



GRAND PRIZE of \$100 in the Christmas home decoration contest sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce went to Maynard Helwig, 6336 Virginia Drive. He was co-winner of the first prize last year. (Other photos, page 14.)

Money short till then

Merger needed to save Cass City credit union

Members of the Cass City Federal Credit Union don't have to worry. Their money is safe.

That isn't a consolation to those who have tried to withdraw some of their money of late who were told the credit union didn't have enough funds available to give them any.

To avoid financial collapse of the troubled financial institution, it is merging with the smaller in membership but financially sounder Tuscola Federal Credit Union.

The latter's volunteer manager, Dale Churchill,

was appointed acting manager of the Cass City credit union (CCFCU) by its board of directors Dec. 10, following resignation of the previous manager, whom Churchill declined to name.

Friday, Dec. 14, was the first time the Cass City office opened in three weeks. The credit union shares space with United Steelworkers Union Local 6222 in the Hahn Real Estate Building.

Churchill declined to go into detail, but said the CCFCU got into trouble for three reasons:

—It loaned out too much

money, which cut into its operating capital.

—Once its financial troubles became known, some members with large accounts (about \$1,000 each) closed their accounts.

—It being Christmas season, more members wanted to make withdrawals to pay holiday-related expenses than at other times of the year.

(The Chronicle was unable to contact the credit union's president or vice-president for further elaboration.)

Churchill projected that in about four weeks, when some loans are paid off and demand for withdrawals slacken, the immediate problem of not having enough cash for day-to-day operations will be resolved. (Credit union members can get money either by withdrawing from their accounts, the same as at a bank, or by taking out a loan.)

UNTIL THE MERGER becomes effective at the end of January, according to the manager, he has only a very limited amount of money available, so limited that some who wanted to make withdrawals couldn't do so.

Dec. 14, more persons wanted to make withdrawals than money was available, so those "out in the cold" got their checks Friday of last week.

The office opened at 8 a.m. Friday, and some others who came in early got money, but before the morning was over, the treasury was dry. (For the time being, the office is only open Fridays.)

According to Churchill, "88 percent of the people were very understanding."

During the conversation

with the Chronicle, about 4:30 p.m. Friday, a worker came in wanting to make a withdrawal, explaining that he had a debt to repay immediately.

Churchill explained the situation, said he was sorry and that he could give the man the money the next Friday. The man said that was too late to be of help and left quietly.

EVEN IF THE CCFCU were to fold, depositors would get their money back, Churchill said, as all deposits are insured for up to \$40,000 per shareholder by the National Credit Union Administration.

That was confirmed by Joseph Meyer, an examiner for the NCUA, based in the Detroit area.

Meyer, who has been overseeing the affairs of the local credit union, said its problems were uncovered during a routine annual review conducted by his agency about a year ago.

He was prohibited, however, from discussing what those problems were.

Asked in a telephone interview whether he thinks the merger will solve the CCFCU's problems, he replied, "We think it will. We think the credit union it is merging with has enough expertise to take them on. They seem to be competent. We feel it is the best option they have."

Once the merger is effective, Meyer concluded, "members will receive as good or better service than they had before."

THE CCFCU HAS MORE members, 375, than the credit union it is merging with, which has 260, but whereas

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Double trouble for s

What a mess. Most tax bills mailed

By Mike Eliasohn

Sending out annual property tax bills is usually a routine matter and under normal circumstances would have been done almost a month ago.

This year, the situation was quite different. Grant township Treasurer Ephraim Knight described it as the "worst mess" he has seen in his 25 years as treasurer.

For Knight and the treasurers in Brookfield and Sebawaing townships — all in Huron county — their problems were twofold.

One of those problems — which applies to all of the county — has been resolved. That concerns adjustments of 1976 taxes.

The other, which involves the Owen-Gage School District tax rollback suit filed earlier this month by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, hasn't.

That suit hasn't affected mailing of tax bills in the three Tuscola county townships which have territory within Owen-Gage (Elkland, Elmwood, Columbia), but it has affected three townships in Huron county (Grant, Brookfield, Sebawaing).

All property owners, in and outside of Owen-Gage, will probably be able to pay their property taxes by Monday, the final day of the year, if they choose.

Tax bills in all townships of both counties were late in being sent because the two county Boards of Commissioners didn't approve their apportionment rolls until Nov. 27 because of confusion over the Owen-Gage tax situation.

As a result, township treasurers were late in getting their tax rolls from the

respective county equalization offices, needed to prepare the tax bills, which are normally mailed by Dec. 1.

TAX SUIT

Kelley filed his suit in the state Court of Appeals Dec. 11, charging that the two county boards' and six townships' failure to roll back the millage levy one mill in the Owen-Gage district was a violation of the Headlee tax limitation amendment to the state constitution.

Since the appeals court has yet to act on the suit, however, there was nothing to prohibit treasurers in the affected six townships from sending out their tax bills as soon as they were ready.

Presumably, should the appeals court eventually rule a rollback is required — and a fairly quick ruling is expected — it will either order that a rebate be made immediately to those who paid their taxes at the higher rate or that they receive a rebate on their December, 1980 tax bills.

Treasurers in Elkland and

Columbia townships have now mailed all their tax bills, including those to property owners within the Owen-Gage district.

In Elmwood township, ex-Treasurer Royce Russell, husband of the present treasurer, Betty Russell, said tax bills, including those involving Owen-Gage property owners, will probably be mailed this Thursday.

In Grant, Brookfield and Sebawaing townships, treasurers have or were about to send tax bills to those property owners outside of Owen-Gage, but for those within the school district, as of Wednesday, the treasurers were still waiting.

They were waiting on the advice of county Prosecutor Peter B. Capling, who went to Lansing Wednesday to deliver his brief to the appeals court in response to the attorney general's suit.

While in Lansing, he told the Chronicle Monday, he was going to check on when and what action might be forthcoming from the appeals court. Upon his return,

he was to advise the three affected treasurers if he felt it was okay to send out the tax bills.

Assuming they are in the mail by Thursday, that still would give Owen-Gage property owners time to pay them before year's end if they choose.

HURON ADJUSTMENTS

The other problem in Huron county affected the entire county.

It stemmed from the Michigan Tax Tribunal's ruling last February that adjustments had to be made in 1976 tax bills because the taxes were not uniformly spread between units that year.

But on Dec. 10, with a few units already having mailed their tax bills, it was discovered that the adjustments from 1976 had been figured incorrectly in being added to (or subtracted from) the 1979 bills.

The 1976 adjustments were based on 1979 property

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OFF TO FLORIDA — The next oranges and grapefruit Marian and Herman Umpfenbach, 4657 Schwegler Road, will see will be still on the trees as they were the winners of the Cass City Retail Association-sponsored trip for two to Florida, the drawing for which was held Saturday. Winner of the \$50 "lucky buck" drawing the previous Saturday was Ervin Thompson, 6274 W. Main Street.

Farm values not up as much in '80

Tuscola county farm land owners will receive a small favor in 1980, for which they may or may not be grateful. Their property valuations will not have gone up as much as they did this year.

Equalization Director Donald Graf reported to the county Board of Commissioners last Thursday on results of his department's recently completed equalization study, which ultimately will be reflected on December, 1980 tax bills.

The study shows county-wide agricultural property valuations up an average of 7.81 percent compared to a year ago and residential up 8.23 percent. One year ago,

compared to the year before (1978), agricultural was up 15.4 percent and residential up 8.05 percent.

The study of commercial and industrial values won't be done until some time in January.

All figures are tentative and don't become finalized until approved by county commissioners in April. Before then come several interim steps, including submission of the study to the State Tax Commission, meeting of Graf with township supervisors to review the figures, and convening of township boards of review.

Graf feels the state of the economy was one reason for

the slackening increase in farm property values. Fewer people had money to buy land, thus there was less pressure driving prices up.

The same might apply somewhat to homes, where there was only a slight increase in valuations over the increase from a year ago.

For area townships, the recommended percentage

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I WILL BE

at The Cass City State Bank, Friday, December 28, 1979, to collect township taxes. Elkland Township Treasurer.



CHRISTMAS SCENE — Dick Hunt, 4386 S. Seeger Street, won the \$50 prize for the most original or best Christmas theme in the Chamber of Commerce decorating contest.



From the
Chronicle
staff

Hills and Dales General Hospital

BIRTHS:

Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Parker of Owendale, a girl, Crystal Leigh.
Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ewald of Unionville, a girl, Candi Rose.

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 24, WERE:

James Uren, Mrs. Frances Bartnik, Mrs. Bessie Battel, Mrs. Patrick Davis, Jeffery Hanby of Cass City; Mrs. Dorothy Sharrard of Uby; Mrs. David Matthews, Mrs. Anna Murawski of Decker; Wendy Rayl of Unionville; Brenda Ashmore, Bill Burnham of Caro; Francis Freeman, Mrs. Jim Sattelberg, George Prich Jr. of Gagetown; Mrs. James Wark of Akron; Wilmer Gettel of Deford; Mrs. Mabel Powell of Kingston.

Crowd sees

O-G yule program

An overflow crowd filled the Gagetown gym last Wednesday evening to see the annual Christmas program put on by youngsters in grades K-6 at Gagetown Elementary School.

Portrayed were "The Night Before Christmas," a trip through Mother Goose Land, "Missing Two Front Teeth," Christmas plays, folk dancing, a Christmas vacation, plus a visit from Santa and his reindeer.

The program closed with the singing of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little
Phone 872-3698

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen were Rick Lorentzen of Mt. Morris, Anne Marie Lorentzen of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Juhl, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith of Pleasant Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. George Jetta.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Profit and children spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ignash at Pigeon.

Mrs. Grant Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ball and son spent Dec. 23 with the Wesley Balls at Reese to celebrate Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barriger had with them for Christmas, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Barriger and family of Erie, Ill., who will stay until Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barriger and family of Unionville and Miss Mary Barriger of Caro.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendrick and daughter LuRee and Randy Hendrick and son Ryan of State College, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family of Lapeer and Mrs. Doris Evens.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stoutenburg and family, including Elaine home from CMU, Mt. Pleasant, had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saigat and daughters of Caro, Max Stoutenburg and friend Judy and his daughter Cindy of Davison and Mrs. Hazel Stoutenburg.

Mrs. Alfred Goodall spent Christmas Day at Sanford with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goodall and children.

Steve Eskilsen, who attends Olivet College at Kankakee, Ill., came home Thursday and will be home until the end of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson, Greg, Joan and Jill had with them Saturday for an early Christmas dinner, Rodney Hutchinson, home from CMU, Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Hutchinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whittenburg spent Friday and Saturday with her sons, Mr. and Mrs. David O'Dell at Elsie and the Lester O'Dells at Ashley.

Mrs. Ernest Croft spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manning at Chesaning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. had as guests Saturday evening, Dec. 15, at an early Christmas party, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwell Kelly of New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Don Whittenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy and Theo Hendrick. Mr. and Mrs. Don Finkbeiner and family joined them later in the evening. Mr. Hendrick returned home with the Kellys to stay until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Tracy at Watrousville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy and Theo Hendrick spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolz and daughter at Willis. Other guests were the Ray O'Dells of Carleton and the Theo O'Dells of Milan.

Twelve members of the Elmwood Missionary Circle and one guest attended the Dec. 19 meeting at the home of Mrs. G. William Cook. The women tied a quilt and the hostess served a noon lunch. There was a gift exchange. The January meeting will be with Mrs. Helen Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig and Barbara entertained Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Decker of Big Rapids, Carlton Craig of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig, Mrs. Hazel Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Al Tropic and Mrs. Paul Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley left Monday to spend Christmas with relatives at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Beach at Lowell.

Mrs. Lilah Wilhelm left to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt and family at Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall were at Brown City Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, to attend a meeting of Eighth District Republicans. The dinner meeting was held at the VFW hall. Guest speaker was Igor Glagolev, 59, born in Russia, who defected to the United States in 1976. A world traveler, his interest is economics and world governments.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Francis, Fred and Denise had with them Christmas Day, Miss Donna Francis of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. William Francis and Mrs. Rachel Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen and son Steve had as guests Sunday for an early Christmas party, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper and baby Emily Jo of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Egerer and Elizabeth of Bad Axe, Mrs. Hazel Rusch and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eskilsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merchant had with them Christmas Day, their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Merchant and children of Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Merchant and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stine's Christmas guests were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stine and infant son John Dennis of Standish and Mr. and Mrs. David Stine, Marc and Laurie of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little, Dean, Brenda and Karen were joined Sunday by their family for a Christmas dinner. With them were Mr. and Mrs. David Little, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Little and baby and Stuart Venema.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweeney (Helen Pawloski) announce the birth of a son, Bradley Dale, born Dec. 8 in Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. The baby weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

Miss Mary Beth Esau of Kalamazoo came Saturday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esau, and her sister Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kercher and daughter Amanda of New London, Conn., returned home Dec. 15 after spending several days here because of the illness of her father, Lyle Koepgen.

Marriage Licenses

Frank G. Cali, 23, Caro, and Suanne L. Gibbs, 22, Caro.

Jeffery A. Hitsman, 18, Millington, and Laura A. Couch, 18, Millington.

Dale D. Clink, 18, Caro, and Beverly M. Matthews, 19, Cass City.

Dale D. Deering, 26, Cass City, and Kristine L. Ridenour, 22, Cass City.

John F. Rodenbo, 26, Kingston, and Patti A. Eschtruth, 20, Kingston.

Glenn E. Jackson, 24, Reese, and Janet L. Ocelnik, 22, Reese.

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Fete O-G pair for band work

Two Owendale-Gagetown High School band members have received All-American honors from the All-American Hall of Fame Foundation.



Jennifer Error

They are Jennifer Error of 7529 Rescue Road, Owendale, who plays saxophone,

and Robin Sullivan, 4687 South Street, Gagetown, clarinet. Both are seniors. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Error. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan.

The band award is made annually by the All-American Hall of Fame Founda-



Robin Sullivan

tion in West Lafayette, Ind., a national, non-profit foundation created to identify and recognize outstanding high school musicians throughout the United States.

The Owen-Gage band director is Laura Witczak.

Reynolds gets degree from college

Greg Reynolds of Central, S.C., received a B.A. degree Dec. 14 from Central Wesleyan College in Central.

He will assume a position as minister of youth and music at the Moeller Road Wesleyan church, Fort Wayne, Ind., beginning Jan. 2.

He is married to the former Becky German and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Dale L. Reynolds of Martinsville, Va. His father is a former resident of the Deford area and Greg has spent several summers here.

New books at the library

CLASS REUNION, by Rona Jaffe (fiction). To their 20th reunion at Radcliffe come four women, friends during their college years. They are Daphne, whose facade of perfection hid a secret flaw; Chris, the studious one, who fell victim to a hopeless passion; Annabel, sexually experienced and determined to have a romantic life, and Emily, a timid Jewish girl from a conventional background. In alternating flashbacks, Jaffe takes up the strands of their lives, drawing her picture of what became of the college girls of the '50s as they lived through the '60s and into the '70s. The novel is filled with nostalgia, miseries and neuroses and a few moments of genuine happiness.

SOPHIE'S CHOICE, by William Styron (fiction). "Stingo," a very young Southerner with literary aspirations, about to embark on his first novel, is living in a Flatbush rooming house in the New York of 1947 where he, apart from Sophie, a concentration camp survivor, is the only gentle. Naive, he becomes her friend and confidant, and of her mad lover, Nathan. Nathan is Jewish, an American. While Stingo is alternately fascinated and frightened by the depth of the emotions these two share - and envious - he begins, layer by layer, to peel away the secrets that surround their lives. He learns that Sophie's Polish pre-Nazi life hid terrible traumas. Nathan, who seems merely to be neurotic at first, is revealed as a dangerous psychopath. Stingo observes, keeps notes, and will write the story of that terrible summer and what he learned from it.

AUNT ERMA'S COPE BOOK: HOW TO GET FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY . . . IN 12 DAYS, by Erma Bombeck (non-fiction). The popular columnist takes on the slew of self-help publications that bombard today's women with advice on spicing up a marriage, cutting costs, shedding guilt, meditating, jogging, and loving one's self no matter what. While guffaws are rare, there will be smiles of recognition for such thinly disguised citations as Gayle Tee Hee's Pack-ages or Marybelle Morganstein's The Sub-Total Woman.

NOTICE

To all persons in the Cass City Area who live outside Elkland, Novesta, Evergreen and Greenleaf Townships.

The Cass City Area Ambulance Board is initiating a subscription participation service to individual families who reside OUTSIDE the participating Townships of Elkland, Novesta, Evergreen and Greenleaf.

The cost of this subscription service is \$20.00 for any part of the year 1980, and must be paid prior to receiving service.

The subscription will allow a family who lives outside the current participation area to receive billings the same as the participants in the four township area.

The Rates for 1980 are: Service participants 50.00 per person loading plus 1.50 per loaded mile, non-participants \$100.00 per person loading plus 2.00 per loaded mile, oxygen service (if used) 5.00 for both participant and non-participant.

For further information please contact the Cass City Ambulance Service at 4645 Hunt St., Cass City or phone 872-2909.

ENGAGED



LuEllen Lowe

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lowe of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter, LuEllen Kay, to Ronald H. Spaulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spaulding of Cass City.
An Oct. 25 wedding is being planned.

Coming Auction

Thursday, Jan. 3 - Hillock Brothers will hold a Holstein dairy auction at the place located 3 1/2 miles east of Jeddo or 13 miles north of Port Huron on M-25, 1/4 mile west on Jeddo Road. Lorn Hillaker, auctioneer.

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If you desire help in completing your homestead property tax credit forms we will be at the fire hall (township office).

If you understand the forms and do not need help filling it out it is not necessary to have it completed at the township office.

SATURDAYS

Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, 1980

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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"If It Fitz..." Our life y times

By Jim Fitzgerald

According to the society pages, Henry Ford II and his guests will spend Christmas at his country estate at Henley-on-the-Thames in England. That's three hyphens, darlings, and that's class.

I smoke the same cigar that Henry Ford II smokes. I don't mean I pick up his butts. I mean it said in the newspaper that Ford smokes 10 Antoni y Cleopatra Grenadier cigars every day, despite doctor's orders. I also smoke Antoni y Cleopatra Grenadiers.

They cost 20 cents each. When I order them at a cigar counter, I always ask for A&C Lights. This is the first time I've ever called them by their full name. I guess y is Spanish for &. I am learning how to be classy.

I'm telling about these cigars because I want to make a positive statement about myself. Certainly people will receive a positive impression of me when they learn that I smoke the same cigar smoked by a man whose country estate is protected by three hyphens before you even get to his cul-de-sacs.

Positive statements are important. I learned this when I read in the New York Times that fountain pens are making a comeback. People are paying as much as \$250 for fountain pens made by Christian Dior. Why?

"Fountain pens make a positive statement, like a Burberry raincoat or a

Rolex watch," said Frank Lassman, co-owner of Paper y Ink in New York City.

A positive statement says something good about a person, as opposed to a negative statement which says something cheaper. For instance, it is reported that in the divorce settlement between Christina Onassis and Sergei Kauzov, she will give him a 60,000 ton ship. That is a positive statement by Christina. A canoe would be negative.

When a man takes a \$250 fountain pen out of his pocket and uncaps it to sign a contract, he is saying he really doesn't need to sign that contract to survive. He is saying if there doesn't happen to be any ink in his fountain pen, he will forget signing the silly contract and go play polo instead. This is a positive statement.

Joe Slob, who is signing the contract with the polo player, will be awed by the fountain pen. If he is fairly young, it may be the first time Joe has seen a non-disposable pen. If the owner of the fountain pen fills it in Joe's presence, Joe will probably wonder why nobody ever thought of such a marvelous pen before.

Joe will rush home to tell his wife about the wonderful invention he has seen and he will say: "By golly, if they can invent a pen that never has to be thrown away, the next thing you know, orange juice will come in oranges instead of cans."

But Joe won't go home until after he has signed the contract with the owner of the \$250 fountain pen. In fact, Joe will be so anxious to do business with such an impressive person, he will sign without reading the fine print. The next time the

seductive pen runs dry, Joe will discover he unwittingly sold his soul for use as a polo ball.

That's how things happen for people who make positive statements about themselves. Not only can they sign contracts with pens that write forever, they can also buy polo balls with nearly as many legs as polo ponies.

Things don't happen that way for people who sign contracts with pencil stubs. Pencils make a negative statement. Just the other day, for instance, a pencil failed my son.

He was using the side of a yellow wooden pencil to scrape the salt off pretzel sticks. He explained he doesn't like salt on his pretzels, and the pencil was handy. He scraped the salt into one of his mother's plants which, she later said, might kill them.

But not likely, as it turned out the pretzel sticks were made of sterner stuff than the pencil. When the pretzel sticks didn't taste good, my son investigated and discovered he had scraped the yellow paint off the pencil. I swear to God I'm not making this up.

Anyway, my son is over 21 and it's none of my business if he wants to go around making negative statements. But I'd never do it. I can't afford a \$250 fountain pen, but I can afford to smoke the same cigar smoked by Henry Ford II, one of the world's wealthiest industrialists.

And I'm spending Christmas at my daughter's country estate at Dog-Poop-on-the-Driveway in Lapeer county. That's four hyphens, darlings.



HOWARD AND RUTH BACON

Walbro says good-bye

Bacon accepts post in Texas

One of the original links in the Walbro Corp. chain will be missing after this week as Howard Bacon leaves for a new position in Texas.

He is the firm's executive vice-president.

When Walbro moved its then small operation from Fenton to Cass City in August, 1954, Bacon was the first employee to come here.

Then a foreman, he helped get the plant here ready for production. W.E. Walpole and Bill Eberline were the next company personnel to follow.

"I was with Walbro before we built a carburetor," he explained, he having joined the firm almost 26 years ago when it was a job and machine shop. His first job was building fixtures for fabricating carburetors. He is a native of Fenton, south of Flint.

Bacon, now 50, gradually moved up the corporate ladder, to plant superintendent, to vice-president of manufacturing, to executive vice-president, which makes him the firm's second highest operating officer. He has held his present post about three years.

Starting next week, he will be a senior vice-president and corporate officer of Overhead Door Co. in Dallas.

The firm is a diversified one which makes numerous products in addition to overhead doors for commercial buildings. Overhead Door is several times the size of Walbro and Bacon described his new position as an opportunity and challenge too great to turn down.

He will be responsible for a group of high technology divisions, which puts him in charge of 37 manufacturing plants.

Overhead Door came to him and offered the position.

Bacon and his wife, Ruth, will be following their children south. Randy works for Walbro at its Mexico plant, Debbie is in Garden City, Kansas, and Sherry and Melody live in Atlanta.

The couple's home is on S. Seeger Street.

During his years at Walbro, Bacon has been responsible for setting up plants in Germany, Mexico and Japan, as well as in Michigan, so the thought of moving to a major metropolitan area and a very large company don't phase him.

He will look back with fond memories on the years he spent in Cass City and with Walbro, however.

"It's just been wonderful as far as I'm concerned," he said in his office Friday.

"Walbro has been an integral part of my life for many years. It's a fine company. It's a company I will also love."

"Walbro is a very strong company," he continued. "Its strength lies within its people. I don't think you'll find a nicer group of people wherever you'll go to."

His feeling about the employees was obviously mutual, as Friday he and his wife were guests of honor at the Garfield Street plant at the assembly line workers' potluck Christmas lunch.

They presented him with a clock-radio and a decorative prism containing a figurine. Mrs. Bacon was given a bracelet.

He will be finishing his duties at Walbro this week and beginning his new job Jan. 2.

Ex-area resident dies in Detroit

Gerald H. Hunt, 56, of Detroit, former Austin township resident, died Sunday at his home.

He was born April 22, 1923, in Austin township, son of the late DeWitt and Mary Hunt.

Hunt and Dorothy Riehl were married June 12, 1954, in Port Huron.

He served in the Pacific Theatre in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Hunt had been an employee of Budd Wheel in Detroit since 1946.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Debora Hunt and Linda Hunt and three sons, Larry Hunt, Terry

Hunt and Garry Hunt, all at home; three brothers, Duane Hunt, Phoenix, Ariz., Calvin Hunt, Uby, and Harold Hunt, Deford, and three sisters, Mrs. William Sherman and Mrs. Donald Walsh, both of Uby, and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Bad Axe.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Zinger Funeral Home, Uby.

Father Gerald Kukla of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Argyle, officiated, with burial in Elkland cemetery.



Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

We send our best wishes for the new year to all with special wishes for special persons who may or may not need (or appreciate) them.

For Laura Cherniawski - a year of rest after she earned her bachelor's degree while handling her home with 14 children.

For Ron Nurnberger - a basketball championship to silence all the fans who feel anything less is not enough.

For Clare Comment - a state championship Cass City team so that he could say, "I told you so." Or, at the very least, the remainder of the season undefeated, so he can hold his head up and his pocketbook down when he meets his friends.

For Don Schelke - a bottle of pessimism pills before the season starts so if things go bad on the football field he doesn't have to explain, "what happened?"

For environmentalists everywhere - a start of the new sewage plant in 1980 to curb pollution in the Cass River after delay, after delay, after delay.

To the village fathers - a book explaining that when the Fed is involved it's standard operating procedure to have delay, after delay, after delay.

To the Frank Hutchinsons - who celebrated 70 years together in 1979, a card reminding them that 75 is a nice round number.

To Grant Hutchinson and all the embryo Lindbergs around - a golden goose that will lay the \$90,000 egg needed to get a paved runway.

To Lewis Tibbits - who started a new career as a church youth director at 36, the appreciation from the congregation for the courage the decision required. And the realization it was the right step when 1990 rolls around.

To this year's Seniors at Cass City - a sorry, no swing-out card to be read to previous classes, whose antics the school administration said they couldn't control, which was the reason the event was abandoned.

To the Cass City Arts Council - an annual fall festival as good as the first with record crowds waiting to get in.

And finally for John Haire - who predicted that Ann Meyers, the first girl to try-out for the National Basketball Association, (she was eliminated in the first cut) would last at least until the season started, a new crystal ball or at the very least a card saying, I will not predict, I will not predict, I will not predict.

Another reminder. The New Year's schedule is just like the Christmas schedule as the paper loses a production day next Tuesday. All schedules are advanced. Your help is appreciated.

The weather

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Friday	40	31	0
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The 70s have slipped by leaving quietly like they arrived and causing only an occasional ripple in the river of the passing parade.

It should have been more memorable. After all, it is a seventh of the average life span gone.

It's been an eventful decade. The war in Viet Nam, the Nixon years, the Iran crisis, the energy crisis and the inflation crisis, all of major significance. Mandating a major change in our life styles.

Important, serious problems crying for at least a partial solution. But not really hitting us where we live. Not really.

Truthfully, it's an effort to remember, really remember anything about the 70s other than the loss of a parent, tempered by knowing that she enjoyed a full life.

I don't really feel any different today than I did in 1969. My life style hasn't changed much. My health hasn't changed much. I still do today just about what I did 10 years ago.

The 70s don't come

through, aren't to be remembered as a series of major international events. That's for the history books.

What's remembered are little vignettes that flash across the consciousness like little flares to shine brightly and then disappear until the fuse is lighted again.

Causing a swirl in the river like water over a rock in the shallows of a fast moving current.

Private triumphs shared with the family in moments of achievements, moments of importance, moments of grief.

Nothing talked about but more impregnated in memory than a carving in stone.

Those vignettes are all that remains of the last 10 years. Of no significance and of the only significance.

That made the 70s a great 10 years. Nothing happened to leave a lasting scar.

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125 YEARS - Employees with 25 years of service each to Walbro Corp., going back to when the firm first started operations in Cass City, received recognition Friday from W.E. Walpole, board chairman and chief executive officer. From left are Elaine Crane, Beverly Liedke, Shirley Zinnecker, Vernita Linderman and Edna Linderman. Three employees at the Caro plant, Bessie Muntz, Mildred Kain and Thelma Gaydos, also started 25 years ago at the Garfield Street plant here. Twenty-five-year employees received a choice of a \$100 bond or a gift.

2 plead guilty in Circuit Court

Todd Max Tigner, 20, of 1836 S. Reese Road, Reese, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court Monday to violation of probation.

Judge Norman A. Baguley accepted his plea and scheduled sentencing Jan. 15. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Tigner was placed on 36 months' probation in June, 1978, for attempted malicious destruction of property over \$100.

He violated probation by failing to make court ordered payments in May through November.

DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Parker, 21, of 10319 McPherson Road, Millington, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of driving with license suspended or revoked.

He was cited on the charge by police in Cass City Dec. 10.

Judge Richard F. Kern accepted his plea and fined him \$47, plus court costs of \$28.

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Letter to the Editor

Tuckey defends Hawk Herald

Mr. Editor,

Since the current trend in local journalism indicates that it is vogue to criticize independent student publications, I, too, pick up a stone to hurl, but not at the Hawk Herald.

Not in allegiance to Cass City High School or Leo Gengler, and not in marked aversion to the school board or Chronicle, I defend the students' rights against the system.

First of all, the Hawk Herald admittedly prints mistakes, as does all student journalism efforts. Yet mistakes are not any more inherent in student publications than they are in any widely circulated major magazine.

Time, Life, Look, and Newsweek have all been known to error. The Detroit News prints many mistakes in every addition, but are they under constant fire from laymen?

I am reminded of a Biblical passage that says, in essence, pull the log out of your own eye before you try to remove the speck from your neighbor's.

Secondly, when one talks about journalistic errors, the Chronicle is not exempt. (And when talking of errors in general, the Board of Education is not free of charge.) A look at the News-CASS-ter would result in the discovery of numerous errors.

The Chronicle is not perfect. This fact is entertained by the large headlines that splashed across page one of the December 13 issue: "Sloppy Copy at Hawk Herald?"

Must the Chronicle resort to sensationalistic journalism? Why blatantly expose publications' common ground: human error? Why was the Chronicle so quick to attack its only local competitor? Pray, let not the answer be that they were threatened.

The Hawk Herald's writers are human, as are the Chronicle's, as are our elected representatives. We are all human, and as such, are all inept and fallible.

Thirdly, even though the Herald is sometimes errant, it is primium in quality and content. The staff writers from the high school are consistently awarded certificates of merit and excellence from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's annual competition.

This is no minor issue, yet it is acknowledged by the board, or reported by the Chronicle? When was the last time the Chronicle was awarded?

Fourthly, and most importantly, is the issue of instituting a separate editing by a third party. This is merely one step above censorship, and would interfere with the learning process.

The Hawk Herald has long been independent from the school board. It does not receive any subsidy from the board. The board should not intervene now.

Think of production as an education, and the product as the test. No teacher with integrity would correct his students' tests before they finish that test.

Allow the Hawk Herald to stand as a gauge of its writers. The newspaper is a window to the heart of the school and gives an accurate view thereof.

If those mistakes make mistakes, those mistakes stand as a witness against the students.

If those mistakes reflect the school in general, it is the system's fault, the school and school board's fault. At this point, the entire educational process is indicted.

In closing, it should be pointed out, do not drive the students to be perfect, but rather give them incentive to strive towards perfection. Humility and degradation are not motivating factors in which to take pride.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Tuckey

Editor's note: Tuckey is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School and attends Bethel College in Mishawaka. If the Chronicle never publicized Hawk Herald writers' winning of awards, it was because no one ever told us. This letter is unedited.

Walbro fetes employees of 25 years

Long-time Walbro Corp. employees were recipients of various awards Friday for their longevity of service.

Honored at the Garfield Street plant for 25 years of employment were Elaine Crane, Beverly Liedke, Shirley Zinnecker, and sisters Vernita and Edna Linderman. All have Cass City addresses except Mrs. Liedke, from Elkton.

Bessie Muntz, Mildred Kain and Thelma Gaydos also started in Cass City 25 years ago but have worked at the Automotive Products Group plant in Caro since that operation was moved there from Cass City in 1978.

It was 25 years ago this year that Walbro moved to Cass City from Fenton.

Also marking 25 years minimum with the company this year are President Lambert Althaver, departing Executive Vice-president Howard Bacon and foreman Don Cummins.

Other employees honored for longevity of service, who work at various plants, were:

10 years - Pam Lyons, Mary Berry, Chuck Hartwick, Joanne O'Dell, Jim Jezewski, Judy Marshall, Anita Santos, Iola Eby, Lena Heronemus, Marjorie Deike, John Wright, Georgiana Bensinger, Elfrieda Guinther and Judy Mellen-dorf.

5 years - Jim Skaggs, Alan Miller, Don Carney, Elaine Rice, Anna Laming and Robert Somerville.

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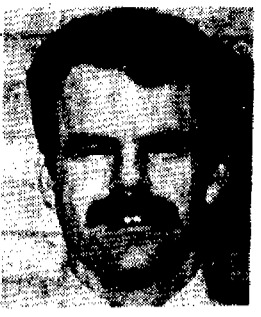
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PEDALING AROUND

Of ships and socks

By Mike Eliasohn



I haven't counted, but I would guess I own maybe two dozen pairs of socks.

I also haven't kept track of how old they are, but I don't remember having purchased a pair of socks in the past year, so they all have to be at least a year old.

Some will probably last me a lifetime, because I wear them so seldom. For instance, about the only time I wear my white cushion sole socks is with my blue cycling shoes when I go cycling. Since I don't ride my bike enough (other than around town) to justify putting on my special shoes very often, I don't wear my white socks very often.

I mention this to point out that a man doesn't need very many pairs of socks at a time to make it through life and that the socks will last him a long time.

Without going into detail, I will add that my underwear also lasts me a long time. I still have some undershirts that I got in the Army, for instance, so those are more than 10 years old.

I mention this because I find it hard to believe Ann Landers did what she did after her husband announced he was leaving her. The famed advice columnist for the first time has told about her divorce in an interview in the Ladies' Home Journal.

It was at dinner one evening in 1975 that her husband, Jules Lederer, told her he was seeing another woman, and thus ended 36 years of marriage.

So what did Ms. Landers then do?

Real McCoy

Elijah McCoy, one of Michigan's pioneer black inventors, began his career as a railroad engineer. A resident of Detroit, McCoy took out his first patent July 23, 1872 and obtained more than 52 between 1872 and 1915. One of his later inventions, the graphite lubricator, is believed to have saved seven minutes for each 100 miles of railroad locomotive travel.

She went out and bought him three dozen pairs of black socks, three dozen pairs of brown socks and three dozen white boxer shorts.

Ms. Landers did not have a fetish. It seems her husband was totally dependent on her for such things as clothes and keeping the refrigerator stocked.

(She also had her chauffeur and housekeeper go to his new apartment and stock his freezer.)

It's not that I am questioning Ms. Landers' behavior it's just that I have a hard time conceiving why some one would need 72 pairs of socks and 36 sets of boxer shorts all at once.

It would take a whole chest of drawers (no pun intended) just to store them.

Since Ann Landers is close to 60, presumably her ex-husband is also. There's a good chance his supply of socks and underwear will last longer than he will.

Perhaps her reason was psychological. Even though he is no longer married to her, every morning when he opens his sock drawer, he is subtly reminded how much he depended on her.

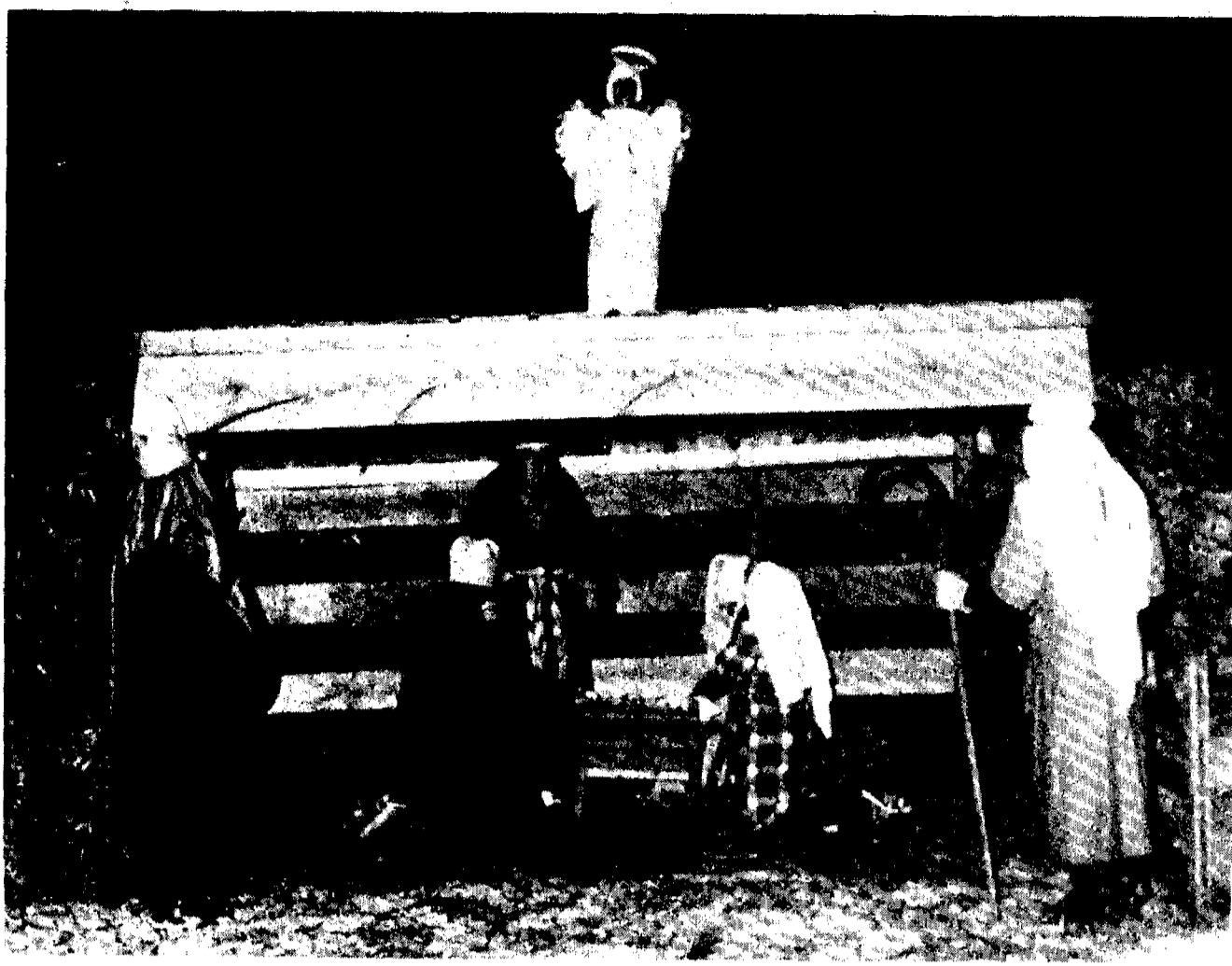
Even though I am a loyal reader of Ms. Landers' column -- and forgetting the age difference -- I don't think she is my type.

Christina Onassis is. It was recently announced that she and her third husband are getting a divorce after 16 months of marriage. As a going away present, she is giving him a ship.

When it comes down to ships vs. socks, I'll take the ship any time.

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To correct two errors from last week: Suzanne Chappel gets the credit for organizing the downtown Christmas sing Friday night. It was the late Lucile Champion Bauer who prepared the Christmas Town scrapbook she and her husband donated to Rawson Memorial Library. I was under the mistaken impression it had been donated recently.



HIGHWAY SCENE - Motorists driving on M-53, 3½ miles south of M-81, were able to view this live nativity scene Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, enacted by youth from the United Methodist churches in Decker and Shabbona.

Vassar woman injured in area traffic accident

Jeriellu Mary Wartalla, 21, of Vassar, was treated and released from Hills and Dales General Hospital after an accident at 2:20 a.m. Saturday.

Sheriff's deputies reported her car was westbound on M-81, west of Doerr Road, when it went off the right shoulder, struck a guard rail post and then bounced on top of the guard rail.

She was ticketed on a charge of reckless driving. Her passenger, Theresa M. Hempton, 17, of Vassar, complained of possible injuries, but didn't require hospital treatment.

At 3:30 p.m. last Wednesday, according to Kingston police, Donald Zyrowski, 18, of English Road, Kingston, was southbound on Washington Street.

He started to turn left onto Kingsbury Street, but then had to turn sharply to avoid hitting a westbound auto as it approached the corner. Because of the icy pavement, Zyrowski's car then slid into the rear bumper of the parked car of Ada Dailey of Kingston.

Deputies reported that at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Suzanne M. Kidney, 25, of 3446 Phillips Road, Cass City, was

eastbound on Orr Road, south of Deckerville Road, when she lost control of her car on a left-hand curve because of the icy surface. Her vehicle slid off the east side of the road.

At 7:40 p.m. Friday, according to Cass City police, Larry R. Pobanz, 25, of Sebawaing, collided with another car as he was turning north from eastbound Main Street onto Seeger Street.

Driver of the other car, headed west, was Jack R. Sholes, 23, of 4368 Seeger Street.

At 3 a.m. Saturday, deputies reported, Arthur J. Bulla, 19, of 6777 E. Kelly Road, Cass City, was northbound on Crawford Road, north of Shabbona Road, when his car went out of control.

The vehicle first went onto the shoulder, went back on the road, then slid off the west side, hit a fence and then a tree and flipped onto its side.

Bulla was ticketed on a charge of speed too fast for conditions.

At that same time, according to the sheriff's department, Daniel L. Goslin, 26, of Unionville, was eastbound on Hoppe Road, east of Unionville Road, when his car went off the road into a ditch.

Cass City police reported that at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Wesley A. Lockwood, 71, of Elmwood Road, Caro, eastbound on Main Street, went into the right lane in order to turn right onto Oak Street and collided with a car pulling away from a parking place by the south curb.

Driver of the other car was Nora Jean Frederick, 22, of 6704 Main Street.

At 7:55 p.m. Saturday, Ruth A. Rodriguez, 51, of Unionville, was southbound on Ashmore Road, north of

Bay City-Forestville Road, when her car ran off the east side of the road into a ditch.

She was ticketed by Caro state police on a charge of careless driving.

Cass City police reported that at 1:10 p.m. Monday, Kenneth L. Orton, 22, of 4924 State Street, Galetown, southbound on West Street, collided with the car of Viola B. Little, 70, of 4401 Brooker Street, who failed to yield as she was eastbound on Houghton Street.

A passenger in the Orton vehicle Janice M. Orton, 25, complained of possible injuries but didn't require hospital treatment.

CAR-DEER

Randall P. Adamczyk, 20, of 2275 Adamczyk Road, Kingston, struck a deer at 5:20 a.m. last Wednesday while westbound on Legg Road, east of Kingston Road.

At 9:55 p.m. last Thursday, the car of Luellen Kay Lowe, 17, of 7641 Mushroom Road, Deford, struck a deer while she was southbound on Cemetery Road, south of Severance Road.

Dale Sullins, 16, of 2623 English Road, Kingston, was eastbound on Rossman Road, west of English Road, when his vehicle struck a deer at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

At 5:58 p.m. that day, James F. Zillich, 30, of Mount Clemens, was eastbound on Deckerville Road, east of Dodge Road, when his car collided with a deer.

Sheriff's deputies investigated all four mishaps.

Prison camp still uncertain

Fate of a proposed state Department of Corrections work camp near Caro is now up to the state House of Representatives.

According to Don Peto of the state Office of Governmental Relations, the capital outlay bill approved by the Senate Dec. 14 contained \$1.9 million for the prison camp.

The bill now goes to the state House, where it will probably be introduced about Jan. 9.

The House Appropriations Committee must first act on the bill before it goes to the floor for a vote by all the representatives.

There have been no indications the appropriation is controversial, so final approval is expected, Peto said.

If that happens, work could get underway by spring.

A building on the Caro Regional Center grounds

will be remodeled for the camp. Last March, when the site was approved locally, it was said once work starts, the camp could be ready in 8-10 months.

Peto didn't know for sure, but presumed the \$1.9 million would cover the whole cost of the facility.

There will be no more than 100 prisoners assigned to the camp, which will be for inmates within four years of their parole dates and who are classified as "low risk" or "next-to-low-risk."

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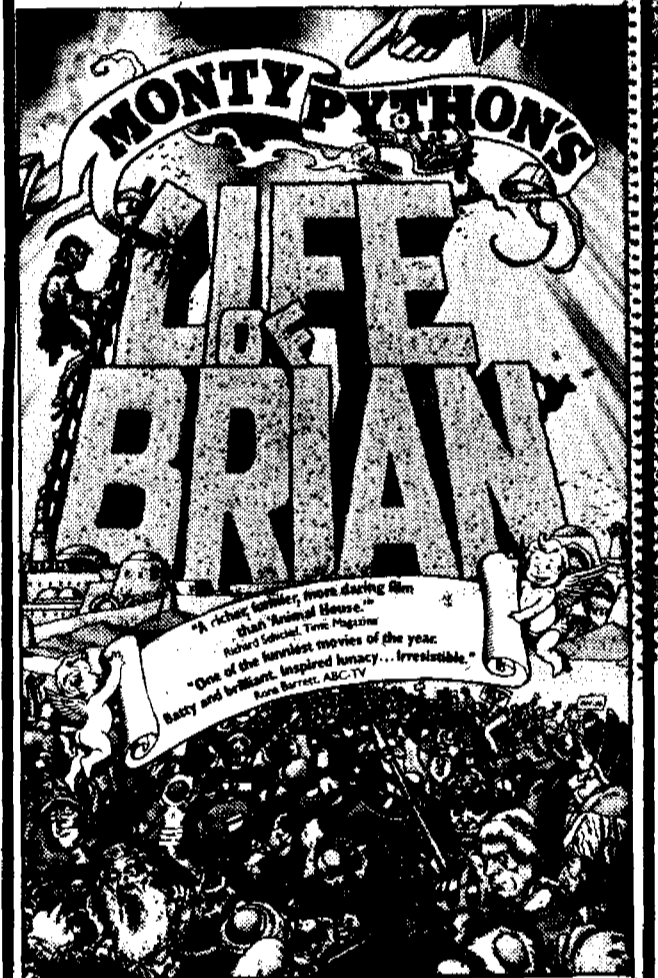
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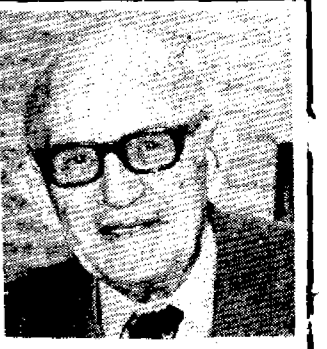
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I taught the colt to shake its head and shake hands when I asked if it wanted some oats. In later years this became a hazard because Giotto was always trying to shake hands by raising its front leg.

I had two pigs, Mabelle and Virginia. The pigs were two runts that Cal Striffler had and was going to kill. I bought the two for 50 cents.

I gave them warm milk from the cows and took them down to the bank every morning. I would give them a few ears of corn to occupy themselves while I swept out the bank and built the fire.

The pigs would follow me everywhere. I even took them over to Mann's one night where we were invited to dinner. Ruth was rather disturbed when I took them in the front door and out the back. The pigs were always clean, but somehow she didn't like them in her house.

I later sold the pigs back to Cal and they took first prize at the Cass City Fair. Speaking of the fair re-

minds me that I was treasurer of the last fair held in Cass City. I took my four children to the fair the first day.

Walt Mann came down, bought a ticket at the gate, and later got his money back. Two elderly women came and disappeared on the grounds. Also, an old man came. May Landon, who was the wife of the mayor of Detroit, came with a car load, bought tickets, drove in, turned around and demanded her money back.

My children kept coming back to see me to know what to do.

They had looked at the pigs, cows and displays. The merry-go-round and other rides were not in operation. I told them I would give each one 25 cents if they would go in and find the people at the fair.

They soon came back to tell me the man was sitting on a box just outside the ticket booth. The two women were in the grandstand looking out at the beautiful field.

That was the extent of the first day's fair.

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ALL FLAVORS
Hawaiian Punch
2/99¢
Limit 2 48 oz. Can
Limit one Coupon per family. With this Coupon and \$15.00 purchase, excluding Beer, Wine, Cigarettes or other Coupon items. Coupon expires Dec. 31, 1979. N-R

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WHITE ASSORTED Puffs
Facial Tissue
2/99¢
Limit 2 200 Ct. Box
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Orange Juice
98¢
Limit 2 64 oz. Can
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A complete line of Party Supplies. Beer-Wine-Champagne, Peanuts, Potato Chips, Snacks of all Kinds, Sandwich Spreads - Luncheon Meats, Paper Plates & Cups. Mixes of All Kinds on special.

IGA TABLETTE
Beef Sirloin Steak
\$2.29 lb.
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\$2.79 lb.
IGA TABLETTE
T-Bone Steak
\$2.69 lb.

IGA TABLETTE • FULL CUT
Beef Round Steak
\$1.69 lb.

FAME
Boneless Hams
\$1.69 lb.
Water Added In Curing

CALIFORNIA
Iceberg Lettuce
2/88¢ Heads

IGA TABLETTE
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FAME
Skinless Wieners
\$1.19 1 lb. Pkg.

IGA TABLETTE
Mixed Pork Chops
\$1.29 lb.

TABLETING
Sliced Bacon
\$1.09 1 lb. Pkg.

Russet Potatoes
\$1.89 20 lb. Bag

U.S. NO. 1
Fancy Bananas
3 / \$1 lbs.

Cucumbers, Peppers or Green Onions
3/89¢

HUNT'S
Ketchup
99¢ 4 oz. Jug

HUNT'S
Prima Salsa Spaghetti Sauce
99¢ 32 oz. Jar
Hunt's Tomato Juice
59¢ 48 oz. Can
Hunt's Tomato Sauce
5/ \$1 8 oz. Can
Hunt's Tomato Paste
59¢ 12 oz. Can
Wesson Oil
99¢ 24 oz. Btl.

FAME
Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
4/88¢ 7 1/2 oz. Box

FAME
Potato Chips
77¢ 13-14 oz. Bag

2 Liter
Coke or 7-Up
99¢ + Dep.

SUNSHINE
Cheez Its & Wheat Wafers
69¢ 10-12 oz. Pkg.

Nestle CRUNCH
Quik
69¢ 10-12 oz. Pkg.

KING SIZE • MILK CHOCOLATE • ALMOND CHOCOLATE • CHOC-O-LITE • CRUNCH
Nestle's Candy Bars
69¢ Each
CHOCOLATE
Nestle's Quik
\$2.39 32 oz. Can
SEMI-SWEET
Nestle's Morsels
\$1.65 12 oz. Bag
30¢ OFF • REGULAR • WITH MARSHMALLOWS
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Tony's Pizzas
30¢ off Your Choice

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AMERICAN PASTORIZED PROCESS CHEESE SPREAD
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Sylvania Magic Cubes
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SAVE 70¢
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SAVE 46¢ • C110-20 • C126-20
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Party Pizzas
88¢ 10 Inch 11 1/2-12 oz. Pkg.

MCDONALD QUALITY
Ice Cream
\$1.49 1/2 Gal. Square Ctn. ALL FLAVORS Delicious Sherbert 1/2 Gal. Ctn.

OVEN FRESH
Bavarian Rye Bread
79¢ 1 1/2 lb. Loaf
KEEBLER
Vanilla Wafers
79¢ 12 oz. Pkg.

IGA
Hamburger & Hot Dog Buns
2/89¢ 8 Ct. Pack

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ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S Popcorn
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SAVE 50¢

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3/89¢ Limit 3 16 oz. Can
SAVE 28¢

IGA Coupon
12, 3, 4 • BEEF • CHICKEN
Cycle Dog Food
3/89¢ Limit 3 14 oz. Can
SAVE 28¢

IGA Coupon
ALL VARIETIES IN SYRUP
FAME Pineapple
2 / \$1 Limit 2 20 oz. Can
SAVE 30¢

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FOLGER'S BONUS PACK
Instant Coffee
\$2.99 Limit 1 7 oz. Jar
SAVE 50¢



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Girl Scouts busy for Christmas

Girl Scout Junior Troop 929 with leaders Janet Hurley and Ann McDaniel recently toured TV-5 and had dinner at McDonald's on the way home.

The troop has also been busy making Christmas gifts and went Christmas caroling at Provincial House last Wednesday and afterwards had its Christmas party. The troop also has sold candy to raise money for its activities.

Junior Troop 221 with leaders Lois Sugden and Barb Tuckey have been busy with badges, and making Christmas gifts.

They have made tray favors to be presented to Hills and Dales General Hospital for New Year's Day. They joined Troop 929 and Troop 170 at Provincial House to sing Christmas carols and afterwards enjoyed their Christmas party together.

Junior Troop 170 with leaders Arlene Szarapski and Theresa Sugden, are working on badges. They have made tray favors for Hills and Dales for Christmas Day and are working on Christmas gifts. They went Christmas caroling and had a Christmas party with Troops 929 and 221.

Brownie Troop 872, with leaders Helen Kitchen, Connie Horoski, and Linda Buckholz, have also been making Christmas gifts for their mothers and visited Provincial House Dec. 18 and sang Christmas carols. Later they joined Troop 856 for a Christmas party.

Brownie Troop 856, leaders Karen Smith, Hilda Koch, Judy Profit and Joyce Loomis, presented tray favors for Thanksgiving Day to Hills and Dales Nov. 20, then toured the hospital and were served ice cream and cake by the Hospital Auxiliary. Dec. 4, members put up door decorations at Provincial House and sang Christmas carols for the residents.

Dec. 11, the troop made Christmas tree decorations (strung pop corn and cranberries). After the meeting, several scouts and leaders hung the decorations on the outdoor tree at Provincial House.

Brownie Troop 827, led by Carol Rutkoski and Marty Nickolson, made Christmas trees for their families. They recently made clothespin soldiers for three decorations and on Dec. 21, made cookies and ate them for their Christmas party.

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

Robert F. Hagemann Jr., vice-president - marketing, announced that Southeastern Michigan Gas Co. will cease issuing permits for new gas connections due to limited supply.

A long and distinguished business career officially ended Wednesday for C.R. Hunt, 68, when he sold the stock in C.R. Hunt Construction Co. of Cass City to Lester Ross and Grant Ball. Both are long time employees of the company.

Roger Seelye's lamb was judged the grand champion at the 44th annual Junior Livestock show in Howell.

Postmaster Grant Glaspie announced Christmas mail volume dropped an estimated 15 percent over a year ago. Parcel post has declined.

Rev. Robert von Oeyen is the new pastor at the Fraser and Uby Presbyterian churches.

are on a three-week trip to Florida. They are making the trip with their daughter and family, the Jerry Freeds, of Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McComb were Christmas Day guests of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer and children.

James Molnar, one of the principals in the new ownership of Sherwood Forest Country Club, revealed plans for \$100,000 in expansion and improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Auten and family had with them for Christmas Day, Miss JoAnn Bigelow of Birmingham and Mrs. A.N. Bigelow.

The 47 deaths on Tuscola county roads in 1969 is the most ever.

The fourth annual singing crusade will be at Cass City High School New Year's Eve. The Calvarymen Quartet from Flint and the Journeyman Trio from Pontiac will perform.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

TEN YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey

Impartial judges from

Wm. McRae dies at 80 after illness

William J. McRae of Evergreen township died Friday, at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after a long illness.

He was born March 19, 1899, in Nairn, Scotland, the son of Archibald and Anne McNeil McRae. They came to Canada in 1920 and to Detroit in 1924.

McRae married Ruby V. Mitchell, Aug. 25, 1926, in Detroit. Following their marriage, they made their home in Detroit. They moved to Evergreen township in 1938. Mrs. McRae died Feb. 9, 1976.

He served in World War I with the British Royal Horse Artillery in Africa, the Middle East and was wounded in Egypt.

McRae is survived by one son, Kenneth McRae, of Uby; one daughter, Flora Jane McRae of Farmington, three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and two sisters-in-law, Anne Mitchell of Cass City and Mrs. Margaret Mitchell of Decker. Two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. Harry Capps, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

Burial was in Novest cemetery.

Hairdressers have party for Christmas

A Christmas party was held by the National Hairdressers and Cosmetology Association Affiliate No. 25 at Veronica's Restaurant in Cass City.

Members exchanged gifts. They will be starting the New Year with a guest artist at the next meeting, Jan. 31.

All licensed cosmetologists are welcome to join the association. Contact Helene Beauty Shop in Cass City.

November milk output increases

Monthly milk production in Michigan continues greater than last year despite fewer cows, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service.

Total milk output was 392 million pounds in November, 1 percent over a year ago. Dairy cow numbers declined 1 percent to 400,000 head, while milk produced per cow, at 980 pounds, increased 2 percent.

National milk production increased more than Michigan, as 9.60 billion pounds were produced in November, up 2 percent from a year ago. Milk produced per cow increased 3 percent going to 892 pounds. The national trend in cow numbers is the same as Michigan's with a decline of 1 percent to 10.8 million head.

Turning to manufactured dairy products, Michigan butter production for October increased 74 percent over a year ago, to 3.1 million pounds. American cheese production declined 6 percent though to 1.7 million pounds. Ice cream producers increased their output 5 percent to 2.9 million gallons.

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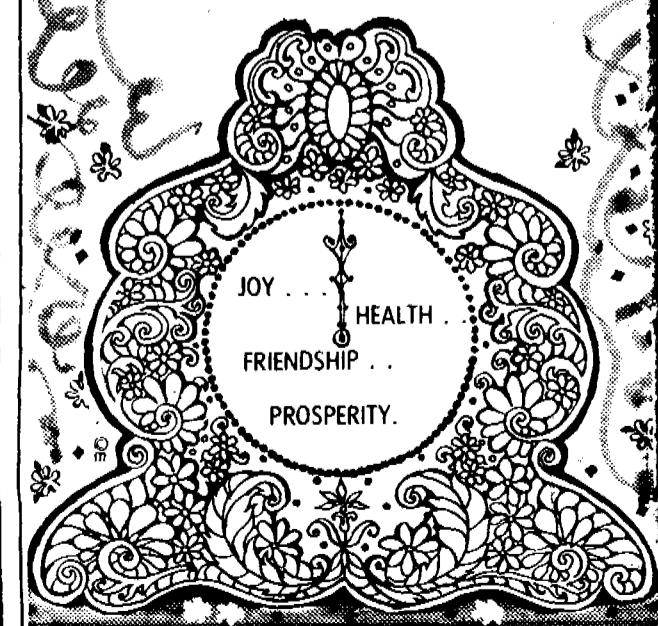


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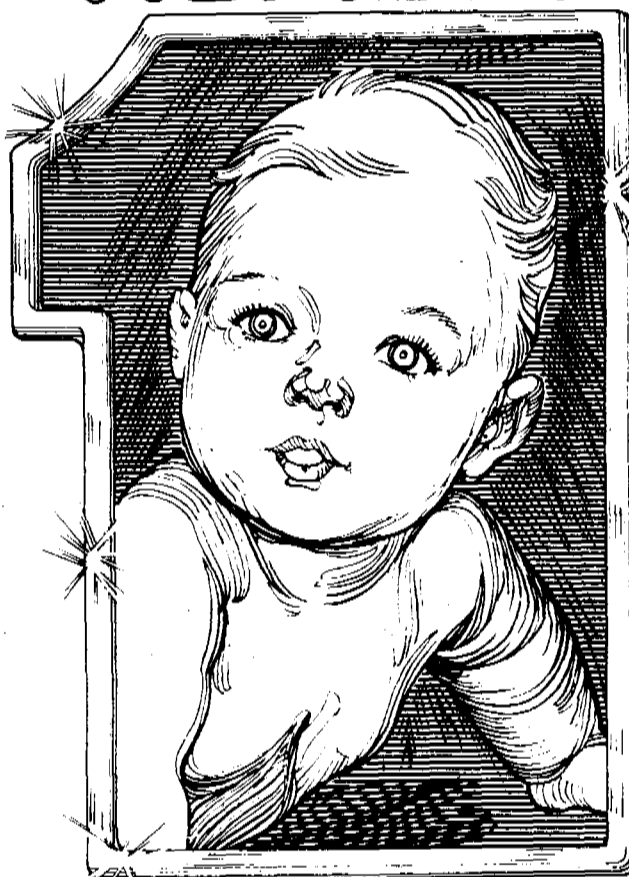
Ticking off the good things we wish for all our devoted patrons, as we welcome the New Year.



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Cass City

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What lucky little guy or gal will be the baby who lands here FIRST in the New Year of 1980? Just look at the bountiful harvest of gifts this newcomer will reap if his particular stork arrives in our community soonest after the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1.

CONTEST RULES

These Cass City merchants welcome Cass City area's first baby of 1980 with this list of wonderful gifts.

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



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Cass City Bowling Leagues

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Dec. 20, 1979

Kritzman's	17
Olympia	15 1/2
Cole Carbide	12
Walbro	10 1/2
Damm's Wheel Horse	10
Big "D"	10
Charmont	9
Albee Hardware	8 1/2
Herron Builders	7
Anrod Screen Cyl.	6 1/2
Wilson Ins.	5
Tuckey Block	5

High Team Series: Kritzman's 2392.
High Team Game: Walbro 858.
500 Series: J. Lapp 598, J. Smithson 519, H. Sontag 500.
200 Games: J. Lapp 210, H. Sontag 205, P. Little 202.

MERCHANTS' "A" LEAGUE Dec. 19, 1979

Charlie's Market	18
New England Life	12
Charmont	12
Blount Agriculture	11
Erla Food Center	10
Cass City Oil & Gas	10
Kritzman's	9 1/2
Ouvry Chevy-Olds	8
Croft-Clara Lumber	8
Warren Electric	8
Kingston State Bank	7 1/2
Fuelgas	6

550 Series: A. McLachlan 576, J. Smithson 575, D. Wallace 575, L. Tomaszewski 574, E. Lewicki 570, D. Root 557, G. Deering 556.
210 Games: J. Steadman 244, J. Smithson 225, A.

Ouvry 222, J. Laffer 219, B. Bartle 215, D. Vatter 215, E. Lewicki 214, M. Helwig 212, G. Rogers 210.

MERCHANTS' "B" LEAGUE Dec. 19, 1979

Gagetown Oil & Gas	17
Colony House	14
Herron Builders	13
Bauer Candy Co.	13
Charmont	11
Spencer's Masonry	11
Rabideau Motors	10
Shag's Angels	10
Clare's Sunoco	8
Tuckey Concrete	7
Copeland Builders	5
General Cable	1

600 Series: J. Zornow 618.
550 Series: G. Diebel 592, J. Romig 558.
210 Games: J. Zornow 217, J. Sontag 210, R. Waggon 210.

GUYS & GALS Dec. 18, 1979

Magic Markers	16
Rebels	15
Muldoos	14
Napco	14
Kruse Farms	13
Kens & Kerbs	12 1/2
Elkton IGA	12 1/2
Brand X	12
D & D Construction	11 1/2
Tiddlywinkers	10 1/2
Snober Bank	7
Pin Strikers	6

Men's High Series: R. Bouck 554.
Ladies' High Series: M. Rabideau 530.
Men's High Game: E. Bilicki 220.
Ladies' High Game: N. Maharg 200.
High Team Series: Brand X 1825.
High Team Game: Brand X 660.
High Women's Game: N. Maharg 200, M. Schwartz 199.
Men's 210 Games: E. Bilicki 220.

Ladies' 525 Series: M. Rabideau 530.
Men's 500 Series: E. Bilicki 526, C. Kolb 515, B. Thorp 533, R. Bouck 554.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES Dec. 18, 1979

Bowling Grannies	16 1/2
Cass City Rollers	15
Don's Auction Gallery	15
The Four of Us	13
The Ups & Downs	12
Our Team	11
Go-fer Mores	10 1/2
Lucky Losers	8 1/2
Lucky's Kountry	6
Korners	6
The Hair Benders	5
Cass City-Anns	4 1/2
Caro Honda Sales	3

High Series: S. Reynolds 616.
High Game: S. Reynolds 234.

High Team Series: The Four of Us 1802.
High Team Game: The Four of Us 678.

200 Games: S. Reynolds 234-200, C. Krueger 206, C. Ware 206.
500 Series: C. Krueger 527, J. Lapp 509, F. Krause 503, M. Billow 502.
600 Series: S. Reynolds 616.

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS "A"

Harris-Hampshire	24
Charmont	23
Lawrence Ins.	22
Cole Carbide	21
Hillaker's	21
Sugar Town	19
Maurer Const.	17
Walbro's	14
Ouvry's	14
Hall's	13
Fire House No. 1	12
Sommers	9

High Series: B. Albrecht 616.
High Game: R. Tuckey 233, C. Comment 233.
High Team Series: Charmont 2881.
High Team Game: Charmont 1033.
210 Games: B. Albrecht 229, C. Comment 233, R. Geiger 214, R. Tuckey 233.
550 Series: B. Albrecht

Education class slated here

Central Michigan University's School of Continuing Education will be offering a graduate education class in Cass City, starting Jan. 17. The 3-credit hour class, Corrective Reading in the Classroom, will start at 7 p.m. at the high school. Other classes in the area will be offered in Bad Axe, Marlette, Millington and Pigeon. For further information, contact the School of Continuing Education, 125 Rowe Hall, CMU, Mt. Pleasant 48859.

Agriculture Day draws over 900

More than 900 people attended the Thumb Agriculture Day at the Colony House last Wednesday, according to Bill Bortel, Tuscola county extension director.

Sixty-two commercial exhibitors displayed their wares with the day's program focusing on energy.

An "overview of the energy situation" was presented in the morning, along with programs on "tillage conservation and energy requirements" and "agriculture 2000."

The afternoon program focused on "energy - yesterday, today and tomorrow," presented by Ralph L. Lewis, junior vice-president for public affairs, Gulf Oil Corp.

His talk traced the way oil and gas were formed, where it is today and where it is not, how a well is drilled, world politics and its impact on energy, the role of alternate fuels and some comments on Latin America, Russia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East as they affect "world oil."

During the presentation, various samples of future fuels were shown, development and timetables discussed, and their cost outlined.

616, C. Comment 597, R. Geiger 589, R. Tuckey 573, K. Gremmel 558, E. Schultz 568, G. Mellendorf 569, D. Allen 558.

FRIDAY NITE CARCASS UNION Dec. 21, 1979

Lucky's Kountry Korner	4
Krauts	3
Cannonballs	3
Fruit of the Loom	3
Rescue Squad	2
Fishbowlers	2
Ballbusters	2
Crowbars	2
Gutter Dusters	1
Slow Rollers	1
Turkeys	1
Old Folks	0

Men's High Series: R. Pierce 520.
Ladies' High Series: N. Rabideau 477.
Men's High Game: L. Spaeth 213.
Ladies' High Game: M. Wood 183.
High Team Series: Rescue Squad 1690.
High Team Game: Krauts 591.
200 Games: L. Spaeth 213, R. Pierce 205.
Ladies' 160 or Better: M. Wood 183, N. Rabideau 176.

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS "B"

Dale's Eaves Trough	28
Farm Bureau	28
Chappel's Men's Wear	24
Mr. Kelly's	20
Roger's Hay	19
Thumb Leasing	16
Larry's Car Wash	16
Miller's Eggs	15
Kilbourn	14
Bliss Milk	13
F & M Bank	9
Nancy's	8

High Series: J. Salcido 555.
High Game: P. Leyva 214.
High Team Series: F & M Bank 2684.
High Team Game: Bliss Milk 996.

CHARMONT LADIES Dec. 18, 1979

Brinkman Bins	16
Woods Hay & Straw	16
Gagetown Oil & Gas	15
Live-Wires	15
Veronica's	14
Johnson's Six	12
Cablettes	12
IGA Foodliner	11
Cass City Sports Inc.	10
Central Builders	9
Fort's	8
Erla's	6

High Team Series: IGA Foodliner 2326.
High Team Game: IGA Foodliner 867.
High Series: S. Reynolds 534, P. Schwartz 506, N. Helwig 508.
High Games: S. Reynolds 199, P. Schwartz 191, M. Smithers 197.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 20, 1979

Van Dale	14
IGA Foodliner	12 1/2
Garno Seeds	12
Cargill Seeds	12
Del Nicholas Truck	11
Wildwood Farms	11
Draves Dist.	10
Jacques Seeds	9 1/2
Oops	9
Caro True Value	7
Hillside Barber Shop	6
Big John's	6

High Series: B. Andrus 551.
High Game: B. Neister 232.
200 Games: B. Neister 230, D. Sowden 207, R. Nicholas 206, M. Mellendorf 200.



May good luck, happiness and prosperity come to your house to stay every moment of the New Year

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Elwyn Helwig
Elmer Schulz
Claude Spelman
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John Shagena
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'79 FIREBIRD FORMULA

Formula stripes, air, cruise, T-glass, stereo tape, tilt wheel, custom interior, demo, save.

\$5995



'79 CITATION 4-dr. Hatchback

tinted glass, air, cruise, control, p.s., p.b., bucket seats, console, deluxe interior auto. trans.

\$6995



New 1980 CAPRICE

Tinted glass, air, side mldg, remote mirror, tilt wheel w/w tires, bumper guard.

\$6895



New 1980 GRAND PRIX

Air, T-glass, deluxe wheel covers, bumper guards, radio, w/w tires, power steering and brakes, custom pin stripes.

\$6495

'78 CHEV. 4x4 1/2-ton red, extra clean	'77 CHEV. 4x4 low mileage clean	'76 CHEVETTE 2 dr. 4 cyl., 4 speed
\$5795	\$4695	\$2495
'74 CHEV. 3/4 ton V-8, auto.	'78 CADILLAC Coupe DeVille 8,000 miles	'75 GRAND PRIX bucket seats.
\$2195	\$7895	\$2695
'76 IMPALA 4-dr. air, sharp	'76 CAMARO LT. Jet Black, Loaded	'75 GRAND PRIX white with red buckets
\$2495	\$2995	\$2495
'75 MONTE CARLO excellent cond.	'76 TRANS AM silver & black, sharp.	'75 CHEV 3/4 TON V-8, stick.
\$2495	\$3195	\$2395
'77 GRAND PRIX loaded, 21,000 miles	'73 CHEVELLE MALIBU Bucket Seats, Clean	
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Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nadiger of Pontiac spent the week end with Mrs. Emma Decker in Cass City.

Debbie Hurford of Cass City was a Saturday overnight guest of Clara Bond.

Harold Nadiger of Pontiac, Debbie Hurford of Cass City and Clara Bond visited Ida Gordon, Mrs. Lynn Fuester and Alta Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nadiger of Pontiac, Robert Nadiger of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Jerry McGoldrick of Holly, Mrs. Don Turner and son Michael of Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Scott and Debbie of Cass City, Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were early Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Decker in Cass City.

Carol Laming was a Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Matthews Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Deneen were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka

were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Glaza in Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gracey of Warren were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Gracey.

Al Hammerle of Uby was a Thursday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart attended the funeral of Eleanor Bismack at St. Peter and Paul Catholic church at Ruth Monday. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family were Sunday evening guests of Leone Doerr at Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer attended the Vrencal Christmas party at the Hillcrest Country Club at Mt. Clemens Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Deneen and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stanbaugh, Julie and Jill were recent guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. John Naples and family of East Detroit spent a week with Mrs. Louis Naples.

Anne Pelton, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bader and family of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rich of Deckerville, Phyllis Pelton of Shabbona, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wallace and Mrs. Alex Cleland attended the funeral of Mrs. Margaret (Nicol) Richardson of Berkeley at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home in Berkeley Monday. Burial was in Rose-lawn cemetery.

Sheila Dalton and Carol Ross of Bad Axe were Thursday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mrs. Kim Anthony and family and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Friday lunch guests of Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk and son of Uby were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy, in honor of Mrs. Earl Schenk's birthday.

Mrs. Delbert Gracey attended a bridal shower for Miss Laurie Abile at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Persells at East Detroit Friday evening. Miss Abile and Todd Persells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Persells, will be married March 1.

Phil Berridge arrived home after spending a week with a friend, David Johnson in Tucson, Ariz., a former schoolmate of Phil's in Romeo.

Mrs. Dick Stokan and Oran Randall of Bad Axe and Rev. Robert Von Oeyen of Uby were Tuesday afternoon guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Tiny Rolston and Gene Vincent visited Mrs. Louis Naples Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Thursday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Payne of Detroit were Friday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman.

Bill Spencer of Alma came Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer.

Jack Ross of Uby was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weinard were Friday evening

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mark Lambert, Kirk Lentz and Bill Cleland of Pontiac and Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol visited Mrs. Dave Matthews Jr. at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City Saturday. Mrs. Matthews entered the hospital Friday afternoon.

per and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Tracey.

Mrs. Bill Goretzki of St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Nicol, Leland Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton, Tom Nicol and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace and family went to the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home in Berkeley to pay respects to Mrs. Margaret Richardson.

Wellington Tanner of Peck spent from Wednesday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and family for a Christmas vacation.

The Shabbona RLDS women's department met at the home of Mrs. Jim Doerr Thursday evening for a Christmas party. Janice Smith was in charge of devotions and Yvonne Smith was in charge of recreation. The next meeting will be held at the home of Janice Mika in January. The hostess served a buffet lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker, Chris and Don were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy in honor of Mrs. Earl Schenk's birthday.

Bill Cleland, Kirk Lentz and Mark Lambert of Pontiac were Saturday lunch guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family attended the Tyrrell family Christmas party and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bendall at Cornuna Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Berridge and son of Utica spent five days at the homes of Mr.

and Mrs. Fred Profit in Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge.

Alex Prill visited Harry Edwards and Sara Campbell Monday.

Mrs. Dave Sweeney and David were early Christmas dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweeney in Saginaw.

Cass Cityan in Interlochen singing group

Seventy-eight singers from Interlochen Arts Academy will be touring Michigan as part of the "Interlochen Outreach" program funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Included is Teresa Scollon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Scollon, 4949 N. Seeger Street.

On the road Jan. 14-19, the singers' vocal program will include American spirituals as well as classical works by Schubert, Brahms, and Dvorak.

Both the choir and chorale are directed by Alexander Zerkhan, director of choral activities at the academy.

Members of the academy's choir and chorale come from as far away as Japan and British Columbia to attend classes and study music at the fine arts boarding high school, 15 miles southwest of Traverse City.

St. Michael's Altar Society picks officers

The St. Michael's Altar Society met Dec. 11 with 15 members present.

President Florence Szostak called the meeting to order. Maxine Kozlowski read a prayer.

It was reported the four Christmas trees were purchased.

The Christmas Eve mass was discussed.

Election of officers took place: corresponding secretary, Rita Murphy; recording secretary, Ann Lewicki; and vice-president, Eleanor Szostak. Lea Wolak won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The group then enjoyed a Christmas party with gift exchange and Christmas goodies for refreshments. Christmas carols were sung.

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Owen-Gage H. S. lists honor roll

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ELEVENTH GRADE

Julie Andrakowicz, Peggy Berube, Cheryl Billy, Marcy Bruno, Kris Erickson, Joni Flores, Scott Gaeth, Loretta Hahn, Becky Howard, +James Kuhl, Dana Laurie, +Cheryl Mandich, Annette Rockefeller, Heidi Rockefeller, Mike Sullivan, Deirda Thies, +Beth Thies, Paul Thomas.

TENTH GRADE

Kim Diebel, Julie Enderle, Craig Gettel, Karla

NINTH GRADE

Stan Andrakowicz, Vicki Alexander, Craig Enderle, Brian Haag, Jackie Kain, Laurie Louis, Karen Pritch, Jason Reinhardt, Dena Wells, Lori Wissner, Jennifer Wood.

EIGHTH GRADE

Frank Abfalter, Gary Erickson, Tammy Mandich, Glenda McPhail, Brenda Schwartz, Scott Thies, Angie Thorp, Scott Wright.

SEVENTH GRADE

+Marcy Enderle, Carmel Alexander, Karen Goslin, Reid Goslin, Dora Gunsell, Jenny Hellebuyck, Tom Jeffrey, Karen Koch, Kellin Kretschmer, Kendra Kretschmer, Tina Lopez, Dena McDonald, Kim Olszak, Trina Peters, Linda Retford, Matt Ricker, Charla Rockefeller, Todd Rockefeller.

HEALTH TIPS

Reye's Syndrome is back again

The reappearance of Reye's Syndrome in Michigan this fall, with seven cases reported so far at The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, has again raised the concern of parents.

More than 60 cases of the often-fatal syndrome, which afflicts children under 16, were reported in Michigan last year. Thirty of the cases were treated at Mott Hospital under the care of a special Reye's team headed by U-M pediatrician Dr. Joseph Baublis.

Following are answers to the major questions asked by parents:

What is Reye's Syndrome? "The chances of getting Reye's Syndrome are small, about one in 5,000 to one in 10,000," Dr. Baublis said. "The syndrome is a symptom complex in which there is a combination of liver dysfunction and swelling of the brain. The disease is associated with infectious childhood diseases including chicken pox and influenza.

What is the most serious feature of Reye's Syndrome? "The one life-and-death problem that has to be coped with is increased intracranial pressure. The pressure of the brain against the skull. The brain in this disease is swollen and tends to enlarge and thereby cause damage to itself or death," Dr. Baublis said.

Your Neighbor says

1979 was a good year for me

This past year was a good year for Ray Vandembosche.

"1979 has been good to me," he said, "but inflation has hurt everybody."


The reason it was good was "because I'm a carpenter and I was working. I believe that's how people judge good years from bad years."

Vandembosche works for various contractors on commercial projects, who hire him through the carpenter's union local in Saginaw. He presently is working on a building at the Caro Regional Center.

As for his outlook on the new year, he described 1980 as "very questionable, with unemployment, lots of shops closing down and inflation being the way it is."

On a personal level, "I'm hoping for a good year," Vandembosche and his wife Sharon live at Severance and Dodge Roads with sons Jim, 12, John, 8, and Scott, 7.





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NATIVITY PAGEANT -- Youth from the Novesta Church of Christ performed their outdoor nativity pageant last Thursday night for the second year. Above: The wise men call on Joseph and Mary and the newborn Christ child in the manger. Below, the shepherds keep warm around the fire while they watch over their flock.



Most township tax bills finally mailed

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descriptions, not 1976, which would have penalized those who had buildings constructed after 1976.

It was thought all the readjustments would have to be recomputed, with corrected tax bills being sent out after the regular 1979 bills had been mailed. The adjusted bills would either give the property owner a rebate or show that he owed more taxes.

Last Thursday, several county officials journeyed to Lansing to meet with state Tax Commission and Tax Tribunal officials to find out what they should do.

The answer was, do nothing, to let the 1979 tax bills stand as printed and mailed.

According to county Treasurer Arnold Schweitzer, the state officials said the method used to compute the adjustments was the most practical, plus state law

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valuation increases for 1980 for agricultural and residential property (agricultural given first) are:

Elkland (including Cass City), 7.24 percent, 10.91; Elmwood, 7.51, 5.26; Ellington, 5.37, 4.69; Novesta, 7.41, 6.93, and Kingston, 8.83, 3.70.

Also at the special meeting last Thursday, Prosecutor Artis Noel reviewed his response to the suit filed by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley in the state Court of Appeals against the Tuscola and Huron county boards and six townships for not rolling back taxes in the Owendale-Gagetown School District in accordance with the Headlee Amendment.

Noel told the Chronicle his brief argues the complexities of the issue and the reasoning of the county board for its vote.

Included in the latter was that applying the rollback would have cost Owen-Gage \$32,000 in property tax revenue and would likely have meant the demise of the district.

The case is more complex

Merger in cards for credit union

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the Cass City unit is 16 years old, Churchill pointed out, the Tuscola FCU is only two years old, thus is growing.

Once the merger takes effect -- after which the CCFU will cease to exist by name -- the Tuscola Federal Credit Union will be chartered to operate in about seven-eighths of the county, which will greatly strengthen its potential base of operation, according to Churchill.

The boards of directors of both credit unions have given preliminary approval to the merger, which should become effective at the end of January.

Saturday, Jan. 5, the local credit union has scheduled meetings for members to answer any questions they have about it and the upcoming merger. There will be separate sessions in the credit union office (Hahn Real Estate Building) at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

The CCFU, according to board member Oscar Becker, was organized 16 years ago for employees at General Cable Co.

It became a community credit union, open to all persons, about 10 years ago. The greatest portion of its membership still is employed by General Cable, followed by employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital and Evans Products in Gagetown.

than the attorney general alleged, thus he was in need of more facts than he presented in his suit, the prosecutor also argues.

Noel does not argue that the rollback need not have been applied. "I'm not attacking the attorney general head on," he explained. In essence, he asks the appeals court to decide the issue after reviewing all the facts presented.

The prosecutor advised the commissioners prior to their approval of county apportionment roll Nov. 27, minus the Owen-Gage rollback, that as he interpreted the state law, it should have been applied to the millage the district had in effect prior to Dec. 31, 1978 (17.25

mills). The reduction would have been about one mill, had it been applied.

He, as did Attorney General Kelley, asks the appeals court for a hearing.

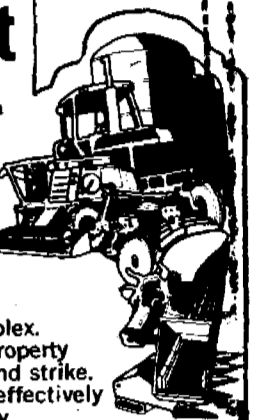
The judges can make a decision based solely on the written arguments it has submitted to it, if they choose.

Noel had his brief in the mail Friday. No date has been set on when the appeals court will conduct a hearing -- if there is one -- or when it will make a decision, but the prosecutor and others are expecting quick action.

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From the Chronicle's pages

People and events in the news in 1979

JANUARY

Jan. 4 - Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacinto Aguilera of Sebawaing, is first baby of 1979 born at Hills and Dales General Hospital; Richard E. Lyng, president of the American Meat Institute, predicts the price of hamburger may reach \$1.80 a pound in 1979; Artis M. Noel took the oath of office as the new prosecutor for Tuscola County.

Jan. 11 - Firemen are unable to determine the cause of fire which broke out at the home occupied by Ruby Hartsell; there is a 90 percent chance that the proposed state Department of Corrections work camp will be built in Tuscola County; after eight months of negotiation, the Cass City School District and the Operating Engineers agreed on a 24 percent wage increase over three years and minor adjustments in vacation benefits.

Jan. 18 - Tuscola County is digging out after a 16-inch snowstorm that closed many schools and businesses throughout the area; the Village of Gageton has applied for \$330,000 in federal funds to purchase land in the village and to renovate and expand an unused industrial building on the property.

Jan. 25 - Property valuations in Tuscola County are scheduled to take a big increase in 1979, including an average 15.4 percent for agricultural property; a new office and warehouse company will be constructed at the Wickes Agriculture elevator in Cass City; the new gymnasium at Owendale-Gagetown High School is ready for the first games against Port Hope.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 - Ingham County Circuit Judge James Kallman lifted his restraining order barring the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners from allocating the 1978 Goslin parcel school operating taxes; the 1974 Chevrolet of Jamie Fileccia was described as a total loss as the result of an early morning fire; Lambert (Bud) Kuhr has been named the new full-time deacon at St. Agatha Catholic church in Gageton. He and his family are living in the rectory.

Feb. 8 - A tanker driven by Carl M. Kneppeler of Bay City tipped over on Sebe-waing Road near Owendale as he pulled his loaded truck onto what appeared to be a wide road shoulder because of packed snow and it tipped over into the ditch; according to the village police department's annual report, there were 333 crimes reported in Cass City in 1978, an increase of 23 over 1977; proposed U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations of the sale of junk foods in schools will have no effect on area school districts.

Feb. 15 - Opening of Cass City schools upset some parents in the Crawford-Englehart Road area southeast of Deford whose children were unable to get to school because roads were still blocked by snow; the Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education approved Phase I of Supt. Ronald Erickson's game plan by approving petitioning to have the Belk, Voelker and Parker parcels transferred back to Owen-Gage.

Feb. 22 - An early morning barn fire that took almost 10

hours to extinguish meant a loss of possibly \$250,000. The barn on Huron Line Road was owned by Shirley Doerr; the Goslin parcel transfer case took a new twist with Ingham County Circuit Judge James Kallman reversing the state Board of Education's transferring of the property from the Owen-Gage to the Cass City School District; loss was estimated at at least \$250,000 in a fire of undetermined origin that destroyed the Caro MD Associates Building in Caro.

MARCH

March 1 - The village council approved the 1979 village budget and accepted the recreation facilities plan, both after public hearings; two sites in Indian-fields township are the top choices of the Tuscola County Planning Commission as the location for a state Department of Corrections work camp; the village of Kingston is defendant in a suit filed by Marshall's Real Estate, which wants to use land it owns in the village for a mobile home park.

March 8 - The worst of the flu outbreak is past, according to some flu watchers, concern remains about Reyes' Syndrome; a fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn and attached pole building on the farm of Mary Voelker on Canboro Road near Owendale; village residents will go to the polls to vote on whether the village should be allowed to sell bonds for up to \$1.2 million to finance the local share for the new sewage treatment plant project.

March 15 - In a rare case under tenure law, teacher Karen Hurt at Evergreen Elementary School is fighting dismissal for incompetency; Cass City voters overwhelmingly approved levying of a millage to allow the village to borrow money to finance its share for improvement and expansion of the sewage treatment plant; Cass City has been awarded a \$90,000 grant by the Farmers Home Administration for further development of the industrial park in the southwest corner of the village.

March 22 - After off and on negotiations since the previous contract expired, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approved a new three-year contract with the union representing sheriff's department em-

ployees; John Freese, 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freese, died at the Lapeer County Hospital after he was run over by a truck.

March 29 - The Cass City Village Council decided not to allow building of a permanent concession stand adjacent to the village park, however, there might be a portable concession stand; Citizens for Decent Road Conditions are aiming to persuade the County Board of Commissioners to put a proposal on the ballot that if approved by voters, would let the public elect the three members of the Road Commission.

APRIL

April 5 - Elkland township finished the 1978-79 fiscal year in the black; Mary Jo Lockwood and Cindy Ware were named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively, for Cass City High School; Cass City School Board fired Karen Hurt, a teacher at Evergreen Elementary School.

April 12 - Area residents had to go without electricity for almost 72 hours after a severe windstorm; Gageton's application for \$330,000 in federal funds for a proposed industrial development project has been rejected; Kathleen O'Donnell presented a report on the community education program to the Cass City School Board showing there are 143 students for adult high school completion courses and 287 students for adult and youth enrichment.

April 19 - By a 4-0 vote, the Cass City Zoning Board of appeals gave the go-ahead to Wickes Agriculture to build a fertilizer storage building close to Main Street; Leland W. Green became Tuscola County's fifth traffic victim when he was struck by a car on M-24.

April 26 - Bill Kritzman was named Cass City's Citizen of the Year; dual winners in the race for Junior Citizen of the Year were Frances Kozan and David Heins; Cass City had the distinction in 1977-78 of having the lowest per pupil expenditure of any school district in the state.

MAY

May 3 - Impetus for the proposed lengthening and paving of the runway at the Rolling Hills Airport is coming from the Cass City Chamber of Commerce;

June Dearing reported \$500 in cash and checks was taken from the Colonial Inn on Main Street.

May 10 - The Cass City Village Council voted to spend about \$70,000 which will be the local share for an estimated \$235,000 street rebuilding project; the Novesta Township Board decided to start strictly enforcing the township's junk ordinance.

May 17 - The Cass City School Board is wrestling with the question of whether or not to have kindergarten classes at Evergreen and Deford in the fall; the Michigan Department of Education is withholding state aid from the Owendale-Gageton School District for failure to submit a balanced budget that meets its approval or a plan on how to get rid of the deficit; the Elkland Township Board voted to raise cemetery and fire standby fees.

May 24 - Cass City service station operators advise area customers not to panic. If they don't fill their gasoline tanks when they need only a few gallons and drive less, the dealers will be able to keep customers supplied with fuel this summer without running out; the Evergreen Elementary School principal and kindergarten teacher Ruth Smith is retiring after 30 years of teaching; former Huron County Deputy Sheriff Larry Ringvelski has been hired as the new police officer in Gageton.

May 31 - Thanks to bureaucratic red tape at the state and federal levels, construction of the Cass City sewage treatment plant improvements won't get underway until next year; Evelyn C. Wolfe of Unionville became Tuscola County's sixth traffic victim of the year when she was killed in a car accident; a fire in Huntsville Trailer Park resulted in severe damage to the mobile home of David and Judy Keller. Cause of the fire was traced to a faulty power cable.

JUNE

June 7 - The Cass City Village Council approved a new ordinance establishing procedures for creation of special assessment districts; two terms on the school board are expiring and the only two candidates running are the incumbents, Geraldine Prieskorn and Dr. Edward Scollon, DVM; Ross Floyd Brady, 20, of Cass

City, was killed instantly when his van rammed an abutment of the M-53 bridge over the north branch of the Cass River.

June 14 - A decision affecting the educational program at Evergreen and Deford schools and a hassle over attendance policy and discipline at the Intermediate School highlighted the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board; millage proposals on the ballots in Cass City, Owendale-Gageton, and Kingston all passed in school elections; Owendale-Gageton school employees will start payless paydays on what would otherwise be regular payday, the district's running out of money affects teachers and administrators, all of whom are paid year-round; local truck drivers are not among the 100,000 owner-operators who parked their rigs and joined a nationwide protest with the Independent Truckers Association.

June 21 - An arson-caused fire destroyed the grandstand, restroom building and two food stands at the county fairgrounds in Caro; cost of the county vocational education center will be slightly under the estimate, the Tuscola Intermediate School District Board of Education learned; voters in Grant township overwhelmingly defeated a proposed two-mill levy for three years to finance road improvements.

June 28 - The blockade of fuel supply terminals by striking independent truck drivers forced Cass City gas station owners to put a \$5 limit on sales in order to stretch out supplies; the Cass City Village Council approved establishment of a special assessment district to pay for new curbing on portions of Houghton, Brooker and Downing Streets; replacement of the grandstand at the Tuscola County fairgrounds will be done in three stages, the Caro Village Council and Fair Association board of directors decided.

JULY

July 5 - Louis and Jeanette Langenburg, aboard a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, traveled westward, and when it was all over, they drove 7,614 miles through 18 states on a 36-day journey; after 2 years of meetings, letters, conferences and estimates, three buildings in Cass City will soon either be rebuilt or torn down according to village Superintendent Lou LaPonsie.

July 12 - At the Cass City School Board meeting, trustees listened to high school Principal Russ Richards say that there was no way to control the students during "senior swing out." Because of lack of control, the board put an end to the annual trek from the school, down Main Street, and back to the school; the weather was great, the streets were jammed and the village was buzzing as thousands celebrated Cass City's first annual Fourth of July Festival.

July 19 - Village council decides at special meeting some written dos and don'ts are needed for Cass City Recreation Park; Janet Umphenbach, 23-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Umphenbach, Cass City, is home after pedaling a bicycle from San Diego, Calif., to St. Augustine, Fla., in a month, a distance of about 2,700 miles; Tuscola County's PATCH House (Professional Assistance to Tuscola County Children's Home), a five-bed home for children, ages 6-17, suffering mental, emotional or behavioral problems, has been closed until new house parents who meet qualifications can be hired.

July 26 - Fire heavily damages milking parlor and attached calf barn of Robert DeLong on Hadley Road, Greenleaf township. Volunteers pitch in to install new equipment and in less than 12 hours, cows are being milked in the building again. Protest by residents leads to temporary shutdown of Houghton Street reconstruction project. Four Erla's Food Center and Packing trucks vandalized, damage estimated at \$1,000.

AUGUST

Aug. 2 - Would be Cub, Brownie and Girl Scouts may not be able to join because of a shortage of parents willing to donate

their time to be leaders; new rules of the road will most likely speed legal process; ex-Cass Cityan called hero in Detroit accident because he risked own life to save others nearby.

Aug. 9 - Two Cass City residents with same name have been causing confusion; Owendale-Gageton School District is loser when Tuscola County Circuit Judge Martin Clements upholds county Board of Commissioners in allocation of Goslin parcel property taxes; Kingston mother of four, Helen M. Noyes, killed in traffic accident.

Aug. 16 - Supt. Donald Crouse predicts 1979-80 will be a deficit year for the Cass City School District; village council gives its okay for 32-foot width on Houghton Street; only money keeps Owendale-Gageton School District and Construction Coordinators Inc. apart on the cost of the firm's services for the high school addition and gymnasium.

Aug. 23 - There will be about \$3 million less in federal job funds to spend in upper Thumb in 1979-80 because of Congressional cutbacks; the Cultural Center in Cass City has been listed in the State Register of Historic Sites; loss is set at \$100,000 in huge Austin township barn blaze.

Aug. 30 - Area farmers assured by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland they will have enough fuel to harvest crops; alcoholism counselors' jobs are getting tougher because the behavior of alcoholics is slowly being tolerated in the U.S.; long distance telephone service knocked out in most of Thumb due to train derailment in Gera-Reese area.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 - Kingston teachers and school board reach tentative agreement on a new three-year contract; while school buses keep rolling, the cost goes higher and possible cuts may be needed; public transportation for senior citizens and the handicapped in the upper Thumb may become reality in 60-90 days.

Sept. 13 - Owendale-Gageton School Board approves 2.9-mill reduction in property taxes; Cass City School Board by split decision approves allowing girls' basketball team to practice seven Sunday afternoons during season; Tuscola County has new animal control ordinance.

Sept. 20 - After a year's delay, Stoney Creek Drain project in northwestern Sanilac County may get underway this fall; musicians from all over the country will be coming to Cass City Thanksgiving week end for first annual Village Bach Festival; hail storm causes 50-70 percent loss in dry bean crop for some farmers in Gageton area.

Sept. 27 - Tuscola County voters may be asked to approve two special millages when they go to the polls in 1980, for senior citizens and county operations; another hurdle for sewage plant project involves refusal by Environmental Protection Agency to pay 75 percent of estimated \$6 million cost of advanced waste treatment.

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 - Owendale-Gageton the loser as state Court of Appeals upholds Goslin property transfer to Cass City School District; enrollments decline in all area school districts; thousands of dollars being spent by Walbro trying to eliminate potential pollution problem.

Oct. 11 - Federal regulations could make 50-year old Cass City Intermediate School building obsolete because of barrier-free design requirements; Owen-Gage

School Board to ask appeals court for rehearing of its decision in Goslin parcel case; Frank and Jennie Hutchinson celebrate 70th wedding anniversary.

Oct. 18 - The 1980 Tuscola County budget to top \$4 million mark; area grain elevator managers report plenty of space for incoming harvest; ex-Superintendent Willis Campbell says possible farewell to Cass City as he heads for Florida; Holbrook Baptist church celebrates 20th anniversary and arrival of new minister.

Oct. 25 - 1978 and '79 Goslin tax monies go to Cass City School District, judge says, but Owen-Gage appeal likely; Tuscola County will not be participating in a limited public transportation program with Huron and Sanilac counties; sales for quarter up but earnings down at Walbro.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Transfer of Goslin Property will mean a loss of about \$1,800 to Cass City School District; Cass City school millage takes dip but probably not enough to mean a reduction in taxes; Cass City caught in red tape over sewage treatment plant funding and land-fill regulations.

Nov. 8 - Elkland-Novesta Community Chest appears to have made goal of \$13,500; harvesting goes well as farmers watch crop prices slide downhill; Halloween problems less troublesome than night before in Cass City, but arsonists torch barn in Grant township.

Nov. 15 - Sewage plant funding gets final okay; Cass City Schools will spend a record \$2.8 million in 1979-80 school year and have an \$80,000 deficit; Owen-Gage Bulldogs end football season with 9-0 mark and league championship, qualify for state championship playoffs.

Nov. 22 - First Bach Festival begins in Cass City Friday and runs through Sunday; tight squeeze for storage at area grain elevators; keeping warm in winter gets ever more costly, but wood may come to the rescue.

Nov. 29 - Cass City never to see gasoline for under \$1 a gallon again; first annual Village Bach Festival declared a total success by promoters, musicians and public; Red Hawk girls' basketball team, after winning Thumb B league title, wins district tournament, heads for regionals.

DECEMBER

Dec. 6 - Free legal help for the poor likely in upper Thumb, returnable container law accepted, but disliked by merchants; warning signals not being considered yet for Garfield Street train crossing despite two car-train accidents in a month's time.

Dec. 13 - More physicians needed in Cass City; Hawk Herald school newspaper under fire for sloppy editing; fuel of the future -- alcohol; Attorney General Frank Kelley files suit to force tax rollback in Owen-Gage School District.

Dec. 20 - Cass City village employees get 9 percent pay increase for 1980; courthouse employees in Caro to get 8.18 percent pay increase first year as they and county board approve two-year pact; Tuscola County Road Commission will have more money to spend for plowing roads this year.

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Special wheelchair gives Kennedy boost

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the Hayward, Calif., Daily Review. Ken Kennedy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Kennedy of Van Dyke Road, Cass City. He returned to Cass City High School in fall, 1969, 16 months after his swimming accident, and graduated in 1970. He will be completing his studies at Chabot College in June, 1980, when he will receive his journeyman's card, with the aim, according to his mother, of setting up machinery for industry. He and Bob Brown have applied for a patent on his special wheelchair, mentioned in the article, which they designed. Lawrence Livermore Laboratory is a

research and development laboratory operated by the University of California for the U.S. Department of Energy.

By Patricia Yollin

For the past 11 years, accommodation has been the order of things for Ken Kennedy. He must do constant battle with his environment, which often assumes the shape of an obstacle course. There are right angle curbs and narrow staircases to circumvent, along with 18-inch-wide doors that a 24-inch-wide wheelchair can't possibly squeeze through.

Nevertheless, Ken has to a large extent refused to heed

the limitations paraplegics normally encounter. "I'm very bullheaded," he insists. "If there's a way, I'll find it. If not, I'll make it."

There's no sense of false bravado in his words. In fact, he recently entered an area traditionally closed to the disabled — the field of science and technology. During the past summer, the Hayward resident participated in Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's machine shop training course. The first handicapped student to enter the course, he finished it two weeks ago and hopes to return to LLL as a permanent employee when he graduates from Chabot College in June with a degree in machine tool tech-

nology.

In the process, he pioneered the use of a special wheelchair which, powered by an electric motor, raises and lowers like a forklift. The wheelchair allows its users to reach high into cupboards, retrieve books off lofty library shelves and perform a whole series of functions which most people take for granted.

Without the elevated wheelchair, Ken couldn't have worked in the LLL machine shop. "With the chair, I'm 6-foot-2 instead of 3-foot-5," he says.

With his regular wheelchair, he wouldn't have been able to reach lathes, milling machines and other heavy equipment, and would have been plagued by a constant shower of metal chips and oil. Using the 80-pound special wheelchair, he had no problem working safely or efficiently with machines that don't discriminate between metal and flesh.

"I can use my brawn instead of my brain," says the 28-year-old student.

Ken and Bob Brown, his instructor at Chabot, helped Summit Services in Campbell design the chair. Summit is currently manufacturing 50 more, at a cost of about \$3,000 each.

"I was able to adapt to the machines," he continues, "so there was no need for special machines to adapt to me," he says. "I won't have any trouble, no matter where I work."

Ken became fascinated with machines during his childhood on a Michigan farm, fixing broken farm machines. Before he became a paraplegic, he was employed as a construction worker.

Karol Ruppenthal of LLL's Office of Equal Opportunity says few disabled people enter science and technology fields because of limited training and job opportunities. Although federal regulations now require that all college majors be open to disabled students, she says, many employers won't take the risk of hiring a handicapped person unless he already has some work experience.

Based on Kennedy's performance, LLL's machine shop program has now been opened up to other disabled students. "People were a little skeptical at first," Ken recalls, "but I impressed everyone there."

Ken's summer of LLL was his first job in 12 years. In 1968, he hit the cap of a wave while swimming in Lake Huron. As a result of the freak accident, he was totally paralyzed. "Nothing worked except my heart," he says.

He spent 16 months in the hospital, underwent nine major operations, seven minor operations and received 120 units of blood. He was also given an overdose of sodium pentothal.

"Only one doctor said there was any hope for me at all," he recalls. "The rest wanted to let me die."

He compared his condition

to a computer's after it has shortcircuited. "The brain sends a message through the spine, but it hits a block and returns to the brain," he says.

At one point, an infectious sac appeared in his membranes, he says. When his lungs expanded, the poison shot out through his system. "Whenever I took a breath, I was poisoning myself," he says. An experimental drug illegally administered six hours before the doctor could obtain formal permission saved his life. "He was a professor of medicine as well as a doctor," Ken says. "He put a 30-year career on the line for me."

Ken was the subject of two other experiments. In one after he developed a bleeding ulcer, his stomach was removed and his blood vessels were stretched and tied in knots. He lost 28 pints of blood in six hours. "I was bleeding it out faster than they were pumping it in," he recalls.

In another precedent-setting operation, he says, doctors entered through the front of his neck rather than his back to operate on his spine.

"It eliminated eight hours of surgery," he says. "With in two weeks, I was flirting with nurses."

Doctors who were mystified by Ken's accident have been even more baffled by his recovery and continued survival. He's now partially paralyzed and has 90 percent movement in his right hand and 20 percent in his left hand.

A gold watch which was given to him by his parents dangles from his neck. The inscription inside reads, "Happy 10th. Live 20."

"I'm supposed to be dead by now," he says matter-of-factly, explaining that doctors predicted his kidneys would suffer 10 percent deterioration each year. Yet damage to his kidneys so far has been minimal, he said.

"If I took all the drugs the

doctors said I should be taking, I couldn't work," Ken says. "If something goes wrong at least I know it."

After his accident, he was one of the few who refused to see his predicament as hopeless. It was not until years later, after he graduated from junior college with a degree in tool and die design and realized that no one wanted to "hire the handicapped," that depression set in.

He says he applied for countless drafting jobs and scored high on aptitude tests but couldn't pass the physicals. "For the kind of work I'd be doing," he says, "the physicals didn't matter."

He sent out 150 hand-lettered resumes, in the form of blueprints — "which was what I'd be doing at the job" — and received only six replies. Finally, in 1973, he moved to California in search of a more benign climate and "more open attitude toward the disabled."

"There's an entirely different attitude on the West Coast," he says. "Buildings are more accessible, timed lights are a little longer and there are more centers for the handicapped around."

Ken says he has also detected a difference, though not an auspicious one, in the attitude of the handicapped. He blames rehabilitation centers for the change.

"If a patient doesn't feel like doing something, nobody will make him. But you have to make him," he insists.

"There used to be just physical therapists around. There weren't any clinical psychologists. I can't stand psychologists. The ones in rehabilitation centers pamper people."

"In Detroit, with one therapist, I'd tell her I couldn't do something and 15 minutes later, I'd be doing it and acting like she was doing me a favor. The minute you

could do something, she made you do it."

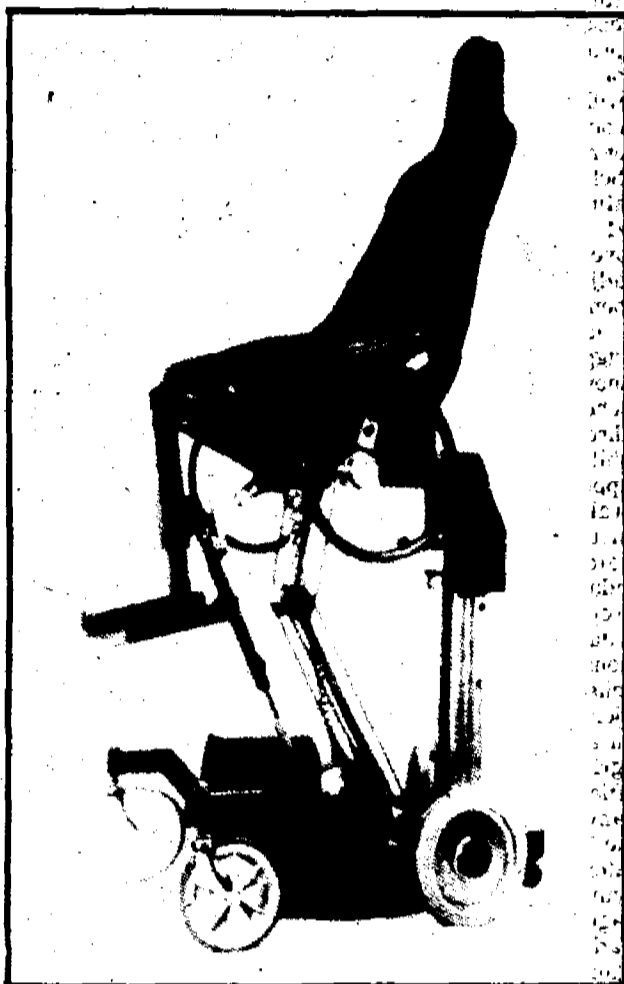
Arrested twice — in a farmers' demonstration and in an anti-war protest — Ken is militant about rights for the disabled or the "handicapped," a term he prefers. "Look at what having a handicap means in golf," he jokes. "Handicapped means I have a little extra to take care of."

However, he says he disapproved of the protest against AC Transit. "You

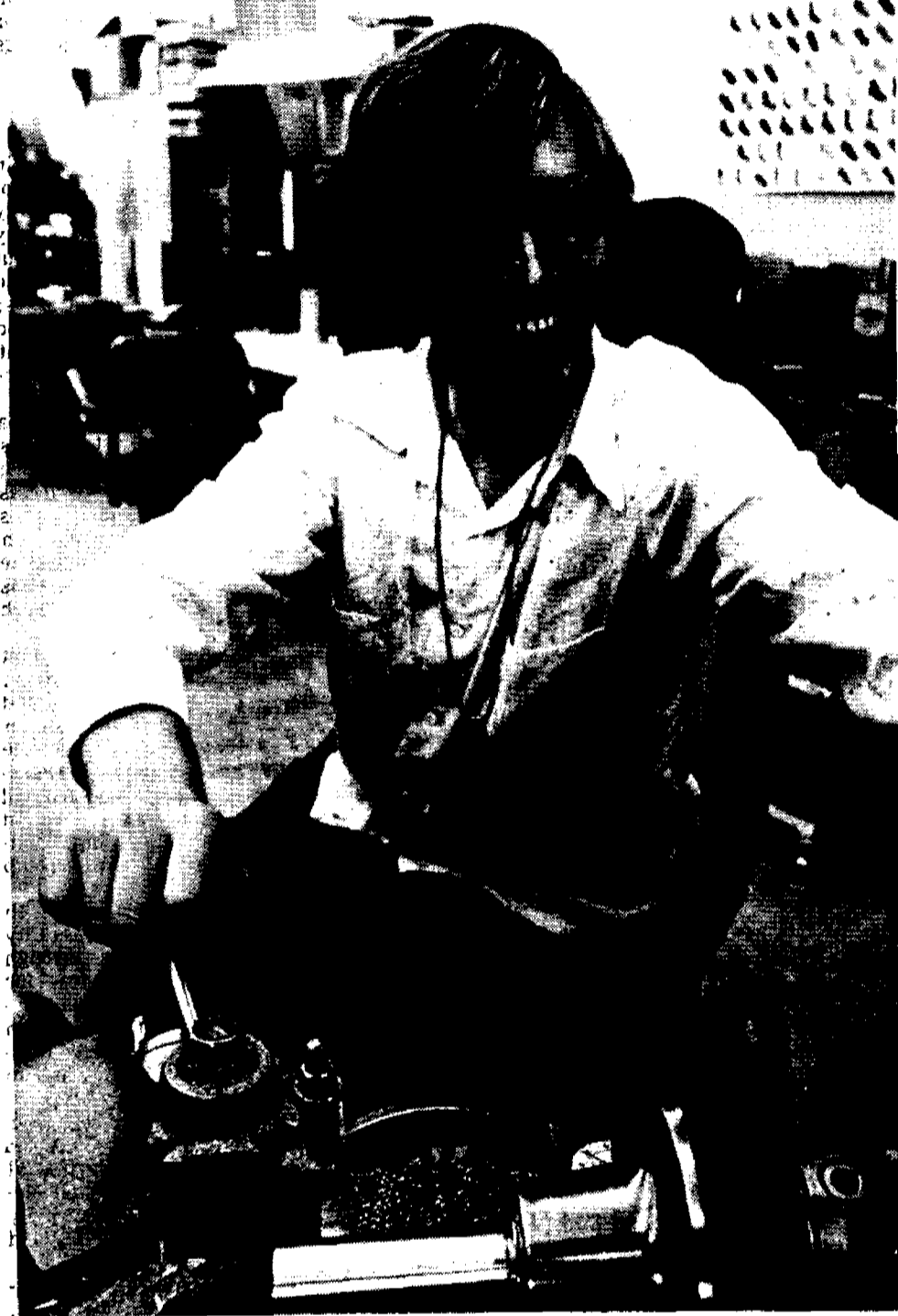
can't expect EVERY bus to be equipped with a ramp and a hoist," he says. "That's not common sense."

Besides psychologists and "some architects" who should be hung up by their thumbs," Ken reserves his pique for people who park in spaces marked for the handicapped.

"But I guess illiteracy is still a handicap," he grins. "They can't read and they must be blind as well."



UP IT GOES — The special electrically powered wheelchair designed by Ken Kennedy and Chabot College instructor Bob Brown can raise Kennedy to the same height as a person 6-foot-2. They have applied for a patent and 50 more of the chairs are to be produced by a California firm.



FINE ADJUSTMENT — Ex-Cass Cityan Ken Kennedy makes an adjustment on a lathe at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, Calif., where he took a seven-week summer machine shop training course. (LLL photograph)

Checking time in shower can save energy, say experts

(1) Reduce the duration of the shower. A person can get thoroughly clean within five minutes.

(2) Limit the shower flow rate to about three gallons a minute. This can be accomplished by careful adjustments of the hot and cold

water faucets but an easier way is to install a simple shower flow restrictor.

A plastic flow restrictor costing less than a dollar will do an adequate job of holding flow rates down to about two and one-half to three gallons per minute.

More expensive flow restrictors will do a somewhat better job of holding flow rate constant regardless of variation in water pressure. And finally, an expenditure of about \$10 will bring an entire new shower head with a built-in flow restrictor.



BEST LIGHTING — Malcolm House strung the lights outside his parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton House, 6320 Virginia Drive, and won the \$50 prize for best lighting.



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DOE engineers have estimated, however, that a hypothetical ten-minute shower — flowing at a rate of five gallons per minute — would cause a quart of oil (or its equivalent in the form of gas) to be burned in a home's water heater.

Where an electric heater is provided, about 1.8 quarts of oil (or its equivalent in the form of gas, hydro-electric, coal, or nuclear fuel) must be burned in the utility's power generating station.

Assuming that each member of a four-member family takes one shower a day, the cost of this energy to the homeowner is as follows:

	Cost Per Annual Shower	Cost
Gas water heater	8 cents	\$115
Oil water heater	10 cents	\$146
Electric water heater	23 cents	\$336

These costs can be cut as much as 70 percent, yielding an annual savings of from \$81 to \$235. Here's how, according to the Department of Energy:

Commissioners seek cohesive policy

Funding problem delays bridges

Sanilac county may get some bridgework done, but it will be more costly than a trip to the dentist.

A move to get three small bridges replaced in Evergreen and Argyle townships has led to a scheduled examination of the county's policy regarding bridge replacement repair and paving of roads.

According to Evergreen Township Supervisor Audrey Leslie, discussed was rebuilding of three bridges, all over the middle branch of the Cass River. They were Leslie Road, between Severance and Argyle Roads in her township, Wheeler Road between Stone and Shabbona Roads in Argyle township, and a joint project between the two townships on Arnold Road (the township line) between Severance and Argyle Roads.

Road Commission Engineer-Manager Jack Kineman inspected the bridges at the townships' request and suggested that if someone could pay for the materials, his agency could do the building.

That led to a formal proposal that the two townships would pay for the materials (splitting the cost 50-50 on Arnold Road) and the Road Commission would do the engineering and provide the labor.

Then on Nov. 28, Kineman proposed a different arrangement to the county Board of commissioners on a county-wide basis, with the aim of reducing the financial burden on the townships.

He suggested a three-way split with each participating township, Road Commission and county board each paying a one-third share per bridge. In total, Kineman was asking for \$150,000.

Back in September, the Road Commission applied for combined state and federal funds to rebuild 12 large bridges, including the Snover Road bridge, west of

the Wheeler Road bridge in Argyle township.

It was defeated for various reasons, according to Severance, one being that the commissioners thought it would be an unfair advantage for Evergreen and Argyle townships, as they are the only ones so far to have contacted the Road Commission about bridge replacement.

Another reason was more substantial. Three years ago, the Road Commission contracted with several townships for road paving on a cost-sharing basis. To date, the paving hasn't been done because the Road Commission hasn't had enough money for its share.

Evergreen township, for instance, agreed to pay a total of \$8,000 for paving of two miles, on Germania Road between Deckerville and Downingtown Roads, and Decker Road between Deckerville and Shabbona Roads. (Total cost would have been under \$27,000 a mile three years ago.)

County commissioners last Wednesday expressed the sentiment that the Road Commission should get its priorities in order, that it should pave the roads it has contracted to do before it starts on a bridge replacement program.

With that in mind, a meeting has now been scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the courthouse in Sandusky, to be attended by the county board, the three-member Road Commission and Kineman and officials of those townships who have contracted to have road paving done.

The aim, according to Kineman, will be to come up with some sort of cohesive policy regarding both road paving and bridge replacement.

Recreation basketball

Unbeaten pair lead league

It's a two-man race in the Cass City Recreational League as People's State Bank and Mutual of Omaha sport undefeated, 4-0, records to lead the rest of the pack by two full games.

Charmont dropped out of a contending position in the league last Wednesday when they dropped a close decision to Trend Vendors, 63-61.

The vendors hit the jackpot with a 21-10 margin in the last period. Randy Rife led all scorers with 21 points. Roy Calahan added 17 and Dave Zawilinski scored 15. Four of the losers were in double figures: Bill Stevenson, 16; Lloyd Schinnerer, 14; Scott Hartel, 13, and Craig Helwig, 12.

In the second game, Brown's Party Store defeated IGA, 58-47. It was a battle between two winless teams. Brown's broke out of an 11-11 tie at the end of the first eight minutes and led the rest of the way.

Mark Schuebel led the winners with 17. Kevin Betizer and Pat Hagen each netted 11.

In Thursday's games, People's State Bank kept its record clean with a last half rally and a 77-75 decision. Gus's led 37-29 at the half but couldn't hang on for the victory.

Mark Green scored 16. Chuck Smith and Tim Bates each scored 11 and Dale Rieck added 10 points for People's. Paul Treiber scored 23 to lead Gus's while Dave and Bret Bitzer scored 10 each.

Mutual led all the way to push past Advertiser 74-66. Twelve players shared in the scoring with Joel Leipprandt and Jack Paul, 10 each, the only players in double figures for the winners. Rick Tuckey scored 15 for Advertiser. Dave Romig scored 12 and Dave Doerr, 14.

The standings:

	W	L
Peoples State Bank	4	0
Mutual of Omaha	4	0
Trend Vendors	2	2
Tuscola Advertiser	2	2
Charmont	2	2
Brown's Party Store	1	3
Gus's Party Store	1	3
IGA	0	4

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CHRISTMAS CHEER - Thirty-two needy families or individuals received boxes of food for Christmas, paid for by the Elkland-Novesta Community Chest. Packing the boxes last Thursday night were, clockwise from left, Herb Ludlow, Dan Allen, Jerry Cleland, Iris Tuckey and Ron Keegan. Distribution was made Friday by Walbro and General Cable employees and trucks in the Cass City area and Burton and Dan Allen in the Deford area. Last year, there were 24 recipients of the Christmas food boxes.

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Keith McConkey is not a life-long resident of Cass City but he has been in the community longer than most of the residents who were born here.

He came to the community from Belt, Montana, when two years old, graduated from Cass City High School, went to work on Main Street at the A & P Store and has been a fixture in the business community ever since.

He started his jewelry

business in 1946 and expanded into his present location in 1951.

McConkey's wife, Cindy, is co-owner of the store and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Zonta Club of Cass City.

He is a Mason, a member of the Trinity Methodist church and a past district lay leader of the Methodist church, Port Huron district. He is a past president of Rotary Club of Cass City and served for two years as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

McConkey has two children, Frederick, a designer, in Zeeland, and a daughter, Rev. Mrs. Marilyn Dressel of Midland.



Keith and Cindy McConkey

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FARM BUREAU

The North Elmwood Farm Bureau Group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie with 14 members present.

Richard Ziehm conducted the meeting. Berry Hedley led the discussion "Agriculture and the world market" and "Energy."

Presents of homemade foods were exchanged.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hobart spent the Christmas Day holiday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis and family in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Messer and family were Christmas week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Meyerhoffer of Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hunter and Deb are spending the Christmas holiday at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Devore of Normal, Ill. The Sunday School of St. Peter's Lutheran church at Bach presented the annual Christmas program Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch, Ray and Janet were overnight guests of her mother, Mrs. Louis Meyer, of Birch Run and spent Christmas Day with her and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Weatherhead of Sebawaing were Sunday callers of Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Weatherhead.

Mary and Joann Goodell of Bay City spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Goodell.

Shaun and Sam Barr of Manistee are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barr.

Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous and Thessa Johnston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Generous and family of Caro Christmas Eve.

Danny Rabideau of New York is spending the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carroll of Gagetown.

Mrs. Thessa Johnston spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous.

Patti and Laurie Ondrajka were overnight guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka.

Zonta Club aids many programs

The Zonta Club of Cass City is celebrating Zonta's 60th anniversary and the International Year of the Child through its contribution to the Zonta International float entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1.

The float's design will feature Zonta's Amelia Earhart Fellowships, \$5,000 awards made annually since 1938 to women for graduate studies in aerospace sciences and engineering in memory of a courageous Zontian.

Local service projects conducted by the Zonta Club of Cass City are: Donations to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Thumb Teen Ranch, Hills and Dales General Hospital building fund, Cambodia Urban project, Rawson Memorial Library, Provincial House Christmas gifts, Amelia Earhart Fund and elementary school safety poster contest.

The club held its monthly dinner meeting at the home of Helen Baker, with Anna McCallum and Esther McCullough as co-hostesses. Twenty attended, with a

festive Christmas tree and an exchange of gifts. Gifts were brought by members to be presented to patients at Provincial House, with each gift individually tagged.

Next meeting will be at the home of Toby Weaver in January.

Members also support the building and equipping of health services and education centers in the slums of Colombian cities by Zonta International, a classified organization of executive women in business and the professions made up of 800 clubs in 46 countries.

Hearing postponed

A scheduled hearing last Wednesday by the board of special commissioners to set a price for landowners for land being condemned along Deckerville Road for the Stoney Creek Drain project has been postponed until Jan. 16 at 9 a.m. in Sandusky.

The hearing was postponed because of a conflict by Drain Commissioner Stuart Armistead, who also had two drain bid lettings scheduled last Wednesday.

Margaret Richardson dies at 90

Margaret Richardson, 90, died Saturday at her home in Berkley.

She was born July 30, 1889 in Greenleaf township, Sanilac county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Nicol.

Miss Nicol was married to the late Edmund Richardson, who died June 23, 1979. They made their home in Berkley.

She is survived by two sons, Edmund of Detroit and Kenneth of Troy; a daughter, Normaleen Hayden of Birmingham; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Annie Pelton, Cass City, and Gladys Hichens, rural Uby. One daughter predeceased her.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, with Rev. Orrin VanLoon Jr. officiating.

Burial was in Rasland Park cemetery.

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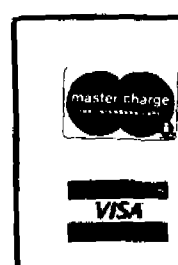
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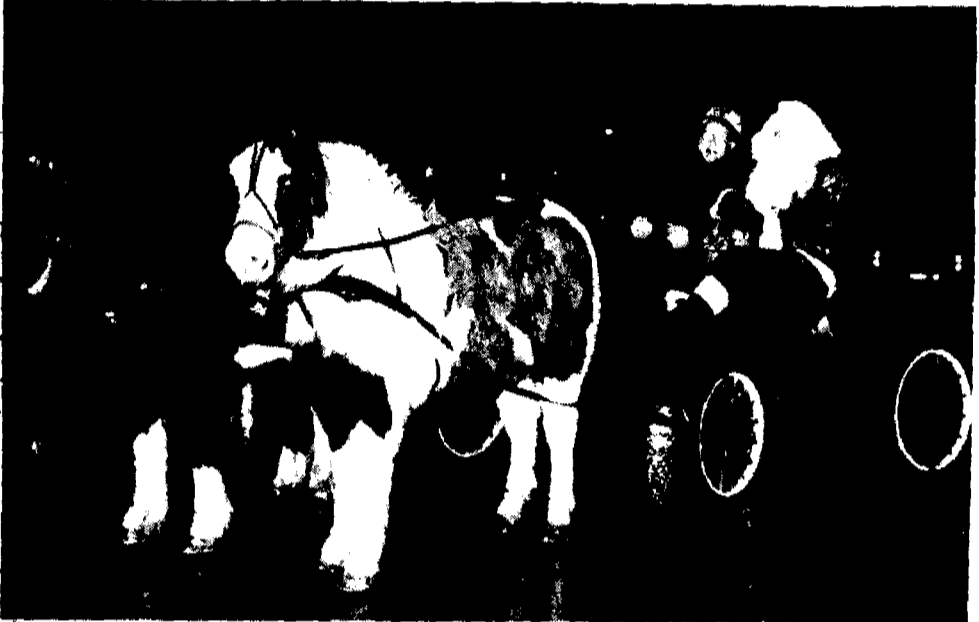
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SINGING IN THE RAIN - Cass City school music director Jim Hobbs brought along his guitar and some of his choir members to lead the Christmas carol singing downtown Friday. Rev. Harry Capps was the emcee. The Chamber of Commerce event drew more than 100 persons before being ended prematurely by rain.



DASHING THROUGH THE RAIN in time for the Christmas sing last Friday evening downtown was Santa Claus, riding a "sleigh" guided by Jim Milligan.

\$1.5 million cut in Thumb funds

Federal job funds pouring into the upper Thumb will take a roughly \$1.5 million nose dive in 1979-80. In theory, that will mean approximately 150 fewer jobs.

Although the new fiscal year began Oct. 1, Congress only recently appropriated Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds.

The administrative board of the Thumb Area Consortium, which administers the CETA program in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, got their first look at the new budget last Thursday.

It shows \$6.75 million will be allocated to the agency for 1979-80. That doesn't include Summer Youth Employment Program funds, which won't be known until later, but should bring the total to a little more than \$7 million, Executive Director Frank Lenard told the board. That is about \$1.5 million less than was received from the federal government in 1978-79.

The reduction will likely be less than that ultimately, as the consortium will probably get some funds later in the year that similar agencies were unable to spend.

Since there is increased emphasis in the CETA program on job training, and less on funding jobs with government agencies, it's hard to say how many fewer persons will be served, but if all the money were spent for jobs, according to Lenard, it would mean about 150 fewer of them.

The consortium will also receive \$75,000 in Michigan Youth Program funds for the period Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1980, a reduction of \$25,000 from the previous program period. It was previously called the Michigan Employment Program.

The money will fund on-the-job training positions with private employers for 59 persons ages 16-24.

Board members were presented with the results of two evaluations of the consortium.

The state audit, from December, 1974, through Sept. 30, 1978, showed questionable expenditures during that period of \$139,543, out of a total spent of about \$15 million, or about .9 percent.

Auditors questioned many of the expenditures because they could not find adequate documentation, which in some instances could have been found if they had looked harder. Lenard told the board he will probably be able to document all but \$3,316 of the questioned expenditures. That money will then have to be reimbursed by the government agencies that received it, to the consortium.

The executive director must report to the state by Jan. 21 of his investigation of the questioned costs.

The other evaluation was performed by the state Bureau of Employment and Training (BET) in September.

Although a few suggestions were made for changes in procedure, overall the reviewers noted "that your fiscal system is in generally excellent condition and in compliance with CETA and other federal guidelines."

Lenard also reported he will be meeting in Lansing Jan. 22 to discuss the possibility of the consortium being designated a "prime sponsor."

Such a designation would allow the agency to deal directly with the federal CETA agency, instead of

through the state BET. That would eliminate the state taking a 5 percent and more cut of the funds the consortium would otherwise receive and could also give the latter more time to prepare its program plans. At present, they have to be submitted to the state 60 days before they are due to the regional CETA office in Chicago.

The board authorized its executive director to continue to pursue prime sponsor status.

Vandals damage home

Wayne Rabideau of 4793 Seeger Street reported to Cass City police Sunday evening that someone had shot at two of his breezeway windows with a BB gun. Some apples were also thrown at the windows.

There were at least 15 pockmarks made by the BBs. Damage, done between 2 and 4:15 p.m. that day, was estimated at \$25.

Pelham designs bridge

Fred B. Pelham, a black man born in Detroit, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1887 with an engineering degree. Employed with Michigan Central Railroad Company, Pelham planned and constructed the first skew arch bridge in the country at Dexter. The Dexter Highway Bridge, containing stones individually cut by a mason, is still standing and in good condition, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce.

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EXTENSION

The Shabbona Extension Group met Monday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. Arlie Gray. There were 11 members and one visitor, Miss Lana Puterbaugh, present at the Christmas party.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dan Masten. The Women's Creed and flag pledge were in unison. Reports of the Christmas tea were given. Roll call was

answered by a reading or some unusual Christmas.

Christmas carols were sung and Lana acted as Santa Claus when gifts were exchanged.

The January meeting will be with Mrs. William Jones.

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WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

The RLDS Women's Department Christmas party

was held at the home of Mrs. Jim Doerr with 18 present.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Nellie Gregg, women's leader. Mrs. Don Smith had charge of worship. Mrs. Dean Smith was in charge of the program of readings and games. Secret friends gifts were exchanged along with a 50 cent gift for fun.

Lunch was served by the hostess.

The January meeting will be a noon luncheon with

Mrs. John Mika and Mrs. Voyle Dorman, co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Kritzman of Shabbona, Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Platt of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Deneen and family of St. Louis, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ossewande of East Chicago celebrated Christmas at the home of Robert Kritzman and family in Bridgeport.

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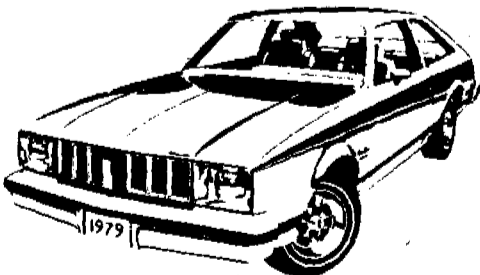
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Card of Thanks

MANY THANKS TO those who came with goodies and sang carols to us. It really helped to make our Christmas more enjoyable. May God bless each one of you. Bill and Lena Patch. 13-12-27-1

WE WISH TO express our heartfelt thanks to the Jaycees for remembering us at Christmas; special thanks to the four men who made the delivery. May God bless each one of you. Bun and Gladys Collins. 13-12-27-1

I WOULD LIKE to express my appreciation to so many friends who helped my family and prayed for me during my recent illness. My care at Hills and Dales Hospital and by Dr. Jeung was so thorough and thoughtful. Because of my transfer to Ann Arbor and the length of my hospitalization, I haven't adequately thanked our pastor, Rev. Rodgers, the immediate school staff and many students plus so many friends who sent me gifts. I appreciate so many thoughtful people but mostly the comfort from God during trying experiences. Geraldine Tibbits. 13-12-27-1

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4-H Congress: once in a lifetime experience for 2 Snover girls



SOUVENIRS — Dawn Adam (left) and Debie Mahaffy look over some of the souvenirs they brought back from the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Most are items they received from 4-H'ers from other states.

It was educational, it was fun, it was a once in a lifetime experience. And best of all, for two best friends, they got to do it together.

What Dawn Adam and Debie Mahaffy did was attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago Nov. 25-29.

For 4-H members, attending the annual event is an honor and one not easily earned.

Both Snover residents made it on their third attempt.

Debie, 18, is the daughter of Irvin and Aletha Mahaffy of Germania Road, and a freshman at Central Michigan University. She is considering studying fashion merchandising and design with a minor in business. Dawn turns 18 Dec. 29. She

is the daughter of Wayne and Faye Adam of W. Snover Road. A senior at Marlette High School, she has been accepted in the dental hygiene program at Ferris State College.

The Lucky Stars 4-H Club members were the only 4-H'ers from the upper Thumb to earn the honor of going to the 4-H Congress. Only 45 from Michigan went and only 1,700 from the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

For starters, in order to be able to go, the 4-H'ers have to be very active 4-H'ers.

Debie was in her ninth year of 4-H when she graduated from high school.

Among her accolades were winning the grand champion steer trophy twice at the Sanilac County 4-H Fair. In addition to beef, she has also been involved in swine,

crafts, food and nutrition, cake decorating, indoor flower and vegetable gardening, knitting, crocheting and sewing.

She has been a 4-H junior leader, Sanilac county 4-H queen (1976-77) and is the reigning Sanilac county bean queen.

Dawn, presently in her ninth year of 4-H, has a string of accomplishments equally long. For starters, she is the reigning Sanilac county 4-H queen.

She has had the grand champion market hog for two years at the county fair. The other 4-H project areas she has been involved in are crafts, foods and nutrition, indoor and flower gardening, leadership, beef, animal science, knitting, sewing and crocheting. She is a 4-H junior leader and serves on the state 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee.

Based on such a record of activities, the first step on the road to the convention is to be nominated by their club administrative leader.

Next they fill out a tel-award form, which includes listing their 4-H activities and most meaningful experiences.

It is also at that point they pick the 4-H project category they wish to compete in. After previously trying swine and achievement, Debie chose personal appearance-fashion review. Dawn chose swine for the third year.

The Tel-award forms went to a computer at Michigan State University, from which are selected the top persons in each category in each county.

Then on a point system, from the list of county winners are picked the 13-15 district winners in the state.

Then comes the fun part, filling out a 16-page report, as explained by Dawn, "telling every little stinking thing you've done." That includes church, school and community activities, as well as 4-H.

IN JUNE, THE DISTRICT winners take their reports with them when they go to 4-H Exploration Days at MSU.

There, the district winners in each category are interviewed by a panel of judges, or in the case of Dawn and Debie, by their fellow district winners. Debie also had to model the clothes she had made.

The district winners also examine each others' report books and after questioning each other, vote for the person they feel is best qualified (other than themselves). The person chosen is the state winner.

All the winners are announced at a single banquet and for the Snover duo, after getting over the excitement of learning they would both be going, it was a matter of counting the many days until they did go.

DEPARTURE FOR ALL the Michigan winners for Chicago via Amtrak train was Nov. 24 from East Lansing, the first train trip for both girls.

Debie's trip was paid for by the national sponsor in her category, the Simplicity Pattern Co. Dawn's was paid for by the national swine category sponsor, Wilson Foods Corp., and by the Michigan Pork Producers Association. Each also received money from the Sanilac County 4-H Council to pay for meals not provided as part of the convention.

Once they arrived in Chicago, according to Debie, "They kept us going from about 6 in the morning until 1 the next morning."

Convention activities were at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, and they started with a chance for all 1,700 4-H'ers to swap souvenirs from their respective states.

After that, it was a steady round of speakers, workshops, banquets, entertainment, and other activities. Debie and the other 50 fashion review winners modeled their outfits for the rest of the assemblage. (Her outfit, the same she modeled at MSU, was a wool reversible coat, slacks and a vest.)

There were also tours of the Museum of Science and Industry, Field Museum of Natural History, Sears Tower and Merchandise Mart, and an opportunity to go shopping the Friday morning before departure, again by train.

"By Friday, we were pretty well zapped," said Dawn.

"WE LEARNED A LOT. It was educational, as well as lots of fun," she added. "It was a once in a lifetime experience, definitely."

"The whole time we were treated so special. It was great. It was super. What else can you say?"

Debie's comments were similar. Between meeting "so many people from different places" and the many activities, she learned a lot. "but I don't know how to say it. Everything you do, you learn something new."

The two young women are such close friends and do so many things together, people often refer to them kiddingly as sisters.

Now that they've seen the great white way of Chicago, they have something else in mind they would like to do together.

At the convention, they got friendly with two girls from Hawaii, Debie explained, "so now we're saving our pennies" to visit that state.

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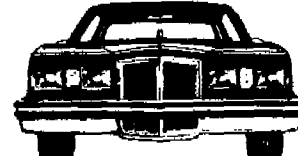
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