CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



Our summer reporter. Jim Iseler, sent us a few copies of the college newspaper, Central Michigan (University) Life, of which he now holds the title of assistant news editor.

Iseler has hit the reporting big time, having covered President Carter's recent visit to Flint. He sat next to Sam Donaldson of ABC News, talked to United Press International White House correspondent Helen Thomas and questioned Carter's press secretary,

Jody Powell. Scanning through the pages of his paper brought back memories of my college days, even though I didn't go to CMU

College isn't all fun and games, but as a style of living, it isn't bad. For starters, even in these

days, it's a fairly inexpensive way to live. Campuses are usually compact enough that one can survive without a car

Dormitory living isn't that expensive, provided one eats all of his or her meals there, which are already paid for, instead of going to the student union or nearest hamburger stand. (Being basically cheap, when I was in college, I even got up on Sunday morning to eat breakfast. Most students at that hour are either still in bed, hung over from Saturday night or at their parents' house, hung over from Sat-

urday night.) If one chooses to live in an apartment, rent is pretty cheap when split three or four ways.

I don't know much about fraternity living, but I understand most meals come in bottles.

I always lived in a dorm. In addition to being basically cheap, I am also basically lazy. Dorms were right on campus so I didn't have to walk far, all I had to do to eat was stand in a line -- no grocery shopping to do and no dishes to wash -- and the farthest I had to go to do my laundry was to the base-. ment.

. Two of my three years at Eastern Michigan, I worked done. in the cafeteria, so living in a dorm also meant I didn't have to go far to work. (My third year, when I was in grad school, I worked for the campus newspaper.) Working in a cafeteria did have some advantages. The money always came in handy, and it wasn't a bad way to meet women. Due to lack of space, I won't tell about the first time a girl appered in the cafeteria wearing a mini-

dress There were four basic jobs there: servers, who were usually girls; runners, who were usually boys, who brought the food from the kitchen to the serving lines and kept the milk machines filled (those cans of milk were HEAVY); the dish washing room, boys and girls, and the job that nobody wanted, washing pots

and pans, all boys. The caf eteria I worked at at EMU served two boys' and two girls' dorms, probably a total of 1,000 students with each dorm having its own serving line. From the standpoint of a male, the most desirable job was runner to the serving line f or a girls' dorm. Even better would have been being a server in a girls' line, but as I mentioned, girls got those jobs. Sexual discrimination was allowed back then.

Outside of that factor, and perhaps seniority, signup f or jobs was on the basis of who got to the sign-up

sheet first. That is how during one semester my senior year, I got to wash pots and pans. For reasons I don't recall, my schedule was indefinite until the last minute, so by

100 years. the time I got to the sign-up sheet f or dinner (as opposed 100th year and John Jones' to lunch, for those of you who call lunch dinner), that upcoming birthday, -- he will be 95 Dec. 17 -- the Jones was all that was left. family is holding an open Pots and pans washers

house Sunday from 2-4:30 didn't get paid more than p.m. at Evergreen Eleanyone else. The only reason mentary School in Shabthe three or four of us made bona. The farm is across the more money is that long road from the school. after everyone had left, we The open house will be were still scrubbing.

The two worst meals were preceded by a family reunion. f ried chicken and spaghetti. Fried chicken was terrible because the only way to get mile south of Shabbona, the chicken remains of f the George Jones was a logger pans was with hammer and chisel. In reality, we didn't and bought the farm after spotting the high location have hammers, but you get

while driving logs down the the idea Cass River one day. Spaghetti was terrible be-The original farm was 120 cause it was greasy. The acres and extended all the water had to be changed way to the main corner of numerous times and unless you were blessed with doing what was to become Shabbona, what is now the interthe f inal rinsing, your long section of Decker and Shabimmersed arms smelled like spaghetti when you were

Spaghetti was especially bad on Saturday nights. It is hard to explain to a date whom you had to meet at 8:30 that you didn't get done until 8:15 and that is why your arms still smelled like spaghetti.



OLD HOUSE - The two-story portion at right of the house on the John D. Jones farm survived the great fire of 1881 and housed Shabbona's first post office.

Open house Sunday at centennial farm

The Evergreen township bona Roads. The river flows farm bought by George through the northeast corner Jones Nov. 4, 1880, doesn't of the farm.

have much of a history. The original two-story por-That's because its present tion of the house, Albert owner, John D. Jones, said, is apparently almost as George's son, has been old as the farm as it is his around for 95 of the farm's understanding it survived the great fire of 1881. It may be the oldest house in the In honor of the farm's

township. Shabbona's first post office was located there and the house also served as an overnight stop for travelers. The town got its name from George's sister, who suggested it be named after the family's home town of Shabbona, Ill.

Shabbona started downhill in the early 1900s, when cars started becoming popular. It once had three general stores, bank, creamery and a doctor. The creamery was located on the present site of the Road Commission garage. The school was south of there

Albert, 68, recalls as a youth, one general store, hardware, bank and the creamery

George Jones and his wife, Matilda, had four chil-

General Telephone

phone number.

To begin in 1981 will be

installation of an additional

dren, of whom one died at age 12 and another as a young adult. George died in 1922. His

widow inherited the farm and deeded it to her son, John, in 1924. John and his wife, Mary

Nicel, who died in 1965, had five children. One son, Ben, is no longer living.

The others are Marian, Dorothy and John Jr., all of whom live in the Detroit area, and Albert. John Sr. also has 16 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Although still a legal resident of the township, he divides his time living with his three children in the Detroit area.

The farm now totals 139 acres, some of which is farmed by Albert, with the rest rented out. He and his wife Marie have two sons, Gary and Richard, both of Cass City.

The family has applied for official centennial farm status from the Michigan Department of State. Once granted, they will receive a certificate and a sign.

Judge dismisses non-sufficient funds charge

A charge of non-sufficient funds against Daryl Ropp was dismissed in Circuit Court Friday when Judge Patrick R. Joslyn granted the motion of his attorney for a directed verdict.

Ropp, 42, of 8849 VanCleve Road, Tuscola, was charged with writing three checks totaling \$14 in December, 1979, for which there were not sufficient funds in his bank account.

Defense attorney Clinton House introduced his motion at the end of presentation of evidence by the prosecution.

He argued that Assistant Prosecutor Eric Proschek had failed to produce sufficient evidence to show deliberate intent to defraud by Ropp at the time the checks were written. The judge agreed.

The trial, which began Thursday, took the place of one scheduled for Kris Alan Doud, 19, of Munger, whofailed to appear.

A bench warrant for his arrest was issued.

He is charged with breaking and entering, in connection with the Jan. 30 break-in of the IGA store in Reese.



CENTENNIAL FARM -- Albert Jones in front of the planter he used to plant wheat last Thursday on the almost 100-year-old Shabbona farm owned by his father, John D. Jones.

Building items stolen

The theft of \$75 worth of building materials was reported to the sheriff's department Oct. 7 by Kenneth Krueger of 1331 S. Englehart



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TOO MUCH TOO SOON

Too many children grow up today with the disadvannortheast Michigan comtage of having too many munities, according to Bob can serve 1-4 customers; advantages.

Kowalski, the company's each terminal provides one northeastern division manager. Included will be \$51,400 for already started, is \$40,100. five projects in the Cass City

exchange.

According to Albert Jones,

John's son, who lives a half-



Wild Comedy & Action

announces changes General Telephone will installation of 200 lines and will be specialized equipspend \$5.4 million in 1981 to 200 terminals in the central ment to allow use of teleimprove phone service in 62 office to provide for business phones with push buttons

instead of the standard service growth. Each line rotary dial. Total cost of the project, to be done in 1983, will be Total cost for the project, \$39,800.

There will be \$13,700 spent for installation of local service cable to provide for exchange growth. The project, costing a total of \$241,-600, will be done in 1982.

Installation of specialized equipment to provide automatic number identification for private-line customers making long-distance calls will be completed in 1982. There will be \$4,200 spent in 1981, with a total cost of \$61,600.

The change will mean an operator will no longer request the telephone number of the customer, except during extremely busy periods, as automatic equipment will record the billing data.

The other project, to be completed next year, will be \$300 for installation of new circuits to Saginaw. Total project cost was \$49,700. There will be \$22,400 spent in the Kingston exchange in 1981.

There will be \$7,800 spent, of a total project cost of \$27,000, to complete installation of 100 lines and 100 terminals in the central office to provide for ex-change growth.

Scheduled for a 1982 completion date will be installation of local service cable to provide for exchange growth. There will be \$9,100 spent next year, of a total project cost of \$194,000.

Also slated to be done in 1982 will be installation of new circuits to Saginaw, at a total cost of \$24,800, of which \$5,500 will be spent next year.

Announcement of the service improvements was made by Kowalski last Thursday. General Telephone has 23 exchanges serving 62 communities in its northeast division.

Road, Deford.

Taken from a site on Kelly Road, east of Cemetery Road, were 42 cement blocks, four 2-by-4s, eight 2-by-6s, and three 4-by-4s. Deputies noted that Bruce Brown reported the theft of cedar shingles in the same area the previous day.

Krueger's materials were taken some time Oct. 5, 6 or

Ron Ouvry of Ouvry Chevrolet-Olds reported to Cass City police Friday morning that the dual grill from a used car had been taken during the previous week end. The two pieces were valued at \$25.

Donald Ball of Hunt Construction Co., 4452 West Street, told village officers Friday afternoon a spare tire and rim were stolen from a trailer parked next to the building. The wheel had been bolted down. Value was not listed on the police report.

Feature Friday & Saturday at: 7:37 and 9:46 Feature Sunday at: 3:02-5:11-7:20-9:29 Feature Monday thru Thursday at: 7:17 & 9:26

IT'S FUNNIER THAN "ANIMAL HOUSE"

