

New valuation set for Huron county

The State Tax Commission (STC) last week set a new state equalized valuation for Huron county of \$578.72 million, about \$6 million less than the amount it tentatively approved May 12.

Its original figure was only \$1 less than the valuation figured by county Equalization Director George Danks, however, the final and official figure is still \$2.2 million more than the amount approved by the county Board of Commissioners May 1.

The latest change was because the STC found commercial property had been assessed at 53.6 percent of true cash value, instead of the required 50 percent.

May pleads guilty

David R. May, scheduled to stand trial July 2 in connection with a March 17 shooting in Owendale, pleaded guilty Friday in Huron County Circuit Court to one of the charges against him.

Judge Richard M. Knoblock accepted his guilty plea to a charge of injury of another person by careless discharge of a firearm. Sentencing was scheduled June 27.

The charge involved his firing a shot through the door of George's Bar, injuring David J. Abbe of Gagetown.

May, 45, of 6631 Koepfgen Road, Cass City, had also been charged with fleeing and eluding in connection with the incident.

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Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

An estimated 200 guests attended an open house Sunday honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Vern McConnell at the Masonic lodge. All of the couple's seven children, 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present.

Marilyn Kritzman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kritzman, formerly of Cass City, has been named valedictorian of the 1975 class of Deckerville High School.

Fritz Neitzel announced this week that sometime around July 1, he will officially close Neitzel Studio, marking the end of one of Cass City's oldest established businesses. He was in business 29 years and plans to continue shooting pictures during his "semi-retirement."

Work began this week on a new basketball court at the site of the old municipal swimming pool. The project is expected to cost around \$2,300.

TEN YEARS AGO

Paul Bliss, Owen-Gage High School principal, has resigned to accept an administrative position in northern Michigan.

John Smentek and Tony Davis received the Paul Smarks trophy at the annual all-sports banquet at Cass City High School.

The Cass City Lions Club dedicated a 40-by-46-foot shelter at the Cass City Recreation Park.

Tuscola county juvenile officer Milton Gelatt said that serious crimes by youth are showing a steady increase in Tuscola county.

Rev. Wayne H. Fleenor of Albion, executive secretary of the Michigan Methodist Conference Board of Education, was among those who received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees at the Albion College commencement exercises. He is the son of Mrs. Armina Rohrbach of Cass City.

After 14 years as treasurer of Evergreen township, Lloyd Severance of Decker has announced that he will retire at the end of his current term.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mrs. Lottie Nicol was pleasantly surprised when about 20 friends and relatives gathered at her home on Huron Street to help her celebrate her 83rd birthday. Joan Holmberg has won a berth in the 12-member singing chorus of the Flint

In 1978, only 2.2 percent of those in the labor force living on farms were unemployed compared to a 6.5 percent jobless rate among the non-farm population.

Musical Tent. She is a Cass City girl and a junior in the School of Music at the University of Michigan.

Donald W. Kilbourn, an alumnus of Cass City High School, will be guest speaker for the graduating class of 95 students.

The Cass City Village Council agreed to cooperate with the Gavel Club for a new building at the playground. The Gavel Club will furnish the lumber and the village the labor. This building is to be used for officials and announcers at football games.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. William Messner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home. Open house was held Memorial Day.

Philip Doerr, G.M. 2-C, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Doerr, writes of meeting his brother, Ed, in the Pacific area. Sgt. Neil D. Sweeney, 24, of Sheridan, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, on the east bank of the Rhine River in Germany.

Willis Thane dies at age 54

Willis J. Thane, 54, of 3677 E. Cass City Road, died Monday at home following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 18, 1925 in Ellington township and was a lifelong resident of Tuscola county.

Thane married Loretta Rhodes March 3, 1951.

He was an attendant nurse at the Caro Regional Center for the past 27 years, retiring last month. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

Thane was a member of the Colwood United Brethren church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are six daughters: Carol Davlantes of Unionville, Patricia Putt of Huntington, Ind., Sherill Tarple of St. Paul, Ind., Mary Jones of Detroit, Joyce McMillen of Caro, and Brenda Thane, at home, and four grandchildren.

Also surviving are two brothers, Harold Thane and Garth Thane of Caro, and four sisters, Edwina Clark of Mayville, Maxine Bell of

Unionville, Gladys Sikes of Garden City, and Catherine Fader of Caro.

A brother, Clarence Thane, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Colwood United Brethren church, M-81 and Colwood Road. Rev. Paul Sheets will officiate.

Burial will be in the Ellington township cemetery. Arrangements were by the Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Memorials may be made to either the Colwood United Brethren church or the American Cancer Society.

Correction

In the "Your Neighbor Says" column in last week's Chronicle Joan Raatz, of 4694 State Street, Gagetown, was incorrectly identified as Jane.

No person is old until regrets take the place of dreams.

Pair charged for wrecking tractors

Two area youths were arraigned before the district court magistrate Tuesday, charged in connection with vandalism of and theft from two tractors in Novesta township.

Charged with malicious destruction of property over \$100 and larceny from a motor vehicle is Dean Keyser, 17, of 3036 Warner Road, Cass City. Bond was set by Magistrate Donald Smith at \$4,000.

Danny Keyser, 20, of 5303 Cumber Road, Ubyly, was charged with larceny under \$100, a misdemeanor. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Arraignment for both before District Judge Richard F. Kern was scheduled June 11.

Both have since posted bond.

Warrants charging the pair were issued by the Tuscola county prosecutor's office Monday. The sheriff's department has requested that a juvenile be petitioned into probate court in connection with the incident, but as of Tuesday, that action was still pending at the prosecutor's office.

Jesse J. Bruce Jr. of Barrons Road, Deford, reported the incident to deputies Saturday morning, it having happened some time since 7 the previous evening.

The tractors had been parked across the road from each other in the Warner-DeLong - Phillips - Severance Road area.

In the cab of the large four-wheel-drive tractor, Bruce reported, gauges and controls and a radio console were smashed and some miscellaneous tools taken.

Some bags of Atrazine stored nearby were cut.

An AM-FM radio and two speakers were taken from the tractor across the road. A total monetary estimate of the damage and the value of the items stolen wasn't listed on the sheriff's department report, but what was listed totaled \$715.

OTHER ITEMS

Television and radio equipment, antique telephones and an automobile engine worth a total of \$1,150

were reported stolen

Richard Hines of 4765 S. Moore Road, Cass City, told Huron county deputies a citizens band radio, three antique phones from the 1900s era, two metal boxes with television repair parts and numerous other parts had been taken from the storage he uses for his part-time television repair business. The items were valued at \$1,000.

The six-cylinder engine, worth \$150, was taken from a barn.

In another Grant township theft, James Wissner reported to deputies that a 600-650 pound Holstein heifer had been taken from a pen behind the homes of Ronald and Roland Wissner on Kilmanagh Road. It was valued at \$700.

Wissner reported six of 28 animals were shipped out by truck Friday. A count of the remaining animals showed 21 there instead of the 22 that should have been there. James and Ronald Wissner are the owners of the missing heifer.

Robert Ryland of 4242 S. Seeger Street told Cass City police that several items were taken from his pickup camper while it was parked in the rear of the Colonial Inn or in his driveway some time between 7:15 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

Taken were fishing tackle and tackle box, portable radio, camera and film and two fishing rods and two reels. The stolen items were valued at \$426.

Dennis Nye of Elmwood Road reported to Cass City police May 27 that a chainsaw and case had been stolen from his pickup. They were last seen May 10 and were worth a total of \$180.

Approximately \$65 in change was stolen from the Texaco service station in Gagetown between 6 p.m. last Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Daniel Wood, an attendant at the station, told Tuscola deputies there was evidence of entry through a broken window and that the door was unlocked when he arrived.

The money, which was

Christner stands mute to murder

Glen A. Christner, charged with murder in the March 5 shooting death of his wife, stood mute when he appeared in Circuit Court Monday before Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

He also stood mute to a charge of possession of a firearm during commission of a felony.

The judge entered pleas of innocent on both charges, refused to set bond and remanded the defendant to the county jail to await a pretrial hearing July 21.

Christner, 31, is charged with shooting his wife to death in their home on M-46, Caro. Joslyn ruled in early May that he was competent to stand trial.

motor vehicle May 1 in Denmark township. A plea of innocent was entered and a pre-trial hearing set Aug. 18. Bond was continued.

Jeffrey S. Edgley, 17, of 6255 Pinkerton Road, Vassar, was sentenced to two years' probation and ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$300. He was also sentenced to 30 days in jail which was suspended without a date to be served. He was credited with one day already served.

Edgley pleaded guilty Dec. 14 to malicious destruction of property over \$100, to having broken a Vassar hardware store window last October. Sentencing was then delayed six months.

William R. Vandenburg, 17, of 8403 Vassar Road, Millington, pleaded innocent to charges that he broke conditions of his probation.

He was sentenced in February to three years' probation for larceny in a building. He was charged with violating probation by failure to pay court ordered obligations due in April, maintain a steady employment and reside in an approved residence.

Bond was set at \$200 with a hearing date to be set Monday before Circuit

Judge Martin E. Clements, Walter R. Oliver, 27, of Lansing, pleaded innocent to a charge of violating probation.

He was placed on five years' probation in April, 1979, to attempted embezzlement of funds over \$100; of having taken more than \$8,000 from the Arrowhead Country Club outside of Caro while he was employed as manager.

He is charged with violating probation by failing to pay court-ordered obligations from November through January.

A hearing was scheduled June 16. Bond was continued.

DISTRICT COURT

Donald J. Twomey, 32, pleaded guilty Monday before Judge Richard F. Kern to charges of impaired driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Twomey, of 4679 South Street, Gagetown, had backed his pickup truck into the trailer of a beer distributor's truck in Gagetown May 22.

He was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$305 and attend alcohol education classes and any others that may be deemed necessary

Photography club to improve skills

Photographers wishing to improve skills and compare talents will soon be able to do so with the forming of the Thumb Area Photography Club.

Such a club should be successful judging from area interest, according to Erlind Nordstrom, assistant director of the Caro Community Services Department.

The benefits of forming a club can be seen in discount rates, often available to members, on such items as

film, equipment and processing costs, Nordstrom said.

Competition within and between different clubs also helps to sharpen the skills of photographers, he added.

Persons interested in finding out more should contact Nordstrom at the Community Services Office or call 673-3166, extension 241.

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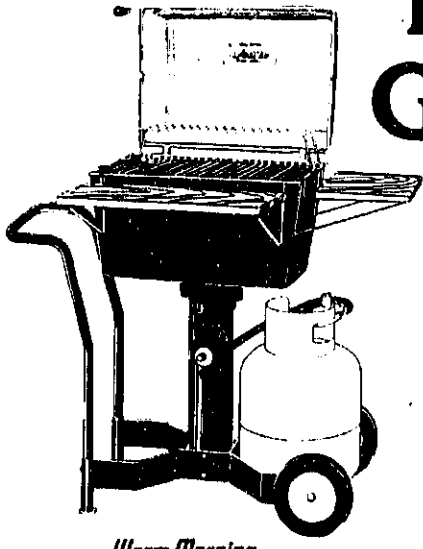
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