



LINES OF VOTERS were common all day Tuesday at the Elkland Township Fire Hall. There were 1,531 voters who cast their ballots in the township, a turnout of 75.4 percent.

Harmony Hill loss \$500,000

Numerous fires no treat during Halloween week

Halloween in the upper Thumb is still "trick or treat" for kids but it also seems to have become an excuse for arsonists to create havoc.

Fire of still undetermined origin early Saturday destroyed the Harmony Hill bowling alley and lounge, with loss estimated at close to \$500,000. Old elevators at Port Austin and Palms burned last Thursday and Saturday respectively, with loss in each estimated at \$100,000.

The Elkland Township Fire department extinguished a barn fire early Friday in Evergreen township. There was another fire in the township, but the department wasn't called because it was too late to do anything.

The Kingston Township Fire Department extinguished two fires Sunday evening.

Not all the fires have been attributed to arson.

Shortly before 3 a.m. Friday, Elkland township firemen were called to extinguish a barn fire on Leslie Road, south of Robinson Road in Evergreen township. (Photo, page 4).

Owner of the large barn was Leroy Dockery of St. Clair Shores.

Neighbors couldn't tell firemen much about the barn, only that it was "usable," according to Assistant Fire Chief Jerome Root Jr. When they arrived, the barn timbers were already down.

Firemen were at the scene about 1½ hours. Root said cause of the fire is unknown. Burning of a tool shed belonging to Les Severance on Severance Road in Evergreen township was discovered about 1:30 a.m. Friday.

Destroyed was a new combine header worth \$5,200, sitting on an old wagon. Severance estimated replacement value of the shed at about \$2,000.

The shed is about a quarter-mile from his house. The fire was discovered, he said, when a car pulled into his driveway, then drove off in

the direction of the fire. The building had burned flat to the ground by the time he arrived, he explained, so he didn't bother to call the fire department.

He feels certain the fire was started by arsonists. "It kind of perturbs you," he said of their action.

HARMONY HILL FIRE

A fire early Saturday which started in an outside trash bin destroyed Caro's only bowling alley, Harmony Hill Recreation and the Ten Pin Lounge.

"I can't say somebody started it," Caro Fire Chief Don Berry commented, Monday. The fire began in an outside trash container near the steps to the front entranceway, he said, then spread under and then into the building. At the point where the fire entered, the building was elevated off the ground.

Insurance adjusters have estimated the loss at close to \$500,000. Although the shell of the frame building was left standing, Berry doubted it was rebuildable. "I think they consider it a total loss."

The fire was discovered shortly before 5 a.m. by a Caro policeman. Firemen left at 10:30 a.m.

The Vassar Fire Department assisted.

Police report 'good' Halloween

Halloween in Cass City was "reasonably quiet," according to Police Chief Gene Wilson. "It was one of the better years."

There were, however, several reports of malicious destruction of property and numerous persons were issued appearance or traffic tickets in connection with various mischief.

Making the job for police more difficult, Wilson said,

is that Halloween is no longer a one-night event. "Halloween is getting to be a weeklong affair around here," he lamented.

The first victim was the village itself, which will have to replace three parking meters stolen from the west side of Seeger Street alongside the library. They were taken Tuesday night of last week.

The entire units were ripped out of the ground—meter, post and cement foundation. Two of the meters were on one post.

The meters are valued at \$120 each, plus the cost of the pole, cement and labor in installing them.

Last Thursday night, police issued two appearance tickets (to appear in district court) to girls who were throwing eggs at cars. One ticket was issued for running a red light and one for careless driving.

Friday night, seven tickets were issued, four for defective vehicle equipment, one for no proof of insurance and two for traffic offenses.

Reports of vandalism made to village police last week were as follows:

KINGSTON FIRES

Arson is blamed as the cause of two fires Sunday evening extinguished by the Kingston Fire Department. Fire Chief Robert Phillips speculates both may have been set by the same person or persons.

The first, reported at 7:13 p.m., was a barn fire on Cemetery Road between Wilcox and Bevens Road.

Owner of the approximately 60-by-60-foot old wood barn was Murrell Kilburn of Bevens Road, who does not live on the property.

Phillips estimated the barn was worth \$5,000. Lost in addition to the building was 1,500 bales of hay stored inside.

One pumper was at the barn fire. The department's second pumper was dispatched to a house fire at 8:53 p.m. on Froede Road between M-46 and Rossman Road.

The wood frame abandoned house was owned by a man from Detroit. No damage estimate was available.

The main concern of firemen was to keep the fire from spreading to a closeby empty house, Phillips said. The grass burned all the way to the house, but no further.

Firemen were at each blaze about three hours.

OTHER FIRES

Arson is believed to be the cause of a Thursday evening

fire that destroyed a major portion of the old Bad Axe Grain Co. elevator in Port Austin. The building was owned and being used by Paper Roll Products of Southfield for storage. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. Firemen from Kinde, Port Hope, Port Austin and Bad Axe battled the blaze.

Damage is also estimated at \$100,000 in a fire that destroyed the old wood elevator at Palms early Saturday. Arson is suspected as the cause. The Minden City Fire Department responded at 4:22 a.m. and was there about three hours. The owners had been considering turning the structure into a museum.

Sanilac county apparently had the most Halloween-related fires. Its sheriff's department reported Friday morning that there had been 17 of them during the night. No count was available from Friday night and early Saturday.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reported numerous acts of vandalism between 8:30 and 10:10 on "Devil's Night" Thursday, with most of them in Millington and Vassar townships.

Most millages defeated

Berry new sheriff, Armbruster wins big

Paul Berry will become Tuscola county's top law enforcement officer as of Jan. 1.

The Republican nominee for sheriff, presently a deputy, easily defeated his Democratic challenger, Millington Police Chief Herbert Clancy, 11,822-9,409.

The election Tuesday also saw the defeat of the 1-mill levy for bridges and county operations. Road millages in Ellington and Elmwood townships were defeated.

In Novesta township, a millage increase for various purposes was defeated.

In state and national races, Tuscola county residents voted with the majority.

In the race for sheriff, Berry carried all but four of the county's 21 townships, plus the city of Vassar.

Voters were opposed to all millages in the county. Renewal of 3 mills for four years for road improvements in Ellington township was rejected, 263-184.

Elmwood township voters turned down a 1.5 mill levy for five years for roads, 270-212. In August, residents there voted against a 3-mill levy for the same purpose.

There were 22,914 ballots cast in Tuscola county, which is 70.5 percent of the eligible voters.

NOVESTA TOWNSHIP

Voters there faced three township proposals, plus contests in two offices.

Proposal 1, asking voters if they favored continued operation of the Cass City landfill, located within the township, was approved 322-187.

Proposed purchase of the Church of Christ building for \$13,000 for a new township hall, proposal 2, was rejected 397-111.

Levying of 1½ mills for five years to cover the cost of fire protection, ambulance service and rubbish and garbage collection was defeated, 402-104. In August, voters turned down the same amount of millage for road improvements.

Republican Henry Rock was unsuccessful in getting back the clerk's job he lost to Nurse Kloc two years ago. Democrat Kloc won 373-156.

Three persons were running for the two trustee positions and the two Republican incumbents won, Fred Knoblet and Arlon Retherford, with 299 and 273 votes respectively. Democrat Linda Yost finished out of the running with 237 votes.

Unopposed were Supervisor Bill O'Dell, Republican, who received 307 votes, and Treasurer Everett Field, Democrat, 331 votes.

COUNTY BOARD

Second District County Commissioner Royce Russell, Republican, received 1,920 votes to defeat his Democrat challenger, Richard Eria, who received 1,190 votes.

In Elkland township, Russell received 940 votes to 473 for Eria; Ellington, 236 (172 for Eria); Elmwood, 329 (179); Novesta, 282 (229),

and Kingston township Precinct 2, 133 (137), the only precinct Russell lost.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners will have one new member Jan. 1. In the Vassar area, District 6, Democrat Robert Russell was defeated by Republican George Bill Clark Jr., 1,548-1,471.

In the Caro area, Republican J. Benson Collon defeated his Democratic challenger, V. Michael Higgins, 1,741-455.

In District 7, in the Millington area, Democrat Ken Kennedy won over write-in challenger Robert Fong, 2,203-218.

STATE, NATIONAL

For the third time, State Rep. Loren Armbruster, R-Caro, defeated Democrat

James McCann. The lawmaker garnered 15,465 votes in Tuscola and Saginaw counties to 8,185 for his opponent. Results from the small portion of the 84th District in Genesee county weren't available as of press time.



Loren Armbruster

U.S. Rep. Bob Traxler, D-Bay City, easily won reelection to Congress over Republican Norman Hughes. With a majority of the vote in, Traxler had a lead of 62 percent to 37 percent for his opponent. The vote in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties is given in the chart elsewhere in this issue.

In the 77th District, Republican Keith Muxlow was the easy winner over Democrat Harold Richards. Muxlow won 13,241 votes in

Area townships' unofficial totals: see chart on page 4.

Sanilac county and 10,666 in Huron, to 3,626 and 3,736 respectively for Richards.

Results from the small portion of the district in St. Clair and Lapeer counties wasn't available as of press time.

The seven statewide ballot proposals were defeated in Michigan, and the upper Thumb followed that voting pattern, with the exception that Sanilac county voters narrowly approved the Tisch Amendment (proposal D).

In Tuscola, Tisch was approved in Wisner township and one of two precincts in Watertown and Arbella townships.

Re-elected to the Michigan Supreme Court were Justices Mary Coleman and Charles Levin. They also received the most votes in Tuscola county of any of the five candidates, 9,653 and 9,517 respectively.

TOWNSHIPS

Former Ellington township Supervisor Fred Bardwell, a Republican, lost his bid to get his old job back. The present supervisor, Jack Kappen, was re-elected, 260-176.

The one contest in Kingston township was for treasurer, with Democrat Mary Lou Wolak receiving 394 votes to 166 for Republican Velna Richter.

Everyone running in Elkland township was a Republican incumbent. Vote totals were: supervisor, Jack Gallagher, 1,138; clerk, Carolyn Ware, 1,173; treasurer, Arthur Randall, 1,140; trustees Fay McComb, 1,107, and Allen Merchant, 1073, and constable, Fred Martin, 1,077.

Only Republicans were running in Elmwood township: supervisor, Roy Messer, 362 votes; clerk, Joanne Sattelberg, 382; treasurer, Betty Russell, 370, and trustees, Kenneth Blue, 322, and James C. Turner, 306.

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LINE 'ER UP -- Chenoa Maxwell, 2, shows fierce determination in lining up a putt at one of the games at the Halloween carnival last Thursday at the intermediate school, sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Cass City Preschool Nursery. Lending advice is her brother, Von Mulligan, 6. They are the children of Alfred and Cheryl Mulligan. At right, tossing a Frisbee, is "Batman" Alan Proowski Jr., 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Proowski.

United Way nears fund goal

The Elkland-Novesta United Way has a good chance of achieving its goal of \$13,500, according to its president, Dale Deering.

As of Tuesday morning, about \$11,000 had been collected.

Still to be received are the contributions from staff and employees at Hills and Dales General Hospital, which usually is about \$1,000, he said.

Several canvassers also have yet to turn in their collections.

Deering is hoping to wrap up the fund drive campaign, which began Oct. 7, by the end of this week.

Persons who have not been contacted by a United Way volunteer, but who would like to make a contribution, should make out their checks to Elkland-Novesta United Way and send them to: Elkland-Novesta United Way, care of Nancy Weppert, Elizabeth Street, Cass City.

The goal of \$13,500 this year is the same as it was last year.

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