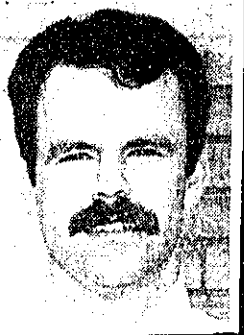


PEDALING AROUND

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. Having a steady hand is essential for a pistol shooter. 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." Blahhhhh!)

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.

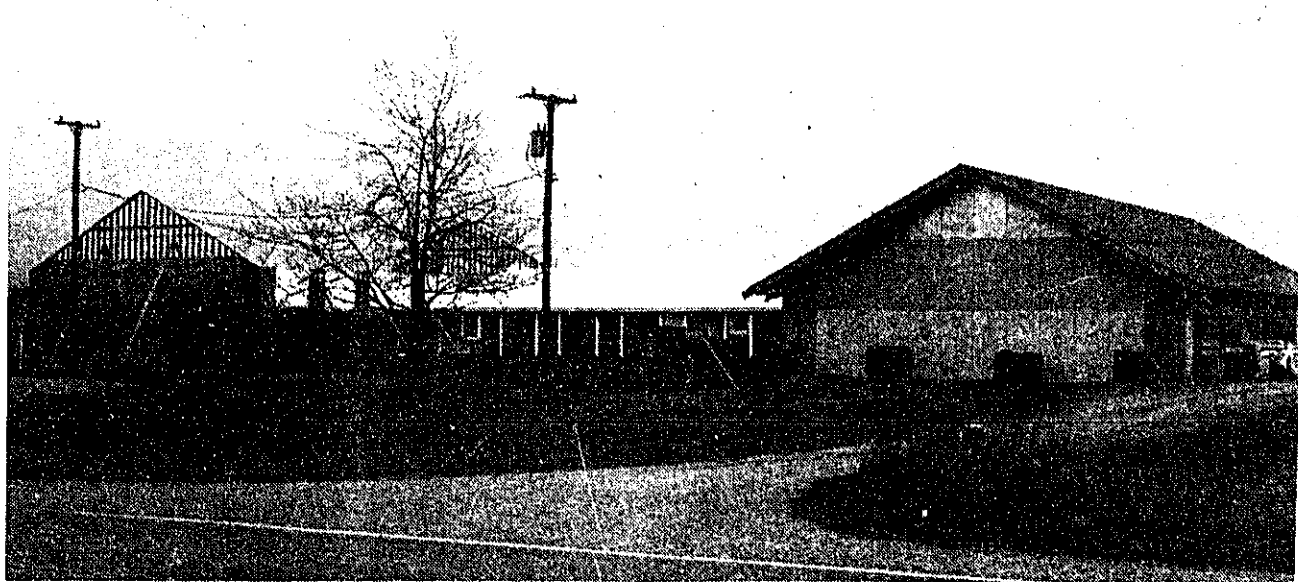
Richard Wright of Walnut Trailer Park, Cass City, reported to sheriff's deputies last Thursday that on Christmas Eve, someone broke the skirting on his mobile home.

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

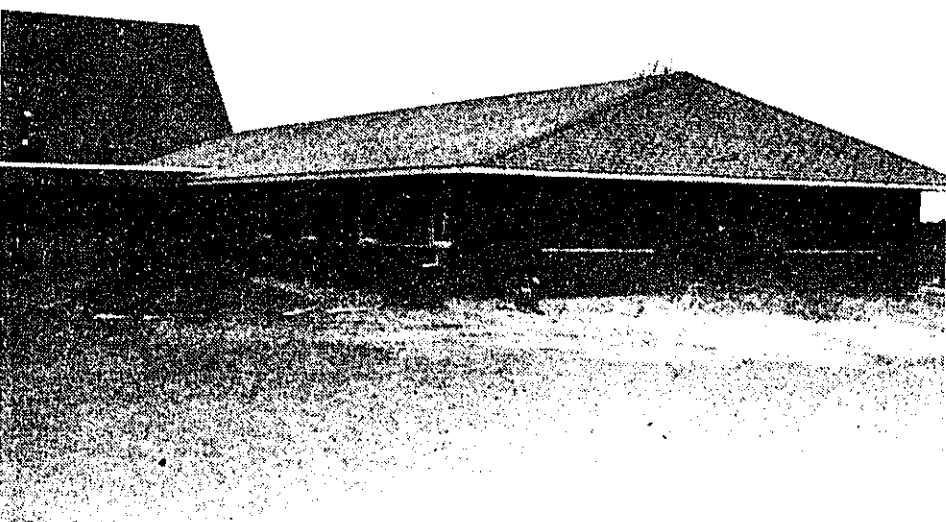
Damage from the two incidents was estimated at a total of \$200.

The theft of several junk batteries was reported to the sheriff's department last Wednesday by George Glibor 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

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday.....	30	23	0
Thursday.....	32	16	0
Friday.....	42	20	0
Saturday.....	42	16	0
Sunday.....	40	15	0
Monday.....	40	18	0
Tuesday.....	31	21	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)
* (Snow recorded as melted water - 10 in. snow - 1 in. water)

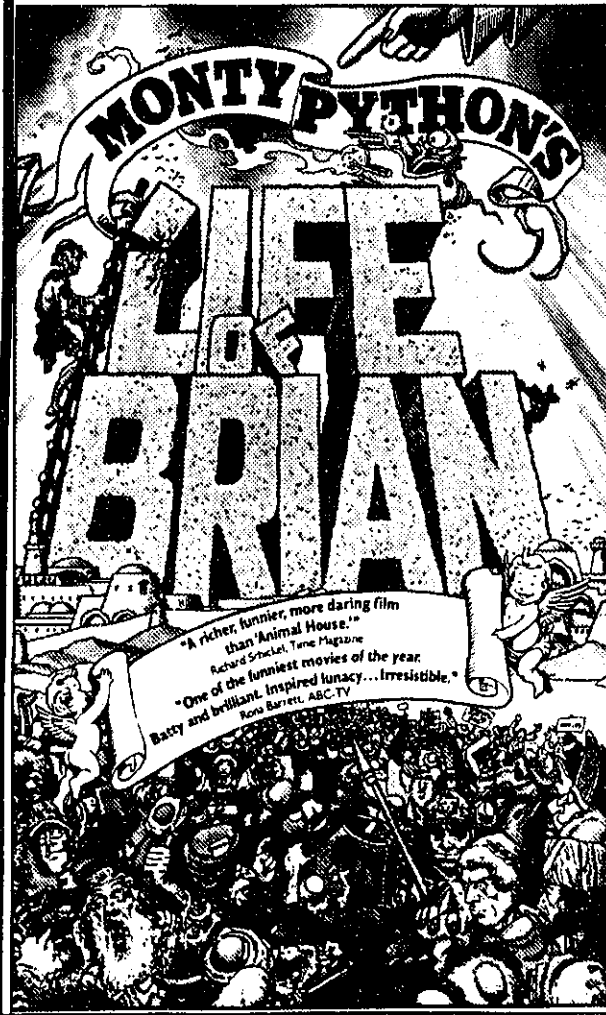
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