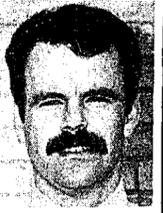


PEDALING AROUND

Being judged

By Mike Eliasohn



I hope the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners doesn't approve breaking away from Lapeer county in order for Tuscola to have its own circuit judge. If they do, the only thing that can save us is the common sense of the Lapeer county commissioners.

There presently are three judges for two counties, but at the urging of State Sen. Alvin DeGrow, the legislature has approved and the governor has signed a bill that will allow Lapeer county to have two judges and Tuscola, one.

DeGrow didn't start pushing the measure until he first checked with Tuscola commissioners to make sure they still wanted a solo judge for the county, it must be pointed out.

The basis for my argument is that the judicial system in Tuscola county will be more efficient sharing three judges with Lapeer county than with one here full time.

Part of the argument raised by the Tuscola board two years ago is now meaningless.

At the time, the two judges were both from Lapeer county and commissioners thought Tuscola should have its own judge, one reason being that it would save deputies from having to make long trips at night to get legal papers signed, such as for a search warrant.

That argument went out the window when Patrick Joslyn of Caro was elected two years ago. His term has eight years to run.

Admittedly, there might be a cost saving if there were only one judge. There would be only one judge's salary to supplement (in addition to the wage paid by the state), instead of three, and Tuscola would only need one circuit courtroom instead of the present two.

But the second courtroom, added in 1978, is already there and careful planning would allow it to be used more for non-judicial purposes to help resolve the county's office space crunch.

As for the extra pay, each circuit judge gets \$4,500 each additional from Tuscola county; \$8,500 each additional from Lapeer. If Tuscola had to pay only one judge an additional \$13,000, it would save \$500 over what it shells out now to three judges, which certainly isn't much out of a county budget of more than \$4 million.

One disadvantage of having a lone judge is that if he

is away, due to illness, vacation, etc., the court system shuts down. A visiting judge can be brought in, but that can't be done overnight and sometimes additional expense is involved. With three judges, there is no such problem.

More importantly, when the issue first came up two years ago, a study showed more than a third of the cases introduced in the two counties originated in Tuscola.

That is still true, which means a lone judge in Tuscola won't be able to keep up with his case load.

The addition of a third judge has resulted in enough manpower to start chipping away at the backlog of civil cases.

According to Judge Joslyn, he has been handling cases three and four years old.

Instead of the backlog decreasing, with a lone judge here, it will increase. If there is a logical reason for Tuscola county to have its own circuit judge, I would like to hear it. So far, I haven't.

Lutheran women hold picnic meeting

Good Shepherd Ladies Aid met at the Cass City Park Monday evening for a picnic for its June meeting.

Business included the decision to hold a coffee hour on Sundays throughout the summer prior to worship services. They will begin Sunday, June 15, at 9:30 a.m. Services are at 10:45 a.m. The group plans a work project of making more Christmas for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Helen Avery conducted the business meeting. She is now president, replacing Mrs. James Van Dellen.

Monday was Mrs. Van Dellen's birthday, which the group celebrated, and she was presented a gift. Mrs. Jackie Guinther, Mrs. Joan Guinther and Mrs. Dorothy Haire are the committee in charge for June.

Mrs. Tom McComb, Mrs. Elfrida Guinther, Rev. Van Dellen and children were guests and 14 members were present.

Recession turns Tuscola youth towards military

With one of every eight Michiganders out of work, jobs are hard to come by. There are some places that are still hiring, but there's a hitch.

The hitch is a minimum of two years. The places doing the hiring are the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, and the recruiters for those four branches in Caro all report business has improved.

Inquiries are up and at a minimum, meeting quotas is easier.

Army Sgt. First Class John Scott and Staff Sgt. Phil Bovin have a total "objective" of seven enlistees a month for their territory of Tuscola county and most of Sanilac.

The last few months, Scott said, they have been achieving about 125 percent of their goal.

"It's been a boom until this month," said Staff Sgt. Jim Markham, Air Force recruiter for Huron and Tuscola county. His "goal" is three persons in a month.

In March, he signed up seven; in April, four, and as of last week, four so far this month.

Inquiries are up "200

percent," he said. Chief Engineman E-7 James R. Baker and one other recruiter have a total goal of eight recruits per month for Tuscola and Huron counties. (As of June 1, Sanilac is added).

Instead of eight, they have been enlisting 10-12 of late. Enlistments started increasing six months ago.

The only recruiter who didn't report exceeding his goal is Staff Sgt. Robert Baczynski of the Marines, responsible for Tuscola and Huron counties.

His quota is three or four a month and the poor state of the economy has given him the advantage that recruits are "hot that difficult to find." He would have signed up more had they been able to pass the entrance tests or medical examination.

Who is joining the military these days?

As might be expected at this time of year, many are graduating seniors. For the Army, they form a majority of the new recruits.

There is one change this year. In the past, Scott said, it was common to hear seniors say they thought they would try working in the shops (factories) first. Now, however, they know they can't get jobs in the shops so "I hear that very seldom any more."

Baczynski also said he is taking in a lot of high school students. He projects there will be even more this summer after they have been out a while and can't find jobs.

In contrast, Markham said he hasn't signed up that many from high school, that most joining the Air Force have been out a year or more.

One had been employed at a dairy farm and got tired of working 84 hours a week. In

March, the sergeant enlisted a husband and wife and another husband, none with children. The Air Force tries to keep married couples together but there is no guarantee.

Baczynski was working in a central recruiting office in Detroit prior to coming to Caro a few months ago, and before then in Midland. The Marine recruiter said there were instances of fathers with children wanting to enlist, but if they have more than one child, it requires special permission.

When in Detroit, he said, enlistments increased immediately after the hostages were seized in Iran. "There was quite a bit of a run on patriotism," he commented. The patriotic fervor eventually died down, but the increased enlistments continued because by then factory layoffs had started.

Starting pay in all branches is \$448 a month, but all offer bonuses for those who sign up for special programs (provided they are found eligible).

The Army, for instance, pays a \$3,000 bonus for those who sign up for infantry, artillery, armor or signal intelligence for four years.

In the Navy, persons going into nuclear programs and advanced electronics, hospital, welding, mechanics and communications fields enter two pay grades higher. There are also bonuses; however, they must sign up for six years, as well as pass the examination and meet other qualifications.

The Army, Navy and Marines still sign up high school dropouts, though the recruiters for those branches pointed out dropouts often have trouble passing the entrance examination.

Female recruits still form a small part of the enlist-

ment picture. Scott guessed that about 10 percent of Army enlistees are women, for instance.

In the Navy, according to Baker, about 20 percent of those signing up are female.

Marshall to seek re-election

Tuscola County Register of Deeds John W. Marshall announced Monday he will seek a third term of office on the Republican ticket.



John W. Marshall

He has been treasurer of the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds since 1976, was chairman for four years of its Liaison District No. 8, served one year on its uniform commercial code committee and three years on its legislative committee.

Marshall, who resides at 6683 E. Bay City-Forestville Road, Cass City, is a lifetime resident of Tuscola county, married and was in partnership with his son, Roger, in a farm implement dealership in Cass City.

He served as trustee of the Elkland Township Board for eight years, and was chairman of the resolutions committee of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Marshall, who farmed for 17 years, attended Ferris State College in 1937-38 where he completed a course in higher accounting.

He is a member of the Trinity United Methodist church, Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Consistory, Elf Khurafeh Shrine, and Order of the Eastern Stars.

Singles dance Saturday in Bad Axe

The Tip of the Thumb Singles Club will conduct its next dance at the Bad Axe Methodist church gym, Saturday from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Englehart Band for round and square dancing. Any person 25 years or older, single, widowed, or divorced, is welcome.

Dickinson completes bank course

Larry Dickinson of the Cass City State Bank is one of 29 persons who completed a two-year summer School of Banking program at Central Michigan University.

The banking school, sponsored by the Michigan Bankers Association and CMU, is designed to teach banking and management skills to bank personnel including loan officers, branch managers and personnel managers. Students attend sessions for two summers and complete assignments between terms.

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Services held Monday for Mrs. Tennant

Funeral services for Ruth (Wiley) Tennant, 77, who died Friday following a brief illness, in the Caro Community Hospital, were held Monday at the Collon Funeral Home of Caro.

She was born Oct. 6, 1902, in Wayne county and had lived in Tuscola county for the last 50 years.

Mrs. Tennant was a former director of nursing at Caro Community Hospital and a night supervisor at Hills and Dales General Hospital, in Cass City. She also served as a Justice of the Peace for Indianfields township.

She was a member of the Kedron chapter 33 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Miss Wiley married Charles Tennant Oct. 16, 1933. He died in 1958.

Surviving are: one daughter, Barbara Smith, of Tampa, Fla., and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Stanley (Ruby) Emery, of Caro. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Clive Dickens, of the Caro United Methodist church, officiated the ceremony and burial was in the Caro cemetery.

WORK AT IT

If a fellow really wants a niche in the Hall of Fame, he has to get out and scratch.

July 4th festival planning continues

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Immediately following the parade, the king and queen will be crowned in front of the grandstand. Four couples are entered, Vicky Patrick reported, with the pair raising the most money winning a week end in Traverse City.

Judy Rocheleau is in charge of the dog show, to start on the tennis courts at 1 p.m. The show will be for children to enter, with prizes awarded for biggest dog, smallest, best trick, etc.

Children's games will start at 2 p.m. on the football field, with Dave Lovejoy in charge. All participants will receive certificates. The games will be for ages 5-7

(2-2:30), 8-10 (2:30-3), 11-12 and 13-14, the latter two both from 3-3:30.

Going on all day will be Little League games on their diamonds at the northwest part of the park.

Swimming races will be from 1-3 p.m., with free swimming from 3-5.

The tractor pull will start at 1 p.m. and should run to about 6:30, according to chairman Enoch (Red) Osentoski. He said he has had interested pullers call from as far away as Ohio.

Last year's event was free, but this year the area will be fenced, with a \$1 admission fee charged. Spectator parking at the tractor pull site will be banned, another change from last year.

Parking at the various established areas will cost \$1 per car.

Miscellaneous events will include chainsaw carving and some related events, put on by Dan Allen, and the American Association of University Women paint-in for children.

The tug-of-war, site not yet determined, will start at 4 p.m.

The 5 and 10 kilometer run starts at 5:30 p.m. with the course the same as last year. Added this year will be a 2 kilometer tot run for children 12 and under, starting at 5. Gerald Prieskorn is in charge.

The teacher-sponsored variety show starts at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. There will not be judging this year. The teachers will pay a gratuity or present gift certificates to all performers. There may be an audition before-hand to select the acts. Geraldine Tibbitts and Lyle Clarke are in charge.

The variety show should last about an hour, to be followed by square dancing in the pavilion at the rear of the park. The dance for teenagers takes place on the tennis courts, starting at the same time.

For those who like music with suds, the beer tent will be open from 8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, July 3, with a sing-a-long and a dixieland band. Admission that day will be free.

There will be a \$1 cover charge on the 4th, Dr. Paul Chappel reported, with the tent open from noon-midnight. The group Windfall will play that day from 8 p.m.-midnight.

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