

Your Neighbor says Making drinking age 19 good idea

It was a little more than a year ago, in December, 1978, that the legal drinking age in Michigan was raised from 18 to 21.

The controversy continues. The Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems, citing a 25 percent reduction in the number of vehicle collisions involving drivers ages 18-20, has declared, "The 21-year-old drinking age is working."

On the other side of the issue is a group called Citizens for a Fair Drinking Age, which has announced a petition drive with the aim of putting a proposal on the November, 1980, ballot, which if approved would lower the drinking age to 19. Mike Lefler supports that idea. "I thought they should have raised it to 19 and tried that out" (before raising it to 21), he commented.

Even if the drinking age were 19, Lefler would still have to wait, as he only turned 18 in August.

He doesn't feel the increased drinking age has meant so much a reduction in the number of youthful drinkers as it has a difference in where they drink. "I know more people are out there drinking on the roads

(in cars) than in bars." Finding someone to buy for them is no problem for 18-20-year-olds who want to drink, Lefler said.

Whereas a lot of those in that age group who in the past would have gone to bars to celebrate New Year's Eve, he commented, this time they were doing their celebrating -- and drinking -- at parties in private homes.

A 1979 graduate of Cass City High School, Lefler is employed at Schneebeger's. He lives at home with his parents, Jim and Beth Lefler, at 6718 Houghton Street.

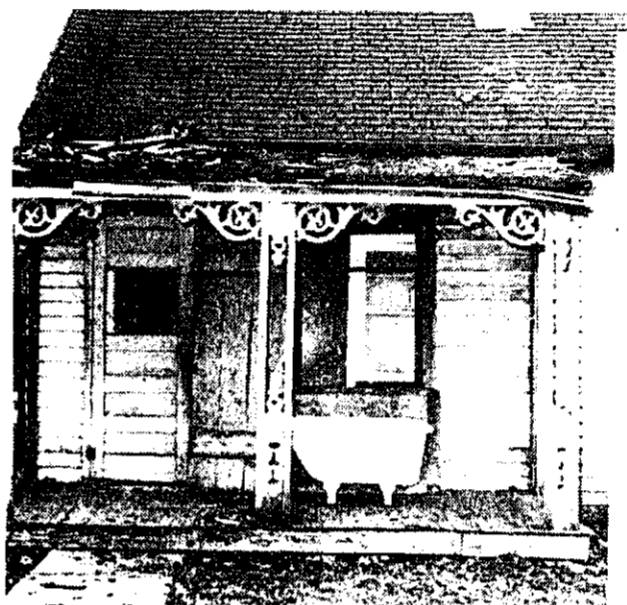


RECOGNIZE THIS HOUSE? -- If you don't, it's too late to go looking for it now. Above photo was taken about 1915, when the owner of the home, Lena Schwegler (seventh from left, dark dress) hosted an evangelical church group. When she died, the home, at the corner of Main and Maple Streets, was sold to Fred Jaus, now in his late 90s and living in Bad Axe, who later sold it to B.A. Calka, who sold it to Michael Isa, who had it torn down. The lace designs above the porch (bottom photo) remained as long as the house did, the last of which was torn down Monday. Those known to still be living who were in the top photo are Francis Elliott (front row, fourth from left), Clark Helwig (front row, fifth from left) and Lena (Mark) Schwegler (back row, at left, wearing hat). Michael Bryant, who tore the house down, will be using the wood for a new one he plans to build southwest of Cass City. Jack Esau owns the old photo.

Safer streets

The people of Argentina are also winning the battle for safer streets that is being waged in cities all over the world. With sufficient gov-

ernment support, the police there are able to go a long way toward encouraging motorists to lose their interest in crime.



New books at the library

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Shabbona News

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The Shabbona United Methodist Women will meet at the church Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Nellie Vrooman of Caro and Mrs. Helen Bullock of Mayville were Christmas Day guests of Miss Grace Wheeler.

Mrs. Edith Sharbowski of Minden City was a Wednesday afternoon caller of Mrs. Frank Pelton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and family of Sandusky and Miss Marie Meredith were Wednesday supper guests for Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Meredith and family.

Mrs. Marie Snell was a Christmas dinner guest of Miss Bertha Snell and a supper guest of the Merrill Kreger family.

Mrs. Frances Krause and Anna had her family home for Christmas Eve. Mrs. George Krause was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Kreger entertained their families Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyatt, Laurence Hyatt and boys attended the Hyatt Christmas dinner Saturday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Deford of Imlay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler, Miss Grace Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wheeler of Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Roger King of Applegate, Mrs. Nellie Vrooman of Caro, Bob Bullock and sons and Mrs. Helen Bullock of Mayville attended the Wheeler dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Kyser of Shepherd Sunday.

Mrs. Ann Powell of Troy and Mrs. Frank Klee Jr. of Minden City were Christmas Day callers of their aunt, Marie Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rich and family of Deckerville and Mrs. Karen King and family were Christmas Eve supper guests of their mother, Mrs. Frank Pelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Norman spent Christmas with Mrs. Esther Hopkins and family at Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hoag and Andy and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hoag and family were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hoagg--

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court For The County of Tuscola.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PROVIDED BY JUDGMENT

Pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause by the Circuit Court of Tuscola County, Michigan, in favor of Bonnie D. Lockwood, and against E. Paul Lockwood, dated the 28th day of June, 1978, public notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of March, 1980, at 10:00 in the forenoon at public auction to be held at the office of the Tuscola County Clerk in the Court-house in the City of Caro in said County of Tuscola, I, County Clerk, shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the said Plaintiff, E. Paul Lockwood, in and to the following described real property and personal property or so much thereof as is necessary to satisfy the Judgment entered in the above entitled cause. The items shall be offered separately and in the order that appears in this Notice.

ITEM I A parcel of real property located in the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at a point 195 feet North of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, running thence West 350 feet; thence North 400 feet, thence East 350 feet; thence South 400 feet to place of beginning.

Real property in the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot One (1), Block Six (6), of Foxes' Second Addition To The Village of Cass City, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, also known as 4509 Downing Street, Cass City, Michigan.

ITEM III The office equipment, furnishings and inventory of the premises described in Item II above known as 4509 Downing Street, Cass City, Michigan.

ITEM IV Certain shares of stock in King Resources, Metallurgical International, Value Line Development Corporation, Household Finance, Mark Products and Curtis Wright.

ITEM V A 1973 Buick Century automobile

ITEM VI A 1973 crew-cab pickup truck.

ITEM VII The household goods and furnishings including appliances located on the premises described in Item I above located on Greenland Road, Cass City, Michigan.

ITEM VIII Miscellaneous items of personal property including but not limited to Bolen Garden Tractor, camper, snowmobile and trailer, boat, motor and trailer, and garden tractor. Dated this 12th day of December, 1979.

s/Elsie Hicks
Tuscola County Clerk
Court House
Caro, Michigan 48723
Marilyn Craig
Deputy

Slave escape

The underground railroad, a secret system involving the transport of runaway slaves from the southern to northern states, had no definite name until the introduction of the steam railway. Because of the mysterious nature of the operation, fugitive slaves appeared to have been shot through an underground tube. This idea, along with the system's image as a network of railroad lines, is believed to have originated the name "underground railroad." More than 25 underground railroad stations were located in Michigan, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce.



THE NEW YEAR'S EVE concert sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club drew several hundred persons to the high school gymnasium Monday night. On stage here is the Kenny Parker Trio from Chattanooga, Tenn., one of three gospel music groups that performed. The concert is an annual event.

Appointment questioned

The question of the Senate confirmation process of the governor's appointments as his top administrators came under fire recently with the Senate rejecting Richard Hemmings as insurance commissioner.

The Senate, exercising its constitutional authority to confirm or reject any appointment made by the governor, rejected the appointment on basically a party-line vote.

Governor William G. Milliken's ire was obviously raised when he declared the Senate's action was ill conceived.

He has since resubmitted Hemmings' name as permanent director but named an interim director until legal challenges run their course.

The reappointment, meanwhile, will be challenged by Senate Majority Leader William Faust.

TOP AIDES OF THE Milliken administration have been contacting members of the Democratic majority of the Senate in an effort to gain the votes to reverse the earlier rejection.

Faust says the governor's announced move to resubmit Hemmings to head the insurance bureau -- which regulates all insurance matters in the state -- subverts advice and consent powers granted by the constitution to the Senate.

"I would guess the Senate would vote to contest the resubmission in court. If it does not, I will do it myself," he declared.

Faust confirmed the Senate would also move forward toward another confirmation vote on the resubmitted appointment.

"There's more involved here than just the governor, the Senate and Hemmings. If it's legal this time, he

could do it a third and fourth time. It would make a sham out of the constitution," Faust said.

THE GOVERNOR'S staff, backed by an opinion by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, said the resubmitted appointment is clearly legal.

The constitution does prohibit the governor from resubmitting as an interim appointee a person who has been rejected by the Senate.

Kelley said the minutes of the constitutional convention in the early 60s indicated that "interim" in the case refers to the period between legislative sessions when the Senate could not take another vote on confirmation.

A related question involves whether Hemmings can serve as insurance commissioner during the 60-day period given the Senate to consider an appointment.

KELLEY, IN EFFECT, said the Senate fired Hemmings and he cannot perform the tasks of the office or be paid until the appointment is confirmed, either by a positive vote by the Senate or by no action taken in the 60-day constitutional period.

If no action is taken by the legislative body, the appointment is automatically confirmed at the end of the period.

No action was taken during the closing days of the session as time was spent clearing the legislative docket of such items as wellands preservation, the \$800 million grants and transfers budget and reorganization of Wayne county government.

FAUST SAID, HOWEVER, that it was imperative to act on the appointment within 60 days in case the court challenge fails.

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