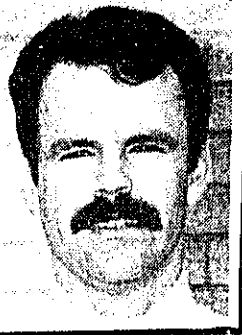


PEDALING AROUND

No time is snow time

By Mike Eliasohn



I am one of those persons who feels the best thing about winter is when it's over.

Thus I have yet to complain about this winter.

I am hoping predictions that the rest of this winter will be comparatively mild are true.

Just to be a spoilsport, however, I will mention Paul Handler, a physics professor at the University of Illinois.

He has a complicated method of predicting future weather, which I won't attempt to explain.

He predicts the winter of 1980-81 will be wicked, and claims he correctly predicted that the winters of 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 would be colder than normal, and that December of 1979 would be milder than the year before.

(The article is borrowing this from didn't say what he predicted for January, February and March of this year.)

For farmers looking forward to something besides bankruptcy, Handler predicts an average summer his year. Crop yields will be very good, but not as outstanding as last year.

(May be the professor can now work on a method of predicting future grain embargoes.)

There is one place I would like to see get lots of snow and that is Lake Placid, N.Y. Somehow, it wouldn't quite be a Winter Olympics without snow.

Lake Placid, in case you haven't been watching or reading the news, has been having the same kind of weather we have been having here -- unseasonably warm temperatures and little or no snow.

What makes the situation interesting is that Lake Placid, which normally gets 40TS of snow, had the same type weather just prior to the Olympics it hosted in 1932. January of that year was the warmest in upstate New York in 147 years and 10 days before the start of the winter games, the ground was still brown.

Six inches of snow finally fell Jan. 25 and another six 30 days later. (Information from the Jan. 14 Sports Illustrated. There are limits on the amount of trivia I can carry in my head.)

I am writing this on Friday and the forecast is Lake Placid will finally get some snow. Of course, if they don't, they do (is that a double negative?) have snow making machines, something that didn't exist back in 1932.

Should you ever wonder when it will snow, give me a call and I will tell you when I am going to Lansing. It won't snow that day (a Saturday); it will snow the next day, when I have to drive back.

Last March, when winter appeared to be over, I went to Lansing twice. Both Sundays, on my way back, there was snow and ice to contend with.

This winter hasn't been much of a winter, but . . . on Sunday, Dec. 16, it was snowing, it was windy and it was cold. I set a new record in coming back, six hours. (Normal is about 2 hours and 20 minutes.) Four hours were due to my driving -- I admit I am a coward when it comes to winter driving -- and two hours due to the death of my carburetor, which froze to death. (It was thawed back to temporary life in a building on the Charles Young potato farm, about eight miles south of Caro.)

My next trip to Lansing -- with a new carburetor in my car -- was Saturday, Jan. 5. I got smart the next day and left before noon, so got back to Cass City before it started snowing. It did snow later that day, I must point out, and quite heavily for a while. That was the last snow we had of consequence, as of this writing.

New phone book being distributed

A colorful autumn scene is featured on the cover of General Telephone's new, larger directory now being distributed to customers in the Caseville, Cass City, Elkton and Kingston exchanges.

Additional customers and additional listings for present customers account for more white as well as yellow pages.



FOUR-WHEEL FOOLISHNESS -- The hill in the Cass City Recreation Park is intended for sledding, but the driver of a presumably four-wheel-drive vehicle preferred to make his own mark. The damage was done Friday. Police have no suspects. There are also numerous other deep tire tracks in the vicinity of the hill. Fortunately for sledders, if there is ever enough snow for sledding the main slope for the downhill sport is the one in profile to the right.

Huron register of deeds dies at 53

Huron County Register of Deeds Lorraine I. Maurer, 53, of Purdy Road, Ubyly, died Tuesday at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after an illness of 2 1/2 months.

She had only served in the position since January, 1979, having been appointed to fill out the term of Robert Osborn, who had retired.

She had served the previous 32 months as deputy register of deeds. Before that, she was employed for 18 years at the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Bad Axe and for five years before that with the then Hubbard State Bank in Ubyly.

She was born April 28, 1926, in Greenleaf township, Sanilac county, daughter of Paul and the late Sarah Murray.

She and Norman Maurer were married May 28, 1949.

at St. Joseph Catholic church in Argyle. They lived in Verona township until 1975, when they moved to Bingham township.

Mrs. Maurer was a member of the Ladies Altar Society of Holy Trinity Catholic church, Smiths Corners, and the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Paula (Mrs. Dan) Crowe, Williamston; three sons, Brian Maurer, Saginaw, Douglas Maurer, Bad Axe, and Terry Maurer, a student at Michigan State University; three grandchildren; her father and stepmother of Cass City, and three brothers, A.J. Murray, Williamston, Dr. Alex Murray, Bay City, and Alfred Murray, Battle Creek.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Holy Trinity Catholic church, Father Stephen Sramek, OSB, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Zinger Funeral Home, Ubyly.

A successor to Mrs. Maurer as register of deeds will be appointed by a panel consisting of Probate Judge Neil R. MacCallum, county Clerk Edward A. Swackhamer and Prosecutor Peter Burns Capling.

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Expectant parent classes set

Expectant Parent Classes are coming to Hills and Dales General Hospital starting Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

There will be a series of seven classes given weekly and held in basement Meeting Room A.

The following topics will be discussed:

--Male and female anatomy - fetal growth and development.

--Body changes in the expectant mother.

--Nutrition and breast feeding.

--Labor and delivery - breathing and relaxation exercises.

--Tour through maternity department.

--New infant and mother.

--Infant care - family planning and contraception.

Couples are recommended. If the father is not available, expectant mothers can bring a relative or friend who can give support and encouragement at home and during labor.

The classes will be presented with lectures, demonstrations, informal discussion and a variety of visual aids and film strips.

There will be a fee of \$20 per couple. This is to be made payable to Hills and Dales General Hospital and should be brought to the first class.

The doctor's permission must be given for anyone to take these classes. The forms will be available in doctors' offices or may be obtained from the hospital and must be brought to the first class.

Everyone must pre-register. For further information, contact Mrs. Faith Fahrner, R.N., at Hills and Dales General Hospital, telephone 872-2121.

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The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday.....	43	31	.09
Thursday.....	44	31	.01
Friday.....	45	26	.01
Saturday.....	37	15	0
Sunday.....	34	12	0
Monday.....	38	16	0
Tuesday.....	35	4	0

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Seek warrants for vandalism

Cass City police have requested the Tuscola county prosecutor's office to issue warrants charging two Cass City High School students with malicious destruction of property under \$100 for having driven their vehicles over the school lawn.

A driver in a third vehicle had also participated in the vandalism, but he turned north on Seeger Street and got away.

The witness said the three vehicles were first parked between the school and the golf course, then started driving "doughnuts" in the parking lot. Each driver then drove over the curb between the west side parking lot and Bule Drive and drove in circles there.

Neither driver, of the two who were caught, was held by police. Schott advised them if warrants were obtained, they would be arrested.

The driver, who turned out to be one of those involved, was initially given a ticket because of his squealing tires.

The witness had recorded the license plate number of a pickup truck involved, which enabled Schott to trace the owner, who confessed to being involved. The pickup had gone south on Seeger.

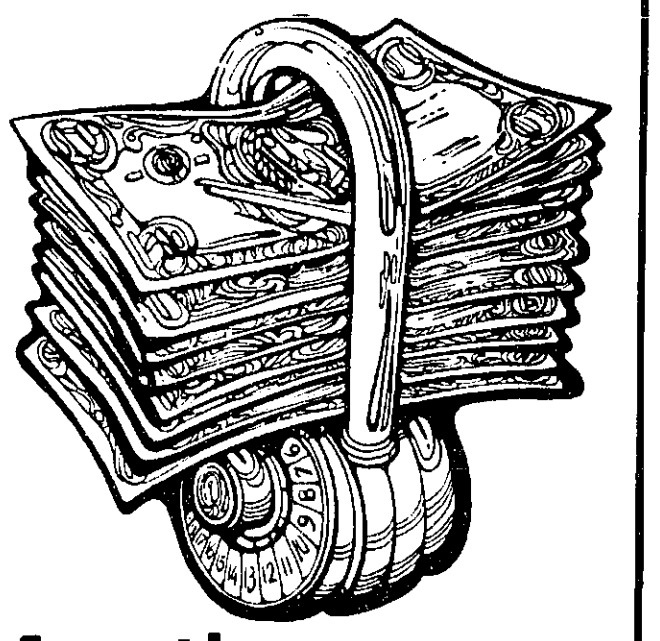
Intermediate School Principal Robert Stickle reported to Cass City police Monday that a tire on his pickup truck was slashed while it was parked at the school from noon-4 p.m. Friday. The tire, which was not repairable, was worth \$25.

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