

Services Thursday for Huffs

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two grandchildren.

Huff is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Fisher, Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Maxine Duane, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Huff is also survived by a sister, Helen L. Wild of Aiken.

Memorial services will be held at the Beyers Funeral Chapel in Leesburg Thursday afternoon, Rev. Fred N. Paddock officiating. The bodies will be cremated at a later date.

Citizens of Tomorrow

The Chronicle has lost the forms filled out by parents who had their children's photos taken in Cass City (but not those taken in Deford or Gagetown).

Most have already appeared. The Chronicle still has the photographs of those not yet used; however, they must be identified. The last names of parents whose children's pictures require identification are: Longuski, Gray, Younglove, Leiterman, Rutkoski, O'Dell, Biefer and Rolston. There possibly could be others. Please call (872-2010) or stop by the Chronicle to identify the photograph of your children.



Jeffery, 2, and Jason, 4, sons of Gerald Brandenburg, 2053 E. Hoppe Rd., Unionville.

Jamie, 5, and Kristie, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parrish, 4995 State Street, Gagetown.



Shelia, 5, Kimberly, 3, and Ronna, 1, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lesoski, 4784 South Street, Gagetown.



Dawn, 11, and Mike Jr., 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton, 200 Froede Road, Deford.



Domanick, 4, and Dinelle, 1, children of Tina Spencer, 5906 Bay City - Forestville Road, Cass City.



Bryan, 3, and Aaron, 1, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Baker, 6589 Gage Street, Gagetown.

Farmers trying to hold on

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United States can recover the export markets lost by President Carter's embargo on grain sales to Russia.

Bortel also forecasts total crop yields declining this year as farmers decline to plant marginal land because of the low prices.

IF IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT that got farmers into trouble, it is also the government that has the programs intended to help them, though some might argue the help isn't enough.

At the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office in Caro, county Executive Director Virgil Bouck reports, "We've been extremely busy," as farmers have been inquiring about various government programs.

One program that wasn't renewed was the set-aside program for corn, wheat and barley. The cancellation was announced prior to the embargo, apparently, Bouck said, because U.S. Department of Agriculture officials in Washington no longer felt it was necessary.

After the embargo was announced, he said, to re-

sume the set-aside program would have been unfair to farmers who had already purchased their seed, fertilizer and chemicals for 1980 on the assumption there would be no set-aside, thus planned to plant more ground than last year.

ONE CHANGE TO AID farmers is the reserve program has been opened to farmers who were not enrolled last year.

Farmers who signed up last year could put corn or wheat in the program and receive an interest free loan of \$2.08 for corn, \$2.44 for wheat.

They must keep it there for three years, during which time they receive storage reimbursement of 26½ cents per bushel per year.

If the price doesn't exceed \$2.63 during that period for corn, \$3.50 for wheat, at the end of the three years, the farmer keeps the loan and the government takes possession of the grain.

If it does exceed national release levels (\$2.63, \$3.50) the farmers sell their crop and repay the loan.

Those farmers now enrolling last year's corn or wheat in the program, who didn't sign up last year, must pay interest equal to 13 percent of the loan over the first year.

Farmers can sign up for the 1980 reserve program after they have finished planting, but must do so prior to July 1.

Bouck said there is also increasing interest in the ASCS conservation cost-sharing program, as some of the conservation practices (for instance, minimum tillage) will help them save fuel and hence reduce costs.

Historical society meeting set

The Cass City Area Historical Society will meet Monday at the Cultural Center on Main Street at 7:30 p.m.

The program will consist of reading of poems by past and present residents of the Cass City area.

Persons with contributions - poems, photographs, etc. - are asked to bring them to the meeting.

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Consortium to add employees

Employment at the Thumb Area Consortium is going to increase, whether those running it like it or not.

The Cass City-based agency which runs the federally-funded Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program in the upper Thumb has prided itself on its low administrative costs.

Its administrative board was told last Thursday that the consortium will probably have to hire two or three people full-time who will serve as an independent monitoring unit and possibly one or more to follow up on CETA participants who leave the program.

Establishment of the monitoring unit will be a mandate of the state Bureau of Employment and Training, which oversees the CETA program in rural parts of the state.

The monitors would perform an ongoing inspection of the consortium operation and would report to the state and to consortium Executive Director Frank Lenard. He would be given the opportunity to respond to any reports made to the state by the monitors.

The consortium presently has a part-time monitor and is audited on a regular basis by the state. "I guess what I see on the horizon is writing responses to everybody about what I'm doing," Lenard commented.

Establishment of the monitoring units in all of the consortium type agencies isn't mandatory yet, but he had possession of a draft copy of the proposal, which if enacted will require them to be in operation by Oct. 1.

The state is also preparing a requirement that consortiums check with ex-CETA participants one month and six months after they leave to determine if they have found employment elsewhere, which is the aim of CETA program. Only those in the Summer Youth Employment Program would be excluded.

follow-up first be attempted by phone, then through the employer, if there is one, then by letter, if the first two methods are unsuccessful.

Lenard said it would require checks on more than 800 persons who leave the program annually. He has suggested to the state that it only require a small sampling. It will take at least one person full-time to do the checking and possibly more, depending on what the state ultimately decides.

The board approved the hiring of Roy Allen at \$6.50 per hour to begin writing procedures for the independent monitoring unit and the follow-up of ex-participants. The job ends Sept. 30.

County Commissioner Margaret Wenta of Tuscola county cast the sole dissenting vote, arguing that the consortium should wait until the two programs become mandatory before hiring someone to establish procedures.

Lenard responded that it was better to be prepared beforehand.

To accommodate Allen, who likely will be hired to head the independent monitoring unit starting Oct. 1, the board authorized renting another office in the Hahn Real Estate Building for \$120 a month and advertising for bids for office equipment.

Presented to the board last Thursday were results of a review of the consortium's Title II and VII public service employment programs.

Overall, faults found were relatively minor and Lenard's written response was they either had been corrected or in some instances, the "faults" were due to oversights by the state auditors and there was really nothing wrong.

The state did recommend the consortium begin a periodic follow-up of all CETA participant "terminations," and Lenard responded he would do so once the state comes up with the written procedures to be followed.

Big farming means making big choices

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federal grain reserve program. It must be held for three years unless the national average price exceeds \$2.63, at which point it can be sold and the loan of \$2.08 per bushel repaid. If it doesn't, the Pisareks keep the loan and the yearly storage payments and after three years, the government gets the corn.

Bernard thinks the government made a mistake in not continuing the set-aside program. "I feel they should have had some set-aside to take some land out of production."

He and his brothers had 100 acres set aside last year, which will be planted this year. "With the investment in land, you really can't afford to leave land idle."

Because of high interest rates, at present, farmers are better off renting land than buying.

All of the Pisarek-owned land is enrolled in the Farm-land and Open Space Preservation Act (Public Act 116). It's the first year in the program, so they haven't seen any benefits yet, but should their property taxes exceed 7 percent of their household income, the excess becomes a credit when they pay their state income tax.

LIKE MOST FARMERS, the Pisareks have to borrow money to buy their seed, fertilizer and chemicals. Not only have those items increased sharply in price -- fertilizer that sold for \$180 a ton last December is \$220 now, Bernard said -- but as everyone knows, so have interest rates.

There isn't much that can be done about that, however, other than to make sure they keep a close watch on expenses and borrow only what they need.

That they did. The three brothers only had to borrow about \$15,000, which is only about 10 percent of what they will pay out for the fertilizer, seed, chemicals and fuel they will use this year.

Many other farmers would have to borrow a much bigger percentage of the operating funds they need, Bernard indicated.

The youngest brother, incidentally, does the book-keeping for the operation. Financial decisions are made jointly.

The Pisareks did buy a new three-section swing-away double disk this year, an investment of more than \$10,000, but had to postpone buying some other equipment they wanted.

They don't do much plowing, for purposes of erosion control and saving fuel, but the practice goes back several years, before the cost of

fuel started skyrocketing. They usually disk once in the fall, a second time in the spring and then run a field cultivator over their ground once or twice.

Bernard doesn't see much possibility of further changes in field practices in order to save more fuel. "Sometimes it costs more to cut corners than it costs to do them."

The last couple of years for cash crop farmers haven't been good, he noted, and with costs higher this year, combined with low crop prices, conditions are even worse.

At best, he commented, "There's a profit, but if you figure the interest on it, it's not what it should be."

Lambert E. Althaver, president and chief operating officer, Walbro Corp., reported a 6 percent increase in consolidated net sales for the three-month period ended March 31, to \$11,595,480, from \$10,918,427 in the comparable period in 1979.

Net earnings for the period were down from \$464,461 to \$403,292.

On a per-share basis, earnings for the period amounted to 52 cents, compared to 60 cents for the same period in 1979.

Lower earnings were attributed to a drop in sales of the company's automotive related product line and general inflationary pressures.

Walbro's annual stockholders' meeting will be held Monday in Cass City.

Paving ahead for Germanaia

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All of the above townships have signed agreements to pay their one-third share.

If enough money is left and Lamotte township agrees to pay its one-third share, the Adams Road bridge over White Creek will also be replaced.

The paving work is to be




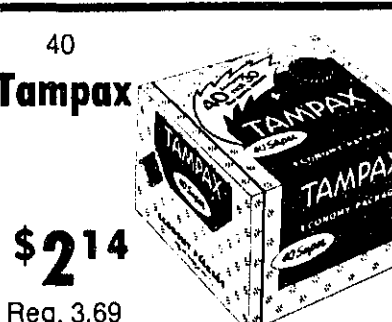

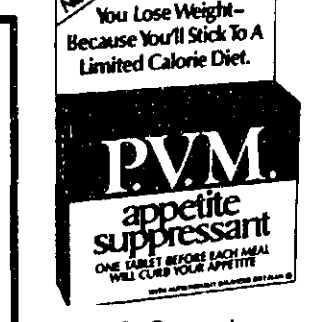


Walbro sales up in 1st quarter



done by Williams Brother Asphalt Paving of Saranac, which is resurfacing 106 miles of county roads this year, being financed by sale of \$2.65 million in bonds.

As of last week, Kineman said the firm was waiting for lifting of spring weight restrictions to begin its work, to be completed by Sept. 1.

Weight restrictions were still in effect this week.

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