#### LSS CITY, MICHIGAN

### PEDALING AROUND

## Miscellaneous ramblings

By Mike Eliasohn

Odds and ends: I installed a new ribbon ast week on the typewriter with which I am typing this.

What galls me every time do that is that the new ribbon comes with two reels. Only one reel is necessary 'nce I can use one of the old ones, but there is, of course, more money to be made by selling typewriter ribbons

with two reels. The two camera batteries I bought this past week end are 3/4ths inch in diameter. The plastic covered cardboard each was attached to was 4-by-5¼ inches.

Buy a roll of 35mm film, and it comes in a handy little -usable plastic container. But how many of those handy plastic containers can

one use? The same goes for food in the "handy reusable plastic

containers. Bad enough in non-inflationary times but even worse now. How much of our money gets wasted on unnecessary packaging?

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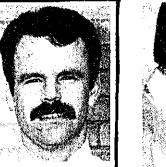
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John Wayne Gacy gets put to death in the electric chair in Illinois

What I don't understand is how the jury that had to decide whether he was sane or insane could decide, as it did last week, that the murderer of 33 boys and young men was sane. How can anyone who kills 33 persons be sane?

It was not a choice between having him put away and letting him go away. didn't save the article, but I do recall reading that even if he had been found insane, Gacy could have been put in a state institution for life.

Madeline Sontag, wife of Gagetown Village Clerk Elery Sontag, asked me to make the following correction: Only 55 persons voted

in the March 10 election there instead of the 74 I reported in last week's Chronicle (which was the number who voted in Owendale, which was reported correctly).

Still, the 55 persons who voted make up 45.8 percent of the 120 or so registered voters in Gagetown.

In contrast, 65 persons voted in Cass City, which is only 6.2 percent of the 1,045 registered voters here (even worse than the 6.6 percent incorrectly reported last

week). Some might use the excuse that no one running in Cass City had any opposition, but no one had opposition in Gagetown either. The lack of turnout means

persons in Cass City are satisfied with their elected village officials or didn't like who was running. If the latter, some of the

complainers should have run. It's an old cliche, but still true, that it is easier to complain about a problem than to do something about

For whatever reason, I feel it is appalling that only 6.2 percent of the registered voters bothered to vote, contests or no contests.



**DeMOLAY WEEK -- Signing a proclamation Friday des**ignating March 16-23 as International DeMolay Week in Cass City was Village President Lambert Althaver. Looking on were Chris Peters (left), junior counselor, and Jim Jensen, senior counselor. The Tuscola chapter of DeMolay (Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties) has about 40 members and is seeking more.

plus some wire, \$142; tool

box and tools, \$75; well point

Also, a work apron. two

tape measures, knife and

# Thieves loot home site of \$1,000 in tools, materials

More than \$1,000 worth of saw, plus three extra blades, building materials and tools \$400. Other items taken inwere stolen from the site of a new home under construccluded a hand saw, four pipe wrenches, four hammers,

tion on Shabbona Road, Novesta township. Owner Michael Phillips of 5931 Main Street, Deford,

pump, 40 feet of pipe and told sheriff's deputies Saturfive couplings, \$129; axe, two shovels and a tape day the items were taken between Monday and Thursmeasure, \$35; two extension cords, \$20, and an extension walking plank, \$20.

Entry to the home was gained by forcing open a window and to a storage shed by breaking a lock. The two bags of nails, \$25; two thieves were unsuccessful in

### OTHER NEWS

Dennis J. Porter, 19, of 6419 Houghton street, Apt. 2, will be arraigned in district court March 31 on a charge of breaking and entering. He is presently free on \$3,000 bond.

Cass City police obtained a warrant charging him with the offense after he was observed putting gas into his car after 9:30 p.m. last Thursday at Progressive Plant Foods, 4155 Vulcan Street, where he was an

ment.

employee.

# **Father Cronkite** dies after illness

tery, Saginaw.

Father Glenn William Cronkite, priest at St. Agatha's Catholic church in Gagetown from 1951-59, died Monday at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw following a long illness. He was 63.

He was born May 13, 1914, in Saginaw, and attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids for his secondary, college and philosophy training.

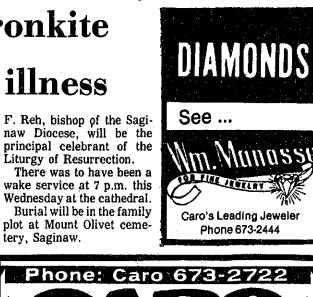
He received his theological training at Theological College in Washington, D.C.

Father Cronkite was ordained into the Diocese of Saginaw May 18, 1940, and served as an assistant at St. Andrew and Sacred Heart Parishes in Saginaw and at St. Michael's Parish in Pinconning.

He then served as administrator at St. Joseph Parish, Rapson: St. Edward Parish. Omer, and St. James Parish, Whittemore.

In addition to St. Agatha's, his pastorates were at St. James at Whittemore, Sacred Heart in Merrill and St. Francis Borgia in Pigeon.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Robert Burns and Mrs. Merle Ecarius, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw. The Most Rev. Francis





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