, and designed to complement the sculpted floral detailing and color accents of the new gowns. The hottest headpieces:

- * Embellished headbands — with silk flowers, all-over pearls, silk cording, accents that mimic dress details.
- * Soft bows worn at the back of the head.
- * Tiaras made of crystals or pearls — sized small enough to wear with hair up or large enough to sit on the crown of the head.
- * Veils — circular veils with pearl, crystal, or metallic embellishments; heirloom lace made into a veil.
- * Hoods with long, flowing attached trains.
- * Softly tailored, raised pillboxes wrapped with tulle that trails down in back.

SHOE SHAPES

High heels are still high on the list, but new shapes offer sophisticated style — and comfort, to boot. Stepping

out on the scene:

- * Elongated fronts with square toes and elaborate embellishment; chiseled, curved, or skinny heels.
- * Ribbon treatment on ankles and shoe fronts.
- * Jeweled satin shoes.

LUXE LEGS

- * Colors — white, off-white, or ivory for the bride; pastels (matching dresses and shoes) for maids.
- * Thigh-highs and stockings with garters.

THE BOUQUET TODAY

This year's bouquet is small, tight, and refined — but decidedly special in its choice of blooms, textures.

- * Biedermeiers, posies, and nosegays in a variety of shapes and styles.
- * Wired and handtied blossoms in one bouquet.
- * All-white bouquets of lilies of the valley, fleur d'amour, and serena roses for formal celebrations.
- * Mixed tones and unusual textures for semiformal, informal, weddings.
- * Out-of-season blooms (now available through imports and hothouses) add unusual hues to the traditional palette.

* Bouquet alternatives — garlands gowns trimmed with fresh or silk flowers; fresh-flower necklaces, hair ornaments; a cliché of fresh blossoms worn on the head.

Wedding trends

Short, flared gown popular

So many questions, so many details, so many emotions — it's no wonder even the most organized bride-to-be can feel overwhelmed and anxious about finding the perfect wedding dress. Knowing what to expect before she steps into a bridal shop can help put her mind at ease.

Bride's magazine polled owners of top bridal stores nationwide for their answers to the most common dilemmas faced by brides-to-be. The resulting "insider shopping information" appeared in a recent issue. Here, a

sampling:

When should a bride start shopping for her gown? Begin the search 6 to 8 months before the wedding, since it can take manufacturers up to 6 months to fill an order, with alterations taking several weeks on top of that.

What homework should she do first? Look through bridal magazines, marking the pages with gowns she loves. "Don't rip them out," advises Monica Bisignano Zamler of Boulevard Bridal in Birmingham, Mich. "We need to know the page and manufacturer to locate the style number." Also keep in mind the time and site of the wedding, since a dress appropriate to a garden ceremony will look out of place in a cathedral.

What should the bride bring with her for her first appointment? Although most shops offer sample undergarments for try-ons, a smart bride will bring her own lingerie and shoes: a strapless bra or bustier, a slip in a neutral shade, white hosiery, and shoes in different heel heights.

How much will she have to pay "up front"? Many shops expect a non-refundable, 50 percent deposit when the dress is ordered, with the balance due either 30 days later or when the bride-to-be picks up her gown. While dress prices differ greatly, shop owners estimate that the average cost is between \$1,000-2,000, and alterations will average from \$50-500.

What about "moving up" the wedding date to ensure that the dress arrives in time? Many brides are tempted to try this, but the experts advise against it, pointing out that reputable bridal stores deal only with manufacturers they trust, and that lying may be counterproductive. For example, if the bride has her heart set on a gown that takes a long time to order, the sales consultant may rule it out because the delivery date cuts in too close to the wedding. "That's when the customer suddenly starts to level with us," says Hedda Kleinfeld Schachter of I. Kleinfeld & Son in Brooklyn, N.Y.

What if the bride is in a rush? Larger stores can often accommodate last-minute bridal shoppers, placing rush orders for gowns to arrive in 3 to 8 weeks. But brides should expect to pay a surcharge for this service.

Are there any cost-cutting ideas for the bride-to-be on a tight budget? Many stores will have sample dresses on sale, especially if a line has been discontinued, explains Barry May of Margies, a 7-store chain in the Chicago and Milwaukee areas. Another option: ordering a dress in a less-expensive fabric.

What if the bride's weight changes before the wedding day? Weight fluctuations (and brides on diets) are common, says Anne Barge of Anne Barge for Brides in Atlanta, Ga. Her advice: don't buy a dress in a size you hope to be. If the bride gains weight just before the wedding and her dress no longer fits, the shop may be able to get extra material from the manufacturer overnight.

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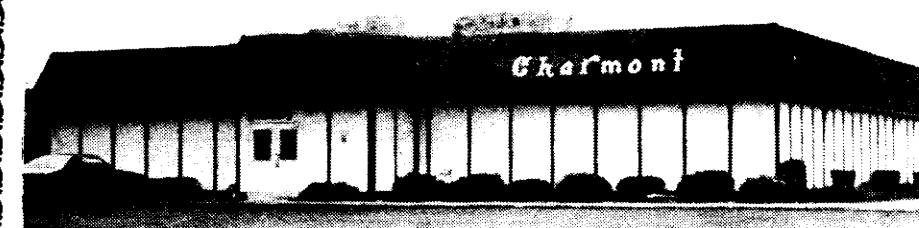


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