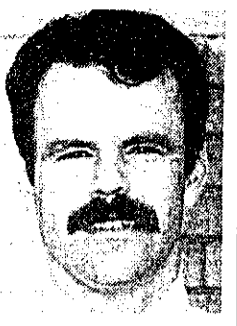


PEDALING AROUND

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 upcoming television debates.

Granted, he was in a no-win 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 him.

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 mind.

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 latest 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 greatest 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 difference.

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.

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. Austin.

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

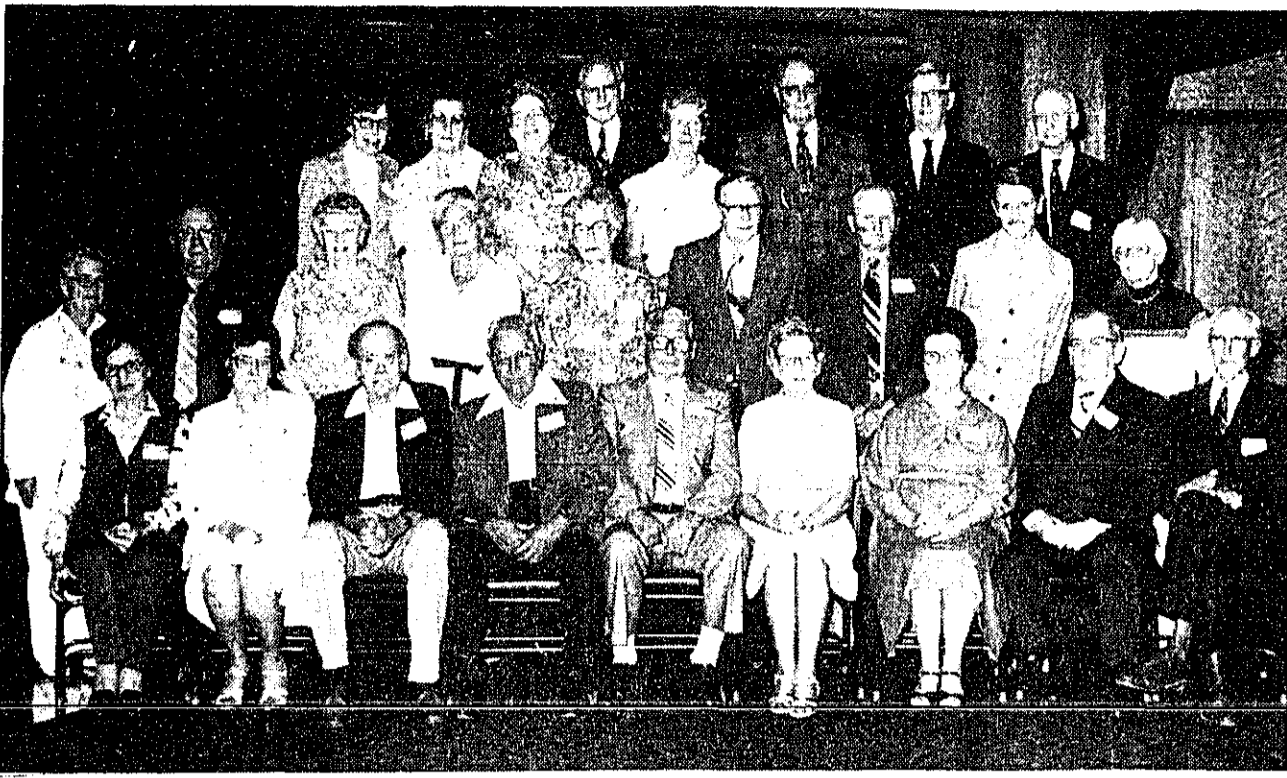
Any individual may register with the clerk of the village or township where they reside or at any of the 200 statewide Secretary of State branch offices, Austin said.

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.



50 YEARS -- Attending the Cass City High School Class of 1930 reunion last Thursday were, front row, from left, Reva Freiburger Byrne, Mildred Karr Sussex, Bob Edgerton, Lewis Pinney, Alex Ross, Alison Milligan Brown, Marie O'Dell Hanes, Audley Horner, James A. Milligan, Middle row, Wilma Collier Craig, Jack Blades, Helen Severance Sheppard, Elizabeth Ross Miller, Katherine Kelly Miller, Ira Gerou, Raymond Wallace, Louis Aaron Chaffee, Esther Marie Krake Severance. Back row, Marguerite Carpenter, Gladys Lepa Auslander, Marion Leishman Gray, Bruce Malcolm, Bernice Atkins Hildinger, Winton Roblin, Frank Bullock, Francis Elliott.

Jury finds pair guilty of raping pregnant woman

A Tuscola County Circuit 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 four-day 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 then.

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 question.

The two men found guilty picked her up, drove her into Vassar to buy a container of gasoline, then drove south into Arbeta 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 trial. He then presided over a two-day trial, which ended

Friday with the jury finding Douglas G. Mitchell, 19, of Flint, guilty of a charge of assault with intent to commit 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.

Plas 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.

Plas 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.

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 evening.

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 program.

The former teacher coming the longest distance was Mrs. Grace Beach Johnson

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

The graduate coming the farthest distance was Reva (Freiburger) Byrne of California.

The committee for the 1985 reunion consists of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Audley Horner, and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hanes.

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