

**Citizens of Tomorrow**



**Mike Kurtz, 7, son of Gwen Sowden, 6945 Gilford Road, Deford.**

**Amy, 8, and Mike, 6, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Francis, 4453 Leach Street, Cass City.**



**Gary, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Truerner, 6577 Huron Street, Cass City.**

**Renee, 4, Chris, 9, and Matt, 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Rabideau, 2125 Hobart Road, Gagetown.**



**John, 13, Brent, 9, Deric, 5, and Chad, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Meininger, 3062 Hobart Road, Gagetown.**

**Spinal checks to be made**

Students in grades 4-8 of the Cass City School System will be screened starting Tuesday at the intermediate school for possible spinal problems by school nurses, Lynn Babich and Janet Bixler.

Sciosis, lateral curvature of the spine, is detected in 7-10 percent of children that are tested. It is linked to the growth spurt which occurs during adolescent years, and if detected early enough, can be treated without surgery. This condition occurs more frequently in females.

The actual screening process involves visual examination of the student from two positions: one with the student in a standing position; with their back to the screener, and two, when the student is bent forward from the waist.

The female students to be screened should wear a halter top or bathing suit under their blouse. Boys will be asked to remove their shirts. Boys and girls will be separately screened.

If a spinal problem is observed by the screener, parents of the student will be contacted with the recommendation that the student be examined further by their family physician.

The school screening programs done in other states have shown the importance of early detection and treatment. Forms and information for Cass City School screening have been provided through the school and in cooperation with the Thumb Area Easter Seals.

**Fostoria woman dies in auto crash**

Dorothy Mae Kralik, 45, of Fostoria, was killed last Thursday in an accident on M-15, south of Vassar.

She was the second person to die in a Tuscola county traffic accident this year.

Her husband, Harry Kralik, 50, suffered only minor injuries in the crash and was treated and released from St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

He told investigating sheriff's deputies that their car, which his wife was driving, was headed southeast on M-15 when an oncoming car crossed the centerline.

Mrs. Kralik swerved to avoid a collision. The car went off the right side of the road into a ditch and struck the culvert at Miller Road.

She was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither Mrs. Kralik nor her husband were wearing seat belts. The accident occurred at 10:05 p.m.

Hospital, where he has been a patient since an accident at 11:45 p.m. Friday.

Bad Axe state police reported he was eastbound on Sebawaing Road, about a half-mile east of Owendale, when his vehicle went off the south side of the road, traveled 210 feet along the shoulder, then went into the ditch and struck a culvert.

Gary E. Nanney, 19, of 2688 Warner Road, Deford, was treated and released from Hills and Dales after a 12:15 p.m. accident Saturday.

Sheriff's deputies reported his car was eastbound on River Road, east of Warner Road, when he failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle went off the south side of the road and struck a tree.

He was given a ticket charging him with violation of the basic speed law.

Gordon R. Wright, 57, of 1741 S. Kingston Road, Deford, sought his own treatment after an accident at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Deputies said his vehicle was eastbound on Bevans Road, east of Kingston Road, when he lost control on the icy surface. His vehicle went off the road and struck a utility pole.

Two passengers complained of possible injuries after a two-car collision at 11:15 p.m. Friday.

Cass City police reported that a car driven by Lori Randall, 25, of 6729 Pine Street, had just turned from Ale Street onto Main Street, headed west.

The westbound auto of Heather V. Hipple, 18, of Livonia, was unable to stop despite her effort to do so and the two vehicles collided.

The Hipple car then slid into a tree. Two passengers in the vehicle, Denise Pierce, 20, of Warren, and Katrina Bradley, 18, of Crosswell, complained of possible injuries, but apparently didn't require medical treatment.

**OTHER ACCIDENTS**

Alexander Braun, 60, of Caro, was ticketed by Caro state police on a charge of making an improper turn (failure to signal) after a mishap at 2:45 p.m. Feb. 12.

Troopers said he was eastbound on Deckerville Road, west of Hurds Corner Road, when he started to turn left into a driveway.

Meanwhile, Walter A. Krol, 30, of 3920 Leslie Road, Deford, was passing Braun's slow moving truck and trailer and the two vehicles collided.

Sheriff's deputies reported that at 9:50 p.m. Friday, Michael F. Bastien Jr., 30, of 1780 Hawkins Street, Deford, was northbound on Kingston Road at Wilcox Road when he lost control of his vehicle. The truck went off the right side of the road, struck three mailboxes and finally came to a halt in a driveway.

Bastien told officers a tire blew, causing the vehicle to go out of control.



**E.J. CLABUESCH, chairman, congratulating son, David L. Clabuesch, for being elected to the Board of Directors at Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.**

**Thumb National Bank increases assets, loans**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Thumb National Bank and Trust Co. was held at the bank's main office Tuesday, Feb. 12, and Chairman of the Board, E.J. Clabuesch, reported progress of the bank to its shareholders.

Assets increased \$4,504,000, or 14.2 percent for a new total of \$36,131,767 for the year ending Dec. 31, 1979. Deposits grew \$4,167,677 for a net increase of 14.4 percent. The most significant area of growth in the bank for 1979 was in total loans with an increase of \$4,669,930, a 23.5 percent increase.

Other significant achievements for Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. for 1979 were the purchase and on-going installation of a Burroughs-800 computer system and the completion of construction of the Cass City office and its continued contribution to the bank's operation.

At this meeting, David L. Clabuesch, Attorney and Counselor, was elected by the shareholders to replace retired board member, Alfred Roberts. Clabuesch has practiced law in Pigeon since June of 1978 and before that, in Detroit, with the law firm of Fitzgerald, Young, Peters, Dakmak & Bruno. He is still associated with

that firm, serving as counsel. Clabuesch had been associated with City National Bank of Detroit as a trust investment officer from 1972 to 1976. Chairman Clabuesch expressed his appreciation and pleasure in having the experience and knowledge provided by the election of an attorney to the Board of Directors of Thumb National Bank.

Other board members re-elected by the shareholders include Clifton Bailey, Adolph Buchholz, E.J. Clabuesch, Paul Clabuesch, Loren Gettel, Lowell Kraft, Arthur Luedtke, James Schumacher and Robert Webber Sr.

**Is flu outbreak subsiding?**

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75 students were absent, versus a normal 60-70.

But of 145 students at Deford, there were 53 absent Monday morning and three more left during the day, an absentee rate of 37 percent. In Martha Butcher's kindergarten class, 12 of her 18 students were absent.

Tuesday, 40 were absent, a significant reduction, but it was too early to tell whether that was a trend or an aberration.

According to Mrs. Bixler, two types of flu have appeared. In one, students are very sick, have a high temperature, body aches and sometimes develop pneumonia.

The other type is the 24-hour flu, with the worst symptom being vomiting.

Doctors in Tuscola county, according to Carol Hrycko, health department director of nurses, are very cognizant of the need to look for symptoms of Reye's Syndrome, which can be an aftermath of viral infections.

She knows of three children being sent to Ann Arbor within the past 3-4 weeks for further diagnosis, but wasn't aware that any of them had been diagnosed as having the often fatal illness.

The health department is more aware of children having influenza than adults because it receives weekly reports from schools on infectious diseases.

Based on those reports, Mrs. Hrycko said, in total numbers there aren't that many more children out because of the flu this year than were out a year ago because of whatever type of flu was going around then. There have been enough additional cases, however, to make it desirable for Akron-Fairgrove and Owen-Gage to close their doors (St. Paul's Lutheran School in Unionville was also closed for a few days.)

Has the number of flu cases reached its peak?

"In this county, I would say it has," she replied. "I would hope so."

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