

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 Czerwicz 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 Tennyson 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 at 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

a circus at Caro and drove back to Oak Grove at night. Some drive!

The water went out at Oak Grove, so we got a cottage at Oak Bluff, Caseville. We had a motor boat, the Jessie May — it may go or it may not.

Lewis McGeorge and I would go out to the fish net and the fishermen would throw undersized white fish onto our boat, which we would take back to the Bluff, where they became a meal for all the people there. We had a common dining room where we all ate.

A Mr. Sanford was superintendent of the P.O.N. Railroad, nicknamed "Poor Old Neglected," "Poke on North" and "Pants, Overalls and Neckties."

He had a daughter who used to bring beautiful girls from Pontiac every summer.

I entertained William Slocum and Elvina Seed from Detroit, who with Lewis McGeorge made a happy group and who traveled close to the shore all around Saginaw Bay.

Lewis was quite a hunter and had a rifle. One day we spied three ducks in the channel at Caseville. He shot two ducks and I shot one and we proudly took the ducks to Sand Point, where there were two game surveys.

who were delighted to get the ducks and served us a duck dinner.

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.

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

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