



possible to the public and to our Regional Offices, Brokers and Sales Associates...a philosophy that extends throughout our organization.

"Any deviation from this philosophy is immediately checked, whether it be at International Headquarters, a Regional Office, or by one of the Brokers or Sales Associates. We insist on professionalism. We insist on outstanding service. And, that's why we've grown so fast. And, that's why Century 21 is an elite organization of independent businesspeople who recognize the need for exceptional service to the consumer."

In 1977 almost 250,000 American and Canadian families were moved by Century 21. This year (1978) an estimated 3.75 million homes will change ownership in North America, and Century 21, according to growth figures and projections, will handle about 10 per cent of these homes.

Front-lining these impressive real estate transactions for Century 21 are more than 6,000 affiliated, independently owned real estate offices utilizing the talents of more than 55,000 sales associates, Bartlett said.

Collectively, these offices accounted for real estate transactions amounting to more than \$10 billion in gross sales in 1977, and more than \$15 billion in gross sales by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1978.

The pattern of Century 21 successes has created "new thinking" within the real estate industry as it moves into an era when perhaps "a dozen" real estate organizations will service the bulk of all home sales in North America before the end of 1980, Bartlett projected.

Meanwhile, Century 21 continues moving confidently toward its original goal of 10,000 offices in North America by the early 1980's.

At the current stage of development approximately 150 new offices are added each month, while almost as many are turned down because they do not meet the high standards established by Century 21, Bartlett explained.

### Century 21 —

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carefully and intelligently into the largest real estate sales organization in the world.

"There is a reason we have been so successful, and why each Century 21 salesperson is known as a 'Neighborhood Professional,'" noted Art Bartlett, president of Century 21 Real Estate Corporation. "That reason is based on our philosophy of giving more than is expected of us."

Century 21 was born and bred in consumerism, Bartlett said, and it is our obligation to give the most professional service

### Threaten —

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Following the first two incidents, threatening phone calls were received at the Woods home and North Webster police station.

At approximately 9 p.m. Sunday, Officers Woods and Winters were on a routine check of the North Webster sewage plant. Winters was seated in the car and Woods was making a security check on foot. Shots were fired at the two men.

Within minutes, police officers from the county, state, and Syracuse were combing the area.

Again, at 8:08 p.m. on Monday a single gun blast was fired at the Woods home. The policeman immediately summoned assistance and fellow officers

### Stackhouse to Russia

Marion Stackhouse, a former Milford vocational teacher, is scheduled to participate in an agriculture trade mission to the Soviet Union, October 4-18.

Stackhouse, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. and six other agriculture officials will visit the spring wheat belt in Siberia, a grain research center in Kazakhstan and the rich farm area near Rostov.

The object of the mission is to facilitate trade between the United States and Russia through the exchange of economic and trade information, according to a Farm Bureau news release.

Upon leaving Moscow, the group will go to Geneva, Switzerland, for briefings on multi-lateral trade negotiations.

from around the county responded within minutes, sealing off the area and setting up road blocks.

The search continued for two hours with no suspects being apprehended.

Woods stated, "I have been expecting something like this to happen. In my opinion, it is definitely drug-related."

Officer Woods is a native of Kosciusko County, and will be attending the police academy in January, 1979. He became interested in police work after some association with the Warsaw Hot Line and the Riverwood Ranch Home for Boys.

He said, "I like people and I like working with them and helping them, especially young people."

North Webster Town Marshal Charles Parker and Woods were quick to note, "Nobody is scared. We are more aware and providing more patrol. This sort of thing encourages us to press harder for good law enforcement efforts," says Field.

Concerning electrical hazards:

# Fire prevention week

On the average, fire claims the lives of some 30 people and destroys or damages more than 1,800 homes, nearly 100 school buildings, 13 churches, almost 300 stores and restaurants, and nearly 85 farm buildings each day in the United States.

These are statistics assembled by the National Fire Protection Association, says Bill Field, Purdue University extension safety specialist, and they warrant our thoughtful consideration.

"Every year, in October, we observe Fire Prevention Week in this nation to remind Americans of the terrible loss that fire inflicts and the importance of fire prevention," says Field. "Initiated in 1922 by President Warren G. Harding, Fire Prevention Week has been proclaimed by every president since that time for the week which includes Oct. 9. Oct. 9th is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 which marked the real beginning of community efforts to prevent fires."

Studies indicate that the major causes of fires relate to electricity and smoking habits. Homeowners, apartment dwellers, businessmen and farmers are urged to consider the following in their fire prevention efforts, says Field.

Concerning electrical hazards:

Keep an eye out for frayed or cracked insulation and loose connections on all electrical appliances, tools and extension cords. This includes extension cords and lamp cords which may be out of sight.

When making any electrical repair, it should be permanent rather than temporary. Never tape over frayed or brittle insulation. Instead, replace the entire cord or make an approved splice to remove the damaged section.

Running an extension cord under rugs or operating a high amperage appliance on a long or light-duty cord can be very hazardous. Install outlets which eliminate the need for long extension cords or the use of high amperage appliances on such cords.

Keep the area clean around fuse boxes. This can save a good deal of frustration if a blown fuse puts the lights out. Throw away all burned-out fuses and check others to insure only the proper size fuses are being used. Generally, only 15 ampere fuses should be used on all but special heavy duty circuits.

If any permanent wiring is attempted, be sure it conforms to local codes and to the standards of the National Electrical Code.

Concerning Smoking Hazards:

"Tens of thousands of fires are caused each year by careless

smokers," says Field. "Smokers who flip their lit cigarette butts and hot matches into trash containers, out of windows onto the byways, or leave them laying on furniture are a menace to themselves and a threat to others," he adds.

Common sense tells us to dispose of smoking materials properly; but cigarettes, matches, and lighters continue as the leading causes of fires in buildings throughout the United States, says the specialist.

Children playing with matches and cigarette lighters are responsible for an average of 67,000 fires a year in this country. Out of reach, out of sight should be the rule for young children with respect to matches, lighters and other highly flammable materials, says Field.

Every family should take time during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14, to review fire safety procedures around the home and to rehearse what each member should do in case of fire during the day or night. It is also a good time to check the garage, other storage areas, and the house itself for any flammable materials or poor electrical units which need attention.

"Learn Not Burn" is the theme for the week, and every individual should work to apply this thought to every week in the year.



AWARDED MEDAL — First Lieutenant Stanley Bielecki Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bielecki, Jr., 432 N. Lake Blvd., Lindenwood, N.J. has been awarded the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Thule Air Base, Greenland. Bielecki, a space systems operations officer, was cited for meritorious service at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Now assigned at Thule, he serves with a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

Mrs. Rebecca Bielecki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Scott, Sr., 410 E. Washington, Goshen.

### August report given by Meek

Indiana State Police at Ligonier Post have announced the following end of the month report for the month of August on the activities in Kosciusko County.

Indiana State Police worked a total of 895 hours, patrolling 527.3 miles. Police investigated 15 accidents and effected 214 arrests. In warnings, state police issued 124 and arrested one criminal. Seventy motorists were assisted and three were arrested for driving under the influence.

F-Sergeant Robert Meeks, District Commander, reports that four troopers and one sergeant were responsible for the above work.

The officers conducted eight criminal investigations which resulted in the arrests of two persons.

Seventeen persons have been fatally injured in rural accidents in Kosciusko County during the first eight months of 1978 as compared to 14 persons during this same period in 1977.



In 1925 it was possible to buy an automobile for as little as \$260!

### Milford EMS seeks \$18,000

Brock Manufacturing of Milford started the ball rolling with the first \$1,000 donation for the new equipment for the Milford Emergency Services.

Here is the true story of a pioneer woman who chose to stay with her dying husband rather than go with rescuers. It is a moving story of courage and devotion. And it makes real, as nothing else I've ever read, the harsh and beautiful experience of crossing America by covered wagon.

The story begins in 1846 when John Donner and his wife Tamsen packed their children into a covered wagon and headed off for California.

They thought of the trip as a pleasant summer holiday. They expected to arrive within months.

But the spring grew into summer. And then fall. They lost animals and water. They left their prized possessions by the trail. Then, in the last mountains before their destination, brutal blizzard struck their train. After months a rescue party arrived and saved many, including the Donner children. But John Donner was mortally wounded. And his wife refused to leave him.

In the spring, rescuers found his body carefully wrapped in a clean white sheet. She was never found.

Poet Ruth Whitman has done a breathtaking job of recreating the lost diary of Tamsen Donner. Retracing the actual route of the Donner train, she has captured the land, and makes it come alive on the pages. She has also captured much of what Tamsen must have felt as the journey unfolded from its joyful beginnings to its tragic end. I wish I had space to quote the whole thing to you. Here is a passage which I'm sure will ring true to anyone who has ever prepared for the death of someone they love: "How can I part with my sustaining love... who nooned me in the shade/ and fed me at sunset/ the darks and lights in his eyes/ playing over me like sun and clouds/ on a light-hearted summer afternoon. How can I learn to sleep without his shoulder/ to bed down my griefs? The sun stays hidden/ for months the sky has wept its snow."

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Soon they had succeeded beyond their greatest expectations.

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By November of 1974 the ambulance had been purchased and put into service — the first volunteer service in Kosciusko County.

By the following year they had remodeled a donated building and had a place to store their ambulance and equipment

as well as a place to train and for office use. Again, this was accomplished with lots of volunteer help and community support.

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per year over the past four years and although there is a charge for the ambulance runs, they never collect enough from service to pay the expenses and to buy additional equipment. The Milford EMS continues to receive donations from organizations, individuals, industries and money twice from Van Buren Township revenue sharing. In addition, the town of Milford and Van Buren Township alternate in paying the insurance expenses. A grant has been received from Leesburg for partial coverage of Leesburg and Plain Township.

The unit has added to its equipment, purchased more radios and paid monthly expenses (telephone, lights, vehicle maintenance, etc.) and hasn't asked for tax revenues. None of the EMTs have ever received any compensation for their hundreds of hours of duty and responding to calls.

Persons wishing to mail donations should send them to the following address:

Milford Emergency Services, Inc.  
Box 613  
Milford, Ind. 46542

### Volunteer Group

The idea was formed four and one-half years ago to start an emergency ambulance service for Milford and the surrounding area. Thirteen people from Milford attended an EMS training school that was being offered in Warsaw and came home with their certificates after completing an 81 hour course and passing a difficult state medical exam.

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