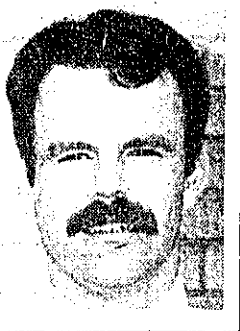


PEDALING AROUND

School prayer

By Mike Eliasohn



When I was in junior high school one year, I had a homeroom teacher who was a part-time minister.

Once a week, as I recall, he would pull out his Bible and read for a few minutes.

His Bible reading was always greeted with an unspoken groan and I doubt that it saved anyone from sin.

Granted, the teacher was not very dynamic and he probably put a few of his parishioners to sleep.

One of the tenets of the fundamentalist Christians seeking to get conservative politicians elected to office this year is to restore prayer in public schools.

If, heaven, forbid (pun intended), they succeed, I don't think the result will be what they had hoped.

The result of mandatory prayer won't be a more upright society. The rate of teenage pregnancies won't decline and the number of young people going to church on Sundays won't suddenly drastically increase.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1962, 1963 and 1964 ruled that state-mandated saying of prayers and reading of the Bible in public schools was unconstitutional.

Our nation's highest court ruled that the First Amendment to the Constitution requires states to remain strictly neutral in regard to religious beliefs. They cannot take steps to inhibit religious beliefs, nor can they advance them.

"The drafters of the Bill of Rights recognized religious beliefs as being solely the concern of each individual, an area in which the state has no legitimate concerns, and so included provisions to prohibit the state from intruding into the area of religious preference."

(Quote from article by Gary A. Hughes, Liberty magazine, September-October, 1979.)

In the 1963 prayer decision, the court also ruled out government sponsored "voluntary" prayer, that is, allowing students to be excused who do not want to participate in a required religious exercise.

The justices did not prohibit true voluntary prayer. There is no prohibition against students or teachers voluntarily praying on their own or voluntarily getting together to pray.

They did not prohibit students from reading the Bible or other religious books on their own.

The Supreme Court also did not rule out the study of religion in schools, as long

as it is the object of academic inquiry and not religious worship.

None of the members of a national committee formed to back reversal of the Supreme Court decisions on school prayer and government-sponsored religious exercises represented any religious denominations.

"By contrast, the strongest support for the Supreme Court decisions outlawing government-sponsored prayers in the public schools and the most vigorous opponents of Congressional efforts on behalf of constitutional amendments of legislation to overturn these court decisions have come from the major religious denominations of America, both Christian and Jewish."

According to the author of that quote, James E. Wood, former head of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (in Liberty magazine, July-August, 1980), religious denominations supporting the Supreme court decisions include:

American Baptists, Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist Conference, Progress National Baptist Conference, Southern Baptist Convention, Lutheran Council of America, Church of the Brethren, United Methodist church, United Presbyterian church USA, American Jewish Committee and National Council of Churches, which represents 28 major denominations.

Perhaps President Carter said it best, when asked his opinion on prayer in public schools at a press conference last year:

"I believe that the subject of prayer in school ought to be decided between a person, individually and privately, and God."

Meet held

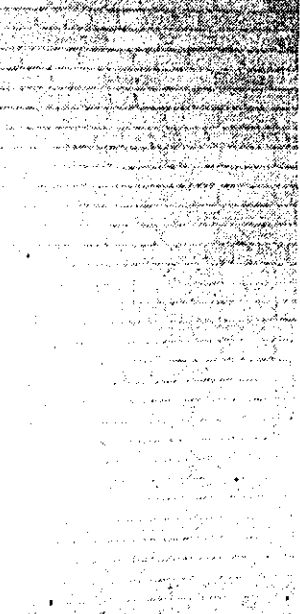
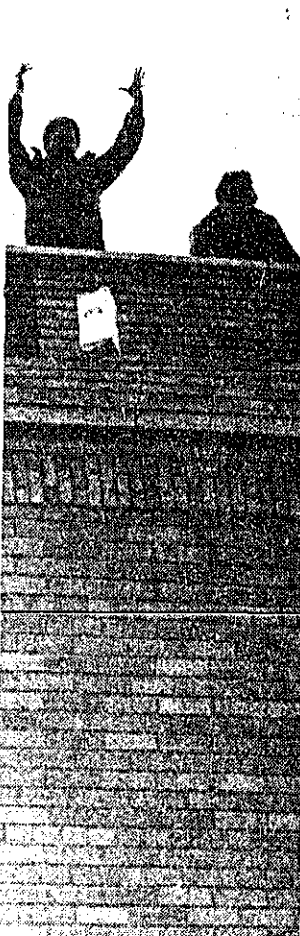
The October meeting of St. Pancratius Women's Council was held Monday evening at the church hall with the president, Agnes Zawilinski, presiding.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party with a potluck supper. Mary Ann Kubaacki heads the committee with Kathy Diebel and Caroline Garety assisting.

The group set prices for the lunch to be served at the bazaar in November.

Marie Doyen gave a report on the parish council meeting.

A fathers and children's breakfast will be held in the spring.



New dentist coming soon to Cass City

Timothy Straight recently graduated from Loma Linda University Dental School in Loma Linda, Calif., receiving his doctorate of dental surgery.

He will soon begin his practice in Cass City with Dr. Paul Chappel and is now accepting patients.

Straight and his wife Michelle, both formerly of North Branch, plan to reside in the Caro area.



Dr. Timothy Straight

Two women faced charges within the past week of writing checks for which they did not have adequate funds in their accounts.

Gayla Lewis, 22, of Flint, formerly of Dodge Road, Cass City, was taken into custody by Flint police last Thursday, after the Tuscola

county prosecutor's office issued a warrant charging her with non-sufficient funds - check.

She is charged with writing three checks, totaling \$67.70 made out to Old Wood Drug in Cass City. One check was written Sept. 18; the others Sept. 22.

She appeared Monday before Magistrate Donald Smith, who scheduled a preliminary examination in district court Oct. 14 and preliminary examination Oct. 17. Bond was set at \$10,000 (10 percent). As of Tuesday, she was still in the county jail.

Karen T. Murphy, 24, of 2232 Englehart Road, Deford, turned herself in to the Caro state police Monday, after a warrant had been issued charging her with non-sufficient funds - check.

She is charged with writing a check to the Kroger Store in Caro for \$81 in June, for which she did not have enough money in her bank account.

She appeared Monday before District Judge Richard F. Kern, who released her on \$2,000 surety bond. A conference was scheduled Oct. 14 and preliminary examination Oct. 24.

(According to Smith, the amount of bond is based not on the crime, but on the risk factor involved in whether the person will show up on the scheduled court date. Taken into consideration are such factors as whether the person is a county resident,

Growth is topic at seminar

Do you have a feeling at times that you are going nowhere with your life, feeling like you are in a rut, and yet unable or afraid to try something new?

Catholic Family Service is planning a personal growth seminar to help persons recognize self-defeating behavior, what causes it, and how to develop the skills to eliminate it.

The six-part seminar, "Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior," will be presented by CFS staff Tuesday evenings, beginning Oct. 21, from 7-9.

For further information or to register, call CFS in Bad Axe at 269-7931 or Sandusky, 648-2304. There is a nominal fee for the seminar.

GIVEN UP

The fellow who sits down and hopes for the best can be counted out as hopeless.

UNBROKEN YOLKS -- At left, Cass City High School physics teacher Douglas Grezeszak lets go of an entry Monday from the roof of the intermediate school in the second annual physics class egg drop, purpose of which is to teach students about packaging design. To win, entrants had to have two eggs survive the approximately 40 foot fall without breaking. Winners, above, from left, were Sue Wynn, for her brother Steve, who encased his eggs in foam rubber; Ray Kloc, foam rubber; Bob Van Camp, mixture of marshmallows and dough for shock absorption, and the team of Shelley LaPeer, Leslie Messer, and Annette Robinson, towels and crumpled newspapers. There were nine entries.

2 face charges for bad checks

employed, has a family, etc.)

OTHER ITEMS

Allan Hartwick of 1751 Cemetery Road, Deford, reported to deputies last Wednesday that a 10 horsepower electric motor, valued at \$650, had been stolen within the past 20 days.

The motor had been attached to an auger, which was sitting in his father's yard.

Cass City police were called to investigate two incidents of damage done to vehicles in the high school parking lot Friday. Both were reported after school.

The driver's side door of the car of teacher Gretchen Shebel was dented and the paint was scratched. Damage was estimated at \$30.

Cafeteria worker Margaret Wilcox said the damage to her van was done by students throwing pop bottles. The left rear fender was dented and scratched, with damage estimated at \$50.

Ministers discuss television, politics

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Catholic church.

As for the religious aspect," Rev. Lockard explained, "I only encourage them to give consideration to what type of Christian man the person (candidate) is."

At the Novesta Baptist church, Rev. Lange said, a bulletin board is devoted to political issues, such as an evaluation of how the Presidential candidates stand on various moral and defense issues.

Some ministers said they

encourage parishioners become involved with local political issues. Rev. Rogers mentioned involvement with schools as one example. Rev. Miller is a member of the Kingston Village Council.

The minister of the DePaul Community church didn't feel it was his position to be advising parishioners whom they should vote for but doesn't object to others doing so if that is the calling.

"I would not be opposed," he said in reference to Jerry Falwell, "if he feels that is where God placed him."

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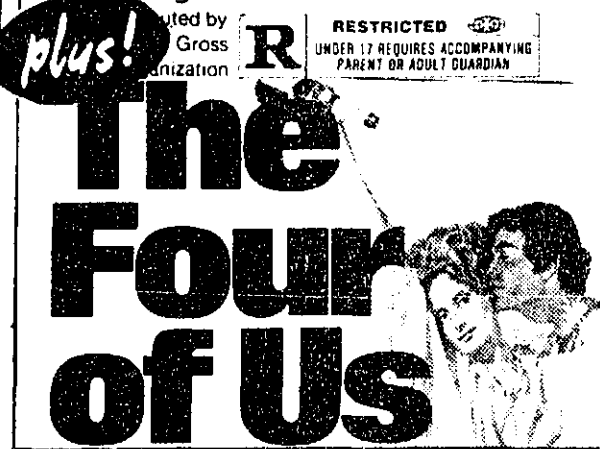
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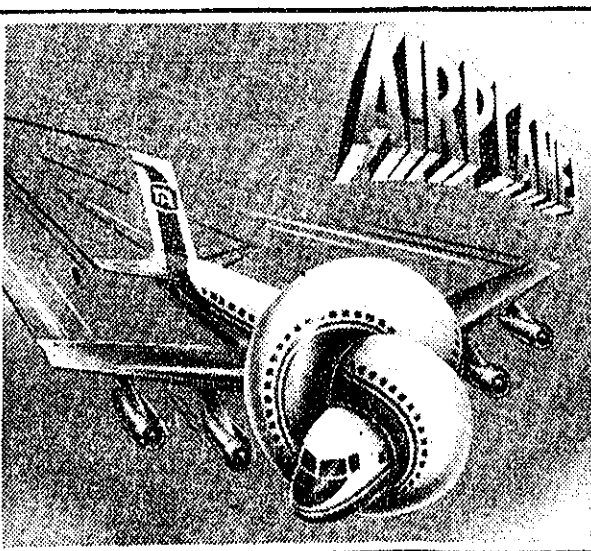


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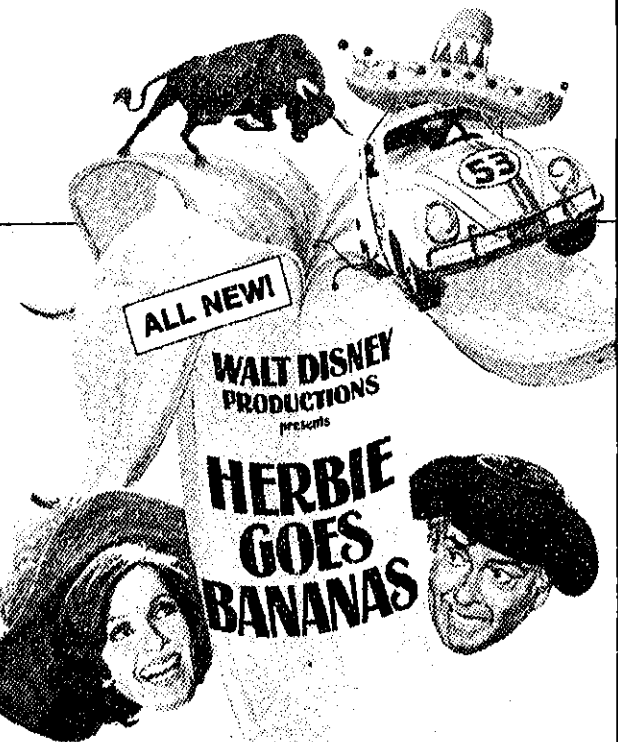
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