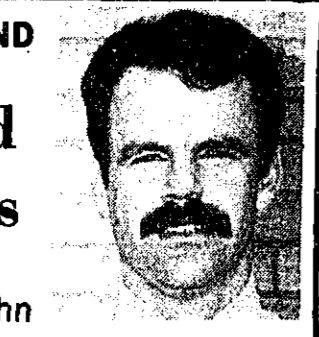


PEDALING AROUND

Carter and the Cubans

By Mike Eliason



My liberal conscience bothers me to write this, but here goes. President Carter screwed up by letting the Cuban refugees into this country.

swelling our welfare rolls. Many of the Cubans will also end up on welfare. So long to a balanced budget.

I also object to the inconsistency of it all. If you are a refugee from Communism, we will let you into this country.

The Haitians are apparently being allowed to stay, but as shown on the NBC News last week, up to now, they have received lesser treatment than the Cubans.

Remember a month or so ago, when Fidel Castro first said he would let Cubans leave who wanted to.

Meanwhile, the only winner in this is Fidel Castro. He has gotten rid of a lot of his problems while creating new ones in this country.

State cops get more gas money

The president ordered a halt to further individual efforts and said any boats involved in transporting refugees would be seized with their owners or captains subject to prosecution.

Approval by the appropriations committees of the House and Senate in Lansing Tuesday of a \$1.7 million transfer to the state police for gasoline will get troopers' patrol cars back on the road.

Hazardous house must be fixed or torn down

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn Monday gave Margaret McNeil 10 days to have her dilapidated house "made safe."

8-year-old injured by knife in eye

An 8-year-old Deford boy is home from Bay Medical Center in Bay City after being treated for an eye injury he received Friday evening.

The United States has always been the land of opportunity for the oppressed from elsewhere, and I would like to think we should continue to do so, but somehow, it seems like there have to be some kind of limits.

Mrs. Peasley said her son was released Monday afternoon and has not been complaining of any pain. She added the family is waiting for the results of tests taken while he was at the center.

If not, it will be torn down. The covered basement structure is located at the corner of Houghton and Brooker Streets in Cass City and hasn't been used in many years.

According to assistant Prosecutor David Myers, who handled the case Monday for the county Department of Public Works (DPW), Mrs. McNeil admitted to the judge that the home is a hazard, but that she couldn't afford to fix it.

The cost of having the structure torn down will be billed to Mrs. McNeil.



HOSPITAL TOUR -- In conjunction with National Hospital Week last week, first graders from Campbell Elementary School toured Hills and Dales General Hospital. These were some of the members of Polly Pakonen's class viewing the laboratory.

Circuit Court News

Caro man sent to prison for sexual misconduct

A Caro man was sentenced in Circuit Court Monday to 40 months to 15 years in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson for criminal sexual conduct (2nd degree).

Norman L. Parkin, 40, of 1297 S. Mertz Road pleaded guilty to the charge March 17, the incident having occurred Feb. 26. He was credited with 95 days served.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Patrick R. Joslyn. Also Monday before the judge: Virgil C. Hall, 17, and Bruce E. Cain Jr., 18, both of 4401 W. Saginaw Road, Vassar, both pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted grand larceny.

Their pleas were accepted and bond continued until sentencing July 21. Their guilty pleas were made in a plea bargain with the prosecution, they having been originally charged with breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling.

They pleaded guilty to having taken 11 car radiators, worth more than \$100, from Lee's Salvage March 25 in Vassar township.

Donald R. Hodge, 41, of Silverwood, stood mute to a charge of felonious assault, of having assaulted John Shafor with a knife March 27 in Mayville.

A plea of innocent was entered and pretrial hearing scheduled June 2. Bond was continued. The motion of James G. Pratt, 22, of 2360 Swaffer Road, Millington, to withdraw his plea of no contest to a charge of attempted resisting or obstructing a police officer was granted.

He had made the plea March 13, having been charged with trying to run over Deputy Arthur Adam with a farm tractor Oct. 13 in Watertown township.

William W. Brown, 19, of 704 W. Huron Road, Vassar, stood mute to two charges of uttering and publishing, of having written two falsified checks totaling \$472 in March, drawn on the First State Bank of Saginaw.

Plea of innocent were entered with pretrial hearing scheduled June 2. Bond was continued.

JUDGE CLEMENTS

Monday before Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements: Roy L. Giddings, 25, of 5591 Scotch Road, Vassar, was placed on two years' probation for larceny in a building.

He was also sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with credit given for one day served, fined \$100, assessed \$150 court costs and ordered to pay \$100 restitution.

He pleaded guilty April 21 to having taken money on or about Feb. 23 from Vassar High School.

Michael Morgan, 18, of 5546 Swaffer Road, Vassar, was also placed on two years' probation for larceny in a building.

He was sentenced to 54 days in the county jail, with credit given for 54 days served. He was fined \$100, assessed \$150 court costs and ordered to attend an alcohol abuse program.

Man ticketed in accident Sunday night

Randell L. Hiatt, 30, of 4876 Milligan Road, Cass City, was ticketed by sheriff's deputies on a charge of violation of the basic speed law (speed too fast) after an accident Sunday.

Officers reported he was northbound on Cedar Run Road at 11 p.m. when he failed to negotiate a right-hand curve.

The car went off the left side of the road, hit soft ground and rolled over onto its top.

The accident happened at 11 p.m. in Elmwood township.

At 7:40 a.m. Friday, according to deputies, Arnold H. Sticken, 56, of 7689 Canboro Road, Owendale, was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, east of Richie Road, when his vehicle struck a deer.

Diann Freeland, 33, of Caro, was westbound on Deckerville Road, east of Dodge Road, at 9:40 p.m. deputies said.

Caro Drive-In advertisement for Wednesday night only featuring Wild Night with Al Pacino in Cruising and Cuba.

Strand-Caro advertisement: Two admitted for \$2.50 on Mon. and Tues.

Advertisement for America's No. 1 Box Office Hit!

Advertisement for 'Coal Miner's Daughter' featuring Sissy Spacek.

Advertisement for 'Lady and the Tramp' featuring Walt Disney's Animation Masterpiece.

Large advertisement for Cass City Theater listing various movies and showtimes.

Advertisement for Southeastern Michigan Gas Company featuring a gas grill.