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WHEN THE PHONE RINGS, more often than not, Alan "Duke" Sward is ready to take off to any of the area's 13 schools to substitute teach.

Earns teacher's pension

Substitute teaching 2nd career for Duke Sward

There are poor substitute teachers, average substitute teachers, good substitute teachers, and there is Alan "Duke" Sward, 70.

If Sward is not one of a kind when it comes to taking over a school class, any class, at any age level, he is one of a very select few.

Caught in the staff down-sizing at Tendercare (then called Provincial House) Sward found himself at loose ends some 14 years ago.

It marked another change in Sward's varied working career and after discussion with his wife, Nancy, he decided to retire instead of seeking other work at the age of 56.

That all changed when he heeded a suggestion by friends, Russ and Marilyn Biefer, and went to the Tuscola County Intermediate School, transcripts in hand, to register as a substitute teacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePauw, a Methodist liberal arts college in Indiana.

Three days after he became available, he received his first assignment, to fill in at a shop class. After that his teaching career was off and running.

Sward has been called to fill in at 13 different area schools and during most of the years he has been substituting, he has averaged 4 or 5 days in the classroom.

It's paid off in a way that Sward never visualized when he decided to fill in some of his free days in the classroom.

Believe it or not, he is now a retired substitute teacher and draws a meager pension of \$39 a month, plus a big fringe benefit, lifetime paid health insurance.

If you have a few moments to spare and can corral Sward from his hectic retirement schedule, it's worth the time to have him recount his experiences in front of the kids, kindergarten through high school.

Typical of them is a stint in the Ugly School kindergarten class. He was welcomed by the kids, he says, because he was the tallest in the room and could hold the jump rope the best for the students when they practiced.

He has been in the classes of every grade, including a 10-week stay in a night special education class.

Teaching that long in the same class is not something that Sward relishes. When you do that you are required to prepare the study lessons and do the rest of the work that the regular teacher is required to do, he pointed out.

The key for me through all of this, Sward smiled, is that I like kids and associating with them. Especially gratifying is working with junior and senior high pupils who are planning to enter college.

Some of the relationships started in the classroom spark events not connected with classes. Sward smiled as he recalled the time when a half dozen girls knocked on his door at 10 p.m. and announced to him and his wife that they were thirsty and hungry. They received pop and popcorn.

Another incident was the time that an unexpected visit by students ended in a pool party at the Dan Hitlers'.

VARIED CAREER

Before coming to Cass City, Sward had a varied career. He was in sales for Sunbeam Corporation, but cut that job when he was required to demonstrate "new" electric shavers on Saturdays to anyone who walked in. Equally distasteful, it kept him from traveling cross country to visit his girl friend (later his wife).

After that he handled time and motion study for a steel plant, leaving there for a plastic plant despite an attractive offer to remain.

It proved to be a poor decision because after 14 years he faced a sharp cut in salaries and left for another plastic company in Ypsilanti only to have it forced out of business by a flood not covered by insurance.

He got into the health care business in an office at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. It was especially interesting, Sward remembers, because every 6 weeks as a member of the non-medical staff, he was in charge because the big bosses were not there. Our department was the final authority and made the decisions.

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Meets today's needs

Survey: majority pleased with progress at school

A survey sent at random to 97 residents listed in the Cass City phone book revealed that a substantial majority of residents returning the questionnaires are pleased with the progress at Cass City Community Schools.

Supt. Ken Micklash released the results of the 10-question survey at the regular meeting of the school board Monday at the high school.

Of the 97 households receiving the survey, 36 were completed and returned. That's 37 percent of the total distributed.

According to the survey, 75 percent of the respondents feel that the school is getting better while 6 percent feel it is getting worse and 19 percent feel it is about the same.

Compared to other Michigan schools, 50 percent in-

dicated that Cass City was better; 6 percent that it was worse and 44 percent that it was about the same.

Asked for a rating, 14 percent said it was an A, 61 percent, a B, and 25 percent, a C. There were no ratings lower than a C.

Teachers were rated as follows: 19 percent, an A, 56 percent, a B, 14 percent, a C, and 11 percent, a D.

Principals rated slightly higher: 22 percent, an A, 56 percent, a B, 17 percent, a C, and 5 percent, a D.

The superintendent's ratings were: 22 percent, an A, 56 percent, a B, 11 percent, a C, and 5 percent, a D.

The vast majority, 83 percent, feel that the curriculum meets today's needs while 17 percent feel that it should be changed.

A variety of suggestions for changing the curriculum

were received. One says that creation should be taught along with evolution.

Another is that a foreign language should be taught in elementary school. School needs advanced placement, said one respondent. There are too many valedictorians. Another said that the students should be taught how to write reports and different things to get ready for college. They go to college and are lost.

One of the tenets of Micklash's administration is to foster a friendly school. Evidently he has been successful. Ninety-four percent of the replies said that they feel welcome and only 6 percent say that they do not feel welcome.

The few negative comments included: Too many rude teachers. More activities should be planned to involve parents. We need

a sports booster club.

The majority also feels that the school is managing its money well. An excellent rating was given by 25 percent; a good rating, 64 percent; a fair rating, 8 percent, and a poor rating, 3 percent.

The respondents indicated that 61 percent read both the school newsletter and the superintendent's letter in the Chronicle. Thirty-one percent read only the school newsletter, 3 percent don't read either, and 5 percent have never seen the letter in the Chronicle.

Asked to give constructive comments, a wide range of topics was covered. Suggestions included developing a staff that is willing to get involved in extracurricular activities and more involvement in community activities by the teaching staff and administration.

Mother challenges Cass City School's discipline ruling

The mother of a senior student who has discipline problems contested, without success, the 12 discipline points that her daughter has compiled for infraction of the school rules.

The mother, Louise Ponder, Cass City, told the board that she feels her daughter, Sarah Ponder, should not have 7 of the 12 points on her record.

She says that points for going to a doctor, for staying home sick and to have a military physical should not have been assessed.

Principal Dorland Kuntz said that all the points were awarded in accordance with school policy. He pointed out that students were allowed 9 days per semester before points for absences were assessed.

Louise Ponder explained that her daughter was suffering from a chemical imbalance and was under a new medication.

It was pointed out that under the school policy Sarah would be allowed 9 more days of absences in the second semester, which starts in mid-January. That's 10 percent of the school year.

Kuntz pointed out that Sarah had been involved in discipline problems in 54 of the 79 days school classes were held.

Students face expulsion if they have 15 points on the discipline scale. While 9 absent days allowed start new

each semester, points earned remain. However, Kuntz said, if a student goes the entire semester without additional points, 3 points are removed from the record.

LUCE HIRED

Cass City's first and only labor consultant, Al Luce, was granted a 3-year contract

for \$8,000 a year.

That's \$500 less a year than he previously received. However, in an earlier action, the board authorized for the first time a fee of \$6,500 for Micklash for his negotiations with the school unions.

Since he became superintendent, teacher contracts have been quickly settled and Luce was necessary only as

a consultant.

Micklash said that a check with the Michigan Association of School Boards indicated that the average pay for bargaining with teachers' unions was \$10,300 and for other school unions, \$7,600, for a total of \$17,900.

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Many prizes await first baby of the new year



When the first baby of the new year in the area arrives is always uncertain. The first arrival of the year sometimes comes minutes after the stroke of midnight and, one year, in the over 2 decades the baby has been feted, the new arrival waited almost 2 1/2 weeks to make an appearance.

Like last year's lucky winner, Joshua Aaron Gamet, who arrived Jan. 4 at 9:25 p.m., this year's first baby will also be feted with gifts.

From both Chemical Bank and the Cass City office of Thumb National Bank and Trust Company a \$10 savings account will be opened for the baby. Cass City IGA will give \$1 off any purchase of diapers each week for a year. Coach Light Pharmacy will give \$10 off any prescription. Erla's Food Center has a \$10 gift certificate for the new arrival, and Sutter's Bakery has a free 8-inch decorated cake for him or her.

Cass Theatre offers a free night out for the new mom and dad with 2 free movie passes and free refreshments. A \$10 gift certificate will be given by Cass City ServiStar Hardware, and a \$25 value free baby gift assortment will be waiting for the baby at New Sheridan Health Mart. McDonald's will give one free McFamily Pack and the parents will be able to read all about it with a free year's subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.

Concert primary activity of 32-year-old Layman's club

The Cass City Layman's Club is still going strong after 32 years, despite the fact that the club holds no regular meetings and has no club dues.

The one meeting held yearly is to plan for another in the series of 32 straight New Year's Eve concerts sponsored by the club.

Headlining the show will be the Calvarymen, who have performed at every show

since the concerts started. Also performing will be the Grimshaws and the Praise Quartet.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments are available during the intermission.

The New Year's show is always well attended, but an attempt to expand the concerts to other significant times of the year were not as

successful. Art Severance said that, despite securing outstanding talent, other concerts did not generate enough response to merit their continuation.

The concerts were started by Lloyd Severance and the late Bill O'Dell and Warren Kelley. The idea was to offer folks something besides partying on the holiday that they could afford to do.

The budget for the New

Year's Eve show is usually between \$2,000 and \$2,200, depending on the groups performing.

Several charter members of the club are still active. They include Lloyd, Leslie and Arthur Severance, Jerry Hicks, Bob Bader and Dale Buchly.

The concert will be at Cass City High School and starts at 8 p.m.

Inside--

It's been an eventful year in Cass City. Highlights of important 1998 events with pictures, page 12.

Cass City wins the M-81 traveling trophy for the first time with win over Caro, page 8.

A small church group with just 25 members does a big job in helping unfortunates, page 3.



Frank and Joan (Polly) Harbec

Harbecs to observe golden anniversary

Ean Frederick, Bryar James, Cobi Lee and Marshall Hunter announce their Grandpa and Grandpa Harbec's 50th wedding anniversary. Frank Harbec and Joan (Polly) Kelley were married Jan. 5, 1949, in Vassar. The couple has lived at 2567 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, for 45 years. They have 2 children, Deborah Elliott of Cass City and Frederick Frank Harbec of Naples, Fla., and 4 grandchildren. A 50th wedding anniversary party will be held June 19 at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

Cass City Social Items

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The children of Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn hosted a surprise retirement party for their parents Saturday. The party was held at the Ben Franklin Store, which the Prieskorns are closing after operating it for 40 years. Attending were members of the business community, friends and relatives, including Geraldine's mother, 94-year-old Clara Folkert of Bay City.

Sandy and Andy Welter of West Carrollton, Ohio, spent from Thursday until Sunday with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. Mark, Shelley, Drew and Spencer Guinther of Cranberry Township, Pa., arrived Friday and are spending until Thursday with the Stan Guinthers.

Thirty-six members of the Marion McClorey family had a late Christmas dinner Sunday at the Fire Hall in Owendale.



Meg's Peg
Typos
by Melva E. Guinther

The end of the year is a good time to clear our files of the typos that didn't get printed. This is our latest compilation.

The court continued bone at \$5,000. (Would that be a bone of contention?) [bond] Would you like to put on a heavy oat in the hot weather? (Don't know that I've ever seen a really heavy oat.) [coat]

The desert was a raspberry tort. (An oasis?) [dessert, tort]

Real Estate ads: Vinyl siding on garbage. (Now that's some fancy trash!) [garage] 3-bedroom ranch, large bath, nice bright hoe. (No rake or shovel?) [home]

The 24-foot board being towed by the pickup ended up in a cornfield after the crash. (He wishes it had been a long board.) [boat]

From an obit: He was a very active member of the Untied Men. (That loose living may have done him in!) [United Methodist Men]

Having open hose events provides the opportunity to show off our model. (Obviously, she has good legs.) [open house] The coring was well divided. (Could be said of the Shabbona Methodist ladies when they make their famous apple pies.) [scoring]

A total of 1,104 electors went to the pools to decide the issue. (Must have been a hot issue!) [polls]

It scared the little girl so much she began drying. (Fear often has the opposite effect.) [crying]

The president reigned to pursue other interests. (How self-serving!) [resigned]

Josh Error will be attending the Internal Sympathy Band. (Good musicians have to have that inner feeling.) [International Symphony Band]

The Fiends of the Library elected officers. (Those devils!) [Friends]

William Michael Flenney, Mayville, and Lucy Marie Dafoc, Caro.

Clifford George Bemus, Flint, and Joyce Ann LaRoche, Cass City.

Jon Alan Murray, Vassar, and Kristine Marie Beckrow, Cass City.

Jamel Saleen Brightwell and Tiffany Ann Clark, both of Cass City.

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Ronald Long and Sara MacRae

Sara June MacRae and Ronald Douglas Long announce their engagement.

Ms. MacRae is the daughter of Bruce and Lois MacRae of Cass City. She is a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University. She currently is employed as a contract agricultural writer.

Long is the son of Douglas and Beverly Long of Clayton. He is a 1987 graduate of Adrian High School and attended Michigan State University. He is employed as a herdsman at Long Haven Farms Inc. of Clayton. The couple will be married Feb. 13 at Tipton Community Congregational Church in Tipton.

New books at the library

The Kidnapping of Aaron Green by Terry Kay: When Aaron Green, a lowly mailboy at a powerful downtown bank in Atlanta, is kidnapped it doesn't make a lot of sense. Neither he nor his parents are wealthy and yet the kidnapers demand a 10 million dollar ransom - and they expect the bank not the family to pay it. When the bank refuses to pay the ransom, Aaron is placed in the center of a storm of public outrage that engulfs the nation. Everyone is asking questions like "How much is the life of a nonentity like Aaron worth?" Meanwhile, in an environment he would never expect, guarded by people who care nothing for his ransom money, Aaron waits...

Easy Money by Jenny Siler: Just off Bainbridge Island a former top-ranking CIA agent mysteriously drowns. At the same time in Key West a drug runner is found with a bullet in his head. Then Allie Kerry arrives at a small bar in Seattle to pick up a computer disk. Moments later she finds the body of her contact dead in the bathroom. Suddenly Kerry is on the run. Someone is setting her up to take a fall. That someone knows what is on the disk and will stop at nothing to conceal the evidence of a terrible crime. To solve this mystery Kerry travels across the country and delves into some seedy and dangerous places.

Angels Flight by Michael Connolly: Attorney Howard Elias is found murdered at the foot of Angel's Flight, an inclined railway in the center of Los Angeles. Because of his lawsuits against the LAPD charging them with racism and brutality Elias is hated by nearly every police officer in the city. Harry Bosch is put in charge of the murder case and he knows that Elias's colleagues are the chief suspects. He also knows that the city is on the edge of erupting because of smoldering racial tensions. Bosch also has his own troubles. His wife has disappeared and he isn't sure if she has finally left home for good or she has fallen into a dangerous addiction. This problem shadows his work and makes a difficult case even more frustrating and dangerous.

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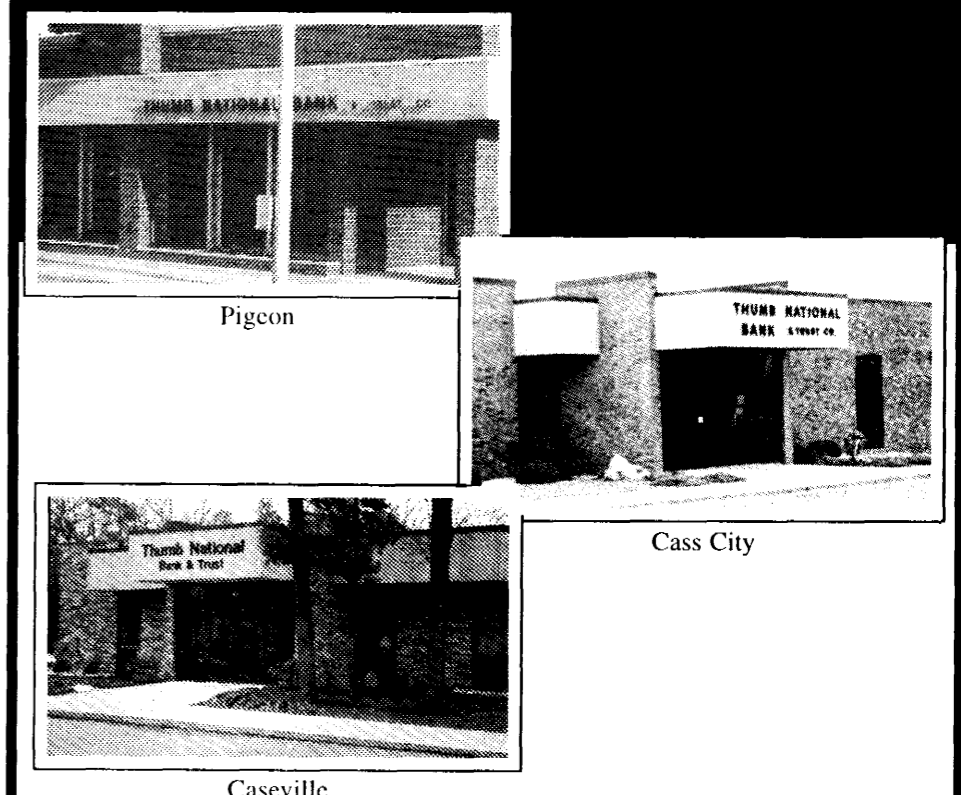
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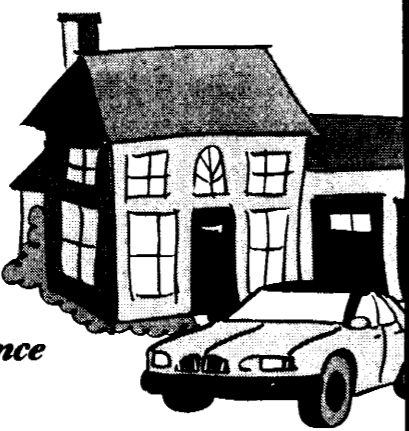
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CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

Hawk Claw-set



Showing support for your school is one of the most important things you can do for your community. Cass City students are letting their school colors fly and making some cash, too. Last year in Mrs. Dorothy Scollon's money management class, students were assigned to create a project that would make some money.

Three girls, juniors this year, Tara Wright, Kristie Haag and Liza Smith, thought that a school store would be a fantastic money maker.

The three ladies sent surveys though all of the English classes to students grades 9-12 to find out what the student body would be interested in purchasing in a possible school store. Most students wanted candy and various food items.

Since food is not allowed in the classroom, the school administration thought that would be a bad idea. They met with the administration numerous times to come up with a workable plan. The thought of selling clothing and other Hawk paraphernalia was brought up and recently that thought has become a reality. The "Hawk

Claw-Set" (closet) made its debut two weeks ago.

Over the summer a lot of hard work and time was put into building the school store. A chunk of Mrs. Scollon's classroom was given up where the store stands now.

"I think that having this school store become a reality is a great thing. It took a lot of my room away but I don't mind. I stored junk in there anyway," said Mrs. Scollon.

The money management class knew that it would take a lot of work to put the store together and a lot of time to work at it. This is where the student council got involved.

They are using the Hawk Claw-Set as a service project to the community. Members are required to work and help out. The finishing touches were put together two weeks ago for the grand opening during the boys basketball game against Bad Axe.

Stephanie Humpert, chairman of the Hawk Claw-Set committee, said, "If everyone takes their turn to work and help out, it will make things a lot easier. It takes everyone's help to make an idea like this get off the

ground."

The president of the student council, Marissa Sweeney, agrees. "We've been really busy helping put this store together. If everyone takes their part, everything will flow a lot easier."

If you forgot to purchase someone a gift for Christmas, I suggest running up to the high school and picking something up. There are many neat things available. Polo shirts, flags, hooded sweatshirts and sweat pants are only \$25. Cass City stadium blankets are \$35. Red Hawk license plates and license plate frames are available for only \$4. Pennants, key chains, mugs, seat cushions, photo albums, sweaters, pencils and pens are some of the many other items for sale.

It looks like the store is becoming a huge success. Last Friday at school I noticed Santiago Velez, one of our foreign exchange students from Colombia, sporting a new cool hooded Cass City sweatshirt. At the varsity basketball team's Christmas party, Tara McNeil, a senior, received a neat Cass City T-shirt in a Christmas drawing. She looked really excited when she opened it.

Freshman Derek Bellew said, "There is a lot of really nice material available. I saw a lot of neat stuff and some nice shirts." Take their word on it and go check things out.

The hours for the Hawk Claw-Set are 15 minutes in the morning before school and 15 minutes after school everyday. On Thursday's at lunch the store is open (11:30 to 12:00). At half time of the junior varsity boys games and half time of the varsity boys games you can take a look at the store. After the varsity game for 15 minutes the store will be open also.

Follow the signs posted in the school to find your way to the Hawk Claw-Set. Support your school and your community.

Fitness workouts offered

Looking to adjust for those excesses brought on by sumptuous Christmas dinners, candies and beverages? The Fitness Factory is the place to be.

The program is scheduled to start Monday, Jan. 4.

Available will be 2 workouts a week. Besides the Monday session, there will be another on Thursdays. Both are an hour long, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The course instructor will be Penny Skinner. The workout includes a warm-up and 25 minutes of energy routines that do not include jumping aerobics.

The class is for most ages and fitness levels, but is not for children.

Cost for the program that will be held in January and February is \$38 if attended one time per week and \$49 for attending 2 times a week.

The class will be offered at the middle school cafeteria.



ALISSA PASANT, president of the Cass City Middle School Student Council, presents a thank-you card from the council to **Bill Kritzman**, retiring owner of Kritzman's clothing store, for his many contributions to the school. The council also presented a card to **Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn**, Ben Franklin Store owners, last week.

Christmas Compost Project planned at recycling center

Send your Christmas tree back to nature with the Christmas Compost Project. Authorities at Tuscola County Recycling suggest that you complete the season by sending your tree back to nature by taking it in for recycling. Be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel.

For each Christmas tree that you bring to the drop-off locations, you will receive a coupon for a free tree seedling that you can pick up at the Tuscola County Conservation District's spring sale. Plant this free tree to replace the one you enjoyed this Christmas. Trees are a re-

newable resource that benefits everyone.

You may take trees to recycle Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to the Tuscola County Recycling Center at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro, or the Vassar City Hall Parking lot at 287 E. Huron St. in Vassar.



EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT - Seven-year-old Cody Nye sits next to the 3' tall stuffed raccoon he won Tuesday during an in-store drawing at Schneberger's in Cass City. Presenting the grand prize is store co-owner Russ Schneberger.

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Obituaries

George Cooklin

George M. Cooklin, 69, of Vassar and Bradenton, Fla., died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at his home after a long illness.

He was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Deford to Henry and Estella (Tallman) Cooklin. He married Coiene Cowles Nov. 3, 1962, in Brighton. Cooklin farmed until retirement. He then worked 8 years for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer. He served as director of the Tuscola County Fair Board for 20 years, was a 4-H leader for many years and served on many farm organization committees.

Surviving are his wife, Coiene; 6 children, Henry (Debbie) Cooklin of Earl Park, Ind., Henrietta (Scott) Shaw of Marlette, Robert Cooklin of Sun Rise, Fla., Sue Ann (Jim) Cszmadia of Carsonville, Jim Cooklin of Cass City and Stephen (Kathy) Cooklin of Yale; 9 grandchildren, and his mother, Estella Cooklin of Bradenton, Fla. He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Betty McCoon.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Mercer of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment will be in Ellington Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida or the family discretionary fund.

Edward "Ted" Froede Jr.

Edward Russell Froede Jr., 84, of Kingston, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, Christmas Day, in Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Sandusky.

He was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Kingston to Edward and Rosa (Curry) Froede. He married Marjorie Radloff Jan. 14, 1967, in Kingston. She died July 19, 1990.

Froede was a self-employed carpenter for many years and built many houses and worked on all of the churches in Kingston. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge in Kingston, now Caro Mt. Moriah Lodge 226, and was a member of Caro VFW Post 4164. He was also a member of the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are a sister, Emma Ross of Mayville, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, William

Froede, and sisters, Elizabeth Wenzlaff and Clara Berry.

Funeral services were held Monday in Kingston Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Kenneth Boileau, retired Wesleyan minister, officiating.

Interment was in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Jesus "Jesse" Salcido

Jesus "Jesse" Salcido, 88, of Gageton, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born in La Pieda, Mexico, July 1, 1910, the son of Thomas and Trinidad Padilla Salcido.

Salcido had been a trackman with Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. He retired June 30, 1979, after 35 years of service.

Surviving are 4 brothers, Anthony Salcido, Thomas (Donna) Salcido, Joseph (Regina) Salcido, all of Gageton, and John (Lucy) Salcido of Romeo, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Louis Salcido.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton.

Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to St. Agatha Catholic Church.

Frank Wolak

Frank J. Wolak, 85, of Kingston, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, at the Marlette Extended Care facility.

He was born Sept. 25, 1913, in Detroit to Zygmunt and Catherine (Ziobrom) Wolak. He married Josephine Todis Oct. 28, 1939, in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

Wolak was a dairy farmer and a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; 7 children, Kathryn Wolak of Lathrop Village, Thomas (Mary) Wolak of Vassar, Philip (Linda) Wolak of Mason, Francis (Pamela) Wolak of Clemson, S.C., Robert (Chris) Wolak of Bad Axe, Gregory Wolak of Peck and JoAnn (Bryan) Kurtz of Howell; 12 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Veronica Waryas of

Warren and Genevieve (Peter) Jamula of Wyandotte; 4 brothers, Joseph (Lillian) Wolak of Detroit, Anthony (Victoria) Wolak of Kingston and Henry (Josephine) Wolak of Kingston, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walt Wolak, and sisters, Sophie Gagel and Mary Wolak.

Funeral services were to be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Ruth Adamites officiating.

Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorials may be made to the Kingston School Scholarship Fund.

Willerton Wheeler

Willerton Ann (Willie) Wheeler, 72, of Sandusky, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.

She was born Sept. 24, 1926 in Tyre, Mich. to Duncan and Nona (Karl) McLean, and married James Alexander Wheeler on May 5, 1951, in Argyle.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle, and was active in the Altar Society. She was a Sanilac County Mental Health Family Support Board Member. Past treasurer of Chapter 48 Good Sam Club. She was a volunteer with the Horseback Riding for Handicapped-Freedom Riders. She was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Shabbona Bunco Club, and the Sanilac Intermediate School District Parents Advisory Committee.

Surviving are her husband, Alex Wheeler; children, Mary and Roger King, of Applegate; James Wheeler, of Snover; Paul and Bonnie Wheeler, of Snover, Dan and Jill Wheeler, of Sandusky; Emma and Mark Navarro, of Sandusky; Jerry Wheeler, of Sandusky; Richard and Diana Wheeler, of Decatur; nine grandchildren; one sister, Deanna and Richard Trepkoski, of Uby, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Coletta Farmer; three brothers, Wallace, Gerald, and Carl McLean.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle. Officiating the service was Fr. William J. Gruden.

Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Argyle. Memorials may be made to HRH Freedom Riders.

Arrangements were made by Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky.

Dean P. Sheckles completes Western Pacific deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dean P. Sheckles, foster son of Bob and Judy Smith of 3434 Pine St., Kingston, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Sheckles was one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, which returned to its home port of Everett, Wash., after leading the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group was comprised of 10 tactical squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Sheckles' ship aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. In addition, planes from the embarked air wing flew 1,855 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

During the deployment, Sheckles and crew members had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

While in Hong Kong, Sailors and Marines from Sheckles' ship participated in Project Handclasp providing humanitarian aid to a disaster relief organization, a school for the mentally

Kocan among volunteers

Diana Kocan of Cass City, a second-year dental hygiene student at Ferris State University, recently participated in an oral health outreach project in Muskegon County.

Lisa Costello spearheaded the program and solicited volunteers from her class to assist Dr. James Donley in the oral health promotion activity. Students traveled to Muskegon on a Saturday to provide oral health screening and education to children. The event was hosted by the West Michigan Children's Museum in the Muskegon Mall.

"This event was initiated and managed by the students, which demonstrates their commitment to the profession. The students were excited to take part in this community project and we were proud that they would give up a Saturday to be involved with their profession," said Linda Meeuwenberg, professor of dental hygiene.

handicapped and an international Christian school. In addition to providing food, hygienic items, toys, books and paper to the recipients, members of Sheckles' ship cleaned, repaired and painted buildings.

The 1987 graduate of Kingston Community High School of Kingston, joined the Navy in March 1988.



TUSCOLA COUNTY Farm Bureau members attending the MFB annual meeting were: Back row, Myron Ortner, Dorothy Keinath, Donald Keinath, Darwin Hecht, Raymond Laursen, Alice Starkey, Richard Starkey. Middle row, Otto Rodammer, Irene Rodammer, Leroy Schluckebier, Virginia Schluckebier, Viola Bierlein, Gordon Bierlein. Front row, Nancy Ortner, Diane Ballard, Sharon Laursen, Susan Hecht, Karen Goodchild.

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McLaren champion

O-G holds geography bee

Justin McLaren, an 8th grade student at Owendale-Gagetown Schools, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee Dec. 16 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 11th annual National Geography Bee. The bee was held under the direction of Connie Baranski and Joe Candela. Runners-up were: 1st - Fred Periso, 2nd - Jessica Covarrubias, and 3rd - Warren Hunt.

The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Bank One, which operates more than 1,500 banking centers in 12 states and is the largest credit-card issuer in the nation. This year, Bank One is giving each school that registers for the bee a one-year subscription to National Geographic magazine.

The kickoff for this year's bee was the week of Nov. 30, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including McLaren, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 9.

The National Geographic Society and Bank One will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship May 25 and 26. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals May 26. The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. A 10-country Gallup survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 1989 found that people in the U.S. ages 18 to 24 — the youngest group surveyed — knew less about geography than young people in any of the other countries in the survey.

The National Geographic Society, with 9 million members, has as its mission the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge." In addition to the National Geography Bee, the Society sponsors a number of other geography education initiatives, including summer geography institutes for teachers and the Geographic Alliance Network, which is currently working in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada.



WINNERS FROM THE Owen-Gage National Geography Bee are: (l-r) Warren Hunt - 3rd runner-up, Jessica Covarrubias - 2nd runner-up, Fred Periso - 1st runner-up, and Justin McLaren - winner.

4th grade honor roll

The Campbell Elementary School 4th grade honor roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

Nicole Baker, Brent Becker, Ryan Biddinger*, Dennis Bowen, Whitney Braun, Brandy Brown, John Brown, Daniel Buckbee, Sasha Cole, Brent Cooper, Alyssa Cryderman, Mirrissa Curtis, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekai*, Joey Daneault, Brian Dean, Chelsea DeLuyck, Jill Dillon, Brittany Dorland, Jeremy Farr, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz,

Jimmy Froede*, Travis Gere, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Jennifer Hadd, Brad Hartel, Danielle Hartel, Kyle Hartwick*, Jaclyn Hendrick, Kati Hill, Allison Hillaker*, Rachelle Hopper, Lauren Howard, Mark Hutchinson, Stephanie Jamieson, Andrew Jones, J.T. Ketterer, Ryan King, Meredith Kirn, Whitney Kirn, Lysa Knight, Galen Kuebli, Andrew

LaFave, Anthony Langlois, Ricky Lovejoy, Jimmy Luana, Andrew Martin*, Chelsea McCallum, Laura McComas, Kate Miller, Brandon Miller, Thomas Mittlestat, Kyle Monroe, Lindsey Montgomery, Monica Montreuil*, Deric Murphy, Adam Nerkowski, Megan O'Dell, Kevin Ouvry, Jessica Pachla, Lief Parr, Andrew Peruski, Kevin Phillips, Katelyn Pine, Jessica Pratt, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau*, Danielle Reed, Kyle Reif, Allie Richards*, Eric Romain, Ryan Ross,

Andrea Russell, Nick Sattelberg, Emily Schinnerer, Brad Severance*, Kane Smith, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Preston Stec, Michael Stevens, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Thane, Andrea Thane, Courtney Voss, Alex Walsh, Brent Weaver, Adam Wentworth, Tyler Whittaker, Leah Whittaker*, Jason Wilder, Ashley Wilmoth, Bobby Windsor*, Nick Woodruff.

* Denotes all A's.



OWENDALE-GAGETOWN junior high band members who recently participated in the MSBOA Jr. High Solo/Ensemble at North Branch are: (front l-r) Crystal Brown, Bridget Stirrett, Jessica Covarrubias, Tim Kain. Back (l-r) Julie Howard, Laura Enderle, Jonathon O'Harris, Ashley Pawlak.

Band members perform at North Branch MSBOA

Eight junior high band students from Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools participated in the MSBOA Junior High Solo/Ensemble held at North Branch High School Saturday, Dec. 5. The students competing and their ratings were:

- Crystal Brown - Flute Solo - 1.
- Jessica Covarrubias - Saxophone Solo - II.
- Laura Enderle - Drum Solo - 1.
- Julie Howard - Flute Solo - 1.
- Tim Kain - Bells Solo - 1.
- Jonathon O'Harris - Saxophone Solo - 1.
- Bridget Stirrett - Clarinet Solo - 1.
- Crystal Brown/Julie Howard - Flute Duet - II.
- Bridget Stirrett/Ashley

Pawlak - Clarinet Duet - II. The Owen-Gage bands are under the direction of Don

Starks. Mrs. Faye Errer provided accompaniment for the soloists.

Parrish, Smith sing at area churches

Roger Parrish and David Smith have been presenting the "ministry of word and music" in various churches during the Christmas season. Included were appearances Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at the annual fund raising program of Christmas music at the Catholic Church of Sandusky, where several area church choirs sang selections. Parrish and Smith sang duets of 2 original songs en-

titled, "Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells on Christmas Day" and "Christmas Bells are Ringing in the Chapel."

Other appearances were at the R.I.D.S Church of Sandusky, where Smith is an elder and minister, and at the Cass City St. Pancratius Church Monday evening, Dec. 14, when the 2 were dinner guests at the Council of Women's annual Christmas banquet and party at the church hall.

Smith led the singing of Christmas songs, accompanied by Parrish at the piano. Following the dinner, the group entered the church sanctuary, where the 2 men presented a program of original Christmas music of vocal duets and solos with Parrish at the piano. Also included were a duet of the traditional "O Holy Night" and a vocal solo by Smith of "The Holy City."

Another highlight of the program was the premiere presentation of a new Christmas song entitled, "This Child of Christmas", with words and music by Parrish. The 2 men have co-written several religious songs, with Smith being the lyricist.

Village police kept busy by grinch

Christmas grinch didn't take time off during the holiday week, according to reports filed with the Cass City Police Department.

Village police officers were summoned for a pair of larcenies from vehicles that occurred late Tuesday night, including one reported by Misty DeLong, 4263 Ale Street, Cass City.

According to DeLong, someone broke into her vehicle and stole a Motorola 2-way radio valued at \$600. The theft occurred after 9 p.m. Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

The same evening, a Motorola car phone was reported stolen at 6706 Third Street, Cass City.

Jon Zdrojewski reported that someone had stolen a Motorola cellular phone and

adaptor, valued at \$280, from his van that was parked unlocked in the driveway.

Also filing a report with the department was Heather Hewitt, an employee at Videomation, 6647 Main Street, Cass City.

Late Saturday night, Hewitt reported that a VHS tape valued at \$20 was stolen from the downtown store.

A damage report on Saturday was filed by David Luana, 4409 Brooker Street, Cass City. According to records, vandals threw a rock through a Plexiglas window at the residence around 10 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Cass City resident Charlotte LaPeer, 6805 Herron Drive, reported that someone swiped a 4' plastic Santa yard ornament valued at \$50.

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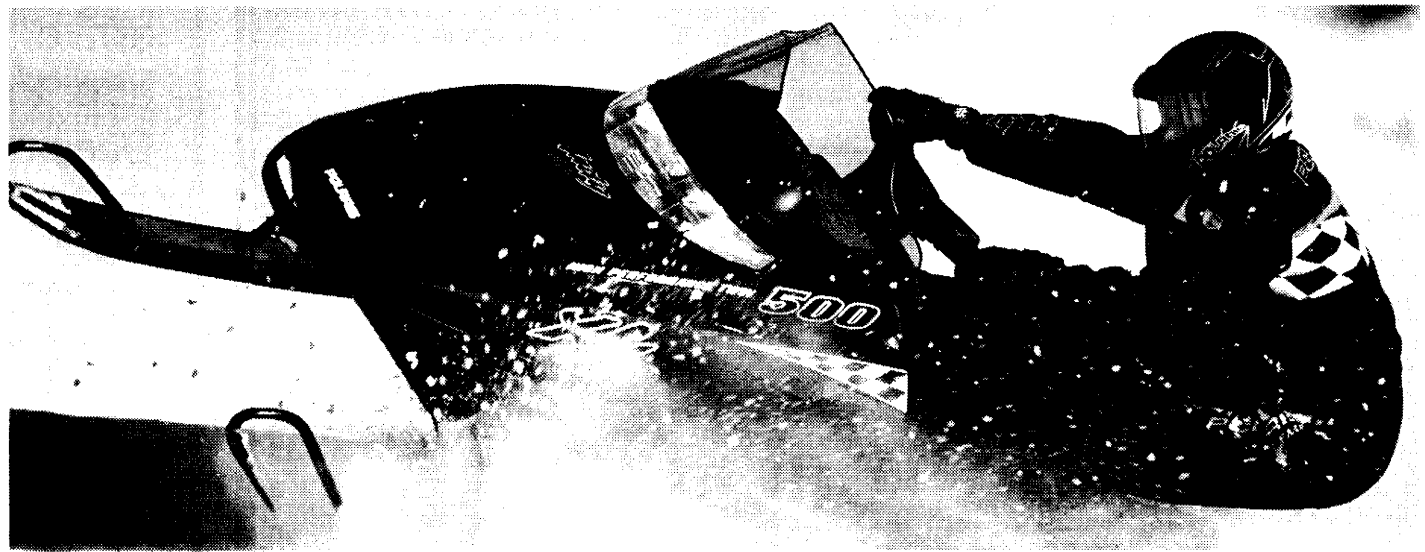
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With 70-51 win at Caro

Hawks earn M-81 travelling trophy

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	Pct
Cass City	2	1	.667
Reese	1	1	.500
EPBP	1	1	.500
Mayville	1	1	.500
USA	0	0	
BCAS	0	0	
Bad Axe	0	2	.000

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	Pct
Deckerville	2	2	.500
Brown City	2	2	.500
Sandusky	1	1	.500
Cros-Lex	1	1	.500
Harbor Beach	1	1	.500
Marlette	0	2	.000
Uby	0	2	.000
Yale	0	2	.000

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB

Team	W	L	Pct
Caseville	2	1	.667
Owen-Gage	1	0	1.000
Pick	1	0	1.000
Kingston	0	1	.000
North Huron	0	1	.000
CPS	0	1	.000
A-Fairgrove	0	1	.000
Port Hope	0	1	.000

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

EPBP at Harbor Beach
USA at Uby
Capac at Brown City
Finals of Holiday Tournament

It was sweet, so sweet, for Hawk fans because it was a long time coming and it came when Cass City entered the game and no player currently on the squad could boast of a win over their neighbors down the road.

Undefeated Cass City stretched its victory string to 5 with its decisive decision over previously undefeated host Caro Tuesday night, 70-51.

The win earned the Hawks the M-81 travelling trophy for the first time in the 4 years that it has been available. In addition, Heath Zawilinski, who scored 25 points, won the most valuable player in the game trophy.

Cass City played what Coach Jeff Hartel said was its best game of the season. Caro came out and sleepwalked through the first quarter and much of the first half and the Hawks raced out to a 17-6 first quarter lead and 30-18 advantage at the half.

The Tiger defense picked up the pace in the second half, but Cass City was equal to the challenge.

In the first quarter it was Dan Cuddie, who notched 3

quick hoops playing the point, and Craig Emmert, with 3 charity tosses in 4 attempts and a basket, that led the attack.

After that, Zawilinski took charge and kept the Tigers from closing the gap. He scored 4 hoops and a free throw in the second quarter to counter a balanced Caro attack.

Ty Stevenson and Tek Wiegert did their best to get the Tigers back in the game after the half. Stevenson opened the third quarter with 2 quick 2-pointers to close the gap to 8 points before Emmert countered with a 3-point play when he scored and was fouled.

Wiegert found the range and whipped in a pair of treys to push Caro to within 7 points midway through the period. But that was as close as the Tigers were to get.

Cuddie beat the Tiger press for 2 quick baskets and after Stevenson notched a 2-point, Zawilinski scored twice and Emmert added another hoop and the last real threat to the Red Hawk victory vanished as the Tigers trailed, 49-34, going into the last quarter.

Helped by Zawilinski's 12 of 15 shooting effort, the Hawks converted 30 of 43 shots for a red hot 70 percent. The percentage was probably helped as Cass City took only 3 shots from 3-point range and made one of them. The shooting average also was helped by several easy fast-break baskets that the Hawks scored as they beat the Caro press. One of those easy baskets was a 2-handed dunk shot by Zawilinski that brought the fans to their feet.

Caro hit 20 of 46 shots for 43 percent and 7 of 17 treys for 41 percent.

Hartel pointed to a fine job that Emmert did in the center on defense. He blocked 3 shots and perhaps intimidated twice that many. It was our best defensive game of the season, the coach added.

While Cuddie handled the ball on about every possession while he was in the game, he did commit 9 turnovers. Balancing that number, which Hartel feels is far too many, were his 5 assists, 2 steals, 4 rebounds and 17 points.

Caro with 14 points each.

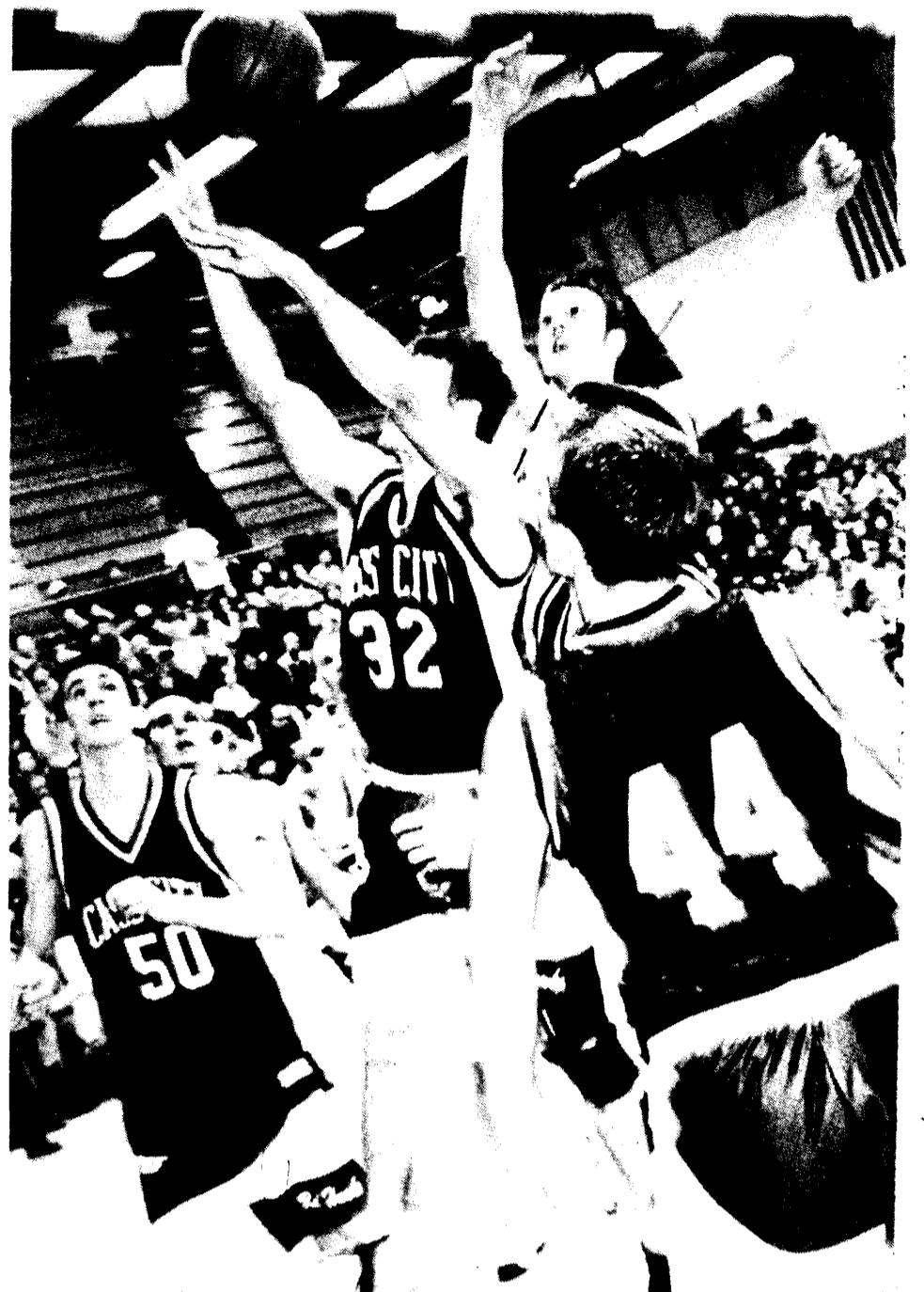
TEST AHEAD

While the victory over Caro was pleasant for Cass City fans, Hartel is far from complacent about the games ahead. While the Hawks will be heavy favorites to sweep by Marlette Tuesday, Reese promises to be a major test for the Hawks in their quest for a Greater Thumb West game Friday.

What the Hawks hope to avoid is a letdown like the one experienced last year when they started 10-1 and went 3-6 the rest of the season.

CARO - Osborn 0-1 (0-0) 3; Sala 2-0 (0-0) 4; Holder 0-1 (0-0) 3; Wiegert 1-4 (0-0) 14; Johnson 0-1 (0-0) 3; Grice 2-0 (0-0) 4; Stevenson 5-0 (4-4) 14; Lewtschany 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 13-7 (4-4) 51.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 5-1 (4-4) 17; Wright 3-0 (0-0) 6; Zawilinski 12-0 (1-4) 25; King 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Goodall 3-0 (0-0) 6; Emmert 4-0 (4-5) 12.
TOTALS - 29-1 (9-13) 70.



CASS CITY'S NICK King puts up a shot Tuesday during the Hawks' 70-51 non-conference win at Caro. Waiting for a possible rebound are Hawks Craig Emmert (50) and Bill Goodall.

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Men's high game: K. Schott 229
Women's high series: J. Meredith 554
Women's high games: J. Meredith 238, Donna Witkovsky 192, Lori Ondrajka 188
High Team series: Leftovers 2088
High team game: Leftovers 818

Game: D. Potrykus 573 & 269.
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High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 2410 & 819.

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Dec. 13

Sugar Makers 21
The Kids 19
Gophers 16
Try Hards 14
Sheridan Rollers 13
Sometimeers 13
High Rollers 12 1/2
Town & Country 11 1/2
The Blind Team 9
Hicksville, U.S.A. 10

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Middle School Honor roll

The Cass City Middle School Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

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6TH GRADE

Raechel Babich, Chancy Balk, Jessica Bellew, Britany Brinkman, Tasha Bryant, Sean Cole, Matthew Cronk, Adam Czekai, Patricia Dale, Danielle Dohn, Zach Dorland, Scott Duquesnay, Allison Ellis, Brandon Fenton, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, John Guc IV, Andy Hass, Caleb Hanby, Ryan Hartwick, Michael Havens, Marcel Helland, Bryan Hill, Carrie Hillaker*, Krista Homakie*, Paul Hoelzle, Jenna Hoffman, Elizabeth Hoxie, Jessup Hoyt, Lee Hutchinson, Corey Johnson, Rose Krug, Luann Laming*, Bethany Langlois, Milton Jay Lester, Stacy McCallum, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Timothy Mills, Daniel Mittlestat,

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BULLDOG SENIOR Joe Salcido beats Port Hope's Mark Iseler to the basket Monday during Tom Thumb Tournament action in Owendale. Salcido scored 7 points in the host's 54-46 victory.

Bulldogs advance to Tom Thumb tourney title game

Coach Leon Westover's Owen-Gage Bulldogs raced to an early lead Monday night during the opening game of the Tom Thumb Tournament in Owendale and then held on for a 54-46 win over Port Hope.

The Bulldogs will now meet undefeated Caseville tonight (Tuesday) for the tourney title at 7:30 p.m. Carsonville-Port Sanilac, who suffered a 62-38 loss to the Eagles in Monday's late game, will face Port Hope in the consolation game slated to tip-off at 6 p.m.

Owen-Gage will need to match their fast start with Port Hope if they hope to upset Caseville (5-0), who has proven worthy of lofty pre-season accolades.

The Bulldogs used a 14-5 scoring edge from the opening whistle to help hold off a late scoring rush by Blue Star Mark Iseler, who recorded game scoring honors with 23 points.

With just over a minute remaining in the opening frame, Iseler took control of the visitors' offense by connecting on his first of 4 shots from behind the 3-point arc. The junior guard then ended the scoring for the guests in the period with a 10' jump shot that narrowed the Bull-

dogs' advantage to 16-10. Iseler used back-to-back steals that resulted in easy lay-ins and another trey to draw Port Hope to within a point, 20-19, before a pair of old-fashioned 3-point plays led to a 3-point Blue Star lead at the break.

Sophomore Nick Warack and junior Derek Howard each scored on fast break opportunities late in the half that led to a Bulldog 26-21 margin. However, Port Hope was able to run off the final 9 points of the half that included consecutive hoops and accompanying free throws by Casey Eggert and Randy Zick that put Port Hope on top for good in the initial half that ended 29-26.

The 2 schools swapped leads 10 times during the 3rd period until Bulldog Joe Salcido's breakaway lay-in gave the hosts a 41-40 lead they would never surrender.

Salcido and senior Justin Anthes scored the hosts' final 14 points entering the closing frame that contained the team's only triples on the night. Anthes, who led all Bulldog scorers with 14 points, gave the Bulldogs a 39-38 lead when he freed himself beyond the 3-point arc on an Owen-Gage inbounds play under their own

basket. Salcido matched Anthes' shot from downtown to close out the period that put the Bulldogs in front 46-42 with 8 minutes remaining in the contest.

The Blue Stars (0-4), who lost 10 days earlier to the Bulldogs, 53-46, in North Central Thumb League play, elected to allow the hosts to remove time off the clock in the final period.

After a Terry Miller basket sliced the Owen-Gage margin to 48-44 midway through the final quarter, Coach Mike Murphy's squad allowed the hosts to hold the ball for nearly 2 minutes in the front court without any defensive pressure.

The strategy was spoiled by Bulldog Chad Mellendorf, who poured in the final 3 fields goals from in the paint for the winners with under 2 minutes remaining and sealed the win.

Mellendorf finished with a dozen markers for the winners, while teammate Warack added 8. Bulldogs Joel Bolzman and Joe Salcido split 14 markers.

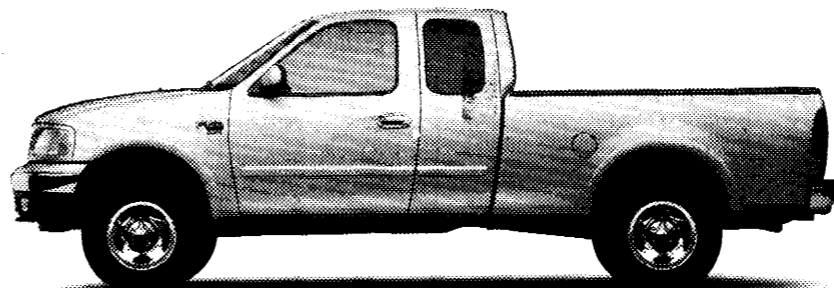
Port Hope received 8 points from Zick, Eggert added 5 points, and Cliff Roggenbuck and Terry Miller each chipped in 4.

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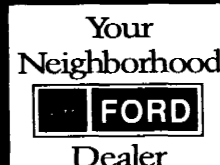
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