

Co-op program receives praise

High school classes find middle ground

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Everyone, at some point, has probably wondered about high school, "Why bother? I'm never gonna use this stuff."

The answer invariably given is, "But it's good to know just in case."

Some Cass City High School graduates of recent years feel they do not need much of what they were taught in high school.

Others, even though they may not have used it yet, feel a variety of knowledge has helped them deal with the world beyond Cass City.

It seems that among those former students interviewed, most feel they learned enough to handle themselves outside the somewhat sheltered confines of school.

They agree that Cass City attempts to provide a middle ground where students going directly into the job market and those going on to college can learn together.

Jeff Hartel, a 1978 graduate with two years of college under his belt, said he feels some knowledge learned in high school helped him adjust to a new way of life when he attended Lansing Community College and later Central Michigan University, in Mount Pleasant.

Many classes did not, however.

"To be honest, most classes haven't helped me much. I never really took the books home but still got 'B's,'" said Hartel, of 6861 Herron Drive.

High school courses that did benefit Hartel were in the areas of English composition and business. He said his high school composition

class was harder than a sophomore level composition course at Central.

"I think having that composition in high school made that (college composition) class easier."

Hartel is planning a career in business administration and also is studying economics at Central.

The business courses at Cass City were not extensive, he said, but they did give him an idea of how record-keeping procedures are followed. "It showed how precise you have to be in such things as accounting, for instance."

ON THE OTHER HAND, high school level business courses were enough to give Daye Luana the necessary knowledge to open his own retail sporting goods store.

Luana, owner of Cass City Sports Inc., also gave high praise to the school's co-op program that allows stu-

dents to get high school credit while working at area businesses.

Working at a local hardware store, a job set up through the program, gave Luana valuable practical experience in the retail field, he said.

He later left that store for other local jobs which gave him a better opportunity to buy his own store. Since high school, Luana said, he wanted a store of his own and that dream was finally realized in 1977 when he started Cass City Sports.

Although he values most of the business courses he took at Cass City, he said they could have been a bit more in-depth.

Luana said he had problems with bookkeeping at first, "but now I have a secretary and don't have to really worry about that."

Other areas of study, such as English or social studies,

are necessary to a point but they did not help a great deal, Luana said.

"They help some but it's not really what I need for what I'm in," he said.

In the retail business, where letters to manufacturers and distributors are commonplace, a command of the language is necessary but not beyond the high school level, Luana added.

ANOTHER PRODUCT OF Cass City High School had praise for its co-op program.

Noreen Hartwick, a teller at Thumb National Bank, for almost a year, said she feels the co-op combined with the Vocational Office Block was enough to prepare her for the job market.

The secretarial skills learned in vocational classes were well suited to her job but at least one could have been better, she said.

The exception she cited was a bookkeeping class.

However, she admitted she did not work to get everything possible out of the class.

"Maybe it was because it was my senior year that I just didn't want to work that hard," Miss Hartwick of 4391 S. Seeger Street, said.

ALMOST ALL THE former students interviewed said they probably could have worked more at their classes but grading was hard enough as it was and they basically just wanted to pass.

"That's the way I saw it then. It was just something that was there to get through with," said one former student who has been working in Cass City since he grad-

uated three years ago. "But now, well, there are some things I would do different."

After three years in the job market, the man, who wished to be unidentified, said he plans to attend Ferris State College, in Big Rapids, in the fall and take classes in automotive body repair.

However, he said he feels no great loss because he did not take classes in high school that were geared for college-bound students.

"I got through and for what I'm going into I'm sitting pretty good," he said.

One thing everyone agreed upon was that a mixture of academic and

vocational classes was necessary, particularly for a school in a community such as Cass City where not everyone goes on to further education.

That appears to be the beauty of the co-op program according to those who have participated in it. Without a vocational trade-school in the area, the program is able to partially train prospective job seekers for life after graduation. (Tuscola county's new vocational education center opens in September.)

"I think if you're not going on to college, it's a great program," Miss Hartwick said.

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darker, the governor has since revised his proposal downward once and is now working on a second revision. The ultimate say is up to the legislature.

In addition, the governor last week announced a \$35 million reduction statewide in school aid from the present fiscal year budget. The reduction, amount not yet known, will come out of the check Cass City receives in August, when it will be into its 1980-81 fiscal year. (The state's new fiscal year doesn't start until Oct. 1.)

Thus trying to predict how much money the district will get from Lansing for the 1980-81 school year, Crouse said, "is just a big guessing game."

If the amount of state aid per pupil is ultimately the same as last year, it will mean less money for the Cass City schools as he predicts a decline in enrollment. His millage recommendations to the school board were based on a projected loss of 29 students.

Coupled with the questionable financial outlook is the unavoidable increase in expenditures. The district will be negotiating a new contract with teachers for this

year. In reality, the school board will have to consider scheduling another millage election, making cutbacks or both, he said.

Sanilac Republicans slate meeting in Sandusky

The Sanilac County Republican Committee will meet tonight (Thursday) in the County Conference room at 8 p.m.

The building is located at 37 Austin Street, south of the State Police Post in Sandusky.

What happens if some or all of the three millage proposals fail Monday? "We will just have to live within our means," the superintendent replied.

Hills & Dales to open new wing

The people of Cass City, who pledged \$500,000 toward the construction of the new ambulatory care facility at Hills and Dales General Hospital, will be able to see the end product of their goodwill gestures during an open house Sunday.

Tours of the entire facility will be conducted from 1:30-5 p.m. with both new and old equipment on display.

A dedication ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m.,

followed by a ribbon-cutting for the new addition. Refreshments will be served.

Although in use for nearly six months, the facility's public unveiling was held up until a remodeling of the original building could be completed, according to hospital administrator Ken Jensen.

The final cost came in just under \$1.5 million, he said. The new portion of the building contains three major areas:

- An emergency care facility for victims of major emergencies such as accidents.

- Electroencephalograph (EEG) and electrocardiograph (EKG) rooms for monitoring brain and heart activity.

- An outpatient portion containing three clinic rooms for use in obstetrical-gynecological examinations, stomach and esophagus exams, administration of chemotherapy and for general use.

17 attend meeting

Seventeen women attended the June meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society Monday evening at the church. The group gathered for a work session from 6:30 to 7:30 which was followed by the business meeting with Mrs. Clyde Wells presiding.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Timothy Teal and prayer time for missionaries was led by Mrs. Stanley McArthur. "Informations" was given by Mrs. Jim Perry.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leslie Merchant and Mrs. McArthur.

Hold final rites for Carlton Craig

Funeral services for Carlton K. Craig, 75, who died Thursday, May 29, in Hills and Dales General Hospital, were held Saturday at the Collon Funeral Home of Caro.

He was born Jan. 14, 1905, in Elmer township.

Craig was a member of the First Church of Christian Scientists and a life member of Mount Moriah chapter 226. He was also a Royal Arch Mason of chapter 96 in Caro.

His wife, Alice, preceded him in death.

Craig is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edmund (Lucille) Miller, of Zephyrhills, Fla., and one brother, Harold Craig of Cass City. Also surviving are one step-son,

Richard Gaspie, of Livonia, one nephew and one niece.

Two brothers also preceded him in death. Willard Craig died in 1962 and Paul Craig died in 1977.

Rosalie Haines, a reader for the Christian Science Church of Caro, officiated. Burial was in the Caro cemetery.

Meeting set

Sanilac County Democrats will meet Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. in the Sandusky Civic Center.

Jeff Ely, coordinator for the 8th Congressional district will be the guest speaker.

The public is invited.

Register for story hour

Registration for the Rawson Memorial Library summer reading club for youngsters in grades 2-6 starts Friday.

The summer story hour for those age 3 through 4th grade starts June 12.

Those who read and report on at least 10 books by Aug. 9 in the reading club program will receive a certificate at a film party Aug. 14.

Participants will receive an identification card when they register. They will receive a badge when they read the minimum 10 books.

The story hours will be on Thursdays from June 12 through July 31 from 1-1:45 p.m. Stories, songs and a movie will be presented each week. The movie June 12 will be "Peter and the Wolf."



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Kingston Township NOTICE

The Kingston Township Board has made a resolution to appoint a planning commission under township planning commission act 168, with the following objectives:

1. Promote public health, safety, general welfare.
2. Encourage proper use of resources.
3. Avoid overcrowding of land.
4. Lessen congestion on public thoroughfares.
5. Facilitate provision for a system of public improvements.
6. Guide land and population development.
7. All powers to enforce duties and responsibilities provided by the Zoning Act.

Anyone wanting more information please contact one of the board members.

Kingston Township Board
Victoria Wolak, Clerk

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