

Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Jack Hool, a native of the area who spends his summers in Cass City and the rest of the time teaching and coaching at Assumption High School in Windsor, brought his team to town Saturday.

The purpose was for a practice with the Cass City Red Hawks. It was nip and tuck with the edge going to Cass City.

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Sometimes you can fight city hall and win. Jim Schwanitz, manager of B&W Auto Sales did it. Schwanitz owns a plot of land in Huron county. Its assessed value was raised from \$1,700 to \$12,150 in 1977. He appealed to the equalization board, which made a note of it. Next he appeared before the board of review, which lowered the assessment to \$5,500.

Still believing the valuation was unjust he took his case to the Michigan Tax Tribunal last Tuesday and, voila! The assessment was returned to the amount that it was before the huge increase.

That saves Schwanitz about \$350 in taxes. Which is the good news. The bad news is the time it took appearing before the various taxing agencies to present his case. There's no getting the money that cost back.

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A milestone was passed last July and it slipped by and we didn't even notice it. It was in July that Thelma Jackson marked 25 years writing the Holbrook news for the Chronicle.

During that period I can recall her missing an issue because of vacation. There may have been others but you could count them on one hand.

And in all those years each week's news has been complete from the area she covers.

She has had much to do with the excellent circulation that the Chronicle has achieved in that area.

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It's evident from all those stories reported each week about the timber thieves that firewood is at a premium. Let me tell you wood burners that I know where there is a large tree that is available for the cutting.

It's in the Haire yard. It is close to the house and care will be needed.

All this came about when I quizzed Jim McDonald about taking it down. It was suggested that someone would be happy to cut it for the firewood.

Remember, if you are first to get permission, that along with the permission comes the responsibility for replacing my roof or any damage to the house that occurs when the tree falls.

A weighty loss

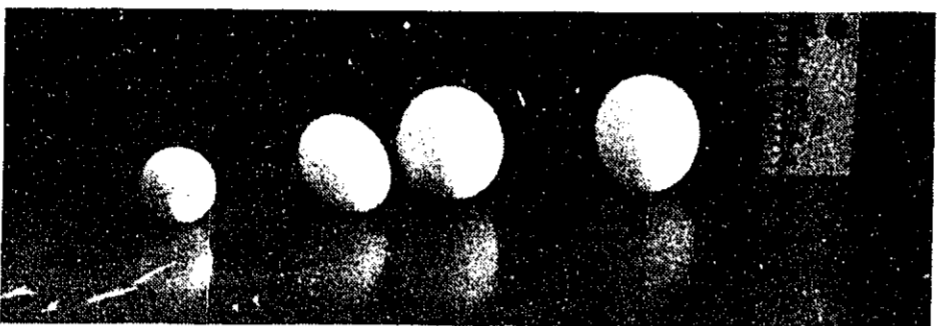
Can't lose weight? Consider the case of Paul M. Kimmelman of Pittsburgh. On Dec. 25, 1966, he weighed 487 pounds. He went on a crash diet of 300-

to-600 calories a day. By August 1967, he had slimmed down to 130 pounds—a total loss of 357 pounds. He later stabilized his weight at 175 pounds.

The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	23	-3	0
Thursday	22	-9	trace
Friday	20	-12	trace
Saturday	21	-14	0
Sunday	24	-14	0
Monday	28	-15	trace
Tuesday	30	-15	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)
* (Snow recorded as melted water - 10 in. snow - 1 in. water)



LITTLE EGGS -- Ernest Periso's 2-year-old Leghorn hen had been laying regular size eggs, but then laid eight tiny ones, four of which are shown here. It hasn't laid any since. The smallest was only three-quarters of an inch in diameter; the largest, 1 1/4-inch. Periso lives at 2434 Kingston Road, Kingston.

Novesta electors to decide purchase

Novesta township residents will be asked at the annual township meeting in late March or early April to decide whether the Novesta Church of Christ building should be purchased as the new township hall.

The building is on Cemetery Road, surrounded on three sides by the township cemetery.

The Church of Christ has a new and larger building under construction across the road. The present township hall is located on the west edge of Deford.

The opportunity to purchase the present church building was discussed by the township board Monday evening with Keith Little, chairman of the church board.

Advantage of the purchase, according to township Supervisor Bill O'Dell, is that it would provide a

central location, with more facilities for public use than the present township hall.

The church is asking \$20,000 for the building, the value at which it has been appraised, according to Little. He pointed out it has running water and restrooms, which the present township hall doesn't have.

The suggestion to let electors decide at the annual meeting whether to buy the building was offered by Treasurer Everett Field, and agreed to by the rest of the board.

Also at the meeting, the board met with county Commissioner Royce Russell and discussed political, financial and other matters at the county and state levels.

Several persons present expressed the feelings con-

cerning county and state spending, property taxes, etc.

In a matter tabled from the January meeting, the board voted not to change the zoning of certain property along Kelly Road from the present light industry and commercial to the requested residential. The property is in the southwest quarter of Section 4.

Appointment of a new sexton was tabled until the March 3 meeting.



"If It Fitz..." Bathtub interviews

By Jim Fitzgerald

My friend Ralph worries about my success as a newspaper columnist. Recently he read that Chicago columnist Irv Kupcinet interviewed Detroit's Mayor Young in the nude. This upset Ralph considerably.

"Young is the mayor of your city," Ralph said. "Why did he strip for a Chicago columnist? Why didn't he do it for you?"

This was an embarrassing question for me to answer. I've never even interviewed Mayor Young with his sleeves rolled up. Every time I see him, he's wearing a three-piece suit. It never occurred to me to suggest that we take a bath together.

That's what happened for the Kupcinet interview. Mayor Young was in the steam, whirlpool and sauna baths at the LaCosta (Calif.) Hotel and Spa, and Kupcinet splashed in beside him. The columnist later reported, exclusively, that Young asked him: "Where do you carry your pencil and pad?"

Kupcinet also quoted Young as saying, "A mayor must emphasize the positive, not the negative."

Certainly it is a positive thing for Detroit that its mayor can afford to go to California to take a bath. He probably flew on to Hawaii to dry himself. A city's citizens should be proud that its leader accomplishes his toilet in such a classy manner. No one wants a mayor who takes a bus to Trenton, N.J., to wash his face. But why did the mayor of Detroit bathe with a columnist from Chicago?

That's why my friend Ralph wanted to know. "It makes Detroit columnists look bad when their mayor bares all to a columnist from another city. Is there some reason Mayor Young doesn't want to get in the same bath water with you?"

I had to admit that whenever the mayor leaves town to take a bath, he never tells the local press where he is going. He just puts on his three-piece terrycloth suit and takes off. His aides, left behind to protect his office from invasion by the City Council, will never confirm the exact location of the mayor's tub. Detroit newspapers are forced to specu-

late, quote unnamed sources close to the mayor's rubber duck and print such unsatisfactory news reports as: "Mayor Young was unavailable for comment on the city's loss of \$2 billion in federal aid. He is reportedly taking a bath in LaCosta, Calif., from where he is expected to deliver his annual State of the City address."

It isn't believed that Mayor Young's refusal to bathe with his hometown press is based on hygienic considerations. On the surface, at least, there is no evidence Irv Kupcinet is any cleaner than I am, and he doesn't appear any better equipped to carry pencil and pad without the aid of pockets. Also, I am immodest enough to suggest Kupcinet displaces more water than I do, which is certainly a factor any mayor should consider when inviting the press to a slosh in the tub.

So, if there is no danger of Detroit journalists leaving a ring around his sauna, why does Mayor Young snub them in favor of giving bathtub interviews to the out-of-town press? I don't know for sure, but I think his reason has something to do with the time he took an ocean cruise and a Detroit newspaper printed that the mayor and his companion signed aboard as Mr. and Mrs. when they really weren't. The mayor may have thought this was a rather childish way to treat consenting adults, and he

may have decided right then to never place himself in a position where a Detroit writer could see all his warts. Obviously, such a decision would keep me out of the mayor's bathtub.

My friend Ralph accepted this explanation, but he remained worried about the possible damage to my career. "It looks bad that a Chicago columnist can take a bath with the mayor of Detroit, but a Detroit columnist can't. Kupcinet said this was his first nude interview, so he has obviously never bathed with the mayor of Chicago. A Detroit columnist could save a lot of face by taking a bath with the mayor of Chicago."

It seems like a pretty good way to catch up with Kupcinet. There should be no difficulty because the Chicago mayor is a woman, Jane Byrne. If the law says sports reporters can't be barred from men's locker rooms simply because they are women, certainly the same principle of civil rights must be applied to male political reporters who want a bathtub interview with a female mayor.

My next step will be to contact Mayor Byrne's press secretary, who is married to her. I'll request a bathtub interview with his boss concerning her recent face-lift and adjacent subjects. If Mayor Byrne has as much class as Mayor Young, she'll meet me at a spa in Switzerland. I hope I can get from here to there on a bus.

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Rev. Kidney is an ordained minister, has served as pastor for 16 years, Regional Youth Director 5 years, and has served as dean of Boy's Camp. He is equipped to provide Gospel Magic, having presented magic to Vacation Bible Schools, banquets, rallies, Sunday Schools, and a Christmas Program for a Veteran's Hospital. Magic will be a part of most or all services.

He also comes fresh from a recent trip to the Holy Land. The Mizpah congregation cordially invites the public to join with them in this joyous time of spiritual revival.

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The name escapes me but the man lingers on. Balding, with wire rim glasses and neat business suit, the slim figure standing in front of the class telling naive freshmen how it really is. It took years before how great a course it was began to sink in.

A taskmaster, that was the course that students in the know avoided at all cost. The good doctor believed that grades should be earned. If you aceed his course you should think seriously of taking at least a minor in history, maybe a major.

After a term with him I saw plainly that my future was not in the history department where he served as dean.

It was a time of unrest in the country. War was on the horizon. Nationalism, or patriotism if you prefer, was rampant.

I can hear him yet. If you want to predict how nations react, look for what their basic best interests are. They always act to protect them, he'd say.

Then he'd tick off some of the basics. Russia wants a warm water port. United States wants to protect its sphere of influence in the east. Germany wants control of the Ruhr.

There wasn't much said about the spread of democracy or halting the spread of communism in that class. Basically what I gathered from the three months in the course was that this was propaganda without real

substance in the long run. I've reflected many times about what I was exposed to in that course. The conclusion is inescapable. The professor was right then and he's right today.

Our enemies in World War II, Japan and Germany, are our friends. Our ally in that war, Russia, is now our enemy.

England and the United States have remained partners through the last four major conflicts, but that's because our national interests coincide now. Remember, in our brief 200-year history we fought three wars with England.

A few months ago the most vocal of aroused Americans wanted to go into Iran and teach them a lesson. At the very least drop a few well placed bombs to show them that they monkey with the good old USA at their peril.

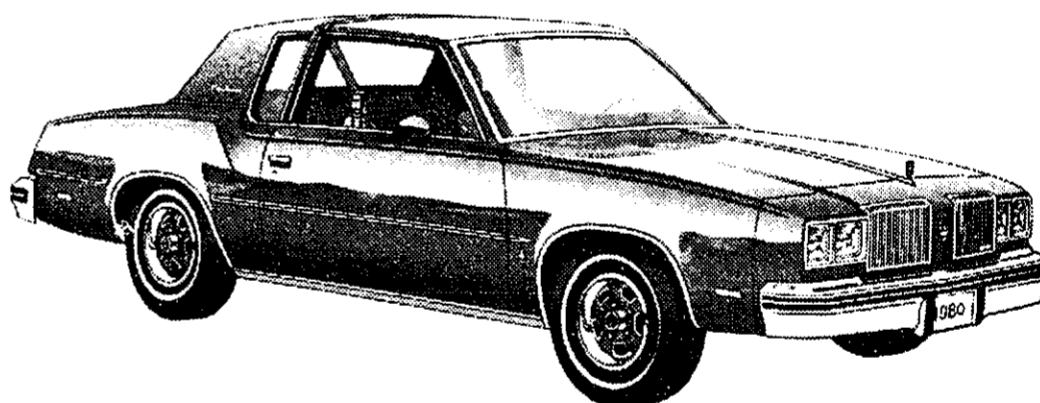
If you buy the professor's theory, that just won't happen. It's not in our best interest to get into a fracas with Iran. It's basic that we need the oil coming out of the middle east. Nearly have to have it.

Now if Russia or any other country really threatens our supply, that's serious. That's the stuff that all-out war is made of.

The hostages are rightfully a concern of all Americans and the country has been united by their plight.

The hostages could be that trigger that throws us into a conflict, but the gun is the oil that's basic to the country.

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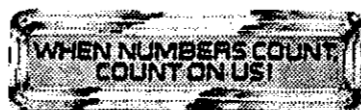
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