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New oil wells to lack of

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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 July planners are working 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 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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