

What happened to community spirit of band?

Dear John,
I would like to respond to the editorial in last week's paper regarding the special thanks to Mr. Bushong and the Cass City Marching Band members.

It should be needless to say the Summer Festival Committee and myself do very much appreciate the efforts of our High School band and Mr. Bushong. But what ever happened to the old "Community spirit?" I am sure Mr. Bushong and the students did put in many extra hours to be ready for the parade, but does anyone realize how many hours the festival committee put in beginning in January? Tom and Linda Herron put in literally hundreds of hours on the festival, and how about all the people from the various organizations who sponsored and promoted some part of the festival? They should have a special thanks also.

Possibly our students should stop and think about

service to their community when they ask for special thanks. We thank them every day in our financial support of a very fine school system. We thank them each time we buy what they are selling for their various school projects (oranges, apples, candy, candles, fertilizer). We will be thanking them again if the one mill tax proposal passes.

Students, this is your community as well as mine. Your parents were proud of their community when Cass City was known as Christmas Town, be proud that you were able to contribute to the success of the 1980 Cass City Summer Festival.

Thanks again to Mr. Bushong and the Cass City High School Marching Band and everyone who contributed to the success of the Summer Festival.

Mike Weaver,
Co-Chairman
Cass City Summer
Festival Parade

Regular meeting of Cass City Village Council

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held June 30, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Rawson.

The minutes for the regular May meeting and the Special meeting of June 17th were approved as presented.

The May Financial Statement was reviewed. The June Statement will be adjusted to show the increase in millage and also the decrease in Revenue Sharing.

The Streets and Parking committee reported that the Doerr Road project is progressing rapidly and that the pouring of curb and gutter is to begin Tuesday, July 1, 1980.

Public Safety committee requested that any decision on the letter received from Grand Trunk Railroad concerning the signing of the railroad crossing on Garfield Street be tabled for one month as recommended by Village Attorney Clinton C. House.

Public Utilities committee reported that the Wastewater Treatment Expansion program has begun. All clearing of the construction site is complete and dewatering wells are in.

It was reported that the demolition of the Peters property on the corner of Main and Nestles has been completed and the job was well done.

Paul Lefler, Administrator of Building Codes Division for the county of Tuscola, informed the village that bids have been let for the demolition of the McNeil property at Brooker and Houghton and that Charles O'Dell of Cass City was awarded the bid.

Village President, Lambert Althaver, received a phone call from James R. Suchodolski, Vice-President, Eastern Operation for

Wickes' Agriculture, concerning their building at Garfield Street. Mr. Suchodolski stated that he had received approval for demolition of this property and that they are trying to get the bids reduced. They expect to settle on a bidder and sign a contract within 10 days.

The Superintendent's report along with the Pool and Arts and Crafts reports were reviewed. The council commented that the reports were well prepared.

We received a letter from EPA stating that our Wastewater Treatment Plant has received an award of Merit for no work loss accidents in 1979 from the Michigan Water Pollution Association.

A letter was received from the Liquor Control Commission with an application for a SDM license from Edward F. O'Dowd of the Cass City Meat Market.

It was also noted that we have received Workman's Compensation Insurance through the Michigan Municipal League at a 20 percent savings with the possibility of additional savings.

A motion was made by Trustee Stahlbaum and supported by Trustee Helwig that the bills as examined be approved. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

It was brought to the attention of the council that Village Attorney Clinton C. House is reviewing the Ordinance concerning apartments over stores in the downtown business area.

Discussion was held on the policy of hiring part-time summer help.

There being no further business a motion was made by Trustee Helwig and supported by Trustee McIntosh that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Joyce LaRoche
Village Clerk

Letters to the Editor

Senior millage needs support

Dear Sir,

I am sure by this time you have heard a great deal about the millage vote for senior citizens in August.

It is most important that all voters, both young and old, understand the importance of this millage to the programs of the aging.

I realize that millage issues are very unpopular, especially at this time, when the economy is in such a sad state, but when one realizes how much can be had for such a few dollars, the issue becomes more attractive.

The tax-payer with a home with a valuation of \$25,000 (\$50,000 market value) would pay \$5 per each year. Some taxes of course, will be more, some less.

That \$5 will not go very far in each of those homes to take care of their senior citizens, but added to all the other income from this millage, plus federal and state funds, it provides great programs for more than 6,000 senior citizens in Tuscola county.

The wording of Proposal D as it will appear on the ballot is:

"Shall the county of Tuscola levy 2/10 of one mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of State Equalized Value) annually in property taxes to provide funds for the Thumb Area Commission on Aging. This levy would be for the tax years 1980 through 1984 and funds so collected are to be used exclusively by the Thumb Area Commission on Aging, to maintain and expand services to older citizens in Tuscola county."

Some people are very fearful that these monies will be spent in another county, but not so.

Cuts in federal funding, (\$34,000 in Tuscola county) have forced the Commission on Aging to go to the people for support. This .2 of one mill, will generate about \$100,000 in our county. The county Board of Commissioners have been giving \$20,000 to this program. About 55 percent of the new tax money will be needed to replace the federal and county money that we are presently receiving.

The other 45 percent would be used to expand the programs. Let me outline for you the programs that benefit from this millage. The greatest cuts have been announced in the nutrition program, followed by transportation and the publication of the senior citizens newspaper.

The programs that would be maintained are:

--Double home delivered meals, serving 26,000 meals a year to shut-ins.

--Senior citizens meal sites in Akron-Fairgrove, serving 3,804 meals a year, Caro, 12,684 meals a year; Kingston, 5,088 meals a year; Mayville, 6,984 meals a year, and Vassar, 7,852 meals a year.

--Senior citizens hot-line, receiving 1,974 calls last year from seniors seeking help with a variety of problems and concerns.

--Outreach, 646 "house calls," in the homes of senior citizens.

--Transportation, provid-

ing 2,778 trips a year to seniors, by volunteer drivers logging 19,090 miles to doctors, food shopping, drug stores and other important appointments.

--Blood pressure checks, our volunteers take 1,665 blood pressures a year for senior citizens.

--Thumb Area Senior News, a monthly paper reaching 5,270 senior citizens each month.

The additional \$45,000 would be used to expand the following services: A new meal site in Cass City, serving 40 senior citizens three days a week; a new meal site in Millington serving 50 senior citizens two days a week, and expand a double home delivered meal to shut-ins in the Cass City area, serving 5,720 meals a year.

Margaret Weaver,
President of Tuscola
County Council on Aging

Susan Asher graduates

Susan M. Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Asher, 6681 3rd Street, re-

cently graduated from Ferris State College with distinction.

Miss Asher received her associate of applied science degree this May, having majored in dental assisting.

To graduate with distinction, a student must attain a grade average of 3.25-3.49.

While at Ferris, Miss Asher served as vice-president of her class.

At present she is living at home and seeking employment as a dental assistant.



Susan Asher

Parked cars victimized on week end

David T. Bliss of 4576 Hill Street reported to Cass City police early Sunday that while his car was parked at Wildwood Farms on M-53 between 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday, the front end of his car was damaged.

The matter was turned over to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department.

Albert D. Romain of Caro told village police early Saturday that while his car was parked at the Charmont from 9 p.m.-midnight Friday, a pillow, pillowcase and blanket were taken from his car. They were worth \$19.

A Pepsi delivery driver, David Enos of Saginaw, nabbed a 15-year-old boy last Thursday who took an eight-pack from his truck while he was making a delivery at Old Wood Drug.

Police released the boy to his foster brother and sent a copy of the incident report to his Department of Social Services foster care worker. The incident occurred at 12:35 p.m.



IT'S NEWS WHEN a man switches jobs after 21 years. That's what Elwood "Bud" McDonald, left, did this month. He's been working in service for Ouvry's Chev.-Olds for 21 years, 7 1/2 as service manager. He has moved into sales for the dealership. Serving as service manager and parts director now is Don Ouvry.

Another exam for Christner

Two Cass City men plead in Circuit Court cases

Two Cass City men pleaded guilty or no contest when they appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court Monday before Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

James A. Mazzola, 32, of 3150 Deckerville Road, pleaded no contest to a charge of breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling.

He was charged with breaking into a storage building April 17 on E. Caro Road, Caro.

The judge accepted his plea and scheduled sentencing Sept. 2. Bond was continued.

Dean M. Keyser, 17, of 3036 Warner Road, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property over \$100.

Judge Patrick R. Joslyn accepted his plea and scheduled sentencing Sept. 2. Bond was continued.

Keyser was charged with vandalizing two tractors in Novesta township May 30 that belonged to Jesse J. Bruce Jr. of Barrons Road, Deford, plus slashing some bags of Atrazine.

In a plea bargain agree-

ment with the prosecution, in exchange for the guilty plea, a charge of larceny involving the theft of a radio from one of the tractors is to be dismissed.

In other cases Monday before Judge Joslyn:

Two men were sentenced in connection with the attempted theft of 11 car radiators March 25 from Lee's Salvage Yard, Vassar.

They were Virgil C. Hall, 17, of 4401 W. Saginaw Road, Vassar, and Bruce E. Cain Jr., 18, of Saginaw. Both pleaded guilty May 19 to attempted larceny over \$100.

Hall was placed on three years' probation, sentenced to 45 days in the county jail, with credit given for seven days served, fined \$200 and assessed \$150 court costs.

Cain was also placed on three years' probation and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, with credit given for three days served and work release privileges granted. He was fined \$200 and assessed \$150 court costs.

Each is to pay half of the total amount of restitution owed.

Gary S. Colmus, 17, of Saginaw, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious destruction of property over \$100 in connection with a June 15 break-in of Romain's Market in Fostoria.

His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled Sept. 2.

Judge Joslyn refused to accept the guilty plea of Kenneth H. Diener, 20, of 3670 Pine Street, Akron, to a charge of attempted larceny. A pretrial hearing was then held, with a trial date to be set. Bond was continued.

Diener is charged with the Aug. 6, 1979, theft of more than \$100 from Dolores

Vermesch in the Akron village park.

A prosecution motion to allow an independent psychiatric examination of Glen A. Christner was granted, with the county to pay the cost.

Christner, 31, is charged with murder in the March 5 shooting death of his wife, Edna, in their home on M-46, Caro.

The examination is to be performed by Dr. Ames Robey of Ann Arbor. Christner was previously examined by a psychiatrist selected by his attorney and one at the state Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Ann Arbor.

A pretrial hearing is

scheduled Sept. 2. He was remanded to the county jail.

DISTRICT COURT

A Caro man charged in connection with the attempted theft of a motorcycle May 7 in Cass City later pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted joy riding.

George R. Donovan, 22, of 1275 S. Colling Road, was subsequently sentenced to 25 days in the county jail, fined \$130, assessed court costs of \$20 and placed on probation.

He was ordered to pay restitution of \$172 to the cycle's owner, Harold Houghton of 3391 Pine Street for damage done to the machine.

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