

Johnson sent to state prison

A Sebawaing man was sentenced Monday to 4-10 years in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson for two breakings and enterings in Caro.

Mark A. Johnson, 20, pleaded guilty Aug. 5 to breaking into an auto repair shop on Congress Street and the Hiser Mobile Homes sales office on W. Caro Road. Both break-ins took place April 27.

Sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge Norman A. Baguley, who credited Johnson with 219 days served.

The judge granted a prosecution motion for execution of sentence for Rodney Hatch, 19, of Clio.

He pleaded guilty in January, 1979, to larceny in a building, in connection with a Nov. 23, 1978, break-in of a Vassar township home.

Baguley sentenced him in February of last year to one year in the county jail. Hatch appealed, but in June of this year, the Michigan Court of Appeals rejected his appeal as "wholly frivolous."

He was credited with 284 days served.

Also Monday, Ronald A. James, 25, of 4632 Cottrell

Road, Vassar, stood mute to two charges of delivery of marijuana Aug. 22 in Caro.

Pleas of innocent were entered and pretrial hearing scheduled Nov. 24. Bond was continued.

Kenneth Aulbert, 17, of 2698 N. Ringle Road, Akron, requested the court to appoint an attorney for him. His request was granted and Caro attorney Forrest Walpole was appointed.

Aulbert is charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and malicious destruction of property over \$100, in connection with the Oct. 1 vandalism at Akron-Fairgrove High School which resulted in more than \$30,000 in damage.

A 15-year-old has also been charged in connection with the incident.

As of Tuesday morning, Aulbert was still in the county jail, in lieu of posting 10 percent of \$15,000 bond.

Buddy G. Miller, 35, of 3429 S. School Road, Akron, stood mute to a charge of criminal sexual conduct (2nd degree), in connection with a reported Oct. 3 incident in Akron involving a 15-year-old girl.

A plea of innocent was entered and pretrial hearing scheduled Nov. 10. A motion for reduction of bond was granted and bond was reduced to \$3,000.

Setting of bond for Michael Richards, 20, of Fostoria or Flint, charged with violating probation, was rejected. Arraignment was scheduled Nov. 3.

Richards was placed on two years' probation in August, 1978, for breaking and entering an occupied dwelling. He is charged with violating probation by failing to report to his probation agent for two months.

Tony W. Welch, 18, of 240 E. Grant Street, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building. His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled Dec. 8. Bond was continued.

He pleaded guilty to stealing tools June 13 from Laethem Equipment Co. in Caro.



SWING YOUR PARTNERS -- The Town and Country Square Dancers, who have been meeting at Laker High School for their dance the fourth Saturday of every month, moved to the Campbell Elementary School gym in Cass City Saturday and may make it their permanent home.



83 YEARS is the total of how long these couples have been square dancing with the Town and Country club or its predecessor. From left, Helen and Leonard Thompson, Cass City, 30 years; Mary Ann and Ephraim Knight, 26 years, and Harriet and Asel Collins, 27 years. The club is 27 years old.

Rites held for Martin Grifka, 55

Martin J. Grifka, 55, retired Argyle township farmer and bridge construction worker, died Monday, Oct. 20, after an apparent heart attack while hunting near his Argyle farm.

He was born Feb. 26, 1925

in Austin township, the son of Albert and Mary (Polium) Grifka.

Grifka and Irene Polega were married Jan. 21, 1950, at St. Mary's Catholic church, Dwight. They lived in Argyle township for the

past 30 years.

He retired from the Midwest Bridge Construction Co. in 1978 due to poor health.

He is survived by his wife; six sons, Emmett Grifka, Larry Grifka, Lee F. Grifka, and Gary M. Grifka, all of Snover, and Roger Grifka and Harry Grifka, both of Argyle, and 12 grandchildren.

He is also survived by five brothers, Mike Grifka Sr., Robert Grifka, Stanley Grifka, and Marshall Grifka, all of Ubyly, and Albert Grifka, Chesaning, and four sisters, Mrs. Anthony (Clara) Wonsowicz, Sterling Heights, Mrs. Stanley (Bertha) Osentoski and Mrs. Raymond (Grace) Puvawski, both of Ubyly, and Mrs. Leonard (Marie) Watchowski, Bloomfield Hills.

One son, David, one daughter, Barbara, six brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held last Thursday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Argyle, Father Gerald Kukla officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

7% pay boost for county bosses

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Tuesday gave county department heads a 7 percent pay raise for 1981.

The one exception was Probate Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr., whose county supplement to his state paid wage was kept at \$5,000.

According to Commissioner Royce Russell, the board's finance committee, which recommended the pay increases, felt giving Kent an increase would make the board a "laughing stock."

Commissioners have been engaged in an almost year-long dispute with the judge, who is attempting to pay his employees more than other courthouse employees are paid.

District Judge Richard F. Kern received an increase in his supplement from \$6,000 to \$6,420.

Come Jan. 1, Circuit Judge Patrick Joslyn will become the sole circuit judge in Tuscola, instead of sharing duties with two other judges in Lapeer and Tuscola.

The three judges this year were each paid a supplement to their state salaries of \$9,000 from Lapeer county and \$4,500 from Tuscola. For 1981, commissioners added the two supplements together and then added 7 percent, so Joslyn will receive a supplement of \$14,450 next year.

Commissioners boosted their pay from \$6,500 to \$6,950, where it will remain for 1981 and 1982. In addition, they will receive \$40 per day when they attend meetings, the same as this year.

Some other pay increases, all 7 percent, were: county clerk and treasurer, each from \$17,200 annually to \$18,400; drain commissioner and register of deeds, each from \$16,500 to \$17,660; prosecutor, \$30,100 to \$32,210; sheriff, \$22,000 to \$23,540; undersheriff, \$20,000 to \$21,400; magistrate, \$15,800 to \$16,910; equalization director, \$17,800 to \$19,050; building codes administrator, \$19,200 to \$20,540; personnel administrator, \$15,800 to \$16,910, and veterans' counselor \$14,000 to \$14,980.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

The report of the equalization department showing apportionment of property taxes, as will be reflected on December tax bills, was approved as presented.

In contrast to last year, when there was a delay over acceptance of figures presented by the Owendale-Gagetown School District, they were accepted this year.

The Goslin territory, which Owen-Gage claims is still part of the district, is listed separately in the report but is shown as part of the Cass City district. Valuation of the property is \$4,708,400.

Record turnout possible Nov. 4

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Almost 80 million persons voted nationwide in the 1976 presidential election, which was 54 percent of those registered, the lowest turnout in 28 years. Predictions this year are that about 50 percent will vote.

Making it difficult to estimate the turnout is whether the high number of absentee ballots are being taken out by persons who would otherwise vote at the polls or who would otherwise be unable to vote.

It used to be that about the only grounds for receiving an absentee ballot were illness or other medical disability or being out of town on election day.

Now, anyone who is over 60 can get an absentee ballot without an excuse.

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Of the total taxes to be paid by Tuscola county property owners, 69.4 percent will go to local school districts; 8.87 percent to the intermediate school district; 14.14 percent to the county, including the bridge and senior citizen millages; townships, 6.54 percent, and drains, 1.06 percent.

OTHER ITEMS

Gove Associates of Kalamazoo was hired to prepare the county's pre-application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant housing rehabilitation funds. The firm's fee is not to exceed \$1,500.

Thirty townships and villages in the county have agreed to participate if the

grant is approved. The county could get as much as \$900,000, to be used to aid low-income homeowners to improve their homes.

Annexation of a 165-by-70 foot parcel on Doerr Road to Cass City was approved. The property and industrial building are owned by Engineered Tools, Inc.

A new secondary road patrol budget was approved for the sheriff's department for the final three months of this year.

The state funds the program, for which the county will receive \$15,477 for the quarter, a cut of about 25 percent from the original budget. As a result, only two officers will remain in the unit, with a third one having been reassigned to regular department duties.

Council okays apartments

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heard comments regarding changing the village ordinance to allow apartments in downtown buildings.

The present ordinance only allows them in the business district if they were in existence before the zoning ordinance went into effect and have been vacant less than six months.

The proposed change would allow new ones only in buildings two or more stories in height, provided they only be on floors above the ground floor and comply with all applicable building, housing, fire and safety codes.

The proposal brought a protest from Dorothy Stahlbaum, village council member and owner of a downtown business which has a first floor apartment.

She was told that her apartment would still be legal under the "grandfather clause," having been in existence before the zoning ordinance went into effect. The implication was made by planning commission members that if her apartment is ever vacant more than six months, but was eventually rented, no one was going to protest anyway.

The commission recommended to the council that the ordinance change be adopted, which it later did. It goes into effect Nov. 16.

BUDGET

A new state law prohibits spending money without an approved budget, therefore the council will have to approve its 1981 budget by the end of December.

Past practice had been to approve it in February, after the council knew how much money it had left over from the year before.

With three months of this year to go, the financial statement presented at the meeting showed general fund revenue so far of \$346,805, versus projected revenue of \$464,500 for the entire year.

Based on projected revenue still to come, village President Lambert Althaver commented, "At the moment, we're still in pretty good shape."

After the meeting, he said although revenues won't be as much as originally anticipated, it won't affect programs for this year.

But in 1981, he predicted, "We will see a reduction in services of some kind."

OTHER ITEMS

A request from St. Pancratius Catholic church to conduct bingo games in the village park during the July 4th festival was "regretfully" denied.

The primary objection was that granting permission would lead to similar requests from other organizations. It was pointed out the church can conduct the activity on private property adjacent to the park.

According to the village's attorney, Clinton House, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission has authorized a ratification election conducted by mail of the request by village police officers to be represented by the Fraternal Order of Police in contract bargaining with the village.

A minimum of 30 percent

of employees must sign cards requesting such an election. He wasn't told how many signed, but with four officers, at least two had to do so.

The ballots should be mailed by the end of this month and House's understanding is the officers have about three weeks to send them back.

The council agreed to participate in the federal Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation program if Tuscola county's application for \$900,000 is approved. If that happens, low-income homeowners could get low-interest loans and possibly free grants to improve their houses.

The request of Mary Wilding to have her property on the south side of Seventh Street annexed to the village was approved. The property measures 66-by-132 feet. The county Board of Commissioners must now approve the request.

Next council meeting will be Monday, Dec. 1.

As of Oct. 20, 97 percent of village taxes had been paid, compared to 97.6 percent a year earlier. Turned in delinquent to the county treasurer's office was \$9,016 in taxes still to be collected.

Eastern Star installs new officers

Officers to serve Echo Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, for the chapter's 77th year were installed in the Cass City Masonic Temple Saturday evening. About 85 members and friends attended.

Installing officer was past Worthy Matron Virginia Hartwick. She was assisted by Alexia Cook as marshal, Frances Krause of Decker as chaplain, Frances Patterson of Clio as organist and Rev. Eldred Kelley as soloist.

New Worthy Matron Marian Umpfenbach and Herman Umpfenbach as worthy patron were escorted to the east by an honor guard of men from the St. Bernard Commandery No. 16 of Saginaw.

Other officers installed were: associate matron, Georgine Jensen; associate patron, Keith Murphy; secretary, Ruth Ann Whittaker; treasurer, Thelma Graham; conductress, Lena Teller; associate conductress, Jerri Stilson; chaplain, Carol Furness; marshal, Shirley Wright, and organist, Glenda Wilson.

Serving as Star points will be: Adah, Alexia Cook; Ruth, Donna Wernette; Esther, Dolly Tracy; Martha, Alice Moffat, and Electa, Betty Stilson.

Installed as warden was Virginia Hartwick and as flag bearer, George Wilson. Serving as substitute officer will be Beverly Hartman.

Shirley Karr and James Karr, retiring worthy matron and worthy patron, were presented with their jewels by Mrs. Hartwick and John Marshall.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served in the dining room by Mrs. Hartwick and her committee. The meeting concluded with group singing.

Guests were present from Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Clio, Saginaw, Detroit and the Thumb area.

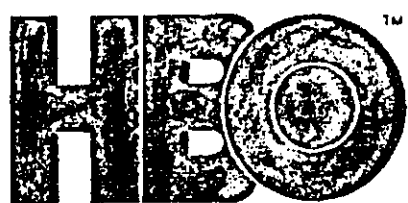
Golden Rule meets

Twenty-four members of the Golden Rule class of Salem UM church and three guests attended a business and social meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Grant Ball. Following the potluck supper, devotions were led by Iva Hildinger.

Cards were signed to be sent to church members currently hospitalized, Mabel Jickling, Donna Holm, Fern Silvernail and Shirley Geiger.

Mrs. Maurice Joos distributed material for bibs which members are making for patients at Provincial House.

There will be no November class meeting but the annual Christmas party will be held in December.



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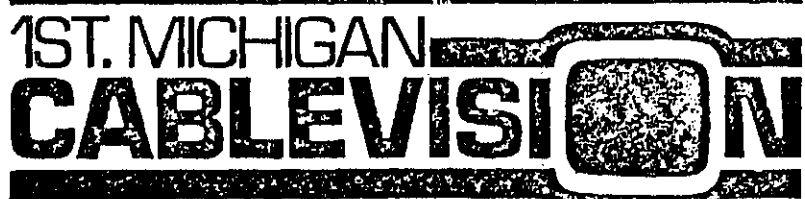
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