

Ellington twp. accident sends two to hospital

A 2:30 p.m. accident last Wednesday in Ellington township sent two persons to Caro Community Hospital.

Treated and released were Gladys A. Bliss, 70, of 4454 Sherman Street, Cass City, and Andrew Scribner, 68, of Willington.

Both were passengers in a car driven by Lauri Ann Iartzell, 17, also of 4454 Sherman Street.

Sheriff's deputies said the Iartzell auto, headed southwest on M-81, south of Lazell road, ran into the rear of the car ahead of it, which had slowed for another vehicle, about to turn into a driveway.

Driver of the car which was hit was George F. Vans, 70, of Caro.

Miss Iartzell was ticketed by deputies on a charge of being unable to stop within an assured clear distance ahead. She suffered possible injuries, but didn't require hospital treatment.

Ben G. Kitchen, 48, of 4300 Green Road, Cass City, sought his own treatment after a mishap at 2 a.m. Saturday on Hurds Corner Road.

According to deputies, he was headed north, south of Tin Bill Road, when he lost control of his vehicle. The truck went off the west side of the road, rolled over and hit a barbed wire fence.

Kitchen was cited on a charge of violation of the basic speed law.

Charles L. Kretzschmer, 37, and his wife Geraldine, 28, of 3320 S. Gageton Road, Owendale, sought their own treatment after a collision Friday afternoon at Sebawaing and S. Bay Port Roads.

Huron county deputies reported their car, driven by the husband, was struck broadside by the auto of Lewis E. Perdue, 19, of Pontiac, who was northbound on Bay Port Road and didn't stop at the intersection.

Therese Miscisin, 17, of S. Bad Axe Road, Ubyly, was ticketed by sheriff's deputies on a charge of violation of the basic speed law after an accident at 6:02 p.m. last Wednesday.

Officers reported the Miscisin vehicle was westbound on M-46, east of M-24, when the driver lost control, crossed the centerline and collided with an eastbound car.

Driver of the other auto was Clarence Brock Jr., 44, of Mayville.

Brenda Snider, 17, of Elkton, was ticketed on a charge of no operator's license in her possession after a 5:30 p.m. accident last Thursday.

According to deputies, she was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, slammed on her brakes in order to turn onto Hurds Corner Road and her car was struck in the rear by the vehicle behind it.

Driver of the other auto was Brian Prior, 16, of Moore Road, Owendale.

At 12:25 a.m. Saturday, according to Cass City police, Carl G. Gibbard, 20, Wheeler Road, Ubyly, was northbound on Doerr Road and turning right onto Garfield Street.

Kevin Osentoski, 18, of Patterson Road, Ubyly, was passing Gibbard, but then swerved to the right, colliding with the other auto, in

order to avoid colliding with an unidentified third vehicle, which was turning left from Garfield onto Doerr.

CAR-DEER

John Kostanko, 31, of 3878 S. Cemetery Road, Kingston, was northbound on Cemetery Road, south of Brief Road, at 8:35 p.m. Dec. 31, when his car struck a deer, according to Caro state police.

Troopers reported that Norman H. Cassie, 61, of 6100 Legg Road, Kingston, was eastbound on Bevans Road, west of Kingston Road, at 6:50 p.m. Jan. 1 when his car collided with a

deer. At 3 a.m. that day, Kenneth G. Walkiewicz, 27, of 6115 Chapin Road, Deford, was southbound on Kingston Road, north of Bevans, when his car hit a deer. Sheriff's deputies investigated.

At 8:30 a.m. Friday, deputies said, Ricky L. Hartwick, 20, of 7621 Bay City-Forestville Road, Cass City, was southbound on Buehly Road, south of Reed Road, when his vehicle hit a deer.

Jackie L. Putnam, 35, of 4307 Mushroom Road, Deford, was eastbound on Mushroom, east of Plain Road, at 8:05 p.m. that day, according to deputies, when her car hit a deer.



ROCKING AWAY - Members of the Cass City Lioness Club have purchased a rocking chair for use in the pediatrics ward at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Looking on while Jean Juhasz, RN, rocks 5-month-old Danny Widis II are Lioness President Beryl Bliss (left) and Secretary Marilyn Green.

The weather

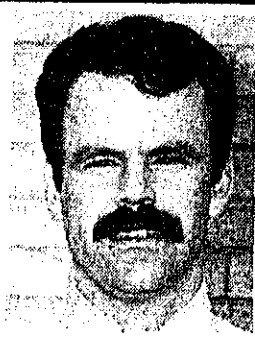
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| Friday | 26 | 13 | .02 |
| Saturday | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunday | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Monday | 22 | 2 | .1 |
| Tuesday | 24 | 6 | .03 |

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

PEDALING AROUND

Inside stuff

By Mike Eliasohn



Answers to questions about the Chronicle no one has ever asked, but maybe has wondered about:

Who writes what? Publisher John Haire covers the Cass City School Board, Cass City High School sports, writes his two weekly columns and occasional other articles.

With the exception of the social news written by our correspondents, I do the rest of the reporting.

That doesn't mean I write everything else. Much of our "news" comes in the mail, which merely requires editing and sometimes rewriting.

As for stories I "go out and cover," a lot gets covered from my desk via telephone.

To use as an example, all information for the stories on the front page of last week's Chronicle was gathered by telephone with two exceptions: I talked to William Kolacz personally (on whose land drilling for oil or gas may take place) and some of the information about the accidental shooting was taken from the sheriff's department report.

News I cover in person on a regular basis consists of the Owendale-Gagetown School Board, Cass City Village Council and feature-type stories. The story on the snowmobilers in this issue is an example of the latter.

Each Tuesday, I go to the Cass City police station, Tuscola county sheriff's department and Caro state police post to go over the accident and criminal complaint reports. At the courthouse on Tuesdays, I get the circuit and district court news.

About the only time I put my byline (name) on a story I do is if there was more than the normal amount of work involved.

How new is the news? Since Tuesdays are spent getting the police and court news, the last day for writing other than late-breaking stories is on Mondays.

The latest I can get any late-late news in is early Wednesday as the paper is put together Wednesday morning.

How does news get in the paper?

Some is routine, such as school board, township and village council meetings, police reports, etc.

Often, especially during slow news weeks, I (or sometimes John) come up with an idea for a story, for instance, the one last week on the current unemployment situation.

But often news gets in because someone tells us something is happening (or happened). It might be something as simple as club news or something more involved.

The story about possible gas and oil drilling in the Cass City area that ran in last week's paper was partially the result of a person asking me if I knew when they were going to start drilling for oil in Novesta township. (He knew more than I did.)

If something you thought should have got in the Chronicle didn't, chances are it's because no one told us.

Music to my ears is when someone starts a conversation with, "This would make a good story."

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