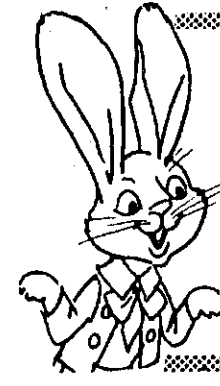


EVENING WITH the Arts last Thursday at Cass City High School featured music, displays and other entertainment. Viewing some of the art works on display were, from left, Ruth Zmierski, Marla Zmierski, Shirley and Dick Shaw and John Zmierski.



"MY DARLING CLEMENTINE" was the title of one of the skits performed during the Evening With the Arts. Performing it were, from left, Brian Warford, Deb Mitchell, Teresa Zmierski, Carol Dillon and Michelle Pratt.



Rabbit Tracks

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

Larry Hartwick has decided to cash in on his lifelong love for fishing and he recently became a charter boat captain. To be eligible to take charters the boat must pass a rigid safety inspection. My spies tell me that Larry did that the other day and the boat passed the test with flying colors. It was a case of the operation being a tremendous success while the patient died. When he placed the boat back in the water it promptly sank. You know what happened . . . someone forgot to replace the drain plug.

Big winners at the Lions car raffle Monday were Mrs. Mary Rabideau and Ken Eisinger. They split the top prize. In the interest of accurate reporting I should report that the big loser was this writer of trivia. I not only lost on my original ticket but also on a second ticket that I purchased together with a couple of other guys who shouldn't have been listening when I was talking about the purchase. The names of the other members of this ill-fated company are withheld. I figure I've done enough by talking them into buying the second chance.

Incidentally, regular readers will recall that last week at this time there were 22 tickets left. Lions members went to work and sold out the remainder before the bash Monday.

The slowdown in the northern Lower Peninsula is for real. Despite ideal weather there were vacancies galore in even the best of the motels. Coming back on M-66, a well travelled state highway, but not an expressway, I clocked the time that elapsed before I met an approaching car. I did it only once and that time three minutes, 25 seconds passed before another car appeared. Guessing, I'd say that we didn't meet a car a minute on that road on a Sunday afternoon and I can't ever remember a situation like that in the last 10 years.

The traffic picked up considerably when we neared the Bay City area, indicating perhaps that folks are still taking off on Sundays but staying closer to home.

The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	62	44	.16
Thursday	72	34	.01
Friday	78	36	0
Saturday	76	36	0
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Tuesday	76	36	.01

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Local high school students display artistic talents

Cass City High School students "showed their stuff" last Thursday evening to parents, brothers and sisters and others at their annual Evening with the Arts. The program consisted of live performances plus exhibits of works by students in the industrial education, home economics, art and drafting classes. The Concert Band began the evening with performances of "Gallant Men," "English Master's Suite," "Brian's Song" and "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken." The Symphony Band followed, which performed "The Fairest of the Fair," "Ballet Parisien," "Tanglewood" and selections from

"Rocky." Both bands were directed by Thomas Clair. Presentation of the Winner's Circle Awards for creative writing followed. Winners in the division for freshmen and sophomores were: Short story -- 1) Kevin Downing, 2) Julie Vargo, 3) Kevin Shaw.

Poetry -- 1) Julie Vargo, 2) Joe Decker, 3) Scott Hobart. Non-fiction -- 1) Jamie Fox, 2) Mark Wilson, 3) Katha Cleland. Winners in the division for juniors and seniors were: Short story -- 1) Kevin Wagg, 2) Melanie Hayes, 3) Caroline Swart. Poetry -- 1) Jane Hobart,

2) Dave Shaw, 3) Dave Shaw. Non-fiction -- 1) Karen Wallace, 2) Lori Ziehm, 3) Lori Ewald. After the presentation of awards came "That's Entertainment," performance of various skits. The evening concluded with choral performances by the choir and vocal ensemble, directed by Jim Hobbs.

The Haire Net

When travelling, it's wise not to lose your luggage. It's especially wise not to lose it in Canada. Nearly a year ago Nordair Airlines lost a fishing tackle box of mine and I'm still trying to settle the claim. Now I believe all those horror stories that veteran travellers tell about. Let me start at the beginning. The return from Chibogamau to Montreal is on Nordair, and it was here that the box was lost. Total value is \$175. In blissful ignorance, figuring that the box would catch up with me in a day or so, I filled out the claim at Montreal. For two months I heard nothing. Finally I wrote Nordair. After about a month the answer came. The box was given to Vet's Taxi and I undoubtedly had it by now. The letter was just a formality to verify it. The return letter was ignored and more months passed. Now the situation is getting serious. I invest in a call to Montreal. Vet's Taxi has the box and we have the

receipt to show for it, says the claim agent. See Vet's. Now the blood pressure is rising and I explain that my claim check is not against Vet's but Nordair and I'd like the box or the money. Several more months pass. Nothing. An advertising pitch comes from the Canadian tourist department inviting me back to Canada. My letter to this department invites them to help Nordair find my fishing box or my money. At last a response from Nordair. The box was turned over by Vet's to Greyhound and Greyhound is checking for it. Meanwhile, what was the contents of the box? After about 10 months they want an inventory. Okay, there were flies, there were reels, there were lures . . . there was \$175 worth of fishing equipment. A Greyhound supervisor tells me that there are a couple of places that they may look to find the box yet. She says, "I have the inventory and you'll be hearing from us with the box or the money in 10 days or so."

That was two or three weeks ago. I have yet to hear from Nordair. I did hear from Greyhound. They wanted a list of the contents of the fishing box. Do I need to tell you that my reply to the bus company was, at best, curt and to the point? I pointed out that I had no claim against Greyhound. My claim is against Nordair. I pointed out that a list of the missing stuff was given to Nordair's claim department and if they wanted it, check with the airline. And that's the way it stands. No money, no box. There's always a silver lining. It could have been my cane rod that came up missing. That cost 50 bucks some 25 years ago. The way the airline figures it would be depreciated out by now and not worth much of anything. In reality it's worth a minimum of \$150 now and probably more. I shudder to think of the chance I took when I checked it with the rest of my luggage. If that came up missing I'd really be out the rod and most of the cash. In other words if the fishing rod were gone I'd be in the same boat as I am now with my claim against Nordair for the tackle box. Zilch.

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