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5 YEARS AGO

Cass City and Detroit Edison officials met Friday to close on the sale of nearly 18 acres in the village of Sunday's high temperature reached 70, while lows Saturday and Sunday were in the 60s.

25 YEARS AGO

Boasting new fixtures, new floor of additional space and a new kitchen, the new Cass City High School opened its doors Tuesday night at a school dedication ceremony.

35 YEARS AGO

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Novesta Church to show "The Reluctant Prophet"

A video entitled "The Reluctant Prophet" will be shown at the Novesta Church during the Easter celebration on Sunday at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

The video focuses on the testimony of Chuck Colson, a former Nixon advisor who was charged in 1974 for his involvement in the Watergate scandal.

After serving a prison sentence, Colson began prison ministry work with the American Prison Fellowship, an evangelistic outreach organization dedicated to bringing the message of Jesus Christ to prisoners.

Since 1974 Colson has written several award winning books and his 50th birthday was celebrated by boosting the demand for broccoli acreage and yields.

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Defeat North Branch Wesleyan

O-G spikers roar into quarter-finals



OWEN-GAGE'S AMANDA SALCIDO makes a pass during the Dawgs' regional final win Saturday over North Branch Wesleyan. Observing the action is teammate Kate Powers.

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs received an unexpected boost in the team's opening drive towards a possible state volleyball crown. It came from sparsely used Amy Joles.

The Bulldogs are making their third straight trip to quarterfinal play after stopping North Branch Wesleyan Saturday at Uby during the regional volleyball finals. The Bulldogs (36-5-3) were to have faced Center Line St. Clement at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Almont in their quarterfinal contest.

If the Dawgs are to return to the state championship rounds this weekend in Kalamazoo, they will need another outstanding outing from Joles.

It was unassuming Joles' play at the net in the regionals that may provide the missing piece to the Bulldog volleyball puzzle.

All season - for the past 3 years - Coach Judy Campbell has proclaimed that she needed a blocker at the net when her all-stater, Kate Powers, rotates to the back row. In the regional final, Joles provided the answer to Campbell's conundrum.

"One of the big inspirations for us was second year player Amy Joles. Amy is one of the quietest and shyest players on our team. She came in and

blocked their big hitter, Carrey Curell, several times," said Campbell Monday.

Owen-Gage disposed of Burton Valley Christian 15-4 and 15-0 in one semifinal, while the Eagles defeated Port Hope 15-5 and 15-13 in

the other semifinal match. In the regional championship tilt, both squads came out timid, which resulted in a

to claim regional honors.

Amanda Salcido led the 'Dogs in the opening match with 7 service points that included the final 5 markers. On the day, Salcido led all scorers with 27 points and 16 aces. She also had a team best 17 digs and registered 6 kills.

In game 2, after Salcido served for the Bulldogs' first 4 points, Powers made it 5-0

with a jump serve winner. Jennifer Winchester then served out the game, pouring in 10 straight points. Owen-Gage had several impressive points along the way. Powers gave the winners a 9-0 lead with a difficult spike from the back row. Salcido stretched Owen-Gage's advantage to 13-0 with a nifty one hand save. However, the biggest point on the day was

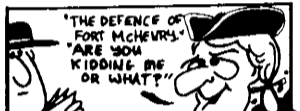
courtesy of Joles, who blocked Curell for the match point.

Powers had 17 kills, 9 digs and 17 blocks, while Winchester added 26 sets, 14 digs and 14 points that included 5 aces. Junior Melissa Vargo chipped in with 8 points, 8 kills and 11 digs. Classmate Tonya Smith accounted for 8 points and 9 digs. Beth Nickerson added 13 digs.



CELEBRATING AMY JOLES' regional championship point block Saturday at Uby are Bulldogs (right to left) Melissa Vargo, Jennifer Winchester and Beth Nickerson.

scissors struggle. The 'Dogs scored the opening match's initial 3 points. But trailing 4-2, the Eagles went ahead 6-5 on 3 straight points by Sandra Hable. Hable served 4 of the Eagles' 6 points. From there Owen-Gage scored 25 unanswered points



"The Star Spangled Banner," when it was first published, bore the title "The Defense of Fort McHenry."



HEAD AND SHOULDERS above the competition is Josh Asselin. Caro's 6'10" center's defensive presence led the Tigers to a 56-37 win over North Branch Friday in the Class B District finals at Bad Axe. Caro travels to CMU tonight (Tuesday) to face Alma in regional play.

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THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 6

- NEIC 20
- County Wide Builders 19
- Killers Auto Parts 17
- Martin Electric 16
- Marlette Oil & Gas 15
- General Cable 13
- Pioneer Seeds 11
- Mycogen Plant Sciences 11
- IGA 9
- Hyatt Farms 9

High Team Series: NEIC 1873.
High Team Game: General Cable 679.

High Games & Series: D. Doerr 719 (222-262-235), T. Babich 662 (256), D. Beecher 659 (256-215), R. Pringle 635 (246-224), Doug O'Dell 633 (235), D. Roth 628 (224), E. Schmaltz 620 (210-218), K. Kilbourn 600 (214), G. Robinson 596 (220), K. Pichla 590 (217-233), R. Doerr 586, G. Pringle 578, W. Laming 227, B. Biebel 213, Dennis Hyatt 210, E. Champagne 210, D. Miller 210, G. Smith 279.

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- J.B.'s Crew 14
- Pizza Villa 14
- Team #7 14
- Cable-ettes 10 1/2
- Cass City Tire 10
- Dee's M.P. Rockets 8
- Live Wires 8
- Wild John's 8
- Cass City IGA 7
- Dott Manufacturing 6 1/2

High Team Series: J.B.'s Crew 3067.
High Team Game: Live Wires 1085.
High Series: B. Watson 529, B. Kilbourn 510, S. Hutchinson 510, N. Davis 471, D. Wilson 477, C. Hill 501.
High Games: B. Kilbourn 214, N. Davis 181, V. Patera 176, D. Wilson 177, B. Watson 177, M. Burns 173, S. Hutchinson 173, M. Horne 174, M. Moore 179, D. Organ 170.

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- humb Auto Wash 16
 - Form You 3 14
 - J.B.'s Crew 12
 - Detroit Edison 12
 - All Season Rental 9
 - Heartland Home Care 9
 - Nel's Kitchen 8
 - Caro Chiropractic 7
 - Rolling Hills 7
 - Northwood Golf 6
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Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Dian Yurenka of Ray and Mrs. Joan Frink of Armada spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kolar. Mrs. Mert Schumacher was a late evening visitor.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kolar visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete VanToll and Cletus Howie. The Euchre Club will meet Saturday, March 15, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, who had spent some time in Fort Meyers, Fla., flew home Friday, and Saturday he and Jan McCune of Waterford spent the day with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.
Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had supper at Stafono's in Bad Axe Friday.
Betty Hagen visited Christina Conkey at the Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Wednesday.

Edith Jackson was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.
Allen Farrelly spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon with Laura Kulish. Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn, Mrs. Jim Doerr, Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were among a group who attended a pink and blue shower for Karen Freebe at the Methodist church in Bad Axe and a 2 o'clock dinner Sunday. Games were played and prizes given. Katha Chockley of Algonac won the table prize. Guests attended from Algonac, Auburn Heights, Bad Axe, Cass City, Saginaw and Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Becker were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.
Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Allen Farrelly, Ron Wolschlagel and Ray English met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning. Bob Cleland Sr. and Jan

Steve Peruski Jr. and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday in Flint.
Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Friday afternoon guest of Ordean Michalski.
Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Tuesday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

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What hasn't changed is the store's policy of low prices and added service. It has enabled the company to grow over the years.

The store was started in 1949 by the late Otto Prieskorn and was taken over in 1959 by Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn.

The size of the store was about doubled in 1970, when the former Freiburger Grocery Store building next door was acquired. The store has been remodeled several times since.

Today Ben Franklin offers expanded crafts and fabric departments.

We are constantly looking for great values and fashions for our clothing department, Prieskorn said. We offer Chic basic jeans at \$18.87, our



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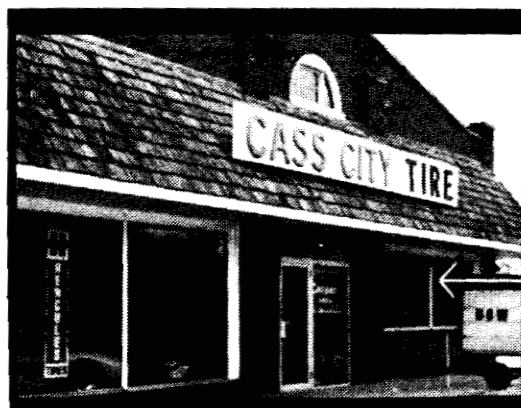
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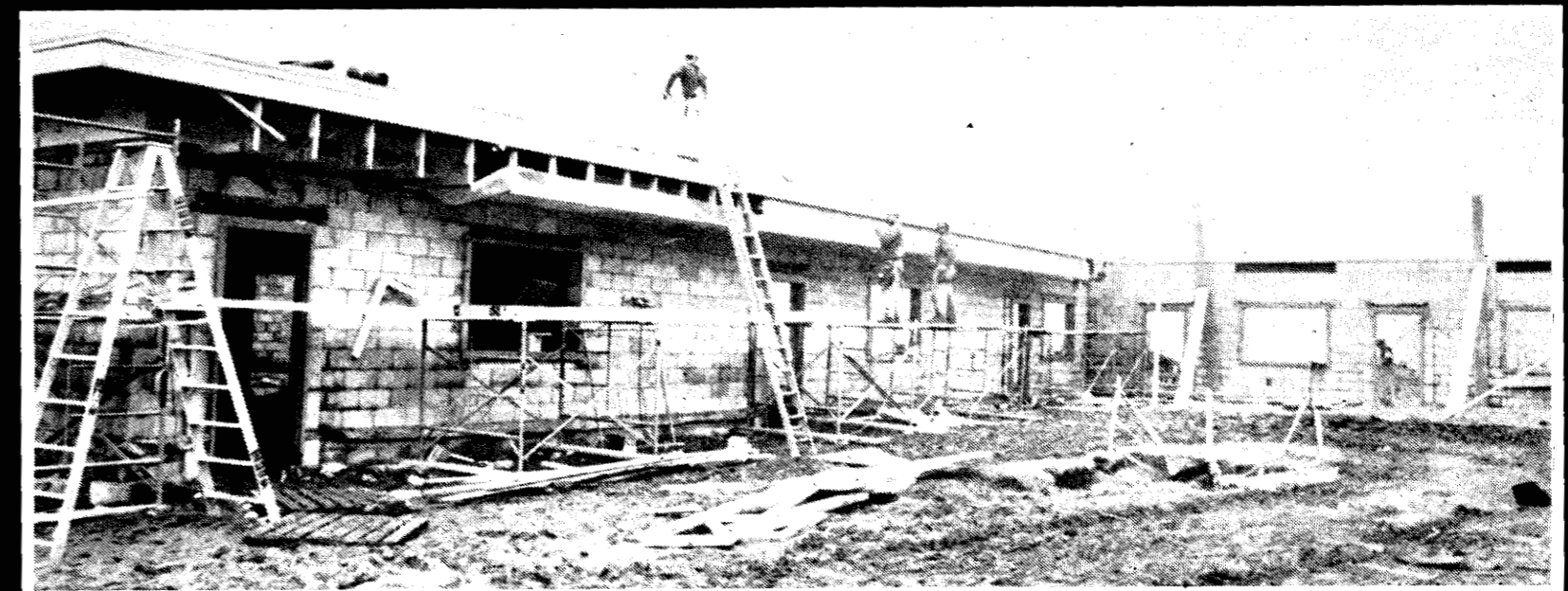
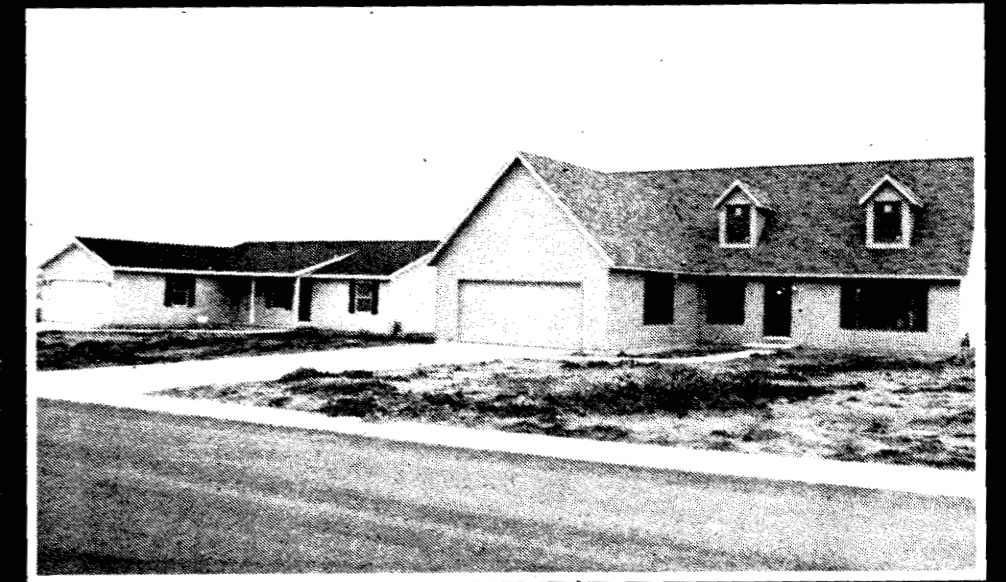
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Letter from the president *Walbro opportunities are world-wide*

In response to your request for information for the upcoming Cass City Chronicle "Progress Issue", I would suggest that the overall history that was printed in last years' paper is still very accurate. (See accompanying story on this page.)

In terms of our opportunities for 1997, and the years to come, they have to do with the systems approach to our customers and the expansion of our capability on a global basis. We have recently reorganized the Company into three regions - North America, Europe/South America, and Asia Pacific. We believe this will provide more focus on the needs and the customers headquartered in those various regions while, at the same time, giving us the ability to use the expertise in our automotive and engine management organizations for the benefit of the whole Corporation. This regional approach also emphasizes the requirement for us to provide products with similar technology, quality and cost to customers all over the world.

Of particular interest to your readers might be the opportunities we have to expand our business in each region of the world. In North America, this expansion will come because more and more vehicles will convert from steel to plastic gas tanks and the technology of plastic gas tanks that Walbro has developed meets all of the current emissions regulations. This expansion will make Walbro a major supplier to General Motors, as well as expand our business with Chrysler and Ford.

Opportunities for growth exist in North America, on the small engine side of our business, as new emissions regulations call for Walbro technology in "clean engine systems" and applications in recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles and personal watercraft expand.

In Europe/South America, our expansion will be driven by new customers like Opel and growth of our business with customers such as Mercedes and Volkswagen. We are also beginning to develop expertise in blow molding of other technical products used in both the automotive and small engine industries.

Customer service remains Cellar One's number one focus. They provide customers with a 24-hour, live answering service, seven days a week.

Cellar One now offers an exclusive National Automatic Call Delivery, which enables customers to automatically receive calls when traveling throughout most of the U.S. and Canada.

In 1996, new cellular towers were constructed in Harbor Beach and Cass City. These new sites mean improved calls on portable cellular phones.

Cellular One tower expansion enhances customer service

Cellular One opened its doors in Caro in 1991 with three cellular towers on line. Today, they have 11 towers in operation.

Each tower expansion means improved cellular service to the customer, said Sandy Werner, advertising representative for Cellular One.

Cellular One's office headquarters in this area are in Caro. They service Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties. In October, Cellular One expanded by opening a second office located in downtown Bad Axe.

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Werner said this improved service is important as the

industry is moving toward increased use of portable phones over the traditional "bag" phones.

Cellular One of Caro and Bad Axe is keeping up with the industry trends by providing what the customers want," she said.

The Vassar cellular site was also enhanced in 1996 to provide improved service to customers in that area.

Pagers are also available through Cellular One, and have seen an increase in popularity due to ease of use, low monthly cost, and an extensive coverage area.

Cellar One is a Motorola signature dealer. They are authorized to sell the Star Tac wearable cellular phone - the smallest and latest cellular phone available on the market today.

"When you're in this business, you sometimes forget how fast the industry has grown and changed over the past five years," Werner said.

Werner said the market for cellular phones and pagers has moved from the business executive to "everybody."

"In the past, cellular phones were only luxury items or for the business executive," she said. "We now market to



READY TO SERVE IS the staff at CellularOne. From left, seated: Pam Kuechenmeister, Stacy Kunding, Tom Rider, Ben Varney. Second row: Donna Perez, Peggy Keilitz, Alison Greenwood, Sandy Werner, Sandy Lippowiths. Back row: Luanne Story, Steve Story, Dennis Crookedacre, Carol Kubacki. Missing are Ken Ziel and Deb McBride.

Satisfied customers make friends for Dwight's Auto Sales

In his 26 years in automobile sales, Dwight Walker says that he has made many friends through the sale of used cars with quality and price that please the buyer.

This year he has expanded his inventory and hopes to make many new friends by selling more than he did in 1996.

Dwight's Auto Sales is located at 1525 East Caro Road, Caro (near Deckerville Road). A feature at Dwight's is Garth O'Mara's weekly special that boosts sales and also helps customers get into a car at very attractive prices.

Because of his years in business, Walker has formed a wide relationship with other automobile dealers and can often find the car a customer wants at a competitive price.

Dwight's Auto Sales specializes in cars and trucks in the 4 to 5-year old range. Walker is always ready and willing to talk with any customers and get the make and model car that is desired in the price range wanted. In addition to used cars, the company also handles classic cars.

Recall early years

Walbro Corporation was founded in 1950 in Fenton, Mich. The company had a perilous start as it took 3 years to win its first customer order for carburetors. By late 1953, Walter E. Walpole, Walbro's president and founder, realized that the facility in Fenton was unsuitable for the precision manufacturing needed to produce quality carburetors. Accordingly, he searched for a new corporate home. He found it in Cass City in early 1954.

Anxious to expand the community's business base, the Cass City Industrial Development Corporation offered Walpole's fledgling company a 6,000 square foot building and 5 acres of land for nominal rent. In addition, a number of local citizens invested a total of \$25,000 in Walbro common stock to help cover the start-up costs for carburetor production. The community support in the form of a building, financial investment, and a willing and productive work force, was crucial to the survival of Walbro.

Over the next 10 years, Walbro earned a growing share of the small engine carburetor market. In addition, the company acquired various small businesses, including Autopulse and Conelec, which provided entry into the automotive aftermarket. The company also expanded its manufacturing operations to Caro and purchased and/or built more manufacturing space in Cass City.

In the 1970s Walbro expanded into the diaphragm carburetor business and formed a joint venture company in Japan and subsidiaries in Mexico and Singapore as part of this growth strategy. Throughout the 1970s the company concentrated on carburetors for small engines and electric fuel pumps for industrial applications and the automotive aftermarket.

In the early 1980s Walbro launched a new in-tank electric fuel pump and a throttle body for an automotive customer. These fuel injection components initiated a ma-

major expansion into the automotive original equipment market. Over the next few years, the company acquired 2 U.S. companies who also manufactured automotive fuel injection components and formed a number of joint ventures in Japan, France, Brazil, China and Korea.

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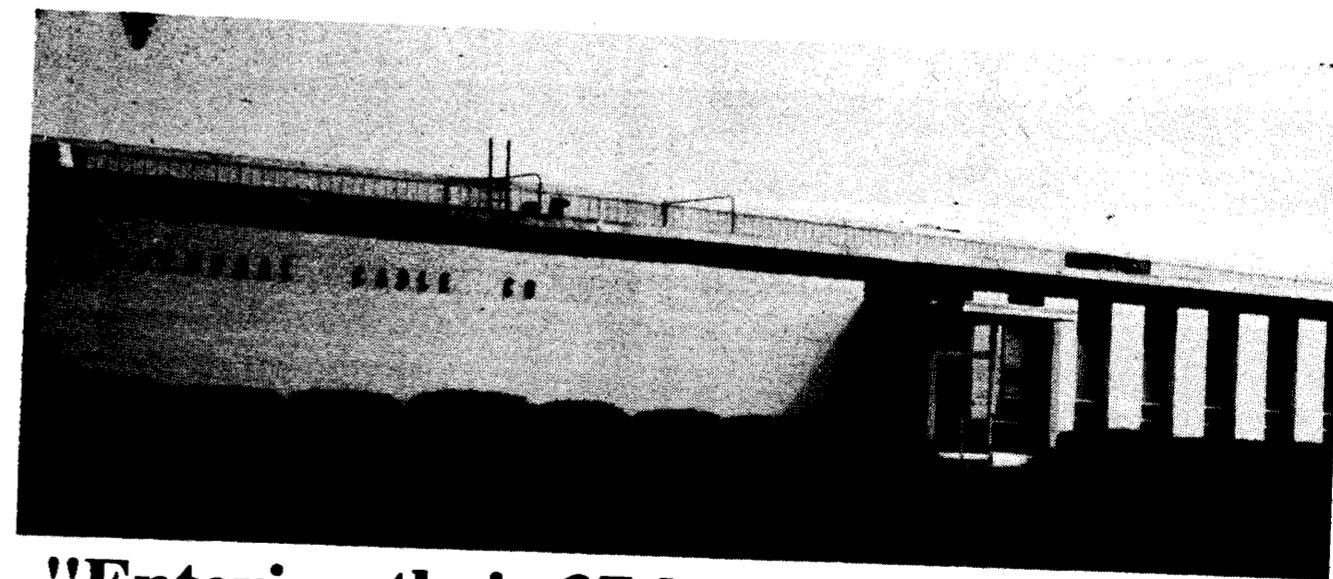
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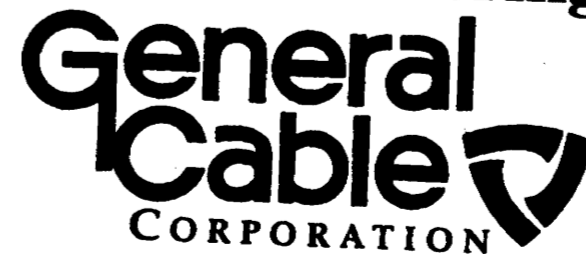
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Friendly service at Chemical Bank

Sherryl Seeley, assistant cashier and branch manager at Chemical Bank Thumb Area, said the focus at Chemical Bank has always been quality customer service.

Seeley points out that the bank's employees offer friendly service and truly enjoy working with customers as well as with each other. The bank's motto states

"Chemical Bank is the bank for everybody" and I think that is very true, Seeley said. We have a good mix of personalities at the Cass City location which has a staff of 12 employees, including Jim Bolton, senior vice president who specializes in farm lending, and Bev Perry, vice-president and lending officer.

Seeley emphasized that Chemical Bank Thumb Area

is a full service bank offering numerous deposit accounts ranging from personal to business accounts. There is a wide range of personal, installment, mortgage and business loans available.

We have accounts to meet your needs, Seeley concluded, and we invite you to stop in and meet us. We would be pleased to meet you.

Fireplaces by Dan Allen plans business expansion

Fireplaces by Dan, 6509 Main Street, has been in Cass City only since 1989, but the Allen family has been a part of the Thumb business community for over 50 years, says current owner Danny Allen.

This year Allen reports that his company has plans to continue the expansion started in 1996 when a second office was installed in the business. Fireplaces by Dan is a licensed and insured sales and service company that has increased their sales and began servicing the needs of new builders. The 1997 expansion calls for an increased staff and sales and remodeling of the company showroom. New equipment is planned for the work area in the back of the company's offices.

Dan Allen purchased the business located in Deford from his father in June 1967. At that time it was a gas station and repair garage. The company started selling chain saws in 1968 and wood stoves in 1975.

Changing economic conditions heralded the end of the gas station and repair busi-

ness in the early 1980s.

At the present Cass City location the company continued to sell chain saws until September 1996. At that time the decision was reached to discontinue selling chain saws and concentrate and specialize on fireplaces and

heating.

In the future Allen sees a complete remodeled showroom with more operating models of the Lopi Xtrodinair Fireplaces and Hartland's wood, gas and electric cook ranges.

In the 50 years that the

Allens have been in business, including the 8 years in Cass City, the community has always supported our business and family.

For that we give a big thank you to the entire Cass City, Deford and Tuscola County communities, Allen said.

New merchandise planned

Coach Light to remodel

Over the years Coach Light Pharmacy, 6480 Main Street, has continued to expand its facilities and improve service to the community and that trend will continue in 1997.

Owner Mike Weaver said that remodeling is scheduled this year. Customers will be helped by the installation of new fixtures to make it easy to find the expanded merchandise lines that the company is adding. New painting and redecorating are also on the agenda, Weaver explained.

In 1996 shoppers found a new array of collector items in the gift department. The continual enlargement of this

department, that includes products of new manufacturers and new ideas, give our customers an ever expanding choice of new products for themselves or for gifts, Weaver points out.

The expansion and modernization has been ongoing in the 29 years that Weaver has owned the store, which was purchased from Lucille McCullough in 1968.

After just one year in business, Weaver expanded his business by purchasing an adjacent building that formerly housed the post office.

In 1975 the company expanded south into the alley to give the store the ample

size that it has today. During each expansion, and several other times, the store was redecorated and the store's fixtures and merchandise location changed to conform to a modern customer-friendly style.

Making it easy for the customer is a big reason for the company's growth and Coach Light continues to stress it. We are happy to bill for our Medicare customers and we accept nearly all third party insurance cards.

Meeting the needs of our customers has always been our primary concern and it still is. We are committed to the best in service to the community, Weaver concluded.

KC Insurance offers choice of companies

The Cass City office of KC Insurance Co. is conveniently located near the center of town on Main Street near the traffic light.

The company started in Imlay City, and from the beginning the company's objective was to provide the best possible service to its clients.

Because of that, KC Insurance rapidly expanded with branch offices in Lapeer, Linden, Ypsilanti and North Branch. In 1992 new offices were opened in Cass City and Sandusky.

Jim Pulaskey, a veteran of 27 years in the insurance business, is the agent in charge in Cass City. He earned his life underwriting training council designation in 1972. He spent 14 years with Metropolitan Life Insurance and Metropolitan Property and Casualty before joining an independent agency system.

Barb Rockwell has recently joined the staff as customer services representative. The agency offers a full

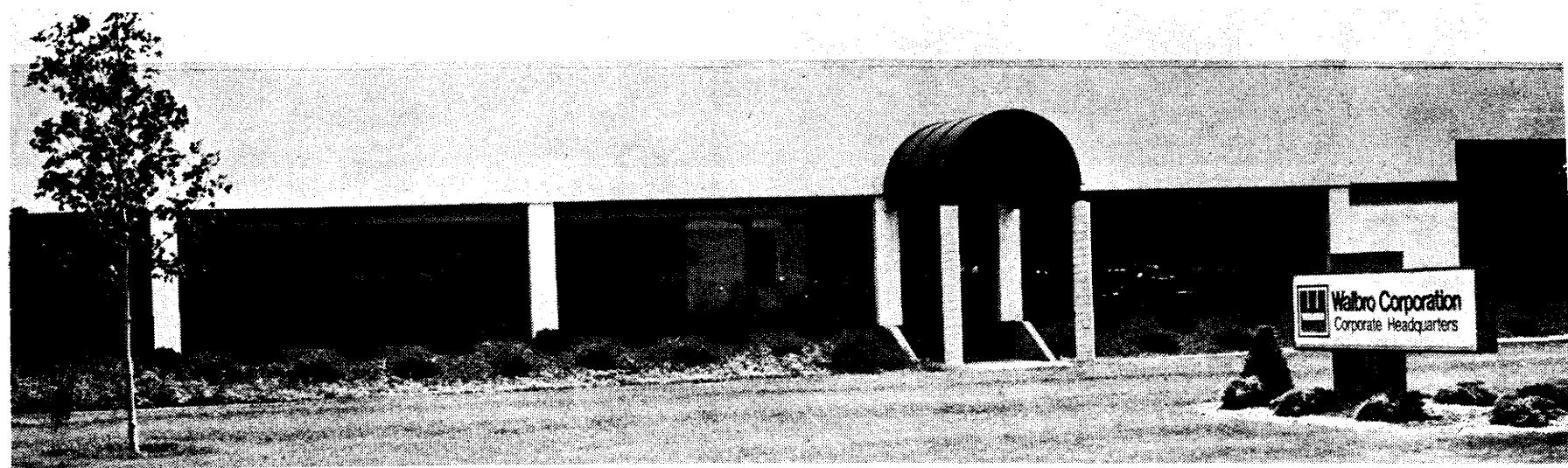
range of personal and business insurance including auto, home, business, health, life and annuities. It represents many top companies including Frankenmuth, Pioneer State Mutual, State Mutual, Lake States, Foremost, Titan, Citizens, (the only authorized agent in Cass City), American Community, Jackson National and Fortis-Time Insurance.

Also offered are bonds through Western Surety and Citizens Insurance Co. With this large selection we can select the best company to suit our customers' needs, Pulaskey said.

Each Michigan company sets their own rates. The cost to protect their customers will vary from one company to another, and many offer various discounts.

He invites people to come in and would appreciate the opportunity to review their current coverage and receive a no obligation quote for the protection needed.

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Community support vital for hospital

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Although the facility has been remodeled and enlarged and state-of-the-art equipment added on a regu-

lar basis, the fundamental object of the facility remains unchanged: provide the best possible care for the people it serves.

We depend on the support of the community, hospital officials say, and we want everyone to be a part of our strategic planning for Hills and Dales to get it progressing this year and in the fu-

ture.

The hospital can look back on significant progress in 1996 when it was accredited by both the College of American Pathologists and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Agencies.

Additional physician services were established in Unionville and Uby, and

staffing increased in the emergency room. The rehabilitation arm of the hospital was broadened with the addition of Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Center (MARC) in Caro and specialty clinics continued to increase with the addition of weekly visits by a dermatologist and cardiologist. Chemotherapy is now offered.

Hills and Dales now has a 65-bed capacity. In 1985 Thumb Area Home Care Agency opened in Unionville as a free-standing full service home care agency. In 1986 Tri-County Medical Supply opened in the hospital and MARC was established in the west wing of the facility and later became part of the hospital.

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Thumb CPA firm adds new financial planning unit

In 1996 Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, PC, certified public accountants with offices at 715 East Frank St., Caro and 6281 Church Street, Cass City, started a new company in addition to its CPA service.

The new company is ATBD Financial Planners, LLC. It offers complete financial planning and is operated by registered investment advisors.

Its field of expertise covers all areas of financial planning including personal planning, estate planning and business computer consulting.

Robert Tuckey is one of the owners who has passed the

test to qualify as a personal financial specialist (PFS) and the company has a new computer program for financial planning.

We invite clients to let us help them achieve financial goals with retirement and estate planning, advice on college funding and other services the owners say.

The company feels that if you are looking for financial guidance tailored to your

unique requirements, available when you need it and delivered with a personal interest, you will enjoy the services the company provides.

The CPA firm has been in business since 1964 and steady growth enabled it to expand with an office in Cass City in 1983.

The owners are Gary Anderson, Robert Tuckey, Jerry Bernhardt and Tom Doran.

Ten Spot and More appreciates support, plans expansion

The Ten Spot And More, 6455 Main Street, is in its first year in Cass City and the owners, Rebecca Retherford and Julie Martinez, are pleased with the reception the clothing store has received.

We are happy that the people in Cass City and the Thumb area like our clothing values and have enabled us to do well, the owners said. We appreciate the sup-

port. This year Ten Spot And More hopes to expand inventory with added styles and sizes and carry the Mikey and Company line. We want to expand to a tanning salon and offer beach wear, the owners said.

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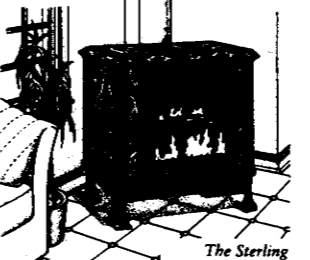
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"Tool Chest" vouchers support job training

"The Thumb Area Employment Development TOOL CHEST voucher project is in full swing," states agency director Marvin Pichla.

The "TOOL CHESTS" use vouchers for the purchase of job readiness, training support, occupational training and job development services. TOOL CHEST recipients:

- will take a greater part in designing, budgeting for and achieving their employment development goals.
- will assist in creating more innovative training and education service options.
- will become more aware of available job training, educa-

tion and human services in the Thumb and surrounding area.

•will maximize the benefits received from the TOOL CHEST funds received and personally invested.

Pichla also reported that "under the TOOL CHEST Voucher System, funds are awarded to people on a scholarship-style basis. This means that each person, in consultation with a Michigan Works! Representative, can use all TOOL CHEST dollars in multiple ways that result in getting a job or at least improving one's job potential.

"Currently, there are nearly 1,000 TOOL CHEST

Voucher/Scholarship awards worth between \$500-\$2,500 each available to Thumb Area (Huron, Lapeer,

Sanilac and Tuscola County) residents."

Call 1-800-285-WORKS for more information on TOOL CHEST time in the Thumb Area.



"Jigsaw Jerome" shows off the vouchers that residents can use to purchase items they feel they need to advance their chances to be employed.

New program from Michigan Works!

A "No Wrong Door Service Delivery System" is opening doors for many Thumb Area residents.

A relatively new program, designed by Thumb Area-Michigan Works!, is already establishing itself as a very effective way of getting people into the world of work.

Jigsaw Jerome, also known as Jerome Lewis, deputy director of the Thumb Area-Michigan Works! agency,

has previously compared building a house to building skills for employment.

And in both cases, a tool box is needed.

In the case of this new system, the tool box consists of vouchers designed to help prospective employees find what they need in order to get hired.

People coming into employment centers looking for a job—students, the unemployed, welfare recipients and those in need of ad-

Please turn to page 7.

Larry's TV offers quality service in downtown Caro

Larry's TV & Electronics Inc., 224 State Street in Caro has served Caro and the Thumb area for 38 years and during that time many changes have occurred, some of which are causing problems now and promise to do so in the future, say co-owners James Hood and April Goulet.

A disturbing trend is the loss of repairable electronics that is eliminating many of the skilled repairmen in the field and few young men are attempting to learn the trade.

That's unfortunate, says Hood, because now that budgets are tightening, more customers are seeking to repair units and the skilled men are not available to do so.

In the recent past, he continued, we have lost 2 great repair-service men and the last of the great antenna installers left us less than 2 months ago. The future for servicemen is so uncertain that they take indoor jobs rather than hope enough service work can be found.

As costs escalate, Hood says, and folks seek to save money by repairing appli-

ances, there may not be any available to do the job.

The company has expanded its stereo line so customers wishing to expand their TV viewing can do it with surround sound.

The company has been serving the area for 38 years and its goal today is the same as always, serving the customer well enough to remain in downtown Caro.

The store was originally owned by Larry Malik and he was joined shortly after the store opened by James Hood. After Malik retired, Hood and Joe Orban took over the business when it was operated strictly as a service business.

Over the years television, electronics and white goods sales were added. Now the company sells and services Zenith products along with Radio Shack, K-40 and others.

Over the years, Hood says, several stores have come and several more go. Most of them are missed after they are lost. It is important, Hood says, to remind others of their value while they are still among us.

"No Wrong Door Service Delivery System" opening doors

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vanced training—are given Thumb Area-Michigan Works! Tool Chest vouchers, with which they can purchase the equipment or training which they feel will help

them get the job they desire. The vouchers range in amount from \$500 to \$2,500, depending on the individual situation of each client.

With the program just beginning in the fall, Marvin Pichla, executive director of

Thumb Area-Michigan Works!, said things are already working out very well. He said different individuals are using their vouchers for different items.

"Some people are buying work boots, while others are using them for training or

classes," he said. Pichla said it's up to each individual on how they want to use the vouchers, but he did say each client is assigned a case management broker, who will help advise them if needed.

"It's a great way to get

people self-motivated," Pichla said. "It gives them a chance to go out and push for what they want."

Pichla said the only weakness he's seen in the program so far is that people often have difficulty deciding how to use their vouchers.

Pichla said he feels job training is everybody's business, and this is another avenue with which to get people the necessary training.

He sees it as being "a tool to build and secure the future for families."

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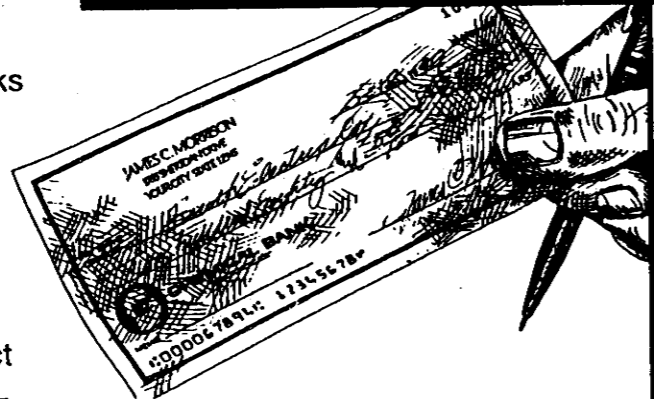
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