

Kent vs. County - the battle to pay continues

The war between the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and Probate Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr. has advanced another step with the board deciding Tuesday to request a hearing before the state court administrator.

The commissioners received a letter Tuesday from state Court Administrator Einar Bohlin that he has received Kent's request for permission to issue an administrative order directing the county to pay salaries and certain other benefits for probate court employees as called for in the court administrator's salary study.

If ultimately approved, it would mean the seven probate court employees will receive a total of \$10,476 more this year than they would receive under the contract negotiated by commissioners with other court-house employees.

The position of the board has been that the probate court employees are included in the contract with the other employees. Until the dispute is settled, the probate court workers are being paid at their 1979 salary levels.

Bohlin has requested the county board to submit documents to support its position by Aug. 13 and scheduled a hearing, if one is wanted, Aug. 18.

The board decided to con-

duct its labor attorney and request the hearing, after which Bohlin will apparently make a decision on whether Kent can issue the order.

If the judge receives the okay, the county can appeal his order to circuit court.

Also Tuesday, chief Animal Control Officer Jeff Quinn reported on the results so far of the dog census.

The census takers have been in Cass City, Caro, Vassar and Millington, have visited 2,013 homes and found 416 dogs with licenses, 2,013 without. No one was home at the remainder.

In Cass City, 262 homes were visited. There were 54 dogs with licenses and 150 without. That totals 204, with 58 homes to be visited again as no persons were home but it is thought there were dogs

there. No count is being taken of homes without dogs.

Persons with unlicensed dogs are given approximately two weeks to get them licensed. If they don't, the county animal control officers issue them a citation. If they then get the license within 10 days, the

citation is torn up. If they don't get it, the dog owner must appear before the magistrate.

Dog licenses can be obtained at the county animal shelter on M-81 west of Caro or the treasurer's office in the courthouse. The fee for dogs up to 6 months old is \$4; older than that, \$10.

Eisenhour gets bid

The Eisenhour Construction Co. of East Lansing was the lowest of 10 bidders to build three bridges in Tuscola county, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced Friday.

The firm submitted a low bid of \$321,161.

The bridges and approaches would carry Deck-

erville Road over Mud Creek, just east of Cemetery Road in Novesta township, and Millington and Vassar Roads over Perry Creek. The latter two sites are west of Millington.

The bridges are described as pre-stressed, single-span, concrete box-beam bridges, with a scheduled completion date of July 1981.

STRONG WINDS WERE THE CAUSE for the demise of this barn owned by Carl Labish of 3075 Lamton Road, Decker. The barn had stood for over 100 years, according to neighbors.

Strong winds claim barn after 100 years of service

It had been built more than a century ago and had weathered the years well but the old barn fell victim to the wind that swept through part of Sanilac county last Tuesday, July 15.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., in the midst of a driving rainstorm, the building, owned by Carl Labish of 3075 Lamton Road, Decker, collapsed.

"It didn't scatter or anything with all sorts of dust flying, it just seemed to settle right down to the ground," proclaimed Labish.

Actually, neither he nor his wife saw the barn when it fell. The rain was driving so hard that the barn, only about 80 yards from their kitchen window, was obscured from view during the few moments it took to collapse.

Labish bought the property 10 years ago and moved up from Center Line, near Detroit, one year ago. He said the structure was partially insured although he was not sure of the amount.

After the barn was blown down, a number of neighbors and relatives showed interest in the timber which was still in good shape, he said.

"Those are all hand-hewn beams out there, you can see the ax marks on them still,"

the retired telephone worker explained.

Although they thought it had originally been built in the early 1900s, the Labishes were told by a neighbor that part of the barn had been built much earlier and had been raised onto a stone foundation at the beginning of this century.

It served as a landmark

for relatives and friends visiting from the city, Mrs. Labish said. "Now it looks so empty out there."

The wind that victimized the Labish's barn was part of a storm system that blew through the area Tuesday.

In addition to the barn, Labish pointed to a tree on his property that had been knocked down and power

lines across the road which were also down.

Nothing was inside the building when it went down but Labish said he was planning to store hay this year.

"But I guess I'll have to put it in there instead," he said, pointing to a modern, red structure that he built recently.

Funeral held Friday for 9-year-old Fisher boy

Funeral services were held Friday for James Ervin Fisher, 9, who died of injuries Tuesday, July 15, in a car-bicycle accident near his home on E. Cass City Road.

He was born Oct. 5, 1970, in Cass City, the son of George and Norma (Brown) Fisher Jr.

He was an active member of the primary department of the Cass City First Baptist church. He was also a participant in the Cass City Minor League, playing for the Yankees, and a member of Sanilac County 4-H. He

would have been a fourth grader at Campbell Elementary School this fall.

He is survived by his parents; one brother, George Fisher III, Caro; three sisters, Dianna (Mrs. Rocky) Culpepper, Jasper, Ala.; Marlene (Mrs. Jerry) Langmaid, Cass City, and Elizabeth Fisher, at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Sandusky; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr., Cass City; seven aunts, and three uncles.

The body was taken from Little's Funeral Home Fri-

day morning to lie in state at the First Baptist church until the 1 p.m. funeral service. Rev. Timothy Teall officiated.

Burial was in Elkland township cemetery.

According to Trooper Nick Palaian of the Sandusky State Police post, who handled the investigation, the victim, his mother, and sister Elizabeth, had all been pedaling their bicycles eastbound.

Jim and Mrs. Fisher then started to circle in order to retrieve a soft drink container they had passed which was along the south edge of the road. Elizabeth stopped her bike along the south side, waiting for them to return.

His mother was still along the north edge of the road (westbound lane) but the boy was close to the centerline when his bicycle was hit almost broadside by the

westbound car driven by Kevin Lowry.

Lowry braked but was unable to swerve completely into the eastbound lane to avoid the collision because of an oncoming car.

Two westbound cars had already passed, so Palaian feels the boy might have thought there were no more oncoming cars before starting to cross the road.

The impact threw the victim into the south ditch. Lowry, who was hospitalized for shock, unsuccessfully tried to revive Jim Fisher with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Palaian said. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Lowry was released from the hospital last Thursday. The accident report is now being reviewed by the Sanilac county prosecutor's office.

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Table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, and Equity Capital. Rows include Cash and due from depository institutions, U.S. Treasury securities, Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies, Demand deposits of individuals, and Total Assets.

I, Beverly J. Hurley, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition has been prepared in accordance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in accordance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.



BARGAIN HUNTER -- Eight-year-old Curt Harju, son of Linda Harju, Dale Road, looks for a deal on toys during the sidewalk sales last week. His companion is Woody Flowers, 7, son of Darryl and Judy Flowers, Cass City.

HOUSEHOLD AUCTION!

Having sold our home, we will sell the following personal property at public auction located at 4553 Leach St., Cass City, 1 block west, 1 block north of stoplight:

SATURDAY, JULY 26

11:00 A.M.

- Coronado refrigerator - top freezer - frost free
- Coronado gas range
- Coronado washer
- Coronado dryer
- Gibson 15 cu. ft. upright freezer
- Motorola black & white TV
- Corner china cabinet
- Davenport that makes into bed
- Kitchen table & 6 chairs
- Green recliner
- Occasional chairs
- Wood single bed
- Metal double bed
- Wood double bed, dresser, & night stand
- Eureka sweeper - Wizard sweeper
- Wood, desk chair - 2 small stands
- Large floor fan
- 2 steam radiators
- Storm windows - 2 wood chairs
- 2 wood stools - Floor lamp
- Bissell scrubber
- Coffee & tea Corningware
- Variety of glass - Pots & pans
- Lamp stand - Fruit jars
- Mortar box - 3 hog troughs
- Shovels - Trailer hitch
- Grocery cart
- 2 small gas heaters
- Assortment of windows
- 20 ft. ladder - Gas lantern
- Camping table - Others

ANTIQUES-

- 2 rocking chairs - very nice
- Dining room table with leaves, pads & 4 chairs
- Wood cupboard - Pie safe
- Chest of drawers - Trunk
- 2 wood single beds - complete - nice
- Night stand - Dresser with mirror
- Wicker rocker - Wicker chair
- Pictures & frames
- Kerosene lamp with metal base
- Pressed glass bowl
- Water pitcher
- Set of red glass dishes - Lantern
- Milk cans - Wood door
- Small water tank - Wood rake
- 2 pocket watches - Many others
- Case #220 10 hp. riding lawn mower 42" cut - hydrostatic drive

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