

Old foes battle again for state representative post

If the contest in the 84th state House district sounds like a repeat of past years, it is.

State Rep. Loren Armbruster, R-Caro, is being opposed for the third time by James McCann of Akron, the Tuscola county veterans affairs counselor.

They opposed each other in 1976 and 1978, with Armbruster the winner the last time by about 5,800 votes out of more than 26,000 cast.

The 84th district consists of all of Tuscola county and small portion of Saginaw and Genesee counties.

Armbruster, 62, was first elected to the legislature in November, 1972, after hav-

ing served 22 years as executive director of the Michigan-Ohio Sugar Beet Growers Association.

In the House, he is vice-chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee and also serves on the Social Services and Youth, Liquor Control, Conservation, Environment and Recreation, and Drainage Committees. He is the minority whip.

A 1941 graduate of Michigan State University, he served 3½ years in the Army Air Force during World War II and 1½ years during the Korean War. Armbruster taught in high school for two

years and was an extension agent for five years before becoming head of the sugar beet organization.

He is a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

He and his wife Edna have three children.

McCann, 51, retired from the Army in 1974 after more than 20 years of service.

He has associate and bachelor's degrees from Columbia College, Mo., the latter in psychology, and a master's degree in education and community leadership from Central Michigan University. He has almost completed work for an educational specialist degree from CMU and has been given permission to begin working on his thesis for a doctoral degree in education.

McCann was recently appointed to the State Labor Board to represent veterans concerning employment.

He is a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors, Michigan Democratic Agriculture Committee and an authorized agent for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

He and his wife have four children.



James McCann



Loren Armbruster



HALLOWEEN ART — After a lapse of three or four years, Cass City student artists returned to downtown to decorate store windows for Halloween. Some of Linda Edwards' intermediate school art students are at left. Karen Wallace's high school art students are at right.

Seek senior citizen funds in Huron

Residents of Huron county will be voting Tuesday whether to increase their property taxes by .2 mill to fund services for senior citizens in the county.

Voters in Tuscola and Huron counties approved the .2 mill tax increase in the Aug. 5 primary election.

If the levy is approved in Huron, it will not appear on tax bills until December of next year, so the Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA), which runs senior citizen programs, won't receive any revenue from it until 1982. The .2 mill, based on present state equalized valuations of the county, will

raise about \$120,000 a year. TACA funds its present programs primarily with federal and state funds, with a supplement from the county.

For 1981, the agency requested \$36,000 from the county because of a cut in federal funds of \$47,000, according to its director, Ronald Cassie.

The county Board of Commissioners, however, allocated only \$20,000, the same as it is spending this year.

That has meant, Cassie said, a reduction in the Bad Axe senior citizen meal program from five days a week to four, laying off one of two

outreach workers and not putting a person on the payroll who performs various tasks, once federal funding for her position expires in December.

Passage of the millage will allow, starting in 1982, establishment of meal sites in the Ugly-Ruth area (for 35 people, three days a week) and Sebawaing-Pigeon (50 people for three days), expansion of the meal program in Port Austin from two to three days and establishment of a home delivered meal program in the Bay Port-Elkton area, serving 13,000 meals a year.

The millage will also

mean restoration of the above mentioned cutbacks and maintenance of meal sites in Harbor Beach and Caseville.

Other programs the millage will help maintain are the senior citizens telephone hot line for information and referral, (1,176 calls a year), outreach (1,224 visits made annually to the homes of senior citizens), transportation to doctors, food stores, drug stores, meal sites and other important appointments (2,352 trips a year), blood pressure checks (1,752 annually) and the Thumb Area Senior News, sent to 5,270 senior citizens each month.



AROUND THE FARM

Drowning in grain

By William Bortel

The hazards of suffocation in flowing grain have increased sharply with larger grain storage on farms, faster grain handling procedures, and automatic restart units.

"Flowing grain is a lot like quicksand," says Dr. Richard Pfister, Michigan State

Marlette OES installs officers

Marlette Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 199 installed officers Oct. 20, with Lucille and Basil Wotton of Cass City being installed as matron and patron respectively.

Other officers for the coming year are Glenna McClatchie and William Pabst, Associate matron and patron; Ruth King, secretary; Karen Hood, treasurer; Mary Frazier, conductress; Dolly Richmond, associate conductress; Gladys Bond, organist; Marian Lytle, chaplain; Audrey Sulaty, Marshall; Emilie Taylor, Beatrice Coupar, Linda Warner, Meta Pabst and Jeanette Knight, star points; warder and sentinel, Pearl and Russell Wilson, and Janet McGray and Clare McVean, auxiliary officers.

Installing officers were Betty Surine, past matron, Kedron Chapter No. 33, Caro, and Don Robinson, Caro, Past Grand Worthy Patron of State of Michigan assisted by Dorothy Tracy, past matron, Echo Chapter No. 337, Cass City; Helen Field, past matron, Decker Chapter 438; chaplain, Carol Furness, past matron Echo 337; organist, Opal Hunter, past matron Kedron 33, and soloists, Leo Tracy, past patron, Echo 337, and Kenneth Crocker, past patron, Kedron 33, and grand inner guard, International Order Job's Daughter, Grand Bethel of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wotton were presented a gift from Marlette chapter in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Luncheon was served to 70 guests, following the ceremony.

Special honors were given to Elaine Fuester of Decker for the corsages made by her for the installed officers and installing staff and Christopher Tracy for the gifts made and presented to the installing officers.

Elder Raymond Kitt of the Marlette Latter Day Saints church gave the benediction and mizpah blessing at the close of the meeting.

The first meeting of the Chapter will be Nov. 10 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting of the ways and means committee between the dinner and meeting at 8.

University Cooperative Extension Service agricultural engineer and safety specialist. When a grain storage bin is emptied from the bottom, the grain flows toward the bin center and down toward the outlet at a rate of 1,000-2,500 bushels per hour.

A person can sink knee deep in flowing grain in less than five seconds. Once the grain is 3-4 inches above the knee, a person is essentially trapped, and can be completely buried in 20 seconds. Children can go under even more quickly; 40 percent of the grain drownings occur to children under 16.

The best prevention would be to avoid getting in the bin at all. If you must get in the bin, make sure a lifeline-safety harness is securely fastened to you and held by at least one other person.

Should you still get trapped, try to walk toward the outer edges of the bin where the grain is flowing more slowly. Keep children away from self unloading wagons and bins.

Sometimes during unloading, a "bridge" forms. This is created when the surface of the grain temporarily doesn't flow and a void develops below. Getting into the bin causes the person to break through and the 'victim' ends up under an avalanche of grain. If a bridge does form, use a pole or other long-handled object to break it up.

Another common accident is getting caught in augers or in the power takeoff. Consider the hazards of each set-up and warn others. Keep children away from any moving machinery. Make sure all shields are in place. A pant leg or shirt sleeve can get caught in revolving shafts or pulleys. Wear close fitting, comfortable clothes.

Inhaling grain dust can cause serious lung damage, and you may be allergic to the dust. Wearing a lightweight dust mask when transferring grain or cleaning the bin can help eliminate these problems.

New man sure in area district

For the first time since 1965, come Jan. 1, there will be a new representative from the 77th state House district.

Seeking to replace retiring Quincy Hoffman are Keith Muxlow of Brown City, winner of the August Republican primary over three other opponents, and Democrat Harold Richards of Harbor Beach.

Muxlow, 46, lost to Hoffman in the Republican primary two years ago by 104 votes and won the August primary by 4,206 votes over his closest opponent.

Cooperative Extension Service.

Richards, 72, retired eight years ago as a crew leader from Hercules Inc., a milling company in Harbor Beach, where he was employed for 31 years. During 20 of those years, he was president of the United Auto Workers local there.



Harold Richards

He has previously run for state senator once and state representative once. He served on the Harbor Beach Village Council for 2½ years.

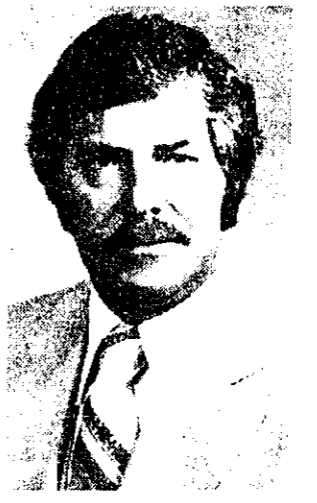
Richards was president of the Harbor Beach Community Federal Credit Union for several years and still serves on its board of directors.

He is a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and is also on the state advisory committee for senior citizens.

Richards has been president of the Huron County Historical Society, sits on its board of directors, and is chairman of its committee for the Gov. Frank Murphy Museum in Harbor Beach.

He has worked to obtain financial grants for the museum, senior citizen activities in Harbor Beach and for that community's bicentennial celebration in 1976.

A widower, one of his four children is Don Richards of Cass City.



Keith Muxlow

He was Brown City mayor for eight years, but didn't seek re-election when his term expired in April. He was on the village council for three years before that.

The lifetime resident of the area was a dairy farmer for 25 years. He presently is manager and co-owner of the Brown City Industrial Park, which has attracted five industries to the area.

An Army veteran, he is treasurer of the Sanilac County Republican Party, co-chairman of the Brown City Development Committee, member of the Brown City Area Health Center Board of Directors, was chairman of the Brown City centennial celebration in 1976 and is a Rotary Club member and advisor to the

VOTE

McCANN

State Representative

84th District

Democrat

McCANN Is For:

- + Reducing Taxes
- + Jobs and Economic Growth
- + Less Government Interference
- + Support For Agriculture
- + Balanced State Budgets
- + Accessibility To Constituency
- + Full-time Representation
- + Reduced Taxation For Business

— AND IS AGAINST

- Wasteful Government Programs
- Reducing State Police Budget
- Cost Overruns In Government Contracts
- Government Inefficiency
- Taxing Military Pay For Michigan Residents
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