

Rail future cloudy as ICC hearing opens

The future of Grand Trunk Western Railroad operations in the Thumb hung in the balance as the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) opened a rail abandonment hearing Monday at the Cultural Center in Cass City.

The hearing comes 27 months after Grand Trunk filed a petition to abandon 66.27 miles of track from Imlay City to Caseville which serves Cass City, Gageton, Kingston, Owendale and Pigeon.

Leadoff witness Monday at the hearing before Administrative Law Judge J.F. Walker was John H. Burdakin, Grand Trunk president, whose testimony boiled down to economics.

"We have no alternative to the abandonment petition," Burdakin testified. "We wish there were some other procedure, but there is none at this time."

Burdakin said Grand Trunk had been operating the branch line at a loss for several years and said without massive rehabilitation, it could not prosper.

"To upgrade this subdivision, the cost of ties, rails, signaling, crossings and bridge repairs would total \$1.4 million in the next six years," Burdakin said in a statement released at the hearing.

"Grand Trunk does not have the funds to improve the capacity of this branch line in light of the losses it already sustains."

He said the line has continued to operate because funds have been drained from other parts of the railroad at the expense of shippers in other parts of the state.

Burdakin said Grand Trunk is willing to continue operating the line "if there is outside support for rehabilitation and if the drain of resources from other portions of the railroad is eliminated."

Burdakin called for a quick decision on the petition. He said a delay or denial would put both the railroad and shippers in a "no-win" situation.

Under cross examination by lawyers representing Farr

rail unions, Burdakin said he did not know how long the line had been losing money or how much it had lost.

He said Grand Trunk has lost money since 1955 on its total operations and eliminating the Imlay City-Caseville branch would help stem the "hemorrhage" of funds.

Burdakin became defensive when questioned about ties the Canadian National Railroad has with Grand Trunk. Canadian National is the railroad's parent company.

Judge Walker ruled the Canadian railroad was not a party to the abandonment and overruled attorney's questions about it.

Burdakin said if it could be shown the branch line was not losing money, he would not seek abandonment.

Under questioning about rehabilitating the tracks and road bed, the rail chief said the line needs quantities of 130-pound per yard rail to replace deteriorated 80 and 90-pound rails.

The heavier stock would be able to handle new, heavier rail cars and would help

eliminate the need for spacer cars now needed to spread out the load.

Burdakin said new rail would allow the use of "unit trains" using continuous loaded cars.

Also testifying at Monday's session was James McNutt, GTW General Superintendent of Transportation. He testified current top speed on the line is 20 miles an hour, although there are some stretches of track capable of handling speeds up to 30 mph.

McNutt said three segments of track, including the portion running through Cass City, operates at 15 miles an hour. He said the slow speeds are a result of the track's deterioration.

Under cross examination, he said three trains a week operate on the route, making a trip from Pontiac to Caseville and back in two days. He said the number of cars per train vary from as few as four to as many as 20, depending on the time of the year.

In addition to poor track, McNutt said four bridges along the line, including two

near Cass City, need to be repaired or replaced.

PROTESTORS RESPOND

Grand Trunk officials continued their testimony into Tuesday afternoon with shippers opposing abandonment scheduled to begin their arguments Wednesday morning.

A spokesman for Eighth District Congressman J. Bob Traxler was expected to press for the line's continued operation.

An advance copy of Traxler's statement emphasized the importance of keeping the line intact.

"Abandonment would not serve the growing communities in the Thumb," the Congressman's statement read. "The highway system in the area does not allow for the regular flow of truck traffic that would be needed to replace the rail shipment."

"Further, the cost of truck shipment has normally been more than 15 cents per bushel of grain above the cost of rail shipment," Traxler's statement said.



TESTIMONY BEGAN Monday at an Interstate Commerce Commission rail abandonment hearing held at the Cultural Center in Cass City. Shown discussing the situation are (from the left) State Rep. Loren Armbruster, Caro; State Sen. Alvin J. DeGrow, Pigeon; James McNutt, Grand Trunk Western Superintendent of Transportation, and John Burdakin, Grand Trunk President.

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Ugly man seriously hurt in head-on Sanilac crash



IT WAS STILL slow going along M-53 in Sanilac county Tuesday afternoon as mountainous snowdrifts reduced travel to one lane such as at this section near Deckerville Road. Many sideroads were still treacherous Wednesday morning.

Winter deals Thumb knockout blow

Winter dealt Michigan and the Thumb another knockout punch during the past week as snow, blown into mountainous drifts, blocked roads, closed schools and cancelled a score of area activities.

County Road Commission crews, which had been working almost non-stop since Wednesday night, Jan. 26, began looking toward having all county roads opened by Wednesday morning, Feb. 2. Road Commission Clerk

Jim Miklovic said Tuesday crews had been concentrating on state and primary county roads, although high winds made it a losing battle for much of four days beginning Friday.

Miklovic said crews helped free a number of stranded motorists during the past week and emphasized the importance of staying off the roads when driving conditions are poor.

He said north-south roads

were hardest hit with nearly all secondary roads still blocked Tuesday morning.

The storm cancelled classes at Cass City High School Thursday and Friday of last week and students were still enjoying an extended vacation Monday and Tuesday.

School officials were looking toward reconvening classes Wednesday morning. The Intermediate School

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Allan J. McCarty Jr., 31, Ugly, was reported in "critical" condition Tuesday at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital with head injuries received in a two-car head-on crash Sunday afternoon on M-19, five miles south of Ugly.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies said McCarty was injured when his northbound auto collided with a car driven by Charles Becker, 39, Ugly.

Officers said Becker was headed south in the northbound lane due to a large snowdrift in the roadway and visibility was zero when the crash took place.

Two passengers in the McCarty auto, Harold Goronowicz, 37, and his brother Thomas, 13, both of Snover, were treated at Huron Memorial Hospital as was Becker.

The accident took place at 3:30 p.m.

A Tuscola County Sheriff's officer and two Caro State Police troopers were injured Friday afternoon in an eight-vehicle traffic accident on Colling Road, three miles north of Caro.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy James Compo, 41, of 3540 E. Cass City Rd., was released from Caro Community Hospital Tuesday after treatment for multiple cuts and bruises. State Police troopers William MacNicol Jr., 33, and James Gregory Simmons, 31, both of Caro, were also treated for cuts and bruises at Caro Community Hospital.

The three officers were injured while investigating a chain of accidents which began around 1:30 p.m. when a car driven by Mary Parsell, 46, Caro, was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Randy Russell, 19, Caro. Both

were headed north and could not see each other due to blowing snow.

Compo was dispatched to investigate the accident and collided with the parked Russell auto which he could not see due to the snow. The troopers were hurt when their cars collided with autos at the scene.

All three police cars were reportedly demolished.

Blowing snow was also blamed for an accident in which Margaret Lyn Grider, 17, of 4580 Hill St., Cass City, was injured Monday.

Ms. Grider told Caro State Police she had struck another car along M-81 southwest of Caro when she was struck from behind by a car driven by Gordon Kenneth Bender, 19, Vassar.

Bender told officers he was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident. A third vehicle driven by Debra Marie Kurish, 17, Caro, went out of control at the scene due to blowing and drifting snow, officers reported.

The accident took place at 1:00 p.m.

Poor driving conditions

were also blamed for a two-car accident at the intersection of Phillips and Dorrance Road, 1½ miles north of Kingston, Friday morning.

The accident took place when a car driven by Nancy Lou Copeland, 40, of Dorrance Rd., Kingston, attempted to make a left turn from Phillips Road, became stuck and was struck from behind by a car driven by Robert Clare Crosby, 24, of 3538 Ross St., Kingston.

Crosby told Tuscola Sheriff's deputies he could not see the disabled Copeland auto

due to blowing snow.

A passenger in the Crosby auto, Karen Crosby, 20, was shaken up but refused treatment for minor injuries. A second passenger, Patsy Jo Crosby, 3, was uninjured.

The accident took place at 11:10 a.m.

Dennis Dale Koch, 27, of 4931 Quinn St., Gageton, escaped injury Monday when the truck he was driving struck the rear of a pickup driven by Wayne Frederick Luick, 50, Owosso, on Vassar Rd., a mile north of Vassar.

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Hospital drive hits \$476,000; eye construction

The additions to Hills and Dales General Hospital made possible by the recently completed major portion of the fund raising drive will be completed in about two years, Administrator Bruce Krider said Thursday.

Krider was one of the speakers at a public meeting held to give a final accounting of the drive to interested residents.

An estimated 50 persons were at the Cultural Center to hear the report. Most of them were key persons in the fund drive.

Krider said that ground breaking for a new out-patient clinic would probably start in late spring or early summer.

It will be two years before the clinic and the necessary changes to the hospital itself are completed, Krider estimated.

During that two years, B.A. Calka said the drive for money will continue. We now have a total of \$476,239.85 in our drive for \$500,000. In the five years that the pledges cover we have many one-year gifts and many persons who have not yet been contacted. From these sources we hope to push the drive past the half million dollar goal, Calka explained.

Another speaker, Tom Proctor, said that the results of the drive showed the accomplishments possible in a community with the spirit that Cass City has always

shown. He said that congratulations were certainly in order to everyone for the cooperative effort.

James Bauer, drive chairman, was the master of ceremonies, and also presented special certificates of appreciation to dozens of residents for special help in the drive.

The framed certificates were presented to persons who worked especially hard and to others who made pace setting gifts in the campaign. In the drive several interesting facts were noted. They included:

● Out of 14 categories of gifts, mail gifts rank second in total number of gifts, an

unusually high response.

● 100 per cent of Board members pledged, ranking sixth in total amount of gifts.

● Several gifts were received from other cities in Michigan, and one volunteer gift was received from out of state.

● Employees ranked first in number of gifts, third in total amount.

● Fourteen gifts were received as memorials, totaling \$356.00.

● Six gifts were reported from Clubs/Organizations totaling \$14,578.36.

● Several gifts were originally said "No."

● Medical gifts rank second in total amount given.

Fire levels rural Kingston mobile home

A rural Kingston family was left homeless Saturday afternoon when fire destroyed their 12 by 60-foot mobile home on Phillips Road, three miles southwest of Kingston.

Cause of the fire which destroyed the home owned by Robin and Shirley LaFond has not been determined.

Kingston Fire Chief John Barden said the home was engulfed in flames and was about 50 per cent consumed. No one was injured.

Barden said Mrs. LaFond first noticed flames near the water heater. The fire rapidly spread through the structure.

Barden said high winds and blowing, drifting snow hampered his department. He said fire trucks had only one track

down snow-clogged Phillips Road. In spite of the snow, the department arrived at the scene around 2:45 p.m., 10 minutes after the alarm was sounded.

Loss on the home and contents was set at \$15,000. Barden said the family is staying with relatives.

Firemen remained at the scene about 1½ hours.

The Elkland Township Fire Department assisted Caro firemen in battling a blaze that leveled a home owned by Joe Kern on Tin Bill Road, 2½ miles east of Caro, early Friday morning.

Caro Fire Chief Don Berry said the house was engulfed in flames when his department arrived at the scene. Berry

said the owner had not been in the 1½ story frame home since the previous Tuesday.

No cause was determined and loss was set at \$15,000. Berry said arson has been ruled out.

The fire was reported at 5:02 a.m. Firemen remained at the scene about two hours.

Elkland firemen were called early Saturday afternoon to battle a small blaze at the Harold McAlpine home on Cemetery Road, six miles north of Cass City.

Fire Chief Jim Jezewski said McAlpine was attempting to thaw frozen water pipes with a torch, starting a portion of wall in the basement on fire.

Jezewski said less than \$500 damage resulted.



TO DRAMATIZE the money raised in the drive, 10 nurses from Hills and Dales Hospital form a "card section" to unveil the grand total.

Schwartz completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Edward G. Schwartz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Schwartz Sr. of 4234 S. Seeger, Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.



Edward G. Schwartz Jr.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. A 1976 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Navy in October, 1976.

Cass City Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little

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Mr. and Mrs. James Ketchum and Katie spent the week end in the Lansing area attending the Michigan Press Association convention at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. While there, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sandell and family of Williamston. They also visited his aunt, Mrs. William Miller, of Lansing.

Mrs. Orilla McKee was transferred last week from Hills and Dales General Hospital to Provincial House.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy and sons Scott and Patrick had as Sunday dinner guests, Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman of Decker and her aunt, Miss Lillian Dunlap of Caro. The family was celebrating Miss Dunlap's birthday.

Mrs. Mabel Stine went to her home Friday from Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Paul Asher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Asher, was a patient in St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw from Tuesday, Jan. 25, until Thursday. Kevin Asher stayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Asher.

A meeting of the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Caro jail. All disabled veterans are invited to attend and learn what is being done for veterans and how Chapter No. 50 can help you. The Chapter is the only one in Tuscola county. A luncheon will be served.

Duane Moore of Snover is a patient at Hills and Dales Hospital. He is the husband of Marsha (Ball) Moore. He had minor surgery Monday.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet Monday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting at the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Peter Zell, Mrs. Herbert Bills and Mrs. Al Avery are cohostesses. The program for the evening will be a topic concerning the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Members are reminded to bring their mite boxes.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

BIRTHS:

Jan. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce King of Bad Axe, a boy, Brian Matthew.

Jan. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lounsbury of Cass City, a boy, Norris Lynn Jr.

Jan. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Favazza of Deford, a boy, Matthew David.

Jan. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Drew Guernsey of Cass City, a boy, Ian Robert.

Jan. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Perreault of Vassar, a girl.

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, JAN. 31, WERE:

Lisa Groth, Luis Arroyo, Donald Karr, Daniel Aleksink Sr., Emily Hoppe, Michael Hoppe, Kevin Hoppe, Brian Hoppe, Nadine Hoppe, Matthew Hoppe, Mary Hoppe, Edward Adams, Mrs. Glenn Churchill and Raphael Arnold of Cass City;

Mrs. Henry Beach of Caseville;

Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher of Royal Oak;

Kimberly Lesoski, Charles Sattelberg and Dawn Russo of Gageton;

Daniel Lewton and Mrs. Teresa Lewton of Deford;

Mrs. Victor LeJune of Port Austin;

Mrs. Howard Tough of Ubyly;

Mrs. Donald Smith of Decker;

Gary Cummings of Kings-ton;

Duane Moore of Snover; Mrs. Herman Aumann, Mrs. Arnold Engelhardt, and Mrs. Buerl Saincome of Sebewaing;

Dale Groth, and Mrs. Michael Eremia of Unionville.

Mrs. John Haire visited her mother, Mrs. Roy Miller, in Pinconning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Milton Hofmeister is a surgical patient in Caro Community Hospital.

The Trinity United Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor a pancake brunch following the 11 o'clock service Sunday, Feb. 6. Service begins at 12 noon. The public is invited to attend. Free will offering. Proceeds will go to Diane Teichman for her campaign for Campus Life Sweetheart.

Mrs. Howard Loomis returned home Thursday from Williamston. Her grandson, Tim Murray, brought her home. Mrs. Loomis left Jan. 9 and spent two weeks at the Irvin Kritzman home in Millersburg, Ind. She also visited her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Roach in Jackson and came from there to Williamston where she spent a few days at the A.J. Murray home.

Mrs. Katie Mudge, her grand-nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hollis, flew Jan. 21 to Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the week end and to attend the 60th wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Towle. Mrs. Towle is the former Zelma Mudge. Mr. Towle is Mrs. Katie Mudge's twin brother.

Echo Chapter OES will meet Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, at 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner will precede the meeting. Job's Daughters of Beth-el 77 will be guests at the dinner. The committee on arrangements for the dinner is Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Golding Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dobbs and Mr. and Mrs. George Jetta.

Relatives and friends celebrated the 14th birthday of Christine Buehrly, Jan. 26, at the Dale Buehrly home. Birthday cake and ice cream were served. Guests included Esther Buehrly, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly and Dgn. Debbie Walter and Mike Otulakowski and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilson and family.

Lawrence Freeman is a surgical patient in Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. Esther McCullough and Mrs. Bernie Navin of Royal Oak flew to Florida Jan. 21 and returned home last week, accompanied by Mrs. John West who had been in Bradenton, Fla.

James Kern, husband of the former Diane Ball, was hospitalized Monday at Bay Osteopathic in Bay City, where he is undergoing tests.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Peters of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, to Benjamin Hennessey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hennessey of Cass City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cass City High School and also graduated from Howard's Beauty Academy of Caro.

The prospective bridegroom is also a graduate of Cass City High School. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Susan Damm spent from Saturday night until Tuesday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Glenn McClorey.

The February Truth For Youth rally will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, at Calvary Baptist church in Midland at 7 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the local Baptist church.

Stuart Merchant is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn. He had total knee replacement done Friday and expects to be hospitalized for two weeks. His address is Room 4199, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn. 55901.

Provincial House roster

The following persons were listed as Provincial House residents Monday, Jan. 31.

Lillie Lamphere, Alice Newman, Richard Schember, Nicholas Kloska, Laura Smith, Mary Boulton, Nick Krawetz, Carl Palmer, Edith Gould, Twila Freeman.

Estella Crawford, Joseph Crawford, Ethel Honig, Gertrude Sheppard, Jessie Little, James McLeod, Carrie Hall, Theresa Schweiss, Martha Krauss, Mabel Collins.

Victoria O'Neil, Laura Robinson, Louise Meredith, Laura Weber, H. Newingham, Florence Dick, Doris Steimle, Winnie Gerstein, Lela Kildan, Evelyn Gruber. Alice Stahl, Brenda Knoodle, Bess Jackson, Elizabeth Most, Pearl Silvernail, Violet Young, Gertrude Taylor, Helen Stec, Louisa Shope, Anna Woldan.

Flora Muscott, Sarah Myers, Beatrice Hornor, Pearl Smithers, Betty Gerber, Clara Biddle, Anna Hallay, Gary Loeffler, Robert Searis, Wilma Randall.

Alta Roberts, George Russell, Harold Dickinson, Floyd Reid, Wilfred Lepta, Jessie Luthi, Eva Holcomb, Frank Smith, Peter Poma, Anna Ewald.

Orilla McKee, Stephanie Rohleder, Ethel Haebler, Helen Lowry, Muriel Swales, Mary Monk, Rozali Kurmauskiene, Jennie Armstead, Hattie Hartsell, Florence Wilson.

Margaret Stapleton, William Murray, Lyle Huble, Theresa Windy, Mary Wolak, Lena Asher, Adeline Eston, Martin Stapleton, Fred Groth, Tom Markle.

Christian Glaser, Mamie Gardner, Gladys Phillips, Mary Mikich, Ada Scott, Flossie Crane, Mary Dybilas, Maud Trisch, Beatrice Wagner, Orinda Hall.

Marie DeBoever, Maude Blades, Pearl Hutchinson, J.C. Hutchinson, Leita Solomon, Gladys Lounsbury, Catherine Helwig, Levi Helwig, Bessie Buresh, Mayme Buresh.

Frank Dobson, Valentine Matelski, Marguerite Peterson, Albert Geiser, Harry Roe, John Gatzka, Irvin Martin, Walter Walsh, Kazmier Szarapski, Walter Sienkiewicz. John Sahaydak, William Franklin, Harvey McMullen.

Live up every minute today in preparation for living tomorrow.



THESE YOUNGSTERS are among 110 Girl Scouts and Brownies who will participate in a rock-a-thon to raise funds for the Michigan Heart Association at Provincial House Feb. 19. Both scouts and some Provincial House residents will participate. Getting warmed up are (foreground, from the left) Alicia Bliss, Mrs. Lela Kildan and Lisa Parrish. In the background are Kimberly Bader and Aimee Brown.

Scouts to rock for heart fund

Cass City Girl Scouts and Brownies aren't off their rockers. At least 110 will be on

them Feb. 19 in a rock and roll jamboree at Provincial House to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

The scouts will be asking for pledges of one cent per minute rocked. Residents at Provincial House will also be participating.

Proceeds will go to the Heart Association. Half the

money raised will stay in Tuscola county and the rest will go for research.

The association plans to open a Tuscola county center and will provide information on heart problems. Films will also be available for use in the county.

For more information, call 872-2642 or 872-3751.

Stilson infant dies Jan. 31

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Timothy Stilson, seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stilson, of Greenleaf township, who died Monday, Jan. 31, at Huron Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was born June 24, 1976, in Saginaw.

Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Thomas and William, both of Cass City, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moorish of Cass City.

Rev. Harold Prong, pastor of the Novesta Church of Christ, officiated at the funeral held at Little's Funeral Home.

Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

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And here comes Ed Mellas with a doozie.

Mellas is a heating engineer in Garden City. He claims that millions of dollars' worth of energy can be saved simply by pushing a button in restaurant kitchens.

The law requires that all public kitchens have exhaust systems to suck the greasy air outside, away from the dining rooms. These kitchens must also have makeup systems to pull in outside air to replace the dirty air that went out the exhaust.

The makeup unit is what you see sitting on restaurant roofs. They contain furnaces to heat the intake air in cold weather. Most of them also have air conditioning units to cool it in the summer. Lots of energy burned.

Restaurants usually turn on the exhaust and makeup systems when they open in the morning, and turn them off when they close at night. Mellas says they are not needed this much.

A tremendous amount of energy could be saved if these units were turned off between meals, or whenever the chef decides they are not needed, Mellas says. He can make no estimate of the dollar savings, but it would have to be staggering. Besides, restaurants, kitchens in schools, hospitals and other public buildings are also required to operate exhaust and makeup systems.

I asked Bill Anton, owner of the Bull Market restaurant in downtown Detroit, if the idea made sense to him. "It would make a lot of sense, and save a lot of energy, to turn off the makeup system," Anton said. He wasn't so sure about the exhaust system because steam tables are used most of the day. Mellas has an answer to the steam tables. Just turn on the blower on the regular furnace, he says. And, he adds, it would be equally simple to adjust fire-fighting foamite units to work on the new system.

Detroit Edison says Mellas knows what he is talking about. "If health authorities agree that the systems can be turned off some of the time, there is no question that a tremendous amount of energy would be saved," said Louis Mueller, director of commercial market planning for Edison.

Mellas has given his restaurant idea to various bureaucrats in charge of solving the energy problem. Such officials are John Sarvener, the Michigan energy administrator. "They all agree it's a great idea," Mellas said, "but I wonder how quickly they will act upon it."

If you have ever dealt with government bureaucracies, you know why Mellas is afraid it might be July before restaurants are officially informed it's OK to turn off the systems when nothing is cooking. Bureaucrats must be careful about working too fast, or they might work themselves out of a job.

A little nudge couldn't hurt. The Mellas idea should certainly be checked out as quickly as possible. Nudge your nearest state representative and congressman.

Incidentally, and seeing this space isn't filled yet, I have my own ideas on how to save energy. They are mostly for husbands. You will probably want to clip these and tack them to your nose:

● Turn your thermostat down two degrees every day until you find the least temperature at which you can be comfortable. Also turn your wife out into the snow and lock the doors so she'll quit turning the thermostat back up again.

● Close doors and turn off heat in rooms that are almost never used. Such rooms as the kitchen. This will steam your wife, and you can use the steam to melt the TV dinners.

● Close drapes at night. Open them when the sun is out. Close them when clouds appear. Open them again when the clouds pass. To make this a more constructive use of energy, you and the neighbor across the street could learn semaphore.

● Do not hold outside doors open for conversation. This is good advice for when guests are leaving. It is better advice for when they arrive. Just holler through the door: "It was nice of you to come. I would let you in but I can't spare the energy." This is not rude, it is patriotic. Unless, of course, it is July.

● Clear away all obstructions that might block the flow of hot air from registers and grills. Such as dirty socks, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, dust balls, stupid cats and teenage daughters drying their hair. The finders-keepers principle should be applied to all debris, unless the teenager is a neighbor's daughter.

● Close the fireplace damper. Take a bath.

● Turn the thermostat way, way down when leaving town for a few days. Tell your wife you're sorry she can't go with you.

● Repeat after me, with warmth: Onward and Upward.



THIS FLAG presented to Cass City Rotary Tuesday noon has flown over the White House. It was presented by Ruben Hewitt, aide of Rep. Robert Traxler. At left is President James Johnson. Dick Erla, who arranged to have the flag given to the club, is in the middle.

Road Commission sued

Two lawsuits were filed this week in Tuscola County Circuit Court seeking a total of nearly \$200,000 in damages.

Jack Aure and his wife, Diane, of Millington, have filed suit against the County Road Commission in connection with an accident that took place in October, 1974.

The couple seeks a total of \$125,000 in damages resulting from an accident in which Aure drove his car into a ditch which road crews had dug across Swaffer Road.

They charge the construction work was not clearly marked and that no one was

on the scene to warn motorists.

Aure claims the accident resulted in large hospital and medical bills, loss of wages and permanent physical harm. He seeks \$100,000, while his wife seeks \$25,000 claiming a loss of companionship.

A second suit seeks \$74,000 from Charles Russell Phillips and the American Legion Post of Vassar in connection with an accident at the Legion Hall in January, 1974.

The suit, filed by Grace Barclay, claims Phillips pushed the plaintiff from a

bar stool, causing her to strike a pool table and the bar room floor, resulting in neck and back injuries.

The suit charges Phillips was intoxicated and that Ms. Barclay had been told to relieve him of his bar tending duties. She claims Phillips refused to leave and became abusive.

She demands a jury trial.

Marriage Licenses

Darold Junior Schember, 34, Caro and Sally Kay Schember, 24, Auburn.

Robert John Josza Jr., 20, Millington and Carol Sue Rader, 18, Millington.

Peter James Kenney, 19, Vassar and Sue Ann Marie Baker, 18, Millington.

David John Frahm, 19, Frankenuth and Connie Frances Doud, 18, Richville.

Richard Carl Hanel II, 19, Millington and Gertrude Lyn Aris, 17, Otter Lake.

FROM THE Editor's Corner



Starting now you'll be hearing the usual rhetoric about changing the method of raising money for the operation of the State's schools. Most times the talk swirls around State funding and the removal of the property tax. It's not a new story. It's

been popping up annually for at least as long as Gov. William Milliken has been in office.

Advocates of the change see it as a way of getting out from under the property tax and as a way of equalizing education in all of the State's schools. Translate equalizing to allowing more money for the operation of schools in urban areas.

Many, by no means all, educators would like to see school funding removed from local control. State funding would achieve it.

I'm certain that under a State funding plan, there would be no incentive for Cass City to operate for less than 21 mills.

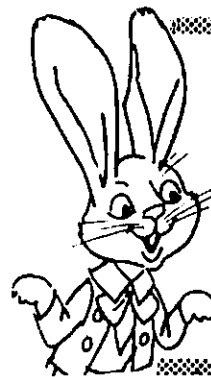
We'd be averaged out with the area and we'd better spend the money or "lose" it. Just like we "lose" the 90 per cent Federal-State funding of a sewage disposal system if we don't apply. Or the various grants that come down from the Feds every year for programs that never in the wildest stretch of the imagination would we initiate if we weren't going to "lose" the money anyway.

What I'm trying to get at is that when local control goes, so does incentive to operate efficiently and with a respectful regard for the wishes of the people in the district. The only valid reason that I can see for saying that a school in Detroit, Bay City or Flint needs more per student for operation is that the cost of living is more there.

If teachers get the highest salaries in the State, if custodians won't do a day's work for a day's pay, if hoodlums make the school hall a no-man's land, who should pay the freight? If the State did grant special monies to Detroit, for instance, how long would it be before costs at these schools escalated so that educators would be turning again for added aid?

When money is available a bureaucracy will soak it up like a blotter does ink and we will be faced with the same situations on the State school level as we are today with the United States Post Office, Social Security, welfare, medicare, and medicaid.

School's out for the taxpayer when we allow the purse strings to be controlled in Lansing instead of in whatever district we happen to reside.



Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

We've had plenty of ill winds lately. But they do blow a little good. They waft plenty of business to the area's tow truck owners.

Cass Bartnik is smiling, smiling these cold winter, snow filled days.

Is business good? Well, says the genial Cass, from behind the wheel of his truck, I don't have any trouble getting to sleep after I get home from work at night. (It couldn't happen to a nicer guy).

Rep. Loren Armbruster has no trouble, no trouble at all, mingling in grass root fashion with his constituents. In town Monday for the railroad hearings he popped into Sommers' and immediately pulled up a chair and joined the morning coffee club.

Introducing himself, it wasn't more than a minute or two before you'd have figured that he had been a morning regular for years.

Both the teachers and the students enjoy a snow day now and then. But the extended vacations due to the weather aren't really all that great. Roland Pakonen for one wishes it would let up. Pakonen is compiling a history of Cass City High School sports with the help of the Chronicle files.

In the office in connection with the job he said frankly that he wished he could get back to the classroom.

You'll find few students that will admit it, but the guess is that plenty of them are wishing that the roads would clear and school would get back to normal.

Everyone we talked with that was connected with the Hills and Dales Hospital fund drive is happy with the work of the pros that organized the campaign.

It's been successful and seems to have avoided the unpleasant aftermath that sometimes follows these campaigns.

The sales pitch has been low key. The real test will be how much shrinkage there is in the amounts pledged and the amounts paid over the five years.

In the campaign for the defunct Cass City Hospital many of the pledges never were paid... but that may have been due to the apparent financial stress of the facility before the pledges were all collected.

It's nit-pickin'. It's looking a gift horse in the mouth, too. Compared to the vast waste in Washington, the amount involved here is insignificant.

Tuesday the Cass City Rotary was presented a flag that had flown over the nation's capitol.

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Terry rites held

Mrs. Myra Terry, 77, Roscommon, a former area resident, died Saturday, Jan. 29, in Grayling after a long illness.

She was born Sept. 13, 1899, in Kingston, daughter of the late John and Ida Curtis Gray.

She married Meril Terry in Pontiac, March 10, 1934. Following their marriage, they made their home in Pontiac for many years. She recently moved to Roscommon.

She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist church of Pontiac and also attended the Markey Baptist church of

Roscommon.

She was an LPN for many years in Pontiac.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jean Hubbard of Roscommon; two brothers, Lee Gray of Pontiac and Lloyd Gray of Gagetown; one sister, Mrs. Grace Davenport of Pontiac, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Little's Funeral Home with Rev. Lloyd Streeter, pastor of the First Baptist church of Cass City, officiating.

Burial was in Novesta cemetery.

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

Elkland township residents can expect to pay more taxes in 1977. Township Supervisor Maynard McConkey said this week. Studies show Elkland township is assessed at 45.12 per cent of true cash value, when the state requires 50 per

cent. McConkey said he would have to spread \$525,000 on the assessment rolls.

The Tuscola county reapportionment plan adopted by commissioners last week has been ruled invalid by the State Court of Appeals.

Wayne Dillon, Cass City High School instructor, has been named Outstanding Young Educator by the Cass City Jaycees.

Hugh G. Lautner has joined Walbro Corporation's carburetor division as project engineer. His appointment was announced by L.E. Allhaver, executive vice-president.

The "Reese 44" ex-teachers were given two weeks Monday to file a brief with the Tuscola County Circuit Court explaining their motion to name individual members of the Reese Board of Education as defendants in their suit against the board and the Reese High School superintendent.

hour by council. At the present time, regular employees receive 90 cents an hour, with the work foreman receiving \$1.05 per hour.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Young and old danced in the high school auditorium here Friday night celebrating President Roosevelt's 60th birthday, for the benefit of the nation-wide infantile paralysis fund campaign. About 600 were present.

The January allowance for purchases of truck tires in Tuscola county was 85 and the county tire rationing board authorized applicants to purchase 75.

George D. Bugbee, pastor of Cass City Church of the Nazarene, will be retained as a full-time pastor at the church. Previously, he has worked part-time.

Otis Heath, local automobile dealer, has accepted a position with Dow Chemical Co. and is now at Midland employed as a construction auditor.

Coffee sold for 58 cents a three-pound bag, bread was 11 cents a loaf and flour was 81 cents for a 24 1/2-pound bag.

TEN YEARS AGO

Cass City finished digging out this week after surviving a snowstorm Thursday and Friday that has been termed the worst in a half-century.

Police Chief Carl Palmateer has requested the village purchase a radar unit to clock speeders.

Voters in the Owendale-Gagetown school district will decide whether or not to build additions to the grade schools at Owendale and Gagetown at a special election Monday, Feb. 6.

Nelson Willy was re-elected Elkland Township Fire Chief at a regular meeting of the department Thursday at the fire hall. Others elected were Jerome Root Jr., assistant chief; Richard Root and Eldon Stoutenburg, captains; Elwyn Helwig, secretary, and Jim Jezewski, treasurer.

Miss Dorothy Puskas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Puskas of Cass City, has been selected queen of her class at Cedar Lake Academy near St. Louis, Mich.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The village council instructed Clerk Wilma Fry to draw a tentative agreement between the village and the Cass City school for the use of the recreational park for athletics. Although definite plans are not completed, the village is expected to ask \$800 a year for the use of the park during the school year.

Dr. H.T. Donahue, progressive Holstein dairyman in the Thumb area, accepted delivery this week on three of the largest capacity hay driers in the country. Blythe Kellermann of Elkton, distributor for the hay driers in this area, said that Dr. Donahue was the first in the entire country to install three driers of such capacity.

More than 200 persons crowded into the gymnasium of the Ubyly School Monday evening to pay tribute to Sarah Mixer, who this year completed 42 years as editor, publisher and printer of the Ubyly Courier.

At a special meeting of the board members of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, it was decided that several local businessmen would attend the Public Service Commission's hearing for the proposed rate increases of the Michigan Associated Telephone Co.

Village employees were granted a boost of 10 cents an

Miss Kirn to study in Mexico

Melinda Kirn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirn of 4317 Maple St., Cass City, left this week for Mexico with 17 other students as a part of her studies at John Wesley College in Owaso where she is a second year student.

The students will spend four weeks in Mexico, dividing their time between the capital city and travel in the south. While there, the students will study the art, economics, history, architecture and politics of this ancient country.

Every year, each student of John Wesley College has an opportunity to study in another country as part of his regular academic program... usually at no additional cost.

Past foreign study has taken students to England, Wales, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Spain.

The group will return March 1.

GRINDSTONE

Everybody is so busy today that only a few have time to complain about their ailments.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the resolution of the Village Council dated December 28, 1976, notice is hereby given that a petition from the Village Council for the enlargement of the Village of Cass City Village limits will be presented to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 1977, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the Commissioners Room of the Tuscola County Court House in Caro, Michigan. Any persons interested in said petition or who wish to object thereto, may appear before the Board of Commissioners at that time. The description of the property proposed to be annexed to the Village is as follows:

A parcel of land described as the East 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, excepting the following parcels: commencing at the North 1/4 corner, thence N 88°15'30" W 429.0 feet along the North Section line; thence S 1°47' W 692 feet; thence S 88°15'30" E 264 feet; thence N 1°47' E 57 feet; thence S 88°15'30" E 165 feet to the North-South 1/4 line; thence N 1°47' E 635 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to point of beginning and further excepting a parcel commencing on the North-South 1/4 line 906 feet from the North 1/4 line; thence West 165 feet; thence South 115 feet; thence East 165 feet to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North 115 feet to the point of beginning. Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan. Subject to easements and rights of way of record.

A parcel of land in the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner, thence S 1°47' W 346 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning of this description; thence N 88°15'30" W 429 feet; thence South 1°47' W 346.0 feet; thence S 88°15'30" E 264 feet; thence N 1°47' E 232.0 feet; thence S 88°15'30" E 165.0 feet to the North-South 1/4 line; thence N 1°47' E 114.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.52 acres. Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan. Subject to easements and rights of way of record.

DATED: December 28, 1976.

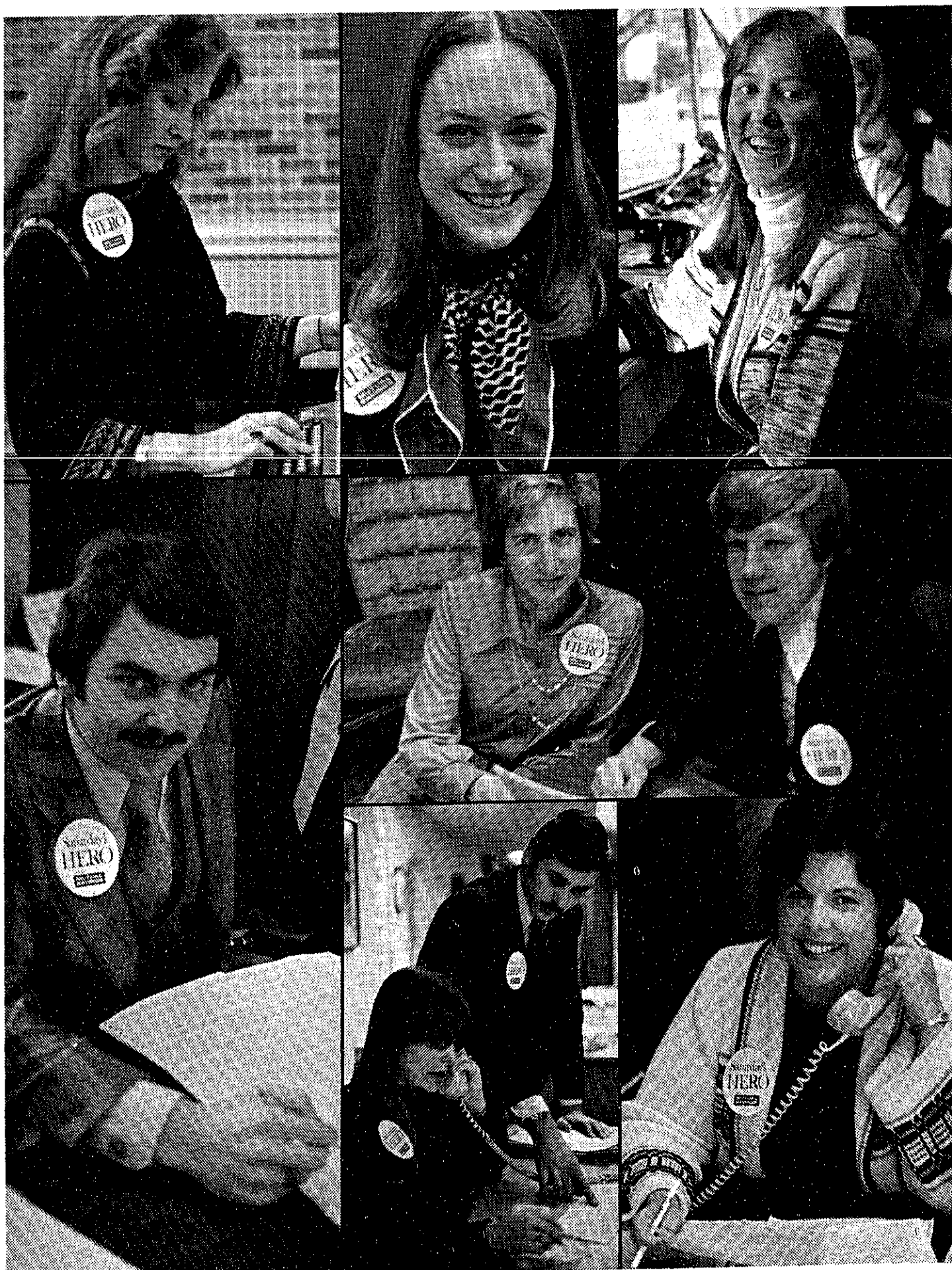
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Philatheas hold party

The Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday School had a bowling party Saturday night, Jan. 29. They went to the Jim Perry home after bowling, for a business meeting, devotions and potluck refreshments. Twenty-one attended the party.

Incumbent officers were re-elected for a second term. President is Alvin Hutchinson; vice-president, Art Fisher, and secretary-treasurer, Shirley Shaw.

Jim Evans gave devotions and told the group of prospective plans for returning to the mission field in Latin America after their year's furlough in the States.

The group voted to have another bowling party Feb. 26 and to meet at the Jim Burselson home after bowling.

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KETCHUM'S KNAPSACK

I hate winter

By Jim Ketchum



If I hear another person say "cold enough for you?", I'm going to shove a snowball down his throat, set fire to his insulated mittens and roast my little girl's copy of "Frosty the Snowman" in the flames.

I'm not certain whose idea this winter was but they've certainly won my vote as loser of the year. Anyone who loves winter should be cured for the next decade.

The only thing worse than winter is being locked in a room and being forced to listen to eight hours of Wayne Newton's greatest hits.

Winter is a complete waste. What is there to do besides watch it snow and spend four months trying to find your driveway? Winter stopped being fun when I exchanged my sled for a snow shovel.

That was almost 20 years ago. Since then, I've been plotting an escape to Florida. All this talk about frozen vegetables and snow in Miami is nothing more than Communist propaganda from Havana attempting to demoralize all Americans who seek their moment in the sun without goose pimples.

After all, Florida has a strong Chamber of Commerce. How could it possibly snow anywhere south of Atlanta, now that Jimmy Carter is President. Surely he has something to say about it.

What aggravates me more than anything are people who say they love winter. How can you love something that forces you to wear every stitch of clothing you own?

If I fell down outside, I'd be like a turtle on his back, waiting for somebody to come by and help me off my back.

What really amazes me is someone like Cliff Kibbey. I've seen Cliff walking down the street on the coldest day of the year in his shirtsleeves.

One day not long ago he came into our office in a SHORT-SLEEVED shirt. The cold doesn't phase him.

His overcoat will probably be eaten by moths before he wears it out.

Seeing Cliff without a coat in January makes me think of just one thing — when's the next flight to Miami?

Cliff figures the cold is just a state of mind. If you can ignore it, it won't bother you. You'll also save a lot of money on coat cleaning bills.

Maybe he's got a point. But it's tough for me to ignore frozen feet and hands. And cars that won't start. And hearts that won't start.

Just point me south, please.

Storm strikes

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provided a haven from the storm for about 53 persons from the Elkton-Pigeon area Wednesday night, Jan. 26, as a sudden snowstorm forced them to stay in Cass City following a seventh grade basketball game.

Fire Chief Jim Jezewski said the group stayed at the school after blankets were obtained from the hospital. They left around 6:00 a.m. the next day.

While it wasn't much consolation, Tuscola county wasn't alone in battling the weather. In Sanilac county, road conditions were no better. Much of highway M-53 was reported closed throughout the county Monday with jackknifed trucks adding to the problem.

The road wasn't expected to be opened until late Tuesday. At Cass City's wastewater treatment plant, Supt. Nelson Willy said only two inches of snow fell during the week end, but the wind compounded the problem.

He said the lowest temperature recorded during the past week was 12 degrees below zero Saturday. Temperatures began moderating Tuesday and weather forecasters were predicting readings in the high 20's by Wednesday.

The warmer weather wasn't expected to help the continued problem of water

Railroad hearing opens

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ment said. Traxler pledged to work with the railroad and area shippers to gain federal subsidies to rebuild the track, but argued that continuation of the line is necessary until such a program can take effect.

"Hopefully, the Commission (ICC) will reject the petition and I will then continue to work with Grand Trunk in its application for Federal funds to assist in the rehabilitation of its track so that it can provide the service everyone concerned wants.

"This area needs rail service," he said, "and through our joint efforts, I am con-

vinced that we will keep rail service."

Maynard McConkey, Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, was also expected to testify for keeping the line.

"It is our (the county commission's) belief and concern that the abandonment of the Grand Trunk Western Branch line would be a giant step backward at the time of an energy crisis that is becoming more critical week by week," McConkey's statement said.

He said Thumb farmers have been forced to market grain at a disadvantage to Ohio and Indiana farmers because prices are set in Chicago and based on the distance between Chicago and points where grain is grown.

"We contend that if rail movement of grain is to be discontinued, the farmer would lose an additional 10 cents per bushel for his grain. Movement of grain by rail normally is 10 cents less per bushel than by truck," he

said. McConkey expressed concern over what increased truck traffic would do to existing county roads. He called for an upgrading of the system to make it a profitable operation.

Statements in opposition were also prepared by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and Elkland Township Supervisor Edwin Karr.

The Chamber stressed the

need for building materials shipped by rail as well as agricultural equipment. It called for an expansion of rail service to meet the needs of area shippers. Karr pointed to three agricultural-related businesses which depend directly on rail shipments. He said the Thumb is growing economically and taking away rail service would retard that growth seriously.

Police probe \$200 cash theft

About \$200 in cash and a bank book were reported stolen last Thursday, Jan. 27, from the home of Minnie Joos at 4336 Woodland St.

Cass City Police said Miss Joos was away from the home when the theft took place. They said the culprits discovered a key to the house hidden outside and used it to gain entry.

The theft was discovered around 8:30 p.m.

Police have no suspects. The theft was one of a series of complaints reported to area police agencies during the past week. Russell De-

neen, Cass City, told Huron County Sheriff's deputies about \$100 worth of tools and clothing were taken from his unlocked pickup truck at the Bay Port end of Guigar Road Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Huron County Sheriff Richard V. Stokan investigated.

Apparently hungry thieves attempted break-ins at two Cass City area restaurants during the week without success. Mrs. Joy Anthony, owner of Wildwood Farms restaurant, told Bad Axe State Police someone tried to enter the kitchen portion of the building during the early morning hours Friday.

Police said a window was broken but the culprits apparently did not gain entry. Nothing was reported disturbed.

Richard Haney, owner of the Eat Shop in Cass City, told police someone tried to enter a rear door to his restaurant Friday.

Police said the door and frame had been forced but the culprits failed to gain entry.

Richard Erla, Cass City, told police someone stole a hub cap valued at approximately \$100 from his 1974 automobile early last week.

Erla said he did not know when or where the theft took place.

Chuck Hughes of Garfield St. told police someone stole a beagle hunting dog tied up behind his house. He said both the dog and its chain were missing.

Hughes told officers the dog is valued somewhere between

line freeze-ups in the village. Frost is reported as deep as 5 1/2 feet in some areas, placing extra strain on water mains and house connections.

Village Supt. Lou LaPonsie said this week two new water line freeze-ups have been reported. For the first time, a sanitary sewer leading from a house froze, he said.

When that happens, it takes either forced steam or a mixture of water and chloride to open the frozen section.

LaPonsie said village residents seem to be cooperating in keeping a trickle of water running to prevent freeze-ups. He said the water will have to run until probably April before the danger of frost is past.

To date 20 water line freeze-ups have been reported in Cass City.

Ubly man seriously injured

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Sheriff's deputies said Luick had been involved in an earlier accident and was stopped along the roadway. Blowing snow reduced visibility to near zero at the time of the accident, 10:55 a.m.

Neither driver was injured.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Two persons were uninjured in a two-car accident at the intersection of Houghton and Oak Streets in Cass City Friday afternoon.

Cass City Police identified the drivers as James Dean Hillaker, 17, of 6350 Greenland Rd., Cass City, and Thelma Florence Searls, 53, of 4632 Oak St.

The Hillaker vehicle was eastbound and the Searls auto was northbound when the accident took place in the open intersection. The accident occurred at 4:35 p.m.

In another property-damage accident, cars driven by Constance Mellendorf, 22, of 6169 Lakeside Dr., and Linda Sue Stoll, 27, of 5572 N. Van Dyke Rd., collided at the intersection of Church and West Streets Friday afternoon.

Cass City Police said the Mellendorf auto was headed south on West Street and failed to stop for the intersection, striking the Stoll vehicle in the rear.

No ticket was issued. The accident took place at 5:05 p.m.

Rate reductions explained

Although new rates for General Telephone customers went into effect Wednesday, Jan. 26, they will not be reflected in customer bills for about two weeks, according to Bob Wellman, vice-president-operations for the company.

Wellman said it would take the company at least two weeks to implement the new, generally lower rate schedules recently authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

All rates are retroactive to Jan. 26, however, and if the new rates are not reflected in the next bill for customers, they will be reflected in the following month's bill, he said.

Although both residential and business rates are generally lower, local coin telephone rates were increased from 10 cents to 20 cents, effective following required equipment modifications.

Customers who use coin telephones for long distance calls to points within 20 miles, may also have noticed a rate increase recently, although unrelated to the MPSC order issued last week.

Rates for long distance calls up to 20 miles made from coin telephones were increased from 10 cents to 20 cents on Jan. 10, 1977. Authorization was given for the increase by the MPSC in May, 1976, pending available facilities, and given final approval on January 10.

Group plans Silent Observer

Plans are under way to institute a new method to fight the rising crime rate in Tuscola county. The program is called "Silent Observer" and is modeled after a similar and highly successful program in Bay county.

Silent Observer works because it allows people to remain anonymous while being able to collect a reward if a conviction is the direct result of their information.

Someone who sees or hears about a crime calls any police department. They don't have to give their name — just a random code number. If a conviction is obtained, the Silent Observer can collect a reward by using the code number for identification. The money can be paid in cash, if desired.

The Caro Area Chamber of Commerce is spearheading a drive to establish a Committee for Tuscola county to administer the program.

A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the McComb School multipurpose room in Caro to determine the interest. The McComb School is next to the Caro High on Hooper Street. Members of all Tuscola County Chambers of Commerce, service clubs, other organizations and interested individuals should plan to attend this meeting, a spokesman said.

Bay county has obtained 170 convictions from their program which has been in effect since 1972. As Caro Chamber spokesmen pointed out, "If we get the support and backing from all clubs and groups throughout the county, the Silent Observer will be equally as successful in Tuscola county."

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TSCD
presents
awards

Donald Loomis, Cass City, and Bruce Ruggles, Kingston, were re-elected to three-year terms when the Tuscola Soil Conservation District held its annual meeting at Caro High School Jan. 13.

Awards were presented to scrapbook winners Henry Wagner of Caro and Ashley Weeks of Sebawaing in Class I and Mike Layher of Sebawaing and Greg Winter of Unionville in Class II.

Land judging trophies were presented to Millington FFA, first place; Caro FFA, second place, and Reese FFA, third place. An award also went to Greg Mohr of Millington for the high individual score in land judging.

Fred Black of Wisner township was presented with the 1976 Outstanding Cooperator of the Year award by Leon Keinath.

In other business, Tom Hannah of Wickes Agriculture spoke to the group on the international marketing of navy beans and the effect the market has on bean growers.

Charles and Marilyn Wells gave a slide presentation on Hawaii.

The meeting was concluded with a slide program by Jim Sygo of the East Central Michigan Planning and Development Region concerning the water quality plan for the Thumb area.



AROUND THE FARM
What's in a will?

By Don Kebler

Over six weeks ago I had an experience which told me far more people are interested in affairs of their real, personal and monetary property than I ever believed.

Twice I made radio announcements regarding two new 1976 Federal inheritance and gift tax rules. By the end of three days, I was swamped with telephone and office calls from people all over the county.

Conversations with these people told me they needed much more information on wills, what is a person's estate, property ownership, probate, trusts, insurance, property transfer before and after death, estate, inheritance and gift taxes plus much more.

It's surprising how little is known about making funeral arrangements and this is only one of many vital parts of the Estate Planning and property transfer picture.

If you want to learn and have a working understanding of the estate planning terms above, you'll want to attend the three contiguous-session Estate Planning and Property Transfer Seminars

at Caro High School. Each free two-hour session begins at 7:30 p.m. with the first Feb. 17, second Feb. 24, and third March 3.

You'll hear presentations by Thomas Abby, Caro attorney on "Who Gets What at Your Death and How"; Judge Wallace Kent on "What is Probate and Probate Procedures"; J. Benson Colton, Caro Funeral Home Director on "Things You Should Know About Funeral Arrangements"; Thomas Jaffke, head Trust Officer, Frankenth Bank and Trust on "Trusts as a Tool for Estate Planning"; and Stephen List, Equitable Life Assurance Society of Saginaw, on "Insurances, Types, and Uses in Estate Planning". See, call or write me for the complete program.

Heading up the topic presentation of What is Your Estate, Why Have an Estate Plan, How to Build an Estate, How to Transfer an Estate Before and/or After Death, and How Death Taxes Affect Your Estate is Michigan State University specialist, Ralph Hepp. Hepp will explain the important 1976 changes in the estate and gift tax rules.

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I just learned that private applicators will not be able to buy or use any fumigating chemicals after October 21, 1977, unless they become certified by taking an exam. This exam is different from the Private Applicator's Pesticide Certification exam. So, if you plan on using grain fumigants, and plan to take the private applicator's exam, you should apply for the Fumigating Certification exam at the same time. This way the \$10 fee will cover both exams.

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Here's a new one just for hunters and landowners. A new Michigan law went into effect Jan. 1, that makes it mandatory for every hunter, snowmobiler, overland vehicle user to have a permit signed by the landowner in question. Violators can be arrested, go to court and pay a fine. Property owners are not signing away any liability protection with this permit. I have a supply of permit blanks at my office.

Regular Meeting
Village Council

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held January 18, 1977, at the Municipal Building. All Trustees were present except Trustee Bliss.

The minutes of the regular December meeting were read and approved.

Members of the Cass City Development Corporation were present to present to Council their plans to develop 35 acres owned by the Cass City Development to attract industry to Cass City. Since the Corporation can only receive a Grant from the Federal Government through the Village a motion was made by Trustee Tuttle that the Village Council make application to Farmers Home Administration in the sum of \$350,000.00 to improve the property subject to easement being granted to the Village and meeting all legal requirements. Motion carried, 5 years, 0 days.

December Preliminary financial report was reviewed.

Formal notice from the Department of Labor was received stating that the withdrawal of the petition for the Union election has been completed.

Superintendent's report was reviewed.

The 1977 Budget was reviewed. It was moved by Trustee Tuttle and supported by Trustee Jones that a Public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the 1977 budget be set for February 22, 1977 at 7:30 at the Municipal Building. Motion carried, 5 years, 0 days.

Motion was made by Trustee Hampshire and supported by Trustee Jones to authorize to go ahead on the Council chamber improvements with estimates received from licensed builders in the Village. Motion carried, 5 years, 0 days.

There being no further business it was moved by Trustee Tuttle and supported by Trustee Jones that the meeting be adjourned.

Lynda McIntosh
Village Clerk

Owen-Gage honor
students listed

The following students have been named to the Owen-Gage Jr.-Sr. High Honor Roll for the third marking period. A + indicates all A's.

TENTH GRADE

Laurie Andrakowicz, Sean Barr, Laurel Billy, Andy Fritz, Brenda Furness, Lori Gaeth, Brenda Haley, Jim Hendershot, Jean Kain, Jim Koch+, Tammie Koss, Doug Laurie, Mark McDonald, Lynn Pritch, Janelle Rapson, Kim Ricker, Debbie Vargo, Tammy Wissner, Lynette Ziehm.

TWELFTH GRADE

Elaine Andrakowicz+, Lori Barr+, Debbie Berube, Mark Bencheck, Bert Brinkman, Kaye Brinkman+, Kenneth Erner, Brian Gaeth+, Mary Jo Hendershot, Frances Koss+, Janet Lenda, Anne Lenhard, Darren McDonald, Donna Pryor, Rhonda Rada-baugh, Deeanne Rapson, Kevin Rocheleau, Dwayne Rogers, Janet Schaper, Sandy Schaper, Michele Schmidt, Jane Stapleton+.

ELEVENTH GRADE

Aaron DeMarrow, Dawn Erickson, Mary Good, Marie Gremel, Sherrie Hoffman, Karen Lenda, Tim Lorenz, Debbie Lenda, Janet Menzel, Dick Papkey, Brian Pritch+, Harold Pritch, Jennifer Putman, Dedra Rockefeller, Roger Ziehm.

NINTH GRADE

Mary Kay Burrows, Brad Erickson, Jennifer Erner, Debbie Gettel, Alan Haag, Tammy Kain, Pete Klemkowski, Lori Mandich, Tom Menzel, Carol Parker, Richard Powell, Robin Sullivan, Scott Wissner.

EIGHTH GRADE

Julie Andrakowicz, Peggy Berube, Cheryl Billy, Marcela Bruno, Christine DeMarrow, Kris Erickson, Joni Flores, Cecilia Frazee, Becky Howard, Robert LaFave,

Dana Laurie, Cheryl Mandich+, Annette Rockefeller, Bethany Thies, Lonnie Wilson, Robert Zimmer.

SEVENTH GRADE

Julie Enderle, Bryon Gettel, Karla Kretzschmer, Tina Mandich, Terry Muntz, Renee Nicholas, Mark Russell, Theresa Schmidt, Bonnie Wells, Christine Zaleski+.

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F. Peters
dies
Jan. 29

Freeman Peters, 66, Decker, died Saturday, Jan. 29, at McKenzie Hospital in Sandusky.

He was born March 28, 1910, in Argyle, son of the late Jacob and Armelia Peters.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. John (Maude) Palmer of Cass City; five brothers, Charles of Decker, Emerson of Vassar, Murrell and Anthony, both of Snover, and William of Sterling Heights, and a number of nieces and nephews. One brother, Emmet, preceded him in death.

Rev. Eldred Kelley, pastor of Salem United Methodist church of Cass City, officiated at the funeral, held at Little's Funeral Home Tuesday.

Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

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David M. Hennessey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Hennessey of 6181 Milligan Rd., Cass City, was one of 2,510 students awarded degrees at Wayne State University's winter commencement exercises held in December at Cobo Hall, Detroit.



DAVID M. HENNESSEY

Hennessey is a 1968 graduate of Cass City High School and received a bachelor's degree in business law. He is presently employed at Saginaw Steering Gear as a foreman. Hennessey resides in Bay City.

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AARP schedules meetings

Thirty-three members were present when the Cass City AARP met recently at the Elkland Township Fire Hall. It was announced that a board meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the home of club President Charles Simon at Kingston.

The club will hold its regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 10, beginning with an insurance committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley, Alma Seeger and Mildred Herr are in charge of arrangements.

ASK DR. ELIZABETH

By Dr. J. Elizabeth Morgan, M.D.



Has it ever occurred to you that your very existence depends on gallons of blood filtering through the kidney every minute? It certainly occurs to those whose kidneys don't work normally.

Transplanting organs like the heart met with snags -- but kidney transplantation has been going on since the first successful one in 1954.

Today the question often is not if a kidney transplant is needed -- but where should the extra kidney come from.

Dear Dr. Morgan: Please tell me how effective kidney transplants are. A friend has kidney failure, and the family is being asked to "donate" a new one.

A. Kidney transplants are a standard treatment for patients whose kidneys are destroyed, e.g. by infection, high blood pressure. The kidney controls salt and water balance and rids the body of waste products.

Each person has two kidneys, but if one is removed, the other enlarges to do the job of two.

Our bodies don't easily tolerate someone else's tissues. Blood testing can detect relatives with similar tissue types, whose kidneys are more likely to be tolerated.

About 70 per cent of patients tolerate a kidney transplant from a living relative. Patients whose transplants

come from unrelated donors will accept only 40 per cent of these.

When to do a kidney transplant, and who should donate a kidney, is a decision made by the patient, his family and his doctors.

Dear Dr. Morgan: I know saunas can be dangerous if you have poor blood vessels, heart disease, etc. What if you're young, and in good health? Are there other risks to a home sauna?

A. Yes, an allergy to fungi in the air inside a sauna can cause problems. Here's what can happen:

Water for many saunas is allowed to stand in a bucket. Fungi grow inside the bucket. You pour this stale water over the heating coils of the sauna. Result: sauna steam is full of fungi, which you breathe.

Your body can react to these fungi with wheezing, shortness of breath, fatigue, hours later. (Water allowed to stand in air conditioners, humidifiers, and vaporizers can cause the same problem).

You can avoid this danger by using fresh water for a sauna. If coughing and wheezing should develop, stop using the sauna until your doctor has made sure problem is not "sauna sickness."

Dear Dr. Morgan: My wife can never remember to take her contraceptive pill regularly. What are the chances

of my getting her pregnant if we don't use any contraceptive?

A. You have about a 55 per cent chance of getting your wife pregnant within a month if neither you nor she use any contraceptives. Her chances of being pregnant within six months are close to 80 per cent. If your wife is young, her chances are even higher. Less than four per cent of women under 20 can not conceive. Infertility increases with a woman's age -- over 40 years old 70 per cent of women will not conceive.

If you don't want a family now, and can't rely on your wife, you should use a condom. Used properly the condom gives you 90 per cent protection.

Dear Dr. Morgan: My first baby suffered from diarrhea and colic in the first two months. Should I use a soybean formula feeding for my second baby? I've heard they will prevent these problems.

A. Soybean formulas are not likely to prevent either colic or diarrhea. We don't know why babies get colic. Usually, it is worst in the second month, then goes away by the end of the third without any treatment.

Diarrhea is also very common in babies. It may be caused by an infection, e.g. a cold or impetigo. Milk and regular baby-formulas do not cause colic or diarrhea, unless:

(1) Your baby has an allergy to cow's milk. Signs include rash, asthma, stomach pain when fed milk. One baby in a hundred has a milk allergy.

(2) If diarrhea lasts for weeks. Result: temporary failure of intestine to absorb milk.

For either milk allergy or severe diarrhea, soy formulas may help. But before switching feedings, see your doctor.

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(Readers may send questions to Dr. J. Elizabeth Morgan, M.D., Box 4994, Des Moines, IA 50306. She will be unable to provide individual replies, but inquiries of general interest will be answered here.)

R. Kilbourn dies Jan. 29

Memorial services were held Monday for Richard D. Kilbourn, 33, Mt. Pleasant, who died Jan. 29 at Central Michigan Community Hospital.

He was born Sept. 12, 1943, in St. James, Mo., and had been a counselor at Mt. Pleasant High School since 1970. He was a 1962 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High and received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1966. He received an MA degree in 1968 from Central Michigan University.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club, a member of the Michigan Professional Guidance Association and the Manpower Development and Training Association.

Survivors include his widow, Linda; his parents, Helen and Donald Kilbourn, his grandfather, William Kilbourn of Mt. Pleasant; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Clarence Rush of Eldon, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. Sandra Nelson of Lansing.

He was a Vietnam veteran. A memorial service was held at Christ King Lutheran Chapel on the Campus of Central Michigan University with Pastor Robert Garrels officiating.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Cancer Research Institute, 1134 E. Catherine, Medical Bldg. II, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 48104.

Arrangements were made by the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

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Your Neighbor says

I'd wish

self-confidence

If you could leave your children's generation something money couldn't buy, what would it be?

Mrs. Kathy Iseler of rural Cass City says she'd wish self-confidence for her children.

"I would hope my children could obtain and keep throughout their lives the realization that they are individuals and that they could have confidence within themselves," Mrs. Iseler says.

She says being able to stand up for themselves and not feel dominated by anyone else is also important.

"So often kids are torn down and made to feel unimportant," Mrs. Iseler says.

"We don't give kids enough credit for their abilities and they're not recognized otherwise."

She agrees not letting children know they have value

can lead to juvenile delinquency since kids seek attention by breaking the law.

Mrs. Iseler is a native of the Cass City area. She and her husband, Dale, a farm operator, have three daughters.



AGENT'S CORNER

Slate farm workshop

Aliene Mills - Extension Agent

"Managing for Success" is a workshop planned and tailored for couples who are in a family-farm business. This is scheduled for February 18, 25, March 4, 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Wildwood Farms located on M-53 near Cass City.

The workshop will give you the opportunity to grow and will add to your management knowledge and skills about your farm family and farm business.

Become involved in an understanding of your values and needs plus an understanding of other people in day-to-day contact. Department Chairman of the College of Business at the University of Colorado, Dr. Charles Massey, has developed an audio-visual tape "What You Are Now Is What You Were When" that will be used for this session.

Begin to actively listen and learn to resolve conflict between family members and others involved in family business. Learn how to use records and their implementations plus how to prepare for and understand financial institutions. How do you use your time? The above will be taught by Cooperative Extension Professionals and additional resource persons.

The "Managing for Success" workshop is sponsored by MSU and Cooperative Extension Service. Inquiries can also be made to Tuscola county - Aliene Mills, Thumb Extension Home Economist, or Don Kebler, Extension Agricultural Agent, Civil Defense Center, Caro 48723, telephone 517-673-3161; Sanilac county - Joe Shaltry, Extension Agricultural Agent, Federal Building, Sandusky, Mi. 48471, telephone 313-648-2515;

Huron county, George Atkinson, Extension Agricultural Agent, County Building, Bad Axe, Mi. 48413, telephone 517-269-9949.

The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes student materials and four lunches. Make checks payable to and mail paid reservation to respective County Extension Service by Feb. 10.

Interested couples in a family-farm business are encouraged to participate in this workshop.



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Detroit Edison is a concerned participant in America's crusade for conservation. The wise use of energy plays one of the most important roles in that effort. Because proper home insulation offers great energy and cost-saving benefits, Detroit Edison has designed a plan, in cooperation with the Michigan Public Service Commission, to help you insulate or increase the insulation in your home.

No matter how you heat your home, you can benefit.

If you use gas, oil, propane, coal or electricity as your primary heating fuel and you are a Detroit Edison customer living in your own home anywhere in southeastern Michigan, Detroit Edison's Home Insulation Finance Plan may help you bring your home up to today's energy-saving standards. First, with help in selecting a licensed insulation contractor. Second, with convenient financing.

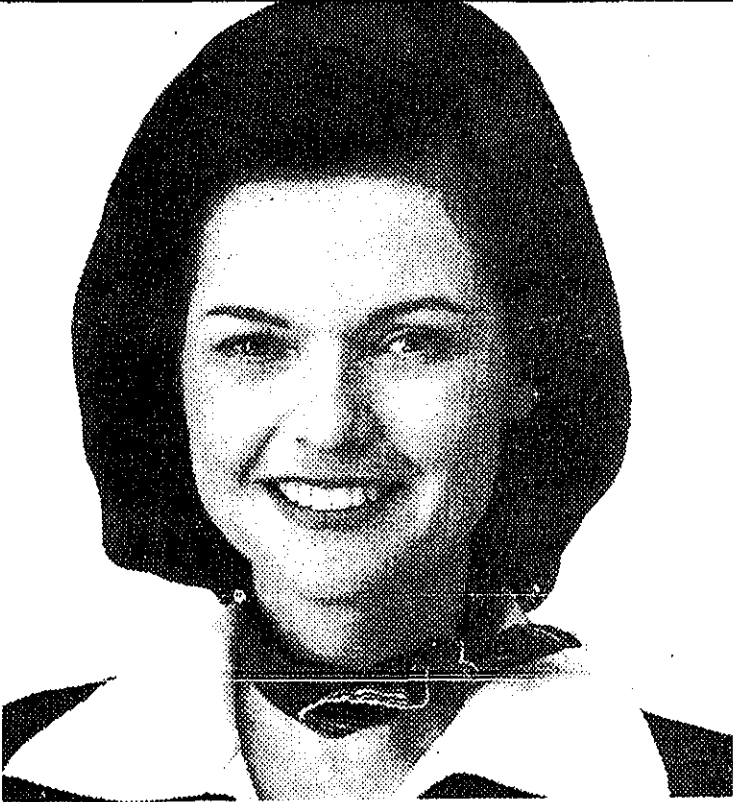
Even newer homes may be out of date.

It's true. Even newer homes may need more insulation to save the maximum amount of money on heating bills. Homes built before 1940 may have no insulation at all. Those built after 1940 may have some insulation but probably not enough to meet today's higher standards.

Detroit Edison recommendations include R-44 insulation for ceilings and R-13 for walls and floors in homes with electric heat. In homes with gas, oil or propane heating Detroit Edison recommends a minimum of R-19 insulation in ceilings and R-13 in walls. Anything less isn't doing the best job.

Bundle up your home and save a bundle.

More than 50% of the energy you use in your home goes to provide heat. So it makes sense to reduce the amount of energy you use for heating. Depending on when your house was built, and how it was insulated, improved insulation can save you up to 30% on your present fuel bill. If you have air-conditioning, you'll save on cooling costs, too. So you can see how insulation pays for itself. And your home will be quieter and more comfortable all year.



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Find out how your home measures up. Contact your own licensed insulation contractor, or call your nearest Detroit Edison office for the names of licensed contractors who will examine your home free of charge. They can advise you on the amount and type of insulation your home needs. The cost is probably a lot less than you might think. And the savings will mount up every winter from now on.

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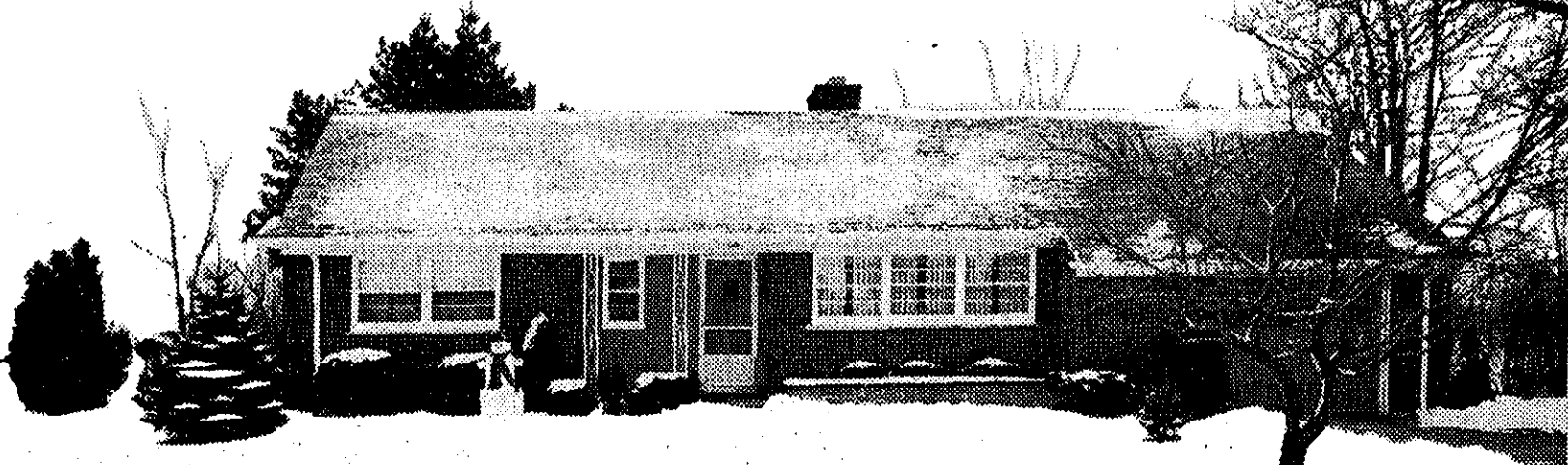
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Shabbona Area News

Marie Meredith

Phone 672-9489

EXTENSION

The Shabbona Extension Group met Monday evening, Jan. 24, with Jim McIntosh. 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 14 members. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. McIntosh. Mrs. Jones read thank-yous from the Provincial House of Cass City. International Chairman, Marie Meredith read a paper of the early history of life on

the Cass River by Hazel Granger Van. It dates to 1893. The lesson on "Family Fun" was presented by Mrs. John Agar and Mrs. Jones. After a group discussion, lunch was served by the hostess.

The Feb. 28 meeting will be with Mrs. Jones. The lesson on "Home Repair" will be by Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Dan Masten.

Mrs. Don Smith is a patient at Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City, where she had surgery Thursday.

Tracie Hutchinson of Sandusky spent from Thursday until Sunday visiting Anna Krause.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox, April, Carl Jr. and Bonnie of Pontiac, were Sunday afternoon visitors of Patricia Cox.

Whittaker in army press meet

Ann Whittaker, a Cass City High School student, attended a United States Army special press meeting in Bay City Monday, Jan. 24, with several other high school newspaper editors and writers.

The session involved a presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Bennett, commander of the Army's Lansing District Recruiting Command which is responsible for Army recruiting in outstate Michigan.

The program was held to help student editors and writers understand some of the Army's new programs through an in-depth interview with LTC Bennett.

Miss Whittaker is now involved in an Army-sponsored writing contest. From the entries dealing with subjects discussed at the meeting, the top student writer in Michigan will be selected by a panel which includes LTC Bennett and civilian and military writers.

Misamore selected

Misamore Advertising has been selected advertising agency of record for Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Bay City, according to Bruce Cook, marketing director.

Misamore, headquartered at Grand Rapids, will be responsible for the association's overall marketing efforts, including market-by-market segmentation programs for each of Mutual's 20 offices.

J. Ronald Gaffe, vice-president, will serve as agency account supervisor. The association, founded in 1887, has current assets of \$265 million.

METHODIST WOMEN

The Shabbona United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Clair Auslander.

The Hilltoppers of RLDS church meeting with Marie Meredith, Feb. 4, has been postponed for one month.

Mrs. Howard Hill and Mrs. Andy Hoagg were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mrs. Jim Krizman of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sprague, daughter Kellie and granddaughter Rebecca Brown of Bay Port were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Puterbaugh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Dorman.

Staley to speak Thursday

National Farmers Organization (NFO) President Oren Lee Staley will be the featured speaker at a luncheon meeting scheduled Thursday at Colony House, it was announced this week.

Staley will discuss commodity prices in a speech scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. A luncheon will precede the address at noon.

The meeting is open to the public.

Library adds new books

New novels at Rawson Memorial Library are "Mrs. Pollifax on Safari" by Dorothy Gilman, "The Shining" by Stephen King, "Dear Intruder" by Ika Chase, "The Long Shadow" by Celia Fremlin, "The Four Swans" by Winston Graham, "The Rich are With You Always" by Malcolm Macdonald, "Judas Flowering" by Jane Aiken Hodge, "The Dresden Finch" by Jessica Stirling, "Deveron Hall" by Velda Johnston, "Launch" by Edward Stewart, "A Fringe of Leaves" by Patrick White, "No Holly for Miss Quinn" by Miss Read, "Dolphin Summer" by Carola Salisbury, "Whole Hog" by David Wagner and "Family Fortune" by Mignon Eberhart.

New non-fiction books are "The Michigan Murders" by Edward Keyes, "First You Cry" by Betty Rollin, "Lovey, A Very Special Child" by Mary MacCracken, "How Did I Get to be Forty... and Other Atrocities" by Judith Viorst, "To Jerusalem and Back" by Saul Bellow, "They Rose Above It" by Bob Considine, "Doolittle: a Biography" by Lowell Thomas, "Benjamin Franklin; the Shaping of Genius" by Arthur Tourtelot, "Majesty; Elizabeth II and the House of Windsor" by Robert Lacey, "Peoples of the Sea" by Immanuel Veli-

2 sentenced to prison terms

Two men were sentenced to terms in Jackson Prison Monday by Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Martin E. Clements in separate cases.

Randy Ray Mis, 26, Caro, who last week was sentenced to serve six concurrent terms in prison on uttering and publishing charges, was ordered to serve another 1-2 1/2 years in prison on charges of attempted larceny over \$100. Mis will receive credit for 47 days already served. He was arrested in November in Caro in connection with the theft of a shotgun.

In a separate case, Jerry L. Bicknell, 17, Battle Creek, was ordered to serve 1 1/2 to five years in Jackson prison following his guilty plea to attempted larceny of a home in Indianfields township. Bicknell receives credit for 105 days already served.

The break-in attempt took place in September.

Three other persons were also sentenced by Judge Clements Monday. Randy Lee Bussure, 19, Caro, was placed on two years' probation and given a three-day suspended jail sentence on charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

He was arrested in November following a break-in at a Wells township home.

Carol Jean Ladd, 17, Mayville, was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail following her guilty plea to larceny. She receives credit for three days served.

Ms. Ladd was arrested in February, 1976.

Al Simon, 19, Bay City, was sentenced to a 30-day jail term and placed on another year's probation in connection with two probation violations.

Simon was sentenced following a conviction for marijuana possession in Bay City and failure to report to his probation officer.

He received credit for 18 days already served in jail. George Moore, 47, Saginaw, entered a guilty plea to a larceny charge when he appeared for arraignment. Moore's plea was turned down and an innocent plea was entered in his behalf.

Pre-trial examination was set for Feb. 14 and bond was continued at \$3,000.

Moore was arrested in December.

Clarence George Donovan, 28, Caro, entered a guilty plea to attempted possession of a billy club during pre-trial examination. The plea was accepted and bond was continued at \$1,000.

Sentencing was delayed for one year.

Jury convicts Dittman

Louis Ian Dittman, 23, Dryden, was convicted of breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools during the fourth day of his jury trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court before presiding Judge Martin Clements.

Dittman was arrested in November, 1975, following a break-in at an auto dealership owned by Ray MacGillivray, Vassar. No date for sentencing was set.

Extension Calendar

- Feb. 3 - Cass City-Kingston MABC Meeting - 12:00 noon - Wildwood Farms - Cass City
- Feb. 7 - County 4-H Council - 8:00 p.m. - Civil Defense Center - Caro
- Feb. 8 - Lecture Tour and lunch at Saginaw Career Opportunity Center. Reservations needed!
- Feb. 8 - Thumb Certified Seed Growers Annual meeting 1:00 p.m. - Farm Bureau Building - Caro
- Feb. 17 - Area 14 Extension Study Group Council meeting - Veronica's Restaurant in Cass City
- Feb. 18 - Managing for Success - 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 23 - Steps Into Spending - 1:00 p.m. - Civil Defense Center - Caro
- Feb. 24 - 4-H Animal Science Seminar - 9:30 a.m. - Ramada Inn - Saginaw
- Feb. 24 - Michigan Sugar Growers' Meetings - 8:30 a.m. - 4-H Building - Caro - 1:30 p.m. - Richville
- Feb. 25 - Managing for Success - 10:00 a.m.
- March 4 - Managing for Success - 10:00 a.m.
- March 11 - Managing for Success - 10:00 a.m.

ACTUAL USE REPORT

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1976, THRU DECEMBER 31, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226.

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13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	3. Interest Received or Credited July 1, 1976 thru December 31, 1976 \$ 0	
14. OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$	4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY) \$ 0	
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			6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY) \$ 0	
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Argyle man arraigned

William J. Wilcox, 33, Argyle, will face preliminary examination Feb. 8 in Huron County District Court on charges of breaking and entering of a workshop in Sand Beach township, Dec. 24. Bond was set at \$5,000. Wilcox is also being questioned by Caro State Police in connection with a series of burglaries in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

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Saturday gym classes draw students



BEGINNING GYM instructor Connie Roberts demonstrates the finer arts of the headstand for a youngster enrolled in extra-curricular classes at the Gagetown gym held each Saturday. Over 150 students take part in the classes each week.

Saturday means a lot more than just another dose of television cartoons for at least 151 Thumb area students. Saturday means an hour of gymnastics, ballet or tap dancing lessons at Gagetown Elementary School.

The students are part of a unique program begun recently by the Owen-Gage School District designed to give kids a chance to learn something and have fun doing it.

The program was largely put together by Mrs. Geri Kretzschmer, Owendale, a community activist, who said the idea started after she found no such program available for her children.

"I wanted to get my kids into a dance program but I found out the closest one was at the 'Y,'" Mrs. Kretzschmer recalled. "It was either that or forget it."

She said she got in touch with tap teacher Debbie Tracey to see if some sort of program couldn't be started for the kids. "I called about a dozen people in Owendale to see if there was any interest in this sort of thing and from that we had 16 kids who would participate," she said.

From there, the program mushroomed. Her original goal was 70 students. The first week, 126 showed up.

Mrs. Kretzschmer presented the idea to the Board of Education which gave its blessing at the December meeting. Things got under way Jan. 15.

Currently, there are 10 gymnastics classes, five tap dancing sessions and four ballet classes. A staff of three instructors and three assistants has been hired.

Cost per student is \$1.50 per class. Mrs. Kretzschmer says many students are enrolled in more than one class. Teachers are paid out of class fees.

"So far, we haven't had any negative feedback from any of the parents," she says. "We haven't had any drop-

outs yet."

She says enrollments could go as high as 200 students. Presently, 60 students are from Owen-Gage itself, while a surprising 50 children came from the Bad Axe area. The rest come from Cass City, Pigeon, Caro and throughout the two counties.

The program has been so successful that there's talk of starting adult gymnastics classes. Mrs. Kretzschmer says there would have to be about 30 persons interested before an adult session could be opened.

"Basically, we'd work on exercise and muscle tone," she says. "We'd work with all three teachers."

Mrs. Kretzschmer sees the program as meeting a basic need in the area.

"It allows more people to get involved in things like this," she says. "Normally, this is for the elite in a community. Our goal was to make it available to as many people as possible."

Outside of the per-class fee, there's nothing else to purchase. In fact, there's even a supply of used tap shoes for children who don't have their own.

In gymnastics classes, there are no special clothes to buy.

"This is what the people want," Mrs. Kretzschmer says. "Something simple and inexpensive."

The classes will run through May and resume in September, she says. By then, it's hoped the program can purchase more ballet and gymnastic equipment such as a balance beam, uneven parallel bars and a ballet beam.

"It gets kind of wild in there, especially in the afternoon when you get 85 tumblers between age three and 14," she says. "But it's working out."

Classes run each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. The last class begins at 4:00 p.m. and concludes an hour later.



ONE . . . TWO . . . Beginning tap dancers follow the music and the numbers.

PBB testing kits now available

Nursing mothers who wish to have their breast milk tested for PBB may now obtain testing kits from local health departments. The kits, with instructions, have been

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The State Health Department will pay for those who are not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance. To be eligible for payment by the State, the breast milk analysis must be requested by a physician. The nursing mother must also certify that the service was received and that no other payment covered the cost of the test.

All breast milk tests will be made by Environmental Research Group, Inc., P.O. Box 322, 313 North First Street, Ann Arbor 48107, the only laboratory in the state licensed to do the procedure. Cost of the test is \$25.00. The procedure for getting the test is:

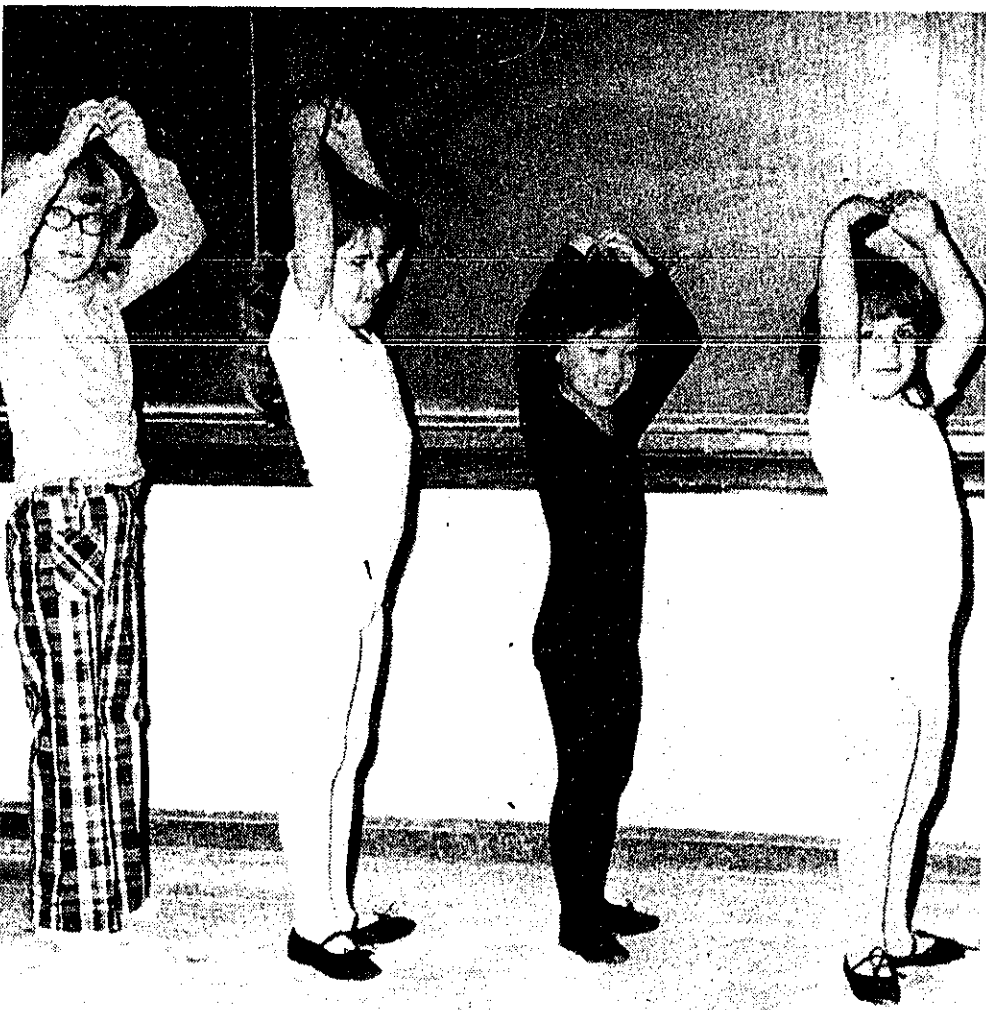
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partment of Public Health, Office of Finance and General Services, 3423 North Logan Street, P.O. Box 30035, Lansing, Mi. 48909, for payment.

If a patient is not eligible for Medicaid and does not have private insurance, the laboratory will recover the cost of the test directly from the state.

The results of the laboratory analysis will be submitted to the patient's physician. For further information about this, or any other public health problem, call the Thumb District Health Department, Caro - 673-4178.

There's nothing like it today — home is where the bills come.



THESE FUTURE ballerinas strike a pose during their dance class at Gagetown Elementary School. Shown are (from the left) Karen Atkeson, Lean DeRocco, Christine Kim and Laura Taylor.

Officials mull future county disaster plan

County officials expect to meet with township supervisors and village leaders sometime during the next two

weeks to begin laying the groundwork for a county-wide emergency preparedness plan.

The decision came during a meeting of county government and law enforcement officials in Caro Monday.

County Civil Defense Director Frank Kroswek was instructed to set up the meeting with representatives of village council, township boards, mayors and village presidents in an attempt to set up "a cohesive and co-operative program which can be activated during emergency situations, which would be mutually beneficial to all segments of the county," according to a statement released by Lt. Ward Johnson, Caro State Police Post commander.

County Commission Chairman Maynard McConkey told the group the board is considering placing county emergency service under the Sheriff's department, but nothing

has been finalized. He said the board would like to develop a plan coordinating all agencies within the county.

Monday's meeting came partly as a result of last year's ice storm which did millions of dollars in damage

Report no progress

No progress was reported this week in contract talks between the Tuscola Intermediate Education Association (TIEA) and the Tuscola Intermediate School Board.

The negotiations are currently in their eighth month with no sign of a settlement in sight, according to Dave Stafford, Cass City, executive director.

The teachers have agreed to work without a contract

and forced hundreds from their homes from lack of heat and electricity.

Kroswek told the group he has talked with village officials regarding an emergency plan and to date, only Reese has such a plan, he said.

since last September. State mediator Richard Terrapin has met with both sides for three of the approximately 17 official meetings since last June, according to a TIEA press release issued this week.

TIEA represents all non-administrative professional people employed by the Intermediate District, including school social workers, psychologists, audiologists and various therapists.

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Bulletin

Little's Funeral Home reported the deaths of four Cass City area residents Wednesday morning. Complete obituaries will appear in next week's Chronicle.

Mrs. Glenn Churchill of Cass City died Tuesday. The funeral is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

William Eberts of Cass City also died Tuesday. Services are slated Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete for Leitch Mark of Cass City who died Tuesday.

Arrangements were also incomplete for George Roch of Cass City who died Wednesday morning.

Bryant honored

Lloyd Bryant, owner and operator of the Gamble store in Cass City, has been presented with an engraved plaque and silver pen and pencil set in recognition of having become a member of the Gambles One Million Dollar Club. Announcing the award was Wayne E. Waldera, president of the Gamble Stores Division of Gambles, the Minneapolis-based merchandising company.

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7-year drought at Vassar ends

Vassar bid for upset misses — Hawks win, 61-58

Lightly regarded Vassar battled the Cass City Red Hawks to the wire Tuesday night in a Thumb B Conference game before bowing in overtime, 61-58.

The Vulcans went into an early lead and were ahead virtually all of the final three quarters until four seconds were left on the clock when a free throw by Jeff Hartel tied the game and sent it into overtime.

The tying charity toss capped a miracle finish for the Hawks. They trailed by six points with 59 seconds remaining.

With 19 seconds remaining, Cass City was behind by four. A drive by Clarke Haire cut the margin to two. Vassar hit one of two free shots and the margin was three. A quick basket by the Hawks cut the margin to one.

Haire and Hartel teamed to force a jump ball at the center circle and the clock showed seven seconds.

It was 5-ft., 7-inch Haire against 6-foot Jim Gohsman and Haire controlled the tip. Hartel picked it up and was fouled. The clock showed four seconds left.

He made the front end of the one and one and the game was in overtime. After that the results were almost anti-

climactic. Vassar scored first but the Hawks charged back to take

the lead and controlled the game. It was the first time in eight

years that Cass City has won at Vassar and local fans were beginning to believe that the Hawks might never win there.

The Vulcans used a tight zone defense and stole the ball time after time as the Hawks tried to find Paul Battel in the middle.

The Vulcans played an outstanding game led by Jim Gohsman and Dan Wade.

The Vulcans were ahead by a point at the intermission, 29-28. They lengthened the margin to five points at the end of the third period, 43-38.

Cass City's last quarter attack was spearheaded by Jeff Hartel who hit 10 of his 15 points in the final eight minutes.

The Hawks could have won the game with ease if they were better from the foul circle. Cass City was able to hit just 19 of 30 attempts. Cass City had three players in double figures. Haire hit 19 points, Battel and Hartel each netted 15. Gohsman led Vassar with 17 points. Mark Laux had 10.

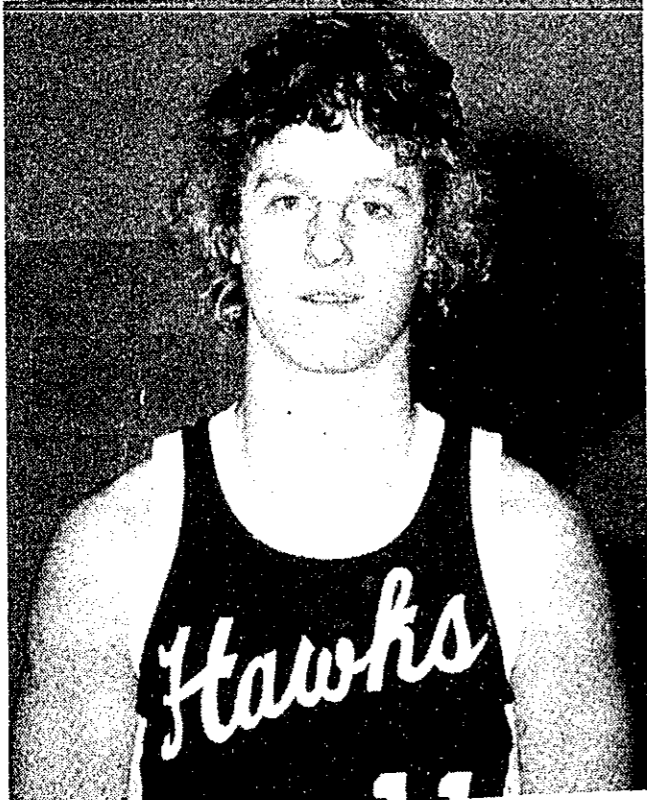
38-34, in a game that saw most of the night.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Haire	6	7-14	19
Hartel	6	3-4	15
Mike Richards	0	2-3	2
Battel	5	5-7	15
Rick Richards	4	-	8
Hendrick	0	2-2	2
	21	19-30	61

Vassar	FG	FT	PTS
Gohsman	7	3-4	17
Laux	5	-	10
Wade	4	0-1	8
Peterson	6	3-4	15
Hess	3	-	6
Isham	1	0-1	2
	26	6-10	58

THUMB B LEAGUE

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	8	1	10	3
Caro	7	1	12	2
Frankenmuth	6	2	9	3
Bad Axe	4	4	8	5
Sandusky	3	5	5	7
Lakers	2	6	3	10
Vassar	2	7	3	10
Marlette	1	7	3	8



JEFF HARTEL sparked a last quarter rally for Cass City with 10 points as the Hawks escaped an aroused Vassar quintet in overtime Tuesday, 61-58.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Hawk JV squad had as much trouble with the Vulcan JV's as the varsity did. They won in the final moments,



THE VIC GUERNSEY family says cross-country skiing is great. Guernsey, flanked by son Paul and his wife, Alice, was one of the first Cass Cityans to take up the rapidly-growing sport.

Vic Guernsey grooves on cross-country skiing

Skiing may not be one of Cass City's major tourist attractions, but there's at least one breed of skier who thinks it's just fine.

For cross-country skiers such as Vic Guernsey and his family, all you need is a little snow, a little equipment and a little time for some good, healthy exercise.

Guernsey is one of the pioneer cross-country skiers in Cass City and loves it just as much today as he did when he strapped on his first set of skis about six years ago.

Since then, the sport has grown from relative obscurity to a family sport enjoyed by an estimated 200 Cass City area residents. And by all indications, the boom has only begun.

It wasn't always that way. Less than a decade ago, no one had seen a cross-country skier around Cass City, much less knew anything about the sport.

"I remember when I first started, I'd ski down the

street and people would stop what they were doing to look," Guernsey recalled.

Today, things are different. Just five years ago, 20,000 pairs of cross-country skis were imported to the United States. Last year, that number jumped to a half-million.

What's the fascination with a sport known to Scandinavians for hundreds of years? Simplicity, Guernsey says.

"It's inexpensive compared to downhill skiing," he says. "Your equipment is simpler, and it costs you less. And you can do it locally. You don't have a long trip to make to a ski resort."

"And once you've bought your equipment, that's it. You don't have the expense of a rope tow each time you want to go skiing."

Guernsey took up the sport after reading an article in a newspaper. He saw his first pair of cross-country skis at Marshall Fields in Chicago and decided to give a pre-

sentation on the differences between cross-country and Alpine skiing for Gavel Club.

"I borrowed a pair of skis from a shop in Bay City for the lecture and from there I talked myself into it," he says.

DIFFERENCES

Cross-country equipment differs from Alpine basically in size. Cross-country skis are thinner and narrower than downhill skis.

They're more flexible and you have a closer contact with the ground, Guernsey says.

The boots are also smaller than those worn by downhill skiers. They weigh about a pound compared with an average of seven pounds for Alpine boots.

There's also a difference in how the cross-country skier's foot is anchored to the ski. "In an Alpine ski, your foot is clamped completely to the ski," he says. "In a cross-

country ski, your heel is free to move up and down. You have more flexibility and it's comparable to walking or skating."

Guernsey likes to get out on his skis at least once a week, sometimes as often as three times a week if time and weather permit.

"I like it because you can use any degree of vigor you want," he says. "The techniques are easy and can be learned quickly."

His wife Alice and son Paul especially like the sport. Often the trio will head out across the park or into woodlots nearby.

They've also skied in the vicinity of Sleeper State Park and in trails near the Hartwick Pines in northern Michigan.

There really isn't much to learn, Guernsey says.

"About all you have to pick up is moving your arms and legs in balance," he says, "along with learning to use the poles."

He says beginning cross-country skiers often dress too warmly, not realizing they'll be exercising practically every muscle.

"You'll find most cross-country skiers will never complain about being too cold," he says.

What the Guernseys enjoy most about the sport is the quiet and getting back to nature it provides.

"You feel more in rapport with what's around you," Mrs. Guernsey says.

The sport also lets you feel more rapport with your wallet. Guernsey says anywhere from \$80 to \$120 should outfit you completely. A good pair of Alpine boots would cost you nearly that much, he says.

But above all, the Guernseys love the simplicity of it. "If you can walk, you can ski," he says.

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Pigeon Co-op Elevator announces addition

The new corn and wheat storage facility built in 1976 at Co-operative Elevator Company, Pigeon, is being enlarged during 1977 because of the continuing demand for more storage space and the steadily-increasing volume handled by the co-op, according to Ted Leipprandt, manager.

The new storage silos will add 380,000-bushel capacity to the Pigeon Co-op, making a total of one million bushel-capacity constructed in 1976 and 1977, Leipprandt explained. The previous total was about one million-bushel

capacity, meaning that storage demands at the co-op have doubled in the past two years.

Building the huge circular silos is in charge of Stout Construction Company of Sylvania, Ohio, which also erected the 1976 units.

The new million-bushel facility includes receiving and drying capacity, and means that the co-op is able to receive and dry about 100,000 bushels of corn daily. "Based on average yields in this area, that means we can process production from about 1,000 acres each day," Leipprandt explained. "During the past

harvest season, there were no waiting lines, as farmers unloaded their trucks and wagons rapidly, and were able to return to their fields promptly," he added.

Sales during the past fiscal year amounted to more than \$14.75 million, and marked an increase of nearly \$2 million over the previous year. Volume from handling beans during the 1976 year was practically the same as the corn-wheat volume, the latest annual report showed.

Assign Armbruster

State Representative Loren S. Armbruster (R-Caro) began his third term in the Michigan House of Representatives with a larger committee workload.

Armbruster retained membership on the same committees he has served on for the past four years—Drainage, Conservation-Recreation-Environment, Liquor Control and Roads and Bridges—and was appointed to the Social Services Committee.

He will again serve as vice-chairman of the Drainage Committee.

"I was pleased to have been able to retain my membership on the same committees I've been on since I was first elected.

"Since we will probably be considering several major

important bills that we did not finish work on last year plus new legislation in those areas, it is important, in my opinion, to have people serving on the committees who have had past experience in the areas we deal with," Armbruster said.

Armbruster said he views his appointment to the Social Services Committee as a challenging assignment.

"We've all been reading about the abuses that have been taking place in the welfare and Medicaid areas. I'm sure this committee will be dealing with reform of the welfare system and legislation that will make it more difficult for people who don't deserve public assistance to receive it," Armbruster said.

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