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Ah, spring

SPRING OFFICIALLY arrived last week, bringing with it heavy rains that left the Cass River swollen. The water level reached 12.75 feet Thursday night in Cass City (above), far below the 19.82 feet recorded in September 1986.

Money needed for pool repair

Village council nixes campground

Proposed development of a campground in Cass City will remain on the back burner for some time to come as far as village officials are concerned.

The Cass City Village Council agreed Monday to focus instead on capital improvements targeting existing recreational facilities.

The campground has been proposed as a cooperative effort between the village, Cass City Schools and the Cass City Economic Development Corporation.

The Village Council last month reviewed a preliminary proposal that would create 30 camp sites at a cost of

roughly \$92,800, including camp site equipment, an access road, water and sewer service and construction of a building to house an office, bathrooms and storage space.

At that time, some council members voiced concerns over the cost involved as well as additional expenses such as hiring someone to man the campground office. The matter was referred to the council's Parks and Promotion Committee.

During Monday's rescheduled monthly council meeting, committee Chairman Matt Prieskorn said the committee had met with Village

Manager Jane Downing and concluded the campground project should not be pursued at this time.

"I think it was the consensus of the committee to put this on hold," he said. "We felt at this time it's not a priority for us."

The village pool, on the other hand, is a priority, Prieskorn pointed out.

"The pool's going to be a major expense," he said, noting plans call for a new pool surface to be applied before the summer season gets underway. Village officials are still in the process of selecting a specific pool finish, which is expected to cost at

least \$40,000.

In 1997, the village spent more than \$19,000 on the facility, including new tile for the pool, and new shower heads and a new roof for the pool building.

Also planned this year are installation of siding on the pool building, and additional repairs to the interior of the building as well as to the arts and crafts building.

In a related matter, Prieskorn said officials will be discussing the possibility of raising pool fees in the future to help cover maintenance costs.

ZONING, ROADS

Turning to other matters,

the council approved a pair of zoning amendments and discussed revisions in the village's 1998 street repair program.

The council unanimously approved both zoning ordinance amendments following brief public hearings. No public comment was offered during either hearing.

The first amendment allows downtown businesses to erect larger and additional signs provided they follow certain size restrictions.

The other amendment allows certain medical facilities to locate in residential

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Multi-age classes approved

School spends \$3,200 to censor Internet programs

Cass City Schools will spend \$3,200 for a hard drive and the "Palisade Systems" that will censor the material that is available to students over the Internet.

Supt. Ken Micklash explained the program to the board of education Monday night at the school. The following kinds of material will be blocked out: Gambling, smoking, illegal activities, drugs/alcohol, body modifications, hate/intolerance and graphic violence. A special emphasis is placed on blocking pornographic sites.

The agenda was one of the briefest of the school year, with mostly routine items decided. One was the appointment of Jeff Hartel to replace Jim Makowski, who resigned his technical education position. Hartel's place will be taken by Sandy Post in 5th and 6th grade physical education.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Changes in driver education policy were presented for study prior to passage in the April session. Changes in the state driver education law made the revisions necessary. The changes, if adopted, will allow the

school to charge students for the cost of the portion of the program normally paid by the state. The subsidy of the program by district taxpayers will be maintained for students that live in the district.

Out of district students will pay the complete cost of the program. The new policy, if approved, will also ban eating and drinking, with the exception of water, in a driver education car.

CURRICULUM

Principal Jodi Miklovic re-

viewed the multi-age teaching program that places 3 grades in the same rooms and received permission to instigate the program next year.

It will be on a volunteer basis. If more parents decide they want students in the new system than there is space available, a lottery system will be used. However, it will be arranged so that the class contains students with the normal range of abilities as is a regular class, Miklovic explained.

After it was approved, Kathy Iseler, one of the teachers in the new system,

asked that changes be made in the Early Childhood Center so that the 3 rooms were accessible to one another. Principally, that means building a new door. Micklash said that this would be no problem.

Connie Iwankovitsch, teacher in the secondary alternative education program, reviewed the program. She said that there were 21 students in alternative education in 1995-6; 17 students in 1996-7, and 31 students this year.

Iwankovitsch said that the Please turn to back page.

Saturday and Monday

Area township meets set

Area residents who have a gripe or suggestion about an issue in their township will have an opportunity to offer their opinions this weekend.

Most townships in the Cass City area will be holding their annual meetings Saturday. The sessions give residents a chance to see their local government in action.

The following is a list of meeting dates, times and places for area townships:

Elkland Township
March 30 at 7 p.m.
township fire hall

Ellington Township
March 28 at 1 p.m.

township hall

Novesta Township
March 28 at 1 p.m.
township hall

Evergreen Township
March 28 at 1 p.m.
township hall

Greenleaf Township
March 28 at 1 p.m.
township hall

Township annual meetings cover a variety of issues. Aside from the past year's revenues and expenditures, township boards typically discuss and approve proposed budgets for the coming year, road construction

and repair projects, waste disposal service contracts and other matters.

Light attendance has prompted a number of townships to do away with the annual meeting altogether. But officials in those units that continue to meet each year encourage citizens to attend and voice their concerns, complaints and questions.

The electorate's power at the annual meeting has diminished over the years, however, residents still have the authority to accept or reject salary increases for local elected officials, and the proposed purchase, transfer or sale of township property.

Vandalism: teens nabbed

Cass City police will seek arrest warrants for a pair of teens in connection with damage to 2 homes recently. According to reports, officers were called to the Laura Bryant residence, 6392 Houghton St., to investigate a suspicious situation complaint March 14 at 11:56 p.m.

Police arrived to find a storm window damaged and 2 sets of footprints leading away from the scene.

Damage was estimated at about \$100.

Later, a second vandalism complaint was filed on behalf of Ruby Thorne, 4445 West St., whose home was also damaged. Reports state storm door windows were broken at the residence, totaling \$133.49 in damage.

Officers traced the footprints found at the Bryant residence to a Pine Street apartment, where they found and interviewed 2 teen

males, an 18-year-old from Decker and a 17-year-old from Deford. Reports state both males had been drinking.

The suspects' names were not released pending arrests. In other recent police reports, Charles Hughes II, 6325 Main St., reported a Mitsubishi cellular phone was taken from his residence

sometime between March 15 and March 18. The phone is valued at \$125.

Joshua Wark: 200 Beanie Babies and counting

They come with names like Doodles the Rooster, Slither the Snake and Peanut the Elephant.

They're Beanie Babies;

soft, cuddly toys with cute names that disappear from store shelves nearly as quickly as they are delivered.

The buying frenzy that has gripped the nation began about 2 years ago and shows no signs of slowing, with people spending anywhere

from \$5 or \$6 for some Beanie Babies to several hundred dollars for the more popular "retired" babies that are no longer manufactured.

But you don't have to be wealthy to put together a respectable collection of the popular stuffed toys.

Just ask Joshua Wark, an 11-year-old Cass City youth who has managed to collect some 200 Beanie Babies over a period of a year or so.

Wark, a sixth grade student at Cass City Middle School, is quick to point out he's gotten a lot of help from family members, including his grandmothers, Donna Zagorski of Cass City and Joyce Wark of Akron, who are also avid collectors of Beanie Babies.

But the area youth has also done his share of legwork in the never-ending search for that special Beanie Baby.

"Joshua has made many phone calls and stood in several lines to acquire the 200 Beanie Babies that he has today," said his mother, Kim. "Joshua loves the excitement that comes when he finds one that he doesn't have, and the

challenge to find them is fun, too."

DOES HIS HOMEWORK

Wark, whose first Beanie Baby — Scoop the Pelican — was a gift from his mom, has also done his homework.

For example, he keeps a close eye on the Beanie Baby market, and he's learned to avoid secondary markets, which purchase large quantities of Beanie babies and then resell them at higher prices.

Wark knows it is important to insure each Beanie Baby he has remains in mint condition to retain their full value, so he stores them carefully.

"I enjoy going on the Internet and finding out more about the Beanie Babies, their values and which ones are retiring," he said. "Lots of them retire, and by retir-

ing, they don't make them anymore and the value goes up.

"I enjoy going places, looking for them. I enjoy finding out that there are new ones. I don't like how people sell Beanie Babies for hundreds of dollars," he said.

"I would love to get every one, but it's hard because the prices (for some Beanie Babies) are in the hundreds and thousands" of dollars.

One Internet site estimates the value of Peanut the Elephant (retired) at some \$5,000. Other retired and expensive Beanie Babies include Brownie the Bear (\$2,900) and Slither the Snake (\$1,700).

"You don't want to spend a lot on one," Wark said, adding he typically spends from \$5 to \$20 on a Beanie Baby, using money saved from doing chores and helping out around the house.

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BEANIE BABY MANIA is alive and well in the Cass City area. Above, Joshua Wark, 11, Cass City, displays the 200 Beanie Babies he has collected with the help of his family.

Engaged

Blood drive slated for April 7



Kari Root & Joshua Steinman

Richard and Phyllis Root of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Elizabeth, to Joshua Donald, son of Gary Steinman of Elkton and Donna Steinman of Bay City. A June 27 wedding will take place at St. Agatha Church, Gagetown.

The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year. Each donation is very significant for the help of someone else. The Red Cross provides 100 percent of the blood products needed by persons in the area, and one blood donor could save as many as four lives with a single donation.

The next opportunity for those in the Cass City area to share in this community responsibility will be at Hills and Dales General Hospital, April 7, from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

More information is available by calling Kerry Brown at (517) 872-2121 or Helen Jezewski at (517) 872-2746.

Cass City Social Items

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Launie Hines of Southgate has had original poetry published in the book, "Soaring with the Wind", and the subject is about Jonathan Fobar. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Floy Arnold.

Named to the dean's list at Northwood University for compiling a grade-point average of 3-point or better is sophomore LeAnn Foster, daughter of James and Elgene Foster of Cass City.

Brian C. deBeaubien, MD, of Bad Axe was inducted March 19 as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during ceremonies at the Academy's 65th annual meeting in New Orleans. Dr. deBeaubien was one of 648 new fellows inducted. The Academy has 17,000 active members. He is the son of the late Dick deBeaubien and Nancy Golinvaux of Cass City.

Rotary president Cary Grover revealed that 2 members of the Cass City Rotary Club are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows. A Paul Harris Fellow is one that has contributed or had contributed in his name \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Rotarians earn the Multiple Fellows designation for contributing \$2,000 or more to the Foundation. The Rotarians are Lambert Althaver and Tom Proctor.



If you could somehow know today
Would be your last on earth,
Would anything be different?
Might you rethink the worth
Of those the closest to you?
Would your values be the same?
Would money matter quite so much?
Pleasure, or worldly fame?

Would the things that seem so urgent
Still dominate your day,
If you knew how brief the time was
Until life passed away?

Would you tell someone you love them?
Would you seek to mend a rift
In a broken, strained relationship
That's been allowed to drift
Because of pride, hurt feelings,
Insisting on "your right",
If you knew you'd meet your Maker
Ere the sun goes down tonight?

Would your speech be any different
If time were running out?
Might you spend some time in prayer perhaps,
Removing any doubt
Of where you'll spend eternity,
Knowing it's drawing nigh,
Instead of some illusive thing
To deal with bye and bye?

Would you change the way you're living,
If you knew your life would end?
Then perhaps you'd better do it,
For you know it may, my friend.

Historical society airs March 16 meet

The Cass City Area Historical Society met at Rawson Memorial Library March 16. Many members and guests viewed slides taken by the late Esther McCullough showing some of her Cass City life, friends and interests.

St. Patrick's Day decorations and treats were enjoyed by the group.

White Eagle Lodge plans Swieconka

The White Eagle Lodge, a fraternal benefit society, is sponsoring its annual Easter dinner called the "Swieconka" (a blessed Easter food) Sunday, April 5.

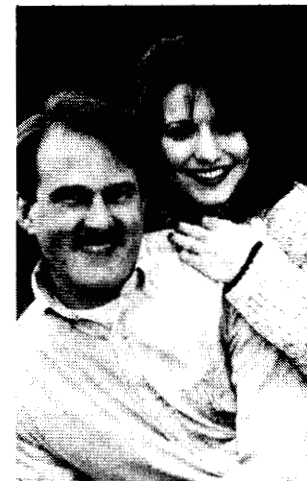
This traditional Polish celebration of Easter is centuries old and is practiced around the world where people of Polish heritage live.

The dinner will be held at the Caro Council of the Knights of Columbus, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 2 p.m.

For more information call: Helen Jagosz at (517) 673-8226 or Victoria Wolak at (517) 683-2465.

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Engaged



Tammy Hurd & Greg Bliss

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hurd of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Greg Bliss, son of Carol and Phil Waggoner of Essexville.

Tammy is a 1988 graduate of Cass City and is employed as a Graphic designer for Catalyst Design of Troy.

Greg is a 1984 graduate of Cass City and is employed at Newman Construction Co. of Mt. Clemens.

A September 26 wedding is planned.

Evening with the Arts Thursday

Evening with the Arts will be held Thursday, March 26, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cass City High School speech room. It will feature art work, musical, dance and acting talent by high school students.

Following the presentation, refreshments will be served in the library.

Sr. Citizens' Menu
Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

MARCH 30-31

Monday - Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrot Mix, French Bread, Oatmeal Cookie.

Tuesday - Ham and Noodles Au Gratin, Peas & Pearl Onions, Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie.

New books at the library

Sharp Edges by Jayne Ann Krentz: Eugenia Swift, director of Leabrook Glass Museum, is asked to travel to Frog Cove Island to catalog an important collection of art glass belonging to the late Adam Davenport. She must take along private investigator Cyrus Chandler Colfax an unsavory character who insists they pose as a couple. Eugenia doesn't reveal the secret purpose of the trip which is to find out what has happened to her good friend Nellie Grant who was Adam Davenport's lover. Swift and Chandler are forced to become a convincing couple because a killer is loose on the island and they need each other to survive.

A Year and a Day by Virginia Henley: Lynx Warrenne is ordered to secure the royal castle at Dumfries in the crucial borderlands when his country's armies invade Scotland. He meets Jock Leslie, the castle's steward who gives him an idea of how to fulfill his dream of being a father. He suggests that he take advantage of an old Scottish custom called handfasting, whereby a man and woman can lawfully sleep together for a year and a day, at the end of which the couple decides whether to marry or part. If a child is conceived it is considered legitimate. Jock offers his youngest daughter for this arrangement and she is not necessarily a willing partner so the plot thickens.

Enduring Love by Ian McEwan: This story begins on a balmy spring day when the calm organized life of Joe Rose is shaken up by a ballooning accident. The afternoon could have been much worse if it hadn't been for Jed Parry. Unknown to Rose, something passes between them - something that gives birth in Parry to an obsession so powerful that it will test the limits of Rose's scientific rationalism, threaten the love of his wife, Clarissa, and drive him to take desperate measures to stay alive.

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Preschool Story Hour

Thursdays
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:00 a.m.

Rawson Memorial Library
Children age 3-5, but not yet in kindergarten, will hear stories and make a craft. The program will last about 45 minutes.

This program is offered free of charge, but children must be registered.
Parents may register children beginning March 23.
Registration deadline is **March 31**.

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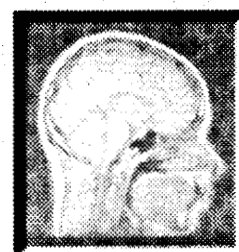
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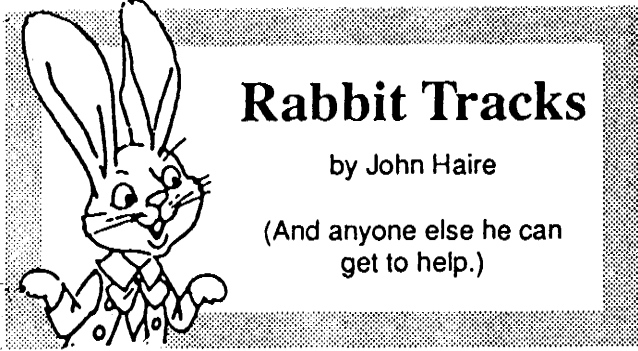
A cutting ceremony will be held at 1:00 pm followed by refreshments & tours of the beautiful new facility.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

An item about a book listing antique shops in Michigan was right as far as it went but the trouble was it didn't go far enough. The nearest antique stores listed in the book were reported.

Not listed, since it started after the book was published, was Parkway Manor, which, of course, is in Cass City.

An old cliché is in order: It was a case of not being able to see the trees because of the forest.

There's a telephone scam preying on the elderly in the area, a daughter of a senior citizen reports. She says that the man calls and says that the telephone company has over-charged them and they have a refund waiting.

To get the money, a coupon is needed. What it all works out to is that the caller wants to get his hands on the social security number of area seniors.

Farm land value is growing rapidly, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. On Jan. 1, this year, the average price per acre was \$1,720. That compared to \$1,600 Jan. 1, 1997, an increase of 8 percent.

Nation-wide, the average is \$1,000 per acre, up 67 percent from the \$599 price in 1987.

Add Evergreen Township to the townships that contribute to the maintenance of Cass City Recreational Park. The township pays \$250 a year.



by Rachel Hoard

March is Reading Month, and the kids at Deford Elementary School are busy doing just that, reading. To start the month off, the students colored grocery bags to be used at the Deford Grocery Store. Each student colored a bag in Mrs. LaBerge's art class with the theme "March is Reading Month."

Throughout the month, the first through third grade classes have been reading to each other, one day the second graders may read to the first graders. It gives the kids the opportunity to increase their reading skills and learn to be better listeners.

The days of the week basically still run the same way as a normal school day, with a few exceptions. Another activity that the students are doing to promote reading is "Drop Everything and Read!" At any moment the teacher could call this out and the students would set aside their materials and pick up a book.

Kathy Dorland, second grade teacher, said, "the month's going really well, the kids love to drop everything and read."

Each week the students have a contest to see who can read the most number of pages or books. Each teacher has different standards for

the contest. The incentive behind the contest is lunch with Principal Ed Pasant at McDonald's. A new contest begins every Monday and runs through Thursday. At the end of the week Pasant is then able to determine which student from each grade, first through third, will accompany him to lunch on Friday.

Each week there are three new students that get the reward for reading the most.

One of the last activities that the school will do for the month is have a "Read and Feed." On Fri., March 27, all the teachers and students will gather in the gym for the last 45 minutes of the school day to enjoy a book and popcorn. The students plan to bring in blankets and pillows to make their experience a little more comfortable.

The last project that the group has planned for the month is a performance of the musical "Pets." The second and third graders are under the direction of Jim Hobbs, music teacher. The third graders have the reading parts, while the second graders join them for the singing. The musical will be performed on March 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Deford Elementary School.

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Cass City Public Schools
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION
from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent
People Make Education

Education is a people oriented business. The Cass City Public School District provides direct educational services and needed support services to its 1,675 students using the \$5,187 per pupil foundation allowance it is provided, which is one of the lowest foundation allowances in the state.

Without the dedicated people that work in our schools our buildings would be just that - buildings. It takes people to provide the education that our children need in order to prepare them for their future. Many times community members ask questions about how many people there are that work in our schools. The following should provide information for these questions. This information is taken from our 1996-97 Annual Report.

Cass City Public School Staff

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Superintendent |
| 5 | Principals |
| 2 | Guidance Counselors |
| 84 | Teachers |
| 3 | Librarians |
| 2 | Social Workers |
| 1 | Nurse |
| 1 | Bookkeeper |
| 7 | Secretaries |
| 8 | Teacher Assistants (Partially Federally Funded) |
| 2 | Maintenance Supervisors |
| 7 | Custodians |
| 1 | Bus Mechanic |
| 16 | Bus Drivers |
| 1 | Head Cook Supervisor |
| 2 | Full-time Cooks |
| 7 | Part-Time Food Service Employees |
| 3 | Crossing Guards |

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726. Thank you.

One of 9 hospitals recognized

Hills and Dales receives \$2,500 rural health grant

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City was one of only 9 hospitals recently recognized nationally by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and Multi-Plan Inc.

The hospitals are the first in a new program to receive grants to support innovative programs in continuing professional education. Hills and Dales' award totals \$2,500.

The grant is part of a \$200,000 national program recognizing its first 13 deserving rural health care facilities. More grants are to be awarded later this year.

The other continuing medical education recipients are located in Indiana, Maine, Iowa, Illinois, Alabama, Oregon and Wisconsin.

"Professional education is an expensive and time-consuming process," said Donna Williams, NRHA executive vice-president. "But the commitment to the process is a clear indication of dedication to quality and high standards of patient care."

Dee McKrow, president and chief executive officer of Hills and Dales General Hospital, said the grant money will enable the local hospital to purchase supplies and provide continuing in-service education to members of the nursing staff, something now limited by cost and distance to a training site.

The in-service training, she added, will focus on improving the leadership skills of

Caro man charged in assault

A Caro man was recently charged in connection with an alleged assault March 16 in Caro.

Duane S. Wilcox, 28, was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on charges of assault or assault and battery, domestic violence and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Bond in the case was set at \$5,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for March 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Easter cantata Sunday

Jan's Community Choir will be performing its Easter cantata, entitled "The Wonder of it All," Sunday at 6 p.m. at Farver Road Baptist Church.

The church is located about 4 miles northeast of Gagetown on Farver Road. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

second floor nurses.

"The result will be improved patient care by quality nurses," McKrow said.

The grants are part of a quality care initiative called "Partnership for Health: Caring for the Country." The program, announced jointly by the NRHA and Multi-Plan in mid-1997, offers hospitals in medically under-served areas the funding to provide continuing medical education for staff members.

NRHA officials said Hills and Dales General

Hospital's application was selected from among several dozen reviewed by the NRHA-Multi-Plan Joint Advisory Board.

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., the NRHA is a non-profit association composed of individual and organizational members who share a common interest in rural health.

The organization's primary mission is to provide leadership for improving the health and health care of rural Americans through education, communications, research and advocacy.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	43	34	.58"
Wednesday	36	36	.69"
Thursday	36	30	.02"
Friday	34	30	0
Saturday	37	26	0
Sunday	42	22	0
Monday	43	22	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

The Haire Net



I'd bet a cookie that Burton Folsom, senior fellow in economic education at the ultra conservative Mackinac Center for Public Policy headquartered in Midland, isn't old enough to remember what it was really like during the Great Depression in the United States.

In an article, he disparages President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal efforts and is especially critical of the National Recovery Act, which fixed prices and wages.

Roosevelt also supported mandatory collective bargaining and secured legislation imposing it.

Not mentioned by Folsom was Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which created government-paid jobs for men working on tree planting, public buildings and similar activities.

Also not mentioned by Folsom was how it was in 1933, when Roosevelt first took office. He hinted at it when he mentioned that the government had "already tried manipulating the currency, doubling income tax rates, subsidizing farmers and erecting high tariffs against imports, but the depression had only worsened."

In a word, it was bad. There were no jobs and many men who became prominent businessmen or valued workers later were desperate for work, any work, and the CCC was a lifeline for them.

Folsom said that many newspapers compared Roosevelt with foreign dictators, and states that Michigan resistance to the New Deal helped curtail the excesses of government and leave a legacy of free competition to the next generation.

Certainly Roosevelt was not without his detractors, and all of his New Deal practices may not have stood the test of time.

But he did something. He shook things up and he gave the common man a little hope when for many, finding the next meal was of paramount importance.

A joke of the day was the previous president, Herbert Hoover's, campaign slogan, "a chicken in every pot." Hard up America responded, "Not only don't we have the chicken, we haven't even the

pot."

It remained a tough economy in Michigan and the nation until the war in Europe started and the factories hummed building war materials.

Through Roosevelt's first and most of his second term, the depression went on unabated. Yet Roosevelt was elected, re-elected and re-elected, remaining in office until he died.

The common man evidently believed that he did as much as possible to make life better for them.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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This is my day to visit our accountant. I've resolved not to ask any stupid questions this time.

I still can't understand why my dog isn't considered a dependent. Nobody else is claiming him. I can't see why I shouldn't.

That's why I have an accountant, I suppose. My records are pretty good, but I get confused once in awhile.

My biggest mistake this year was underpaying federal unemployment tax. A glitch in my computer worksheet caused me to under-report wages by about \$200.

This led to an underpayment of federal unemployment in the amount of \$1.94. When I found the error, I promptly sent the IRS a check for \$1.94.

I wonder what it costs the government to process a check for \$1.94? They probably thought I was fooling with them.

The whole thing reminded me of a story a friend told me about an old codger he used to know.

This fellow (we'll call him Willard) bought a little plot of land at the edge of the desert and proceeded to make himself a home. The property had no buildings when Willard bought it, and the tax assessment was only 18 cents.

Over the years Willard built himself a house out of some wood he found lying around. Then, he built a shop and began piling-up scrap iron, just in case he might ever find a use for it.

I should explain, those were the days when a man might build his own house without building permits — and get away with it. If the house fell on him, everyone just chalked it up to education.

So the county assessor might not have known Willard had some improvements on his property. Or if the assessor knew, he may not have cared.

The neighbors said it would take a pretty good stretch to call Willard's buildings improvements, anyway; so 18 cents was probably about right.

Either way, the taxes never went up or down. Each spring Willard would get a bill for property taxes in the outrageous amount of 18 cents.

The old rascal would pay his taxes right on time, but he never sent them 18 cents. He would always send a quarter, so the assessor's office had to buy a 12-cent stamp to refund his overpayment of seven cents.

That way the county received 18 cents, but it cost them 12 cents to collect it. So they actually only got 6 cents out of the deal! Pretty good, huh?

It was all part of the Sagebrush Rebellion from Willard's point of view. He never could understand what the county was doing with all that money, anyway.

I thought about Willard

when I wrote that check for \$1.94 and sent it to the IRS. I can't say that transaction made me feel any better, but I'll bet it didn't exactly make their day, either.

Blaze destroys pickup

Fire destroyed a pickup truck last week, Elkland Township fire fighters reported.

Cass City firemen were called to 6541 W. Severance Rd. March 17 at about 6:50 p.m.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said a 1994 pickup truck owned by Don Kanyak, Cass City, was destroyed. The cause was electrical, according to Pawloski, who estimated the loss at \$13,000.

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Wolschleger, Tyll top Ubly Class of 1998

Officials at the Ubly Community Schools have announced the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 1998.

Misty Wolschleger, daughter of Cyril and Sherrie Wolschleger, Ubly, has been named valedictorian. The salutatorian is Tony Tyll, son of Chris and Lynn Tyll, also of Ubly.

Wolschleger, who earned a 3.984 grade point average, has earned numerous academic awards during her 4 years at Ubly. They include achievement awards in English, algebra, Spanish, biology, chemistry, computer

science, health, general business, physical education and world history.

She has also been involved in many extracurricular activities. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years, serving as an honor guard at graduation. She has also been a member of the school's quiz bowl team for 2 years.

Wolschleger was a cheerleader during both football and basketball seasons for 3 years, lettering in the sport. She has been a Business Professional of America member for 4 years, holding the office of treasurer for 2 years,

and she has served as an elementary student aide, a tutor for special education students, and a tutor for high school students.

She is a member of the St. John Catholic Church in Ubly, where she is a member of the youth group and has also helped in planning and running the church's annual St. John's Youth Rally.

After graduation, Wolschleger plans to major in elementary education at Saginaw Valley State University.

Tyll, who has achieved a grade point average of 3.975, has earned academic achievement awards in algebra, English, short stories and writing, American Literature, health, U.S. history, world history, chemistry, computer science, biology and advanced biology, advanced physical education, wood shop and mechanical drawing.

He was named "student of the month" in February 1995 and again in December 1997. In his sophomore year, he earned first team Academic All-State honors in track.

Tyll has been a student aide for 3 years as well as serving as a high school office aide for one year.

He has been involved in many extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, currently holding the office of president. He has also served on the student council for 4 years and is currently president, participated in the school play this year, and was an honor guard as a junior.

In athletics, he has competed for 4 years in football,

basketball and track, lettering in all 3 varsity sports. In track, he earned 3 letters, received all-regional honors twice and medaled at the state meet. In addition, he has volunteered as a coach and referee for pee-wee basketball and football for the past 2 years.

Tyll is a member of the St. John Catholic Church in Ubly, where he is a member of the youth group and serves as a Eucharistic minister.

Following graduation, he plans to major in mechanical engineering at Kettering University or Lawrence Technological University.

HONOR STUDENTS

Other Ubly students earning high honors this year are: Nancy Puwalowski, daughter of Ray and Joyce Puwalowski; Rochelle Lang, daughter of Wayne and Helen Lang; Janelle Schrader, daughter of Larry and Janice Schrader; Kristen Puwalowski, daughter of Claude and Denise Puwalowski; Julie O'Malley, daughter of Patrick and Laura O'Malley; Janel Osentoski, daughter of Jerry and Debbie Osentoski; Sara Creguer, daughter of Peter and Jill Creguer, and Patricia Bratland, daughter of Willard and Susan Bratland.

Earning honors are: Felicia Schumacher, daughter of Kenneth and Bernadette Schumacher; Nicole Pollum, daughter of Dan and Cindy Pollum; Michelle Anthony, daughter of Kevin and Jean Anthony; Jessica Jurgess, daughter of Kenneth and Julie Jurgess, and Lucas Prill, son of Ray and Roseanne Prill.



CASS CITY students, including (left to right) Steven Walther and Leon Sullins, are selling T-shirts and other items in conjunction with the "Rain Forest Adopt An Acre" project. Proceeds from the sale enable students to "adopt" acres of rain forest.

Cass City students work to adopt rain forest

Cass City students are continuing to do their part to save the world's rain forests.

And area residents are invited to help out by purchasing a T-shirt, handbag or backpack, each imprinted with environmental themes, being offered for sale by both high school and middle school students.

The annual effort has paid off, according to biology teacher Nancy Weippert, whose high school classes have taken part in the "Rain Forest Adopt An Acre" project in each of the past 3 years. Sixth grade classes, meanwhile, have been involved for the past 2 years.

"We have 'adopted' 86 acres (of rain forest) through the high school and 57 acres at the middle school," Weippert said, noting high school biology classes will again be working with sixth grade classes and their teachers this year.

The Rain Forest Adopt An Acre project is being conducted simultaneously in more than 10,000 schools across the country and in Canada via a special network called Earth Foundation.

By selling environmental T-shirts and other items, students raise funds that will help protect countless species of plants and animals in the Sierra de las Minas and

Cerro San Gil parks in Guatemala, Central America.

Weippert explained that students "adopt" an acre of rain forest for every 10 T-shirts sold.

This year, students are selling T-shirts and handbags for \$13 each and backpacks for \$20 each. The sale began Friday and will continue for 2 weeks.

Weippert said the sale is held in conjunction with a study unit in which students learn about rain forests, the impact of consumer choices on rain forests, how recycling helps, and ways to express their (students') concerns and opinions to governmental leaders and corporations.

According to officials with Earth Foundation, a Houston-based environmental education organization, rain forests really do need rescuing.

To-date, half of the world's rain forests have been burned and bulldozed, and the rest are being destroyed at an alarming rate of 78.8 million acres a year, or 150 acres per minute.

In the balance lie thousands of plant and animal species,

indigenous tribal groups and the health of the planet, according to experts, who say rain forests play an essential role in the weather, prevent global warming, reduce erosion and provide a bounty of riches, including hardwoods, rubber, food and medicines.

3 appear on charges last week

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

•Edward L. Troyer, 39, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 30 in Arbeta Township.

Troyer's driver's license was revoked by the court, which continued his bond at \$5,000. Sentencing was scheduled for May 15.

•Kevin J. Tolfree, 19, Reese, stood mute to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and unlawfully driving away an automobile April 22 in Gilford Township.

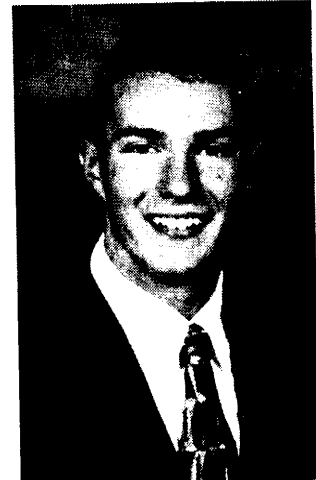
Bond was continued at \$10,000. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

•Jerry W. McPherson, 35, Millington, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90 days in the county jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 27 in Millington Township.

McPherson was ordered to pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines, \$540 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.



Misty Wolschleger



Tony Tyll

Preschool story hour set

Preschool story hour is slated for 10:00 a.m., Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Rawson Memorial Library. Children age 3-5, but not yet in kindergarten, are invited to attend. Each week the children will hear stories and make a craft to take home. This program provides an excellent opportunity

for children to get together with others their age. In this setting they can develop listening skills and become familiar with the library. There is no charge for this program but children must be pre-registered. Registration begins March 23 and continues through March 31 at the library.

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Campbell Elementary Honor Roll

The Campbell Elementary honor roll for the fourth marking period has been released. * Indicates all A's.

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Bethany Edwards, Joseph Ellithorpe, Andrea Erla, Mitchell Ertman, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forrest, Nicole Froede, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey, Nicole Heronemus, Alex Hiatt, Ivy Hiatt, Sam Howard, Rob Hoxie, Amber Hughes, Justin Kilbourn, Joseph Kingsland, Matthew Koepf.

LaShae LaJoie, Christopher Landrith, Brad Langenburg, Sarah Langmaid, Brandon Lefler, Derrick Mallory, Bill McCreedy, Katie McIntosh, Gavin Mills, Floyd Morrish, Philip Nahernak, Nicholas Nanney, Alan Nerkowski, Stephine Nizzola, Brandon Otulakowski, Alex Papp, Ivan Peruski, Ben Pettit, Galen Ponder, Shane Posluszny, Tara Powell, Ashley Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam.

Eric Reed, Samantha Risdon, Lisa Santhany, Valerie Scasny, Andrew Shagene, Lindsay Speirs, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg, Brandi Talski, Wayne Taylor, Shaun Thornton, Jenna Timko, Heather Vatter, Janelle Venema, Adrienne Warju, Amber Weiss, Garrett Wichert, Jeff Wills, Justin Wutzke.

5 YEARS AGO

Siding World officials announced last week that they wouldn't be rebuilding the company's lumber facility in Cass City. Fire leveled the main building at Croft-Clara Lumber/Siding Jan. 31.

The Cass City PTA, along with Campbell Elementary School officials, will kick off a major fund raising campaign this week as part of a plan to finance purchase of all new playground equipment for the elementary school. Dave Lovejoy noted the total project cost is estimated at \$32,000.

Seniors Paul Ulfig and Richard Lloyd were named to the first team All Conference in the Blue Bay League. Seniors Ron Bouck and Greg LeValley received recognition on the honorable mention team. Jeff Hartel, Cass City coach, was named coach of the year as his team won the league title.

Named to the first team all conference were spikers Marcie Monroe, Jodi Schember and Jodi LaRoche. Jenny Storm and Tracey Burns were named to the honorable mention all conference team.

The Cass City High School band received a Division I rating at district festival competition at Laker High School Saturday. This top honor is the first for the high school since 1983, and comes just 2 weeks after the same accomplishment for the middle school.

10 YEARS AGO

Ken Untener, bishop of the diocese of Saginaw, is spend-

ing about 2 months at St. Pancratius Church in Cass City while the parish's regular pastor is on a leave of absence.

Applications for vacancies in the Cass City High School caused by the retirement of Enid Craig drew some 45 job seekers. The board approved hiring Linda Bennett as bookkeeper. Bennett's job as superintendent's secretary will be taken by Etselline TerBush, and her job as Deford School secretary filled by Ann Ypma of Cass City.

Paul Tuckey was the only Cass City player named to the first team of the All Conference basketball team. On the second team were Jeff Sontag and Mike Randall.

Russell Hillaker was honored Friday, March 11, when 25 employees of Croft-Clara Lumber, attended a dinner at the Charmont in honor of his 25 years with the company. Former long-time Cass City resident Richard Albee has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Grayling State Bank in Grayling.

25 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Village Council will seek a survey to determine public interest in an indoor swimming pool to be attached to Cass City High School.

Two 16-year-old Argyle youths have been credited with saving the life of Mrs. Clara Pettit, 68, of Port Austin. Mrs. Pettit braked her car while approaching a slow moving farm tractor and the car skidded into a water-filled ditch at the intersection

From the files of the Chronicle

Down Memory Lane

of M-81 and Greenland Road Monday morning. Douglas O'Connor and Edward Ruth were traveling in a car following Mrs. Pettit and stopped and got her out of the car which was in 5 feet of water. Sanilac deputies said Mrs. Pettit would have drowned if the youths had not rescued her.

Winning prizes in the "Bowl Down Cancer" tourney recently completed in Tuscola County were local bowlers Esther Reagh and Bruce Thompson, bowling at Cass City Lanes. Reagh bowled her first 200 game and first 500 series. Her 520 actual and 168 handicap pins gave her 688 and third place. Thompson bowled 610 actual and 685 handicap.

Deckerville will be the focal point Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, when a gigantic Welcome Home Celebration for Capt. Robert A. Abbott, returning POW, and all veterans of the Vietnam war will be held Saturday, and a worship service of thanksgiving on Sunday. Abbott had been a prisoner almost 6 years in Hanoi.

150, led by Mrs. Joseph Gruber Jr., sold 81 cases or 372 boxes. Top 10 salesgirls were Lynn Haire, Carla Calka, Susan Ayres, Sally Geiger, Kay Spencer, Mary Ayres, Carol Benkelman, Jean Doerr, Linda Whittaker and Karen Kerbyson.

W.A. Parrott and Robert Profit, both of Cass City, and Lester Sedine of Saginaw, will attempt to finish a round-trip begun last summer by Parrott and Willard Harris of Cass City in Parrott's 38-foot cruiser. The men were to have left Thursday for Port Ponchartrain, La., where they will begin an estimated 6-week boat trip back to Michigan.

Four Cass City High School students were awarded medals as the exhibitors of the best projects during the school's 2-day science fair Saturday and Sunday. They were among 10 blue ribbon

winners picked for a field of 135 projects. They are John Herhalt, first; Fred Reid, second; Bonnie Spencer, third, and Bob Spencer, fourth.

Sweeney joins the Army

Paula G. Sweeney has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Caro.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Sweeney, a student at Ubly High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training July 29.

She is the daughter of Sally M. and Brian J. Sweeney, 4825 Huron Line Rd., Ubly.

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Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, March 25

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Friday, March 27

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

Rotary, 12 noon, Charmont.
Blood Drive, Owendale School, 1:30 - 6:15 p.m. sponsored by Owendale Women's Club.

TEC annual meet set

The 61st annual meeting of Thumb Electric Cooperative will be held Friday in the Ugly High School gymnasium.

The business meeting, including election of 3 directors and consideration of proposed amendments to the by-laws and articles of incorporation, will begin at 10 a.m.

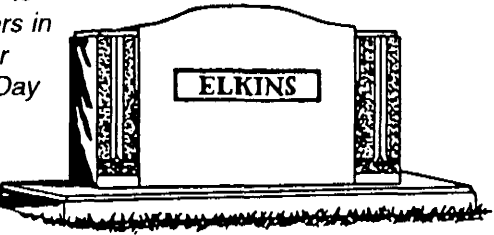
This year's entertainment will feature the Flint Banjo Club, a group of about 60 musicians who perform to promote the banjo and its music.

Attendance prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m., with the Flint Banjo Club scheduled to perform at 1 p.m.

The meeting is open to members of the Thumb Electric Cooperative and their immediate family. Doors open at 8:45 a.m., with chair seating available on the floor.

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Smooth sailing

Cass City scouts trade derby for Rain Gutter Regatta

It was no typical day at the races for Cass City Cub Scouts, who traded their annual Pinewood Derby for a very different kind of competition over the weekend.

Instead of utilizing gravity to race homemade wooden cars, the scouts used lung power to race wooden sailboats.

Members of Pack 3594, Cass City, gathered in the Cass City Middle School cafeteria early Saturday morning for their first ever Rain Gutter Regatta.

"We wanted to try something new and different. We wanted to give the kids something to experience beyond the Pinewood Derby," commented Don Ross, who has coordinated the Pinewood Derby in past years and was on hand Saturday to ensure another smooth race day.

One big difference this year is that the Scouts made their boats together during regular den meetings, according to Ross, who noted Pinewood Derby cars were always made by the boys at

home.

Ross said each boy started out with the same boat kit this year, complete with a wooden hull, plastic sail and rudder, and a metal keel. The boys assembled and painted their boats in preparation for Saturday's competition.

The regatta utilized 3 household rain gutters filled with water. The races consisted of several rounds, with 2 to 3 boys racing in each round. The scouts used lung power to push their boats from one end of their respective rain gutter to the other end.

The winners were:
Wolf — Ethan Damm, first; Clinton Ellis, second,

and Andrew Deering, third.
Bear — Anthony Langlois, first; Brad Hartel, second, and Michael Green, third.
Wehelos — Gavin Mills, first; Justin Grice, second, and Michael Zmierski, third.

Wooden trophies were awarded to the each of the boys. In addition, special Grand Prize trophies went to Ethan Damm and Gavin Mills, and Andrew Jones won "best paint job" honors. All of the boys received participation ribbons.

Also taking part in Saturday's regatta, but not eligible for awards, were the youngest scouts, the Tiger Cubs. The top Tiger Cub racer was Brady Hanby.

Miracle awarded academy appointment

Stephen Miracle, son of Glen (Mic) and Evelyn Miracle of Merritt Island, Fla., was recently awarded an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.



Stephen Miracle

Competition for appointments to the academy is very keen with only 15 percent of applicants receiving appointments. Candidates must score high academically and athletically as well as demonstrate leadership skills. Each applicant must also obtain a nomination from a U.S. congressman or senator before even being considered by the Air Force Academy review board.

Miracle's endeavor to become an Air Force Academy cadet involved a year-long process of paperwork, studying, test taking, interviews and physical fitness testing. He is one of 10 nominees from the 15th Congressional District, and received his nomination from Congressman Dave Weldon in December. The appointment followed on March 13.

Miracle is a three-year letterman and served as captain of his wrestling team this year. He won a Cape Coast championship and district championship wrestling at the 112-pound class. He was also named All Conference for the second time. In addition, he is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club and Key Club, and will graduate with honors from Merritt Island High School May 15.

Stephen is the grandson of Glen and Millie Miracle and Stuart and Joan Merchant of Cass City. The Merchants are planning a trip to Florida for Stephen's graduation.

Miracle will depart for Colorado June 29, when he will begin Basic Cadet Training (BCT). The academic year begins in August. Upon his graduation in 4 years, he will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.



TIGER CUB SCOUT Andy Martin, Cass City, does his best to push his sailboat along a rain gutter course during the Cub Scout Regatta held Saturday in the Cass City Middle School cafeteria.



REGATTA COMMITTEE members (from left) Lora Kulinski and Kris Swires conduct the official inspection of entries prior to the start of the Cub Scout Regatta.

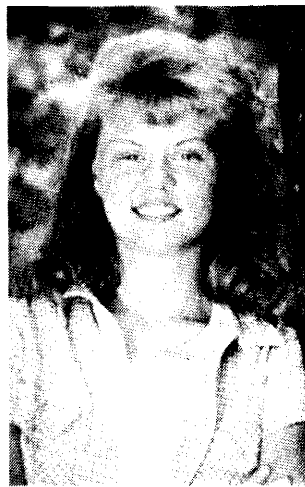
Smith named "student of the month" at O-G

Tonya Smith has been named Owen-Gage Schools senior "student of the month" for March.

The daughter of Norma Smith, Owendale, she is a member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. She is also active in band, serves as a teacher's aide and has been selected as a homecoming representative and snowball queen candidate. Smith has been involved in basketball,

volleyball and softball throughout her high school career.

Her future plans include starting classes next fall at Saginaw Valley State University, where she plans to study sports medicine.



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2 Hawks named to Thumb C West League second team

The coaches of the Greater Thumb C West league have selected the all-conference basketball team and the first team includes players from 4 schools, including a pair from undefeated in the league Lakers.

Cass City failed to place a player on the first team among the 4 Hawks nominated for post-season honors.

On the second team from Cass City are Andy Edwards, senior, smooth shooting forward, and Heath Zawilinski, junior, the team's leading scorer, capable of playing both inside and on the perimeter.

Receiving honorable mention was Craig Emmert, freshman post player and leading shot blocker. Also considered was guard Tim Micklash, senior.

The Lakers on the first team are Matt LePage, sophomore, and Scott Anderson, senior. Others are Craig Francis, senior, Bay City All Saints; Cory Haubenstricker, senior, Reese, and Ryn Buhl, senior, Mayville.

Other players on the second team are: Brad Guonan, BCAS; Joe Drossos, Bad

Axe; Chuck Arnold, USA. Honorable mention players are: Joel Maust and Shane Schulze, seniors, Lakers; Nick Rethman and Scott Mossner, seniors, Reese; Dave Spannagol, senior, USA; Todd Walker and Buddy Deo, seniors, Mayville.

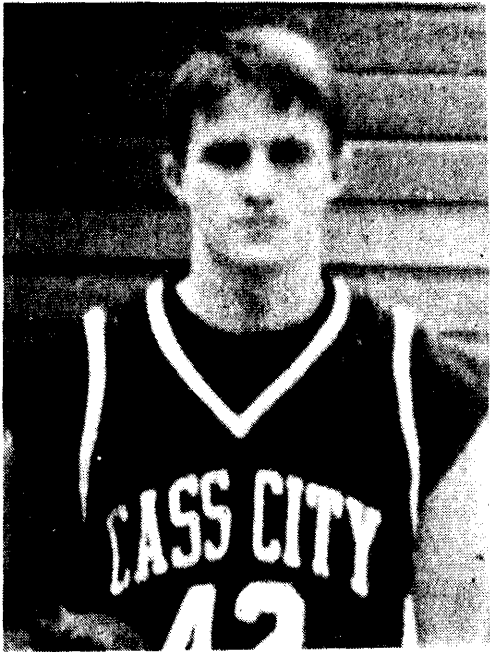
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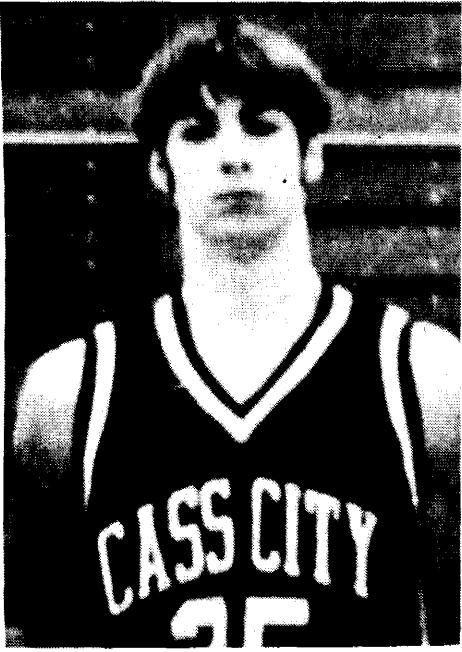
First team: Corey Rosser and Tom Kolenda, Marlette; Joe Rutkowski, Uby; Garnett Kohler, Brown City; Todd Wehner, Harbor Beach.

Second team: Tony Reinke, Sandusky; Rawley Weaver, Arend Elston and Al Kohler, all of Brown City; Brad Hagen, Uby.

Honorable mention: Andy Hall and Mike Burrell, Cros-Lex; Cory Schumacher, Deckerville; Brian Pierce and Rob Silverthorn, Yale; Matt Wruble and John Zang-Bodis, Harbor Beach; Nathan Sowa, Marlette; Jesse Rhodes, Brown City.



Andy Edwards



Heath Zawilinski

Cass City Bowling Leagues

SUNDAY NO ROLLERS March 15

C Bs	17
We'll Get Back To You	16
Leftovers	15
CWDs	14
Raz-ma-taz	13
Smithsky & Hutch	12
The S.H.L.	6
D & Js	3

Men's High Series & Games: Terry Betzold 559, Jim Baker 217, Bryan Brown 215.

Women's High Series & Games: Jamie Krol 557 (221-210).

High Team Series & Game: Raz-ma-taz 1836 (662).

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES March 20

Easy 7	67
Gators	56
The Family	56
Grumblers	47
Men of Steel	37
Rolling Thunder	36
New Team	32
Bye	10

Men's High Series & Games: R. Pringle 622 (248), S. Hammett 604 (234-213), T. Potrykus 582 (212-202), P. Smith 576.

Women's High Series & Game: B. Watson 529, T. Barrett 209.

High Team Series & Game: Men of Steel 2105 (760).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 19

Pioneer Seeds	16
Thumb Auto Wash	13

Babich Farms	13
Hyatt Farms One	12
General Cable	11
NEIC	11
Hyatt Farms Two	11
Marlette Oil & Gas	9
Robin King Builders	7
Schmaltz Construction	6
Mycogen Plant Sciences	6
Martin Electric	5

High Team Series & Game: General Cable 1830 (698).

High Individual Series & Games: Doug O'Dell 682 (247-226), W. Laming 682 (235-214-233), G. Robinson 663 (214), T. Betzold 639 (211-224), Duane O'Dell 601 (247), J. Baker 222, K. Pichla 246, T. Czekai 210.

CHARMONT LADIES

Wild John's	27
Dott Manufacturing	24 1/2
Cable-ettes	19
Cass City Tire	17
Live Wires	17
Dec's MP Rockets	16
Sister Act	15
Team #7	15
Pizza Villa	14
JB's Crew	11 1/2

High Team Series & Game: Dott Manufacturing 3216 (1111).

High Series: B. Peyer 533, J. Stevens 519, D. Mathewson 514, W. Jensen 492, M. Haley 483, V. Patera 479, M. Horne 506, R. Copeland 502.

High Games: M. Horne 201, B. Peyer 191, V. Patera 187, J. Stevens 190, N. Davis 182, R. Copeland 182, M. Moore 173, D. Mathewson 179, M.

Mathewson 178, W. Jensen 179, D. Campbell 170.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE

KREW	33
Golden Oldies	31 1/2
Alley Cats	26
Dec's MP Rockets	22 1/2
STAR	17

High Team Series & Games: Dec's MP Rockets 1657 (587), KREW 587.

High Individual Series & Games: D. Mathewson 587 (228), M. Veldman 487 (201), L. Zajac 174, M. Opanasenko 173, M. Rabideau 161, V. Bilicki 158, W. Skakle 152.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE March 19

Hills & Dales	12
Health Mart Pills	11
Thumb Auto Wash	8
J.B.'s Crew	8
Detroit Edison	8
All Season Rental	7
Caro Chiropractic	6
Silver Birch Kennel	4

High Team Series: Caro Chiropractic 1911.

High Team Game: Thumb Auto Wash 686.

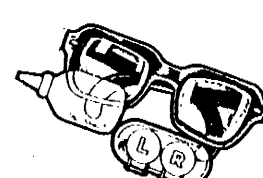
500 Series: J. LaRoche 593, L. Erla 545, S. Hutchinson 527, C. Smith 503.

200 Games: L. Erla 221, J. LaRoche 213.

Tornado siren test slated

Elkland Township Fire Department officials will be testing their tornado warning system in conjunction with Tornado Awareness Day.

The test is scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said residents can expect to first hear a steady, 3-minute blast from the fire siren, which indicates a tornado warning has been issued. The all-clear signal — 3 short blasts — will follow.



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Girls finish 9th

Track season underway

The Red Hawk track teams traveled to Saginaw last week to open their season at the Saginaw Valley Invitational.

Thursday, the lady Hawks finished 9th among the 15 teams competing.

Andrea Rea recorded the Hawks' best finish with a 2nd place showing in the shot put. Also earning points for

Coach Larry Robinson's squad was freshman Jamie Fluegge. Fluegge finished 3rd in the long jump and 6th in the 55 meter dash.

Friday, the Hawk boys finished 15th out of 20 schools competing.

Ryan Brinkman recorded

the team's only points with a 4th place showing in the 55 meter hurdles.

"In both meets we were close to placing in several events," said Robinson. "We are young, so as the season goes on and we gain experience, plus a lot of hard work, we'll score."


Cass City pair receive mention

Cass City was limited to players selected for honorable mention in the annual all-conference Greater Thumb C West division squads voted by league coaches.







The first team includes: Alcatha Johnson, senior, and Brooke Bahling, junior, Bad Axe; Sara Grzenia, senior, Bay City All Saints; Rebecca Kolar and Kate Damm, seniors, Lakers; Angie Holland, senior, USA.

The second team: Lissa Weier, senior, Reese; Stephanie Taylor, junior, and Sara Poltega, senior, Bad Axe; Heather MacDonald, senior, BCAS; Tracy Drury, senior, Lakers, and Pam Lutz, senior, USA.

Cass City placed a pair on the honorable mention list. Melissa Heinlein, senior, and Shelly Ullig, junior, were named. Others are: Sarah Morel, senior, Reese; Katie Donahue and Becky Cohrs, seniors, USA; Megan Young, freshman, Bad Axe; Andrea Manning, senior, Mayville; Marie Hurren, senior, Lakers.



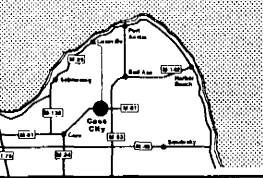
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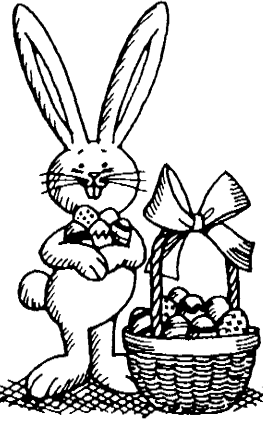


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DEAN HOAG IS preparing to close the books on a 37-year career at General Cable Company, Cass City, where he is department manager of shipping and receiving.

37 years on the job

General Cable veteran Dean Hoag retiring

Most people wouldn't jump at the chance to switch jobs if it meant earning less money.

But a decision to do just that back in the 1960s paid off for lifelong Cass City resident Dean Hoag. Next month, Hoag will close the books on a career that has spanned 37 years at General Cable Company in Cass City.

"General Cable's been very good to me," Hoag recently commented. "The Lord's blessed me with a good job to raise my family."

Hoag has held the same job title since he joined the local company. As department manager of shipping and receiving, his duties involve directing all inbound and

outbound freight; making arrangements for raw materials to be picked up and brought to the Cass City plant, and shipping out finished materials.

"We ship on the average of 2 trailer loads a day, which is probably around 75,000 pounds a day," he said.

Hoag's career at the Cass City plant began in the early 1960s.

"I was working in Marlette at one of the mobile home factories back in 1961, and I was playing independent basketball for Erla's," he recalled, adding one night, after a game, a fellow player and General Cable employee asked him where he worked and what he did.

"I told him I was receiving supervisor at a mobile home factory in Marlette, and he said, 'Well, we're looking for a guy like that. Why don't you stop down some night after work?'"

"I started out as an hourly person," Hoag said. "I took the job for \$1.65 an hour. Actually, I was getting paid more than that where I was at, but I could see the potential here."

Looking back, Hoag said his job has remained pretty much the same during his career.

"It hasn't changed a lot over the years. It's just gotten to be more," he said. A year ago, for example, the plant received some new equip-

ment and began manufacturing plastic used to coat wire, and the material is shipped out to other General Cable plants in Kentucky, California and New Hampshire, he added.

"Right now, I feel the plant's the busiest it's ever been."

For the past 5 years, the local plant has worked 6 and 7 days a week, leaving less time for home and family, according to Hoag, who said his wife, Sue, is looking forward to having her husband back.

The couple have 5 children, Rick, 38, Terry, 37, Rusty, 36, Darryl, 35, and Alesia, 34, and 9 grandchildren.

Hoag, a former Cass City School Board trustee for 10 years, and a longtime little league and softball coach and player, indicated he's looking forward to retirement, although he's still thinking about how he'll spend all of his free time.

"I don't have any immediate plans," he said. "I'm not going to do anything for 2 months."

"I'm going to miss all the people here, and (many of them) have been here for 30 or more years."

And, he'll look back on his long career with a certain sense of satisfaction and appreciation.

"In 37 years I've been blessed because I've never been laid off," Hoag concluded. "I've always had a job."

Stacer earns designation

Catherine Stacer of the McVey Agency Inc. of Bad Axe and Cass City has successfully earned the designation of Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR).

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Stacer is a licensed agent and has been with the McVey Agency for 19 years.

O-G seniors air meeting

Twenty-seven Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at the Gagetown St. Agatha's Parish Hall March 5 for their potluck dinner. The table prayer was given by Ruth Kaake.

After dinner, President Mallory opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Happy Birthday was sung for Ruth Kaake, John Zawilinski and Marie Clincke. Harold Blehm was welcomed as a guest.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. A donation was made in memory of Mary and Alma Wald. Door prizes were won by Homer Kretzschmer and Fay Craig. Ice cream and cake were furnished by Marie Clincke for her birthday.

Meeting adjourned and bingo and cards were played.

March 19, 38 members, including 4 guests, met at St. Agatha's Parish hall. The table prayer was given by Francis Harbec.

After the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance, President Mallory introduced guests: Phyllis and Lyle Melkerson, Cal Berry and Harold Blehm.

Members signed up for the dinner April 16 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Bach, and can still sign up at the April 2 meeting.

Door prizes were won by Orville Mallory and Sybil Miller. The euche winners were: men's high, Homer Kretzschmer; men's low, Jack Doerr and David Ashmore; women's high, Marie Clincke; women's low, Nettie Doan; traveling prize, Phil Guza.

Obituaries

Merle Kitchen

Merle Edward Kitchen, 88, of Cass City, died Friday, March 20, 1998, at Hills & Dales General Hospital.

Born July 29, 1909, in Argyle, he was the son of George and Francis R. (Copeland) Kitchen. He married Sarah Beatrice Sherman Dec. 18, 1933, in Sandusky.

A retired dairy farmer, he also worked as a trucker and a service station attendant.

Surviving are: his wife, Sarah; a son, Robert (Marjorie) of Cincinnati, Ohio; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Belva Miller of St. Cloud, Fla., and 2 half brothers, Ben Kitchen of Cass City and Ron Kitchen of Remus. He was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd, in 1938.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Novesta Church of Christ, with Chuck Emmert, minister, officiating. Burial was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ or Hills & Dales Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Verena Wager

Verena Fern Wager of Kalamazoo, 94, died Saturday morning in Kalamazoo.

Born Dec. 13, 1903, in Elkton, she was the daughter of Lillian Gardner Wager Redfearn and Henry Rawlings Wager.

She taught in numerous cities in Michigan and in Orlando, Fla.

She was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Betty Hoyle, Ruth Bolt and Ethel Frigaard; a great-niece, Remy Nicole DuPlessis, and brothers-in-law, Arthur Frigaard and Alexander Leys.

Surviving are a sister, Catherine Leys; 3 nieces; a nephew; 4 great-nieces; one great-nephew; 4 great-great-nieces, and a cousin.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or service.

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Resident of the Month

Claude Black

Mr. Black is 85 years old. Before moving to Tendercare Cass City he lived and worked in Caro. His Granddaughter, Sara Cronn, is an RN/CNA student director here.

Claude participates in our "Child Therapy Program" and his great-granddaughter has also been a participant! He likes to be challenged in checkers, his favorite pastime. He loves kids, fishing, hunting, sports in general and reading - especially the Caro Advertiser. He has many friends and family who visit often.

Employee of the Month

Diane Ewald

Diane is a Sebawaing native. She has worked in long term care for approximately 27 years. During her time in LTC, Diane has worked as an Aide, giving personal care, an Activity Director and now Administrator. She has a background in payroll and billing.

Diane came to Tendercare in March, 1994. She works well with staff, residents and families. She always presents a positive, friendly demeanor. Diane is very perceptive and her main goal is the highest possible "quality of life" for our residents. She was instrumental in our recent purchase of a big screen TV, which the residents enjoy daily.

Diane is a member of the Huron County Health Department Board of Health. As the Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Health Departments merge, she will continue to serve on the tri-county board. She also is active in the world of antiques, specializing in dishes. In her free time, she indulges her artistic side, making lampshades.

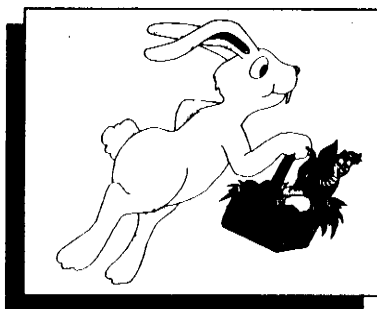
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Jim, Doreen and Jennifer Hagen entertained family members Saturday evening in honor of Nicholas Hagen's 5th birthday with cake and ice cream. Attending were Phyllis and Lyle Krohn, Dennis, Charlene, Brad and Clint Hagen, Mary and Ben Maurer, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Lori Krohn, Sarah Frantz, Kelly and Katie.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka met with a group of family members at Franklin Inn for brunch Sunday as a surprise party for Alex Particka. Later they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Particka for birthday cake and ice cream.

Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald Family and Food Deli for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at Coral Gables next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim A.

Sweeney left March 1 and returned home March 14 from a trip to Florida. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland at Davenport and spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sweeney at Kissimmee, Fla. They also went to the Disney Trained Animal Kingdom, visited Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Garey at North Fort Meyers and Winnie Sofka at Fort Meade.

Myron Wruble and Allen Farrelly spent Thursday at Flat Rock.

Mrs. Kevin O'Connor of Minden City and Mrs. Kevin Robinson were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Larry Silver of Brighton was a Saturday afternoon and supper guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenck visited Beatrice Hundersmarck in Bad Axe.

Bobbie and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had supper at the China King in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt visited Norene Mills at Four Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe Sunday.

Jacqueline Goretski of St. Clair Shores spent last week and Cleophis Zauner of Los Altos, Cal., is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ballagh. They will meet at Mrs. Sweeney's home next week.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mrs. Glen Shagena at the Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

Clara Bond of Cass City, Art Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fisher and Gillis Brown at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Sunday.

Allen Farrelly spent the weekend in Muskegon, where he attended a state bowling tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor and sons of Minden City were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Chris.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen of Livonia spent the weekend with Mrs. Earl Schenck.

Ken Osentoski was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka and Mary Beno attended the fish fry at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Friday evening.

HOMEMAKERS MEET

Twelve members and 2 guests of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met for lunch Thursday at Veronica's in Cass City.

Jennifer Szubielak, owner of the Friendly Harvest store, spoke on herbal and organic foods.

The next meeting will be April 9 at J.J. Zinkos at Caro.

Shiegi Yokowa was a Tuesday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Other guests for the farewell supper were Tom Bailey, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn and Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Shiegi left to spend some time with his parents in Japan after spending 4 years at Northwestern College and working at Nippon Express in Chicago.

Elmer Osentoski, Steve Peruski Sr., Myron Wruble and Allen Farrelly spent Tuesday in Taylor.

Betty Myers of Gladwin, Susan Krozek, Samantha and Ryan of Kinde, Bob and Carol Osantowski, Kristin.

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Village Council nixes new campground at park

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Planner to speak in Caro

Randall G. Arendt, a nationally known land use planner from Pennsylvania, is scheduled to speak to local planners and elected officials Tuesday, March 24, 6-9 p.m., at the Tuscola Technology Center, Caro. The meeting is part of the Saginaw Bay Watershed land use education project which encourages local officials to plan ahead for growth and development.

council's Streets and Parking Committee has approved the addition of 2 paving projects: Oak Street, from Main to Pine, and Rose Street, from Seed to Oak.

The council is expected to review bids for the work next month.

Prieskorn also announced the village is discussing combining its asphalt contract with that of the contractor who will be putting a second coat of asphalt on 4 sections of road in the Northwood subdivision. The goal, he explained, is to secure the best asphalt price possible.

The subdivision paving involves Beechwood Drive; Beechwood Drive from Linda Lane to Chestnut; Beechwood, up Spruce to Hemlock, and Crestwood Circle, up Spruce to Crestwood Drive.

Prieskorn said the committee is also looking at changing the procedure in which new subdivision roads are constructed.

Currently, the subdivision owner is required to build roads to village specifications, then the village takes over ownership and maintenance of those roads. However, the committee may propose that the village construct the roads, then bill the owner for the work.

In other business Monday, the council:

- Received the village's annual audit report from Yeo & Yeo representative Joel Chamberlain, who gave village finances a clean bill of health.

- Acknowledged annual donations of \$2,000 and \$300, respectively, from Elkland Township and Novesta Township for the village's parks and recreation programs. It was noted the Novesta Township donation represents a \$100 increase over 1997.

- Noted both Downing and Cass City Police Sgt. Craig Haynes hosted and read to groups of Cass City students as part of "Read Across America Day," March 2.

- Commended Rick Mohr, wastewater treatment plant superintendent, for his work in presenting educational presentations to school children on the importance of protecting groundwater.



THE LATE WINTER doldrums call for special activities, and some Campbell Elementary School students were treated to a day of fun Friday. Second grade students enjoyed a "beach day," while first graders, including Marlene Erla's class (above), took part in a "pajama rama."

Beanie Baby collection

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MLE merger approved

Delegates to the annual stockholders' meeting of Michigan Livestock Exchange voted overwhelmingly March 14 to approve merger of their farmer-owned cooperative with Southern States, effective April 1. The action combines the livestock marketing strengths of the MLE with the farm supply system strengths of Southern States.

MLE will become the Livestock Marketing Division of Southern States, which will be a separate allocation unit for purposes of patronage refunds. A producer board, made up of beef, swine and sheep growers, will be established for the new division to assist in identifying new opportunities.

Michigan Livestock Credit Corporation, an MLE subsidiary, will be merged into a subsidiary of Statesman Financial Corporation, which is owned in part by Southern States. The MLCC's programs for financing facilities and livestock will be maintained and expanded as opportunities occur.

Last year, MLE marketed some 3 million hogs, 600,000 beef cattle and 140,000 sheep, with a total market value of nearly \$700 million, for its farmer-members. This makes the MLE the largest livestock marketing cooperative in the nation.

School votes to censor Internet

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program now has 2 hours but will need 3 hours next year, which Micklash indicated will probably be arranged.

One of the students, Brent Martin, read a letter to the school board that he composed telling how the program helped him.

OTHER BUSINESS

- After meeting in closed session to consider teacher probation and tenure, the board voted on the following teachers.

Tenure, Joan Helwig, James Green and Jon Zdrojewski. Fourth year probation, Garrett Gorden and Diane Tuckey. Third year probation, Kelly Ball, Brian Kohl, Karin Pearson, Jason Smigell

and Linda Volz.

Second year probation, Colleen D'Arcy, Kurt Dennis and Ronald Woloshen.

- Election inspectors for the June 8 school election were listed. They are Chairperson Pat Wells, Joan Little, Sue Ellen Greenlee, Iva Hartwick and Arlene Paladi, alternate.

- A special meeting Tuesday, May 26, prior to the regular meeting will be held to determine how \$125,000 in Durant funds will be spent by the district.

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Delegates to the annual stockholders' meeting of Michigan Livestock Exchange voted overwhelmingly March 14 to approve merger of their farmer-owned cooperative with Southern States, effective April 1. The action combines the livestock marketing strengths of the MLE with the farm supply system strengths of Southern States.

MLE will become the Livestock Marketing Division of Southern States, which will be a separate allocation unit for purposes of patronage refunds. A producer board, made up of beef, swine and sheep growers, will be established for the new division to assist in identifying new opportunities.

Michigan Livestock Credit Corporation, an MLE subsidiary, will be merged into a subsidiary of Statesman Financial Corporation, which is owned in part by Southern States. The MLCC's programs for financing facilities and livestock will be maintained and expanded as opportunities occur.

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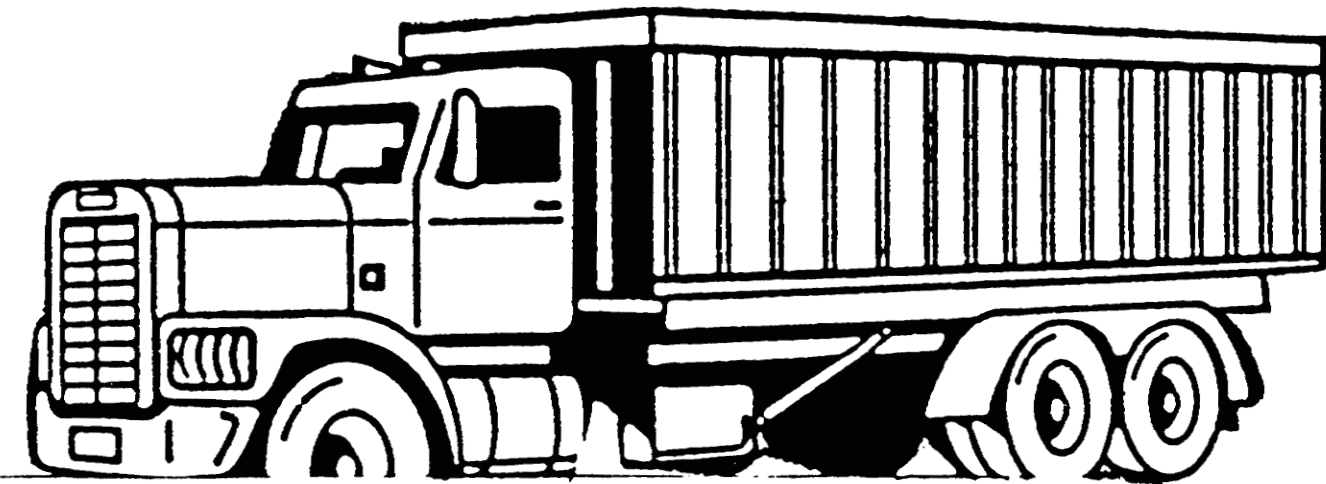
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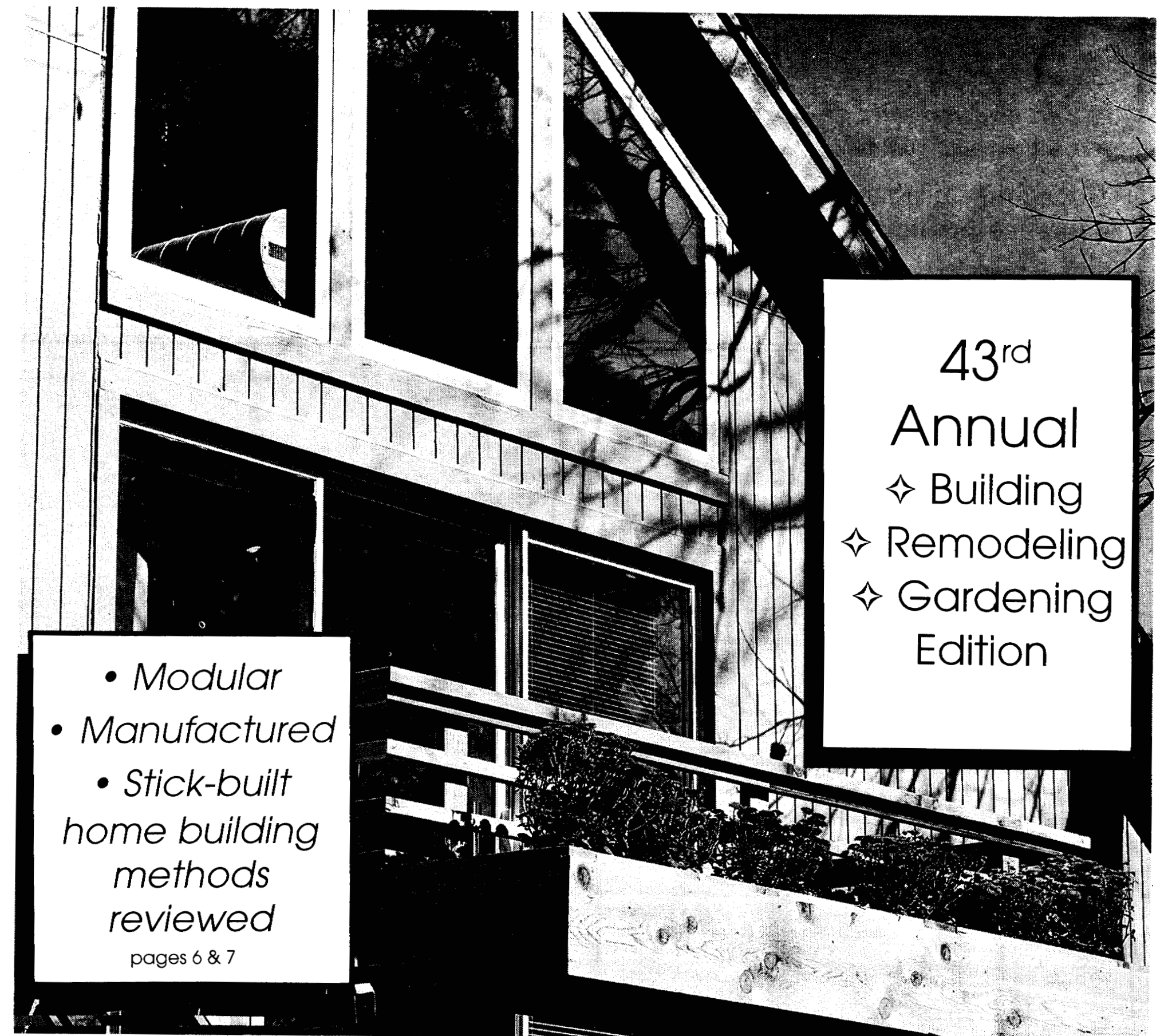
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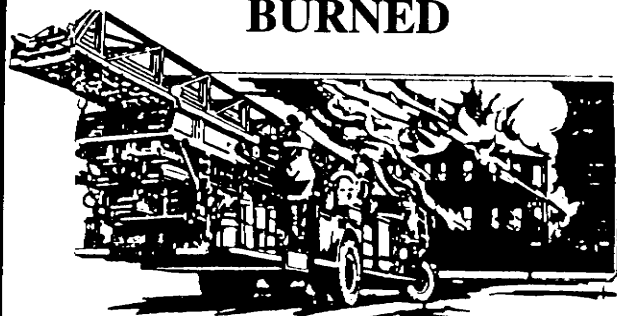
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The house cost \$4,000,000, the landscaping \$800,000, but 'ostentatious' is not the effect that is sought. Indeed, the house, pool and deck appear carved out of their wooded acreage, in complete harmony with their ravine environment.

While this Long Island, New York, landscaping project may exceed the imaginations and the pocketbooks of most homeowners, its back-to-nature philosophy reflects a welcome trend in our environmentally-stressed age. The American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA) shares some instances where good landscaping equals good stewardship.

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), considered the father of landscape ar-

chitecture, launched an idea that still functions today. When approaching a house, Olmsted believed landscapes should progress from natural to informal to formal. Walking away from a house through the back yard, landscapes should appear informal, then gradually more natural.

Damon Scott, a landscape designer with Ireland-Gannon Associates, East Norwich, N.Y., follows Olmsted's philosophy on his projects. "Softness is coming back. Homes and hardscapes blend with their surroundings and clients are getting away from big lawns," Scott says. Scott achieves a blended look by preserving natural vegetation and existing trees whenever possible.

In the previously mentioned project, which took a year to complete, the site's native mountain laurels and rhododendrons were complemented with similar varieties. Many of the site's trees were preserved and mounted with lights to create a "nightscape with downlighting and shadows."

Situated 20 feet below street level, the ravine site posed challenges. Scott's company worked with, rather than against, terrain. "We massaged detail areas to match natural grades," Scott says. Landscaping a bluff site overlooking Huntington Bay presented other demands. "We chose salt and wind tolerant plants, planting masses of perennials that endure seashore conditions. Evergreens became screening accents," Scott explains.

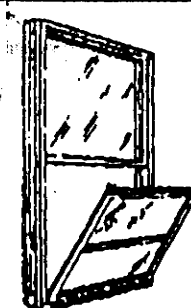
An intriguing feature of this landscape is what Scott calls a "transparent season." In winter, evergreens create a background, river birch display beautiful exfoliating pink and white bark, and perennials like sedum "Autumn Joy" are left uncut, con-

tributing "see through" ized yards. "When deer, shapes to the landscape. birds and squirrels come in, we've done our stewardship," Scott says.

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"The U.S. economy and financial markets

provided a favorable environment for the beginning of 1998," commented Michael Tobin, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "Fixed rate mortgages were available for less than 7%, consumer confidence was at its highest

level since 1969, and the national unemployment rate was below 5%. The shortage in the construction labor supply still concerns us, but we are encouraged by the fact that the cost of building materials has for the most part remained steady." Lumber prices have fallen in recent months and there has been little change in costs for most other materials.

Fixed-rate mortgage dropped to 6.99% in January compared to 7.17% in December and 7.23% in November. Rates were 7.85% a year ago. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber significantly dropped in January to \$359 compared to \$370 in December, almost \$100 less than 1997's high of \$455.

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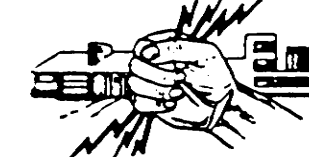
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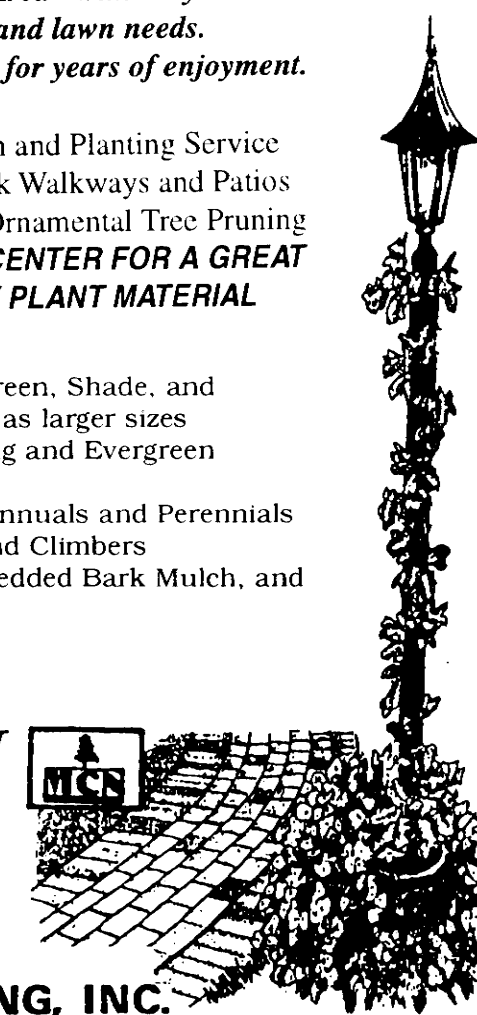
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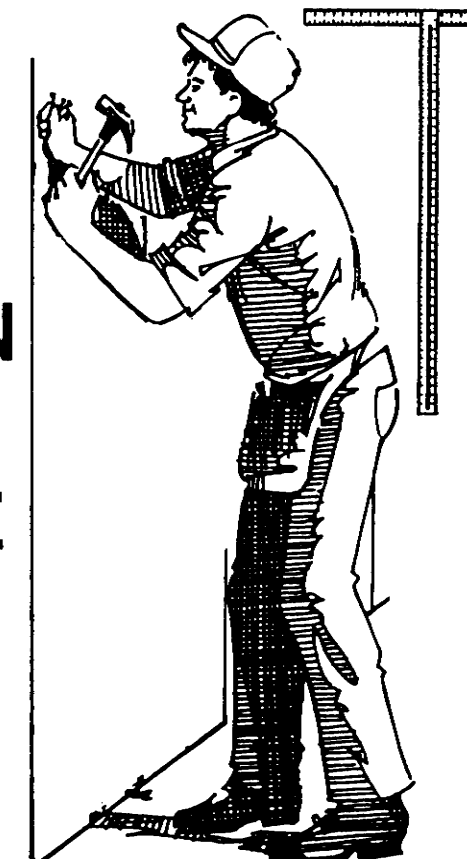
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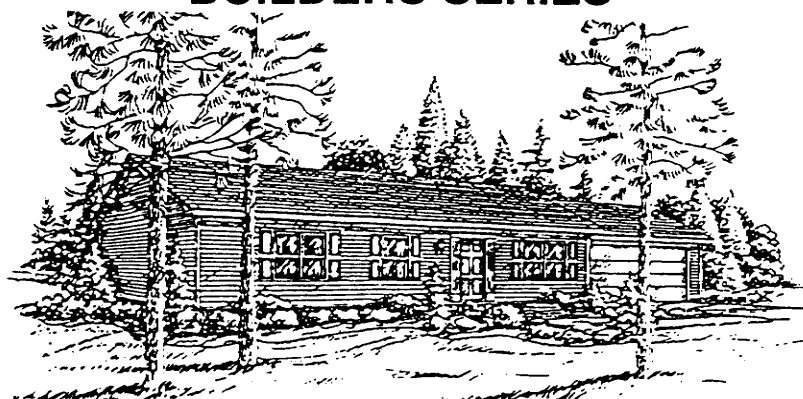
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This will help homeowners

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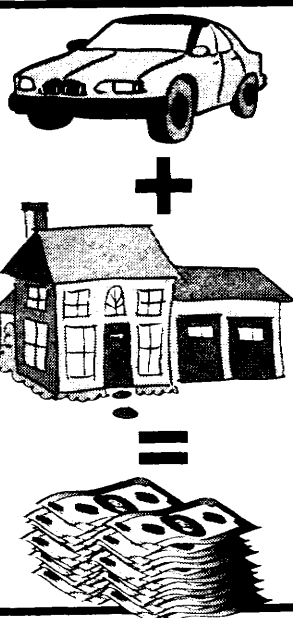
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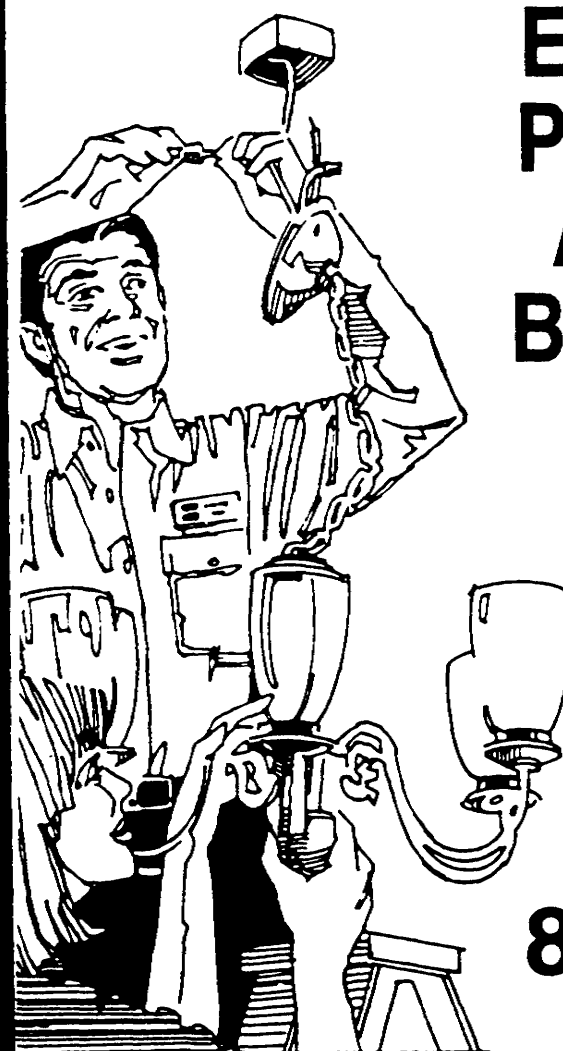
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One way to cut energy bills is to make a systematic energy audit, according to Owens Corning, which has launched an "Energy Savers" campaign in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Think about how all the materials, products and appliances in your home work together as a system, advises the company, which makes insulation products.

This will help you analyze future purchases and home improvement projects that can maximize energy efficiency and save you money.

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*On a windy day, hold a lighted candle next to the windows, doors, electrical

boxes, plumbing fixtures, attic door openings and other locations where there may be an air path to the outside. A flickering flame indicates there may be an air leak that needs caulking, sealing and/or weatherstripping.

*Compare your energy bills with those of an average house in your neighborhood; the utility company can provide the figures. If you note significant differences, ask your neighbors about their energy-efficiency practices.

*Are you using incandescent bulbs in your appliances, lamps and light fixtures? Replace them with the new compact fluorescent bulbs to save as much as 75 percent on lighting energy.

*If your hot water heater was made before 1991 and feels warm to the touch, it may need an insulation blanket to prevent heat loss. Check that the water heater thermostat is set at 115 degrees (or 140 degrees if you have a dishwasher).

*Do your windows rattle? If they're swollen, rotting or drafty even after they're sealed, consider replacing them with double- or triple-pane windows that can reduce energy use and make your home more comfortable. Today's vinyl windows also are easier to maintain.

*Check and service your furnace and air-conditioning

units once a year. Change the filter in your forced air heating system each month, and close vents in rooms not often used. The DOE estimates you can improve your efficiency by as much as 10 percent by proper maintenance and adjustment to your existing systems.

*Keep your thermostat set at an inside temperature of 65 to 68 degrees during the winter. In summer, set the air-conditioning thermostat at 75 to 78 degrees when you're home and at 80 degrees when you're away or asleep.

*Clean refrigerator coils regularly. Also check refrigerator door seals by closing the door over a piece of paper or a dollar bill so that it is half in and half out of the refrigerator; if you can pull the paper or bill out easily, the latch may need adjustment or the seal may need replacing. Defrost your freezer on a regular basis to keep air vents open and working.

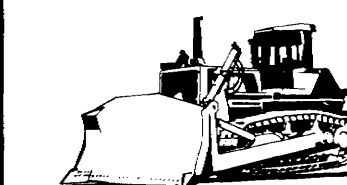
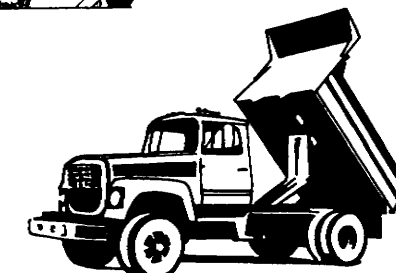
*Take an inventory of your appliances. As you replace the older ones, look for models with the Energy Star label with fuel efficiency ratings listed.

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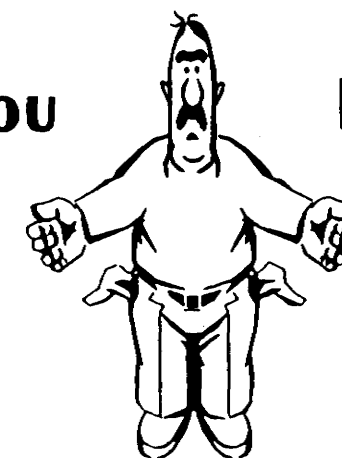
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Consider these tips before giving home "face lift"

The home improvement industry is booming throughout the nation, as today's homeowner is choosing to remodel instead of buying new.

In fact, by the year 1999, consumer remodeling will skyrocket to \$112.3 billion annually, according to the Home Improvement Research Institute.

If you're planning on giving your home a "face lift" this year, consider the following tips:

* Determine how long you plan on living in your home. Unless you plan on staying there for years, try to make improvements that not only add comfort and convenience for you now, but also increase your home's future resale value. For instance, a deck typically recoups 71 percent of its original construction cost.

* Consider how the addition will hold up over the long term. Choose quality building products that will look good years from now. This is especially important when choosing outdoor

building products.

* Study your local real estate market to be sure you're making improvements that home buyers want and will pay for. In a recent survey by the National Association of Home Builders, 83 percent of potential new home buyers surveyed said they would like their new home to have a deck off the back of the house, including 29 percent who said a deck was "essential." Other renovations rated high for their return on investment include bathroom and kitchen renovations, as well as interior remodeling.

* Understand that while you may think certain additions are an asset to your home, others may not. Examples include swimming pools, hot tubs and sliding glass doors. Potential buyers may not see past the maintenance work required with pools and spas and sliding glass doors may be perceived as a risk where security is a concern.

* Be informed and know

what you want before getting started. Talk with friends who have recently completed similar projects, or consult remodeling publications. Create a photograph file of styles of kitchens, decks and bathrooms that you like.

* To keep maintenance to a minimum — not only for you, but also for the next owner of your home — choose materials that are easy to clean and care for.

* Manage your money and develop a working budget. During a remodeling project, most homeowners will add items as the project develops. A reserve equal to 10 to 20 percent of what you expect to spend should cover these changes.

* If hiring a professional, interview several builders, landscape and building architects, and interior designers. Look at their portfolios and talk with friends and colleagues for referrals. Also keep in mind that many lumberyards offer expert design assistance and pre-cut lumber packages for decks.

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* Remove spent flowers to stimulate growth and additional bloom; otherwise, plant energy is used for seed production.

* Prune spring-flowering plants such as lilacs, forsythia or azaleas after the bloom. Summer-flowering plants like butterfly bush or crape myrtle should be pruned just before spring growth. Consult your garden center if you're uncertain. Non-flowering ornamentals can be pruned in late winter, spring or summer. Pruning in fall or early winter may encourage tender new growth that cannot withstand cold.

* On bulbs, cut faded blooms to stop seed formation. Cut back foliage only after it has died naturally.

* Branches damaged by diseases, insects, winter or storms should be pruned back to the healthy green wood. Remove branches that grow inward, rub against other branches, are leggy, or those interfering with walkways or mowing.

* Heading shortens plants and makes them more dense. Cut terminal portions of branch to a point directly above the bud.

* Thin to improve light penetration, shorten limbs or direct growth. Cut back entire limb or shoot to its origin at trunk or branch. Cut at branch collar, but leave collar intact.

* Tip pinch to encourage thick foliage and new branching. Remove stem tip of new growth with thumb and forefinger.

* Renewal pruning brings abundant new growth. Plants such as forsythia and spiraea will benefit from a few of the oldest canes being cut back to 6 to 12 inches above ground.

* Shearing promotes lush new growth. Use hand shears on stems to create a uniform surface.

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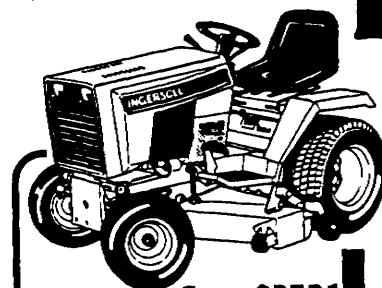
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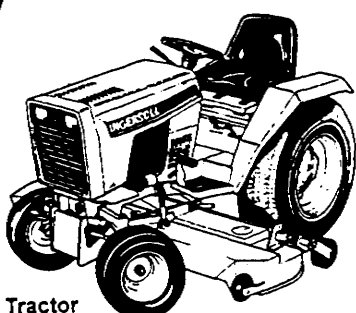
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Regular pruning program keeps landscape healthy

Ever wonder how much time and effort went into growing that beautiful tree you brought home from the nursery? Look behind the scenes with the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA).

A shade tree spends about the first 6 years of its life with the grower. Most trees start out as small seedlings or cuttings. Often, they are grown for up to 2 years by a grower who specializes in training vigorous, straight-trunked, healthy young trees.

Next, these young trees are transplanted to the fields of other growers, who take the next 2 to 4 years producing the trees offered by your garden center or landscape professional. The trees benefit from careful pruning, fertilizing, and other care to keep them strong and healthy.

Most trees are dug from the growers' fields and

shipped to market in the early spring or fall, when they are dormant. Once harvested, they can be planted at any time you can dig a planting hole. Some growers also specialize in "summer-digging" trees.

These trees are usually acclimated under shade or cooling mist, to overcome any shock of being dug during the growing season. Certain trees with coarser root systems can't be dug in summer. River birch and willow oak are 2 examples.

Evergreens stay an average of 5 years with the grower. They are often transferred from a small pot to the field. During the 5 year growing period, plants are sprayed, irrigated, pruned and sheared. Much of the work is done manually over considerable acreage. Growers try to time shipments for fall or spring, the optimum

harvesting window for evergreens. Again, you can plant at any time the ground is not frozen.

Quality trees are easy to spot, if you know what to look for. Ask your nursery professional or consult books to learn correct tree structure before you buy. Some trees need a strong central leader; others are vase-shaped. A firm clay loam root ball is preferable to a loose, sandy root ball because clay holds roots better than sand. The more roots lost, the more shock the tree experiences.

Like children, a tree's strength depends on the quality of its early care. Ask a nursery professional where and how their trees are grown to get the most value for your dollar. Speaking of value, adding larger trees to the landscape increases home value by an estimated 15 to 18 percent.

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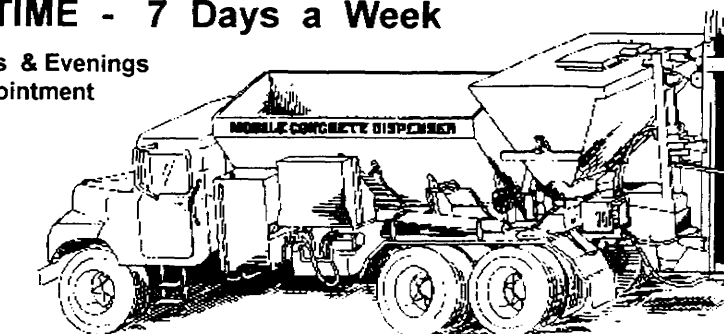
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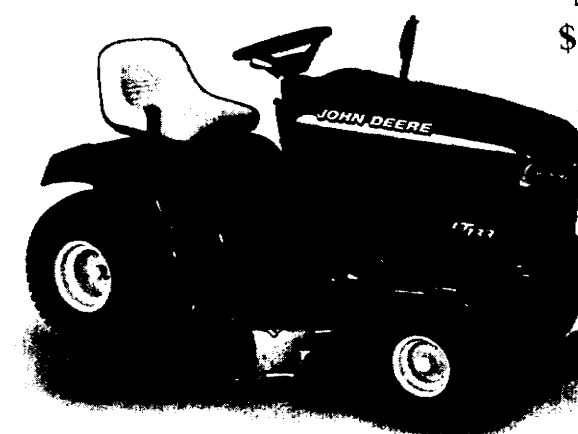
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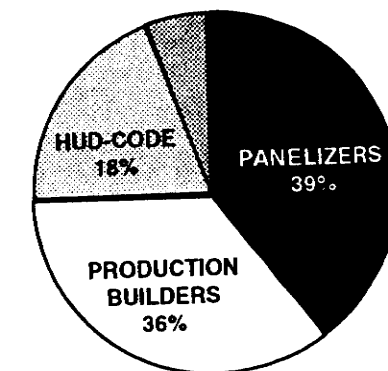
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Building a dream home?

Wide choices available to owners

Today's prospective home owners have a wide choice of building systems as they seek their dream home, and the method selected depends on individual preference and the type of home desired.

The three major building systems are "stick built", modular (BOCA) manufactured and HUD manufactured. In addition to these, there are firms that manufacture panels that are used by builders.

In general, stick built homes are the most expensive, followed by modular homes and HUD homes.

Each of the systems has its advantages. On price alone, HUD manufactured homes are generally the least expensive. With us, say representatives of Homes American Made in Caro, it's the Redman Homes line from Topeka, Ind. American Homes and Marlette Homes offer both HUD and modular homes.

Herron Builders in Cass City specializes in modular homes built by Active Homes Group in Marlette and won an award as an outstanding builder-dealer for the company.

The case for stick built homes was outlined for the Chronicle by Keith Hammis,

project engineer for R. C. Hendricks. "I'm of the old school," he reports. "When it's stick-built, you can see what goes into the home."

Hammis acknowledges that stick built homes are a little more expensive because they are built out in the elements and that slows production.

For the extra money, home owners can be rewarded with a wider choice of options and special windows and doors, etc., that they desire. Most of the deluxe luxury type homes are stick built, Hammis pointed out.

The one limiting factor to manufactured homes is that they cannot be transported if over 16-feet wide, Tim Meagher, Active Homes official, said.

While the options of stick-built homes are greater, there are oceans of choices in modular-built homes.

For instance, customers can select from more than 45 different models that are built by Active that range in size from 870 square feet to 2,926 (5 modulars) square feet. As long as the customer does not change the basic state-approved plans, changes can be made prior to final approval.

Once the final plans are adopted, they are just that, final. The assembly-line gears up and, on average, 12 days later the modulars are completed and ready for assembly on site.

At Active Homes, Meagher says, the plant, which has 384,000 square feet of building area, keeps in stock enough lumber and supplies to build about 30 homes.

Everyone connected with modular homes is quick to point out that they are as good or better than homes built the traditional way. Stud walls in modulars are built with 2x6 lumber instead of the usual 2x4 sizes, because we need the more rigid construction for transporting them to the sites, they explained.

Meagher feels that modular homes coming from modular building companies are examined and must pass more tests than one built entirely on site. We have 2 or 3 state inspectors in our plant every week, he said.

COST ADVANTAGE

A big reason that modular homes generally cost less than similar-sized stick-built homes is the assembly line technique used in production. At Active, the side walls and the roof move down the line and each worker is responsible for his phase of the building process.

That means that employees can be trained more easily and at less cost. It also eliminates any slow downs because of weather.

One cost saving to the site builder is that his money is not tied up for long periods while construction is under-

way. The modulars are usually erected in a day, with the help of large cranes, on the prepared site and a week later,

depending on what the new owner requires, the work is done, Tom Herron, Herron Builders, said.

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home site amenities that the homeowner requests, including a garage, a porch, a deck or any other addition desired.

Modular homes meet BOCA code requirements and can be erected in any location. Manufactured homes are built to HUD standards, which make them not qualified for erection in certain locations, authorities said.

Modular homes have the smallest share of the manufactured homes market (see chart) but showed the largest percentage increase in new homes constructed, 11 percent. Panelized manufacturers increased 3 percent, HUD homes decreased 4 percent, and production builders increased an estimated one half percent.

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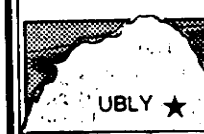
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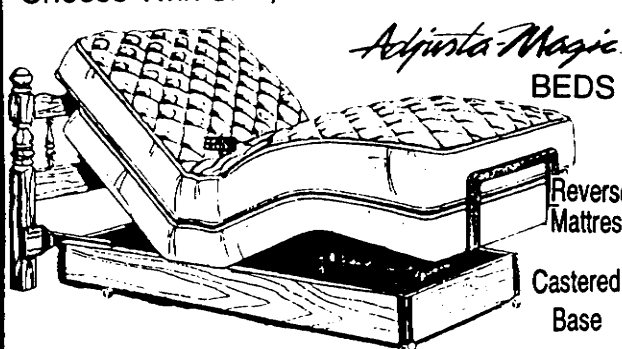
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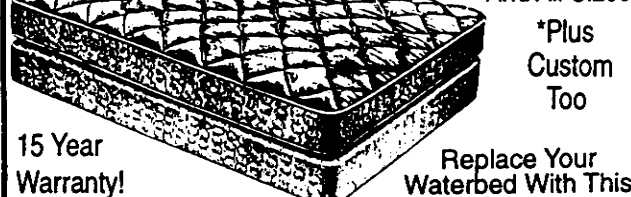
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