

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE -- Fireman Don Finkbeiner (left) turns his head away to get it away from the smoke coming from the Melvin Johnson home Saturday night. At right, he and Fire Chief Jack Hartwick (in the lead) climbed up on the roof, where the latter used his department's gasoline engine rotary saw for the first time to cut a hole in the roof, to let smoke and hot air escape.

Heavy damage in Novesta fire; blaze destroys Argyle home

Damage was estimated at at least \$20,000 in a fire that heavily damaged the Milton (Mel) Johnson home in Novesta township Saturday night.

the cause was traced to a faulty electrical outlet in an upstairs bedroom which somehow shorted out. The fire was reported at 9:10 p.m. The home is on Shabbona Road, about 1 1/2 miles east of Cemetery

Road. The fire, which began in the west end of the home, spread throughout the entire upstairs. That level was gutted, Hartwick said. There was primarily water damage downstairs. The

home is repairable. Assistant Fire Chief Jerome Root Jr. said an estimated 3,600 gallons of water were used. The Caro Fire Department assisted by bringing two tanker loads of water to the blaze.

Thursday, Christmas Day. Argyle Fire Chief George Simmons said estimated value of the home was \$25,000. The contents, including many valuable antiques, Please turn to page 5.

Gifts galore await first baby of 1981

First babies of the year born in Hills and Dales General Hospital have come from all over the Thumb and have received a galaxy of prizes in the annual Chronicle First Baby Contest.

The youngster will be getting off to a right start with \$25 deposited in his name in a silver key account at the Cass City office of Thumb National Bank and Trust Co. The cost to mom and dad will decrease when they pick up \$10 worth of baby products from Quaker Maid Dairy Store and Erla's Food Center. Baby will have the choice of baby food or merchandise worth \$12.50 from IGA Foodliner. Cass City Gambles has \$10 in merchandise for the winner and Mutual Savings and

Loan Association has \$10 to deposit in a prestige account. \$5 worth of baked goods are available from Konrad's Bakery and Sommers' Bakery. Hobart's Family Shoes will give \$5 towards a new pair of baby shoes and the parents can read all about it with their free subscription to the Chronicle.

Finally there is a vaporizer given by Old Wood Drug and \$10 towards any prescription from Coach Light Pharmacy.

1981 will be no exception. Waiting for the first arrival are 14 different prizes given by area merchants. The first baby will be able to choose whatever is needed with a \$10 gift certificate from Kritzman's and \$10 in merchandise from Albee True Value Home Center.

Living in the home were Johnson, his wife, Vi, and their son John. They were home at the time of the fire. The family is temporarily staying at the home of the couple's son, Bill, on Crawford Road. Reportedly, John discovered the fire when he saw smoke coming out of the wall upstairs. The family was able to remove its downstairs furniture from the house before it could be damaged. While fighting the blaze, firemen found two new smoke detectors, still in the boxes, which were beeping. The last fire truck returned to the station at 11:40 p.m.

ARGYLE FIRE Isabelle Cutright was left with only memories and ashes after fire destroyed her home east of Argyle last

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As for what happens next, he said, "I don't know where we go from there."

Graf later told the Chronicle he will keep the report, which was supposed to be sent to the State Tax Commission (STC) Dec. 31. The STC presumably will later write a letter to the county board, asking for the report.

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Owendale woman dies in crash; Lori Schuette reported critical

Hannah McQueen, 68, of Owendale, was killed Saturday night when she was thrown from the pickup she was riding in when it rolled over.

Driver of the pickup was her husband, David, 73. According to the Huron County Sheriff's Department, their pickup was northbound on Elkton Road, a quarter-mile north of McAlpin Road, when it went off the west side of the road, rolled over once into a field and came to rest on its wheels.

Both occupants were thrown from the vehicle. McQueen was thrown clear

She married David McQueen April 8, 1931, in Flint. They moved to an Evergreen township farm in 1932 and to Cass City in 1947, where they operated a laundry and dry cleaning business until 1957. Mrs. McQueen is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Patsy Evans, Pontiac; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Peggy McQueen, LaPeer; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, Pontiac; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A son, Glenn, preceded her in death. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Little's Funeral

Home, Cass City, with Rev. Eldred Kelley of the Salem United Methodist church officiating. Burial will be in Elkland cemetery. Mrs. McQueen was the 18th person to die in a Huron county traffic accident this year.



TRAFFIC FATALITY -- Hannah McQueen was killed Saturday night when this pickup in which she was a passenger rolled over once. She was thrown from the vehicle.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Springport Bindery
(Rawson Library)
Springport, MI 49284

Dec. 80

Employees get 9% pay raise Village water, sewer rate going up 20%

Cass City home and building owners will be paying an approximately 20 percent increase in water and sewer rates in 1981, the village council decided Monday evening.

with the three-month period ending Jan. 31, are as follows (old rate in parentheses): 0-5,000 gallons, \$21.12 (\$17.60); 5,001-15,000, \$1.98 per thousand gallons, \$1.65; 15,001-25,000, \$1.716 per thousand (\$1.43); 25,001-200,000, \$1.952 per thousand (\$1.21); over 200,000, \$1.128 per thousand (94 cents).

year), full retirement at 62 (65 now) and paid Blue Cross from 62-65. "We just felt the way the budget is, that's as far as we can go," explained Richard Hampshire of the council's personnel committee.

ey, no major street improvement projects or alley paving are planned in 1981. The biggest priority will be some repairs on Seeger Street.

Council members, before approving the 1981 budget, also okayed a 9 percent pay raise for village employees. The water and sewer rate increase, Village President Lambert Althaver explained after the meeting, was needed because of the increasing cost of running the old sewage treatment plant, such as for chemicals, and the beginning of increased costs for running the new plant, now under construction.

Outside of the village, building owners will pay double, plus \$10 per quarter, the same as before. The rate of Huntsville Trailer Park, which has sewage treatment only (it has its own water well) will be \$3.75 per unit per month, up from \$2.75. The charge is billed to the park owner.

With the increases, the three highest paid employees will be village Superintendent Lou LaPonsie, \$27,350 annually; Police Chief Gene Wilson, \$21,717, and Mohr, \$21,000. The three village police officers (not including Wilson) were not included in the new pay and benefits package because they recently joined the Fraternal Order of Police, which will negotiate in their behalf concerning pay and benefits. The union has yet to contact the village concerning the start of negotiations, Althaver said.

The total major street fund is budgeted at \$33,500, and local streets, \$30,500. Despite the increase in water and sewer fees, the wastewater treatment fund still must be augmented with \$5,000 from the general revenues and \$11,000 from the water fund. Total general fund revenue is projected at \$452,000 (plus \$48,000 from savings). The 14-mill tax levy will be continued, which should raise \$266,500 next year, up from \$251,300 received this year.

A major chunk of the new expense will be the \$21,000 salary for the new wastewater plant supervisor. The hiring of Rick Mohr of Saginaw, who starts Monday, means expansion of the workforce at the treatment plant from two to three, needed for the new plant, part of which goes into operation late next year. The new rates, effective

For a family of four using 30,000 gallons of water a month, which is about average, the quarterly rate will go up from \$54 to \$65 (\$21.12 for 5,000 gallons, \$1.98 per thousand for 10,000 gallons, \$1.716 per thousand for 15,000, plus \$1.952 per thousand for the final 5,000 gallons).

Various state revenue is projected at \$103,700, a decline from \$114,750 the village got this year. Federal revenue sharing is projected at \$39,400, up from \$32,250. Althaver expressed the fear that revenues may prove less than projected because of the poor state of the economy. "I really have some hesitation about this revenue," he commented.

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SALARIES

Eleven village employees will receive a 9 percent pay increase in 1981, the council decided, versus the 12 1/2 percent they had requested. They will also receive dental insurance and retirees will be able to carry hospitalization insurance through the village at their own expense. That will allow them to get the insurance at a lower rate.

BUDGET

The budget was approved with minor changes from what was first presented Dec. 1. No one showed up at the scheduled public hearing Monday, prior to passage of the financial plan.

OTHER ITEMS

The village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the Engineered Tools property on Doerr Road from its present residential and general business zonings to light industrial. The hearing will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 20. The commission must make a recommendation to the council following the hearing. A letter was received from Please turn to page 5

Employees also sought but didn't get longevity pay, an additional personal leave day. Blue Cross hospitalization college rider (covering children in college), sick day accumulation to 150 days (it's now 120 at 12 days per

General fund expenditures are projected at \$500,000, up from \$437,880 spent this year, which will require taking \$48,000 from savings. Big increases in expenditures include salaries increase, \$16,673, not including police; new tennis courts, \$30,000, to be defrayed by public donations; street lighting (electricity), up from \$24,500 this year to \$30,000, and insurance and bonds, up \$5,000 to \$35,000. With gasoline tax and license plate fee revenue from the state declining and no more county bridge mon-

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Cass City Social and Personal Items

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Cathleen Douglas

Cathleen J. Kerbyson of Saginaw became the bride of Larry R. Douglas of Saginaw in ceremonies conducted Saturday at St. Helen's Catholic church in that community.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O. Kerbyson of 4716 N. Seeger Street.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Myra P. Douglas of Saginaw township and the late Lawrence S. Douglas.

Father Frederick Kawka performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a Victorian style gown of white Silesta, fashioned with Venice lace gracing the cuffed bishop sleeves, with a high rise neckline and modified empire bodice, from which fell the softly gathered skirt, enhanced with a lace trimmed, flounced hem, extending into a chapel train. Her matching bodoux helped secure her waltz length lace-etched veil.

She carried a cascade bouquet of snowdrift mums, white sweetheart roses, baby's breath, variegated holly and lace ribbons.

Maid of honor was Nancy E. Kerbyson, sister of the

Hills and Dales General Hospital

BIRTHS:

Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hawley of Cass City, a boy, Ronald Carl II.

Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Joles of Unionville, a boy, Eric Michael.

Dec. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. David Price of Deford, a girl, Melissa Sue.

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 29, WERE:

Kimberly Gibbard, Mrs. Lynn Albee, Amanda Guinther, Shawn McKellar, Hazel McGraw of Cass City; Mrs. Gayle Sleight of Akron;

David McQueen of Owenton;

Leon Allen, Mrs. Zoe Lang of Sebawaing;

Mrs. Charles Bailey of Brown City;

Mrs. Valerie Huffine, Valerie Petiprin, Bill Burnham, Mrs. Lyman Gerou, Mrs. Alfred Wright and Mrs. Lawrence Miners of Caro;

Charles Wright, Mrs. Joseph Halasz of Gageton;

Mrs. Verna Brinley of Kingston;

Harold Phelps of Snover.

bride, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Bridesmaid was Mrs. William Beyerlein, sister of the bride, of West Branch.

They both wore wine knit frocks with spaghetti straps, blouson bodice and floor length tulip skirts. Their cocoon coverups complemented their attire.

They both carried a single long-stemmed red rose with baker's fern, baby's breath, and holly, tied with ribbon streamers.

Best man was James D. Coan of Saginaw, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsman was Michael J. Sivak of Saginaw.

Organist was Paul Kerbyson, the bride's brother. The bride's mother wore a mauve Silesta sleeveless gown, with matching jacket. The groom's mother wore a Romance blue petal pleated chiffon gown.

The reception for 150 guests was held at the Great Hall at Sullivan's North in Saginaw.

The couple is presently on a one-week honeymoon in northern Michigan. Douglas is employed by Saginaw Machine Tool. The new Mrs. Douglas works at Group Health Service in Saginaw.

ENGAGED



Francine Hill
Ross Voelker

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Francine, to Ross Voelker of Unionville.

He is the son of Mrs. Lois Roy of Unionville and Robert Voelker of Detroit.

A May 2 wedding is planned.

Voelker is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School; his fiancée, a 1978 graduate of Caro High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tracy and Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Furness and family were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Caverly and family at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Murray of Williamston spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murray and were callers at the home of Mrs. Howard Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis, Becky, Tom and Kay had with them Sunday for a belated Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. William Weatherhead, Ken Weatherhead and Sue Johnson of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooklin and baby of Kentland, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherhead of Gageton, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hendrick and Mrs. Howard Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zapfe and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Zapfe and daughters of Mayville visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gelbaugh and daughter Emily of Plainwell spent from Dec. 24 until Dec. 27 with her mother, Mrs. Donna Holm. Mrs. Holm had as other Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zapfe and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Profit, Connie and Billy spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Profit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ignash at Pigeon.

Rev. and Mrs. Rocky Culpepper and Jeremy of Jasper, Ala., spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Jr.

Rev. Eugene Finkbeiner and sons, Eugene and Scot, from Sumter, S.C., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. and visited the Carl Wepperts and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eeckilsen and son Steve had as Christmas Eve guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper and Emily of Caro, Karen Egerer and daughter Elizabeth of Bad Axe and Mrs. Hazel Rusch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Vollmar, Dale and Randy had with them Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. James LaPratt and children of Unionville, Gary Vollmar, Bonnie Walrod, Tammy Connolly and Barb Dorland.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Allen in Caro for Christmas Day dinner were the Misses Clara and Alma Vogel, George Rolston, R.B. and Elizabeth Spencer, Mrs. James Coy and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. George Gotler and family, George Jr., Jim and Tammy.

Mrs. Lota Hartel and son Bradley and her mother, Mrs. Helen Little, had as Christmas Day guests in the Hartel home, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lowe of Green Bay, Wis., Elizabeth and Jeff Hartel, who attend CMU, in Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reid and children of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wentworth of Sanford, Ann Bucholz of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little and daughter Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Venema, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little, Suzanne and Kurt.

Mrs. Isla Cook had as Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Grant McKee of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly and Christine, Edward Buehrly, Francis Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly and son Don and daughter Esther.

David MacRae of Fairfield, Conn., and Eric Esau of Amherst, Mass., spent from Tuesday until Saturday with relatives here.

Miss Laura Maier, Miss Elizabeth J. Agar and Miss Katie Crane had Christmas dinner at the Maier home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marr and sons, Brian and Billy, of Mineral Point, Wis., were Saturday afternoon and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Greenleaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Venema entertained her family Saturday at a belated Christmas dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. David Little, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Little and Joshua, Dean Little and friend, Dana Hamilton of Wabash, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar, along with Mr. and Mrs. Volney Wright of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark of Mayville and Mrs. Leila Huffman of Lapeer, met their sister, Josephine Rondo of St. Petersburg, Fla., in Lapeer Friday for lunch. Mrs. Rondo flew home to spend the holidays.

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Sylvia and David Miller

Sylvia Leppke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Leppke of Cass City, and David Miller of Bad Axe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller of Kinde, were united in marriage Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic church, Sheridan Corners.

Father Julius Spleet performed the double ring ceremony. The bride wore a formal gown of Luster-glo knit, designed with a wedding band collar of Venice lace, cut out Venice lace appliques on the fitted bodice, long fitted sleeves featuring cut-out appliques and an empire waist defined by a sheer Juliet cap, adorned in lace.

She carried a colonial bouquet of miniature white mums and white carnations edged in blue and peach with baby's breath.

The bride's sister, Marian Taylor of Lansing, was matron of honor. She wore a blue flowered print gown with matching jacket and white long sleeved blouse. She carried a single long stemmed blue carnation.

John Jurges of Bad Axe, friend of the couple, was best man. Mark Miller, brother of the groom, was groomsman.

Ushers were Jim and Larry Leppke, brothers of the bride.

Howard Jurges, friend of the couple, read the scripture passage the couple had chosen themselves.

The bride's mother wore a long sleeved blue gown and wore a corsage of white carnations edged in blue. The groom's mother wore a peach gown with chiffon cape and identical corsage edged in peach.

After the ceremony, the bridal couple and attendants rode in a parade of four-wheel drive pickups decorated with flowers and streamers to a dinner for the immediate family at Coral Gables Restaurant in Bad Axe. Later a small reception was held at the groom's home in Bad Axe. Richard Jones of Cass City provided music with stereo equipment.

The groom is a Bad Axe city police officer. The bride is laid off from General Cable in Cass City. The newlyweds are residing in Bad Axe.

ENGAGED



Colin Almas
Victoria Zawilinski

Mrs. Virginia Zawilinski of Cass City announces the engagement of her daughter, Victoria Lynne Zawilinski, to Colin J. Almas, son of Mrs. Lois Tackeberry of Columbiaville and Grant (Bud) Almas of Mayville.

Victoria is a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School and is attending Indiana Vocational College, where she is studying computer programming. Her father was the late Martin Zawilinski.

Colin is also a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1980 graduate from International Telephone and Telegraph school of Indiana. He is now employed by Magnavox as an electronic technician.

Both live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Wedding plans are indefinite.

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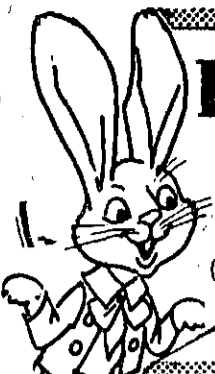
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Rabbit tracks

By John Haire
(And anyone else he/ can get to help)

A strictly unofficial, seat-of-the-pants survey (I asked several merchants on the main stem) revealed that the last three business days "saved" the Christmas season. Most reported sales equal to or slightly above last year after a November that lagged seriously behind the previous year's totals.

While comparatively few were able to claim sales that made up for inflation, most were reasonably satisfied considering the depressed economy in Michigan.

It's the New Year and our best wishes . . . to the Cass City School Board and, without apology, we trust that 1981 will be fruitful, full of cooperation and harmony for every member.

To school officials, an instant weather gauge guaranteed to tell when it's time to send the kids home because of weather conditions.

To the parents of these kids, a little understanding and many assurances that their children may be delayed but are safe, safe, safe.

To Village President Lambert Althaver, an instant people counter to find those 206 residents that were lost in the census count.

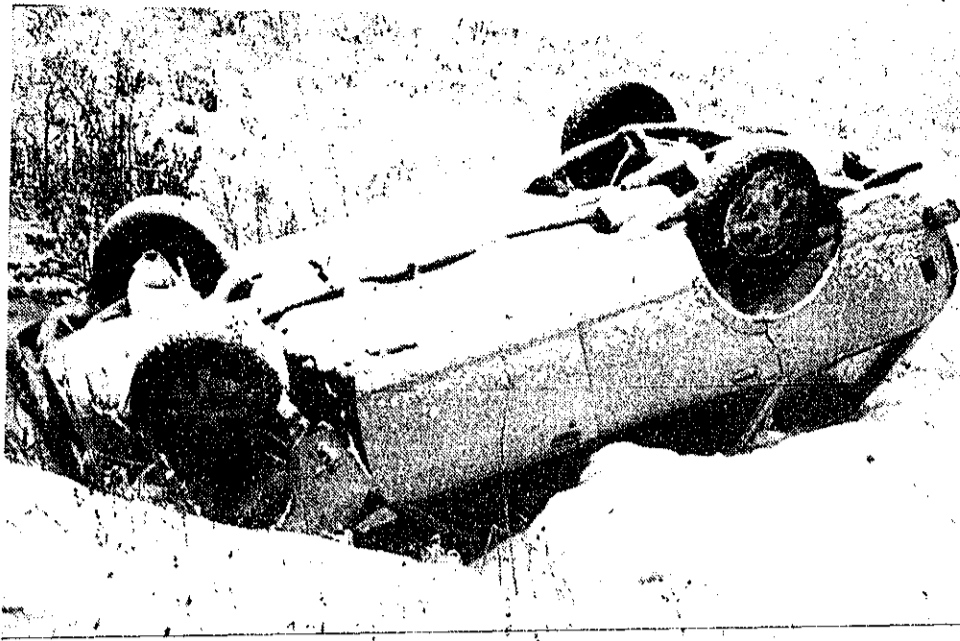
To the vandals that took the chains from one of the stations at the Rotary exercise trail, the spirit of the season so that you'll take them back. The same for the outdoor Christmas tree light bulb thieves.

To Paul Berry, new Tuscola county sheriff, and all of the other elected officials, the wisdom and the courage to make this a better year for all of us you serve . . . and to never forget it is us that you are serving.

To President Dale Deering, Don Englehart, Art Holmberg, Ron Keegan and Dan Allen, gratitude for proving that area folks still care. Under their direction, the area United Way surpassed its goal. Did it in spite of a very real belt tightening caused by economic conditions.

To Tom Herron, a third Fourth of July Festival as successful as the original two with twice the number of volunteers to do the work.

To each and every one of you, a 1981 full of good health and prosperity.



OVERTURNED -- Timothy Johnson of Cass City overturned his car Sunday while trying to turn from Beechwood Drive onto Hospital Drive. He and two passengers were unhurt.

2 tragic crashes mar yule season

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his own treatment for minor injuries. A passenger was unhurt.

The accident remains under investigation. It occurred at 3:49 p.m. near the Genesee Valley Mall.

Mrs. Schuette is the daughter of Jack and Dorothy Stahlbaum of Cass City.

INJURY ACCIDENTS

A Tuesday, Dec. 23, accident north of Mayville resulted in four persons being sent to Caro Community Hospital.

They were the driver of one of the vehicles involved, Raymond G. Crane, 59, of Silverwood, discharged Monday, and his passengers, his wife, Violet, 55, reported in stable but improving condition Monday afternoon, and Billy and Donna Arnold, 51 and 48, respectively, of 5442 S. Cemetery Road, Kingston, who were treated and released.

Sheriff's deputies reported Calvin F. Rowbotham, 41, of Mayville was castbound on Snover Road and the Crane auto was northbound on Lobdell Road.

The two drivers told officers they didn't see each other at the intersection until it was too late. The

Rowbotham vehicle then struck the Crane auto.

A passenger in the Rowbotham four-wheel-drive canvas-top vehicle, Richard Rowbotham, 13, was thrown out the door during the collision. He sought his own treatment for minor injuries.

Joseph L. Gruber, 21, of 6787 E. Elmwood Road, was treated and released from Hills and Dales after a 5:50 p.m. accident last Wednesday.

Cass City police reported he was southbound on Seeger Street and ran into the rear of a car parked by the west curb, just south of Seventh Street.

Owner of the parked car was Bradley Goslin of Gagetown.

Gruber was ticketed by officers on a charge of failure to stop within an assured clear distance.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Cass City police reported that at 9 p.m. Sunday, Timothy F. Johnson, 18, of 4286 Oak Street, westbound on Beechwood Drive, attempted to turn south onto Hospital Drive. Due to slippery conditions, the car went over the curb and rolled into a ditch, landing on its roof.

He and two passengers escaped injury. (See photo, above.)

At 1:15 p.m. Dec. 22, Cass City village police reported, Douglas R. McArthur, 19, of 6733 E. Main Street, was northbound on Leach Street, couldn't stop in time at Third Street due to slippery conditions and slid into a westbound car.

Driver of the other vehicle was Mark Wilson, 16, of 6365 Third Street.

Deborah Lee Baker, 19, of 3495 White Creek Road, Kingston, was headed northwest on E. Dayton Road, east of Ryan Road, at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, when she lost control of her car on the icy surface. Deputies reported her car then hit a mailbox on the right side of the road.

At 11:50 p.m. last Wednesday, according to Tuscola deputies, Orrie W. Reimann, 73, of 3475 River Street, Kingston, was southbound on M-53, north of Downington Road, when a deer ran into the left side of his car.

At 9:05 p.m. Sunday, Adam B. Noyes, 16, of 5685 Kingston Road, Kingston, was northbound on M-24, north of Bliss Road, according to deputies, when he lost control of his car on the icy roadway.

The auto spun off the right side of the road, struck a mailbox and went into a ditch.



"If It Fitz. . ." Free parking

By Jim Fitzgerald

We were trapped in a parking garage by big-city drama. After going to the parking attendant's booth to conduct a lengthy investigation, I reported back to my wife: "There are 1.1 million stories in this city, or perhaps more, depending on the census recount, and I am going to tell you one of them."

And then I told her the heart-rending story of the stubborn woman who wouldn't pay her parking tab and the angry man who wanted to slug her but ended up almost slugging his innocent wife instead.

It was 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. After seeing a movie, we had descended to the parking lot beneath the Renaissance Center to redeem our car, and what did our dismayed eyes behold but dozens of cars lined up, eager to escape into the night, but unable to move forward because the attendant would not raise the wooden arm blocking the only exit.

Why wasn't the barrier raised? Because the woman driving the car at the head of the line refused to pay the \$3 parking fee. She insisted her parking ticket had been validated by Manufacturer's National Bank which not only has its headquarters and a branch bank in Ren-Cen, but is also the only tenant allowed to mar the exterior of the pristine towers by hanging out a sign.

The chief parking attendant declared the alleged validation invalid. He said the smeared red letters stamped on the back of the stubborn woman's parking ticket meant nothing. He said Manufacturer's doesn't validate. (Later a phone call proved him right. Manufacturer's customers don't get free parking, especially four hours after the bank has closed.)

But the stubborn woman wasn't impressed. As the honking continued, she continued to insist she didn't have to pay. When the man directly behind her got out of his car to exchange hot words with her, she rolled up her window and locked her doors. She appeared middle-aged and taut. He was plainly bald and steaming. He banged on her window with his fist. She snarled at him.

The bald man yelled that she was making him late for a \$30 concert. The stubborn woman looked straight

ahead, and the garage employees remained equally determined.

Giving up, the bald man said he'd pay the woman's parking fee just to see the outdoors again. He pulled out \$3, but then suddenly changed his mind. By this time he was so angry he decided he'd rather send "that stupid woman" to jail than attend the concert. "Phone the cops," he instructed the parking attendants. "I'll sign the complaint."

The honking got louder as the line of waiting cars got longer. The bald man's wife burst out of their car and said she wanted to hear the concert and she would pay the stubborn woman's parking fee. She also produced \$3 and waved it toward the parking attendants. Her husband grabbed her arm and said she wouldn't dare. He wanted the stubborn woman arrested.

"It's my \$3," the wife yelled, but her husband blocked her away from the attendant's booth. He was now madder at her than at the stubborn woman who started the fight.

Horns kept honking. The stall was now about 30 minutes old. A third woman

entered the scene, walking from her car way back in line. She waved cash and said she also wanted to pay the \$3 so she could see her family one more time before she died. The bald man fought her off, too.

At this point the chief parking attendant succumbed to the pressure of the honking and squabbling. He raised the exit gate, and the stubborn woman quickly escaped, probably singing "Born Free" as she drove into the night.

The bald-headed man was furious that the hangman had been cheated. He was still swearing as he and his wife went off late to a concert they couldn't possibly enjoy.

The moral to this story, only one of 1.1 million in this city, is that the sweetest words of tongue or pen are: Free Parking.

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If you were to grade old man 1980 on a scale of one to 10 you'd be generous if you gave him more than a five.

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If you are one of Michigan's 15 percent unemployed you certainly question what 1980 has done to earn even a point on the rating scale.

The old man did all right weatherwise here although in other parts of the nation they'll tell you when it comes to controlling the weather he was a negative one.

For the farmers in the Thumb his rating has to be around a seven or better. If it weren't for high operating cost he might have been a perfect 10.

That's inflation, of course, and the old man never did seem to be able to come to grips with it. Rather it appeared to have him in its grip.

It was a vice-like hold, too. Inflation of above 12 percent coupled with record interest rates put a wrinkle in the brow of the old boy and more than one in the people he served.

When it comes to dollars and cents 1980 was a dismal failure. In the spirit of the season let's be generous and give him a three over-all.

On the international front 1980 can leave with his head up.

All's not roses. The hostages are still in Iran. The oil cartel (foreign and domestic) has us by the throat. The dollar has depreciated and detente is very sick, if not dead.

But there's not one American that lost his life in battle and even though the hos-

tages are not free, they are alive.

That has to be worth a seven on anybody's scale.

If 1981 can do as well he'll have done a good job, too.

For the youngster comes on the scene where nations are playing with matches and the lid is off the gas tank.

On the domestic front many have high hopes for the new arrival.

After all, given the conditions today, many feel there's no way to go but up.

Of course that was the stuff that 1980 heard when he came strutting in.

Certainly if 1981 can meet expectations he'll rate way up there on the scale.

And if he does everything that Republicans are promising will happen and keeps us out of war, too, he'll be greater than all his ancestors.

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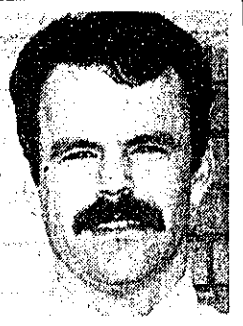
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PEDALING AROUND

Good-bye to 1980

By Mike Eliasohn



To mark the end of another year, I have decided I will designate some award winners and other highlights of 1980. Most are meant in jest; however, it is not necessary to laugh hysterically.

Those named should not get excited. No prizes are being awarded.

In no special order, here goes:

"Your Neighbor Says" of the year — Nell Wallace, for correctly predicting that Kristin was the person who shot J.R. Ewing on "Dallas."

Sore winner of the year — Larry Glass, coach of the Leland girls' basketball team, which won the state Class D championship, 65-36, over Ashley. Despite the enormous margin, Glass kept his starters in most of the game and didn't give seven of his 15 players a chance to play in the state championship game.

My dumb, absent-minded mistake of the year — My article in October about the upcoming open house in honor of the 95th birthday of John D. Jones and centennial of the farm he owns at Shabbona. I wrote that the open house was on a Sunday, when it was on Saturday.

My embarrassing mistake of the year — Cass City native and now Troy at-

torney Karl G. Heidemann came in the office one day during an infrequent visit to his home town. He bemoaned the fact that unlike past visits, he hadn't recognized anyone while he was walking around town.

I persuaded the 1939 graduate of Cass City High School to volunteer to be my "Your Neighbor Says" — people would remember him when they saw his name and photo in the paper, I said — and also sold him a Chronicle subscription.

I still don't know what I did wrong, but the photograph I took of him did not come out. I think that's the only time in my 3 1/2 years here that I took a photo of someone for the "Your Neighbor Says" column that didn't come out.

If a man had said it, he would be called a chauvinist pig award — To Owen-Gage girls' basketball coach Judy Campbell for commenting at the recent athletic banquet that compared to other teams, hers was the best looking. If a male sports writer commented about a women's team being the "best looking," the National Organization of Women would hang him in effigy, and maybe for real.

Dumbest political decision of the year, and probably of the decade — committed by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, with help from State Sen. Alvin DeGraw, in deciding Tuscola county was better off with a circuit judge of its own instead of sharing three judges with Lapeer county.

Despite clear evidence that it would result in a backlog of cases and opposition by almost everyone connected with the judicial system, commissioners voted in favor of having the lone judge here. A beautiful example of: "Don't confuse me with facts. I've already made up my mind."

The only time staying up late was worthwhile — When Tom Snyder had Slim Whitman as his guest on the "Tomorrow Show." It answered the question, "Who is Slim Whitman?" Of course, if I always went to bed at a decent hour, I never would have seen the Slim Whitman record commercials on television, so never would have wondered, "Who is Slim Whitman?"

The man who deceives himself is the worst swindler of all.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON -- When you live in Michigan, age 4 is soon enough to help shovel out the driveway. Helping Dana Truemmer of 6577 Huron Street with the shoveling last Wednesday was his son, Gary.

Compromise settlement ends court wage hassle

The almost year long dispute between the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and Probate Judge W. Wallace Kent Jr. concerning pay for seven probate court employees has ended with reaching of a compromise settlement.

The settlement was reached at a hearing Dec. 15 in Lansing before state Court Administrator Einar Bohlin, but wasn't made public until a letter from him to the county board was received Dec. 23, making it official.

The key to the settlement is that starting Jan. 1, the probate court reporter will be elevated from pay grade 5 to grade 6 and the three juvenile probation officers will move up one step to pay grade 11.

That will cost the county about \$3,200 additional, according to Donna Rayl, chairman of the county board's personnel committee.

The dispute goes back to last January, when Kent, as he is permitted to do under state law, negotiated a labor contract with his seven employees.

The contract elevated six of the seven one pay grade, plus "slightly more," according to the judge.

The county board contended all along the seven were included in the contract it negotiated in December, 1979, for all other courthouse employees, which gave them an 8.18 percent pay increase this year and 7.65 percent the second year.

Accepting the separate probate court contract would have cost the county almost \$15,000 additional this year, later reduced to \$10,476 in accordance with a salary study conducted by the court administrator's office. In the second year of the contract, the probate court employees would have received the same percentage pay increase as the other courthouse workers.

Under the compromise settlement, the probate employees are included in the

contract negotiated with the other courthouse employees and their 1980 pay is what was negotiated in that pact.

The adjustments, as mentioned, will start in 1981, which will require meeting with representatives of the employees' union, Local 2697 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, to put those changes in the contract.

The final provision of the agreement is that Kent will withdraw his proposed administrative order mandating that his employees be paid at the rate he negotiated.

"I THINK IT WAS ... sadly, it was necessary to go this far before we could come to an agreement," Kent said of the almost year-long dispute that led to the settlement.

As for his threatened court order to mandate the salaries he negotiated, he commented, "The order was a necessary device to get us

to the bargaining table."

He expressed general satisfaction with the agreement, that although his staff didn't get all they wanted, they got more than the county commissioners wanted to give them. "I don't think there was a winner and a loser."

His motivation throughout, he explained, was that he felt the probate court employees were underpaid. "YES, I WOULD SAY we're pleased with the settlement," was the comment of Mrs. Rayl.

Although a salary study conducted by a private firm hired by the county board had recommended an elevation in pay grade for the probate court recorder, it had made no such recommendation concerning the probation officers.

She explained the county's representatives at the Dec. 15 hearing became agreeable to the pay increase for the probation officers when it was pointed out they,

despite their college degrees, were making less than the assessors in the equalization department, who do not have college degrees.

Kent said the major factor in his agreeing to accept the compromise was "the county's budgetary problems."

STILL TO BE RESOLVED is how negotiations with probate court employees will be handled at the end of 1981, when the present contract expires.

Kent can waive his right to be involved with negotiations, he can do the negotiating, or he can become a "co-employer" with the county, which will presumably involve him in the bargaining process.

The judge said he will be studying some agreements made in other counties between judges and boards of commissioners as to how negotiations are handled, before deciding what he will do in this county.

Report \$75,000 loss in area fires

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She is now staying there temporarily. Her mother is Mrs. Helen Morell of Argyle Road.

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Mrs. Cutright, who works at Snover Stamping, is in need of clothing, and possibly furniture later, when she gets the trailer. She wears size 12. She can be contacted at her mother's, telephone (313) 672-9488.

She had lived in the home about 17 years.

The cause, he said, was traced to an overloaded electrical socket, combined with old wiring. A deep freeze and other items were plugged into the socket.

Firemen arrived at the scene, about three-quarters of a mile east of Argyle on Argyle Road, about 9:30 p.m. By then, the house was already engulfed in flames and it was too late to save the large frame structure. The fire was discovered by a passing motorist. Firemen were at the scene about two hours.

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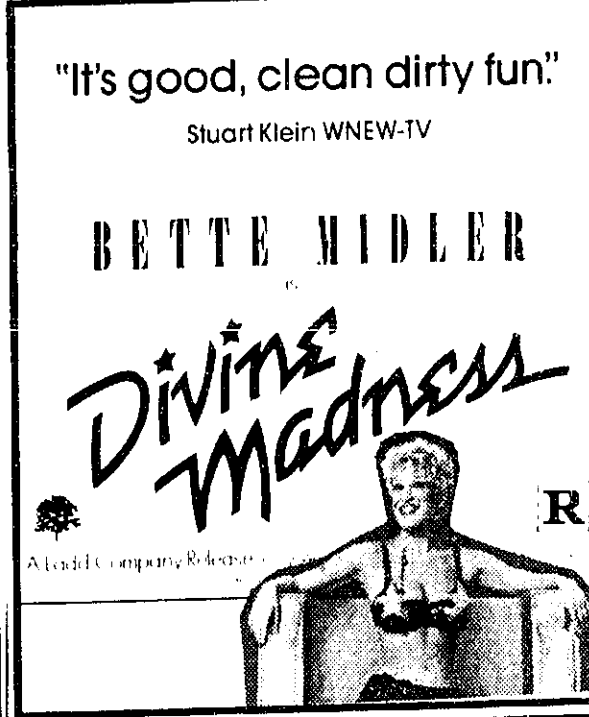
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BIGGER THAN LIFE ON OUR
GIANT SCREEN
ALL WEEK NITES -- 8:00 ONLY
Friday-Saturday-Sunday 7:30 & 9:40
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"My Bodyguard"
Every High School Boy Should Have One.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Loud and clear we say thanks for your patronage.
Hope your New Year rings the bell
Frank's Service
Frank and Ruth Spencer and Family

Charge 4 with pot delivery
Four persons charged with delivery of marijuana when warrants were issued against 24 persons in the Nov. 5 "drug bust" in Tuscola county stood mute at their arraignments Dec. 22 before Circuit Judge Norman H. Baguley.
They were Edward A. Westerby, 27, of 2771 Main Street, Akron; Charles H. Lake Jr., 22, of O'Brien Road, Mayville; Joseph H. Wenta, 22, of 1405 Oak Ridge Drive, Caro, and Alvin K. Vollmar, 33, of 3648 N. Main Street, Akron.
Pleas of innocent were entered in their behalf and pretrial hearings scheduled Jan. 19. Bond was continued for all four.
They are charged with selling marijuana to the same undercover officer, for Westerby, Aug. 15 in Akron township; Lake, May 13 in Fremont township; Wenta, May 16 in Indianfields township, and Vollmar, Aug. 12 in Akron.

Peace
Celebrate the joys of living by welcoming the New Year with loved ones.
Love
Erla Food Center & Erla Packing Company
AND ALL THE EMPLOYEES
CASS CITY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Extending best wishes for the New Year to those we like so much! Thank you all.

Laethem Equipment Co.
Caro

Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

FIVE YEARS AGO
The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners took its equalization protest another step last week when it voted not to send the county 1976 valuation study to the State Tax Commissioner.
Sanilac county voters emphatically turned thumbs down on a \$1.6 million courthouse addition when they went to the polls in a special election Monday. Unofficial results show the proposal was defeated 5,129-446.
Funeral services were held for David Schember, 27, of Snover, who was killed when he fell into a corn chopper.
Mary Frost, daughter of Rev. E.D.K. and James Isaacs, delivered the Sunday service at Trinity United Methodist church in Cass City, where her mother is pastor. Mrs. Frost is a seminary student in Dayton, Ohio.

TEN YEARS AGO
Tuscola county employees will receive across-the-board pay increases of \$350 in 1971, with two exceptions. A hot election is promised in Gageton where incumbent James England, Republican, will face Elery Sontag, Democrat, in a fight for village president.
Cass City incumbent office holders filed petitions for reelection this week. They are village president, Lambert Althaver; trustee, Arthur

35 YEARS AGO
At a meeting of the Tuscola District committee of the Valley Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, held at Cass City, Harold Oatley of Cass City was named training chairman for Tuscola district.
Fire broke out in the partition which divides the buildings occupied by the I. Parsch ladies' apparel store and the Baker Electric Shop Monday morning. Smoke and water damaged the stock of the stores but the loss was covered by insurance.
Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the house on the farm in Elmwood township, known as the Hendrick's place, owned by R.C. Hunt, 1 1/4 miles east of the Elmwood store. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guilds and family live on the farm.
Twenty-three students from Tuscola county are enrolled at Central Michigan College. Those from Cass City are Martha Knoblet, Joan Muntz and Lorine Muntz.
Approximately \$12,500 has been contributed to the hospital fund since it was started less than two years ago.

25 YEARS AGO
Some 40 guests attended a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Keith Lowe and Mrs. Duane Lester at the Church of Christ.
Village trustees approved a budget of \$102,200 for 1956 Tuesday night. The budget is more than \$9,000 higher than 1955.
Interest in Cass City's Christmas decorations is as great or greater than in previous years. Yule displays attracted 7,663 cars in nine days.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oatley will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Law. Oatley, the former scoutmaster of Troop 194 in Cass City, will show slides taken at the world jamboree at Niagara Falls last summer.
Kazuhiko Aoki, 36, of Tokyo, Japan, is a holiday visitor at the Rev. Melvin Vender home.
Fritz Neitzel showed slides taken by Klaus Schulze, in Germany at the Gavel Club meeting. Schulze is a former exchange student here.

Holmberg, and clerk-treasurer, Celia House.
James Blades, 34, Cass City's first superintendent, has assumed his new duties.
Two persons were killed in Thumb area traffic accidents Christmas Eve, one of them being Elsie McBurney, 61, of Cass City.

SELF-CONCEIT
The best man doesn't always win, but it is just human nature for him to think so.

Fire out without help

A chimney fire reported at 5:45 p.m. Friday burned itself out by the time Elkland township firemen arrived.
The fire was at the home of Albert Weippert on Elmwood Road, just east of Crawford Road.
Creosote had ignited inside the chimney, which led to a fireplace.

School Menu

- JAN. 5-9, 1981
- MONDAY**
Cheeseburger and Bun
Chips
Buttered Beans
White Milk
Cookie
- TUESDAY**
Spaghetti and Meat
Bread and Butter
White Milk
Pear Slices
- WEDNESDAY**
Hoagie on Bun
Chips
White Milk
Pineapple Tidbits
- THURSDAY**
Chili and Crackers
Celery Sticks
Bread and Butter
White Milk
Fruit
- FRIDAY**
Fishwich
Tartar Sauce
Chips
Buttered Corn
White Milk
Cookie

Menu subject to change.

HEALTH TIPS

Cold weather can be hard on heart

Cold weather can be hard on your heart.
What can you do to safeguard yourself from a heart attack while doing outside chores, hunting, skiing and the like?
According to Dr. Daniel Anbe, FACC, Henry Ford Hospital cardiologist and president of the Michigan Heart Association, "First of all, work up to all cold weather activities gradually, especially if you're not used to heavy exercise. Tramping fields for hours to stalk a deer, cross country skiing, or trying to push a car out of a snowbank can increase the strain on your heart tremendously."
"And if you already have a heart problem, don't even consider shoveling snow unless you have your doctor's specific permission to do so."
"You take a person who leads a basically sedentary lifestyle and put him behind a snowshovel, and you're just asking for trouble," Dr. Anbe said. "If you must shovel, try to push the snow more than lift it. And take frequent breaks. Better yet, hire the kid next door."
"Whatever you must do outdoors, take it easy. Because the blood vessels constrict in cold weather to conserve heat, making the heart work harder to pump blood, your heart may be asked to do four times the work it would when the weather is mild."
"Second, dress properly. Several layers of light, warm clothing will keep you warmer than one heavy layer. Heavy clothes will add to your burden and constrict movement, and several light layers will have more 'insulation value.' And

by all means, wear a hat. As much as 85 percent of body heat may be lost through the top of your head.
"Don't smoke outside in cold weather," Dr. Anbe said. "Of course, it's bad for your heart to smoke at any time, but in cold weather, it sort of puts a 'double whammy' on your heart by constricting the blood vessels even further."
"If your car should become stranded in the snow, think twice before trying to push it out. Again, you're talking about a tremendous workload for the heart. It is perhaps better to remain in the car and wait for help than to risk pulled muscles, a strained back and even a heart attack trying to get it out yourself."
"Don't go off by yourself on activities like hunting or skiing. The buddy system is a much safer idea; if something does happen, there's another person to help out."
"Also," Dr. Anbe said, "you should know the warning signs of a heart attack and be prepared to act immediately if they should occur. The warning signs of heart attack are:
--An uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest, lasting two minutes or more.
--Pain may spread to shoulders, neck or arms.
--Severe pain, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath may also occur.
These symptoms may subside and then return. If you, or someone you are with, experiences these signs, make the affected person stop what he is doing immediately and sit or lie down. Call your ambulance service immediately, or if you can get him or her to a hospital faster in any other way, do so.

FIRST BABY CONTEST

What Lucky Little Guy or Gal will be the first to arrive in the NEW YEAR 1981? Look at all the gifts this newcomer will receive if he or she is the first one to arrive in our community after the stroke of midnight, December 31st - January 1st.



CONTEST RULES

Parents need not register or buy anything to become eligible to win all these valuable prizes. All that is necessary is that they be area residents and have their baby in Hills and Dales General Hospital. The hospital will be contacted to determine the winner.

\$25.00 Silver Key Account
From Cass City Office
Thumb National Bank and Trust Company

\$10.00 Gift Certificate
FROM
KRITZMANS', INC.
CASS CITY

\$10.00 Worth of Baby Products
from
Quaker Maid Dairy Store

\$10.00 Towards Any Prescription
From
Coach Light Pharmacy

\$12.50 Baby Food or Merchandise
IGA Foodliner

\$5 Baked Goods
Konrad's Bakery

\$5.00 Toward A Pair Of Baby Shoes
HOBART'S FAMILY SHOES

VAPORIZER
From
OLD WOOD DRUG

\$10.00 In Merchandise
Go Gambles

\$10.00 Worth of Baby Merchandise
Erla's Food Center

For The Proud Parents
1 Year Subscription CASS CITY CHRONICLE

\$10.00 Prestige Account
MUTUAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOC.

\$10.00 in Merchandise
ALBEE HOME CENTER

\$5.00 In Baked Goods
From
Sommers' Bakery

Funeral held Friday for Earl McKee

Earl McKee, 85, of Gageton, died Dec. 22 at Hills and Dales General Hospital after an apparent heart attack.
He was born Aug. 8, 1895, in Tuscola county, the son of Robert and Ann (Good) McKee.
McKee and Ethel Finkbeiner were married Oct. 24, 1919, in Pigeon. She preceded him in death Jan. 30, 1980.
He was a veteran of World War I and a retired employee of Ford Motor Co., where he worked in security for 28 years.
Surviving are two sons, Earl McKee, Cass City, and James (Mac) McKee, Utica; one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Carr, Gageton; 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.
One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.
Funeral services were held at the Schultz Funeral Home, Sebawaing, Rev. Myra Sparks of the Gageton United Methodist church officiated. Burial was in Grant cemetery, near Owendale.



Counting the minutes as we approach a brand new year and hoping it will be everything you want it to be!
Clare's Sunoco Service
6597 Main Cass City

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the sun comes up on a shining New Year we hope that you, and those you love, will bask in its bright light. All you wish for yourselves we wish for you too!

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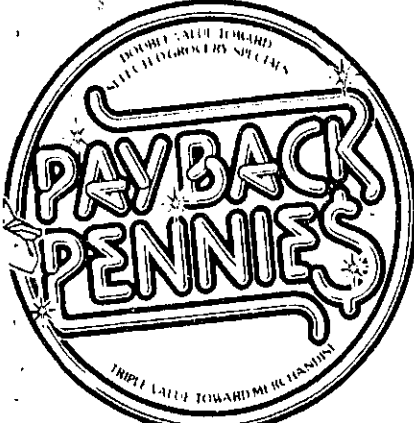
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- Beer & Wine to go We now have Bag Ice
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- Food Stamps Gladly Accepted

Ad Good Thru Sat., Jan. 3, 1981.

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THIS WEEK'S PRICE 89¢ NEW SPLASHLESS SPOUT! Clorox Bleach Gallon Jug 49¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 59¢ Thin & Crisp FAME Saltines 1 lb. Pkg. 19¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 40¢ FAME Orange Juice 6 oz. Can Free WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 89¢ ORVILLE REDENBACHER Gourmet Popping Corn 15 oz. Jar 49¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 209¢ TWIN PACK Alka-Seltzer 30 ct. Pkg. 49¢ WITH 80 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 79¢ KRAFT Philadelphia Cream Cheese 8 oz. Pkg. 39¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 139¢ FAME Skinless Wieners 1 lb. Package 99¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES	THIS WEEK'S PRICE 99¢ CALIFORNIA SUNKIST Navel Oranges Dozen 59¢ WITH 20 PAYBACK PENNIES
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Spend 'Pennies' Save Dollars!

You buy Payback Pennies for 1¢ each... and they're instantly worth 2¢ toward selected grocery specials, or 3¢ toward name-brand merchandise!

IGA SAVE BONUS COUPON DEL MONTE Tomato Catsup 99¢ Limit 1 • 44 oz. Jug SAVE 50¢	CLIP & SAVE BONUS COUPON FAME Mac & Cheese Dinner 5/99¢ Limit 5 • 7 1/2 oz. Pkgs. SAVE ON FIVE 46¢
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IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Full Cut Round Steak
\$1.89 lb.

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Boneless Rump Roast **\$2.28**
Sirloin Tip Roast **\$2.49**

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Whole or Split Chickens **69¢** lb.

TABLE KING Sliced Bacon
\$1.19 1 lb. Pkg.

IGA TABLETITE PORK
Fresh Spare Ribs **\$1.39** lb.

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Porterhouse Steak **\$3.09** lb.
T-Bone Steak **\$2.99** lb.

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Sirloin Steak **\$2.49** lb.

Produce
FLORIDA Pink Grapefruit **10¢** ea. 48 ct.
IGA TABLEFRESH Green Cabbage **22¢** lb.
10 lb. RUSSETT Baking Potatoes **\$1.99**

FLORIDA Zipper Skin Tangerines
12/88¢

- ALL VARIETIES
Famer Peet's Lunch Meats... 1 lb. **\$1.99**
FAME Boneless Hams... 1 lb. **\$1.79**
IGA TABLETITE Ground Beef From Chuck... 1 lb. **\$1.29**
Eckrich Smoky Links... 10 oz. **\$1.29**

IGA TABLETITE
Whole or Split Chickens **69¢** lb.

IGA TABLETITE
Mixed Pork Chops **\$1.39** lb.

IGA TABLETITE PORK
Fresh Spare Ribs **\$1.39** lb.

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Porterhouse Steak **\$3.09** lb.
T-Bone Steak **\$2.99** lb.

IGA TABLETITE BEEF
Sirloin Steak **\$2.49** lb.

GROCERY TABLE TREAT
Yellow Cling Peach Slices
59¢ 29 oz. Can

ALL FLAVORS Regular & Diet Faygo Pop
33.8 oz. Btl.
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ALL LAYER VARIETIES Duncan Hines Cake Mix
18 oz. Box
79¢

BREAST OF CHICKEN - IN OIL - IN WATER
Light Chunk Tuna
8 1/2 oz. Can
89¢

REGULAR • RIPPLED FAME Potato Chips
13-14 oz. Bag
79¢

GROCERY FAME Salad Dressing
79¢ 32 oz. Jar

FAME Crinkle Cut French Fries
5 lb. Bag
\$1.69

FROZEN Banquet Dinners
10 1/2-12 oz. Pkg.
69¢

FROZEN • 10 in. Totino Party Pizza
99¢ 12 oz. Pkg.

Dairy FAME Chilled Orange Juice
\$1.19 1/2 Gal. Jug

FAME Low Fat Milk
Gal. Jug
\$1.49

BLUE BONNET Margarine
QUARTERS
Blue Bonnet Margarine
1 lb. Pkg.
59¢

Bakery
Old Style Bread
1 1/2 lb. Loaf
69¢

From Oven-fresh
OVEN-FRESH Rye Bread... 89¢
ALL VARIETIES Keebler Snack Crackers... 89¢

IGA HAS YOUR Health & Beauty Aid Needs!
VIDAL SASSOON - SAVE \$1.00
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Mobil Motor Oil
Quart
89¢

SAVE 40¢
Listerine Mouthwash
12 oz. Btl.
\$1.49

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CLIP & SAVE COUPON
POST Raisin Bran Cereal
\$1.19
Limit 1 • 20 oz. Box
SAVE 22¢ ON EACH SAVE 26¢

CLIP & SAVE COUPON
CHEF BOY-AR-DEE Cheese Pizza Mix
99¢
Limit 2 • 16 3/8 oz. Pkg.
ON EACH SAVE 26¢

CLIP & SAVE COUPON
PURE VEGETABLE FAME Shortening
\$1.69
Limit 1 • 3 lb. Can
SAVE 30¢

CLIP & SAVE COUPON
ALL GRINDS Maxwell House Coffee
\$4.99
Limit 1 • 2 lb. Can
SAVE \$1.10 ON EACH SAVE 60¢

CLIP & SAVE COUPON
YOUR CHOICE... All Brands Cigarettes
\$4.99
Limit 2 • 10 Pk. Ctn.
ON EACH SAVE 60¢

CLIP & SAVE COUPON
DOWNY Fabric Softener
\$1.89
Limit 1 • 64 oz. Btl.
SAVE 40¢

This week at IGA! Limit one coupon per family. Coupon and seven dollar (\$7.00) purchase required, excluding Beer, Wine, Cigarettes, or other coupon items. Coupon expires Saturday, January 3, 1981. N-R Saturday, January 3, 1981.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland and family of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and family, Linda Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and family. Dale Cleland, who is spending a year in Sweden, called the Doerrs for Christmas.

Mrs. Jim Stahl, Michael and Michelle of Caseville were Sunday guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Brent, Lavena and Leanna of Oxford were Christmas Day guests of Mrs. George Jackson. Other Friday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hofert and son of Lapeer.

Mrs. Manly Fay Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Christmas breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons, Debbie and Patti.

Judy Tyrrell of East Lansing spent from Sunday till Wednesday with Rita Tyrrell at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michalski and family of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michalski and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Michalski and family were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rayner of Roseville and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rayner of Rochester were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen and family of Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen and family of Westland, Jeny Murov of Bad Axe, Mrs. Mike Schenk and sons of Ubyly, Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy. Joan Hammerle of Bad Axe was a Christmas forenoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland and family of Pontiac spent a few days and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland of Pontiac spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol.

Mrs. Earl Shadd and daughter of Filion and Mrs. W.J. Campbell and Bill of Owosso were Saturday guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and family were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morell and family.

Caroline Garely of Cass City was a Thursday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brastennick of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson

were Christmas night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor at Minden.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross, Leslie and Jim of Harrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Knowles and Brenda Knowles of Union Lake, Cliff Davis of Port Austin, Carol Ross and Sheila Dalton of Bad Axe, Leslie Hewitt of Cass City, Wellington Tanner and Shirley Ross were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and Lori. An afternoon visitor was Dale Osen-toski of Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen and family of Brighton spent from Thursday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy. Other Saturday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker and family and Maggie, Misty, Mark and Matt Woolner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Matthews Jr. and family were Christmas dinner guests Friday of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dreger and family of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bukowski and son and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson and

family were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sweeney and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Debbie and Patti Timmons were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Everman and Karen of Foristell, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Main in Mt. Clemens.

Linda Young of Yale, Elaine Young of Cass City, Don Long of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, Ron and Ed of Elkton were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Con Tyll and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krug were Christmas Day dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Hart and family in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind of Lake Orion were Christmas Day guests of Daisy Hind.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney and family of East Lansing spent the week end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Florian Rakowski in Bad

Energy Day
Jan. 31 in
Cass City

Everyone is invited to a special "Thumb Family Energy Day" Saturday, Jan. 31, at Cass City High School with exhibits and programs for all members of the family.

The exhibit area will be open from noon-1:30 p.m. Exhibits will include all aspects of energy saving equipment for the home.

Special program topics, beginning at 1:30 will include weatherizing, woodstoves, chimney additives, tune-ups, energy alternatives, vegetable oil as a fuel for diesel engines, energy conservation and the Flintstones for children, as well as a few other special features on energy savings.

The program is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension offices in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

O'Rourke dies in
Ann Arbor

Floyd George (Monk) O'Rourke, 67, of Ann Arbor died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born Feb. 18, 1913, in Novesta township, the son of Frank and Hazel (Phillips) O'Rourke.

O'Rourke married Mrs. Kathryn Gauer Sept. 24, 1972, in Lansing.

He was the owner and operator of the Home and Crossroads Restaurants in Cass City many years ago.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Bad Axe post, and a member of the Glacier Way United Methodist church of Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke lived in Ann Arbor for the past eight years.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Lee (Jeanne) Souliere of Fenton; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Gerard (Mary Kathryn) Antekeier of Ann Arbor; one sister, Mrs. Woneta Davenport of Sanford, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. Edward McCracken of the Glacier Way United Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Elkland cemetery.

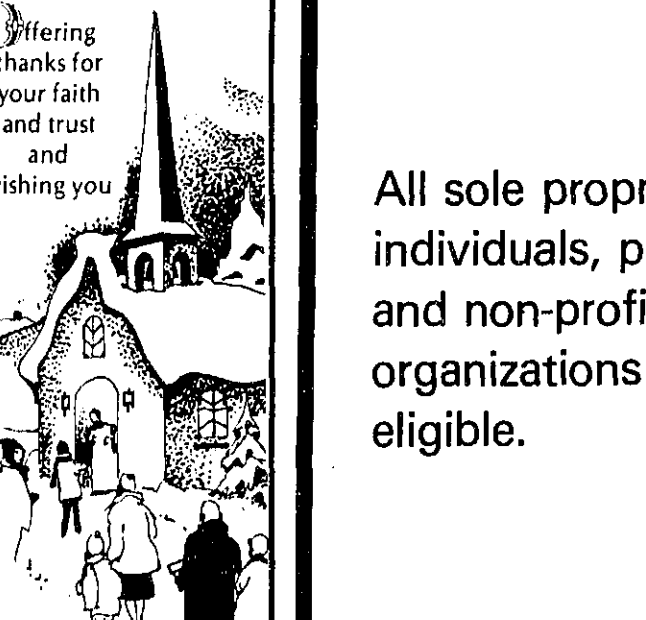
A memorial service was conducted at the Glacier Way church in Ann Arbor.

Teichman gets all A's

Lori Teichman, a freshman at Northwestern Michigan College, earned a 4.0 average (all A's) during her first semester at the Traverse City school.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teichman of Cass City and a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School.

Offering thanks for your faith and trust and wishing you



...A HAPPY New Year
J & C Service
John & Connie Connolly

Tuscola Bean Day set Jan. 10

Tuscola County Bean Producers Association directors have completed arrangements for the Saturday, Jan. 10, annual Bean Day.

According to association President Michael Findlay, the day's program will provide growers with information about bean variety re-

search, disease problems and controls, herbicide control, the colored bean contracts with Mexico and dry bean market outlook. A Michigan Bean Commission representative will give a commission update.

The all-day event will begin at 9 a.m. at Akron-Fairgrove High School. There will be an early bird door prize drawing before 9:30 and other drawings throughout the day. Free lunch will be served. Lunch and prizes are compliments of local agribusinesses. The program will end at 2:30 p.m.

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6265 Main, Cass City
Phone 872-3615

Singles club dance slated in Bad Axe

The Tip of the Thumb Singles Club will conduct a dance Saturday in Bad Axe at the Methodist church gym from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Music will be furnished by the Harley Scott Band for round and square dancing.

Anyone over 25 years old, who is single, widowed, or divorced is welcome to attend.

Around the Farm Tillage comparisons



By Mike Score
Tuscola County
Extension Agricultural
Agent

This is the second report in a series focusing on the conservation tillage special project.

Ron Cybulski farms in the sloping land between Caro and Cass City. Where the plots were located this year has been continuous corn. Corn was planted in 28 inch rows at a rate of 27,500 plants per acre on May 15. Pioneer 3901 seed was used in both the conservation and conventional tillage plot.

Conservation tillage practices included a soil saving operation in the fall, at which time 160 pounds of anhydrous ammonia was applied with the tillage tool, one field cultivation with tine levelers and 6-inch sweeps and planting operations.

The conventional plot received the same treatment except the moldboard plow was used in place of a soil saver. The depth of primary tillage was 9-10 inches. In addition to the anhydrous ammonia application, 300 pounds of 5-14-43 fertilizer were applied in the

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As the sun comes up on a shining New Year we hope that you, and those you love, will bask in its bright light. All you wish for yourselves we wish for you too!

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Cass City 872-4311

Gilbert funeral Wednesday

Eliza Gilbert, 96, of Grand Rapids, died Saturday at Kent Community Hospital in that community.

She was born March 1, 1884, in Sanilac county, the daughter of John and Ar-

minda Ball. She married Charles D. Gilbert Sept. 18, 1907.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Malvina Profit of Cass City and Bradenton, Fla., Mrs. Grace

Gorton, Grand Rapids, and Mrs. June Striffler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Sowden and Mrs. Edna Simmons, both of Cass City; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, Della Greenleaf and Grace Ried.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Metcalf and Jonkoff Funeral Home, Grand Rapids. Rev. Charles Garrod of the Trinity United Methodist church, Grand Rapids, will officiate.

Burial will be in Elkland township cemetery.

Shabbona extension has party

The Shabbona Extension Group held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Marion Gray Monday evening, Dec. 15.

The meeting was called to order by President Martha Masten. The Women's creed and flag pledge were repeated in unison. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were given by Nancy Jones. Reports were given on the Christmas tea by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Gray and Virginia Auslander.

The entertainment of readings and games was planned by Margaret Burns and Ruth O'Connor.

Next meeting will be Jan. 26 with Mrs. Auslander.

Shabbona Area News

Marie Meredith
Phone 672-9489

DELAYED NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hoagg attended a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kritzman of Cass City.

BUNCO

The Bunco Group met Saturday evening, Dec. 20,

Tibbits receives DAR honor

Tammy Tibbits, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tibbits of Cass City is one of 10 students from Michigan high schools to be named a DAR Good Citizen by the Piety Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Birmingham.

She was honored at a tea Dec. 9 at the Bloomfield Township Library in Bloomfield Hills.

She was presented a certificate from the national DAR organization, a Good Citizen's pin, a copy of the DAR Landmark magazine and an individual gift.

The Good Citizen Award has been given to senior students since 1934. Selection is based on dependability, leadership, service, patriotism and academic achievement.

with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler. High was won by Albert Jones, low by John Agar and door prize by Mrs. Arlie Gray. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Gray Jan. 3.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsay of Lapeer were Monday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Eugene Flannigan and boy friend of Northville were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil VanNorman. Emma Lou Wheeler of Mount Pleasant is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler.

Mrs. Emma Kreger of Snover was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mer-

rill Kreger and family for an early Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith attended the Gideon Christmas party at Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsay of Lapeer were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil VanNorman.

PIONEER GROUP

The Pioneer Group met Thursday, Dec. 18, at noon for a chicken dinner at the Shabbona RLDS church an-

nex. There were 27 present.

After dinner, Mrs. Fred Emigh conducted a short business meeting. Singing and reading were shared.

Next meeting will be Jan. 22 at the church annex.

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Jeannie Kreger of Grand Rapids is home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Kreger.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Smith were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Campbell to attend 4-H workshop

Beth Ann Cayer of Millington and Judy Campbell of Gagetown will join other 4-H horse show staff members from across the state at the Michigan 4-H horse show judging and management conference Jan. 9-10 at Kettunen Center, the state 4-H leadership training facility near Cadillac.

"The purpose of the workshop is to bring 4-H youth staff members, horse show judges and superintendents together to share ideas and find ways to make 4-H horse shows more educational for Michigan youths," said Bill Bortel, Tuscola County Extension Director.

Workshop sessions will cover topics ranging from dressage and horse show safety precautions to horse health tips for the show season. Training show ring personnel will also be discussed in an attempt to standardize Michigan's 4-H horse show procedures.

Workshop planned on farm tillage

Farmers interested in attending a workshop on "energy savings during tillage operations" should contact Mike Score, extension agricultural agent in the Tuscola county extension office in Caro.

The workshop will focus on proper adjustment of common tillage tools including moldboard plows, soil-saver-type chisel plows, disks, and v-rippers. Presentations will be made by representatives of implement manufacturers. The number of farmers attending the meeting will be limited to 50. A farmer panel will be on hand to discuss their experiences with several tillage tools and planters.

If enough interest is expressed before Jan. 10, arrangements with speakers will be made. The workshop is scheduled Feb. 20, 1981. Interested farmers should call 673-3161.

Shabbona RLDS women conduct party

The Shabbona RLDS Women's Department held its Christmas party Thursday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Don Mackowiak with Mrs. Bill Dorman as co-hostess.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Dean Smith, women's leader. The worship was by Mrs. Mackowiak with the invocation by Mrs. Bruce Kritzman.

A short business meeting was conducted. It was voted to donate \$10 to the Sanilac County Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Roll call was answered by trying to guess secret friends. After revealing the friends, new names were drawn.

A short program of readings and group singing was enjoyed.

A group gift exchange was held. Lunch was served by the hostess.

The Jan. 15 meeting will be with Mrs. Kritzman.

WRONG DIRECTION

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Tammy Tibbits

Students are nominated for the award by their classmates, with the final selection by the faculty. Students selected in their local high schools are eligible for the statewide Good Citizen competition and the national scholarship competition.

Miss Tibbits, a senior, has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. She is president of the Student Council and was a member of the committee that helped rewrite the Student Council constitution. She was president of her freshman and junior classes, is treasurer of the Senior Trip Club, has been a cheerleader six years and was 1980 captain of the football cheerleading squad.

Tammy was chosen to attend the Rotary Club Leadership Camp last summer and was representative of her school at the superintendents' conference at Michigan State University. She is president of her church youth group and junior church pianist.

Miss Tibbits plans to attend Anderson College in Indiana and major in secondary education.



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Wilson family reunion first in 15 years

Christmas last Thursday was an extra special one for Harry and Alvina Wilson of Crawford Road, for it was the first Christmas in 15 years that they had all four of their children together plus spouses (all except one) and grandchildren.

Present were Harlan (Jim) Wilson of Charleston, S.C., who is in the Navy, his wife, Darleen, and their three children; Mary Roland and her two daughters, of Aquascalientes, Mexico, whose husband wasn't able to come; John Wilson and wife Ann and their daughter, Cass City, and Henry Wilson, his wife Lyn and their two children, also from Cass City.



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Commissioners reject equalization

Adopt 1981 budget

Continued from page one

For area townships, the proposed valuation increases in the now rejected equalization report are as follows, with agricultural given first, residential second and timber cutover third. All are increases: Elkland, 7.66 percent, 12.21, 3.20; Ellington, 4.76 percent, 6.45, no increase; Elmwood, 6.18 percent, 4.65, no increase; Novesta, 7.79 percent, 6.56, .89, and Kingston, 6.38 percent, 7.71, .19.

The vote to reject the equalization study was 5-1, with Robert Russell of Vassar voting no and Margaret Wenta unable to be present.

mittee, was the only commissioner to vote against the park appropriation.

The two added appropriations, he later told the Chronicle, reduce the anticipated balance, which the board must dip into for emergencies, to about \$30,000, even more precarious than the original \$44,493.

That makes it even more likely the board will have to dip into the \$300,000 it should receive in federal revenue sharing funds in 1981, he warned, and make layoffs likely in 1982.

To get through next year, the board will have to use all the revenue sharing money it has saved in past years. Most of the 1981 revenue sharing will probably go to the Road Commission (tentatively \$150,000), Health Department (\$75,000) and county libraries (\$15,000). If the rest goes for general county operations, Kennedy warned, "We won't have anything to dip into for '82. That's when we'll have to start laying people off."

BUDGET

With minor changes, the board unanimously approved the 1981 county budget that it tentatively approved Dec. 16.

No one spoke at the scheduled public hearing.

The major change was an increase from the \$38,000 originally appropriated to county Community Mental Health Services to \$48,000, the amount it had requested. The reason for the increase was that it qualified the agency to receive an additional \$134,000 in state matching funds.

The other change was that the board voted to reinstate funds for the county park at Quanicassac, at a cost of \$4,000. The tentative budget didn't include any funds to keep it open.

Ken Kennedy, chairman of the board's finance com-

and Millington to the board in January. Tentative starting date is Feb. 1.

For the 1980-81 fiscal year, which started Oct. 1, TACA

will spend \$591,680 in federal, state and local funds in the three upper Thumb counties.

The board approved an-

nexation of the property of Mary Wilding on Seventh Street to Cass City.

The board discussed with Sheriff-elect Paul Berry pro-

posed remodeling of the jail to make use of the space in the no-longer-to-be-used sheriff's apartment, but no decisions were made.



NO SWING -- The heavy snow of late makes it seem like a long time before children will be able to use these swings again. Winter officially began Dec. 21. The first day of spring is March 20.

OTHER BUSINESS

Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) Director Ron Cassie presented the 1981 budget for the agency's present programs in Tuscola county. It calls for expenditure of \$53,360 out of the \$103,000 the 2 mill levy will raise for senior citizen activities. Voters approved the millage in August.

He will present the budgets for the new senior citizen lunch programs in Cass City

Fire chief in hospital with injury

Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Chief Chuck Wright was reported in fair condition Tuesday morning at Hills and Dales General Hospital, recuperating from injuries suffered at a Dec. 20 fire.

Wright's left leg was pinned between two fire trucks after the brakes on one of them failed.

He was treated and released after the mishap and was recuperating at home. A blood clot developed in the leg, however, and he went into the hospital Saturday, his wife, Judy, said.

The fire was in a barn on Dodge Road, owned by Joseph Krymenski of Detroit. Arson is believed to have been the cause.

The firemen quickly extinguished the fire, which resulted in no more than \$300 damage.

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Achievements
 The great composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, wrote what many consider some of his best works including *Musical Offering* and *The Art of Fugue* when he was in his 70s.

The early American explorer John Cabot was 73 when he became the first European since Viking times to reach South Greenland, and then he crossed to North America and followed its coast south to what is now Delaware.

When Sir Winston Churchill was elected Prime Minister of England in 1951, he was 77 years old.

Benjamin Franklin was 83 when he helped draft the United States Constitution in 1787.

English physician William Harvey, who discovered the process by which blood circulates in the body also did important work on embryology, writing *Of the Animal Species* in 1651, when he was 73.

When Oliver Wendall Holmes was 91, he was still a judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Washington Irving completed his detailed *Life of George Washington* in 1859, at the age of 76.

Senior Hall of Fame Award

Now, for the second year in a row, achieving older people will be honored with membership in the Senior Hall of Fame. An outstanding man and an outstanding woman will be chosen by a panel of celebrity judges, including Maureen O'Sullivan, Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale and Robert J. Lipshutz, to receive the September Days Club Davy Award and membership in the Hall of Fame. Winners will be honored at a national awards ceremony.

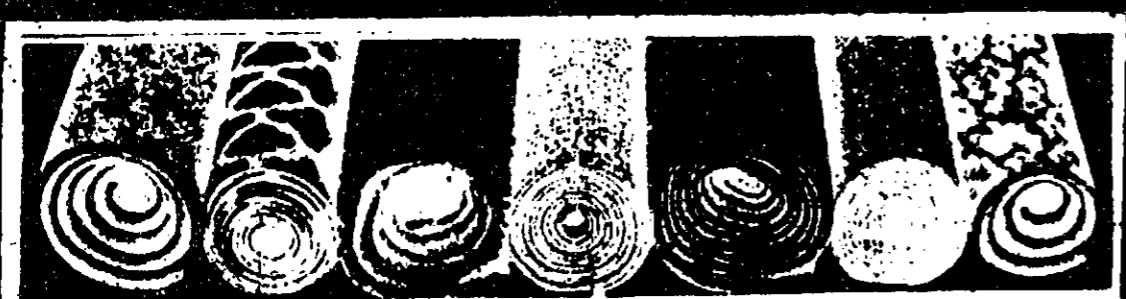
Last year's winners were Florence Hunter and Don Brandon, each of Florida. Florence, 68, serves on the board of seven organizations ranging from criminal rehabilitation to educational programming. Brandon, 72, organized and executed an ongoing program of free holiday meals for needy citizens.

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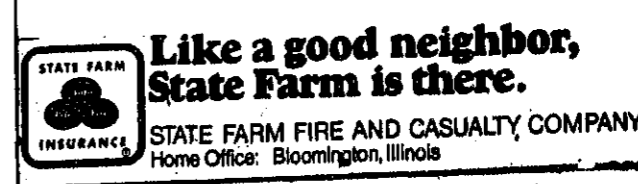
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New oil wells to lack of

JANUARY

Jan. 3 - Two oil drilling firms have announced plans to drill for oil and natural gas in the Cass City area. Cass City appears as a bright spot in an otherwise bleak economy. The reason is that the two major employers of the area, Walbro and General Cable, are not tied to the auto industry and its sales slump. Darrell K. Grady and Daniel Scott, both of Cass City, were injured when a rifle was fired accidentally in Grady's home. Jan. 10 - Keith Bernard Wolschleger is the first baby of the 1980's born at Hills and Dales General Hospital at 2:22 a.m. Jan. 4. He is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolschleger of Ruth. An 11-year-old Cass City boy faces three counts in Probate Court after stealing a truck and leading police in a wild chase ending with the smashing of eight vehicles in Bay City. Claiming that brush and woods near the scene of an accident obstructed the victim's vision, Randall and Bonnie Romain filed suit against the Tuscola County Road Commission. Both plaintiffs were injured in the accident. The demise of the McDonald Cooperative Dairy could mean the loss of thousands of dollars for area farmers. How much they lose may partially depend on the

amount the dairy recoups from the sale of its assets. Jan. 17 - Cass City High School seniors presented a petition to the school board requesting the return of the "swing out" graduation parade which had been cancelled earlier due to rowdy behavior in previous classes. Owen-Gage teachers await the possibility of their first paychecks since Dec. 7. Supt. Ronald Erickson said payday depends on the amount of property taxes that are received. Winds whipped through the area so hard Jan. 11 that a semi-truck, owned by James Pierce of Melvindale, was blown over. Pierce was unhurt in the incident.

At the school board meeting it was reported that Michigan Education Assessment tests for Cass City were below the national average. Jan. 24 - Approval by the village council of a construction bid for the Garfield Street-Doerr Road project could mean a one-mill tax increase for Cass City taxpayers. The Michigan Court of Appeals rejected a suit by Attorney General Frank Kelley to roll back taxes for the Owen-Gage School district. Movers and shakers in the community meet to lay the groundwork for second annual Fourth of July festival. Jan. 31 - The Cass City

Village council gave tentative approval to a \$772,000 budget for 1980. The new budget tops the '79 budget by \$100,000. Creditors are seeking a total of \$126,465 in a string of bad debts owed by truck operator Alvin Werschky. Local housewives are told how they can save money by keeping the boxtops and coupons from grocery products. Feb. 7 - Six women, all but one from Cass City, were injured in two auto accidents. Injured were Laverne L. Summers, Tammy Walter, Susan M. Langenburg, Wendy Kelly and Deborah Parker. Probate Judge Wallace Kent Jr. has finished negotiating a two-year contract with his employees, but it is uncertain whether the Tuscola Board of Commissioners will pay the new salaries. High gold and silver prices affect everyone, even in Cass City, through the use of dental fillings, photographic film and jewelry. Feb. 14 - The Cass City Board of Education granted all administrative employees a 9 percent pay increase at the regular board meeting. A mobile home north of Gagetown and a clothing store in Kingston were destroyed by fire. An outbreak of influenza closed the Owendale-Gagetown schools for almost a week. Feb. 21 - An 11-year-old boy who led police on a chase to Bay City in January was involved in another pursuit; this time down M-53. The only automobile damage was to the one he had stolen. More than a third of the students from Deford elementary school were absent from classes after being hit by the flu. Hills and Dales General Hospital is restricting visitors in an effort to keep the disease from spreading. Six Cass City students had opinions on draft registration ranging from "It stinks!" to "It's needed" when polled by the Chronicle. Feb. 28 - After preliminary approval the month before, a \$772,000 budget was formally approved by the Cass City Village Council. The council also received a financial clean bill of health in its 1979 audit. Joseph L. Doerr, 17, was killed when the car he was driving went off the Bay City-Forestville Road and slammed into a tree. Kingston residents were without water for a few hours Feb. 25 when a water main broke. Students at Kingston schools were sent home early. March 6 - Contests for city government positions prove to be no contest as candidates for the top offices are all running unopposed. Funding for a state correctional institution near Caro has been approved by the Legislature and awaits a decision by Gov. William Milliken. A "sophisticated" obscene caller has phoned at least five women around Cass City. The man identifies himself as a Delta College student working on a psychology project. Chief of Police Gene Wilson said no such project is being undertaken at Delta. The Rawson Memorial Library now offers approximately 200,000 books, available through other libraries listed in the new micro-film listing device. March 13 - Cass City teachers Association President Dale McIntosh voiced protests at the Board of Education meeting after the forced resignations of two teachers. Since they were all running uncontested, all incumbents of city positions were returned to office. The career of Dr. Harold T. Donahue is chronicled when he is surprised with a 75th birthday party following three hours of surgery at Hills and Dales General Hospital. March 20 - David R. May is charged in the shooting injury of a Gagetown man outside an Owendale Bar. He will later be found guilty in Circuit Court. The Cass City Red Hawks roar into the state Class C basketball quarterfinals with a come from behind victory over Flint Hamady by a score of 60-59. Lenders and borrowers, particularly those wishing to build their dream house,

face hard times as interest rates climb to 16 percent. Several Gagetown area residents reported seeing a strange light in the western sky but no one, including a high school astronomy teacher, is sure what the light represents. A fire of unknown origin caused approximately \$20,000 damage to the Swiss Auto Sales building in Ubyly. March 27 - Dr. Delbert Rawson, DDS, and Esther McCullough are chosen as the first co-winners of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award. The Cass City Village Council puts off a decision on whether or not to put an additional mill on the summer tax bills. The Cass City Red Hawks are knocked out of the running by Ecorse in the bid for the state Class C basketball title. Cass City students are sent home early and other area schools cancel classes as bad weather and power outages show the worst face of winter so far.

Although the Caro Regional Center was to begin layoffs this week, they will not have to since enough workers have either retired or quit within the past few weeks. May 8 - Although area dealerships report car sales are doing alright, they are quick to point out truck sales are terrible. David Duncan, former owner of the Thunder Road Speedway, is being sought with warrants for 10 counts of possession of stolen property. Damage was estimated at \$32,000 in a fire that destroyed a storage building owned by William Zink. May 15 - The Cass City Board of Education, under pressure from approximately 100 residents, rescinded an earlier ruling and voted to allow Bibles distributed in its classrooms. In other action, the board voted to put a 1.6 mill addition on the June 9 ballot. At a "Meet the Candidates" night, seven of the eight candidates for the two vacant Board of Education seats agreed on most of the issues facing the school system and voters. May 22 - Tuscola county follows a statewide trend by favoring George Bush in Michigan's basically Republican presidential primary. New teachers disappear from Cass City Schools at a high yearly rate and one of the main reasons appears to be the lack of outside activity for them here. Participants in the village-wide garage sale term it a success. The state Supreme Court votes to hear an appeal in the Owen-Gage case surrounding the taxes from the Goslin property. May 29 - Approval by the Legislature of a package allowing the present Tuscola-Lapeer circuit court to split brings a two-year-old problem for both county commissions back to the surface. To get a good education out of Cass City High School you have to want it and work for it, according to several 1980 graduates. Everything is ready for beginning of construction on a new sewage plant by the city. All that is needed is final approval by the En-

vironmental Protection Agency. JUNE June 5 - Area voters who have candidates galore choose from in the Aug. primary. A wide variety of races abound at county and state levels as many candidates filed by the deadline this week. With the festival a month away, Cass City's Fourth of July planners are working to repeat last year's success. Workers at General Cable ratified a new three-year contract by a "substantial margin." June 12 - The Tuscola Board of Commissioners voted to split with Lapeer county and form its own judicial circuit. Their vote must be matched by the Lapeer commissioners. Cass City voters voted in a 3.5 mill renewal but vetoed an additional .6 mill in the recent school election. In addition, Dr. E. Paul Lockwood and Richard Albee were elected to the board. Owen-Gage, Ubyly and Kingston all approved their requested millages and returned incumbent board members to office in their respective school elections. June 19 - Three area schools have begun contract talks with teachers while others are in various stages of negotiations. With one year of operation under its belt, the new animal shelter in Caro appears to be working out well, according to Animal Control Officer Jeff Quinn. June 26 - In a special session the Cass City Board of Education announced they will cut 4 1/2 teacher positions plus ask for 1 mill in August to offset funding cuts at the state level. Walbro Corp. and General Cable Co. join the rest of the industrial community by announcing layoffs. JULY July 3 - In order to cover a \$6,400 cut from the state, the Cass City village council will increase the village tax levy to 14 mills. Cass City prepares for its second annual village-wide shindig - the Fourth of July Festival. The Michigan Supreme



CONDITIONS for ice skating in the village park Saturday weren't the best, but even under ideal conditions, some skaters will still fall down. Preparation of the rink hasn't been completed, village officials say, because there haven't been enough cold, snowless days yet.

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APRIL April 3 - Novesta township electors vote to keep the township hall where it is rather than moving it to the old Church of Christ building on Cemetery Road. Francis DeLong is "lucky to be alive" following a farming accident. Townships around the area met in their annual meetings and a common topic among most was an improvement of road conditions. April 10 - Cass City residents got good news and bad news from the village council meeting. While the new sewage plant bid has been awarded, the council also placed an additional mill on residents' summer tax bills. The state House of Representatives passed a bill allowing rule changes in transfers of property from one school district to another. The rule will primarily benefit Owen-Gage in the Goslin property case. The crime rate in Cass City has more than doubled since 1970, according to figures compiled by Chief of Police Gene Wilson. April 17 - While the Cass City Board of Education ponders a millage hike, Owen-Gage approves an eight-mill renewal for the June 9 ballot. The issue of financial damages at the Owendale Speedway is essentially declared a draw. A Millington boy was killed and Thomas Hawkins, of Cass City was critically injured in two separate mishaps. April 24 - Norman and Genevieve Huff, former bowling alley operators in Cass City, were found murdered in their Leesburg, Fla., home. Walt Goodall of Reed Road reported two of his prized English fallow deer killed by dogs. Sanilac county approves funds for paving Germania Road, a job that will not be finished until the end of July. MAY May 1 - By a vote of 292-16, Walbro workers approved a new three-year contract with the company. Walbro Corp. is continuing its quest for state approval of a process by which a chemical used in its manufacturing would be dumped into the Cass City sewer

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t, has refused to hear the of Attorney General Kelley in his effort to a tax rollback for the n-Gage School District.

township are celebrating its 90th birthday.

July 24 -- Norma Emblem dies of burns suffered when her Lamotte township home burned July 3. Cass City escapes with minor damage from rain and wind storm which caused major damage elsewhere in upper Thumb. State Court Administrator Einar Bohlin says creation of single-judge circuit court district for Tuscola county was done in violation of state constitution. Shirley Geiger of Cass City is seriously injured in Saginaw county crash in which Vassar woman is killed.

July 31 -- Four miles of Germania Road in Greenleaf township are paved after several years of waiting. John Gallagher has

grand champion steer at Tuscola County Fair. Chester (Chet) Muntz retires after 23 years of delivering mail. Walter Sedlak of Kingston is saved from drowning.

AUGUST

Aug. 7 -- Paul Berry defeats four other candidates to win Republican nomination for sheriff; Stanley Henry winner of three-man Republican race for drain commissioner; Keith Muxlow defeats three opponents to win Republican nomination for 77th state House of Representatives seat. Sprouted wheat due to heavy rains means big loss for farmers. Wells township fire leaves Jack Putnam family of seven homeless.

Aug. 14 -- Teacher contract talks between Cass City School Board and Tri-County Bargaining Association are stalled. At Sanilac County 4-H Fair, Merilee Leslie, Decker, has grand champion steer; Marlene Janowiak, Argyle, has grand champion hog, and Brian Hirsch, Decker, has grand champion market lamb. Owen-Gage School Board decides not to reinstate study halls.

Aug. 21 -- Grain elevators which have stood on Vulcan Street since the 1880s are torn down. Cass City School District voters approve 1-mill tax increase by vote of 751-472. Federal government approves \$30,800 grant for new tennis courts.

Aug. 28 -- School starts at Owen-Gage despite lack of teacher contract. Ugly Board of Education approves contract giving teachers 10 percent pay increase each of two years. Cass City School Board decides against hiring Joyce Crouse, wife of the superintendent, as a teacher.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 -- Picket signs aren't needed, as last minute settlement allows Cass City schools to open on schedule. New Tuscola Area Skill Center doesn't open, as Tuscola Intermediate School District professional staff strikes due to lack of contract. After 25 years as superintendent of Cass City wastewater treatment plant, village council decides to hire someone in place of Nelson Willy to be in charge.

Sept. 11 -- Clio couple and their five grandchildren are killed in crash near Millington. Ugly School District voters reject \$1.295 proposed million bonding proposal to build high school addition. Total Owen-Gage tax levy to decrease by half-mill.

Sept. 18 -- Tuscola Area Skill Center opens and county special education programs begin as Tuscola Intermediate School District

and professional staff reach tentative agreement on three-year contract. Rain delays bean harvesting and damages yields in some areas. Kingston Krome employees receive Trade Readjustment Act benefits.

Sept. 25 -- Cass City without long distance telephone service for about 17 hours due to soaked long-distance cable. Cass City teachers approve new three-year contract, 59-7. United Auto Workers applies for Trade Readjustment Act benefits for laid off workers at Walbro, Anrod Screen Cylinder and 12 other plants in upper Thumb.

OCTOBER

Oct. 2 -- Cass City schools lose 62 students, as enrollment in all area districts declines compared to last year. Robert Roy Clark of Decker dies in crash on Shabbona Road. Elkland township firemen battle barn blaze on Krapf Road for seven hours.

Oct. 9 -- Elkland-Novesta United Way keeps same goal as last year, \$13,500. Cass City School Board delays making apology to Joyce Crouse. Stanley Kirn retires after 23 years of delivering mail in Cass City. Gagetown ends fiscal year in black.

Oct. 16 -- Latest U.S. Census count for Cass City is 2,250 residents; village to protest. Loss estimated at \$50,000-60,000 as home of Gordon Teddy near Kingston burns. Owendale-Gagetown ends fiscal year in "black," but only if revenue which it doesn't have from Goslin parcel is counted.

Oct. 23 -- \$3.4 million Highland Pines School for county's handicapped children opens. Michigan Artrain to make return visit to Cass City. Not a lot of birds to be found as pheasant hunting season opens.

Oct. 30 -- Estimated 1980-81 Cass City school budget more than \$3 million; Cable television reception to improve. Cass City Village Council told, Richard J. Hisey of Decker killed in Lapeer county traffic accident. Red Hawks win share of Thumb B Association title, their first since 1972.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6 -- Paul Berry elected Tuscola county sheriff. Most township and county millage proposals are defeated, including one mill for Tuscola county operations and bridges. Arson believed to be cause of fire that destroys Harmony Hill lanes in Caro, with loss of almost \$500,000.

Nov. 13 -- Dryer bin fire loss on Arnold Broecker farm in Evergreen township more than \$50,000. Twenty-four charged with delivery of various illegal drugs in largest "drug bust" in Tuscola county history. Joyce Crouse withdraws complaint against Cass City School Board.

Nov. 20 -- Michigan Supreme Court hears arguments in Goslin transfer case, crucial to future of Owendale-Gagetown School District; decision could be year away. Sheriff-elect Paul Berry selects Paul Mogge to be undersheriff. Heating fuel cost increases probably won't be as much as overall inflation rate. Cass City and Owen-Gage girls' basketball teams both win league titles.

Nov. 27 -- Elkland-Novesta United Way collects at least \$13,800, \$300 more than its goal. General Cable honors 13 employees who have been with the firm for the 20 years it has been in Cass City. Cass City School Board wrestles with new teacher hiring policy, but no decisions are made.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4 -- Turnout exceeds last year and musicians rave, as repeat of Village Bach Festival in 1981 seems likely. Twenty percent increase in water and sewer rates likely as Cass City Village Council reviews proposed 1981 budget. Countless cars off road as early winter storm wreaks havoc. New Baltimore youth killed in apparent accidental shooting in Argyle township.

Dec. 11 -- Most motorists and homeowners will pay higher premiums under Michigan's new Essential Insurance Law. Further state aid cuts will mean further belt tightening for Cass City schools. American Arbitration Association rules Owendale-Gagetown

schools owe Construction Coordinators \$41,283.

Dec. 18 -- Tuscola County Board of Commissioners tentatively approves very tight 1981 budget of \$3.9 million, which may avoid lay-

offs. Texas and Oklahoma appear to be promised land for Cass City area unemployed. Approval of sewer project funding for Gagetown and Owendale one step closer.

Dec. 24 -- Forty-seven to

lose jobs at Caro Regional Center. Retirement near for Hugh Marr after 18 years as Tuscola county sheriff. Federal CETA funds provide jobs or job training for 3,182 in upper Thumb in 1979-80.



EASY RIDER -- Casually coasting down the hill in the village park Saturday afternoon was Keith Malkowski, 8.

Governor given emergency powers

By Warren M. Hoyt
Mich. Press Association

Facing a possible federal court order, the legislature voted late in the last session to give the governor emergency powers to act in the event of a prison overcrowding situation.

The legislation gives the governor emergency powers to reduce sentences and to order the release of prisoners in the event of a prison overcrowding crisis.

Current prison facilities are overpopulated by more than 1,000 inmates and law suits are at a point where they could soon enter the federal courts, where new facilities or reduced population could be ordered.

Under the legislation, the governor's authority would take effect any time the inmate population reaches 95 percent of capacity for a month.

Corrections officials would inform the governor of the condition and he would then reduce sentences of all inmates by 90 days.

Currently, this could reduce the population by about 1,200 inmates.

If the first reduction does not solve the overcrowding problem, the governor could continue to reduce sentences by another 90 days until the overcrowding problem is solved.

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ions Director Perry Johnson called the overcrowding and parole decision-making process remain intact through this act so we can continue to refuse to release dangerous criminals," Johnson said.

The state's top corrections official also said he was pleased with enactment of another bill providing for a statewide regional prison system.

The bill requires the department to develop a plan for demolition of the Michigan Reformatory at Ionia by 1990.

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Farm life a change for exchange student

"It's fun," says Marcus Butzek about living on a farm. It's also quite a change for

the Rotary exchange student, who comes from Hamburg, a city of 2 million in West Germany.

Since he arrived Aug. 18, until recently, he lived with the Art Severance family on their dairy farm on Sev-

erance Road, Decker.

He moved in with the Ben Hobart family on their farm on Hobart Road, Gageton. He will probably live with one more family before he returns to Germany in late July.

On the Severance farm, he fed the calves. As for getting up at 5 a.m. to help with the milking, he said with a laugh, "I sleep." He got up at 7.

"In the beginning, it was not so easy, he said of the contrast between life in a major city and rural Cass City life, "but I like it here, too."

Butzek, 17, studied English for four years before he came here, but in school, that was his most difficult subject, and it took him a while after he was here before he could speak and understand it well.

The exchange student said he wanted to come here because, "The United States is very popular in the world. I heard a lot about this country. I wanted to see the country with my own eyes."

Now that he is here, he has found many minor surprises, but no major ones.

ONE SURPRISE WAS that "big cars in America were so cheap." For \$8,000 or \$9,000 in Germany, one gets a smaller car than here. Big cars in Germany are VERY expensive, but that is perhaps not surprising in a country where gasoline sells for about \$2.20 a gallon.

The only persons who can afford to guzzle gas at that price are rich enough to afford gas-guzzling cars.

Germany is encountering a problem that exists in this country. Japanese cars cost less in Germany than Ger-

man cars and are selling well.

Teenagers in Germany, incidentally, cannot drive until they are 18. Driver training before they get their licenses is mandatory, which is only available at private schools at a cost of \$600.

SPORTS WAS ANOTHER surprise to Butzek. At his school in Germany, he is a member of the soccer and volleyball teams, but games are played after school (against teams from other schools) and there are no spectators.

The situation is quite different for some sports in this country, mainly football and basketball. Sports is No. 1 in some students' lives here, he commented, but one doesn't find that in Germany.

The exchange student was a member of the cross country team here this past fall and plans to be on the track team in the spring.

HE HAS FOUND MANY

students here have a lack of knowledge about the rest of the world. One example is that he has been asked whether he is from East Germany or West Germany. East Germany is a Communist country and its citizens are not allowed to leave.

"German students know more about the world because we must study it," he noted, adding that perhaps the difference between his country and the U.S. in knowledge of geography is, "Germany is a lot smaller so we must know more about other countries."

At Cass City High School, Butzek has been studying algebra, art, government, current affairs, lifetime sports and typing this semester. He won't receive academic credit back home for his year here.

WHEN HE RETURNS, he will have 2½ years of studying to do at the gymnasium, which has nothing to do with sports.

The gymnasium is the highest level of high school, for those planning to go on to the university. Enrollment at universities is limited so very good grades are required and not everyone will qualify.

The middle school goes up to the equivalent of 10th grade and is for students planning to go into various trades, such as auto mechanics, secretarial, etc. Some go on to a trade school after graduation.

The lowest level of high school is for those with learning problems.

German schools are tough. Instead of six subjects Butzek is studying here, in the gymnasium, he has 14, although each class

is attended only two or three times a week.

A lot is crammed into an hour, and after school, students go home and study.

AFTER GRADUATION from the gymnasium, Butzek will probably serve compulsory 18 months military service.

After that, assuming qualifications for the univers and he is confident he will come a long eight years study and hospital work "because I want to be doctor."

The exchange student father works for a photograph record company. His mother is a part-time secretary. His sister, 19, is in final year at the gymnasium.



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Plaintiff is Connie Withers of Vassar.

Defendants are George Gleason, representative of the estate of Amy Gleason, the driver, and Shane Lorey, driver of the other car involved, and Robert Olivio Sr., owner of the Lorey car. The latter two live in Sanilac county.

The suit asks for no more than \$35,000 in damages, plus interest, costs and at-

torney fees, claiming that Miss Withers, then 17, suffered "permanent, severe and disabling" injuries in the accident.

The accident took place on M-46, northeast of Vassar. It was reported at the time the Gleason auto had faulty power steering, the result of which it was weaving in both lanes. It became sideways in the eastbound lane just before being struck by the eastbound Lorey auto.

In addition to Miss Gleason, then 19, one of five passengers in her car was also killed.

The suit has been assigned to Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

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Probe break-ins in Kingston

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department was called to investigate two break-ins in Kingston last week.

The first was reported Monday morning at the C.B. Schwaderer and Son Standard station, 5972 State Street.

Entry was gained some time between 6 p.m. Dec. 20 and 8:15 a.m. the day the incident was reported, by kicking in the plate glass front door.

All that was found missing were two cartons of cigarettes and partially empty box of cigars, worth \$8 total.

The building had been broken into a couple of weeks earlier, when candy, cigarettes and a battery were taken.

Barbara A. Hettler reported last Thursday night that the Kingston Tavern, 5956 State Street, was broken into sometime between 4:30 and 8:45 p.m. that day. The front door was found open.

Taken were eight cases of beer, no value listed on the police report.

Cass City police investigated vandalism of two cars early Saturday. Cathy M. Miller of Elkton reported at 2:12 a.m. that the windshield of her car was smashed and an outside rear view mirror was broken off. Damage was estimated at \$75. The car had been parked on West Street since 10:30 p.m. Friday.

James D. Hillaker of 6350 Greenland Road reported at 2:25 a.m. the driver's side window of his car was smashed, a dent put in the driver's door and several dents put in the passenger door while the car was parked at the service station at West and Main.

Damage was estimated at \$200. In addition, seven eight-track tapes worth \$25 were stolen.

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Bulldogs post first win of year in tourney

Owen-Gage achieved its first victory of the season Monday night when it won the opening round of its holiday tournament, 64-44, over Caseville.

The Bulldogs, now 1-5 overall, will face the winner of Tuesday's game between Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Port Hope in the title game Saturday, following the 6:30 junior varsity title game. First round losers play Friday night.

Owen-Gage put the game on ice Monday when it exploded for 27 points in the second quarter, to go into the locker room at halftime with a margin of 39-21.

Jim Glidden paced his squad with 27 points, with brother Dan following with 20.

The team shot 27 of 57 from the floor for a 47 percent average. At the charity line, the Bulldogs sank 10 of 17, 59 percent.

The Gliddens also glistened in the rebound department, with Dan grabbing 11 and Jim, 10. The team collected a total of 37.

Mike Stahl led the Eagles with 17 points, followed by Pete Schuetz with 12.

Caseville connected on 18 of 45 field goal attempts, 40 percent, and six of 15 free throws, 40 percent. The team collected 22 rebounds.

Caseville won the junior varsity game, 49-38.

Score by quarters:

O-G	12	27	14	11	64
Case	10	11	12	11	44

UBLY

Owen-Gage, still looking for its first win, didn't get it at Uibly Tuesday, Dec. 23, as it lost the non-league contest, 66-44.

The Bearcats were paced by 6-3 Terry Camp, who pumped in 32 points, including 14 of his team's 26 tallies in the last quarter. He also grabbed nine of his team's 33 rebounds.

The Bulldogs also had only one player in double figures, Terry Muntz with 23, his most ever. The 6-2 junior also grabbed 13 rebounds. Jim Glidden snared 12, as the team collected a total of 33.

Class C Uibly shot 28 of 63 from the floor, 44 percent, and 10 of 13 from the charity line, 77 percent.

Owen-Gage connected on 20 of 49 field goal attempts, 41 percent, and four of nine from the free throw line, 44 percent.

The win gave Uibly an overall season mark of 4-2 while the Bulldogs dropped to 0-5.

Uibly won the junior varsity game, 44-20.

Score by quarters:

Uibly	14	12	14	26	66
O-G	7	8	12	17	44



POSING ON THE balancing beam is this year's gymnastic team. Front row, from left: Bobbi MacKay, Kristy Deering, Tina LaRoche, Kathy Henderson, Carrie Lautner, Suzy Scollon. Second row: DeAngela Garety, LaDonna Hawley, Colleen Janssen, Coach Sue Cali, Michelle Fahrner, Jill Seuryneck, LeAnne Potrykus.

Tough schedule faces Hawk gymnastic team

Coach Sue Cali points to numbers and enthusiasm as the strength of the Cass City High School gymnastic team this year.

Gone are two lettermen, Libby Hartel and Nancy Tonti. But Cali can look to seven returning lettermen to bolster the team.

They include Michelle Fahrner, Carrie Lautner, Jill Seuryneck, LeAnne Potrykus, Kristy Deering, Sherry Lefler and Tena LaRoche.

A weakness of the team is the inexperience of the new members.

The inexperience coupled with the schedule could make a winning record difficult to attain this season. There are several Class A schools and large Class B

schools on the schedule. Only Class C team that Hawks face is Vassar.

Cass City is forced to seek out larger schools for competition because at schools do not field teams. The first of the larger schools will be Midland which comes to Cass City Jan. 7.

The schedule:
Jan. 7 Midland, here
Jan. 12 Grand Blanc, the
Jan. 15 Vassar, there
Jan. 19 Flint Kearsley there
Jan. 26 Midland Dow, the
Feb. 9 Grand Blanc, here
Feb. 16 Midland, there
Feb. 19 Vassar, here
Feb. 21 Grand Blanc, the
Feb. 25 Flint Kearsley, here

TOO LATE

Some folks' good intentions fizzle out even before they are put into practice!

May give it up

Birney mulls future as kicker in National Football League



MARY LENHARD of Gagetown is a starting forward on the Grand Valley State College Women's basketball team this season. She scored 23 points in the first two games. She is a 1978 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School.

Fifty thousand football fans are yelling at you.

If you kick the football through the uprights the way you're supposed to, you're a hero. Miss and you're a bum.

Tom Birney has been a hero and a bum. Right now, he is an unemployed professional football player, who was a placekicker part of the past two seasons for the Green Bay Packers.

Birney, 24, is a 1974 graduate of Bishop Borgess High School, near Detroit, who played football at Michigan State University. All he did was kickoffs and punts.

He met his wife of three years, Mandy, when both were freshmen at MSU. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Trischler of Hurds Corner Road, Cass City. She is a 1974 graduate of Owen-Gage High School. Her family then lived near Bach. The couple has a 17-month-old son, Mark.

He graduated from MSU in 1978 with a teaching degree in physical education and a determination to make it in professional football.

He was invited that year to try out with the New England Patriots as a free agent, but didn't make the team.

He kept practicing his kicking and the next year called the Green Bay Packers. They invited him to come to training camp. He again didn't make the team.

Birney went back to substitute teaching in Lansing. But partway through the season, the Packers' placekicker, Chester Marcol, was injured and the team gave Birney a call. "That was a miracle in itself," he said -- not that Marcol was injured, but that the Packers called him.

There were experienced professional kickers available and Birney hadn't kicked a field goal since high school. During practice with the Packers, he had never kicked a field goal with the team in a game-type situation, only with a small group of players.

But under the pressure of real competition, he played very well. In six games, he completed seven of nine field goal attempts, and kicked seven extra points.

But in practice for the 1980 season, Packer coach Bart Starr decided to go with Marcol, a nine year veteran. It was back to the classroom for Birney.

But Marcol had his troubles early in the season, and Starr cut him in favor of the East Lansing resident.

His first game was Oct. 12 against Tampa Bay, and it was a disaster. One field goal attempt was partially blocked and he missed two others. With 1:09 left, and the score tied 14-14, he missed a 24-yarder. With 36 seconds left in overtime, he missed a 36-yarder. The game ended at 14-14.

"It was very hard," he said of the aftermath of that day. "To come back from that and do well, that meant a lot to me."

He was to play in seven games, (including Tampa Bay), during which he kicked 15 of 18 extra points

and six of 12 field goal attempts.

He might have done even better, but had to contend with a right-handed holder who wasn't always able to hold the ball correctly for Birney, who kicks with his left foot.

Of those seven games, the Packers won three, lost three (two by a total of seven points) and tied one.

But with four games left in the season, Starr gave Birney his walking papers, in favor of veteran placekicker Jan Stenerud.

Birney was both surprised and disappointed when he was let go. "I really thought I was their field goal kicker of their future."

Starr agreed with Birney when he gave him his walking papers that part of the problem was the holder. Stenerud kicks right-footed. He also had a lot more experience, and with four games to go and a chance to make the playoffs, that was a major consideration.

The move didn't pay off, however. Green Bay lost its final four games and finished the season at 5-10-1.

BIRNEY'S PROFESSIONAL career may not be over. The 6-4, 220-pounder — big for a kicker — has already met with officials of another team, which he doesn't wish to name at this point. He has been invited to its training camp come July and may sign a contract in

January.

But he may not. "I have to think about my family," he explained. "I can't run off and play football all the time."

Substitute teaching fits in well with football, but if he doesn't play again, he may not go into teaching full-time.

He and his wife are seriously considering becoming staff members for Campus Crusade, a Christian group. They would be assigned to a college campus and work with students. Birney would work primarily with athletes, to help them understand the role of athletics in their lives and put it into perspective.

Religion plays a very important role in his life, as indicated by the fact that when he was waiting for the Chronicle reporter to arrive at the Trischler home, where he and his family spent Christmas week, he was reading the Bible. He considers himself a "Christian athlete."

DOES GOD HAVE A role in the huddle? Does he help a team to win?

Birney doesn't see it that way. Although the Lord gives the talents to the players, it is up to them as to what they do with them. "I think you're responsible for the things God has given to you."

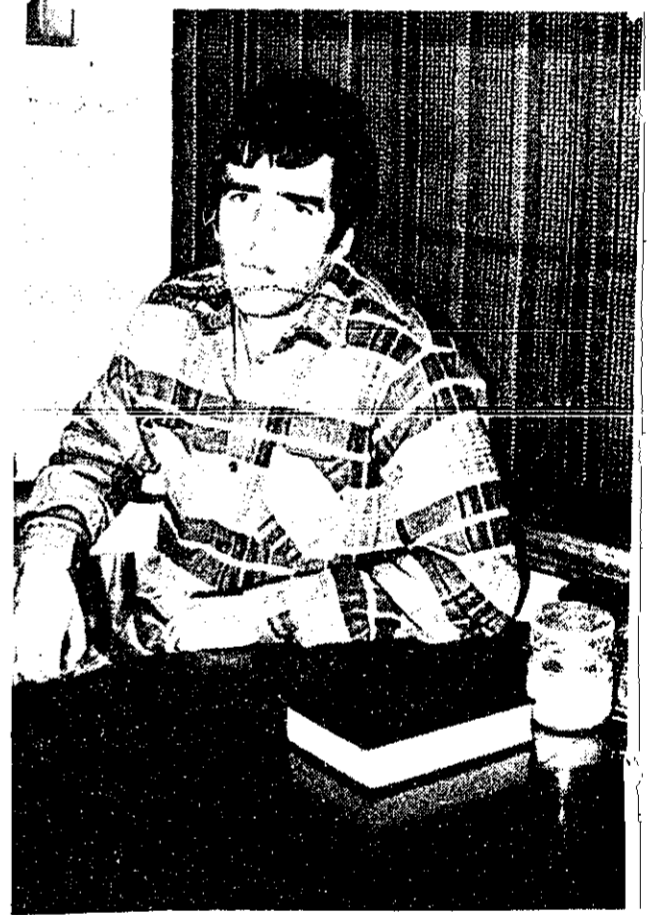
With that in mind, it is also necessary to put the game

into its proper perspective. "Although winning is nice, it's not the end of the world if you lose."

He can remember things from games several years ago, but can't remember whether his team won or

lost.

"The key thing in life isn't what happened," the soft spoken Birney said in looking back at his so far up and down football career, "but how you react to what has happened."



TOM BIRNEY

Ex-Packer gives inside look at life in pros

What's it like playing on a professional football team?

Tom Birney admits that after his first pro game, he felt like going up to his fellow players and asking for their autographs.

But, "What it comes down to is, it's a job."

Even though it's a job, and a well-paid one, "It's still a game and to be in it, you have to enjoy it." There is a lot of pressure, players get injured and get criticized by the media when they lose. "You have to have a love for the game to go through that and play it."

Birney pointed out that the average career in the National Football League lasts only a little more than three seasons and that most players don't spend their non-playing time making television commercials and speaking at banquets. "You don't see second string players hitting the limelight too often," he said with a smile.

Football is different from other professional sports in that it is more like a regular job.

During the week, practice and team sessions are often 9-5. The team travels to away games on Saturdays and comes home Sunday after the game, in contrast to other pro sports, where players are on the road much of the time.

The players tend to stick together in small groups when off the field. Defensive players may eat meals together, for instance, because they work together all the time, or players may stick together in groups according to their interests.

The Christian athletes are one group, players who like to hang around in bars are another. "Whatever you see in society, you're going to see there (on the team)."

Players are aware of betting and point spreads, and coaches may use that in their pep talks. If the other team is favored by two touchdowns, the coach may tell his players they can beat the odds. But if it's his team that is favored, he may caution them not to be overconfident.

Halftime locker room sessions are devoted more to technical matters -- what happened in the first half, strategy for the second half -- than to pep talks.

In college, if a player doesn't do well, he may sit on the bench for a while. There is a lot more pressure in the pro ranks. "If you don't do well in a professional game, you're back home wondering what happened."

Although field goal kickers usually have longer careers -- injuries are fewer (Birney has never been

knocked down in his pro career) and the job is less physically demanding -- the pressure is greater. "The results are obvious. If you make it, you're the hero."

What's it like going out on the field to kick a crucial field goal with the fans screaming? "You get used to it after a while, because you've been in that situation enough times that it isn't a factor."

Although it's only the comparatively few big name players who make the big bucks and drive the Mercedes-Benzes and Cadillacs, football players do make good salaries, if only for a few years.

Birney made enough during his seven games this season to live on for a year. "I can't complain about that."

Martin earns letter

Ken Martin, an Alma College freshman from Cass City and a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School, is one

of 80 Alma football players who earned recognition for participation in the Alma Scots' 1980 season.

A tight end, Martin received a letter sweater as his first varsity award. Foot-

ball awards were announced at a banquet Dec. 7 for Alma football players and their families.

The Alma Scots finished 2-7 overall and 1-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, 4180 Hurds Corner Road.

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