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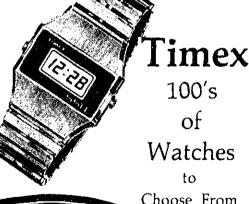
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#### Library receives donations

The monthly meeting of the Rawson Memorial Library board was held at the library March 18 with all board members except Barbara Tuckey present.

Attending were president, Mrs. K. I. MacRae; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Esther McCullough; board members Mrs. Lucy Auten, Lou LaPonsie and Maynard Mc-Conkey and librarian Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson.

There was a discussion of the open-meeting rule and henceforth there will be a public notice of the regular meeting to be held the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

The library is to receive 5 percent of the estate of the late Mrs. Esther Benkelman. A recent contribution to the library furnishings are chairs and a caddy for the new room, given by the Cass City State Bank.

Also up for discussion was the proposed purchase of a new bike rack, new front door and a special table for the Com Cat microfilm read-

Long range plans are for the librarian to attend a six-sessions workshop in Saginaw this summer. Next meeting will be April

### Bike-a-thon est and principal, without any repair or maintenance chairmen

announced

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has announced local chairmen for the 1980 "Cycling for CF" bike-a-thons throughout the state, to be conducted in April, May or June.

Rev. Bob Combs and the Riverside Church of God will be hosting the Cass City event for the first time ever. Charles Shanlian will be conducting one in the Gagetown-Owendale area, which last year raised \$124.

Chairmen for the Snover event, which last year raised \$872, will be Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hughes.

Money raised will be used by the CF Foundation in its efforts to find a cure for the children's lung disease.

## Milk output up 7%

on Michigan dairy farms from a year ago failed to disrupt the overall increasing trend in milk production, according to the Michigan Agricultural Reporting

A total of 389 million pounds of milk flowed in the state during the month of February, 7 percent above a year ago. Increased production per cow of 8 percent offset the 3,000 head decrease from February, 1979.

The average price received for all milk was \$13 per hundredweight, unchanged from January, but a \$1.10 jump from a year earlier.

Costs were up also. For instance, replacement milk cows inched up \$5 from last month to \$1,180, which was \$230 above February, 1979. Complete dairy feed with 16 percent protein averaged \$170 per ton in February, \$10 above a year ago.

U.S. February milk production totaled 9.9 billion pounds, increasing over 6 percent from the previous

Production per cow aver-

#### Levin aide in Cass City April 3

Ida Delgado, a member of U.S. Senator Carl Levin's staff, will be in Cass City Thursday, April 3.

She will be in the Elkland township fire hall from 3-4:30 p.m. From 1-2:30 p.m. that day, she will be in the commissioners' room in the courthouse in Caro. Constituents who would

like to make their views known to the senator or who are having a problem involving an agency of the federal government are invited to meet with Mrs. Delgado.

If unable to be there, constituents can contact Levin's Saginaw office at: Castle Station, P.O. Box 817, Saginaw 48606, telephone (517) 754-2494.

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AROUND THE FARM Not ready for alternate fuel farm production

By Don Kebler

It would be nothing new that I remark there is more than a token interest in farm production of fuel sources. The two are alcohol and methane gas.

The big question in both cases is where can one purchase the production equipment and or where are the plans to make and operate your own.

The answer to both of these questions is the same. There is no known system developed to meet the production needs for a farm operation.

At present there is large volume commercial fermentation and distilling equipment and units too small for individual farm alcohol needs. In other words, the units are too big or too small for individual farm needs.

Methane generators are of the large volume type and are either too costly or the livestock operation does not provide sufficient animal waste to make the unit work economically.

Shown at a recent seminar was a methane gas generation system owned by a dairyman, Calculating interest and principal, without costs, showed the person to have a costly toy. The dollar value

methane gas produced by this system working at production maximum showed it would take between 17 and 20 years to break even - providing the system didn't wear out before that time.

In general, the situation is this. A lot of public and private monies are being expanded to develop and produce both types of substitute fuel sources for farm and otherwise. Like anything else started from scratch, the principle and system is well-known chemically, physically and biologically, but a multitude of pieces are needed to complete the puzzle before perfecting a safe, easy operatable, durable and economical production device.

One unsolved problem in home manufacturing of

A decline in cow numbers aged 920 pounds nationally, up 58 pounds. The 10.7 million milk cows estimated for February was 1 percent below last year.

alcohol to mix with gasoline is a drying unit to remove extra water from the alcohol distillate so the alcohol can be mixed with gasoline, stay mixed and burn as a fuel. A still can only produce about 90 percent alcohol, the rest is water and some

pollutant impurities like

ketones. This is only one

unsolved problem. So in the meantime, what do we do? Here are the alternatives: Be patient with the researchers, both commercial and govern-mental, wait for development of feasible units, or go out on a limb and buy an untried and proven unit, then hope it makes you

If you want to do the experimentation on your own or on a unit you buy, consider it a hobby as hobbies do not pay their way. At least before buying, get names of users from the sellers of a unit so you can talk with the user.

Lastly, while looking for a new source of making your own fuel, make good use of what fuel we have. Ask yourself - is this trip or field operation really necessary or can I double up and take less trips to accomplish the same task? Years ago, people went to town once a week and did all their family shopping. We all can do some down-shifting with some planning.

reopens on Friday

Drive-in

The Caro Drive-In Theatre will open for its 31st season

Rich Ashmun is returning as manager and the L & L Concession Co. of Troy will again operate the snack bar.

The box office will open at p.m. and the first show will start at dusk.

Some of the films booked for this season are "Star Trek - the Movie," "American Gigolo," "Cruising,"
"The Fog" and "Death

#### School Menu

**APRIL 1-2-3** 

TUESDAY

Spaghetti & Meat Bread-Butter Celery Sticks Apple Sauce White Milk Cookie

WEDNESDAY

Hot Dog & Bun Chips Buttered Beans White Milk

THURSDAY

Brownie

Mashed Potatoes Hamburg Gravy Buttered Corn **Bread-Butter** White Milk Donut

Menu subject to change.

THERE WILL BE A

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