



Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Sometimes you can't win for losing. The Cass City Rotary Club is nearing completion of an exercise trail at Cass City Recreational Park.

Signs pointing the way and telling of the various exercises have been posted for about two weeks. One of the signs has been vandalized.

Jeff Prieskorn, Cass City, was eliminated in the third round of the Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament last week.

If you are not a golfer you don't know just how great that is. The tournament features the finest players in the state. Perhaps 150 (I'm guessing) start and play 36 holes. The top 64 qualify for match play. Match play means you must win more holes of an 18-hole match to advance. One defeat and out.

Getting into the third round means that only 16 of the state's best amateurs were left when Jeff bowed out.

Not surprisingly Pepsi won the blind test over Coke in a test conducted in Cass City and pictured elsewhere in this issue.

Is it just general contrariness of all reporters that Jim Iseler, Chronicle staffer, preferred Coke?

Editor Mike Eliasohn returned to the copy desk after a 10-day jaunt to England. He returned (naturally) with copies of several of the best London newspapers. He also sent a post card and (naturally) beat it home.

Just when I start to lament that we have slipped from winter to summer without much spring at all I remember last Thursday. Temperatures of 88 are better than 38 any old day.



Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Campbell

A Methodist church in Alden, Mich., was the setting for the June 10 marriage of Bertha Wills and Clayton Campbell, both of Ubly.

Pastor Criss Schrader of the Alden Methodist church performed the ceremony.

Deanna Stambaugh, Mrs. Wills' daughter by a previous marriage, and son-in-

law Donald served as maid of honor and best man. Both are from Spiro, Okla.

The bride wore a pink rose corsage and the groom wore a matching boutonniere.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurshal Magee of Bellaire.

The couple honeymooned at Niagara Falls.



SILVER SALUTE -- Jean Clarke, left, receives her state Silver Salute certificate for excellence in community leadership from Doris Wetters, assistant director of Extension for Family Living Education Programs of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. (MSU photo)

Jean Clarke honored for long service

Cass City resident Jean Clarke is one of three women in the state recognized for excellence in community leadership at College Week this year.

She was nominated for the state Silver Salute Award by the Greenleaf Extension Study Group for her outstanding community service. She has served as township treasurer, 4-H leader, ambulance board member and co-host for an extension citizenship tour to Washington, D.C.

Announcement of her award came during ceremonies June 17 on the Michigan State University campus.

She has attended College Week for several years, has led local Extension study groups and is a member of the regional Health System Agency Board.

She and her husband, Lyle, have five children.

The two other women who received Silver Salute honors this year are Mildred Davison of Port Huron, and Mildred Schultz of Coloma.



"If It Fitz..." A chauvinist myth?

By Jim Fitzgerald

"Did anyone at work tell you that you looked nice today?" the wife asked the husband.

She is always asking him that. And he always has to answer that no one even noticed he was wearing a new suit. Where he works, the women are always telling each other they look nice, even when they're wearing denim overalls and spike-heel shoes. But no one ever admires the men's clothing out loud.

The husband has studied this phenomenon for many years and in several different locations. His conclusion is that one of the differences between male and female is that women are always saying "I just love your blouse" to each other, but no man alive has ever told another man his shirt is lovable.

This conclusion angers the wife. "You are saying women are more vain than men, and that's just another male chauvinist myth," she says. "Everyone knows men look in the mirror just as much as women do, and they spend more money in barber shops than women spend in beauty shops."

This type of anti-chauvinist argument irks the husband, not because it's specious, but because it's irrelevant. He doesn't claim men are less vain than women. He simply claims men don't tell each other they look nice, but women do.

The husband doesn't know why this is true, anymore than he knows why it's now fashionable for women to wear high heels with long or short pants. For him, it

seems like yesterday that only the dumbest women in town wore high-heel shoes at the same time they wore slacks or shorts. He can remember his daughters covertly pointing at these unstylish women in the supermarket and giggling. He can remember when this type of costume was a foolproof way for prostitutes to advertise their profession.

But today, grandmothers go to church in Levis, tottering on spike heels. The husband says this is the same as a man wearing spats with his tennis shorts. Sometimes he says this to people who don't know what spats are, which sends the husband back to the rest home in search of warm milk.

Anyway, his research has revealed that a woman occasionally tells a man she likes his tie and that a man will sometimes tell a woman he likes her dress. But most usually the clothing compliments are strictly between females, never between males.

This doesn't bug the husband one bit. He has seen women spend entire evenings talking about nothing except their clothing. He doesn't think this makes them inferior to males, just different. With a dismaying lack of originality, the husband says vive la difference. He would hate to waste time talking about some guy's trousers when there are so many more important things to discuss in these troubled times, especially during the baseball season.

It is the wife who is bothered when no one compliments her husband's new outfit. When he returns home from work to report another day of no praise for his pants, she is distraught. The husband doesn't mind that his wife has such a proprietary interest in his clothes. It's a price he's glad to pay, rather than go shopping without her. He is depressed by most men's stores, which offer all the verve and excitement of a funeral parlor. If left to make his own decisions, he buys the first thing the salesman shows him, just to get out of the place before they say the rosary.

And when he gets home, the wife never likes what he bought. It's much easier to take her along for large purchases that require the husband's body for fitting and to let her choose all the tie-shirt accessories while he waits in the poolroom. The only drawback is that she becomes peeved when her selections don't get rave reviews from his peers, and she won't accept his explanation that men are different from women and don't gush over each other's lapels.

For the husband, it is a conundrum not yet solved. A conundrum is the problem faced by a man who always dresses for dinner, but has lost his spats, and his milk is getting cold.

On the average, an American ate about one-half pound of chicken a year forty years ago. Today he eats 37 pounds a year.

Loss estimated at \$1,000 each in 2 area fires

The fire wasn't unusual, but the way it started was.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 in a tool shed fire Sunday afternoon extinguished by Elmwood township-Gagetown firemen. Owner of the shed on Cedar Run Road was Floyd Werde-

man. Cause of the fire, according to Fire Chief Chuck Wright, was worn electrical wiring. What caused the wire to wear was a hand saw hanging on a nail with the wiring running behind it. Wind blew the saw back and forth, causing it to rub against the wire and gradually wearing it away.

The 30-by-70 foot shed was metal over a wood frame. The only structural repair needed, Wright said, was replacing a window and the wiring in the end where the damage occurred and some painting. Some tools were destroyed. A pickup inside was not damaged.

The fire was discovered by a passing motorist, who stopped at the Werde-

man home to tell the owner. Firemen received the call at 1:12 p.m. and were at the scene about 45 minutes.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 in a fire which dam-

aged an older-model tractor Monday afternoon.

The tractor was owned by Lloyd Grifka of Wheeler Road, Ubly, who was driving it to a field when it suddenly caught fire, according to Bingham Township Fire Chief Elmer Brahmer. The fire took place on Wheeler Road in Austin township.

Grifka told firemen he had filled the fuel tank a few hours earlier and speculated that may have been a con-

Murder no closer to solution

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has run out of leads in its efforts to solve the June 4 murder of Tommy Lee Smith, according to Undersheriff Bruce Tait.

The Saginaw resident, 39, was shot to death while fishing near Quanicassee by someone passing by in a car.

The department never had much to go on, as there were no witnesses and no motive, only a green car seen driving away after shots were heard.

Barring some hoped-for new information, Tait said, "we're at a dead end."

tributing factor. Exact cause was undetermined.



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Unlike Jean Dixon, the noted mystic, there is no pretense here of clairvoyance. There's usually trouble when I try to predict about what may happen after dinner.

Despite that track record, here's a prediction for the years ahead. Cass City and other smaller communities off the beaten track will be happy with the removal of regulations in the trucking industry.

In case you missed it, congress has passed, and the president is expected to sign, a bill that will make entry into trucking easier, removes or eases regulations that restrict service and allows rates to be lowered or raised 10 percent in any one year.

The argument presented by the truckers has been that towns like Cass City would pay more for freight because of low volume while cities would pay less.

That sounds reasonable but my crystal ball says that it just won't happen. Today only one trucking company can deliver intrastate goods to the village. A competing line passes through on the way to Bad Axe, for instance, but if it delivers anything but inter-

state shipments it is in violation of current law.

Switching cargo on trucking lines has to be an expensive proposition. Today's rates are set by firms that meet privately to determine them. That was perfectly legal, too, as long as they were approved by the Feds.

Those are good peripheral reasons for lower rates. The big one is the return of competition.

Under the new law it's easier for the new guy in the block to get in. Since the depression the truck line owners had no worries about an upstart horning in on the business.

Truck routes were determined by law and it was practically impossible for a commercial line to start in opposition.

The best that firms could do was to truck their own and many are doing just that.

Now that the barrier has been lowered there's always the specter of a competitor opening up down the street. In our system that always has been the way that prices and quality have been kept in line and it's the reason our crystal ball isn't a bit cloudy when it says it will do so again now that it has the chance.