

Kingston goes dry when pipe springs leak

Kingston residents were without water for a few hours Monday afternoon because of a leak in a water main.

Because of the lack of water, Kingston school students were sent home early.

According to village President Arlo Ruggles, village workman Richard Lester started looking for a leak because of low water pressure that morning.

He found water coming out of the ground about 9 a.m. in front of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Ross Street.

The problem was attributed to a fire hydrant that shifted at that location, probably because of frost in the ground, thus cracking the main leading to it.

The water supply had to be shut off about 1 p.m. while the broken line was fixed, which required removal of the hydrant, Ruggles said.

The water was back on about 4:30.



ALL THAT WAS LEFT of the car of Joe Doerr after it struck a tree early Saturday was jagged metal. This view was photographed from the front.

Horse rider recovering

Cass City teen loses life when car hits tree

Seventeen-year-old Joseph Leslie Doerr was killed early Saturday when his car went off Bay City-Forestville Road and slammed into a tree.

He was the son of Shirley Doerr of 5225 W. Huron Line Road, Cass City, and the late Donald Doerr.

According to sheriff's deputies, the car was headed east, between Koepfgen and Cemetery Roads, when it went off the south side of the road.

It traveled 173 feet after leaving the road, crossing a ditch in the process, ricocheted off a tree, traveled 47 more feet, then slammed head-on into the second tree. He was dead at the scene.

According to officers there it appeared Doerr fell asleep at the wheel, as the tire tracks veered off the road at an angle leading almost straight to the first tree. The road was not icy. The accident occurred about 2:55 a.m. and was discovered by passing motorists. Cass City police assisted in the investigation.

A junior at Cass City High School, Doerr attended Trinity United Methodist church. He was born Aug. 28, 1962, in Cass City and was a lifelong resident of this area.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Richard (Cindy) Schripsema of Flint; three brothers, Richard, John and Donald Jr., all of Cass City; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Herbert Anderson Sr. of Bad Axe; four uncles, and four aunts.

His body was taken from Little's Funeral Home Tuesday morning to Trinity United Methodist church to lie in state until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Rev. P. Thomas Wachterhauser officiated.

Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

Doerr was the third person to die in a Tuscola county traffic accident this year, compared to one as of this date a year ago.

CAR-HORSE ACCIDENT

Anthony Scott Moran, 9, returned home from St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw Tuesday, where he was taken after being injured Sunday when the horse he was riding was struck by a car.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Long of 2941 Cemetery Road, Cass City.

According to sheriff's dep-

uties, Olga Lukasavitz, 62, of Plain Road, Cass City, was southbound on Cemetery, south of Kelly Road, when her car struck the horse, which was in the road. She had no opportunity to avoid the animal.

The boy had been riding with his sister, Sabrina, 11. According to their mother, her horse bolted and ran onto the road and then his horse followed. The accident took place at 5:45 p.m.

The youth was injured when he fell off the horse into a ditch. The horse was not injured.

Anthony was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital and then transferred to St. Luke's. According to his mother, he broke his right arm and will be in traction about a month.

INJURY ACCIDENTS

David L. Dykes, 23, of Caro, was reported in serious condition Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, where he was taken after an accident at 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

Deputies said he was eastbound on M-81, southwest of Caro, when his car went off the road and struck a utility

pole. The force of the crash was so severe his car split in two.

The front half came to rest 20 feet from the pole. The rear half traveled 126 feet.

Cathy M. Miller, 20, of Elkton, was released from Hills and Dales Monday, where she had been since an accident Friday night.

Cass City police reported she was southbound on Maple Street, turned east onto Pine Street, crossed the road and her car struck a car parked on the north shoulder. The impact sent the parked car into the vehicle parked in front of it.

Both parked vehicles were owned by Steven Fobear of 6627 Pine Street.

Ms. Miller was ticketed on a charge of careless driving.

Mabel M. Stater, 49, of 4118 S. Seeger Street, sought treatment from a private physician after an accident at 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

According to deputies, she was northbound on Cemetery Road, south of River Road, when the right rear tire of her car blew. The car spun off the left side of the road, struck a road sign and came to a halt in the ditch.

Terry M. Vanhoost, 31, of Unionville, was reported to

have suffered injuries, but apparently didn't require hospital treatment, as the result of a 2:20 a.m. accident Sunday.

Deputies said he was westbound on Hoppe Road, started to brake for the Colwood Road intersection, when his vehicle hit a patch of ice. The vehicle slid into the south ditch, rolled over once and came to rest on its wheels.

Connie Kay Nicol, 18, of 5495 Deckerville Road, Deford, sought her own treatment after an accident at 11:25 a.m. Feb. 19.

According to deputies, she was westbound on Shabbona Road when her car hit a bump or depression in the gravel road. She lost control and her car hit a tree on the north side of the road.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

At 10:30 p.m. Friday, Cass City police reported, Michael D. Stec, 17, of 4183 Maple Street, had stopped in the high school lot for traffic when his car was struck in the rear. Driver of the other car involved was Glenn A. Guilds, 21, of 6178 Shabbona Road.

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Financial management

\$772,000 budget gets council okay

Cass City got a financial clean bill of health, according to the 1979 audit, presented to the village council Monday evening.

The council also unanimously approved the 1980 budget with no changes from the one given preliminary approval at the January meeting.

The only person to comment at the public hearing prior to the council's vote on the budget was businessman Clarence (Bud) Schneberger.

His basic concern was over the possible levying of an additional mill on summer tax bills.

The \$98,000 local share needed for the Garfield-Doerr Road rebuilding project will reduce reserves to such a low point, the village may not be able to squeak through the year without a millage boost.

Schneberger asked whether the money saved on snow removal because of the mild winter might provide an extra financial cushion, questioned whether the 9 percent pay raise given to village employees exceeded President Carter's inflation guidelines and urged the council to save every "nickle and dime."

He was told the mild winter was already taken into account in preparing the budget, with Councilman Jim Ware pointing out, "One snowstorm can blow it (the budgeted amount) out." A total of \$13,400 is budgeted for snow removal, which

also must cover winter at the end of this year.

Village President Lambert Althaver said the pay raise is within the new guidelines of 9-10 percent increase.

He further assured Schneberger, "We're going to do everything in our power to hold our costs down."

As for the possibility of a millage increase, he said the feelings of the council are not unanimous at this point. "I know there are different feelings around this table."

The council won't decide on an added levy until after it sees the final assessment roll, which won't be until the March or April meeting.

The budget approved by the council projects general fund revenues and expenditures at \$499,000, compared to \$511,042 spent last year, which includes fund transfers to other accounts.

Add all the funds together (general, streets, water, sewer, etc.) and the village will be spending about \$772,000 in 1980, about \$100,000 more than last year, primarily because of the Doerr-Garfield street project.

AUDIT

"The overall financial management of the village has been excellent," auditor Robert Gentner of Yeo and Yeo, Certified Public Accountants, said after presenting the audit of 1979 village finances.

The village spent \$8,021 more than it took in last year in its general fund budget, but spent much less than anticipated of its reserve funds to make up the deficit.

Including \$14,395 in transfers to other funds to cover excess of expenditure over revenue, the village spent \$511,642 out of its general fund, compared to \$503,021 received in revenue.

The biggest chunk of revenue was \$211,949 received in property taxes. Next was \$113,042 in state shared revenues.

The year-end totals for other major funds were: Major streets, \$8,852 surplus; local streets, \$271 surplus; sewer fund (operating expenses), \$740 surplus, and water fund (operating expenses), \$1,557 deficit.

OTHER ITEMS

A schedule of compliance for the village landfill, as requested by the state Department of Natural Resources, was approved. A consultant has to be hired by July 1, the final hydrogeological report submitted to the DNR by April 1, 1981, and monitoring wells installed at the landfill by Sept. 1. Total cost will be \$15-20,000, but the consultants, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, won't have to be paid until early 1981. Testing of water samples from the monitoring wells will determine whether pollutants from the landfill are seeping into the ground.

Dedicated as public streets were Schell, Industrial, Park and Division Streets in the village industrial park. The designation qualifies the village to receive additional state Motor Vehicle Highway Fund money, based on their distance, but the amount will probably be under \$1,000 annually, according to Village Supt. Lou LaPonsie. Total distance of the four streets is 4,210 feet.

No response has been received yet from Wickes Agriculture to the village's latest letter, dated Feb. 18, requesting the firm to tear down the old grain elevators on Vulcan Street earlier than this summer.

Next council meeting will be March 24, at which it will award bids for the wastewater treatment plant expansion and improvement project. They will be opened March 20.

The contractor on the Doerr-Garfield project is scheduled to begin May 1 and be done by Sept. 1. Curb and gutter installation and graveling will be done one road at a time, with the paving contractor then laying the blacktop all at once.

Trustee Nat Tuttle bade farewell to the council with praise for his fellow council members and village employees. "The village should be proud of the people working for them." After serving six years, he decided not to seek re-election in the March 10 election.

Elenbaum foresees bright future for bean industry

The mammoth sale of dry beans to Mexico "is one of the most exciting things that has happened to the bean business in 50 years," according to the chairman of the Michigan Bean Commission.

However, the sale is only one reason why Gerald Elenbaum sees a bright future ahead for his favorite crop.

Elenbaum, 47, of Brown Road, Owndale, has headed the nine-member commission since August, having been elected by his fellow members. He was appointed to the commission two years ago by Gov. William G. Milliken.

A number of elevators and bean sales companies formed ANV Corp. to negotiate the sale to the Mexican Government, announced earlier this month.

The contract calls for sale of 112,000 metric tons of beans, mostly pinto and black turtles, worth \$62 million, from the 1980 crop year. That is the largest export order for edible beans ever received in Michigan from one country.

The Mexican government negotiated separately with other states for purchase of 65,000 tons.

"We think it will give us a more stable bean market in

the future," Elenbaum said. The Brookfield township resident farms with son Randy, foreman Dennis Abbe, who has been with him 16 years, and two other full-time employees.

They farm 1,700 acres, including 500-600 of dry beans, plus sugar beets, corn, wheat and alfalfa, and milk 135 cows.

In addition to Randy, Elenbaum and his wife Marilyn have two other children, Cathy Haag of Sebawaing, and Shelley, at home.

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, he said, first contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture concerning its

desire to purchase beans.

The USDA then put the Mexicans in touch with the Michigan Bean Shippers Association and the Bean Commission, which learned of the possible sale in December.

At that point, the commission had to bow out of any further dealings as the law that established it prohibits its involvement in marketing of beans.

Growers pay a checkoff of 5 cents per hundredweight and shippers 1 cent per hundredweight to support the commission's activities.

That totals about \$300,000 a year, all of which must be spent on production research, promotion and market development.

It has a two-person staff, Executive Secretary James Byrum and his secretary.

Although the commission was not directly involved in the negotiations, two of its members took part. They were F. Dale Kuenzli, manager of Valley Marketing Association of St. Johns and Kenneth Graham, a grower from Breckenridge.

WHAT ELENBAUM called the "Mexican bean challenge" is whether the bean industry can continue, to supply its present foreign and domestic customers, plus the Mexicans, without upsetting the market. "We believe we can do this."

Prior to signing the agreement with the Mexicans, the elevators that were involved contracted with farmers, at a base price of \$25 per hundredweight, in order to ensure there would be enough beans grown to fill the Mexican order. (Elenbaum will be growing "a percentage" of his bean crop under contract.)

Even those farmers who won't be growing beans for the Mexican market will benefit, according to him.

With an expected large carryover of 1979 navy beans into 1980, another good growing year would have resulted in the bottom falling out of the market.

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Was Lyle Koepfgen cheering him on?

Count Kef scores upset New York win

Dear John,

I have not seen you for several years but I have something you may wish to share with your readers.

I was in Cass City last week to attend the funeral of my father-in-law, Lyle A. Koepfgen.

This story concerns Lyle's great pacer, Count Kef. I suppose everyone around Cass City who knew Lyle knows about this wonderful horse which he bred and which used to race at various tracks around Michigan.

The horse has been racing for the past few years in New York and has been quite successful. He does not have the blazing speed of a few years ago, but he does well and manages to pay for his feed, I am sure.

As you know, Lyle died on the 10th of February. Count Kef was entered in the seventh race at Yonkers Raceway on the evening of Feb. 11. Now this was a race he was not supposed to win. By that I do not mean that he

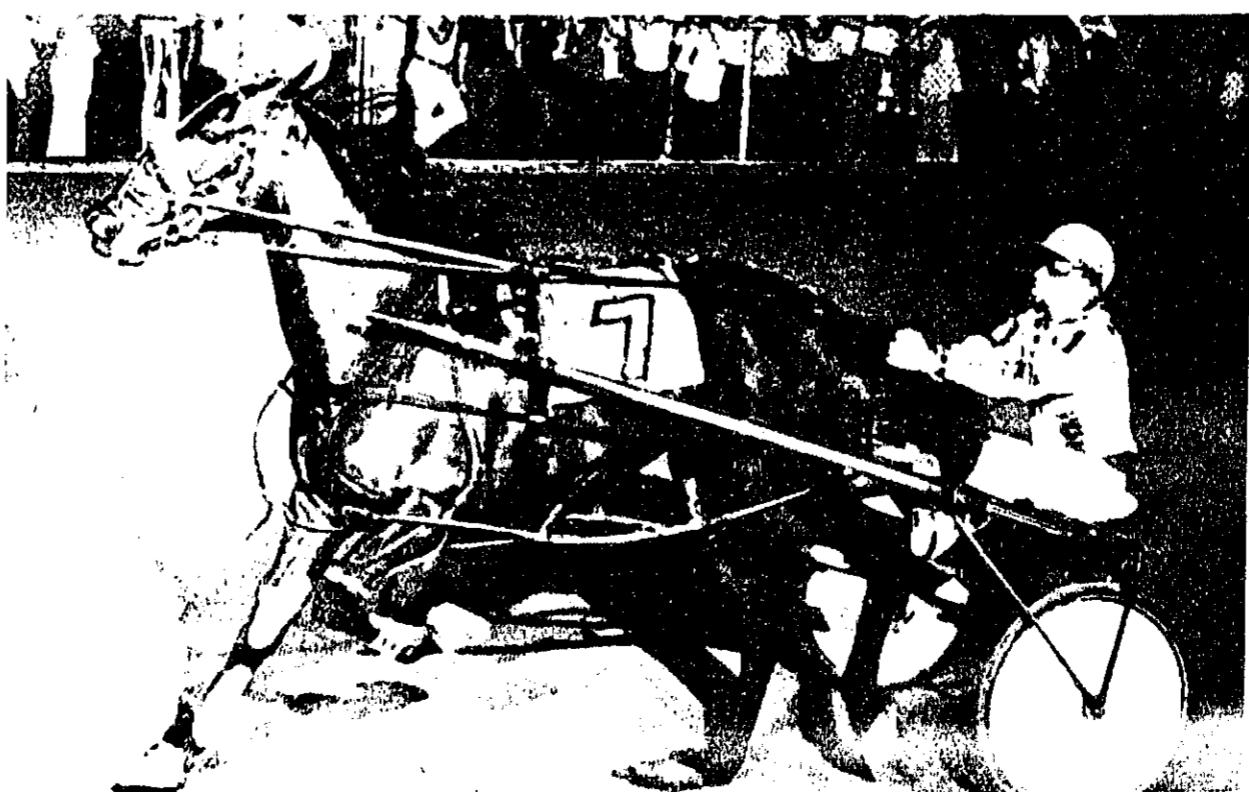
was so terribly outclassed by the other entries, but, simply, that he was parked way out in the last hole. There were eight horses in the race and Count Kef had the eighth position. This meant, of course, that he had a greater distance to run than any other horse in the race.

Well, starting from that outside position, he was third going around the first turn. He closed this to second in the backstretch, came to within a neck of the leader going around the final turn and then pulled away to win by a length and a quarter! He paid \$21 to win, from which you may gather he was not exactly the favorite!

Somebody was obviously cheering him on. Lyle maybe?

Best regards,

Gerald Kercher
5 Caroline Court
Quaker Hill., Conn.



COUNT KEF (1973 photo)

The Elkland Township Board will meet Monday, March 3, at 8 o'clock instead of March 10.