

Owen-Gage spikers bow in regionals

Coach Judy Campbell's Owen-Gage spikers battled North Branch Wesleyan for 3 games Saturday before bowing in regional competition at Pontiac Oakland Catholic High School. The scores of the games were 15-9, 7-15 and 15-10. In defeat the Bulldogs proclaimed their youth. "We were missing senior leadership all year," said Campbell. "One of the girls said, 'But Coach, we've been playing since December.' I think they were just tired of volleyball this year." The Wolverines drew first blood on the day when Carrey Curell gave NBW a

2-0 advantage. The lead was short-lived, however, as the Bulldogs' lone senior spiker, Brandy Parks, registered 3 consecutive service points to give the 'Dogs their first lead of the day at 3-2. Parks closed out her high school career scoring 8 points that included 3 aces. Tied at 5-all, NBW's Nicole Wilcox scored the game's next 5 tallies to give the Wolverines a commanding edge at 10-5. The 2 schools then traded points until, leading at 13-9, Beth Case recorded the game's final 2 markers. Owen-Gage jumped out in

the second game behind the serving of juniors Melody Abfalter and Angie Wildman. The pair helped the Bulldogs to a 7-1 start with 3 service points each. Wildman led the North Central Thumb League Bulldogs with 9 points on the afternoon. She was also credited with 17 attacks, 6 going for kills and 17 digs. In the rubber game, Campbell's spikers fell behind 2-0 before Parks gave O-G its first lead at 4-3. NBW regained the lead on Jenny LeTourneau's service at 7-5 and held their advantage until Michelle Pisarek served O-G to a slim one point margin at 10-9. Pisarek had a busy day for the losers, leading the Bulldogs with 24 sets.

Most of Pisarek's sets benefited freshman standout Kate Powers. Powers, the Bulldogs' best net player, recorded 24 attacks and a dozen blocks.

Erica Curell ended the Bulldogs' tournament run with 6 straight service points that pitted NBW against eventual regional champion Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Every cloud has a silver lining, and in defeat Coach Campbell praised the performance of junior Jennifer Hortola. Hortola registered 3 saves, and a team high 13 blocks. She also had 10 attacks.



WINNING AN ALL-EXPENSE trip to Las Vegas April 7-8-9 were Lee Morgan, left, and Pat Dillon. The duo won the 2-person best ball handicapped indoor golfing tournament at Northwood Shores, competing against 16 teams. In Vegas the pair will represent Cass City in the 1994 World Indoor Golf Championship.

Hoppe 5th in state wrestling tournament

Matt Hoppe, Cass City senior, finished an outstanding wrestling career by finishing 5th in the 130-pound class of the state class C finals at Battle Creek Friday and Saturday. Hoppe won 3 of 5 matches, starting with a pin in 1:42 over Jim Sanford of Mason County Central. He followed that with an 11-5 decision over Chip

Connin of Addison. He lost in the semifinals to Dennis Kneiper of New Lothrop. In the losers' bracket, he was defeated by Scott Wejrowski of Midland Bullock Creek (7-3) for third place and finished with a 9-2 decision over Adam Smith of Hart for 5th place. This year Hoppe was 42-5 and for his career a sparkling 114-39.



Matt Hoppe

3rd time no charm

O-G falls to Vikings

The 3rd time wasn't a charm for the Owen-Gage Bulldogs Tuesday, March 8,

as the Akron-Fairgrove Vikings defeated the Bulldogs, 58-48, in district play at Kinde. The game wasn't as close as the final outcome indicated. The Vikings jumped out to an 18-7 first period lead as John Streeter paved the way with 6 tallies. Streeter led 6 Viking players in scoring with a game high 17 points. The Vikings put the game away in the 2nd period with a 13-4 run that gave the winners a 31-11 margin at the intermission. Owen-Gage's lone points in the dismal 2nd frame were recorded by Eric Susalla and Mike Tkacz. Susalla, a senior, ended his Bulldog career on a positive note, registered a team high

15 points. Tkacz, a junior scored 12 in defeat. The 'Dogs traded baskets with the Vikings, who defeated the Bulldogs twice during North Central Thumb League play, for most of the 3rd period but couldn't c into the winners' advantage. Sophomore Austyn Brinkman registered his first tournament points in a Bulldog jersey just after the break and finished a fine inaugural season with 11 markers. The Bulldogs outscored the Vikings 20-11 down the stretch but it was too little too late. Besides Streeter, the Vikings had Grey LeValle and Mark Becker in double digits, with 11 points each

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America & Me

Area students essay contest winners

Three students from Deford Christian Academy in Deford have been named local winners in the 25th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are Amy Luana, first; Toby Kilbourn, second, and Angela Sanford, third. All 3 received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Luana's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Deford Christian Academy's participation in the America & Me Essay Contest was sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent David Kolacz of Caro. Luana's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The statewide winners, who will be announced in May, will receive plaques and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing and at a meeting with Michigan's top governmental leaders in late May. A team of finalist judges that includes top governmental leaders will determine the top statewide winners.

Several thousand eighth grade students from almost 450 Michigan schools participated in the 1993-94 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bu-

reau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1993-94 contest was "My Roots in America and How I Can Nourish Them." Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encour-

ages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



"AMERICA & ME Essay Contest winners from the Deford Christian Academy are (left to right) Angela Sanford, Amy Luana and Toby Kilbourn.

Calendar of Events

- Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.
- Thursday, March 17**
Soup Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Annual Benefit Right to Life Dinner, Colony House, social hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Speaker, Richard D. Land. For information; call Colleen at 673-7279.
- Friday, March 18**
Senior Citizen movies, Rawson Memorial Library, 1:30 p.m. "The Flying Duces" and "San Diego Zoo".
- Monday, March 21**
Cass City Area Historical Society, Rawson Memorial Library, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 23**
Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners, Ken and Carolyn Martin



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Champions! Hawks fly to district title

Cass City rallies in last quarter to edge fine Reese team, 56-52

Big players play big in big games and good teams rise to the occasion, and that was the story last week when the Cass City Red Hawks swept to their second district

championship in the last 3 years. The Hawks needed to be at their best in the semifinals against a fine Reese Rockets team in a game that

wasn't decided until the final minutes and put a capacity crowd into a frenzy as Cass City rallied for a 56-52 decision. Playing big time for the

Hawks was Paul Ulfig, who was a demon on the boards (20 rebounds) and the go-to man on offense with 26 points and 6 assists.

Ulfig led the charge that put the Hawks back in the game in the first quarter after the Rockets flared to an 8-0 lead in the first minute and a half on a jumper by Jim Cody and 2 layups on defensive steals.

Coach Jeff Hartel called a quick timeout and Cass City clawed its way back into the game. Ulfig stuffed in 3 buckets from close-in shots in the paint and Kevin Storm added another to move the Hawks ahead by a point with 2:49 left in the period.

Reese bounced back behind Cody, who scored 12 of his 20 points in the first quarter, to lead, 18-13, as the period ended.

The Hawks, behind Ulfig and Scott Iwankovitsch, bounced back in the second quarter to briefly take the lead for the first time in the game midway through period, and after that the lead changed hands frequently. At the half the score was tied at 32-all.

Going into the final quarter, Reese was in front, 48-45. The Hawks wiped out that advantage quickly with a basket by Storm and a free throw by Jason Morgan. The score was tied twice after that, the last time at the 4:20 mark. The Hawks went ahead to stay on 2 more free throws by Morgan. Another basket by Storm upped the lead to 54-50 with 1:47 left.

With 17 seconds left, Ulfig converted a pair of free throws to up the lead to 56-52 and that's the way it ended.

The Cass City defense, after the slow start, was a key factor in the game. In that last period the Rockets had no shots without a Hawk hand in their face. Cass City concentrated on the Rockets' big scorers and held them in check. Mike Hein, who averages nearly 20 points a game, was held to just 8 by Morgan and Iwankovitsch. Paul Murphy held the other big gun for the Rockets, Chad Kowalski, to just 2 points.

The Rockets took away the outside shooting game of the Hawks, but opened up the middle. Cass City tried just four 3-point shots all night and failed to make one. But inside, the team was 23 for 39 for 59 percent. Reese hit just 2 of 14 treys and 21 of 48 2-pointers for 37 percent.

Hartel said that Cass City will not face any team in class C any quicker than Reese. Free throw shooting for Cass City with the game on the line is a concern, he added. We missed several one and ones in the last period.

Reese fans can now look ahead to next year, when most of the players on its championship team will be returning.

CASS CITY - Muska 2-0 (0-3) 4; Storm 4-0 (0-0) 8; Murphy 0-0 (1-2) 1; Morgan 3-0 (3-6) 9; Ulfig 11-0 (4-8) 26; Iwankovitsch 3-0 (2-3) 8. **TOTALS** - 23-0 (10-22) 56.

REESE - Kettlehut 1-1 (0-0) 5; Faching 2-0 (0-1) 4; Castle 2-0 (0-0) 4; Beyer 1-0 (2-2) 4; Kowalski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Cody 10-0 (0-0) 20; Lynch 1-1 (0-0) 5; Hein 3-0 (2-3) 8. **TOTALS** - 21-2 (4-6) 52.

Regional pairings

The opening regional game pits the Hawks against Brown City, which has lost only one game this season, to Memphis. The game was to have been played Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m. at Sandusky High School.

Since the loss, Brown City has defeated Memphis twice. Cass City played Memphis in the first game of the season and won a close contest, 59-50.

The other two teams in the tournament play Wednesday night, with the finals Friday at 7:30 p.m.

That game pits the Lakers (15-8) against Flint Hamady (18-4). Both teams have played against the Hawks. The Lakers split with Cass City and Hamady was one of the teams that Cass City scrimmaged in the summer.

Defense leads Cass City past Marlette, 62-35

Perhaps the Cass City Red Hawks should attend a refresher course in basketball to be reminded that the game starts with the opening tip-off and the baskets scored in the opening minutes count in the final tally.

Cass City won the district championship Saturday on its home court in what proved to be an easy victory over the Marlette Red Raiders, 62-35. But before they turned the game into a rout, a lackadaisical first period resulted in a 9-8 lead for Marlette at the end of the first 8 minutes.

Cass City turned to its strong front court in the second period to start its drive to the one-sided win. The Hawks took the lead for the first time early in the period, when Scott Iwankovitsch broke loose for 2 easy

layups. After that the margin increased steadily and Cass City led at the intermission, 25-16.

Coach Hartel put his charges into a half court trap defense in the third quarter and it took the Raiders out of their offense. Before Marlette scored again, Cass City had run off 20 straight points and for all practical purposes the game was over.

Cass City didn't score big from 3-point land for the second straight game, with just one trey in 7 tries.

Cass City dominated the boards with a 53-35 advantage, led by Ulfig and Morgan, both with 12 each. Dak Zorn had 7 and Matt Sullivan, 6, for Marlette.

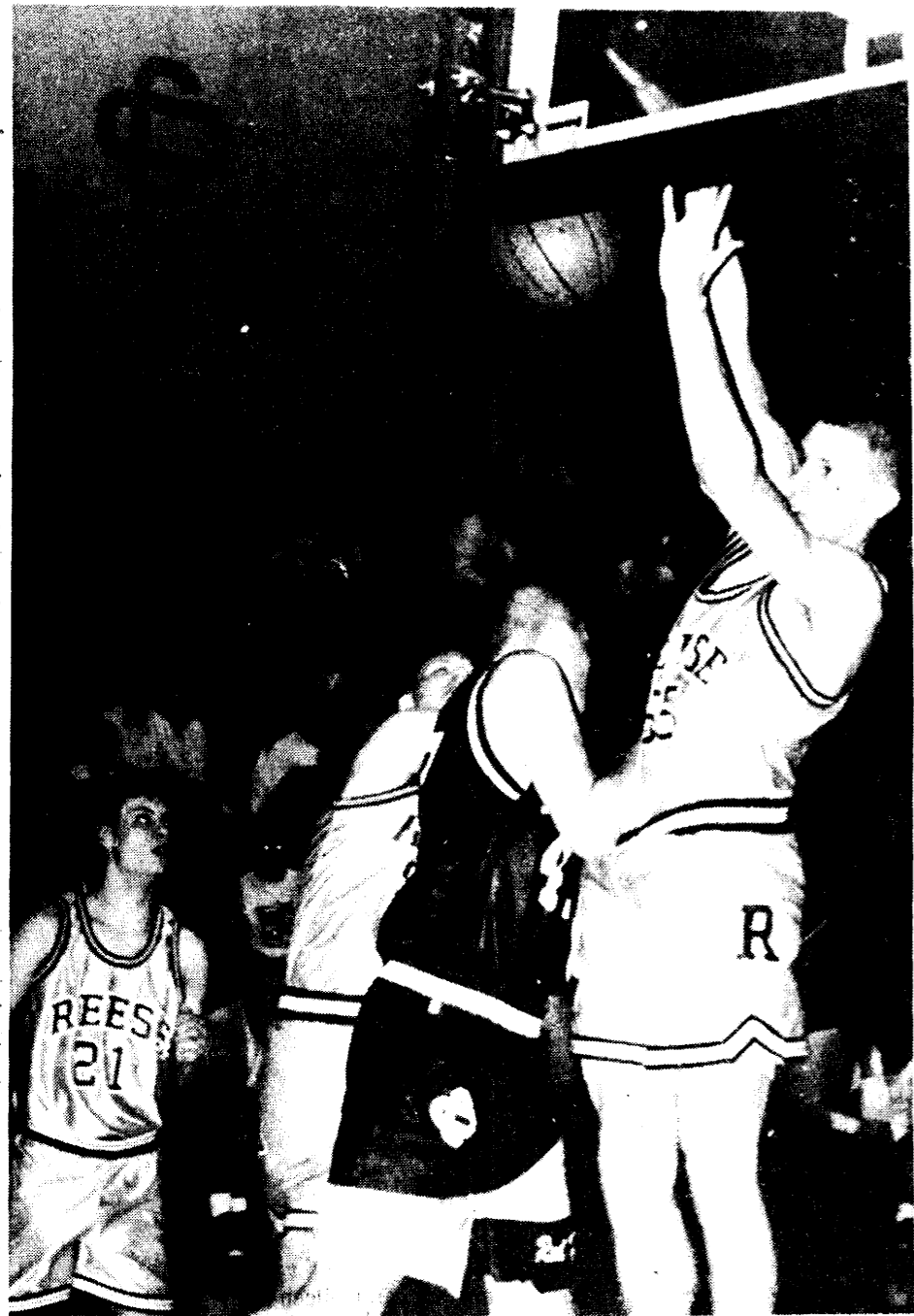
Cass City shot well from the inside, with 23 of 49 for 47 percent, but was just one for 7 from 3-point area.

Marlette had a dismal shooting night, converting just 13 of 53 2-pointers for 25 percent and 2 of 13 treys.

Cass City converted 13 of 20 free throws while Marlette made just 3 of 10.

CASS CITY - Muska 2-0 (0-1) 4; Sherman 0-0 (4-4) 4; Storm 1-0 (0-0) 2; Phillips 1-0 (0-1) 2; Murphy 1-1 (1-1) 6; Morgan 2-0 (3-6) 7; Ulfig 9-0 (5-6) 23; Iwankovitsch 6-0 (0-0) 12; Osentoski 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** - 23-1 (13-20) 62.

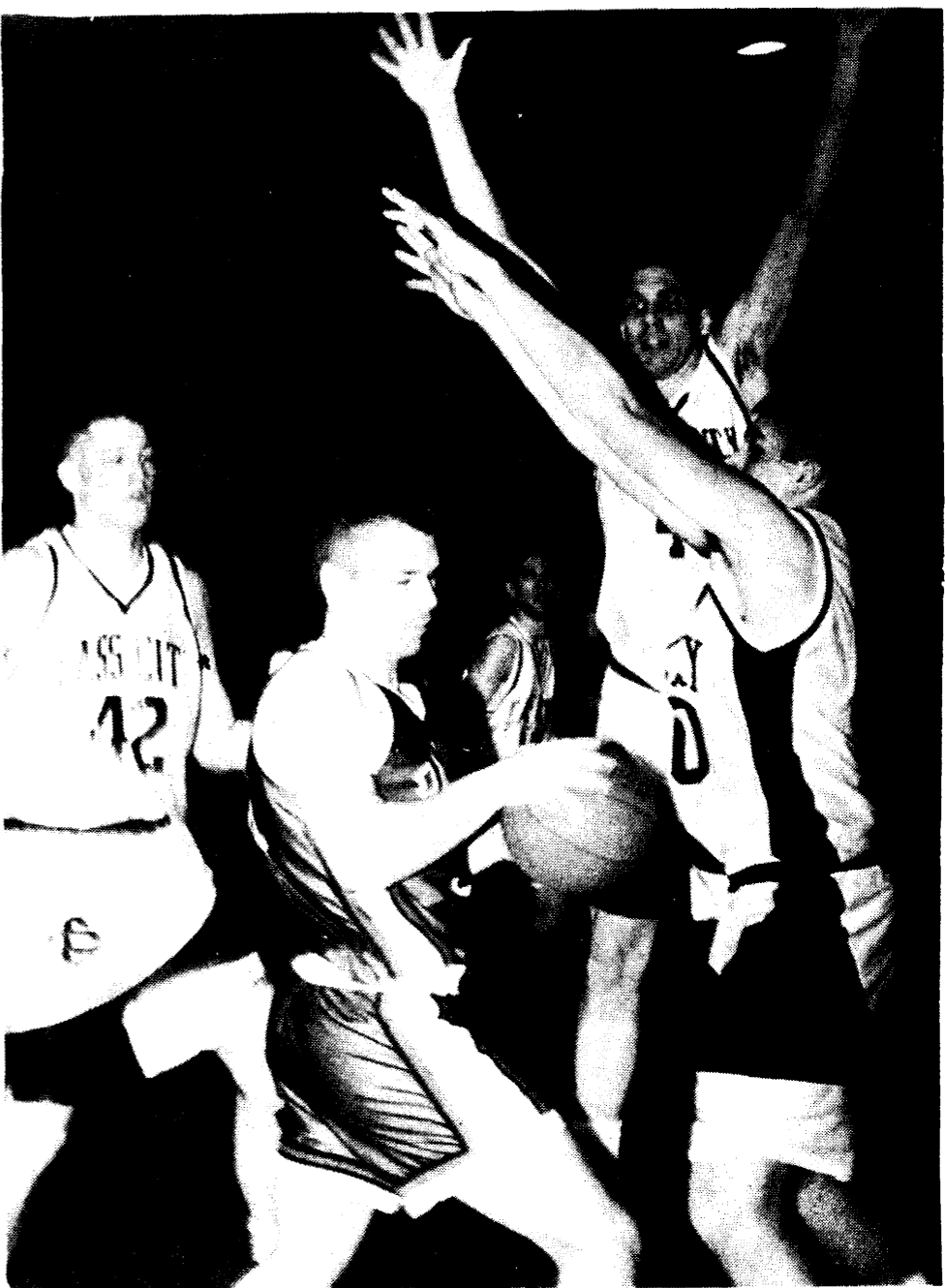
MARLETTE - Sowa 2-0 (0-0) 4; Shaw 1-0 (1-2) 3; Gargill 1-0 (0-0) 2; Macklin 0-1 (1-3) 4; Barnes 2-0 (0-0) 4; Cowper 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lambert 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sullivan 3-0 (1-5) 7; Forbes 2-1 (0-0) 7. **TOTALS** - 13-2 (3-10) 35.



THIS REBOUND DIDN'T go Cass City's way, but Paul Ulfig snagged 20 boards to lead the Hawks to a win over Reese. At right is Matt Hein and at left, Joe Faching of Reese.



SCOTT IWANKOVITSCH scored one of his first 2 layups in the second quarter to start a Hawk rally that put the game against Marlette away for the champions.



THE CASS CITY trapping defense enabled Cass City to post an easy win over Marlette. Surrounding the ball carrier are, from left: Paul Ulfig, Scott Iwankovitsch and Kevin Storm. Paul Murphy is in the background.

Offer local scholarship

The Saginaw Choral Society announces its seventh annual music scholarship competition 1994. A vocal scholarship will be awarded to attend the All-State Choir at the National Music Camp, Interlochen, during the summer 1994, July 25 to Aug. 7, to a student from the 4-

county area. The competition will be held April 16 and is open to singers in grades 9-12 who live in the Midland, Bay, Tuscola, or Saginaw counties. Students will be required to sing 2 compositions from memory. The competition will begin at 9

a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. Audition times will be assigned to each contestant.

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Obituaries

Betty McCarty

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" McCarty, 85, of Austin Township died Friday, March 11, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

She was born May 25, 1908, in Sheridan Township, the daughter of Frank and Hannah (Nelson) Sweeney.

She married Allan J. McCarty Nov. 25, 1943, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Township. He died Aug. 11, 1988.

Mrs. McCarty was a graduate of the Sweeney Country

School and farmed with her husband in Austin Township until 1971.

She was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg since 1943, and was a member and former officer of the St. Ignatius Altar Society.

Surviving are a son, A.J. and his wife Arlene of Uby; one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Maribeth) Heilig of Uby; 6 grandchildren; one brother, William Sweeney of Sheridan Township, and one sister, Mrs. Bruce (Hannah) Millikan of Royal Oak.

She was preceded in death by 2 grandsons; 3 brothers, Matthew, Malcomb and David Sweeney, and 3 sisters, Frances Amanda Sweeney, Sue Young and Isabell McIntosh.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. The Rev. Monsignor Francis Murray, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Electric cooperative meet set

The 57th annual meeting of Thumb Electric Cooperative will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Colony House, Cass City.

Along with the reports on the operation of the Cooperative, Patronage Capital checks totaling \$80,000 will be available to those in attendance. Members unable to attend will receive their checks by mail in April.

This year's entertainment will feature the country group, The Reffeitts. Over the past several years, the Reffeitts have enjoyed major success on national radio with a string of 4 straight Top 40 songs, and 2 consecutive Top 10 hits. They have a distinct Country sound.

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 11:45 a.m. with The Reffeitts to follow at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to members of Thumb Electric Cooperative and their immediate families. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m.

Marion Seidel of Saginaw and Mrs. Lee (Evelyn) Pearson of Arlington, Va., and a number of nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Myron and John, and 3 sisters, Irene, Norma and Ruth, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Clifford Jordan, pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church, officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be given to the Cass City Lions Club or Rawson Memorial Library.

Lawrence Smith

Larry Glenn Smith, 60, a lifelong resident of the Shabbona area, died Friday, March 11, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 10, 1933, in Evergreen Township, Sanilac County, the son of Glenn and Ruth (Durfee) Smith.

Smith married Miss Bonnie Henry April 9, 1955, in Shabbona, where they made their home. He was a farmer and carpenter.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie; 2 sons, Rodney and wife Theresa of Cass City and Mark of Snover; 2 daughters, Mrs. Glenda Watson and husband Robert of Cass City and Ms. Sherrie Smith of Decker; 9 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Wayne (Joyce) of Moscow, Idaho, Dean (Yvonne) and Don (Janice), all of Decker, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Elder Dean Smith of the Shabbona Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be given to the heart fund.

Kathryn Tyrrell

Former Uby librarian Kathryn D. Tyrrell, 63, of Uby died Tuesday, March 8, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 18, 1930, in Montrose, daughter of Milo B. and Neva (Cooper) Herman. She married John L. Tyrrell May 24, 1952, in Owosso.

Mrs. Tyrrell was a graduate of Montrose High School. She received an associates degree in medical record transcriptions from Cleary College in Ypsilanti. She worked as a transcriptionist for the Owosso Hospital, Bad Axe General Hospital and Cass City Hospital.

She is a former member of St. Columbkille's Catholic Church, where she had served on the cemetery committee. She served as the treasurer for the Tip of the Thumb Dance Club and was a former member of the Uby Band Boosters and Uby FFA Boosters.

Mrs. Tyrrell was a graduate of the Dale Carnegie course, an accredited librarian with the state of Michigan, and was the Uby village librarian from 1985-93.

Surviving are 4 daughters, Mrs. Larry (Rita) Hockemeyer and Brenda, both of Midland, Mrs. Rufino (Judy) Labra of Allegan and Mrs. Dean (Carrie) Lyons of Palms; one son, James and his wife Julia of Uby, and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Michelle, in 1955.

Services were held Friday at St. John's Catholic Church in Uby. The Rev. John Mullet, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Montrose Township Cemetery. Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Uby handled the arrangements.

Highest yield 65.7 bushels

The highest yield recorded in the 1993 Michigan State University soybean variety trials was 65.7 bushels per acre from a group 2 variety grown on Cold Spring Farms in St. Clair County.

That variety was one of 110 public and private varieties grown on commercial farms in Saginaw, Sanilac and St. Clair counties, at the MSU Agronomy Farm in Ingham County (the central region testing sites), and on commercial farms in St. Joseph, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties (the southern testing region).

Variety trial per acre yield averages in the central region ranged from 56.8 bushels to 41.8 bushels. The mean for the region was 52.3 bushels.

The per acre average yield for the southern region ranged from 58 bushels to 44.6 bushels. The mean was 52.6 bushels. All of the varieties followed corn. The planting dates for both regions ranged from mid-to late May, and soybeans were harvested during mid-to late October. Yields were expressed in bushels per acre at 13 percent moisture.

In addition to yield, the report provides information on variety date of maturity, plant height and resistance to lodging.

Copies of the report are available through MSU Extension - Huron County, 104 County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413.




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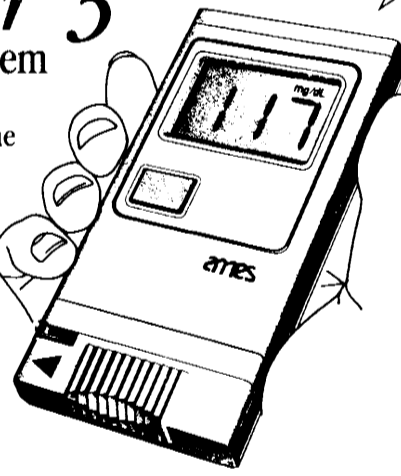
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But warning issued

O-G will play Wesleyan in '94-95

Owen-Gage sports teams will play North Branch Wesleyan in 1994-95 as scheduled, but future meetings between the schools after that will be canceled if problems with unfair refereeing persist.

Wesleyan in football, and there will be only one away game in basketball in 1994-95.

However, Thies said, continued problems won't be tolerated. "If it continues," he added, "I told the superintendent... we would no longer play (them)."

High School Principal Joanne Hopper presented the final policy drafts, saying the first, involving graduation requirements, includes some language changes related to recent curriculum changes.

The policy also requires students to take one unit (one year) each of Earth science and biology.

able, she explained. The total number of units required for graduation remains at 21.

Hopper also presented for approval policies prohibiting use of tobacco on school grounds, and prohibiting anyone from possessing a weapon while in attendance at a district activity, or en route to or from school on a school bus or approved private vehicle.

Both items were approved, as was a policy related to corporal punishment and approved alternatives to corporal punishment.

In accordance with state law, the policy prohibits corporal punishment, and defines alternatives, such as denying participation in extracurricular activities, detention and referral of problem students to various resources.

WON'T RUN

Turning to other matters, Trustee Bill Kretzschmer announced he won't seek

another term on the school board. "I've enjoyed being here, but I think it's time I let go," he said.

The announcement came after Thies noted April 11 is the deadline to file nominating petitions for board seats. A minimum 20 signatures is required.

Kretzschmer's 4-year term on the board expires this year along with the seat held by veteran board member and current board President Jack Brinkman.

The annual school election is scheduled for Monday, June 13. Also Monday, the board: • Heard a report on school finances presented by Thies, who estimated the district will have \$100,000 more to work with next year based on his calculations related to the school finance reform packages.

• Learned Thies plans to hire veteran Owen-Gage coach Arnie Besonen as the new baseball coach, and Athletic Director Dean Roller as the new softball coach.

Your neighbor says

Proposal A spreads cost

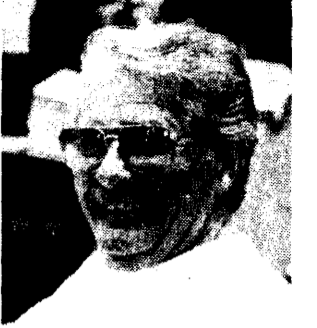
There is considerable doubt about the outcome of the special election that was to have been held Tuesday and one of the reasons is the confusion about what the new tax will actually do.

Edward Patch of Cass City wasn't too sure about the proposition and the results it will have on the educational system. My kids are long out of school, he explained, and I haven't kept up on it at all.

However, he added, as far as Proposition A goes, I feel that I am for it. If nothing else, he said, it spreads the cost around everybody, including the visitors to our state. I'm definitely not for an increase in the state income tax, he said emphatically.

Patch moved to Cass City 11 years ago to do engineering work for the former Evans Product Co. in Gagetown. When that folded, he went into semi-retirement, doing engineering consulting work.

He is a divorced parent of 3 children who says he and his wife are still friends and that he visits often with his children.



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Criminal proceedings

5 appear in circuit court

The following people appeared on criminal proceedings Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court:

Lloyd P. Putnam, 64, Vassar, was sentenced for his plea of no contest to a charge of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years May 12 in Indianfields Township.

Putnam was ordered to serve a maximum 15 years incarceration. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

Rickey J. Broadworth, 17, Akron, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 90 days in jail (deferred) for a plea of no contest to attempted breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Broadworth was also ordered to attend school on a regular basis, adhere to a 9 p.m. curfew on weekdays, read one book per week and submit a written book report to his probation officer, complete 50 hours of community service work, enroll in counseling, reimburse the county for costs, and pay a \$30 victim crime fee and \$272.89 in restitution.

Broadworth, who is not to leave the state, attempted to break into a residence at 3671 N. School St., Akron, Oct. 28-29, court records state.

Michael D. Russell, 22, was sentenced on a delayed sentence to 30 days in jail, which was suspended, and ordered to reimburse the county for costs and pay a \$100 fine.

Richard L. Price, 24, Detroit, withdrew his plea of no contest to a charge of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in September/October 1992 in Ellington Township.

An area woman suffered minor leg injuries in a 2-vehicle car accident last Wednesday at the Tendercare nursing home in Cass City.

Minor injuries reported in 2-vehicle accident

According to reports, LaDonna Wise, Gageton, was sitting in a parked vehicle with her leg outside the passenger side door when the car was struck by another

The action followed the court's denial of a motion to amend Price's pre-sentence investigation report.

Bond in the case was continued at \$5,000 with the condition that he have no contact with any minor girl.

Larry S. Turnbull Jr., 30, Cass City, pleaded innocent to a charge of probation violation.

The case was scheduled for further arraignment Friday. Bond was continued at \$5,000, and Turnbull was ordered to pay the county \$179 in attorneys fees if he is released from jail.

vehicle, causing the door to close on her leg.

The driver of the other vehicle, Mary Vatter, Decker, told police her accelerator became stuck as she was backing out.

Flint man arraigned

A Flint resident was recently arraigned on a pair of larceny charges in Tuscola County District Court.

Jason C. Wise, 20, is accused of stealing food and household products from a warehouse in Vassar Jan. 6 and 7, according to court records.

Bond was set at \$4,000 per count. Wise faces a preliminary examination on the charges Friday at 9 a.m.

King named ASPECT representative

Marilyn King, Decker, has been appointed by the ASPECT Foundation to be an area representative in Sanilac County.

The ASPECT Foundation is a not-for-profit international student exchange program designated by the United States Information Agency as an Official Exchange Visitor Program. The ASPECT Foundation is an international exchange organization established to pioneer a variety of opportunities for bridging cultures, building international bonds of friendship and understanding, and offering a means for culturally enriching and mutually rewarding experiences. The ASPECT Foundation strives for excellence through committed and comprehensive support to all participants.

ASPECT Foundation brings students from more than 20 countries to live with American families and attend the local high school or community college for an academic year or semester. If interested in hosting an ASPECT Foundation exchange student, contact King at 313-672-9687 or call ASPECT Foundation at 1-800-US-YOUTH.

St. Agatha women meet

After 2 months' winter vacation, 23 ladies attended the March 8 meeting of the St. Agatha Women's Society.

Helen Stack called the meeting to order. Sister Joan gave a report on Easter and displayed the Easter candle that will be on the altar. The ladies are making a banner of "The Risen Christ."

Mary Marker and Nancy Niester will hostess the mother-daughter banquet to be held Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Hostesses for the meeting were Vernita Comment, Mamic Russell and Ann Sonderhaus.

The next meeting will be April 12, when Evelyn Borodychuk will have a Tupperware party. Everyone is invited.

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Warrant sought

Cass City police investigated a shoplifting complaint last week at Old Wood Drug, 6498 Main St., Cass City.

According to reports, owner Tom Proctor told police one of his employees saw a teenager place a magazine inside a free newspaper and attempt to leave the business March 7.

The employee stopped and confronted the suspect, James F. Matthews, 17, of Decker, who admitted to taking the merchandise. Police have requested a warrant for his arrest.

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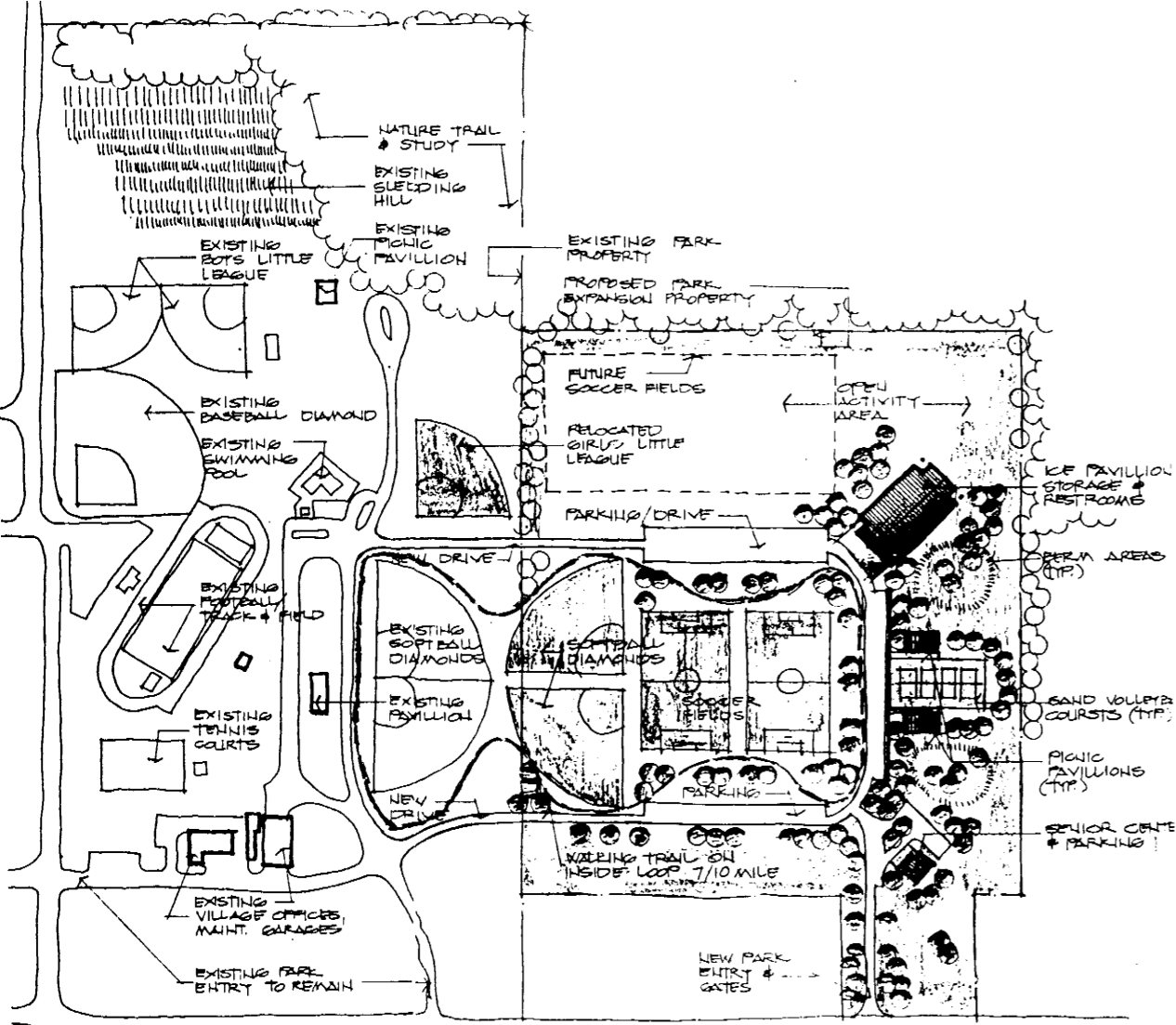
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Real Estate For Sale advertisement for Osentoski Realty, featuring a large house and listing details for a new home on 1.13 acres.

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At March 28 meeting

Seek public input on park expansion



PICTURED ABOVE IS a rough sketch of what could be done east of the existing Cass City Recreational Park in the future. The village is considering expanding the park with the proposed purchase of about 50 acres.

Weber and Cook

Announce Ubyly's top students

Ubyly High School officials have announced the top honor students of the Class of 1994.

Valedictorian of the class is Jacqueline Weber, daughter of Carl and Susanna Weber of Ubyly; the salutatorian is Denise Cook, daughter of Myron and Marge Cook of Ruth.

Weber completes her high school career with a grade point average of 3.969.

She has earned achievement awards in a host of academic subjects. She was named "student of the

month" in January 1993, and was selected as her school's nominee for the Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship.

Weber's extracurricular activities have included the National Honor Society, 3 years on the Student Council, sophomore and junior class president, the Peer Education Program, coordinating the junior-senior prom, and serving as a member of the homecoming court.

She participated in Quiz Bowl last year, competing

with a team that was named county champs and later went on to state tournaments. She has also lettered in 4 sports; volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading.

A member of the St. John's Catholic Church, Ubyly, where she participates in the youth group and adult choir, Weber is employed at the Bad Axe IGA.

Her future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University.

Cook has achieved a 3.917 grade point average during her school career.

She has earned several achievement awards in various academic areas, and was the first and only sophomore of her class to be named "student of the month" for February 1992.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, currently serving as president, and is senior class representative on the Student Council.

A member of the 1993 Huron County Quiz Bowl Champion team from Ubyly, Cook was named to the homecoming court, and has lettered in basketball and



Jacqueline Weber



Denise Cook

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ERICA FREDERICK

Cass City's Student of the Week is Erica Frederick, daughter of Nora and Gordon Frederick. She is in the 11th grade. Erica is involved in Spanish Club, school plays, softball, gymnastics and junior class treasurer. She was chosen for helping organize the county leadership forum and our school's participation in the forum.

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Cass City residents will be asked to offer their input later this month on a proposal to expand the village's recreational park.

In a special session Thursday night, the Village Council voted to request public comment during its next regular meeting, scheduled for March 28 starting at 7 p.m. at Jordan College.

Among the specifics to be discussed is a proposed indoor ice rink/community building. The project has been getting a serious look from the Cass City Lions Club, which will be asked to offer a presentation on its plans.

Village President L.E. Althaver commented the rink and park expansion are tied together in that an ice skating facility would require 3 to 5 acres, and there currently isn't a large enough parcel to accommodate the project.

The expansion plan now under consideration would involve the purchase of about 50 acres of land, commonly known as the Tuckey property, that borders the east side of the existing park. The initial asking price for the parcel is \$250,000.

The village would apply for a recreational grant through the Department of Natural Resources to fund 75 percent of the purchase, leaving a 25 percent local match.

Althaver noted village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie was scheduled to meet with the DNR in Lansing Friday to determine whether the project is acceptable as a candidate for grant funding. If it is, officials will meet with the Pinney Foundation Board regarding a possible donation towards the local match.

Next will be the public input session March 28, and if

all goes well, the grant application will be filed by the March 31 deadline.

During discussion Thursday, Councilman Mike Weaver asked if purchasing only a portion of the 50 acres is an option.

Althaver replied it may be. At this stage, he said, the proposal is just that—a proposal. "I think we could scale down our needs accordingly to what our means would be," he added. "I think there are a lot of possibilities."

Althaver emphasized no

commitments have been made yet. However, he pointed out, if the village is going to expand the park, the opportunity may be lost in time.

"The owners want it to go this way," he said, "but there's no question about the fact that in the future, if we don't buy it, they will move into some kind of development."

ANNEXATION

In other business Thursday,

the council reviewed an annexation request submitted by Roy Tuckey on behalf of Triple T Farms of Cass City. The petition involves a 10-acre parcel located south of the Rabideau Motors Inc. - Farm Store property west of the village. The land is contiguous to village-owned property west of Doerr Road.

The council endorsed the request and voted to submit the petition to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Committee plans for festival

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planning to participate, as are the First Baptist Church, Friends of the Library and other groups.

Wayne Dillon will again serve as master of ceremonies of the parade. However, this year's pre-parade entertainment won't include Alvin Burk's parachute jump to Main Street.

In the park, returning events such as the AAUW paint-in, arts and crafts and sports tourneys, including volleyball and the Rotary 3-on-3 tournament, are planned.

LIVE MUSIC

There will also be live music, although plans call for all groups to take turns performing in one central location this year. Shirley Tuckey asked about organizing a gospel concert that would include local talent.

New events will be a tennis tournament, and an effort is underway to organize a greased pig contest at the park.

Service club representatives reported plans are set for various food tents, in-

cluding the annual Rotary pancake breakfast, Lions chicken barbecue and Gavel Club brats. The Cass City Garden Club is planning to offer baked goods.

Sure to be missed will be the free pre-fireworks concert featuring the popular local band, Windfall, which won't be available Saturday night. However, the band has offered to perform on another date as a fund raiser to benefit the festival.

There was much discussion on fund raising, with Hitler suggesting the 50-50 raffle

be eliminated due to time and paperwork necessary to get a license.

The VFW Auxiliary is considering putting on a soup supper or other fund raiser, she said, and Nina Davis has volunteered to organize a bowl-a-thon. Collection canisters will also be set up at local businesses.

Volunteers are still needed. Anyone interested in lending a hand is asked to call Hittler at 872-3147, or Jean McCluskey at 872-5320.

Grand jury extended

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will be protected. The Thumb grand jury's first 6 months was expected to cost an estimated \$150,000.

The 3 participating counties were to combine resources to fund \$100,000 of the expense, with the remaining \$50,000 coming from the Michigan State Police through TNU. In addition, all participants have agreed to commit any forfeitures to costs tied to the grand jury.

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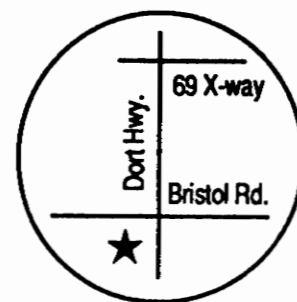
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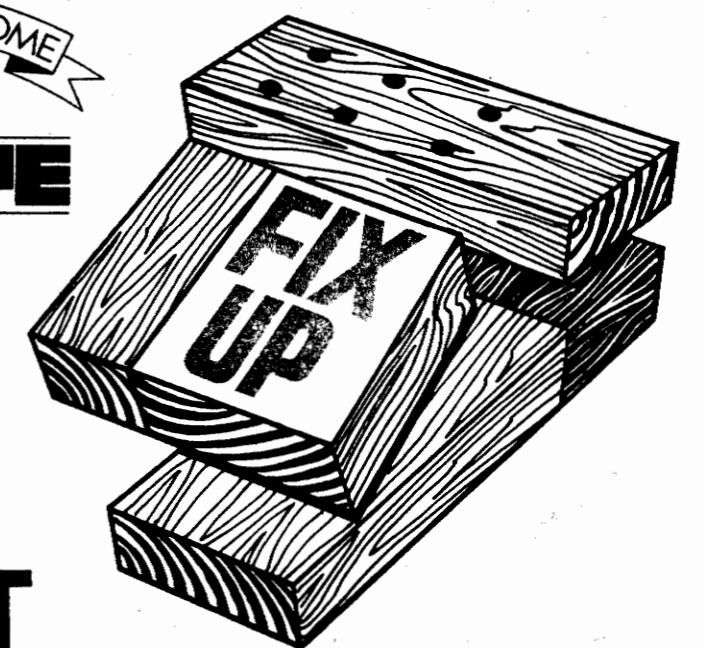
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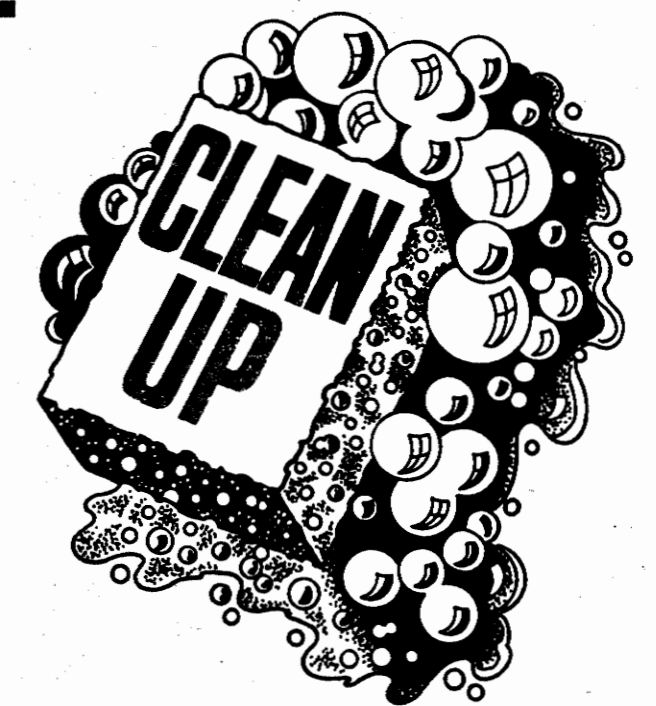
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Sometimes, even the spy business can seem easier than the obstacles and rugged terrain many of us face every time we mow our lawn.

But with a few simple safety tips in mind, you can complete your assignment without a nick or scratch - to you or your mower blade. First, do a little reconnaissance. Patrol your yard for branches, twigs, stones, pine cones...any object that could cause damage when hurled by a whirling blade. Discard or recycle these objects.

Rake up any leftover fall leaves that could conceal potential U.F.O.s, or "unwanted flying objects." And make it a habit to check your yard before each mowing. The few extra minutes you spend surveying your lawn could save an expensive trip to a dealership or repair shop or, worse yet, a visit to the doctor.

If twigs, leaves or other debris clog your mower's discharge chute, turn off your mower immediately. With a walk-behind mower, be sure to disconnect the spark plug wire to keep the engine from restarting if you

accidentally turn the blade while examining the mowing chamber. With a riding mower, turn the ignition key to "off." In either case, don't touch hot engine or exhaust surfaces and carefully use a stick or tool to dislodge the debris. Never use your hands or feet to clear a clog!

These same tips should be followed if you accidentally run over an object. If you've hit a glass bottle or plastic toy, for example, cautiously remove all shards blown into the lawn.

These pieces can be extremely dangerous if hurled outward from the mowing chamber. Inspect your mower, too, before you restart it. If the blade or any safety devices or mechanisms are damaged, have a qualified technician repair the mower before you use it again.

MOWING OBSTACLES

Some mowing obstacles are more permanent, like slopes, embankments and drop-offs. These, too, can be navigated safely by remembering some simple rules.

Mow across slopes in your yard if you're using a walk-behind mower. If you were

to slip and fall, your mower would be less likely to roll on top of you. Do the opposite with a riding mower: Mow up and down slopes for greater stability.

Hills too steep to mow safely shouldn't be mowed at all. Add a decorative ground cover or plant the area in native wildflowers. Steer clear, too, of embankments and drop-offs. Fill, level and cover any low spots or depressions that could turn an ankle.

Regardless of your terrain, always keep family members, especially children, far away from the area you're mowing to protect them from flying debris. Never take passengers on a riding mower. And be particularly careful when backing up with riding or walk-behind mowers.

Luckily, mowing safety tips aren't close guarded secrets. So share these hints with your family, friends and neighbors, and you can all enjoy weekly reruns of Mission: Mowable this spring!

Here are a couple of questions about mowing safety I'm often asked:

What's the best technique

for mowing in tight areas?

Mow in a forward direction as much as possible, since it's easier to see where you're mowing and to keep your balance. If you have to mow a tight area in back-and-forth fashion, remember to always move slowly and look behind you when backing up. Consider using a weed trimmer or combination trimmer-edger for these areas. Add ground cover to areas that can't be mowed safely.

What about trimming around trees?

First, landscape with mowing in mind. Remember that small saplings can grow into large trees, so be sure to leave ample mowing room for full-grown trees when planting. Prune low-hanging branches that could interfere with your vision while mowing or knock you off balance. Remove a one- to three-foot circle of grass around the base of your trees and fill the circle with pine straw or a soft mulch, like shredded tree bark. This makes trimming faster and easier. It also helps protect your trees from potential bumps, nicks and scratches.

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Homes buttoned up too tightly for energy efficiency fail to allow air to circulate and prevent the escape of pollutants. Recent statistics indicate: indoor air can be 10 times more polluted than outdoor air; allergy sufferers (20 million Americans and increasing) look to high-efficiency air filters for relief; some doctors recommend the electrostatic filters.

Filters, according to the air quality experts, are designed to catch particulates, which is another work for household dust. The dust consists of soil particles, lint, airborne cooking grease, tobacco smoke, pet hairs, pollen, mold spores, bacteria, viruses, skin flakes, carbon particles, dust mites (and dust mite feces) and insect scales.

"About 99 percent of the particles circulating in indoor air are one micron or smaller," said Gary Smith of 3M, manufacturer of the Filtrete electrostatic micro particle air filter. These particles can aggravate allergies and irritate the respiratory system.

The degree of improvement of indoor air with a filter depends on the kind of filter that is purchased. Here's a performance comparison:

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- * Ordinary pleated filter. The design creates increased surface area to capture more particles. Traps larger particles but media is not electrostatically charged to capture small and micro particles. Filters with charcoal layers quickly lose odor-absorbing ability. Many recommend replacement every 30 days.
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Fertilizer is the first thing

people think of as they get outside and inspect their somewhat yellow-looking lawn. Fertilizer is important, since it will green up your grass, but more importantly, it can be used to condition the soil underneath. Good, healthy soil encourages deep roots, which help fight disease and drought and help crowd out weeds.

You should buy a naturally-

based fertilizer with slow-release organic nutrients that will nourish your lawn over several months, instead of the quick-green approach of pure chemical-based blends.

Besides fertilizing, here are some other things you can do to have a thick, healthy lawn this spring:

* Mulch your clippings. Leaving your clippings on

your lawn instead of collecting them adds nitrogen to your soil and eliminates disposal problems. You'll also save time by not having to stop every few minutes to empty the bag.

* Sharpen your blade. A sharp mower blade will be more efficient, and won't leave your lawn with a brown cast — caused by a dull blade tearing the grass.

If you sharpen the blade yourself, be sure to take equal amounts off each side to keep it in balance.

* Dethatch and aerate. Many lawns that have been over fertilized and over watered have an excess amount of surface roots known as thatch. This growth must be removed or your lawn will literally choke to death by not getting enough air and

water down to the roots. Clear off the thatch with a special rake and then follow up by renting a core aerator. This device takes cores or plugs out of your lawn to help break up hard-packed soil and to encourage root development. Leave the soil cores on your lawn — they'll help breakdown the thatch layer as they decompose.

* Leave your lawn high. Cut no more than one-third of the grass height at one time so that you encourage a deep root system.

* Topdress bare spots and overseed. Bare spots should be raked and covered with topsoil and reseeded with a grass type appropriate to your area. You might want to introduce some new types of low-maintenance grasses to your lawn that need less care and hold up better in dry spells. Three examples are tall fescue for the northeast, buffalograss for the midwest, and zoysia for the south.

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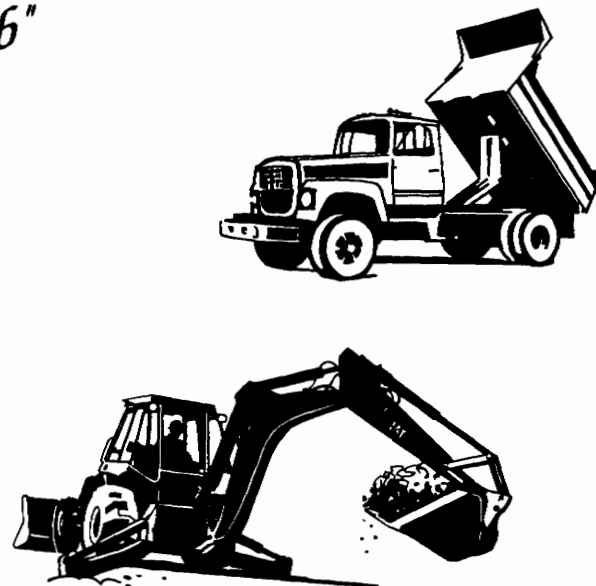
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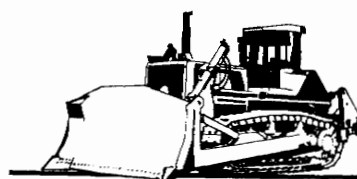
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When it comes to which product to choose and why, the homeowner has to rely, for the most part, on the knowledge, expertise and recommendations of his roofing contractor, says Bob Garrett, director of marketing, residential roofing products for GAF Building Materials Corporation (GAF BMC).

"Unlike shopping for a car, there's no test drive," says Garrett, "But there is one similarity — you want to buy the best quality and value your budget allows."

Often, knowing the roofing alphabet and asking the right questions is a good way to be sure you'll get a high-quality roofing product and

years of peace of mind.

The alphabet Garrett refers to — ARMA, UL and ASTM, among them — are acronyms for various industry associations and testing organizations. ARMA stands for the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association and is comprised of the major producers of asphalt roofing shingles. While shingle products will vary from one manufacturer to another, the choice of an ARMA member will assure you that the companies you're considering are reputable ones that will stand behind their products.

When you've narrowed the search to one or two manufacturers, collect product brochures and roofing shingle samples. "That's where UL and ASTM come in," says Garrett.

Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a well-known product safety laboratory, establishes and operates a product safety certification program. Their testing concludes that items produced under the service are safeguarded against reasonably foreseeable risks.

ing, look for a "Class A" or "Class C" UL rating. This means your roofing choice has passed rigorous testing for fire and wind resistance to assure maximum protection for your home, with Class A being the highest fire and wind-resistance rating available.

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In addition, home ownership studies show increases in single-parent households as well as increases in independent living among seniors. Homeowners today, whether young or old, male or female, are spending more time and money on home maintenance and improvement.

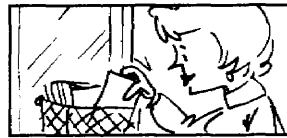
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Let flooring take center stage; design decor scheme from floor up

Frequently, floor covering gets stepped all over when it comes to home decor. Of all home decor products, a kitchen or bathroom floor often takes the greatest beating from frequent foot traffic, spills and other natural disasters, and typically covers more territory (in square footage) than other home purchases. yet, flooring is usually a last consideration when it comes to home interior design.

What's wrong with this

picture? After all, the pattern and color chosen for any room's flooring has the potential to greatly add or detract from an overall decor scheme. Why not let flooring fashion take center stage and design a decor scheme from the floor up.

There are several good reasons to follow this advice:
 1. Color, color and more color. Today's top vinyl flooring manufacturers are no longer timid about offering the hottest emerging and

forecasted colors, in addition to the ever-popular neutrals.

Stuart Beattie, vice president of styling and design at Mannington Resilient Floors, says the powerful presence of color in fabrics, wall coverings, carpet and even countertops and cabinets has had a positive effect on floor coverings. "Underfoot is one of the few places in the home that hasn't seen a great deal of color experimentation," he explains. "Over the last few years, though, consumers have become more confident in their use of color in other areas of the home and flooring manufacturers are responding with a wider color palette."

2. Selecting a distinctive or bold floor pattern can establish the tone for a room. It can greatly simplify the remaining decorating selections by providing clear directions for other decor choices, and/or enabling you to keep your other decor selections to a minimum. This can be ideal in smaller spaces, like bathrooms or a galley kitchen, that easily get a cluttered or a closed-in feel.

The new Mannington Sterling design, Imperia — which combines the bold look of square interlocking bands with the delicately veined appearance of white marble — works well for this purpose. Its strong, clean lines and rich, yet soothing, hues taken from nature, such as Forest Green, Sterling Blue and Sandstone, can set the decor tone of a room — providing dominant color accents — without being overpowering.

3. When flooring has a greater contribution to the decor scheme, the entire room becomes more interesting, more unified — inviting the eye to take in the room as a complete whole. This is especially important in entrance halls, kitchens and baths where creating a defined and inviting ambience is desirable. For instance, vinyl flooring with a delicate floral design may be used to provide a more subtle foundation for the decor scheme that can then be artfully echoed in wall coverings and window treatments.

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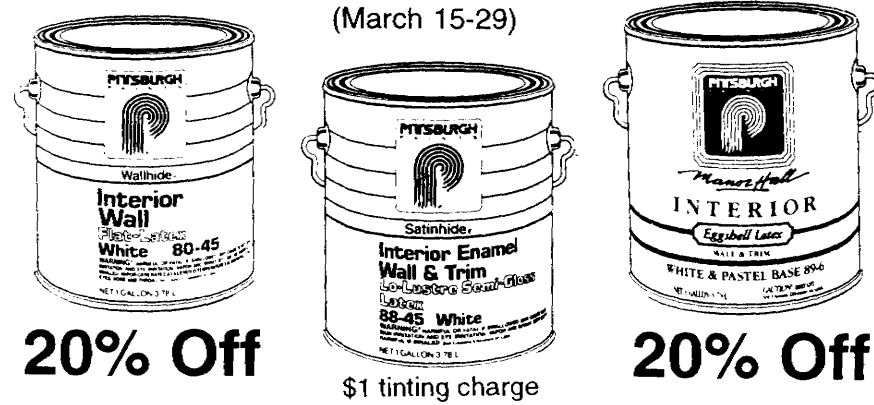
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Offer bulletin on bulbs and flowering annuals

Bulbs and flowering annuals are mainstays of the home flower garden. For tips on which to plant and how to use them, gardeners can turn to their county extension office.

Annuals and bulbs are the subject of a Michigan State University Extension bulletin, "Growing and Using Annuals and Bulbs," Extension bulletin NCR-399, and it's available from MSU Extension-Huron County.

It covers garden planning and design, selecting annuals, buying and growing annuals from seed, controlling pests and diseases, and

growing annuals in containers, as well as buying bulbs, using bulbs in the landscape and storing bulbs. Charts listing blooming times, heights, plant spacing, flower color, light requirements, and tips on growing and using these plants make it easy to find the annuals and bulbs that are just right for your garden.

Publications and videos on other gardening topics are also available. Contact MSU Extension - Huron County at 104 County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413, for a current catalog.

Building upswing reported in area

The predictions for the economy in general are rosy this spring and the remainder of the year and it appears as if Michigan will be one of the states that will be among the leaders in the economic upsurge.

Building and home improvement activity in the Cass City area is reflecting the upward trend.

Both Chemical Bank Bay Area and Thumb National Bank and Trust in Cass City report brisk demand for loans connected with home improvement.

Jim Bolton at Chemical Bank says that demand is brisk and right now 4 con-

struction loans are under consideration.

Our new Money Bonanza V that offers 5.9 interest rates has sparked a wave of discussion and loans in the area of building and remodeling, he added.

Dale McIntosh at Thumb National Bank also reports great interest in home improvement projects.

There is also interest in financing for new homes and we expect that to keep increasing, McIntosh explained. Right now we have 3 construction projects in progress and another was recently completed.

With the builders show

at Colony House March 25-26-27 another surge in activity is sure, McIntosh feels.

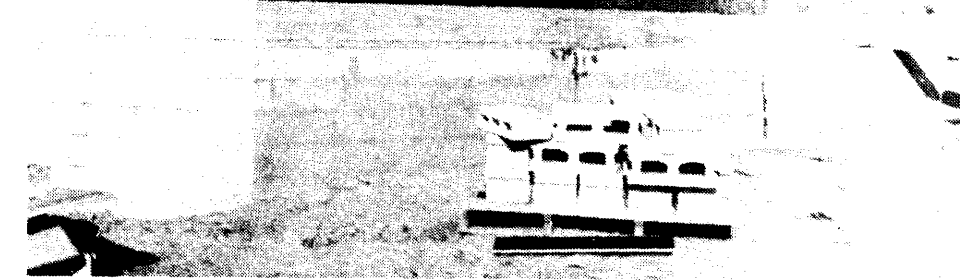
There are lots of people talking over plans and when it gets a little closer to the building season many of these will be building and remodeling, he added.

Building activity in the condominiums of Herron Builders, Inc., continues unabated. Another condo is currently under construction and Tom Herron says that more and more folks are finding the advantages of living in this community.

Brian Simpson of Simpson Excavating says that this season is about the same as it was last year at this time...and last year was a very busy year for the firm.

We have about 2 weeks of work booked right now, he explained. In addition we have estimates out for 5 new homes.

On the business front it was announced that a new lumber company, Self Serve Lumber Company, will open soon in the former General Motors dealership building east of Cass City on M-81.



THE DEMAND FOR condominiums continues unabated. Another is under construction now at Northwood Estates.



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