## PEDALING AROUND Varied verbosity

By Mike Eliasohn

Idle thoughts (most of my thoughts are idle):

President Carter is making a big mistake in not participating in the upcom-

ing television debates. Granted, he was in a nowin situation as long as John Anderson participated.

Anderson is much more likely to draw votes away from Carter than from Reagan, thus the Illinois congressman's appearance in the debates will be detrimental to the President.

On the other hand, maybe he would have garnered lots of sympathy with Reagan and Anderson picking on

Now, however, the reaction of the public will be that Carter didn't have the guts to defend his policies on national television.

If he does change his mind before the first debate, Sept. 21, that will only reinforce the image of Carter as a man who can't make up his

Politically, my leanings are probably closest to those of Anderson, though I doubt I will vote for him.

I go along with those -probably Carter supporters, mostly -- who feel the Illinois congressman's candidacy is a creation of the media.

The best he ever did in a primary was second place, but instead of dropping out like the other losers, he decides to run as an independent and the national media treats him like the candidates for the two major parties.

If you don't believe me, watch the 6:30 network news shows. Disregarding coverage of Carter as president, which is unavoidable, Anderson gets about as much air time as do Reagan and Carter (as candidate).

No wonder politicians have a tough time saying "no" to spending money. Congressman Bob Traxler

has released results of his Jatest constituent poll.

Eighty percent said they were in favor of a tax cut, even if it means a deficit budget or cut backs in

government programs. But in another question, Traxler listed 14 spending categories and asked whether the government should be spending less, the same or

more for each category. In 13 of the categories, the reatest percentage wanted

as much spending in the past or more.

The only category in which they favored less spending was foreign aid. and out of a total '78-79 budget of \$500.2 billion, the latest for which I could find the figures, only \$7.7 billion was budgeted for that purpose. That's 1.53 percent, so eliminating all foreign aid wouldn't make much differ-

The latest contribution to our throwaway society which was never needed in the first place is thin plastic store bags, usually white.

Supermarkets are still using paper bags, but the plastic ones are increasingly popular with other types of stores for bagging customer purchases.

Paper bags are made from a renewable resource, trees, and when thrown out, will gradually decompose.

Unless there is some new process involved, I assume the plastic bags use petroleum in their manufacture, which is not a renewable resource, and when thrown away, do not decompose. What a waste.

## Registration deadline is Oct. 6

All 17-year-old individuals whose birthday falls on or before the Nov. 4 election can help select our next president, according to Secretary of State Richard H.

To be eligible to vote, however, all such individuals must register prior to the Oct. 6 deadline.

Any individual may register with the clerk of the village or township where they reside or at any of the 200 statewide Secretary of State branch offices, Austin

### Settlement

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lay-off action.

According to the union, the drivers and aides were told they were "not on layoff, but have had their schedules rearranged." Because of that definition, they said, they were unable to collect unemployment compensation for the time they were out of work.



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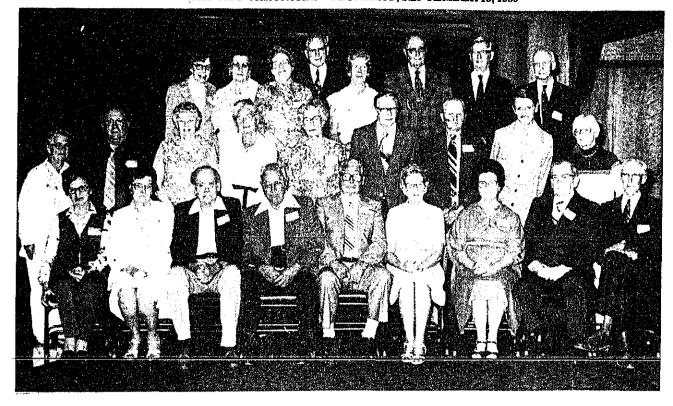


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# Jury finds pair guilty of raping pregnant woman

A Tuscola County Circuit Friday with the jury finding Court jury Friday found two Millington men guilty of the March 28 rape of a Richville area woman who was pregnant at the time.

Found guilty of criminal sexual conduct (1st degree) at the conclusion of the fourday trial were James Paquette, 20, of 10269 Sheridan Road, and Alvin Thrasher, 22, of 10370 Oak Road.

Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements, who presided, scheduled sentencing Oct. 20. Bond was continued until

The woman, who was 4-5 months pregnant and married, according to preliminary examination testimony, ran out of gas north of Millington during the day in

The two men found guilty picked her up, drove her into Vassar to buy a container of gasoline, then drove south into Arbela township, where

they assaulted her. A Circuit Court jury last Thursday found Paul S. Luketich, 56, of Mt. Morris, innocent of a charge of receiving and concealing

stolen property over \$100. He had been charged with possession of a stolen garden tractor in August of last year in Vassar township.

Judge Patrick R. Joslyn presided over the three-day

He then presided over a two-day trial, which ended

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Douglas G. Mitchell, 19, of Flint, guilty of a charge of assault with intent to com-

mit great bodily harm.

Sentencing was scheduled Oct. 20. Mitchell was returned to the county jail. He was found guilty of assaulting Clyde Shingler Oct. 9, 1979, near Millington.

#### JUDGE CLEMENTS

Clifford Billings, 61, formerly of Walnut Trailer Park, Cass City, stood mute at his arraignment Monday before Judge Clements to charges of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling and of breaking without entering.

Pleas of innocent were entered and pretrial hearing scheduled Oct. 6.

A motion for reduction of his \$10,000 bond was denied, although the judge said posting of 10 percent of the bond or a property bond would be allowed. As of Tuesday afternoon, Billings was still in the county jail.

The breaking and entering charge is in connection with the break-in of a mobile home March 17 on Hurds Corner Road, Ellington township.

The breaking without entry charge is in connection with the theft of chickens, turkeys and some items from a barn on E. Dutcher Road, Ellington township,

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The prosecution has also filed a motion for supplemental information, charging Billings with having committed five previous felonies. If convicted of the entering without breaking charge, he can receive a sentence of life in prison instead of the normal five years maximum for the

The sheriff's department has a "hold" on Billings at the request of Crawford county authorities, in connection with the theft of a travel trailer in that county.

Also Monday, Daniel J. Dwyer, 17, of Bay City, stood mute to charges of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling and unlawfully driving away a motor ve-

Dwyer is charged with breaking into a residence on the Kingston Teen Ranch campus, 5271 S. Kingston Road, on July 28, and driving away the van two days later of Jim Fagan of 5873 Kingston Road.

Dwyer is a former Teen Ranch resident, having left there last December.

Pleas of innocent were entered in his behalf and pretrial hearing scheduled

Oct. 6. Bond was continued. Terry L. Hascall, 18, of 6076 S. Sheridan Road, Vassar, stood mute to two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$100.

A plea of innocent was entered and pretrial hearing scheduled Oct. 6. Bond was continued.

He is charged with damaging a car that belonged to the Vassar Schools and the utility station wagon of Thomas Asperger, both incidents occurring July 25 in Vassar.

Francis Sheldon, 43, of 2162 Ohmer Road, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. He was credited with three days served. He pleaded guilty to the

charge Aug. 4, of having possessed a stolen van May 6 in Dayton township.

JUDGE JOSLYN

Rodney R. Sarles, 19, of 4621 Hurds Corner Road,

# Vandalism reported in Cass City

Raymond Brink of 4391 Brooker Street told Cass City police Monday afternoon that a large window on the west side of his home was broken by stones.

The value was \$80. The damage was apparently done by boys shooting stones with slingshots.

George P. Hawley of 2732 E. Caro Road, Ellington township, reported to sheriff's deputies last Wednesday that wheels with bald tires were stolen from a pile of tires outside his house. They were worth \$15.

Mayville, stood mute Monday to charges of breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property over

A plea of innocent was entered and bond continued at \$5,000, pending a pretrial hearing.

He is charged with breaking into Mayville Elementary School and damaging two driver education cars that belong to the Mayville schools.

Shirley G. Martens, 37, of 5223 Lobdell Road, Mayville, was placed on one year's probation for insufficient funds. She was fined \$100 and assessed \$100 court

She was charged with writing a check for \$51 to a Caro shoe store in February. although she either did not have a bank account or sufficient funds in her account.

Gary S. Colmus, 17, of Saginaw, was placed on three years' probation for malicious destruction of property over \$100. He was fined \$200 and assessed \$300 court costs.

Serving of 120 days in the county jail was suspended until the end of his proba-

He pleaded guilty to the charge July 21, the incident having occurred in connection with a June 15 break-in of Romain's market in Fos-

# 50th year

#### 54 attend reunion for Cass City class of 1930 Thursday

The Cass City High School class of 1930 held its 50th class reunion at Colony House last Thursday eve-

Fifty-four members, spouses, friends, and former teachers met at 4:30 for visiting and registration. A dinner was served at 6, followed by a short pro-

The former teacher coming the longest distance was and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Mrs. Grace Beach Johnson Hanes.

from Yakima, Wash. Other teachers present were Mrs. Otis Heath and Mrs. Lois Folkert of Bay City and Mrs. Esther McCullough of Cass

The graduate coming the farthest distance was Reva (Freiburger) Byrne of Cali-

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