Stars, Mars or flying

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saucers?

Was it Mars, was it a star or was it an unidentified flying object?

-Several skywatchers in the Gagetown area would like to know.

Jim Winchester of 4055 Dale Road, received a call from his brother, Carl, at 10:15 last Wednesday night, who told him to look at a strange light in the sky to the

The orange-red light, he said, was stationary while it grew dimmer and disappeared after about 15 minutes. His brother had been watching it about 15 minutes before calling him. Carl Winchester lives about a half-mile away on Hoppe

Four persons in the area saw it that night, Jim Win-hester said. "We don't know what it could be."

Winchester saw whatever it was again Thursday night for about a half-hour between 9 and 10 and Friday night starting about 9:30 when he was on his way home from Deford.

He said a nephew observed the object Friday night with binoculars and observed the bottom of the object was greenish.

Carl Winchester saw the object for a brief time Saturday night.

Jim Winchester called the Caro radio station, WKYO, Thursday morning, to report the object. The station broadcast the report and Saturday, he received a call from a Vassar woman who had heard the broadcast. she had seen the object Wednesday night and said it had been moving. When the Winchesters had observed

it, it was stationary. What did the Winchesters and the others see?

Grezeszak Douglas teaches physics, including some astronomy, at Cass

City High School.
He has some ideas what the object may have been. since he hasn't seen it, it is an educated guess -- with

The planet Mars and one star are orangish-red and at this time of year would be appearing in the western part of the sky.

They would appear to be stationary, he said, until they disappear below the horizon. Until then, the ob-

ect would not grow dimmer. Grezeszak also said any planet would appear to be the size of an ordinary star. Winchester said the object

was larger than a star. "According to the characteristics of a planet or a star, it would not explain what they said they saw," the teacher concluded.



SNOW FUN -- Friday was the first day this winter snow was good for packing. Rather than having youngsters throw snowballs at each other, Campbell Elementary Principal Jacqueline Freiburger assigned everyone to building snowmen and other objects. Showing off some of the handiwork of Polly Pakonen's first grade class are, from left, Vicki Bean, Bobbie Cortemelia, Mike Furness and Sharie DeLong.

uled the examination March

31, and set bond at \$2,000,

which May has since posted.

The defendant pleaded in-

nocent to the fleeing and

eluding charge. No trial date

Witnesses told Huron

county deputies the incident

began before 9 p.m. when

the suspect and another man

were asked to leave

George's Bar in Owendale

after arguing with each

has been set

other.

The

Cass City man charged in

Owendale bar shooting

police.

victor, the other man went to

his pickup and removed a

12-gauge shotgun. The on-

lookers locked themselves

inside the bar and called

enter the bar. Unable to do

so, he climbed in his truck,

drove up to the front of the

By Mike Eliasohn

Little could William

for "Hamlet" that there

would come a time that was

not good for borrowers or

a lender be.'

lenders.

The armed man tried to

Five children lose fati.

Two killed in area traffic accidents

Two accidents early last Thursday resulted in the deaths of two area men. Killed were Darrell C.

Myers, 34, of Cass Street, Unionville, the father of five children, and Fred Henderson III, 38, of 3830 Marton Road, Kingston.

Both accidents were not discovered until a few hours after they had taken place. According to Tuscola county deputies, Myers was southbound on McEldowney Road, south of Bay City-For-

estville Road, at a high rate

of speed when his car went

off the west side of the road. The vehicle traveled 163 feet off the road before the right side slammed into a tree, splitting the car in half and ejecting the driver, who was killed instantly.

Based on the time investigators learned that Myers left the Colwood Bar, they believe the accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. It was reported at 4:47 a.m. Cass City police assisted

at the accident scene. Myers was the fourth person to die in a Tuscola

county traffic accident this He was born June 19, 1946, in Charleston, W. Vo., and had lived in the Unionville area 13 years. He married

Barbara Kata May 1, 1964, in

Tennessee. He was em-

through the front door,

The suspect then fled in

The first officer at the

scene, Keith Diller of the

Sebewaing police, saw the

man get into his truck and

drive east on Sebewaing

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which injured Abbe.

his truck.

tel Power in Midland and was a member of the Michigan Army National Guard.

He is survived by his wife. two daughters, Teresa and Leish, three sons, Michael, Darrell and Robert, all at home, his parents, two sisters, four brothers, a grandmother and grandfather.

Funeral services were held Monday, with burial in the Columbia township cemetery.

HENDERSON ACCIDENT

Sandusky state police reported that Henderson was southbound on Marton Road (the county line), south of M-46, when he lost control of his pickup.

The vehicle went off the east side of the road, struck a log, went airborne, then struck a tree, the force ejecting the driver from the

Henderson was nounced dead on arrival at Marlette Community Hos-

The accident was not reported until 7 a.m. It is believed to have taken place about 3 a.m.

Henderson was born July 28, 1951 in Koylton township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lynn Henderson. He was single, lived at home and farmed with his father.

He is survived by his parents, and four sisters, Mrs. Shirley Ferman of Sylvania, Ohio, Mrs. Janet Cartier, Bay City, Mrs. Kay Bennett, Chesaning, and Mrs. Sue Shafer, Midland.

Funeral services were Kingston, Rev. Gilson Miller there Friday. of the Kingston United Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Kingston cemetery.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Lambert Althaver, 48, of 4618 Kennebec Drive, sought his own treatment after an accident at 1:50 p.m. Mon-

Sheriff's deputies reported

ployed as a welder by Bechhe was headed west on M-25 at Quanicassee when he started to pass a car.

The driver of the other car, James R. Behrmann, 29, of Bay City, then started to turn left onto Old State Road and the vehicles collided. Behrmann then left the scene, headed east on M-25. He was later arrested by deputies and charged with driving under the influ-

ence of liquor. Behrmann was released from the county jail Tuesday, pending appearance in district court.

Althaver told officers he didn't see a turn signal prior to starting to pass the Behr-

mann auto. At 9:25 a.m. Monday, deputies reported, Dorothy Mae Koch, 19, of Unionville, was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, west of Ashmore Road, and collided with a car that was passing

her as she was turning left into a driveway. Driver of the other vehicle then ran off.

was Timothy V. Adams. 22. of 2930 Bay City-Forestville Road, Gagetown.

Adams said the Koch car had slowed prior to his starting to pass it but he didn't see a turn signal. Ms.

Koch said she had signaled. A three-car collision was reported at Cass City High School at 2:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Village police said Steven Corcoran, 18, of 4077 Van Dyke Road, Decker, was backing up and backed into the northbound car of Deborah Page, 17, of 6848 Herron

The impact forced the Page auto into the parked car of Steve Kamrad Jr. of Gagetown, which was parked in the fire lane.

At 7 p.m. last Thursday, according to deputies, Frank E. Mosher Jr., 33, of 4510 Leach Street, Cass City, was northbound on Cemetery Road, south of Severance Road, when a deer ran into the side of his truck and

Loss \$20,000 in Ubly fire

\$20,000 to the Swiss Auto out any damage. Sales building south of Ubly,

Bingham Township Fire Chief Elmer Brahmer has about two hours, starting at requested the state fire mar- 6 a.m. About 3,000 gallons of shal's office to send an water were used in fighting held Sunday afternoon at officer to investigate. The the blaze Harmon Funeral Home, officer is scheduled to be

> Brahmer said the fire started in the office area in the front of the 30-by-65-foot wood-framed metal building, which was fairly new.

The office was destroyed, including equipment and car titles on file.

The walls remained standing in the rear; however, the roof for the entire structure was destroyed.

A car in the rear of the

Damage was estimated at building was removed with-

Brahmer said the business which burned early Friday, owner, Steve Peruski, had Cause is still unknown. insurance on the structure.

Firemen were at the scene

Elkland township firemen were called to the Steve Wright home, 4276 Ale Street, at 3:15 a.m. last Thursday for what turned out to be a non-fire.

Firemen said fuel oil collected when the furnace was off. When the furnace reignited, the fuel oil exploded, with the force blowing off

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bar and fired one shot Buying a house for the very few

High interest rates create hard suspect returned about an hour later and started arguing with another man, Terry Lee Howard. The two went outside and began fighting in front of the times for borrowers, lenders With Howard the apparent

Seek .2 mill levy for senior citizens

David R. May of Cass City

faces charges in Huron

County District Court of

injury of another person by

careless discharge of a fire-

arm and fleeing and eluding

in connection with the shoot-

ing Monday night of a Gage-

town man outside an Owen-

dale bar and a subsequent

May is charged with the

shooting of David J. Abbe,

injured in his lower left leg,

who was released from Hills

and Dales General Hospital

Road, demanded examina-

tion on the firearm charge

Monday when he appeared

before District Judge John

Schubel. The judge sched-

May, 45, of 6631 Koepfgen

chase by police.

The Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) Board of directors Monday decided to seek voter approval for a .2 mill levy for four years to support senior citizen activities in the upper Thumb.

> Coming Next Week

Tribute To Champions

A special section devoted to the regular season and tournament achievements of the Cass City Red Hawks, brought to you by the Chronicle and the Cass City business and industrial community.

Watch for it!

It will now be up to the boards of commissioners in Tuscola, Huron and Sanlac counties to put the measure on the ballot. The intent is to have the

proposal on the Aug. 5 primary election ballot. A levy of .2 mill equals 20 cents per \$1,000 of valuation.

TACA Director Ron Cassie will now be working with the prosecutors of the three counties to develop common wording for the ballot proposal, after which he will present it to the county hoards. They must approve it prior to June 17 to get it on their respective ballots.

He is confident all three will do so. "I don't anticipate any problems. All three counties have expressed interest in going in this direc-

President Carter's threatened shutoff of federal revenue sharing funds to states and local governmental units, he feels, will provide an incentive for commissioners to put the millage on the ballot, as its passage would mean they would no longer have to subsidize TACA from their general

County budgets will be

future without the input of federal revenue sharing funds, which total several hundred thousand dollars a year collectively for the three counties.

There was extensive dis-cussion by the TACA board Monday, Cassie said, about writing the ballot proposal to limit dispersal of the money to be raised to TACA.

A .2 mill levy will raise a total of about \$240,000 annually in the three counties, enough to replace present county funds given to TACA and federal funds used to pay some employees, plus expand services.

The agency's director will need to get the opinion of the three prosecutors whether the millage can be committed solely to TACA or whether it can be available for any senior citizen activities, which would open use of the funds to other groups.

TACA will prepare a separate budget in each county, which will have to be approved by that county's board of commissioners, 60 that taxpayers in one county won't be subsidizing activities in a county where the millage was rejected, should the levy be approved in only under severe strain in the one or two counties.

almost 15 percent. The rate "Neither a borrower, nor is the same at all financial institutions. The difficulty for many Shakespeare have realized when he wrote the above line

would-be investors, however, is that the certificates can only be bought in minimum amounts of \$10,000. All the bankers contacted

Perhaps hardest hit are couples who would like to buy a home. Very few can afford the present interest rate on mortgages, of showing growth. around 16 percent. Buying a with \$10,000 in these eco-

house is becoming the impossible dream. It is also a time of trial for bankers, who are paying out more in interest to attract some deposits than they are getting back in interest on

some loans. "It has to be quoted almost daily," said Bob Keating of the Pinney State Bank of skyrocketing interest

They have been going up so rapidly of late, that the Cass City bankers interviewed for this story last Thursday and Friday cautioned that interest rates quoted might be out of date by the time the article gets into print.

SAVINGS

High interest rates would seemingly be of most benefit to those who have money to save, but even then the picture isn't rosy.

The maximum interest bank patrons can receive is on six-month money market certificates. As of last week, they were paying interest of

indicated a significant increase in the number of certificates being purchased. Deposits in regular savings accounts aren't Where do people come up

nomically troubled times? In many instances, they are reinvesting money from expired certificates of deposit, which paid lower interest. In fact, it may pay for

holders of still current certificates of deposit to cash them in, take the penalty, and buy the money market certificates. For those who don't have

\$10,000, banks and savings and loans are offering 30month certificates of deposit paying 11.75 percent minimum. Minimum purchase amount is usually \$500. But if the inflation rate for

the first two months this year continues at its 18 percent rate, savers will be losing money. Even if a saver can afford

a 15 percent money market certificate, Mutual Savings branch manager Lee Iseler pointed out, "You're still behind the eight-ball, so there really isn't much of a gain as far as people are

LOANS

farmers, who routinely borrow money to buy their seed, fertilizer, etc., each spring percent a year ago. and then repay the loan after they sell their crops.

Banks still have money, to

Local banks quoted in-Credit is a way of life for terest rates for farm operating loans of 151/2-171/2 percent, compared to 912-13

Farm and other business loans are beneficial to banks, because they can loan, but it is much more charge enough to recover

their costs to borrow money (for instance, in the interest they pay out for money market certificatés).

Not so with auto loans. Interest rates on all such installment loans are limited by state law to 12.83 percent. The legislature is con-

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