

County, state recruiters happy with all-volunteer Army

By Jim Ketchum

The military draft died one year ago this month, coming on the heels of the formal peace accords which ended the Vietnam War. In that year, the Army, main manpower beneficiary of conscription, found itself for the first time since 1940, without a ready reserve of men at its disposal.

The Army has undergone considerable change, according to recruiting officers from Lansing to Caro and is in the midst of a vast advertising campaign to entice more men to join. And, while present statewide figures for fiscal 1974 show that the service has met only 75 per cent of its goal, recruiters are quick to say that the 25 per cent will be made up by next June.

In Tuscola county, recruiters say it has produced its share of men, with quotas being met on a regular basis.

National critics of the all-volunteer Army have recently urged that the draft be reinstituted at the end of this fiscal year, June 30. They cite poor showings of recruiters meeting

quotas as a primary reason. Yet, recruiters themselves shun any idea of going back to the days of dragging men into uniform who don't want to be there. They seem satisfied with the first year's results and talk optimistically about meeting 1974 quotas.

COUNTY SITUATION

In Tuscola county, enlistments have been running at a rate of 82 per cent of established goals for the fiscal year with five months to go. A goal of 28 men from the county was established and so far, according to Army Recruiter Sgt. 1st Class James W. Allen, 23 men have enlisted.

Allen said the pace of enlistments has picked up since November, largely, he said, due to layoffs in the auto industry.

"I really don't like to see the numbers going up for that reason," he said. "But it's a factor—a big one."

Allen said the Vietnam War hurt all the services greatly and only now are they beginning to recover lost stature. The end of the draft brought out many advocating an all-volunteer

Army but with few actually supporting it, he added.

In the last few months, however, this trend has begun to reverse, Allen said.

"I say don't condemn it until it's had a chance to work," he said.

The sergeant explained that if the calibre of recruit has remained about the same, attitudes of inductees are much better, saying this is half the battle.

Allen said he has had good success in placing recruits in locales and jobs they requested and has also had to turn away some 17-year-olds because they did not meet new, higher standards.

Careers are not pushed, he said, as they were 10 or 15 years ago. Now the emphasis lies in training and in two, three and four-year enlistments.

Most enlistees come from the Vassar-Millington area, he said. However, in the last two months, most have come from Cass City.

STATE SITUATION

Maj. Charles W. McLeod Jr., executive recruiting officer for

the Army in Lansing, said Friday the new system is steadily improving and should be given a chance to prove itself.

"Last month, we enlisted 278 men through our office in Lansing, which represents 94 per cent of our goal," Maj. McLeod said. He explained there are two major recruiting centers in the state, one in Detroit and one in Lansing.

The Lansing office handles all outstate recruiting including Tuscola county. District captains in Bay City aid in directing local recruiters in Thumb counties, whose ultimate responsibility it is to enlist men.

McLeod explained that so far in January, the Army has met over 50 per cent of its goal and expects to make this its first 100 per cent month since its beginning on a statewide basis.

One problem facing the "New Army" is selectivity. McLeod explained that the service cannot take anyone anymore. Gone are the days when the only qualification for entrance was that you breathe.

"We are only authorized to

take no more than 45 per cent non-high school graduates," the major said. "A major emphasis in the Army now is education. High school and college credits are offered along with other types of training."

A relatively new program the service has instituted is called "Stripes for Skills" and basically it makes sergeants out of skilled tradesmen who are looking for the security the Army provides. According to McLeod, hopes for the plan are high, even though it has been in existence only two months.

He played down any idea that such a program might cause friction between these "civilian" sergeants and career officers.

"Speaking as an officer, we welcome it wholeheartedly," he said. "It eliminates the problem of taking a man in as a private and having to train him. When he comes in, he's ready to lead."

UNEMPLOYMENT

Present unsettled economic conditions may aid in making the program a success, McLeod said. He views it as an oppor-

tunity for a skilled tradesman about to be laid off in an automobile plant, for instance, to use his training to good advantage.

"The pay may not look as good on an hourly basis at the beginning," McLeod admitted. "But when he realizes there is advancement, that his meals and uniforms are furnished and that there is an allowance made for his family, it's not a bad deal."

The Army has always gained popularity in times of economic hardship as a place of guaranteed employment, meals and clothing. This is part of the present Army public relations campaign as well. Little emphasis is placed on combat roles, while such programs as "Stripes for Skills" and a chance to complete or continue education advanced strongly.

"It just isn't the same Army it was in the 1940's and 1950's," McLeod said. "What we're trying to do now is to dispel the old stereotypes of Army life that a kid's father or his grandfather brought home with him from the war. We have to present the Army as a good way to go for a

young man."

As a part of that presentation, the service is organizing tours of military bases by high school students and newspaper editors who they hope will take back the message about the "New Army."

RECRUITS MUST QUALIFY

The word "qualify" has crept into the language of the Army more and more since the expiration of the draft. Recruits are told they can have practically any kind of a program they want "if they qualify" and if a spot is open.

Standards for acceptance into the service have risen, along with rejection rates of would-be recruits.

When the draft expired, initially the Army felt the drastic cut in manpower, McLeod said. Gradually, he added, numbers have picked up, thanks to publicity and an emphasis on skills rather than killing.

Combat assignments are still very much available, however. A \$2,500 bonus is awarded to recruits who sign up for this training.

"Our philosophy boils down to this—anyone coming into the Army must be willing to serve the Army and must present it as a good thing by his actions," McLeod said.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

McLeod categorically defended the changes brought about in the Army in the last year. "I've been in for 12 years and speaking for myself, the change that has gone on has all been for the better," he said.

While defending change, McLeod hedged on whether the service was enlisting a higher calibre of men now than with the draft.

"With the draft, you had forced selections and wound up with people who didn't necessarily want to be there," he said. "You also had a pretty wide mixture of persons as well. Now, we have to work to see we don't get a propensity of one type—either rich or poor, black or white, skilled or unskilled."

Above all, he emphasized, the enlistee is a man who, for the most part, wants to be in the Army.

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WORKMEN PREPARE antenna assemblies Thursday prior to completion of the McCoy cable television tower located on the Schell farm at the southwest edge of Cass City. McCoy indicated the entire system should be completed in the village in two months.

Cable TV service set for March viewing

Construction crews completed work last week on Cass City's cable television tower located on the old Schell farm south of Walbro Corporation's main plant.

According to Jim McCoy, owner of the system, cable should be completely installed within the next two months, providing local viewers with service sometime in March. He added that this timetable depends to a great extent on weather conditions.

The 300-foot tower will make eight channels available to Cass City viewers, including two from Detroit and one from

Windsor. In addition, one channel will be set aside for local weather and emergency information which can be patched directly into a civil-defense hook-up.

The Cass City operation will be linked to similar towers in Caro and Vassar, providing county-wide coverage on the local information channel.

The service will provide viewing on the three major networks plus educational and sports channels.

McCoy estimates his investment for all three towers to be \$250,000, with slightly less than one-third of it in Cass City.

Cable will be installed on rented Detroit Edison utility poles and, where power lines are buried in new subdivisions, McCoy said his company will also bury its cables to conform with recently enacted village ordinances calling for buried electric and telephone lines.

McCoy had been held up for over a year obtaining a license from the Federal Communications Commission for this system. That license came through last fall and work began soon afterward on the Caro site.

McCoy explained crews will move to Vassar after completing work in Cass City.

Commissioners, county unions push for early contract settlement

In sharp contrast with last year's negotiations, the president of the Tuscola County Employees Association said Tuesday she expects early agreement on a proposed contract with the County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Elgene Keller explained the association is asking for salary increases in the neighborhood of seven and one-half per cent for each member. District court employees are not represented by the association and bargain separately with the commission.

Basically, the association is asking for two steps each involving approximately \$300 per employee.

Already agreed to are provisions which allow employees to accumulate up to 90 days of sick leave as opposed to 75 last year. Ms. Keller indicated settlement should not be far off.

"We are ready to settle on this," she said. "Last year things dragged out until June. We are hopeful we can settle much quicker this year." She described the negotiating atmosphere as "amiable".

County commissioners wrestled with District Court's labor contract as well at its regular meeting Tuesday. Negotiations were scheduled to reconvene Thursday in an effort to conclude a working agreement with court employees quickly.

Meetings were also scheduled next week, presumably to wrap up all labor questions.

District two commissioner Maynard McConkey indicated he agreed that a final wage package could be wrapped up by week's end. He added that he hoped District Court negotiations could also be concluded as quickly.

REVOLVING DRAIN FUND

Commissioners also wrestled with the revolving drain fund again, this time taking \$3,000 from the general fund and transferring it to the fund to meet bills from engineers who are waiting to be paid.

Commissioner Charles Woodcock introduced a resolution asking for the transfer, citing the fact that in some instances, the fund has not yet been able to receive tax monies from engineered drains.

Woodcock stipulated that the transfer of funds would be only a temporary measure and when the drains in question eventually go on the tax roll in April, the general fund would be reimbursed.

"This is necessary to pay these men who are holding the bag on these bills," Woodcock told his fellow commissioners. He indicated several drains were involved.

Woodcock was asked by Commissioner Richard Dehmelt how the fund would be set financially in April, after taxes have been settled.

He replied that the fund would not be out of money, saying it would have a balance of several thousand dollars.

Dehmelt said it seemed to him the board never found out about problems with the fund until after the fact. Last summer, the board raised the fund to \$100,000

in an attempt to speed up work on the drains and to pay engineering firms.

Drains could then be completed and placed on tax rolls.

Woodcock was also asked if the fund could function on \$100,000 next year. He indicated it could, if drains did not stand too long before being completed.

This was one of the problems, he said, which contributed to

the problems of last summer. Some drains had to be reassessed, since costs had risen between the engineering and actual construction.

Additionally, he said, costs have more than doubled in recent years.

"We will have to hold a lid on that type of increase," Board Chairman Shuford Kirk said. "We'll follow it closely, but it's going to be difficult."

Lions snowmobile race to draw area enthusiasts Sunday

Area snowmobilers are tuning their machines for Sunday's third annual Snowmobile Race sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club at Caseville Snowgoers. And, if the weather holds, it should be another successful event, according to Harry Little and Tim Grassman, co-chairmen of the race.

Little said the club hopes to raise between \$800 and \$900 from the race, most of it going toward a \$3,000 commitment the Lions made to the four-doctor clinic. The remainder will go into sight conservation.

Each year, the race has been better than the year before, financially, proving those who originally scoffed at the idea were wrong, Little explained he

came up with the idea a few years ago, but the club turned it down.

After seeing the success of a similar race by Caseville Snowgoers, the Lions Club changed its mind and voted to give Little's idea a try. Its proven success as a money-raising project has made it an annual event.

The race is non-sanctioned and is divided into four classes. Some 20 races will be run, including novelty races, man-and-wife teams and a grudge race pitting some of the best area machines against each other.

Entry fee is \$7.00, which entitles a contestant to enter as many races as he wants on the half-mile oval track located on Sand Road two miles east of Caseville.

Some of the modified machines hit speeds of 100 miles-per-hour and provide thrills throughout the day.

Sanilac fire loss set at \$35,000

Some \$35,000 in damages resulted from a fire early Saturday morning which destroyed a large barn and 10 head of cattle at the John Somerville farm located a mile north and a mile west of Hemans on Lamton Road.

Sanilac county Sheriff's deputies said Tuesday no cause has been established for the blaze which reportedly broke out in the hay mow of the barn.

Lost in the blaze in addition to the 40 by 60-foot barn were 10 cows and 10,000 bales of hay. An adjoining barn also sustained about \$5,000 damage.

The Lamotte Township Fire Department answered the alarm after an employee of the Somervilles, John Pette, discovered the blaze. He told deputies he entered the barn around 8:00 a.m. and found it filled with smoke. He said it appeared to be coming from the north end of the hay mow.

He ran into the house and told Mrs. Somerville to summon firemen. Units from Marlette and Moore Township Fire Departments assisted in fighting the blaze.

While no cause has been determined, deputies said no electrical wiring was in the immediate area of the fire.

Report series of minor area traffic accidents

Several minor traffic accidents were reported to police agencies last week, the worst involving a snowmobile mishap which hospitalized a Caro man.

Wednesday, a Gagetown man suffered injuries when the car he was driving ran off Pobanz Road, at the Huron Line Road intersection, about six miles southwest of Owendale and struck a county road sign.

Gary E. Ballard, 29, told investigating Huron county Sheriff's deputies he was driving north when the brakes failed on his car. Officers said the road jogs at that point to the left, adding that Ballard's car ran off the north side of the county line road.

He was treated for his injuries at Hills and Dales General

Hospital and released. The mishap occurred at 2:30 p.m.

Also Wednesday, a car driven by Ashley Elmer Root, 67, of 6350 Pine St., went out of control while traveling south on Cemetery Road a quarter-mile south of Milligan Road and landed in a ditch.

Cass City Police who investigated said Root's car went off the road on the west side and when he tried to pull it back onto the pavement, he lost control and landed in the ditch on the east side of the road.

He escaped serious injury in the accident which took place at 5:20 p.m.

Thursday, cars driven by Ian Yvonne Kawinski, 38, of 4391 Seeger St., and Mary Brown, 36, of 6311 Virginia St., collided in

the IGA parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

Police said the Kawinski auto backed into the Brown vehicle which had stopped after pulling out of a parking space.

No ticket was issued in the mishap.

Also Thursday, a car driven by Kell Arlington Hoffman, 22, of 4607 Seeger St., struck and killed a deer while traveling west on M-81 near the Schwegler Road intersection.

He told police the animal ran from the south side of the road into the left side of his car. Hoffman escaped serious injury.

The mishap took place at 10:05 p.m.

Friday, a car driven by Bernice Smentek, 52, of 6556 E. Concluded on page 5.



ELKLAND TOWNSHIP FIREMEN battled thick smoke Saturday while fighting a fire at the Cass City sanitary landfill. Firemen fought the blaze for over an hour, arriving on the scene shortly before 2:00 p.m. No cause has been determined.

Cass City Social and Personal Items

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Bethel

Evergreen boughs and bronze-colored mums decorated the First Presbyterian church in Uby for the wedding Jan. 5 which united in marriage Miss Margaret Ann Battel and Richard Milton Bethel of Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. John Osborn of Decker-ville officiated at the seven o'clock ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Battel of Cass City and Mr. Bethel's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bethel of Sinking Springs, Pa. Organist was James McLellan of Uby and vocalists were Miss Mary Plegier of Mt. Clemens and Mickey Goldman of Southfield who sang "Color My World".

The bride's gown was of white polyester crepe. The bodice featured a yoke and full length sleeves of lace. A wide band of lace trimmed the skirt and train. A headpiece of lace held in place her short illusion veil of

net. Her flowers were white mums and Tullis roses fashioned into a Colonial bouquet.

Mrs. Margie Clarke Crutchfield of Searey, Ark., was matron of honor and bridesmaids included two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Diane Battel of Cass City and Mrs. Reba Battel of Highland; a cousin of the bride, Miss Minnie Sowden of Caro, and a friend, Miss Louann Healy of Cass City. Their two-piece gowns featured long sleeved, ruffled blouses of peach colored crepe with skirts of brown iridescent crushed velvet. Each carried a single peach colored spider mum.

The flower girl Mary Frances Mickaszyn of Marysville, cousin of the bride, carried a basket of pine and bronze pom-poms. Her floor-length gown was brown with peach colored trim. Ring bearer was Rayford Sowden of Caro, cousin of the bride.

Geoffrey Abraham of Clarksdale, Miss., was best man. Groomsmen were brothers of the bride, Mark Battel and John Battel and friends of the groom, John Travis of Mt. Pleasant and David Roosevelt of Flint.

Mrs. Battel chose for her daughter's wedding, a dress of emerald green crepe while the mother of the groom wore a burnt orange knit dress. Their corsages were of bronze mums.

A supper and reception attended by 250 relatives and friends, followed the ceremony at the Uby Fox Hunters' club. The wedding cake was served by Mrs. J. F. Klein of Port Huron, aunt of the bride.

Mrs. George Russell of Decker was in charge of the guest book.

The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bethel were hosts for the rehearsal dinner Jan. 4 at Tyll's in Uby.

The new couple currently reside at 603 South Franklin in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jersey of Boyne City visited relatives here for two days and left Thursday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auten on a ten-day trip to Florida.

Twenty attended the monthly meeting of the AARP held Jan. 10 at the fire hall. The committee on arrangements for the noon meal were Mrs. Harold Murphy, Mrs. Louis Creguer with Mrs. George Roch assisting. For entertainment, Mrs. Esther McCullough showed pictures taken on a trip she made to Spain.

A regular meeting of Cass City Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 77, is scheduled for Thursday evening, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic temple. Plans are underway for a skating party for Job's Daughters and De-Molay members.

Public librarians are attending a series of meetings, held twice each month, in the meeting room of the Peoples State Bank in Caro. The meetings, sponsored by the Saginaw system, are designed for public librarians who need to renew their certificates. About 20 attended the meeting Jan. 9, according to Librarian Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson. Another meeting was scheduled Wednesday.

Nine members of the Art Club attended the monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the home of Mrs. Edward Rusch. The cooperative noon meal was followed by the business meeting and social activities.

E. B. Schwaderer is spending some time in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant M. Little of Birmingham visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little, Saturday.

Mrs. Alex Greenleaf visited Edward Greenleaf in a Detroit hospital Jan. 15 and stayed overnight with Mrs. E. Greenleaf in Detroit.

Mrs. Gary Christner, Mrs. Howard Rexin and Mrs. Fritz Neitzel, of Trinity church, attended a workshop at Bad Axe Jan. 15, presented for officers of United Methodist women. Attending the evening session were Mrs. Richard Gaffney, Mrs. Esther Kinn and Mrs. Maurice Joss of Salem church.

There will be a special meeting of Echo chapter OES Wednesday evening, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. Guest officers from other chapters will exemplify the degrees of the Order. Mrs. Myrtle Ludlow is chairman of the refreshment committee and will be assisted by Mrs. Vera AuBuchon, Mrs. Enid Craig, Mrs. Fanny Hutchinson, Mrs. Lucille Stafford, Mrs. Verna Dobbs, Mrs. Esther McCullough, Mrs. Ruth Morell, Mrs. Patricia Hunter and Mrs. Audrey Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig had as week-end guests, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al McKay of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Craig had as dinner guests Friday evening, Jan. 21, with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Putman in Caro for a potluck supper at 7 o'clock. The discussion topic for the evening was Probate and Wills on Estate Property. There were 24 members and two guests present.

Troy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peasley, was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw Jan. 14. Mrs. Peasley is staying with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wood, at Birch Run while the baby is hospitalized.

Several area persons attended Tip-Up-Town at Houghton Lake Saturday and enjoyed snowmobiling and other carnival activities. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Summers, Elwyn Helwig and Brian, Maynard Helwig, Jerome Root Jr., Lyle Truimmer and Mike, Scott Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grennell and Roger Haley.

Barbara and Roger Root were overnight guests Saturday of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holm.

Twelve women were present Thursday evening when the United Methodist Women of the Sutton Sunshine Church met at the home of Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury. Co-hostess was Mrs. Lorie Lounsbury. Mrs. Hazen Patterson presented the lesson on prayer and self-denial.

D. C. McIntyre and Miss Mary McIntyre were called to Canada Sunday by the death of a cousin, Walker Monroe.

The North Elmwood Farm Bureau group met Monday evening at the David Loomis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nicholas of Bay City were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Garrison Stine home.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

BIRTHS:

Jan. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stine of Deford, a girl, Cheryl Lynn.

Jan. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacAlpine of Cass City, a girl, Dawn Marie.

Jan. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malloy of Fostoria, a girl, Amanda Darlene.

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, JAN. 21, WERE:

Philip Retherford, Mrs. Angeline Goudur, Mrs. Julia Murray, Mrs. Norman Emmons, William Hillaker, Lyle Koepf-

gen, Louis Naples and Mrs. Basil Wotton of Cass City; Jarrett Gordon and Michael Smale of Caro;

Tracy Rotenberg, Gary Rockett, Mrs. Teresa Ludwig of Gagetown;

Mrs. Pauline Schmidt, Mrs. Stephanie Gruchin, Robin Winter, Dawn Diebel, Michael Loeffler, Robin Luther and Clements Heckman of Sebawaing;

Mrs. Arnie Scorum, Julius Muys, Michael Schlicht and Gary Schlicht of Akron;

Oral Berdon of Snover; Raymond Abbe of Owendale;

Mrs. Sarah Achenbach, Mrs. Casper Scharich and Mrs. Elizabeth Markert of Unionville.



Mr. and Mrs. David T. Bliss

St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, was the setting of the marriage of Mardi Blair Auten and David Thomas Bliss Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:00 p.m. Father Leo Gengler performed the double-ring candle-light ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bodine Auten and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bliss Sr., all of Cass City.

The bride wore a gown of pearly silk with a controlled skirt with Alencon lace at the hemline and surrounding the Chapel train. The molded bodice had a yoke of ribbed organza with a high neckline and lace appliques appearing on the bodice. It had Bishop sleeves with lace cuffs. To complete her

attire, she wore a matching lace edged Cathedral veil of English illusion secured to a matching lace bonnet accented with pearls.

The bride carried a white fur muff accented by pink and white sweetheart roses.

Barbara Generous, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of soft pink quiana with a high neckline and long fitted sleeves. Lace beading accented the bodice and sleeves.

Kay Marie Guinther and Mary Jane Van Vliet, friends of the bride, attended her. Their gowns matched the matron of honor's.

Best man was Gary Vollmar, Cass City, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jim Walters, Cass City, friend of the groom, and William Bliss Jr., brother of the groom.

The ushers included Andrew Auten, brother of the bride, Charles Bliss, brother of the groom, Gerald Generous, brother-in-law of the groom, and Alfred Wallace, friend of the groom.

Thomas B. Guinther was soloist. He sang "Sunrise, Sunset", "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Wedding Song". Organist was Mrs. Susan C. Koepfgen.

The reception was held after the ceremony at Wildwood Farms, Cass City.

Following a trip to Florida, the couple is now residing in Cass City.

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GLORIA JANE FARNUM

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Farnum of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Jane, to Jerry L. Laughlin, son of Mrs. Clara Laughlin and the late Martin Laughlin, Elkton. Wedding plans are indefinite.



NORMA JEAN FRANZEL

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Franzel announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma Jean, to Jerry W. Langevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Langevin of Flint. The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of Sandusky High School. Her fiancé is a PFC in the Marine Corps, stationed in Okinawa. Wedding plans are indefinite.

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BONNIE MAE HOLIK

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holik of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Mae, to Roger Champagne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Champagne of Uby.

The bride-elect is a senior at Cass City High School. The prospective bridegroom is a 1971 graduate of Uby High School and is employed by Bell Telephone Co. in Bad Axe. An August wedding is being planned.

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Charles Kenneth Wilson, 19, of Millington and Vickie Ann Neuville, 18, of Caro.

Wayne Forrest Clink, 22, of Caro and Sally Ann Hoover, 19, of Tuscola.

Joe William Valentine, 64, of Fairgrove and Marjorie Louise Maier, 47, of Fairgrove.

Richard David Hunkins, 19, of Vassar and Linda Kay Radick, 18, of Caro.

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Wendel Otto Stevens, 40, of Caro and Susan Marie Kukulski, 18, of Vassar.

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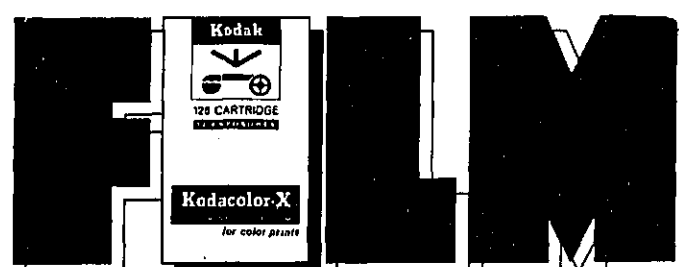
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Rabbit tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Coincidence department: Mrs. Dawn Haag reported that she found a balloon that drifted to her farm southeast of Cass City. It was a message asking that the finder get in touch with Mike Starr whose address is on Hadley Road, Hadley, Mi., near Flint. The coincidence? The Haag farm is on (you guessed it) Hadley Road.

Another coincidence. Larry Maharg, son of Ken Maharg, lives in Hershey, Pa. He recently wrote in to change his address. He now lives on (what else?) West Chocolate Ave. And isn't it a coincidence that these two items came to our attention at the same time?

Richard Jones, with his wife, returned Monday from a five-day trip to Caracas, Venezuela. It was one of the many promo trips sponsored by appliance dealers. This one came for selling Admirals and may be the last because of the energy crisis.

That's the background, but what I want to tell you about is piranha fishing. Dick says that, contrary to movie versions, the fish aren't as ready to attack as they are pictured.

At least they weren't where he fished. Still, it's a strange technique. You use no hooks, no fishing rod. Just drift a piece of meat in the water until the piranha strikes. Then you do nothing for a bit while the fish munches on the morsel. Finally, you slowly drag in the line by hand until the fish is close to shore then you flip him in. Whatever you heard about piranha's teeth is true, says Dick.

Steve Frank of Cass City has his own private charity. It's the Caro Regional Center. For the second straight year he has donated over \$500 worth of musical instruments to the Center for use in therapeutic sessions.



I found this next item surreptitiously shoved on my desk and marked, "For Rabbit Tracks?"

It's from an unpublished portion of the Walter C. Alvarez, M.D., column that appears weekly in the Chronicle. Anyway this item tells how the people of Papua, New Guinea, still buy and sell wives.

It goes on to say that a brand-new bride is worth \$250, plus five pigs and a cassowary (a big bird that resembles an ostrich.)

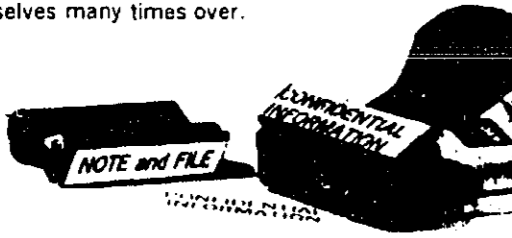
A once married gal costs only \$30 and a twice married lady has "no commercial value."

News editor Jim Ketchum swears he didn't place it on my desk. What I keep wondering now is was it placed there by a women's libber or an anti-women's libber?

What mere man can fathom the logic of a woman?

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IT'S PRETTY to look at but it just about brought activities in the Thumb to a grinding halt last week end. Icy roads kept residents glued to their homes Saturday and Sunday and closed many area schools Monday.

Sgt. Sylvester participates in German tour

Army Sergeant Melvin L. Sylvester, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sylvester, 1768 Kingston Rd., Deford, participated in an orientation tour of the East and West German border. The tour provided a first-hand look at the continuing tension between the free and Communist worlds and a reminder of the importance of his mission while serving with the U.S. forces in Germany.

Sgt. Sylvester, overseas since January 1973, is regularly stationed in Goppingen as a training non-commissioned officer in the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Adjutant General Administration Company.

His wife, Fay, lives at 2636 W. Saginaw Rd., Mayville.

FROM THE

Editor's Corner



Scanning the neighboring papers is a ritual in this office every Thursday morning. Most of the time I learn little, if anything. But it beats working. I was at it again last week when an item in the Sanilac News concerning the Peck School and the bus situation caught my eye.

Parents were peeved because the school wouldn't allow buses to take kids to the circus in Saginaw.

A pledge for enough gas to make the trip so that the school's allotment wouldn't be affected had been secured from private sources. Other schools in Sanilac county had agreed to this procedure as a way around the school gas shortage.

Peck said no because other trips had been prohibited and authorities feared charges of favoritism if the circus trip were allowed.

Peck authorities said no for the wrong reasons. They did if they believe what the oil companies and the government is telling them: there is an energy crisis.

For it makes little difference who pays for the gas, if the shortage is real the trip is an "unnecessary" use of fuel.

This little vignette tells it all. Why down deep there is a well of uncertainty about this most critical of the critical shortages Americans are putting up with today.

If not, the question would be, not who buys the gas but whether the trips were important enough to squander a little of a critical natural resource.

The skepticism evident here isn't a put-down of the Peck school people. Far from it. It's just a perfect illustration of the way most of us feel about the latest in the long list of shortages.

I'd guess that any poll would show that a very large majority of ordinary citizens believe that the shortages are another ploy to raise prices.

That when gas is 80 cents, 90 cents or a buck a gallon there will be plenty for all.

In fact right now there appears to be plenty for all when the price is 50 cents a gallon.

Who wouldn't have a questioning attitude when the oil tycoons and the government tell us that the crunch is on and an adjacent news story tells that all the oil storage capacity is full to overflowing and most oil companies have as much or more on hand now as they did a year ago.

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"If It Fitz . . ."

From shower to hospital

BY JIM FITZGERALD



I am going to quit picking on my wife. I would also be happy to quit picking her up.

Be patient. I will explain what I mean. But first, I must assure you this story has a happy ending. Some funny things happened — me in the nude, for instance. But it wasn't funny at the time. It was frightening. It wasn't possible for me to laugh until later. But you can smile anytime you feel like it because you know going in that everything turns out OK. I didn't know.

As I was finishing my morning shower, I heard an awful moaning. I grabbed a towel and ran to the kitchen where I found my wife, Pat, slumped over a table. She couldn't talk and she was quickly losing consciousness.

My first thought was to carry her to a nearby couch. You cannot lift a woman while holding a towel around your middle. Down went the towel. I was dripping wet and there was still shampoo in my hair. As I put my arms around Pat, my teenage daughter Chris came in for breakfast.

She wondered aloud what was going on. She probably thought Kellogg's had come up with aphrodisiac corn flakes, which would certainly give Euell Gibbons something to chew on. I told her to call the doctor.

The doctor said to rush Pat to the hospital. By this time she was completely unconscious and deathly still. I was so scared I'd forgotten completely about the dumb towel. The hospital is just across the street and I was ready to head for it nude. But how would I carry my Blue Cross card?

I jumped into pants, sweater and slippers. It was the first time I skipped underwear since the black days of World War 2 when I suffered a terrible wound from a zipper.

I carried Pat to the car. She is not extremely heavy but I am the guy whose face gets sand kicked in it even when I'm not at the beach. By the time we got in the hospital, the nurses weren't sure which one was the patient. The cold air had frozen my shampoo and my knees were crowding my ankles.

One nurse did make me feel better. I have a neighbor named Mallory whose handsome Irish

face looks like mine. People are always confusing us. His wife's name is Gloria. This nurse saw me collapsed in a chair outside the emergency room and asked me if Gloria were sick.

I said yes. Maybe they'll send Mallory the bill.

Well, it turned out that Pat had simply suffered a bad reaction to some medication. She'll be fine. But I can't end this hospital drama without writing this Valentine:

There comes a moment when a man suddenly knows he really

doesn't give a good damn about Nixon's tapes, the energy crisis or the milk bill. He realizes all he really cares about is the well-being of someone he loves and needs. That must sound strange coming from a guy who is always lamenting the lost freedoms of his bachelor days. But there you are.

Looking back at the shower-to-hospital saga, I can laugh until I cry.

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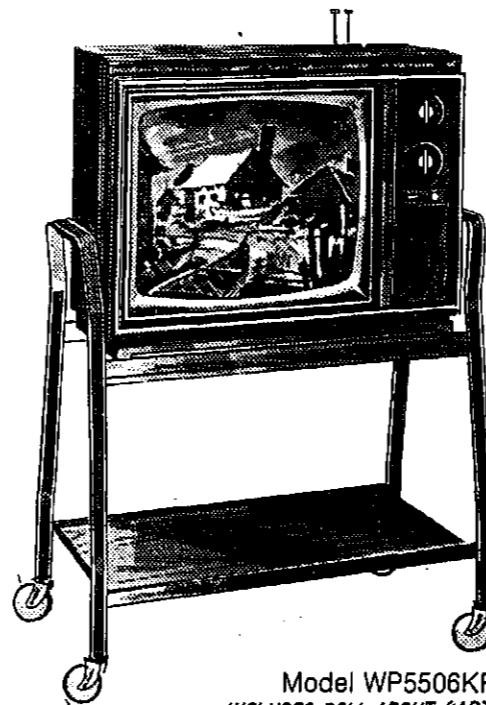
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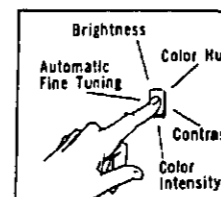
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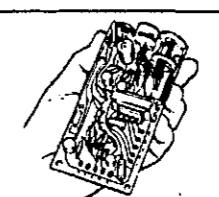
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BETTER HEALTH

Who should take the pill

Just as almost everyone instantly recognizes that "Liz" in a headline means the movie star Elizabeth Taylor, or equally that "Meg" means Princess Margaret of England, so there is no confusion in our minds when we read a telegraphic headline shouting news about "the pill."

It can only refer to the oral contraceptive, that magic little pellet that prevents an unwanted pregnancy.

We Americans have an engaging way of cutting down to size all perplexing popular phenomena, serious or trivial. Half-jocular nicknames help to bring spectacular people down to earth and scientific advances into familiar focus.

This attitude may be generally reassuring, but in the case of the pill it can be seriously misleading, and no woman should be casual about using it. Although oral contraceptive agents will certainly be counted as one of the outstanding medical discoveries of our generation, it is now apparent that as with most potent medications it can do more than the one thing it is meant to do.

Some of the side effects, such as cramps, fluid retention and nausea, are merely disagreeable -- but there are others that can be lethal. It is because of increasing concern about the latter, however small statistically they may be, that more and more attention is being paid to alternate methods of birth control in the case of many women who ask the doctor if they should take the pill.

Let me just make a list of some of the difficulties that can turn up in association with the use of the pill, remembering that though the statistical incidence of these harmful side-effects is quite small, no woman is a statistic if she is a member of your family or mine.

1. Blood clots in leg veins that can lead to similar blood clots in the lungs (pulmonary embolism). The studies that have been done on the frequency of this complication are not complete but are highly suggestive and the evidence to date indicates that the use of oral contraceptives involves an increased risk of blood-clotting disorders. This risk has to be weighed against the psychological effects of fear of pregnancy and the possible physical consequences of pregnancy. But any woman with a history of inflammation of the veins (phlebitis) would be wise to avoid the pill.

2. Varicose veins. -- Many physicians have received the complaint of patients that using oral contraceptives seems to exaggerate varicose veins. The causal relation of the pill to this complication is not settled. A woman who has the early development of varicose veins,

however, might be better advised to choose another form of contraception.

3. High blood pressure. -- In 1967 an English investigator reported that in his high blood pressure clinic, some women with hypertension experienced a further elevation of their blood pressure with the use of oral contraceptives. Subsequently, American physicians verified this and related it to the effect of the pill on certain hormones that cause the blood pressure to go up. Other doctors found that this elevation of blood pressure occurs within one to six months after the pill has been started, and that it takes one to six months for the pressure to fall back to its original levels when the drug has been stopped.

The logical conclusion of this is that no woman with high blood pressure should take oral contraceptives. All women taking these drugs should have

their blood pressure checked at three to six month intervals to be sure that elevation has not occurred. Any woman who develops high blood pressure while taking the pill should discontinue it promptly. Fortunately, the blood pressure usually goes down to pre-treatment levels when the pill is stopped.

4. Migraine headaches. Women who have migraine headaches are often made worse by oral contraceptives. Since the frequency of such headaches is so subject to psychological effects, it is difficult to incriminate the pill for certain, but the fact of its capacity to dilate blood vessels makes it likely and experts in the field think it almost certainly does. The best reason for not giving the pill to women with migraine headaches is that a small but tragically significant group of women on the pill have had strokes, for which no other cause could be found.

5. Overweight and diabetes mellitus. -- Because of the possible effect of overweight and diabetes mellitus (high blood sugar) on blood vessels, it is generally considered by experts that in the presence of either of these disorders, the pill should be avoided.

This is a one-sided report on purpose -- to emphasize that however lightly we talk about the pill, and however much it continues to hold promise as an effective way to keep our dangerously over-populated planet within bounds, it is not without its hazards, and other means are available to those who may be harmed by the pill. I will discuss some of those other ways in a subsequent report.

Sgt. Hartman graduates from AF school

U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Daniel A. Hartman, son of Mrs. Margaret E. Hartman of RFD 2, Unionville, has graduated from the Tactical Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Luke AFB, Ariz.



DANIEL A. HARTMAN

Sergeant Hartman, who was trained in military management and supervision, is an aircraft electrical systems specialist at Luke. The sergeant attended Akron-Fairgrove High School. His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Joe Witek of 5225 N. Vassar Road, Akron.

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KETCHUM'S KNAPSACK

The shortage syndrome

By Jim Ketchum



If it weren't for Walter Cronkite each evening, I wouldn't have as many reasons to rant, rave, clench my fists or shake my head. It would probably also save wear and tear on my leather chair and keep me from uttering mighty oaths about the present state of affairs.

But the other night, Walter really hit human nature where it lives. It seems a major manufacturer of toilet tissue has begun a rationing program because of a wave of panic buying by customers who heard there would be a shortage.

The fact that the company publicly stated there was not, is not and would not be a shortage did not dissuade the faithful from snatching roll upon roll, most likely not even taking time to squeeze the Charmin and depriving thousands of Mr. Whipples of their callings.

In Japan, the situation is even worse. The other day, a full-scale riot broke out in a Tokyo department store as women clawed their way to the counters in search of the squeezably soft commodity.

Why? Simple. It's the temper of the times.

For months rapidly turning into years, Americans have been awaking to a new factor in their lives long taken for granted by too much of the rest of humanity. . . . the factor of shortages.

And, in typical American fashion, the buying public has panicked and over-reacted.

It's always been this way. When word of a potential shortage of anything gets around, the initial reaction is to buy up every last available supply at highly-inflated prices. Drain the tank dry, whether it's necessary or not.

Never does the idea of living without something cross the mind of the average American. More likely than not, we will expend more energy trying to buy up a scarce commodity or fashioning a substitute than we do trying to go without.

The crazy part about the toilet tissue episode is that there was not even a shortage in the first place! Yet the "hit-the-panic-button" syndrome immediately sent customers into the street, snatching up all they could.

Americans are notorious for thinking that nothing will ever run out. That's what has kept us going for nearly 200 years. First it was the land that would go on forever. Then, about the time a wagon train discovered the Pacific Ocean, oil was discovered, which, also would never run out.

From there it was coal, iron, gold, silver. . . . you name it and we had it, enough to supply the whole world.

Now that shortages have become a part of our lives, a common cry is to blame environmentalists for it all. In one fell swoop, they are blamed for stopping new oil exploration, the closing of atomic power plants, poor gas mileage and a lack of toilet tissue.

If one group had that much power, it's too bad they didn't come along about 10 years ago and cause a shortage of wars in the world.

The problem involves irresponsible corporations, along with the simple fact that things are starting to run out.

Everything, that is, except toilet tissue. So do yourself, your friendly neighborhood Mr. Whipple and Walter Cronkite a big favor. Don't buy all the Charmin.

It'll be there when you need it. And, if it isn't, Sears and Roebuck still put out a whale of a catalog.

CIE sets meeting for volunteers

Mrs. Stephen Patchin of Carpenter School, Midland, will be at Campbell Elementary School Friday from 2-4 p.m. to discuss ways volunteer workers may assist teachers in classrooms and also display various teaching aids.

This is part of a volunteer program sponsored by Citizens for Improved Education in cooperation with the Cass City School district beginning at Campbell, Evergreen and DeFord elementary schools.

The program is designed to assist teachers in classrooms and with out-of-classroom projects.

Anyone wishing to participate in the program may call Theresa Burnette at 872-3928.

Small-town practice suits Cass City's Dr. J.Y. Lee

Dr. J. Y. Lee began his Cass City medical practice Monday, working at Hills and Dales General Hospital while awaiting completion of his office in the new four-doctor clinic.

Dr. Lee, who is a native of Pusan, South Korea, has lived in the United States the past five-and-a-half years, most of them in Bronx, New York. He decided to forsake the big city for life in a smaller community and chose Cass City because of its size and because he felt he could put his practice to its best use.

"In a city such as New York, patients move around so much that it is difficult to treat someone without having seen him over a longer period of time," Dr. Lee said as he sat in the hospital library. "In a smaller community, a doctor has a chance to study a patient and his case history over a long period of time."

He also indicated smaller communities are more friendly, something he said he has already experienced in Cass City.

Dr. Lee came to the United States in July 1968 after graduation from Pusan National University. He trained in Bronx Lebanon Hospital taking his internship and establishing a residency there.

He also studied chest diseases for four years in St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. His specialty area is internal medicine with a sub-specialty in cardio-pulmonary diseases.

Dr. Lee stressed the importance of a good working relationship between doctor and patient and said a setting such as Cass City can provide it.

"I also like the idea of the slower pace of the countryside," he said, comparing it to life in Fun City.

Dr. Lee is one of a growing number of young medical students who leave Korea after finishing basic medical training in favor of the U.S. He explained

the reason for this lies largely in the social and political instability prevalent in South Korea.

Additionally, better equipment and training are available in the United States, while most textbooks are similar to those used in South Korean hospitals.

Dr. Lee said the U.S. will probably remain his home from a professional standpoint because his training is adapted specifically for this country. Also, a common disease in this country might not be heard of in Korea, he said.

Small towns have more to offer, Dr. Lee said, in that a physician has more of a chance to serve patients individually. He said the advent of more physicians in Cass City will allow for more consultation between general practitioners and specialists. This is a trend which is developing across the nation, he said.

By that, I don't mean that I want to take patients away from doctors already here," he said. "But I do feel that through consultation, general practitioners can be greatly aided in their work."

He added that the specialist, too, benefits from such consultation.

Report series of minor accidents

Continued from page one

DeLong Rd., went out of control on Cemetery Road a quarter-mile north of DeLong Road and slid into a ditch.

Police said Ms. Smenlek was traveling north on Cemetery Road and tried to stop for another vehicle. Her car then slid into the ditch.

Officers noted the road was extremely icy at the time of the mishap, 11:05 p.m. She escaped serious injury.

SNOWMOBILE INJURY

Saturday, a Caro man was hospitalized after the snowmobile he was riding overturned.

Tuscola county Sheriff's deputies who investigated said Brian Reid, 31, of Lobdell Road, Caro, was injured as he drove north on Chambers Road a half mile north of Sanilac Road.

Officers reported Reid approached a ditch at a high rate of speed and attempted to jump it. As he cleared the ditch, the machine rolled over after impact with the ground.

He was taken to Caro Community Hospital where he was treated for head and neck injuries and released. The mishap took place at 8:30 p.m.

Also Saturday, a car belonging to Leatha Czaplak of Westland was struck while parked in the Hills and Dales General Hospital parking lot.

She told Cass City police she discovered the damage when she returned to her parked car. Police have no clues to the identity of the hit-and-run driver.

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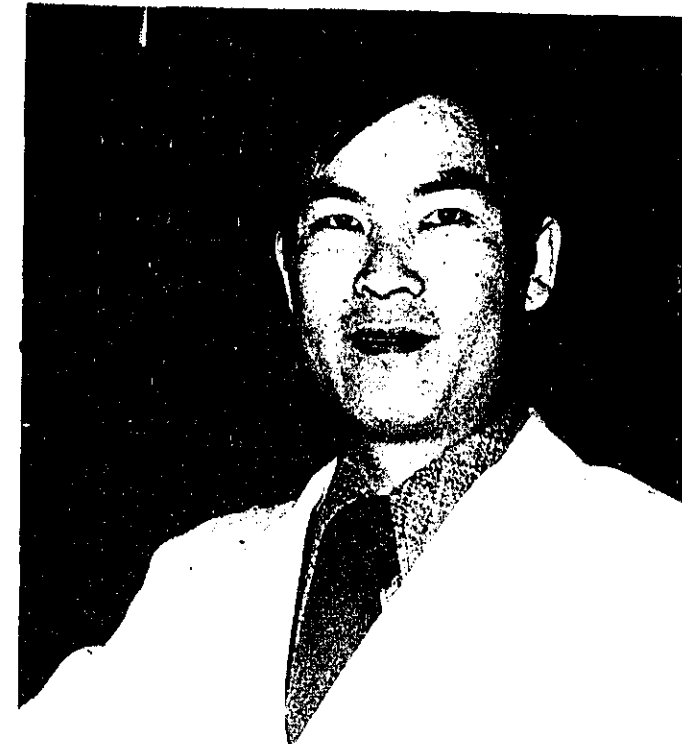
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tations in terms of experience. One doctor cannot have command of all specialties, he added.

FAMILY

Dr. Lee is married and is the father of two children, a boy age four and a girl one-and-a-half.

The rest of his family still lives in South Korea, including four sisters, employed in medicine, teaching and a travel agency.



DR. J.Y. LEE began his practice in Cass City Monday. Dr. Lee, originally from Korea, spent five years practicing in New York City area hospitals.

Sentence 2 in Circuit Court Monday

Two sentences and one arraignment were heard Monday in Tuscola County Circuit Court before presiding Judge James P. Churchill.

Charlene Pierce, Millington, was sentenced to two weeks in the Tuscola County Jail after being convicted on a bad check charge. She received credit for two days already served.

Ms. Pierce was convicted of writing a check for \$25 last Feb. 19, and was arrested in June. The check was drawn on the Mayville State Bank.

Darwin James Belknap, Flint, was sentenced to Jackson

Prison for from two years, eight months to four years after being found guilty of larceny of firearms.

Belknap had failed to appear for sentencing two weeks ago and a bench warrant had been issued by Judge Churchill.

Lionel D. Daly, no address given, was arraigned on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor for the third time. He stood mute and a plea of innocent was entered in his behalf. Pre-trial examination was set for Feb. 19.

The offense took place Nov. 10.

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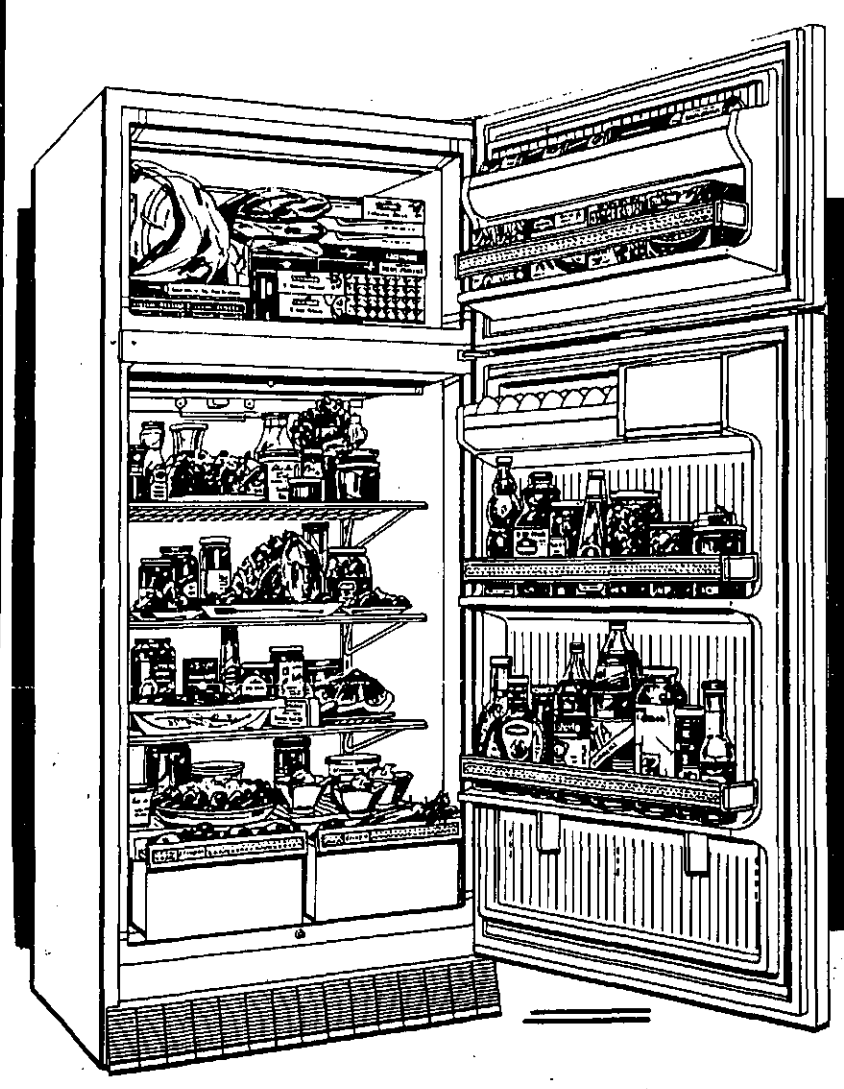
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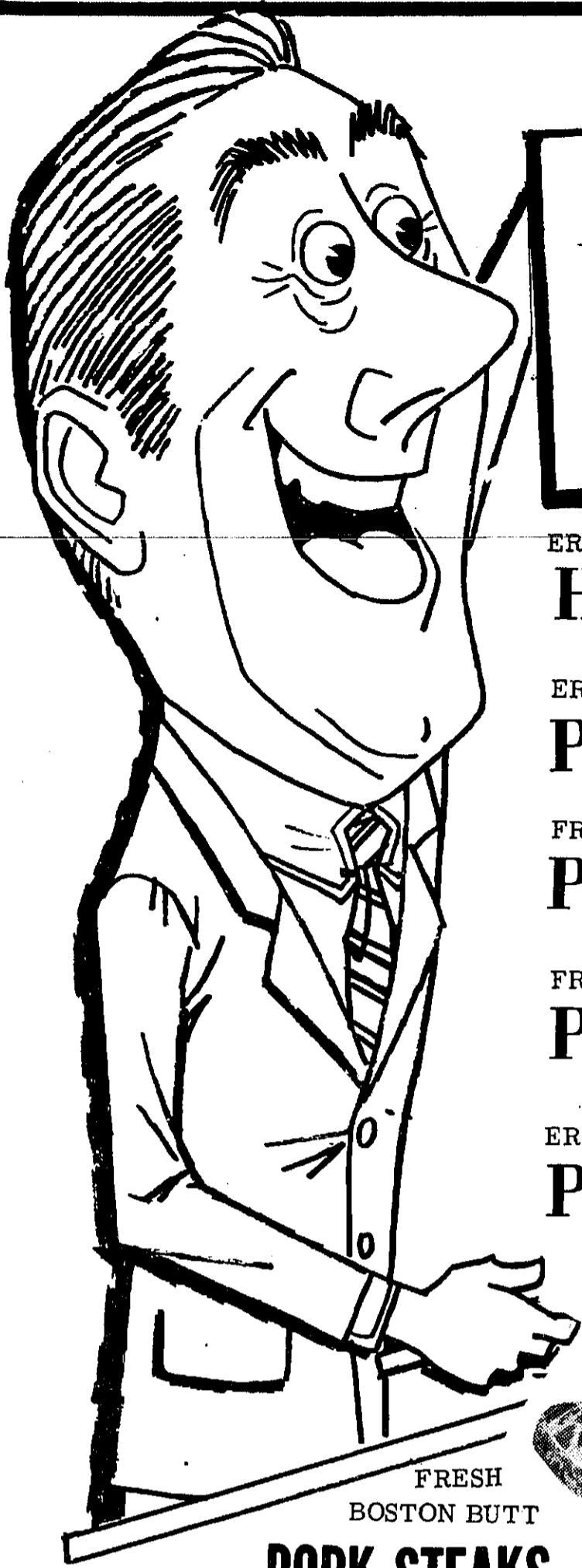
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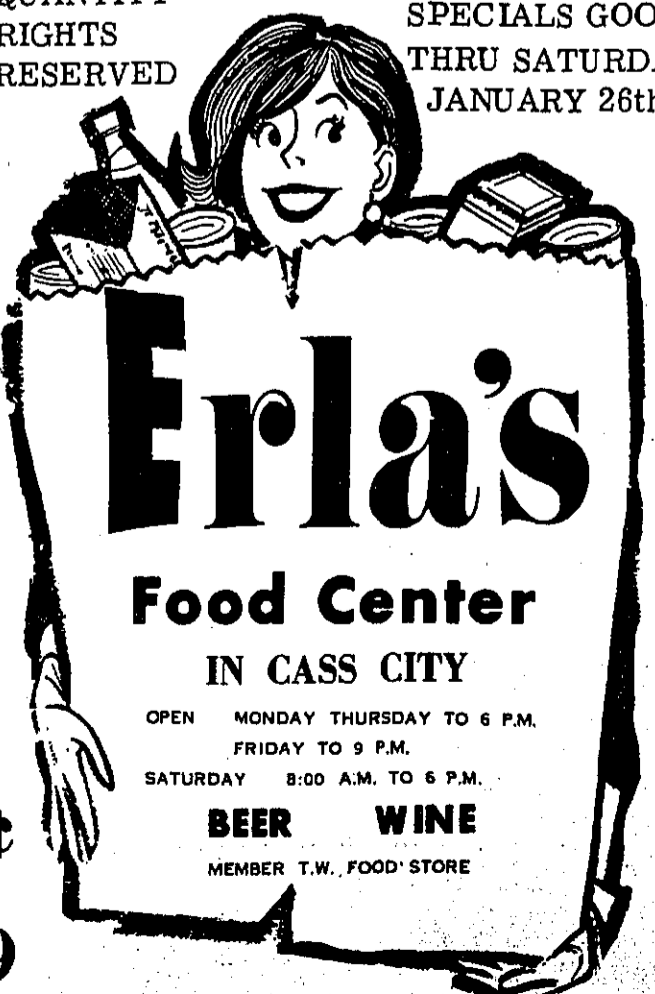
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Mrs. May beats energy crisis with woodburning stove



CARRYING OUT ashes is all part of the job when you burn wood, according to Mrs. H.M. May, who has been burning wood to heat houses all her life.

For most Americans, the woodburning stove was relegated to the scrapheap or the museum years ago in favor of the more-convenient gas or oil furnace. But, with today's energy shortage, the old stoves have enjoyed a revival never expected.

Yet, for Mrs. H.M. May, it's nothing new. She has heated her farmhouse located on Cemetery Road just south of Deford for years with wood. In fact, she says, it's the healthiest heat you can have.

"I've burned wood all my life," the spry 78-year-old Mrs. May said as she demonstrated the various techniques involved in building a proper fire and keeping it going. "It's a healthy kind of heat. Why, I've never even had so much as a headache all my life and all the houses I've lived in burned wood."

Mrs. May keeps about six cords of hardwood stacked near her back door, along with about three tons of coal. She uses coal in severely cold weather because, she says, it holds the heat longer and can go during the night without having to be restoked.

She meticulously covered the fine points of firebuilding, describing the proper levels of wood or coal, along with damper setting which insures most complete burning and avoiding clinkers.

"A lot of people don't know how to build a fire in one of these," she said, poking an iron rod down into the bed of glowing coals which were heating the house. "You have to keep your fire at the right level to keep it from smoking."

One heating stove, located in the living room, heats the entire house. The stovepipe, which goes through the ceiling, aids in heating the upstairs, she says.

Mrs. May also has a smaller stove in her kitchen which she has not had to use too frequently yet this year. She said the one circulating heater in the living room handles the entire house.

"These old things are great," she enthusiastically said. "You can come in the house with your feet cold and sit down and prop them up on the stove and in no time, they're nice and warm."

"A stove's nice to sit around

in the evening, too. It's really nice for the family."

The heating stove can also serve the double purpose of cooking as well, she added.

"You can pop your popcorn right there while you're sitting around it or you can put a skillet on top and fry eggs or bacon or whatever you want," she said.

EXPLOSION

Mrs. May has lived on Cemetery Road a little over five years. When she first moved there, the house was heated by gas, but an explosion in the heating unit convinced her that those "new-fangled" heaters couldn't compare with her trusty woodburning stove.

She also keeps other bits of the past close at hand to go with the heater. Soapstones, for instance, come in handy on a cold night, she explained. Just heat them up before venturing outside for instant warmth.

Mrs. May said heating with wood and coal costs about \$250 for a winter, compared to nearly twice that amount for gas. Presently, the hardwood she burns costs about \$20 a cord.

She doesn't split her wood with an axe anymore. Instead, she saws the wood into stove-size logs, handling the whole job herself. Her husband died some 10 years ago.

Still wary of fire, Mrs. May demonstrated a technique for controlling the blaze in her stove, should it get out of hand.

"I keep this pail of ashes right here," she said, pointing to a bucket next to the stove. "If your fire gets too hot, why you just reach down, pick up a scoop

of ashes and pour it on the fire. It brings it right down in no time."

"A lot of people don't know things like that when they go out and get a stove. Then when they have trouble, they don't know what to do."

Mrs. May said she never lets the fire go out during winter. Three pieces of wood and a lump of coal will keep her house warm throughout the night until seven the next morning.

She explained she uses coal in very cold weather because it holds the heat longer than wood, but she prefers wood for the balance of the heating season.

LIVES ALONE

Mrs. May lives alone in her house, but not without companionship or work. She tends a number of horses corralled in a nearby barnyard, along with geese elsewhere on her property.

She also keeps chickens, cats and dogs, all constantly vying for her attention.

Mrs. May has lived in the farmhouse since moving from the Romeo area. Her late husband was a salesman and she worked as a buyer for a clothing store a number of years.

They raised one child of their own, along with 27 foster children.

She explained she was an active clubwoman in Oakland county for many years and served in the Presbyterian church auxiliary.

"I've lived a real full life," she said smiling. "And I guess I'll just go on living here. I like it."



MRS. H.M. MAY demonstrates the workings of her wood-burning stove she uses to heat her large farmhouse located south of Deford. She claims burning wood produces the healthiest form of heat.

Tri-county band concert set Sunday

Cass City High School's gym will be the setting for this year's Tri-County Honors Band Concert, scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3:30 p.m.

David C. McCoy, assistant professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music at Olivet College, will conduct the 90 band members representing 13 high schools from Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

Carolyn Smith and Linda Battel will represent Cass City on clarinet and Randy Lapeere will be featured on the baritone sax.

According to Cass City Band Director George Bushong, chairman of the event, the band will rehearse all day Saturday in preparation for the concert the following afternoon.

Cass City band members will be joined by high school musicians from Bad Axe, Caseville,

Harbor Beach, Lakers, Ubly, Sandusky, Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Kingston, Mayville, Unionville-Schewaga and Vassar.

Sandusky Band Director Dean Spidel is chairman of this year's concert.

The purpose of the concert is to give talented high school musicians in the tri-county area an opportunity to participate in a more challenging experience than usual.

Members of the band are chosen by a committee of directors through an audition.

As guest conductor, McCoy brings with him much experience. A native of Pennsylvania, he received his bachelor's degree at Muskingham College, New Concord, Ohio, and a masters in music from the University of Michigan.

He was a member of the United States Air Force Band for four years and taught in Blissfield and Jackson High Schools.

In 1970, McCoy was chosen Outstanding Orchestra Teacher of the Year by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

The public is invited to attend the concert. There is no admission charge.

McConkey feted at Soil District dinner

Approximately 120 persons gathered Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Tuscola Soil Conservation District's 30th annual meeting held at the 4-H Memorial Building in Caro.

Retiring director Maynard McConkey of Cass City was presented with a plaque from the district for his many years of service.

McConkey presented the following awards for the TSCD Land Judging Contest: First place trophy went to Millington FFA, second place trophy went to the Caro FFA, and Reese FFA received third place. The high individual award in land judging was won by Mark Leach of Millington.

McConkey also presented Carla Wagner and Tom Mueller with awards as class I scrapbook contest winners. Class II winners were Shelly Robinson and Wanda Gremel and Class III winners were Carol Brzezinski and Nina Ricketts.

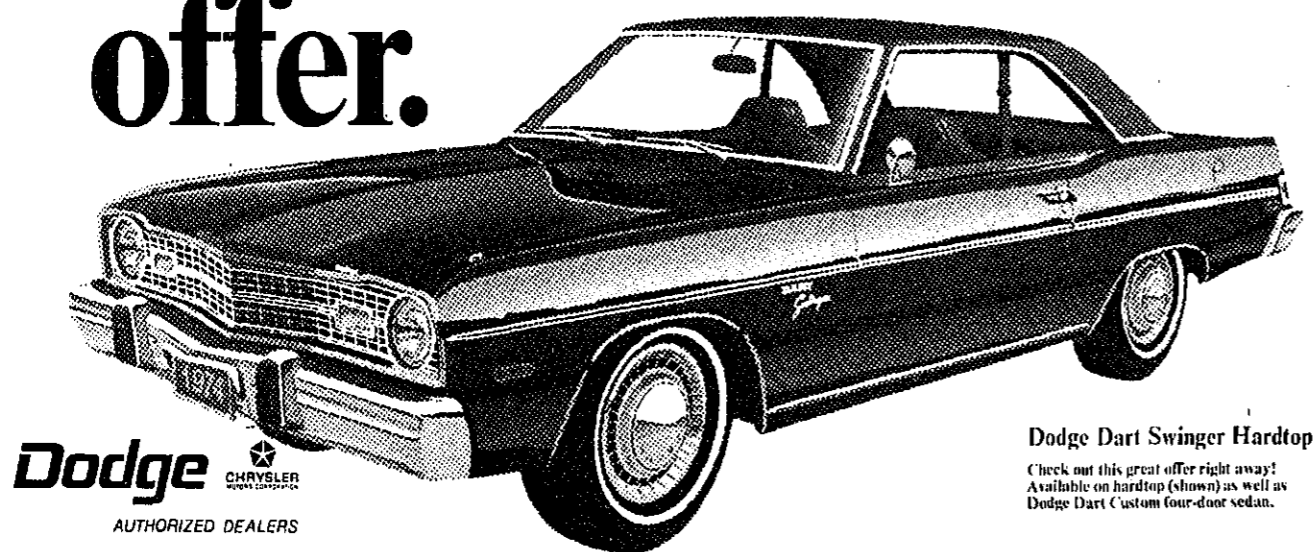
Dr. Lynn S. Robertson showed slides on life in Taiwan and spoke of his experiences teaching soil management in that country.

Bruce Ruggles and Donald Loomis were elected for three-year terms.

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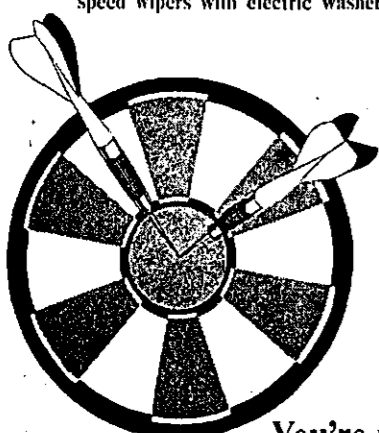
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The Sheriff's Department uses approximately 45,000 gallons a year and has a 2,000 gallon tank. The Board of Commissioners of Tuscola County would like the bids on a yearly basis starting February 15, 1974, and ending February 15, 1975. The Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or to accept the bid that in their opinion is in the best interest of the County government.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the undersigned committee, C/O Tuscola County Sheriff Department, 420 Court Street, Caro, Michigan.

Bids should be submitted on or before Feb. 12, 1974, as they will be opened at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Kennedy
Richard C. Dehmelt
Charles F. Woodcock

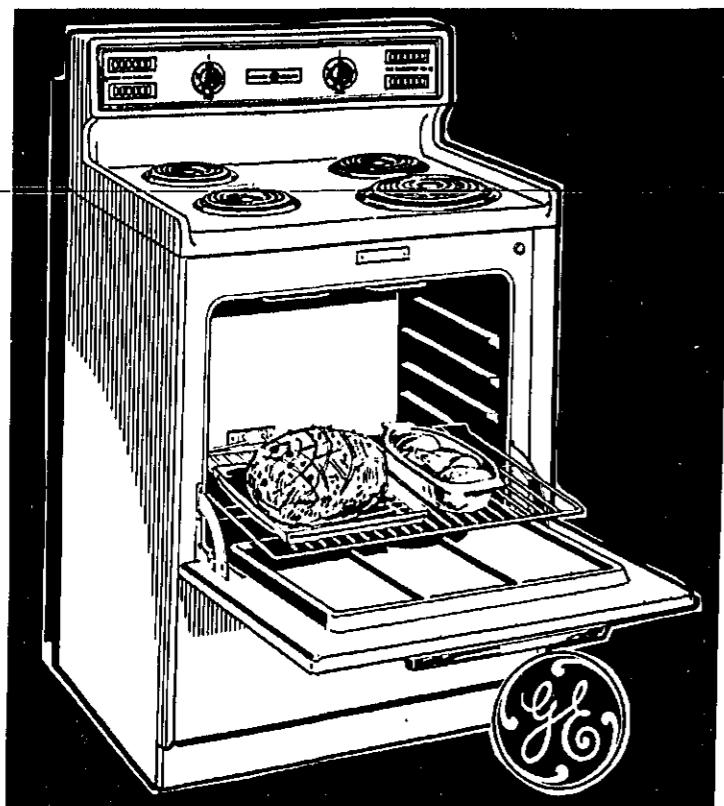
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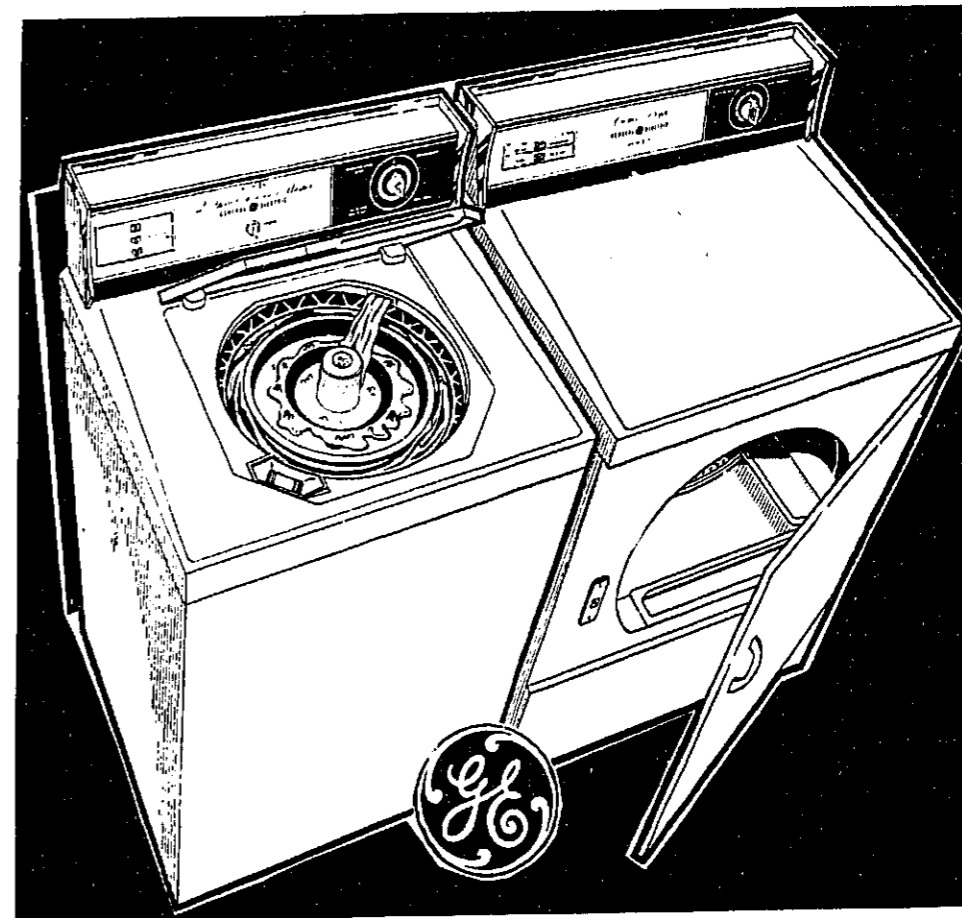
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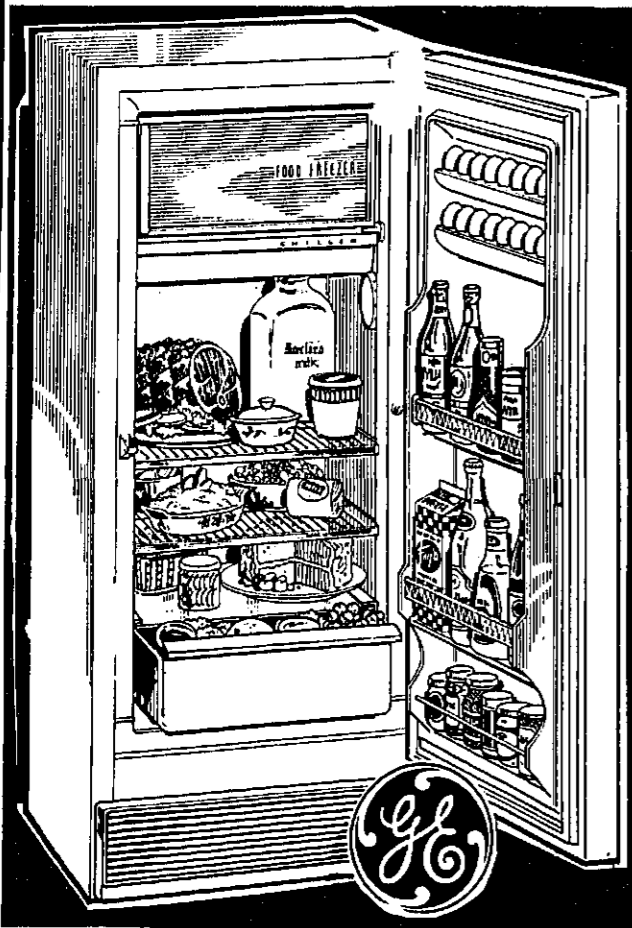
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Hampshire named to Holstein Assn. board

The Tuscola County Holstein Association met Jan. 15, at the Capri Pizzeria in Caro for a dinner meeting.

Ron Opperman of Vassar and Leon Keinath, Millington, were re-elected to the Board of

Directors. Also elected was Ron Hampshire, of Deford, for a two-year term.

Members selected Opperman as president; Lloyd Walt, Vassar, vice-president, and Clare Carpenter, Cass City, as secretary-treasurer.

The group again decided to provide a trophy to be presented at the fair.

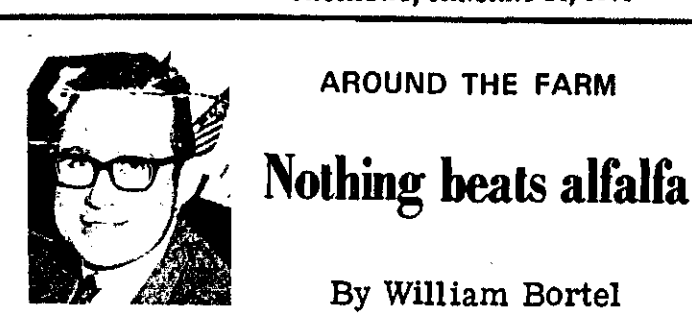
Carpenter, representing Tuscola county on the Blue Water District No. 1 Board, reported on board meetings, the national convention and dates of coming events.

Bill Bivens, Extension Dairy Agent, spoke on the importance of the registered cattle business, urging members to work together to strengthen the association and the business. He explained the sire proving program and proposed an informational meeting to be held in the near future to learn more about the program.

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AROUND THE FARM

Nothing beats alfalfa

By William Bortel

Increasing land values, rising production costs and the recent extremely high costs of protein concentrates for livestock have caused farmers to refocus attention on the value of high-yielding, quality alfalfa.

Feed costs for dairy and beef animals make up 50 to 80 per cent of the total enterprise costs. As farmers seek higher production, protein requirements will go up. With the increasing value for seed oil meals and the increasing use of soybeans for human consumption, farmers will have to rely more and more on high quality

forage protein to meet the needs of animals. Therefore, producing more of the protein and energy efficiently on the farm can help reduce feed costs.

Research has shown that alfalfa can produce more protein per acre than any of the other 25 crops commonly grown in the U.S. for forage and grain. It also is a source for eight essential amino acids, the building blocks for protein, which must be supplied to man and animals by green plants. Five tons per acre of alfalfa harvested by early flower produces two-and-a-half to three times the amount of these amino acids as 30 bushels of soybeans.

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Owen-Gage school names honor roll students

The following Owendale-Gagetown Area school students have been named to the junior-high honor roll for the third marking period and semester. A + indicates all A's.

SEVENTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Laurie Andrakowicz, Lori Gaeth, Brenda Haley, Elaine Kain, James Koch, Lynn Prich.

SEMESTER:

Laurie Andrakowicz, Lori Gaeth, James Koch, Mark McDonald, Lynn Prich.

EIGHTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Gary Goslin, Brian Prich.

SEMESTER:

Gary Goslin, Brian Prich, Roger Ziehm.

NINTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Kaye Brinkman+, Doug Wissner+.

SEMESTER:

Elaine Andrakowicz, Kaye Brinkman, Doug Wissner+.

TENTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Kim Downing, Vicki Downing, Barbara Goslin, Carri Pettinger, Mark Schwartz.

SEMESTER:

Mary Goodell, Barbara Goslin+, Carri Pettinger, Mark Schwartz, John Thybault, Karen Wolfe.

ELEVENTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Richard Brinkman, Kathy Burrows+, Larry Cooley+.

Downing gets

BS degree

Curt Downing of Angola, Ind., received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Northern Michigan University Dec. 22.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Grace Clara of Gagetown.

George Bush, chairman of the Republican National Committee and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, delivered the commencement address.

Greg Downing+, Sandra Howard, Cindy LaFave, Marcy Miller, Mark Sticken, Walter Swastyn, Sue Torres, Cindy Wissner, Dan Wissner, Nancy Wissner, Jeff Ziehm, Sandra Ziehm.

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Richard Brinkman, Kathy Burrows+, Larry Cooley+, Greg Downing, Cindy Errer, Michael Gaeth, Sandra Howard, Cindy LaFave, Marcy Miller+, Margie Schaper, Michael Schmidt, Mark Sticken, Theresa Thybault, Sue Torres, Cindy Wissner, Dan Wissner+, Nancy Wissner, Jeff Ziehm, Sandra Ziehm.

TWELFTH GRADE

3RD MARKING:

Wayne Albrecht, Linda Downing, Michael Flores, Kathy Gremel+, Kim Hedley, Joanne Jamieson, Patricia Kelly+, Tim Loeffler, Dennis O'Connell, Mary Lou Parker, Nancy Pobanz McCreedy+, Donna Thorp, Amanda Trischler+, Reggie Vargo, Luz

Tell new 4-H

council officers

The Tuscola County 4-H Council held their annual election of officers Jan. 10. The new officers are: president - Mrs. Lyle Clarke, Cass City; vice-president - Fred Goodchild, Caro; secretary - Mrs. Edwin Link, Unionville and treasurer - Mrs. Tom Jolicœur, Marlette. The council will meet the second Thursday evening of each month in the Civil Defense Center, Caro.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.

Estate of Dorothy Merchant, Deceased, File No. 22316.

TAKE NOTICE: On March 28, 1974, at two p.m., in the Probate Courtroom, in the Village of Caro, Michigan, before the Hon. C. Bates Wills, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Stuart Merchant for a determination of heirs.

Notice is further given that Stuart Merchant has been appointed administrator. Creditors are notified that copies of all claims against the deceased must be presented, personally or by mail, to both Stuart Merchant and to the Court on or before March 28, 1974.

Notice is Further Given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: January 17, 1974.

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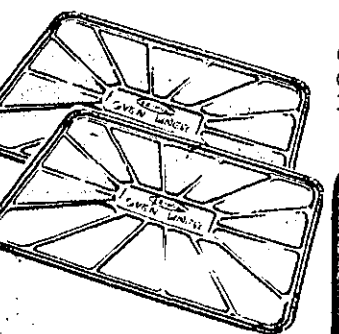
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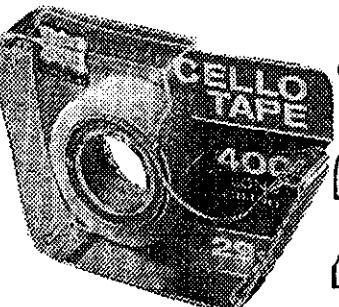
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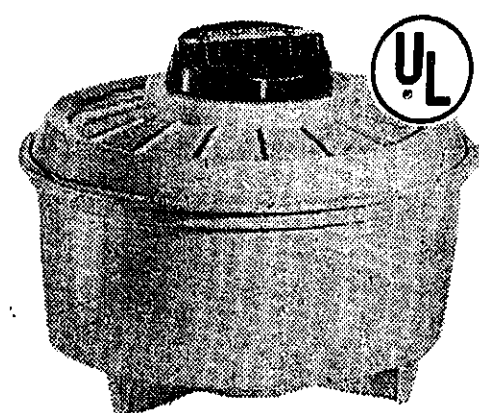


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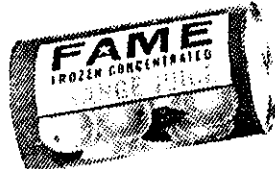
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Bean knife repair big business for John Misico

By Jim Ketchum

If Thumb bean farmers had their way, John Misico of Ubyly would never get a chance to retire. They'd just keep sending their worn-out bean knives to him and he'd keep sharpening and renewing them forever.

Misico, who operates from his own welding shop in Ubyly, specializes in the art of renewing old bean knives so essential in the harvest of one of the

fastest growing commodity crops in the state. In fact, he is the only man in the Thumb who can take an otherwise useless piece of metal and shape it back into a useable tool for the harvest.

In his 25 years, Misico has learned a lot about the trade and has innovated a method of renewing bean knives which gives them twice the life they had when they were new. His methods have developed

through experience, and he talked about it as he stood in his shop amid machines, assorted hand tools and innumerable pieces of steel.

"When I first started sharpening bean knives, I tried using an old forge, doing it the way it had always been done," Misico recalled. "I did one set of knives and said that's not for me. There must be a better way."

The better way developed through the use of an old power hammer which was patented in 1903, along with a torch mounted on the machine which ignites automatically by pressing a foot control.

Misico rigged the device in such a way that only the hammered portion of the knife is heated, leaving the rest unheated and undistorted. This insures a good fit when replaced on the harvester.

As the knife is fed into the hammer, it is heated and then formed into the desired shape. Another innovation Misico has made is to form a slight bend, or suction in the blade which allows it to wear with a thinner edge, making it last longer.

"I always thought a bean knife was not designed the right way," Misico said. "When they're new, they're flat and so they wear out faster."

Misico estimates his technique for sharpening the blades speeds the operation by four times over the old forge process.

BUSINESS UP

With the increasing price of beans and with more acreage

being planted, Misico's business is booming. Currently, he has about a three-month backlog of knives waiting to be sharpened. He estimates business in knives alone is up about 100 per cent from past years.

"I could sit here and do nothing but knives if I wanted to," he said. "But that gets pretty rugged. I can take about three hours of hammering at the most—then I have to quit."

With 350 pairs of knives waiting the treatment, Misico is urging farmers to bring the knives in now instead of waiting until summer when business is especially brisk.

Of the bean knives awaiting sharpening, about half are too worn to be hammered in the conventional way. In these cases, Misico trims the old edge and then welds a new manganese cutting edge onto the knife. Through experience, he has found this the best metal to use.

"A welded knife will last about twice as long as a new knife will," Misico said. "Some of the knives I've hammered and welded have been going 20 years."

He explained the new price of knives stands at about \$35 a pair. Hammering them back into shape costs about a third the new price and rebuilding them runs about two-thirds.

MATERIAL SHORTAGES

Misico's increased demand for manganese to rebuild knives has placed extra strain on his supplies of the metal. He said shortages are definitely a problem.

He presently has enough stock to handle about half the number of knives needing new welded edges and is trying to obtain more.

He explained that the edges are poured in Pennsylvania and rolled in Iowa as a specialty item and must be ordered as such. With less money in small items such as the edges, large companies are reluctant to accept the small profit made on them.

Not only are there material shortages for repairing knives, but new knives themselves are also in short supply. Misico said last year a shortage existed and expects another this year, a combination of increased demand without corresponding jumps in production.

LARGE DEMAND

Misico estimated that his bean knife sharpening business accounts for almost half his total business, which includes nearly every type of welding and metal fabricating.

He has been in Ubyly doing welding work for 28 years, and handling bean knives the past 25. Originally from the Sebewaing area, he worked for Acme Welding in Bay City a number of years before giving up the city in favor of a small welding shop in the Thumb.

He originally went looking for a shop with another worker from the plant and found the place in Ubyly. Then the partner backed out and Misico decided to go ahead anyway.

In that time, he and his wife have raised four children and

now have nine grandchildren. Misico said his bean knife customers come from as far away as Saginaw county. One man contacted him from as far south as Owosso, having heard through word of mouth about a

man in Ubyly who sharpened bean knives.

"I know that if I ever retire, I'll have to move away from here," the 58-year-old Misico said. "Because, if I don't, they'll still be bringing their

bean knives right to the house to be sharpened."

But, until he does retire, Misico will still be hammering knives for bean harvesters—one of the few who still practice this form of blacksmithing.



JOHN MISICO prepares to repair a bean knife using a machine he designed especially for the hammering and fitting job. Misico's business has increased greatly with the rising popularity of beans.

Michigan Mirror

Energy crisis hot education issue

For once, the hottest education issue in Michigan isn't money.

This year it's energy, according to John Porter, the state superintendent of public instruction. Porter says that state aid to education consistently, one of the topics most talked and worried about among top educators, isn't even among the major issues facing Michigan education.

"The Legislature, by adopting a state aid bill previously that provides for increases in state aid over a three-year period, took a significant step in providing greater financial

stability for Michigan school districts—something they have needed for a long time," Porter says.

That's lucky, apparently, because this year there's something else to worry about.

Porter says the energy problems will affect education at all levels in the state. "For instance," he notes, "Michigan school districts will pay \$5 million more for gasoline for school buses this year than they did last year."

Porter lists four other major issues facing education in 1974: Metropolitan desegregation and the impact the anticipated

U.S. Supreme Court decision on this issue will have in Michigan's urban areas.

Development of an effective teacher preparation and professional development program to improve the quality of education.

Demonstration of quality education in many Michigan school districts to educators in other districts and to the public.

Implication of declining elementary school enrollments on use of education personnel and facilities.

REFORM MAY COME

If lawmakers refuse to do it, the citizens may.

So says Common Cause, the citizen's lobby group, about election reform legislation in Michigan.

At a recent Lansing news conference, Michigan Common Cause Chairman Al Swerdlow, conjured up the prospect of an initiative petition drive to put the reform question on the ballot.

"We really hope the legislators will live up to their responsibilities and pass meaningful legislation," he says. "But if they won't we will put out the record of each legislator on these matters."

Common Cause seeks laws requiring full disclosure of all campaign contributors, a limit on contributions by individuals, a limit on total spending for each candidate, and creation of an independent commission to enforce the laws.

Several bills dealing with campaign and election reform have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature in recent months and weeks. But there

Deputies probe

area fuel

oil thefts

Tuscola county sheriff's deputies are continuing to investigate two separate thefts of fuel oil last week, netting thieves over 600 gallons.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, deputies investigated an oil theft in a summer home located on River Road a quarter-mile west of Warner Road. A passing mailman noticed a window broken in the house and notified police, who discovered the oil theft.

Deputies said the house had been rifled but they could not determine if anything inside had been taken. A check with the owner, Joseph Maleszewski of Detroit, determined that about 250 gallons of fuel oil had been taken.

Deputies said two sets of footprints were discovered outside the house but no leads have been established.

Also Wednesday, James Gilliam of Froede Road reported 375 gallons of fuel oil missing from two tanks outside his house. He told Sheriff's deputies he discovered the theft that evening, but suspected it happened the previous week end while he and his wife were away.

No tracks were discovered and the case remains open.

FIREARMS INCIDENT

Cass City police reported Friday that a youth fired a .22 calibre blank pistol on Main Street shortly before noon and then fled.

Rev. Milton Gelatt of 6807 E. Houghton St., told police he was standing in front of the Ben Franklin store when a young boy walked up to him, holding a small black handgun.

A moment later, he fired the gun into the sidewalk and then fled. Police said the gun was probably a .22 calibre starter's pistol. The boy, accompanied by a companion, fled east and disappeared.

has been little action on any of them.

AND MORE REFORM?

If the route to reform is petition drive, there may be problems.

A relatively new state law limits petition drives to 100 days. That means all signatures must be collected within six months time.

The leader of a petition drive underway right now says that is not enough time unless there's a real "gut issue," such as abortion or state aid to private schools, or a "sophisticated organization and high financing."

The pronouncement comes from Kirby Holmes, the Republican state representative from Ulica who is spearheading the capital punishment drive.

"If I cannot easily get 300,000 names in 180 days with this issue, no other single person, or group of people, lacking a sophisticated organization and high financing will get that number of names with any other issue in that short a period of time," Holmes contends.

"One hundred and eighty days is indeed a very short time, most of which must be devoted to organization rather than the petition drive itself."

Holmes says he believes the 180-day law, therefore, "effectively denies the right of initiative, referendum and petition to the people."

He's asked Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley for an opinion on the constitutionality of the law, and says he may file a class action suit to determine whether constitutional guarantees are in fact denied by the law.

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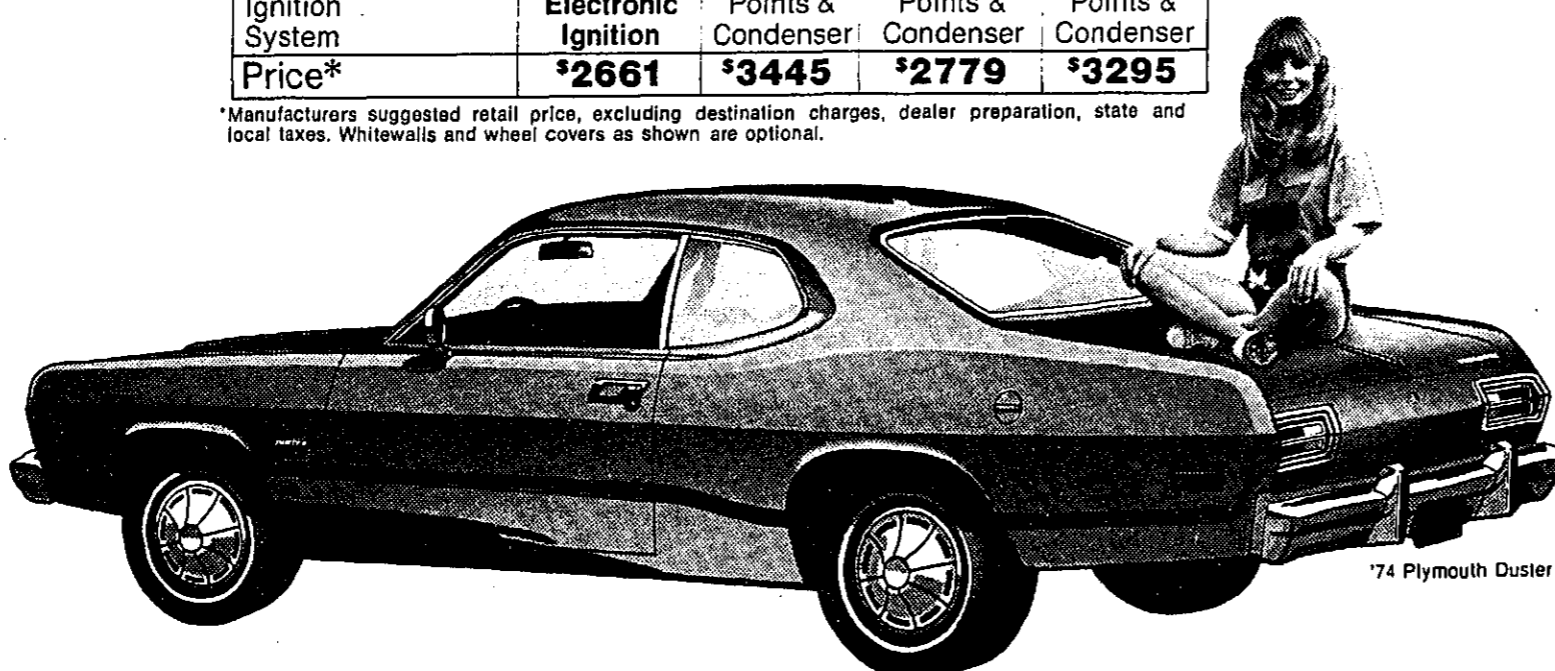
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