CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



On a Saturday night early this summer, pianist Bob Milne and his band were playing Dixieland in the Woodbridge Tavern, the oldtime saloon in whose famous shadow the lesser-known Renaissance Center was purposely built. I was fascinated by the drummer because he was the only person in the tavern who looked older than I did.

This doesn't happen often. -As my wife frequently complains, I am forever dragging her into places where she immediately feels like the housemother. She ac- cuses me of hanging around young people in hopes some

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on me. This is an unfair accusation. The truth is that I still remember the humiliating days when I was regularly kicked out of bars for not being 21 years old. I envied the mature, sophisticated people who could stride confidently into saloons without fear of being hassled for proof of their age. I vowed that when I finally reached the legal drinking age, I

would never abuse the privilege by not exercising it. Thirty-three years later, I

contemporaries are made of do what they're too lazy to do today. It isn't always when I could be home paint-

besides, a vow is a vow. So it was while performing my sworn duty that I learned the skinny drummer

also an unusually fine drumthe Dixieland, and especially Mayers. We met and

of their Clearasil will rub off talked and I thanked him for looking older than I did. Later, Bob Milne told me more about his drummer. Mayers had been suffering from cancer for three years. There was also a heart attack. Every Monday he underwent heavy medicinal treatment - "the kind that knocks you down for days." He spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday recuperating so he could come to the Woodbridge Friday and Sat-

urday nights "to thunder out Dixieland with the boys." "There he was, every am still fulfilling that vow. It week end, playing intricate isn't my fault most of my rhythms that don't jump out and overpower you, playing less sterner stuff, and have an imitation of what the forgotten the painful dis- clarinet just played, playing crimination of the old days a rhythm of three in one when they were too young to hand and four in the other, playing softer and louder to make the soloist sound even easy to sit around saloons better than he is, playing over the body-breaking ing the bathroom, but some- medicine he had to take four one has got to do it and, times a day, and playing until two in the morning like it was the first job he ever

had," Milne said. "Doc never complained was Karl (Doc) Mayers and about the pain. He always he was 75 years old. He was said he felt fine. He had class. The whole bar would mer. It turned out to be one come to its feet when one of of those nights when every- his solos was through. The thing was perfect, especially last night he played at the Woodbridge, I walked him out to his car, and he got a

standing ovation from the time he got up to leave until we were out the door.'

A few days later, Doc Mayers died.

'We loved him, and we'll miss him," Milne said. "There will no longer be a drum in the band, since we retired the position, so next time you come to the Woodbridge, Jim, bring your washboard. I'll try to show you how to play three with one hand, and four with the other, like Doc did."

I have a fine feeling about the last days of Doc Mayers. He didn't wither away in a nursing home, where he might have lived longer, but why? He did what he en-.joyed doing and he did it exceptionally well until he could do it no longer, and then he left to a standing ovation from people who loved him.

I also have a fine feeling about the younger people who stood and applauded,

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SATURN is one of the nine planets in the solar system, all of which are now shown in scale in size and distance from the sun in the physics room at Cass City High School. Instructor Doug Grezeszak's physics students last year did all the planning and painted the top two tiers of cement blocks in the room black. His wife, Lori, painted all the planets, such as Saturn, shown here, and did the lettering, finishing during the summer. Looking at the planet are students Karen Little (left) and Bobbi MacKay.



It would be rewarding if the power of the people were as great as the power of the organized lobbies. In theory people power is the ultimate power in our system. In practice it just doesn't

appear to be so. For years now there has been attempt after attempt to lower the cost of car insurance by eliminating costly court cases where lawyers' fees skyrocket costs even when no judgement is awarded. "No fault" insurance was

supposed to be a step in that direction but there are so many loopholes in the Michigan version that costly litigation goes merrily on and The trouble is that we

don't have anyone pleading our case. The same troubles that

afflict us as drivers buying insurance have been biting the medical profession. There's a difference. Mal-

that provision in writing to prospective clients. That's where the clout comes in. Laws like these don't just happen. It takes a well organized, well financed campaign to get it done.



PAGE THREE

Regular readers of this trivia will recall that we promised to pass along the increase in cost for teachers at Cass City Schools as soon as the superintendent revealed them.

In 1979-80 total salaries were \$1,286,177. Under the new contract the total swells to \$1,367,097. That's an increase of \$80.920.

If you took the trouble to figure it you would see that the increase is only slightly more than 6 percent.

How is that possible when salaries with increments jumped an average of more than 10 percent? It's possible because the school is hiring four fewer teachers this year with a net savings of well over \$50,000.

Smokers bug you? Non-smokers get in your hair? Either way you can tell how you feel about increased cigarette taxes, insurance advantages, stricter control of vending machines, expansion of laws prohibiting smoking in public areas and increased health education efforts in schools and hospitals.

The place to sound off (or write) is the governor's citizens' panel on smoking and health which has scheduled a, public hearing Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at Manty Conference Center of the Michigan Department of Public Health, 3500 North Logan Street, Lansing.

The committee reports to Gov. William Milliken Nov. 15.

There will be three tax cut amendment propositions presented in the November election. I plan to vote against all three. Voting against the Smith-Bullard and Tisch amendments was an easy decision. The executive legislative coalition proposal is harder to say no to.

The Tisch amendment would bring chaos to Michigan and before the election I'm sure that enough of us will realize it so that the proposition will go down the tube as it did before.

The Smith-Bullard proposal which is backed by Michigan educational groups has many objectionable features. Tops for me is the one that would require by law that every school district in the state pay the amount received by the HIGHEST paid district in the state after a five-year phase in period. It also requires a system of general taxation to support school's operating costs.

In other words, Cass City School district which operates near the bottom of the cost per pupil scale would be forced to spend as much as the district at the top of the scale.

Another objectionable feature is that it would lift the current 15/50 mill limitation to 24.5 mills. In short it takes away much of the local control over school and governmental spending that we now enjoy.

The coalition proposition would save many property owners tax dollars. The difference would be regained by increasing the sales and use tax from 4 to 5.5 percent.

That's a regressive tax, hitting the persons less able to pay more than the present tax system.

Fire destroys barn

the structure this year. In

(Krapf) owned the farm. It was the second barn on the site, replacing one blown down in a wind storm. Some of the lumber in the original barn was used in the replacement.

I'm sure that if all libel cases were heard by juries composed of media members, it's safe to say that the cost of libel insurance would plummet as quickly as an airplane without an en-

igan Supreme Court after

rulings against the doctor

were handed down in circuit

court and the Michigan

gine. Regardless of what happens in the court case the doctors have another avenue to travel. In July the Florida legislature passed a law requiring the losing party in medical malpractice cases to pay the other side's legal fees. The law also requires attorneys to clearly explain

top 25.

with 2,160 students at CMU, the three-county area is represented by 4,864 students, or 28.8 percent of the University's 16,912 enroll-

Tuscola county

Nearly 30 percent of Cent-

Wayne and Macomb, ac-

cording to figures compiled

by the CMU Registrar's

Led by Oakland county

20th in CMU

Tuscola county, with 179 students, is 20th on the list of counties represented at CMU this year. Huron county, with 175, is 22nd.

Continued from page one: The fire was still smoldering Wednesday morning. It was the second fire at

lagher, who stopped by to review the remains Wednesday morning, his uncle,

Court of Appeals. Cases against lawyers are heard by judges who are, of course, lawyers, who honestly interpret the law impartially as they perceive it. ment this fall.

Office.

Sanilac county is not in the

pitched the burning straw outside, with the only damage being some singed wood. According to Albert Gal-

it costs to purchase \$1,000,000 of additional liability protection. Including attorney's fees for defense

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the people like Bob Milne

who walked Doc to his car on

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written by the Physicians' Crisis Committee, is suing a law firm for alleged malicious prosecution, malpractice and abusive prosecution

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Don't get me wrong. It's a good law, it just doesn't go far enough.

I fail to see why the client should be held responsible. How about the attorneys paying half the cost of the other side's legal fees, if they lose, not just for malpractice but for all cases involving damages?

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