



# Rabbit Tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Members of the Cass City Rotary Club have thrown down the gauntlet to all the service clubs in Cass City. Tuesday the club vowed to have a 100 percent turnout for the school election Aug. 18.

Before coming to the Chronicle I had only one full time job. I spent three years at the Wyandotte Tribune. I left with the well wishes of my bosses and co-workers.

Cass City Schools has some youngsters working under the auspices of the Human Development Commission at no cost to the school. They help with custodial work.



Amy and Charles Stover

A surprise 25th wedding anniversary party was given July 26 for Charles and Amy Stover of Milligan Road, Cass City, by their children.

given at the home of Mrs. Stover's sister, Mrs. Amasa Anthes, on Dodge Road, Gageton.

## AUCTION SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1980

The following 2 homes and 1 or 2 building lots will be offered to the highest bidder.

Sale starts 11 a.m. sharp at 2860 Doyle St., Marlette. This is a cozy 2 bedroom home with a large storage building. Property is now rented and is subject to tenants rights.

Second at 1:30 p.m. we'll be out to a nice 2.7 acre building site on Aitken Rd., across from the Sanilac Career Center.

Third at 4 p.m. just east of Decker Rd. in Shabbona. This is a rebuilt 2 bedroom home. Starting with new foundation the crawl space is insulated.

Advance bids will be accepted by any of the sales staff at Donley Realty. We reserve the right to one bid on each property.

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# Fire leaves family of seven homeless

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Until permanent accommodations are found, the family is left with little more than the clothes they were wearing and are in need of clothes.

## Wheat field fire damages farm truck

Elmwood township-Gagetown firemen extinguished a wheat field fire last Wednesday afternoon that resulted in an estimated \$1,500 damage to a truck.

The truck and wheat field were owned by Langlois Brothers Farms. About 3 1/2 acres burned. Firemen were there less than one hour, having received the call about 2:30.

At 6:34 p.m. Monday, they were called to the same place, where the ditch bank was burning on the opposite side of the road from the wheat field.

Cause was possibly a discarded cigarette, Wright said, and some persons had started putting out the fire when firemen arrived. Only a small area burned.

Jack Putnam wears trousers with a 34-inch waist and 29-inch length, size 16 1/2 shirt and 9 1/2 shoes.

Mrs. Putnam wears a size 20 top, size 18 slacks and 7 1/2 size shoes.

Jacky, a boy, wears trousers with a 38-inch waist and 31-inch length, 16 1/2 shirt and



Dale and Joyce Stevens

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stevens of 6919 Severance Road celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family gathering at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth.

Dale Stevens and Joyce

## The Haire Net



Now that the primary election is history, persons in the Cass City School District will turn their attention to the millage election for the district Aug. 18.

The most often discussed criticism of the school has been the salary of the administration and the superintendent.

That's natural, I guess. After all, the vast majority paying the bills don't have incomes approaching the superintendent's salary of \$30,135 a year.

It's easy to point the finger and say why these salaries when the school is in a financial pinch?

Sometimes there's a tendency to forget that the school is in a competitive position just like the superintendent.

Cass City's superintendent is paid a salary that is not the lowest nor the highest among area districts. It's competitive.

If the school board decided that less would be paid in salaries it would take a lot of cutting to make an appreciable difference in the tax load.

Cass City paid more than a mill less in taxes in 1979-80 than the next lowest school district in the county and over nine mills less than the most expensive district among the 9 in the county.

A mill in the Cass City district raises \$94,000 and no

one has suggested that the cut in these salaries could approach what a mill will raise.

There are taxpayers who say why should we pay the salaries we do when it would be possible to replace the superintendent and the principals for less money?

This group is right in saying that it could replace the current staff for less money. Perhaps not a lot less, but less.

But when you look at the bottom line it's a short sighted view. We're operating a system now for less money than all but a handful of districts in Michigan.

It just isn't good business to replace someone who has kept school taxes among the lowest in the State and take a chance on someone new for savings at the very most of, say \$5,000, not enough to make any difference in your taxes at all.

There can be no financial reason at all for looking for a replacement at the top. The next question is the quality of the education, which I submit is good.

That's not to say that it couldn't be better. There's room for improvement, test scores indicate, and it's one area where the administration and the board have vowed to pay close attention.

To retain most of the quality we have, the board says that another mill is necessary. That still leaves us at or near the bottom in costs for every child we educate in the district.

When you compare the cost and what it will buy for the children and all the community, doesn't it come up as worth the money?

The U.S. is the world's leading cheese producer. Output reached 1.7 million tons last year, according to the Department of Agriculture.



## "If It Fitz..." New beat for cops

By Jim Fitzgerald

While sitting in a movie theater, I thought of this question: Are local cops nicer to tourists, so they'll come back again, than to natives, who never leave?

During the Republican convention in Detroit, a delegate from Maryland praised a cop who let him park close to a fire hydrant and promised to keep an eye on his car throughout the evening to make certain it wasn't stolen or, worse yet, ticketed.

You think that was a nice cop? How about the kind policeman who went to the rescue of the West Virginia delegate who broke the heel off one shoe? It happened on the convention floor and, for a few tense moments, there was anguish in the West Virginia delegation.

Someone called the cops. A police sergeant carried the wounded shoe to a shoeshine stand, borrowed a hammer and nailed the heel back in place.

These and other heart-warming stories about police niceness received considerable publicity during and after the Republican convention. It was great news for the natives, many of whom hadn't realized they could get their shoes repaired by a cop.

"It gives me a secure feeling to live in a city where I can dial 911 and get a cobbler," I told my wife. "Let's go to the movies," she said.

We went to the Renaissance Center theater at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 20, to see "Oh Heavenly Dog" which, incidentally, is a genuine dog.

I'm giving the exact time just in case, after reading this, the police chief wants to seek out and reward the two on-duty cops who sat two rows behind us.

We knew they were on duty because they were in full uniform, including walkie-talkies. We knew they had

their radios with them because we could hear them transmit and receive messages. All through the movie, for two hours, we could hear them.

It was a new and interesting experience. I often hear babies cry in theatres, and adults talk, and yahoos yell. But this was the first time I'd been able to monitor police calls while watching a movie.

In fact, I turned around and looked at them dozens of times. This is what I always do when there is noise behind me in a theater. It is my non-violent way of letting the noisemakers know I hear them and I want them to shut up because I didn't pay \$3.75 to sit in a dark room and listen to them make noise.

If the noise is coming from in front of me, I hiss sssshhh at it. And then everyone sitting in front of me turns around and looks at me, and I realize they didn't pay \$3.75 to sit in a dark room and listen to me sssshhh. Life isn't easy.

It is less complicated to sit in front of the noise, but never foolproof. Sometimes the people get my message and clam up when I turn around and look at them five times in one minute.

"Why don't you just politely ask them to either turn off their radios or leave," my wife whispered.

"What I should do is tell them I am parked outside next to a fire hydrant," I said. "They would immediately go guard my car against tickets."

When the film ended, we followed the two policemen as they patrolled through the adjacent shopping center.

My wife wanted to ask them why taxpayers should pay them to watch a movie. I told her that wouldn't be a good idea. I explained that

moviegoers are also taxpayers, and it could be argued that armed cops are in theaters to protect taxpayers against crying babies and snapping gum.

She wasn't convinced. "I don't want to be protected by any policeman dumb enough to operate his little radio for two hours in a movie theater. And I'll bet those two jerks didn't pay to get in."

"You have a dangerous attitude, and if the cops hear about it, you'll be sorry," I said. "The next time you need one, you won't be able to find a cop to half-sole your shoes."

## Marriage Licenses

Kirk J. Becker, 19, Fairgrove, and Diane L. Laurson, 19, Fairgrove.

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Gary C. Tomlinson, 25, Mayville, and Kathy L. Lucik, 23, Mayville.

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