

SIGNING IN to vote at the Evergreen Township Hall during Monday's Sanilac County courthouse referendum are Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hoagg of Decker. In a light turnout, county voters rejected a \$1.6 million addition to the courthouse in Sandusky by nearly a 9-1 margin.

Figures withheld

Tuscola commissioners vote to freeze valuations

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners took their equalization protest another step last week when they voted not to send in the county 1976 valuation study to the State Tax Commission.

The action in effect freezes valuations at their 1975 level. The board voted to withhold the study presented Tuesday, Dec. 23, by Equalization Director Mac O'Dell.

The resolution was made by Cmmr. Kenneth Kennedy and supported by Maynard

McConkey.

O'Dell refused to release details of the study, made on residential and commercial property, to the Chronicle. While citing no figures, O'Dell described the general increase over 1975 figures as "substantial".

"What this means is that it's another step in the process of protesting equalization rates," O'Dell told the Chronicle Friday. "For now, all we can do is see what the state does."

O'Dell said the county's overall goal is to either

bring Tuscola land values

down to those in surrounding counties or see that other neighboring counties raise theirs. He acknowledged the move was sparked by Huron county's refusal to accept a state tax commission factor and to levy taxes on county equalized valuation.

The director indicated that by May, an appeal may be filed on Tuscola county's case. O'Dell said he held out hope the protest might have some effect.

"You're never licked until the battle's over," he said. Discussing the possibility of a factor for Tuscola county, O'Dell said the state could impose one or the commissioners could set one. He called Huron county's action of ignoring their state imposed factor as "against the law".

O'Dell said he is withholding details of the increases because he does not want the State Tax Commission to see them. So far, only county commissioners have seen the entire report, while supervisors have seen figures for their townships only.

Last year, county farmland was raised an average of 16 per cent county wide, with Elkland township absorbing nearly a 25 per cent boost. O'Dell would not indicate whether or not the jump was a one-figure or two-figure percentage.

The 1975 increases brought a wave of protest across the county, with farmers calling for either

a tax freeze or a rollback in assessments.

This is the first time such an action has taken place in Tuscola county's history.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business at Tuesday's commission meeting, Sheriff Hugh Marr requested that bids be prepared for five police cars for his department. The board granted Marr's request.

Michael Gage, Huron County Civil Defense Coordinator, reported on emergency medical service programs currently being carried out by the East Central Michigan Comprehensive Health Agency of which Tuscola county is a member.

The board also learned that Virginia Kirk is resigning from the Juvenile Court office. Commissioners authorized advertisements for a replacement with a starting salary of \$9,740.

Commissioners also heard a request from officials of the tri-county Meals on Wheels program for \$1,600 as Tuscola county's yearly share to help keep the meals coming to persons who would not otherwise have them.

The request was referred to the finance committee. The board also allocated \$154,024 to supplement county departmental wage budgets.

Commissioner Maynard McConkey said about 90 per cent of the supplement goes for the cost of court operations including court appointed attorney fees.

31 per cent turnout

Sanilac courthouse annex loses 9-1 in Monday vote

Sanilac county voters emphatically turned thumbs down on a \$1.6 million courthouse addition when they went to the polls in a special election Monday. Unofficial results show the proposal received 5,129 no votes to 446 yes, nearly a 9-1 margin.

Elections officials said 31 per cent of the county's registered voters went to the polls.

Cass City area townships soundly rejected the plan. It lost in Evergreen township by an 89-27 margin. Greenleaf township voters said no 24-17. It lost in Lamotte township 98-7, 113-8 in Austin township, 135-8 in Argyle township and 179-24 in Moore township.

Nearly 92 per cent of those who went to the polls voted against the measure.

The ringing defeat comes as a blow to County Commission Chairman Lloyd Severance, Decker, who had actively supported the measure. Severance said Tuesday he had not had time to assess the vote, but said the large margin of defeat came as a surprise to him.

"Maybe we just didn't get our message across," Severance said. "I'm not sure what happened."

Severance said in spite of the defeat, the need for more county office space still exists, although county planners and the commission aren't sure what the next move will

be. "We have nothing in mind," Severance said. "We do have to have room."

Severance said one solution might be for a private firm to construct an office building in Sandusky and rent it out to the county. Renting space is basically what the county is doing now, he said the rejected courthouse addition will probably not be resubmitted to voters.

The Sanilac county commission was scheduled to discuss the results at a board meeting scheduled Tuesday morning.

"I don't want to jump to any conclusions as to why it lost," Severance said. "I think it's too early for that. I am fairly certain that a larger

turnout wouldn't have made any difference."

The proposal had originally been approved by county commissioners last July. Following the approval, a petition drive began to place the question on the ballot.

Some observers said the commission should have gone to the voters in the beginning and not forced petitioning. During the course of the campaign, many Sanilac county newspapers became outspoken critics of the building, calling it too large, extravagant and ugly.

Severance had said the building could have been financed out of federal revenue sharing funds with little chance of additional local

millage.

"I don't know why there was so much resistance to it," Severance said. "I thought it was a good proposal. We would have gotten it practically for free. I can't understand what happened."

Here's how area townships in Sanilac county voted in Monday's courthouse referendum, according to unofficial returns:

	Yes	No
Evergreen	27	89
Greenleaf	17	24
Lamotte	7	98
Austin	8	113
Argyle	8	135
Moore	24	179

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HAPPY 1976--That's the New Year's message from Jill Christner, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Christner of 6886 Herron Dr. Jill wouldn't say whether or not she made any resolutions for the new year.

Corn chopper

kills Snover

man Friday

Funeral services were held Monday for a Snover man who died Friday morning when he was crushed to death in a corn chopper.

David Schember, 27, was pronounced dead on arrival at McKenzie Hospital, Sandusky.

According to Sandusky State Police who investigated, the accident occurred around 11:15 a.m. at the farm of his brother-in-law, Dale Mann of 2816 Downing Rd., in Argyle township.

Police said the pair were working with the machine when Schember apparently fell into the chopper. Witnesses at the scene said he fell into the chopper feet first.

Authorities said it took over an hour to free the victim. Schember was born April 1, 1948, in Cass City, son of Clarence Schember and Mrs. Ruth Knobel Dorman.

He married Marsha Mann, May 18, 1973, in Cass City. He was a U.S. Army veteran in Vietnam and attended Cass City Missionary church.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Jeffrey of Snover; three brothers, Lyle and Rihard, both of Cass City, and Paul of Rhodes, Mich.; his parents, Clarence Schember of Lapeer and Mrs. Archie Dorman of Snover; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schember of Elkton and his maternal grandfather, Rihard Knobel of Cass City.

Rev. James Kidney, former pastor of Cass City Missionary church, officiated at funeral services held at the church.

Burial was in Novesta cemetery.

Prizes await first 1976 baby

The first baby born at Hills and Dales General Hospital in 1976 may miss being a 1975 tax deduction for his parents, but the little guy or gal will mean a host of prizes for both baby and parents, donated by several Cass City merchants.

Wood Rexall Drugs has a \$5.00 gift certificate to be picked up. Eria's Food Center, Albee Hardware and the Pled Piper have \$5 in merchandise for the new arrival. Konrad's Bakery will give away \$5 in baked goods while IGA Foodliner offers a choice of \$5 in baby food

or other merchandise. From Kritzman's Inc., the baby will receive \$5 gift certificate while Sommers' Bakery will present a congratulatory cake.

Cass City Studio will offer a free eight-by-10 portrait for the little tyke.

Coach Light Pharmacy is offering \$8.00 toward any prescription and the Gamble store will give \$5.00 in merchandise to the new parents.

There is no registration for the contest. The winner will be determined by hospital authorities.



A DEFORD man, Phillip Mathewson, was treated for back injuries at Hills and Dales General Hospital Friday night after his car skidded out of control and struck a fence on Cemetery Road, two miles south of Cass City.

Deford man injured

Area man struck, killed in Arenac

Tragedy struck Christmas day for area relatives of a former Cass City resident who was struck and killed Thursday afternoon as he attempted to cross the I-75 expressway near Alger in Arenac county.

According to state police reports, Merle Charles Beardsley, 54, Kinde, was crossing southbound I-75 when he was struck by a car.

Officers said Beardsley's auto had run into a ditch in the median of the highway. They said he was crossing the road and heading toward a car that had stopped to assist him. Police said Beards-

ley's car was filled with wrapped Christmas packages. The accident took place at about 3:00 p.m.

Beardsley was born Jan. 7, 1921, in Elmwood township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beardsley.

He married Mary Thornton, Oct. 13, 1940, in Elmwood township. The couple moved to Cass City following their marriage and moved to Oxford before settling in Kinde eight years ago.

He was a Navy veteran and served in both the African and European theatres during World War II. He is survived by his wid-

ow; one son, David of Dryden; one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Rose) Willis of Uby; three brothers, William of New Haven, Donald of Oxford and Harold of Hawthorne, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Darovitz of Paradise; seven step-sisters, Mrs. Ora Beardsley of Troy, Mrs. Fenwick Gedge of Birmingham, Mrs. Harold Copeland of Cass City, Mrs. Lee Galpin of Oxford, Mrs. Harry Lipic of Warren, Mrs. Harry Richmond and Mrs. Mel Miller, both of Oxford; one stepbrother, A.D. Melzer of Lake Orion, and 12 grandchildren. One son preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday from Little's Funeral Home with Rev. Milton Gelatt officiating. Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

DRIVER INJURED

A rural Deford man was hospitalized overnight Friday following injuries sustained in a one-car accident that occurred on Cemetery Road, two miles south of Cass City, early Friday evening. Phillip Mathewson, 31, of 17 N. Kingston Rd., Deford, was treated for back injuries, authorities said.

Sheriff's deputies reported Mathewson was southbound when he lost control of his car on packed snow and ice, slid off the east side of the road and struck a fence and trees.

The accident took place at 5:05 p.m. Mathewson was alone at the time of the crash.

A 71-year-old Cass City woman was injured Wednesday morning, Dec. 24, when the car she was driving collided with a second auto on M-53 and Pinebog Road, about five miles southwest of Bad Axe.

Bad Axe State Police identified the woman. Concluded on page 14.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cass City Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little
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Mrs. R. Jerry White

St. Pancratius Catholic church was the scene of the Dec. 20 wedding ceremony of Miss Jayne Krohn and R. Jerry White, Rev. Fr. Joseph Morales officiated at the 1:00 p.m. double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Madalyn Krohn of Elkton and the late Charles Krohn. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conner of Yuma, Ariz.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Larry Krohn, wore a white floor-length knit coat and gown ensemble. The gown was accented with a halter neckline and a jeweled bodice. The hooded coat was trimmed with maribou at the cuffs and surrounding the hood. She carried a white maribou muffed accented with an arrangement of red roses. Matron of honor was Mary

Quimette of Cass City. Bridesmaid was Beth Sunderland, Gagetown. They wore white knit interlock gowns with a V-neck and maribou-edged hooded jackets which tied in front at the Empire waist. Both bridesmaids carried a wine maribou muffed accented with arrangements of pink roses. Best man was Kenneth Vitale. Ushers were Thomas Conner and Kenneth Vitale.

The bride's mother wore a knit floor-length gown of moss green with caplet gracefully draping to the floor. She wore a corsage of multi-colored sweetheart roses.

The bridegroom's mother wore a sheer powder blue floor-length gown and a corsage of multi-colored sweetheart roses.

A reception for 75 guests was held following the ceremony at Indianfields Country Club in Caro.

Music for the ceremony included "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer," played by Paul Kerbyson and sung by Tamara Bauman.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed as a reading specialist at Central Montcalm Public Schools in Stanton, Mich.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is a humanities instructor at Montcalm Community College at Sidney, Mich.

Bridesmaids and close friends gave a bridal shower prior to the ceremony. Guests attended from Arizona, St. Joseph, Detroit, Battle Creek, Lakeview, Ann Arbor, Livonia, Utica and Saginaw.

Following a wedding trip to New York City, the couple will reside in Crystal, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt and family of Deford and Rev. and Mrs. Howard Woodard were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Thelma Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly and children arrived home Saturday night from a week's trip to Florida.

Ms. Esther Buehrly had as Christmas day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly, Don Buehrly, Mrs. Elsie Anthes, Francis Elliott and Edward Buehrly.

Mr. and Mrs. James Halsey and children of Pickford spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Halsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury.

Miss Phoebe Wiles of Bradenton, Fla., is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson and family had as guests Saturday for a belated Christmas dinner, Miss Phoebe Wiles of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. James Halsey and family of Pickford, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. John Sting and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles and Phoebe Wiles had as Christmas day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cutler, James Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Leprich and daughters of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Thayer of Gilford, Mr. and Mrs. John Sting and Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Taylor and Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tuckey and daughter Carole and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hanby and family had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanby, Mrs. Edith Ward and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Guild and three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Bosert and three children of Caro and Mrs. Eva Bair.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild were Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Bradley and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Guild and three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Bosert and three children of Caro and Mrs. Eva Bair.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Tuckey came from Tarpon Springs, Fla., to spend the holidays with their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McArthur had as Christmas day guests, her sister, Mrs. Fred Thompson of Flint, Mrs. Martha Clement from the medical care facility at Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur and family.

Ms. Linda Walters of Owosso spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey. This week, she and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Cummings and sons of Port Austin are in Florida to visit the Edwin McConkeys at Palm Beach Gardens and Disney World.

Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Auten had as Christmas guests, her sister, Mrs. Louise Greenaway of Manistee, Miss Barbara Starmann of Ann Arbor, John Starmann of Colon and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig and daughter Barbara.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild spent Saturday with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gordon in Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burns of Port Austin spent Christmas night with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Greenleaf.

Mrs. Arthur Little was in Center Line from Tuesday until Saturday to spend Christmas with her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts and family, Bruce A. Little of Sunnyvale, Calif., telephoned his family there Christmas morning. Also on Dec. 26, the family celebrated the 16th birthday of Diane Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reid and son Ryan of Marquette, arrived Dec. 23 and spent until Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Lee Hartel and Donald Reid homes.

Fifty-two members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Esckelsen gathered Friday at the Gun Club for a Christmas dinner. Among those present were Army CWO Clinton Esckelsen, his wife Joyce and two of their children, Brad and Kathy of Nekoma, N.D. They had spent a week in Cass City and left Monday to return to North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Biddle spent Christmas day in Rochester with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmateer.

Harry Wentworth of Dallas, Tex., was a Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Biddle.

Mrs. Ralph Didier of Standish and Lucille Wentworth of Lansing spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Biddle.

Mrs. James Deming and Mrs. Charles Smith of Caro were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Craig, Dec. 23.

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Edward Mark, who will be 87 years old Jan. 1, was surprised Sunday when 30 members of his family gathered at the William Martus Sr. home to celebrate the occasion. Relatives came from McComb, Ohio, Grosse Pointe, Flushing, Flint, Caro, Bay Port, Sandusky and Cass City.

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Mrs. Ruth Diem of Sandusky;

Jason Harder of Bay Port; Gordon Walker of Kings-ton;

Mrs. Ethel Oeschger of Caseville.

Around 40 persons gathered at the Baptist church Tuesday night to pack boxes of fruit and baked goods, which were distributed when the group, divided into three sections, went caroling to shut-ins and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Arroyo and family celebrated Christmas day by having Brad Groth, Dean Little, Dennis Nye and Robert Neiman as guests for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guinther, Sandy and Mark were Christmas guests of the Bob Speirs family. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. John Luana and Joey. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Vern McConnell in the evening.

The annual Butler family Christmas gathering was held Sunday, Dec. 21, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Fellowship hall. A cooperative dinner was served to 85 family members and four guests. Guests attended from Union Lake, Oxford, Big Rapids, Ortonville, Lapeer, Saginaw, Sandusky, Caro and Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey had with them for Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Cummings and sons Clarke and Craig of Port Austin and Linda Walters of Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle had with them for Christmas day, Herbert Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and children and Mrs. Connie Langmaid and family.

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Mrs. Annie Yorko is spending the holidays with friends in Imlay City.

The annual Patch-Wentworth Christmas gathering was held Sunday at the Shabbona hall. Forty-two attended from Dallas, Tex., Lansing, Harrison and the Cass City area.

Mrs. B.K. Pearce and son Marc of Coldwater came Saturday to visit Mrs. Pearce's mother, Mrs. Milton Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Miller of Kalamazoo came Sunday. Mrs. Pearce, Marc and Mrs. Miller returned to Coldwater Sunday afternoon. Mr. Miller went to Detroit, where he is in the last term at Burroughs.

Mrs. Lois Binder left Dec. 23 and spent from Christmas until Sunday with her son and family, the David Binders at Portage. Mrs. Maud Holcomb of Snover accompanied her to Portage to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mills.

Ron Decker of Big Rapids was a guest of Miss Christine Craig Saturday and Sunday at the Harold Craig home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morgan of Snover and Miss Maxine Loney were Sunday guests of Mr. Morgan's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon in Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Alma Loney and Miss Maxine Loney had as a guest last week, a cousin, Mrs. Doris Lindblad of Chicago. Other guests Christmas Eve were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan of Romulus and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morgan of Snover. Mrs. Loney and Maxine and their guest spent Christmas day at the Ted Morgan home.

Dec. 21, Mrs. Edward Profit and son Billy were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Profit's nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ignash at Pigeon. The dinner followed the baptism of the Ignash's son, Michael, age two months, in St. Francis Borgia Catholic church at Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig went to Flint Monday afternoon to attend memorial services for Clyde Peterson. Mrs. Peterson was the former Lula Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Profit and children were among 14 relatives present for a Christmas dinner Thursday at the home of Mrs. Profit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ignash at Pigeon.

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Attending funeral services for Clayton R. Simmons, 68, at Mancelona Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons and daughters, Vicky and Verna, of Deckerville; Mr. and Mrs. James Simmons and Mrs. Roy McNeil of Cass City. Clayton Simmons was a brother of Mrs. Cameron, Charles and James Simmons and Mrs. McNeil.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Profit and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Muntz.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spencer and children Shari, Michael and Michelle of Denver, Colo., left Dec. 26 after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer. They came Dec. 7 and during that time Roger Spencer attended school in Dayton, Ohio, for ten days.

Mrs. Margaret Kilpatrick of Bad Axe spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra.

Capt. Dean Rienstra of Sacramento, Calif., arrived Dec. 24 to spend the holidays at the Peter Rienstra home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer had their family with them over Christmas. Those from a distance were the Roger Spencers from Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carmichael of Fremont and Graydon Spencer, who has been in Denver, Colo., for some time but will remain in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra had with them for Christmas Dec. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Rienstra, Mrs. Mary Ann Rienstra and daughter Dana of Caro, Dwight, Dwain and Dawn Rienstra of North Branch, Capt. Dean Rienstra from California and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rabideau and son Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freed and family of Elkhart, Ind., spent from Friday until Tuesday with Mrs. Freed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snodgrass of Muncie, Ind., and relatives of Mrs. Snodgrass from Clio were Monday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Simcox of Decker were Sunday evening guests in the Edward Profit home.

Callers Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at the Lyle Zapfe home were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zapfe of Mayville and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peasley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rienstra of Harbor Beach were Saturday callers at the Peter Rienstra home. Saturday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Radwin of North Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holm had as Christmas guests, Miss Karen Holm and friend of Southgate, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe and Mrs. Thelma Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peasley of Deford spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Peasley and his sister, Miss Lucie Peasley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peasley at Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mark accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Nichol of Bay City to Florida where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mark in Bradenton. The Jim Marks flew home Sunday after spending a week.

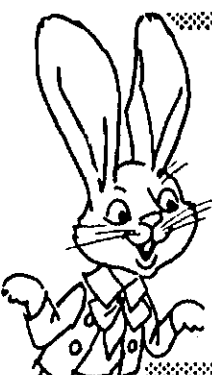
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Profit had with them from Wednesday until Saturday, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell and daughters of Royal Oak.

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Rabbit tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cost of living got you down? Consider this: Heinz Boehmer of Cologne, Germany, was a guest at Christmas.

He's a manager of a chain grocery grossing \$6 million yearly. He works 12 hours daily, Monday through Friday, and 8 hours on Saturday.

For this he makes about \$900 monthly... a third more than the German average.

Income taxes eat up 50 per cent of the \$900. Food costs are slightly higher, but the cost of living is similar... except for housing.

A \$40,000 home in Cass City is worth between \$100,000 to \$200,000 in Cologne, depending on the amount of land involved.

This is West Germany, mind you, with the highest standard of living in Europe.

The Cass City High School Band performed at halftime at the Laker game before the holidays without the aid of all director George Bushong.

Replacing George for the night was student Carl Palmateer, a swingin' band leader if there ever was one.

I'm not qualified to comment on the quality of the music but the students get an "A" for enthusiasm under the direction of Palmateer, who is nothing if not a showman.

Everyone makes lists at the first of the year. So why should I be different. Here's my nomination of the 10 top "I can do withouts" for next year.

Number one, another picture of Jackie Onassis.

Number two, the commercial that says if you brush your teeth with a brand name toothpaste you'll trap your man (or girl) into everlasting love.

Number three, a television shot of Richard Nixon swimming; President Ford skiing; Henry Kissinger stepping off another airplane.

Number four, unsigned letters to the editors. Even worse, ghost written letters duplicated, signed and mailed in a well organized ploy to promote a position or a project.

Number five, heating pipes that go bang, bang, bang in the middle of the night.

Number six, golfers who hit the ball out of sight and then sadly shake their heads and say, "I just can't seem to get any distance today."

Number seven, the football lights that have been serving Cass City football teams for over a quarter of a century.

Number eight, advertisements telling me how much oil companies, chemical companies and utilities are doing for me as my bills for their product or services continue to soar.

Number nine, beautiful prose Christmas cards from persons who either misspell my name or have my first or last name listed incorrectly someplace on a computer.

Number ten, lists like this at New Year's.



Wishing you a
year of
happy times!
Our thanks to all.

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"CASS CITY LANES"



MRS. MARY FROST, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Isaacs of Cass City, delivered Sunday's sermon at Trinity United Methodist church, where her mother is pastor. Mrs. Frost, a seminary student in Dayton, Ohio, spoke during Student Recognition Day Sunday. Other students participating were Jean Alexander, Kelly Gee, and Cheryl Kozan. (Neitzel Photo).

Prefers Jackson to jail

Fairgrove man gets prison term

A 30-year-old Fairgrove man told Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Norman Baguley he'd rather go to Jackson Prison than serve time in the Tuscola County Jail when he appeared in court Monday.

Judge Baguley granted his request and re-sentenced Sidney Robert Finn to serve from 32 months to four years in prison with credit for four days already served.

Court sources said Finn, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering Frank's Gun Shop at Quincass last March 18, told Judge Baguley he preferred prison to the county jail.

In his sentence order, Baguley recommended Finn receive treatment for alcoholism and vocational training. Court sources said Finn sought prison primarily for these two reasons, believing he could not receive help at the county jail.

Two weeks ago, Finn had been sentenced to serve six months in the county jail along with fines and costs totaling \$400. He was serving another sentence in Oakland county at the time of the original order and appealed, saying he belonged in prison and not a county jail.

Following the sentencing, Finn's attorney moved for an

appeal bond, which was set at \$5,000.

In other circuit court action Monday, Charles F. Wiltse, 28, Grand Rapids, was sentenced to serve from 18 months to two years in Jackson Prison for unlawfully driving away an automobile of another. He received credit for 37 days already served.

The offense took place Nov. 23 in Arbel township. Clarence James Davee, 21, Argyle, was sentenced to continued probation following a probation violation conviction. Davee was originally arrested in September, 1974, in Cass City.

Clair James Huntley, 17, Flint, was arraigned on a larceny charge, but pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of attempted larceny of more than \$100 which was accepted by the court.

Sentencing was set for Jan. 26, and bond was continued. Huntley was arrested in Millington, Dec. 3.

Randy Lee Baker, 19, Unionville, was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in a building. He stood mute and a plea of innocent was entered in his behalf. Pre-trial examination was set for Jan. 26, and bond was continued.

Baker was arrested in Unionville, Oct. 6.

Council to review budget

Cass City Village Council was scheduled to review preliminary budget figures for 1976 during its meeting scheduled Tuesday night at the Municipal Building.

Trustees got their first look at early budget figures at the November meeting which showed general fund revenues and expenditures at \$284,000, up about 10 per cent from 1975 totals.

Trustees were also scheduled to approve 1976 wage and fringe benefit increases for village employees and further discussion was set on the proposed park lease with Cass City School District.

Probe Kingston vandalism

Vandals damaged a chain link fence at Kingston High School sometime Friday, Tuscola County Sheriff's officers reported.

According to the Sheriff's report, the damage was discovered around 1:00 a.m. Loss was set at about \$15.

This is the second time this month vandalism has been reported at the school, the report noted. On Dec. 20, similar damage to the fence was discovered.

Police have no suspects.

FROM THE Editor's Corner



The countdown has started and we will be entering the bicentennial year, probably by the time you read this. And already I'm tired of it.

It's strange, too. Because I've always enjoyed history as a subject.

Not the events, really. But why nations and people reacted the way they did. The human error that changed the course of history.

The battles won and lost because of tactical or political blunders. Old houses, antiques and relics of days gone by simply bore me.

But to study how Abraham Lincoln lost a debate and won a presidency... that's right down my alley.

Did you ever wonder just how history will rank the politicians and the policies of today?

Did we lose in Viet Nam because of rebellion at home... or did one leader after another blunder us deeper into a mess with no solution?

It's not all that certain, you know. What we see today and what historians will see 50 to 100 years from now may be entirely different.

Is the United States on the road up or out?

A learned scholar that I studied under once ago at Michigan State once presented two rules for judging nations

that are as valid today as they were then.

The first is that regardless of moral right or wrong every nation will do whatever it can to further its own self interest.

The second is that whenever any country has more people living off government dole (directly or indirectly) than it has in productive jobs the government perishes.

If these laws are as immutable as this historian indicated, it's easy to see that the United States is heading down that road of no return. There's a limit to how much the productive workers can be expected to carry.

There's a proposal now under consideration in Lansing that I understand would call for double compensation for a worker injured on the job. Double his usual salary.

The reasoning behind this proposed change in workman's compensation law is difficult to understand.

It's apparent that it is an incentive for the worker not to return to his labor.

It's an increased cost of doing business and eventually an increased cost for every product or service you buy.

It's non-productive and edges closer to that 50 per cent public dole figure.

It's on a par with paying a person drawing retirement pay, unemployment pay when they are through working.

It's on a par with food stamps for strikers and college students.

We still have the best economy and the highest standard of living that there is.

The question is will our leaders throw it away? Despite all our troubles I suspect that most of you have the same underlying faith in the system that I do.

A feeling that somehow we'll muddle through. The real verdict won't be in for 50 to 100 years. And the '70's will be something special for historians to pore over then.



"If It Fitz..."

Non-Christians not welcome

BY JIM FITZGERALD

Jesus Christ!

No, I'm not taking his name in vain during the holy season. And this isn't going to be another explanation of why I don't go to church. Who cares whether the clown goes to church?

I just wanted to get the attention of all you good Christians. I have a question for you:

Do you have any objections to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness starting a school in your town?

You know the Krishnas. They shave their heads and wear long gowns and preach

Marriage Licenses

Randall Harvie Vincent, 19, Vassar, and Kristine Ann Slater, 20, Vassar.

Walter Hubert Ostrander, 18, Millington, and Debra Ann Pashby, 17, Millington.

Michael Herman Adams, 22, Mishawaka, Ind., and Vickie Lee German, 19, Deford.

Earl James Monroe, 21, Millington, and Sandra Ann Roberts, 19, Millington.

Francis Marion Baker Jr., 24, Mayville, and Kimberly Ann Saxton, 20, Pontiac.

Daniel Delane Moore, 22, Vanderbilt, and Elizabeth Ann Rochester, 18, Vassar.

Christopher Allan McLeish, 20, Marietta, Ohio, and Jackie Lynne LaPeer, 17, Caro.

Randall Lee Howard, 21, Owendale, and Pamela Jill Lewis, 20, Caro.

Bennie Joe Reese, 19, Gagetown, and Brenda Faye Adams, 16, Gagetown.

Robert Stephen Daniels, 41, Fostoria, and Ethelyn Alice Radich, 24, Fostoria.

in the streets. They often hang around bus terminals and airports, looking as if they fell off an old-fashioned Christmas card.

It is strange to see the Krishnas as jets roar overhead. They look like they should be in Bethlehem, maybe in a manger. (Pay attention now, you Christians. I am getting meaningful.)

The Krishnas recently tried to buy an abandoned military academy in the small farming community of Aledo, Ill. They wanted to use it for a school. But the good Christians of Aledo didn't want anything to do with the Krishnas.

"The academy definitely suited our needs, but the townspeople obviously did not want us there," said the Krishna business manager. "The prevailing attitude was such that we were concerned about the welfare of the children should we move there."

The Krishna leaders were shouted down when they tried to plead their case at the public meeting. Mrs. Glen Stanciliff, who led the Aledo drive against the Krishnas, explained there was no room for the sect or its children because Aledo is a Christian

community and the Krishnas aren't Christian, they are Hindu.

"Tolerance? Our country was founded on that, but remember everyone that came to our country accepted the Lord, Jesus Christ as their savior," Mrs. Stanciliff said. "We're trying to protect our own religion is what we are trying to do."

The Jews must have been stowaways on the Mayflower. They probably snuck ashore while the good Christians were ripping off the Indians.

The sad truth is that there are millions of Christians who agree with Mrs. Stanciliff. They think theirs is the only path and everyone else must either be saved by the missionaries or kept out of town. They are small people who can't see over their Bibles and they cannot possibly pray hard enough on Sunday to make up for the hypocritical poison they ooze all week. The Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem would be ashamed to listen to them.

No room in Aledo, Mrs. Stanciliff said.

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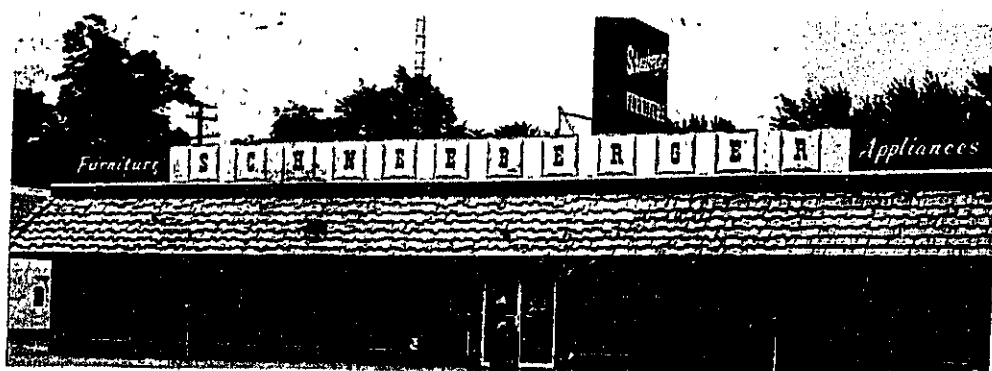
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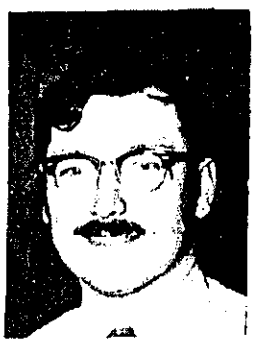


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The forgotten man

By Jim Ketchum



Dear President Roosevelt, I guess I might as well address this to you as to the present occupant of the White House. You've probably heard he can't ski and chew gum at the same time, so I doubt sending him this kind of letter would do much good.

I'm also addressing this to you because it's become fashionable lately to blame you and the New Deal for the way the country is today. I'm betting, though, that this isn't quite the way you had things planned back in 1933.

Old critics and historical revisionists take delight in blaming your "pump-priming," deficit spending and general tinkering with the private enterprise system for today's economic mess.

Well, I really can't believe all that stuff. I can't believe it because it's too simple an explanation. I mean you've been dead over 30 years. You had no control over what Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, et al did.

In case you weren't aware of it, we've got big problems. We're saddled with double-digit inflation that would make your head swim. In your day, it was deflation you were fighting.

We're saddled with skyrocketing tax bills to pay for services used by those who don't work. I know you felt government had an obligation to see to it that none of its

citizens went without food, shelter or clothing. There's nothing wrong with that.

The problem is that there are too many getting too much. Even social security seems doomed. In your day, each recipient was supported by 10 workers paying into the system. Today less than three workers support each recipient. By the time I retire, there may be no system left.

The working man is being squeezed out of the housing market by soaring prices. One day, he may not be able to afford property prices or taxes.

What's happened, Mr. President, is that the forgotten man you championed 44 years ago has been forgotten again. He's forgotten until it comes to paying taxes and being gouged by utilities, insurance companies and big business who don't give a happy damn about him once they've gotten his money.

I seriously doubt you planned it to turn out this way. I have to believe you when you said you didn't like unbalanced budgets and paying unlimited welfare.

At least back in the 1930's, you had people earning their welfare through the CCC and WPA. It might not have been the most efficient way of doing things, but at least you had to work for your pay.

It would be nice to have some of your thoughts on the subject, but that's impossible. But I think if you were alive today, you'd probably favor completely scrapping the welfare system you had a part in creating. They say you'd ditch something if it didn't work.

I think you'd try to remember the forgotten man, too. After all, he's the one who put you and all the other politicians into office.

And he's the one who will remember the politicians in November.

Ever wonder what life will be like 50 years from now? Back in 1925, Hugo Gernsback, a noted writer and editor of Radio News, Science and Invention and The Experimenter, wondered the same thing.

He put down his predictions in the form of a feature story printed in The American Weekly, a Sunday newspaper supplement. Mrs. William C. O'Dell of Cass City ran across the story recently.

"I thought it was interesting because some of his predictions came true," Mrs. O'Dell said. "But some of them were really off."

In general, Gernsback's crystal ball was only a little cloudy. One of the inventions he accurately predicted was the combination telephone-television, in its experimental stages today.

"As the wife sits at the telephone to talk to her husband in his office, she will see him and his desk and all the surrounding room as plainly as if she were there with him," Gernsback wrote. Along the same line, he accurately predicted television.

"Movies by radio? Why not?" Gernsback wrote. "You will be able to have a moving picture produced in some central plant and projected in your home, on your yacht, or on your camping trip, the picture being sent by radio and received and projected upon your screen. All of this is perfectly possible."

Gernsback also noted the problems of wasted energy and had some ideas on conservation.

"All our buildings and houses are due for a great revolution," he wrote. "In the wintertime, all our buildings will be warm and in the sum-

mer time, they will be cool. The future buildings and houses will be fashioned along the principle of a thermos bottle. Each wall will be double and the space between the walls will be filled with cork or some other poor heat conductor."

"At the present time, as soon as we heat a room, the heat is dissipated through the walls and through the windows. By having double walls and double or triple window panes, a small electric heater will keep a big room warm. In the summer, on the hottest day, our rooms will be nice and cool, because no heat can get into the room."

Gernsback also predicted that solar panels would be used by 1975 to capture energy from the sun and convert it into electricity. While still largely in the experimental stage, Gernsback was close.

"The tops of our tallest buildings will be flat and glass covered," he wrote. "They will have airplane landing platforms on which all kinds of airplanes . . . will land." Many large buildings have helicopter landing pads today.

Gernsback also predicted the necessity for large, intricate subway systems in our large cities. He envisioned three layers in the system, the top for local commuters, a lower level for inter-urban travelers and a lower level for long distance travel. He said long distance subway trains would be powered by electricity and run as fast as 200 miles an hour.

Gernsback saw electricity as the technological savior of mankind by 1975. Electricity would be the major force in transportation, would help solve weather problems and could even help our crops grow better.

It's at this point that Gernsback's crystal ball starts clouding up.

WEATHER CONTROL

"Fifty years hence (1975) our scientists will have solved the problem of controlling the weather, at least as far as our cities are concerned," Gernsback wrote. "Huge high frequency electric structures, placed on top of our largest buildings, will either dispel threatening rain or, if necessary, produce rain as needed during the hot spells or during the night."

Mark Twain's old saying is still intact: "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Gernsback also predicted that high-power radio signals could send vitalizing charges through plants and animals

1925 predictions reviewed

Life in 1975? It didn't turn out quite the way Hugo Gernsback planned it

that would produce beneficial effects.

"Our crops and plants will grow practically two to 10 times as quickly and crops will be more productive under this electrification," he wrote. "Under such stimulation, it will be quite possible to raise crops at least twice or perhaps more often during the year; and the most interesting part about this is that it will cost the farmer absolutely nothing except for fertilizer."

Gernsback never paid an electric bill apparently. But he also saw benefits for humans who received large quantities of high-frequency radio signals.

He compared human bombardment with radio signals to the small shock received from a small generator.

"We know how this treat-

ment stimulates our nerves, how it injects new vitality into us and how in popular parlance it "peps us up." If we could be under such stimulus 24 hours a day and as we all know, it is perfectly harmless, it certainly would increase our working efficiency to a very marked extent. It would probably do away with such common ailments as headaches, indigestion and rheumatism."

Gernsback also suggested the possibility for children raised under constant electrification to reach adult height sooner. "Under constant electrification it may be possible, 50 years from now, that a child of six will be mentally and physically equal to the youth of 18 today."

X-RAY TRANSPORTATION

Gernsback applied the X-ray tube theory to the prob-

lem of moving cargoes. Since X-ray particles could travel through a glass tube, why not bricks, for instance?

"In other words," he wrote, "let us say, a brick will be disintegrated into its elements and radiated out into space the same as radio waves or light waves are now radiated, to be reassembled at the receiving station."

Had it worked, we wouldn't have to worry about keeping the railroads going or building super highways.

Another job electricity would do in 1975, Gernsback predicted, was make taxicabs out of us. Each person would travel on a pair of electrically powered roller skates.

"An insulated wire running from the skate to the head or shoulder of the skater will be sufficient to take the power from a radio power line running overhead, and we shall then all be propelled electri-

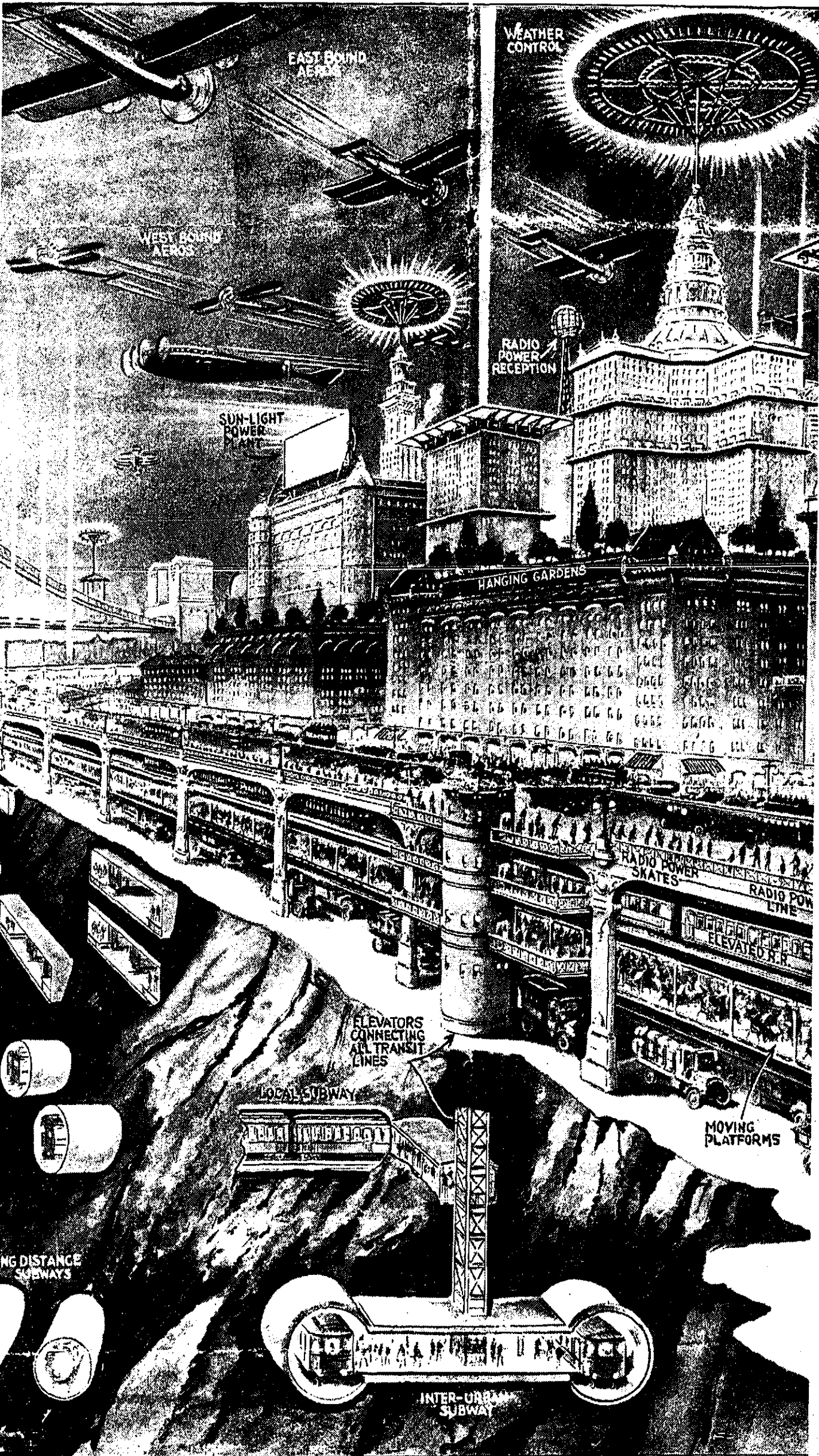
cally at a pace at least four or five times faster than we can walk today."

He also predicted that by 1975, everything would be propelled by electricity.

Gernsback made no predictions about space flight or strides in medical science. He also failed to recognize the chance of an energy crisis that makes universal electric power impractical today. But he asked us not to be too hard on him if we found the story years later.

"The chances are that if someone runs across this 50 years from now, he will severely condemn the writer of this for his great lack of imagination, for no matter how wild the predictions may seem now, they will look very tame 50 years hence," he concluded.

Care to make any predictions on life 50 years from now?



THIS IS HOW writer Hugo Gernsback envisioned the typical city of 1975 in an article published 50 years ago. Subways and solar panels are two of today's innovations shown. Others, such as the weather control wheels, never quite made it.

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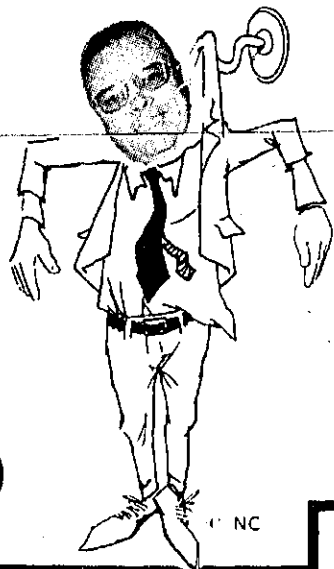
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Shabbona Area News

EXTENSION

The Shabbona Extension Group met Monday evening, Dec. 22, with Mrs. Arlie Gray. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. William Jones.

The Women's Creed was repeated in unison, followed by a moment of silent prayer. Roll call was answered by the 18 members. Secret friends' gifts were exchanged. Secret friends' names were revealed and new ones drawn for another year. The story "It was the Night Before Christmas" was read by Mrs. Jones.

Lunch was served in the basement. The Jan. 26 meeting will be with Mrs. Jim McIntosh.

Dalton Puterbaugh was a Christmas dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hacker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Geister and family at Marlette. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Franklin of Brown City and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Westover of Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith met Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and girls of Moscow, Idaho, at Metro Airport in Detroit Tuesday afternoon. Later they joined their families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family where supper was ready for the group. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leeding and family were Christ-

mas day guests of her mother, Mrs. Luella Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Norman spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day with Mrs. and Mr. Jim Hopkins and family of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fleming and family of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleming and Dan were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler and family were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Duncan McLean at Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Geister and family of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Donke and family of South Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hyatt and family were Christmas Eve guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Campbell, at a family gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sprague and Kellie of Bay Port and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cherniawski were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh and family. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leiprandt and son of Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and Rebecca.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and girls of Moscow, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith. They were joined in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ross and son of Owendale. Mrs. Nellie Vrooman of Caro came Wednesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Grace Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh and daughter Lana, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cherniawski were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pallas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hoag and family arrived Christmas day in the afternoon to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hoag. A Christmas dinner was served Friday. Joining them for dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hoag and family. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Monaco.

Miss Denise Boutler of Flint spent Thursday night visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox and family of Pontiac visited his sister, Patricia Cox, and uncle, Elmer Sherman, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and girls of Moscow, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family were all Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leslie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Kreuger of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogan and daughter of Sandusky, Mrs. Margaret Foster of Sandusky, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerstenberger and Scotty, Mrs. William Snell and Miss Jeannie Kruger of Caro were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Kreger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Springstead and family of Novi, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Phillips and family of St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. George Regnerus and family, Sam Springstead and daughter Lori, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rick, all of Mt. Clemens, and Dan-

iel Bera were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Springstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Dorman were Christmas morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McIntosh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnett and family of Grand Blanc, Mrs. Altha Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Head of Center Line, Rev. and Mrs. Curtice Deford and daughter of Imlay City enjoyed a belated Christmas dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hyatt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Dorman were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sawdon at Deford.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burnison and sons of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burnison were Christmas day guests of Mrs. Ben Burnison. They were joined in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burnison and daughter of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Dorman were Saturday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Groombridge at Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bullock and sons of East Lansing, Mrs. Helen Bullock of Mayville, Mrs. Nellie Vrooman of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wheeler of Sandusky, Mrs. Duncan McLean of Argyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler and family enjoyed a belated Christmas dinner Saturday with Miss Grace Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Geister of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Franklin of Brown City and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith attended the belated Christmas gathering Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Donke and family of South Lyon. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bell and fam-

ily of Ortonville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and family of Sandusky and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith were belated Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meredith, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were Thursday evening callers of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bullock and sons of East Lansing and Mrs. Helen Bullock spent Friday till Sunday with Miss Grace Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Dorman visited Mrs. Maud Houghton of Snover Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith visited Mrs. Cora Parry, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Krause and her family took Mrs. George Krause out to dinner Sunday to help celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Richardson and Brenda and Mrs. Nell Richardson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Richardson at West Bend, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith attended the open house Sunday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Margaret Boag.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryle Webb spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Ibra Webb at Meville.

Mrs. Aliene Ritz of Cass City was a Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beryle Webb.

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FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

James Blades, 34, Cass City's first superintendent, has assumed his new duties. Cass City Incumbent office holders filed petitions for re-election this week, including Village President Lambert Althaver, Trustee Arthur Holmberg and Clerk-Treasurer Celia House. A hot election is promised in Gagetown where incumbent James England, Republican, will face Elery Sontag, Democrat, in a fight for the village president's post.

Tuscola county commissioners will be sworn into office Tuesday afternoon for their new two-year terms. The commissioners will have one new face among them at the swearing-in ceremony and that will be a Democrat, Kenneth Kennedy of Millington, representing district seven. Returning are Donald Graf of district one; Edward Golding, district two; Shuford Kirk, district three; William Tuckey, district four; Floyd Duckey, district five and Charles Woodcock, district six.

TEN YEARS AGO

Cass City trustees altered charter policy slightly Tuesday night to give sanitary sewer facilities to the new Cass City High School following a request from Supt. Donald Crouse for a council statement of policy on the matter.

Cass City trustees may try a second attempt at securing a one-mill bond levy to purchase and revamp the H.O. Paul building into a combination fire hall, library and post office.

Decorations at the Leonard Damm home took first place in the first home decoration contest to be held in recent years following judging by a three-man team Thursday night, Dec. 23. First prize was \$25.

Happiness is a color television set won in a Chamber of Commerce drawing and happiness was what the Louis Pierce family experienced Friday noon, Dec. 24, when Chamber officials drew their name from several thousand in the final drawing.

Donald Doerr, Alfred Goodall, Maynard McConkey, Roy R. Wagg and Howard Muntz have been elected Elkland township committeemen to the Agricultural Stabilization Committee for the following year.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

James L. Purdy, banker in Gagetown for 60 years, died Sunday morning at his

home at the age of 81.

A nativity scene complete with shepherds offering gifts to the Christ child won Lloyd Vyse first prize in the Chamber of Commerce home decorating contest.

A proposed 1951 village budget calling for \$55,761.25 was approved by trustees at the December council meeting Tuesday night. The budget is \$253.06 more than the amount required in 1950.

The largest volume of business in the history of the Cass City post office was transacted this month, according to Mrs. Andrew Bigelow, postmaster. Through Tuesday, stamp sales totaled \$400 over last year's December record of \$2,778.07.

Ed Karr will head up a new tractor club planned for Cass City.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Ed Fritz team defeated the McIntyre team with an

893 count in local bowling tournament play Dec. 27, winning by 220 pins.

Bert Clara, who was going to play Santa Claus for the Greenleaf School Tuesday evening, burned his left hand badly and received slight burns on the face when he lighted a match to have a smoke which ignited the Santa Claus suit.

Raymond Warner of Kings-ton has purchased a new Studebaker car.

Frederick Pinney served as chairman of the evening when the Cass City Rotary Club and Rotary Annex attended a dinner at the Hotel Montague in Caro Thursday evening, Dec. 26, at the annual ladies' night function of the club.

Rev. George D. Bugbee, pastor of the Cass City Nazarene church, received a severe cut across the palm of his left hand last week, when a shaving mug he was using broke. The hand is still bandaged.

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Gagetown Area News

Mrs. Harold Koch
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Mrs. Harry Johnston of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pitcher and family and Mrs. John Pitcher of Sebawaing, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carroll and family of Gagetown, Dan Rabideau of New York and Tim Rabideau and friend of Lansing were Christmas

day guests of the William Johnston family of Cass City. Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Generous, Jennelle, Jill and Julie of Cass City, Jack Generous and daughter Suzanne of Caro, spent Christmas day in La-

peer as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Generous, Simone and Craig. Simone and Craig Generous then returned home with their grandparents for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rabideau and family were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kohl of Sebawaing Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Comment and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch, Ray, and Janet were Christmas dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Nora Meyer of Birch Run, and other rela-

tives in the Frankenmuth area. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Koch and family were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pobanz of Sebawaing.

Mrs. Aura Beaudon was a Christmas day guest of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Balzer and family of Unionville, who hosted the Langlois family for the day. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Langlois of Flint.

Jenny and James Barr Jr. of the Traverse City area and Terrence Barr all were home to spend Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barr and fam-

ily of Gagetown.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Barr, a daughter, Kelly Jean, Dec. 17, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Koch, Dale and David called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Connolly of Cass City were dinner guests of Jack Generous and daughter Suzanne in Caro, Sunday, Dec. 21.

Life would be simpler if folks were willing to be themselves.

Miss Hanby entertains Philathea class

Miss Mary Hanby of Union Grove, Wis., entertained members of the Baptist Philathea class Saturday evening at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Edith Ward. Twenty persons attended.

Miss Hanby is on vacation from her position at Shepherds, Inc., in Union Grove.

Games were played and pot-luck refreshments were served.

During the business meeting, conducted by Clyde Wells, officers were elected. Bill Ewald was named president, with Art Fisher, vice-president and Shirley Shaw, secretary-treasurer.

HDC gets Head Start extension

The Human Development Commission of Caro has agreed to continue administering the troubled Head Start program until March 31, it was announced this week.

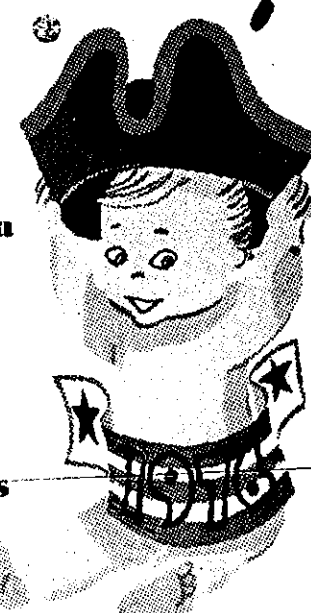
HDC officials said the extension was granted by the Office of Human Development in order to provide the regional staff with adequate time to seek and designate a new administering agency.

Earlier in December, HDC decided to drop Head Start in the wake of a controversy following the dismissal of two workers in Huron county. HDC had also learned federal authorities were studying the possibility of cutting off HDC Head Start funding.

"The commitment by HDC to administer the program beyond the current contract expiration of Jan. 31 was made in order to guarantee stability for the children enrolled and families as well as the staff of the program," an HDC press release said.

HDC added that the primary concern is to make sure services to preschoolers are uninterrupted and that "the quality of services be maintained."

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Fresh Pan Ready Frozen **DUCKLINGS** Lb. **79¢**

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Boneless New York Strip **STEAKS** Lb. **\$2.39**

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Hickory Smoked Rindless Layer **SLICED BACON** Lb. **\$1.29**

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20-lb. Bag **\$1.49**

Size 113 Sunkist **NAVEL ORANGES** Doz. **79¢**

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Calif. Red or Green **GRAPES** lb. **49¢**

Union 76 **SNOWMOBILE OIL** Qt. **69¢**

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McDonald French Onion **CHIP DIP** 8-oz. Ctn. **39¢**

McDonald Quality Chek'd Asst'd. **SHERBET** 1/2-Gal. **89¢**

Mix and Drink **DRY MILK** 20-Qt. Pkg. **\$3.69**

Soft Parkay **MARGARINE** Lb. Pkg. **59¢**

Oven Fresh **BLACK RYE** 1-lb. Loaf **59¢**

Oven Fresh **RYE** 1-lb. Loaf **49¢**

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SEVEN SEAS **SALAD DRESSING** 8-oz. Btl. **39¢**

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Trueworth Light Chunk **TUNA** 6-oz. Can **39¢**

Northern Bathroom Roll **TISSUE** 4 Pkg. **59¢**

Old South 100% Pure Florida Frozen **ORANGE JUICE** 12-oz. Can 3 Pkg. **\$1.29**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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CASS CITY - UBLV - CARO

Feb. 12-14, which is the middle three days of the large machinery show.

This is an excellent opportunity to see new farm machinery for 1976. The Kentucky exposition offers one of the largest expanses of indoor exhibition space in the world - 111 2 acres for the exhibitors.

Everyone will have an opportunity to take a closer look at new combines, silos, tractors, dairy equipment and any other agriculture machinery. You will have an opportunity to acquaint yourself with new distributors, veterinary techniques, plant and food chemicals. The intriguing programs during the evening are the tractor pulling contests.

It is a commonplace of medicine that nothing you can do will surely cure a wart. This gloomy statement is then balanced by the equally sweeping assertion that almost anything you do, within limits of course, may cause a wart to disappear.

All of which is another way of saying that the course of the viral infection that causes these benign, contagious, little tumors of the skin is erratic and unpredictable.

The elaborate armamentarium of X-ray machines, topical applications, electrical desiccation freezing and surgical excision are sometimes no more effective in bringing about a cure than is the application of hocus pocus as exemplified by Huck Finn's dead cat plunged into spunk water at midnight in a cemetery to the accompaniment of an appropriate incantation. Especially in young children, suggestion accompanied by impressive but meaningless manipulations has

SCHEDULE OF THE THREE-DAY TOUR

Thursday, Feb. 12 - leave Reese early morning; arrive Louisville late afternoon; attend National Tractor Pull in evening, 1,500 pound garden modified, 5,200 pound stock, 7,000 pound modified.

Friday, Feb. 13 - View the 11 1/2 acre indoor farm machinery show; option to attend Tractor Pull in evening, 1,000 pound garden, 12,000 pound stock, 9,000 pound modified.

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Return to Tuscola county - visit one farm en route if possible.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Bus transportation - \$25.00 per person.

Lodging (Holiday Inn) - \$21.00 per person.

Tractor Pull (Thursday ticket) - \$6.00 per person.

Tractor Pull (Friday ticket) - \$4.50 per person.

Meals - ...

Reservations are needed immediately to fill the bus. We must confirm hotel reservations and tractor pull contest tickets within the next week. Please accompany your reservation form with a \$25.00 check, to pay for the advance reservations and tickets. The balance of your payment will be collected as you board the bus, which will be approximately \$30 to \$35.

been known to "hex" warts away.

Sometimes painting the warts with a harmless but colorful solution, touching them with an unusual object, putting them under a heat lamp or simply by the "laying on of hands" with persuasive assertions of the infirmity of a cure, has been remarkably successful.

Such a happy outcome is generally attributed to a coincidental regression of the wart, but hexing warts away is a sufficiently frequent occurrence that puts the whole panorama of the treatment of warts in a limbo of uncertainty.

None of the methods of treating warts available at present is entirely satisfactory. This is probably because we do not yet have a specific means of combating the virus that causes them.

Although warts can be removed by a variety of methods, the virus often remains and the warts recur. Indeed, when a wart is solitary, or when they are few in number and painless, it is often wise to treat them by leaving them alone, in the expectation that they may very well disappear by themselves.

Among the more troublesome warts is the plantar wart on the sole of the foot, which consists of a flattened mass of thickened skin surrounding a tiny, tender core that is often exquisitely painful when pressed on.

The treatment of painful plantar warts is often unsuccessful, always tedious and even when one is successfully treated, it tends, like other warts, to recur.

Treatment of plantar warts with X-ray may be successful, but the dosage must be carefully controlled to avoid the risk of late secondary changes in the skin, which can follow overdosage with X irradiation.

The application of softening agents held in place by adhesive bandages, followed by periodic paring of the wart by a physician is sometimes effective, but requires several months of continued treatment for satisfactory results.

Eugene Finkbeiner, ministerial student at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., was guest speaker Sunday morning at First Baptist church. Rev. Lee Taylor conducted a meeting at Provincial House Sunday afternoon and spoke at the evening service.

The Wednesday evening service at 7:30 p.m., will be conducted by Pastor Al Shahan, with Diana Fisher addressing the teens.

Scheduled speakers next week are Gordon Ware, Sunday morning and Randy Brown Sunday evening at the 6:30 service. Both are students at Midwestern Baptist College in Pontiac.

Pastor Lloyd Streeter and his family are vacationing in Florida.

Guests speak at Baptist services

For the booklet, "What We Know About Cancer," address a long envelope to yourself, put 13 cents postage on it and enclose it with 25 cents in an envelope addressed to Dr. William J. Welch, Box 4994, Dept. CCC, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

Bargain fine rate set at Library

Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson, librarian at Rawson Memorial Library, announces that a "half-price sale" will be in effect at the library through the month of January.

This means that any overdue books returned in January will be assessed at half of the usual fine. The usual overdue fees are two cents per day for books and magazines and five cents per day for "seven day" books.

Uncollected fines for books already returned may also be paid up for half-price.

MUST FIND HIMSELF

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PEACE

May the New Year bring abiding Peace and harmony. It is with sincere thanks we extend our best wishes to everyone.

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1976's First Baby Contest

What lucky little guy or gal will be the baby who lands here FIRST in the New Year of 1976? Just look at the bountiful harvest of gifts this newcomer will reap if his particular stork arrives in our community soonest after the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

-CONTEST RULES-

These Cass City merchants welcome Cass City area's first baby of 1976 with this list of wonderful gifts.

Parents need not register or buy anything to become eligible to win all these valuable prizes. All that is necessary is that they be area residents and have their baby in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Hospital will be contacted to determine the winner.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone OL 8-3092

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Glibbard and family were Christmas day guests of Lillian Otulakowski.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt and son at Decker-ville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Tracy visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Curtis and family of Deford, Harold Starr and daughter Connie and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glibbard and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glibbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Britt were Monday guests and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chipipi and Bill of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Fierino of Bad Axe were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming.

Jim Tyrrell of East Lansing will leave Jan. 4, after spending Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Felmelee and Jennifer of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Priemer of Waltham, Susan Sofka of Swartz Creek, Lucas Priemer of Helena and Anna Sofka of Uby were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka and Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs of Bad Axe and Ricky Orlovski of Caro were Sunday eve-

ning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson and Becky.

PRIZE WINNER

Twelve-year-old Laurie VanErp of Henrietta, N.Y., has won top honors in the junior division of the 1975 Monroe county 4-H cherry dessert contest held in Rochester, N.Y., at the Cooperative Extension Center. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al VanErp of Henrietta, N.Y., and granddaughter of Mrs. Dave Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz VanErp.

Her winning dessert is called "Elegant'n Easy Cherry Torte". She will represent Monroe county in the District 4-H cherry dessert contest to be held in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Fay Jr. and Ann and Mrs. Matie Loomis of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and Debbie of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Lynnwood Lapeer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Christmas day dinner guests of Mrs. Manley Fay Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Emma Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson and daughters of Buchanan spent from Tuesday till Thursday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson and Becky.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena and Sherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish and son of Frankenmuth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and Danny of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Mt. Clemens and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grifka and family of Uby were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mike.

TYRRELL FAMILY GATHERS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family were among a group of about 65 members of the Lawrence Tyrrell family who met Sunday at the Morrice Community hall for an early Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Giberson of Frisco, Colo., showed slides of a trip to Africa they took in spring of 1975. Mr. and Mrs. Giberson recently returned home from a cruise to the South Pacific, including a trip to Australia and South Pacific islands. Guests attended from Frisco, Colo., Mexico City, Mexico, Owosso, East Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, Howell, Morris, Vernon, Coruna, Kawkawlin, Walkerville, Bancroft and Uby.

Harold Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Dickinson and family in Cass City. Hilda Willis came home Tuesday after spending a week at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Tracy and Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booms and family of Harbor Beach, Sister Martha Garey of Monroe, Caroline Garey of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweeney and daughter of Uby and Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stein and Cheryl of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland and family of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr. and family of Oxford, Margaret Carlson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson.

Debbie and Barbie Berridge of Columbia, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge Jr. and family of Washington, Phil Berridge of Big Rapids, Bob Berridge of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Berridge and Amie were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge, Sid and Ron.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen and family of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk and Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Deachin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and family of Lake Orion, and Gil Maurer were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart and Jean Deachin. Other afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Wolschlager and Carey.

Mrs. Emma Decker of Cass City spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Willis, Gary and Tom and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ballagh and fam-

ily and Hilda Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Decker and family.

Sister Martha Garey of Monroe spent from Thursday till Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tracy were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Dapka of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. John Antos of Utica, Ambrose Chinoski and Margaret Michalski of Parisville were Christmas day guests of Mrs. Frank Glaza and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart and Jean Deachin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family were Christmas Eve, oyster supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr. and family at Oxford.

RUCHRE CLUB

Four tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. Low prize was won by Lee Hendrick. A potluck lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Friday overnight and Saturday morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pay and family in Pontiac.

Mike Schenk and Randy spent Wednesday evening in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nadiger and Robert of Pontiac spent the week end with Mrs. Emma Decker.

Bob Berridge of Kalamazoo spent from Saturday till Jan. 4 with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Steinman in Chandler township. Guests attended from Elkhon, Caseville, Pigeon and Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Shagena and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney and family of East Lansing spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Florian Rakowski in Bad Axe and were early Christmas guests of Mrs. Dave Sweeney and David. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney and family left Sunday to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Al VanErp and family at Henrietta, N.Y.

Gordon Stilton of Kerwood, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and Debbie and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Manly Fay Sr.

Susan Bond of Kalamazoo is spending Christmas vacation with Mrs. Charles Bond. Doug Labeski was a Saturday guest of Randy Schenk.

Phil Berridge of Big Rapids arrived Saturday to spend till Jan. 5 with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peter and family.

Paul Sweeney of Saginaw spent the week end with Mrs. Dave Sweeney and David. Randy Lapeer of Houghton came Saturday evening to

spend Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Lynnwood Lapeer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick in honor of Lee Hendrick's birthday.

Early Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Emma Decker were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nadiger and Robert Nadiger of Pontiac, Susan Bond of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Charles Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson. Other supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Scott and Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman were among a group of 20 guests who were early Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Reggio at Utica. Other guests were from Elkhon, Center Line, Monroe and Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Armstrong of Davisburg were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Shagena and Mary.

Mrs. Manly Fay Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and Debbie and Mr. and Mrs. Lynnwood Lapeer and family were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Fierino of Bad Axe were Sunday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming.

Rita Tyrrell returned to Mt. Pleasant Friday after spending five days' Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Priemer of Waltham, Mich., spent Christmas week at the homes of Lucas Priemer at Helena and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka and Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson and girls of Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson and family of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Tracy were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson and Becky.

Hilda Willis is a patient in Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

**D. Belknap
dies Dec. 23**

Dale Edward Belknap, 38, Elkhon, died in Saginaw, Tuesday, Dec. 23, following a short illness.

He was born March 6, 1937, in Erie, Mich., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Orville Belknap.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1959.

He is survived by three brothers, Bob of Erie, Charles of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marvin of Toledo, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Nora McMillen of Gagetown, Mrs. Delores Harris of Toledo, Carolyn Christy of Monroe and Mrs. Mary Ann Frederick of Toledo; two daughters, Kimberly and Jody, both of Toledo and one son, Scotty of Toledo, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Bennett Funeral Home in Erie, Saturday, Dec. 27, with Rev. Theodore Tate officiating.

Burial was in Erie Union cemetery.

School Menu

JAN. 5-9

MONDAY

Hot Dog & Bun
Potato Chips
Buttered Beans
White Milk
Brownie

TUESDAY

Goulash
Bread-butter
Peach Slices
White Milk
Cookie

WEDNESDAY

Chili-Crackers
Bread-butter
White Milk
Fruit Cup

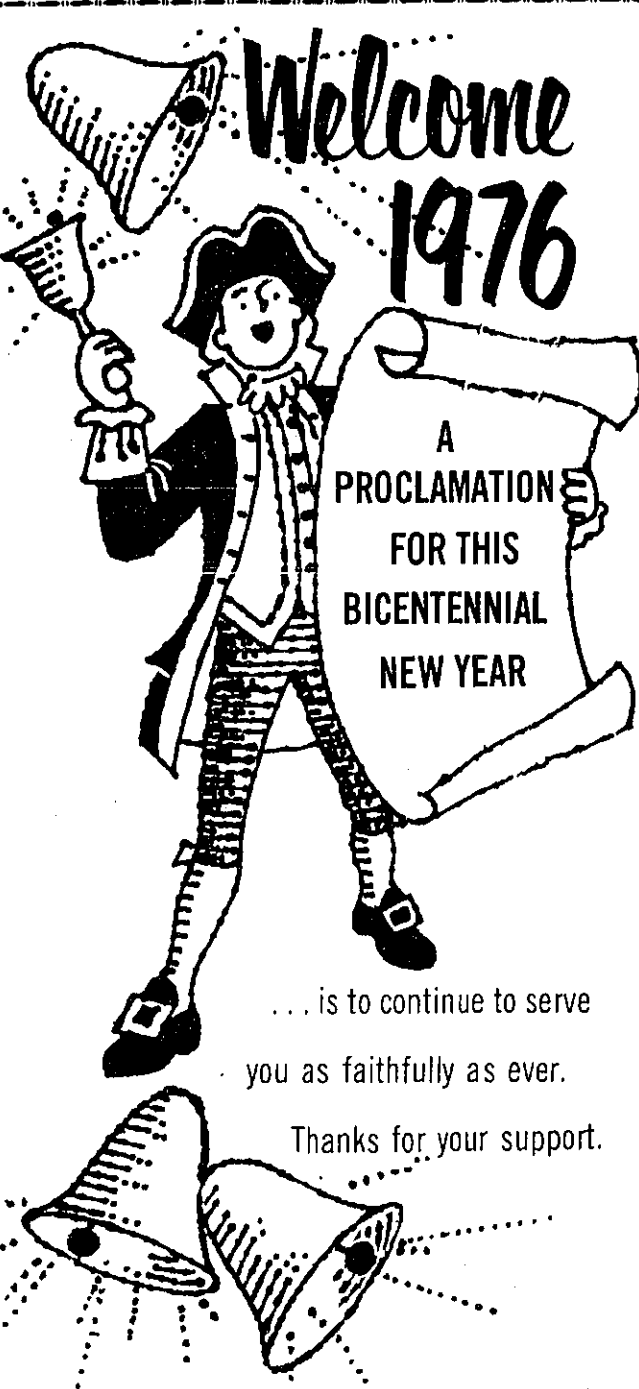
THURSDAY

Mashed Potatoes
Turkey in Gravy
Buttered Peas
Bread-butter
Cranberry Sauce
White Milk
Cookie

FRIDAY

Hamburger & Bun
Potato Chips
Buttered Corn
White Milk
Cookie

Menu subject to change.



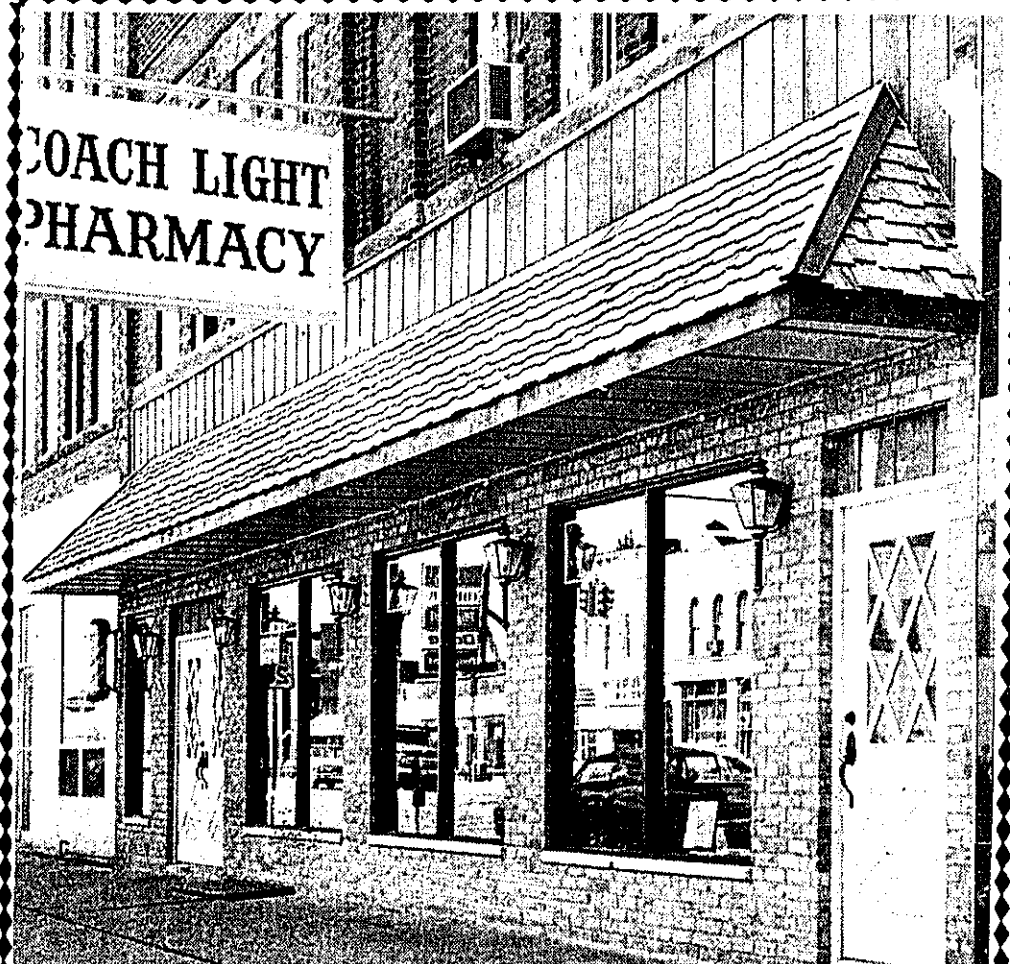
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Cass City



Your neighbor says

1976 looks exciting

With 1975 all but a memory, what do you look for in 1976? Will things get better or are we in for more of the same?

Mrs. Gary Christner of Cass City is an optimist. She sees continued improvement on the economic scene. "I'm naturally optimistic," she says. "You have to be."

Mrs. Christner sees 1976 as an exciting year because of the nation's bicentennial celebration. "I think you'll see more celebrating, especially around the Fourth of July," she says. "There'll be more decorating than normal and I think more people will be traveling more places."

She says she and her family hope to take in some of the special bicentennial events as they occur during 1976.

Mrs. Christner is a native of the Bad Axe area. Her husband is a Certified Public Accountant. They have two children.



\$1.5 million

Road commission gets bond sale approval

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners threw the County Road Commission a financial lifeline last week when it okayed the sale of \$1.5 million worth of notes to help bolster Road Commission coffers.

The notes will cover operations for 1976 and be used primarily to pay a large number of outstanding bills. Some of the money, however, could find its way into employee paychecks.

Commissioners granted the note sale with some reservations, however. Commr. Maynard McConkey, Cass City, said the board still has a lot of unanswered questions regarding the Road Commission's financial plight.

"They claim they'll be able to repay these notes out of future income," he said, "but if that income is already inadequate, how will they do it?"

He said commission officials will be quizzed further on repayment at the board's next meeting scheduled for Jan. 13.

According to James Miklovic, Road Commission Clerk, the financial pinch results from work completed in the last three years.

"We did a lot of 1976's work ahead of time," he explained. "We could see prices for items such as asphalt and gasoline rising rapidly so we tried to get

as much for our dollars as we could. As a result, we have a large number of accounts payable stacked up."

Miklovic said the two arch villains in the Road Commission's plight are inflation and reduced income from weight and gasoline tax receipts from the state, which comprise the major source of Road Commission funding.

With less revenue coming due to motorists purchasing lighter, more fuel efficient cars, cutbacks have had to be made.

The Road Commission also receives about \$200,000 a year in CETA funds which go toward salaries and fringe benefits for about 20 employees.

"Most of this \$1.5 million will go toward helping us catch up on our bills," Miklovic said. "I can't say none of it will go toward payrolls because we don't know. But the intent is to help us catch up."

Under Public Act 143, Tuscola county's Road Commission is able to issue notes up to \$3 million, under a complicated state formula based on weight and gas tax receipts. Miklovic said the commission felt it only needed \$1.5 million.

He said interest on the notes has not yet been determined. According to tentative plans, the notes will be paid off over a 10-year

period, with two interest payments made each year. The notes will be retired at a rate of \$150,000 a year.

Miklovic sees the possibility that state legislators may have to raise weight and or gas taxes to help ease the financial pinch faced by county road commissions across the state.

"Reluctantly, I think you'll have to have a raise in these taxes sometime," he said. "I really don't see any other option."

SNOW REMOVAL

Miklovic said the Road Commission's dollar crunch will probably be reflected in less snow plowing this winter.

"We anticipate that we won't be plowing county roads on week ends or holidays as much as we have in the past," Miklovic said. "We're working to eliminate as much overtime as we can, but we realize that it still snows on Sundays and holidays. We will continue to keep state roads open and in the event of an emergency, we'll be there."

BRIDGE MILLAGE

When he presented the Road Commission's situation to the county board, Engineer Robert Wellington also urged commissioners to consider reinstituting the one-mill county levy for bridges.

He said he favored placing the proposal on the August, 1976 primary ballot. Under Wellington's proposal, the millage would run five years.

One mill would generate a little over \$1 million over five years at present valuation rates, with a share of that money going to townships and villages as well. Under the old county bridge millage plan, no funds were distributed to local units of government.

County commissioners made no decision on whether or not to seek the added funds.

Bowling Leagues

SUNDAY NIGHT JUNIORS

Bros. 4
The Feds 4
Team No. 3 4
C.C. Biggs 3
Comeback Kids 1
Rookies 0
Strikes 0
Team No. 4 0

High Team Series: Bros. 1307, Team No. 3 1145.

High Individual Series: R. Selby 513, E. Schwartz 486, B. Shagene 459.

High Individual Games: R. Selby 197-178, E. Schwartz 169-159-158, B. Shagene 155, J. Fortson 155.

Splits Converted: M. Miracle 5-8-10, 3-7-10.

High Team Games: Jokers 499, Pluggers 427.
High Individual Games: B. Massingale 183, P. Schwartz 174, L. Yost 169, K. Cook 157.
High Individual Series: B. Massingale 450, P. Schwartz 447, M. Grady 430, N. Anderson 423, A. Pierce 400.
Splits Converted: N. Anderson 5-10, M. Grady 5-6-10, L. Yost 7-6-10, P. Schwartz 5-6.

M-D's 1732.
Team High Games: Full Moons 647, Egg Heads 622-607, Brand X 617.
Men's High Series: J. Brown 520, B. Thompson 495, C. Melendorf 488.
Men's High Games: N. Kapala 212, J. Brown 201, B. Thompson 188.
Women's High Series: C. Davidson 528, M. Schwartz 472, J. Asher 467, V. Wolak 424, V. Bilicki 414.

KINGS & QUEENS

Dec. 29, 1975
Rebels 4
Egg Heads 3
Brand X 3
M-D's 2
Full Moons 2
Ma's Gang 1
Lucky Strikes 0
Greenhorns 0

Team High Series: Egg Heads 1787, Full Moons 1739.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED

Apple Jacks 4
Four Tops 3
Turkeys 3
Mixups 3
Late Comers 1
Miss Fits 1
B-Ups 1
Low Rollers 0

High Team Series: Apple Jacks 1916, Four Tops 1890, Late Comers 1791.

High Team Games: Apple Jacks 704, Four Tops, Miss Fits 648, Four Tops 671.

High Women's Series: I. Schweikart 515, M. LaPeer (sub), M. Frederick 435, C. Furness 444.

Men's High Series: S. Curtis 528, L. Tracy 527, G. Lapp 496.

Women's High Games: I. Schweikart 201, M. Frederick 178, I. Schweikart 170.
Men's High Games: D. Randall 202, L. Tracy 194, R. Schweikart 192.

Splits Converted: D. Tracy 4-5, L. Tracy 6-9-10-7, P. Rabideau 2-7, M. LaPeer (sub) 3-10.

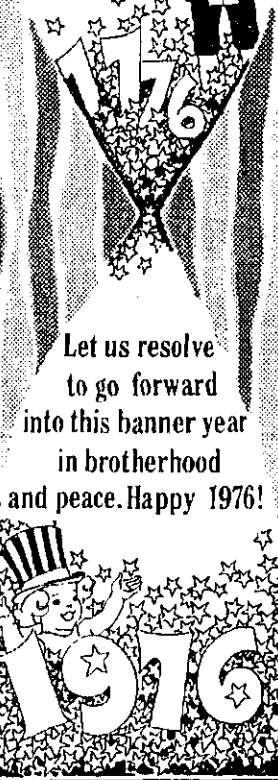
MONDAY NIGHT TRIO

Dec. 29, 1975
Pickle Pickers 4
Jokers 4
Ups & Downs 4
Pluggers 3
Dreamers 1
Hopefuls 0
Russells 0

High Team Series: Jokers 1327, Ups & Downs 1175.

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NEW GREENLEAF GARAGE CASS CITY

State okays \$18,332 meal grant

The Thumb area Meals on Wheels program will continue through 1976, thanks to an \$18,332 state grant received last week by the Human Development Commission in Caro.

Announcement of the grant award was made by Paul Protzman, HDC public information officer.

The grant is still contingent on raising local funds, either through government or private contributions. HDC officials have already requested \$1,600 from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. No action has been taken to date.

The program provides meals for 10 household county residents and could be expanded to include 37 persons currently on a waiting list. The program often provides the only balanced meal recipients receive because of disabilities, Protzman said.

Tuscola county's share of the state grant is \$4,845, Protzman said.

He added that private donations totaling almost \$600 have helped reduce the amount still to be raised.

A total of 51 persons in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties is being served by Meals on Wheels, Protzman said. These include blind, bedridden and crippled persons. He said 11 persons in the program are not disabled but because of age or lack of transportation, cannot fix meals themselves.

Meals are prepared in a central location and are distributed by over 130 volunteer drivers, who serve without pay or mileage reimbursement.



CHRIS AND MIKE Curtis of Cass City think a newly constructed sliding hill at the park is just the place to try out their new Christmas sleds. This week's snow made the hill a popular spot for area kids during Christmas vacation.

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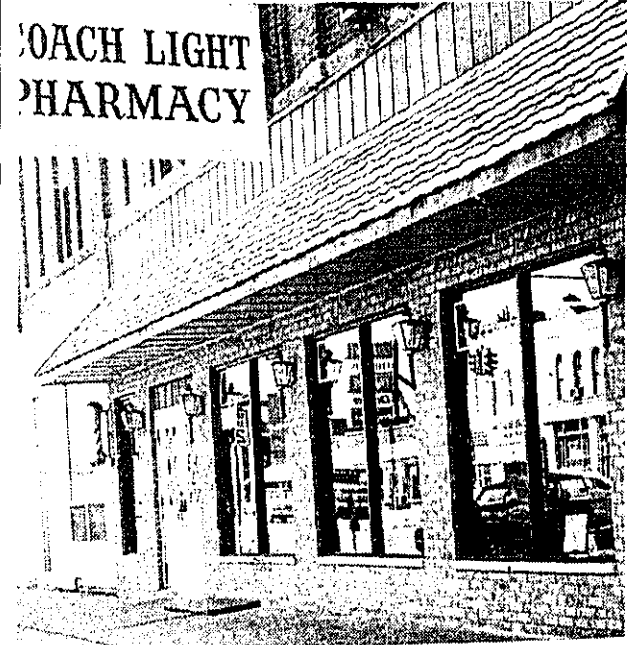
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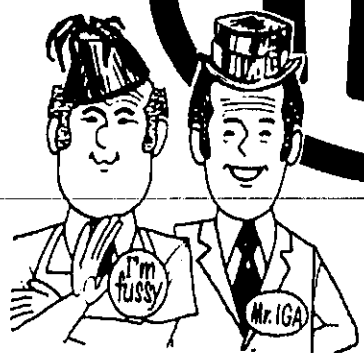
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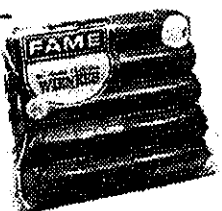
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It was a busy 1975

Swimming pool, rail service among top 10 stories

The future of rail service into Cass City, the beginning of construction on Cass City's long-awaited municipal swimming pool and the passage of a \$1.6 million bond issue in the Owen-Gage school district all contributed to area news in 1975.

Inflation, reflected in sharply increased farmland values also had its impact on the news. Increased costs for medical malpractice insurance at local hospitals also made news.

Here is a summary of the top 10 area stories as viewed through the pages of the Chronicle, not necessarily in the order of their importance:

SWIMMING POOL

Construction on Cass City's municipal swimming pool finally got off the ground following delays in finalizing the estate of the late Helen Stevens, which will finance the lion's share of the costs.

Internal Revenue Service officials held up distribution of the estate, challenging that it was not tax exempt and that it owed over \$58,000 in payments to IRS.

Local officials aided by state and federal representatives fought for and eventually won tax-exempt status for the estate early in July. Bids for the project were opened in mid-September, with the actual pool cost set at just over \$90,000. Bath house facilities were not let for bids, but were

constructed with local labor. Barring any hitches, the facility should be open next June.

RAIL SERVICE

Another ongoing story which may have a happy ending involved the continuing battle to save rail service into Cass City and the Thumb. In 1974, Grand Trunk Western railroad officials petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon its line serving Cass City and the Thumb.

During 1975, local, state and federal officials worked to keep the line in service by gathering statistics showing the railroad's impact on the Thumb's economy.

An August meeting called by Eighth District Congressman J. Bob Traxler revealed a willingness by state authorities to help subsidize the line to keep it in business.

Rail officials said they were interested in continuing the operation if they could be guaranteed financial help, primarily in making repairs to the track itself.

By the end of the year, a state plan submitted to the U.S. Railway Association included the Grand Trunk line for hefty subsidies. Observers were optimistic that service could be continued.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Cass City's Board of Ed-

ucation and village officials failed to reach an agreement by year's end over the future of the park athletic complex. School officials were pushing for a long-term lease for park facilities before making major repairs on lights and seating.

At the same time, school board members also looked at the possibility of constructing a new complex at the high school.

Meanwhile, village council wrestled with whether or not to offer the school a lease of more than 25 years on the facilities. They had been advised that a lease of longer duration would be tantamount to a sale of the property.

Late in the year, village council agreed to place the question of a long-term lease before voters next March. School officials agreed to put the question of extra millage for an entirely new complex on the June ballot if the March vote passes. The outcome of those two elections will probably determine where the facility will eventually wind up.

MALPRACTICE

Hills and Dales General Hospital's malpractice insurance bill nearly tripled during 1975, following patterns established at hospitals across the nation. The final bill totaled over \$48,000 per year.

Pressures for malpractice insurance reform were felt in Lansing as legislators enacted a series of laws designed to hold malpractice costs in check. One of the moves included a malpractice insurance pool designed to help defray costs in lawsuits.

LUCILLE BAUER DIES

Lucille Bauer, 73, tireless civic worker, author and artist, died Dec. 2. Mrs. Bauer had been involved in a number of causes including Teen Ranch near Kingston to which she gave much of her time and talent.

She had served as the first woman president of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and was Grand Marshall of Cass City's Centennial parade in 1965.

She was a well-known artist and had written a children's book about Christmas.

17-INCH SNOWFALL

Cass City dug its way from beneath a 17-inch snowfall April 2, the heaviest snowfall in the last two years. Roads were blocked, travelers were stranded and schools closed their doors.

It was the worst spring-time snowstorm to hit the region in recent memory and taxed emergency services to the maximum. Elkland township firemen and Cass City Police helped stranded motorists while volunteers manned Hills and Dales General Hospital in the absence of stranded workers.

Meanwhile, the kids loved it.

PROSECUTOR RESIGNS

Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney George Holmes dropped a bombshell Nov. 5 when he announced his resignation over a funding dispute with the Board of Commissioners.

Holmes had long pushed for greater financial support for his office and charged commissioners were not backing law enforcement efforts as much as they should.

In the wake of the prosecutor's resignation, a citizen's committee was formed to lobby for greater funding for county law enforcement programs.

Just 10 days before Holmes' resignation was due to take effect, Patrick Joslyn, 34, of St. Johns, was appointed new county prosecutor.

OWEN-GAGE

1975 was an eventful year for residents of the Owen-Gage School district. The year began with plans for a new building being formulated. Approval was received for use of the existing sewage system for the new structure.

In June, Supt. Glenn Sanford submitted his resignation after three stormy years in which he became a center of controversy, identified with factions trying to split

or merge the district.

His replacement, Ronald G. Erickson, appointed in August, actively pushed the \$1.6 million building proposal. Voters approved the bond program Dec. 20 by a 320-483 margin.

Meanwhile, property transfer requests continued. At year's end, a large group of land owners at the southern fringe of the district was awaiting an answer from the State Board of Education to their request to transfer to the Cass City district.

Three other transfer re-

quests were heard at a state board meeting Dec. 17. Early in the year, state officials approved the transfer of nearly 10 per cent of the district to Lakars. This fall, five parcels petitioned to return to Owen-Gage. That request was approved.

The end of 1975 saw Owen-Gage School officials poised to begin a building program to replace the 1913 high school and opponents not ready to concede total defeat.

VALUATIONS JUMP

Tuscola county land val-

ues continued to climb in 1975, taking an average 16 per cent county-wide jump. The move sparked protest meetings at the township and county level.

Late in the year, county commissioners voted to protest Tuscola equalization rates and went on record freezing assessments.

The move was sparked by Huron county's decision not to accept State Equalized Valuation rates and levy taxes on County Equalized Valuation.

Tuscola commissioners felt as long as neighboring

counties were not following the law, they, too would protest. As 1976 dawned, it was unclear how county actions would eventually affect the average taxpayer.

MURDER

At year's end, Frank Jefferson Snyder, 23, Caro, awaited trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court on a murder charge in connection with the slaying of Ronald Short, 33, Sept. 22, in Caro. The slaying was the first in Tuscola county since 1973.

Alcohol's effects slowed by high-fat foods

A cholesterol-laden diet may add extra pounds but it will slow down the effects of Christmas-New Year's holiday drinking, advises Automobile Club of Michigan.

Realizing that 80 per cent of Michigan motorists will take a drink and then drive during the holiday season, Auto Club asked Michigan State University nutritionists for tips on how to counteract the adverse effects of alcohol.

Their advice is to load up on food high in fat content—soups swimming in heavy cream, salad dressings rich with mayonnaise, baked ham, cookies and pastries filled with lots of butter, chocolates and nuts.

The reason for this is that food high in fat content stays in the stomach longer, absorbing the alcohol and slowing its entry into the bloodstream, the MSU nutritionists said.

Holiday hosts also should provide high-fat snacks to munch on at the pre-dinner cocktail hour. Some suggestions for high-fat, party food include potato chips and any rich, salty commercial crackers, accompanied by dips made from sour cream or cheese balls with a cream cheese and cheddar cheese base. If you have to choose between an olive and a pickle, take the olive with all its oil, the nutritionists advise.

Auto Club's search for a "common sense" guide to holiday partying is part of its annual "First a Friend, Then a Host" (FAFTH) program, which was started in 1966 to help reduce Christmas-New Year's traffic deaths.

"Since the Auto Club began its FAFTH program, the death toll over the Christmas and New Year's week ends has been cut from an average of 10-a-day in 1965 to less than half that last year," reports James G. Moffat, Auto Club general manager.

A total of 12 persons lost their lives during last year's holiday period when the Christmas and New Year's holidays lasted 30 hours each.

This year, the holiday periods each will cover 102 hours. The Christmas holiday officially begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and ends at midnight Sunday, Dec. 28. New Year's begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

The last 102-hour Christmas-New Year's holidays were in 1973, when a total of 37 persons lost their lives on Michigan's highways. "Past experience has shown that more than half of all

holiday traffic deaths involve alcohol and occur within 25 miles from home," Moffat noted. "The FAFTH program is Auto Club's way of reminding holiday party-givers that a delightful evening can end in tragedy if they forget their obligation as hosts."

Here are some tips for party-givers:

• If a guest appears to have had too much to drink, make sure someone else gives him a ride home or call a taxi.

• Stop serving alcoholic beverages at least an hour before the party ends.

• Always make sure there are plenty of nonalcoholic be-

verages or coffee in plain view should your guests prefer to limit their drinking.

• Make sure there are plenty of those high-fat snacks to munch on when guests are partaking of a little holiday cheer.

MSU nutritionists consulted by Auto Club for advice on holiday eating and drinking cautioned that Americans' diets already are too high in fat content. But they conceded that many people stop counting calories during the holiday season. In view of this, a high-fat diet is the one that will best enable drinking party-goers to help keep from becoming unfit motorists.

So, if you are going to offer guests a relish tray before dinner, make sure there are plenty of olives and pile lots of cream cheese and sour cream on those celery sticks. Then, follow it up with a high-fat dinner rich with cream sauce, butter, fatty meat and gravy, and top it off with a dessert of French vanilla ice cream and chocolate mint sauce or pastries.

Your guests may add a few pounds but these high-fat goodies will slow down the effects of the drinks they consume and maybe save a few lives on the drive home after the party's over.

Michigan Mirror

What's a 'citiztician'? Just ask GOP leader

Citizician...

Not exactly a household word -- yet, but Paul W. Stearns, chairman of the Ingham County Republican Party, has high hopes.

Credited with introducing the word (pronounced sit-i-zi'-shan), Stearns explains the obvious, that it's a combination of "citizen" and "politician." He says the new term is an attempt to name those who are "increasingly taking a responsibility for the direction which this country is going."

Just plain "citizen" won't work, because that denotes "one who has an allegiance and duty to the government where he resides." It doesn't necessarily mean active participation.

And "politician" won't work either. Stearns says that term "has come to have an entirely negative connotation with the public."

Hence, "citizician".

Anybody can be one -- Republican, Democrat, independent or whatever.

All a person need do is commit him or herself to making an impact on the government where he resides. That means voting, of course, but it also means more. A

citizician works for political parties and candidates, helps get out the vote on election day and maybe even becomes a candidate himself.

Stearns says citizician "is quickly becoming a household word among mid-Michigan Republicans." And he's asking President Ford, Gov. William Milliken and others to help urge citizen-politicians to action.

RIGHT FACE!

You can't unless you're told you can these days.

Come April 1, you can unless you're told you can't. Gov. William Milliken recently signed legislation that will allow drivers to turn right after stopping for a red light--if the intersection is not posted with a "No Turn on Red" sign.

The right-turning motorist will have to yield to pedestrians and other intersection traffic before completing his turn.

More than 1,000 "No Turn on Red" signs already are on order.

They'll be posted at intersections designated by the state and county and city officials, depending on who has jurisdiction.

At least 25 other states already allow turns at red lights. Backers of the system say it eases traffic congestion and reduces the amount of gaso-

line wasted by idling engines at red lights.

MACHINES VS. PAPER

Back to paper ballots. May happen, according to Bernard Apol, Michigan's elections director.

Apol says there is a "strong possibility" that lever-operated and even computer-type equipment now in use will be inadequate for all the political parties and candidates in next year's election. In that case, the paper ballot may have to be reinstated.

HINT AND REMINDER

Hunters and trappers get these notes from the Department of Natural Resources: Careful of your eyes--and watch those new regulations.

Last year, two persons lost sight in both their eyes as a result of hunting accidents. Generally, half a dozen hunters a year are accidentally hit with buckshot and become blinded by it.

James R. Walker, DNR recreational safety specialist, says an investment of just \$1.50 -- for plastic safety glasses--can prove an effective safeguard.

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Here's how 1975 unfolded locally in the pages of the Chronicle

With another year under our belts, it's good to stop for just a moment to see where we've been. Here's how the ever-changing Cass City area scene looked through the pages of the Chronicle in 1975.

JANUARY

Jan. 2--Tuscola county agricultural land values are scheduled to take a whopping

16 per cent jump countywide; Police probe theft of carpet, drapes from Hillside apartment; There's no gold for sale at Cass City banks, officials said this week; In spite of a decline in income, the County Road Commission has no plans to cut snow removal.

Jan. 9--Board of Commissioners set for major reshuffling; County unemployment picture remains gloomy for 1975; Elkland Township Fire Department officials reported a 65 per cent drop in area fire loss; Area merchants braced for the repeal of sales taxes on food; Martin Clements was appointed Circuit Judge this week, replacing James P. Churchill who resigned to take a seat on the Federal District Court.

Jan. 16--A State Police report shows Elkland township is a safe place to live; Heavy spending seen likely for Cass City school improvements; A proposed Owen-Gage High School building could cost \$1.5 million; Lloyd D. Severance, Decker, will head the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners; Charles Woodcock, Vassar, was named chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

Jan. 23--Supervisors, farmers push for one-year assessment freeze; \$350 in food stolen from Gagetown School; Cass City will receive over \$18,000 in CETA funds; Future teacher strikes seen likely; General Telephone to spend \$21,000 in Cass City exchange improvements.

Jan. 30--Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson warned higher village crime rates are likely; Higher village water rates due following council okay Tuesday; Police arrest three area youths on drug sale charges; The Owen-Gage School Board gave the green light to construction of a new high school building in Owendale.

Owen-Gage building plans ground to a halt pending certification of the existing sewer system; Harry Little was named Cass City Chamber of Commerce president replacing Jim Courtney; Tuscola County commissioners and courthouse employees settled non-economic issues this week.

Feb. 20--Final approval of Cass City's 1975 record \$253,000 budget is expected; Area rail fight seen far from settled; Fire did an estimated \$35,000 damage to Sherman's Restaurant last week; Alcohol was involved in 44 per cent of all Cass City arrests, Police Chief Gene Wilson said this week.

Feb. 27--Chances of keeping local rail service seen good; Ambulance service future in Cass City seen clouded; General Cable institutes four-day week; Council okay budget in short session.

MARCH

March 6--Hospital, doctors face malpractice insurance crunch; Marie Hobart, Carol Little named top seniors at Cass City; Crisis: County fighting cocks face rent bill, eviction notice.

March 13--Cass City schools to vie for Federal job funds; A move to revive the possibility of school construction in Gagetown was revealed at an Owen-Gage school board meeting Monday night; Crisis averted; MSU to take Tuscola "winged warriors"; County commissioners made their "last offer" in FOP contract talks; Meals on Wheels begins in Cass City.

March 20--Tuscola county unemployment hits 17-year high; Hospital malpractice insurance hits \$48,693; Court-house employees got a "final offer" from the county Board of Commissioners regarding economic issues; Uby's Alabama Jubilee prepares for April run.

March 27--Road commissioners make pitch to save railroads; Village council boils over continued swimming pool delay; Owen-Gage board throws switch for field light repairs; Walbro Corp. employees donated \$480 toward the Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital burn unit.

APRIL

April 3--No progress was reported in negotiations between Tuscola county courthouse employees and county commissioners; Experts predicted a "mixed" crop year for Tuscola county; Deford no longer dry--state liquor board okay sale of beer, wine; Hills and Dales Medical Center, Inc., reached a milestone this week when it was announced that the corporation does not anticipate the need to sell more stock.

April 10--Elkland township okayes Koepfgen Road rebuilding; This is spring? Area reels under 17-inch snowfall; Larry R. Cooley and Kathy Jo Burrows were named valedictorian and salutatorian at Owen-Gage High School respectively; Good progress was reported in talks between county commissioners and FOP negotiators; Courthouse employees settle contract.

April 17--Crouse revives embers of Thumb area Community College concept; Owen-Gage board moves to put school building on ballot; Cass City area clergy came out in protest of liquor being served at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner; Walbro shifts to four-day week.

April 24--Cliff Croft, Marie Hobart named Citizens of the Year; Elkington township residents heard details of a proposed zoning ordinance; Sanilac

county's State Equalized Valuation rose by nearly nine per cent according to figures released this week; Caro State Police investigated the theft of \$1,600 worth of auto parts from a Kingston filling station.

MAY

May 1--Planners studying Cass City site for detox center; Council moves to annex 70 acres to village tax rolls; A frustrated area property owner is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of vandals who damaged his summer home; Walbro Corp. reported first quarter sales up, while earnings dropped.

May 8--Solons still see passage of state teacher strike law this year; Tuscola county Board of Commissioners has approved terms of a contract with Fraternal Order of Police members; Elkland and Gagetown firemen battled a series of blazes, two of which were believed set; Area farmers battle weather, time in spring planting.

May 15--Cass City school board moves to enforce no smoking rules; Two-hour secret session highlights Owen-Gage meeting; Four area fires did considerable damage to a car, house and barn; Local GOP leaders met for an informal breakfast gathering Monday at Cass City High School.

May 22--The Chronicle published its largest edition ever featuring 72 pages on progress in Cass City over the past 25 years; A combined Huron-Tuscola Intermediate Board of Education turned down a request by 42 Owen-Gage property owners to transfer their property to the Cass City district; Fire leveled a barn on the Floyd Fritz farm southeast of Owendale on Gagetown Road.

May 29--Village council got its first look at proposed terms of a lease with the Cass City School District for the football field; Cass City Chamber of Commerce members planted trees along Main Street Tuesday night; Police Chief Gene Wilson reported 15 traffic tickets were issued by his department in Cass City over the Memorial Day week end; Frank Lenard was named to head the Thumb Area Manpower Consortium.

JUNE

June 5--IRS red tape ties up village swimming pool plans; Owen-Gage Supt. Glenn Sanford announced his resignation this week; Deadlock over Petroglyph park construction broken; Goller Maynard Helwig of Cass City made two holes-in-one within three weeks in local competition.

June 12--School board, teachers agree to two-year contract; Costly school repairs seen likely this summer; Owen-Gage school board names James Barr interim superintendent; May fire runs total \$116,000 damage.

June 19--New tax bill could force local millage reductions; Experts see high area unemployment to remain; A Sunday tornado-like storm smashed a 40 by 60 foot barn owned by William Sweeney near Uby; Hills and Dales deficit wiped out, trustees told; Village tax bill jumps eight per cent.

June 26--No early relief seen for soaring hospital room rates; Free parking plea gets village council okay; An IRS ruling on the tax liability of the Stevens estate which will finance much of a new Cass City swimming pool was expected this week; Alger Freiburger, Cass City, named Lion of the Year.

JULY

July 3--Cass City Meals on Wheels program faces financial pinch; Owen-Gage property transfer fight provokes gag rule; Consortium moves to aid low-income jobless youth; Congressman J. Bob Traxler pushed for an investigation into the canning lid shortage.

July 10--Favorable IRS ruling to move swimming pool project into high gear; County commissioners reveal split of \$356,011 revenue sharing funds; Wickes plans Cass City expansion; Tuscola county survived the July Fourth holiday without a fatal accident; Wheat harvest: rain seen key to bountiful crop in area as prices rise.

July 17--A gala Sidewalk Sale week and began Thursday; Owen-Gage board moves to start school renovation; Officials pleased over lowered Tuscola traffic toll; Cass City School board remained cool toward a .6 mill intermediate district levy scheduled for an Aug. 26 vote.

July 24--Commissioners O.K. \$149,159 to bolster county wage budgets; A Gagetown trio, Mrs. James Molnar, Mrs. Nelda Phillips and Bill Downing, won \$25,000 in the Michigan lottery; Neighbors pitched in this week to help Gagetown farmer Ben Hobart harvest his wheat crop following the death of Hobart's wife; Tuscola county's wheat crop was reported good.

July 31--DNR sets 26,738 acres for oil, gas leases in county; Council moves to begin sewage treatment update; Estimates place pool costs at \$200,000, council told; Ronald G. Erickson has been hired as Owen-Gage School Superintendent.

AUGUST

Aug. 7--Insurance report criticizes Cass City fire protection; U.S. Rep. J. Bob Traxler has set a public hearing on proposed rail abandonments Aug. 12, in Caro; The Sanilac County Board of Commissioners continued to push for approval of a courthouse annex estimated to cost \$1.6 million; Two streakers were reported in Deford, Thursday night.

Aug. 14--State, federal subsidies seen key to local rail future; Board delays action on athletic field improvements; Elkland township has agreed to study the future of ambulance service in the township; The County Board of Commissioners has voted to install time clocks in the courthouse.

Aug. 21--Tuesday vote to decide .6 mill intermediate levy; Owen-Gage bolsters legal staff, seeks accreditation; Owen-Gage board member Eldon Dietzel announced his resignation Monday; The Cass City rental market is still tight, according to a survey of local real estate brokers; Vandals did an estimated \$350 worth of damage to Deford Elementary School.

Aug. 28--Voters reject .6 mill intermediate school levy; Council girds for DNR landfill license fight; A single car crash has temporarily closed the Dodge Road bridge over the Cass River; Bids will be opened Sept. 18 on construction of Cass City's new swimming pool.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4--Delayed marijuana sentences seen alternative to jail; Tuscola unemployment level still crowds 20 per cent mark; Heavy rains of the past two weeks have dampened the dry bean picture in Tuscola county and the Thumb; The fourth annual Big Brothers Walk-A-Thon has been set for Sept. 20 in Cass City.

Sept. 11--Cass City Schools inch toward \$150,000 athletic field; Owen-Gage board gives green light to \$1.6 million bond issue; Local firemen and Hills and Dales General Hospital are working to establish a burn program in Cass City; Tuscola county has turned thumbs down on a Dial-A-Ride plan.

Sept. 18--A date for voters to decide the fate of the proposed Sanilac County courthouse annex has not yet been decided; Experts see Tuscola bean yields down 25-35 per cent; No progress was reported in efforts to settle a grievance by employees over installation of time clocks in the courthouse; Hills and Dales General Hospital marks 15th anniversary.

Sept. 25--Council okayes \$90,952 bid for village pool construction; Caro murder suspect held on \$250,000 bond; Cass City industrial development gets county boost; A former county employee has been charged with embezzling nearly \$5,000; The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City, Thursday.

OCTOBER

Oct. 2--Council wants athletic complex to stay at park; Village shuns municipal trash collection idea; Cass City was one of only four school districts in Tuscola county to show an increase in student population; Sanilac courthouse vote set Dec. 29; General Telephone to spend \$3.3 million in Thumb area.

Oct. 9--Nearly \$120,000 in federal revenue sharing will be needed to balance the 1976 county budget, it was revealed this week; School to spend \$54,450 for playground project; Ground was broken this week for Cass City's new municipal swimming pool; Memorial services were held this week for former baseball owner Larry MacPhail, a Cass City native who died last week.

Oct. 16--A marathon session of the Cass City School Board failed to break a dead lock over whether to refurbish existing facilities or build a new athletic field; Tuscola county tax bill to jump by \$730,000 for 1975; Local railroad outlook brightens; Laker property owners seek return to Owen-Gage.

Oct. 23--Answer few questions at pollution control meeting; School district's rosy finances pose problem of how best to spend money; Snyder stands mute when charged with murder Monday; Corn crop better than expected--prices down.

Oct. 30--Council seeks vote on park lease terms with school; Set Owen-Gage building issue vote Dec. 20; Commissioners hear plea for higher court salaries; Owen-Gage teachers have agreed to take a five per cent cut in their base pay salary schedules for 1975-76.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6--Holmes to resign as Tuscola prosecutor; Police report little Halloween vandalism; Budget cuts could hit county welfare program; Employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital raised over \$850 toward the Elkland-Novesta Community Chest drive.

Nov. 13--School athletic field future still uncertain; Owen-Gage board okayes \$668,055 budget; Winds of up to 50 miles an hour hampered firemen as they fought a barn fire at the Roland Limberger farm south of Cass City; A trash removal study under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce will begin soon.

Nov. 20--Tri-county Dial-A-Ride plans studied by commissioners; County commissioners are studying the possibility of protesting valuations; The Huron Intermediate School Board okayed transferring five parcels of land from the Laker School District back to Owen-Gage; Uby area woman reports UFO sighting.

Nov. 27--Hospital braces for 1976 Blue Cross payment cuts; Maki leaves door open to prosecutor's post; Elkland township's tax rate for the new year drops by 1.10 mills; Cass City Girls' Basketball team rolls into district game finals with win over Uby.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4--Author-artist Lucile Bauer dies; Intermediate school board resurrects .6 mill levy request; 10 per cent increase seen in village budget for 1976; Equalization director urges valuation protest; Hawk girls upset, tourney trail ends.

Dec. 11--Parents air busing problems, millage for school athletic field hinted; Owen-Gage Citizens' group disputes high school bond proposal costs; Commissioners protest equalization rates; The Elkland-Novesta Community Chest surpassed its \$12,000 goal; Allen E. Keyes was appointed judge of the 24th judicial circuit in Huron and Sanilac counties.

Dec. 18--Sheriff's department pushes for \$60,000 crime unit; Althaver, two trustees to seek re-election; Owen-Gage voters to decide fate of \$1.6 million bond issue Saturday; Kingston Elementary School students have donated 200 bales of hay to the Detroit Zoo to help ease the zoo's financial pinch; Christmas mail volume peak seen looming.

Dec. 24--Owen-Gage okayes school bond issue; Cass City Christmas shopping sales up, merchants report; Sanilac courthouse annex election set Monday; Patrick Joslyn, 34, St. Johns, has been appointed Tuscola County Prosecutor; Lisa Zimba and Elaine Stoutenburg were named to the girls' basketball all-conference team.

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Attorney says Cass City rail service can be saved

Cass City's rail service will probably be maintained, according to an attorney who represents area rail users fighting to save the line from abandonment.

James F. Schouman, Dearborn lawyer, views continued service on the 66 miles of Grand Trunk Western track from Imlay City to Caseville with cautious optimism. Schouman has represented local rail user interests at hearings before state and fed-

eral officials for nearly two years.

"As I see it right now, I'm guardedly optimistic that service can be continued," Schouman told the Chronicle last week. "I'm satisfied with the way things have gone, but I think we've been successful only because Cass City people are aware of the situation. It's been through the efforts of the community that we've been able to turn the situation around."

While remaining optimistic, Schouman emphasized the battle is far from over. An abandonment petition filed by Grand Trunk with the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1974 is still awaiting final action.

Schouman said he expects action on the petition sometime next year. He explained that due to a complex set of procedures, a formal approval of the abandonment request may be necessary to insure state and federal subsidies to the line.

"The only way the state can subsidize a solvent line is if the ICC formally approves abandonment," Schouman said. "If Grand Trunk takes the subsidy, then it must seek abandonment, provided of course that the state has signed an agreement to provide a subsidy. Bear in mind that as long as nothing has been signed, we have to keep our powder dry."

Schouman said whether or not a subsidy is coming and how large it is rests with the State Highway Commission, the agency designated to come up with an overall transportation package. A Phase II

plan filed with federal authorities by the highway commission Dec. 9, includes the Cass City line for a subsidy.

Just how large the subsidy will be is still unclear, pending final approval by the U.S. Railway Association. Schouman said current costs to refurbish the line are projected at \$2,397,600.

The state plan aims much of its subsidization effort for Grand Trunk on rebuilding the track and less with operation. Schouman's group contends there is enough business on the line to make it a paying proposition once an adequate supply of cars and improved track conditions are assured. The National Farmers Organization has begun construction of an elevator complex on a siding just south of Cass City. It's estimated that the NFO installation alone could add as many as 700 cars a year in business.

Schouman said two bills before the U.S. House and Senate designed to provide additional branch line funding for up to eight years are awaiting final approval. If these are approved, some of that money could eventually find

its way to the Imlay City-Caseville line.

In addition, the Michigan legislature has already appropriated funds to keep designated branch lines operating, he said.

According to the state plan, negotiations are continuing with Grand Trunk to sell the line to the state, then lease it back to the railroad with a guarantee that an adequate number of cars would be provided.

"Realistically, we don't need to go that route," Schouman said. "All we really need to do is upgrade the road-bed."

Schouman says the final phase II plan as submitted to federal authorities is improved over the preliminary plan, but still fails to provide enough information.

"It fails to get into what we need to know about these lines so we can decide whether or not they should stay or go," Schouman said.

He still quarrels with the highway commission including the Cass City line in a truckability study included in the Phase II plan. The study is designed to determine

alternative highway truck routes into the Thumb if the line were abandoned.

Schouman maintains this does not commit the state to saving the rail line, even though highway officials claim the 66 miles of track are important enough to subsidize. "The report fails to come up with a comparison of the costs of truck transportation versus rail transportation," Schouman said.

FUTURE

Schouman said a citizen's advisory group, of which he is a member, has tried to work with state and railroad officials to keep the Cass City line going. He sees a need that the group continue. "If the advisory can continue to function, I believe the problems of keeping rail service in the Thumb can be resolved," he said. "But if,

for some reason, we can't continue, then we'll have to act in an adversary role."

Schouman said his group hopes to meet with the chairman of the Highway Commission before Jan. 14, to discuss Phase II and the next steps. "So far, the highway commission has said yes, the (Cass City) line is necessary," Schouman said. "But it's one thing to say it and another to do it."

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Police probe rash of area accidents

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fied the injured woman as Zaida M. Diebel. She was

treated at Huron Memorial Hospital.

Mark D. McClorey, 20, Cass City, driver of the second car, and a passenger, Gregory Frank, 14, also of Cass City, were not injured. Police said the Diebel auto was headed north and was signaling to make a left turn. McClorey told police he attempted to pass Ms. Diebel on the right when she turned right instead of left.

The accident occurred at 11:00 a.m. Seven persons escaped serious injury early Friday when the cars in which they were riding collided on Mumford Road, a half mile south of Uby.

Daniel Stepka, 17, Uby, a passenger in one of the cars, was shaken up in the mishap.

He was a passenger in a car driven by Larry J. Franzel, 21, Uby. Franzel and five other passengers in his auto, identified as Connie Lowe, 18, Snover, Delores Peters, 17, Decker, Diane Franzel, 17, Uby, David Stepka, 17, Uby, and Carl Peters, 18, Decker, were all unhurt.

Also unhurt was Steven Glaza, 17, Uby, driver of the other auto.

Police said Franzel's vehicle was parked on Mumford Road facing east at 1:15 a.m. when it was struck in the rear. He said he was just turning on his lights when the crash took place.

a second vehicle and a roadside newspaper box on Decker Road just west of Colwood near Caro, Christmas night.

State Police identified the driver as Delbert Alvin Englehart, 20, of 5634 DeLong Rd., Cass City.

They said Englehart was following a car driven by Gary Nelson Koch, 30, of Caro, when the Koch vehicle slowed to make a turn. Englehart told police he couldn't see Koch's brake lights in time to avoid a collision.

Englehart swerved his vehicle, striking a rural newspaper box. No ticket was issued. The accident took place at 11:40 p.m.

Cass City Police arrested Alfred Raymond Furness, 56, of Deford, after his car went out of control and ran off the south side of Elmwood Road just east of Doerr Rd., Dec. 23.

Police charged Furness with driving under the influence of liquor and driving with a suspended license. The accident took place at 8:55 p.m.

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OTHER ACCIDENTS

Police investigated a series of property damage accidents that produced no injuries.

A car driven by James Roland Selby, 23, of 4751 N. Seeger St., slid out of control and struck an embankment while headed south on M-24 about a mile south of Caro Tuesday night, Dec. 23.

Caro State Police reported Selby was not injured, he was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. The accident took place at 3:20 a.m.

A Cass City driver escaped serious injury when his car spun out of control and collided with a second vehicle on Frankenmuth Road about a mile and a half west of Vassar, Sunday.

Tuscola County Sheriff's officers said a car driven by Thomas Ivan O'Connor, 56, of 6655 Main St., was westbound on Frankenmuth Road when the vehicle apparently struck a patch of ice, went out of control, crossed the centerline and struck an eastbound vehicle driven by David Arthur Erbsch, 18, of Vassar.

Neither driver was injured and no ticket was issued. The accident took place at 5:05 p.m.

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NEWS FROM

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Clayton Leo Harmer of Gagetown in Cass City was ticketed for having no proof of insurance in his possession. He paid fines and costs of \$6.

Eliza Jane Russell of Fairgrove in Cass City was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at an intersection. She paid fines and costs of \$25.

David Roger Aumann of Cass City in Gagetown was ticketed for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone (radar). He paid fines and costs of \$30.

John Frederick Kiehl of Bad Axe in Gagetown was ticketed for failure to stop at a posted railroad intersection. He paid fines and costs of \$15.

Henry Alan Langenburg of Melvin in Cass City was ticketed for driving with an expired license. He paid fines and costs of \$6.

Little damage in chimney fire

A small chimney fire did little damage to the David Kenward residence on Dodge Road, two and a half miles west of Deford, Sunday afternoon.

Kenward told authorities he poured water down the chimney and the fire was out by the time Elkhart township firemen arrived at the scene. Firemen responded to the alarm shortly before 4:00 p.m.

Are you on the list?

If you own a car or drive one, your name is on a long list maintained by the Michigan Department of State and it may be sold to someone who wants to sell you anything.

That's nothing new, nor is some hue and cry against the selling of such lists.

But Rep. John Markes, D-Westland, is trying to call a halt to the practice. Early this year, he introduced legislation to prohibit the sale of bulk lists. Markes wants to authorize the furnishing of information about only one driver or car owner at a time.

Little action has been taken on the proposal.

But if you have a position, write the House Committee on Consumer Affairs in Lansing. Maybe mail-either pro or con-will push a decision.

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GAGETOWN: Frame - 2 story home; painted white; new wall to wall carpeting; open stairway; 4 bedrooms; natural gas furnace; only 5 years old - some remodeling completed; 12x26' living room; 2 car garage; \$15,900.00. Owner moving to Florida.

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Selected Toys and Christmas Decorations

Cass City vies for first league title since '59

Will long win drought end for Cass City Red Hawks in '76?

The last time that a Cass City High School basketball team won a Thumb B Conference basketball crown, at

least two of the current varsity squad had not yet been born. Cass City won in 1958-59.

the final crown in a string of five in a row.

This year the Hawks appear to have their best chance for a district title since 1973 when the team went into the final game fighting for the championship only to lose to Sandusky in a classic battle.

It could be that history will repeat itself this year and the same two teams could be battling for the title at the same location . . . Sandusky High School.

On the other hand it could be that the Hawks will be out of contention by the time they visit Sandusky, Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Fans with long memories will recall that last year at the Christmas break the Hawks were looking good and were in contention for the league crown, a game behind league leading Lakers.

This year the club is in

a stronger position as it shares the loop lead with Sandusky as the teams prepare to shift into competition starting next week.

Last year an upset loss to Vassar ended whatever hopes Cass City had of winning and the team went on to lose a couple of more and finish third in the league.

It may well be that the team that finally wins this season will be the one that gets it all together as a team . . . the talent is that close.

The Hawks' next conference opponent is Caro and the Tigers are tough, especially at home. Certainly capable of beating any other conference team on a given night.

That's something you can say about all the teams in the league . . . but it appears that the ability at Marlette, Bad Axe and Lakers is a shade below the remainder of the Thumb B teams.

After Caro comes Frankenmuth. The Eagles haven't been as powerful as expected in the early games but the potential is there.

They could shape up and be a definite threat for the title even though they have lost a couple of games with a slow start.

If Cass City gets by Caro and Frankenmuth, fans can start taking a more serious look at the school's chances for a conference crown.

In early games this year the Hawks have played well at home, not so well on the road. It was on the road that Cass City lost to Vassar and was seriously challenged by Bad Axe.

The team will get another road test when it travels to Harbor Beach next Tuesday for a return non-conference game, starting with the JV contest at 6:30 p.m.

The last time the teams met was in the opening game of the season and Cass City won in overtime.

The results of the game will be interesting for Hawk fans who will be able to use the results to measure the progress of the team.

First annual alumni basketball game set

Cass City alumni cage players no longer have to wonder whether or not they have the old touch on the hardwood.

They won't if they sign to play in the first annual Cass City High School alumni game Saturday, Jan. 10, at Cass City High School at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Ron Nurnberger announced this week that the alumni will field teams pit-

ting players who graduated in even numbered years against players graduated in odd number years.

It's open to all graduates. Persons graduating in even numbered years should call Paul Bliss (872-2608) and boys graduating in odd numbered years should call Scott Hartel (872-2237) if they are interested in participating.



REV. AND MRS. George Ballos plan to construct a state chaplain's headquarters in Sanilac county sometime next year. Ballos has been a chaplain 26 years and is pushing to get more ministers involved as chaplains.

Gas station repairs a thing of the past?

You whip into your corner gas station for a needed repair on your car—only to find that station no longer offers repair service.

Sound unlikely? Maybe not, says a spokesman for the Service Station Dealers Association of Michigan—IF an amendment is not made to current law dealing with car repairs.

The spokesman, Charles E.

Shipley of Detroit, cites a provision of the law calling for a station to post a \$10,000 bond before it can perform major auto repairs. That provision takes effect next March 1.

"The service station operators who perform at least 65% of all repairs and 95%

of all emergency repairs cannot, in fact, obtain the bond required," Shipley recently told Secretary of State Richard Austin, whose department administers the auto repair law. Shipley says the \$10,000 bond is not available at a cost most dealers can afford and is not obtainable for up to 85% of urban dealers.

Shipley says the bonding requirement favors auto dealer service shops and discriminates against service station operators.

Sen. Earl Nelson (D-Lansing) a supporter of the original bill rushed a relieving amendment through the Senate, but the House will have to move fast if the relief is to become law before much trouble develops for repairmen and the Secretary of State who must process the licenses.

Urge mosquito control

Mosquitoes might not be zipping around in this cold weather—but Rep. Lucille McCollough, D-Deerborn, thinks it's time to worry about the diseases they could carry next summer.

She's introduced legislation to require county and district health boards to conduct a continuing monitoring program to see if mosquito-borne diseases pose a threat.

"Compared with some other parts of the country, Michigan was only lightly touched by (encephalitis) last summer," Mrs. McCollough says. "But it could be much worse here next year unless we take immediate steps to control mosquitoes."

Takes time, care

Ballos seeks to expand chaplaincy

By Jim Ketchum

Rev. Col. George Ballos of Cass City has been around. He's been in nearly every state of the Union during a career as a Navy chaplain that's spanned 26 years. It's been a labor of love that he wants to continue.

"What I really want to do now is get more ministers, priests and rabbis involved as chaplains," the 48-year-old crew cut Ballos said as he leaned back in a comfortable chair in the living room of the mobile home he and his wife occupy at the southern village limits. "The need is so great," he continued. "We need all the men and women we can get."

Ballos, who is recovering from the effects of a stroke that partially paralyzed his left side last March, was recently appointed State Commander for the National Chaplain's Association headquartered in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Part of his job is attempting to get more clergymen involved as chaplains.

The 21-year Navy veteran, who attained his rank as a chaplain in the service, was born in Altoona, Pa., and was ordained as a non-denominational minister after graduating from Moody Bible Institute.

"Oh, I slid back once or twice after that, but I always managed to find my way again," he said with a smile.

Since he became a chaplain, he's been in every state except Alaska and Hawaii, and has been on the scene of floods, windstorms and other disasters. That's part of a chaplain's job, he points out.

Chaplains can also conduct marriage ceremonies, baptize and perform all other rites performed by a minister, priest or rabbi.

"I've been just about everywhere," he says. "Hospitals, jails, nursing homes—you name it. And I've found what people need more than anything else is to know somebody cares about them."

Being a chaplain is no easy career. For one thing, Ballos says, there's no money in it. He supported himself and his wife on a Navy salary for 21 years. Currently, he receives a disability pension from the service.

"Anyone who wants to become a chaplain has to have some source of income elsewhere," he says.

Another problem is time. A chaplain is on call 24 hours a day. When he's needed, he has to go. "I've been called out a good many times in the middle of the night," he said, "but it's been a wonderful chore."

LONELINESS

Ballos says the main thing to remember as a chaplain is that people don't want to be forgotten.

"All someone really needs is to know somebody cares about him," he says. "When you go into a hospital ward, just a great big hello brings so much joy. Many of these people have no families and they've given up. Our job as chaplains is to bring them a message of joy and hope."

A lonely person doesn't know which way to turn, he says, and that's where a chaplain comes in. He's someone a person can open up to and ask for help.

Sometimes it isn't easy and the wall of loneliness can be hard to penetrate.

"When you meet someone who rejects you, you always must say I'll be back," Ballos said. "He may reject you once, but if you promise to come back and do, it gets him to thinking. Why should he come back? When you do, you find often you can reach a person."

STATE HEADQUARTERS

One way Ballos hopes to enlist more chaplains is through a state chaplain's headquarters he plans to erect on an acre of land near Sandusky sometime during 1976.

"It's one of the things I have left to do," he says. "I've lived in Michigan since 1973 and I believe there's more work that needs to be done here than anywhere else. Our goal is to eventually have one chaplain and one assistant assigned in each county."

Ballos plans to build an A-frame structure designed as a meeting place where chaplains can get together and talk about the problems they have and to seek advice from their midst.

"They need help just as anyone would," he explained. "I know I certainly don't have all the answers."

Ballos plans to move his mobile home from Cass City to Sandusky once the headquarters building is completed. Once that's done, he hopes to get more clergymen involved actively.

The headquarters building will be open 24 hours a day for anyone seeking help or wanting to meditate.

"Once that's done, then I'll know I did my good deed," he said.

As for Ballos himself, he has no plans to back off his career as a chaplain. During his hospitalization following his stroke, Ballos worked with fellow patients listening to their problems and trying to help.

Looking back over his long career as a chaplain, Ballos says he wouldn't change a thing. He especially likes to think about the persons who have found Christ through his work.

"There have been many," he said. "When you can do something like that, it builds you up to go further. You know you've done the Lord's deed."

Ballos, father of two and grandfather of two, says he's lived a fulfilled life. "My wife and I are very happy

Plants dangerous

Careful of those colorful and traditional Christmas decorations, poinsettia plants and mistletoe sprigs! They're potentially dangerous!

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington is considering calling for labels on those decorations warning about their poisonous characteristics.

A book called "Know Your Poisonous Plants," by Wilma Roberts James, warns that all parts of the mistletoe plant, especially the berries, are dangerous. About the poinsettia, the author says: "All parts of the plant contain a poisonous milky sap."



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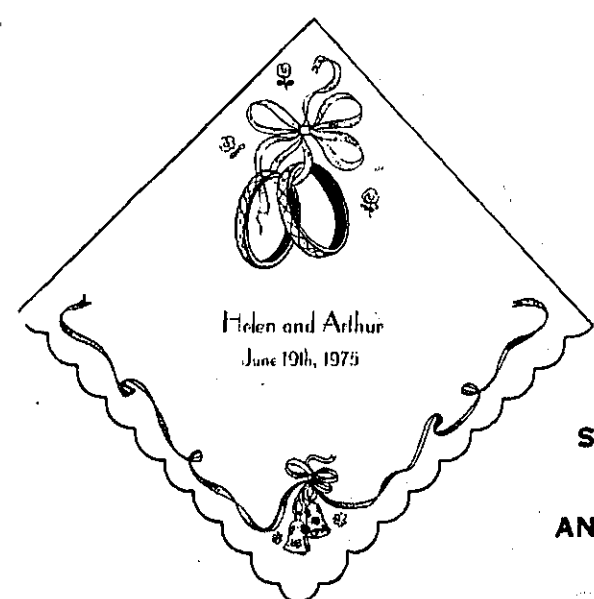
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