

Greek Orthodox priest and wife visit

Half a world apart for Isa family

Cass City is thousands of miles away from a community mentioned in the Bible, but for Khoury Saba Isa and his wife Azizah, it and Michigan have become a home away from their home in Jordan. The couple, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in May, have eight children, six of whom live in the United States. Two sons live in Cass City,

Michael Isa and Kareem Khoury. There is another son in Vassar, one in Montrose, near Flint, a daughter in Westland and another daughter in Texas. Khoury Isa and his wife have been here almost nine months, spending time with each of their children. They will be returning home Sunday.

It is the sixth visit here for the priest and the fifth for his wife. HIS FIRST WAS IN 1950, when he visited a brother, now deceased, who lived in Detroit. "He liked it, so he sent us here," Kareem explained. Michael was the first to come to this country, in 1960.

Shepherd's Field is a relatively prosperous community. The plastics plant, which makes dishes, cups, etc., supplies much of the Middle East. There are also numerous small factories. Many persons have government jobs. Farming is common, but the plots are only big enough to supply a family's own needs.

It was not for economic reasons that Khoury Isa decided his children should live in the United States. He declines to discuss politics, but son Kareem explained that it was because of the relatively unstable political situation there that his father wanted his children living here.

Of the two who remain in Jordan, a daughter lives in Shepherd's Field and a son in the East Bank portion of Jordan. (The dividing line between the East and West Banks is the Jordan River.) "I like it here," Khoury Isa says in the few words of English he knows. "He likes it here because his children are here," Kareem explained, "but he likes it there (in Jordan) because that is his country."

The priest and his wife are obviously fond of their role as parents and grandparents. They have 28 of the latter, for which he says with pride in English, "Thank God."

During the interview in Kareem's apartment, Mrs. Isa sat quietly next to her husband, fondly coddling 6-month-old grandson Joseph Khoury.

She is, her son Kareem explained, traditional in that she views her role strictly as

that of wife, mother and keeper of the house and rarely goes out. That is no longer true with younger women in her country.

KHOURY ISA'S DUTIES as a Greek Orthodox priest are much the same as a minister in this country, in performing the service on Sunday and otherwise serving the needs of his parishioners the rest of the time.

Although Jordan is predominantly Moslem, perhaps 40 percent of the population is Christian, with most of those living on the West Bank.

He is one of three priests at a church serving a congregation of about 6,000. The church has two buildings, with seating capacity for 1,000, which is enough to serve the normal Sunday turnout. On holidays and other special occasions, loudspeakers are erected outside to enable those who cannot get in to participate in the service.

He has been a priest for 40 years. In American terms, that gives him seniority over the other two priests, thus

allowing him to be in the United States for long periods of time. His other trips here have been for 4-5 months.

In addition to the 6,000 Orthodox Christians, there are about 500 Catholics in Shepherd's Field (loyal to the pope, but with religious services more like those of the Orthodox), 1,000 Roman Catholics and 1,000 Moslems.

The weather there is mild, a high of about 85 degrees but very dry in summer and a low of about 32 in winter, which is the rainy season. When it does snow, there is only 1-2 inches at most and it melts in a day or two.

Khoury Isa has been in this country with his wife in 1969, '72, '75 and '77. After having been here almost nine months this time, they are obviously looking forward to going home. But, says the priest, they will be back.

Folks who are on the square are usually around when it comes time to settle up their bills.



KHOURY SABA ISA and his wife Azizah. The Greek Orthodox priest and his wife, residents of the West Bank of Jordan, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

Farwell man leads police on 100 mph chase

William Zdrojewski, 24, of Farwell faces charges of reckless driving, fleeing and eluding and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle as the aftermath of a chase Sunday that extended for 30 miles along M-46. As of Tuesday, complete details were not available.

The chase began somewhere in Tuscola County shortly after 11 p.m., with deputies chasing the car eastbound at speeds over 100 miles per hour.

The pursued vehicle managed to get past two roadblocks but was finally stopped at a roadblock west of Sandusky, apparently by Sanilac county deputies. Zdrojewski was taken to the county jail in Caro. He was arraigned Monday before District Judge Richard F. Kern, who scheduled a pretrial hearing April 22. He was released on surety bond.

OTHER ITEMS

Nancy Faber of 4139 Leach Street reported to Cass City police Monday afternoon that 150 gallons of fuel oil, worth more than \$150, was emptied from an above ground tank beside her home some time since Feb. 27.

John Rands of 4362 Brookers Street told village officers Monday morning the citizens band radio antenna was removed from his car during the night. It was worth \$30.

Al Horne of 4118 S. Seeger Street told officers an old 26-inch wheel bicycle with the front fender missing had been taken. It was worth \$25.

John F. Schwartz of 6128 Deckerville Road, Deford, told Cass City police Friday the power antenna on his car was broken off while parked at the Charmont lot from 7:25 p.m. It was valued at \$20.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Houghton and West

Weekly Thought "Arguments never settle things; prayer always changes things"

Services Wed. - Prayer Meeting 7:30
Sunday - 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship
6:30 p.m. Family Hour

Messages A.M. "A Woman to be Remembered"
P.M. "Beyond the Call of Salvation"

Rev. T. W. Teall, Pastor 872-3155
Mary L. Hanby, Church Worker 872-2888

Mark A. Schooley of Bay Port reported to the sheriff's department early Saturday that damage was done to his pickup truck while it was parked at Bay City-Forestville and Colwood Roads from 12:01-2 a.m.

There were dents in the door and box and the driver's side rear view mirror was knocked off.

Old papers recall Gagetown of old

Alexander Deneen had died at 80, due to cancer of the jaw, but Frank S. Chaffee died at his home in Elmwood at age 44, from complications which developed from his catching the measles two years earlier and Joseph Hughes died at 22 of an abscess of the throat obstructing his air tubes.

In addition to local news from Gagetown -- "Keith Morris of the Saginaw Medical College is spending a few days at his home in town." -- there was also news from Colwood, West Grant, and Canboro.

The bank of P.C. Purdy and Son, according to its ad, not only paid interest on time deposits, loaned money for farm mortgages and did a general banking business, it also had good farms, lumber, lath and shingles "for sale cheap."

Photographer George W. Claxton was offering 12 photos for 50 cents. Christopher Kastner of the Gagetown Brewery was selling lager beer in kegs or case, "no drugs used, pure and clean."

Other local businesses advertising included the Purdy Mercantile Co., Gagetown Flour Mills, Quinn and Fahrenkopf planing mill, Gagetown Machine Shop, and The People's Clothing Store (which also sold wallpaper).

The market report listed red wheat, 74 cents a bushel (No. 1) or 74 cents (No. 2); oats, 43 cents a bushel, and beans, \$1.25 per bushel.

One noticeable change in the Oct. 28, 1909, issue, from that of 1902, was that there was a different publisher, Dan McCarthy.

The Purdy Bank had become the State Savings Bank. William Boddy's Bakery and Restaurant was selling ice cream, sodas, baked goods and warm meals. J.J. Gore repaired shoes while you wait. George A. Mousley sold

Official Proceedings Of The TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 13, 1980

Meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners was called to order by the Vice Chairman, J. Benson Collon. Prayer by Commissioner Kennedy. Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: District No. 1, Donna Rayl, present; District No. 2, Royce Russell, present; District No. 3, Paul Nagy, absent; District No. 4, J. Benson Collon, present; District No. 5, Margaret Wenta, present; District No. 6, Robert Russell, present; District No. 7, Kenneth L. Kennedy, present.

80-M-44 John Marshall, Register of Deeds presented his Annual Report.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Rayl the report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

Stanley Baldwin of the Area Agency on Aging appeared before the Board with a review of the work being done by the Agency.

80-M-46 Paul Lefler, Building Codes Administrator, appeared before the Board with his Annual Report.

Motion by Wenta, seconded by Royce Russell the report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

80-M-47 Motion by Wenta, seconded by Rayl, Paul Lefler be allowed to take bids for a gas hot water hook up for the jail. Bids to be opened March 11, 1980 at 2:00 P.M. Motion carried.

80-M-48 Don Graf, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board and presented Industrial and Commercial studies.

Motion by Royce Russell, seconded by Robert Russell the study be accepted the forwarded to the State Tax Commission.

Roll Call Vote Royce Russell, yes; Kennedy, yes; Nagy, absent; Rayl, yes; Robert Russell, yes; Collon, no; Wenta, yes; 5 yes, 1 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Recess for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION - FEBRUARY 13, 1980

All members present except Commissioner Nagy.

80-M-49 Ellen Hunter of the International Systems Grants Assistance Program appeared before the Board and discussed information on the services available from their company.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Robert Russell, the matter be referred to the County Affairs Committee for further study and recommendation. Motion carried.

80-M-50 2:00 P.M. Opening of bids for the Animal Shelter Pickup Truck

Ouvry Chevrolet, Chev., \$5,771.80 without trade; Howard Bell, GMC, \$5,887.28 plus tax without trade; Burton Moore Ford, Ford, \$5,880.00 without trade, with trade in \$4,580.00.

Motion by Rayl, seconded by Royce Russell we accept the bid of Burton Moore Ford in the amount of \$4,580.00. Motion carried.

80-M-51 Elsie Hicks, County Clerk, presented her Annual Report. Motion by Rayl, seconded by Royce Russell, the report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

80-M-52 Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Robert Russell, the 1980 General Fund Budget be amended to reflect a fund balance of \$4,315 on January 1, 1980, instead of \$5,972.06 as previously budgeted and that the budgeted expenditure for Public Improvements be \$53,287, instead of \$220,000, as previously budgeted, making making the 1980 General Fund Budget balanced at \$3,882,639. Motion carried.

80-M-53 Sheriff Hugh Marr appeared before the Board with his annual budget information.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Wenta that the 1979 annual budget information be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported on a revised plan for the Retirement System because of prohibitive costs, recommended that no action be taken at this time.

80-M-54 Motion by Rayl, seconded by Kennedy a letter received from Probate Judge Wallace Kent requesting implementation of the Probate Court Labor Contract be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

80-M-55 Commissioner Rayl read a letter from Judge Wallace Kent in regard to the caseload of the various Courts.

Motion by Wenta, seconded by Robert Russell the letter be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

80-M-56 Commissioner Rayl read a letter from Judge Wallace Kent regarding House Bill No. 4774.

Motion by Wenta, seconded by Royce Russell the letter be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

80-M-57 Motion by Robert Russell, seconded by Royce Russell, the Sheriff be allowed to advertise for bids for 5 cars and 1 van for the Sheriff's Dept. and bids to be opened March 11, 1980 at 2:30 P.M.

80-M-58 Commissioner Kennedy presented a fee schedule for the Tuscola County Health Dept.

Motion by Wenta, seconded by Robert Russell the schedule be adopted for Environmental Health Services. Motion carried.

Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule

For **Environmental Health Services**

Sewage Disposal Application - New \$50.00
Sewage Disposal Application - Existing 25.00
Sewage Disposal Contractor - Initial 30.00
Sewage Disposal Contractor - Renewal 20.00
Land Evaluation, 4 acres or less 40.00
Each acre over 40 acres 1.00
Plan Review - Architectural 50.00
Plan Review - Remodeling Existing Structure 20.00
Water and Sewage Evaluation 25.00

80-M-59 Motion by Wenta, seconded by Rayl we enter into the following Maintenance Contract and the Chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried.

American Institutional Maintenance Corp.
125 Washington, Lakeview, Michigan 48850
Phone: 517/352-0184

P.O. Box 408 **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Date: February 5, 1980
Purchaser: Tuscola County Commissioners
Hereinafter called the Purchaser; American Institutional Maintenance hereinafter called AIM.
Project: Tuscola County Jail
Location: Caro, Michigan
Architect:
Work Includes:
The furnishings, all materials, parts, labor and equipment to maintain 41 manual doors, 7 electric doors, 9 keyless devices, 3 control cabinets and all other equipment pertaining to detention equipment; such as grating, bunks, pass doors, and shutters in the facility at time of signing of this contract. All work to be in accordance with plans and specifications of Architect if remodeling is involved.
Exclusions:
No glass, radios, monitoring systems, listening devices and door closers come under this Maintenance Contract.
Terms:
For the work specified, the selling price shall be \$1,975.00 per year. If remodeling is involved, all material delivered to job site, plus portion of work completed is due first of each month.
Upon payment in full of the above amount to: American Institutional Maintenance Corp., P.O. Box 347, Lakeview, Michigan 48850. This contract becomes in full force and first maintenance will be started no later than 45 days, sooner if not conflicting with other contracts. Hereafter, all payments are due 35 days after each annual service. This contract remains in force for 1 year. This contract may be terminated by Purchaser by giving a sixty day (60) written notice prior to next annual service date.

Emergency Maintenance Due to Prisoner Destruction:
Emergency calls will be \$160.00 plus material if area is totally destroyed plus current labor rate per day, per man. AIM reserves the right to do the maintenance of complete facility if emergency runs come within 45 days of next annual maintenance date.
Total replacement cost of locks at signing of this contract: AIM
I/We hereby accept the within proposal this day of Feb. 13, 1980.

By J. Benson Collon
Title: Vice Chairman
Purchaser or duly authorized representative
This proposal, when signed by the Purchaser or his duly authorized Representative, and confirmed by the seller, is an acceptance of the above terms and conditions which are hereby referred to and made a part of this proposal, and this proposal becomes a contract in full force and effect.

For: American Institutional Maintenance Corporation
80-M-60 Motion by Robert Russell, seconded by Royce Russell, the unfair labor charge approved on January 22, 1980 against:
1. AFSCME, Council No. 25
2. Rick Kloor, Bus. Agent
3. Employees of the Tuscola County Probate Court be amended to include the following: Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO - CASE NO. CU80 A-4
Employer: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, Charging Party
Union: AFSCME, Council No. 25 and Business Agent, Rick Kloor, Respondent Union
At the first negotiations meeting on or about November 29, 1979, when the two parties were discussing ground rules, the Union wanted to know what position the Employer had relating to the Probate Court and those Probate Court employees.
The Employer explained their position. Business Agent Rick Kloor then stated to the five management representatives and the three Local Union representatives that he would negotiate the contract, which included the Probate Court employees and would continue to cover the Probate Court employees, with the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and made a solid agreement that he would not negotiate with the Probate Judge unless he was put under a Court Order to do so.
No Court Order came. However, when the negotiations and ratification meetings were over, and the contracts put in to effect, Mr Kloor simply started negotiations with the Probate Court Judge without any discussion with the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, and now has reached a contract settlement for a different contract with the Probate Judge to cover those Probate Court employees.

80-M-61 Minutes of January 22, 1980 were reviewed.
Motion by Robert Russell, seconded by Wenta they be approved. Motion carried.

80-M-62 Minutes were read.
Motion by Royce Russell, seconded by Robert Russell, the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
Motion by Wenta, seconded by Rayl, we adjourn to February 26, 1980 at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried.
Elsie Hicks, Clerk J. Benson Collon, Vice-Chairman

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