



COOKS' TOUR - Preschoolers through third graders learned some fundamentals of cooking in an afternoon community education class taught by Kate Jackson, home economics teacher at Cass City High School. Some of her high school students assisted. Last of the four sessions for the 12 girls and five boys was last Thursday. In addition to preparing meals, at left, they also learned what comes after -- washing dishes.

Why do teachers leave Cass City?

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stay. Cass City doesn't have the shopping, movies and other cultural attractions that a larger city or college town has, a six-year teacher pointed out. "For someone coming from Detroit, I'm sure it's a shock."

Some female teachers

fresh out of college, she added, come here with boyfriends elsewhere and sometimes engaged. After a year or two here, they leave to get married.

College campuses have other attractions. For teachers working on advanced degrees, it is a long commute from Cass City after school to attend a class, so many leave for a job closer to a college campus.

Some leave to go back to college full-time. The teacher mentioned at the beginning of this section, for instance, may accept a graduate fellowship at a university.

The female teachers contacted felt young male teachers have an advantage in a small town. There isn't a stigma attached to a male being out alone, males can ask females out, plus many are coaches and thus get more involved outside of school with other teacher-coaches and members of the community.

A male coach, who has been here less than two years, said he has met some people through coaching, but after practice, he usually goes one way and the other coaches go another.

As for living in a small town, he comes from another small community, so Cass City is not a change. But for someone coming from the Detroit area, "that's quite a difference from around here."

INVOLUNTARY LEAVING

Although most teachers leave of their own accord, a few don't.

The Chronicle talked to two teachers, both in their first year here, who were either asked to resign or to whom it was suggested they do so.

One had extensive substituting experience elsewhere last year. For the other, it was his first teaching job. Both are now seeking teaching jobs elsewhere for the 1980-81 school year.

It was discipline that caused problems for the two, though with one, he said the out-of-the-ordinary prob-

lems were confined to a study hall with more than 80 students.

Both felt their principals could have taken some measures to ease their difficulties, but were not sharply critical.

"I can see their point of view as far as asking me not to come back," said one.

CONCLUSION

Other than the two who were asked to leave, none of the teachers contacted were dissatisfied with the school system, other than a few minor complaints.

"I think we have a nice school system," said one, adding that based on conversations at conventions with other teachers in her field, from other school districts, "I'm a lot better off."

Kingston graduation Sunday

Commencement exercises for graduates of Kingston High School's 1980 class will take place Sunday in the high school gymnasium. The combined baccalaureate and commencement ceremony will begin at 2 p.m.

There are 56 students in this year's graduating class. Valedictory and salutatory addresses will be read by Elisabeth Britton and Shelly Stoll respectively.

A musical selection, "We May Never Pass This Way Again," will be sung by graduates Sue Smith and Jim Ahearn. Marie Lalco will accompany them.

An opening prayer by Rev. Larry E. Schwark of the Dayton Center church will follow the processionary played by the Kingston High School Band under the direction of Wayne Smith.

Rev. Gilson Miller, of the Kingston United Methodist church will give an address.

Owen-Gage appeal Garage sales are success

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rule. It may, however, agree with the appeals court that Owen-Gage legally waived its right to argue the arbitrary and capricious provision as it failed to present that argument in a circuit court brief.

The assistant attorney general declined to speculate on whether the Goslin territory is now in the Owen-Gage or Cass City district.

Erickson said the Supreme Court's decision to

hear the case gives his district reason to file an addendum to its appeal now before the state appeals court involving December, 1978 and 1979 taxes from Goslin.

In October of last year, Tuscola Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements ruled the taxes for both those years, which total more than \$170,000 at Owen-Gage's millage rate, should go to Cass City.

Owen-Gage appealed, with its motion being lodged in the state appeals court

since then. The district contends that since the issue of the property transfer is still in litigation, Goslin still is part of Owen-Gage and it, not Cass City, should get the taxes. "Things have to be on hold while appeals are being made," Erickson said. "That has been our contention all along."

The Chronicle was unable to contact Robert Kleeb, Howell attorney representing the Goslin property owners who sought the transfer to Cass City.

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made for future sales was that the Chamber make more maps available, perhaps distributing them at each sale location.

A number of people requested the maps to guide them to other sales but she had none to give them.

Some of the items for sale in garages around the city included old clothes, household items, and assorted knick-knacks, according to those participants contacted.

Rev. Eldred Kelley, 454 Ale Street, said he and his wife also had a number of antiques for sale, including a trunk and a variety of old picture frames.

At least one person was unhappy with the way the sale was operated, however.

Beryl Bliss, 6785 Main Street, said she thought there were too many garage sales going on at once but declined to comment further.

Michigan Mirror

Oil drilling bill 'reckless'

By Warren M. Hoyt
Mich. Press Association

The leader of the environmental groups that brought a lawsuit to stop oil and gas drilling in the Pigeon River Country State Forest has declared a bill promoted as a vehicle to allow drilling while protecting the most sensitive lands is an outrageous and reckless piece of legislation.

Ken Sikkema, executive director of the Michigan Environmental Protection Council, charged the bill (SB 1119) "constitutes the most far-reaching special interest attack on Michigan's environmental laws in years."

He said in fact, passage of the bill would have precisely the opposite effect of protecting the lands of exceptional environmental values.

Sikkema asserted the bill would exempt oil and gas drilling on state lands of exceptional environmental value from the state Environmental Protection Act (under which the Pigeon River suit was brought) and other environmental laws and would open the way for off-shore drilling of the Great Lakes.

Although co-sponsored by 29 of the 38 members of the Senate, including all five members of the Commerce Committee where the bill was referred, Sikkema said he believes when the Senate understands the full impact of the legislation, it will not "sail right through, despite appearances that it is greased."

The bill would require the director of the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate all state land leased since 1968 for oil and gas exploration (which includes Pigeon River).

THE DIRECTOR ALSO would be required to prepare a plan for development of areas having exceptional environmental values and include all terms or conditions stipulated to or agreed

to by leaseholders and the director of the Natural Resources Commission.

Currently, the leaseholders have agreed to confine drilling to the southern third of the forest and to specified sites, but the state Supreme Court disallowed drilling permits at the 10 sites approved by Department of Natural Resources Director Howard Tanner.

The bill also requires commission approval of drilling plans unless the plan results in unnecessary waste and if the state supervisor of wells has certified that the plan will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Further, the bill states that compliance with those procedures presumes compliance with environmental standards and requires any court challenge to be brought in Ingham County Circuit Court.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Protection Act (EPA) allows any citizen to bring a lawsuit on an allegation that the environment would be harmed by planned or existing activity and places the burden of proof that the environment would not be harmed on the person engaging in the activity.

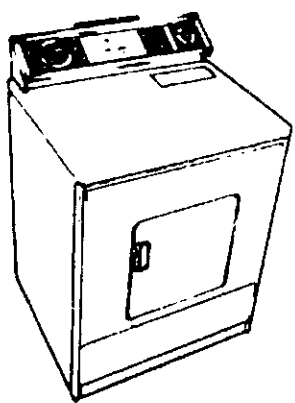
Dennis Tierney of the DNR's Bureau of Resources said provisions of the bill do appear to attempt to bypass the EPA, but added he is not sure the bill really accomplishes that end. He said he believes citizens could still rely on the EPA to bring lawsuits.

Sikkema said the bill could not be amended to meet his group's objections, but suggested a substitute could be drafted that would require the state department to develop a planning process to set priorities for drilling on state lands and to maximize the public return on oil and gas drilled from beneath those lands.

He said that was the ultimate purpose of bringing the Pigeon River lawsuit.

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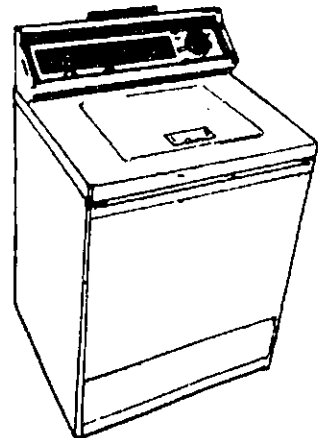
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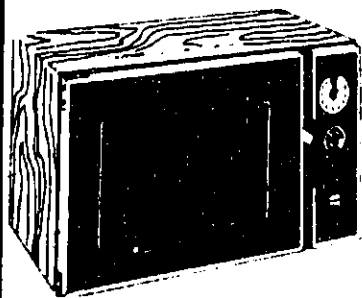
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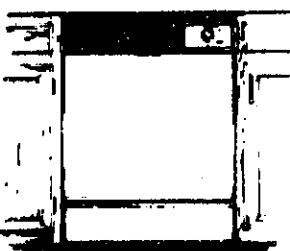
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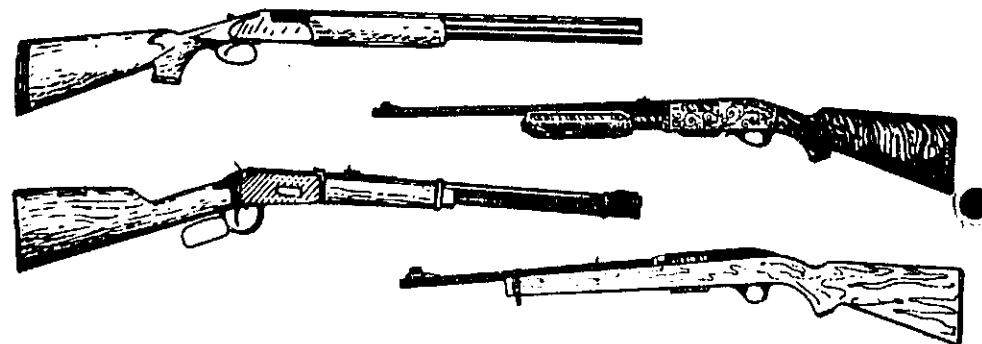


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