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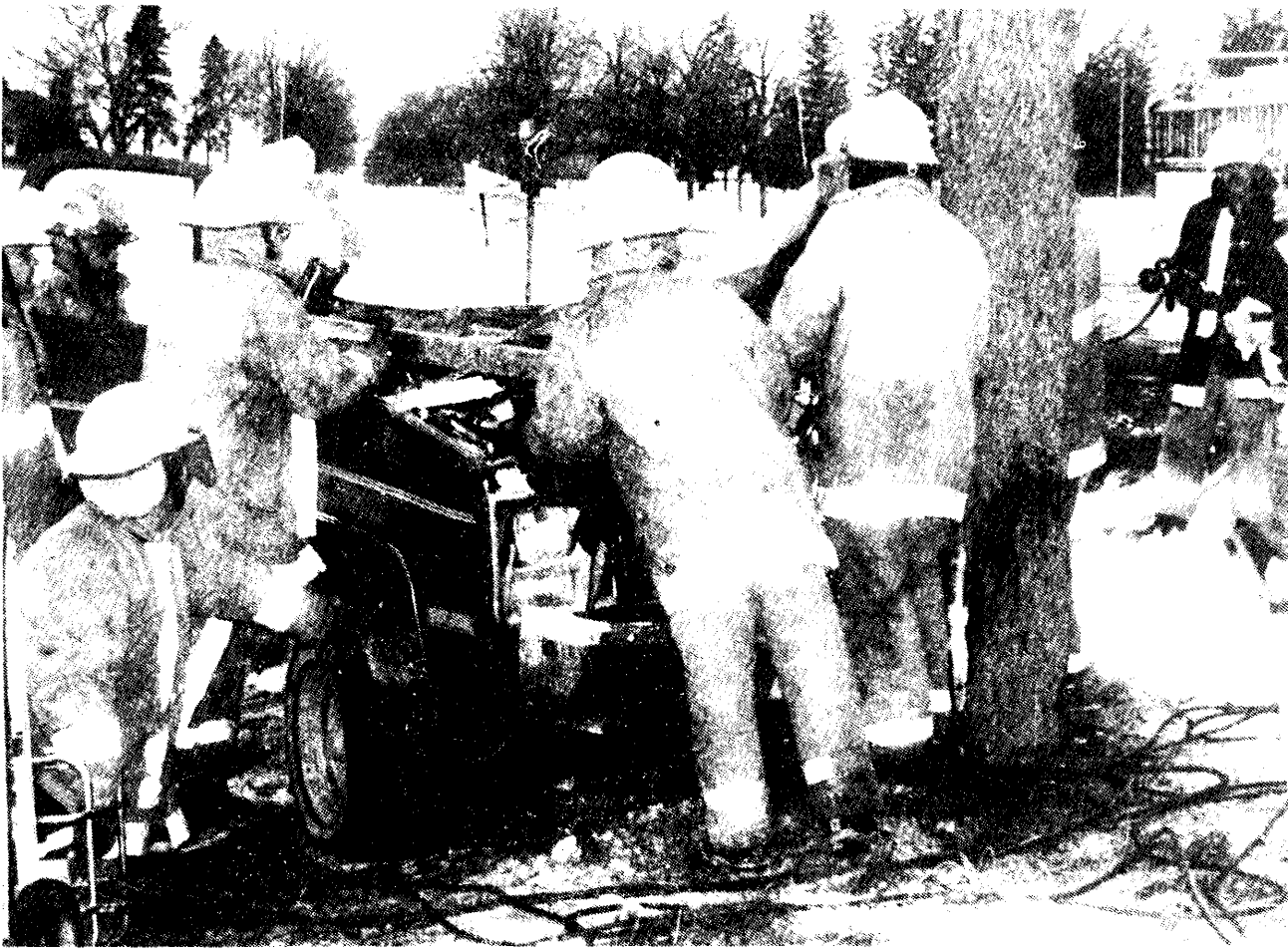
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT** rescue teams from Gagetown and Cass City work to free the driver of a pickup truck that left Bay City Forestville Road just east of Gagetown early Tuesday morning, slamming into a tree and catching fire. It's believed the driver lost control after hitting a patch of slush, but few details were available at the scene, where fire fighters awaited arrival of the FlightCare Helicopter from St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

## Edison workers picket to publicize contract problems

About 2 dozen Detroit Edison workers staged a 90-minute informational picket in front of the new North Area Energy Center in Cass City last week.

The demonstration was one of several held recently in southeast Michigan by members of the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 223, to protest a lack of progress in negotiations for a new contract.

Local 223 represents nearly a third of Edison's 9,000 employees, including about 55 in the Thumb, who have been without a contract since June.

"While showing profits on the company side, the company is not willing to negotiate a contract...that would be acceptable to Local 223," said Fred Mikolon of Gagetown, a 28-year Detroit Edison employee and union steward representing Tus-

cola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties.

"The first week of June the company came up with a 3-year contract proposal which was a concession contract... everything was taken away," Mikolon said.

The proposal offered no pay raises and asked workers to accept reductions in health care benefits and premium pay for holidays (from double time to time and a half), he continued. "So far the company has offered nothing and they have implemented the reduction in premium pay."

"The membership gave the union 99 percent rejection of the contract offer," Mikolon added, "and over 96 percent authorized the union to call a strike. That's how strong the feelings were."

However, there has been no work stoppage since the

employees' 3-year contract expired.

"The union felt it was best for all concerned to continue to work without a contract and to continue to negotiate," he said.

Although frustrated, Mikolon said it's hoped a union proposal to hire a private mediator will result in a new contract that will be acceptable to both workers and the company.

According to Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons, union and company officials recently met in Washington, D.C., with W.J. Usery Jr., a former U.S. labor secretary and one of the foremost authorities in dispute resolutions.

Both sides were to have met with Usery again last week in an effort to reach an agreement, he said.

Simons acknowledged Detroit Edison is asking

workers to accept concessions on the heels of a good financial year for the company, but pointed out much leaner times are ahead.

The electric utility industry nationwide is facing the same challenges presented by de-regulation, the result of a new energy act approved last year by Congress, he explained, adding, "We're going to be facing a lot more competition."

Citing a 5-percent rate cut implemented by Detroit Edison at the first of the year, Simons said the company is working to put itself in a position to meet its competition.

At the same time, employees are being offered a cost of living adjustment, according to the spokesman, who noted other union and non-union employees have already agreed to adjustments in health care benefits.

## Bus problems aired

# Board mulls school millage increase

It's decision time for taxpayers in the Cass City School District. Next month the school board will decide whether to ask for a millage increase or eat into the \$700,000 fund balance with a budget deficit of \$250,000 or so in the next school year.

Supt. Ken Micklash out-

lined the situation for members of the school board at its regular meeting Monday night at the school.

He said that the school has had no increase in state aid for the last 2 years and it appears as if there will be none again this year. Meanwhile expenses have gone

up about 5 per cent a year and will likely climb about as much next year.

We could get by with the same millage next year with a budget deficit of perhaps \$300,000, Micklash pointed out, but the following year we would be in a crisis situation.

One reason that the situation was outlined at the meeting was to find out what the average person in the district feels is the best course of action. A month ago Keith Little appeared before the board saying that the school should use the fund equity. At the annual school-community meeting, President Ben Hobart said several persons told him that reducing the fund equity was not the way to go. Public sentiment may have a direct bearing on the decision reached.

The members of the board that will decide the issue are Allan Hartwick, Beverley Auten, Fred Matthews, Marilyn Peters, James Turner, Danny Ullig and Hobart.

While there is doubt about asking for a millage increase, taxpayers are certain to be asked to approve the renewal of 21.9 mills for operation at the annual election June 14.

Presently Cass City spends less per pupil than any school in Tuscola County. The average operating millage for out-of-formula districts is 31.6 mills. In-formula districts (including Cass City) raise an average of 36.9 mills. Cass City raises 30.9 mills.

One of the big problems we face, Micklash pointed out, is that when valuations are raised, taxpayers feel that the school is getting more money. What really happens is that the amount of increase paid is deducted from the amount that the district receives from the state. Increases in valuation do not increase the amounts available to the school.

### BUS PROBLEM

Louise Ponder, a mother with children that ride the bus, expressed concerns over bus discipline problems.

She said that kids hanging out the window, placing gum in other students' hair, swearing, and running up and down the bus aisles were common.

To find out what the drivers feel about the problem she created a survey, which was

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## Gougeon easy winner

Voters gave Republican Joe Gougeon 20,187 votes Monday night in the runoff election for state representative in the 1st district. Gougeon's opponent, Democrat Fred Watson, received 18,850 votes. Gougeon's victory was a surprise to many observers. He had been considered a long shot to win the seat. The district includes Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. Gougeon is a former state legislator and has served in the Michigan House of Representatives since 1987. Watson is a former state legislator and has served in the Michigan House of Representatives since 1987.



**ABOUT 2 DOZEN** members of the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 223, staged an informational picket last Wednesday in front of Detroit Edison's North Area Energy Center in Cass City. The workers, including (left to right) Fred Mikolon of Gagetown, Roger Jagodzinski of Mayville and John Hanley of Caseville, have been without a contract since June.

## "We'll survive" - Kim Smutek

# Smuteks avoid injury as fire razes large farm home

Kim Smutek stared in disbelief Sunday morning as she watched flames engulf her family's large white farmhouse about 2 miles west of Shabbona.

The feeling of loss was painfully familiar to her. It's a feeling she never thought she would experience again, not after fire destroyed the same home twice before. The family was burned out of 2 trailer houses before that.

"All I can say is we're all devastated," she said Monday. "I think I'm so numb it really hasn't sunk in yet."

Some 35 fire fighters from 6 area departments braved bitter cold as they fought the blaze, reported shortly after 9 a.m. at 4321 VanDyke Rd.

Although Smutek and her husband, Ray, and the couple's children, Joc, 18, Rebecca, 15, and Christopher, 13, were all home when the fire started, no one was injured.

According to Kim, the couple had just woke up when they noted the smell of burning paper.

She said she asked her husband if he had started a fire in the wood stove, but he hadn't. "We have fuel oil and wood combination," she noted, "but we were not burning wood at the time."

A check around the house, including the basement and chimney, revealed nothing. "I even walked around the house and was feeling all the walls," she continued.

"We could smell smoke but we couldn't find where it was coming from."

Kim said they called her cousin, Roger Hurley, a fireman, and asked him to come out to see if he could find the source of the odor.

But flames erupted from the living room walls before he could arrive. By that time, the family had left the residence with what they could carry, and the fire

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department had been called.

"I got my pictures of my kids when they were young," Kim remarked. "I had them in a box in a closet just in case the house burned again."

Elkland Township Fire Chief Mill Connolly called the residence a total loss. No dollar value on the loss was available.

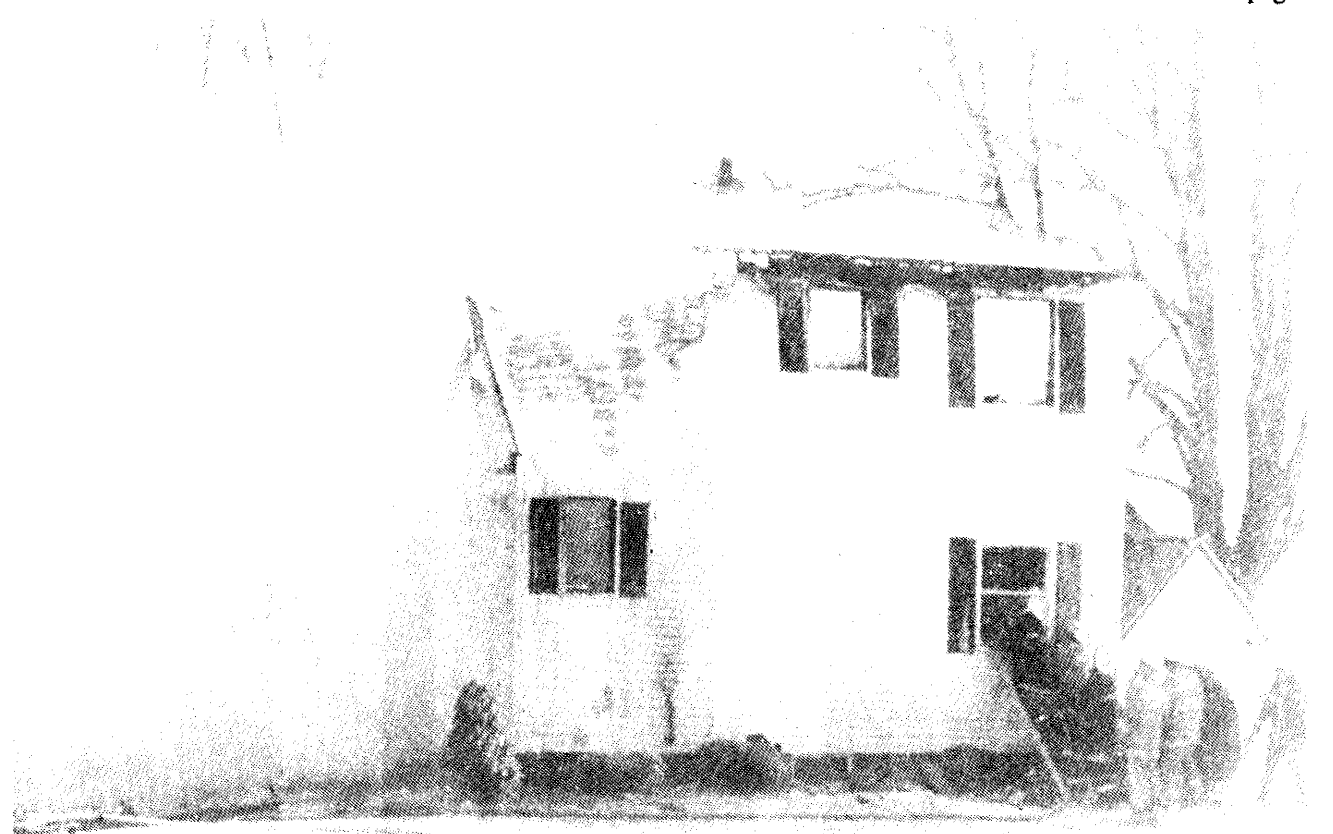
The fire chief said it appears the blaze started in a furnace area in the basement, but no specific cause has been determined yet. A state police fire marshal was expected to assist in the in-

vestigation Monday.

Firemen remained at the scene for about 5 hours, according to Connolly, who said Cass City fire fighters were assisted by the Elmwood-Gagetown, Kingston, Caro, Argyle and Lamotte Township fire departments.

Kim recalled the first time the family lost everything in a fire. It was around 1977 and the family was living in a house trailer, she said. The couple bought a new trailer and, 2 years later, it sus-

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**FIRE FIGHTERS FROM 6** departments braved bitter cold Sunday morning as they fought a blaze that gutted the Ray and Kim Smutek residence about 2 miles west of Shabbona. This marks the fourth time the family has lost nearly everything to a fire and the third time flames leveled this home.



Leslie and Carole Hartwick

## Hartwicks celebrate silver anniversary

Leslie W. and Carole Ann (Fisher) Hartwick of Cass City will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They were united in marriage at the Fraser Presbyterian Church March 16, 1968. The Hartwicks have 4 children, Rick Hartwick of Mio, Mrs. Noreen Keating of Bay

City, Mrs. Dawn Brock of Cass City and Jeffery Hartwick of Bay City, and 6 grandchildren.

Their children are planning an anniversary dinner for them to be held at the Elks Club in Essexville March 20.

## Cass City Retired Persons air meet

Seventeen members and one visitor of the Cass City Retired Persons held their March 11 meeting at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

The table was decorated with a theme denoting Saint Patrick's Day. Also decorating the table were many interesting musical ornaments. The group said the pledge to the flag and sang a verse of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

Edna Simcox, president, held a short business meeting. She read a thank-you note from Brandy Parks, thanking the group for its donation. Brandy is a student at Owen-Gage school who is raising money to attend All-State Michigan High School band tour. Dorothy Smith read a Saint

Patrick poem. Edna Simcox read "You are Getting Older." A poem, "A Hoot and a Howler," brought in by Nellie Shagena, was read. "Lumber from Sink," an Edgar Guest poem, was read by Lillian Hanby.

After lunch, the group played a game of making words out of the word "shamrock." Deloris Fleming had the most words. Elsie Blades, Onnalee Heltsly and Leo Shagena were bingo winners.

The Hospital Relation Person announced there would be a diabetic test held at the hospital March 23. Anyone interested should call for an appointment.

Members are asked to wear an Easter bonnet at next month's meeting.

## Annual Blue and Gold banquet held

Cass City Cub Scout Pack #3494 held its annual Blue and Gold banquet at the VFW hall Feb. 26.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed. Entertainment was provided by each cub scout den.

Cub Master Russ Hillaker presented many advancement and achievement awards. Matt Hillaker received the Arrow of Light award, the highest award presented in cub scouting.

The next scout event will be the Pine Wood Derby, slated for Saturday morning in the Cass City Middle School cafeteria.

## Greens to present concert

Les and Linda Green, nationally known TV and recording artists from Syracuse, N.Y., will present a gospel music concert at Shabbona United Methodist Church Sunday at 2 p.m. The Greens, who have 3 records to their credit, take their ministry to over 200 churches and campgrounds every year. The couple's focus is uplifting and challenging Christians in the local church, with the central theme being, "You are the best God has."

The public is cordially invited to this admission-free time of special music and encouragement.

## Marriage licenses

Warren Allen Coon and Shelley Rae Leach, both of Millington.

Esteben Rios and Julie Kay Nickerson, both of Caro. Timothy James Kreger and Kelley Jean Weissenborn, both of Caro.

Jacky Wayne Flynn and Brenda Sue Overaitis, both of Caro.

James Dale LaPratt and Shirley Marie Crick, both of Unionville.

Ted Cordell Hull and Sheri Lynn Kosha, both of Reese.

## Cass City Personal Items

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Three residents of the area were named to the quarterly dean's list at Ferris State University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The students are Charles R. Hall and James N. Kritzman, both of Cass City, and Brady C. Barden of Kingston.

James Turner of Cass City, a member of the Cass City school board, will be recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards for leadership, experience and service, in-service and formal instruction at an award ceremony at Kearsley High School in Flint March 23.

Harrison Stine returned home Friday, March 12, after having heart-by-pass surgery at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth attended the golf meeting in Allen Park Thursday. They then spent till Sunday with their son and family, the John Brewtons in Taylor.

## Set surplus commodity distribution

The Human Development Commission will hold its next surplus commodity distribution March 25.

In Tuscola County, the distribution sites and times are:

Cass City Village Park, Cass City, and HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler, Caro, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Ivan Middleton Hall, fairgrounds, Vassar, from 10 a.m. to noon.

## Class of '78 seeks addresses

The class of 1978 will hold its 15 year reunion Saturday, July 31. Please call Susie (Asher) Hillaker at 872-5096 if you can help obtain the current addresses of the following classmates:

Lois Hazelton, Frances Walsh, Linda Hawkins, Steve Cooper and Charles Clark.

## Church slates revival

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will hold a 4-day revival beginning Sunday, March 21. The theme for the services will be "The Cross of Christ." Denny Young of Kalamazoo, guest evangelist, will have messages on "The Upward View of the Cross," "The Three Cups of Gethsemane," "The Crucifixion," "A Hill With Three Crosses" and "The Crib, The Cross, and The Crown."

The services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday and 7:00 p.m. each night. Lively singing and special music is planned.

Wednesday night there will be an afterglow with refreshments. The public is invited and a nursery will be provided.

## Lawn and Garden day slated

Think spring! It is time to learn how to make your garden and yard the envy of neighbors. MSU Extension - Huron County and Huron County Master Gardeners are sponsoring a Lawn and Garden Day, Saturday, March 27, at the Huron Area Skill Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Classes to be taught that day are Home Landscaping, Lawn Care, Pruning Fruit Trees, Growing Small Fruits, Vegetable Gardening, Flower Gardening with annuals and Perennials, Rose Selection and Cultivation, Environmental Safety and Pesticides. These classes will be taught by local experts.

Class size is limited so register early. Registration fee is \$10 per person and is due by March 19. For more information and to register call MSU Extension - Huron County at (517) 269-9949.

## Engaged



Krista Iseler Troy Reehl

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Iseler of Beechwood Dr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Krista Anne Iseler, to Mr. Troy Anthony Reehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reehl of Gageton.

Miss Iseler will graduate in May from Hillsdale College. Reehl is a senior at Spring Arbor College.

The wedding will take place Aug. 7.

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"If It Fitz...."

## Happy birthday, Ed

By Jim Fitzgerald



Recently I attended the 80th birthday party of Ed Birnbryer, an east side Detroit who once sat on Ethel Merman's bed, while she was in it. What were those two devils up to?

"We were showing each other snapshots of our babies," Birnbryer explained 50 years later.

A writer of prose and poetry, "I was a flop at age 18," Birnbryer said. That was when he helped write a musical review starring Barbara Stanwyck and Frank Fay. "After Cleveland and a week of one-nighters

through Pennsylvania, we opened on Broadway to bad reviews and closed within three weeks."

A Cincinnati native, young Birnbryer returned home to become lead singer on the radio for a vocal and instrumental group. "I got \$35 a week, which was a godsend in 1933."

But he was soon back in New York where, with the help of Frank Fay (best known for his stage performance in "Harvey"), Birnbryer got a \$60-a-week job in the NBC script department.

"I mainly wrote the stuff announcers read between musical numbers for such performers as Hildegard. I did a wartime special with George M. Cohan, who took furtive sips from a flask while others performed. Also the Gary Moore show five mornings a week, plus two original musical comedies for radio — music, lyrics and book," starring people like Eddie Albert, long before Albert and a pig got together in a TV sitcom.

### SONGS OF THE STARS

Ed remembers that the New York Post radio critic "planned the hell" out of one song he wrote for Albert. "Now I was 24 and still a flop, at least as far as that critic was concerned. But NBC seemed to like me." I guess so. Old poops like me have no trouble remembering some of the shows Birnbryer wrote for: "Duffy's Tavern," "Tommy Dorsey Show," and "Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney." He also did material for Jackie Gleason, "before he became famous."

For two years during World War II, Ed worked in London for the Office of War Information. "Mainly I

interviewed GIs on leave from battle zones. More than one said they were far more nervous in London than at the front, particularly when Hitler came up with the V-2 bombs, which arrived without sound and made 30-foot craters when they landed."

After the war, Birnbryer wrote free-lance and worked for several advertising agencies, including Campbell-Ewald, which brought him to Detroit. He worked with Minnie Pearl and Red Foley of "The Grand Ole Opry." Also Dinah Shore, Pat Boone, Perry Como, Dave Garroway, Selma Diamond and on and on.

Birnbryer's warmest memories are of his friendship with Lowell Thomas, radio's all-time most famous voice. Ed worked on Thomas' marvelous "High Adventure" series, traveling with him to Alaska, Arabia and Africa.

### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Now retired, Birnbryer lives on the riverfront with his wife, Dorothy, who for many years taught at Detroit East Catholic School. They have 7 children, 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. For Dad's 80th birthday, for the first time in more than 20 years, all of the children were back home at the same time. A highlight was 3 daughters delightfully singing a little advertising ditty that Ed wrote many years ago with the aid of some obscure composer named Cy Coleman.

Since we moved to Detroit 17 years ago, the nicest thing to happen to my wife and me was meeting the Birnbryers. That's one reason I'm wishing Ed this very public happy birthday. Another reason is to caution you busy younger people who don't have time for geezers. You could be blowing a chance to enjoy a treasury of splendid memories.

We and the Birnbryers often dine out. There's Ed, who worked with all those show-biz greats, and me, a columnist of some local note. So it isn't surprising that apparent strangers often stop at our table. They stop because they recognize Dorothy Birnbryer and want to say she's the best teacher they ever had.

There's a moral there, I'm sure. Ed could write a song about it.



## MEMBERS OF Cub Scout Pack 3594, Cass City, learned how the Chronicle is produced each week during a recent tour of the paper, guided by Chronicle Publisher Clarke Haire.

### At District 3 fest

## Band receives top rating

The Cass City Middle School band received a first division rating — the highest mark possible — for its performance at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association District 3 Festival March 6 in North

Branch. This is the first time in 32 years the middle school band has earned the top rating.

Band students were graded in 5 categories by 3 separate

judges during their concert performance. The band then goes to sight reading, where they have 7 minutes to learn and perform 2 new pieces of music.

The letter grades on the judges' comment sheets were all "A's and "B's," according to Cass City Band Director Mindy Nash.

"I am extremely proud of every student in the band. They worked hard for many weeks and it paid off with an excellent performance," she said. "I hope the parents and community share in our pride, and we look forward to the band continuing to improve."

Cass City residents are invited to attend "Celebrate the Arts," an evening of music set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school gym that will feature performances by the middle and high school bands.

The middle school band will give a repeat performance of its festival music and the high school band will present the program it will take to the high school district festival Saturday at Laker High School.

## Set extension meeting

The Huron County MSU Extension Service will host a meeting for businesses that deal with pesticides, fertilizers or petroleum products March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Farm Bureau Building in Bad Axe.

This meeting is designed to educate individuals dealing with citizens who use these products on or around their residence about the Farm-A-Syst Program.

The Farm Assessment Pro-

gram is a groundwater protection program designed to teach farmers and homeowners how to assess their residence for potential risks of groundwater contamination.

Individuals interested in conducting an assessment of their farm or home are encouraged to contact Jim LeCureux, extension agricultural agent, or Sally Comer, Farm-A-Syst Program associate, at (517) 269-9949.

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I get scared sometimes that I'm starting to think like an old fogey when I read the paper or view the news of the day.

I ask myself is it me or is our society headed down to the pits on a greased slide with the bottom not yet in sight?

It hit home again as I read the paper last Wednesday. Look at just a few of the stories.

"Girl found dead with bedsores to the bone. Two 12-year-old boys who caused \$178,000 in damage for wrecking an aircraft supply company....show no remorse when sentenced for 7 years. A 21-year-old man shot and killed, 16-year-old wounded. The body of a woman about 8 months pregnant was found shot to death."

Those stories appeared on just 2 inside pages of the Detroit News, under mostly small one-line heads.

Similar stories are repeated every day. The News said that 32 teens have been wounded by gunfire since Jan. 1.

The question I ask myself is does it only appear worse in comparison with 25 years ago because communication is so much better now? Did it happen before about as often as now, only

we never learned about it?

If so I lived in a fool's paradise nearly 30 years ago when I allowed my 2 young daughters to walk unescorted a dozen blocks down Woodward Avenue one afternoon to attend a show at the Fox Theatre.

Sure, the area was different then. Downtown was bustling. Hudson's was an institution that would never close. The Book-Cadillac was the place to stay.

It's sure that it is not as safe today, but is it because of the changed economy? Partially, maybe.

But let's look close to home. Nearly every week now stories report breaking and entering and thefts. For 25 years I can't recall schools being the object of thieves or of extensive vandalism. Now it's so commonplace that Cass City Schools are wired for burglary. There's been a wave of breaking and entering.

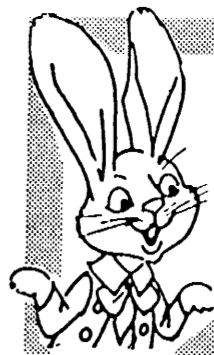
Now I'm not such an old fogey as to think that people were any better 30 years ago than they are today. What's changed is the opportunity.

In those bygone days a visitor walking down Main Street was noticed by all. Today there are "strangers" walking around and no one notices.

Now for better or for worse our population is more fluid and we have changed from a farm-dominated rural community to one in which industry plays a vital role. People in those jobs come and go. You can't call up a neighbor and tell them that their kid is headed for trouble if you don't know who the parents are. What's equally important is that the kid knows that you don't know.

Having said that, I feel what really exacerbates the problem is that there is a generally loosening of the taboos and the restraints that prevailed when my kids walked down Woodward.

If that makes me an old fogey, so be it.



## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

A group of about a dozen from Cass City left late last week to play golf at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. Included in that group were several who went south to play last year, only to have all kinds of difficulty, including the loss of clubs by the airlines.

After a delay, the group did get in some golf, which I imagine is better than they did this year, trying to play where the storm of the century raged.

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Some vacationers are luckier than others. Mark Weise, co-owner of Harris-Hampshire Insurance, also was on vacation last week in Alabama. He read about the storm and headed back to Michigan on Friday, a day ahead of his anticipated departure time. He drove 800 miles the first day and managed to stay about 4 hours ahead of the storm all the way home.

What's more, all the time he was in Alabama the weather was simply gorgeous, he said.

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The American Cancer Society is fearful that scam artists are trying to cash in on its reputation and warn residents to read any literature received carefully. The Tuscola County unit does not recruit door-to-door volunteers with bulk mailing.

Incidentally, the Society says this is how the money it receives is spent: research, 38%; public education, 17%; patient services, 12; fund raising, 16; community services, 8%; professional education, 5%, and management, general, 4%.

## Board tables purchases

The Elkland Township Board tabled a pair of purchases during a routine monthly meeting last week.

The board decided to postpone replacing 2 ceiling furnace units in the fire hall until spring, according to township Clerk Norma Wallace, who said replacement of the rear doors of the fire

department's rescue unit also was put on hold.

In other business during the March 8 session, the board appointed election workers for a special election held Monday to fill the 34th District State Senate seat, and approved a resolution from Tuscola County Emergency Services regarding hazardous materials and accidents.

## The Weather

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Tuesday .....	38	25	0
Wednesday .....	30	18	1"
Thursday .....	34	10	trace
Friday .....	26	12	0
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Monday .....	40	24	trace

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH LEAGUE March 6		SATURDAY SPINNERS JR. End of Season March 6	
3 + 1	24	Scorpions	27
The Stouts	19 1/2	Tigers	26
The Little Kids	19	The Strikers	19 1/2
Crash & Burn!	16	New Beginnings	18
The Neighborhood Gang	15 1/2	Strikers	17
		Star Bowlers	16
The Bloopers	14 1/2	Terminators	13
Inlaws/Outlaws	13	Sharks II	12 1/2
Pin Tippers	12		
The Antiques	10 1/2	Boys' High Series: K. Parsell 312.	
The Gutter Cleaners	10	Boys' High Game: K. Parsell 127.	
The Strugglers	8	Girls' High Series: E. Comment 136.	
The Last Resorts	6	Girls' High Game: J. Ceranski 55.	
		High Team Series: Strikers 815.	
		High Team Game: Scorpions 290.	

SATURDAY SPINNERS SR. End of Season March 6		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS March 8	
Miller Eggs	26 1/2	Spaulding Builders	23
Hot Babes	23	Gagetown Inn	22
Terminators	22	Phil's Clippers	21
Mess Meisters	21 1/2	Charmont Motel	21
Handicaps	21	C.R. Hunt	20
Deford Country Groc.	19	Cole Carbide	
Strikers	17 1/2	Cass City Sports	
Crushers	16 1/2	Miller Eggs	
Pin Busters	15	Erla's Inc.	
Studs	14 1/2	Charmont	

SATURDAY SPINNERS JR. (Cont.)	
500 Series: D. Monroe 522, B. Inbody 544.	
200 Games: B. Inbody 233.	
Boys' High Series: C. Zawilinski 579, M. Frappert 413.	
Boys' High Game: C. Zawilinski 214.	
Girls' High Series: R. Pringle 482.	
Girls' High Game: R. Pringle 182.	
High Team Series: Miller Eggs 1735.	
High Team Game: Miller Eggs 662.	

SATURDAY SPINNERS SR. (Cont.)		TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES' LEAGUE March 9	
Kapral 584 (225), C. Bellow 220.		Stilley's	31
High Team Series: Phil's Clippers 3059.		Charmont	26
High Team Game: Phil's Clippers 1059.		Sutter's Bakery	23
		Country Gals	21
		Alley Hoppers	19

MERCHANTETTE LEAGUE March 11		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
Caro Chiropractic	26	Spaulding Builders	23
Cass City Sports	23	Gagetown Inn	22
Cass Tavern	22	Phil's Clippers	21
Hills & Dales	19	Charmont Motel	21
Miller's Chicks	18	C.R. Hunt	20
Clean Up Crew	18	Cole Carbide	
Buds & Blossoms	18	Cass City Sports	
Allen Home Care	16 1/2	Miller Eggs	
Crowley Chiropractic	15	Erla's Inc.	
Herron Builders	14 1/2	Charmont	
Kingston State Bank	13 1/2		
Nel's Kitchen	12 1/2		

MERCHANTETTE LEAGUE (Cont.)		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 2455 & 842.		Spaulding Builders	23
600 Series: Pat McIntosh 607, P. Corcoran 603.		Gagetown Inn	22
500 Series: H. Sontag 534, L. Spaulding 518, C. Wallace 506, C. Davidson 503, Phyllis McIntosh 502.		Phil's Clippers	21
200 Games: P. Corcoran 245, Pat McIntosh 222-207, L. Spaulding 221, P. Little 209, N. Wallace 207, H. Sontag 205.		Charmont Motel	21

TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES' LEAGUE (Cont.)		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
High Series: L. Puvalowski 470.		Spaulding Builders	23
High Game: C. Slaughter 180.		Gagetown Inn	22
High Team Series: Sutter's Bakery 1689.		Phil's Clippers	21
High Team Game: Sutter's Bakery 601.		Charmont Motel	21

CHARMONT LADIES		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
Smart Graphics	17	Spaulding Builders	23
Thumb Nat'l Bank	16	Gagetown Inn	22
Live Wires	16	Phil's Clippers	21
Pizza Villa	15	Charmont Motel	21
Cable-ettes	13	C.R. Hunt	20
Deford Country Groc.	13	Cole Carbide	
Wild Johns	12	Cass City Sports	
Charmont	11 1/2	Miller Eggs	
Board's	11	Erla's Inc.	
Cass City Tire	9	Charmont	
Elmwood What knots	9		

THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 11		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
Martin Electric	13	Spaulding Builders	23
Pioneer Seeds	13	Gagetown Inn	22
Nesleco	12	Phil's Clippers	21
Kilbourn Tech	11	Charmont Motel	21
Cass City IGA	9	C.R. Hunt	20
Northon Const.	9	Cole Carbide	
Bushwackers	8	Cass City Sports	
Jacques Seeds	6	Miller Eggs	
Kilbourn Service	5	Erla's Inc.	
Gilligan's	5	Charmont	
Deford Country Groc.	4		

THURSDAY NITE TRIO (Cont.)		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
High Series & Games: G. Robinson 675 (264-221), R. Rabideau 643 (246-223), R. Kerkau 628 (246), M. Weltin 653 (238-213-202), F. Spencer 243, D. Beecher 224, A. Witherspoon 224, M. Diegel 224, E. Schmaltz 221, K. Kilbourn 602 (219-213), J. Brown, 210, D. Krause 210.		Spaulding Builders	23
High Series: Pioneer Seeds 1941.		Gagetown Inn	22
High Team Game: Pioneer Seeds 695.		Phil's Clippers	21

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE March 11		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
#006	31	Spaulding Builders	23
AIDES	27 1/2	Gagetown Inn	22
Kingston Mini Mart	24 1/2	Phil's Clippers	21
Sal's Country Clipper	22	Charmont Motel	21
Hi Roth	16	C.R. Hunt	20
Dee's MP Rockets	11	Cole Carbide	

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE (Cont.)		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
High Series: D. Mathewson 484.		Spaulding Builders	23
High Game: S. Soldan 197.		Gagetown Inn	22
High Team Series: #006 1754.		Phil's Clippers	21
High Team Game: #006 627.		Charmont Motel	21

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES March 12		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
Helter Skelter	58	Spaulding Builders	23
Cass City Oil & Gas	38	Gagetown Inn	22
Town & Country	38	Phil's Clippers	21
Rhonda's Gen. Store	37	Charmont Motel	21
The Family	37	C.R. Hunt	20
Old Folks	31	Cole Carbide	
The Kids	28	Cass City Sports	
Hysterical Amnesia	10	Miller Eggs	

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES (Cont.)		TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS (Cont.)	
Men's High Series: J. Navarro 605, L. Tracy 544, R. Hull 543, B. Fields 536.		Spaulding Builders	23
Men's High Games: J. Navarro 238, L. Tracy 220.		Gagetown Inn	22
Women's High Series: C. Haley 524.		Phil's Clippers	21
Women's High Game: B. Watson 198.		Charmont Motel	21
High Team Series: Helter Skelter 1945.		C.R. Hunt	20
High Team Game: Helter Skelter 697.		Cole Carbide	

## Child care classes set

Enrollment is still being accepted for basic training sessions to be offered this spring in Sanilac and Tuscola counties for child care providers and potential providers.

Pre-registration for the free classes is required and may be made by calling the Greater Flint/Thumb Area 4C Association at 232-0145 or 1-800-527-2182. Classes are limited to 30 participants.

One group will meet at the Cooperative Extension Office in Caro from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 20 through May 25. Another session is scheduled for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 22 through May 27 at the Sanilac Skill Center.

The classes are part of the Michigan Child Care Futures training program funded by the Michigan Department of Social Services and the Skillman Foundation. They are taught by 4C staff.

Topics include professionalism, business aspects of child care, health, safety, nutrition, child development, discipline and diversity. The schedule includes time for students to share concerns and advice.

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## TRIP

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford and Mrs. Alex Cleland returned to Waterford Sunday from a 2-week trip to Florida where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cleland for a day. Then they went to Gainesville to the Fred Bears Museum and took a riverboat trip at Silver Springs, and to Weeki Wachee where they took an afternoon boat trip and visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain at Ruskin.

They spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Oliver at Fort Myers and went through the Ford and Edison homes and laboratory in Fort Myers before spending a day at Cape Canaveral and a day at Myrtle Beach with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sedaburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pearce of Wyandotte, Agnes Martin, Jim Kalinski and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Sr. were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and son John.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berridge of St. Clair Shores and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday guests of Jessie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena of Sebawaing were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Kathryn Tyrrell was a Tuesday supper guest of Mrs. Jim Tyrrell and Cody. Pastor and Mrs. Burton Kincaid of Bad Axe were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCrea of Bad Axe were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Bryce Hagen. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom of Cass City were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Reva Silver spent Tuesday afternoon with Edanna Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker, Don and Chris were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cleland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell and Cody visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sweeney Sunday.

guest attended the Greenleaf Extension NFC meeting at Charmont for lunch Thursday. Blocks for the quilt project were given to members to embroider. Roll call was answered by your favorite signs of spring.

The council report was given by Nancy Braun. The lesson on herbs and their use was given by Jennifer Apel Szebielak.

The next meeting will be April 8 at the home of Donna Walsh.



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Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Gordon Farrelly was a Sunday forenoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Reva Silver was a Sunday afternoon guest of Beverly Rockefeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stinko of Willis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

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

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**SAT., MARCH 27**

1 p.m.

**FRED BARDWELL**  
Township Clerk

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ANNUAL MEETING  
For

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Sanilac County

Budget for year will be presented.

At  
**Township Hall**

**SAT., MARCH 27**

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**ARTHUR SEVERANCE**  
Township Clerk

## NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING  
For

**Greenleaf Township**  
At

**Greenleaf Township Hall**

**SAT., MARCH 27**

1 p.m.

**CLARE BROWN**  
Township Clerk

## NOTICE

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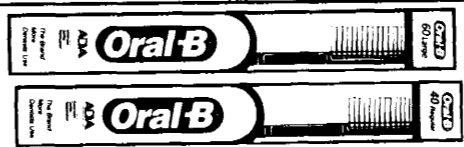
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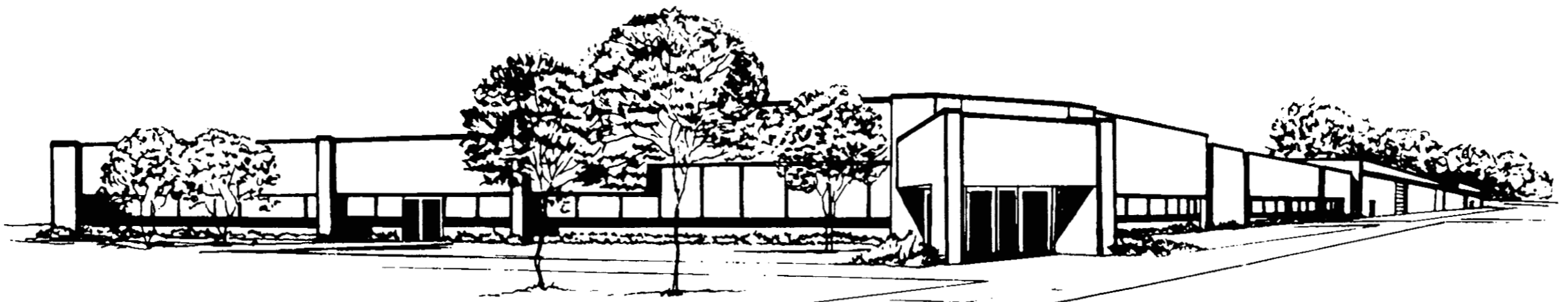
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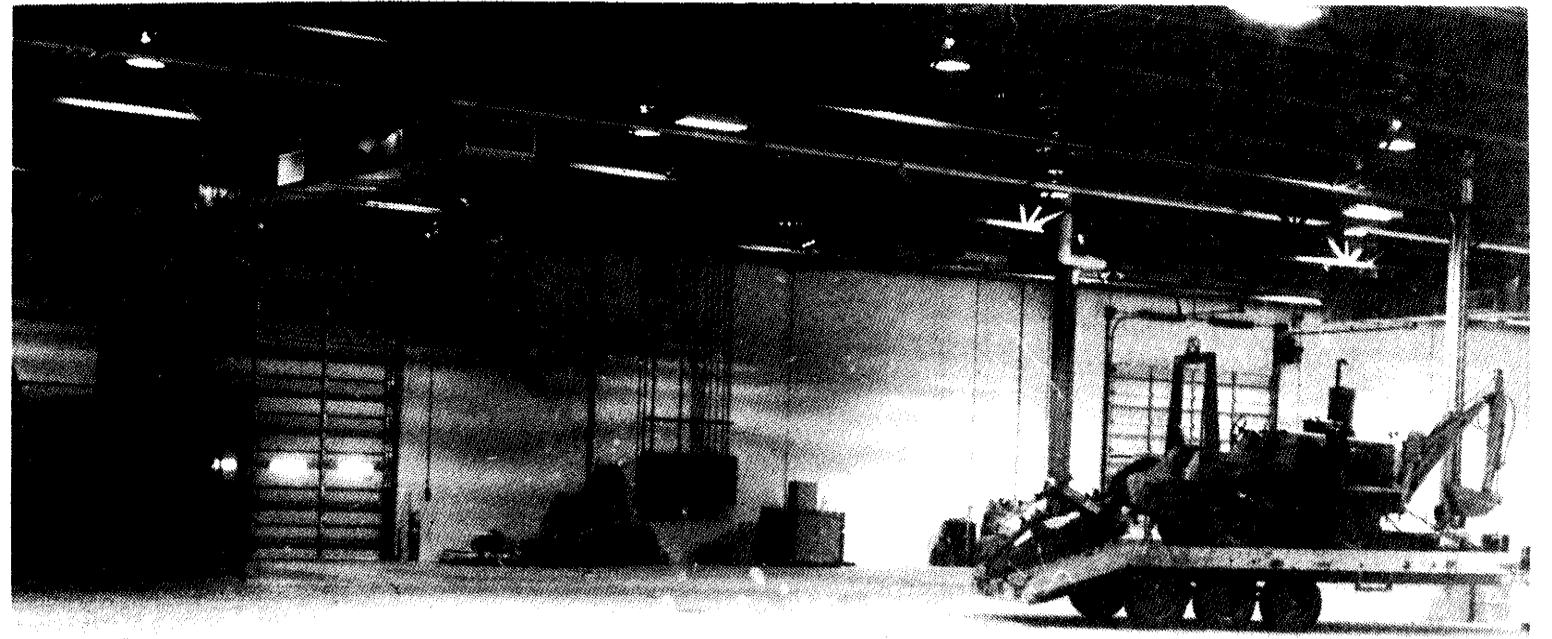
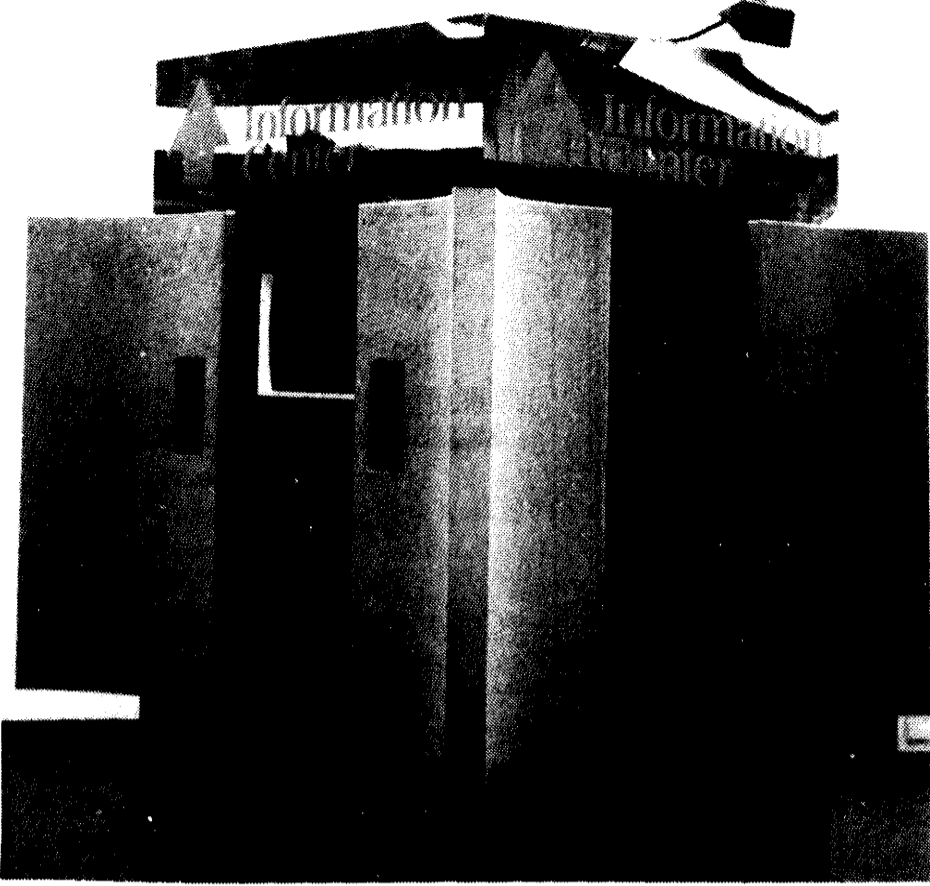
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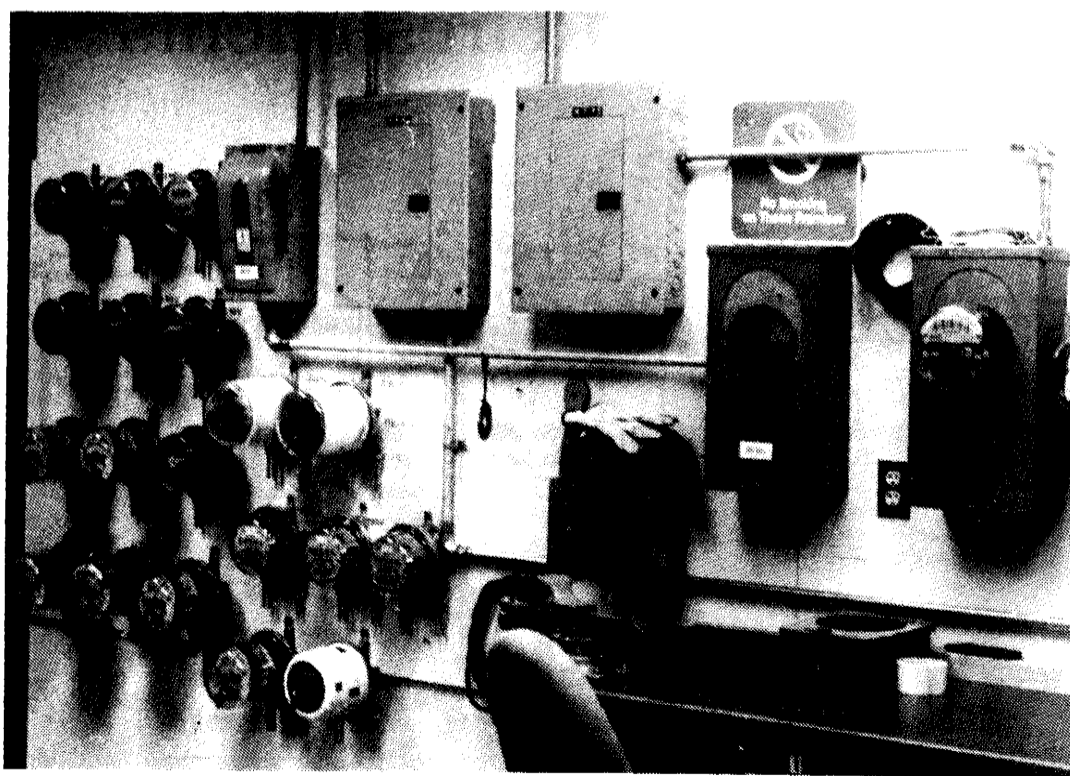
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# Mandich tallies 25 as O-G bows out

He saved the best for last. Despite a season ending loss to North Huron Wednesday, Bulldog senior Matt Mandich will have some bittersweet memories of his final outing for the Bulldogs.

Mandich tallied 25 points, including seven 3-point field goals, in vain for the hosts, who bowed for the third time this season to the North Central Thumb League champions, 80-56.

The contest also marked the final appearance for "Little" Joe Garza, who tossed in 16 points for the losers.

The pair spotted the 'Dogs to their biggest lead of the night, 5-1, when Mandich opened the contest with his first triple. That was followed by a Garza turnaround jumper from the low post area.

The Warriors, however, behind a full court press, ran off the game's next 10 points and would never be headed.

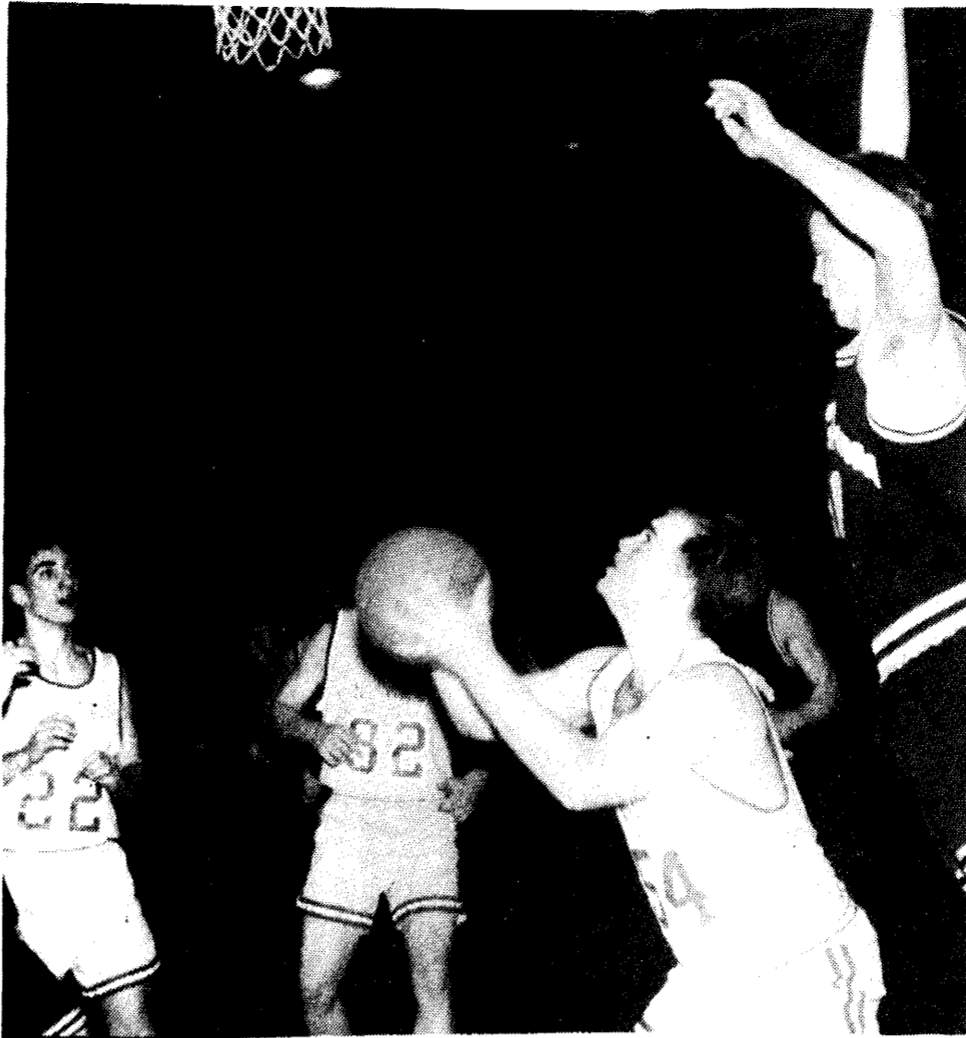
Mandich was able to keep the Bulldogs close till the intermission, 32-27, with 3 hoops behind the arc in the opening half.

North Huron started the rout with a 23-12 run to

begin the final half. A balanced scoring attack saw Jay Schwedler post 18 points, followed by Dan Gray with 17, Brian Kuhn with 15 and George Kosinski with 12.

Owen-Gage, who entered the record books with a 9-13 mark, got flashes of brilliance from junior Eric Susalla.

With the graduation losses of Mandich, Garza and Brent Fritz, Susalla will be called upon next season to carry some of the scoring burden. A rough rebounder, he showed promise, tossing in 8 markers.



**BULLDOG BRYAN METZGER** eyes 2 points in Wednesday's district game with North Huron. The Bulldogs were defeated by the NCTL champions, 80-56.

# All-area meet to finish academic track season

Academic track season is drawing to a close, with the all-area meet less than 3 weeks away.

Any contestants who have finished in first place in one or more of academic track's 27 events may be entered in this year's all-area meet, which will be held April 6 at Bridgeport Middle School.

Cass City students have fared well this year in meets with Laker Junior High and

USA Middle School, according to school officials.

The following Cass City students have placed first in their respective competition areas:

Josh Brinkman, arithmetic; Todd Milligan and Brad Speirs, geography; Josh Lounsbury and Sam Hobbs, U.S. History; Ashlie Chappel and Andrea Rae, music; Jenny Haynes, art; Ryan Hutchinson and Matt Klink-

man, trivia; Kurt Iwankovitsch, word-clock; Beth Basher, art; Katie Anthony, art; Kurt Iwankovitsch and Josh Brinkman, math-story; Ryan Bennett, physical science; Jeremy Powell, earth science; Adam Stoeckle, ancient history; Ryan Hutchinson, spelling; Emily Hopper, commercial arts; Lee Dillon, interpretive reading; Tom Fulcher, vocal solo; Rose Hoelzle, Rachel Hoard and Mandy Chappel, dramatic reading; Josh Lounsbury, Todd Milligan, Jeremy Powell and Brent Ruggles (alternates — George Wright and Jason Wright), boys' quartet; Lori Brown, Becky Oesch, Shelly Ingraio, Nicolette Zawilinski and Shelly Crow, skits-improvisation; Jessica Frederick, non-keyboard instrumental solo; Joseph Khoury, keyboard instrumental solo, and Sheri Foster, Kara Gaymer, Rose Hoelzle, Heather Hulbert, Laura Moore and Jody Stafford, girls' trio.

# Cass City Police probe vandalism and theft

Cass City police recently investigated complaints involving vandalism and theft.

Julius S. Wright, Cass City, reported someone smashed the rear rightside window on his vehicle, which was parked in a parking lot just north of the Parkway store, 6703 Main St.

The damage, estimated at \$100, was discovered Sunday but could have occurred anytime last week, according to reports, which note the vehicle is being offered for sale.

Also last week, Clarence Schneberger of Schneberger's Furniture

and Appliance, 6556 Main St., Cass City, reported the theft of 3 video cassette recorders valued at \$750.

The property is believed to have been taken sometime between last Wednesday and Saturday, reports state.

Also recently, Ann Nielson, Cass City, reported the theft of a \$185.50 welfare check from her mailbox.

Nielson, who stated she never received the check, contacted the Department of Social Services Thursday and learned the check had been cashed March 3. The case remains under investigation.

# Huron Nature Center slates outing

The Huron County Nature Center (Arboretum) will hold a scheduled outing Sunday, March 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Nature Center site located near Oak Beach on Loosemoore Road, a mile east of Oakbeach Road.

Featured at the outing will be a discussion on spring equinox, a description of the Nature Center Master Plan and progress to date, and a first hand look at the many signs of spring as they begin to awaken. Also slated will be possibly identifying some of the birds that are beginning to migrate back from the south, a demonstration on determining the age of a living tree and a guided walk on the Nature Trail.

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# Your neighbor says Approves free trade

Your neighbor, William Rippey, 22, of Cass City, when asked if he felt that free trade between countries should be approved by the United States, said that he feels it is a good idea.

However, he added, it's only good if it's fair. If other countries really have a free trade policy, then we should reciprocate.

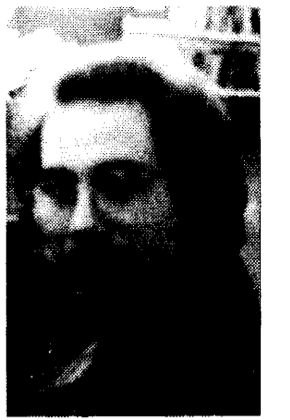
Rippey is also in favor of allowing refugees from oppressed countries free access to the United States.

We should accept them, he asserts. That's how our country was founded. Every person should have the opportunity to succeed, to have it better than our parents did.

Rippey is a recent resident of the community, moving here from Hazel Park about 3 months ago.

He also spent time in Phoenix, where he graduated from high school.

Presently he is searching for a full time job, he explained.



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# Rockets rock Cass City with final seconds 3-point shots

The Cass City Red Hawk basketball season came to a disappointing end Tuesday in the opening round of the district tournament at Marlette when an inspired Reese Rockets team won the nip and tuck game with a 3-point shot at the buzzer, 55-53.

The shot that won it was hoisted from the right sideline by Jason Greenia and was the second 3-point registered by Reese in the last 22 seconds of the game. The first 3-pointer, by Mark Ferne with 22 seconds left in the game, tied the score.

With the score tied, the plan was to hold for the final shot. LeValley was fouled with 10 seconds left to play. He made one of 2 to give the Hawks the lead, but there was enough time left for what proved to be the winning basket. We went to LeValley at the end, Coach Jeff Hartel said, because we

knew that Reese would be concentrating on Paul Ulfig and because LeValley is the better free throw shooter.

We couldn't have asked for a better position with the ball, Hartel stressed, (LeValley was deep in the post just left of the basket) and with 10 seconds left we could have gone to another play if the shot wasn't there.

The way this game was played, Hartel points out, should be a good lesson for juniors and underclassmen on the team. Cass City was guilty of a technical and an intentional foul in the last period.

The technical came when the Hawks had forged in front by 4 points, 50-46, with just 2:17 left in the game.

After that Cass City seemed to lose momentum and the 2 long-range bombs in the final seconds finished

it for the Hawks.

Cass City was off to a lethargic start in the first period as the smaller Rockets were dominating the boards and used the rebounding to jump off to an early 7-4 lead.

Cass City then came to life behind Ulfig's 3 baskets to forge in front, 14-12, at the end of the period. The lead changed hands several times in the second quarter before the Rockets took the lead, 27-26, with a 3-pointer as time ran out in the half.

Some great free throw shooting by LeValley in the third quarter helped Cass City go in front, 44-39, at the end of the third period.

But then the Hawks went stone cold and didn't score in the first 5 minutes of the fourth quarter to set the stage for the last minute fireworks that decided the game.

Two important statistics were keys to the game. For

the first time this year Cass City failed to convert a single 3-point shot. Reese, with a quick small team, packed in a zone defense most of the night and the Hawks were unable to hurt them from the outside.

For one of the few times this year, Cass City lost the battle of the boards to Reese, 33-31. Despite not being able to hit from outside, Cass City shot 40 percent from the field (18 of 45) while Reese converted 35 percent (19 of 55). Unfortunately none of Cass City's were from 3-point range.

Ulfig led Cass City with 9 rebounds and 23 points. Reese had balanced scoring, with Chad Kowalski's 14 points showing the way.

### FINAL GAME

While Cass City failed to win the district this year, it

was a successful season for the squad, which won the conference title. This year's seniors can look back at the district last year when they won when they were supposed to lose.

It was the final game for John Gibson, Ron Bouck, LeValley, Maurice Evans, Richard Lloyd, Ben Schott and Al Prorowski.

**CASS CITY** - S. Muska 1-0 (0-1) 2; R. Bouck 0-0 (2-2) 2; J. Gibson 4-0 (0-0) 8; R. Lloyd 1-0 (2-4) 4; G. LeValley 1-0 (7-8) 9; P. Ulfig 9-0 (5-12) 23; P. Murphy 1-0 (0-0) 2; M. Evans 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS** - 18-0 (17-29) 53.

**REESE** - J. Faching 2-0 (0-0) 4; M. Ferne 0-2 (1-2) 7; C. Kowalski 4-0 (6-7) 14; B. Ryan 3-0 (0-0) 6; E. Kettelhut 1-3 (0-0) 11; J. Greenia 1-1 (0-0) 5; M. Jones 0-0 (2-2) 2; M. Hein 2-0 (2-6) 6. **TOTALS** - 13-6 (11-17) 55.



FULL COURT PRESSURE was applied by Cass City most of the night but the quick Reese Rockets handled it well. Defending in the front court for Cass City is Paul Ulfig.

# O-G spikers bow in regional finals; successful year ends

The Owen-Gage volleyball season ended Saturday at Waterford when Class D powerhouse Dryden defeated the Bulldogs in straight games during the regional finals.

For Coach Judy Campbell, the loss completed another typical season.

Typical, but by no means ordinary.

Owen-Gage entered the record books with a regal 37-6-2 mark. Their only loss in Class D competition came against Dryden - the State's No. 2 rated team.

Add a North Central Thumb League title, Campbell's 15th, and a district crown and not too many area fans are feeling bad for Campbell and her spikers today.

"We just couldn't contend with their height," lamented Campbell, adding, "The best team won."

Although the Bulldogs dropped consecutive games by the identical score of 15-1, the tally doesn't reflect the effort put forth by Owen-Gage.

Tied at one-all in the final game, Owen-Gage battled Dryden for several sideouts before Dryden recorded 14 unanswered service points.

"We made them go through their whole service rotation before they scored again," said a proud Campbell. "It went like that for most of the contest."

In the finals, O-G spotted the regional champs a 2-0 lead before senior Jill Susalla, who had both Bulldog points in the regional title match, put the NCTL champs on the board. Dryden, however, played nearly perfect ball for the game's next 13 points.

"We couldn't catch a break," continued

Campbell. "They've got two 6-footers who can flat out play."

Owen-Gage reached the finals by eliminating Oakland Christian earlier in the day by the scores of 15-5, 15-11.

Leading 6-5 in the first game of the afternoon, senior Carli Salcido recorded the game's next 7 points from the service line with a wide array of serves. Salcido ended her 4-year career with a brilliant outing, recording

34 attacks and 17 kills to go along with a team high 10 points.

Teammate Alissa Draschil closed out a lustrous career, as well, for the lady Bulldogs, registering 39 sets and 15 assists.

## Letter to the editor

### Coaches praise players for meeting gymnastic goals

At the conclusion of the 1992-93 gymnastic season, the Cass City High School gymnastic team is to be commended and praised for their effort, dedication and desire to make this team and sport on-going. The girls have worked very hard this year toward some very difficult goals and have improved by tremendous amounts.

The first goal they've worked toward is to score over 100 points as a team. Well, they achieved this not only once but 3 times, with the highest score being 102.65.

The second goal was to make it to regionals as individual competitors. Well, 2 gymnasts, Pam Broyles on floor exercise and Kathy Woodruff on vault, made it to regionals. One gymnast missed going to state by 1 1/2 tenths of a point, but look out next year! Great job, Pam and Kathy.

The third goal was to be able to win in competition. They achieved this goal as they competed in 6 meets and won 3 of them. This is a very good record for the team, considering they are a brand new team competing against very seasoned teams in this sport.

We are very proud of their

goals and accomplishments this year!

This gymnastic year has been very enjoyable, yet trying and frustrating as we have worked with a team of girls where most have only seen gymnastics on television. The girls have found it to be "possible" to make their bodies do tricks that looked and even felt impossible to do. As they tried the new tricks and sometimes got tangled and twisted up, they eventually found a way to do the trick. As we recall the season, we remember some of the pains we had in working out.

I get very emotional as I think back on the pain yet dedication of these girls, because I was once in their shoes. We had a lot of very exciting times, especially when one would accomplish a new trick that she had struggled with all year or when she would do a routine with a trick that we didn't know if she could do and hit it. We were also excited when a gymnast would score a regional-qualifying score on an event or win a place in an event or even win an all-around title.

As Lena, my wife, and I have coached this team this year, we have not only seen these girls develop and grow into more mature individuals and athletes, but we have grown from watching their hard work and dedication.

I cannot say enough about these very dedicated individuals that we've had the privilege to work and spend time with. We are very proud of the girls.

At this time, I would like to give recognition to the girls of the Cass City High School gymnastic team, which started out with 18 girls and finished up the season with 10. Great job girls!

Coach John Waltz  
Asst. Coach Lena Waltz

Editor's note: Team members are Pam Broyles, senior; Andrea Cooper, freshman; Jennifer Laming, sophomore; Wilma Mayer, sophomore; Mandy Nizzola, sophomore; Amy Stevens, sophomore; Lindy VanVliet, junior; Melissa Veldman, sophomore; Tara

## Wrestler Vargo's great year ends

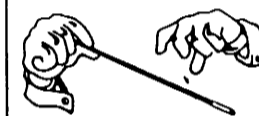
Domonick Vargo's successful wrestling season came to an end Saturday when he was eliminated in the state finals at Battle Creek Friday and Saturday after winning his first match.

Vargo pinned Brian Cunningham of Whittemore-

Prescott in 4:46. He lost to Jim Harms of Montague, 13-9. He was then dethroned by Ron Pristra of Howard City, 21-12, in the consolation round.

For the season, Vargo posted a 36-11 record, 29 of which were won with a pin.

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## Plans set for 1993 gypsy moth program

Tuscola County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program is again gearing up to provide an aerial spray program to qualified forested residential areas across the county. This program does not eliminate the gypsy moth but provides relief to residents with high infestations.

Tuscola County has an estimated 1,700 acres that qualify for the program this spring. There are still several townships that chose not to participate, which has reduced the acres to be sprayed to 703. This is down from 5,600 acres that qualified and the 2,700 acres sprayed for the 1992 program.

One of the reasons that the number of qualifying acres is reduced from last year is because of the cool, mild weather of last summer.

The stressed gypsy moth caterpillars were vulnerable to many natural pests and some high populations across the county were re-

duced to a tolerable level. The levels in these areas may remain low for several years before they again build to a damaging level.

There are still several areas across the county with potentially damaging population levels.

The following is a list of townships set to participate in the 1993 program and the number of acres targeted: Arbela, 84; Elkland, 110; Ellington, 107; Elmwood, 22; Indianfields, 175; Millington, 177; and Watertown, 28. Six other townships chose not to participate. They are Fremont with 174 acres, Juniata, 187; Kingston, 104; Novesta, 227; Vassar, 308, and Wells, 40.

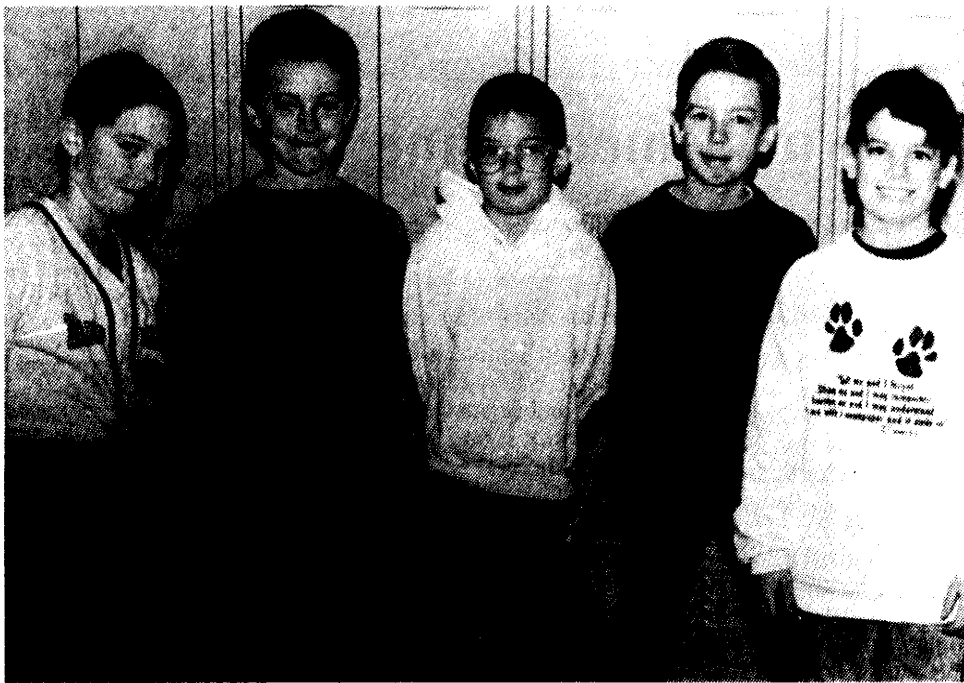
An aerial spraying bid of \$4 per acre has been approved by county commissioners. The county will contract with Aircare Aviation, Munger.

The cost is down from \$6.95 per acre last year. Aircare Aviation was the

lowest of 7 bids received, with the highest at \$12.98 per acre.

The participating townships are responsible for the \$4 per acre cost. Townships have adopted a variety of plans to pay for this program, including the use of general fund money, splitting the cost with landowners, or seeking full reimbursement from landowners.

The spraying will take place in mid-May, shortly after the gypsy moth caterpillars hatch from egg masses. The chemical used in the aerial spray program is Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), a non-toxic bacterial pesticide.



REPRESENTING Cass City Schools in Friday's Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee were (left to right) Billy Gage, Travis Hartwick, Christopher Dorland, Randy Diebel and Michelle Derfny.

# Mayville boy wins county spelling bee

After several hours of competition, Jamie Bodeis from Mayville Schools emerged the winner of the annual Tuscola County Fourth Grade Spelling Bee, held Friday at the Tuscola Area Skill Center in Caro.

The winning word was impanel.

Cass City Schools were represented by Randy Diebel, Travis Hartwick,

Christopher Dorland, Billy Gage and Michelle Derfny. Also attending were alternates Manisha Rayhatha, Christine Sheppard, Melissa Schuman, Laura O'Dell and Jeremy Klinkman.

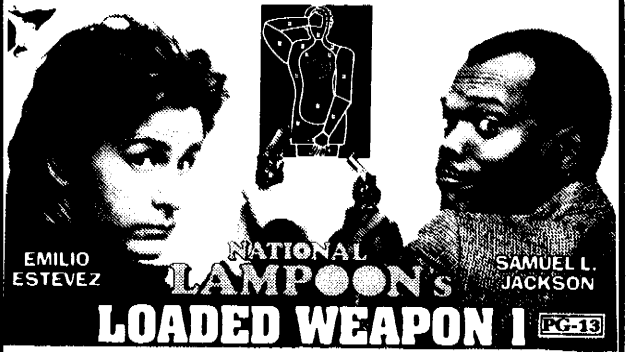
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## In circuit court

# 3 plead, 5 sentenced Friday

Three people entered pleas and 5 others were sentenced Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

•Richard A. Sturgeon, 31, Flint, pleaded guilty during his arraignment on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 21 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Garry F. Barreto, 20, Vassar, entered a plea of guilty to one count of delivery of marijuana Dec. 16 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Kelley S. Kennedy, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery of marijuana Jan. 7 in Vassar Township.

Sentencing is to be scheduled. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court, which continued bond at \$5,000.

•Hugh J. Cain, 23, Imlay City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny

in a building. He was also ordered to pay \$200 in court costs and \$200 in fines plus restitution.

Court records state the defendant attempted to steal cheese, wine coolers, hamburger, cans and beer from the Hunt Club in Dayton Township Oct. 15, 1990.

•Ralph W. McMann, 43, Deford, was sentenced for a no contest plea to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct. The charge alleged sexual contact with a child under the age of 13 years in 1991 in Kingston Township.

McMann was sentenced to one year in the county jail (6 months delayed) and 2 years probation, and was ordered to reimburse the county for any fees owed, and pay \$400 in court costs and fines plus a \$30 victim crime fee.

He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

•Michael D. Russell, 21, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to attempted delivery of marijuana Sept. 23 in Elkland Township.

Russell was ordered to serve one year probation and

pay \$300 in costs. He is also to make restitution and reimburse any fees owed to the county.

•Brian P. McIntosh, 19, Cass City, received concurrent 90-day jail terms for his plea of guilty to fleeing and eluding police, reckless driving and attempted possession of a dangerous weapon (metallic knuckles) Jan. 3 in Ellington Township.

McIntosh, who was granted worksite privileges, was also ordered to serve 4 years probation and make restitution, pay \$400 in costs and fines and a \$30 victim crime fee.

•Jared J. Ramirez, 18, Vassar, was sentenced for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and 2 counts of breaking and entering a vehicle with damage.

Court records state the offenses occurred Nov. 22 in Fremont Township and involved the Golden Years Club building and a storage shed, both at 277 W. Snover

Rd., Mayville, and a 1986 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Ramirez was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred to the end of probation), with credit for 2 days already served, on the first count; 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) on the second count, and an additional 30 days on the remaining counts, to run concurrently.

He was also ordered to make restitution, reimburse any expenses owed to the county and pay \$400 in court costs and a \$30 victim crime



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Johanson. She is described as "Iowa's Erma Bombeck," after making hundreds of appearances in the U.S. as a humorist, speaker and seminar leader. In addition, the election of 3 directors will take place. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day to those in attendance. A hot lunch will be served at 12 noon, with Joan Johanson to follow at 1:00 p.m.

# Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

## 5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Red Hawks roared into regional competition following their victory over Mayville Saturday afternoon, 85-72, for the district basketball title.

After stormy relations in recent years, the Owen-Gage Board of Education refused to renew Principal Robert Andrews' contract. Cass City Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie was elected last week to represent all villages and cities in Tuscola County on a rural road task force that will approve state funded road projects in this region.

Craig Langmaid and Patrick Peters, both of Cass City, students at Ferris State University, were named to the school's honors list for the winter quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly returned home Saturday after spending 10 days in Hawaii.

school in Tipton, Ind., were Nelson Willy, Elkland fire chief, and firemen James L. Jezewski and Eldon Stoutenburg. Brent Gallaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gallaway, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and left for duty March 4.

## 35 YEARS AGO

New members of the board of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce were elected for 1958-59 at the regular meeting of the board Monday night. They are: B.A. Calka, president; Charles Auten, vice-president; George Fisher, secretary, and William Ruhl, treasurer.

For the first time in many years Cass City High School's band was awarded a division 1 rating at the district band and orchestra festival at Sebawaing Friday, March 7. Much credit is due Ron Phillips, band director.

Fifteen members of the Cass Valley Farm Bureau group met Monday evening at the Keith Little home.

At Erla Food Center - Hickory smoked sliced bacon, 2 pounds for 95 cents. Showing at the Cass Theater Sunday and Monday is "Kiss Them For Me," starring Cary Grant, Jayne Mansfield and Suzy Parker.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Victor Guernsey, 52, of Cass City, senior vice-president of the Automotive Products Group of Walbro Corp., died Friday at Hills and Dales Hospital after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week.

After having worked at the Pinney State Bank daily since the summer of 1926, Frederick H. Pinney has decided it's time to take it easy. He says he will stay on the board as long as his health permits.

Sherri Donahue, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold T. Donahue of Cass City, is a member of the track team at T.L. Handy High School in Bay City, which was recently videotaped by the PM Magazine television show.

Becky Smerdon won the Cass City Intermediate

School spelling bee last Thursday. Chris Klico finished second. Becky, a seventh grader, will compete in the regional spelling bee and if she wins there, will compete for the state title in Detroit.

Jill Root, senior, was the only Cass City volleyball player to be named to one of the first 2 all-conference teams in the Thumb B Association. She was named to the second team by league coaches.

## 25 YEARS AGO

An estimated 2,500 persons crowded into the new Cass City High School for the open house inspection, Sunday afternoon.

The Cass City Gavel Club commemorated 25 years in Cass City Tuesday, with a special ladies' night meeting at the Bella Vista restaurant in Caseville. President Ron Geiger presented plaques to Dr. K.I. MacRae, Lester Ross, and Dr. Edwin Fritz, the only charter members of the club.

James Freiburger, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Freiburger of Cass City, was promoted to Army private pay grade E-5 upon completion of basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky., Feb. 9. Three Elkland Township firemen recently attended a 2-day fire school to study the use and maintenance of new fire apparatus. Attending the session at the John Bean Division factory and fire

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Lorianne Ondrajka

The daughter of Clarence and Deb Baker and Fred and Donna Ondrajka, she has served as a tutor, treasurer of the Health Occupation Students of America and member of the Business Professionals of America.

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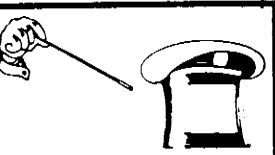
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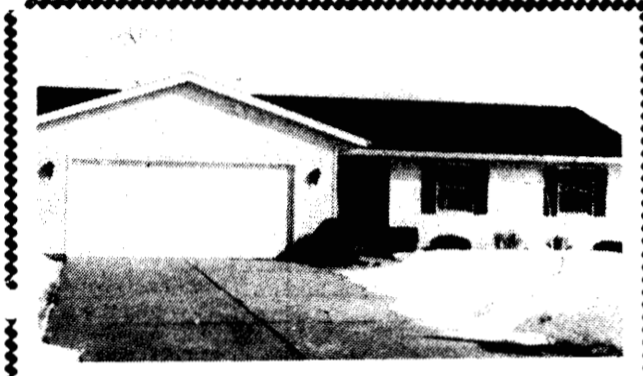
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# Smutek fire

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 tained extensive damage in another fire.  
 The Smuteks purchased the house on VanDyke Road in 1980. The structure burned to the ground in the winter of 1982, according to Kim, who said they rebuilt and 2 years later, the home burned again.  
 A couple of months later, as the family prepared to rebuild, the Smuteks' barn caught fire, burning a nearby garage where building supplies were being stored.  
 Aside from photo albums, a cedar chest, the family cat and a few other belongings, Sunday's fire claimed nearly everything the family owned.  
 At least in some of the other fires, there were things that could be washed up and used

again, Kim lamented. "There's nothing to wash up this time."  
 However, she pointed out, the family has good insurance, a place to stay in Cass City, and friends and neighbors who have been wonderful with offers to help. "We'll survive," she said. "We always have."

## Popcorn

Americans gobble down 16 and a half billion quarts of popcorn each year, with 70 percent of that popcorn consumed at home. The Popcorn Institute says that archeologists have found ears of popcorn in New Mexico that date back 5,600 years.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Brownies from Troop 221, Cass City, celebrated the Girl Scouts' 81st birthday Friday by raising and lowering the flag at Campbell Elementary School. Participating were Troop Leader Karen Spencer, Tiffany Spencer, Heidi Cheng, Kristen Wiles, Jessica Cargino, Stacey Bessler, Dara Iwankovitsch, Gail Dyer, Kana Dillard and Laura Auten.

## Bus problem aired

# Board mulls tax increase

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 answered by 13 of the 18 drivers.  
 Among the questions asked was whether drivers thought another adult should be hired to help. The answer was a resounding, no. Another was asking if a parent should be asked to help. Again the answer was, no, with the comment that parents might take one ride and then not show up again.

There is a feeling of frustration by the drivers, Ponder pointed out, because they believe that their hands are tied. One suggestion was to place video cameras on the buses.

The board has taken the suggestions under consideration. Six area schools have placed cameras on buses and Micklash will interview representatives from each to find out how satisfactory they are. He told the board that he had talked with people from Vassar and Mayville, who are in the first year of the program, and at that time they were pleased with the results.

The way the program works, a box to house the camera is attached to the front of each bus. Two cameras would be purchased and placed in different buses each day. There is no way to tell which bus has the camera. Neither the students nor the driver knows where the camera will be placed. If the program is adopted for the next school year, it will cost an esti-

mated \$1,000.

### OTHER BUSINESS

\*The 4-year terms of Hartwick and Hobart expire this year. Hartwick has decided to seek reelection. Hobart is uncertain. Nominating petitions are avail-

able at the superintendent's office.

\*A student council leadership forum will be held Wednesday, Mar. 17, at the Tuscola Area Skill Center.

\*School will last a day longer this spring. A snow day make-up is necessary and has been scheduled for

Thursday, June 3, the former last day of school.

\*Principal Don Schelke gave a review of the restructuring of the Middle School. He also told the board that the science fair for the Middle School will be held again this year after an absence of several years.

## New officers preside

At St. Agatha Women's Society

After 2 months winter vacation new officers presided at the first meeting of the year of the St. Agatha Women's Society Tuesday.

Hostesses were Sister Nancy and Sally Patnaude. The program for the 24 present was old radio shows.

President Helen Stock opened the meeting with a prayer. It was announced that communal services will be held Mar. 24 at 7:15 p.m. Ecumenical night "the bread of unity of life" will be Mar. 17 at 7:15 p.m. All area churches have been invited to attend.

A soup supper is slated April 17 after the 4 p.m. Saturday mass.

It was decided to contact a carpet cleaner to care for the church carpet. Crystal Mosack reported about the St. Agatha class reunion. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented.

Hostesses for the April 13 meeting, with Rosary at 7 p.m. and meeting at 7:30

p.m., will be Mamie Russell, Ann Sanderhaus and Veranita Comment. It will be an all-birthday party with exchange of gifts, ice cream and cake.



**OFFICERS OF ST. AGATHA'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY** are, from left: Meg Gray, secretary; Jackie Goodell, vice president; Helen Stock, president, and Crystal Mosack, treasurer.

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, March 18

Performing arts night, Cass City High School

### Friday, March 19

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. "Polar Bear Alert" and "Poland". Refreshments served.

Town & Country Square Dance Club square dance, 8 to 10:30 p.m. (Round dance workshop at 7:30 p.m.) Campbell Elementary School.

### Saturday, March 20

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby at Cass City Middle School, 8:30 a.m. Weigh-in race at 9-11:30 a.m.

Tuscola Soil Conservation District Woodland and Wildlife tour at Caro Regional Center, 9 a.m. to noon.

### Sunday, March 21

Outing at the Huron County Nature Center, located near Oak Beach on Loosemoore Rd., 1 mile east of Oak Beach Rd. 2-4 p.m.

Open house at Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center, 11 a.m.

### Monday, March 22

Literacy Council meeting, 12:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

### Tuesday, March 23

Rescheduled Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., Village Municipal Building.

Free diabetes screening at Hills and Dales General Hospital (12 hour fast required prior to screening). Register by calling 872-2121.

### Wednesday, March 24

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome! Last week's winners, (tied) Jackie Freiburger, and Enid Craig and Naomi Barnes and Duke Sward.

The Human Development Commission (HDC) invites area seniors to attend a luncheon and program presented at Caro Senior Dining Center at 11 a.m. Presented by the Tri-City SER organization, the program will focus on issues pertinent to Hispanics and other senior minorities. Lunch will be served. Reservations: call 673-4121.

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**COPING WITH ARTHRITIS**

A person should not learn to live with arthritis--he should learn to cope with it.

Coping with an illness means that the person actively plans ahead and carries out ways to tolerate a chronic illness.

For arthritis, this includes use of medicines, exercise, physical therapy, rest and occasionally other modalities.

The first and often the main coping mechanism is appropriate physical activity. Since too much exercise can worsen the arthritis and too little exercise will cause muscle weakness, striving for that delicate balance is an ongoing search.

A person should exercise moderately and on a regular basis. Not too much some days and too little other days. The exercise should be followed by liberal amounts of rest.

Medicines are another useful tool. They can be used routinely to suppress any increase in inflammation or flare-ups. Stiffness, swelling and lab tests can all be used to regulate the level of medicine to be used. When there is a flare-up, medicines should be started or increased as early as possible to arrest the progression of symptoms before they get out of hand.

When a person wakes up stiff, aches all day and is unable to do his usual activities, a normal consequence is depression. Fortunately, low doses of medicine can help this. Stresses should be avoided.

Education is very important. The more a person knows about his illness, the better he can cope with the symptoms. You can learn many more ways to cope from your doctor or a support group.

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## NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be taking public comments at their Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at The Municipal Building, 6737 Church Street, Cass City, Michigan, regarding a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Hiking Trail Extension across the Cass River and the Garfield Avenue Parking Lot.

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the government office before the meeting.

Joyce A. LaRoche  
 Village Clerk

## 9-1-1 services to add to phone bill

Tuscola County residents will see an average 47-cent increase in their phone bills following recent approval of a surcharge for 911 emergency phone service.

The surcharge, approved last week by county commissioners, will appear on phone bills in about 90 days.

Tuscola County Undersheriff and 911 Coordinator James Fyvie estimated the fee will raise about \$117,000 annually for central dispatch operations related to the emergency phone service, which is scheduled to go on-line March 23.

Fyvie said the funding will be used to hire 3 additional full-time dispatchers, as well as offset the loss of some \$44,500 in state funding. "We're going to be losing the state police appropriations for operating central dispatch. . . Oct. 1," he noted.

The surcharge is separate from a 36-cent fee per phone line that will be added to residents' phone bills. That charge goes to the phone company for access to the 911 phone system.

Officials are considering a plan that would eventually

increase the 47-cent surcharge to \$2.11 a month, but that would require a vote of county residents.

"We really need 2 additional dispatchers," Fyvie said, adding the county also is need of a new communications system for fire, ambulance and local police agencies.

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This week's students of the week are members of the English Academic Games team. They participated in a one day event at S.V.S.U. This tournament was by process of single elimination. Cass City's English team received 2nd place overall. The team was led by teacher, Dennis Meck. The team members are: back row, left to right, Tamara Wallace and Steve Smith

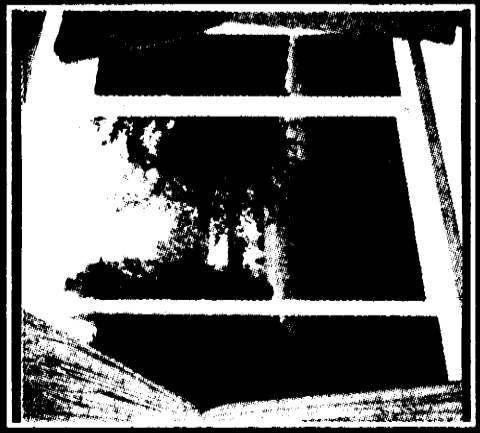
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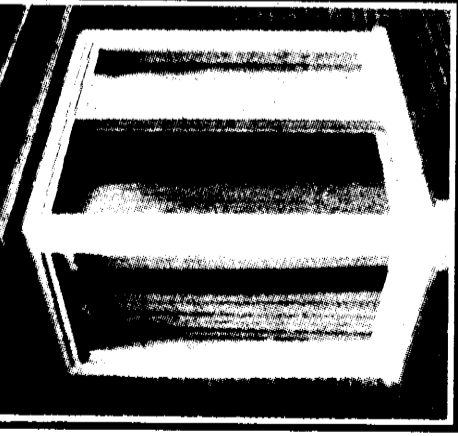
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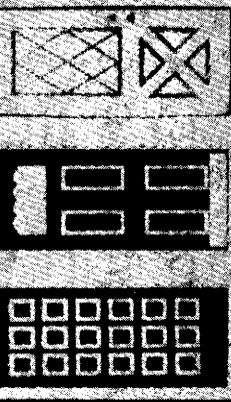
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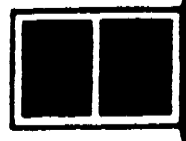
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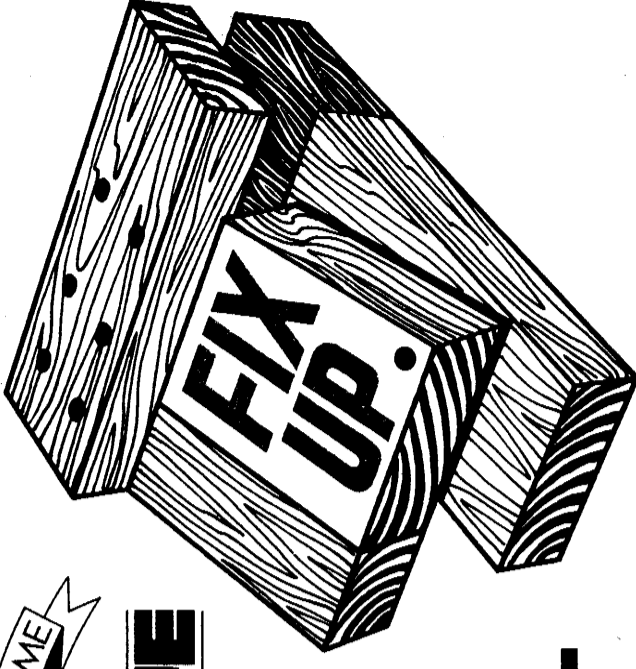
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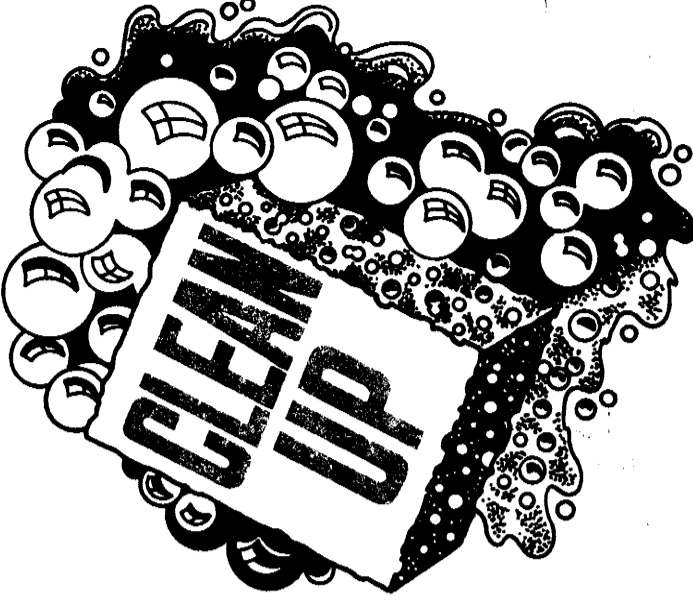
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# New windows marry fashion with function

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If eyes are the windows of the soul, then windows must surely be the soul of a room, more reflective of its personality and style than perhaps any other decorative element.

Never before have there been so many options for dressing windows to marry fashion with function. Not only do window treatments satisfy such practical needs as ensuring privacy, controlling light, framing (or blocking out) views, and conserving energy, but they also enhance the room's design scheme, provide warmth and charm, and serve as its focal point.

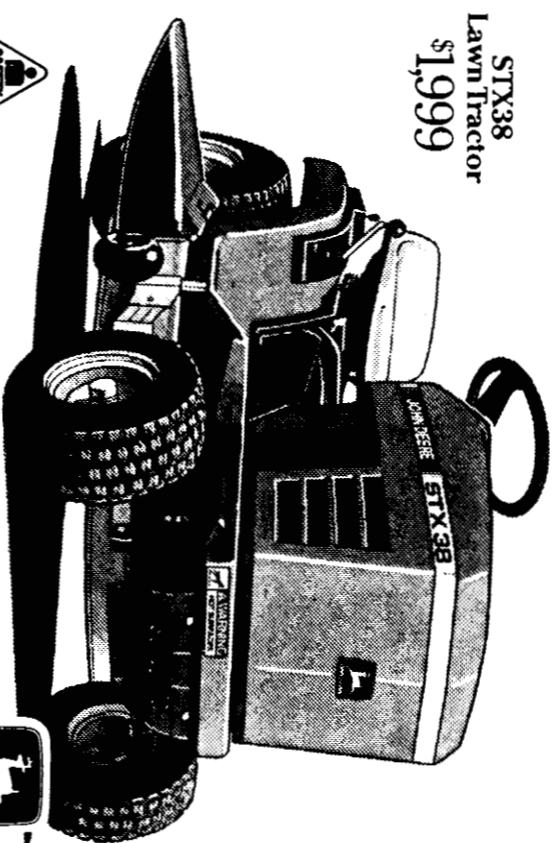
With so many choices, it's not surprising that so many people feel intimidated about making window-treatment decisions. The design experts at Laura Ashley, the noted home furnishings manufacturer and retailer, offer the following tips:

- \* Window treatments should complement the overall decorating mood of the room. Don't choose an overly fussy traditional treatment for a tailored or contemporary room.
- \* Take advantage of the range of patterned and solid fabrics available for window treatments that coordinate with the rest of the room's decor. For example, Laura Ashley offers ready-made or made-to-measure window treatments in a variety of styles that coordinate with their fabrics, wall coverings and bed linens.
- \* Or buy a few extra yards of fabric and sew them yourself, using the wide array of home sewing patterns available for virtually every style of window treatment.
- \* Draperies can either frame the window or cover it — and they are the most popular choices for every country, from traditional to contemporary. Sometimes the simplest drapery panels are the most elegant — either pleated or gathered on a rod with a header or suspended from a decorative rod with hooks or rings.
- \* Make sure that you use fabric generously — at least double the width of the window — or the drapery will look skimpy. For an opulent, full look, they should be lined.
- \* Rather than letting the draperies sit idly at the floor, allow the hems to gracefully "puddle" or fan out slightly on the floor.
- \* Draperies can be layered with other elements, such as fabric or matchstick roll-up blinds, balloon shades, Roman shades, Venetian blinds or shutters. The combination of "hard" and "soft" window treatment is especially interesting.
- \* Top treatments can be used alone or combined with other elements, either in matching or complementary fabrics. Valances can be softly gathered, pleated, scalloped, ballooned, swagged, draped, or formed into scarfs, poufs or roses, or even made from wooden cornices covered with fabric.
- \* Especially popular today are simple swags and jabots which cascade down the sides of the windows, sometimes with contrast linings.
- \* Top treatments used alone are good choices when you want to maximize light and privacy, or for smaller or oddly-placed windows where more elaborate treatments would be too much.
- \* Use a continuous top treatment to unify adjacent windows, like bays or corner windows.
- \* Window treatments can create optical illusions or correct architectural flaws in a room.
- \* For example, to create the effect of a higher ceiling, position curtain rods just below the ceiling rather than over the window frame to draw the eye upward, and use window treatments to create a strong vertical line.
- \* If windows are narrow, use draperies to create the illusion of width by having curtain poles extend beyond the window frame, and hang the draperies to frame the window rather than cover it.
- \* If the room lacks architectural detail, choose more elaborate layered window treatments to create interest.
- \* Differently sized windows in the same room, a common problem, can be minimized by cleverly coordinating window treatments.
- \* Lace or sheer panels work well in many rooms, letting in light but ensuring privacy. Many lace panels, such as Laura Ashley's Nottingham Lace, are available with scalloped edges and "engineered" designs. They're best hung from a clear rod.
- \* For draperies for French or sliding glass doors, hang covered rods work well here.
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and the popularity of informal entertaining, this room is getting even more attention.

Improving your kitchen one remodeling project at a time can often be the best, most economical way to make a difference. Even minor changes can make a vast improvement and be the first steps in the creation of your dream kitchen.

In smaller kitchens, a common objective in remodeling is to create more kitchen holds more equipment and appliances than ever before, with everything from food processors to microwave ovens fast becoming standard items.

A number of options allow you to free more space in the kitchen without knocking down any walls. One possibility is to mount smaller appliances beneath cabinets to create more countertop space.

Another practical, space-saving improvement is to install a new, multi-line, dual appliance. A hi/lo cooking center, a range with a second, smaller oven on top, offers maximum cooking capacity in a minimum of floor space.

For someone who enjoys cooking and entertaining, a second oven is a wonderful asset — especially when you're serving more than one hot dish simultaneously. Or, you can use the smaller oven to bake dessert while cooking a roast in the main oven.

For others whose cooking priority in the kitchen runs toward quick and convenient rather than elaborate dinners, a microwave as a second oven might prove indispensable.

**Home's exterior important**

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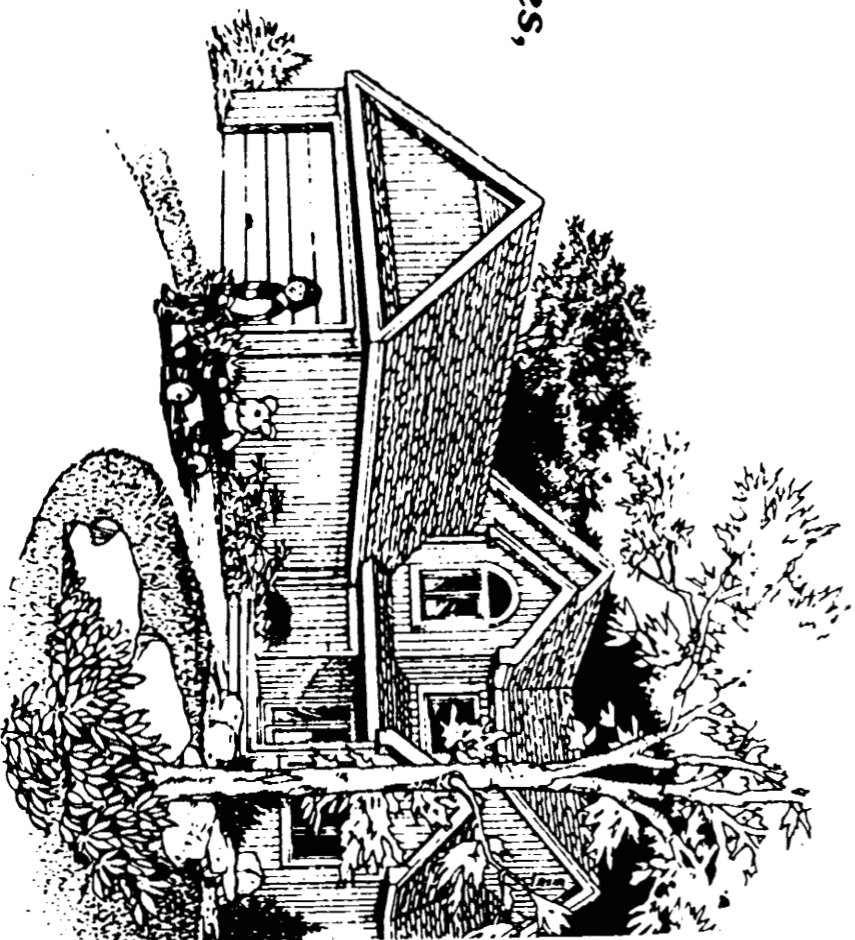
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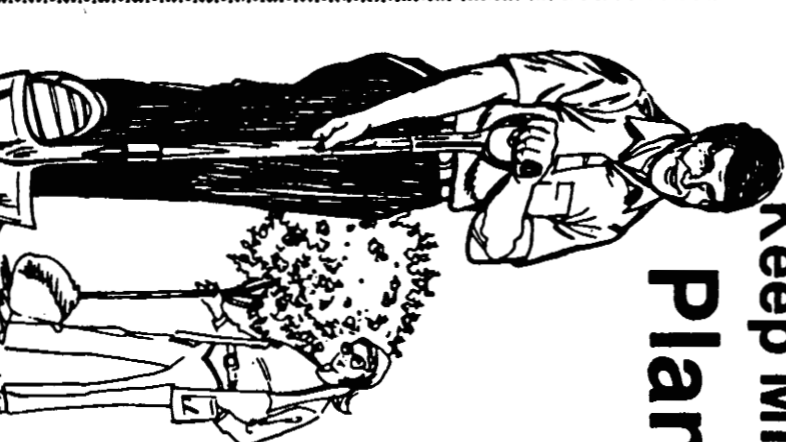


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### First impression important

# Tips for improving home's exterior

If you're like most homeowners, you concentrate on making interior home improvements. That's natural, because you spend most of your time inside. Meanwhile, the needs for minor repairs can accumulate on your property's exterior, and go unnoticed by you, but giving visitors an overall impression of neglect.

A company, which recently introduced a line of mailboxes, asked a veteran real estate broker for tips on exterior improvements that can make a home look well-cared for. Whether you're readying your home for sale or sprucing it up for your own satisfaction, his suggestions for low-cost, easy-to-do improvements make sense.

"Sometimes I literally can't drag a prospect out of the car to view the inside of a marvelous home because the outside is so off-putting," says broker Leo Cronin, a certified residential specialist in suburban Chicago. "That's why I always tell a seller to appraise their home's exterior the way a buyer would from the street."

Starting with the initial impression, he recommends adding a fence or hedge around your property - or, if you already have one of these, making sure it's properly maintained. Straighten white, a crooked fence, replace missing pickets, and paint if necessary. Trim bushes and hedges and prune as required.

"Often the first thing a visitor sees is a rusty, dented mailbox on a battered post that leans like the Tower of Pisa," he says. "Straighten the post, or better yet, get a complete new post and mailbox."

He advises using seasonal flowering plants or shrubs, evergreens, attractive stones, or a combined effect to edge the driveway and walkway. Remove dead flowers from beds and replace them with evergreens or wood chips; edge the beds with stones.

In Cronin's experience, the front door and its surroundings can make or break the impression visitors have of a house. "A neglected entrance smacks of a lack of loving care for the entire home," he says. His suggestions:

- Paint the front door a bright, distinctive color.
  - Add a new brass knocker and house numbers that complement your home's architecture.
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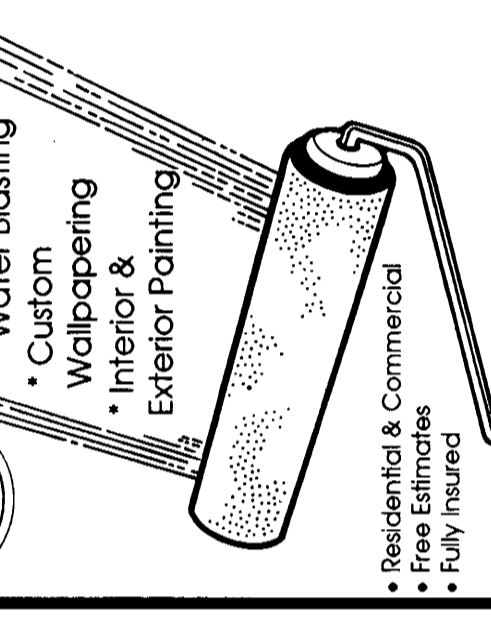
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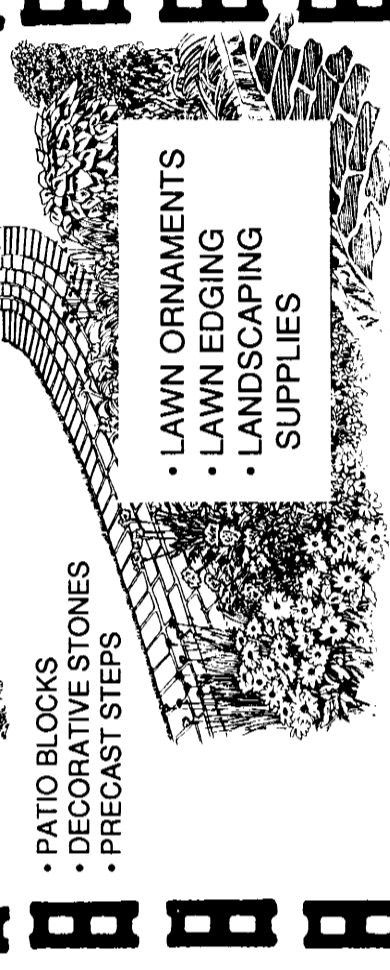
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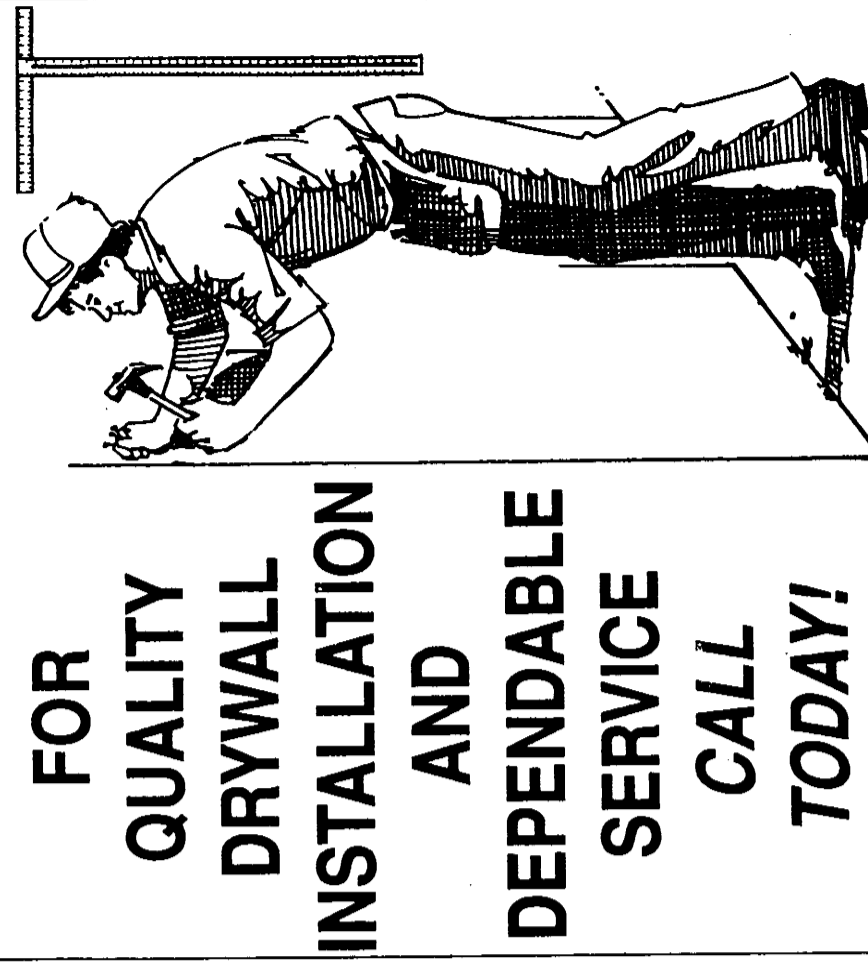
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When combined with balanced soffit vents, ridge vents help to provide a continuous airflow across the roof underside from the soffit to the ridge. Ultimately, this air pattern can help to reduce heat build-up in the attic, remove excess moisture, and keep the roof deck at a uniform temperature.

Once perceived by both homeowners and roofers as an option for new construction only, ridge venting has gained acceptance for re-roofing applications as well. This growing popularity owes to several factors:

- Improved manufacture and design - Early ridge venting often leaked, and was frequently installed improperly (without balanced soffit systems). Today's best ridge vents use wind baffles ("deflectors") and built-in filters to ventilate more effectively, as well as to help prevent infiltration of the elements.
- Increased consumer awareness - Cost-conscious homeowners have begun to discover the importance of ventilation in planning energy upgrades. When considering re-roofing projects, for example, many homeowners are now opting to invest a few more dollars for new ventilation systems, including ridge vents.
- Simplified installation - Improvements in ridge vent products have made installation easier (and less costly for the homeowner), especially if the ridge vent has pre-punched nail holes. What's more, ridge vents are no more expensive to install.

than conventional roof ventilation systems. \* Continued product innovation - The need for advanced ventilation systems is especially important as homes become tighter in construction and are better insulated. With continued testing of ridge vent products, better vent designs will help fill that need. For example, in recent testing conducted by the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory Division of Professional Services Industries, Inc., externally baffled ridge vent systems (i.e., venting with wind "deflectors" on the front edge of the vent) dramatically outperformed other single-over-ridge attic ventilation systems. Of the 11 single-over-ridge vent products tested, only those with external baffles produced the desired air pressure crucial to an efficient ventilation system. For complete test results and/or more information on ridge venting, call: 1-800-AIRVENT.

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winter. Plants native to Michigan or other northern areas are your best choice. For guidelines for landscape planning and tree selection, ask at your county Cooperative Extension Service office for a copy of "Selecting Ornamental Plants for Michigan Landscapes." For information on planning and care, see Extension Bulletin E-1936, "Planting and Care of Ornamental Landscape Plants."

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ing your needs and wants and the growing conditions in the proposed planting sites. "Trees offer a wide variety of sizes, shapes, colors, textures and features such as flowers and fruits," says Mary McLellan, Master Gardener coordinator at Michigan State University. "They can also fill a variety of roles in the landscape, including screen, windbreak, shade, backdrop or frame for the house, and landscape focal point. You need to know what you want to do before you choose the right tree to do it."

Any tree you plant will be part of the total landscape, and you need to consider how it will add to or detract from the appearance of your property and whether it will increase maintenance chores. Trees such as European white birch, for example, have multiple pest problems and require quite a bit of care to survive in the landscape. Others, such as silver maple and Siberian elm, are quick-growing, weak-wooded trees that are prone to storm damage. Fruits such as mulberries and black walnuts falling from trees can make a mess on the lawn that can be tracked into the house.

Trees should be planted where they'll have plenty of room to reach their mature size, McLellan advises. And that mature size should be in scale with the house and the lot. A tree either too large or too small will look out of proportion with the rest of the landscape.

Tree shape is important, too. Trees come in a variety of shapes, from slender and upright to round and spreading. If you're planting trees to shade your house, you want fairly quick-growing but sturdy trees that will get big enough to throw a decent patch of shade. An upright crabapple that reaches a maximum height of 12 feet probably won't do the job. For a spring focal point for the landscape, however, a "conversational grouping" of 3 crabapples in colors ranging from white to dark pink might be just the ticket.

"Talk about crabapples opens the topic of disease resistance," McLellan notes. "Choosing varieties with built-in disease resistance enables you to concentrate on enjoying your trees rather than spraying them to prevent midsummer defoliation."

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Many of the pieces Geiger has created use some of the finest wood available and finding that wood is almost as much fun, Geiger maintains with a smile, as building the item. Isn't this beautiful, he asks, as he picks up a creation that was crafted from walnut

You know how I got that lumber, he confided with obvious pleasure. Walt Goodall (Cass City area farmer) called me and said that Detroit Edison had cut the tree down in his yard and I could have the lumber.

That story has been repeated many times as Geiger found mahogany, cherry and other beautiful hard

woods before they ended up in the fireplace or the landfill.

One of his prize items is the mirror compacts crafted from a piece of cherry that survived the fire of 1891. See how the wood remained dark? he asks excitedly. It's so old that it doesn't lighten like normal wood when you work with it. He's made

several using that ancient wood.

Geiger's woodworking career started when he was given a plane for his birthday in the mid 70's. It was placed in his workshop in the basement, a tiny 12x15 foot space that now houses an almost unbelievable amount of equipment. In it is a hand saw, scroll saw, radial arm saw, drill

press, lathe, table sander, router and joiner.

Two larger pieces, a planer and table saw, are tucked away in the garage. The equipment doesn't stand idle long. Geiger estimates that he averages 4 to 5 hours a day in his equipment jammed workshop.

It's likely that if Geiger charged on an hourly basis for the time he spends, no one could afford to buy from him. That's okay, because he doesn't sell his items, he gives them away for weddings, birthdays and other special occasions. One of his

favorite gifts is a mantel clock and he has made between 40 and 50 of them.

Still his love of working with wood has helped out with one household expense. He has a log splitter and cuts his own firewood. This year there has been about 200 gallons of fuel oil consumed at the house and that's a lot compared to previous years. Since 1980 there has been about 400 gallons used. I'm getting a little tired of splitting the wood, Geiger sighed.

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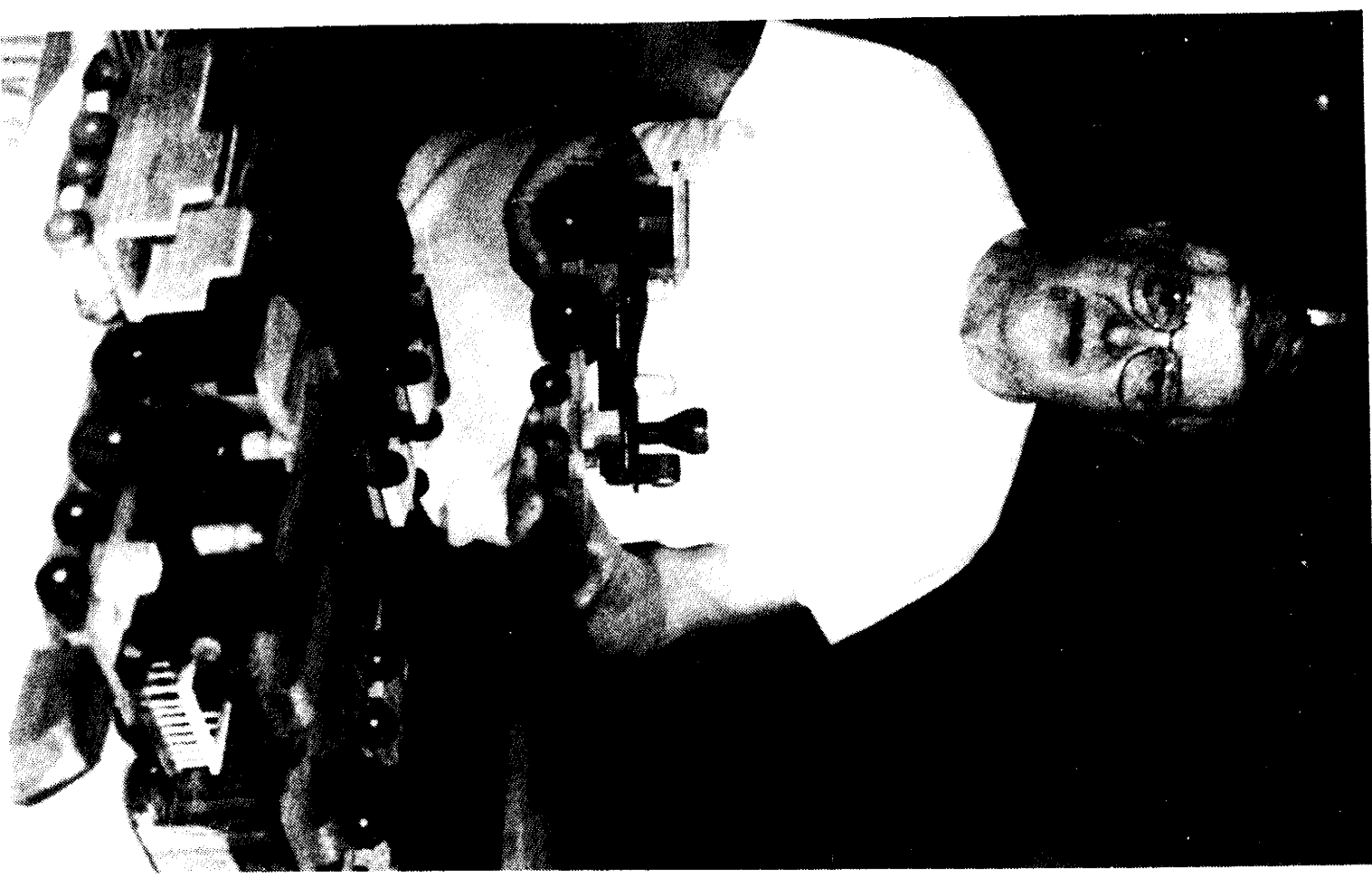
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