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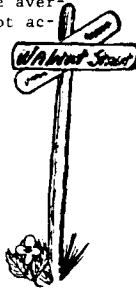
Gazette

City Council News:



Salaries

At the October 6th, 1986 meeting, the council discussed salary increases for councilmembers. The mayor stated that the job was in large portion a voluntary position. Motion was made to increase salaries in line with state averages to cities of this size, but was not accepted.



Walnut Street

On October sixth, the council discussed the issue regarding the vacation of Walnut Street. One owner opposed this vacation, in order to maintain access to properties. Another owner opposed because access would be blocked to possible future buildable sites. Another individual, requesting the vacation, wishes to build. Question arose whether vacation would or would not interfere with accesses. A map of the area was reviewed. The council was to examine the site before decision was made and the issue is to be pursued at the October twentieth meeting.

October 20th, the public hearing regarding the vacation of Walnut Street was continued. Opposition to the vacation was again expressed. An alternative of a variance to build was discussed. The possibility of vacating only a portion of the street was inquired about. A motion was made, but withdrawn. Question was asked about, if in the future, another request to vacate was made, would another public hearing and fee be necessary? Answer was yes. Motion was made and carried with all ayes not to vacate Walnut Street.

Inquiry was made to request possible variance being applied for. City Administrator was to start procedures for variance request.

1987 Budget

On October 6th, the council continued discussions concerning the 1987 budget. A capitol fund was asked about. The City Administrator was directed to write a resolution setting up a capitol improvement fund for the community hall.

Restrictions for Federal Revenue Sharing funds was questioned. The council was told that some money would be spent in 87' and in the past, money had been used for civic projects. Suggestions were made to transfer funds from Federal Revenue Sharing or from the boat landing project to decrease the tax burden.

At a meeting with the council and the Fire Relief Association representative, it was asked about bylaw changes being made and also that a Fire Relief member meet with a council representative about regular increases in retirement which would be asked for. This was in order that several years later, an attempt would not have to be made to 'catch up' with other fire Departments. Additional items which were discussed involved life insurance, increase in retirement ages, survivor benefits and that a higher percentage of Fire Department fundraiser funds would be put towards retirement funds.

Councilman Meyers stated that a seventeen percent increase in the budget was too high, suggesting that several items be cut from the budget. Councilman Swanson recalled a time when the city was unable to meet bills and did not wish to see a similar occurrence repeated. Motion was made, but not accepted to cut the budget. Motion was made and carried with three ayes and two nays to accept the budget as presented.

Ball Parks

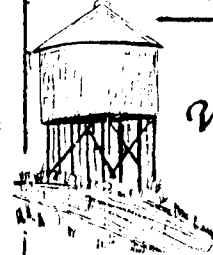
On October 6th, Mr. Bauman presented a map showing the park land dedication by Lenzen. An agreement was also reviewed. Acceptance of the proposal was questioned. Motion was made to authorize Bauman to proceed, but further discussion was held. Financial sources were discussed. The city and the Black Sox would be making substantial contributions, as well as a lot of volunteer work. A written agreement with the Black Sox was discussed. Councilman Meyers wished the motion to include requirements of the city and the Black Sox. A survey would be necessary. Improvements in the park would be approved by the council. Motion was revised to also include that conditions are reviewed, as well as met. Motion carried with all ayes.

The agreement between the Black Sox and the council was presented on October 20th. An easement with NSP was presented and discussed. Property dedication was talked about. Alternative sites were discussed. Potential of prime property was looked into. Mention was made to the fact that the City of Carver was the only city in the area without a ballpark. Further discussion was held about advantages and disadvantages, some people in favor while others opposed. Motion was made to pursue purchase, carrying with all ayes and one nay.

Water Meters

On October 6th, representatives from the water meter companies were present to discuss their products. Upon completion of the presentations, discussions were delayed by motion until the next meeting.

Representative from Water Products Company on October 20th asked about the council's decision on water meters. The mayor asked about warranty. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to award bid to the lowest bidders. Bid was by sections, therefore, two awards were given.



Water Tower

Council was told on October twentieth that the water tower was constructed. Suggestion was made to put the logo of the old water tower with the city's name on the exterior. Estimate of cost was to be obtained.

Meadow Bluff Addition

On October 6th, Kalkes and the council talked about the use of his well for residents in the subdivision. He agreed to this use until municipal water can be hooked up. An agreement would be necessary for this situation to be put into place. Assessments would be deferred until a later date. Suggestion was made to place a pump and tank at the Lion's Park for this purpose.

Ebeling presented change order on October twentieth for Meadow Bluff Addition regarding water as a permanent part of the water system. This change order involved the addition as not being a part of the bid schedule nor grant eligible nor being hooked up into the central water system. Fahey was to draft an agreement with Kalkes. Motion was made and carried to accept change order with all ayes. Lots were deleted from assessment rolls. Another public hearing would be scheduled when properties were to be hooked into the municipal system.



Sewer Improvements

On October 6th, change order number seven, involving a dollar increase for storm sewer at Fifth and Lime Streets were discussed. An improved access to Lime Street was presented for consideration. Councilman Meyers asked about financial status. Explanation was given that several change orders occurred, reducing the project costs. Councilman Meyers questioned legitimacy of the storm sewer being paid from sewer and water funds.

Council held a special meeting on October 9th concerning the change order relating to Fifth and Lime Streets and storm sewer. Another public hearing was necessary according to legal sources contacted by Councilman Meyers. The mayor also contacted legal sources stating that the city's platted streets did not pertain to Minnesota's Statute 160.05.

Residents expressed concern about rerouting of Lime Street with possible inability to get up the hill in the winter months. Motion was made to terminate action of the council due to question of legality but was not carried. Further discussion was held, then the motion was made again and carried with all ayes to install proposed storm sewer, as long as acceptability of legal funding is determined. City Administrator will obtain legal opinion on funding proposal.

Motion was made to proceed with storm sewer, if funds could be obtained, leaving Fifth Street open, but was not accepted. Motion was made to proceed with change order number seven as presented. Councilman Meyers again questioned funding. Ebeling explained contingency funds and other available grant funds. Meyers stated that his thoughts concerned money intended for water and sewer; Ebeling stated that the streets were an integral part of utilities projects. Motion was carried with four ayes and two nays.

At the October 20th meeting, Ebeling further clarified change order number seven, pertaining to the storm sewer issue. The change order was revised and the attorney found that assessment through taxes was a legal route and the council agreed to proceed with revised change order.

City attorney stated that storm sewer could be assessed against all owners in the city. Grant funds are available, but contesting the use of grant funds would mean a general tax levy.

Councilman Meyers recommended the council's thorough review of a portion of the attorney's letter, in order to be completely aware of the consequences pertaining to the use of grant funds for the construction of storm sewer.

Ebeling [Maier Stewart] presented several documents for the council's review. These included a sewer use ordinance, an ordinance regulating the establishment of charges for waste water services and a resolution on the sewer charges system, waste water collection and stabilization pond system. Suggestion was made to contact the city's attorney with questions pertaining to these documents.

Ebeling suggested collection basins to be put on Lime Street at the October 20th meeting. These basins were part of document change order number nine. Water run off was talked about. Councilman Meyers questioned the cost of the work in the Lime Street area and the engineers explained cost differences.

Lime Street access was discussed. The council stated that restoration would be kept as is.



CDBG Update

That

Another business had applied for a commercial rehabilitation loan, the council was told on October sixth. Motion was made to grant the loan but was withdrawn. The Post Office site was discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes that all future commercial rehabilitation loans within the historic district be granted with a three percent interest rate.



Compost Site

Frey told the council on October 20th that a leaf compost site had been located. A written agreement would be necessary with the owner of the site. City Administrator would draft an appropriate agreement.



Carver Has Site for Leaf Recycling

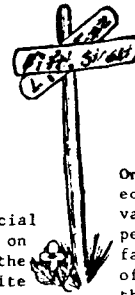
Carver has a site for leaf and grass clipping recycling, also known as composting. The site is located by the corner of Fourth and Elm, next to the Catholic Church. Residents should look for the leaf recycling sign and the snow fence.

Leaves should be unbagged at the site. Participating in this program is easy, simply load your loose leaves and grass clippings into a trailer or truck and drop them off at the site. The site will be open October 23rd to November 20th from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seven days a week. No brush, branches, rocks, garbage, etc. are allowed.

Leaves and grass clipping can amount to about twenty percent of landfill garbage. By encouraging leaf recycling, the City will help the County and Metro Council get closer to their goals of reducing dependency on landfills as required by the State Wastemanagement Act.

The City can also qualify for a household rebate program of fifty cent (50 ¢) per household from the Met Council and fifty cents (50 ¢) from the County. Mike Mornson, City Administrator for Carver feels this program is a worth while program and encourages all residents to get involved to make it a neighborhood effort by giving a neighbor a hand in getting his leaves to the site. Mornson also encourages Carver residents to use the recycling center located in Chaska.

For more information on this program call the City Hall in Carver at 448-5353 or the Carver county Courthouse at 448-3435.



Fifth Street

On October 20th, two property owners requested a decision to either close the street or vacate the street. There was discussion pertaining to importance of the thoroughfare of the street and unnecessary aspects of keeping it open. Twice in the past three years, decisions had been made to close a portion of Fifth Street. Councilman Meyers stated that a public hearing should be petitioned for the vacation by the property owners, paid for by the city. Motion was made for the council to proceed with a public hearing for re-vacation of a portion of Fifth Street and carried with all ayes. Councilman Meyers inquired about the street being dedicated back.

Frey suggested elimination of one street to the bulk tanks for the Mobil Company. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to discuss closing of this street at the same public hearing as Fifth Street.



Police Contract

Police Contract proposed for 1987 was discussed on October 20th. Chaska pays taxes to the county's Sheriff's Department when they have their own department. This contract is to be revised. Approval of the revised contract means a cost adjustment, possibly at the end of the year. Budgeting for 87' has been completed; this adjustment would be more easily contended with in 88'. The topic was to be checked into further and decisions were delayed.

Lawson



Lionesses requested a letter accepting their services for the boat ramp project, the council was told at the October 20th meeting. The issue was discussed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes delegating a representative from the council to work with the engineers, set up specifications and solicit bids for the project. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to forward letter of acceptance to the Lionesses.



City Attorney

Election results could affect status of services received by the City of Carver with the city attorney's office, [Nicklaus, Monroe and Fahey]. If Fahey were to be elected as County Attorney, his partners in the law firm would assume responsibilities to the city. The council was asked whether they wanted to seek an alternative firm's representation or continue with the present firm.

Candidates for Mayor

ON NOVEMBER 4 ELECT DOUG MEYERS MAYOR

AS A COUNCILMAN I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT:

RISING TAXES

- Opposed a 20% increase in the city budget for 1987.
- Proposed a \$15,000 reduction in non-essential expenses from 1987 city budget.
- Opposed the expansion of the sewer and water projects into areas not eligible for Federal and State financial help.

FRIVOLOUS SPENDING

- At the urging of the Mayor, the Council voted to accept a bid for a new water tower costing \$164,000 (Annual maintenance costs of \$1,000).
- I preferred an \$84,000 tower, also new. (No annual maintenance costs)
- Council eventually purchased a used water tower for \$110,000 (Annual maintenance costs of \$1,000).

CITY BUSINESS BEING CONDUCTED IN A LEGAL MANNER

- Opposed buying a used water tower without competitive bids.
- Opposed the closing of Fifth Street without a public hearing.
- Opposed the questionable funding of storm sewers with sewer and water project funds.

THE USE OF POWER POLITICS

- Believe that the City Council should operate democratically.
- Believe Council members have the right to express their own opinions.
- Believe Council members should be free from intimidation.
- Believe that the Mayor and the Council should listen to the opinions of the citizens.

PROVEN LEADERSHIP

PRESENTLY

- Senior Engineer, The Pillsbury Company, Minneapolis.
- District Emergency Coordinator - Metro Area Amateur Radio Emergency Service.
- Founder - Carver Scott Counties Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

FORMERLY

- Emergency Coordinator - Carver Scott Counties Amateur Radio Emergency Service.
- Chairman - Ohio Council of Amateur Radio Clubs.
- Vice Chairman - Ohio Council of Amateur Radio Clubs.
- President - Intercity Amateur Radio Club.
- Vice President - Intercity Amateur Radio Club.

PERSONAL

- Resident of Carver since 1979.
- Family - Wife - Kay, Daughters - Kimberly and Dawn.
- Member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Member of Carver Lions Club.
- Life Member - National Rifle Association.
- Life Member - American Radio Relay League.
- Veteran - U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.
- Graduate - Michigan State University.

When elected Mayor, my work schedule will be arranged to accommodate city business. This arrangement has already been cleared with my employer.

Prepared and used for by the Meyers for Mayor Committee.
Dietrich Lenzen, Treasurer, Carver, MN.

IN THE NEWSPAPER IT WAS ALLEGED THAT:

The present mayor "... has supported our Lions and Lioness Clubs on several projects, working together with them in the past ...".

CLOSER TO THE TRUTH:

- The mayor has opposed the Lions Club on several occasions and has alienated many members.
- Many Lions members refuse to provide additional volunteer labor for any City of Carver projects so long as the present mayor is in office.

EXAMPLES:

- The mayor used the Lions Club and the Carver Volunteer Fire Department to provide free cutting of diseased Elm trees.
- He then ordered bills sent to several property owners whose diseased trees had been removed by those volunteers.
- Councilman Meyers demanded that the bills be withdrawn.
- Councilman Meyers further insisted that apologies be made to both the Lions Club and the Carver Fire Department who had provided the volunteer labor.

- The mayor authorized the installation of a new city water well and associated buildings in Lions Park without consulting the Lions Club as had been agreed when the Lions donated the park to the city.

- The mayor objected when the Lions Club installed, at great expense, the new tennis courts in Lions Park. That's odd, since the Lions donated both the park and the courts to the city.

IN THE NEWSPAPER IT WAS ALLEGED THAT:

The present mayor "... has managed to bring the City of Carver out of debt as it was, and at the same time improve our city ...".

CLOSER TO THE TRUTH:

The CITIZENS of Carver have gotten the City out of debt! At what cost to the taxpayers.

- The tax rate in the City of Carver is 2.36 times as high as the tax rate in urban Chaska.
- and over 3.6 times as high as rural Chaska and Dahlgren Township.

RUMOR

Doug Meyers is against the proposed boat landing at the old ballroom site.

FACT

Doug Meyers feels that taxes are already too high in the City of Carver.

Taxpayers should not be exposed to any additional tax burdens.

Doug Meyers voted in favor of the boat landing provided the landing can be installed without cost to the taxpayers.

RUMOR

Doug Meyers is against a new baseball and softball park adjacent to Lenzen Additions.

FACT

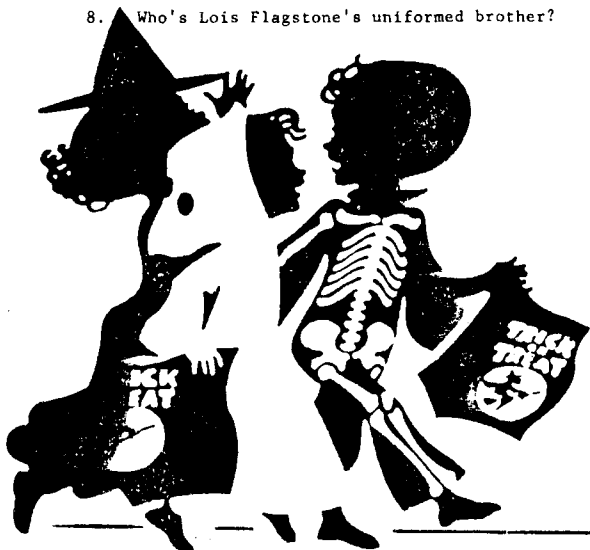
Doug Meyers is not opposed to a new baseball and softball complex provided it does not:

- take the place of playgrounds for Carver's children.
- increase the tax burden on Carver's taxpayers.
- stand in the way of Carver's growth.

Prepared and paid for by the Meyers for Mayor Committee.
Dietrich Lenzen, Treasurer, Carver, MN.

Trivia Questions

1. What was the biggest hotel in Hootersville?
2. What number iron did the first lunar golfer use?
3. What was George Smiley's wife's name?
4. What was home to Harold's Maude?
5. What did Phyllis Diller dub her never-seen husband?
6. What was Beaver Cleaver's mother's first name?
7. What's folksinger Donovan's first name?
8. Who's Lois Flagstone's uniformed brother?



Candidates for Mayor

ON NOVEMBER 4th THE CHOICE IS YOURS

RETURN TO A "PUPPET GOVERNMENT" RUN FROM BEHIND THE SCENES
 - BY THE SPECIAL INTERESTS
 - FOR THE SPECIAL INTERESTS

RETURN TO THE DAYS OF CITY BUSINESS AND CITY DECISIONS BEING MADE
 AT PRIVATE PARTIES FOR THE SOCIALLY IN GROUP

RETURN TO BEING TOLD HALF TRUTHS OR NO TRUTHS
 (There's a lot of that going around these days.)

RETURN TO CITY GOVERNMENT THAT'S OPPOSED TO EVERYTHING THAT
 WOULD IMPROVE YOUR CITY UNLESS IT SERVES THE INTEREST
 - OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS

OR

RE-ELECT BOB JORDAN

MAYOR

Dear Neighbor,

Eight years ago when I was a council person I asked, how come the City of Carver didn't have sewer? I was told Carver could NEVER have sewer.

I asked how come Carver doesn't have water? I was told Carver could NEVER have water.

Seven years ago I asked, how could we put in a 60 foot wide blacktopped street with storm sewer, curb, and gutters on a dead-end road and tax 70% of its cost to people who didn't even live on that street.

Five years ago I asked, how come the City is broke and can't pay its bills?

Four years ago when I was a candidate for Mayor many people in Carver told me; we don't want a "YES MAN" for Mayor. Well four years have gone by and you have NOT had a "YES MAN" for your Mayor.

Lets Take a GOOD LOOK at the Record

Tonight as I sit here writing this letter you the City of Carver is busy.

1. Busy installing city sewer and water. The sewer is 96% paid by grant, the water is 50% paid by grant money, the State and Federal taxes you have paid for so many years has finally come home to benefit YOU the Residents of CARVER.
2. Busy keeping your tax dollars working in the City of Carver, paying our bills and keeping the city financially sound.
3. Busy assuring our Fire Department is well equipped and well compensated for their retirement, making a necessary a modest tax increase.
4. Busy developing park and recreation facilities for our people.



Don't forget to vote on Election Day!
 November 4th

5. Busy with improved flood protection.
6. Busy making sure that your city equipment and buildings are improved and properly maintained and taken care of.
7. Busy making sure that your bridges are kept in a state of good upkeep and repair (something that had never been done).
8. Busy making sure we have the policies we need, in writing in place.
9. Busy with new city street design and replacement. Virtually all our streets will be new.
10. Busy making sure that ~~everything~~ plays by the same rules.

Perhaps we haven't agreed on everything the past four years, but everything that has been done the past four years has been done. "Above Board and Right Up Front". Evidently the majority of your city council agreed or they wouldn't have voted for it. I have made my positions known and stuck to them when I felt they were in the best interests of Carver.

If I am elected as your Mayor for another two years I will NOT be a YES MAN, no one will pull my strings from behind the scenes. I will continue my efforts to improve our city, not only visually, but financially and ecologically; our environment is important.

I have been accused of many things but NEVER of being unfair or not truthful or not trustworthy, I appreciate your trust, I feel I've earned it and I want to keep it.

Oh yes, we also have a 60 foot wide blacktopped dead end street with storm sewer and curbs and gutters in Carver, 70% of which is being paid for by YOU the people that don't live on that street.

Keep Political and Financial Integrity in CARVER, Your City!

Re-elect Bob Jordan MAYOR

I'm Not An Amateur

I work hard for the City of Carver. I live here too.

I would appreciate your vote on November 4th.

Thank you,

Bob Jordan

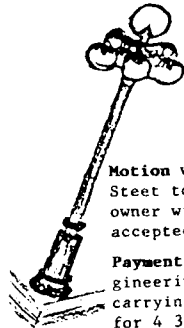
Carver-on-the-Minnesota

A board has been formed for the organization, entitled "Carver-On-The-Minnesota". They presented information for plans to donate the corner lot on Third and Broadway Streets and the church property with some stipulation that would be discussed at a later meeting.

Disclaimer

The preliminary unofficial/unapproved notes for the city council minutes were referenced to formulate reports in the "CARVER GAZETTE".

Miscellaneous



Motion was made on October 6th to pave Lime Street to the north side of the end property owner with the amount to be assessed and was accepted with all ayes.

Payment request number three from Hydro Engineering was submitted. Motion was made, carrying with all ayes to approve payment for 4 304,928.90.

On October 20th, a citizen requested the sale of the city grader, if it were not needed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to sell the piece of equipment, unless another party was interested in purchasing grader in which case Frey was to negotiate.

Parked vehicles throughout the city were discussed for solutions.

Frey suggested that bulk trucks should also be limited access on specific street, just as sanitation vehicles have been restricted.

Council was informed of subpoena served to the Young America mayor, Rossback regarding the discrimination lawsuit.

An assessment appeal has been presented and will be taken to court.

One years interest will be charged to individuals prepaying assessments after October sixteenth. Next years interest on assessments will be discussed later.

Parking on Third Street in the commercial district may have to be changed to parallel parking. Engineers will report back on situations.

Construction update meeting with Hydro Engineering and the council will be scheduled.

City Administrator suggested that a sealcoating program for city streets should be developed.

Did You Know?



Halloween Originated in England

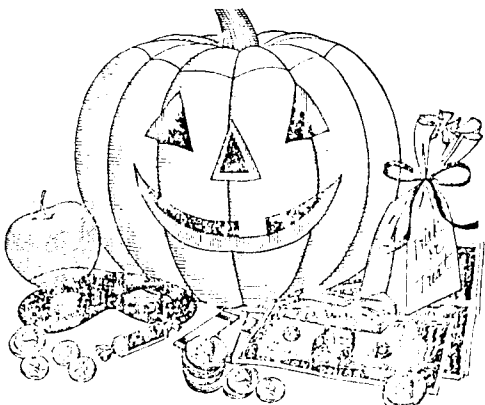
The word "Halloween" is short for "All-Hallows' evening". "Hallow" means "saint". The evening gets its name because the next day, November first, is a church festival called All Saints Day.

Traditions of Halloween were passed down to generations from early days in Britain. In those days, October 31st was the last day of year there. It was time for fun. They believed that, the Lord of the Dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits. They customarily lit great fires on Halloween for the purpose of warding off these spirits. It was also regarded as a time for examining portents of the future. It was also believed by the Celts, the spirits of the dead, revisited their earthly homes on Halloween evening.

The tradition of lighting fires survived until modern times and in the concept of ghosts, goblins and witches is still common to all Halloween observances and were believed to be about by the British.

Traces of Roman harvest festival survive in custom, prevalent in both, the United States and England. Such as dunking for apples in a tub of water, and in the decorative use of pumpkins. Jack-O-Lanterns are one of the commonest signs of Halloween. But witches; ghosts and black cats are also used a great deal for Halloween decorations.

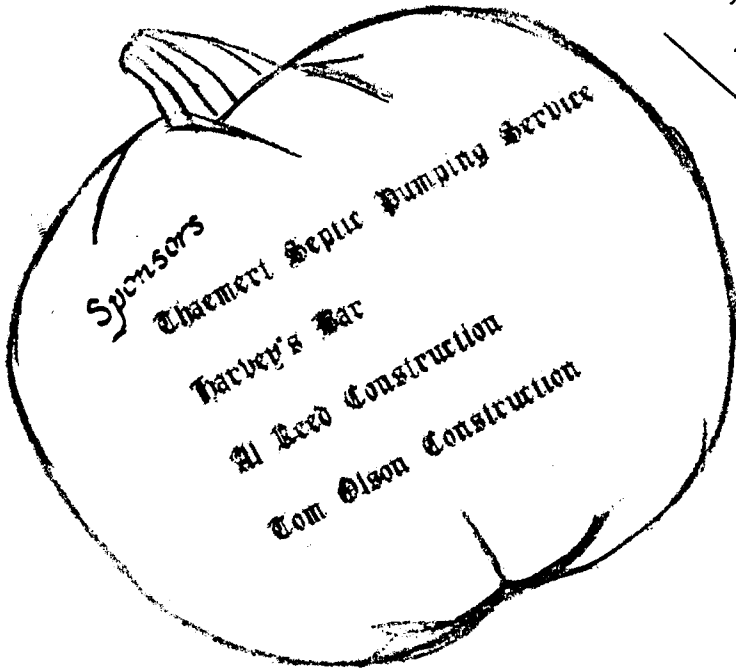
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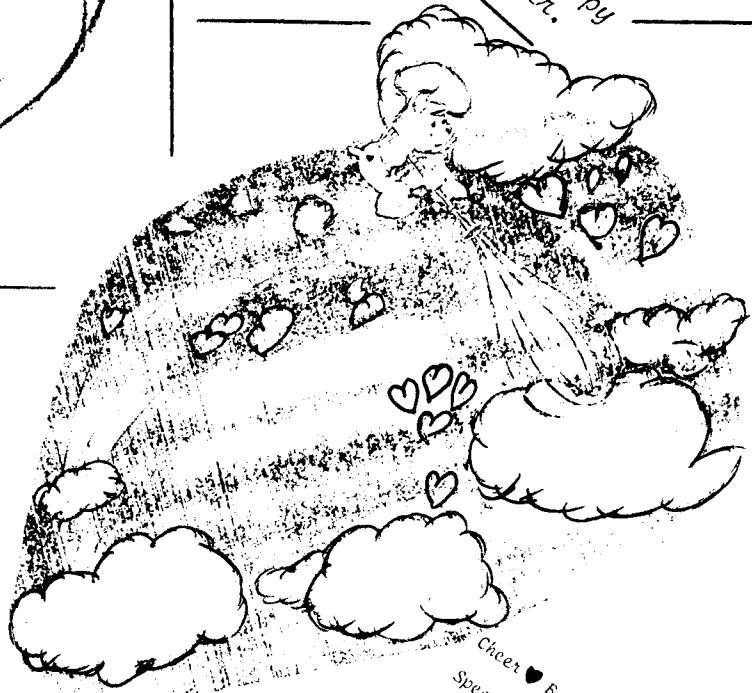
- 1. The Shady Rest
- 2. Six
- 3. Anne
- 4. A Railroad car
- 5. Fang
- 6. June
- 7. Letch
- 8. Beetle Bailey



Have a Happy Halloween, as well as a Happy Thanksgiving, right around the corner.



Happy Halloween



Cheer ♥ Bear ♥ It's Mixing Up ♥ A ♥ Vera ♥
 Special ♥ 'Potion' ♥ For ♥ Each ♥ And ♥ Everyone
 of ♥ You ♥ For ♥ Your ♥ Halloween ♥ !!!!!!