

Although now resting in front of the Boyne City High School as a reminder to students, five students last Tuesday narrowly averted tragedy when they rolled over this car and slid

along the road and ended up on the ice of Lake Charlevoix. The five all ended up going to area hospitals for treatment.

Accident injures five BC students

Five teenagers from Boyne City High School narrowly escaped death after a rollover accident on Ferry Road (Lakeshore Drive) last Tuesday afternoon when the car they were driving allegedly hit some water on the roadway and went off the road.

The driver, Robert Meads, tried to bring the car, a 1981 Subaru, under control by yanking the wheel to bring it back onto the roadway. He then hit the brakes, according to police and lost total control of the vehicle. The car then

ran off the highway, traveled 490 feet and landed upside down on the ice of Lake Charlevoix. The one car rollover occurred at 1:53 p.m. last Tuesday between Advance and Boyne City.

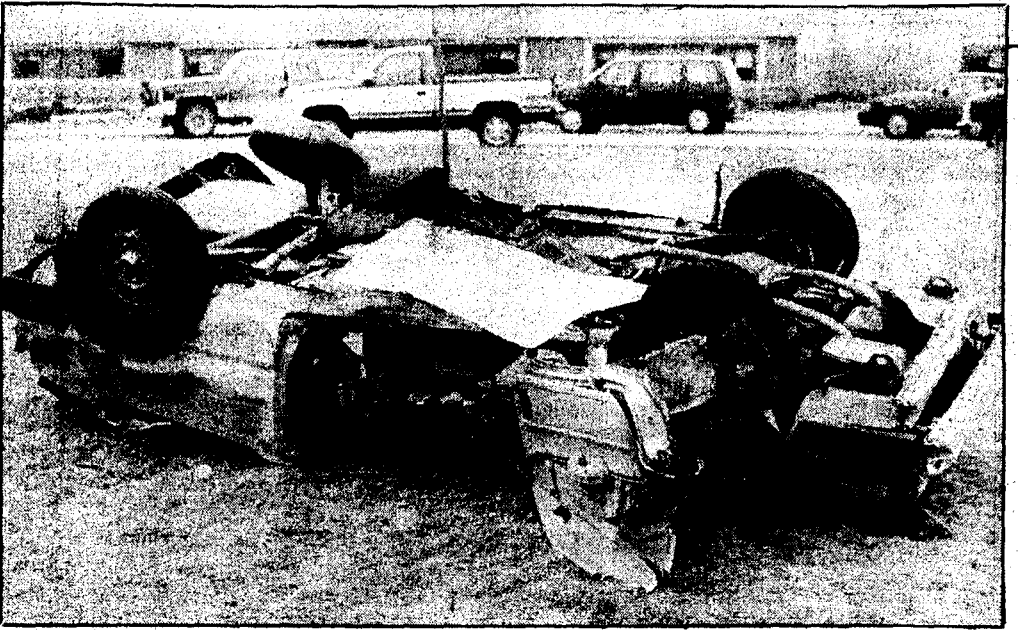
The five youths in the car were Robert Meads, 17, the driver, and four passengers Scott Matthews, 16; Roy Angel, 17; Tim Jankowski, 16; and Paul Caldecott, 16, all of Boyne City. The rollover caused all of the youths a trip to the hospital for various head, back, leg, hip and hand injuries.

Meads, Matthew and Angel were taken by Boyne City Ambulance crews to Charlevoix Area Hospital where the three were treated and retained with multiple injuries. All have been released.

Jankowski and Caldecott returned back to high school and were taken to the hospital to seek their own treatment.

Deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department are still investigating the accident, but

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Boyne City increases fees for marina docks

Even though the city officials received a few complaints about the projected increase in marina slip fees, the Boyne City Commissioners approved increases that range from 10 percent to a 50 percent increase in the seasonal fees boaters will be paying in order to have a slip in the marina near Veteran's Memorial Park.

The action came at the Tuesday noon meeting as the city reviewed portions of the proposed city budget they will be approving for the next fiscal year which starts in May.

City Manager Randy Frykberg told the commissioners that the last season, the city had about a \$10,000 shortfall in the costs of

operating the marina and this year, even with the new rates, the marina will still be costing the taxpayers money from the general fund to make up for the shortfall.

The problem, Frykberg said, is that the city is trying to accumulate money to pay off the city's share of the new breakwall and that because of the docks not being complete for much of the season last year, they were rented out at a reduced rate.

The new floating docks were paid for by the owners of the Harborage Marina as part of a trade with the city for slips they agreed to give to the city that are connected to the Peninsula Beach property.

It took the city a long time to get the electric and water service to the new docks which reach out into the middle of the lagoon formed by the park.

Another item that was costly was that the city agreed to upgrade the small boater slips with docks of similar design as the ones installed in the trade. The additional cost was about \$12,000 and replaced the temporary docks the city has been using since the marina was constructed many years ago.

In making the request for the new fee structure, Frykberg said this was a continuance of the city policy that users should pay.

He said he did not think it fair that the 14 boat owners should have their slips paid for by the 2,000 some odd residences and property owners of the city.

According to Frykberg, the new rates are still lower than the state guidelines and he still sees the city having to pull money out of the general fund to pay for the costs.

Slip prices will range from \$600 per season for a 20 foot slip, a 50 percent increase over last year, to the older docks as high as \$2,300 for a 41 foot and over dock. The new floating docks will range as high as \$3,000 per season for those wanting a 50 foot and longer slip.

For the transient boaters the increase will be in the range of 10

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A fire last Thursday caused smoke and considerable damage to a home owned by David Cadarette on Horton Bay Road. Firemen from Boyne City, with assistance from Charlevoix, allowed the firefighters to contain the damage to a wall, floor and chimney around the flue of the oil furnace. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire, but was rented by Phillip Boers. Estimates of damage are in the \$20,000 area according to the fire department.

EJ Health Center awarded \$341,178 grant by Feds

Congressman Bob Davis announced last week that the East Jordan Health Center in Charlevoix County has been awarded a \$341,178 grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"This is good federal support," commented Davis, "but considering the tremendous growth in the numbers of patients being served at the East Jordan Health Center, they could use more. This is an example of how competitive health care funding is these days, and how rural health care providers stack up against their urban counterparts."

The East Jordan Health Center opened in 1977. The center presently offers comprehensive primary care including pediatrics, mammograms, x-rays and lab services. Center Director Neal Colburn said in 1985 the center handled 10,700 patient-visits. At that time, the center operated on a \$709,000 budget, of which more than half was federally funded. "This year, we're expecting to see 25,000 patient-visits on a budget of \$1.3 million, and our federal grants cover about twenty-seven percent of that," Colburn explained. "We will preserve our current service levels," he added, "but it will be difficult to accommodate our growing numbers of patients."

Some of the services offered at the East Jordan Health Center are geared to the patient's income. "We've had to generate more revenue locally to maintain the same service levels," said Colburn. "One bright spot is that our reimbursements through Medicaid have improved, and that helps keep the books balanced." The center has twenty-five staff members, including four physicians. Davis said the East Jordan

facility is typical of rural health care clinics developing innovative strategies to maintain services while remaining financially viable. "It's an ongoing battle to fight for rural health care funding here in Washington, D.C. just like it is on

the local level," he stated. "Improving the status of rural health care is one of my top priorities because I want to see centers like the one in East Jordan thriving instead of just surviving."



Showing the power of the winter ice, this boat was crushed and bent up by the ice as it worked during the winter at a home along Ferry Road. The ice also destroyed a small sailboat which was next to the boat.

News Briefs

Friday, March 29, Boyne City students will be dismissed at 10:50 in the middle school and 11:05 in the high and elementary schools for Good Friday services and to start the school system's spring break.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will be hosting an evening seminar on underground storage tanks and the small business owner to let small businesses get information on how the new underground storage tank regulations may affect their businesses. The seminar will be held at Northern Michigan College, April 17, at 7 p.m. Call 347-1181 for more information.

If you have any spare rocks that you may want to donate, the Tip of the Mitt is looking for some field stone in the vicinity of the Jordan River Watershed so they can use it to help stabilize streambank erosion sites on the Jordan River. The rock should be about 4 to 12 inches in size and they will need about 20 cubic yards of it to make it worthwhile to transport. Call 347-1181 for more information.

The Boyne City Ministerial Association will be holding the annual Good Friday Service Friday, March 29th at noon at the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City. The traditional elements of our Good Friday will be observed with the offering going to the Ministerial Association for those who need assistance. The service is open to the public.

Boyne City officials have discovered that people are putting garbage in the containers by the City Hall that are only for recyclable material. If it continues, city officials say they will have to hire an attendant, reduce or limit the hours and charge fees to help separate the garbage from recyclable materials.

With the low amount of snowfall this past winter, and the grass not being matted down, fire department officials are worried about the upcoming grass fire season and issued a warning to be extra careful with outside burning as a wild fire will spread fast. They also said those burning will need permits before they start burning. The permits can be obtained easily by calling the police departments or the County Sheriff's office or the DNR Fire Control office.

Officials are warning children and adults that the ice on Lake Charlevoix is dangerous at this time of year, and are urging caution to children playing near the water and to adults that may want to venture out on the ice for the last ice fishing of the season.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday

Easter Sunday will see the annual Boyne Valley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the Veterans' Park in Boyne City starting at 2 p.m. There are four age divisions for youngsters from three to 10 year olds. Prizes of chocolate bunnies will be offered and the event will be held rain or shine.

MARCH 27, 1991

Opinions

Maybe it's time for a closed campus

With the near tragedy last week of some of the students of Boyne City High School, we have wondered why the school system hasn't seriously considered a closed campus policy to be able to control students.

We know that in the past the school system has said that the cafeteria isn't capable of handling the entire number of students at one time, but we think that could be arranged through scheduling of differing lunch hours.

Or, if the problem is not just lunches, then a policy should be written up that would not allow students to leave the school building unless they were with a parent or on a field trip with adult supervision.

That students are allowed to walk out of school with little or no supervision is not what the teachers and administration want, we are sure.

But someone should be in charge of regulating who can leave the school building, or who can leave the school grounds even if it requires a specialized teacher assignment.

It is up to the school administration to write such a policy and for the school board to approve of it. We think now is a good time to consider such a policy so that a potential accident will not take place again.

Letters

Likes Sayles stuff

Editor:

I have no idea how much feedback you get from Everett Sayles' Letters to the Editor in the Charlevoix County Press, but I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate his views.

My parents retired to Boyne City in the 60s and I generally exchange letters with my dad (age 87 but still going strong) every week. He sends me every letter that Sayles gets through the local censors and I found every one a gem. I xerox them and send them to friends in Michigan, Granada, Japan and California to reinforce arguments of mine that the US has lost its moral and fiscal compass since Carter left the White House.

I grew up in Detroit and graduated from Michigan State in

1956 with a degree in urban planning. I thought there were bad vibes then coming out of the McCarthy era and Ike's reluctance to take him on, but Ike looks great compared to the polyester people who have moved onto the national scene since. The nation's collective IQ and sense of right vs wrong has plummeted and no one seems to either know or care, except for voices such as Sayles, which I have labeled "Wisdom from the Woods."

If Mr. Sayles has the time, I'd love to hear from him and learn more about his background and from whence he learned to discern that the emperor has no clothes. In any event, thank you for tossing out these thoughtful epistles!

Henry Engen
Atascadero, CA

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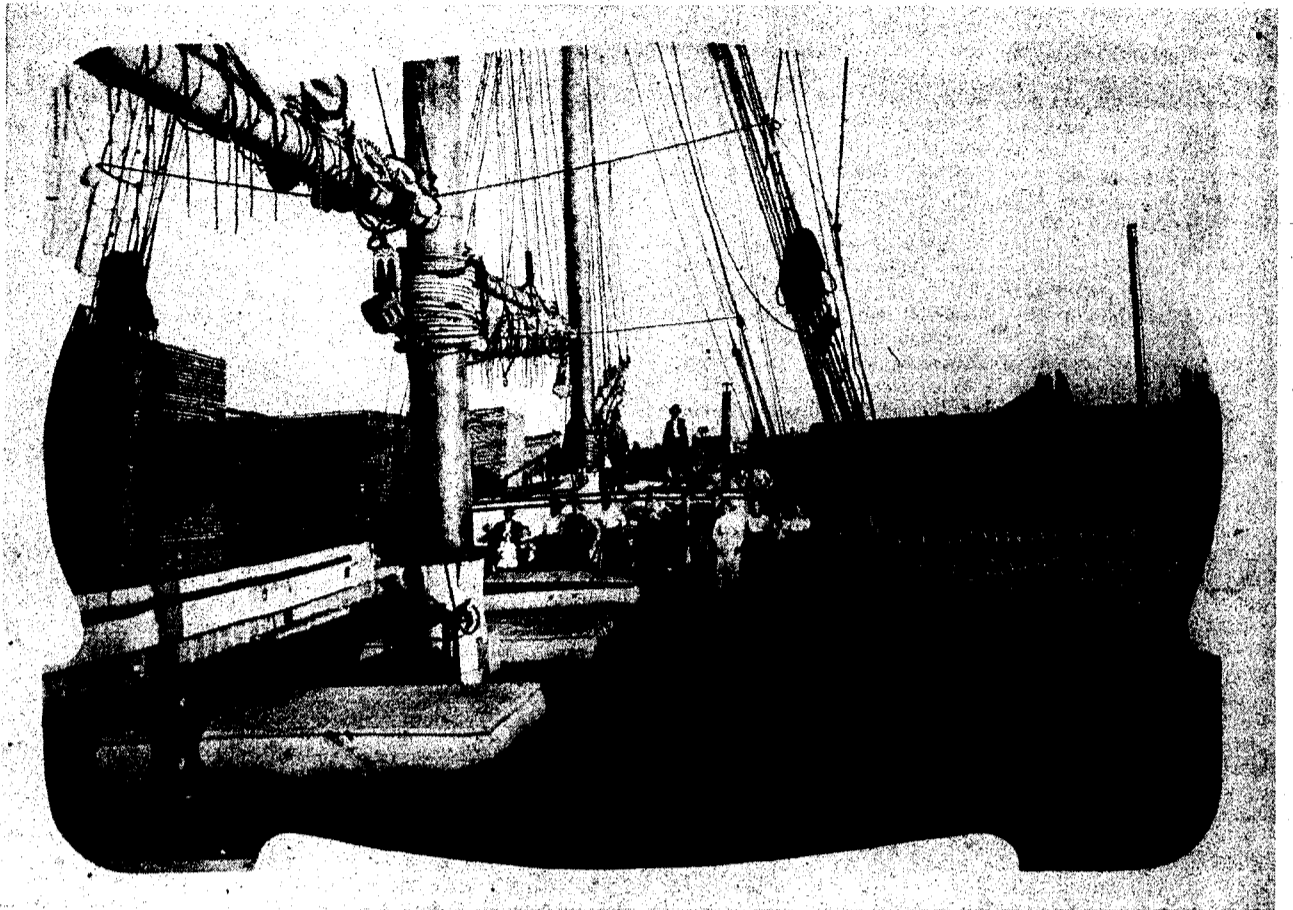
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Remembrances



With no roads developed near the turn of the century, many people came to the area by boat about the many lake schooners that plied the Great Lakes. This picture shows the deck of a boat tied up at the Boyne City docks back then, with either visitors

aboard or ladies of the crew. The docks were close to the yards where the cut lumber was put out to dry prior to it being loaded aboard ship for ports unknown.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

Lately, I have been doing a lot of reading of college brochures, manuals and bulletins. I have been doing this because daughter number two is thinking of going on to college after she graduates this June.

In the reading of the manuals, the one thing I have decided, besides the cost of an education today, is that I want to go back to school myself.

I only want to do it because of all of the classes that are being offered today compared to when I was a student.

If I ever could get into the underwater basket weaving class back then, I would have been the laughing stock of the hall I lived in.

But today, I can see about 30 or 40 classes that I would love to take, just to get a little more educated.

Classes like geology, where I could learn to mine gold or at the least, pan for it.

Or a history class where I could learn about Michigan history. Or an art class where I could learn to "do" metal sculpture.

Or maybe even take a few more classes in marketing or advertising so I could become an "expert" and sell my services as a consultant.

There are just lots of things I would like to take that are offered at various schools.

All I have to do is figure out a way I could get to some of the classes that are offered during the day instead of at night, and get my normal un-normal workday covered with all of the news that is happening around these parts.

So if you end up missing a newspaper for a few weeks, it may mean that I have not been able to figure anything out as far as work, but that I considered going back to college a lot more interesting than covering the stories around the town.

Or, it may mean that the post office failed to deliver your newspaper even though they just got a 20 some-odd increase in pay from us mailers.

Or, it could be that I am just taking a vacation and trying to figure out a way to get skiing or to Florida like so many others are doing at the end of the week.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF
BOYNE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARLEVOIX AND ANTRIM COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD
APRIL 9, 1991

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Tuesday, April 9, 1991.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eight Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$8,890,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

a. erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to the high school building, to include middle school facilities and additional high school facilities, and partially remodeling and partially re-equipping the high school building, and developing and improving the site;

b. erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling and partially re-equipping the existing elementary school for lower elementary school purposes (grades K-3), and developing and improving the site; and

c. partially remodeling and partially re-equipping the middle school facility for upper elementary school purposes (grades 4 and 5)?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Boyne City Middle School.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan.

Billie R. Reinhardt
Secretary, Board of Education

Hospital to award 14 scholarships to area students

Northern Michigan Hospitals (NMH) Auxiliary will award 14 scholarships this spring to eligible area students.

Twelve scholarships in the amount of \$750 each, one totaling \$500 and a third scholarship for \$1,000 will be awarded to students enrolled in accredited health service programs.

The NMH Auxiliary funds 10 scholarships, the NMH Board of Trustees funds two scholarships, and two are funded by private memorial donations.

Students enrolled in pre-nursing or pre-medicine programs will not be considered for these awards until they have been accepted into an accredited program. Students enrolled in post graduate studies also will not be considered. The Auxiliary's goal is to encourage new students into the health care field.

Candidates must reside in Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Antrim, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Otsego, Chippewa, Mackinaw or Alpena counties.

Scholarship applications for the 1991-92 school year are available by calling the NMH Auxiliary office at 348-4568, or by contacting the scholarship chairman at 347-5769.

Nancy

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Senior bingo scores for this week were: first regular, Minnie Martin; second regular, Jean Korhase; third regular, Mary Towne; first special, Jean Korhase; second special, Mary Towne; and the overall went to Mary Towne, with games called by the everlovin' Lyle Ross.

Obituaries

MARGUERITE BLESKE

Marguerite A. Bleske, 76, of Bay Township, died March 23, 1991, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Funeral was Monday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey. The Rev. Wilbert Hegener officiated with burial in Bay Township Cemetery, Charlevoix.

The former Marguerite A. Polk was born April 25, 1914, in Detroit the daughter of Edward and Antoinette (Spitza) Polk. She grew up

in Detroit and attended Detroit schools.

Mrs. Bleske was a member of the Eagles club.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Mann of Warren and Joan Bleske of Boyne City; one son, Gregory Bleske of Warren; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Chester Polk of Clinton Township; many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Sunday at the Stone Funeral Home.

ALFRED SLOOP

Alfred "Roy" Sloop, 69, of East Jordan, died March 22, 1991, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born July 8, 1921, in East Jordan, the son of Harry E. and Elizabeth Gilkerson Sloop.

On July 12, 1941, he married the former Ethel June Allison in East Jordan. She died Jan. 1, 1945.

Mr. Sloop lived in the Boyne City and East Jordan area most of his life.

He served as a fireman first class in the U.S. Navy during World War II, aboard the USS Murphy in the Pacific Theater.

He is survived by one daughter,

Mrs. Bud (Elizabeth) Russell of Charlevoix; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ralph Sloop of Glendale, Ariz., Ray Sloop of East Jordan and Richard Sloop of Little Rock, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Nichols of Boyne City.

Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City. Visitation was held Sunday evening at the Paullin Funeral Home in East Jordan.

The family suggests memorials to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

GREER WILLIAMS

Greer A. Williams, 86, of Eveline Township, died March 25, 1991, at his home.

Funeral is scheduled for 1 p.m. today, March 27, at the Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City. The Rev. Milton Walls of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate and burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Mr. Williams was born July 13, 1904, in Greenland, Ark., the son of Judge William and Susan (Harmon) Williams. He grew up in Arkansas and on Nov. 10, 1929, he married the former Thelma Carter. The couple moved to Detroit where he worked for Rockwell International for more than 30 years, retiring in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. Williams then moved from the Detroit area to Ferry Road in Eveline Township in 1974.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City; the Boyne City Friendship

Club and the Advance Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies included fishing, playing cards and having coffee with his friends.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Ada Sue Roberts and her husband Ralph of Dearborn, and Betty Joanne Britton of Eveline Township; five grandchildren, David and Gary Roberts, Robert Britton and his wife Sue, William Britton and his wife Lori and George Britton and his wife Dorine; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Guy Williams of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one sister, Ruby Wilkie of Fayetteville, Ark.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Robert Britton, and 10 brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the Boyne City First Presbyterian Church. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the Stackus Funeral Home.

Cooking

WITH BEA SMITH

AVOCADOS

The avocado is a fruit growing on trees that might reach 60 feet in height; there are many different kinds of avocado trees all grown in sub-tropical countries. They like warm weather the year around, though they can stand a light frost. They are extensively grown in California and Florida. Avocados are also called alligator pears, probably because they are often found growing near the habitat of alligators.

Avocados are high in nutritional value; however, they have been conspicuous by their absence in our modern recipes, mainly because of their high percentage of fat. Yet, the amount of fat we could digest in a few slices of avocado is minimal in comparison with the carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins and protein we receive in a moderate serving of salads and desserts.

In the United States avocados are used principally in salads and desserts. In Central America the fruit is a basic part of the diet. Sometimes we forget that avocados are available the year around; a touch of green any time of the year for salads, appetizers, and main dishes.

Cookbooks published 30 or 40 years ago had many recipes using the avocado. Here are some suggestions from some of those books and pamphlets.

- Toss in green salads using a French dressing.
- Always sprinkle lemon juice on the slices or cubes of avocado so that the green will not turn brown when exposed to air.

- Avocados yield to gentle pressure when ripe; refrigerate after they are ripe and use within three to five days.

- Put slices on top of your next chicken casserole with a sprinkling of paprika and bake the last 20 minutes; beautiful and delicious.

Here is an easy...

CALIFORNIA COCKTAIL

1/2 cup crabmeat chunks
1 avocado
Parsley
1 cup canned or fresh grapefruit sections
3/4 cup chili sauce
Lemon wedges

Drain the grapefruit sections and arrange them in a cocktail glass with the avocado cut in cubes. Top with chunks of crabmeat. Also good as a salad, arranged on a bed of shredded lettuce. Spoon the sauce over and add a sprig of parsley and a lemon wedge. Store in the refrigerator until served.

The above would be delicious using those tiny shrimp in place of the crabmeat and many good cooks are now using the artificial crabmeat. Add a little horseradish to your chili sauce, taste and create!

Now, if you want to impress the girls at your next bridge luncheon, make this main dish salad.

CLUB SALAD

Chill a large salad bowl
For salad, wash, discard bruised leaves, and dry thoroughly:
French Endive
Lettuce
Bibb lettuce
Romaine
(Or you favorite mixture of salad greens)

Using as much of each green as desired, tear into bite-size pieces, enough to yield about 2 quarts. Put into a large plastic bag. Chill at least one hour.

Cut into strips and set aside enough cold cooked chicken and ham to yield:

2 cups cooked chicken strips
2 cups cooked ham strips
Dice and set aside enough celery to yield one cup

Remove salad greens from the refrigerator and put them into the chilled salad bowl. Sprinkle over them a mixture of:

1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Add diced celery and toss lightly until well mixed. Arrange the strips of chicken over one-third of the salad. Then the strips of ham over another one third. Rinse, peel and cut into halves lengthwise one ripe avocado. Slice and arrange over the remaining third of the salad. Using a pastry brush, brush avocado with lemon juice.

When serving be sure that each person receives a portion of chicken, ham, avocado and tossed greens.

Serve with this...

CREAMY LEMON
MAYONNAISE

Mix together:
1 cup mayonnaise

3 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. grated lemon peel
Then fold in about 1/2 cup whipping cream whipped and sweetened or about 1 cup of non-dairy topping.

You can use your variations to this salad. Try it this way; a good dinner salad.

CHEF'S SALAD

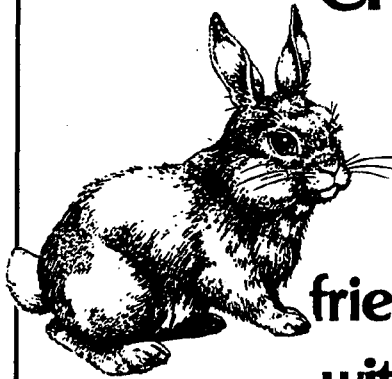
Omit chicken and ham. Add to the seasoned greens two medium sized firm, ripe tomatoes cut in wedges, one peeled and sliced medium sized cucumber and 1/2 cup French dressing. Garnish with avocado slices. Omit the mayonnaise.

We are all familiar with Guscomole Sauce made with mashed avocado, chopped onions, and tomatoes and lemon juice. Let's not forget how good it is with raw veges and all kinds of crackers and chips.

No need for an Easter egg hunt to find extra cash around your home.



With the spring weather, now is the time to plan your yard, garage, basement, or attic sale with the help of the Charlevoix County Press classified section.



Call our office to have a friendly ad person help you with writing your ad. It's only 20 cents per word, so you will be able to afford to reach the local shoppers.

Call 582-6761 between 9:30 and 5:30 Monday through Friday.



Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

It's spring and even animals are looking for love



In the spring animals like this snowshoe rabbit start wandering around out of cover looking mates and fresh food.

BY REG SHARKEY

Unlike most calendar-lookin' people, who go by a date, I can tell by the activity of wildlife, and some people, when spring has arrived in the north country.

Our crows, Black Bart, and his lovey-dovey, back for a couple of weeks now, are showing signs of starting another family. After accepting dog food sandwiches they often perch side by side, nuzzling each other with their stiletto-like bills.

Squirrels, both blacks and grays (one and the same) are pursuing each other in frenzied courtship; and the traveling "salesman" fox squirrels are also on the prowl for mates.

Even the confiding, loveable little chickadees are responding to springs siren song, and territories are being established.

My wife saw two male chickadees in territorial battle, rolling on the deck, locked by talons, pecking each other like midge boxers. And who says those sweet, innocent little fluffs can't get their dander up when spring riles their bile.

And our trio of skunks that wait at the basement window for a handout every night are in the mating mood. My wife observed two of them embraced either in battle or in the throes of mating passion. With no signs of chemical warfare it probably was the latter.

Mallard ducks are beginning to pair off and erratic, aerobic flights are gaining momentum.

Localized giant Canada geese are drifting back. Their resonant honking awakened me a couple mornings ago, and every creek mouth that is cutting into lake shorelines has some waterfowl.

Raccoons are traveling too, with one predominate urge: reproduction.

Oh, yes, so many people rely on the first robin being the harbinger of spring, but they don't realize that some of those worm-snappers stay all winter, and I've been asked how one knows if the robin they see is a migrant or a year round resident.

Now I saw one standing on a snowbank alongside a road the other day and the little blighter was wearing a pair of wee galoshes (overshoes), so I knew he was a year around resident. Without a doubt he was waiting for his love life to get back from Florida.

And those broad jumping snow fleas (springtails) are coming topside in hordes to enjoy the sun's warmth and to make love. They seem to be getting a lot of publicity this spring. They are interesting little critters. Tucking their tales underneath their bellies they pull the trigger and soar for a foot or so, probably in pursuit of a hard to get female.

Even homosapiens are responding to the siren song of spring. Cars are being washed of winter grime, and I've even seen a top down roadster tooling down the road, driven by a young swain, apparently looking for a coy maiden.

And who knows how many rites of spring take place after the sun goes down and the lights go out.

In my book the calendar can't tell it like it is.

BC's Smith named to All-State

Allocades come to those who work hard for four years of playing basketball as Eric Smith learned last week of his being named to the first team All-state Basketball Team for Class C by the Associated Press.

Smith who ended his career with a total of 1,533 points and 814 rebounds for his four years of playing for the Ramblers, was one of six other senior players within the state and three juniors on the mythical team.

The 6 foot 6 inch player has been a team leader since his starting days as a freshman will play his next game in June in the Class B-C-D All Star game.

According to Coach Rob Neu, Smith is a versatile player who could play at the post position or be moved to the perimeter as an outside shooter. Neu also said that the best playing days are still ahead for Smith, who intends to play college basketball, saying he would be good for a Division II team.

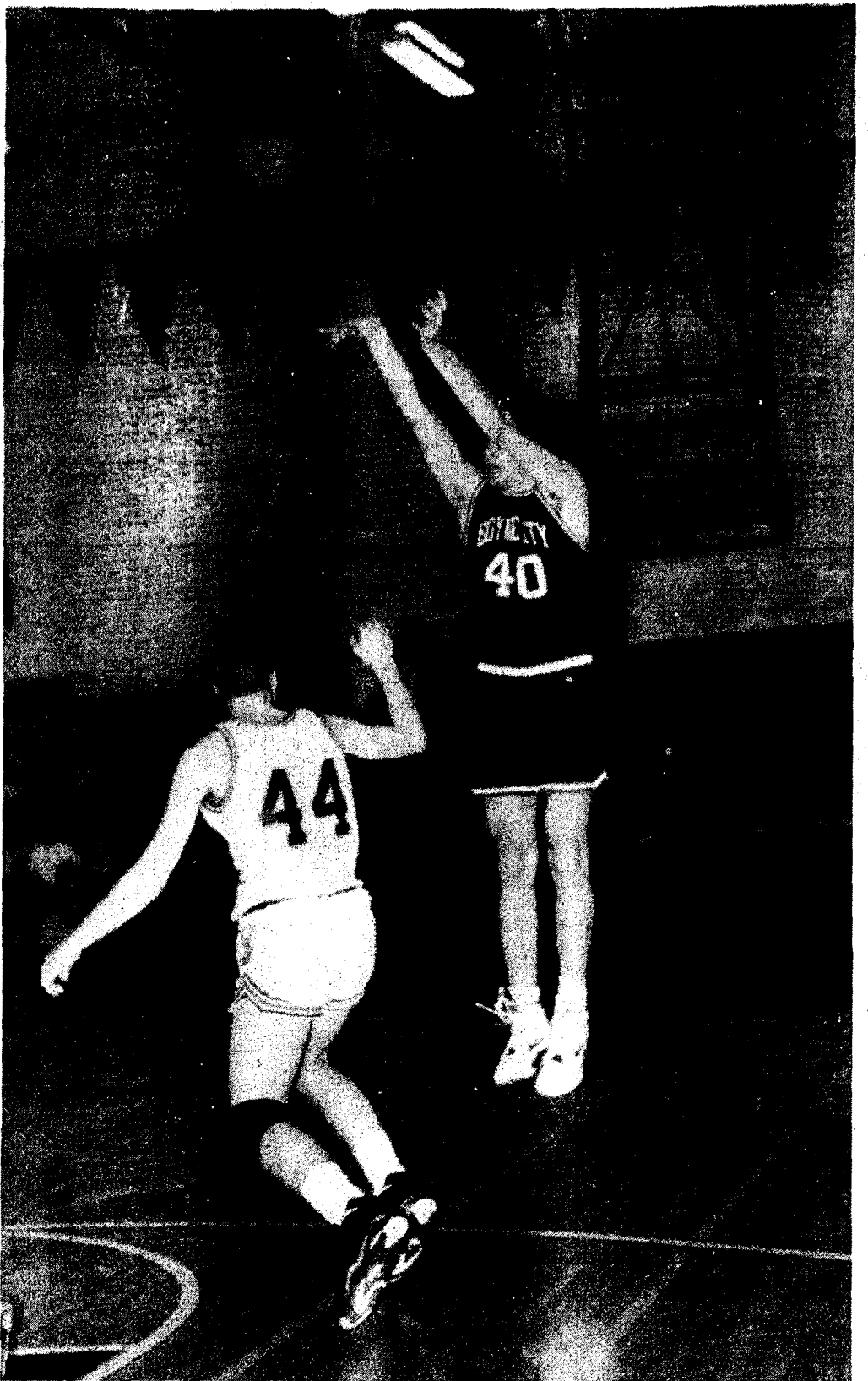
Smith is one of the senior class leaders academically, also, so his getting to play college ball is making him more attractive to college recruiters.

Smith is noted for being a team player, wanting the team to win rather than his getting a certain number of points.

This season, he averaged 26.6 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. He was a 44 percent average shooter of three point attempts and sank 82 percent of the free throw attempts.

Smith helped lead the team to the quarter final playoffs last year and this year took the team into the finals of the regional play at Grayling where the team lost to a strong team from Kingsley.

Neu added that he is going to miss a player of his talent and hopes he can develop several others for next season.



Having a great perimeter shot, Eric Smith let's go with Smith was named to the First Team All-State by the one three-pointer during a game this past season. Associated Press last week.

Coast Guard Aux sets classes for boaters

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1602 will offer a class in "Boating Skills and Seamanship." This is a 13 lesson, elementary course, which will help you gain a broad level of basic knowledge and skills; and can help you operate a vessel more safely.

The course consists of six required classes and seven optional classes. The classes required for successful completion are being held on Mondays, and the optional classes on Thursdays.

Classes will be held weekly, starting Monday, April 8, 7-9 p.m., at the Petoskey High School. Books, study guides and exam cost \$18.00.

Advanced registration is requested. Course size is limited. Call Bill Reddig at 347-8962, Bill Sutton at home 347-6861, business 347-2525 or Roger Tyrrell at 536-2417 for information or to register.

Trophy catches getting exceptional says Hall of Fame

A review of the book of record fish catches qualified in the past year by the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, reveals that exceptional size existing fish catches have again been exceeded during the last year by even larger fish. A hard to believe fact.

A spokesman for the Hall, a non-profit fishing museum and freshwater fish records qualifier, said, "The Hall processed 250 new records in the past year in four world record division, namely: Rod/Reel; Fly Fishing; Pole/Line/No Reel, and Ice Fishing." He furthered that, "of this number of new records set in many of the near 100 species of freshwater fish listed in the 1990 record book, probably 50 of the 250 were exceptional catches." He continued to define 'exceptional catches' as, "fish caught of a size for a particular species that most anglers would consider have reached ultimate weights with a slim chance of ever being beaten."

Hall Director, Ted Dzialo, cited a recent specific outstanding light line catch in the Muskie Conventional Angling listing in the world record book.

"As an example," Dzialo said, "all the existing light line class Muskie records hover in the 40 lb. weights. Fifty pound Muskie catches are rare, yet this past summer, the St. Lawrence River in New York, gave up a 50 lb. 3 oz. Natural Muskie to John Vaughn of Pennsylvania, casting, believe it or not, 8 lb. line."

Records show that the year prior produced a 65 lb. Muskie and another 59 lbs. 11 ozs., out of Canadian waters in the Power Trolling Division of the Muskie

classification, again exceeding large fish of the year before.

Another large catch clocked by an Oklahoma angler, which broke that states' record for Blue Catfish and a Hall 17 lb. line class world record of a 70 lb. Cat, was the catch of an 84 pounder this past November.

In other large Catfish species, the 20 lb. class of Flathead or Mud Cat of a respectable 60 lbs. was topped in September by a 65 pounder.

Giant Walleyes showed off in 1990 with new listings of 17 lbs. 3 ozs. out of West Virginia, and 15 lb. 2 oz. fish out of Wisconsin, topping what were existing records of large catches.

In the Largemouth Bass category, giant Bass of 18 lbs. on a 6 lb. line, and 21 lbs. on 10 lb. line,

both out of California shook up the record book during the past year.

A 50 lb. Inland Striped Bass commanded the 15 lb. line class, while a one pound Grass Pickerel filled and all-tackle (heaviest) class for that species.

"No, it's not a joke," the Hall records department said, "the Grass Pickerel species record laid vacant for years waiting for a minimum weight fish to be entered. Grass Pickerel of the required one pound to qualify are scarce."

"The challenge is there. Big fish yet exist," the Hall records staff emphasized. For further records information write: National Fishing Hall of Fame, Box 93, Hall of Fame Drive, Hayward, Wisconsin, 54843, or call 715/634-4440.

TC Ski Coach named teacher of year

Donald H. Dunsmore, 1962 graduate of Boyne City High School, was honored March 21, 1991 as Traverse City Teacher of the Year.

Those attending the awards program from Boyne City were Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Parks and Mrs. Kathy Fruge.

Also attending was Mr. Richard H. Dunsmore of Redford Township along with Miss Jennifer Dunsmore, Michigan State University and friend Tony Olson.

After the awards program the family had dinner at Bill's Dills where many of Don's friends had gathered.

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NOTICE
Special Election April 9, 1991

Absentee ballots for residents of the Boyne City School District are available at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Superintendent's office will close at 12:00 noon on March 29, 1991 (Good Friday). The last day that absentee ballots will be available at the Superintendent's office is Saturday, April 6, 1991 (the hours will be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.). The election will be held in the Boyne City Middle School on Tuesday, April 9, 1991. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Billie R. Reinhardt
Secretary, Board of Education

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