

New books at the library

THE DAY OF THE BUTTERFLY, by Norah Lofts (fiction). A compelling novel about a girl who suffers severe adversity and never loses the conviction that better times are just ahead. The "Day of the Butterfly" won the Georgette Heyer Award in England, a contest designed to encourage the writing of regency novels.

THE GENESIS ROCK, by Edwin Corley (fiction). When a small geyser sprouts in Central Park, it appears to be a broken steam line. Scientist Janet McCoy disagrees. But when her hypothesis about a volcanic spur thousands of feet below New York is finally accepted by the authorities, her plea to evacuate the city is ignored -- until it is almost too late.

THE OLD JEST, by Jennifer Johnston (fiction). As she turns 18, Nancy Gulliver's biggest problems are trying to find out about the father she never knew, coping with a semi-senile grandfather and enduring the friendly indifference of the young man she thinks she loves. Then her curiosity and naivete involve her with a secretive Irish freedom fighter and force her into the real world of the early 20th century.

Mediator sought in road talks

The union representing the 44 hourly employees at the Tuscola County Road Commission has requested the presence of a state mediator in order to resolve what the union calls an "impasse."

The contract they were working under expired Dec. 31. Employees have continued to work since then on a day-to-day basis.

The Road Commission's laborers, equipment operators and mechanics are represented by Local 21-M of the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO.

According to the union, outstanding issues include binding arbitration, overtime compensation and a comparable wage to surrounding counties, retirement, cost of living and life and sickness-accident insurance policies.

According to Road Commission Clerk James Miklovic, the union announced at a negotiating session last Thursday it was requesting the services of a mediator. As of Monday, no date had been set for the two sides to meet with a mediator.

The employees voted in September in a Michigan Employment Relations Commission supervised election to be represented by the Service Employees union. Local 21-M is based in Flint.

Meredith Auten remembers



Our captain was an old Army officer, Captain Hubacker. He appointed me company clerk.

He was old, but ignorant. I recall the first payroll we made out for some 200 men. He stood right at my shoulder and dictated every word. He would say, sergeant, sgt., corporal, epl., absent without leave, AWOL, all through the order. It took hours.

He came to me and said, "Auten, we need 10 corporals. You pick them."

The company consisted of maybe 10 men from Cass City and the balance from Saginaw. All the boys from Cass City were made corporals and later sergeants. I think they were the best of the lot anyway. I recall Becket, Vance, Adams, Richardson, Myers, Kirkpatrick and Gardner.

Almost immediately, mumps, measles, fever and the like spread through the company so that we were under a constant quarantine for one or the other.

The first night we were marched to a straw pile, where we filled our covers with straw. Those were our mattresses -- no pillows.

New men came in daily. One day we would be furnished with uniforms, the

next with shoes. I wore size seven shoes, but the smallest they had was a ten. I had silk socks. We were taken on a hike and when I got back, my feet were blistered over the entire soles. All the sympathy I got was, "Well, put on more socks."

The captain and I made payrolls for October and November with the same time consuming procedure. The men got \$30 a month with \$6.50 out for insurance and \$5 for a bond. The married men had allotments sent home, so some of them got but a few coins.

After the payroll, all engaged in a game of blackjack or poker and after a few hours, one man had most of the money.

One night at blackjack, I had done pretty well. Our mess sergeant, whom we all figured had spent some time in jail, challenged me to a game.

So while the others were out on the range, I took him on. The supply sergeant had warned me not to play him, but I was no coward and received a lesson in which he cleaned me.

I used my own cards, which the supply sergeant asked me to show him. He could call all the face cards from the back. I offered him \$5 if he would tell me how he did it, but I never found out. Afterwards, someone suggested that there was a thumb nail mark on the card back. I don't know.

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Library to offer free film series

The Rawson Memorial Library will be showing a free series of family films Monday evenings, from Feb. 11 through March 31.

The library is open Monday evening from 7-9.

Each evening's program will be under 1 hour, starting at 7:30.

Films to be shown are:
Feb. 11 - The Big Lake (Lake Superior) and Goliath II (cartoon story about a 5-inch elephant who becomes a hero).

Feb. 18 - The Silver Fox and Sam Davenport (fox escapes from fox hunt and becomes friends with the man who inadvertently rescued him).

Feb. 25 - Blind Sunday (blind high school student), Sunshine (landlord with "unsunny" disposition meets his match with a little old lady) and How the Elephant Got His Trunk (young elephant learns the price of curiosity).

March 3 - Flash, the Teenage Otter (Disney film).
March 10 - Atchafalaya (intricate balance of nature within the Louisiana River Basin). Thank You Ma'am (aging nurse foils would-be purse snatcher), and Great Toy Robbery (cartoon: Santa Claus is robbed).

March 17 - A Day in the Life of Bonnie Consolo (woman who was born without arms, yet leads a normal and productive life). Golden Fish (a French boy, a black cat, a canary and a goldfish).

March 24 - Kodiak Island (where predator and prey live in the roles assigned to them by nature). Consumer Con Capers (five of the most common consumer ripoffs). Pushmi-Pullyu (Dr. Doolittle and a llama with a head on each end).

March 31 - North With the Spring (journey from the Florida Everglades to the Canadian Arctic).

Maude Blades funeral this Thursday

Maude Blades of Cass City died Monday at Provincial House.

She was born Nov. 30, 1885, in Verona township, Huron county, the daughter of James and Christina (Fraser) McCrea.

Miss McCrea married Samuel Blades April 29, 1908, in Cass City. He died Sept. 21, 1962.

Mrs. Blades was a teacher in many of the area county schools from 1901 until retirement in 1962. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist church of Cass City, United Methodist Women, Retired Teachers Association, and a past member of the Women's Study Club of Cass City and the Grange.

She is survived by one son, Jack C. Blades of Cass City; two brothers, Stanley McCrea of Dawson Creek, British Columbia, and Dennis McCrea of Beugough, Saskatchewan; six grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Three sons, Lester, Leland and Howard, one sister and four brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. from Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. P. Thomas Wachterhauser of the Trinity United Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Elkland cemetery.

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'Science month' set at church

"The World That Perished," a film answering questions about the account of Noah and the Ark, will be shown Sunday at the First Baptist church, Cass City, to kick off "science month" there.

It will be the first of three films shown during the month.

All Sunday services will deal with some aspect of the harmony of science with the Word of God, according to Pastor Timothy Teall.

The film will be shown as part of the evening service, which begins at 6:30. Further information may be obtained by calling the church office, 872-3155.

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