

Accident victim up on DUIL charges

A Sunday accident resulted in injuries to two persons, one of whom was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor.

Sheriff's deputies reported Louis S. Nauka, 27, of N. Hadley Road, Decker, was eastbound on M-46, east of Cat Lake Road, when his car crossed the centerline and collided with the westbound auto of Cheryl M. Taylor, 21, of Caro.

Nauka and one of two passengers in his auto, Virginia Nauka, 20, of Port Huron, were both reported as being injured and receiving private treatment. Nauka was arrested by

deputies on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor and taken to the county jail, where he posted \$100 bond and was released, pending arraignment in district court July 25.

The accident took place at 2:18 a.m.

Cass City police reported that at 5:05 p.m. Friday, Tina Ann Wright, 18, of 4316 Doerr Road, was southbound on Leach Street. Gerald R. Johnston, 32, of 4829 E. Sanilac Road, Kingston, was eastbound on Pine Street, failed to yield and was struck by the Wright auto.



GAGETOWN SCHOOL -- These were the youngsters in grades K-8 at the old Gagetown school, apparently in 1925 or 1926, according to the photo's owner, Iva (Deneen) Peterson of Cass City. Fern (Karr) Peters brought the photo in to the Chronicle for her and identified the following: Front row, from left, Ruth Wills, Fisher, Mildred Clara, Helen Fournier. Next row, first four unknown, Willard Burdon, Kehoe, Iva Deneen, teacher Jennie Slack. Middle row, Maxine Combs, Wells, Mable Anthes. Next row, Fern Karr, Lynwood Fournier, Willis McGinn, Elmer Hurd, Vivian Combs. Back row, John Widden, Ed Russell, George Clara, Percy TerBush, Belva Russell.

Grasshopper horde causes problems

Grasshoppers are in superabundance in many northern Michigan counties, a situation that may be duplicated in the rest of the state within a few weeks.

"They are in outbreak proportions and we have a potential problem that could be the worst in 30 years," says Robert Ruppel, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service entomologist.

Field entomologists have found the heaviest concentrations of grasshoppers in Otsego, Kalkaska, Antrim, Montmorency and Charlevoix counties, with slightly lower numbers in Emmet, Presque Isle, Alpena and Grand Traverse counties.

The standard recommendation is to spray insecticide when eight or more grasshopper nymphs (young grasshoppers) are found per square yard. Ruppel and his team of entomology scouts have been regularly counting more than 90 grasshopper nymphs per square yard.

"I am very worried that if farmers don't start checking their croplands immediately, a lot of crops will be severely damaged, if not destroyed, by what should shortly be an adult grasshopper horde," Ruppel says.

Where grasshopper nymphs are detected, insecticide should be applied immediately. Within two weeks the adults will emerge and will be much more difficult to control than the young grasshoppers.

Ruppel says the grasshopper nymphs are currently being found primarily in roadside grasses and weeds, pastures and idle lands. They are already damaging some pastures and alfalfa fields.

The grasshopper found in northern Michigan is the migratory grasshopper. Though this is the same kind that is found in the West, where it flies long distances, this species moves only from field to field in Michigan.

Growers in the rest of the state, from about Clare south, can rest on their sprayers for about a month. The type of grasshopper found in the southern part of the state is the red-legged grasshopper. Though it is not a migratory species, it can cause substantial damage if not controlled. Ruppel says that farmers should be checking croplands regularly and preparing to take necessary steps.

Generally, grasshopper nymph populations are substantially reduced during cold, wet weather that fosters bacteria that kill the insect. That didn't happen this year, Ruppel notes.

"Considering the population buildup we've had throughout the state the past three years, I'm afraid we are going to see some real damage by grasshoppers this summer," he says.

Growers who are not sure about detection and control of grasshoppers are urged to get in contact with the Cooperative Extension Service office in their county.

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Truck stolen, witness mistakes thief for owner

As of Wednesday morning, a pickup truck stolen from the Hillside Apartments the morning of July 8 was still missing.

The owner, Bruce A. Brown of 4574 Hill Street, reported the theft to Cass City police at 9:35 a.m. A neighbor saw it being driven away from the apartment parking lot at 7 a.m., she told Brown, but thought it was he behind the wheel.

The 1979 Chevrolet was maroon in color and had a license number of 3665 GU. Police estimated it was worth \$4,000-5,000.

Vandals throwing stones broke several windows at Hunt Construction Co. over the week end.

Damage was estimated at \$375.

The vandalism was reported to Cass City police Monday morning by Donald Ball of the firm, it having taken place some time since Friday. The Hunt Construction building is at West and Pine Streets.

Village police reported that at 10:15 a.m. July 8, Francis Kent of Corunna was injured in an on-the-job accident.

A Grand Trunk Railroad employee, he was working at Vulcan and Garfield

Streets. A backhoe was being used to lift railroad ties. One of the ties fell off, injuring Kent in the lower lip.

Reportedly, fellow employees took him to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment, however, the hospital had no record of his being brought there.

Alma Wingert of 5722 State Street, Kingston, reported to sheriff's deputies last Wednesday morning that the tree in front of the house she owns at 3493 Pine Street in that community had been chopped down during the night.

The 30-foot maple was valued at \$200.

Harry C. Papke of 4570 S. Kingston Road, Kingston, told deputies at 3:13 a.m. Thursday that a vehicle had been driven through his garden and on his driveway to Kingston Road.

A short time later, he

heard the vehicle on the road just south of his driveway, got its license number and called the sheriff's department.

Deputies went to the address where the vehicle was. The aftermath of the investigation was that Papke decided not to press charges against the driver, provided she contact him.

Gerald F. Johnston of 4829 E. Sanilac Road, Kingston, reported to deputies Saturday morning that three bicycles were taken from outside his antique shop some time after he had closed it at 8:30 Friday night. He had forgotten to chain the bikes to a wagon wheel. Five other bicycles were untouched. No value was available.

Helen Lubaczewski of 448 Green Road, Ellington township, told deputies Friday that 15 gallons of gasoline from a tractor and two hens

were taken from a farm at Dutcher and Green Roads. Total loss was put at \$23.

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Gas-saving tips suggest surprises

The President set a goal of reducing gasoline consumption by 400,000 barrels a day, or 18,800,000 gallons a day by the end of 1980. He asked civic organizations, trade associations, unions, local governments, and employers to take the lead in encouraging people to drive less and to drive smarter—that is, to get more miles to the gallon.

Some of the ways to drive smarter are obvious—like observing the 55 miles per hour speed limit. Most cars use 20 percent less gas at 55 than at 70. That's like saving 25 cents a gallon on the gas you buy.

Other gas-savers may surprise some drivers. For example, each two pounds of pressure that you add to your non-radial tires (up to the maximum stated on the tire) will increase gas mileage about one percent. And removing 100 pounds of excess weight can add as much as four-tenths of a mile per gallon.

The average car in the U.S. gets 14 to 15 miles per gallon, based on a mix of city and highway driving. And it travels about 11,000 miles a year.

This means it uses about 800 gallons of gasoline, at a cost of

U.S. farmers are expected to plant nearly 79.5 million acres of wheat this year.

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