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Dec. 80

United Way charity drive exceeds goal

A total of \$3,038.41 in donations and pledges from Hills and Dales Hospital personnel received Friday put the Elkland-Novesta United Way over its goal.

The goal has been \$13,500. The total Friday, including the money from Hills and Dales, was \$13,809.91.

Fund drive President Dale Deering termed the amount raised as "very good," especially considering the gloomy economic conditions. "I think we've done very well, so thank you, Elkland-Novesta people."

The final total should be more than that, as payroll deductions, received quarterly, may not have all been taken into account, and a couple of corporate contributions don't come in until after Jan. 1.

The money donated by the Hills and Dales employees, staff and ancillary personnel, brings their three-year average to about \$2,800 annually not \$1,000, as was reported earlier, according to the hospital drive chairman, Harry Pestru.

Sixty-five percent of the personnel donated this year, with about half using the payroll deductions.

The United Way board will be meeting in March or April to decide allocations.

The goal last year was the same as this year, \$13,500, with \$13,803 in funds being distributed.

Recipients last year were Michigan United Way, Catholic Family Service, Cass City Meals on Wheels, Rawson Memorial Library, Tuscola County Big Brothers-Big Sisters, American Red Cross, Deford Cub Scouts, Reading is Fundamental program, and Cass City Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, boys' Little League, girls' Little League, Babe Ruth league, Arts Council and Christmas baskets.

Last year, \$566 was spent for the food that goes in the Christmas baskets, given to families and individuals in need. There were 32 boxes distributed.

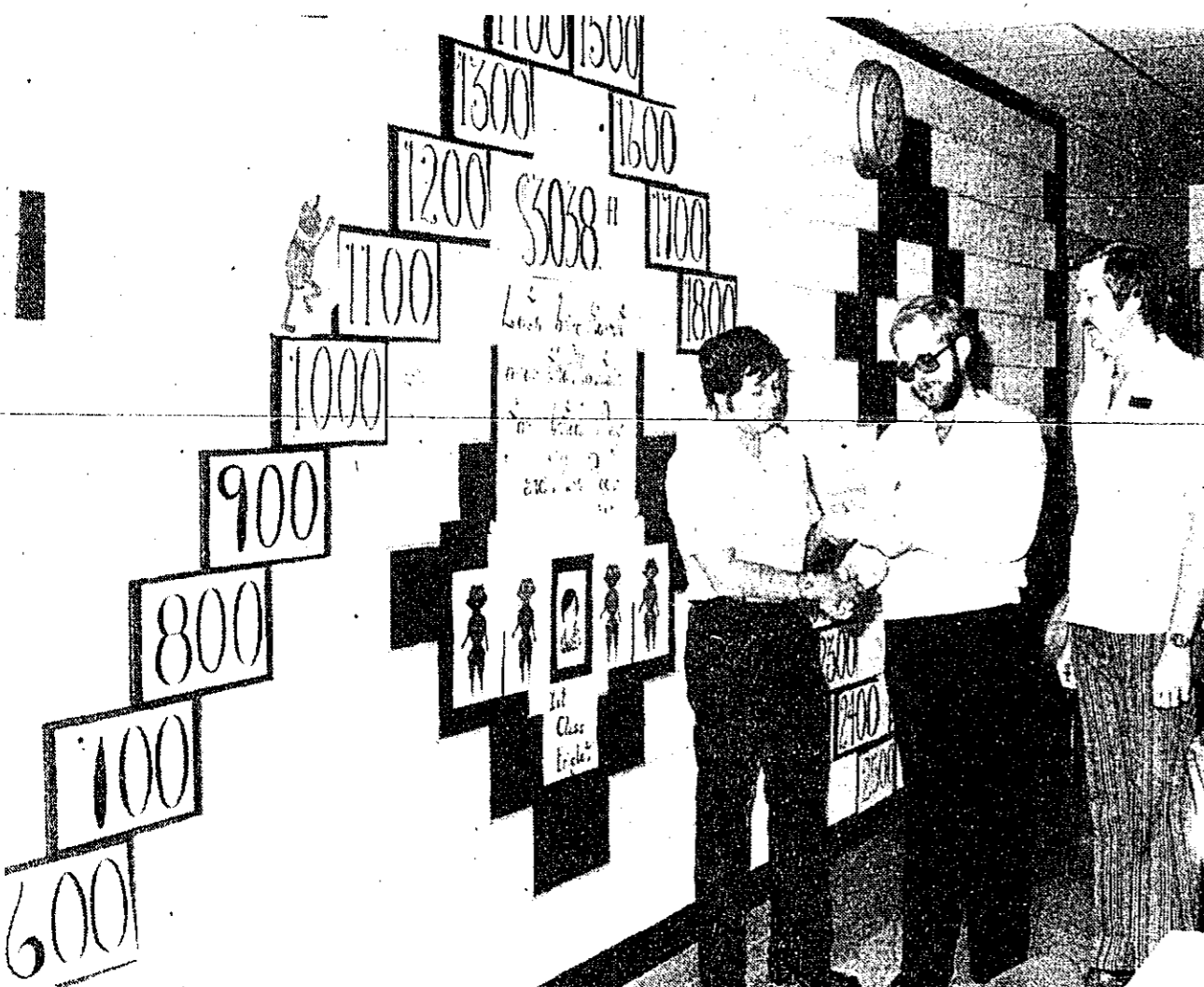
Names of those who could use a Christmas box this year are being solicited and may be turned in to Deering at the Big D Restaurant or United Way Secretary Ron Keegan, 872-2585.

New this year was the Tuscola County United Way, which sent a mailing seeking contributions from persons living in areas where there are no local United Way drives.

County Chairman Iris

Tuckey of Cass City said Friday it is too soon to tell how much money was raised, as most will come in the form of checks from United Way organizations in other counties, from Tuscola county residents working in those counties. Those other organizations are still wrapping up their books for the year, so she doesn't expect a total will be known until January, at the earliest.

Residents of Elkland and Novesta township who were never contacted but who would like to contribute can do so by making out their checks to Elkland-Novesta United Way and sending them to: Elkland-Novesta United Way, care of Nancy Weippert, Elizabeth Street, Cass City.



OVER THE TOP — Kermit the Frog climbed one step on his way toward Miss Piggy for every \$100 donated by Hills and Dales personnel. The goal was reached, with hospital drive chairman Harry Pestru, the hospital social worker, turning over \$3,038 in donations and pledges Friday to Elkland-Novesta United Way President Dale Deering. Looking on is United Way Vice-President Jon Fahrner, the hospital lab supervisor. Artwork in the hospital cafeteria was done by June Wiergowski.

Music of Bach back, second annual festival begins Friday

"Having spent a good portion of my performing life in cold amphitheatres, it was a pleasure to return Bach's music to the setting he had in mind when he composed the music that we played -- All of us were inspired to give our best because of the atmosphere Cass City provided."

—Doris Ornstein

would love it."

One result of the first year's festival, according to Rev. Harry Capps of the host church is that "more people are willing to give it a try."

In addition to those committee members mentioned, the others are Holly Althaver, chairman; Bill Lovejoy, treasurer; Jeanne Auten, hospitality; Nancy deBeaubien, food served at the church; Arthur Holmberg, photography; Gloria Ouvry, tickets; Alice Lovejoy, exhibition at the library; Lambert Althaver, business manager; Helen Rayl, administrative assistant; John Hohmann (Michigan Art-rain director), public relations consultant. There are also many others who are helping.

The committee began preparing for this year's festival in February.

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The schedule of concerts and performers is contained in an article on page 4.

Rehearsals are open to the public for free. Those taking advantage of the opportunity are asked to be quiet and stay put, not continually go in and out.

The rehearsals, all at the church, will be Thursday evening from 7:30 to about 10; Friday from 9:30 a.m. to about noon and 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Saturday

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Sales of regular and patron tickets should bring in substantially more than \$5,100.

The remaining source of funds is donations from local

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With praise like that from one of the performers at the first Village Bach Festival, how could there not be a second?

Thus for the second Thanksgiving week end in a row, Cass City will play host to musicians from many states, who will gather at the First Presbyterian church to perform the music of German composer Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

It would be normal to expect something as high-brow as music of Bach to go over like a lead balloon in a small town like Cass City.

But for many, after the festival's first year, Bach is worth listening to, even if only one time a year.

Festival committee member Karen Fischer, whose involvement last year was as a spectator, said her musical tastes don't include classical music, so sympathizes with those who say they don't like Bach. But, she said, "anyone would be foolish not to try. I think they

TICKETS - FREEBIES

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon concerts can be reserved by calling Mrs. Ouvry at Ouvry Chevrolet-Olds (872-4301) or can be purchased there.

Persons who reserved tickets are asked to pick them up in the church basement 45 minutes in advance of the concert, at which time remaining tickets will be sold.

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Report \$800 loss as fire guts shed

A fire of unknown origin destroyed a storage shed Sunday morning on Severance Road, west of Cemetery Road.

Owner Doug VanAllen said his two sons discovered the fire. Outside the shed was a dog house with hay bales around it and the bales were burning. The dog got away without injury.

An effort was made to extinguish the fire with shovels, but strong winds quickly spread it to an outside woodpile. Then all at once, VanAllen said, it went, "Poof."

He had no idea what started the original fire.

Inside the metal-covered shed, originally a chicken coop, were 4-5 cords of wood, worth more than \$100, and various hand garden tools, worth \$200. VanAllen guessed it would cost more than \$500 to replace the shed, which was totally destroyed.

Firemen received the call at 11:34 a.m.

on Lamton Road, between Kelly and Severance Roads.

The occupants of the home, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tavernier, were asleep, firemen said, and were awakened when they smelled smoke.

A fire had been burning in the wood-burning stove in the living room, the pipe from which led into what had been a fireplace and up the chimney. The fire somehow got into the wall.

Firemen had to rip away some of the paneling above the fireplace and insulation in order to extinguish the fire.

No damage estimate was immediately available.

Firemen received the call about 11:15 p.m. and returned to the station an hour later.

TUESDAY FIRE

Elkland township firemen Tuesday night extinguished a fire in the wall of a home

ASSIST

The Elkland department sent a tanker last Wednesday morning as an assist to the Caro Fire Department in extinguishing a house fire in Ellington. Damage was minor.

Caro firemen were called to the scene at 7:45 a.m.

Retailers set Yule season program

The annual town-wide pre-Christmas sale Friday and Saturday heralds the start of the annual Yule shopping season in Cass City.

In addition to special values all over town the Thanksgiving week end is the time that Santa makes his first visit. He'll arrive at 2 p.m. Friday.

Shoppers will be able to register at all participating stores for the \$1,000 Christmas give-away. The money, spendable in any Cass City participating stores, will be given in three separate drawings between now and Christmas. The first drawing is Dec. 6.

In addition, Dec. 6 is the day that the first of three free Saturday afternoon movies will be offered at the Cass Theatre.



TURKEY TIME -- Not quite, for this tom. With him are Kurt (left) and Jeremy Russell, 15 months and 3 years respectively, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Russell of Koepfgen Road. Thanksgiving dinner is already planned, so the turkey is slated to be on the Russell table some time after the Thursday holiday. It was raised by Mike Karr.

3-hour session

Board wrestles with new hiring policy

The Cass City Board of Education wrestled for three solid hours in special session Wednesday night without agreeing positively on the proper guidelines for hiring teachers.

Trustees inched towards a solution that may become official at the next regular meeting of the board. This proposal calls for the hiring of a relative of an administrator that would work in his or her administrative unit. The superintendent is considered to be working in all administrative units of the school.

The problem actually is deeper than whether or not a relative of the superintendent should be hired in the district.

The board is actually hung up on how teachers should be hired. Dr. Ed Scollon, President Geraldine Prieskorn and J.D. Tuckey want to leave the decision to the administrator to hire the best qualified person for the

position.

It's their contention that the administrators are better qualified to select the best people and that the board should automatically approve their decision.

If the administrators don't do the job, they say, then it's the board's responsibility to hire new people.

Spearheading an opposing view is Dr. E. Paul Lockwood. He has been supported by Thresa Burnette and Dean Hoag. Wednesday Mrs. Burnette and Hoag appeared ready to establish the guideline that will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Dick Albee is ready to agree to the guidelines as outlined although he would like to eliminate the signing of contracts by the board if they become an automatic formality.

Lockwood was not. He wants the guidelines to say "with approval of the

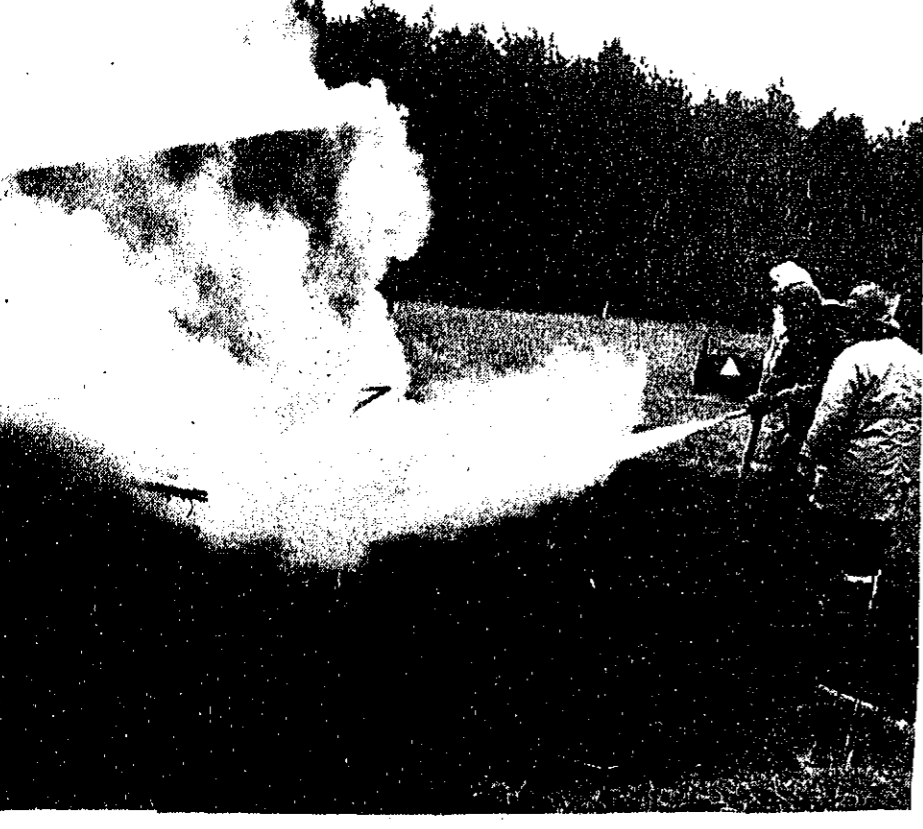
board." The administrators say that if it's impossible to offer a candidate a contract that is binding it should be firmly established so that the candidate can proceed accordingly. A procedure like this could result in the loss of the best qualified person signing with another district, administrators said.

NIX RAISE

Mrs. Kathleen O'Donnell's request for a salary adjustment was refused. Mrs. O'Donnell is paid \$19,800 which is under the average paid to directors of community education departments in the Thumb.

Trustee Albee said that he felt that the director was doing an outstanding job and that when salaries were considered next year she should be raised to be competitive with other directors.

Mrs. O'Donnell did receive the 9 percent raise granted administrators, it was pointed out.



FIREMEN EXTINGUISH the burning storage building of Doug VanAllen Sunday morning, on Severance Road. Inside were 4-5 cords of firewood and various garden hand tools.