



WHO NEEDS SNOW to create a pretty winter scene? Fog and the resulting heavy frost created scenes like this Monday and Tuesday.

David Lee Wilson

Cass City man first traffic fatality of 1980

David Lee Wilson of Cass City became Tuscola county's first traffic fatality of 1980 when his sports car was out of control early Tuesday, slammed into two parked cars and burst into flames.

Wilson, 37, lived at 3678 E. Akron Road. The accident took place at 3:45 a.m.

The owner-operator of the Sugar Town Market in Sebawaing, he was the husband of Ellington Township Clerk Mona Wilson and the brother of Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson.

The Tuscola County Sher-

iff's Department reported his car was southbound on Unionville Road, south of Gilford Road, when it went out of control, went through a fence and hit two cars parked at a house.

The Corvette burst into flames, with Wilson trapped inside. He died at the scene, deputies said. The Caro Fire Department was called to the scene to extinguish the fire.

Deputies had no idea what caused his car to go out of control on the unimproved road. The body was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw,

where an autopsy was performed. Results weren't immediately available.

Wilson was born March 2, 1942, in Cass City.

He and Mona Helms were married June 20, 1969, in Ellington township.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Terri, and two sons, Michael and Douglas, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Herbert (Hazel) Tumlison, Caro; brother Gene Wilson, Cass City, and nieces and nephews.

He was a lifelong resident of Tuscola. In addition to owning the market, he was a

farmer and truck driver.

He was a member of the Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist church and Cobewing Chamber of Commerce. He served six months active duty in the U.S. Army in 1960 and 5 1/2 years in the Army Reserves.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. this Thursday at the Collon Funeral Home, Caro. Rev. Wayne Thomas of the Sutton-Sunshine church officiating.

Burial will be in Ellington cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cass City healthier

Unemployment grows in gloomy economy

By Mike Eliasohn

Cass City appears to be a bright spot in a gloomy picture of unemployment.

The reason is that the two biggest employers here, General Cable and Walbro, are not tied to the auto industry, which is in a severe slump as new cars go unsold.

In Tuscola county as a whole, rising unemployment rates have been echoing the national and state trends.

In October, according to Charles L. Cramer, Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESOC) branch manager in Caro, the unemployment rate was 8.7 percent. The preliminary figure for November is 11.7 percent and he predicts it may hit 15 percent for December. (The actual figure won't be known until about mid-February.)

During the 1974-75 recession, the peak came in February, 1975, when 19.2 percent of the work force was without jobs.

Based on October figures, more than half of the Tuscola county work force is employed outside of the county, primarily in auto plants.

Many factories inside Tuscola county are suppliers tied to the auto industry, thus are also feeling the crunch.

Evans Products in Gagetown, whose workers make parts supply racks for the auto industry, provides a chilling example.

The hourly work force there presently numbers only 18, according to plant superintendent Bob Heard of Cass City.

In December, 1978, the work force was a little under 100, at the time the union negotiated a new three-year contract with the company. By February or March, Heard said, the number had climbed to 130 working two shifts. The late afternoon shift was laid off in

August and the numbers working there have declined even more since.

IN CASS CITY

Cass City's biggest employer, General Cable, makes various cables for communications, including coiled telephone cords.

Local manager Henry Ardler said total employment there now (including office staff) is about 350. That's down 30-40 from the last three-month period, but he predicts the current work force will probably stay at its present level through 1980.

Walbro Corp. President Lambert Althaver is predicting a better 1980 than 1979, though the increase won't be as great as was this past year over 1978.

His optimistic forecast, he added, is tempered by uncertainty over the energy situation and inflation.

Walbro does benefit from one aspect of the increasing energy crunch, the increasing use of wood for heating fuel. That means lots of chainsaws being sold and the greatest portion of the carburetors Walbro makes are for chainsaw engines.

The second biggest market, however, is for outboard motors and Althaver said that area does show some signs of weakening.

Auto fuel pumps and other fuel line components are made in Caro, primarily for the after market. When new car sales decline and motorists drive their old cars longer, that means sales of those components will increase.

Walbro's plastics and die cast divisions, in Bad Axe and Auburn respectively, make components for enough different industries that a downturn in one won't mean complete disaster.

His plants in Cass City, Caro and Bad Axe employ

a total of about 450 persons (hourly and salaried).

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is thought of as the mainstay of Tuscola county's economy. Although it obviously plays a very important role, a comparatively small percentage earn their livelihood from farming.

The October employment statistics show 12,225 persons employed inside the county, of whom 2,825 work in manufacturing. There are 3,750 with government jobs, which leaves 5,650 in the category of service jobs, agriculture and miscellaneous. Added to those figures are the 13,600 Tuscola residents who work outside the county, the vast majority in manufacturing.

The situation for farmers isn't totally bleak, but it isn't the best either, according to county Agricultural Agent Don Kebler. "Farmers, I feel, are just about eeking it out and keeping their nose above water. Anything that causes a ripple could draw some down."

Crop prices are not the best, though it varies with the crop. Recent sales of corn to Russia, for instance, didn't improve the price, according to Kebler, because it was old surplus that was being sold. The bumper crop this past fall just added to the amount to be disposed of, thus the still fairly low price for the crop.

Among those raising livestock, about the only ones doing well are dairymen.

Kebler added an ominous note. Back in 1973-75, when crop prices were good, farmers bought a lot of new equipment. Now that equipment is starting to wear out, but crop prices haven't kept pace with the hefty increases in the price of farm machinery.

SUMMARY

When the local economy improves depends in a large part on when the auto business improves, Cramer said.

Even if auto sales do improve, it may take a while for in-county industry to start increasing employment. Many of the supplier industries, he said, have finished their production runs for the year, thus won't have to make any new product until Detroit gets ready to build its 1981 models.

Auto company employees (excluding Chrysler workers) are the cream of the unemployed, as their SUB pay (while it lasts) and unemployment benefits combine to make up 95 percent of the pay they received while working.

But for those who don't get SUB pay, it can be pretty grim. Maximum unemployment compensation paid is \$136 to a worker with four or more dependents. That amount may be increased in the future, but nothing is definite yet.

Unemployment presently runs a maximum of 36 weeks (26 regular plus a 13-week extension). It's likely if the recession continues, a further extension will be added. During the 1974-75 recession, unemployment compensation ran a maximum of 65 weeks.

In the first week of November, there were 1,628 persons drawing unemployment checks at the Caro MESOC office. Last week, the number was a little over 4,000.

For the time being, the office is open weekdays from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. to deal with the rush (Normal is 8-5), plus employees there are working Saturdays in order to keep caught up with the paperwork.

The MESOC office is one place where employment has been increasing. The usual number of persons working in the payments section is 14. Now there are 21 there.

Drilling likely in Novesta

Search on for gas and oil in Cass City area

Oil. Black gold. Maybe.

The possibility of discovering oil or natural gas is enticing enough that two companies have secured leases for drilling rights on some properties in the Cass City area.

One will likely drill a well in Novesta township within six months.

The owner of the land where the well is to be, William Kolacz, told the

Chronicle there was a working oil well across the road from his property 30 years ago. His property is at the southwest corner of Warner and DeLong Roads.

Kolacz has signed a lease with Southeastern Exploration Co., of Marysville. He was originally informed a drilling rig would be on his property on or about Dec. 1, but that timetable has been moved back six months, according to the firm's exploration and production

superintendent, Michael P. Jaskoski.

It isn't definite that his company will drill there, he indicated, but it's very likely it will do so.

It is the only well it has plans to drill in this area. Southeastern has been involved with drilling some wells north and west of Caro.

Drilling on the Kolacz property will go below 4,000 feet, which is considered a deep well. It will take about two weeks to get that far.

Drilling derricks are now truck mounted, so don't have to be erected at the site, which speeds up the process considerably.

EVEN SO, IT'S AN EXPENSIVE proposition. Jaskoski said a dry hole represents an investment of about \$250,000. If oil is found, an additional \$80-90,000 must be spent for pumps, storage tanks, etc. (The oil would be trucked out.)

If gas is found, the total investment is almost double that for a dry hole, because of the need to construct a pipeline, possible processing needed to get it into usable form, etc.

When a well is drilled, the result, assuming it isn't a dry hole, can be either oil or gas. Because of the close proximity to the oil well of 30 years ago, Jaskoski said, if anything is found on the Kolacz farm, it is expected it will be oil.

Southeastern Exploration is a sister company of Southeastern Michigan Gas Co.

The property owner receives a bonus payment when he signs a lease with an oil company plus a yearly rental fee. If drilling is done and results are successful, he receives 12 1/2 percent of the gross income from the well.

Various seismological and other tests, on which the decision was made to drill on the Kolacz farm, were done in this area several years ago, according to Jaskoski.

He didn't wish to give any odds on the possibility of finding gas or oil there. "We go in with the highest expectations. There's nothing to say either way."

THE HIGH PRICE THAT a barrel of oil now brings is what is renewing interest by oil companies in this area and others, according to John T. Stoliker of Richmond, who works as an agent for Amoco Production Co.

His firm, John T. Stoliker Enterprises, has been securing drilling rights leases all over southern Michigan, as far away as Muskegon, he said in a telephone interview. He recalled that some were in the Cass City area.

He has been in the oil business 20 years and for the first 10 of those, the price oil companies received was under \$2.40 per barrel. Now it's more than \$20, he said, which makes it worthwhile to explore new areas and re-examine where wells had been abandoned, when the

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BUSIER PLACE -- The Michigan Employment Security Commission office in Caro has been a busier place of late as the number of persons applying for and receiving unemployment compensation has skyrocketed.

Accidental shooting injures 2 in Cass City

Two young men are in the hospital, recovering from gun shot wounds they received Friday in an accidental shooting in a S. Seeger Street home.

Darrell K. Grady, 15, of 4109 S. Seeger Street, was discharged Monday from Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Saginaw, where he was reported in fair condition Wednesday morning.

The incident took place at 4:42 p.m. in the basement of the Grady home.

According to Sheriff's Department Detective Ronald Phillips, the two victims were both sitting in chairs, playing with a slotcar racing set.

Two other boys, 14 and 15, were playing with a 30-30 rifle, the type used for deer

hunting.

The 14-year-old handled the weapon first. The 15-year-old then loaded a shell into the lever action rifle. He told Phillips he had the weapon pointed down and was trying to remove the shell when the gun discharged.

The bullet went through the leg of one of the victims, and then into the leg of the other. The gun was about 8-10

feet away from Grady and Scott when it went off.

The detective has concluded the shooting was accidental. He has turned his investigation report over to county Prosecutor Artis Noel, who said Monday afternoon he will probably reach a conclusion by this Wednesday afternoon on whether to bring any charges against the youth who had been handling the gun when it went off.

Robbery attempt ends in death

A would-be robber died early Wednesday after having been shot with his own gun by one of the persons he was trying to rob.

Ronald Vader, 31, of Flint, died at 2 a.m. at Saginaw General Hospital, where he was taken after the robbery attempt.

According to Tuscola County Prosecutor Artis Noel and Caro state police, the incident occurred about 7 p.m. Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuzma on Saginaw Road, Vassar township.

The would-be robber, armed with a sawed-off shotgun, came to the door, announced his intentions,

then hit Kuzma in the face and knocked him down. Mrs. Kuzma then came to the door, and like her husband, was also struck in the face.

Kuzma managed to get the shotgun away from the man and fired, hitting the culprit from 10-20 feet away.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuzma were taken to a hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Noel had issued a warrant Monday charging Vader with assault with intent to commit armed robbery and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony.

He would have been arraigned from his hospital bed had his condition improved.

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Reva Little
Phone 872-3696



Sue and Donald Waun

Sue Stolzman and Donald Waun were married Sept. 22, at Hope Lutheran church, Marlette.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Barbet.

Ufficialist was Roberta Schultz. Soloist was Dawn Hughes who sang, "The Wedding Song," and "Color My World."

Sue is the daughter of Ronald Stolzman, Snover, and Mrs. JoAnn Nemeth, Cass City. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Waun, Snover. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

She chose a formal gown of polyester Sheerganza in an A-line silhouette, styled with an empire bodice detailed with floral Venice lace, sculptured open neckline and full sheer sleeves and Venice lace in an unusual godet effect, flowing into a chapel length train. Her circular fingertip veil was edged in lace and held by a pearl-embellished cap of matching lace.

The bride carried a semi-crescent hanging garden of silk lily of the valley, white and mauve miniature silk

carnations, with ivy leaves and ribbon streamers.

Matron of honor was Tammy Cowan, friend of the bride, Sandusky.

Bridesmaids were Renee Faulk, Sandusky, Carol Kloss, Marlette, Deb Wood, Marlette, Vicki Woilden, Kingston, and Maureen O'Connor, Cass City, all friends of the bride, and Karol Waun, Snover, sister of the groom. The junior bridesmaid was Cindy Pagel, Carsonville, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Max Waun, Snover, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Bill Minard, Snover, Jim Dral, Paul Dral, and Jim Wendorf, all of Snover and friends of the groom, and Ron Stolzman and Dan Stauffer, both of Snover, brothers of the bride.

Junior groomsmen was Mike Stauffer, brother of the bride, Snover.

The reception was held at Argyle hall. The couple is residing in Snover.

It's much easier to convince the world you have lots of brains if you have lots of money.

Mrs. Theda Seeger spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweet at Lapeer. She then went to Berkeley where she spent from Tuesday until Saturday with her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heintz.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fritz had with them for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Karr, Scott and Kimberly of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fritz and daughters, Lisa and Jennifer, of Mayville and Mrs. Francis Fritz' sister, Mrs. Carrie Griswold of Milwaukee, Wis., who is spending some time here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher entertained the Fisher families Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Finkbeiner and family including son Jeff, home for a few days from Groton, Conn., where he is serving in the Navy, were supper guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guild and children and Mrs. Joyce Bradley and son Dale of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. John Bossert and children and Mrs. Eva Bair. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Strickland joined them in the evening.

Guests of Mrs. Glenn McCloy and Larry McCloy Christmas Day were Mark McCloy, Fred McCloy of Vassar, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCloy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Damm and Susan, Randy Damm of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCloy and Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCloy and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Rob McCloy and baby, Miss Louise Healy and Miss Debra Mitchell.

Guests Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guinther, Sandy and Mark were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Speirs and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Speirs, Russell and Andrea, Mr. and Mrs. Skip Speirs, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Speirs, Mr. and Mrs. John Luana, Joey and Jamie of Deford and Steve Leith of Chelsea.

Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra, Dwight and Dwayne were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Radz-wicz of North Branch. Dawn Rienstra returned to Cass City with her grandparents to spend the week. She returned to North Branch Monday.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet Monday, Jan. 7, in the fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held. Mrs. Ron Voss, Mrs. Howard Dorsch and Mrs. James Van Dellen are on the January committee.

ENGAGED



Virginia Slawson

Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Slawson of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Raymond P. Rabideau of Okemos.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rabideau of Gageton and a student at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He previously graduated from Aquinas College.

Miss Slawson is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Junior College School of Nursing and Olivet College with a B.A. degree. She is employed at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

A June 21 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Joos had as guests Sunday, Dec. 23, at pre-Christmas dinner, Miss Debra Joos and Alan Dickens from North Carolina, Donald Joos and Miss JoEllen Beardsley of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joos and family, Richie, Bobby and Christie.

Mrs. Isla Cook had as Christmas guests, Miss Frances Cook of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly, Don Buehrly and Esther Buehrly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crow and daughter Jamie of Sikeston, Mo., were visitors Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth were guests for coffee Christmas morning at the Ed Nemeth home at Kingston. Miss Dorothy Rothfuss of Bay Port was a dinner guest Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Toner entertained family members Saturday afternoon and evening at a belated Christmas dinner. Guests included Patricia Toner and daughter Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy, Scott and Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, Paul and David and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Dell and Erin.

Mrs. Ella Cumper is spending a few days over the New Year's holiday with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumper, David and Kevin of North Branch had dinner with Mrs. Ella Cumper last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra entertained for Christmas dinner Sunday, Dec. 23. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rienstra and son Sammy of Harrison, Mel Rienstra of Caro, Dawn Rienstra of North Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rabideau and son Dallas, Dwight Rienstra and friend, Carolyn Musiel of Silverwood, Dwayne Rienstra and friend, Colleen Janssen.

Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes and Andrea had their family with them for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Included were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Piereson, Brad and Scott of Ypsilanti, Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes, Brian and Kimberly of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Barnes and Joshua of Kaw-kawlin and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barnes.

The family of Mrs. Eva Watson joined her and son Bill for a cooperative dinner Christmas Day. The group included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, Wendy, Becky and Dan of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. George Sangster of Decker, Kim, George, Robbie and Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson, Barbara and Jimmy, and Annemarie Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch and Matthew joined them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nemeth had as guests Sunday, Dec. 23, for an early Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. John Brewton of Taylor and Miss Dorothy Rothfuss of Bay Port. Joining them in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fischer and Bobbi Jay.

Rites held for Gerald Wolfrum, 41

Gerald C. Wolfrum, 41, of 1655 Burmon Road, Deford, died last Thursday at his home of a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Mount Clemens. He married Rose Ann Mueller April 27, 1957, in St. Clair Shores. They moved to Tuscola county in 1972.

He was employed as a truck driver for Vito Trucking and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church, Wilmot.

He is survived by his wife; a son, David Wolfrum of Ionia; two daughters, Genevieve, at home, and Karen Trzemzalski of Deford; a foster child, Carol Lapeer, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfrum of St. Clair Shores, and eight sisters, Barbara Bergett, Marine City, Kathleen Geigle, Diane Julie, Pamela Wolfrum and Denise Wolfrum, all of St. Clair Shores, Deborah Jackson and Jeanette Brockelt, both of Mount Clemens, and Carol Lapeer of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Michael's, Father William O'Shea officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Harmon Funeral Home, Kingston.

UNCONVINCED

As a rule a man would be happier if he could fool himself as easily as he thinks he fools others.

Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Avery, accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Kausch of Sebawaing, were guests of their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jankowski of Mt. Clemens. They returned home Friday.

Week-end guests Dec. 22-23-24 at the Alvin Avery home were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Avery and Becky of Pleasant Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avery, Kathy and Laura Beth of Troy.

Officers of Echo Chapter OES will meet Monday evening, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. for a school of instruction. The meeting is open to all members. Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, is the date for the regular monthly meeting. The refreshment committee members are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Umphenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Good, Mrs. Iva Profit, Mrs. Ruth Ann Whittaker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Albrecht.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant M. Little of Birmingham spent Saturday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hendrick, daughter Luree, son Randy and his son Ryan of State College, Pa., spent from Dec. 24 to Dec. 27 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick had as Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hendrick, daughter Luree, son Randy and his son Ryan of State College, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hendrick and daughters of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hendrick of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Hendrick, Lisa Kennedy and friend of Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hendrick and daughter Sue and David King of Wilmot.

Mrs. Theda Seeger entertained Dec. 21 at an annual Christmas dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones of Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Normalee McIntosh and Mrs. Donna Holm.

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Marriage Licenses

Steven R. Walter, 18, Cass City, and Tammy L. Bruce, 18, Cass City.

Michael S. Wilson, 18, Flint, and Nettie J. Eastlick, 23, Mayville.

Larry D. Moore, 29, Fresno, Calif., and Elouise M. McTaggart, 25, Vassar.

Jeffrey R. Chambers, 21, Unionville, and Cheryl L. Karr, 20, Cass City.

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Christmas Eve and overnight guests in the John Haire home were Ms. B.J. Haire of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kline of Westland, James Kloac of Concord, Ms. Madeline Miller of Saginaw, Mrs. Roy Miller of Pinconning and Clarke, home from CMU.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Miller of Zeeland were guests of Mrs. Milton Hoffman Friday. Mrs. Miller is the former Lynne Ann Pearce of Coldwater.

Peggy McConnell and son Christopher of Berkley and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McConnell were Christmas Day guests in the Charles McConnell home.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Seventh District Association will meet Sunday, Jan. 6, at Mt. Clemens. Luncheon starts at noon. The executive board meeting is at 1:30 and business session at 2 p.m.

Laurence Bartle, whose retirement from General Motors, Saginaw, effective Jan. 1, after 30 years of employment, was honored at a retirement party Dec. 22. Forty relatives and friends from Pontiac, Ortonville and the Cass City area attended a buffet dinner given by his daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and Mr. and Mrs. Gil Schwaderer at the Schwaderer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly and family and Esther Buehrly joined Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly and Don for lunch and gifts Christmas Eve.

Chris and Craig Langmaid of Birch Run spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Gil Schwaderer.

Mrs. Arthur Little spent Christmas at Mio with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts of Center Line, Brenda Kay, Diane, Craig and Kevin and Joe Gilette.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle had with them Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Schwaderer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lalko, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and children and Herbert Bartle.

ENGAGED



Bobbi Ryland

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryland of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Bobbi, to Jeff Warack, son of Mrs. Juanita Warack of Gageton.

Bobbi is a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School. Jeff graduated in 1977 from Owendale-Gageton High School.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra had a belated Christmas dinner in their home Sunday. Guests were Mrs. Mary Ann Rienstra and daughter Dana of Caro.

Brett Nicholas of Kaw-kawlin spent from Friday until Monday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine.

Greg Hampshire of Ann Arbor came Sunday, Dec. 23, and stayed until Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hampshire, and Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McConkey and children, Dale, Steve and Wendy, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., spent from Dec. 19 through 24 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey. Joining them for a family Christmas dinner Dec. 24 were Linda Walters of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Cummings and children, Clarke, Craig and Kelly, of Port Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar returned home Thursday. She is recovering after undergoing surgery in Ann Arbor.

Harold Perry and daughter, Miss Janet Perry of Chicago, visited Mr. and Mrs. Neil Holt and family in East Lansing Friday.

Miss Janet Perry returned to Chicago Saturday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry. Joining them for Christmas Day were John Perry and son Troy and Mrs. C.W. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McConkey and daughter, Linda Walters of Mt. Pleasant, had dinner Christmas Day at the Clarke Cummings home at Port Austin.

Mrs. Harold Perry and daughter, Miss Janet Perry, were in Midland Thursday and had lunch with Mrs. Ron Brookins and her mother, Mrs. James McMahon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Damm and Randy Damm of Bridgeport were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Damm and Susan.

Fred Jaus is a patient Huron Memorial Hospital Bad Axe. He sustained broken hip last week and underwent surgery Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Cumper's guest for over the Christmas day were Mrs. Hannah Pison, Roy Wentworth of Colman, Mrs. Martha DeBlc Gregory and Douglas Kingston, Mrs. Ann Walroff of Utica and Mrs. Katherine Martin and Mrs. J. Curtis of Cass City.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 31, WERE:

Darryl Grady, Paul Mendorf, Mrs. Max Ag, Mrs. Frank Hutchins Joshua Lounsbury, G Nanney, Ronald Kueny Roger Forster, Clayton Ro of Cass City;

Mrs. Wilford Smith, Wm Gettel of Deford, Michael Sadro of Ruth, Linton Terbush, Mrs. Malene Pruss, Mrs. Christopher Petiprin and Mrs. Jac Holzworth of Caro;

Mrs. John Pohlod, Lar Geister of Kingston;

Mrs. Gerald Nicholas, Mrs. Thomas Burk of Owendale;

Mrs. David Matthew, Mrs. Anna Murawski an Julie Heronemus of Decker, Shawn Grady, Mrs. J. Sattelberg and George Price Jr. of Gageton.

Wedding announced

Lyle W. Richardson and Amor A. Hewitt, Cass City, announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol Ann Hewitt, to Staff Sgt. Raymond D. Symonds, son of Clinton Wiltse and Grace Symonds of Flint.

The couple and Heather Lynn Hewitt will reside at Fort Meade, Md., where he is stationed for one year.

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Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Slawson of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Raymond P. Rabideau of Okemos.

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Miss Slawson is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Junior College School of Nursing and Olivet College with a B.A. degree. She is employed at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

A June 21 wedding is planned.

Rites held for Gerald Wolfrum, 41

Gerald C. Wolfrum, 41, of 1655 Burmon Road, Deford, died last Thursday at his home of a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Mount Clemens. He married Rose Ann Mueller April 27, 1957, in St. Clair Shores. They moved to Tuscola county in 1972.

He was employed as a truck driver for Vito Trucking and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church, Wilmot.

He is survived by his wife; a son, David Wolfrum of Ionia; two daughters, Genevieve, at home, and Karen Trzemzalski of Deford; a foster child, Carol Lapeer, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfrum of St. Clair Shores, and eight sisters, Barbara Bergett, Marine City, Kathleen Geigle, Diane Julie, Pamela Wolfrum and Denise Wolfrum, all of St. Clair Shores, Deborah Jackson and Jeanette Brockelt, both of Mount Clemens, and Carol Lapeer of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Michael's, Father William O'Shea officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Harmon Funeral Home, Kingston.

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"If It Fitz..." Christmas at the estate

By Jim Fitzgerald

If you've been paying attention, you will recall that, a few days before Christmas, I announced that I would spend the holiday at my daughter's country estate, Dog-Poop-on-the-Driveway, in Lapeer county. This was my darling way of social-climbing one hyphen ahead of Henry Ford II, who celebrated Christmas at his country estate at Henley-on-Thames in England.

This particular daughter is Ferd, the newlywed, and his was her first opportunity to prepare a large family dinner and in some small way repay her parents for ending her out into the world without knowing how to plug in a toaster. Remembering that Ford's daughters, since leaving home, have married a Greek shipping tycoon, designed haute couture clothing and dated the governor of New York, I arrived at Ferd's with a pocketful of peanut butter sandwiches.

From two blocks away, I could read the smartly lettered sign nailed across both doors of Ferd's garage. It said "Welcome to Dog-Poop-on-the-Driveway." Several neighbors, obviously impressed by their proximity to a classy residence, also had put signs on their

homes. These signs said "For Sale."

A few hours before the appointed time for dinner, Ferd was seen carrying a raw turkey into her laundry room. I immediately went into her kitchen to see if she were by chance washing her husband's socks in the oven.

A few hours after the appointed time for dinner, we still hadn't eaten. I figured the delay was caused by the fact that Ferd didn't have a dryer and was forced to hang the turkey outside on the clothesline. But I later learned that in her laundry room she has a roaster, which, unfortunately, is as complicated as a toaster and must be plugged in.

The turkey was finally eaten, just before the Red Cross arrived, and Ferd asked her guests if they would like apple pie for dessert. When we all agreed we would, she immediately began peeling the apples.

Ferd and her husband have recently added Jessica to their family. Jessica is a dog and is responsible for the sign on the garage. When gifts were opened, I was startled to learn I had given Jessica a sweater for Christmas. There is something to be said against letting your spouse do your shopping for you, and I just said it.

It has long been my belief that God rewarded dogs for being animals instead of humans by freeing them from all earthly fear of zippers. When I bah-hum-bugged that I resented being made an unsuspecting party to the dressing of a dog, Ferd criticized me for not

wanting to give a present "to your granddaughter."

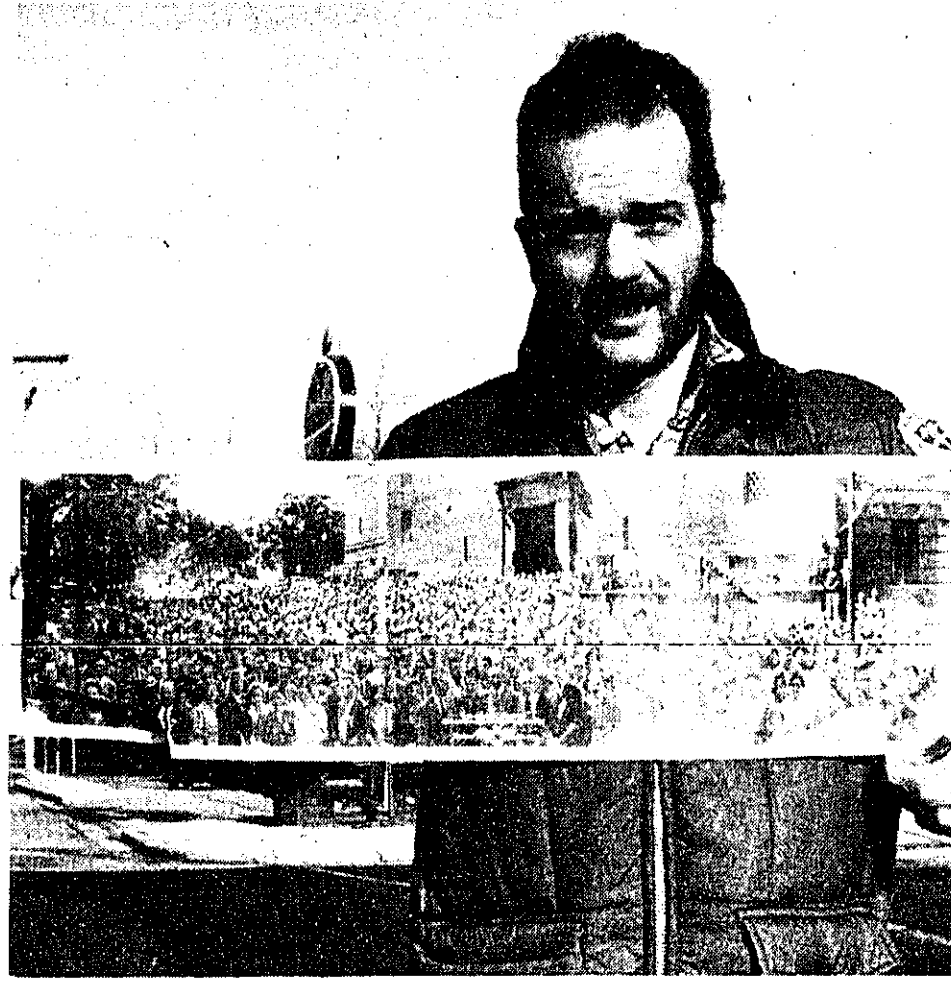
I should have listened to my mother, who wanted me to be a pope. But she never warned me that someday I might be the grandfather of a hairy mutt who gets dressed before going outside to decorate the driveway.

Speaking of poop, there were some two-legged grandchildren at this Christmas party. One of them was five-year-old John, dressed completely in Superman uniform. When he yelled from the bathroom that he needed aid in completing his toilet, I expressed surprise. John explained: "There are some things Superman can't do."

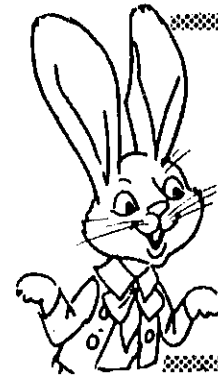
Also present, to add a modern touch to the Christmas caroling, was 10-year-old Michele. She was equipped with one of those portable microphones that you must have seen advertised on TV. When you sing into it, your voice comes out of nearby radios whether the radio owners like it or not. This microphone was invented by George Orwell.

It was really something to watch Michele sing "Silent Night" into her amazing gadget while tears came to the eyes of her 83-year-old great-grandmother, who is older than radio. There is much to be said for family parties, even by a smart-aleck columnist, and I just said it.

I hope Henry Ford II had a good time at Henley-on-Thames. There is no way he had a better time than I had at Dog-Poop-on-the-Driveway. When it comes to hyphens, you can't beat l-o-v-e.



RECOGNIZE ANYONE? -- Robert Becker is the owner of this almost 3-foot long photograph, which came with the house he owns at Elizabeth and West Streets, owned at one time by the late Guy Landon. Photo shows participants at the convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and Ladies' Auxiliary in Portland, Ore., in August, 1939. Presumably Landon is in the photo as he was a rural mail carrier.



Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Not because we have an axe to grind with the incumbents is it disappointing that there will be no competition for village council positions.

It's that when competition comes all the policies and decisions of the village fathers are thoroughly aired and sometimes changed.

When competition comes it gives the taxpayer a chance to air his gripes with a reasonable chance of having someone pay attention.

When competition comes it gives the paper at least one story of general interest and sometimes a series of them.

That last reason is important only to editors and, perhaps to the persons written about.

The year has been a disaster for firms and individuals depending on snow to make things go. It's too late, the experts say, to recoup losses sustained in December in the months ahead.

While the absence of snow has the resorts and equipment manufacturers gnashing their teeth, the absence of the white stuff has been a boon to Michigan deer.

Regardless of what happens now, say Department of Natural Resources officials, the herd will weather the winter in wonderful shape.

No wonder he's one of Cass City's best. My spies report that Bill Kritzman was playing golf Sunday.

Taxes higher in Owen-Gage district

Property tax bills finally got mailed this year. In Elkland township, higher taxes are being paid by

those in the Owendale-Gagetown School District, which makes up only a very small portion of the township.

Millage figures are usually round numbers, with maybe one decimal point added, but this year, there are lots of decimal places.

The Tuscola county bridge levy, for instance, is usually 1 mill, but this year is .9557 mill.

The reason is the Headlee tax limitation amendment, which required a rollback of levies so that the increase in revenue to taxing units because of an increase in property valuations was no more than the inflation rate.

Of Elkland township's total valuation of \$30.12 million, \$28.62 million is in the Cass City School District and \$1.498 million in Owen-Gage.

The total millage levy in Cass City for school operations is 19.9875; debt is 1.1.

In the Owen-Gage district, the total operating levy is 21.5 mills, which hasn't been rolled back and is now the subject of a Michigan Court of Appeals suit filed by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley. (The levy is two mills less than it was a year ago, however, because of a

reduction in the extra voted millage in June. Kelley's suit claims the rollback should have been applied to the millage in effect before Dec. 31, 1978.)

The Cass City district is in the Tuscola Intermediate School District, which levies 1.5157 mills for special education (part of which is for construction and operation of a county special education building) and 1.6578 mills for construction and operation of a county vocational education building. Both buildings are now under construction. There is also a .1421 mill levy for intermediate district operations.

In the Huron Intermediate School District, of which Owen-Gage is a part, the district levy is .10 mill, plus .70 for special education. There is no millage for vocational education.

Other millages are the same, no matter what the school district: county tax (for county government operations), 4.0139; county bridges, .9557; and township operations, 1.5470.

The total levy for all taxes for those living in the Cass City School District is 30.9097 mills; in Owen-Gage, 33.2166.

Last tax bills are mailed

Treasurers in Grant, Brookfield and Sebawaing townships mailed tax bills to property owners within the Owendale-Gagetown School District last week on the advice of Huron County Prosecutor Peter B. Capling.

The prosecutor journeyed to Lansing last Wednesday to deliver his brief in response to the tax rollback suit filed by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley.

He had also hoped to learn when the state Court of Appeals will conduct a hearing or make a decision on the case. No one was able to tell him that, he told the Chronicle, so he advised the three township treasurers to mail the tax bills.

He explained his brief argues that because of the various court cases involving the Goslin property, it's questionable what the true state equalized valuation of the Owen-Gage district is, which affects whether a tax rollback should be applied.

Accordingly, he says the appeals court must make that decision.

Owen-Gage, which was

not a defendant in the Kelley suit, has now filed a motion to be allowed to intervene, according to Supt. Ronald Erickson.

That was necessary in order to allow the district to tell its side in the dispute, he said.

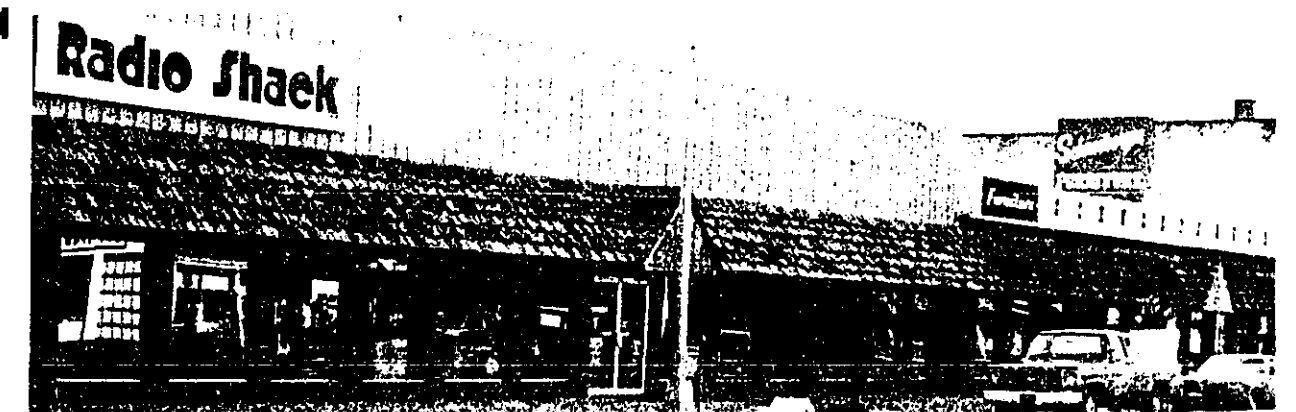
Erickson also said that due to a temporary shortage of funds, payless paydays for school district employees began Dec. 21, on what would have otherwise been a normal payday.

That had been expected, the only question being when they would start. Paychecks should resume once property tax income starts coming in in January.

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The Haire Net

When I was 11 I could remember my mother saying that the future of small newspapers was doubtful because all the big major accounts were going to spend their money in radio.

Substitute television for radio and you had the concerns of the 60s. Substitute cable TV and cassette recordings and you have the concerns of the 80s.

You can substitute any industry you care to and there are dark clouds on the horizon. The corporate farm taking over for the family farm. The imports killing the auto industry and the appliance industry. Jobs lost to foreign competition.

Any of these fears can be substantiated. In the newspaper industry papers at Elkton, Gagetown, Owendale, Kingston, and North Branch have folded within the last 20 years. Others are on their last legs.

It's sad that these papers are gone because it's a reflection of the struggle the communities they served are having to stay alive.

It's sadder still when papers die in towns big enough to support them. Died when their neighbor publications down the road have prospered.

The economics of newspapers are like any other business. They need good management or they die. The same as the family

farm. While many succumb, others prosper.

There's a tendency for the farmer and the publisher to say that it's tougher now to get by than it used to be.

It may be worse today than it was five years ago, but it can't be worse than it was during the depression years. How did businesses manage when there were no checks and virtually no cash?

So it was certainly worse in the 30s than it was in the 70s and is apt to be in the 80s.

The next decade may not be as good as the last 10 years.

Our standard of living is due to go down, say the experts.

Inflation is eating away at all of us. There will be more papers tossing in the sponge. More family farms will be consolidated.

It's probable that the family farms will be bigger. It's sure that the newspapers of the 80s will be bigger than they are today.

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Rites held for Ada Kelley, 82

Ada May Kelley of Deford died Thursday, Dec. 27, at Provincial House after a long illness.

She was born April 21, 1897, in Worth township, Sanilac county, the daughter of William and Annie (Maynard) Wellman.

Democrats to meet

The Sanilac County Democratic Party will meet Friday at 8 p.m. in the Sandusky Civic Center.

Purpose of the meeting will be to appoint a credentials and rules committee for the April 26 county caucuses and the May 3 8th Congressional District meeting.

Workshops are being set up now, according to party Chairperson Eileen K. Riess.

Miss Wellman married Norris Boyne Dec. 4, 1918, in Sandusky. They came to this area in 1955 from Center Line. Boyne died July 11, 1963. Mrs. Boyne married Walter Kelley Sept. 2, 1972, in Deford. He died May 20, 1979.

She was a member of the Deford Community church.

Mrs. Kelley is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arleon (Leola) Retherford of Deford and Mrs. Clarence (Rita) McQuarrie of Marlette; two stepsons, Leland Kelley of Kalamazoo and Warren Kelley of Cass City; one brother, Gale Wellman

of Madison Heights; three sisters, Mrs. Otto Campbell of Sandusky, Mrs. Orloff Sherman of Lexington and Mrs. Melvin Hency of Zephyrhills, Fla.; six grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Wilbert and Joseph, and one sister, Mrs. Gladys McCordle, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kelley was taken to the Deford Community church at noon Sunday to lie in state until the 2 p.m. funeral service. Rev. Eldred Kelley of the Salem United Methodist church, Cass City, officiated.

Burial was in Novesta cemetery.

Davidson wins pony pull trophy

The Blue Water Pony Pullers Association has honored two of its members with grand championship trophies for the most first places in each class for the year.

Bob Davidson of Sebewaing Road, Owendale, with Bill and Dolly won in the 44-inch class and James Zells from Memphis, Mich., won the trophy with Bill and Andy in the 48-inch class.

These teams participated in many fairs and town festivals in the last five years.

Brookfield applying for park funds

Brookfield township may get a park to call its own.

The township, having survived a preliminary application round in which it received a "high priority" rating, will be applying for \$30,000 in federal funds, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to township Park Commission Secretary Judy Reinhardt, the application must be submitted by Jan. 31. The township should hear in May if it has received the grant.

If it does, Brookfield must provide \$30,000 in matching

funds. The combined total of \$60,000 is to be used to buy land for the park. The Park Commission already has a site in mind, according to Mrs. Reinhardt.

If the site is purchased the next step will be development of the park, which conceivably can be at least partially done with volunteer help, she said.

As a prerequisite for formally applying for the grant the Park Commission had to conduct a public hearing on the proposal, which it did last Thursday. No members of the public appeared, however.

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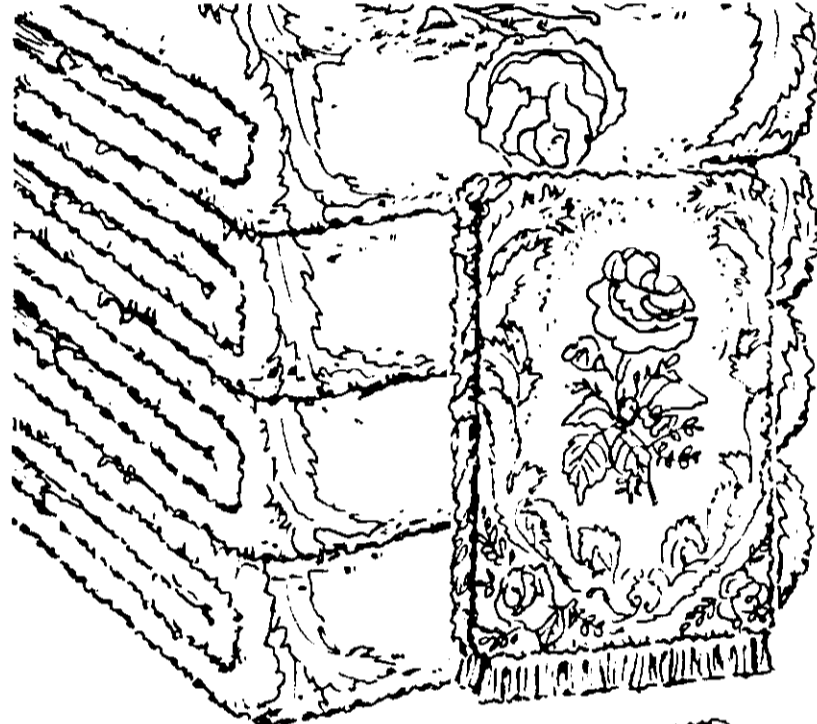
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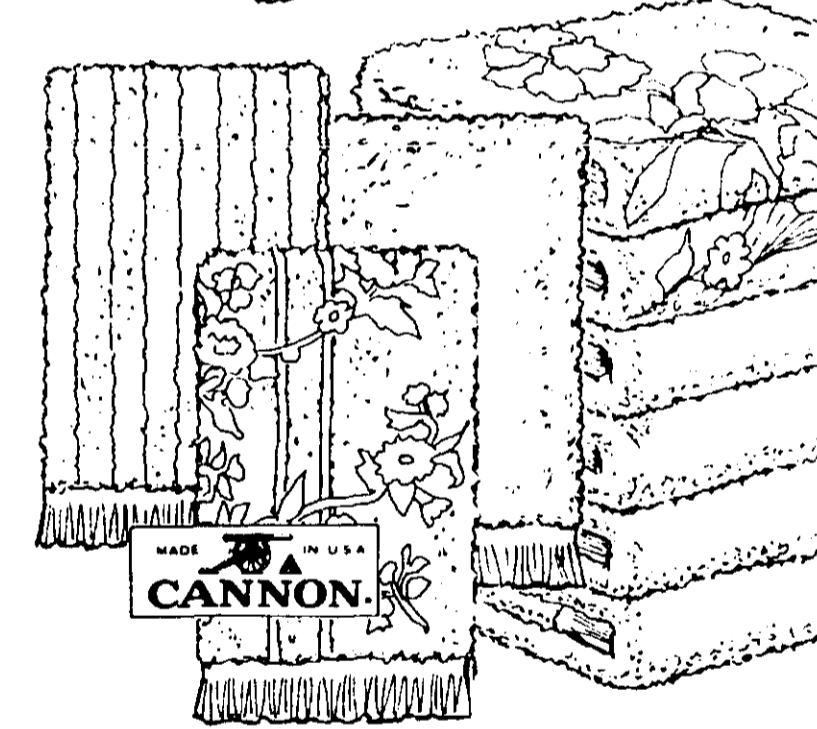


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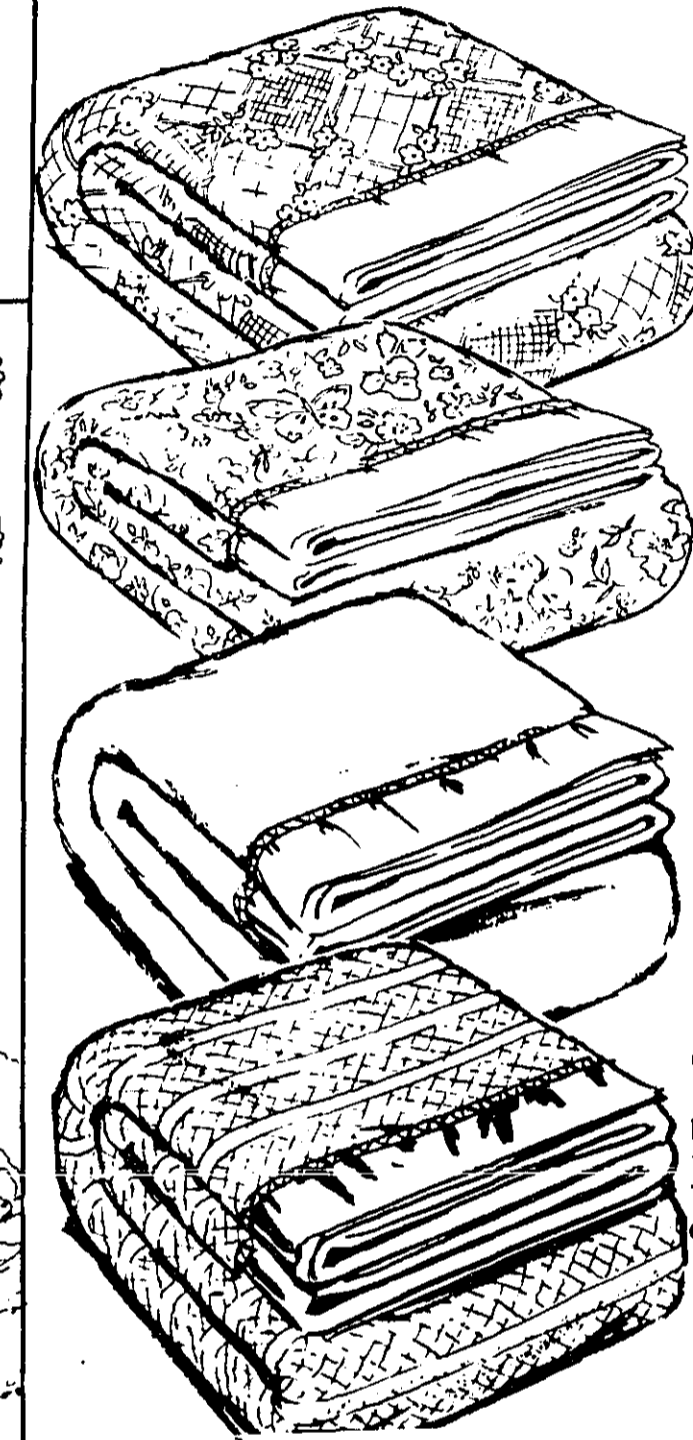
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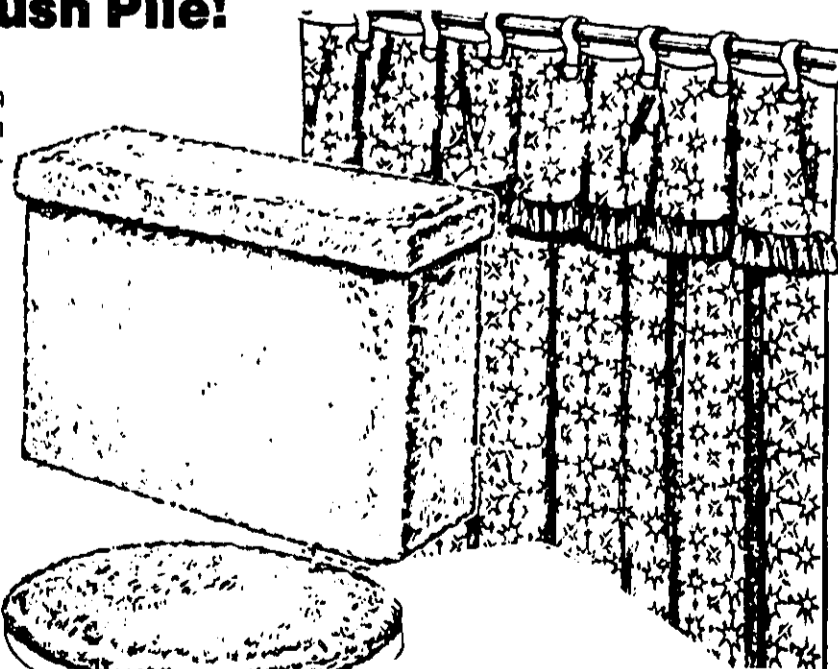
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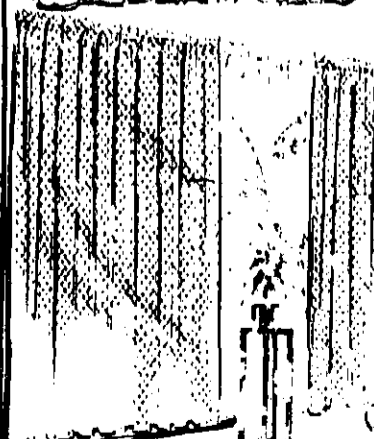
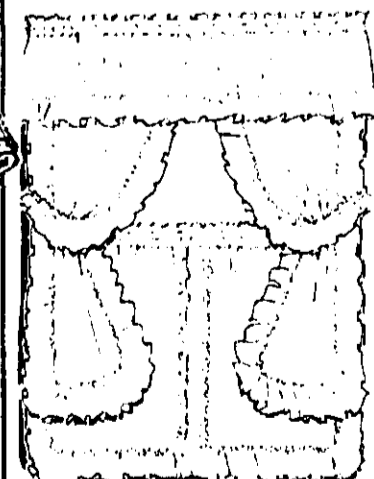
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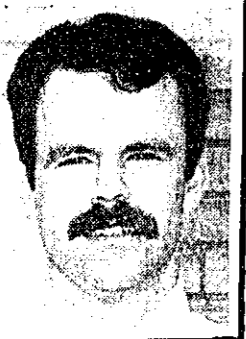
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PEDALING AROUND

Creamed and sugared

By Mike Eliasohn



I don't drink coffee.

I think the reason is that back when I was a kid, I read an article in the Weekly Reader or some such publication about a pistol shooting champion who never drank coffee because he said it was bad for his nerves.

The only time I have shot a pistol in my life was in the Army and not drinking coffee didn't help. Fortunately, the only thing I had to shoot at was a non-moving target and even that I missed profusely.

I didn't feel too bad, though, because the Army instructors stressed that about the only thing a pistol was good for was for very close range -- for instance, if a Viet Cong started climbing onto your armored personnel carrier. That was close enough that if he didn't shoot you first, you could probably shoot him with a pistol.

Fortunately, I never had to undergo that test when I was in Vietnam. If a Viet Cong had attacked my typewriter, I would have let him have it. They don't give out posthumous Congressional Medals of Honor to those who died saving their typewriters.

Since it's the gospel to me that coffee is bad for nerves, I cannot fathom that Robert Young coffee commercial. The one where the young man is all upset, so the former Dr. Welby advises him (or is it the young man's wife?) to have a cup of coffee.

"But that isn't real coffee," protests the young man.

"Yes it is," says Robert Young in a calming fatherly voice.

We all know the rest. Maybe that is how dairy farmers should promote milk drinking.

"I'M MAD AND ALL UPSET," says the young man.

"Have a glass of milk to calm your nerves," says his wife.

"But that's not a man's drink," protests the young man.

"Oh, yes it is," says Burt Reynolds as he comes through the door, a carton of milk in his hand.

Personally, I don't have to be convinced, as I am a three times a day milk drinker.

The only trouble with milk, as the above example indicates, is its image. It's not very sophisticated.

I keep getting nightmares that I will someday meet the woman of my dreams, a beautiful and sophisticated woman. We will go to a fancy restaurant where I intend to propose to her.

I will order a glass of milk. She will promptly faint and keel over, face down in her bowl of vichyssoise.

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(I just read the dictionary definition of vishy-swaz: "A soup made of pureed leeks or onions and potatoes, cream and chicken stock and usually served cold." Blahhhh!)

My other bad dream is that I will some day hit the reporting big time and be covering a state dinner the President is hosting for the visiting French prime minister.

The tuxedoed waiters will be serving chilled bottles of the finest wines and I will ask for a glass of milk.

Chain saw and tools are taken

A \$300 chain saw and \$150 in assorted wrenches and wrench sockets were stolen from a Deford area pole barn Dec. 14.

Donald R. Parsell of 4775 Bevens Road reported the theft to sheriff's deputies Wednesday, Dec. 26. He said the items were taken Dec. 14.

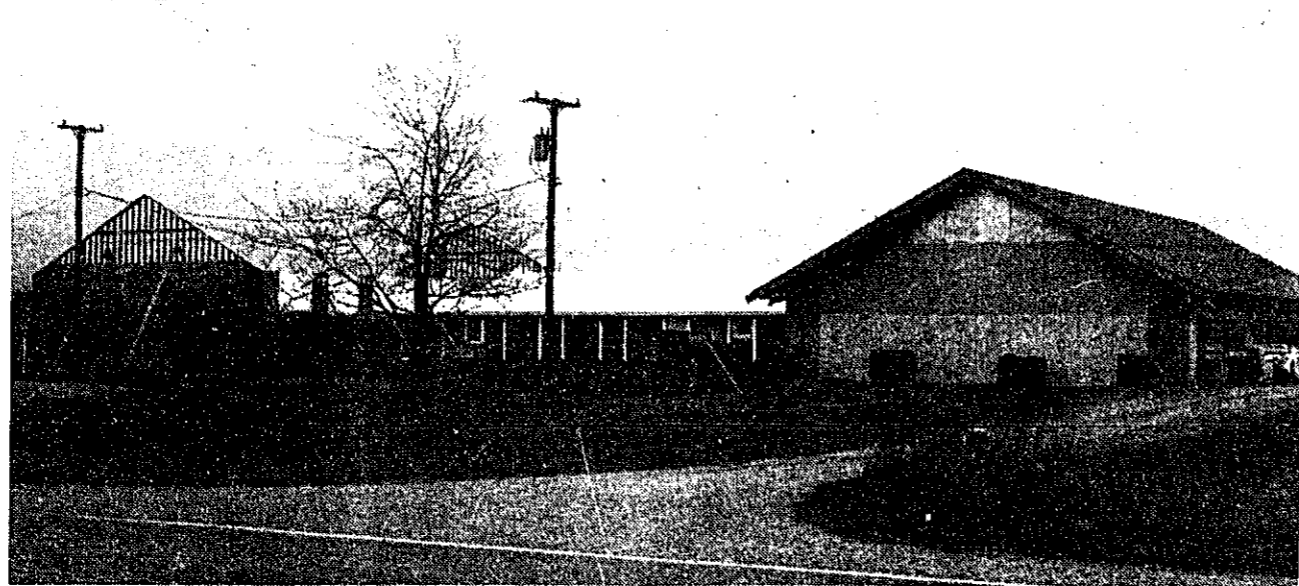
Richard Wright of Walnut Trailer Park, Cass City, reported to sheriff's deputies last Thursday that on Christmas Eve, someone broke the skirting on his mobile home.

Some time prior to that, a vehicle backed into a corner of the structure, which damaged the siding.

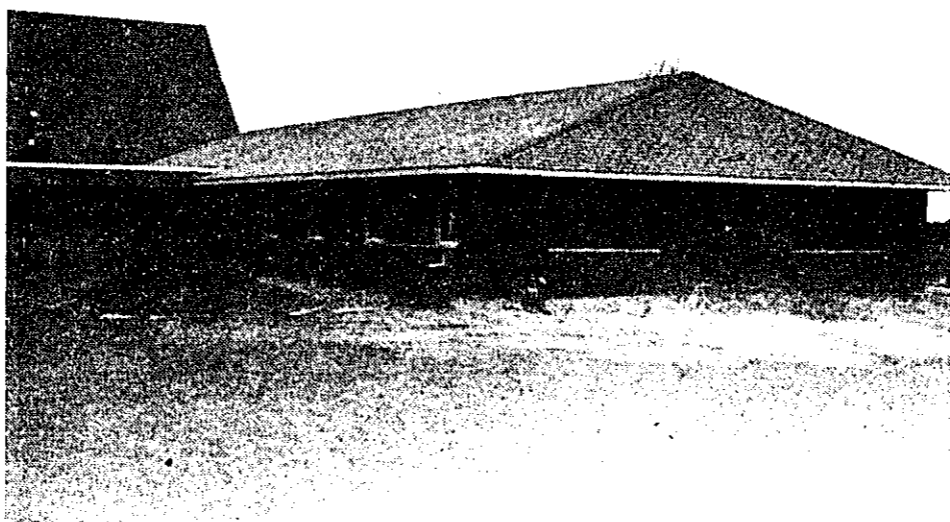
Damage from the two incidents was estimated at a total of \$200.

The theft of several junk batteries was reported to the sheriff's department last Wednesday by George Gihlor of 3050 Deckerville Road, Cass City. They were worth a total of \$32.

Petitioning of three juveniles into probate court on charges of larceny under \$100 is being sought by Cass City police after the trio was caught stealing Christmas



NEARING COMPLETION - The 300-seat auditorium building (at right) at the Novesta Church of Christ should be done by the beginning of March. The fellowship hall, gym and kitchen (building at left) should be completed about a month later. The \$230,000 project began in August.



CHURCH ADDITION -- The outside of the addition at Good Shepherd Lutheran church is done, while work continues on the inside. The structure contains eight classrooms, two offices and restrooms. Costing at least \$150,000, construction began in August.

Funeral held Friday for Eva Brodzik, 91

Eva Brodzik, 91, of Phillips Road, Deford, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Harbor Beach Community Hospital after a long illness. She was born Eva Protasiewicz Oct. 4, 1888, in Poland. She and Alexander Brodzik were married in 1915 in Milwaukee, Wis. They moved to Tuscola

county about 1930. Her husband died in 1955. A homemaker, she was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church, Wilmet. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Anna Davis, and a son, Alexander Brodzik, both of Detroit. A son, Stanley Brodzik, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Friday at St. Michael's, Father William O'Shea officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Harmon Funeral Home, Kingston. Lending free advice is a good way to borrow trouble.

Gillespie gets jail for theft

James R. Gillespie was sentenced Friday to nine months in the county jail for attempted larceny of livestock. He was credited with six days served.

Sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Gillespie, 22, of 1350 Blackmore Road, Mayville, pleaded guilty to the charge Oct. 26, in connection with the theft Aug. 23 of a horse belonging to Charlotte Fisher of rural Caro.

The registered Palomino quarterhorse gelding, valued at \$4,000, was recovered by deputies, who returned it to the owner four days after it was stolen.

Also Friday, Lori Ann Curtis, 17, of 224 S. East Street, Vassar, was placed on three years' probation for attempted larceny from an auto.

She was also sentenced to 130 days in the county jail, with credit given for one day served and work-release privileges granted. She was fined \$200, assessed \$250 court costs and ordered to pay \$75 restitution.

She pleaded guilty to the charge Oct. 26, in connection with an incident July 5 in Vassar.

DISTRICT COURT

Charles M. Stevenson Jr., 23, of 4774 Lamton Road, Cass City, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of driving with license suspended.

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

Stevenson was arrested on the charge Dec. 21 in Ellington township.

Nine lives plus for 2 old cats

Two fancy felines, Helleat and Brownie, lived two years beyond the normal 15-year lifespan of cats to enjoy a bequest of \$415,000 left them by their master, Dr. William Grier, of San Diego, in 1963. When the cats died at 17, their estate -- the largest on record for cats -- went to George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

The oldest known dog was a Queensland heeler named "Bluey." Obtained as a puppy in 1910, he worked among cattle and sheep in Australia till 1939 when he was 29 years, five months old.

The weather table with High, Low, and Precip. columns for Wednesday through Tuesday.

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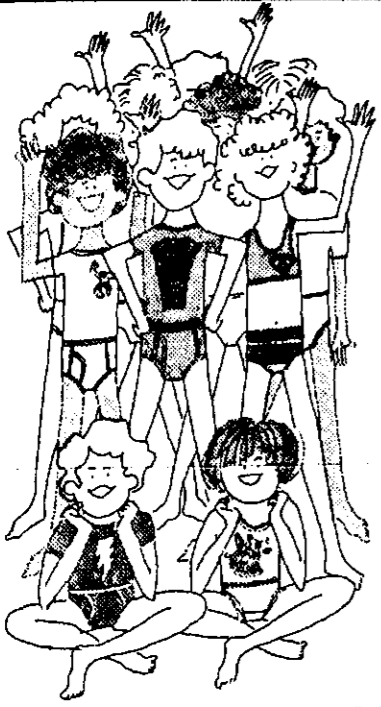
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Cass City movie advertisement for 'The Concorde' and 'Meteor' with showtimes and cast members.

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Holbrook Area News

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Born to Daryl and Becky Lapeer of Milton Naval Base, Milton, Fla., a five-pound, seven and three-quarter-ounce daughter, Lynette Ann, Monday, Dec. 24. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blehm of Gageton and Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Lapeer. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Delos Neal of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer. Great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Manly Fay Sr.

Captain and Mrs. Henry Krug of Ubyly were Christmas night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krug.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Herman of Montrose were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mark, Matt, Misty and Maggie Woolner, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenk and Michael and Mrs. Al Hammerle were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy. Other visitors through the day were Jack Ross of Ubyly, Beatrice Hundersmarck and Danny Lindquest.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol were Thursday lunch guests of Anne Pelton in Cass City and visited Mrs. Dave Matthews at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

Sheree Lapeer of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and daughters of Owendale, Mike Weiderhold of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn

wood Lapeer and Shelly, Mrs. Randy Lapeer and Shawn were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer, where they opened gifts and had a dessert lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. David Main of Clinton township, Bonnie Main and Luella Cosgrove of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Felmlee, Jennifer and Jill of Bay City, Susan Sofka of Davison, Sharon Chudy of Farmington Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sofka of Bad Axe were Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoxie and sons of Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas Eve oyster supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn

Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yax of Almont were Thursday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Michelle Deachin of Lake Orion spent from Saturday till Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Gil Maurer and was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McDonough, Nelson Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and family of Wayne, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell of St. Helen, Mr. and Mrs. John Dubey of Bay Port, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stahl and family of Caseville, Robert Swackhamer of Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marion and Shanon of South

Carolina, Mrs. W.J. Campbell and son Bill of Owosso, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Streusnig and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Swackhamer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swackhamer of Bad Axe, Mrs. Wilfred Wills, Clayton Campbell, Sara Campbell, Harry Edwards, Ira Robinson, Cassie Bergman and Mike and Matt Swackhamer attended the Campbell family early Christmas dinner Sunday at Lor-Del's in Bad Axe. Mrs. Ray Griggs and Mrs. Delmar Bowron were afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol were Monday lunch guests of Mrs. Annie Pelton in Cass City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krug were early Christmas dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Hart and family in Bad Axe Sunday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Tracy and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson and daughters at Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Deachin and family of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Maurer of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and family in Lake Orion.

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This 8-year-old in Kingston is anxious to meet a man to talk with. He enjoys sports, cartoons, and any outdoor activities. He would be a very nice boy to spend time with.

Being the oldest in this family has been difficult for this teen-age girl. She enjoys cooking, swimming and many other things. This girl is 15 years old and lives in

the Akron area.

A nice seven-year-old would like a Big Brother to show him new things and take him places. He lives in the Vassar-Tuscola area.

With no older male around, this 13-year-old boy does not get much of a chance to enjoy his interest in fishing and sports. He needs a special friend in the Caro area.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters in Tuscola county is located at 129 E. Burnside Street, Caro, telephone 673-6996; in Sanilac county at 26 Lexington Street, P.O. Box 1, Sandusky, telephone 648-4433. Huron County BB-BS is no longer in operation.

Cattlemen to vote on beef tax

Beef producers will vote early in 1980 on whether they want a nationally coordinated beef research and information program.

They will be asked to register for the "beef referendum" between Jan. 28 and Feb. 6. The program will be funded by assessments based on the value of cattle sold. During the first two years, assessments could be up to .2 percent of the value of cattle sold, that is, 20 cents per \$100. All sellers in the marketing chain would be assessed, though any producer could request and receive a refund of the assessment paid.

A majority of producers will be sufficient to approve the referendum order. Producers may register and vote at county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices. Registration and voting can be completed by mail if information and ballots are requested in advance.

Tree sale underway

The Tuscola County Soil Conservation District is now accepting orders for trees and shrubs for delivery this spring.

The district conducts the tree sale annually. Trees available are white, red, Scotch and Austrian pine; Colorado blue, Norway and white spruce; black walnut, and Carolina and Norway poplar. Shrubs available are autumn olive and honeysuckle.

The district office is at 852 S. Hooper Street, Caro, telephone 673-8174.

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NOTICE Elkland Township Senior Citizens

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.

SATURDAY

Jan. 5, 1980
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please bring itemized total of your 1979 income including interest, dividends and Social Security. Also bring health/accident insurance premiums paid and your tax bills.

Jack Gallagher
Elkland Township Supervisor

Funeral held for Joseph Maleck, 67

Joseph Maleck of Cass City died Thursday, Dec. 27, at Hills and Dales General Hospital after a long illness.

He was born March 12, 1912, in Beaver Meadows, Penn., the son of Karol and Mary (Robinson) Maleck. He came to this area as a young man.

Maleck married Lena Brooks Oct. 1, 1941, in Bates, Mich. They came to Cass City in 1949.

He was a member of the Cass City Lions Club and had been employed by Hunt Construction Co. of Cass City for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; one daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Joan) Pierce of Honeoye Falls, N.Y.; two sons, Thomas Maleck of Laingsburg, and George Maleck of Vassar; one brother, Alexander Maleck of Freeland, Penn.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Pavalko of Freeland; four grandchildren and his foster parents, Thomas and Iva Smith of Colwood. Two brothers, Karl and Anthony, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. Paul Sheets of Colwood United Brethren in Christ church officiating.

Burial was in Novesta cemetery.

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BAKERY SPECIALS

Oven Fresh BREAKFAST ROLLS **99¢**

Oven Fresh American Meal **69¢**

Oven Fresh BREAD **69¢**

Oven Fresh FRENCH LOAF **69¢**

Oven Fresh ITALIAN BREAD **69¢**

TIDE 49 oz. Pkg. Laundry Detergent **\$1 59**

WISK 32 oz. Btl. Liquid Detergent **\$1 39**

BROTH SOUPS

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10 oz. Cans.



RICH'S FROZEN WHITE BREAD DOUGH

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5-1 lb. Loaves

QUEEN'S PRIDE 2 / \$1 00 Pineapple 20 oz. Cans.

SOFTEX BATHROOM TISSUE

69¢

4 Roll Pkg.



Purina Dog Chow 25 Lb. Bag **\$5 89**

HEALTH & BEAUTY AIDS

Herbal Essence Shampoo 15 oz. Reg. \$2.39 **\$1 49**

Pepsodent Toothbrushes Reg. 69¢ **44¢** ea.

Vaseline Bath Beads 15 oz. Reg. \$1.39 **99¢**

Kraft CHEEZ WHIZ

\$1 69

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Fireside Saltines Lb. Pkg. **59¢**

Mazola Salad Oil Qt. Btl. **\$1 59**



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U.S. No. 1 Michigan Potatoes 20 Lb. Bag **\$1 39**

Russette's - Frozen French Fries 2 Lb. Bag **69¢**

Sunshine Chip-a-roos 12 oz. Pkg. **79¢**

Truworth Applesauce 35 oz. Jar **69¢**

McDonald's Low Fat Milk **\$1 39** Gal.

CARNIVAL Ice Cream \$1 99

Gal.

Cello Carrots 5 1 lb. Pkg. **\$1 00**

Florida Indian River Pink Grapefruit 5 For **\$1 00**

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

Rochelle Walsh graduated from Marygrove College in Detroit. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Walsh of Uby.

Patti Karr, 14, won honorable mention in a custom car drawing contest sponsored by the Michigan Hot Rod Association in which she competed against over 500 other high school students. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Karr of Cass City.

Tuscola county agricultural land values are scheduled to take a 16 percent jump countywide, according to a tentative study made

public by the county Equalization Department.

The original deed to the O.H. Blair farmstead on Sebewaing Road, dated 1861, has President Abraham Lincoln's signature on it. Blair's attachment to the 80 acres goes back a long time and he has spent his entire 77 years on the homestead where he was born.

TEN YEARS AGO

For the seventh year, the first baby born in Hills and Dales General Hospital in 1970 will be showered with gifts from local merchants.

Extensive remodeling work began this week on the Ben Franklin Store in Cass City as workmen tore down the store's second story.

On the shortest agenda of the year, village President Lambert Althaver announced that there was a surplus of \$30,000 for the year. He also announced that the parking meter debt has been paid in full.

No end in sight in the New Year baby draught which is seven days old already. The record is eight days.

Joanne Greenlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Greenlee of Argyle, was initiated into Kappa Delta

Pi, an honor society in education. She is a junior at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Joyce Donnelly of Cass City is one of six Michigan 4-H Club girls who will each receive a \$100 scholarship award as state winners of three achievement award programs.

Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac are among 20 Michigan counties on a list of areas in the U.S. closed to travel by Soviet citizens in possession of passports, the State Department announced.

Rev. J.E. Tuckey, pastor of the United Missionary church in Port Huron and a former Cass City resident, left for an extended trip through foreign countries.

Six little folks enjoyed a party at the Whalin home Monday when Kathy Whalin celebrated her fifth birthday.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

G.A. Striffler, 45 years in business here, has sold his farm implement business on E. Main Street to Arnold Copeland and Hugh Munro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mac-Davis were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering in Shabbona hall attended by 50 relatives and friends from Detroit, Cass City, Decker and Evergreen township.

Donald M.D. Thurber, state representative for infantile paralysis, addressed members of the Cass City Community Club at their first meeting in 1945.

First baby to arrive in 1945 at Pleasant Home Hospital was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Czerviec of Novesta township.

Secrets, like money, are no good until placed in circulation.

All aliens must report in January

All aliens in the United States must report their address some time during January, in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act.

It is a requirement even if their address has not changed since the last report.

The reporting form, Address Report Card, Form I-53, is available at all post offices.

When the alien has filled in all the items, he or she must sign it, put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail.

Information needed in addition to the address is the date and place of entry into the U.S., date and place of birth, country of citizenship and alien registration number.

The parent or legal guardian of an alien child under 14 years of age must submit an address report for the child.

Any alien who is temporarily absent from the U.S. as of Jan. 1 must report his or her address within 10 days after their return.

Gifted child group meets Jan. 8

The Tuscola County Association for Gifted Children will hold a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Tuscola Intermediate School District Offices, 1685 Cleaver Road, Caro.

On the program is the new film "It's Cool to be Smart" which features several excellent programs for gifted students as well as several suggestions for parents. A workshop on planning a meeting for local school districts will also be held.

The November meeting of the TCAGC included discussions of the problems parents have in obtaining professional testing for their gifted children and suggestions for approaching the school system as an individual parent or as a group of concerned parents.

Meredith Auten remembers



I was less than three years old when we came to Cass City.

We spent the first night at the Tennent Hotel.

The population at that time was a little over 300.

Mother had been educated in Paris for three years and spoke French fluently. I believe she was the only college graduate in Cass City. She was known as very cultured and an inveterate student. She promoted the Woman's Study Club. She started a library above the bank. She had a Christian Endeavor for young people Sunday afternoons.

I think without question she was the front runner in Cass City. I remember Mother Wilsey telling me that her lectures at the Woman's Study Club were some of the best she had ever heard.

At Christian endeavor, each member answered roll call with a Biblical verse. Clayton MacKenzie's verse was always, "Jesus wept."

Father was born on a farm in Hayt's Corner, N.Y. He left home when very young and what education he had, he received from Mother.

He worked in Ovid, N.Y., in a store for John Seeley. He was a connoisseur of laces. He met mother in Ovid, where she taught school. When Mr. Seeley started a bank in Caro, he invited Father to come and be cashier. Father and Mother were married in Caro in 1888.

Mother was the daughter of Dr. Libby. She was lame from a fall, and for some reason, this was not corrected by her father.

Mother's mother was a Blair and she had an uncle we called Uncle Carl. He was a sea captain and had crossed the ocean more than 60 times. He had been everywhere and was very intelligent. In fact, Aunt Alla said that the only way she could understand Shakespeare was having known Uncle Carl.

Father got \$50 a month and how he could operate so small a bank and yet build our home in 1898 and take all the family to Europe in 1904 is a mystery to me.

For several years, Mother, Madeline, and I spent our summers in Chautauqua, N.Y., where Mother took courses that lasted all day. Madeline, who went to Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and Columbia, and was four years older than I, taught domestic science at Chautauqua.

When we first came to Cass City, we spent our summers at Oak Grove, Sebewaing. Father led our cow for at least one summer to Oak Grove, which was at least 30 miles.

The next day, he took Lewis McGeorge and me to

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Applications must be submitted to this office no later than January 18, 1980 at 4:00 P.M.
For further information
Phone (517) 872-2911

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Mrs. Goodall dies Friday after illness

Maxine Maude Goodall of Cass City died Friday at Marlette Community Hospital after a long illness.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Unionville, the daughter of William and Lola (Hare) Remington.

Miss Remington married Walter Goodall Aug. 29, 1940, in New Lothrop. After their marriage, they came to Cass City and settled on a farm on Reed Road.

Mrs. Goodall attended the First Baptist church of Cass City. She was one of the first employees of the Walbro Corp., where she worked for more than 23 years.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Lois) Darr of Decker and Mrs. Wallace (Wilma) Northon of Unionville; two sons, Larry Goodall of Saginaw and Wilbert Goodall of Cass City; one brother, Newell Remington of Bay City; two sisters, Mrs. Allan McGeorge of Clio and Wanda Remington of Bay City, and 14 grandchildren. Three brothers preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held Monday morning at the First Baptist church with Rev. Timothy Teal officiating.

Arrangements were by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Coming Auction

Thursday, Jan. 3 - Hillcock 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, 1/2 mile west on Jeddo Road. Lorn Hillaker, auctioneer.

The ducks proved to be tame decoys. Many years later, I was with Lewis in California and he said they were so bad, he had never been able to eat a duck after that.

On this trip, when going to shore, a wave came in over the back of the boat where we stored the dry cells. We couldn't start the motor, so Lewis walked back to the bluff and I stayed overnight while the wires dried out. Mother was much alarmed.

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Cass City Bowling Leagues

SUNDAY NITERS Dec. 23, 1979

Pressure Kochers	21½
Ber-Wa-Ga-Na Camp	21
Gutter Dusters	20½
The Outlaws	19½
New Four	18
Fearsome Foursome	16½
Alley Cats	16
Ground Pounders	14
Wild Bunch	13
Blount Agriculture	12
PAG	12
Colwood Bar	8

J. Downing dies Saturday in Bay City

James J. Downing, 56, of Bay City, died Saturday at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born Nov. 1, 1923 in Gagetown.

He is survived by his wife, Eulah; a son, Patrick Downing of Bay City; two daughters, Mrs. Randy (Susan) Banaszak of Bay City and Mrs. Daniel (Nancy) Gilmore of Vassar; six brothers, Richard, John and William Downing, all of Gagetown, Paul Downing of Caro, Jerald Downing of Muskegon, and Thomas Downing of Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Joan) Doyen of Lansing, Mrs. Alger (Genevieve) Freiburger of Cass City, and a grandson, Tyson.

Downing was a member of Holy Trinity church, Bay City, an usher at the church, a veteran of World War II and was a supervisor for the Oven Fresh Bakeries.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Squires Funeral Home, Bay City, and at Holy Trinity church, with Father Barney Janowicz officiating.

Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery.

MERCHANTS' "A" LEAGUE Dec. 26, 1979

Charlie's Market	20
New England Life	15
Charmont	14
Cass City Oil & Gas	13
Blount Agriculture	12
Kritzman's	11½
Erla's Food Center	11
Kingston State Bank	10½
Ouvry Chevy-Olds	10
Warren Electric	10
Croft-Clara Lumber	9
Fuelgas	8

600 Series: J. Smithson	610.
550 Series: A. Ouvry 599, M. Helwig 593, L. Tomaszewski 581, J. Storm 570, B. Musall 569, D. Root 563, J. Little 561, J. Fox 552.	
210 Games: J. Smithson 232, L. Tomaszewski 231, B. Musall 214, A. Ruggles 210.	

MERCHANTS' "B" LEAGUE Dec. 26, 1979

Gagetown Oil & Gas	21
Colony House	18
Herron Builders	14
Charmont	13
Bauer Candy Co.	13
Rabideau Motors	12
Spencer's Masonry	12
Shag's Angels	11
Clare's Sunoco	11
Copeland Builders	8
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550 Series: G. Deering 593, R. Koch 592, R. Nicholas 579.

School Menu

JAN. 7-11

MONDAY

Hot Dog & Bun
Chips
Buttered Corn
White Milk
Cookie

TUESDAY

Spaghetti & Meat
Bread-Butter
Buttered Beans
White Milk

WEDNESDAY

Fishwich
Chips
Tartar Sauce
Buttered Peas
White Milk
Cookie

THURSDAY

Chili - Crackers
Bread-Butter
Celery Sticks
White Milk
Fruit Cup

FRIDAY

Ham & Cheese on Bun
Chips
Peach Slices
White Milk
Cookie

Menu subject to change.

Men's High Series: B. Bills 587.
Ladies' High Series: W. Edwards 489.
Men's High Game: B. Bills 212.
Ladies' High Game: M. VanVliet 175.
High Team Series: Gutter Dusters 1901.
High Team Game: Gutter Dusters 660.
200 Games: B. Bills, 212-201, K. Matt 211.
Men's 550 or Better: B. Bills 587, D. Koch, 550.

FRIDAY NIGHT DOUBLES Dec. 28, 1979

Gutter Dusters	4
Strikers	4
Alley Bombers	4
Funny Four	3
Heard's Tears	3
Caro Comics	2
Sawdusters	2
Holloway Fire	1
Golden Nuggets	1
3 Bs & C	0
Wild Turkeys	0
P.M.s	0

Men's High Series: B. Andrus 635.
Ladies' High Series: P. Rienstra 469.

Men's High Game: B. Andrus 233.
Ladies' High Game: P. Rienstra 195.
High Team Series: Gutter Dusters 1885.
High Team Game: Gutter Dusters 670.

200 Games: B. Andrus 233-211, B. Skinner 224, B. McPhail 200, J. Dasho 204, H. Edwards 213.

Men's 550 or Better: B. Andrus 635, R. Pierce 565, H. Edwards 575.

FRIDAY NITE CARCASS UNION Dec. 28, 1979

Krauts	6
Cannonballs	6
Fruit of the Loom	6
Lucky's Kountry Korner	6
Rescue Squad	5
Ball Busters	5
Fishbowlers	3
Crowbars	3
Turkeys	3
Gutter Dusters	2

Slow Rollers 2 Squad 1822.
Old Folks 1 High Team Game: Rescue Squad 670.
200 Games: D. Cummins 256, M. Schuler 219, J. Schwartz 212, G. Gallaway 205.
Ladies' 500 series: S. Cummins 502.
Ladies 160 or Better: S. Cummins 194-161, G. Dewald 184-165, J. Rehmus 177.

Men's High Series: D. Cummins 576.
Ladies' High Series: S. Cummins 502.
Men's High Game: D. Cummins 256.
Ladies' High Game: S. Cummins 194.
High Team Series: Rescue Squad 670.

HEALTH TIPS

Regular glaucoma checks necessary

By Frank Chappell
American Medical Association

Glaucoma is an increasingly serious eye disease which occurs most frequently in persons over the age of 30, and affects at least 2 percent of individuals over 40.

Thousands of Americans have lost their sight from glaucoma. Many Americans have the disease without knowing it, and unless it is diagnosed and treated early, it can cause blindness.

One type of glaucoma, called chronic glaucoma, causes no symptoms until severe damage has been done.

Chronic glaucoma can be detected by the medical eye physician (ophthalmologist) who uses an instrument to measure the degree of pressure in the eye and another instrument to measure the size of the visual field, or side vision.

Every adult over 40 should have a test for eye pressure as well as for visual fields when he or she goes for an

eyeglass checkup.

Another type of this insidious eye disease is called acute glaucoma. In this ailment the pressure suddenly rises to a very high level, and the attack is accompanied by severe pain, redness and blurred vision.

Most often the patient must be placed in a hospital immediately and treated by surgery to relieve the pressure. Surgery is successful in most cases, but prompt treatment is necessary.

The major problem physicians face in dealing with glaucoma is to detect the disease early enough to begin treatment before serious eye damage is done, says the American Medical Association.

It is highly important for individuals past the age of 40 to have an annual medical checkup for their eyes, even if they don't wear glasses and have no apparent visual problems.

Funeral held Dec. 26 for W. A. Turner

Wilfred A. Turner, 76, of 3189 N. Decker Road, Decker, died Dec. 23 at Provincial House, Cass City, after a long illness.

He was a retired dairy farmer and carpenter for Guerdon Industries.

He was born April 1, 1903 in North Branch, the son of Henry and Lena Turner.

He and Kathryn Parrott were married Oct. 28, 1931 in Decker and lived in that area following their marriage.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Rev. Dale Turner of East Jordan; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard (Janice) Peori, Richmond, Mrs. Robert (Joy) Bullock, South Bend, Ind., and Mrs. Jeffrey (Marilee) Miller, Sandy, Utah; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and four sisters, Mrs. Elise Cousins, Mrs. Ira Howell, and Mrs. Clayton Ross, all of Marlette, and Mrs. Hazel Stout, Clearwater, Fla.

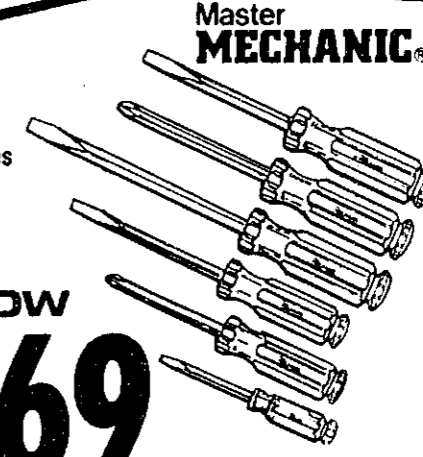
Funeral services were held Dec. 26 at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, Elder Curtis Cleland Jr. of the Bad Axe RLDS church officiating. Rev. Turner, of the East Jordan Missionary church, also participated.

Burial was in Evergreen township cemetery. Pallbearers were Lawrence Metzger, Ronald Colson, Gerald Wood, Norman Parrott, Vernon Parrott and Donald VanNorman.

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Community booster

Ken Martins fill variety of civic posts

Editor's note: this is one of a series sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce about community boosters who are members of the organization.

For a variety of reasons, Ken Martin gave up the security of a well paying job with Saginaw Steering Gear after 11 years to start Martin Electric in Cass City.

It proved to be a wise move for him and a decision that helped the community.

Over the years Martin has been active in civic affairs in addition to filling a vital service in the community. He is a member and past President of the Lions Club. He is vice-president of the Tri-County Electrical Contractor's Association.

He also is a member of the Farm Bureau and the Elmwood Township Zoning Board. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Cass City.

Martin was born and raised in Cass City and graduated from Cass City High School in 1950. He returned to the community in July, 1970.

He received his electrical contractor's license in January, 1970.

The company now employs a journeyman electrician, a full time apprentice and a part-time apprentice.

His wife, Carolyn, is the bookkeeper for the business. She is also active in community affairs, serving on the Hills and Dales Hospital Board.

The Martins have a daughter, Cheri, attending Saginaw Valley State College, and a son, Ken Jr., a senior at Cass City High School.



Ken Martin

Michigan Mirror

Solons act to save wetlands

The Legislature cleared a 10-year old hurdle with the final adoption of legislation defining the use of and regulating the state's wetlands.

Wetlands -- swamps, bogs and marshes -- have been filled in at an alarming rate, especially in densely populated areas, causing not only urban sprawl but also adversely affecting natural habitats for birds, fish and animals and causing flooding problems.

Legislation to slow down this process has been before the Michigan Legislature for the past 10 years but it never was able to get final approval for various reasons.

Heavy lobbying by developers and industries has spelled doom in years past and key legislators were opposed to the legislation and were able to keep the bill bottled up.

The final compromise version protects the designated wetlands from wholesale destruction while making it possible to develop the lands upon receipt of a permit from the state Department

of Natural Resources.

Prior to final approval, the legislature tightened the compensation section to restate the rights of a citizen landowner to seek redress in the courts if he feels the land has been confiscated by the governmental designation.

Wetlands -- both those contiguous with lakes, streams and rivers and perched wetlands defined as areas independent of other bodies greater than 5 acres -- are covered presently by the federal clean air and water act but will be covered under the state act as of Oct. 1.

Perched wetlands within counties of 100,000 or less will not be included under provisions of the bill until a statewide land resource inventory is completed.

Under separate legislation, a land resource inventory will be conducted by the state and local governments with a final report due within the next three years.

The wetlands act, expected to be signed soon by the governor, also permits municipalities to adopt their own wetlands preservation and regulation acts that are

more stringent than the state act.

Upper Peninsula mining activities were taken care of under an exemption for iron and copper mine tailing basins, areas where wastes are dumped resulting from the mining process.

Farmers and agricultural activities are exempt from most provisions of the act.

The act was praised by conservation groups, legislative leaders and the governor.

Governor William G. Milliken praised the bill as a forward-looking and workable wetlands control bill.

Calling it a major step in protecting the state's resources and native beauty, Milliken said, "It will allow the state to take over from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers a number of wetlands use permit programs -- giving us greater control over our own destiny."

RENTER TAX CREDIT

Under a bill approved during the final hours of the legislative session this year, the Senate approved a bill expanding renter credit for rent paid by senior citizens and low income persons.

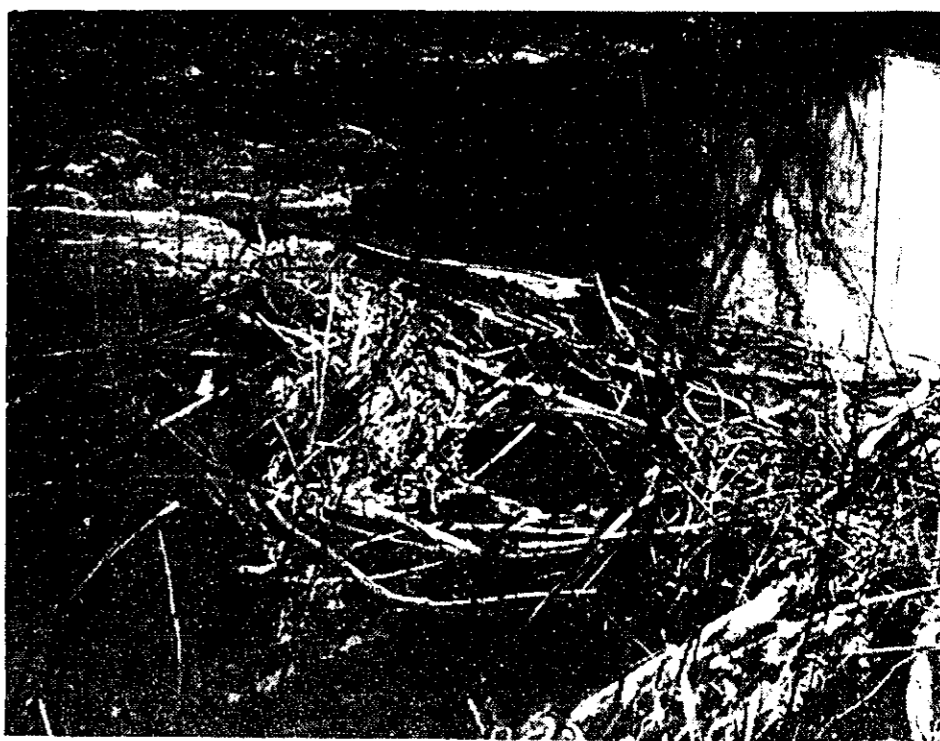
With an annual estimated cost of \$8.5 million, the bill would provide a credit for senior citizens for rent payments over 50 percent of their income. Other low income persons would receive a credit for 75 percent of anything over 40 percent of their income.

An income level of \$12,000 was placed in the bill as a qualifier.

The House must approve the plan before it takes effect.



GNAW POWER -- William Kitchin of Van Dyke Road points to where beavers have almost completely cut through this log. Other examples of their cutting power can be seen at left and at right.



DAM PROJECT -- After the beavers cut the logs, they transport them a few hundred feet to the Cass River, where they have been building this dam for the past several months. Location is north of Severance Road, east of M-53.

Minor crashes reported in Yule season

A Traverse City woman was reported as injured but refusing treatment after an accident last Thursday in Ellington township.

Injured was Evelyn Gilmet, a passenger in a car driven by Richard M. Bowles, 30, of E. Deckerville Road, Caro.

Sheriff's deputies reported Bowles was southbound on Orr Road, north of Boy Scout Road, when his car went off the east side of the road into a ditch and hit a clump of trees.

The driver was ticketed on a charge of failure to report a property damage accident. The accident took place at 3 a.m.

At 2:30 a.m., Dec. 24, according to deputies, David Burrows, 19, of 4670 Center Street, Gagetown, was eastbound on Lazell Road, went through the intersection at Jacob Road, and struck a utility pole guy wire post on

the east side of the road. Burrows was ticketed on a charge of violation of the basic speed law (too fast for conditions).

Saturday, deputies reported, James K. Rohleder, 24, of 4462 Jacob Road, Cass City, was backing his vehicle in the Big Boy restaurant parking lot, on M-81 southwest of Caro, and backed into a car pulling into a parking place. Driver of the car was Mark Williams, 26, of Caro.

Kevin R. Richter, 16, of 6611 E. Sanilac Road, Kingston, was eastbound on M-46, east of Lobdell Road, at 1:20 p.m. Dec. 24 when his car struck a deer.

At 12:55 p.m. last Wednesday, village police said Cindy Lou Brigham, 23, of 2034 N. Englehart Road, was backing from a parking place in the Cass City IGA Foodliner parking lot and struck a parked car. Owner of the parked car was Geneva Richards of Cass City.

Ricky Hartwick, 20, of 7261 Bay City-Forestville Road, was eastbound on Daus Road, east of Buehrly Road, at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Cass City police reported, when his vehicle struck a deer.

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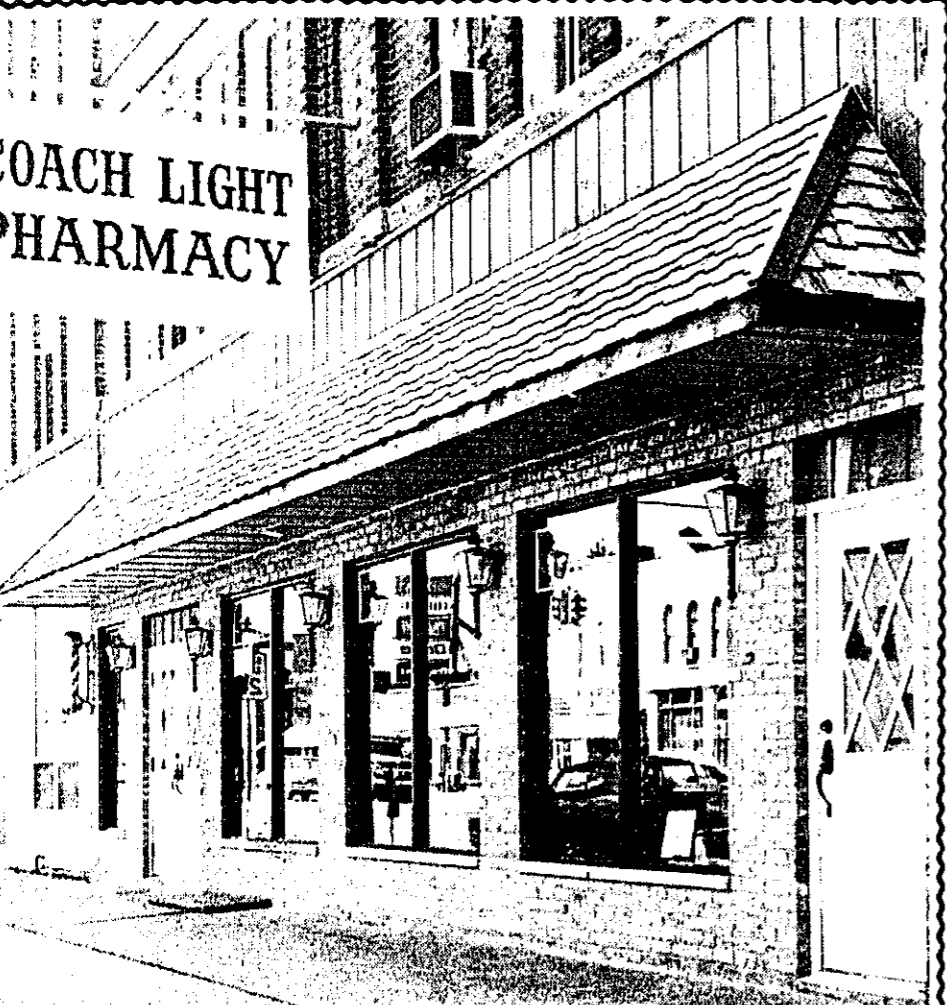
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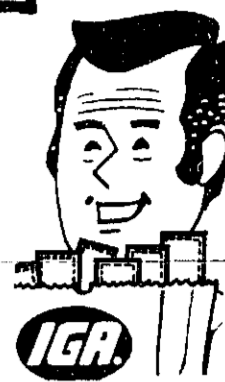
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4-year project almost done

Hospital ambulatory care unit now open

The ambulatory care facility at Hills and Dales General Hospital, for which Cass Cityans pledged \$500,000, is open for business.

The first two persons to use the facility did so Dec. 12. A 4½-month-old baby

was an emergency room patient and a cancer patient came to receive her chemotherapy.

They were thus using two of the three basic functions the facility is designed for.

There is what is called "emergency trauma care." There is a major emergency room for serious emergencies, such as persons severely injured in accidents and for cardiac patients (heart attacks, etc.).

There are two beds in that room plus two in the minor emergency room, used for treating persons with minor injuries and illnesses.

The old emergency room, according to ambulatory service Director Ken Carlile, RN, had only two beds. When there were more than two emergency patients, the "overflow" had to be put out in the hallway.

The old emergency room will be used for expansion of the X-ray department.

Also in the ambulatory care part of the building is a cast room, which contains the plaster, splints, etc., used for fixing broken bones.

The EEG and EKG room has an electroencephalograph for measuring brain waves to test for tumors, epilepsy, and vascular diseases, and an electrocardiograph for measuring heart stress and irregularities.

There is also a waiting room and reception desk.

THE OUTPATIENT PORTION of the building contains three clinic rooms, outpatient surgery operating room (plus recovery area and changing room) and laboratory room for blood testing.

One of the clinic rooms is for general purposes, such as checking heart pacemakers, administering chemotherapy and performing post-operation examinations. Another is for obstetrical-gynecological examinations and the third is for stomach and esophagus examinations.

The operating room will be used for operations which do not require the patient to be kept overnight in the hospital. It is presently serving as the hospital's only

operating room, while remodeling of the old operating room continues. That facility will still be used for major surgery.

All of the above described facilities are on one floor. Plans for the basement are incomplete, but the space will probably be used for classrooms and storage, according to hospital Administrator Ken Jensen.

Groundbreaking for the unit took place in August, 1978.

What is now a possibly \$1.5

million project consists of two parts, the now completed ambulatory care facility and renovation work inside the original hospital building.

The major work there has been installation of a new air handling system to improve what had been considered inadequate air circulation and to add air conditioning.

All of the renovation work inside the old hospital should be done by the end of February, Jensen said.

WHEN THE PROJECT was first announced in

March, 1976, the estimated total cost was under \$250,000 (ambulatory care facility and renovations).

It was under \$600,000 by the time the fund drive to raise \$500,000 in pledges began.

It was \$1.256 million when bids were opened in June, 1978. Changes, improve-

ments, bureaucratic delays in approving the project and inflation account for the cost increases.

Because of inflation since bids were opened and some changes, according to Jensen, the cost now may be as much as \$1.5 million.

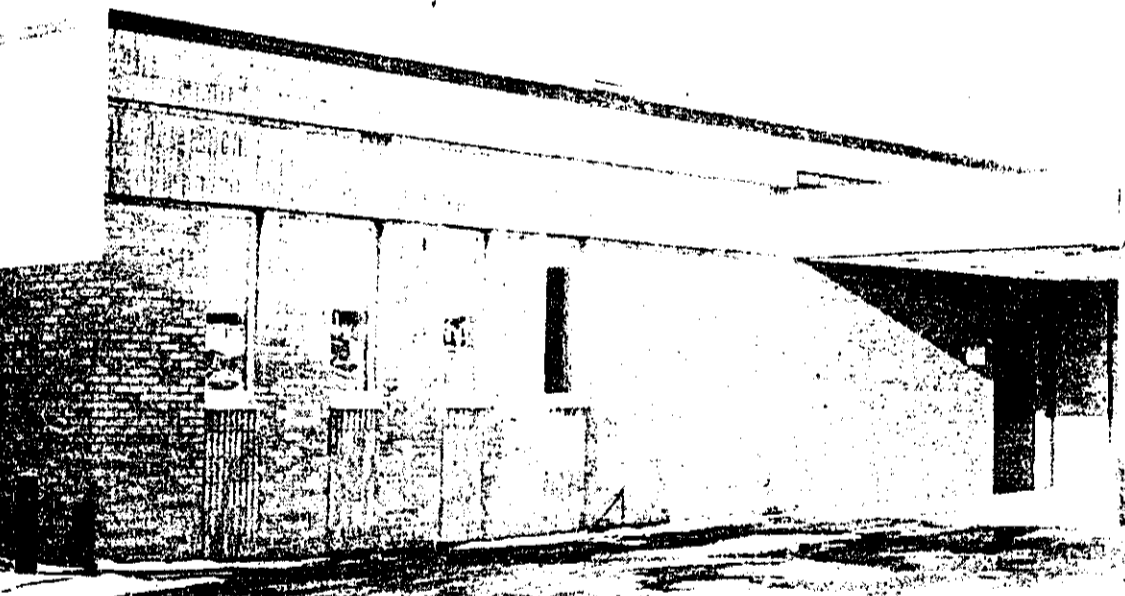
The cost above the \$500,000 pledged by the public will be

paid for out of accumulated hospital earnings and a bank loan, which the hospital will repay over the next 25-30 years.

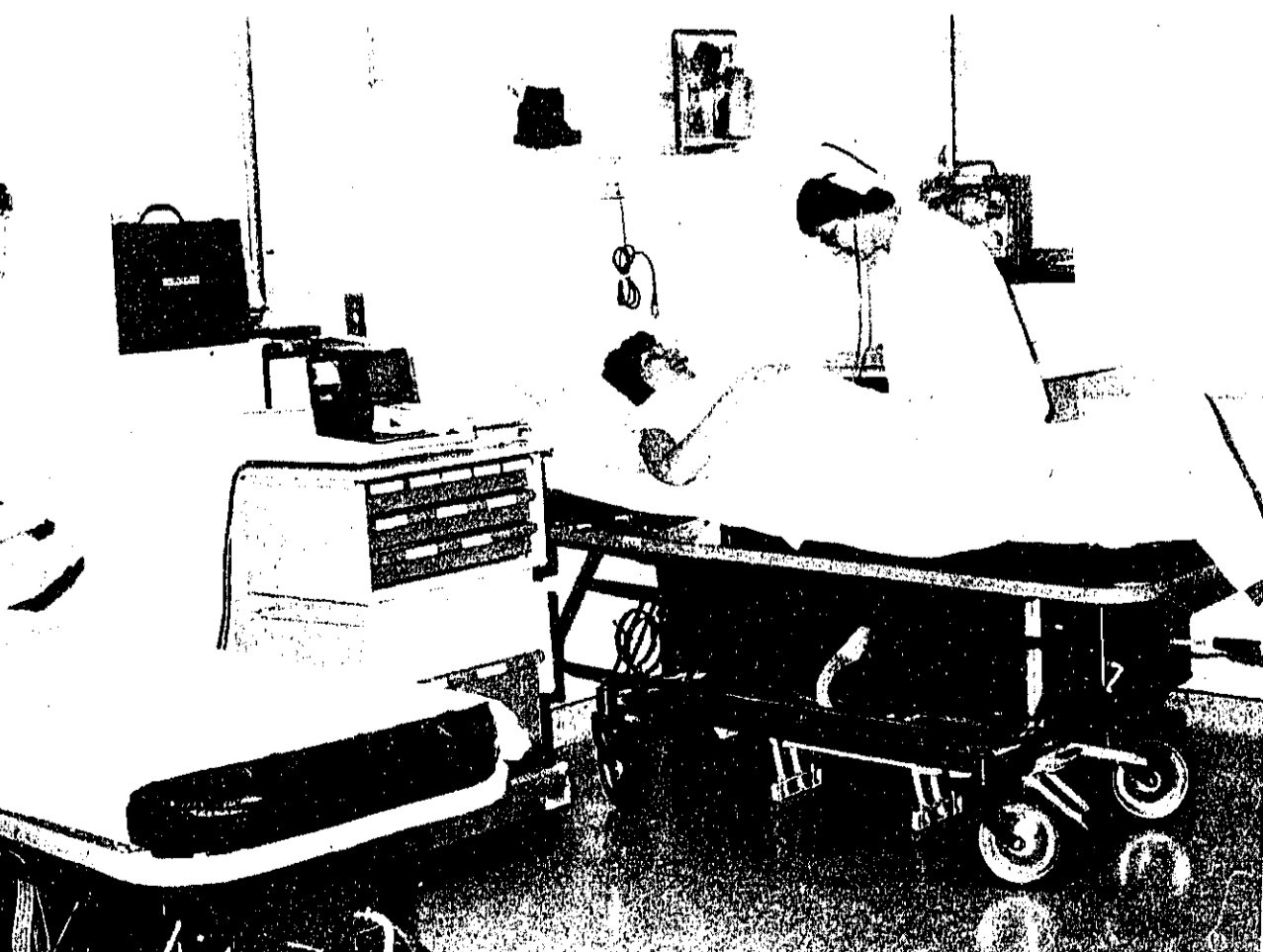
Members of the public won't have to become patients to see the new building. There will be an open house some time in the spring.



ATTACHING ELECTRODES to the head of volunteer "patient" Josephine Gray, a housekeeper at the hospital, is Pat Fox, LPN. The machine is an electroencephalograph, which tests for tumors, epilepsy, vascular diseases, etc. Also in the room is an electrocardiograph machine for measuring heart stress and irregularities.



OUTSIDE VIEW of the new ambulatory care facility at Hills and Dales General Hospital, which contains two emergency rooms plus an out-patient operating room and related facilities. Ambulances back into the covered-over area at right, with the emergency room a few steps down the hallway.



EMERGENCY ROOM -- Applying some emergency treatment in the new major emergency room to volunteer "patient" Jean Anthony, LPN, is Jan McGuire, RN. The machine between the two beds is a defibrillator, which can revive a faltered heartbeat.

Oil exploration underway here

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price received for the oil no longer justified the cost of keeping the wells in operation.

Another factor is some new techniques can get oil out where it was very difficult to get it out before.

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is then to do further evaluations with detailed seismic tests in those areas where leases have been obtained.

That basically is the status in the Cass City area now.

Probably in the spring more evaluation work will be done. The result may be that in the Cass City area or elsewhere, it is decided there is nothing there to make drilling worthwhile. "We just don't know," he commented.

Stoliker said it could be some years before something happens here -- if it does -- or it could be months. "These things develop pretty fast," he said, but cautioned that there is a lot of ground to cover. Cass City being only one area in a major portion of the state.

Suspect still sought in

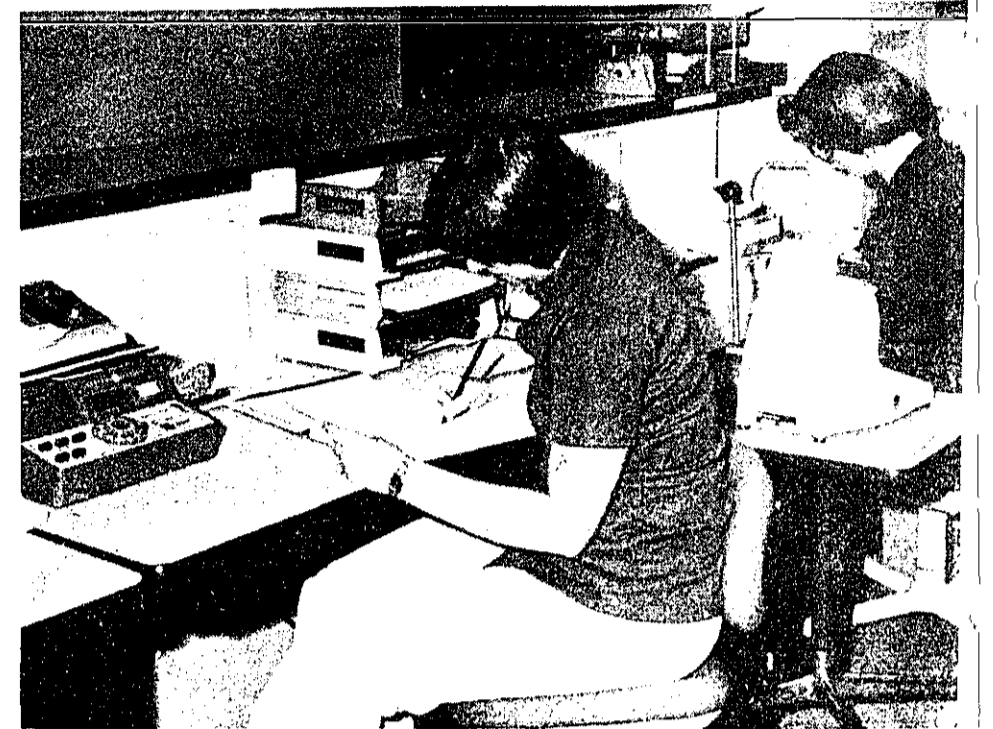
Caro robbery

As of Wednesday morning, Caro police were still looking for a suspect they believe may have been the person who robbed the Capri Restaurant of "about \$1,000" Saturday night.

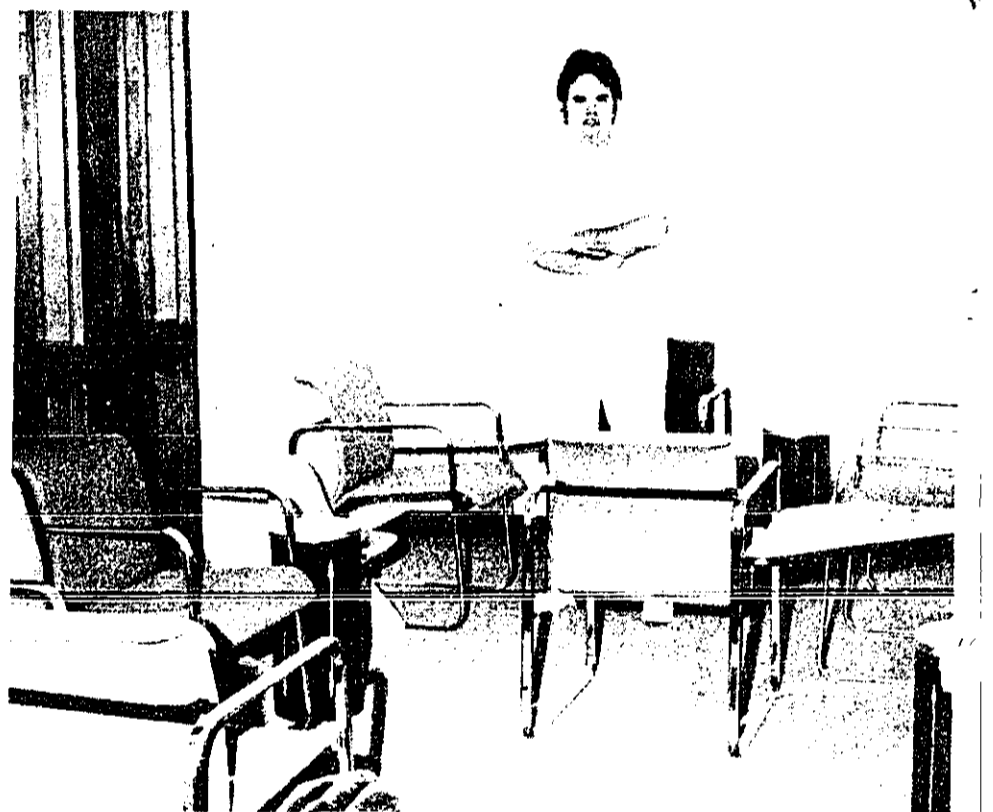
According to police, the bandit, wearing a blue stocking-type ski mask over his face, entered the restaurant at the southwest edge of town shortly before midnight. He was armed with a derringer-type pistol.

After demanding money from an employee, who emptied the cash register, the man escaped on foot.

A state police tracking dog was brought from Bay City, but lost track of the robber on a side street.



RECEPTION AREA -- At the desk in the new ambulatory care facility are Cindy Klaus (left) and Terry Posluszny. At far left is the radio which puts the hospital in contact with incoming ambulances and other hospitals.



WAITING ROOM -- Standing in a corner of the waiting room in the new ambulatory care facility is Ken Carlile, RN, ambulatory service director, who is in charge of the new unit.

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Desert isn't sand, Ruggles finds

Arizona trip reward for district's efforts

It was a trip to Arizona with a purpose other than fun in the sun.

Not that there wasn't sun and that the trip was boring.

Albert Ruggles of Kingston and John Findlay of Reese went to Litchfield Park, Ariz., as representatives of the Tuscola County Soil Conservation District, recipient of the Goodyear Conservation Award designating it as the top district in the state.

There were only 106 persons from across the country at the awards program, officials from first place districts and individual co-operators.

The tire company has sponsored the competition for 32 years in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

The usual practice is for one member of the district's board of directors, usually the chairman, to go, along with the district's outstanding cooperator of the year.

Findlay is the board chair-

man. Ruggles, a board member, got to go when the 1979 outstanding cooperator, John Foley of Millington, couldn't go.

Goodyear paid for both men's trip. At their own expense, they took their wives, Glennadine Ruggles and Kay Findlay.

The four departed Dec. 7 and returned Dec. 11.

Headquarters for what was billed a vacation-study program was the Wigwam resort in Litchfield Park, about 20 miles west of Phoenix.

LITCHFIELD PARK IS also headquarters for the 12,360-acre Goodyear Farms.

Ruggles' first discovery there was that "the desert wasn't sand." It's more like clay.

All crops grown in Arizona, he also discovered, are irrigated. In fact, rain isn't very welcome as when it does come, it usually is in such heavy amounts it causes flash floods. Irrigation is easier to control.

Goodyear Farms, the vis-

itors were told, was started before World War I for purposes of growing cotton, the fibre being needed for tires.

Cotton is still the main crop at the farm, but lots of fruit (mainly citrus) and vegetables are also grown.

The 106 conservationists also toured a beef and a dairy farm.

As a dairy farmer -- he and brother Arlo milk 80 cows at their farm just east of Kingston -- Ruggles found those of special interest.

The main difficulty for livestock in Arizona, he learned, is coping with the extreme difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures.

Overhead shelters protect livestock from the intense heat but there are no enclosed buildings for them.

In addition to the farm tours, the participants also went on a scenic tour of the mountains.

With two representatives from each state, Ruggles said, the program presented

an opportunity to "get lots of different ideas on how people farm and how they're doing their conservation work. It's always interesting when you get people from different areas."

Other nice things about the trip were the food -- "They fed us well," -- and the weather. The weather was nice, Ruggles said, but the weather was also nice back in Michigan, considering the month. "It would have been nicer (in Arizona) if we had known there was a blizzard back here," he joked.

THE TUSCOLA COUNTY Soil Conservation District won the award because of its numerous activities in furthering water and soil conservation.

It promoted and now assists with the county soil survey, a five-year program. It has sponsored land judging, scrapbook and poster contests and conservation tours for school students. Surveying and setting of its priorities in conjunction with the national Resource Conservation Act was a consideration.

The number of co-operators and conservation practices in the county was another factor.

The judging period was for

the year that ended in March, 1979.

It was the first time the district had entered the contest in about 10 years, ac-

ording to District Aide Mary Lou Earl. It didn't enter again until this year because of the large amount of work involved in filling out the contest forms.

Although it was a joint effort by staff, district directors and co-operators which resulted in winning of the award, it was Mrs. Earl who had to do most of the contest paperwork and that took her about a month.

Selection of the state winner was made by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The district won't get its award to hang on the wall until the Michigan Association of Soil Conservation Districts meeting later this month in Midland.

Each of the directors and cooperator of the year John Foley will also get a small plaque or some other award.

Soil district meets Jan. 16

The Tuscola County Soil Conservation District will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at Caro High School.

Speaker will be Walt Rummel of Sebawaing, who will present a program on agriculture in Communist China. Cooperator of the year award will be presented to Carl and Ed Mantey, owners of Mantey Pedigree Seed Producers of Fairgrove.

Awards will be presented for the poster, scrapbook and land judging contest winners.

The terms on the board of

directors of Dave Loomis of Cass City and Albert Ruggles of Kingston, filling out the term of his late father, Bruce Ruggles, will be expiring.

Nominated for new three-year terms are Ruggles; Loomis; Randy Hampshire, Kingston; Gerald Hicks, Deford, and Lee Voss, Deford. All directors are elected at large.

Maynard McConkey of Cass City will be in charge of the election.

Tickets are available from all directors and at the district office, 852 S. Hooper Street, Caro.

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DESERT DELIGHTS -- Albert Ruggles (left) and John Findlay inspect a variety of the fruits and vegetables grown at Goodyear Farms in Arizona, which they visited in conjunction with the Goodyear Conservation Awards Program in early December.

Record yields of oats and wheat in 1979

There were record yields of winter wheat and oats in 1979, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting Service. The winter wheat yield

of 43 bushels per acre broke the previous record of 40 bushels. Total winter wheat production was 33.8 million bushels, up 88 percent from last year's

small crop. The 785,000 acres harvested is 74 percent above the 1978 crop.

The record oat yield of 61 bushels per acre topped the previous record by one bushel. A 25 percent drop in harvested acreage to 270,000 resulted in a 20 percent decline in total production.

Total U.S. winter wheat production for 1979 was 1.61 billion bushels, 29 percent above last year and the second largest crop ever. Oat production was 534 million bushels and is the smallest crop since 1881.

Seedings of winter wheat this fall rose 10 percent from the previous crop, according to the reporting service.

Growers planted 880,000 acres. If no unusual conditions or problems arise this coming spring, Michigan wheat farmers could produce about 35 million bushels.

Nationally, winter wheat seedings rose 9 percent to 56.8 million acres. Based on the condition of the crop as of Dec. 1, total winter wheat production is forecast at 1.57 billion bushels, 3 percent less than 1979.

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Host Owen-Gage cops holiday tourney with wins over Kinde, Port Hope

Owen-Gage won the first place trophy in its own holiday tournament with a 56-40 win over North Huron. Despite the lopsided score, the hard fought contest potentially could have gone either way until the final few minutes, although the Bulldogs led most of the game. Several turnovers by Owen-Gage in the second quarter enabled the Warriors to go ahead 20-19 with

4½ minutes left. A layup by Kirk Carolan with 1:49 put the Bulldogs back in front to stay, 27-26. By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, his team led, 31-26. The 6-foot senior led his team with 15 points, followed by Pete Klemkowsky, 14, Brad Erickson, 12, and Alan Haag, 10. The victors shot 34 percent from the floor (22 of 63) and 63 percent from the

charity line (12 of 19). The game may well have been decided on the boards, according to coach Phil Gray, as his team grabbed 52 rebounds -- 18 of them by Jim Glidden -- twice the number pulled down by North Huron. Free throws were another factor. The Bulldogs only gave their opponents eight chances at the charity line and they converted on two of

them. The Warriors connected on 19 of 59 shots from the floor for a 32 percent mark. In double figures were Kevin Kennedy with 12 and Darrell Dyhse with 10. Owen-Gage resumes its league schedule Tuesday, Jan. 8, when it again hosts North Huron. Gray figures that team will be seeking revenge. Upon departing the visitors' locker room Satur-

day night, the Warriors left a note: "We'll be back." The Bulldogs didn't do as well in the junior varsity portion of the tournament, losing to North Huron in the finals, 76-47. Score by quarters: O-G 14 17 12 13 56 NH 6 20 9 5 46

rowly squeaked by the Blue Stars, 62-60, in a regular league contest Dec. 18, had an easy time of it in the tournament contest last Thursday, winning 70-50. Owen-Gage only led by three at halftime, 29-26, but pulled away easily in the second half for the 20-point final margin. A better defensive effort by Owen-Gage and poorer shooting by the Blue Stars accounted for much of the difference between the two games, coach Phil Gray explained. His team didn't do that well percentwise shooting from the floor but took a lot of shots, connecting on 30 of 88 attempts for a 34 percent average. The Bulldogs were 10 of 22 from the charity line for 45 percent. In double figures for the victors were Jim Glidden, 18 points, Pete Klemkowsky, 16, Brad Erickson, 15, and Kirk Carolan, 11. Carolan grabbed 15 rebounds to lead in that department. Kevin Arndt led the Blue Stars with 14 points, trailed by Jeff Woodke, 11, and Ray Finkel, 10. The Bulldogs won the junior varsity contest, 56-46, to also make it into the tournament finals. Score by quarters: O-G 14 15 21 20 70 PH 11 15 13 11 50



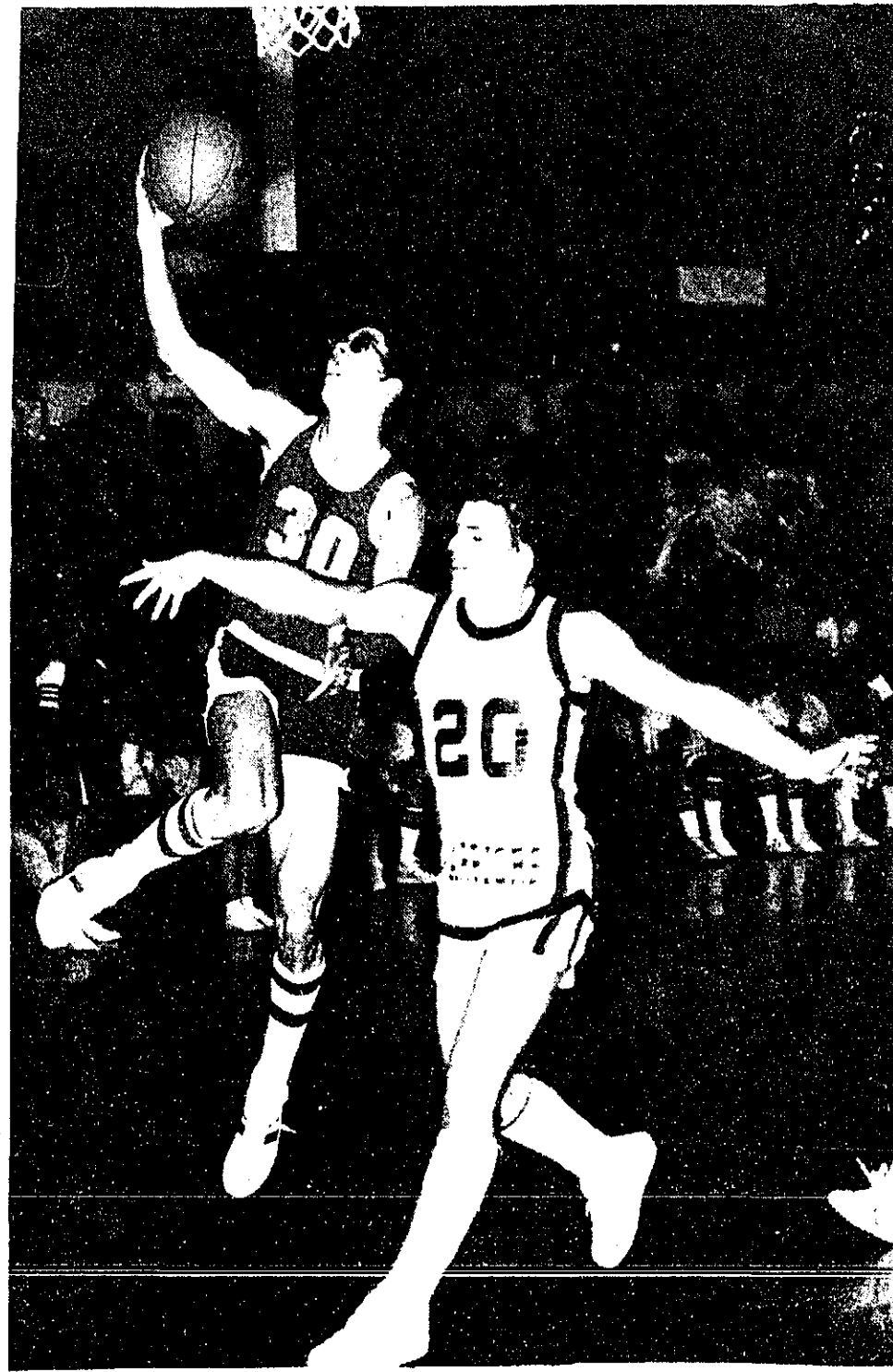
20 VS. 20 -- Brad Erickson (dark uniform) drives past Warrior Jon Binder for two of the 12 points he scored Saturday night. Binder scored four points.

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TOP REBOUNDER -- Jim Glidden (No. 30), seen here outdueling North Huron's Jon Binder, only scored four points Saturday night, but was top Bulldog on the boards with 18 rebounds. Owen-Gage grabbed 52 rebounds to only 26 for the Warriors.

OTHER GAMES

North Huron was the winner of the opening game of the Owen-Gage tourney last Wednesday with a 73-47 win over Caseville. The Warriors won the junior varsity contest by an almost identical score, 73-45. The consolation game Friday night was a squeaker, with Port Hope besting Caseville, 40-38. Caseville won the junior varsity clash, 56-50.

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Sandusky	1	2	2	3	Kingston	1	1	2
Bad Axe	1	2	2	3	Kinde N. Huron	1	1	2
North Branch	1	2	1	3	Peck	1	2	2
Caro	1	2	1	4	Port Hope	0	1	2
Marlette	0	3	1	3	Akron-Fairgrove	0	3	0

Friday's games -- North Branch at Laker High; Vassar at Caro; Sandusky at Bad Axe; Marlette at Cass City.

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Everybody's healthy as Hawks resume cage wars against Marlette Friday

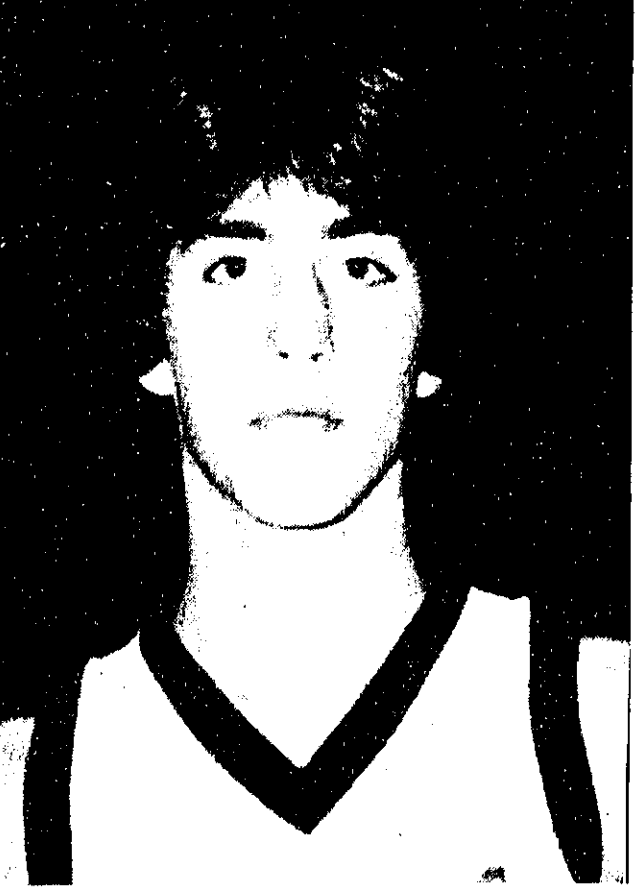
Barring accidents in practices the Cass City Red Hawks will return to the basketball wars Friday in top physical condition. It will be the first time this year that every member of the team has been healthy. Todd Comment was the last of the walking wounded to return. He made his first appearance of the year in the last

game before the holidays when the Hawks routed USA in a non-league game. What the long holiday break will do for the team remains to be seen. The club was rounding into the shape expected of it before the Christmas break and a continuation of the improvement is imperative if Cass City is to be the dominant force everyone expected it to

be before the season started. Because of his knee injury Ken Martin was slow to round into form, but played probably his best game of the year in the USA contest. Also showing lack of conditioning because of injury has been Tim Fahrner. Comment, the third of the trio, will undoubtedly need playing time to get his game into top form.

Regardless of the squad condition, Cass City should have too much fire power for Marlette when they come to town Friday. The Red Raiders are inexperienced and in a talent down cycle. They are winless in Thumb B competition. North Branch, a team Cass City defeated easily, 83-59, walked over Marlette in an early season game.

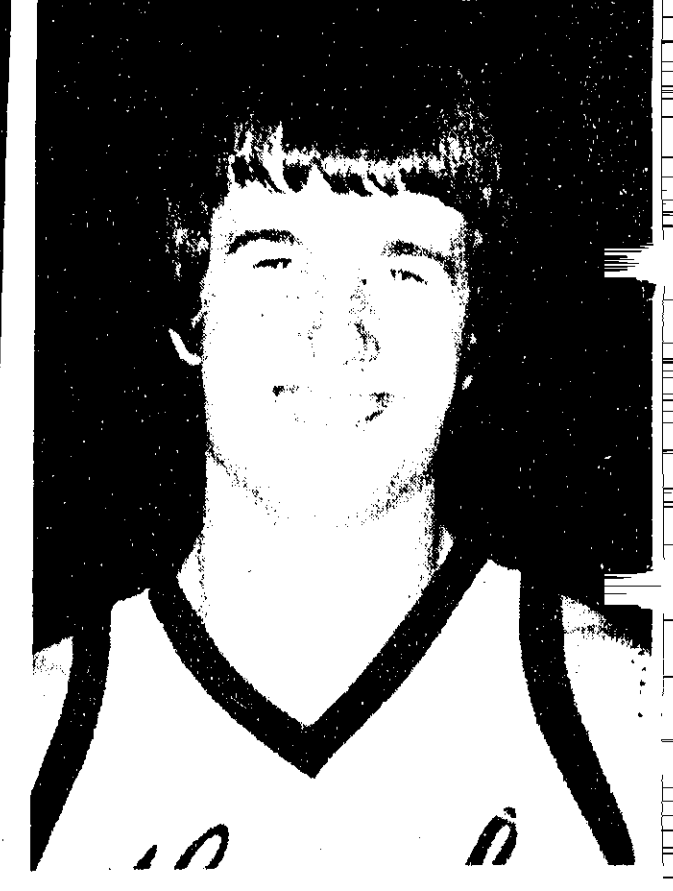
After that game the Hawks travel to Mayville in a non-league tilt. The Hawks will be favored in this one, too. Friday, Jan. 11, the Hawks play at Vassar. On paper Cass City figures to win. But the Vulcans over the years at home have either upset Cass City or played them to a standstill in games when they didn't figure to come close. This year Vassar is undefeated in the league and the Hawks must win to stay in the conference race. After that it will be four league games in a row topped by the return match with Lakers Jan. 25. If form is followed that game should decide the Thumb B Conference title. If it does, plan to get there early because a turnaway crowd is likely.



TODD COMMENT
Returned to action just before Christmas.



TIM FAHRNER
Recovering, but bothered by shin splints.



KEN MARTIN
Knee injury is responding to treatment.