

## Rally Day draws 160 at church

Approximately 160 persons were in Sunday school for Rally Day Sunday at the Salem United Methodist church.

It was promotion day and Bud Inbody, co-superintendent of curriculum, presented Bibles to those going from the mid-levels class into the junior-high class: Darin Monroe, Lana Harris, Eric Inbody, Kathryn Leino, Lisa Nicholas, Robert Richez, and Deanna Hutchinson.

Jude Patnaude, superintendent of programming, presented a banner to the Golden Rule class for the greatest attendance for the day. The attendance contest will run for eight weeks.

Teachers for the coming year were announced by Rev. Eldred Kelley.

Nursery, Terry Weir and Marcy Brinkman; kindergarten, Louise Buehrly and Ellen O'Hare; primary, Lora Gutierrez and Mary Inbody; middle, Betty Powell and Joyce Loomis; juniors, Larry Robinson; progressive, John Ryba and Bud Inbody; couples and careers, Rev. Kelley and Joanie Umpfenbach; seekers, Iris Tuckey and Sandy Nicholas; junior high, Muriel Addison and Rita Gutierrez; senior high, Roy Leino and David Lovejoy, and golden rule, Mrs. Clayton Turner.

The 200th anniversary of the beginning of Sunday schools which was in England is being celebrated in 1980.



**UP AND AWAY** — Members and Sunday School students at Salem United Methodist church Sunday launched 288 balloons in connection with their Rally Day and the 200th birthday of Sunday School. A postcard was attached to each balloon, with each "launcher's" name on it, for purposes of a contest to determine whose balloon goes the farthest.

## Grant delay for study in county court wage fight

State Court Administrator Einar Bohlin Tuesday granted the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' request for an extension of time to allow completion of the wage and classification study of county employees, needed as ammunition in its continuing dispute with Probate Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr.

In addition, Donna Rayl, chairman of the board's personnel committee, said Tuesday she will recommend to her fellow commissioners Tuesday, Sept. 16, that they grant the seven probate court employees a pay increase equivalent to what all other courthouse employees receive under the contract negotiated by the board and the employees'

union in December of last year.

The increases will be retroactive to Jan. 21, the time when commissioners decided to continue the probate employees at their 1979 pay levels until the dispute was resolved. (They were paid at the higher rate from Jan. 1-20.)

Kent has the right to negotiate wages with his employees, the board has conceded, but it has refused to pay what he negotiated, which it says is much higher than is paid other courthouse employees.

Bohlin conducted in Lansing Tuesday what Rayl termed an "informal meeting" to find out where both sides stood.

According to Mrs. Rayl,

the Tuesday session was originally to be a formal hearing, but the county board requested a postponement until its study is done, so Bohlin scheduled the informal session instead.

Commissioners have contracted with the Virginia firm of Yarger and Associates, Inc., to conduct a wage and classification study of all county employee positions, including probate court.

The study is expected to be completed in early October. Upon its receipt, Bohlin will review it and Kent's administrative order directing the county to pay the higher salaries and other fringe benefits.

The court administrator's office conducted its own

wage study and the judge's administrative order calls for paying what was recommended in the study, which is less than what he negotiated in January.

If Bohlin ultimately gives Kent authority to issue the order to the county board, it will cost the county \$10,476 more this year than probate court employees would receive under the contract negotiated for other employees.

Neither Rayl nor Kent, both of whom attended the session, could say whether Bohlin, after receiving the study, will conduct a formal hearing or make his decision on the basis of the information submitted by both sides.

Any decision by the state court administrator is subject to appeal to the courts.

Kent's position was that Tuesday's session was a hearing, though not one requiring giving of testimony, which is why he didn't have a lawyer present to represent him, whom, he feels, would have had to be paid by the county.

The board had its labor attorney there, Michael Ward of Kalamazoo.

Kent expressed satisfaction that Mrs. Rayl will be recommending the pay increase for his employees, that it will show "some recognition the court employees have been suffering from lack of any raise."

He added that accepting it won't preclude them from receiving an additional increase, if Bohlin allows the judge to order county commissioners to pay it.

## At Cass City

# Adult courses start Monday

The Cass City Public Schools adult high school completion program begins Monday.

Enrichment, recreational and cultural activities for teens and adults begin on varying dates throughout September.

A fall program for youngsters begins in early October. Several important areas are being focused upon this fall: physical and emotional health and fitness, home arts, vocational skills, the arts and cultural programs.

The high school completion program is expanding this year to include a satellite program at Laker High School, in cooperation with the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools. Classes will be held for adults interested in completing their high school diploma. The number of classes to be offered is dependent upon the number of area residents registering now through Sept. 25th. The Laker center will offer several specialty classes and those are, machine shop, auto shop, and carpentry. The more traditional classes such as English, math, history and government are also available.

The Cass City program will broaden its curriculum to include a class to enable those individuals interested in successfully taking and passing the General Educational Development Test, as well as French and health (advanced first aid).

Daytime and evening appointments are currently underway in Cass City. Individuals interested in the Laker Center classes are urged to contact either Cass City Community Education Office at 872-4151 or Laker High School for information and planning sessions.

Physical and mental health and fitness programs include the following: Aerobic Dance, to begin Sept. 17, a form of dance and exercise.

Tap dancing for women will be taught by Mary Ellen Miller.

Early bird physical fitness scheduled for 6:30-8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, tennis, and the community education pacesetter running clinic are other offerings.

"Oh, My Aching Back" is a class targeted at individuals who would like to better understand the mechanics of back problems and how to alleviate the problem or live more effectively with it.

Sports conditioning and fitness, coping with stress and senior citizen conditioning classes are being postponed until the winter term as the instructor is moving.

Family lifesaving and

cardio-pulmonary resuscitation are designed to give you the know-how to deal with everyday emergencies and are sponsored by Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Yoga will relax you and provide good exercise.

In home arts, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland will again teach chair caning and furniture upholstery and Katie Jackson will teach antique furniture refinishing. The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a program focusing on working mothers and how they and their families cope effectively. "Families Make a Difference."

"This Old House" is aimed at helping individuals save money by fixing things themselves, when the furnace goes out, minor plumbing problems, roofing, fuses, etc.

Dog Obedience (beginning and intermediate), wood-working and Middle East cooking are other selections. The arts classes include some unusual offerings by several talented individuals: Batik (fabric design using wax), soft sculpture which involves creating oversized stuffed decorator items such as a giant Oreo cookie pillow, printmaking and photography, taught by area professional photographer Tim Downing, and art

studio, which focuses on design, drawing and multimedia experiences will be offered by artist Cinda Schantz.

The amateur author writers' workshop will help develop hidden talents. Gravestone rubbings will bring a tri-county artist to share his expertise in creating decorator wall hangings while developing skill in this historical art form. Class will be held in area cemeteries.

A travel club has a fall line-up of trips, starting with a boat color tour of the AuSable area. A trip to Meadowbrook

dinner theatre for "Thieves Carnival" and a Christmas tour of the mansion, to the Renaissance Center and Greenfield Village at Yuletide and to Midland Center for the Arts and the musical "Hello Dolly" and the comedy, "Move Over Mrs. Markham," as well as a Children's Theatre production are other trips. Reservations are being taken now and must be in advance in order to secure the group rates.

The Business classes include accounting, office machines, secretarial refresher and typing I, II, and shorthand. They may be taken for credit, if desired

## 7 injured in auto crash at Hemans

A 7:25 p.m. accident Sunday in Hemans sent seven persons to Marlette Community Hospital.

The only one still there Tuesday afternoon was Ida Edwards, 76, of Pontiac township, who was reported in satisfactory condition.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her reported son-in-law, Steven Mihalko, 67, of Port Hope, who was not injured. The other passenger was his wife, Helen, 57, who was treated and released.

The driver of the other car involved, Dorothy Savage, 17, of Caro, was released from the hospital Tuesday. Her passengers were her brothers, Patrick, 11, released Monday, and David, 15, and Jeff, 13, both of whom were treated and released.

Sanilac county deputies reported Miss Savage was westbound on Snover Road, failed to stop at the stop sign, and collided with the Mihalko auto, which was northbound on M-53.

### OTHER ACCIDENTS

Four persons sought their own treatment after a 3:05 p.m. accident Sunday.

They were Esther McCullough, 76, of 4280 S. Seeger Street, Cass City, one of her three passengers, Alice McAleer, 80, of 4574 Hill Street, Leslie S. Tuckey, 29, Elmwood Road, Cass City, the other driver, and his passenger, Rhoda Greenleaf, 26, of Caro.

Deputies reported Mrs. McCullough was southbound on Green Road, and collided with the Tuckey auto, which was westbound on Elmwood Road.

Officers noted that Mrs.

McCullough's vision was blocked by corn fields on both sides of the road, north of Elmwood, plus the intersection is at the top of a hill

Two persons were treated and released from Caro Community Hospital following an 8:30 p.m. mishap last Wednesday. They were Judith Titus, 40, of Caro, and daughter Janelle, 12.

Mrs. Titus told Caro state police she was eastbound on Akron Road, east of Colwood Road, when she apparently had an epileptic attack. Her car went off the south side of the road into a ditch.

An accident southwest of Cass City took place at 3:45 p.m. last Thursday.

Deputies reported Dale A. Wright, 16, of Walnut Trailer Park was northbound on Warner Road. An unidentified vehicle turned south from River Road, stopped, then backed into a driveway just south of the road.

Wright, unsure what the driver was doing, slammed on his brakes. His car went out of control and rolled over onto its right side into a ditch.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, Cass City police reported, Allie Mae Monson of 3680 Hadley Road, Decker, turned onto Church Street from the Erla's Food Center parking lot, started to turn right onto Weaver Street, didn't yield the right of way and collided with an eastbound car.

Driver of the other car was Marian L. Croft of 4677 Huron Street.

At 10:30 p.m. Saturday, according to deputies, Wado Allan Caverly, 19, of 5495 Rossman Road, Kingston, was eastbound on M-46, east of Phillips Road, when his vehicle collided with a deer.

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## Final rites set for Fr. Van Poppelen

Father Norman F. Van Poppelen, pastor at St. Agatha's Catholic church in Gagelton from 1974-78, died Monday at Bay Osteopathic Hospital in Bay City. He was 65.

He was born March 7, 1915, in Essexville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Poppelen. He was the youngest of 12 children.

He attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and St. Mary Seminary in Norwood, Ohio, and was ordained June 7, 1941, in St. Mary Cathedral, Saginaw, by the late Bishop William Murphy.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph church, Saginaw; St. Bernard church, Alpena; St. Elizabeth church, Reese; St. Ignatius church, Rogers City, and was pastor at St. Francis church, Vassar; St. Joseph church, Argyle; St. Vincent de Paul church, Bay City; Sacred Heart church, Birch Run, and spent his last five years in the active ministry at St. Agatha's. He retired Jan. 1, 1979, primarily for health reasons.

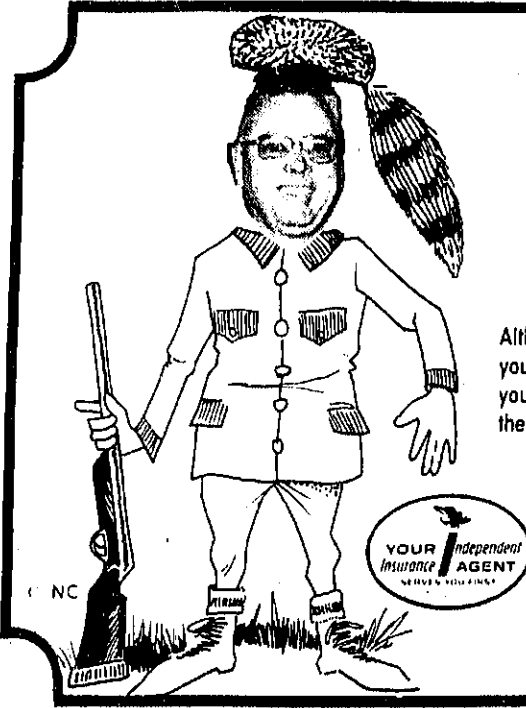
Father Van Poppelen is survived by four sisters, Ruth and Dorothy Van Poppelen, Bay City; Mrs. Carolyn McKerner, Paducah, Ky., and Mrs. Celesta Sullivan, Detroit, and

several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were to be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul church, Bay City, with Bishop Francis F. Reh of Saginaw officiating. The homilist will be Father Joseph F. Favara.

Burial was to have been in St. Patrick cemetery.

His body was taken from Staphish West Funeral Home to lie in state from 3-10 p.m. Wednesday. The wake liturgy was to have taken place at 8 p.m.



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