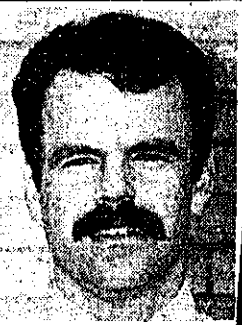


PEDALING AROUND

Love game

By Mike Eliasohn



I know it's wrong, but I find myself lusting after a 17-year-old.

It's not that I have hots for her because she is so good looking. That makes me feel good, because Ann Landers says one should not pursue the opposite sex solely on the basis of looks.

I figure the kid needs me as much as I need her. I'm sure there are all kinds of greedy morons chasing after her.

Frugal as I am, she would be safe with me.

You see, Tracy Austin has a unique problem for a high school senior. She's rich and she has only herself to blame.

As of the end of March, the Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., resident had already won \$350,000 this year playing tennis.

Presumably she will do even better once she gets her diploma and can devote full time to the sport.

Until then, her dual careers of school and tennis must cause all sorts of problems.

No doubt the high school tennis coach is mad at her because she won't play on the school team, because she would rather play for money than glory.

Conversations in the school cafeteria on Mondays must be interesting.

"Bob and I went to the movie Saturday night and then we drove up to Make Out Point. Oh, we had such a fabulous time. What did you do this week end, Tracy?"

"Oh, nothing much. I defeated Martina Navratilova, 7-5, 6-2, and won \$100,000 in the tournament at La Costa."

"Oh, that's the fancy resort where all the rich people go. Did you meet any neat guys?"

With graduation only a couple of months away, Tracy is probably wondering whether anyone will take her to the senior prom. Her problem is that all the boys want her to take them.

"Gee, Tracy, will you take me to the prom?"

Then there are the people who try to borrow money. Not only do students ask her to loan them money, but also teachers, the principal and the school board.

"If Miss Austin would donate 50 percent of her winnings to the Rolling Hills Estates School District, then we wouldn't have to ask for a millage increase this year."

Presumably Tracy has hired a business manager to handle her finances and investments. Even after she has paid her taxes, she presumably has more money than she can spend. After all, how many Mercedes-Benzes does a high school senior need?

Probably by now she owns an apartment building or two as an investment.

That causes other problems, like what if some of her teachers rent her apartments? "Miss Austin, would you stay after class a moment, so I can pay you my rent?"

What happens if she is doing poorly in a class? Does the business manager intervene? "You give Tracy a decent grade or we'll raise your rent!"

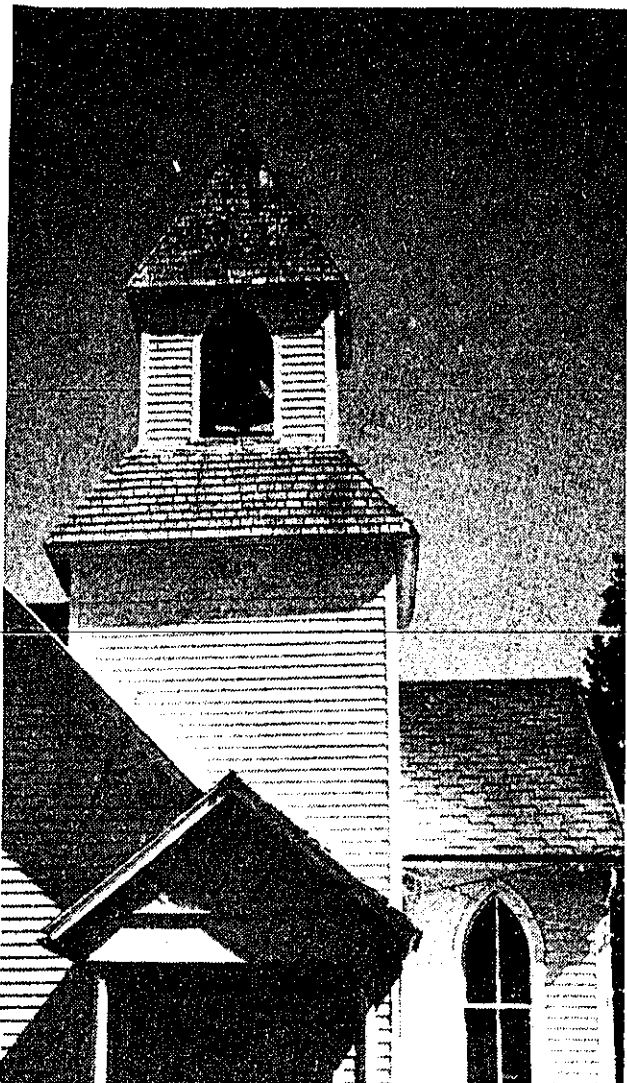
Gagetown oks budget

The Gagetown Village Council adopted a 1980 budget Monday evening, for the fiscal year that started April 1.

The budget projects general fund revenue of \$65,750 and expenditures of almost that much. The village millage levy is almost 15 mills.

It approved the transfer of the liquor license for Sherwood-on-the-Hill from James Molnar to the credit union which has taken over ownership.

Village police officers James Compo and Bill Sovey will start working a total of 30 hours per week, up from the 20 hours worked during the winter months.



SUNDAY SOUND -- The bell at the Ellington Church of the Nazarene was rung Sunday for the first time in about 10 years. Giving a trial tug on the bell rope beforehand were Harold Likens (left) and Rev. Clayton P. Wilson.



At Ellington Church of the Nazarene
Bell rings after long lull

Easter Sunday was a special one for members of the Ellington Church of the Nazarene.

It was the first time in at least 10 years that the church bell had been rung. It now will be rung at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

The bell has been there since the church was constructed in 1914, which makes it the oldest Nazarene church in Michigan, according to Rev. Clayton P. Wilson. The congregation was organized the year before.

The A-frames supporting the bell gradually weakened over the years, so ringing of the bell was suspended to keep the framework and bell from collapsing.

Rev. Wilson, who came to the church in September from Akron, Ohio, decided it would be nice to have the bell working again so he and church members Harold Likens and Russ Barriger undertook the needed restoration work.

Over a period of about two weeks, the men climbed the

ladder up the 40-foot high tower, made measurements, climbed back down, cut the required pieces, then climbed back up to do the installation.

What they did was add reinforcement to the A-frames to keep them from spreading apart.

Also, the shaft from which the bell hangs had fallen out of its bearings so that had to be lifted back into position, which wasn't easy as the bell and shaft weigh several hundred pounds.

The bell itself was in surprisingly good condition, Rev. Wilson said.

The project was the latest church members have undertaken during the past four or five years. The interior has been remodeled, with paneling installed in places, new carpeting added, new pews in the sanctuary, new paint inside and out and a new entrance-way on the back of the building.

Members themselves built the church back in 1914, at a cost of \$2,500.

Police continue break-in probe

Investigation by Cass City police is continuing into the break-in discovered early Friday at the Hills and Dales Medical Clinic, across from the hospital.

Officer Phil Klaus discovered the break-in at 2:50 a.m. when he found a broken window.

The intruder gained entry to the building by breaking a window of the office of Dr. Hoon K. Jeung, MD. Once inside, he got inside the office of Dr. Richard A. Hall, DO, by using brute force against the hallway door.

Damage to the double pane window was estimated at \$100; to the door casing, \$90.

All that was apparently taken was some medicine from a cabinet in Dr. Hall's office, none of it of a critical nature.

Police Tuesday were awaiting a more complete inventory by the two doctors to determine if anything else had been taken.

Fred Newsome of Decker-ville Road, Deford, reported to Caro state police Saturday morning that two Honda cycles worth a total of \$1,000 were stolen from his unlocked garage during the night.

One was a 50cc moped, the other a 70cc machine. The Tuscola county prose-

curator's office will attempt to have a Cass City woman sent back to the Caro Regional Center, following her hitting another woman Saturday afternoon.

The victim, Marilyn M. Heater of 6464 River Road, told village police she had gone to visit a friend who lives in an apartment on Maple Street.

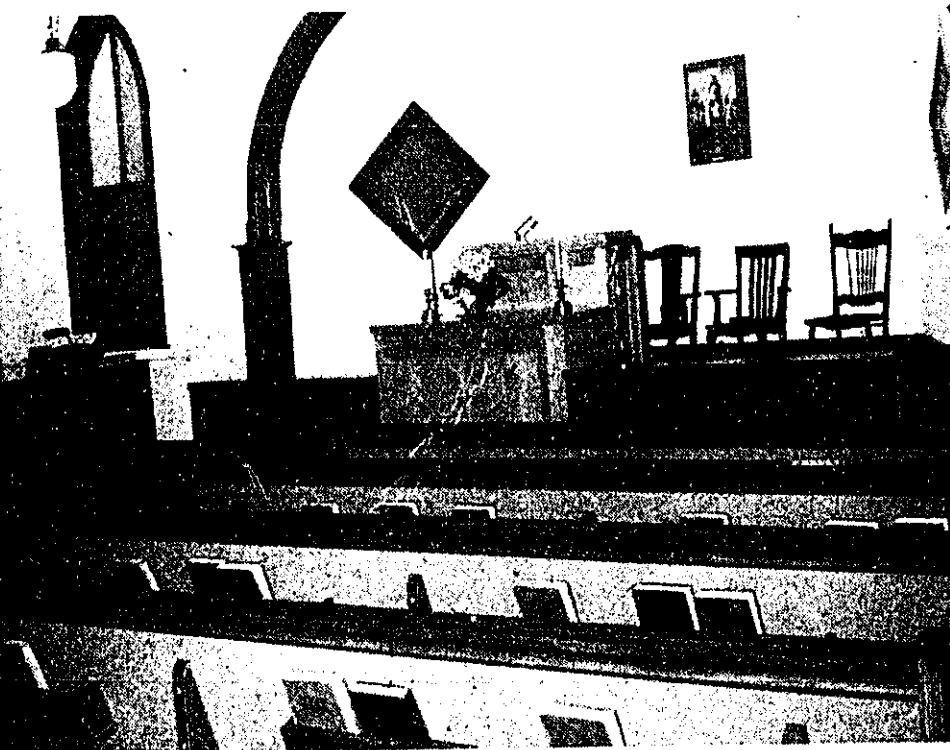
The friend wasn't home, but when Ms. Heater got back in her car, a woman who had come out of an adjacent apartment started hitting her through the open car window.

Ms. Heater got away and contacted police, who then interviewed the woman. She admitted hitting the victim and said she thought she was supposed to do it.

Police referred the matter to the prosecutor's office, where it was decided an effort will be made to petition through probate court to have the woman readmitted to the regional center, where she was still an outpatient.

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INSIDE -- Members of the Ellington church have been refurbishing the structure the past few years, including new paint, paneling, carpeting and inside the sanctuary, seen here, new pews.

Methodist women meet

Trinity United Methodist Women met Monday for a dinner served by Group 4 with co-hostesses Opal Schneberger and Pat Childs. There were 32 members present.

The women's society will prepare and serve dinner at the father-daughter banquet April 29. Helen Lorentzen and Virginia Hartwick will be in charge. Other women

in the church are welcome to help out.

A fall rummage sale was discussed.

The committee for choosing the flooring for the fellowship hall presented a sample of the yellow patterned linoleum. This will be put on over a new sub-floor the first week in May.

Because of the flooring project, the May 5 meeting

will be held in the lounge.

Group 1 with co-hostesses Bea Baker and Pauline Brown will serve a dessert. Guest speaker will be Peggy Houck, extension home economist for Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

A talent show was held. There was singing, readings, a kitchen band, piano solo, and a magic act.

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