

## Daylight time ends Sunday

It will be possible Sunday morning to sleep an extra hour and still get to church on time.

At 2 a.m. Sunday, Michigan and the rest of the nation revert to standard time.

That means that before going to bed Saturday night, all watches and clocks should be set back one hour.



"THE FORUM" is what this open area is called at the new Highland Pines School for Tuscola county's mentally handicapped youngsters. The area will be used for school programs for large numbers of students and parents. Activities in the swimming pool can be viewed through the large windows at left. In the rear are the pool instructor, Doug Blasius, and aide JoNell Beecher.

## \$3.4 million school opens for handicapped

Special education in Tuscola county entered a new era last Wednesday when the first group of students started classes in the Highland Pines School.

The approximately 275 students are being moved into the new \$3.4 million facility on Cleaver Road, Caro, class by class from their former schools. Oct. 29 will be the first day all will be in the new building, according to Principal Allen Jones.

There will be four basic categories of students at the school, who will range in age from 20 months to 26 years:

—About 50 will be severely multiply impaired, with both physical and mental handicaps. All but a few are residents of the Caro Regional Center. Prior to the move, there were four classrooms for such students at the center, and one at Darbee School, east of Caro.

—The first group to move into Highland Pines has

been approximately 100 severely mentally impaired youngsters, who previously attended school in Fostoria or the Regional Center.

—The 70 trainable mentally impaired youngsters previously attended Darbee School.

—The program for approximately 50 pre-school handicapped youngsters was also at the Darbee School.

Highland Pines is operated by the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD), which operated the programs in the old schools, which will no longer be used.

The Fostoria school building is owned by the Mayville School District; Darbee by Almer township, and the Regional Center owned its own classrooms. It will be up to those units how the buildings will be used in the future.

### ADVANTAGES

Consolidating all the activities for mentally handi-

capped youngsters in one building has numerous advantages, according to Jones:

—The central location eases transportation for students and staff. The farthest any children from Cass City went on buses each day was to Darbee School and the Regional Center, but some from Caro had to go to Fostoria. Itinerant staff based in Caro who had to spend an hour a day traveling to and from Fostoria will now have an extra hour to work with children.

—Programs can be integrated. Severely mentally impaired youngsters for instance, who have a little higher ability than most in their group can be involved in some activities for the trainable impaired.

In terms of ability, the most severely impaired students at the school will function as adults at about the same level as 3-5 year olds. Those classified as

trainable will function at about the sixth grade level.

—There are better facilities for physical and occupational therapy. At Fostoria, for instance, the cafeteria was used for occupational therapy. Physical therapists kept much of their equipment in boxes. Now there are both equipment and permanent places to use it.

—Physical education. The Fostoria school had no facilities for physical education. Students at Darbee were bused to the Regional Center, which did have a gym. Facilities at Highland Pines include a gymnasium, playground and swimming pools, for therapy and recreation. One pool is a few feet wide and 18 inches deep. The other is about 20-by-32 feet and a maximum of four feet deep.

—With about 50 students confined to wheelchairs and 10 percent more of the enrollment with other physi-

cal disabilities, making the building barrier free was more than just an excuse to comply with the law.

The Darbee and Fostoria schools were both two stories, which meant some youngsters had to be left out of some activities because they couldn't get up the stairs.

### THE GOALS

"It's the living skills we're emphasizing, which we never could have duplicated at any of the other sites," explained Eilon Mahan, TISD director of special education services.

For the severely mentally impaired youngster, the goal may be to teach him to feed himself. That gives the person some self-esteem and also frees the parent or attendant who would otherwise have to take time to feed him.

Highland Pines has an

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## Michigan Artrain to make second visit to Cass City

After an absence of nine years, the Michigan Artrain will make a return visit to Cass City in May of next year.

The traveling five-car "art for the people" show will be here as part of a six-month, six-state tour.

It was last here in July, 1972, when 3,677 persons went through the train in four days, an average of just under 920 per day.

Based on the success here the first time around, Cass City was asked by Artrain Executive Director John J. Hohmann to host it again, according to Holly Althaver.

Her husband, Lambert, is chairman of the Artrain board and she is curatorial chairman and sits on the executive committee, but discounts that as the reason why the request was made to have the village play host again. The invitation was made about three weeks ago.

The date in May when the train will be here probably won't be determined until January, but she expects it will be here five days, including a week end.

In 1972, it was parked on a siding near the present site of the Big D Restaurant, but the siding is no longer there. This time, it probably will

be parked at the Vulcan Street siding, where the old grain elevators stood until recently. There would be plenty of parking at that site.

In 1972, there were many cultural attractions offered in conjunction with the Artrain.

There were art displays at various locations, crafts demonstrations at the Dillman School, west of town, a driving tour to show off area architecture, performance of two plays and several other activities.

Mrs. Althaver hopes those types of activities can be repeated, though perhaps with a different emphasis. "We'll do what we can. We're going to try."

The local committee is still getting organized, with planning to remain in low gear until the Village Bach Festival over Thanksgiving week end is out of the way.

Volunteers are needed to help with the undertaking and also contributors. There has to be \$1,500 raised to help pay local expenses in connection with the Artrain being here. The Cass City School Board has already voted to contribute \$500.

Solicitations will be made to service clubs, businesses and individuals.

The Artrain, funded partially by the state and partially with donations from various sources, began in 1971 and has been in almost 200 Michigan communities, plus 81 communities in 19 other states.

Its 1981 tour will start in April in Indiana, come back to Michigan in May, be in Pennsylvania in June and July, Ohio in August and Illinois in September.

The exhibits are changed from year to year, so won't resemble what was in it in 1972. There will probably be more examples of world art next year, according to Mrs. Althaver, as opposed to works by state and national artists, although the latter won't be ignored.

Artrain consists of three gallery cars divided into exhibition space; a fourth car containing a studio for artists who travel with the train, plus community volunteer artists, and a power generator system, and a fifth car, a caboose, as a meeting place for local committees, hospitality area and staff office.

Artrain is open for free, although there is a donation box on board. Donations average \$250-350 per stop, significantly less than the \$740 Cass Cityans donated back in 1972.

## Students charged in school vandalism

Two Akron-Fairgrove High School students started last Thursday in class and ended it behind bars, facing charges in connection with the massive vandalism Oct. 1 at their high school.

Both are charged with breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property over \$100.

Kenneth Aulbert, 17, of 2698 N. Ringle Road, Akron, appeared Thursday before Magistrate Donald Smith, who set bond at \$15,000, of which he would have to post 10 percent.

The other, a 15-year-old, appeared before Probate

Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr., who sent him to the Genesee county juvenile detention center in Flint pending further proceedings.

Aulbert appeared Monday before District Judge Richard F. Kern, waived examination, and was bound over to circuit court. He will be arraigned Monday, Oct. 27, before Circuit Judge Norman A. Baguley. As of Tuesday afternoon, he was still in the county jail.

According to Sheriff's Department Detective Ronald Phillips, damage was estimated at about \$40,000. Information received by

the sheriff's department led to the arrest of the two, who were called from class to the principal's office Thursday, where they were taken into custody.

Phillips said there are no additional suspects, that it is felt no other persons were involved.

Earlier in the school year, several Akron-Fairgrove buses were vandalized. The two boys are not suspects in that incident, which is still under investigation, Phillips said.

Aiding the sheriff's de-

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## Contests are few in election of area township officials

Contests for township offices in the Cass City area in the Nov. 4 election are few and far between.

In Novesta township, Democratic Clerk Nurse Kloc is being opposed by former Clerk Henry Rock, who she defeated two years ago. Democrat Linda Yost is running for one of the two trustee positions open, against Republican incumbents Fred Knoblet and Arleon Retherford.

In Ellington township, Democratic Supervisor Jack Kappen is opposed by the Republican former supervisor, whom he defeated two years ago, Frederick J. Bardwell Jr.

Kingston township has a race for treasurer between Democrat Mary Lou Wolak and Republican Velna Richter.

Under a new state law, terms for all township offices for the first time are for four years.

### TUSCOLA

ELKLAND -- Only Republican incumbents are running: Supervisor, Jack Gallagher; clerk, Carolyn Ware; treasurer, Arthur Randall; trustees, Fay McComb and Allen Merchant, and constable Fred Martin.

ELLINGTON -- The race for supervisor is a repeat of

two years ago, except that the then Democratic challenger, Jack Kappen, now holds the office and is being opposed by the former supervisor.

Republican Fred Bardwell Jr. Kappen won in 1978, 204-167.

Kappen, of 2546 Keilitz Road, Cass City, says he ran against Bardwell two years ago because he "didn't like the way the supervisor was running our township." A full-time farmer, Kappen was formerly in the construction business.

Bardwell said he is running again because "I don't like what's going on" in the township. A senior accountant at Saginaw Steering Gear in Saginaw, he was supervisor for six years before being defeated. He lives at 2979 Dutcher Road, Caro.

Bardwell accused his opponent of not sending out notices to all property owners when their assessments change, as is required by law, though admitting many supervisors don't, and of not holding all the required public hearings in order to receive federal revenue sharing funds.

Kappen responded he only sends out notices for significant individual increases, but not if a uniform percentage increase is applied to everybody in the township. A hearing concerning how

revenue sharing funds are spent is held as part of the annual meeting, he said. Since the township is still receiving the federal funds, it appears the township is in compliance with the law.

Both men are certified assessors.

The other candidates, all Republican incumbents, are unopposed: clerk, Clayton Turner; treasurer, Dora Rushlo, and trustees, Frederick Janks and Robert Wood.

ELMWOOD -- All candidates are Republicans and unopposed: supervisor, Roy Messer; clerk, Joanne Saitelberg; treasurer, Betty Russell, and trustees, James C. Turner and Kenneth Blue. Blue is the only one not presently holding office.

NOVESTA -- Democrat Nurse Kloc, who defeated Republican Henry Rock for clerk two years ago, 194-191, is being opposed by him this time.

Rock, of 5831 Reed Road, is foreman of the Tuscola County Road Commission Deford garage and was clerk for 23 years before being defeated in 1978.

Mrs. Kloc, of 6195 Severance Road, wife of a dairy farmer and mother of 11 children (two still at home), is holding her first public office. She is also active in her church.

The other township race is

for trustee, where Democrat Linda Yost is running against two Republican incumbents for one of the two seats open.

Mrs. Yost, of Deckerville Road, mother of two children, is a Cass City school bus driver, president of her bowling league and on the board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Cass City Gun Club.

Fred Knoblet of 5291 Kelly Road is a farmer and has been a township trustee 18 years. Arleon Retherford of Gilford Road has been a trustee seven years. He is retired from Marlette Homes.

Unopposed for re-election are Supervisor Bill O'Dell, Republican, and Treasurer Everett Field, Democrat.

KINGSTON -- The one contest is for treasurer, to replace retiring Louis Wenzlaff.

Winner of the Democratic primary over two other opponents was Mary Lou Wolak, of Legg Road, presently township deputy clerk. A resident of the township for two years, she is a 1978 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in business. She is on layoff from Marlette Homes, helps her husband do the bookkeeping for their farm and serves on her church finance committee.

Her Republican opponent is Velna Richter, who has been a delegate to the Republican state convention, ran unsuccessfully for township clerk once and twice for the Kingston School Board.

The E. Sanilac Road resident has worked in the county Register of Deeds office, the accounting office at the Caro Regional Center and done office work in Caro stores. She does most of the bookkeeping for the family farm.

Running for the other offices, all unopposed incumbents, are: Supervisor, Robert Gilmore; clerk, Victoria Wolak, and trustees Edward Bilicki and John Burns. All are Democrats except for Gilmore.

### SANILAC COUNTY

ARGYLE -- Unopposed, all Republicans, are: Jerry Hillaker, running for supervisor; Edward Pfaff, clerk; Cathy O'Connor, treasurer; Eugene Kritzman and Dale Mann, trustees, and constable, Helene Mann. All are incumbents except for Hillaker, who won the two-man primary to replace retiring Hazel Foote.

AUSTIN -- Running without opposition are: supervisor, Claire Griffka, Democrat; clerk, John Osentoski, Democrat.

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HAPPY HUNTERS opening day of pheasant season Monday were brothers Brent, 10, and Bryan Beecher, 13, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Beecher of 5225 Cass City Road. Each got his limit of two pheasants -- their first ever -- while hunting about two miles east of Wickware. In the background are proud bird dogs Bobby, left, and Max.