



FARM BUREAU -- Among voting delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting Dec. 9-12 in Kalamazoo from Tuscola county were, from left, Arnold Krummnauer, Vassar; Betty Laurie, Cass City, and David Loomis, Cass City. (Farm Bureau photos)

Bow and arrow 'hunter' kills pet dog

A dog in Gagetown was shot to death with an arrow last Thursday.

Mrs. Dennis Rievert of 6546 Third Street, Gagetown, told Caro state police Saturday she had left the animal out about 12:30 p.m.

A half hour later, she heard the dog at the door. She opened it and found the animal had an arrow stuck in its side.

By the time she called the veterinarian and tried to stop the bleeding, the dog died.

Leo Zavinski of Dearborn reported to Caro state police Friday that the storage tank at his summer home on Legg Road, near Kingston Road, had been emptied of 200 gallons of gasoline. It was emptied after breaking a lock.

A witness had seen a vehicle there Dec. 3, so that may have been when the fuel was taken.

Cass City police arrested two persons on charges of driving with license suspended, both of whom were taken to the county jail.

Thomas M. McGee, 33, of 6225 Lakeside Drive, was taken into custody at 2:30

a.m. last Thursday after his car was seen fishtailing as it turned from Church onto Leach Street.

John J. Stochla Jr., 22, of 4205 Hoppe Road, Gagetown, was taken into custody after his car was stopped at 3:05 a.m. Monday on Kelly Road, after having been observed swerving on Cemetery Road.

Both were later released from the jail on bond, pending appearance in district court.

William Wood of Unionville reported to deputies last Wednesday that the glass of a door at the home of his sister in Gagetown had been broken while she was away. His sister is Evengeline Lenhard of 4690 State Street, Gagetown.

The glass was broken in order to reach inside to unlock the door. Nothing was found missing from inside the home. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Walter Czekai of 4544 Brooker Street told Cass City police Sunday morning that someone had stolen 12 Christmas lights, valued at \$6.



LUCKY BUCKS -- Naomi Smith of 2597 E. Akron Road, Caro, was one of two winners of \$250 in Lucky Bucks Saturday in the final Christmas drawing sponsored by the Cass City Retail Committee. The other winner was Willis LaBlanc of 3771 Cemetery Road, Cass City.

Record earnings reported

GK Technologies, Inc., parent company of General Cable, will report record sales and earnings for 1980, Robert P. Jensen, chairman and chief executive officer, reported Dec. 16.

He said, "It now appears

that primary earnings per share will be at the low end of our projected \$5.25 to \$5.50 range, a record level for any year in the company's history.

Jensen also commented on the company's commitment

to its strategic plan with an emphasis on return on shareholders' investment. "The company will continue to seek growth both internally and through acquisitions."

"Capital expenditures for

1980," he continued, "are projected at approximately \$48 million, up from \$39 million in 1979, and could approach \$70 million in 1981."

It's easier to tell the truth than explain the way of a lie.

Michigan Mirror

20 years of debate ends with new compensation law

By Warren M. Hoyt
Mich. Press Association

After nearly two decades of partisan debates and a worsening state economy, the legislature, along with the executive office, has finally reached agreement on the state's embattled workers' compensation disability act.

Extraordinary negotiations between Gov. William G. Milliken and legislative leaders produced an agreement on both workers' and unemployment compensation systems, an agreement

they said was spurred by the state's downcast economic climate.

After failing year after year to develop a workers' compensation package that increased benefits and eliminated abuses, the leaders said they were able to reach agreement now because of the depressed economy and because interested groups and legislators who have been polarized over the years were not involved in the negotiations.

"There was a full recognition by us that the decision making had to be brought back into the Capitol," Milliken said.

Set annual New Year's concert

The Cass City Layman's Club will present its annual New Year's Eve concert Dec. 31, starting at 8 p.m. in the Cass City High School gym.

Groups performing will be the Calvarymen Quartet and the Vaughn Family, both from Flint, and The Brothers, from Akron, Ohio.

A freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be available during intermission.

The negotiations took place nearly every day for the past two weeks, most times involving only the governor, House Speaker Robby Crim, Senate Majority Leader William Faust, House Minority Leader William Bryant and Senate Minority Leader Robert VanderLaan.

REPRESENTATIVES of the United Auto Workers, the State Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Manufacturers Association reserved comments until they knew details and how the package would impact upon the business community and injured workers, but they said they saw some reason to support the package.

The leaders and the governor were elated with their accomplishment.

"I believe firmly that we found a breakthrough and it will provide a sharp stimulus to Michigan and a better business climate for stimulation of jobs," Milliken said.

"It is a real step forward that is able to address almost all major abuses and at the same time raise benefits to people," VanderLaan said.

"It is a balanced package, one that deals with abuses both substantive and perceived. It's in the best interest of those who need compensation. It will go a long way to improve the perception of the business climate in Michigan," Crim said. Department of Labor Director Patrick Babcock said he believes total business costs would not be increased, although he had not assessed the impact on individual segments of business.

He expressed confidence the package would contribute to a better job-creating climate.

MAJOR POINTS OF THE new workers' compensation package include:

--Increased benefits for persons insured after Jan. 1, 1982, up to a maximum of 90 percent of the average weekly wage, or \$282 per week, compared to \$210 under the current system.

--Elimination of minimum benefit levels in favor of paying 80 percent of a worker's spendable income, up to the maximum.

--Persons now receiving benefits from injuries incurred through 1979 will get

cost of living increases, as much as 50 percent for some persons.

--Higher standards of proof for mental and emotional problems will be required, basing eligibility for compensation on actual, not imagined events in the workplace, and higher standards of proof for conditions that could be the result of normal aging rather than work-related injury.

--Establishing a two-year statute of limitations to file workers' compensation claims.

The package does not provide a system of future cost of living increases for injured workers, which was a high priority for labor interests, nor does it coordinate benefits with other government programs or insurance, as business leaders were hoping to get.

However, unemployment and workers' compensation would not be available to a worker during the same period.

Hunter graduates from WMU

Richard Paul Hunter of Kalamazoo received a bachelor of arts degree in commencement ceremonies Saturday at Western Michigan University.

A graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School, he is the son of Mrs. Mary Downing of Gagetown and the late C. Paul Hunter.

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