

Walbro declares dividend

A dividend of 10 cents per share on Walbro Corp. common shares was voted by the Walbro Board of Directors at a recent meeting.

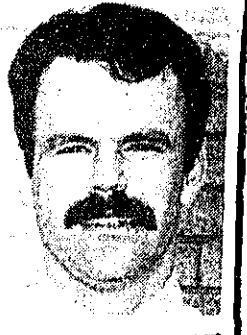
The dividend is payable July 31, to shareholders of record June 30.

Lambert E. Althaver, president and chief operating officer, reported that sales and earnings for the second quarter will be lower than for the second quarter of 1979 because of general economic conditions.

PEDALING AROUND

What, me worry?

By Mike Eliasohn



I can relax now. No longer when I watch the news on television will my heart start pounding when there is a report of an airplane crash, a hijacking or a near collision by two airplanes due to air traffic control radar systems malfunctioning or controllers suffering nervous breakdowns.

After having gotten no farther than Kalamazoo the past two years for vacation, I made up for it this year. I returned home Sunday from a week and a half stay in England and now that my feet are firmly on the ground, I no longer have to worry.

Unfortunately, there are only two ways to get to England. Ships are too expensive and take too long to get there, and if they should sink, I can't swim.

I also don't like airplanes -- the ground is too far away -- but that was my only other choice.

Shortly after I bought my Pan Am plane ticket in February, a pilot for the airline charged it was using unsafe maintenance procedures. You can imagine how I felt when I heard that.

Fortunately, the Federal Aviation Authority or Civil Aeronautics Board, whichever one has authority over such things, investigated and then exonerated the airline.

Later came a report -- maybe while I was already in England, I forget -- that FAA inspectors are getting lax, with the result airliners aren't as safe as they could be.

I bought my round-trip plane ticket in February for \$600. If I had waited until a few weeks before my departure, it would have cost me \$693, primarily due to the increased cost of jet fuel.

Once I got to England, I didn't have to worry until it was time to get on the plane for the trip home.

London subways are safe.

I had been told. Unlike in New York City, no one ever gets mugged.

English criminals are more subtle. That's why there were signs posted, "Pickpockets love crowds."

Then there were the warning signs on the subway trains, about what to do if one sees an unattended package.

Wait until the train gets to the next stop, then pull the emergency lever, notify the subway personnel and tell everyone in the car to get off.

Seems like a lot of unnecessary hysteria for a package that no one is holding on to, I said to myself. Then it occurred to me. Those "unattended packages" may contain a bomb placed on the train by an Irish Republican Army terrorist.

I finally got out of London in a car driven by an Englishman who I had corresponded with for several years.

How was I to know that in addition to riding and racing bicycles, he has visions of some day racing cars?

It was the first time he had been in a Ford Capri, the English version of a Mustang, and was interested in checking out its performance.

How was I also to know that English police don't rigorously enforce speed limits?

I now know that a Ford Capri with a 4-cylinder, 1600cc engine is capable of going 100 miles per hour.

Foreign travel is a great way to get away from the tensions of everyday living.

Candidate for sheriff Earl Scott may be accused of having ulterior motives in sponsoring his meet-the-candidates night (see story elsewhere in this issue) but at least the effort was made.

With five candidates seeking the Republican nomination in Tuscola county for sheriff and three for drain commissioner, it would be of great benefit if a responsible civic organization or the county Republican party would sponsor a meet-the-candidates night here (and elsewhere). There is still plenty of time before the Aug. 5 primary and with such a sponsor, candidates will find it to their advantage to be there.

Veterans Administration spending in 1930 -- its first year of operation -- was \$785 million, or about four percent of the \$21 billion the agency plans to spend in 1980, its 50th year of service to veterans.



SURPRISE SURPRISE -- When the barrier was lifted this Cass City girl found herself in the majority by preferring Pepsi-Cola over Coke when she participated in the "Pepsi Challenge". Though no hidden camera accompanied them, these two fellows tested the tastes of local residents outside the IGA store all day Saturday.

No action taken on probate pact

The next move will apparently be up to Probate Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr. as the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Tuesday declined to sign the contract he negotiated with his employees.

The official reason for the board's not taking action, according to Commissioner Royce Russell of Elmwood township, was the contract presented to it hadn't been signed by the judge or the union.

The board objects to the 22.8 percent pay increase the judge negotiated with his seven employees for one year, compared to the 8.18 percent negotiated with other courthouse employees for this year.

It is expected that Kent will issue a court order mandating that the board appropriate the additional funds, which the commissioners will then appeal to circuit court.

The board heard from four Kingston women who questioned why it had voted June 10 to organize Tuscola into a separate circuit court circuit with its own judge, instead of the present sharing three judges with Lapeer county.

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The Lapeer County Board of Commissioners voted June 18 to approve the split, which means Judge Patrick Joslyn will become the lone judge for Tuscola county in the future.

On the recommendation of Stanley Baldwin, Tuscola's representative on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging board of directors, commissioners postponed

taking action on the agency's request for \$1,000 from each of the 14 counties in the region. The money is to be used as a local match in order to obtain a federal grant.

Baldwin questioned why all the counties should have to appropriate the same amount when they vary greatly in population. The region includes Bay and Saginaw counties.

Tallmadge dies at 92

Harry E. Tallmadge, 92, died Thursday following a long illness in the Sanilac County Medical Facility.

Tallmadge was born June 8, 1888 in Cass City and spent the last 29 years in Sandusky.

He and Alice Charlton were married in Cass City in 1912. She died in 1916. Tallmadge then married Maud Parrott in 1918 who died in 1972.

A retired dairy and ice cream store owner, Tallmadge was also a life member of the Custer Lodge No. 393.

He also belonged to the Sandusky United Methodist church.

He is survived by one son Donald Tallmadge of Sandusky and one daughter Helen Hoyt of Rockville, Md. Also surviving are two sisters Minnie Hulbert of Lapeer and Irene Livermore of Detroit, as well as six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Grant and Clare, preceded him in death.

Funeral services took place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Sandusky United Methodist church with Rev. Fred Timm officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood cemetery.

The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	85	52	0
Thursday	70	40	0
Friday	82	40	.55
Saturday	88	48	0
Sunday	92	52	0
Monday	100	54	0
Tuesday	99	62	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

Deford church Bible school enrolls 186

The annual vacation Bible school sponsored by the Deford Community church was held June 16-20 with sessions from 6:30-8 p.m.

There were 186 children enrolled from 4-year-olds through sixth grade. The pastor, Rev. Gerald Rodgers, directed the week's activities.

Geraldine Tibbits was in charge of the missions department and an offering for missions was taken each evening, including Sunday evening, following the school.

Other workers included Mrs. Jim Kilbourn, the story hour; Sally Goodall, Joan Hull, Gene Babich and Sue Linderman, crafts, and responsible for refreshments each evening, Mrs. Vi Connolly.

Courage has been defined as hanging on one minute longer.

Tractor sunk in area gravel pit

Vandals gave a tractor owned by William Albrecht Jr. of Snover a costly bath over the week end.

The tractor and attached power takeoff driven water pump were found Monday morning at the bottom of the gravel pit he owns off Ritter Road, about a mile east of M-53 in Greenleaf township.

The machinery was used to pump water out of the pit, out of which Albrecht hauls gravel.

It was last used mid-afternoon Saturday, but when he and his crew returned Monday morning, "all we could find was the hose."

When the tractor and pump were found, they were under 12-14 feet of water.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department was called at 8:15 a.m. Its four-man skin diving team was dispatched. The divers attached chains to the tractor, which was then pulled out of the water by Albrecht's bulldozer.

The tractor had been sitting on the pit slope for three weeks, and hadn't moved, so he felt it safe to assume vandals had forced the tractor gearshift into neutral -- the keys were not in it -- and let it roll down the slope into the water.

The tractor wasn't visible from the road but the gravel pit is known in the area and is used by swimmers, Al-

brecht said.

The rebuilt machine was purchased last fall and along with the water pump, was worth a total of \$15,000. As of Tuesday, he didn't know what the repair bill would be, but thought much of the tractor would have to be disassembled and bearings replaced.

Albrecht had insurance, but added, "It's getting to be a shame when a person has to have vandalism insurance."

Investigation by the sheriff's department is continuing.

Red Cross picks officers

All four officers of the Tuscola County Chapter of the American Red Cross were re-elected to the Board of Directors during the agency's annual meeting earlier this month.

Re-elected by unanimous votes to their offices for another one-year term were chairman Mary Alice Osgerby of Caro; vice-chairman Mary Hoerlein of Vassar; secretary Mary Lewis of Unionville, and treasurer Charles Spaulding of Caro.

Area residents serving as Bloodmobile coordinators are Ruth Whittaker and Wayne Dillon in Cass City, and Jan Barden in Kingston.

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