

New books at the library

THE COVENANT, by James Michener (fiction). This time Michener takes a giant sweep through South Africa, funneling the anthropological, social, and political currents that have flowed through that country's history into a factually rooted novel stretching in time from prehistory to contemporary apartheid and black resistance to it. Using a wealth of characters, Michener follows the evolution of several fictitious families, all caught up in the cultural surges and clashes that have marked South Africa's development.

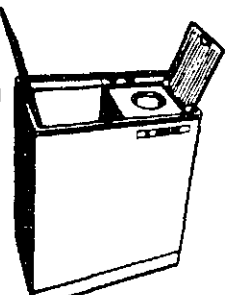
MAKING YOUR OWN MOTOR FUEL WITH HOME AND FARM ALCOHOL STILLS, by Fred Stetson (non-fiction). After much research, travel and home experimentation, Fred Stetson shows how you can legally make your own motor fuel. With nothing more than an old-fashioned pressure cooker, a piece of copper tubing, a container and a few accessories you can distill alcohol fuel in your own kitchen. For the more ambitious, there are details on building and operating a 55-gallon backyard still and for farmers' cooperatives and other groups there are complete descriptions and detailed illustrations of a still that can produce 700 gallons of alcohol a week.

THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, by Avery Corman (fiction). Steven Robbins has achieved everything he thought he wanted in life. He's a hotshot advertising copywriter, the best in his field. He has a beautiful wife and two independent daughters. But now, at midlife, Steven Robbins realizes that nothing about his life, not any of it, has turned out the way he thought it would. In an effort to recapture what he feels has been lost in the passage of time, he returns to his old neighborhood in the Bronx. Here, among memories of egg creams and school yard basketball games, of the people and places he used to know, Steven learns the truth about life and about himself. From the author of "Kramer vs. Kramer."

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Your Neighbor says

Wedding wait should be required

The Roman Catholic church in Michigan recently decided to impose a six-month waiting period between the time engaged couples first contact their parish priest and the wedding date.

The aim, church officials said, was to assure young couples are better prepared for marriage. Exceptions are to be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Jack Harbec thinks such a waiting period would be ideal for all marriages, between the time couples first apply for their marriage license and when they could wed.

If couples had to wait, they would have to think about marriage more, he indicated.

Such a waiting period, perhaps with counseling required during the interim, he feels, would lead to more stable marriages and fewer divorces.

"Yes, there is," Harbec replied when asked if he thinks there are too many divorces these days. Is it too easy to get a divorce? "That's for sure."

Part of the problem is that couples enter into marriage with the attitude that if it doesn't work out, they will get a divorce.

There is not enough of a financial incentive to stay

together, he said. "They part and get on welfare or ADC."

Counseling before couples would be allowed to be divorced, he feels, would help some of them to stay together.

Harbec and his wife of 39 years, Frances, live at 6619 Seed Street.

They have three children, Robert, James and Beverly, all married, and three grandchildren.

Harbec farmed until he and his wife moved into town four years ago, and worked for eight years in the construction business. He is now employed as a custodian at Campbell Elementary School.



Cancer unit plans fund raisers

The monthly meeting of the Tuscola County Unit of the American Cancer Society was held Oct. 27 at the sheriff's department in Caro with Mrs. Joe Young presiding.

Joan Wendling gave the secretary's report. Other reports included the service report by Betty Kochalka, who reported 39 cancer patients are being assisted. Diane Konyak, memorial chairman, reported over \$700 is presently in the fund. Memorial money is all added to the crusade in the spring. Contribution envelopes are available at all area funeral homes. Board members were saddened to learn of the passing of Minnie Callahan of Mayville, a longtime volunteer for the Cancer Society.

Division representative Jean Gibson helped the group start plans for the coming year. Crusade material needs to be ordered soon and plans started for special events to help reach the goal in 1981.

Special events will again include the Cancer Bowl Down, Bar Bucks, and the Walter Hagen Golf Tournament. Several new events are being considered: rummage sale, bake sale and an auction of new and used items.

Many volunteers will be needed for these events, to start saving sellable articles and to write news releases. Volunteers can call 868-4578.

Any group or school wishing films or material is asked to contact Sandy Gaudreau at 823-3126 or any other board member.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 24, at the sheriff's office in Caro, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Unhonorable discharges can be changed

Gordon Clowney, director of the Veterans Administration regional office in Detroit, reminds former servicemen and women who received less than honorable discharges that the 15-year limitation on applying for review of such discharges has been waived until April 1, 1981, giving these veterans an additional six months to apply.

Clowney points out that applications for a discharge review, or for correction of a veteran's records, may lead to eligibility for VA benefits in cases where former servicemen and women were previously ineligible.

Applications and a free information package on the review program may be obtained from veterans service organizations, VA regional offices or by writing to: DOD Discharge Review, P.O. Box 21, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. Veterans should include their service number and branch of service.

Werdeman rites held Friday

Floyd Eryin Werdeman of Elmwood township died Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Provincial House, Cass City, after a long illness.

He was born Feb. 12, 1902, in Chillicothe, Mo., the son of Thomas and Anna (Jones) Werdeman. He came to Michigan from Arkansas as a young man and to the Gagetown area in 1930 from Detroit.

Werdeman married Esther Wald Aug. 18, 1934, in Gagetown. Following their marriage they made their home on the Wald Centennial Farm on Cedar Run Road.

He was a member of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau and St. Agatha's Catholic church of Gagetown.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Theresa) Grylicki of Rochester, and five grandchildren. One brother, George, and one sister, Flora, preceded him in death.

A rosary was recited Thursday evening at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Funeral mass was conducted Friday morning at St. Agatha's, Father Joseph Morales officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO

The second albino pheasant shot in the same field in western Tuscola county was bagged by Kurt Little.

Football coaches in the Thumb B Conference announced Cass City placed one player on the 22-man squad for the annual all-star team for 1975. He is Ken Lowe, a senior tailback.

Charging the board of commissioners with misplacing priorities and failing to provide adequate financing, Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney George Holmes announced his resignation.

Rev. Harry E. Capps, recently chosen the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Cass City, will assume his new duties Nov. 16.

A surprise 85th birthday party was held for Phil McComb. A number of friends and relatives gathered for the party at the American House in East Tawas, where he now resides. He was formerly a resident of Cass City.

TEN YEARS AGO

It was a quiet Halloween night in Cass City and in Tuscola county, according to reports of the sheriff's department and the Cass City Police Department.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has approved a tentative budget for 1971 of \$1,236,000, up \$82,000 from last year or 5.8 percent.

An estimated 14,000 voters were at the polls Tuesday in Tuscola county as the trend towards a heavy vote across the state was reflected here. The total was nearly 75 percent of the 19,000 eligible registered voters in the county.

Tuscola county followed the state trend, as they turned down proposals authorizing \$100 million bond issues for low cost housing and denied the vote to 18-year-olds. They also said "no" to parochialism.

25 YEARS AGO

Tom Schwaderer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Schwad-

Singles dance on Saturday

The YMCA Thumb Singles Club of Sandusky will conduct a dance Saturday evening at Sandusky High School from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Noblemen. Persons who are 25 and older, single, widowed or divorced, are invited.

CALL IT GREED

Public corruption couldn't exist without private compromise somewhere in the background.

er of Cass City, and Mrs. Joyce Bishop, wife of James Bishop, are among 19 Albion College seniors who have been included in the 1955-56 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

General Telephone Co. feted retiring employee Grant VanWinkle at a celebration in his honor at Lmly City.

Robert Keating, treasurer for Elkland Township Community Chest, reported that he has received a total of \$4,800 for this year's campaign.

David Loomis of Gagetown has been accepted as a junior member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

35 YEARS AGO

Upwards of 500 people many of them from throughout the state, attended the parish reception Oct. 25, in honor of the Right Rev. Msgr. John McCullough, pastor of St. Agatha's Catholic church, Gagetown.

In commemoration of the 80th year of Evangelical church life and work in Cass City, the Salem Evangelical church will have an anniversary appreciation service Rev. Stephen Henne was the first minister to preach in Cass City.

The Saginaw Escanabe district Office of Price Administration has announced that beginning Oct. 30, rationing of all leather footwear will terminate.

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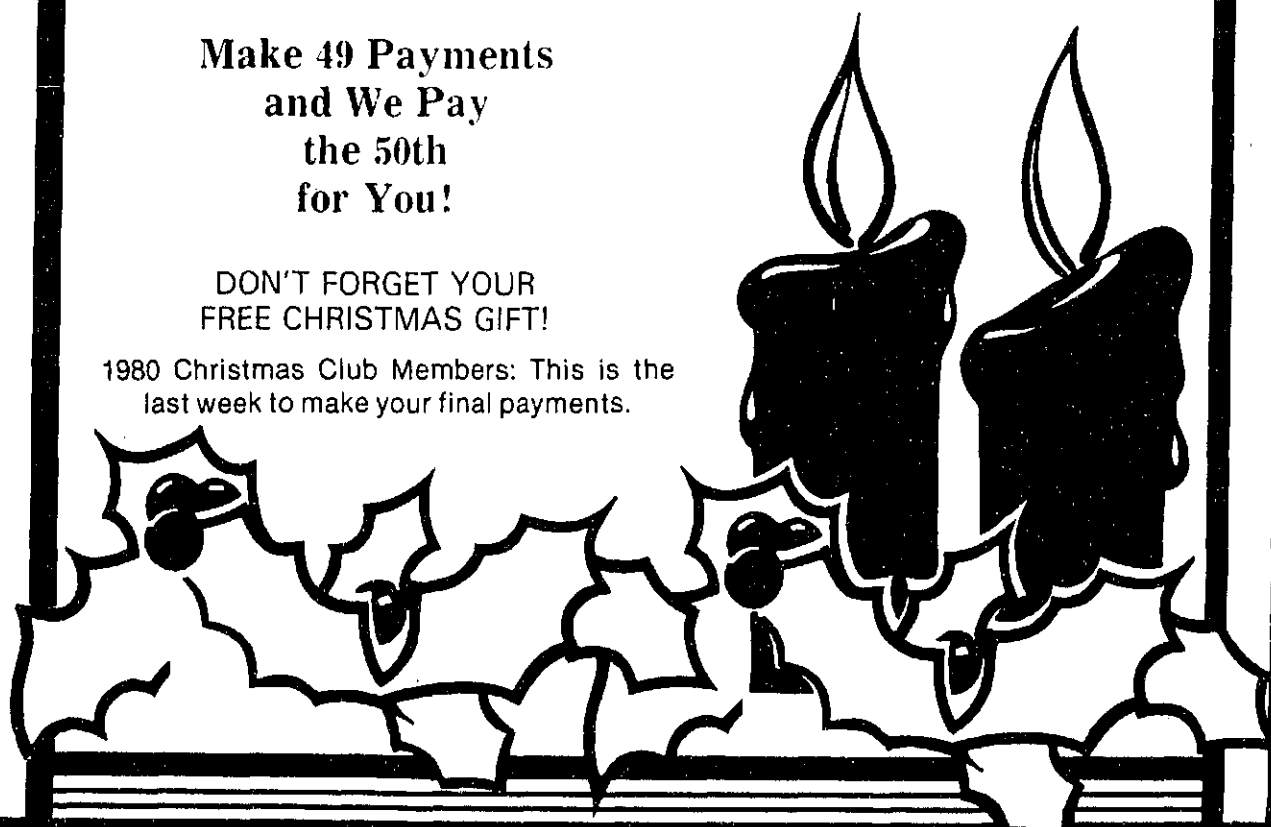
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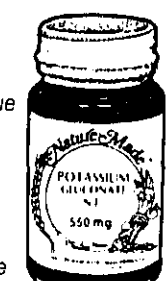
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