



WINNING GOLD MEDALS and certificates in the Future Farmers of America district leadership contest Feb. 7 at Millington High School were Cass City FFA members Kim Sangster, third place in job interview, and Scott Hobart, first in extemporaneous speaking. Scott will now represent the district in his category at the FFA regionals Feb. 21 at Reese. Winners there compete at the state convention.



SILVER MEDAL -- Winning a silver medal in the FFA district leadership contest was the Cass City High School ag forum team of, front row, from left, Tony Sweeney, John Gallagher and Kevin Krueger. Back row, Barb Broecker, Phil Tuckey and Randy Severance.

Holdwick appointed register of deeds

Frances L. Holdwick of Harbor Beach was appointed Friday as Huron county register of deeds. She replaces Lorraine I. Maurer of Ubyly, who died Jan. 15. Mrs. Holdwick's term runs until Jan. 1, 1981. She announced Tuesday she will be running in the August primary for the Republican nomination for a four-year term. She was appointed by a panel consisting of county Clerk Edward A. Swackhamer, Prosecutor Peter Burns Capling and Probate Judge Neil R. MacCallum. Mrs. Holdwick worked part-time in the register of deeds office from June, 1978, until January of last year, when she was appointed full-time deputy register of deeds by Mrs. Maurer.

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Tuscola County Big Brothers-Big Sisters have launched a \$15,000 fund raising campaign which will take place over the next few months. The aim, according to Executive Director Connie Gamet, is to be able to fill the void in present financing and be able to reach more children. "We would be negligent if we did not take every step to insure that what has happened in Huron county will not happen in Tuscola county," she said. Huron county's BB-BS organization folded a few months ago because of lack of funds. There will be five different fund raising activities: --A direct mail campaign to households in Cass City, Caro and Vassar, to be conducted within the next four weeks. --A drawing in April, for which tickets are now being sold. --The annual solicitation of county industries. Walbro Senior Vice-President Vic Guernsey of Cass City, a BB-BS board member, is in charge. --Promotion of the BB-BS "Second Chance" clothing resale shop, located in the organization's offices at 129 E. Burnside, Caro. --A "bike and hike" in the Caro area at the end of May. The organization's proposed budget for this year is \$56,300, of which the biggest portion, \$30,500 goes for salaries for Mrs. Gamet, a caseworker and a part-time secretary. There is \$7,000 budgeted for coordinating matches between big brothers and sisters and their little brothers and sisters, with the next biggest budget item being \$6,850 for rent, heat and electricity. THE BIGGEST SOURCE of BB-BS funding is \$28,000 from the Tuscola County Department of Social Services (DSS), but the money can only be used for making matches with children from homes with mothers receiving Aid to Dependent children. "This certainly isn't wrong, but it does leave a great number of children from homes that do not receive ADC who cannot be matched because of financial and time limitations," according to Mrs. Gamet. She expects that source of funding will be declining in future years, so is hoping if the fund drive is successful, some money can be put in the bank to save for the future. She also hopes there might be enough money to hire a part-time case aide, to relieve some of the burden on the present caseworker, and thus be able to serve more children. That person must keep track of the present 72 matches (including contacting the Big Brother or Big Sister each month and sometimes the parent), screen applicants (children and would-be Big Brothers and Sisters) and coordinate activities. Mrs. Gamet's tasks include overseeing the overall program, plus the staff of the Second Chance Shop (one volunteer plus one full-time and two part-time persons paid with various federal program funds) preparing funding grant applications and fund raising. In addition to the DSS, other projected 1980 revenue is: Andrews Foundation, \$10,000; United Way, (including Elkland-Novesta Community Chest), \$1,200; fund raising activities, \$7,600; Second Chance shop, \$5,500; donations, \$2,000, and other, \$2,000.

OF THE 39 MATCHES funded through the DSS program, four are from Cass City (two boys, two girls), one girl is from Gagetown and one boy from Kingston. Of the 33 non-DSS matches, four boys are from Cass City and three girls are from Cass City (none from Gagetown or Kingston). Longer than the list of boys and girls who have Big Brothers or Sisters is the waiting list of those who don't have them. That list totals 79, of whom 55 are boys and 24 are girls. Included are four boys and one girl from Cass City, four boys and one girl from Gagetown and three boys from Kingston. The goal of the BB-BS program, according to Mrs. Gamet, "is to assist children, ages 5-17, from one parent homes to achieve a healthier, psychological adjustment than otherwise might be possible without the influence of a mature, responsible and interested adult volunteer." The volunteer, who is carefully screened before the match is made, must agree to have at least one contact per week with the little brother or sister, and engage in activities of mutual interest.

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PEDALING AROUND
Cleaning up and out
By Mike Eliasohn

A rare event occurred last week. I found time to clean out my desk, filing cabinet and nearby areas. To indicate what a rare event that was, I actually picked up my desk pad and brushed off the top of my desk. I think that is the first time I have done that since I came here, which is more than 2 1/2 years ago. I should have sent some of the accumulated dust to Jim Ketchum, since it was his to begin with. One would never realize it at a glance, but I filled a tall wastepaper basket full of junk to throw out. It's amazing what one accumulates with the idea it may someday prove of use. I must admit that Friday, the day after my cleaning rampage, I was hunting through my file for a newspaper clipping that I might have thrown out the day before. One thing I did not throw out that I would dearly like to get rid of isn't mine. The Chronicle sometimes serves as a lost and found and accumulating dust in my desk is a looseleaf pocket-size notebook with lots of names and addresses, many of which are from other states, but no name and address of the owner. If it had been Burt Reynolds' notebook, I wouldn't be mentioning this, but since it isn't, I'd like to return it to its owner. It has been gathering dust for at least a year and maybe two. The top of my desk, of course, looks as messy as it ever did. My clean-up campaign can only go so far. Actually, I keep it messy on purpose in order to symbolize the turmoil the world is in. For instance, our government is planning to give \$400 million to Pakistan to help it defend itself from the Russians, who have invaded neighboring Afghanistan. The government of Pakistan, you may recall, is the one that let rebels burn our embassy to the ground a few months ago before sending in its troops. Our government is so mad at the Russians that we stopped selling them grain from American farmers. But because the Russians invaded Afghanistan, neighboring Iran is now so worried they may release our hostages so that they can pay more attention to the Soviet troops gathering on their border. Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? Cleaning up or out or off can have its disadvantages. One might throw out something he wishes later he had saved.

Capling not seeking re-election
Huron County Prosecutor Peter Burns Capling, 45, announced Wednesday he will not seek a fourth term in office. Capling said he intends to enter private law practice when his term expires at the end of this year, his 12th year as prosecuting attorney. Capling was first elected to the office in 1968 and he won re-election to two subsequent terms, giving him the longest consecutive tenure of the office in the history of Huron county and ranking him fifth in longevity of service as an elected prosecutor in the state. Capling said the move will also allow him to devote more time to his family. He and his wife, Sue, have four children. Bad Axe attorney Karl E. Krause announced Tuesday he will be seeking the Republican nomination in the August primary for the prosecutor's post.

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