

Anna Ternes funeral this Thursday

Anna Ternes, 77, of Sheridan township, died Tuesday at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

She was born April 24, 1903 in Chandler township, the daughter of Alex and Christina Bushey.

She and Joseph N. Ternes were married Sept. 1, 1928 at St. Gregory's Catholic church, Detroit.

The couple lived in Sheridan township. She assisted her husband and his brother, William Ternes, in the operation of their grocery store at Ivanhoe. The store was started in 1899 by her father-in-law, Matthew Ternes. Mrs. Ternes' son, James, also joined the business, making it a third generation family-owned store in 1954.

Her husband, Joseph, preceded her in death May 4, 1967.

Mrs. Ternes was a member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and a member of St. Columbkille Catholic church, Sheridan. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Gary (Gail) Brunel, Utica; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Harrison, Troy.

Her son James preceded her in death Sept. 22, 1974.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Columbkille Catholic church, Father Julius Spleet officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

A Rosary was recited Tuesday evening by the Christian Mothers, and a prayer service Wednesday evening by Father Spleet, at the Zinger Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Breath club meets May 15

The Huff N' Puffers Breathing Club for adults with asthma, bronchitis, and/or emphysema will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Saginaw General Hospital conference room.

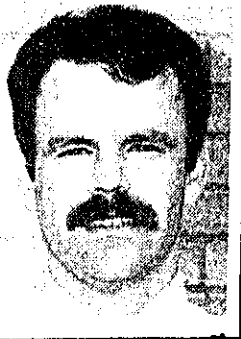
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PEDALING AROUND

Violence on television

By Mike Eliasohn



It was probably when the Burt Reynolds movie, "Smokie and the Bandit," was playing at the Cass Theatre. It was on Thursday \$1 admission night and there were LOTS of kids in the audience.

One of the coming attractions previewed was the hockey movie starring Paul Newman, the title of which escapes me.

There was lots of violence in the movie, something which seems to have become more important in that sport sometimes than chasing after the puck.

Whenever the violence was shown on the screen, there were appreciative "ooohs." At the end of the preview came the notice the film was rated "R," restricted to adults and minors accompanied by parents. There was a loud, "aw," expressed by those who would be too young to see the movie. They were going to miss all that neat violence.

As an adult, I found that somewhat appalling, that young kids would consider a scene of someone getting his face bashed in with a hockey stick as thrilling.

However, I'm not sure that I was different when I was a kid. I remember playing cowboys and Indians with my toy rifle. I don't find that appalling today and I don't agree with those adults who advocate doing away with all toy guns and war toys. (I have never owned a real gun.)

I also remember as a kid going to see "To Hell and Back" with my friends. That was the story of the World War II exploits of Audie Murphy, one of the biggest heroes to come out of that war. There was lots of violence in that one and my friends and I all thought it was neat.

The difference between then and now, of course, is television. The first television came into our house, I would guess, when I was five, but I would like to think that shows then didn't feature as much violence as they do now. I may be wrong, because I don't remember too many shows from when I was growing

up.

The fear, of course, is that youngsters who are easily influenced might decide from watching television that the normal way to settle disputes is to shoot one's adversary or try to bash his head in and if the police try to pull him over for speeding, the normal behavior is to try to outrun the officer.

Unfortunately, although television has the potential for good, according to John P. Murray, visiting assistant professor of communication, psychology and education at the University of Michigan, the bad seems to be outweighing the good.

One Canadian study, he said, found that reading skills of second and third graders in a community dropped in the two years after television was introduced there to the level of those in other towns which had had television longer.

Another Canadian study reported that television seemed to cause verbal skills of children to deteriorate.

Studies have yet to reveal, however, whether excessive television watching results in lower grades or those who watch too much are less bright to begin with.

As for the effect of watching violence, Murray said, "Studies of this type conducted in several parts of the world showed repeatedly that the children who viewed the neutral or pro-social programs tended to become more cooperative and sharing, while those who viewed the more violent programs became significantly more aggressive."

One 10-year followup in 1972 showed that a preference for violent programs at age eight was significantly related to aggressive behavior at age 18, according to the professor.

As reported by the U-M Information Services, Murray's own research has found that certain programs can influence pro-social behavior, such as sharing, cooperating and caring for the well-being of others.

"Unfortunately," he adds, "the pro-social programs don't seem to have as dramatic an influence on children's behavior as the violent programs, but the potential is there and promising."

It is estimated that one of five school age children watch 40 hours or more of television a week.

Murray's recommendation is that parents should limit their children to watching an average of one or two hours per day and then teach them to be selective viewers.



CANADIAN CLUB -- Thirty-one of the 40 members of the Bayfield, Ont. Lioness Club were guests of the Cass City Lioness Club Monday, coming by chartered bus. Shaking hands with the Bayfield president, Judy Huntley (at right) is Cass City club President Beryl Bliss. Bayfield is about 50 miles north of Port Huron and Sarnia. The Cass Cityans hope to return the visit this fall.

Road Commission signs contract with employees

The Tuscola County Road Commission board last Thursday signed a new agreement with its 44 hourly employees represented by the Service Employees International Union Local 21-M.

Members of the union approved the three-year pact April 29 by a vote of 24-15. Their representatives signed the agreement May 5.

The union represents the Road Commission's various equipment operators and mechanics.

Although the old agreement with the agency expired Dec. 31, the new one is retroactive to only April 21, the first full pay period since the signing.

For the remainder of the year, employees will receive a pay increase of 85 cents per hour across the board and 65 cents per hour across the board additional in 1981 and 1982, a total of \$2.15 over the three years.

For a light equipment operator, the lowest paid worker, according to Road

Commission Clerk Jim Miklovic, the first year pay increase works out to about 9.5 percent if it were spread over the 12 months, but 14.1 percent over the 8 1/3 months they will actually receive the raise.

The 1981 increase works out to about 9 1/2 percent, and in 1982, 8.6 percent.

Prior to the increase, light equipment operators received \$6.02 per hour, so now will receive \$6.87.

The new first-year wage rates for the other job categories are semi-truck operators, \$6.92 per hour; heavy equipment operators, \$6.97, and drag line operators and mechanics, \$7.17.

Employees do not receive a cost of living allowance. Also in the new contract, they received two additional paid holidays, but not this year. They will get Veterans' Day off starting in 1981 and a floating holiday by agreement of the union and Road Commission in June, July or August, starting in 1982. If, for instance,

July 4th falls on a Thursday, the floating holiday might be the next day in order to have a four-day week end.

The other major change was an increase in the life insurance policy benefit for each worker from the previous \$2,500 to \$5,000 this year and \$7,500, starting in 1981.

The old contract with the workers expired Dec. 31 but they continued working without one.

The union requested a state mediator in late January. According to Miklovic, the mediator met with the two sides only twice. He was not at the final two sessions, with tentative agreement being reached April 22.

Although the union members approved the pact April 29, some questions remained.

They were resolved at the May 5 session with their representatives and -- representing the road Commission -- Miklovic, Engineer Robert Wellington and labor attorney Michael Ward of Kalamazoo. The union representatives then signed the agreement.

The final step came last Thursday with presentation of the agreement to the Road Commission board, which then approved it.

Farm facts

Japan is the leading single-country buyer of U.S. farm commodities, accounting for 15 percent of the export market.

For the crop year just ended, U.S. farmers netted more personal income from off-farm sources than from farm sources.

The weather

| | High | Low | Precip. |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|
| Wednesday | 58 | 24 | 0 |
| Thursday | 62 | 32 | 0 |
| Friday | 62 | 24 | 0 |
| Saturday | 73 | 40 | 0 |
| Sunday | 74 | 38 | 0 |
| Monday | 76 | 40 | 0 |
| Tuesday | 58 | 30 | 22 |

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

Jim McCann running for representative for 3rd time

Tuscola County Director of Veterans Affairs James McCann announced that he will again be a candidate for representative of Michigan's 84th District House seat.

McCann, a Democrat, was previously a candidate for that seat winning his party's nod in 1976 and 1978 primary but losing the election to the incumbent Republican, Loren Armbruster.

McCann is married and has four children. He has an associate and bachelor's degree from Columbia college and a masters degree in education and community leadership from Central Michigan University.

He is currently working towards completion of a second masters from CMU. McCann retired from the military service in 1974 with more than 20 years service.

He is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7468, authorized agent for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund of Tuscola county, member Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors, member for two years of the Michigan Democratic Agriculture Committee.

McCann was elected at the 1978 State Democratic Convention in Detroit to serve as a delegate on the State Central Committee for two years, on which he is now serving.

Vehicles collide in Cass City, near Caro

Two vehicles collided at 4:20 p.m. last Wednesday at Seeger and Garfield Streets. Cass City police reported Nelson Willy, 56, of 4205 West Street, was westbound on Garfield, failed to notice the southbound car of Frederick W. Boyce, 42, of 5870 River Road, and pulled into the intersection, where the two vehicles collided.

At 10:05 p.m. Saturday, deputies reported, Kenneth A. Nicol, 21, of 7314 Decker-ville Road, Deford, northbound on M-24, was attempting to pass a car when its driver started to turn left into a private drive and struck his vehicle.

Driver of the car was Karen M. Kratz, 21, of 5245 Barrons Road, Deford.

Ms. Kratz told deputies she had her turn signal on. Nicol said he didn't see a turn signal or brake lights. The accident took place about a mile south of Caro.

Caro state police reported that at 9:15 p.m. May 6, Jesus M. Torres, 36, of 4840 State Street, Gageton, was headed northeast on M-81, northeast of Akron Road, when his car struck a deer.

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