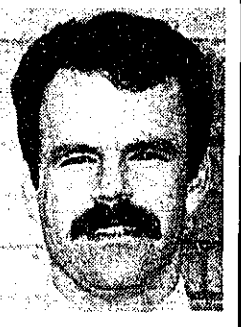


PEDALING AROUND

Keeping clean

By Mike Eliasohn



I finally did it. Under threat of condemnation from the health department, I hired someone to clean my apartment.

I don't want to give you the impression that I live a total life of sloth. If I drop some food on the floor, I pick it up and wipe off the floor.

I wash my dishes every day and once a week I do my laundry.

Occasionally, I clean my bathroom.

But other cleaning is even more occasional than that.

If I drop something on the floor other than food, I am liable to leave it there for a few days and step over or around it. Eventually, I pick up whatever it is and put it in its place, provided it has a place.

One can only get away with such practices -- presumably -- if one is single. At least if something is on the floor that should not be there, I know about it, whereas a wife might not until she has tripped over it.

Call me a chauvinist pig, but I know I couldn't stand to be married to a woman who is as sloppy as I am.

I must add that if I were married, I'm sure I wouldn't be such a slob. I would hang up my coats and my clothes and not leave things in the middle of the floor.

I also know I couldn't stand to be married to a neatness freak, the type who must have everything perfect, whose floors are -- to use a cliché -- so clean one could eat off them.

Those are the type, and I'm sure there are some men the same way, who buy an expensive couch for the living room, then won't let anyone from their family sit on it.

"Children, go sit in the recreation room. You know that couch is only for company."

But how does that mother or father know that their guests won't be slobbs?

Perhaps that is the only advantage of being poor.

Everything one owns already is torn and tattered. I'm sure there are poor cleanliness freaks too. "Elbow grease don't cost nothing, junior. Keep scrubbing that floor."

My late mother was a fanatic about beds. She made them every day, even if no one outside the family was going to look at them, and they had bedspreads on them, a useless appendage if there ever was one.

When she changed the sheets each week, the mattresses were turned over and brushed off. I never could figure out how dirt was going to get through a bedspread, blanket and two sheets onto the mattress.

As for turning the mattress over every week, to me that is a lot of extra work. If I turn it over twice a year, I figure the sag on both sides is the same as the sag on a mattress turned over every week.

My mother also literally changed the sheets every week, that is, take one set off and put another one on. I take mine off, wash them with my other laundry (which reminds me of another unclean place) and put them back on my bed. That saves me from having to fold them to put them away.

Despite my arguments to the contrary, my mother was convinced that not using the same sheets every week would make them last longer.

Rest in peace, Mother. I still use the same sheets, but at least I finally got my apartment cleaned.

Retirement delay can up Social Security

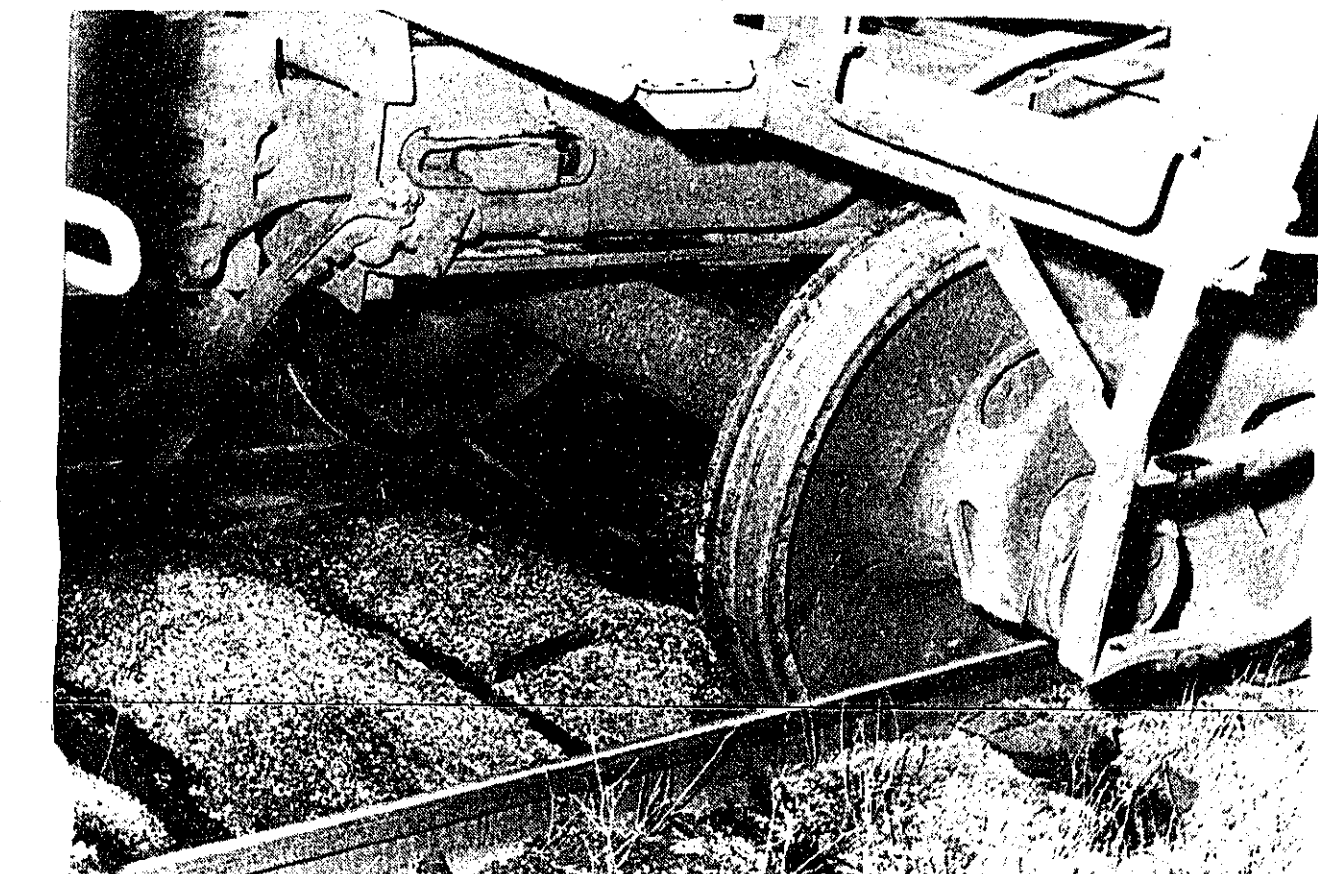
Persons in Tuscola county nearing retirement age should know that a decision to postpone retirement could result in increased future social security benefits.

"A worker who will be 65 years old before 1982," field representative Susan Ludwig said, "will receive an increase in Social Security benefits of 1 percent for each year--or one-twelfth of 1 percent for each month--from age 65 to 72 that he or she does not get benefits."

For workers who will not reach 65 until 1982 or later, the corresponding increase in benefits will be 3 percent a year or one-fourth of 1 percent a month. This credit applies even to workers who received reduced benefits before age 65.

Another provision is the special minimum retirement benefits for individuals who worked under Social Security for at least 20 years. The special minimum benefit is designed for people who have had low earnings during their working years. The amount depends on the number of years of coverage.

In 1980 the minimum for a worker retiring at age 65



OFF THE TRACKS -- The rear three cars of an eight-car Grand Trunk train derailed at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday at the siding south of Garfield Street. Cause, a railroad employee said, was an angle bar breaking, which holds the ends of two rails together, the situation having been aggravated by flexing track due to worn ties. One car was pulled back on the tracks, so the train could continue on to Pontiac. A repair crew was to pull the last two cars back on the track Wednesday.

Numerous vehicle-deer crashes reported in area

It was deer season on the highways as well as in the fields during the past several days, as numerous vehicle-deer accidents were reported in the area.

At 8:30 p.m. Nov. 10, Caro state police reported Kerry G. Pomeroy, 22, of Fairgrove, was eastbound on

Bevens Road, east of English Road, when her car collided with a deer.

William O. Spaid, 38, of 6228 Cedar Drive, Cass City, was southbound on Cemetery Road, south of Shabbona Road, at 4 a.m. Oct. 11, according to deputies, when his vehicle struck a deer.

At 5:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, Donald E. Brade, 46, of Kinde, was westbound on M-81, east of Schwegler Road, when his car hit a deer.

Deputies investigated that accident and one at 6:15 a.m. that day, when Rebecca J. Halasz, 27, of 7110 Huron Line Road, Gagetown, was southbound on Dodge Road, north of M-81, when a deer ran into the path of her car.

At 6:40 a.m. Saturday, according to deputies, Rev. Vernon P. Lockard, 34, of 2892 N. Cemetery Road, was southbound on Cemetery, north of Shabbona Road, when his car collided with a deer.

Cass City police reported two deer-vehicle accidents Saturday.

The first was at 8:20 a.m. when Gary S. O'Connor, 37, of Saginaw, was southbound on M-53, north of Seeger Road, in his truck-tractor.

The second was at 6:05 p.m., when Dale A. Wright, 16, of Walnut Trailer Park, Lot 20, was northbound on Cemetery Road, north of Elmwood Road.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Deputies ticketed Brian Smerdon, 17, of 4764 Jacob Road, Cass City, on a charge of violation of the basic speed law after an accident at 9:40 p.m. Friday.

They reported he was northbound on Green Road, south of M-81, when he lost control of his car, which went off the east side of the road and struck a tree.

Vicky Lapp, 20, of 4394 Maple Street, Apt. 4, was ticketed by Cass City police

on a charge of failure to yield after an accident at 12:05 a.m. Sunday.

Officers reported she was turning left from westbound Cass City Road onto Com-

ment Drive and turned into the path of an eastbound car. The eastbound car, driven by Jeffery Huff, 18, of Caro, struck her vehicle in the left rear fender.

Sowden dies

An ex-Cass City resident, Gordon Sowden, 59, died Nov. 5 at Lapeer General Hospital.

A resident of Flint, he was married to the former Greta F. Snider. He was a truck driver for a car hauling firm.

Sowden was born Nov. 29, 1920, in Lapeer, the son of

Luther and Armina (Ball) Sowden.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gordon Jr. of Swartz Creek and Gary, Lapeer, and a daughter, Sharon Richardson of Grand Blanc.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8 at Brown Funeral Home in Flint, with burial in Sunset Hills cemetery, Flint.

The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	47	26	0
Thursday	46	33	0
Friday	41	28	.17
Saturday	42	8	0
Sunday	42	14	0
Monday	39	24	0
Tuesday	36	9	.06

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