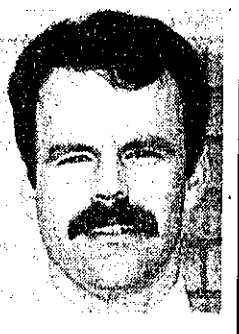


PEDALING AROUND

With and without

By Mike Eliasohn



I think I first became fascinated with the idea of being rich when I read that Jackie and Aristotle Onassis liked to eat unborn lamb, which cost, if I remember correctly, \$45 a pound.

It's not that I want to be able to eat unborn lamb, the idea of which sounds sickening. It's just that the nice thing about money is that there are so many things one can do with it.

I know I will never become rich. I don't have any rich uncle who will leave me a million or so dollars in his will and I don't have enough ambition to go out and earn it.

As long as I can stay comfortable, I will be satisfied.

Still, it's fascinating to get a glimpse now and then of how the other 1/100th live.

For instance, it was revealed last week that at least \$200,000 in jewels was missing from the home of William Clay Ford, owner of the Detroit Lions and Ford Motor Co. vice-chairman.

The items were taken over a period of time and weren't immediately missed.

That's what happens when you are rich. If it were you or I who owned \$200,000 in jewels, we would notice the first time a cufflink or an earring disappeared.

Then there was the glimpse shown by the television show "PM Magazine" of life on Rodeo Drive, the ultra-expensive shopping district in Beverly Hills.

There was the men's clothing store that looked like the Taj Mahal, where suits sold for \$1,000 and a coat cost

\$7,000.

The owner of the store said 95 percent of his customers never ask what an item costs before purchasing it.

I wish the reporter had asked what a pair of socks cost.

We all have our priorities, of course.

There's the joke about the farmer who was asked what he would do if he had \$1 million and he replied, "I'd farm and farm until it was all gone."

If I had \$1 million, assuming that it was tax free so that it would last a while, I would start by buying a house with a mammoth garage.

Then I would start filling it by finding a Morgan 3-wheel car and a mechanic to go with it. Mogs were not always the most reliable of cars. (Morgan trikes were built in England from 1910-1952. The company still builds four wheel sports cars, for which there is supposedly a waiting list of seven years.)

As long as I'm fantasizing, a Bentley from the 1920s, a Mini-Cooper from the 1960s (both English) and a Studebaker Avanti would be nice.

I realize 99.99 percent of you reading this don't have the slightest idea what I am talking about, but this whole piece is about self-indulgence. You indulge your way and I'll indulge mine.

I wouldn't fill my garage entirely with cars. There would be lots of bicycles.

Since most of my ideas for bicycles haven't been built yet, I would hire a bicycle frame builder (there are such persons) and he could build them.

To each his own.

It's a problem you and I will never have, of course, but I suppose it becomes a problem for the ultra-rich in how to get rid of their money.

They can't take it with them and it only costs so much for the basic necessities of life, so beyond that, they make what seem to us frivolous expenditures.

Meat for \$45 a pound, a \$100,000 car for him, a \$125,000 necklace for her and a \$1 million yacht for both of them.

I'd settle for the Morgan, a small garage and a good mechanic within pushing distance.

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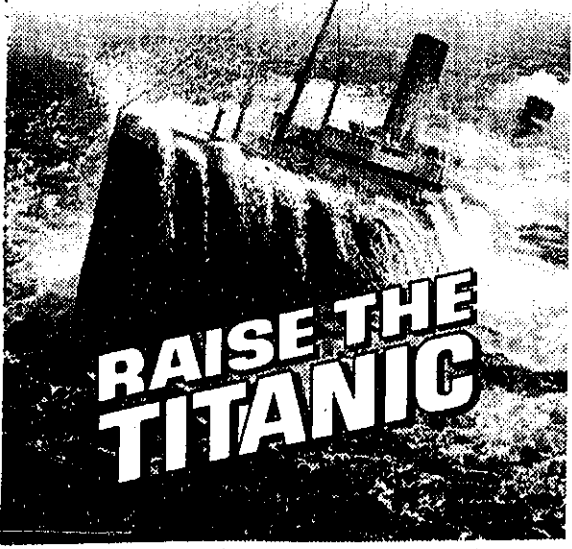
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Area residents honored at Tuscola County Farm Bureau meeting

Residents of Kingston, Cass City and Gagetown were recipients of three of the four top honors presented at the annual meeting last Thursday of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau.

Honored at the dinner meeting, held at the Caro High School cafeteria, as the Farm Bureau Couple of the Year were Dean and Marion Jeffrey of 3356 River Street, Kingston.

Both have been active in Farm Bureau activities for many years, have attended several American Farm Bureau Federation conventions and have held various offices in the Group 38 community group.

Jeffrey went to work at his brother's farm implement shop in 1931, retired from there in 1971, but still repairs farm equipment.

Mrs. Jeffrey has been a member of the White Creek Floral Club for about 35 years.

The couple, married in 1933, have five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Outstanding Farm Bureau Individual was Keith Little of 5163 E. Kelly Road, Cass City.

A Farm Bureau member since 1952, he was elected as a district director in September, 1977.

He has served as delegate to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meetings and was the county legislative leader at this year's Washington legislative seminar.

He is presently information committee chairman.

He is a member and former president of the Tuscola County Swine Producers Association, chairman of the Novesta Church of Christ board, an elder and



ANDREA HOFMEISTER of Dodge Road, Gagetown, was named the outstanding young farm woman.

Sunday school teacher and a former 4-H leader.

Named outstanding young farm woman was Andrea Hofmeister of Dodge Road, Gagetown.

She is vice-president of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Women, FBW safety and health chairman, secretary of the North Elmwood Farm Bureau community group and a member of the county community affairs committee.

She and husband Ken have two children.

Mrs. Hofmeister will compete for state outstanding young farm woman honors at the state convention later this year.

The distinguished service to agriculture award was presented to State Rep. Loren Armbruster, R-Caro.

He was first elected to the legislature in 1972, after having been executive vice-president of the Michigan-Ohio Sugar Beet Growers Association for 22 years.

He was a vocational agriculture teacher for two years, an assistant county extension agent and county agent for a total of five years.

He was named an honorary state farmer by the Michigan FFA in 1967.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions approved by the members present included urging the president to lift the embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union.

Another resolution was that the basic farm program "should be one that will encourage undisturbed foreign and domestic market opportunities... that will encourage the largest percent of farm income coming from the marketplace and the very minimum of income and dependency on government programs."

The county millage proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot was endorsed. A half-mill will go for bridges and a half-mill for county operating expenses.

The concept of a "right to farm" ordinance was endorsed for the county to ensure agriculture has priority. "That noise, odors, dust and fumes that are caused by farming are specifically permitted as part of the exercise of this right."

Establishment of the Homer Nowlin Farm in Lapere county as a state extension demonstration farm was supported. The farm, 4½ miles south of the Tuscola-Lapeer county line, has been donated to Michigan State University.

A bicycle safety training program in county elementary schools, under the supervision of law enforcement officials, was endorsed.

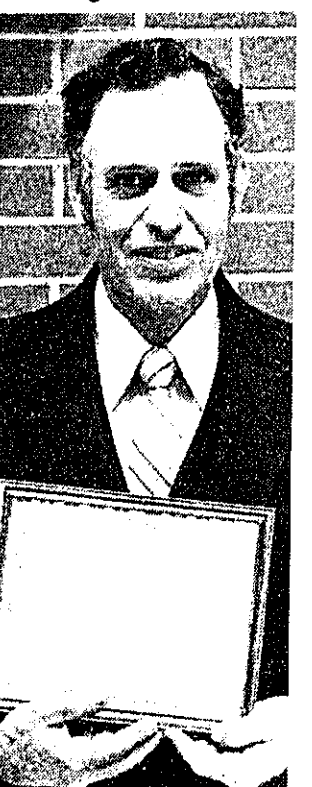
State and national resolutions will be considered at the state convention.

JACK LAURIE

Michigan Farm Bureau Vice-president Jack Laurie of Dodge Road, Cass City, spoke to the gathering primarily about the impact of the three tax proposals on the November ballot.

All would limit severely the powers of local government, he said.

Passage of the Tisch



KEITH LITTLE of Kelly Road, Cass City, was recipient of the outstanding Farm Bureau individual award.

Youth charged in break-in

A Cass City youth has been charged in connection with the Aug. 9 break-in of the home of Alice Lelito and her husband at 1609 Kingston Road, Deford.

Hugh Bulla, 17, of 6777 E. Kelly Road, appeared last Thursday before Magistrate Donald Smith, charged with breaking and entering an occupied dwelling.

Arraignment before District Judge Richard F. Kern was scheduled Oct. 6. Surety bond was set at \$5,000.

A warrant was issued by the prosecutor's office in late August, but Bulla wasn't found and taken into custody by the sheriff's department until Tuesday of last week.

A juvenile has also been charged in connection with the break-in.

Taken in the break-in were various items worth a total of \$139, including two radios and a portable tape recorder. Many of the items were recovered.

OTHER ITEMS

Joseph Viney of 3665 Cemetery Road, Cass City, reported to deputies Sept. 22 that a \$300 Stihl chain saw was stolen from his unlocked garage. It was taken Sept. 17 or 18.

Cass City police arrested Thomas A. Hendrick, 51, of W. Dickerson Road, Akron, at 10:25 p.m. Sept. 23 on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor. His car was stopped on Seeger Street at Pine.

He was released from the county jail after posting bond of \$100. Appearance date in district court was scheduled Oct. 6.

Immunization, family planning clinics set

Tuscola County Health Department immunization clinic will be Thursday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Hours at each are 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., with the clinic this Thursday extending into early evening. The clinics are free.

Family planning clinics will be Friday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The health department is located on M-81, west of Caro.

amendment, he said, would cut the county operating budget drastically and could reduce the Michigan Department of Agriculture budget by 60 percent.

"I don't think there is a person in this room who wouldn't like to pay less taxes," he commented, adding, "I don't think it would be fair to limit state revenues to the point it would hurt services that help us."

OTHER ITEMS

Elected or reelected directors were Keith Little, Elkland, Ellington, Elmwood and Novesta townships; Mark Schiefer, Denmark, Gifford, Juniata, and Tuscola townships; Kenneth Hofmeister, Gagetown, at-large, three-year term, and Michael Findlay, Caro, at-large, two-year term.

Outgoing directors whose terms are expiring were honored: LeRoy Schluckebier, Frankenmuth, the current county president; Mervin Knoll, Vassar, and Joyce Loomis, Cass City, Women's Committee.

A plaque was presented to the family of Margaret Boyne, county president at the time of her death July 15, for her dedicated service. A dried flower bouquet was presented by the Farm Bureau Women Committee in her honor to be placed in the county Farm Bureau building.

Group 38 was the community group award winner and also the scrapbook winner.

Plaques were presented to the four high school students who attended the Farm Bureau citizenship seminar

at Albion College last summer; Darryn LaZar, Mark Colosky, Martha Goodchild and Sue Marchlewicz.

Regional Representative Bernard Bishop reported

Tuscola's 2,357 members is the second most in the state. Saginaw county has the most members. Tuscola gained 214 members during the past year.



RECIPIENTS OF THE outstanding Farm Bureau couple award were Marion and Dean Jeffrey of River Street, Kingston.

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