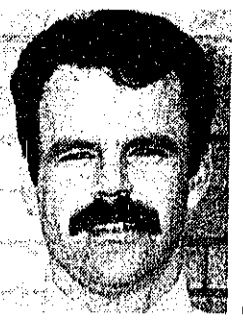


**PEDALING AROUND**

**Reaching the goal**

By Mike Eliasohn



History was made about 5:40 p.m. Monday, a couple of miles west of Cass City. My 1970 Gremlin rolled its 100,000th mile.

A lot has happened since I took possession of the car June 19, 1970. Including sales tax, I paid \$2,546.36 for it. When I buy a new car, probably this spring, it will probably cost me three times that and I won't be buying a fancy car.

Every time I buy gas, I write down the price, gallons and mileage. I goofed the first time I bought gas for my car, and only wrote the price, but the second time, I paid 38 cents a gallon for lead-free gas.

My car doesn't need lead-free. It's just that back then, I was concerned about lead poisoning our environment. I am still concerned about our environment, but now I am also concerned about price, so it has been a long time since I paid for unleaded gas. Leaded regular, expensive but still cheaper, is good enough for me.

The cheapest I have ever paid for gas is 23.9 cents per gallon, but I don't remember if that is when I had my present car or the one before that, a Volkswagen beetle.

The Gremlin is only the second car I have owned. If the rest of the public were like me (cheap), America would be in a permanent

depression, instead of what we hope is a temporary one. Obviously, the economy will improve when I buy my new car.

My Gremlin was not perfect when I got it, so sloppy workmanship is nothing new. The gas gauge didn't work, the clutch pedal didn't work right, the shift linkage needed adjustment, the knob on one of the window cranks fell off and the seat belts were installed backwards.

During the 10 years, my car was involved in two accidents, only one of which was my fault.

In 1972, I was working as a volunteer in an election campaign and I emerged from election headquarters about 2 o'clock one morning to find the left front fender had been viciously attacked by another vehicle. The metal wasn't just dented, it was ripped.

The second mishap occurred in the winter of 1975 or 1976. I forget. While returning to Monroe on US-23, north of Milan, I spun off the road when I hit a stretch of ice. My car got stuck in the snow and before I could get it going again, another car spun off the road into the front end of mine.

I was car-less for about a month. I made the unfortunate choice of the wrong body shop in Monroe. The workmanship was okay, but they managed to throw out my mudflaps, return the fender brace they had ordered to the distributor because they forgot which car they had ordered it for, and did a few other things wrong, which I no longer remember.

For those of you ninny drivers out there who think the only way to stop a car is with the brakes screeching and the only way to get one going is with wheels spinning, I modestly point out that my car is on its second set of tires (granted, I use snow tires in winter), the front brake linings were replaced at 90,000 miles (the back ones are original) and I still have the original clutch.

I better stop bragging or I will be tempted to try for 200,000 miles.



**BEST WINDOWS** in the senior high division of the Halloween window painting contest sponsored by Cass City downtown merchants were Beabe McLachlan, Deb Dorland and Teresa Flowers. Absent was Margaret Hawkins. Each won a \$10 gift certificate.



**JUNIOR HIGH** division winners in the window painting contest were Annette Stachura (left) and Pam Polega, along with Sara MacRae, unable to be present for the photo. Each won a \$5 gift certificate.

**Halloween 'reasonably quiet' in Cass City area**

**Building owner David Luana reported Tuesday that there was a small hole in a window at Hobart's Shoes, apparently made with a BB gun. The 4 1/2-by-6 1/2-foot window will cost \$150 to replace.**

While on patrol Thursday morning, Wilson noticed a hole about the size of a watermelon in the Schneeberger-owned building on Maple Street. On the floor inside, he found a sugar beet. The window was valued at \$150-200.

Marilyn Woodward of 6950 Severance Road reported Friday morning that while her son's car was parked behind Cass City Floral Thursday night, someone shot two holes in the windshield with an air gun. Replacement cost will be \$200-250.

Margaret Biebel of 7537 Bay City-Forestville Road told officers Friday that while driving through Cass City at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, her car was hit by eggs, which removed some paint. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Alice Finkbeiner of 4463 Lamton Road told officers while her car was parked on Houghton Street, near West Street, from 7:30-9:40 Friday night, someone cut her left front tire, apparently with a knife. When she returned, the tire was flat. Murill Shagena of 6470 Houghton Street told police that at 8:45 p.m. Monday, an apple was thrown through a storm window. The window was valued at \$20.

**Slipcovers can reduce costs**

A shabby-looking home or apartment need not be the natural consequence of inflation. You can make your abode's interior comfortable and handsome-looking with a few inflation-wise changes that are long on impact and short on ready cash, according to the home fashions experts.

Some of their advice: —You can defer such major purchases as upholstered sofas and chairs by buying furniture slipcovers. The newest slipcovers are made of stretch-knit fabrics for good fit and come in a variety of fashion-conscious patterns, prints and colors. The key to handsome-looking slipcovered furniture is to measure properly, say the experts, and there are measuring guides in catalogs to help you. Properly fitted slipcovers can give furniture and the room part of a new lease on life, and cost very little. A standard size sofa can be slipcovered in a heavy weight, cotton-blend stretch-knit slipcover in coordinated florals, solids or stripes for as little as \$50.

—You might also consider furniture throw covers as a thrifty way to brighten furniture or protect it. Throws now come in designer patterns and can provide a real lift for tired sofas and chairs.

—Don't throw away a chair or bar stool with a ripped or worn vinyl or leather seat. Instead, buy replacement seats, chair backs or cushions, usually available only in catalogs, for a like-new look. Hand-some leather-look vinyl replacement cushions for a standard dinette chair are under \$15. In some cases, the quality of the replacement will beat what came with the chair.

The self-made man succeeds through self-made opportunities.

**The weather**

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	47	13	0
Thursday	47	30	0
Friday	59	21	0
Saturday	46	18	0
Sunday	50	34	0
Monday	66	46	0
Tuesday	52	20	.23

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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**Gagetown village council's apartment plans foiled**

The Gagetown Village Council unknowingly eliminated any possibility it had of getting federal funds to purchase the old St. Agatha's School to convert into apartments for senior citizens.

The council, which first tried to get funds a year ago, decided in October to apply for \$150,000 to convert the building into five apartments. The Gagetown Development Corp. probably would have put up the funds to buy the property had the grant been received.

But at the Oct. 6 council meeting, trustees voted to participate in a federally funded housing rehabilitation program, for which Tuscola county is applying for \$900,000.

It turned out, however, that by voting to participate in the county program, the village was therefore ineligible to apply on its own

for the apartment project, as that money would have come from the same federal program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Nobody told us," Village President Bill Downing explained as to why the council took the action it did. Gagetown's federal grants advisor, Leonard Hool, told him of the development a couple of weeks ago.

Downing said the possibility of getting a Farmers Home Administration loan to finance the project will now be explored and Hool will check to see if there might be some other federal program to tap.

If Tuscola county does get the \$900,000 grant, or a portion of it, some low-income Gagetown homeowners will be able to get money at low interest or for free to improve their homes.

At the council meeting

Monday, trustees voted to hire the Pigeon certified public accounting firm of Anderson, Lynch, Nietzke and Co., to perform the annual audit.

The council voted to buy candy for Santa Claus to give to children during his annual visit. When St. Nick will be visiting Gagetown hasn't been decided yet.

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