

# Pair escape crashes with minor injuries

A Deford woman, Deborah Anne Fisher, 20, of 5845 Reed Street, was discharged from Hills and Dales General Hospital Sunday, the day after she was injured in an accident Saturday in Akron township.

Sheriff's deputies reported she was a passenger in a car driven by Scott A. Fisher, 19, of 6172 Lakeside Drive, Cass City, westbound on Dickerson Road, which ran into an eastbound car that turned in front of it. The accident occurred at 12:40 p.m.

The other driver involved, Kenneth D. Wark, 20, of Akron, was turning into a driveway. He was given a ticket charging him with careless driving.

Karen D. Mellott, 28, of 4455 West Street, Cass City, was treated at a Caro doctors' clinic after an accident at 10:35 a.m. last Wednesday.

Deputies reported she was westbound on Gilford Road, northeast of Graf Road in Almer township, when she lost control when a front wheel went off the traveled portion of the snow-covered roadway.

The vehicle spun off the north side of the road into a ditch.

Frank J. Ezakovich, 37, of 2411 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City, sought his own treatment after an accident

at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday. According to deputies, he was eastbound on Decker-ville Road, west of Murray Road, when he lost control on the snow-covered road. The vehicle went off the north side of the road, severed a utility pole, then knocked over a fence.

He was cited on a charge of careless driving.

Scott L. Anger, 16, of Phillips Road, Kingston, was cited by Caro state police on a charge of violation of the basic speed law after an accident at 11:55 a.m. Saturday.

Troopers reported he was southbound on Phillips when his car started to slide on the icy surface and ran over a road sign on the west side of the road.

Troopers cited Timothy Wisenbaugh, 17, of Sebe-waig, on a charge of making an improper left turn after a 9:35 p.m. mishap March 1.

He was eastbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, they reported, and turned left in front of a westbound car. He was turning into a grocery at the northeast corner of Ash-more Road.

The westbound car, driven by Richard L. Ahler, 42, of Unionville, then struck the Wisenbaugh vehicle.

At 3:10 p.m., March 4, deputies reported Cecil R. Ingles, 69, of Caro, was attempting to turn right from a parking place in front of Kingston Elementary School on Ross Street, turned too soon, and struck the car parked alongside it to the right.

Owner of the other car was Jim Glassford of Kingston. Lewis Menzcaff of 2751 Phillips Road, Kingston, reported to Cass City police that an unknown vehicle damaged the front end of his car while it was parked at the Charmont last Wednesday between 9 and 11:50 p.m.

At 5 p.m. Friday, Cass City police said, Brenda Izydorek, 16, of 3120 Decker Road, Decker, westbound on Main Street, turned too sharp when she turned left onto Comment Drive, and hit the car waiting at the stop sign. Driver of the other car was Dale Deering, 26, of 6188 Cedar Drive.

At 3:40 p.m. that day, according to village police, Joseph J. Windy III, 22, of 6965 E. Elmwood Road, was backing from a parking place in the alley south of Main Street, east of Leach,

and backed into the car waiting for him to back out. The car of Elaine Kozan, 24, of 6324 Houghton Street, suffered damage to its grill and turn signal light.

### CAR-DEER

Ronald E. Voss, 35, of 1860 Crawford Road, Deford, was southbound on Cemetery

Road, south of DeLong Road, at 7:05 a.m. last Wednesday, according to deputies, when his car hit a deer.

At 8:10 p.m. Sunday, deputies reported, Edward R. Bergman Jr., 35, of 6325 Kelly Road, Cass City, was headed southwest on M-81, east of Chambers Road, when his car struck a deer.

## Proposed law to aid Owen-Gage

The state House of Representatives Education Committee Tuesday unanimously approved proposed legislation that would alter the state law which governs property transfers from one school district to another.

The bill now goes to the House floor, and if approved there, goes to the state Senate.

The bill was introduced by State Rep. Quincy Hoffman (R-Applegate) with Owendale-Gagetown School District the prime beneficiary if it becomes law.

Present state law, barring a reversal by the state Supreme Court in Owen-Gage's final appeal in the Goshin property transfer case, only requires public approval of a transfer if the parcel to be transferred is more than 10 percent of the district's state equalized valuation.

Hoffman's bill would change that so that once more than 10 percent of the original district was transferred away, a public vote would be required on all subsequent transfers.

As written, it would have applied to all school districts, however, the committee approved an amendment before voting on the bill that would restrict its provisions to districts with fewer than 1,000 students and to district boundaries as of 1957, one year before the Owendale and Gagetown districts merged.

Owen-Gage's attorney, William Fitzgerald, a former state senator and Democratic candidate for governor, did most of the speaking for Owen-Gage at the committee hearing in Lansing prior to its vote on the bill. "What we are saying," Owen-Gage Supt. Ronald

Erickson later told the Chronicle, "is the intent of the (present) law is clear to us, but since it is not clear to others, this bill will explain the intent of the legislation."

Others who spoke in favor of the legislation, he said, included Rep. Lucille McCollough, chairman of the House Education Committee; Harmon Cropsey of the Friends of Michigan Schools; Jerry Dunn, representing seven Oakland county school districts, and a representative of the Michigan Education Association.

Ben Hobart, a property owner within the Goshin territory, spoke in opposition.

He expressed doubt that the bill would stand a court test, that if only the first 10 percent can transfer from a school district without a public vote, that denies due process to property owners in the remaining 90 percent, that is, denies them of the same rights. "I believe if 10 percent can transfer, then everybody should," he told the Chronicle.

The bill, even if it becomes law, will not affect transfer of the Goshin property to the Cass City district.

Intermediate school district boards of education must approve property transfer requests. If rejected at that level, property owners can appeal to the state Board of Education.

Also speaking in opposition was Ray Godmer, property transfer hearing officer for the state Department of Education, representing either the department or state board. (Neither Erickson nor Hobart was sure.) His arguments were similar to those presented by Hobart, the latter said.



LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR - Among Tuscola county farmers attending a Michigan Farm Bureau legislative seminar in Lansing Feb. 28 were, from left, David and Joyce Loomis of Cass City and Sena and Harold Humm of Fairgrove, seen here talking with State Rep. Loren Armbruster, R-Caro. Participants were given an update on bills under consideration in the legislature, had lunch with their representatives and senators and viewed the House and Senate in session. (Farm Bureau photo)

### Michigan Mirror

## DNR claims Indian fishing rights decimating Great Lakes fishery

By Warren M. Hoyt  
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The state's sports fishermen and officials of state government went to bat recently by attacking interim federal fishing rules for Indians, declaring the regulations will sanction destruction of the Great Lakes fishing grounds.

The U.S. Department of Interior rules, which have been in effect since November on an emergency basis, allow Indians protected by an 1836 treaty to continue to use gill nets except for trout, endangered sturgeon and six species of chub, specify

waters in which Indians may fish, and set limited times when fishing is prohibited.

The rules pre-empt state regulations which have declared the use of gill nets illegal.

Gov. William G. Milliken, appearing before a public hearing conducted by attorneys for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the rules condone the depletion and collapse of the lakes fishery and urged they be withdrawn.

"The proposed rules are nothing less than an official approval of the virtually unregulated commercial treaty fishery which pres-

ently exists in our waters," Milliken said.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO said the rules fall short of being a stopgap agreement to protect the fishery while court litigation continues.

The state and two Indian tribes are awaiting a decision in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on whether the Indians must follow state regulations, which ban gill nets.

A lower federal court judge ruled the 1836 and 1850 treaties exempt Indians from state control.

Milliken said the fishery must be protected with a management program that

involves not only federal and tribal representatives, but stage officials as well.

He added he is confident the court will reassert the state role in the matter.

JOHN BAILEY, FORMER director of the state Indian Commission, disagreed, charging opposition to the rules as discriminatory.

Referring to the state's challenge to Indian fishing rights, he said, "Discrimination is rampant and we've set back civil rights 100 years."

Bailey said Indians would be happy to stop fishing state-planted fish stock if state officials could replace all the fish that existed when the treaties were signed.

HOWARD TANNER, director of the Department of Natural Resources, said the federal rules should not be implemented before the court case is settled.

He said the rules currently drafted do great harm to the fish resources in the Upper Great Lakes.

"You would foist on us a facade of regulations with no restraints. We must protect the fish resources while we talk, while we litigate," Tanner said.

Theodore Swift, an attorney representing the Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association, said the regulations are "a license for Indians to take every last fish." He charged the federal government was only interested in belatedly assuming sole jurisdiction of Great Lakes fishing.

REP. THOMAS ANDERSON (D-Southgate), chairman of the House Conservation, Environment and Recreation Committee, reported on the state's extensive efforts to replenish fish stock in the lakes.

He said he was shocked with the federal government's rules which would erase the state's work of the past 15 years.

"Opening the Great Lakes to unregulated commercial fishing by anyone would be an unmitigated disaster," Anderson said.

The interim rules are proposed to continue in effect for the 1980 season before being replaced with a modified final set of regulations, unless withdrawn by the Interior Department or vetoed by Congress.

## Summer survey: state's litter down 41 percent

Litter along Michigan highways decreased 41 percent between the summers of 1978 and 1979, the Michigan Department of Transportation reports.

Bottles and cans tossed out by motorists declined even more dramatically, 81 percent for cans and 77 percent for bottles, the department said in the final report of a study of roadside litter that extended over three summers.

The study was undertaken following the approval by Michigan voters of a state-wide ban on throwaway beer and soft drink bottles and cans. The ban was approved in the November, 1976 general election and went into effect in December of 1978.

Department maintenance workers counted litter items picked up in 36 plots, each 1,000 feet long, for a month-long period in August and September of 1977 through 1979. The plots were located along two-lane highways, four-lane divided highways and freeways throughout the state. They extended for the entire width of the highway right-of-way.

The major findings: --Total litter items decreased in 1979 by 29 percent from 1977 and 41 percent from 1978.

--Cans decreased by 79 percent from 1977 and 81 percent from 1978. Decreases in beverage cans were 82 percent and 84 percent in the same two years.

--Bottles decreased by 76 percent from 1977 and 77

percent from 1978. Decreases in beverage bottles were 84 and 86 percent.

MDOT's study noted a number of non-returnable cans and bottles were found along the roadsides, brought in from other states where throw-away containers have not been banned. Beverage containers affected by the anti-litter law made up only 16 percent of the roadside litter total in 1978, the study added.

"While there was an 84 percent reduction in beverage containers in 1979," it said, "that reduction accounts for only a little over one-third of the 41 percent reduction in total litter."

"While decreased August traffic volumes in 1979 have had an impact on roadside litter, especially in tourist areas, a large portion of the reduction can be attributed to an indirect benefit of the 'Bottle Bill.' It is quite possible that, with all the publicity and public awareness the law has generated, our society has become more litter conscious."

### TIME WASTED

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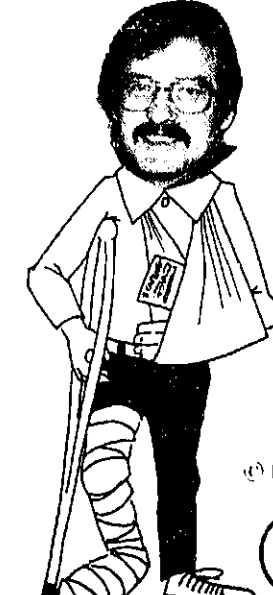
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