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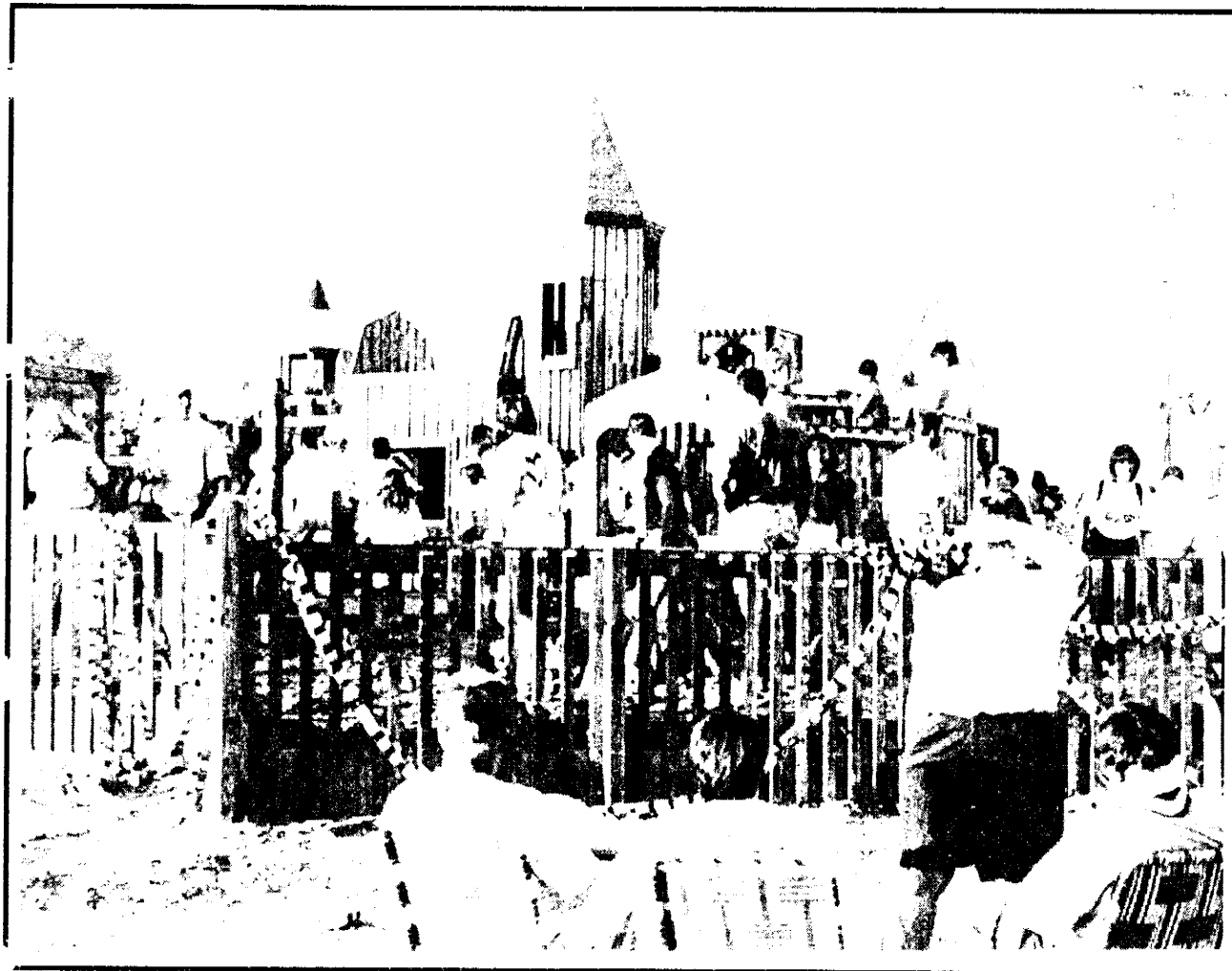
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PAULA LeValley (left) and Kate VanAuken share a tearful embrace Sunday during the ceremony dedicating Cass City's new playground, which was erected by hundreds of community volunteers in just 4 days. The \$100,000 playscape, located adjacent to the Cass City Early Childhood Center, covers some 12,000 square feet. (Photo spread, page 16)

Kids initiate new playground

Tears, hugs mark dedication

A cast of hundreds - literally - put together a production in Cass City last week that would have won rave reviews had it been a play or musical.

The players came in droves; young and old, some experienced in construction, others not so experienced. But all shared a common purpose, driven by a community spirit that would make many towns envious.

In less than 5 days, the volunteer workers transformed a virtually vacant lawn into an impressive 12,000-square-foot playground that

area children and their families will be enjoying for many years to come.

The project proved to be an emotionally lifting experience, so much so that there was a sense of sadness among organizers and volunteers alike when the work was finished.

"It's been a long 9 months. (But) this has been one of the best experiences for me and I think for a lot of other people," Paula LeValley, co-general project coordinator, said during an emotional dedication ceremony early Sunday evening.

"We've been told a lot of things since we started this, and one of the things we were told was this will change your lives, and it definitely has.

"We've had so much fun hanging out together, and we're going to miss that. The friendships have been wonderful," LeValley said. "It's also been wonderful seeing so many new faces."

One of the positive things that came out of the "Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb" playground project, she added, was a renewed sense of belonging among those in the community who rolled up their sleeves and put in hours at the construction site, doing everything from operating routers and saws to caring for volunteers' children.

"We belong here and we belong together, and it's a good feeling," she said. "Let's try to keep that feeling and keep it going in town."

\$15,748.40 in restitution. He was also ordered to undergo mental health counseling and enroll in an adult education program.

Cass City police say Edgin and 3 other defendants were responsible for some \$10,000 in damage to the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant March 9. The vandalism included destruction of a 1989 village-owned pickup truck that was used to ram a gate, fencing and structures at the plant.

The break-in conviction stems from an April 16 burglary at an Agri-Sales plant just south of Cass City that involved the theft of tools.

Cass City Village President L.E. Althaver lauded the volunteers and project organizers, many of whom put in 14 hours a day during the construction period, which began last Wednesday and was wrapped up a day early on Saturday.

"I just want to say how proud all of us who couldn't be with you are of what you accomplished," he said. "It's a tremendous accomplishment."

The volunteers' efforts

didn't go unnoticed by more than 100 children who anxiously lined up, single file, as LeValley and fellow co-general project coordinator, Kate VanAuken, drove in the last 4 screws on a sign at the entrance of the playground. The pair cut a ceremonial paper chain, created by the children and draped around the entire playscape.

Then they moved aside as excited youngsters rushed in to explore their new play area.

Planning for the \$100,000 playground began last January, when local organizers held some public information meetings and decided to build a playscape with the help of the nationally known firm of Leathers and Associates.

Leathers specializes in community playscapes and has designed a number of playgrounds throughout the state and beyond. All have a common bond - they are collaborative efforts involving architects, the community and children, and all depend on community involvement at all stages, from design to actual construction by volunteers.

The Cass City playscape, which is yet to be named, was designed with the help of hundreds of local students, who met with architect Dennis Willes during a special "Design Day."

The result was a unique playground featuring a host

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Jury convicts Deford driver in teens' deaths

A Deford man charged in the deaths of 2 Kingston area teens last November was found guilty on 2 counts of negligent homicide Thursday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A jury deliberated for about 2 hours before delivering the verdict against Richard A. Hampton, 37, 1205 Phillips Rd., following a 4-day trial. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Hampton was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 29 at 8:30 a.m.

Hampton was originally charged with second degree murder in the deaths of Joshua Earl Kratz, 15, and Jeffery Allen Randall II, 13. However, the jury instead

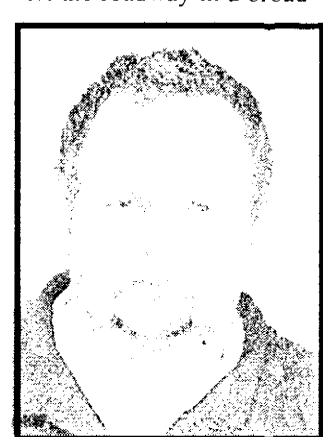
convicted him on the lesser charge of negligent homicide. The panel also had the option of finding him guilty or innocent of involuntary manslaughter.

The charges stem from a Nov. 14 accident on Phillips Road, one-half mile north of Deckerville Road in Novesta Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Hampton ran out of his home, jumped into his van and chased a vehicle occupied by the teens after a family member witnessed the youths smashing his mailbox.

Hampton chased the car, driven by Kratz, on Phillips Road north to Mushroom Road, then east for a short time before both vehicles

turned around and headed west, where investigators said Hampton rammed the car with his van, causing Kratz to lose control. The car left the roadway in a broad-



Richard Hampton

side skid and struck a tree. Police reports state both vehicles were traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour just prior to the crash.

Kratz and Randall, both students in the Kingston Community School District, were pronounced dead at the scene. A backseat passenger in the car, Keven Smith, 15, Kingston, survived the crash.

Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mark Reene indicated he would have liked to have seen the jury convict Hampton of a more serious offense.

"I think we're certainly disappointed for the families of the boys (who were killed)," he said. "What it still comes down to... is a \$5 mailbox and what conduct is acceptable when your mailbox is damaged."

Second degree murder is punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, and manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of 15 years plus another 15 years if the individual is classified as a habitual offender.

Reene pointed out Hampton is a habitual offender. However, the maximum penalty he faces for the negligent homicide conviction is 2 years in prison plus 2 more years for having prior felony convictions.

"Part of the problem is, even though he has 5 prior felonies, under Michigan's Habitual Offender Law, we were only able to use 2 of those prior felonies to enhance his sentence," Reene explained.

Reviews mixed on new "repeat offender" law

A new state law slated to take effect Oct. 1 targets motorists who repeatedly drink and drive and/or drive with a suspended or revoked license.

The new "Repeat Offender" law is designed to make it easier to take bad drivers off the road - permanently in some cases. But Tuscola County law enforcement and court officials say they aren't certain how much of an impact the tougher rules will have locally.

Under the new law, a police officer that stops a driver with 2 or more drinking and driving convictions or 3 or more licensing suspensions must confiscate and destroy the motorist's license plate. The license plate will then be replaced by a paper sticker in the window until the driver's case is concluded in court.

Out-of-state, rental, tribal and international plates will not be confiscated.

Autos can be ordered off the road and immobilized by court order. If the order is violated, the vehicle can be seized.

In addition, the new law changes the way drunken driving offenses are tabulated.

Currently, a driver isn't charged with felony drunken driving until he commits his third offense within a 10-year period. Under the new law, any type of drinking-related offense, including impaired driving or a zero tolerance violation by an underage driver, will count toward a felony. In other words, any 2 prior convictions will make the third conviction a felony.

Drunken driving is punishable by up to 90 days in jail for the first offense, one year for the second offense and up to 5 years for a third offense.

Beginning June 1, the Secretary of State will cancel and deny vehicle registration for anyone with a third drunken driving conviction or a fourth suspension.

The new law also provides for enhanced penalties - prison terms of 5 to 15 years - for motorists who drive on a suspended license and are involved in an accident that results in injuries or death.

Reactions to the tougher rules have been mixed, although area law enforcement officials see the law as a step in the right direction.

"I'm all for tougher legislation in drunk driving laws. The message has to be clear that this society no longer tolerates drinking and driving," Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern said.

At the same time, he added, more needs to be done in terms of seizing vehicles under the state's drunken driving forfeiture law.

"I think our judges and prosecutors have to be tougher about taking their (offenders') vehicles. You (go for) somebody's pocketbook and that's how you get them."

"I think it will have some impact. It remains to be seen exactly how much of an impact," commented First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander

of the Michigan State Police post in Caro.

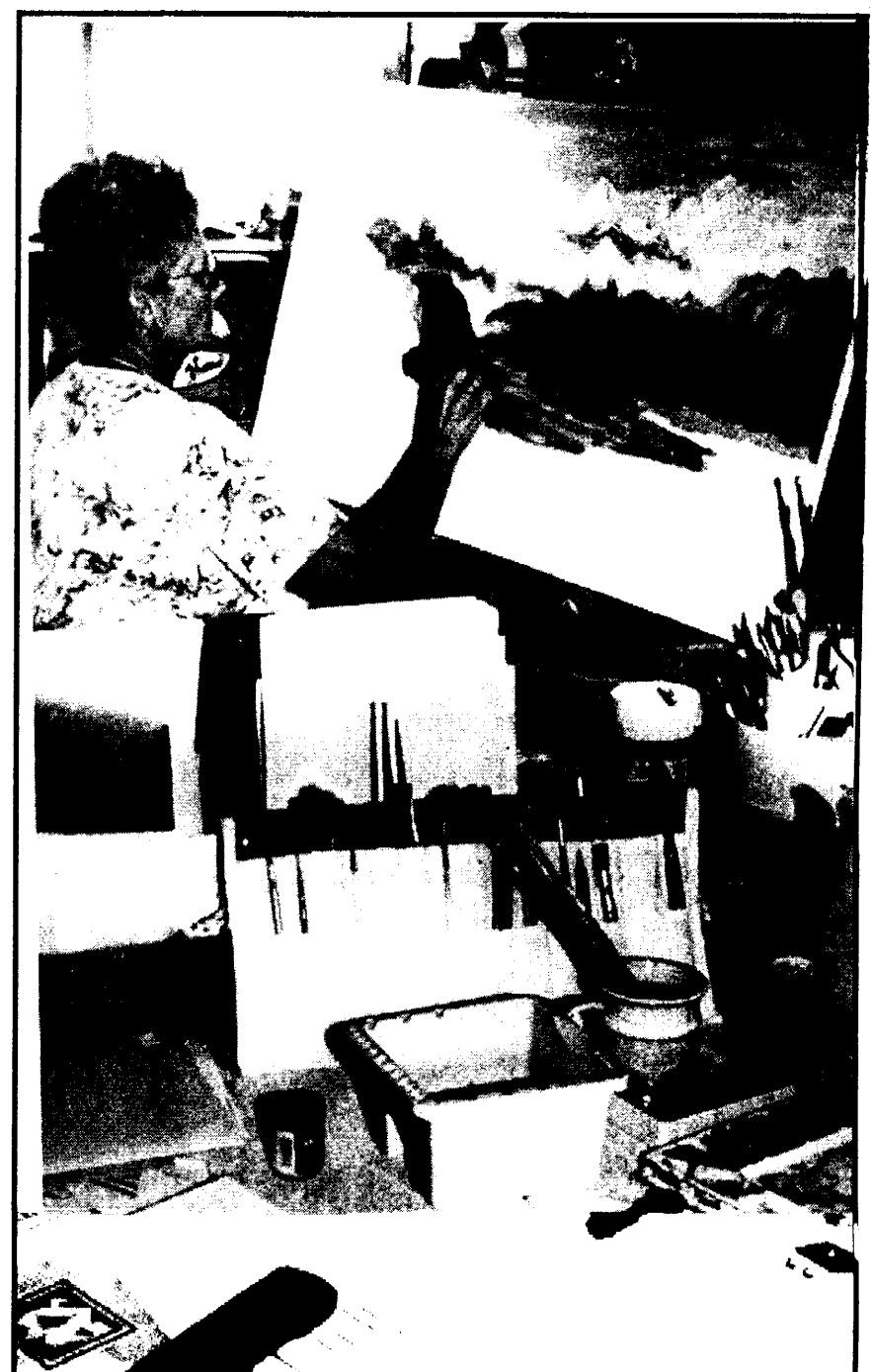
"Like a lot of others in law enforcement, I'd like to see it even stricter than it is, but it's a starting point," said Lautner, who questioned the reasoning behind allowing drivers to repeatedly violate license suspensions before taking them off the road.

"Why are we waiting until you're suspended 3 times? If you're suspended, you're not supposed to be driving."

Under the new law, the de-

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Artists return to Kingston



RUTH ANN Mersino is looking forward to serving as host of the second annual Falling Leaves Art Festival, which drew some 1,000 art lovers last year. Mersino, herself an artist, is expecting 30 artists from the Thumb and beyond to participate in this year's show, slated for Oct. 9 and 10. (See story, page 5)

Edgin faces jail time, \$15,748 bill

A Cass City man will spend one year in the Tuscola County jail for his roles in a damage spree at the village's wastewater treatment plant and a break-in at a Cass City area business last spring.

Steven C. Edgin, 21, was sentenced Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court for his pleas of guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building and malicious destruction of a building, resulting in damage estimated at \$1,000 to \$20,000.

In addition to jail time, Edgin was ordered to serve 36 months of probation and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,060 plus



Heather and Kevin Smith

Smith, Reeves exchange vows

Kevin Smith and Heather Reeves were married May 16 in a chapel at Mordecai Historic Park, Raleigh, N.C.

An open house for family and friends was held at the couple's apartment following the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Larry and Darlene Reeves of Raleigh. Parents of the groom are Russell and Janet

Smith of Decker.

Best man and matron of honor were Blaine and Michelle Buxton of Overland Park, Kan. Flower girl/ring bearer was Sheila Kolakowski, niece of the groom.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World in Florida and now reside in Raleigh, N.C.

Engaged



Michelle Kelly & Rick Salcido

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Dale Kelly of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Rick Salcido, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Regina Salcido of Gagetown.

The bride-to-be is employed with Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company and the groom-to-be is employed with Walbro Corporation, Cass City.

An October 1999 wedding is planned.

It's a boy!



Jason Dean Whittaker

Born to Dean and Sandi Whittaker of Rockford Aug. 19, 1999, a son, Jason Dean. He weighed 11 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by a sister, Oliva Grace, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Doug and Diane Jordan of Linden. Paternal grandparents are Wayne and Evelyn Whittaker of Cass City.

Cousins are Eric, Kurt, Bradley and Kyle Hanby of Cass City and Emily, Benjamin and Jacob Crothers of Grand Rapids.



That rings a bell

by Melva E. Guinther

Most of us are familiar with the story of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame", but there's a sequel you may not be so familiar with.

It seems that after the hunchback, Quasimodo's, death, the bishop of the Cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed.

The bishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin the screening process.

After hearing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he had decided to call it a day, when an armless man approached him and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job.

The bishop was incredulous. "You have no arms!" "No matter," said the man, "Observe!" And he began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon.

The bishop listened in astonishment, convinced he had finally found a suitable replacement for Quasimodo. But suddenly, rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below.

The stunned bishop rushed to his side. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only

moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, "Bishop, who was this man?" "I don't know his name," the bishop sadly replied, "but his face rings a bell."

Wait! There's more.

The following day, despite the sadness that weighed heavily on his heart due to the death of the armless campanologist, the bishop continued his interviews for the bell ringer of Notre Dame.

The first man to approach him said, "Your Excellency, I am the brother of the poor armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday." I pray that you will honor his life by allowing me to replace him in this duty.

The bishop agreed to give the man an audition, but as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest and died on the spot.

Two monks, hearing the bishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side.

"What has happened? Who is this man?" the first monk asked breathlessly.

"I don't know his name," sighed the distraught bishop, "but he's a dead ringer for his brother."

Bridal shower held for Wima Mayer

A bridal shower was held for Wilma Mayer Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11. It was

given by her aunt, Judy Elliott, and her mother, Karen Fritz, at the home of her grandmother, Wilma Ashmore.

Guests came from Lewiston, Prudenville, East Tawas, Rosebush, Ypsilanti, Saginaw, Bay City, Caro, Deford, Auburn and Cass City.

Games were played and a lunch was served after the guest of honor opened her gifts.

Her fiancé is Jeremy Neff of Rosebush.

An Oct. 2 wedding is planned.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Fahrner of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Fahrner of Traverse City, to Jon See Jr. of Bellaire, son of Ms. Kathy See of Sandusky and Mr. and Mrs. Jon See Sr. of Harbor Beach.

There will be a millenium spring wedding May 20, 2000 in Sandusky. The couple will ring in the new millenium together in the Bellaire area.

It's a girl! 26 members attend U-M women's meet



Riley Joe Klein

Riley Joe Klein was born at 3:45 p.m. July 30, 1999, at Covenant Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Jason and Keri Klein.

Grandparents are Joe and Wanda Santos, Marvin Klein, and Leslie and Don Kanyak.

Great-grandparents are Glen and Millie Miracle, Bud and Jerry Klein, Joseph Santos Sr. and Betsy and Bruce Farver.

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Wednesday - Golden baked chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, variety bread, mandarin oranges.

Friday - Not available.

It's a girl!



Tiffany Marie Morgan

Tina Giddings and Jason Morgan announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Marie Morgan. She was born June 14, 1999, weighing one pound, 13 ounces.

She was finally brought home Sept. 14 at the age of 3 months and weighing 4 pounds.

going to the Building Fund. The Rummage Sale held the week of August 16 was a success and "left-overs" were distributed to various charities.

The Methodist cookbooks will be sold at Coach Light Pharmacy and at the Friendly Harvest Store.

The slate of new offices was presented and will take office in 2000.

Bible Study will commence Sept. 22 at 10:30 with study of interpretation of the Bible. The program was presented by Laura Bryant with a video on Indonesia.

The next meeting will be Oct. 4, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program on World Missions.

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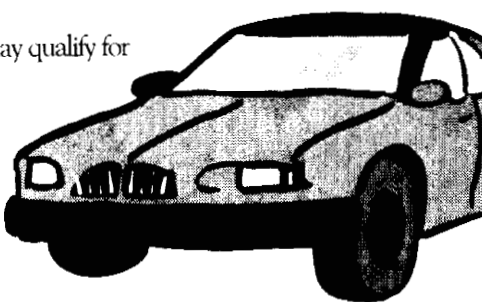
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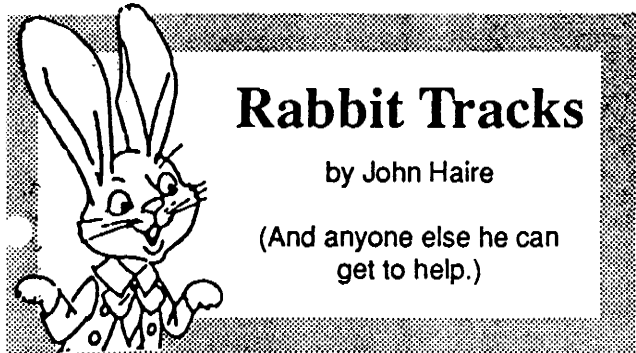
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

There are sure signs that fall is here. The leaves are turning, school is in full swing and the last 2 pies prepared by the Shabbona Methodists have left the freezer.

The cupboard won't be bare for long. Already the dates for his year's production crew have been selected. The apple corps has been alerted and this year's crop will be available - mid-October.

Don't know if the Shabbona ladies were the first core (pun intended) group to produce pies, but it's a money-raising event that is prevalent in the Thumb. Sandusky and Pigeon are among the communities that have sold pies as a principal money raiser in the fall.

During the first 8 months of this year, 156 people have died in Michigan fires, up 27 from the same period last year. Thirty of the victims were children under the age of 10. This year Tuscola and Huron counties have escaped a tragedy. Two deaths from fires occurred in Sanilac County.

Authorities say that the chances of dying are cut in half with working smoke detectors in the home. The key word is working. About a third of the detectors in homes aren't working. How about yours?

Several residents have told me that I should visit Boon's on Lake Inn, 7208 Secor Road, Traverse City. The most enthusiastic supporter that I recall is Dave Hoard.

What sets the restaurant apart for many is the huge steaks that are available, ranging from about a pound to the giant 8-ounce size.

Although it's not on the menu, my wife's inquiry did result in her purchase of a "mini" 8-ounce filet mignon. Cost: \$13.50. My 16-oz T-bone was \$16.95. With drinks, no dessert, the bill was \$37.52, plus tip.

The place is big and busy. Everything is large size, my colelaw dish was big enough for at least 2 persons and the baked potato jumbo size.

Nothing is fancy. If you like steak with special sauces and added touches not available most places, Boon's, for me, didn't fill that bill.

Give it a 10 for size, a 7 overall, on the one to 10 scale.

The Weather

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(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

220 producers sign up to join edible bean co-op

The Michigan Edible Bean Cooperative steering committee has announced that the cooperative's membership drive hit its goal by the Sept. 15 deadline.

The committee had set a goal of 200 memberships and has obtained more than 220 memberships from Michigan dry edible bean producers.

Jim Sattelberg, chairman of the steering committee,

stated, "The committee is pleased with the results. The commitment shown by the producers indicates their strong desire to add value to the Michigan dry bean crop."

The steering committee has contracted with the consulting firm of Senechal, Jorgenson, Hale and CO, Danvers, Mass., to explore new opportunities in the dry bean food business. The

study was funded through a grant from the USDA Rural Development Agency. Representatives of the consulting firm will be visiting with the steering committee in late September to review their initial findings.

Based on the results of the market study, the committee will determine the future course of the project.

In addition to obtaining the desired number of memberships, each new member committed \$700 to the Innovative Farmers Cooperative Development Fund. This fund will be used to help investigate and develop the dry bean venture, as well as other projects in the future. Those farmers who have joined the Innovative Farmers by contributing to the Cooperative Development Fund will now be eligible for future endeavors.

For more information on the Michigan Edible Bean Cooperative or the Innovative Farmers effort, contact the MSU Extension-Project Office in Bad Axe at (517) 269-6099.

Woman suffers minor injuries in car crash

A Waterford woman suffered minor injuries in a 2-vehicle accident last week in Cass City.

Cass City police reported the mishap near the corner of Main Street and Doerr Road Sept. 14 at about 11:45 a.m. Roconda L. Benjamin, 30,

Cass City, told police she was driving westbound on Main Street when an east-bound vehicle driven by Zachary J. Glaspie, 16, Cass City, turned south in front of her and the vehicles collided.

A passenger in the Benjamin vehicle, Arlene Smith of Waterford, complained of minor injuries, but declined medical treatment, according to reports, which state Glaspie was cited for failure to yield.

Township to host open house

Evergreen Township officials will host an open house this weekend to showcase their new township hall.

The event is scheduled for Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The township hall is located at 5414 Shabbona Rd., Decker.

The new, \$114,000 facility replaces an aging hall used by the township for many years. Officials estimated the old building was constructed in the early 1900s.

Township officials looked to voters last fall to help fund construction. A 2-mill levy for one year was subsequently approved.

The new township hall has restrooms, is fully handicap accessible and has a paved parking lot.

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It isn't often that I agree with the Mackinac Center For Public Policy. It's an ultra conservative organization, death on unions and a robust supporter of privatization of schools and other tax-supported organizations.

The Center is quick to point out the increased costs to the taxpayer for public buildings that require union scale labor and strongly urges rescinding the law that makes it mandatory. The Center's analysis never talks about the help that the law brings to working families and its ripple effect that increases the wages for workers not unionized.

Two releases from the Center crossed the desk last week. The first attacked unions again and the second blasts the use of public money to subsidize private companies.

While we have reservations about the release about the unions, the story about public money for private industry rings a bell.

The Center cites the grant of \$650,000 to subsidize a cross-lake ferry service between Muskegon and Milwaukee. There is already ferry service from Ludington to Manitowoc, Wis. that operates without tax money.

The Lake Michigan Carferry was started and maintains a valuable service at a time when ferry service was all but kaput on Lake Michigan. It survives because management has upgraded service and made it a fun trip. It operates without taxpayer help.

The state's public universities are targeted by the Center for competing with private business in computer sales, florist shops, hotel and conference centers, sign making, golf courses, printing, packaging and hearing aid clinics. These and other

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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School funding is a long-standing problem for rural communities. Nearly every day we read about schools eliminating sports or shutting down the buses for lack of funds.

Taxes are always a disagreeable subject, but I don't think I'll ever vote against a school levy. That's because I'll never forget the days of my youth and the school I attended.

It was a good school for that era, and we had some good teachers; but we would have learned more in better facilities.

I grew up in the days when schools were made of brick and plaster. The floors were wooden and sounds carried from one end of the building to the other. Insulation was unheard of.

To top it off, each kid had a big pair of clodhoppers or cowboy boots to clomp around in. Class changes sounded like The Wave at a professional football game.

I don't know how schools are constructed in the Netherlands, but a kid with wooden shoes would have closed down St. Paris Elementary.

The walls in our school were pretty thin, too. A kid that was really bright, and had good hearing, could complete 3 grades at once — without leaving his seat.

Reading was taught by phonics in those days. My third grade teacher was an

expert at this.

Mrs. Lambert (not her real name) was a little bit deaf and could shout "A - E - I - O - U" in such a way that 3 janitors learned to read by the sounds coming from the third grade room.

The first thing we learned at my school was the ABCs. Some kids learned the whole alphabet, but most of us just got our ABCs.

The same time the first graders were learning the ABCs, Mrs. Lambert was giving the third graders their A - E - I - O - U's. If you were standing in the hall or the cloak room, you listened to "A - E - I - O - U - W - X - Y - Z" until you couldn't remember which grade you were in.

Mrs. Lambert didn't understand farming — and was

fond of saying, "You farm kids won't ever have to worry about jobs or money. When you need some food, all you have to do is go out and kill a pig."

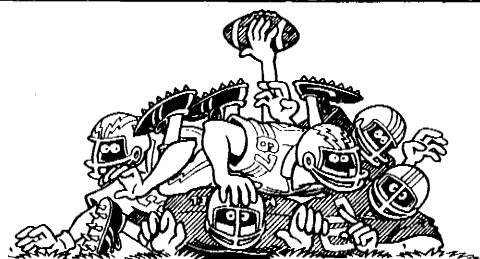
I can remember standing in the hall, listening to a second grader reading, "Run, Spot, Run!"; when suddenly from the third grade Mrs. Lambert shouted, "Go kill a pig!"

Each time I enter a polling booth to vote on a school levy or a bond issue, I think about my old school. Some folks vote for levies because they want a band room, or a new gymnasium, or more computers.

Others want a bigger library and new books. I'm in favor of all those things.

But most of all, I'd like to see some nice, quiet rooms with good insulation.

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It was just over a year ago the Board of Education became aware that there was no immediate alternative usage for the old school building. So rather than see it deteriorate and become a safety hazard, it was removed. But the east annex, as we know, was saved and renovated into a wonderful facility for our pre-school and kindergarten programs. In order to provide the children with a playground, the Board allocated \$30,000 to develop one for them. This then sparked an idea in a few community members to build a much larger play area for our kids. The Board approved this idea and hence we have a beautiful new creative playscape for the children of our community. This wonderful play area will be open to the public, just like the all-weather running track, for community usage.

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, September 22

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Lyle and Marilyn DeRousse. Scavenger Hunt Sept. 20-25. Pick up list of clues at Rawson Memorial Library beginning Sept. 20 or get them from the Sept. 22 issue of the Cass City Chronicle. Barn and farm memorabilia display at municipal building through Sept. 30.

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

Old-fashioned Barn Party, 4-7 p.m. at the Shagene Farm, 6760 N.Cemetery Rd., 4 1/4 miles north of the stoplight in Cass City.

Monday, September 27

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont. Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Mersino ready for art festival

30 artists, big crowd expected Oct. 9, 10

When Ruth Ann Mersino and some friends began talking about hosting their own art festival, they had a simple plan: create a friendly, entertaining atmosphere for area artists — both veterans and up-and-coming talents - to sell their works.

The idea was to organize a show without the restrictions and rules in force at conventional shows.

The fall art festival proved popular beyond their dreams. "It really flabbergasted us," Mersino said of the inaugural Falling Leaves Art Festival held on the grounds of Mersino's scenic 20-acre spread southeast of Kingston. "We expected 300 or 400 people, and there were over 1,000. They were standing at the door waiting to get in."

Mersino said this year's show, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9 and 10, will feature 30 artists - twice the number who participated last year. They include artists from Lansing, Saginaw, Atlanta and Tawas, as well as Marlette and Mayville. Also featured will be Mersino as well as Mabel Caverly, another Kingston resident, and Deford's Joe Hillaker.

The artists will showcase their talents in some 30 different categories, from wildlife art, carvings and decoys to birdhouses, basket weaving, ceramics and copper sculpture.

"The artists participating are doing special works just and exclusively for this show; the customer will find them nowhere else this year," Mersino said.

"This is a one-of-a-kind show, for the artists have done all the arranging, marketing and advertising themselves. They are the promoters of their own work, so with this idea in mind, they have organized to promote each other as well," she added.

"With the idea of self-promotion has come the innovation of having a small number of booths and trying hard not to duplicate the categories and types of art and crafts on display. These

ideas have sparked great attention throughout the state and it brings their customers from all corners of the state."

Originally from Lake Orion, Mersino is an accomplished wildlife artist and art instructor who has been creating various artworks for 2 decades. Her works have been featured on the covers of Michigan Outdoors and Waterfowl USA magazine. She has been a featured artist 3 times in Ducks Unlimited, and this year placed fifth in the Michigan Duck Stamp Competition.

"I've been doing shows for 20 years, and 2 of my friends, especially, have been talking about it (organizing a show) for years - that if we had a show of our own, we would set up our own rules and try to help some up-and-coming artists," she said.

Mersino and her friends, Debbie Keene of Lapeer and Theresa Politowicz of Howell, promptly began planning the first Falling Leaves Art Festival, which was so named because of the

time of the year and, Mersino pointed out, because "we're 'falling' away from the norm" when it comes to art shows.

"The whole idea is to come together and enjoy each other's company and to sell our art. We want to be free to express our art in a tasteful way without any restrictions."

At the same time, the area artists strive to offer customers a wide range of artworks at prices to suit everyone's pocketbook.

"There's a little bit of everything, and the price range is going to be \$2 and up," she said. "Our thinking was to give everybody the experience of being with top artists with a full range of prices. Not everyone can afford a \$1,200 painting."

The art show has drawn support not only from artists, but also from businesses in surrounding communities, according to Mersino, who said an area youth group will be on hand selling cider and pop.

A 2 dollar admission will be charged, and each paying customer will receive a drawing ticket that will allow

them to be a contender for one of the pieces of art to be drawn every 2 hours throughout the show. In addition, there will be light refreshments.

"Bring the children, for there will be a special booth

for face painting, pumpkin art and yo-yo balloons," Mersino said.

Residents can find the home of Mersino and her husband, Stan, about 4.5 miles south of M-46 at 5855 S. Cemetery Rd. Internet surfers can learn

more about the show at www.fallingleaves.8m.com.

Mersino indicated she's looking forward to having a "full house" at this year's art show, which has proven to be a fulfilling venture in her own life.

"It's always been my dream to have my own show with my own rules, and to have the freedom to help other artists."



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Volz attends AAL seminar

Charles Volz, Cass City, an area agency specialist/computers for Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), attended the 1999 Professional Excellence Seminar offered by AAL in Chantilly, Va., Sept. 10-12.

The seminar featured sessions by several of AAL's most successful district representatives. Presentations covered topics such as building long-term relationships with customers, activity management and sales ideas.

Volz joined AAL's field staff in 1992 and is with the Anthony Golden Agency of AAL, Frankenmuth. Volz serves Lutherans and their families in Bach, Caro, Cass City, Fairgrove, Sebawaing and Unionville.

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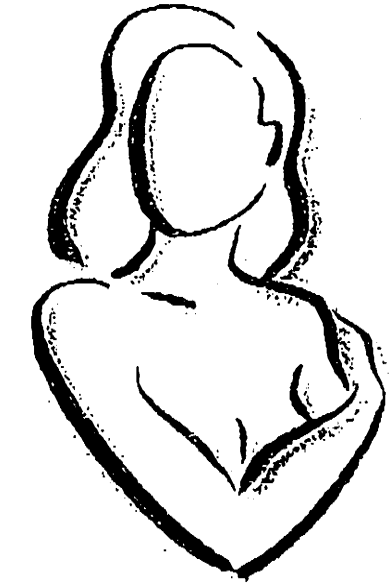
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O-G cagers lose pair

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs suffered a pair of losses last week to North Central Thumb foes, but the schedule gives them an opportunity to climb in the standings and improve their present 1-3 record in the league.

The Bulldogs bowed to one of the league leaders, Kingston, Tuesday, 51-26, and then fell to Caseville Thursday, 44-39. The losses moved Owen-Gage into a tie with North Huron for sixth place in the league, and a game behind Caseville. But the next 2 games on the schedule will be Thursday at North Huron and Tuesday at home in a return match with the Eagles.

A big second quarter that featured some excellent free throw shooting by the Eagles was decisive in the narrow Bulldog loss. After a slow start for both teams in the first 8 minutes, Owen-Gage edged in front 8-5. Then Caseville went ahead to stay

OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehm 0-0 (1-2) 1; A. Ziehm 2-0 (0-0) 4; Fritz 1-1 (1-2) 6; Adams 0-0 (2-2) 2; Enderle 1-0 (2-4) 4; Salcido 4-0 (6-12) 14; Lemanski 1-0 (6-10) 8.
TOTALS - 9-1 (18-32) 39.

CASEVILLE - Ross 4-0 (0-3) 8; Redford 2-2 (4-6) 14; Quinn 4-0 (8-10) 16; Error 2-0 (0-1) 4; Shedd 1-0 (0-2) 2.
TOTALS - 13-2 (12-24) 44.

OWEN-GAGE - M. Ziehm 2-0 (1-5) 5; Fritz 3-0 (0-2) 6; Enderle 1-0 (0-1) 2; Salcido 4-0 (1-4) 9; Lemanski 4-0 (1-2) 9.
TOTALS - 11-0 (4-16) 26.

KINGSTON - Jobson 7-0 (3-4) 17; Harneck 0-0 (1-4) 1; Davis 2-0 (2-6) 6; Hill 0-0 (2-2) 2; Jones 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hunter 1-1 (0-2) 5; Brzezinski 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. King 1-0 (3-4) 5; Collins 3-0 (3-4) 9.
TOTALS - 17-1 (14-26) 51.

KINGSTON GAME

Kingston continued its quest for a successful defense of its league crown Tuesday by posting a convincing victory over Owen-Gage, 51-26, and remained undefeated in the young season.

The Cardinals jumped off to an early lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Paced by Jen Jobsen with 8 points, Kingston went in front 11-8.

The second quarter just about decided the affair as the Cardinals used balanced scoring to score a dozen points and the Bulldogs went stone cold, netting only a basket by Enderle and a charity toss by Salcido.

Leading 23-11 at the half, the Cardinals widened the lead with 13 points in the third quarter, with Kate Collins assuming the scoring leadership with 6 of her 9 points for the night. The Bulldogs netted just 6 points on hoops by 3 different players.

For the night, Salcido led with 9 points and as many rebounds. Kingston's Jobsen led all scorers with 17 points and she had plenty of help from her teammates as 8 others Cardinals scored.



OFF AND RUNNING is Cass City's Jaime Fluegge during Thursday's Greater Thumb West conference cage battle in Sebewaing. Fluegge tallied 6 points in the Hawks' 45-36 defeat.



HIGHLIGHTING THE OWEN-GAGE half-time ceremonies Friday was the crowning of the 1999 homecoming queen (center) Melanie Lemanski. Chosen king was George Janssen.

Hawks suffer GTW defeat at Sebewaing

The race for the title in the Greater Thumb West league appears to be a wide open affair and if the Hawks are to be a contender, a win Thursday against Reese will be essential. Pending Tuesday's results of a game at Marlette, the Hawks have a 4-2 record. Unfortunately, both losses are in league play.

The second loss was administered by the USA Patriots, 45-36, Thursday. The defeat gave the team a split in league games last week. Tuesday Cass City rolled by Bad Axe, 45-34. Coach John Maharg says that the team needs to take better care of the ball to be successful. We had 23 turnovers in one game last week, he points out, and many were unforced.

While sophomore Sara Homakie was a one-woman scoring machine for the Hawks with 19 of the team's 45 points, Maharg stressed that the steady play of the squad's seniors was also instrumental in the win. Lindsey Gaszczynski, Melissa Homakie, Andrea Walsh, Alyssa Glaspie and Brooke Ouvry were cited by the coach.

The game was decided in the first period when Cass City jumped off to a 14-5 lead on balanced scoring, led by Deidra Deering and Sara Homakie each with 2 field goals. Cass City led at the half, 23-16, and at the end of the third period, 33-22.

The team improved dramatically at the free throw line, where it has struggled since the start of the season, converting 5 of 7 chances, including 4 for 4 in the final quarter.

Leading the rebounding for Cass City with 8 each were Sara Homakie, Brooke Ouvry and Ashley Ouvry.

The second quarter proved disastrous for Cass City at USA. The Patriots broke open a tight game in the quarter when the Hawks' defense gave up its largest point-to-

Hawk golfers win

In games last week, the Hawks rolled to a win in a league meet, topping the Lakers at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 162-174. Nick Chappel was medalist with 39. Other Hawk scores were: Matt Ender, 40; Brent Goslin, 41; Chris Maharg, 42; Joel Brinkman, 44; Derek Bellew, 45. Chris Heron and Josh Rosenthal, each with 43, led the Lakers.

Wednesday at Verona Hills in Bad Axe, Harbor Beach defeated the Hawks 176-179. Matt Stanke of the Pirates was the medalist with 40. Coach Dr. Paul Chappel said that it was a disappointing loss for Cass City because the aim of the team was to shoot in the 160's.

Goslin posted the best round for the Hawks with a 42. Other Cass City scores: Ender, 46; Brinkman, 44; Chappel, 47; Bellew, 47; Maharg, 55.

The Hawks' next match will be Monday at home against the Hatchets. Friday the team will compete in an invitational at Vassar.

Cass City Bowling

CHARMONT LADIES	
Live Wires	8
Dee's M.P. Rockets	7
J.B.'s Crew	7
Dott Manufacturing	6
Apria Healthcare	4
Cable-ettes	3
Cass City Tire	2
Wild John's	2
Team # 7	1

High Team Game: Apria Healthcare 1024.
High Team Series: Live Wires 2952.
High Series: N. Davis 501, D. Gornowicz 500, T. Avery 497, B. Watson 477.
High Games: D. Gornowicz 178, E. Roman 178, N. Davis 178, T. Avery 175, S. Hutchinson 171, K. Daniels 171.

MERCHANETTES Sept. 16

Health Mart Pills	8
Osentoski Trucking	5
LaFave Steel	5
Caro Chiropractic	4
J.B.'s Crew	4
Thumb Auto Wash	3
Hills & Dales Hospital	3
Adamczyk Masonry	3
All Season Rent-All	2
Detroit Edison	2

High Games: D. Hicks 213, J. Lapp 198, T. Ridge 191.
High Series: D. Hicks 537, C. Smith 522, S. Hutchinson 510.
High Team Game: Osentoski Trucking 666.
High Team Series: Osentoski Trucking 1889.

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BASKETBALL	
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Team	W-L
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USA	1-0
Cass City	1-0
Mayville	1-0
Reese	1-0
Bad Axe	1-0
GREATER THUMB EAST	
Team	W-L
Brown City	1-0
Sanduski	1-0
Deckerville	1-0
Harbor Beach	1-0
Cris-Lex	1-0
Marlette	1-0
Yale	1-0
Uby	1-0
NORTH CENTRAL THUMB	
Team	W-L
Pack	1-0
Kingston	1-0
CPS	1-0
Caseville	1-0
A-Fairgrove	1-0
Owen-Gage	1-0
North Huron	1-0
Port Hope	1-0
THURSDAY'S GAMES	
USA at Bad Axe	7:00
BCAS at EPSP	7:00
Vassar at Mayville	7:00
Reese at Cass City	7:00
Cris-Lex at Brown City	7:00
Marlette at Harbor Beach	7:00
Yale at Uby	7:00
Sanduski at Deckerville	7:00
Caseville at A-Fairgrove	7:00
Owen-Gage at North Huron	7:00
Port Hope at Kingston	7:00

Cass City Bowling Leagues

MERCHANTS LEAGUE	
All Season Video	8
T Furness Builders	8
Hollywood & Vine	7
S S Builders	7
Charmont	7
New England Life	6
Triple R	6
R H Body Shop	5
Trisch Septic	4
Wickes	2

High Series & Games: R. Koch 685 (233-248), C. Anthes 667 (216-246), J. Beyette 659 (223-232), J. Langenburg 653 (211-215-227), G. Robinson 648 (216-232), B. Rutkoski 646 (258), J. Storm 641 (234), T. Pattingill 640 (214-228), S. Nauka 612, M. Putnam 608 (238), P. McIntosh 600 (211), R. Hull 598 (224), D. Shannon 598 (213), B. Anthes 596 (225), R. Wright 592 (223), D. Hyatt 588 (213), J. Finkbeiner 587 (212-214), M. Lutz 585, R. Doerr 582, T. Humes 224, M. Jackson 224, K. Desimpelare 222, C. Gruzowski 219, S. Kelley 211, J. Krol 211.

High Team Game: Hollywood & Vine 1048.

High Team Series: Charmont 2973.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Sept. 16	
Marlette Oil & Gas	7
Babich Farms	7
Mycogen Seeds	6
Thumb Auto Wash	4
Schmaltz Construction	4
New England Financial	4
BICC General	3
Generaly Low	3
Cass Tavern	2
Terra	2
Martin Electric	1

High Series & Games: B. Rutkoski 690 (244-233-213), G. Robinson 683 (234-211-238), D. Roth 639 (255), Doug O'Dell 634 (246-210), S. Osentoski 619 (263), Duane O'Dell 618 (216), W. Northon 598, D. Hyatt 589, D. Miller 575 (213), J. Krol 237, D. Beecher 223.

High Team Series & Game: Cass Tavern 1901 (725).

FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE Sept. 17	
Wildcats	21
The Family	16
Ghost	15
Rolling Thunder	12
Easy 7	12
Bye	8

Men's High Games: Tom S. 222, Jeff N. 172, Thomas A. 168.
Men's High Series: Tom S. 546, Thomas A. 443, Jeff N. 439.
Women's High Games: Bonnie W. 181, Shirley A. 179, Patti M. 178.
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Hawks lose VanVliet in 35-0 loss at Reese

In a season that has been dismal at best, the Hawks' chances of rising up off the floor in their homecoming game Friday received another knockout punch when Bryce VanVliet suffered an injury that will sideline him for the game and possibly for the remainder of the season.

Added to the loss of the Hawk quarterback and top defensive back will be the homecoming foe, the USA Patriots, undefeated and ranked number one in the state in Class C by one of the Detroit media polls.

In the Hawks' 4 losses this season, no team has dominated like the Reese Rockets did Friday while walking away with a 35-0 decision. The winners held the Hawks without a first down in the first quarter while scoring a pair of touchdowns.

The first touchdown came on a pass from Jimmy Hayward to Doug Gruber, who was all alone behind the Hawk secondary and scored untouched at the 7:19 mark. Earlier in the period, Gruber was also behind the secondary on an identical play but dropped the ball.

Jason Mackenzie made it 7-0 with the first of 5 successful extra point kicks.

The second Reese touchdown of the period, at the 3:55 mark, came when fullback Andy Rasmussen went 60 yards to score.

The Rockets made it 21-0 in a drive that started on their own 42 and was capped when Rasmussen broke around left end for 30 yards and the touchdown.

Behind by 3 touchdowns, Cass City still staged its best series of the half, registering 3 first downs and moving from its own 26 to the Reese 25 before stalling.

The Rockets took over and promptly drove 68 yards to score on Rasmussen's 2-yard plunge.

Rasmussen added a 72-yard run late in the third quarter to wrap up the scoring for the night.

The Hawk defense was led by Ryan Ouvry with 21 tackles, 7 unassisted, and Matt Frappert, 15 tackles, one unassisted. For Reese, Rasmussen and Tom Maczick each had 9 tackles. Chris Ziehm netted 43 yards for a 3.6 average gain per run to lead the Hawk offense.

JV LOSSES

The Hawk junior varsity was also decisively beaten by the Rocket JV, 31-0.

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First Downs	11	13
Rushing attempts	38	40
Rushing yards	94	340
Passes complete	5	3
Passing attempts	8	7
Passes intercepted	1	0
Passing yards	30	52
Fumbles	1	0



NOWHERE TO run - Cass City runners, including junior Tim Dooley (12) found little running room against the Rocket defense Friday night. Reese blanked the Red Hawks, 35-0.

Kingston spoils O-G homecoming with 45-14 NCTL win

For awhile Friday, although briefly, the Owen-Gage Bulldogs stood toe-to-toe against the visiting North Central Thumb League's defending gridiron champions.

But the Kingston Cardinals reeled off 26 unanswered points during the game's middle 2 frames, dampening the homecoming festival in Owendale with a lopsided 45-14 victory.

"Sometimes you play a team that is just better than you," said Bulldog Coach Joe Candela. "That was the case Friday."

The Bulldogs (1-1 NCTL) will have a hard time returning to the win column anytime soon. Schedule markers now have Owen-Gage facing the NCTL football leaders Saturday in an afternoon meeting at Peck (4-0 NCTL).

Elsewhere in NCTL action, undefeated Kingston (3-0 NCTL) will seek their 5th win of the season when they host Carsonville-Port Sanilac this Friday for the Cardinals' own homecoming tilt.

The Bulldogs gave their homecoming crowd a lift by marching the opening kickoff 60 yards to pay dirt. Matt Rogers recorded the TD with an 11-yard pass reception from quarterback Derek Howard.

It didn't take Kingston long to strike back, however, as Jeremy Rayl scampered 63 yards on the Cardinals' first play from scrimmage to even the score at 6-all. Rayl would finish the night with 157 rushing yards on 9 totes.

Following Rayl's score, the night belonged to Coach Mike Rea's Cardinals.

Senior Nathan Bruce put the visitors on top for good when he closed out the scoring in the initial frame with a 25-yard pass reception from Josh Presnell.

It then was the Cardinals' ground attack that would extend their edge to 26-6 at the intermission with a pair of 2nd quarter scores.

Brent Barrows, who collected 116 yards on 12 carries, recorded the first of his 2 markers on a 5-yard run to open the period prior to the break, while Presnell ended the initial half scoring with a one-yard plunge with just 52 clicks remaining on the clock.

"Kingston's a tough team. We were just out-manned. Our defense couldn't stop their offense," said Candela.

Kingston added 3 consecutive scores in the final half to complete the rout.

Barrows broke loose from mid field to open the 2nd half scoring, while teammate Tyler Lyon scored on runs of 8 and 15 yards.

Owen-Gage's Ryan Fritz would account for the hosts' final score on a 5-yard run. Nathan Kain added the 2-point conversion.

"I was pleased that we moved the ball well and our kids didn't give up," said Candela.

Kain handed in a personnel best performance, gaining 168 yards on 18 carries and adding another 83 yards on 3 pass receptions.

Defensively, the Bulldogs had Earl McKee with 3 solo tackles and 11 assists. Richard Papkey and Rogers split 2 solo stops and added 6 and 7 assists, respectively.

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	BCAS at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
	Brown City at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Brown City	Harbor Beach	Brown City
	Caro at North Branch	Caro	Caro	Caro	Caro
	USA at Cass City	USA	USA	USA	USA
	C-PS at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
	Cros-Lex at Marlette	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex
	Millington at Essex.-Garber	Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington
	NBW at Dryden	NBW	Dryden	Dryden	NBW
	Owen-Gage at Peck (9/25)	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
	Buena Vista at Lakers	Buena Vista	Lakers	Buena Vista	Buena Vista
	Yale at Ubly	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale
	Vassar at Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
Last week's results	8-5	7-6	8-5	6-7	9-4
Season's Results	30-21 (59%)	31-20 (61%)	35-16 (69%)	31-20 (61%)	38-13 (75%)



KINGSTON'S JEREMY Rayl slips the tackle of Owen-Gage's Nathan Kain.

Read Meg's Peg, page 2

Thanks Friends!

To all the people that helped on the food committee during the playground build --- donators, volunteers, churches, civic groups, fellow committee members, Paula & Kate.

Thanks for the memories,

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STANDINGS AND RESULTS

FOOTBALL

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	T
Bad Axe	2	0	0
USA	2	1	1
EPBP	2	1	1
Mayville	1	1	1
Reese	1	1	1
BCAS	0	3	0
Cass City	0	3	0

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	T
Cros-Lex	2	1	1
Yale	2	1	1
Brown City	2	1	1
Deckerville	2	1	1
Sandusky	1	1	1
Harbor Beach	1	1	1
Ubly	0	3	0
Marlette	0	3	0

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	T
Kingston	2	0	0
Peck	2	0	0
Owen-Gage	1	1	1
CPS	0	1	0
A-Fairgrove	0	2	1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Bad Axe 17, EPBP 14			
Reese 35, Cass City 0			
Mayville 31, BCAS 22			
USA 43, W-Preseott 0			
Ubly 20, Marlette 18			
Cros-Lex 42, Harbor Beach 8			
Deckerville 20, Brown City 16			
Yale 14, Sandusky 6			
Peck 26, A-Fairgrove 6			
North Huron 34, NBW 28			
Kingston 45, Owen-Gage 14			

SATURDAY'S RESULT			
Ashley 42, CPS 0			

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Congress ponders amount of direct payment for farmers this fall

Congress is trying to decide how much additional money to pour into farm coffers this fall to shore up some of the worst farm gate prices in decades for some commodities. Current statistics show that farmers are getting less for their crops and livestock than it costs to produce them. For example, corn is selling for about \$1.75 per bushel. On average, it costs \$2.56 to produce. Soybean prices are around \$4.20 per bushel; the cost of production is \$5.26. Hogs are selling now for about 40 cents a pound but cost around 58 cents a pound to grow to market size. Congress is expected to approve at least another \$7.6 billion in direct payments to farmers this fall. More federal money could appear next year — most agricultural

economists see little chance of much higher farm market prices in the next few years. David Schweikhardt, Michigan State University Extension agricultural economist, says the national net farm income for the 1999 calendar year is projected to be \$43.8 billion, about \$300 million below the 1998 level yet near the decade average of \$45.5 billion. About \$6 billion of this year's net farm income comes from the federal appropriations made in the last calendar year. That amount is in addition to the loan deficiency payments that will be made on the major row crops this year. Total direct federal payments to farmers will reach \$16.6 billion in this calendar year, which amounts to around a third of

the total 1999 national net farm income. "Without the government payments, the national farm income picture would be far more grim than it is now," Schweikhardt says. Though there appears to be a turnaround in the making in the world economy, which would brighten prospects for farm exports and improved farm income, it will be measured in years rather than months. This is the second consecutive year for a massive federal infusion into the farm economy — in 1998 the amount was \$12.2 billion — and with prospects for economic improvement expected to take years, the question is whether Congress will ever find a permanent fix for the Freedom to

Farm concept. "The situation needs to be looked at as a 3-part problem," Schweikhardt says. "Congress will have to decide what to do for the 1999 crop year, then for 2000 and 2001, and finally, the farm programs when the farm bill is rewritten in 2002." He says nothing can be done for the 1999 crop year except to try to staunch the financial erosion by increasing Agricultural Market Transition Act (production flexibility contract) payments, making disaster payments and perhaps giving retroactive discounts on crop insurance. In the next year and the year following, the options may include raising loan rates, reinstating a form of

supply control or a similar combination. "When we get to 2002, I think we are going to have a wide open debate about all these programs and what they should be like in the future," Schweikhardt says. "Should we return to a mechanism that controls supply and price (such as the farmer owned reserve or land set-aside programs) or something radical like a farmer savings account or an expanded revenue insurance program? Those alternatives will be on the agenda in 2002, but I don't see them being discussed until the farm bill is rewritten." About \$450 million worth of pickles and pickle products is made each year.



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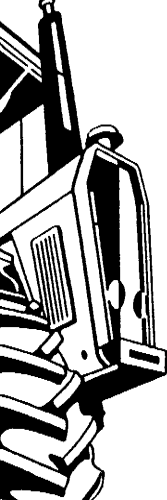


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


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(Pick up a set of clues at Rawson Memorial Library, Sept. 20, or find them in the Sept. 22 issue of the Cass City Chronicle. A drawing for prizes will be held Sept. 25 at the Barn Party)

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BARN DAZE SCAVENGER HUNT

Participant's Name _____

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Oscar after Oscar, They said it was the best. I couldn't see it then, Now I'll see it for less.	Pink, white, stripes or blue. A shade, a shutter, tints & hues. Don't hang around, There are no more clues.	Potato, buffalo, poker, golf, wood, cedar, chocolate.....
Pat, Pat, he's our man. Get us rolling in style, Like no one else can.	This location began in 1910 by local ladies. Originally tucked beside the fire hall, the leaves turned to a new location.	The camera was busy, We can't wait to see. Done so quick we get dizzy, And for just a small fee.
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My desk is a mess, I can't find a thing. I must confess, I need binders with rings.	My TV's on the blink, And no chair to sit in New "stuff" in a wink And the owners are kin.	Fresh or dry - doesn't really matter. The sight and smells will soothe and keep me from being sadder.

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We would like to thank the many community volunteers, more than 1000 strong, who came out to work during the 5 days of construction. You were willing to work long hours and returned many times throughout the build to help our community realize its dream.

We would like to thank the civic groups, churches, restaurants and individuals that provided meals for the volunteers. The community spirit that was shared under the food tent will not be forgotten.

Finally, to the children of Cass City, it is for you that this playground was built. You gave your ideas to the architect and many of you even worked during the build. For all of your encouragement and enthusiasm, we thank you.



The Kingston 1999 Homecoming King and Queen candidates are (l-r) Melissa Riggen, Ethan Dereszynski, Mandi Montei and Dana Jones. Missing are Nathan Bruce and Kevin Clinesmith.



The court members for the Kingston 1999 Homecoming are (front l-r) Chanda Kelley, Jason Randall, Coren Crane and Philip Szczygiel, (middle l-r) Candice Boyle, Ryan Michalski, Lydia Rowinski and Dan Seddon, (back l-r) Jackie Hockstad, Larry Mack, Misty Waun and Casey Sears.

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The Edge by Catherine Coulter: FBI Agent Ford "Mac" MacDougal is recovering from injuries received in a terrorist car bomb attack when his sister, Jilly, a medical researcher, drives her Porsche off an Oregon cliff - presumably on purpose. Even though he is in a hospital bed on the other side of the country, Mac feels like he is in the car with her when it drops into the ocean. When Mac gets to Portland, Jilly is out of the coma, but after spending only a few hours with her brother, she disappears without a trace. Mac sets out to find her and gets a different story from everyone he talks to. Mac is joined by FBI agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich in searching for his sister as well as in an attempt to solve the puzzling murder of an elderly man. Somehow these 2 crimes are connected and the 3 FBI agents get involved in a mysterious situation as they try to find Jilly and solve the murder.

Jupiter's Bones by Faye Kellerman: World-renowned astrophysicist and professor, Dr. Emil Euler Ganz, disappears without warning. Ten years later he reappears as "Father Jupiter", the founder of a pseudoscientific cult called the Order of the Rings of God. After ruling this cult with an iron hand for 15 years, Father Jupiter is found dead, a fifth of vodka and a bottle of pills next to his bed. When LAPD detective Peter Decker and the homicide squad go into the cult to investigate they are met with stiff resistance. Father Jupiter's 4 "attendants" are especially hostile and when some cult members turn up missing they blame the police for their disappearance. The situation goes from chaotic to violent and the members of the cult are in danger, including the many children, as Decker and his crew try to sort out and solve the mysteries of deaths and kidnappings.

The World Must Know by Michael Berenbaum (nonfiction): This book documents in pictures and in writing the human stories of the Holocaust, from the families who received sudden orders to report to the train stations for "resettlement in the East" to the Nazi officials who determined who would live and who would die and to ordinary citizens, like those in the village of LeChambon-Sur-Lignon, France, who risked their own lives by hiding Jewish refugees in their homes. "The World Must Know" tells of hope and death - the grim reality of the ghettos and concentration camps, the efficient mobile killing units, as well as the brave and heart-wrenching stories of resistance and rescue. This book is not just a catalogue of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's exhibit, it is a work that challenges the reader to "Remember. Do not let the world forget."

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF JUNIATA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 208.5 feet South of the Northwest corner of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, thence East 208.7 feet, thence South 104.5 feet, thence West 208.7 feet, thence North to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Sheridan Road over the Westerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 15, 1999

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9-15-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Douglas H. Lemcke and Merri C. Lemcke (Original Mortgagors) to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, Un, Mortgagee, dated December 6, 1988, in Liber 588, on page 185, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE AND 43/100 DOLLARS (\$83,381.43), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, October 22, 1999. Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, LOT 5 OF DAVIDSON SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 3, PAGE 10, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 1, 9999

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9-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Earl WOOLWINE and Jenny L. WOOLWINE husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 30, 1996, and recorded on May 31, 1996, in Liber 691, on Page 703, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, Assignee by an assignment dated February 1, 1997, which was recorded On February 14, 1997, in Liber 705, on Page 602, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 96/100 dollars (\$89,131.96), including interest at 7.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 2/1 of each year. Said mortgage was modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1997, and recorded on February 14, 1997 in Liber 705, on Page 599 Tuscola County Records, Michigan.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel B-Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Northwest 1/4 which is N88 deg 59'27" E (previously recorded as N88 deg 59'53" E) along said North line, 1610.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 15 (said point being the intersection of said North line and the East line of a previously recorded survey recorded in Liber 433, Page 130 of Tuscola County Records; thence S00 deg 51'37" E along said East line and parallel with the West line of said Northwest 1/4, 330.00 feet, thence N88 deg 59'27" E parallel with the said North line, 133.00 feet; thence N00 deg 51'37" W, parallel with said West line, 330.00 feet to said North line; thence S88 deg 59'27" W, along said North line to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 15, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 97108801 Ravens

9-15-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Smith And Gail L. Smith, Husband And Wife, to Mortgage America, Inc., mortgagee, dated April 3, 1997 and recorded April 10, 1997 in Liber 708, Page 956-962, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by IMC Mortgage Company by assignment dated April 3, 1997 and recorded on April 28, 1997 in Liber 709, Page 788-789, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One and 88/100 Dollars (\$46,191.88) including interest at the rate of 13.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 8, 1999.

The premises are located in the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL 1 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said West line, 2013.35 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said West line, 66.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said Southeast 1/4, 917.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said West line, 570.00 feet to said North line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds East, along said North line 331.72 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West parallel with said West line, 858.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 288.00 feet to the Southeast corner of previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 564, pages 10-11 of Tuscola County Records); thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said West line and along the East line of said survey, 80.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, parallel with said North line and along the North line of said survey, 450.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said West line and along the West line of said survey, 80.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 118.29 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said West line, 222.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 392.43 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said West line, 1791.35 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said West line, 222.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said section Southeast 1/4, 392.43 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said West line, 220.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 392.43 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT and reserving all oil, gas and mineral rights as set forth in Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 606, Page 596 and any subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: August 25, 1999

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorney for IMC Mortgage Company, As Assignee 3001 West Big Beaver Suite 600 Troy, MI 48064 (248) 643-4464

File No. 193.0149

8-25-5

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John L. Childers and Drena M. Childers, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Great Lakes National Bank Michigan as successor by merger and or name change to Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1986, and recorded on February 5, 1986 in Liber 557, on Page 853, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 46/100 dollars (\$19,924.46), including interest at 7.550% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 1999.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF KINGSTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of section 30, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence East 57 Rods, thence North 986 feet, thence West 57 Rods, thence South 986 feet to the point of beginning, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 22, 1999

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9-22-5

Phyllis Boylan

Phyllis Boylan, 83, of Bishops Glen, Holly Hill, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999, at Memorial Hospital, Ormond Beach, Fla.

A homemaker, she was born in Detroit and moved to Florida from Cass City in 1990. She was a member of the hospital auxiliary, the Women's Christian Organization and various bridge clubs. She was also a member of Christ Presbyterian Church, Ormond Beach.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, C. Clark Boylan; 2 daughters, Stephanie Stanley, Ormond Beach, and Deborah LeValley, Petoskey; 7 grandchildren, and 8 and 3/4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Daniel.

Friends who wish to honor her memory may make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, 310 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Eugene "Bear" Mitchell

Eugene L. Mitchell, 59, of Sebawaing, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, in Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born Christmas Day, 1939, in Owendale to Harrison and Julia (Pavlichek) Mitchell.

He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy after graduation from Owendale High School and attending Electronic School for one year. He retired from GM Buick, Flint, Oct. 1, 1993, after working in the paint department for 30 years. He played all sports all 4 years in high school. He was a member of U.A.W. Local #599.

He is survived by aunts, cousins and special friends, Roger and Jeanne McPhail and family of Cass City. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 18, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Mark Todd of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

His remains were interred at the foot of his mother's grave in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Owen-Gage Athletic Football Department.

Roy Smithson

Roy Edward Smithson, 89, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 18, 1910, in Cass City to Auzzie and Elsie (Winger) Smithson. He married Alice Robbins June 10, 1932, in Cass City.

He was the owner of Smithson electric for over 30 years. He was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church and Cass City United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; children, R. Edward (Saralie) Smithson of Sandusky, Ilene Smith of Tecumseh and James (Joann) Smithson of Cass City; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Russell Smith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 18, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Philip Rice of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

Leonard Tschirhart

Leonard James Tschirhart, 81, of Ubly, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 14, 1999, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

He was born March 31, 1918, in Ubly, son of Louis and Veronica (Bukoski-Maurer) Tschirhart.

He was a graduate of Bingham Country School. He farmed in the area before

being drafted into the U.S. Army Tank Corp., overseas in Germany. He sailed the Great Lakes for a few years before returning to farm with his brother until 1982. He then retired to Ubly.

He was a lifelong parishioner of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Smith Corners. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Parisville VFW Post #5740 and a member of the Ubly Senior Citizens Group.

He is survived by one brother, Marvin Tschirhart and his wife Iva of Ubly; 3 sisters, Madeline Wheaton and her husband Robert of Ft. Myers, Fla., Emma Geiger and her husband Louis of Deford, Blanche Hunsanger of Harper Woods; 2 step-brothers, F. Ervin Maurer and his wife Virginia of Bad Axe, Linus "Mike" Maurer

and his wife Lila of Ubly; 4 step-sisters, Blanche Rumpitz and her husband Archie of Ubly, Norene Williamson and her husband Edward of Utica, Dorothy Zurek and her husband Lawrence of Mt. Clemens, Leta Duda and her husband George of Mt. Clemens, and many nieces and nephews. Also a special friend, Wanda Weinard of Ubly.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Bernice Bouverette.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Smith Corners with the Rev. John Weis, pastor, officiating.

Military graveside services were by the Parisville VFW Post #5740.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Museum program set

The Deckerville Historical Museum presents the 12th annual "Indian Heritage Day", Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum will feature special displays of Native American items and several guests will be present with special displays. Special speakers during the day are Joyce Reid, Curator of the museum, with "Local Indian History, Little Known Sites and Trails", at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tracy Allana Gilbert will be present at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. to show "Indian Crafts — How They Were Made and Used". At 11:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Digger Martin will be present with "Authentic Indian Artifacts — What They Were Made of and Their Use."

A potluck luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Bring your favorite Indian food or a dish to pass. Special music

will be presented. "Indian Dances" will be presented at 2:15 p.m. by the Blue Water Scouts, directed by Glenn Ulrich.

There will be special Indian crafts for children all day starting at 10:30 a.m.

An indoor flea market will be open and all proceeds go to the museum. Guests are invited to show or bring their artifacts to be authenticated and recorded by members of the Wolverine State Archaeological Society. There is no charge.

The museum is located at 4028 Ruth Rd., one mile north of Deckerville on old 51. A donation of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age 5 to 12 includes activities all day. The show will be held rain or shine.

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The Elkland Township board has upped fire rates. The fee for structures and hazardous materials fires has been set at \$300 for the first hour and \$200 for additional hours, with a maximum charge of \$500. For vehicle fires, the fee is \$150 per hour, with a maximum charge of \$300. Prior to the new ordinance, the charge for all fires was \$300 per run.

Krista Connolly, a 1993 Cass City High School graduate, currently a Spring Arbor College sophomore, finished first for Spring Arbor College in her first cross country race Saturday in Mario, Ind., at the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational. Connolly had never run cross country before.

Evangelical Free Church members, Kris Cernek, the Rev. Dean Cernek, Charity Gaszczyński, Mike Otulakowski and Deb Otulakowski recently spent 2 weeks working on a church/school that serves 450 children in the Dominican Republic.

Tuscola County Bean Queen Tanya Muntz, Cass City, was crowned Michigan Bean Queen during the Michigan Bean Festival in Fairgrove.

Trinity United Methodist Church is planning its 125th anniversary celebration with a special worship service Oct. 16.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City Schools ended the 1988-89 school year in the black with a surplus of \$14,378, a welcome change from the over \$200,000 deficit incurred in the previous year and an original projected deficit of \$40,000 for this year.

Melanie Joles, 12, and Pam Broyles, 14, of Cass City, will represent Cass City in a national teen pageant slated for Jan. 31-Feb. 5, in Orlando, Fla. Both girls won the right to compete nationally after dancing their way into first place in their respective age divisions in the Miss Detroit Pageant, held Sept. 9 and 10 at the Ford Auditorium in Detroit.

The Cass City Red Hawks have won their first games of the season, including a 28-8 lacing of the Vassar Vulcans last Friday. The game this Friday night will be with the Lakers. Both teams are undefeated in the league.

Last week a vehicle belonging to Walbro Corp. was stolen from a parking lot in

front of the company's headquarters at 6230 Garfield Ave. and later recovered damaged behind the Cass City High School.

Robert Wood brought a 20-pound muskmelon in to the Chronicle last week. The melon measured 13 inches high and 3 feet in diameter. It was the biggest melon ever for the Cass City area resident.

25 YEARS AGO

Magistrate John Bowles reported last week that traffic ticket volume has nearly doubled since the State Police Selective Enforcement program began Labor Day weekend. Approximately 100 tickets have been handled by the magistrate's office since the program began for the third time in as many years in Tuscola County.

Gary G. Forster, 18, of Cass City, was listed in "satisfactory" condition at Huron Memorial Hospital after being seriously injured when the motorcycle on which he was riding collided head-on with another motorcycle driven by Gary Lee Leitch, 17, of Elkton. Leitch died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident. Richard D. Krohn, 23, of Elkton, who was driving the cycle on which Forster was a passenger, was also listed in satisfactory condition at Huron Memorial Hospital.

This year's shortage is anti-freeze, and by the time cold weather arrives, area dealers say it's going to cost plenty, if you can find it.

The Elkland Township Fire Department has committed itself to raise money for a new burn center under construction at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital. Firemen are sponsoring a benefit country music show Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Cass City High School. Fire Chief Dick Root explained that this is something that will benefit the entire Thumb area, not just Saginaw. The nearest such center is in Ann Arbor, 120 miles away.

Alex E. Tyo, 61, a lifelong resident of Cass City, died suddenly at his home Sunday, Sept. 15. He was the third generation owner and operator of Tyo's Barber Shop, the oldest continuing business in Cass City.

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Tire collection set at county recycling center

Tuscola County recycling will host a tire collection Saturday, Oct. 9. This will be the second tire collection for the county, according to Sharon Mika, recycling coordinator.

The tires are being recycled by Environmental Rubber Recycling, Inc. of Saginaw (ERR Inc.). Environmental Rubber Recycling, Inc. has been processing tires into various size chips since 1991. The tires are shredded into 2-3 inch chips and granulated into various size particles. ERR Inc., processed the largest amount of scrap tires in the history of the company in 1998, a total of 1,403,505 tires.

The largest amount of these tires was used as a tire derived fuel for co-generation power plants. Crumb rubber is also used for applications such as cattle mats, artificial

golf tees for driving ranges and par-3 courses, turf enhancement for athletic fields and golf courses, climbing wall safety protection, playgrounds, and asphalt paving sealant.

The tires collected by ERR Inc. have all been from Michigan, creating a 100 percent diversion rate for the tires.

The tire collection will be held at Tuscola County Recycling, located at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24), one mile east of the village of Caro from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is for one day only.

The cost of recycling tires will be \$1 per car/pickup truck tire. Semi-truck tires will be \$4 and tractor tires will be \$15 each. Tires with rims will be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact Mika at 517-672-1673.



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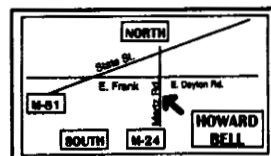


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LEADING THE GRIDIRON cheers on the Cass City sidelines this season are the Red Hawk varsity cheerleaders. They are (front l-r) Aleasha Field, Autumn Helland, Amanda Wright, (back l-r) Kristie Haag, Tara Bryant, Melissa Bliss.



FROM AMONG these seniors at Cass City High School a king and queen will be selected Friday. From left, front row: Melissa Homakie, Katie Wood, Emily Bennett and Brooke Ouvry. Second row: Adam Dorland, Ben Zimba, Ryan Ouvry and Bryce VanVliet.

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Wendy Rickett, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr were among a large group who attended a bridal shower for Melissa Kellar, daughter of David and Judy Kellar, at the VFW Hall in Cass City Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Chuck and Cheryl Allen Jr. and Allen Farrelly met at Cousins in Bad Axe Tuesday for dinner, where they celebrated Mrs. Dan Franzel's and Doris Western's birthdays.

Thelma Jackson and Mr. d Mrs. Bob Jackson were Wednesday afternoon guests of Clara Bond.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski spent Wednesday in Bay City.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Lamplighter's in Sebawaing Thursday morning. They will meet at Big Roy in Bad Axe next week.

Allen Farrelly was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and a Sunday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family.

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

Mrs. Gerry Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Ron Wolschlagel, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Thelma Jackson was a Sunday afternoon and supper guest of Florence Watson.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pitcher of Cass City.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Beatrice Sternberg, Doris

Owen-Gage seniors air September meets

Members of the Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, Gagetown, Sept. 2 for a pot-luck dinner. The table prayer was given by Helen Pyrek. Twenty-seven members were present.

President Jack Doerr opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Happy birthday was sung for Beulah Kretzschmer, Berenice Sowden, Mary Guza and Hazel Kramer. September anniversaries are Homer and Beulah Kretzschmer, Stanley and Audrey Frankowski, Jack and Francis Harbec, and Louis and Irma Ouvry.

Door prizes were won by David Ashmore and Hazel Kramer.

Bingo and cards were played after the meeting.

Twenty-eight members attended the Sept. 16 meeting and the table prayer was given by Marge Zawilinski. A short meeting was held af-

ter the Lord's Prayer and the pledge. Get well cards were signed for Sybil Miller and Homer Kretzschmer.

The committee for October is Jack and Irene Doerr and Bob Schell.

Door prizes were won by John and Marge Zawilinski. Ice cream and cake were furnished by Hazel Kramer and Mary Guza at break time in honor of their birthdays.

Members signed up for the dinner Oct. 21, at the Methodist church.

Euchre winners: Men's high, Richard Haney; low, Orville Mallory. Women's high, Pat Guza; low, Virginia Anthes. The traveling prize went to Ruth Kaake.

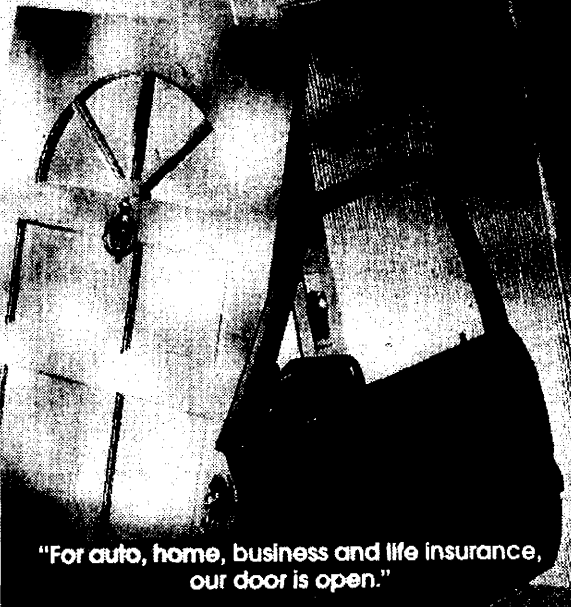
Rep. Green named to work group

State Rep. Mike Green will serve on the House Republican Land Use Work Group, House Speaker Chuck Perricone announced Thursday.

"Land use is a critical issue for Michigan residents," said Green, R-Mayville. "A balance must be struck to provide for industrial and commercial growth while preserving the natural beauty of the Great Lakes State."

Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, said: "Unfortunately there is not one simple answer to such complex issues as urban sprawl, farmland preservation and private property rights. The representatives selected to serve on this panel have demonstrated a strong desire to reach a consensus on workable solutions."

Green said the 9-member panel will study ways to preserve Michigan's strong agricultural traditions while keeping its industrial sector on the cutting edge of technology.



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22 Richmond 7:30

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9 Bad Axe 7:00
16 Reese 7:00
23 USA 7:00
Oct. 7 Mayville 7:00
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23 Reese 5:00
28 Deckerville 5:00
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7 Mayville (JV, Varsity only) 6:00
12 Yale 6:00
19 Brown City (JV, Varsity only) 6:00
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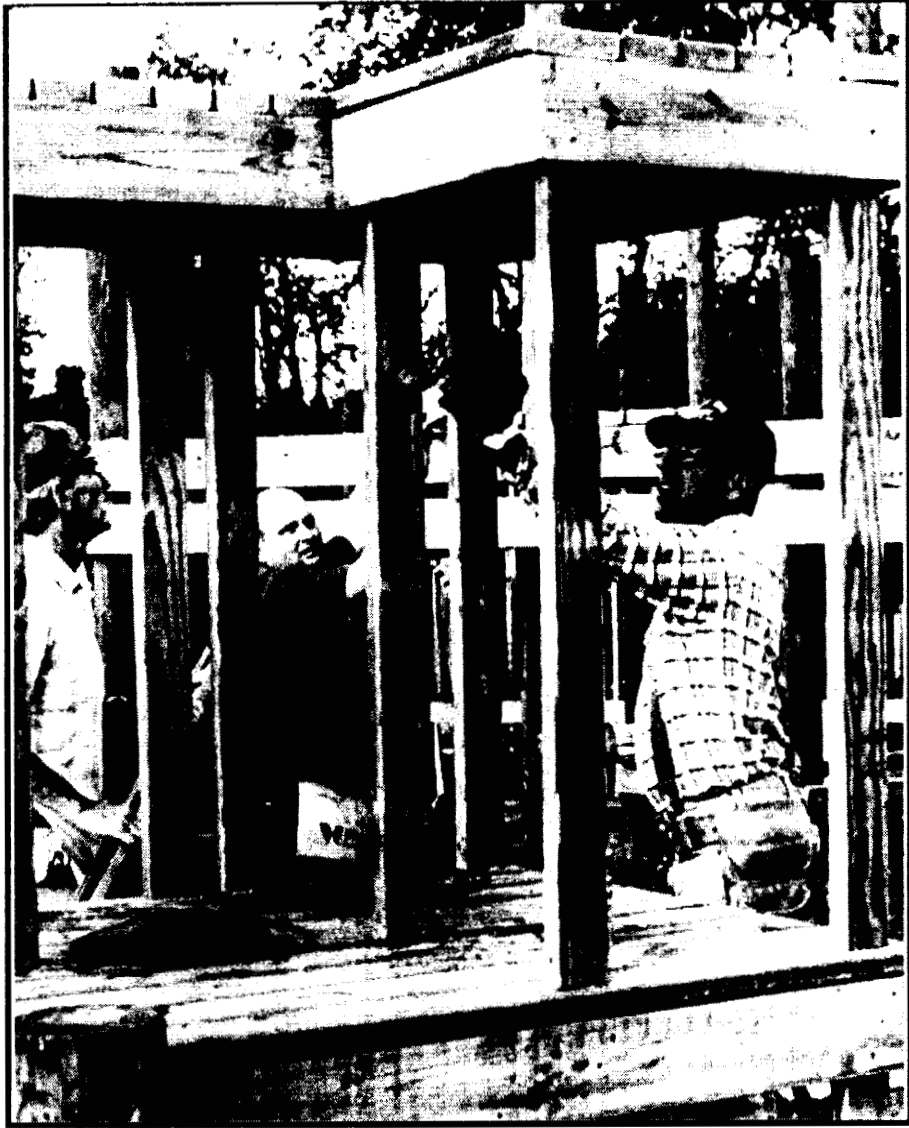
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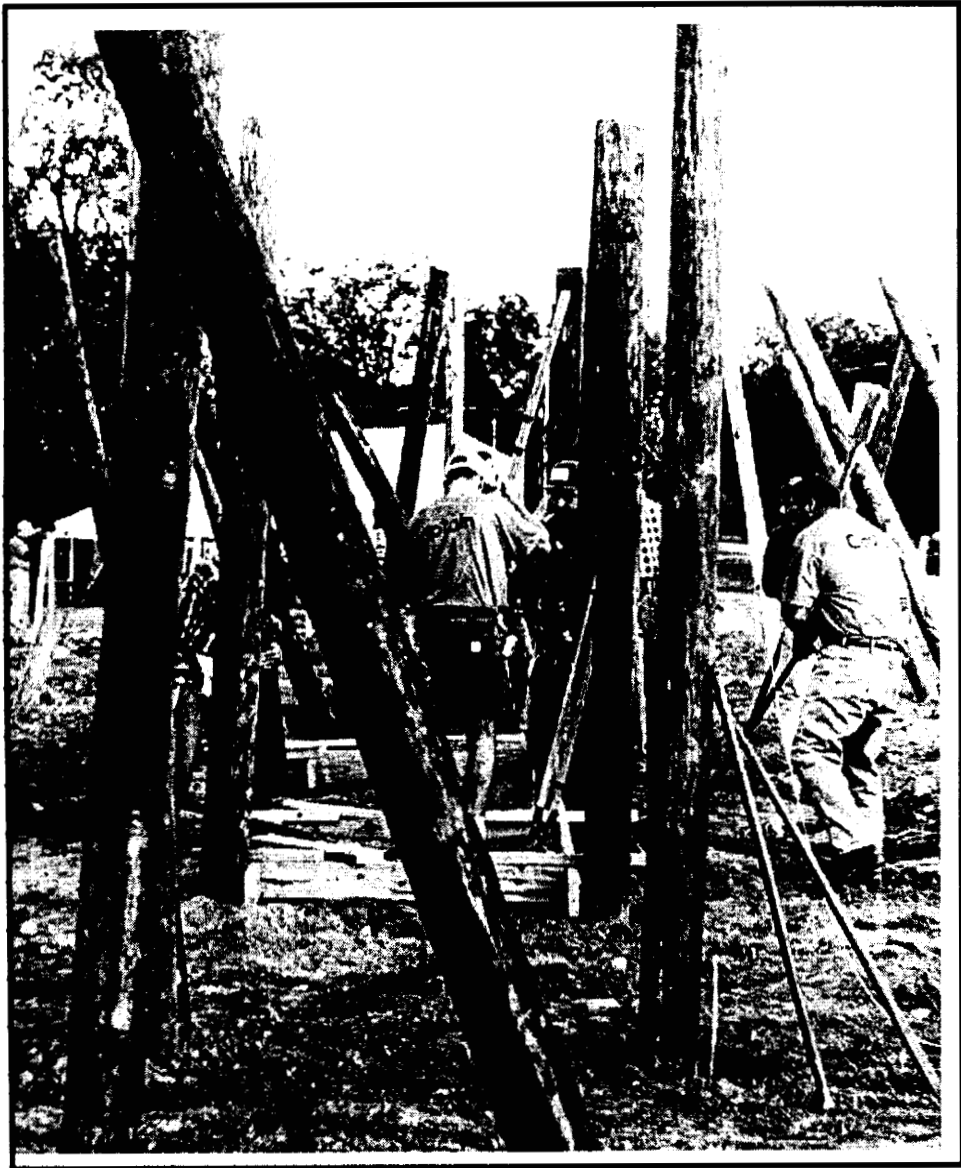
TEAM WORK was the name of the game at the playground construction site in Cass City. Among those putting in their time were volunteers (from left) Mike Weaver, Mark Stover and Bob Hirn.



CRAIG Weaver found himself “lying down on the job” Saturday morning as he used a router to complete the design on this playscape wall piece.



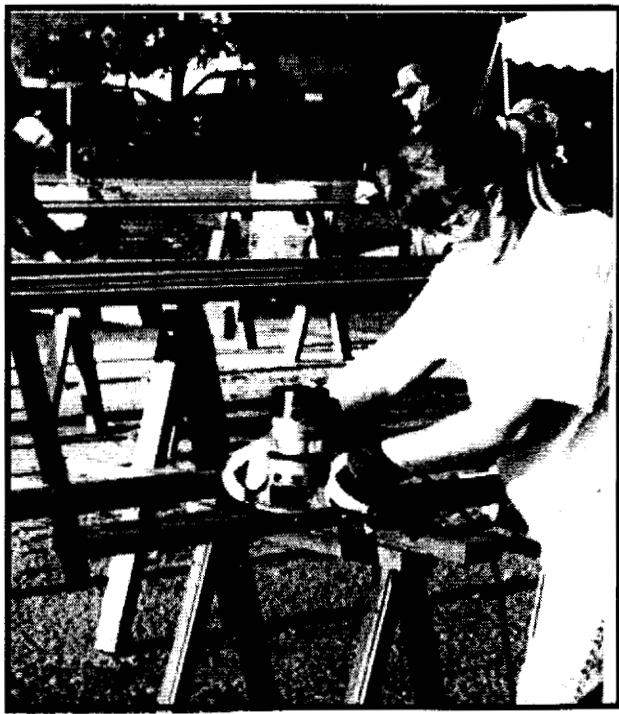
LEVALLEY AND VanAuken prepare to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the entrance of the new playscape in Cass City Sunday.



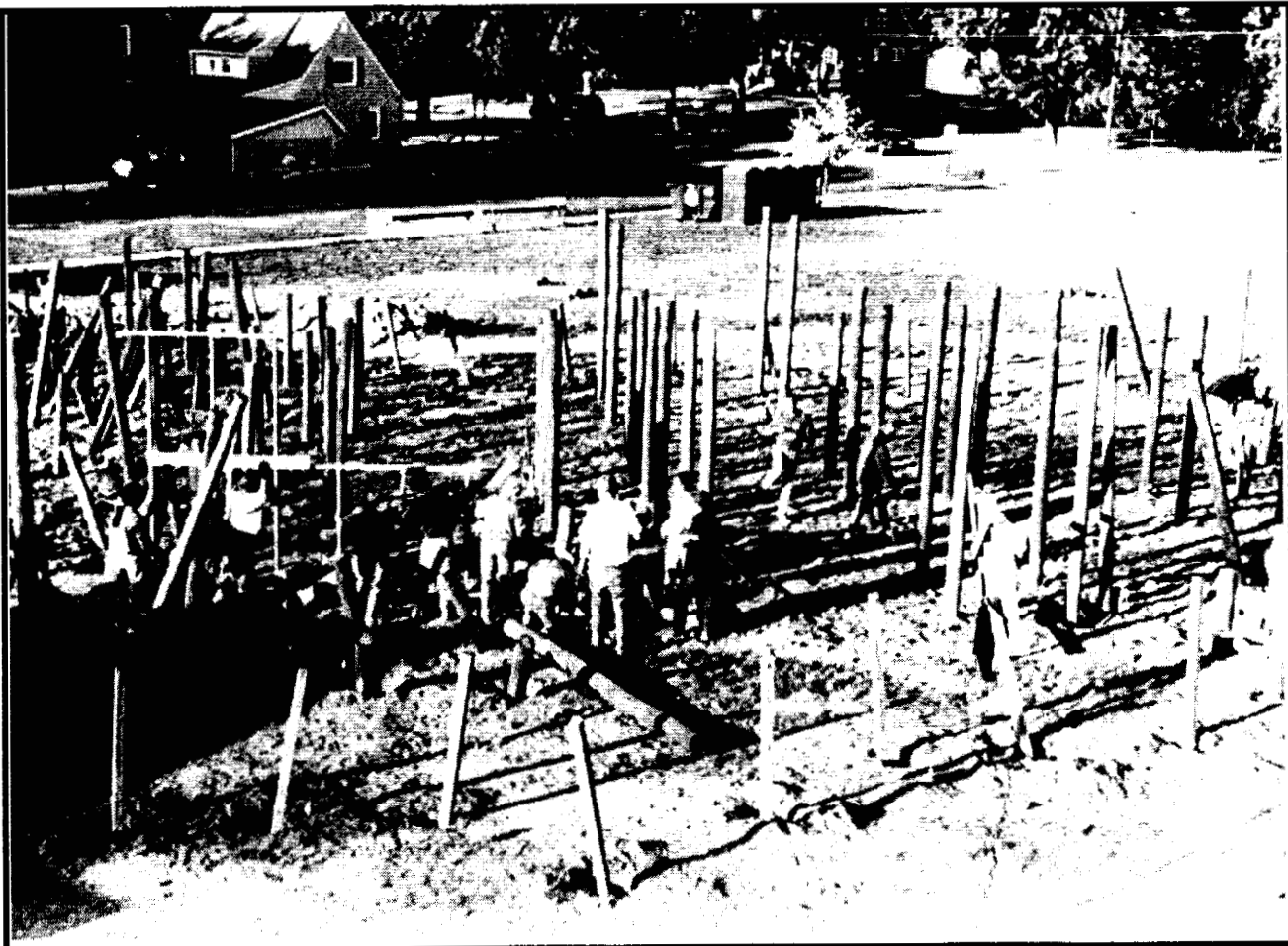
THE PLAYSCAPE was taking shape quickly as volunteers, including Roger Cooper (below left) and Matt Prieskorn, worked under sunny skies Friday morning. Above, workers navigated their way around a host of posts on the first day of construction, Wednesday.



CASS City kids didn't hesitate to check out every nook and cranny of their new playground, including this tube slide.



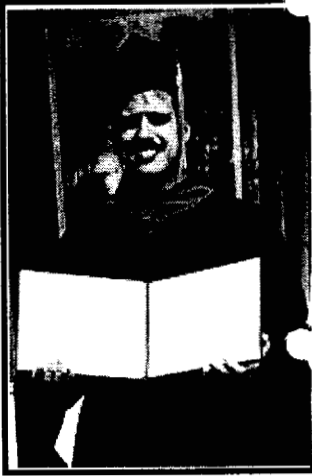
SKILLED volunteers used routers (above) to smooth the edges on every piece of lumber used in the playground construction.



VOLUNTEERS BEGAN their work Wednesday in the midst of a forest of posts that would support the expansive playscape.

Smith earns degree

Kevin D. Smith, a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School, received a Master's Degree in electrical and computer engineering from North Carolina State University May 15. Smith graduated magna cum laude from Central Michigan University in 1996. He is currently employed by SAS Institute, a statistical software development company in Raleigh, N.C.



Kevin Smith

Smith is the son of Russell and Janet Smith and grandson of Ruth Smith and the late Ralph Smith, all of Decker, and grandson of Roy and Inis Bulgrien of Snover.

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6 appear
in circuit
court

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

•Tony J. Sinkel, 19, Vassar, pleaded innocent to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering and larceny in a building Aug. 13 in Vassar Township. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond was continued.

•John L. Robinson Jr., 51, Caro, pleaded guilty to probation violation.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Bruce I. Hauxwell, 17, Mayville, was sentenced to 48 months probation and 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 15 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to enter an adult education program and pay \$1,540 in costs and fines.

•Trent L. Darling, 37, Imlay City, was ordered to serve his remaining jail time (141 days), with work release, and received an extended probation sentence for his plea of guilty to probation violation.

•Louis R. Reed, 51, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor March 29 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling/therapy and pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

•Jason A. Mosher, 25, Bay City, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Oct. 22 in Wisner Township.

3 face
felony
charges

The following people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

•Michael S. Wisenbach, 33, Caro, was charged with 3 counts of forgery involving a \$200 check drawn on Chemical Bank between May and June in Wells and Almer townships.

Bond in the case was set at \$10,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Oct. 8 at 9 a.m.

•Aaron M. McColl, 18, Vassar, was arraigned on a charge of making a false bomb threat May 12 in Vassar.

His bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Oct. 8 at 9 a.m.

•Michael C. Smith, 45, Vassar, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving with a suspended/revoked license and transporting an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Dec. 20 in Juniata Township.

Bond was set at \$2,500 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Oct. 8 at 9 a.m.

Genealogy
society
to meet

The Cass River Genealogy Society, Frankenmuth, will hold their monthly meeting at James E. Wickson Library, 359 S. Franklin, Frankenmuth, at 7 p.m. Sept. 28.

The program for the evening will be informal round-table discussion on summer research successes and also if you are having problems with your research, there is always someone who may be able to help you.

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Edison passes Y2K test with flying colors

It was New Year's Eve for Detroit Edison field personnel and emergency planners earlier this month as the utility joined others in North America for a Y2K event and drill.

Held Sept. 8 and 9, the drill had no impact on the delivery of electricity to Detroit Edison customers in southeastern Michigan, but it did allow the utility to rehearse for the Dec. 31 to Jan. 1, 2000, rollover. The drill, involving about 70 Detroit Edison employees, simulated the operation of the electrical system under Y2K-imposed scenarios.

"The drill, plus the fact that (Sept. 9 was) the ninth day of the ninth month of the ninety-ninth year, gave us a good indication that we are as prepared as possible for any abnormal conditions which may occur at the rollover," said Paul A. Childs, Detroit Edison Y2K program manager. "The objectives that we set for the drill and event were met with flying colors."

Those objectives included demonstrating the ability to effectively deploy personnel,

using backup voice communication systems and implementing some contingency plans. Detroit Edison personnel were at substations and other locations to manually read and monitor equipment.

During the drill, Detroit Edison worked with security coordinators for the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), as well as maintained contact with members of the Southeastern Michigan Y2K Utilities Forum (SMUF).

Other SMUF members are Ameritech, Consumers Energy, Detroit Water & Sewerage, Detroit Public Lighting Department, MichCon, Michigan Gas Utilities and Southeastern Michigan Gas Co. In addition, some of Detroit Edison's major customers were involved in the drill.

Two months ago, Detroit Edison reported to NERC and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it has all systems critical to generating and distributing power ready for the rollover to 2000 after more than 3 years of planning.

"Outside of being ready to generate and deliver safe, reliable electric service to our more than 2 million customers, we've just completed end-to-end integration testing of our business processes to ensure that our customers will be well-served in all aspects of our business," Childs said.

In addition, Detroit Edison has completed its contingency planning and has identified about 2,000 employees who will be available from Dec. 27 to Jan. 7, 2000, to respond to isolated emergencies that may arise from now-unknown situations. However, even employees not scheduled to work will remain ready to report for emergency work should the need arise.

Since the inception of the Y2K program in 1996, Detroit Edison officials say they have committed themselves to providing a safe, reliable flow of electricity on Jan. 1, 2000, and beyond. As many as 700 people have worked on the program, with current staffing at about 150. The company is expected to spend up to \$87 million on

the program.

Officials have inventoried, assessed, repaired or replaced, and tested about 140,000 critical software programs and susceptible devices involved in the utility's operations to generate and distribute electricity. More than 30 million lines of computer code have been involved in the testing.

"We are confident that Jan. 1, 2000, will be like any other day we provide our customers with electric service," Childs said. "We expect there will be a greater likelihood of a service interruption resulting from bad weather or a vehicle hitting a utility pole and bringing a line down than something related to Y2K."

More information about Detroit Edison's Y2K program is available by calling toll-free, (888) 464-3376, or by visiting the company's Web site at <http://www.detroitedison.com>.

Playground

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of equipment and activities for all ages, including a rocket ship, barn, tree house, castle, climbing wall, tunnels, swings, slides, ladders, sandbox, walking trail and history wall.

Several hundred people attended Sunday's dedication ceremony. The Cass River Hogs put on a community pig roast with pigs donated by Dave Little, and dozens of prizes were awarded to the volunteers.

LeValley and VanAuken also recognized several residents whose efforts were instrumental in the successful completion of the project. They included the 13 construction captains who spent 14 hours at the site during each day of construction: Tom Brinkman, Renee Cooper, Dick DeLong, Rick Hollis, Al Klco, Jim Nicol, Jurgen Roth, Randy Schuette, Sherryl Seeley, Bill Shagene, Mike Spencer, Joe VanAuken and Kathy Varney.

Offender

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cision to initiate auto forfeiture proceedings will be up to the prosecutor's office rather than the courts. And, it's an avenue that will be utilized in Tuscola County, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mark Reene.

"We will initiate (forfeitures). It's a tremendous tool to accomplish something a little bit further" in prosecuting drunken drivers, he said.

Although tougher laws could translate into time in prison rather than in a county jail, for some offenders, Reene predicted the courts will be forced to use alternative forms of punishment, largely because state corrections officials have made it clear they don't want to incarcerate people for drunken driving. Offenders may, for example, have their vehicles immobilized or confiscated outright, or be required to install an ignition interlock device, which requires a breathalyzer reading of zero to allow the operator to drive the vehicle.

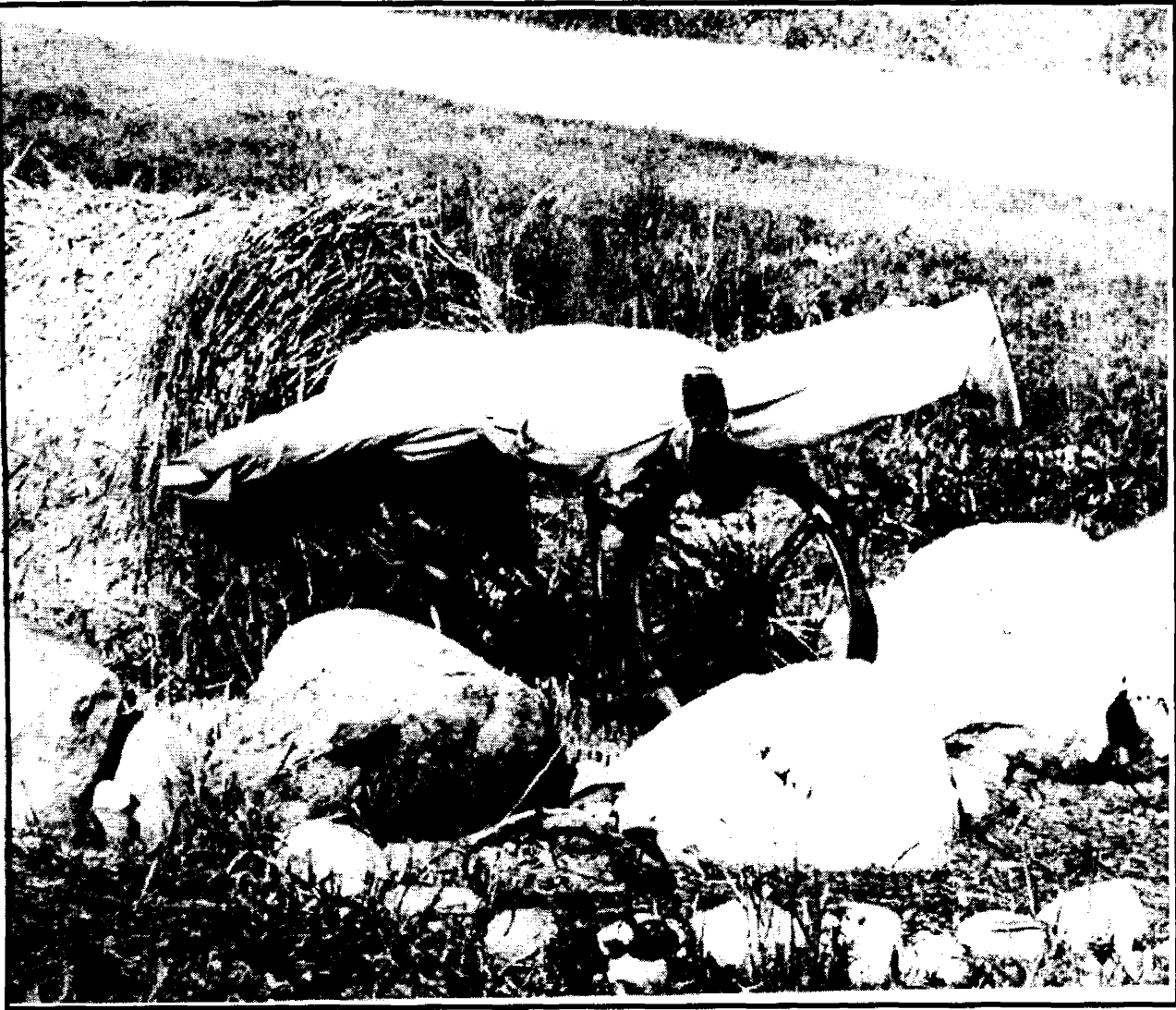
Like area law enforcement agencies, Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim Glaspie isn't making any predictions regarding what impact the new law will have on his caseload, which typically includes 350 to 450 drunken driving cases and hundreds of driving suspension violations each year.

"There are so many technical changes. . .that I think we're going to wait and see what (deterrent) effect it has," he said.

Reene indicated he's hopeful the tougher rules will serve as a warning to would-be offenders. But he isn't holding his breath.

"You hope so, but it just seems, time and time again, people don't learn," he said.

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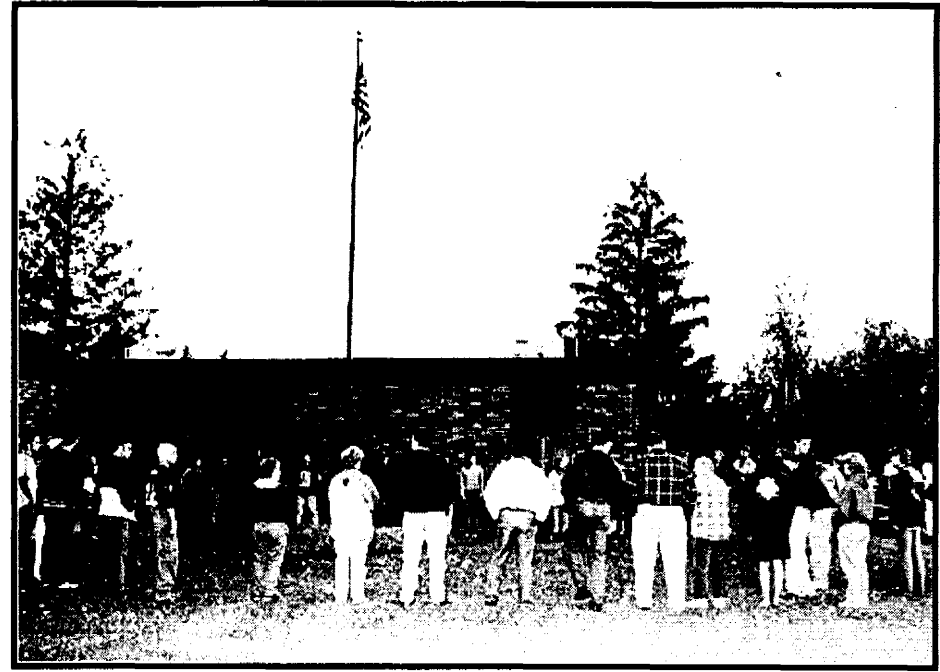
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MORE THAN 60 people gathered in front of Baker College in Cass City last Wednesday for the annual "See You at the Pole" observance, a national day of prayer. Several young people, including Randy Diebel (below), served as guest speakers.



Milk production down 3.6%

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 450 million pounds of milk during August, down 3.6 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

The daily rate per cow was 49.7 pounds, up .2 pounds from 1998. The dairy herd was estimated at 292,000 head for August, unchanged from last month but 12,000 head below the August 1998 figure of 304,000 head.

Milk production in the 20 major States during August was 11.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from 1998. Daily production per cow was 48.0 pounds, 1.5 pounds higher than in August 1998. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 33,000 more than August 1998 and 3,000 more head than July 1999.

Fall preschool story hour begins Oct. 1

The fall preschool story hour at Rawson Memorial Library is scheduled for Fridays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:00 a.m. There is no charge for the program, but children must pre-register. Registration begins Sept. 20 and the deadline for registration is Sept. 29.

The children will listen to stories and make simple crafts each week. Sessions last 35-45 minutes. This is a good opportunity for children to develop listening skills and interact with others their age.

Dairymen look to Congress for changes

After approving an overhaul of U.S. milk marketing rules, many dairy producers' eyes are now on Congress, waiting for possible legislative revisions.

"We certainly want Congress to amend pricing reform, because the new overhaul gives a product make allowance to the processing industry, which in effect allows them to cover their costs, while producers don't receive prices that provide cost of production," said National Farmers Organization President Gene Paul.

"Producers were between a rock and a hard place, because if the USDA plan had been voted down, we would have no federal orders — potentially meaning even lower pay prices for America's hard working dairymen and women," said Paul. "Certainly large block-voting by co-ops distorted the high approval margins."

Some economists estimate the approved package, which changes price differentials and establishes processor make allowances, will negatively effect producer income. Now the focus rests on the House and Senate.

In the House, H.R. 1402 would restore Option 1A for Class I fluid milk, adjust make allowances, and change development of Class III and Class IV (milk used for cheese and butter) pricing methods. The bill also calls for extending the current milk support program for one year, and would allow a dairy forward pricing program.

The dairy forward pricing program, as intended by H.R. 1402, would negatively effect the stability of the federal order system according to Paul.

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) has proposed an amendment which includes the same provisions as the House proposal, but excludes the forward pricing element.

It also recommends current compact extensions and creation of a new Southeast compact. Compacts call for processors to pay higher prices to producers in those areas.

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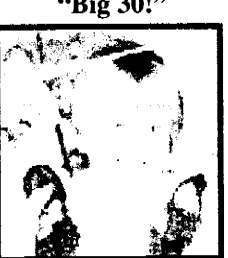
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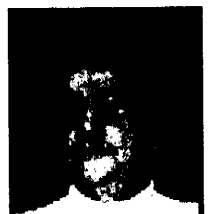
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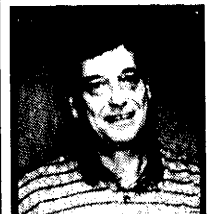


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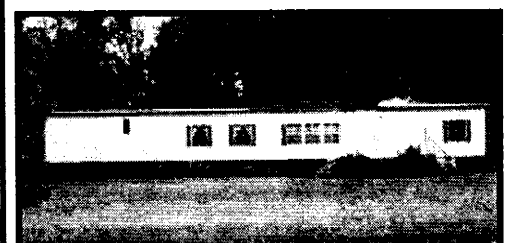
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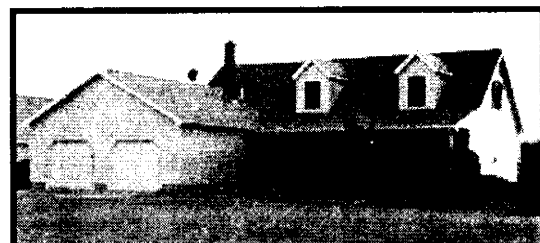
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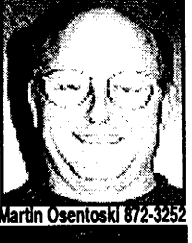
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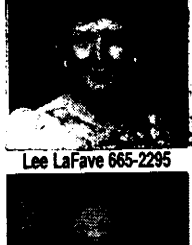
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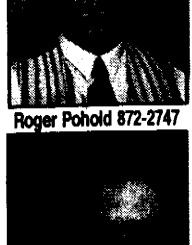
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Most farm accidents involve family members simply because they run the place, so it behooves farmers to use Farm Safety Week, Sept. 19-25, as an opportunity to assess farm operation hazards and reduce associated risk.

"First, think about each farm operation -- from field equipment operations to animal management -- and how can it be made safer," says Howard J. Doss, Michigan State University Extension agricultural safety leader.

"The next thing is to recognize which family members or employees are most likely to be involved in the farm activities that contain risk if unsafe work habits are followed. Then look at what can be done to reduce the risk of injury."

Family members -- particularly adult males, teenagers and children -- are involved in 61 percent of the farm injury accidents that require time for rehabilitation. Hiring labor incurs about 30 percent of the farm accident injuries. Human error accounts for more than 90 percent of the farm accidents each year. Machine failures account for less than 10 percent of all injuries on farms.

About 20 percent of the non-fatal farm accidents happen to people 20 to 29 years old, 22 percent to people 30 to 39 years old and more than 40 percent to those ages 50 to 59.

Livestock handling accounts for 43 percent of all farm injury accidents; field work, 29 percent; crop handling, 11 percent; farm main-

tenance, 9 percent, and machinery maintenance, 4 percent.

Doss says that being aware of those areas of potential risk should enable farm managers to develop risk reduction practices.

"For instance, livestock is apt to react violently when it perceives danger, and that can be attributed to a variety of things ranging from the manner in which it is handled to the conditions under which it is housed," Doss says.

"Observing when volatile livestock behavior occurs and pinpointing the cause, such as overzealous handling or improperly designed housing or confinement are the first steps in reducing potential danger to both humans and animals."

Farm machinery accounts for 27 percent of "time lost injuries" such as slips and falls, severe cuts and amputations, fractures and serious bruising.

"The reasons include carelessness -- for instance, trying to unclog a grain auger with a foot or hand -- falls from mud-caked steps or ladders, unguarded power take-off units, and missing chain or gear shields," Doss says.

"Preventing these accidents comes down to making sure that machinery remains equipped with the safety devices installed by the manufacturer and that equipment operators are well instructed in safe field operations."

Other factors that enter into developing and following a farm safety plan include allowing teenagers to perform

only age-appropriate tasks and setting off-limits rules: no extra riders, no playing on equipment, and keeping clear of farm harvest and production activities when not part of the work crew.

Managers should also monitor farm employee work habits to reduce their risk of injury and provide them with the proper personal protection equipment as needed when handling grains, forage materials and feedstuffs, and farm chemicals.

Another consideration is the potential for legal liability following farm accidents.

"It is becoming increasingly important that farm managers remain abreast of the numerous laws that affect youth and adult employees," Doss says. "It is quite pos-

sible that injury on the farm could mean legal action by state or federal authorities or both, or a civil suit on the part of the injured person if proper safety procedures were not in place."

He says that a written, voluntary farm safety management plan need not be complicated but does need to be effective in meeting the intent of regulatory agency requirements.

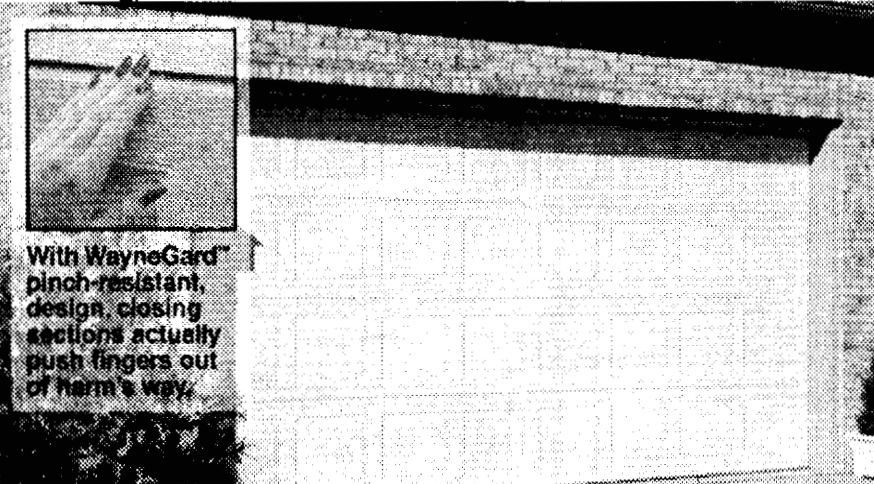
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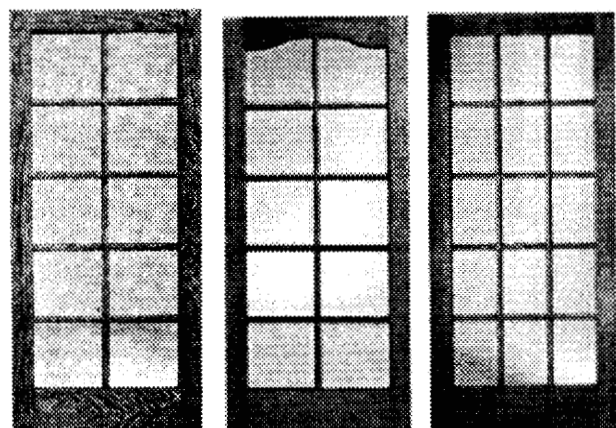


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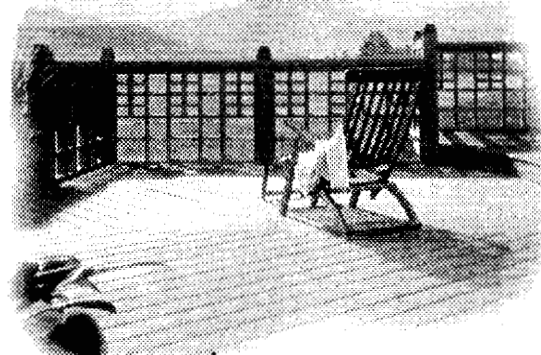
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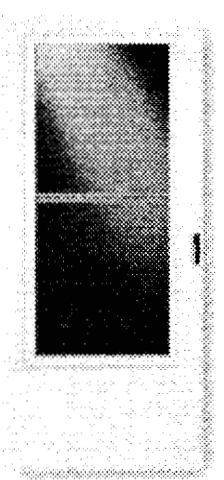
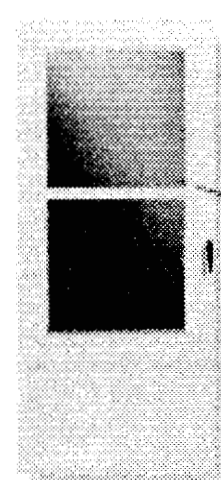
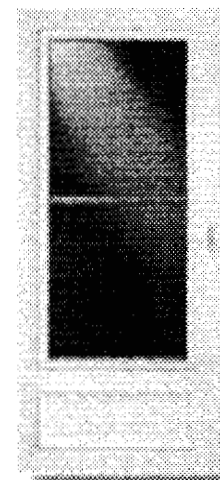


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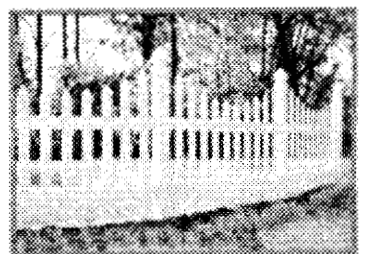


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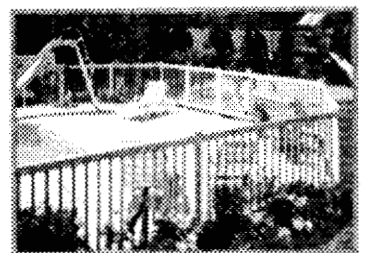
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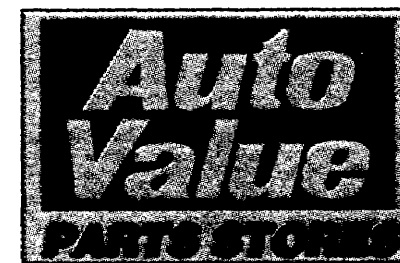
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Dixie Hwy. & R.R. Tracks	Downtown	Main St. at the Traffic Light	1 Blk. North of Genesee
M-F 7:30am-7pm	M-F 7am-6pm	M-F 8am-6pm	M-F 7am-8pm
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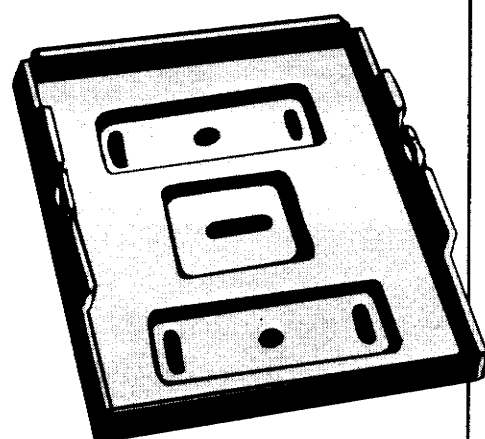
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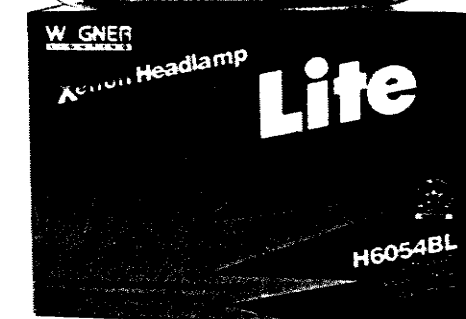
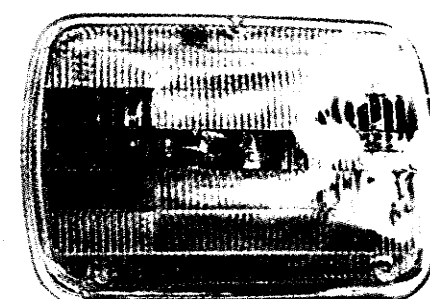
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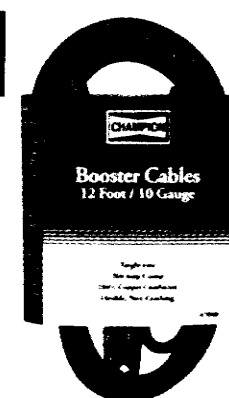
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CHAMPION

Booster Cables
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35⁹⁵



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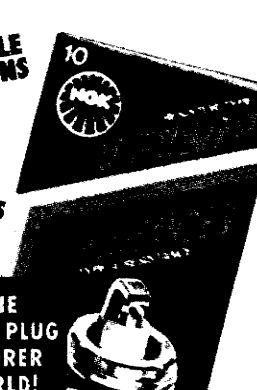
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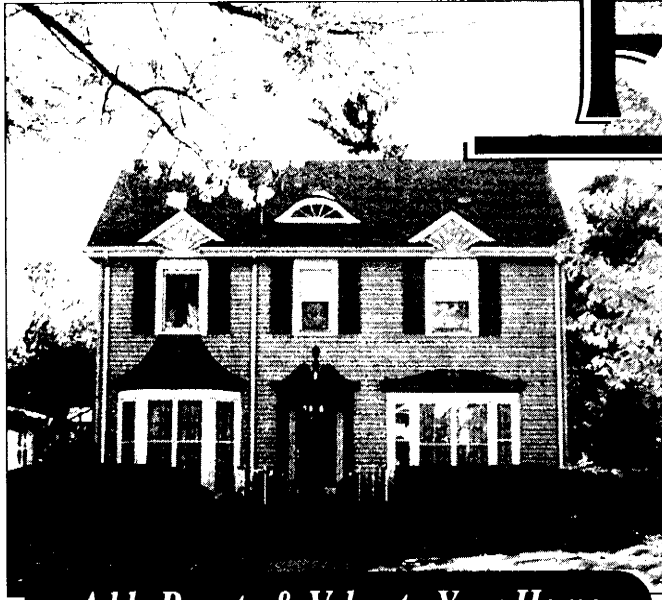
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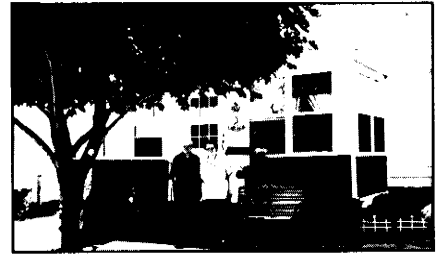
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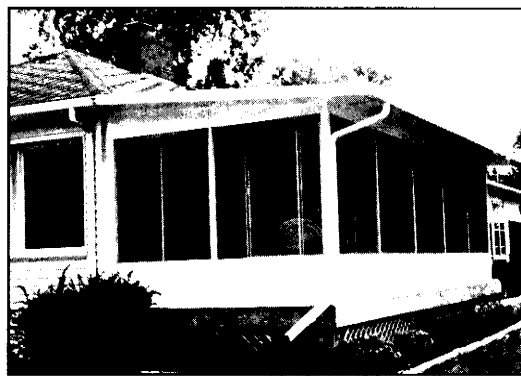
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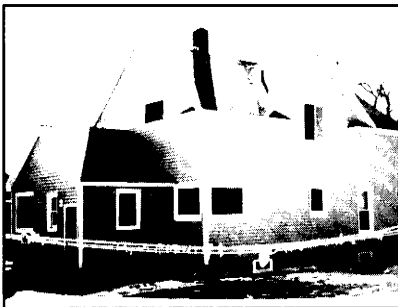
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