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CR-R-R-R-RUNCH! A head-on crash on M-21 in Lowell Monday sent one driver to the hospital in serious condition and resulted in serious injuries to four other persons. The scene above shows closeup of car driven by Eugene Randall of Saranac, which reportedly veered out of control as the driver reached for a cigarette. Randall's car struck one vehicle, then plowed head-on into an auto driven by Robert Jackson of Wayland (above right). The picture below shows new speed limit sign of 50 miles an hour. . . posted at the accident scene just three days earlier when speed was increased from 45 m.p.h.

Driver Serious Following Head-on Crash on M-21

A Saranac man is listed in serious condition at Butterworth Hospital following a head-on automobile crash in Lowell Monday afternoon.

Ironically, the mishap took place in an area on M-21 that just three days before had changed from a 45-m.p.h. speed zone to 50 miles an hour.

Hospital officials said that Eugene R. Randall, 22, who just recently moved from Lowell, was suffering from a fractured left leg and chest and head injuries.

Randall was the driver of one of three cars involved in the accident.

According to Lowell police, Randall's westbound car veered out of control as he reached for a cigarette. After missing one car, the Randall vehicle glanced off a car driven by Johnnie C. Cason of Grand Rapids, then plowed head-on into a car driven by Robert Jackson of Wayland.

Jackson, 21, suffered no apparent injuries. His wife, Patricia, 20, who is expecting a child, was hospitalized with possible skull fractures and facial cuts.

Three passengers in the Randall car were injured, one of them requiring hospitalization.

Chuck Wilson, 18, of Edmore reportedly suffered lacerations of the face and head and was listed in satisfactory condition.

Keith Wilson, 16, also of Edmore and Chet Toth, 23, of Lowell, were treated and released for face and head injuries.

The accident was the second within a week on M-21 between Lowell and Ada on what has become known as "Accident Alley."

On Monday, May 19, John H. Videan, 26, of Lowell suffered minor injuries when his car hit a tree about midway between the two communities.

Videan told Kent County Sheriff's officers that he swerved to avoid a rear-end collision, then continued across the road to avert a head-on crash.

Videan said that cars ahead of him were stopped behind a school bus parked on the side of the road, but reportedly without its warning lights flashing.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Reverend Father Henry Niedzwiecki, pastor of St. Roberts Church in Ada, is reported in satisfactory condition at St. Mary's Hospital following a severe heart attack suffered last Friday.



Holiday Schedule at Post Offices

Holiday schedules will be observed by area post offices over Memorial Day this Friday.

Offices at Lowell, Ada and Alto will be closed and no window service, city or rural delivery services, except special delivery, will be provided.

Debt Millage Not to Exceed 8.35

BY SHIRLEY DYGERT
Qualified electors of the Forest Hills School District will go to the polls on June 9 to vote for a 1.5-mill increase in debt taxes for a building and remodeling program.

According to the school board officials and Superintendent Robert R. Masten, the tax increase will not exceed 1.5 mills for the next two years, bringing the total debt tax to approximately 8.35 mills. It

is expected that this figure will begin to decrease on the third tax year.

In dollars and cents, the new millage, if approved, will give the following approximate increase in taxes:

Cash Value	Assessed Value	Tax Increase
\$15,000	\$ 7,500	\$11.25
30,000	15,000	22.50
50,000	25,000	37.50

Seek Boys to Vie for Trip

For the third straight year, some fortunate boy between the ages of 10 and 13 is going to visit the birthplace of Mark Twain, creator of Tom Sawyer.

An expense-paid trip for two to Hannibal, Mo. via jet airliner awaits the winner of the annual Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Contest, to be held this year on Saturday, June 28, in Ada.

Competition will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. that day in Adacraft Commons with the winner and his father becoming eligible to enter the national finals in Hannibal on Saturday, July 5.

Jack Wisney is in charge of the contest and will be assisted by Mitch Mitchell, Bill Chase and Dick Bezile.

Special entry forms will be printed each week in the Ledger-Suburban Life and should be returned not later than June 24. (See entry form on Page 10 this week.)

Contestants will wear Tom Sawyer costumes and will be judged on speed and quality of painting in addition to answering questions about the book.

A blueberry pie baking contest will be held for girls. No age limit has been set on this competition.



PRE-REUNION REUNION: Members of Lowell High School's Class of 1939 gather in front of the old high school building (now the junior high) to discuss plans for 30-year reunion June 21. From the left are Lawrence Armstrong (rear), Bernard Kropp and wife, Betty, Mrs. Florence Young, Mrs. Mary Ann Ayres, Ralph Roth, Mrs. Doris Boyd, Ed Roth and David Coons.

Council OK's Record Budget of \$270,087

A budget calling for an outlay of \$335,227 for fiscal 1969-70 was adopted last Friday in a special meeting of the Lowell city council. Of this amount, \$270,087 is scheduled

for the general fund and street department.

An across-the-board pay raise of five percent for city employees is included in the record budget.

Pay of the position of city manager, which becomes vacant in several weeks, is pegged at \$10,699. . . up from \$10,200 for 1968-69. The clerk-treasurer's pay is raised to \$6,630 from \$6,300 and that of chief of police is elevated from \$6,968 to \$7,500, both figures including holiday pay.

Council also approved a motion to retain the present 12-mill levy on real property upon the recommendation of recently-resigned City Manager Bernard C. Olsen, who pointed out that realignment of assessed valuations at the rate of 12½ percent will bring in an additional \$24,500 in the next fiscal year.

Council also approved awarding a contract to United Appraisal Company of Cleveland for \$15,900 to conduct a complete re-assessment of the city before December 31.

SMORGASBORD

May 31, sponsored by Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, OES. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Adults, \$1.75; children under 12, \$1; under 5, free. c-8

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This week's special: Hamburger and fries, 50 cents. c-8

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Nick's Auto Supply & Service will be closed on Memorial Day and on Saturday, May 31. c-8

LHS Classes Planning to Reunite

BY PATT BAMBRICK

June traditionally is the season for graduations . . . and also for class reunions.

This June will herald the respective get-togethers of the classes of '39 and '49 from Lowell High.

The class of '39, boasting an all-time high (to that date) of 78 graduates, will hold its reunion on June 21.

The evening's festivities will be held at Shady Acres, formerly known as the Lone Pine Inn, where a great many of the teen-age parties during the middle 30's and early 40's were held.

A dinner dance, preceded by a cocktail hour, is planned.

Committee for the reunion consists of Florence Young, Mary Ann Ayres, Doris Boyd, Mary Phillips, Lawrence Armstrong and Bernard and Betty Kropp. Reservations from Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana have already been received, and many more are still coming in.

Special guests for the evening will be former Superintendent Walter Gumsier, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Burch.

Class president Colleen Swan announced that "after 20 years away from the hallowed halls of Lowell High, the class of '49 will hold its 20th class reunion on June 28."

The reunion committee planning the gala evening are John R. Timpson, Pat O'Neill, Walt Eyke and Susan Chaffin. American Legion Boat and Canoe Club, 401 N. Park Street, Grand Rapids, will be the scene of the event.

A cocktail hour will precede the catered dinner and ensuing evening, which will include a "get to know each other-again" program, and dancing.

Reservations, and an enclosed check, for the class of '49 reunion should be sent to Pat O'Neill, 6749-28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, by June 21. Further information can be obtained from committee members or Colleen Swan, class president.

Special Vote in Lowell

It may come as a surprise to some residents, but the June 9 ballot in the Lowell Area School District will require voter approval for the Alton, Mapes, Moseley and Talbot district to assume bonded indebtedness of the district.

Superintendent Carl Hagen said the step is being taken by all schools where reorganization elections were held in accordance with Act 289, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964.

"Many people apparently felt the incoming districts would assume the bonded indebtedness of the Lowell Area Schools immediately following the so-called 'three-year' moratorium," said Hagen. "Actually, the law (Sec. 9, Statute 388.719) clearly states that the Alton, Mapes, Moseley, and Talbot schools may assume the obligation of the bonded indebtedness any time after three years following reorganization, and after the school tax electors of the district have approved the assumption of such bonded indebtedness."

Honor Nation's Heroes

Tributes to the nation's honored dead will be offered throughout the area this Friday morning in Memorial Day services.

Included on the list of local ceremonies are parades in Lowell and Cascade.

The Lowell parade will gather at Richards Park at 9:30 a.m. and march to the Soldier's Monument in Oakwood Cemetery. En route, marchers will pause at Flat River where a three-volley gun salute to fallen sailors will be made.

Another gun salute and taps are scheduled at the cemetery. Reverend Hartwell Gosney, associate pastor of Lowell First Methodist Church, will give a brief address.

Members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliaries from both organizations will join in the parade.

Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scout and Campfire Girl units will join the line of march with music provided by the senior and junior high bands.

There will be bicycle and horse units as well, according to Commander Roger Bieri of the American Legion, who serves as parade marshal.

Ceremonies are scheduled to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Marker on the east end of Cascade Bridge immediately following a parade that gets underway at 8 a. m. from the assembly area at Cascade Christian Reformed Church.

Sponsored by the McDonald-Osmer American Legion Post 451, commanded by James Wood, the parade will include among its marching units the Forest Hills High School band and members of Cadet and Scout organizations from the area.

Graduation Monday for Record 240

Commencement exercises for a record 240 graduating seniors at Forest Hills High School are scheduled this Sunday and Monday.

Prior to the more solemn ceremonies marking their final hours as high school students, the seniors will meet for the annual Senior Class dinner this evening (Thursday) at 9 p.m. at Scottie's Restaurant.

Baccalaureate services are scheduled Sunday in the high school gym starting at 4 p.m. while commencement itself will take place Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

Featured at Monday's services will be speeches by class valedictorian Robert VandenBos and salutatorian Curtis Thon, who will be presented by Principal Howard Dalman.

Following the presentation of the class, awarding of diplomas will be handled by class president Paul Silver and Superintendent of Schools Robert R. Masten.

Silver will also present the school gift on behalf of the Class of 1969.

Reverend Herbert Vander Lugt of Trinity Baptist Church will offer the invocation and benediction.

The featured address at Sunday's service will be given by Reverend Vander Lugt. The invocation and benediction will be offered by Reverend Ralph Bruxvoort of Ada Christian Church.

Joseph McCarger will read selections from "The Yard Went On Forever" and Barbara Ann Welsh will sing "The Lord's Prayer." Both are seniors.

Music for the commencement will be offered by the Forest Hills Junior Varsity Band, under the direction of Marion Sanderson, and by the Forest Hills Senior Choir, directed by David Gillett.

Will Let Bids

Bids will be opened in Lansing next week on highway construction and maintenance projects with an estimated price tag of \$20.4 million.

Included are two projects in eastern Kent County calling for construction of a bridge over the Flat River on McPherson Street extended for an estimated \$310,000 and construction of rest area facilities on westbound I-96 between Burger and Thornapple River Drive in Cascade Township with a total price tag of \$107,000.

The bridge project is scheduled for completion December 15, 1969, and the rest area by July 31, 1971.

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ANOTHER CR-R-R-RUNNCH — It was a week for accidents in Lowell. Shown here are cars driven by Richard Shaw, 16, and Robert Stiles, 18, both of Lowell after they collided at Lincoln Lake and Elm Tuesday afternoon. Shaw was taken to Butterworth Hospital for xrays for a possible chest injury and Stiles received minor face lacerations. Police are investigating.

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Ada Township officials today are seeking with the Kent County Road Commission on the possibility of imposing weight restrictions on Spaulding Avenue.

The township board Monday night heard 10 residents complain that large trucks are traveling at excessive speeds on the gravel road and generally causing havoc.

Many of the residents cited increasing danger for the 31 children who live along the street between Cascade Road and the northern boundary at 560 Spaulding.

One woman in attendance told board members that she had tabulated a traffic count over a six-day period and counted 165 truck passages in that time.

The citizens group was most concerned for the safety of the children, but, in addition, mentioned that in places the road is not wide enough to accommodate two vehicles, becomes dusty from excessive traffic. The trucks create noise, produce damage to the road, and throw large stones into private yards.

In other action, the board drew a resolution to be sent to the Kent County Department of Public Works. In essence, it asks that any township in which a county land fill might be located, be represented on the new board considering all landfills. It further asks that no village or city be allowed more than two representatives on that board.

Principal Advanced

Four changes in administrative personnel, including promotion of Howard Dalman to the position of assistant superintendent, were announced today by Superintendent Robert R. Masten of Forest Hills Public Schools.

Dalman has served as principal of Forest Hills High School for the past five years. In his new capacity, he will concentrate on development of the new Kent County Skill Center scheduled to be constructed in the district as well as developing educational specifications for the district.

In addition, he will handle some of the business management functions of the system, according to Masten.

During Dalman's tenure as principal, Forest Hills has emerged as one of the outstanding schools in the area.

Willard DeJonge, who has served as assistant principal at Forest Hills High for the past five years, will be promoted to principal.

Jack Lane, presently assistant principal at Central High School in Grand Rapids, has been employed as assistant principal and Larry Stancliff, middle school principal of the Martin-Collins elementary schools.

Stancliff replaces John Grimberg, principal of the two schools for the past two years, who has decided not to remain in Forest Hills as principal or business manager but rather to return to the classroom.

Stancliff was an elementary principal at the Northview Public Schools prior to moving to Wisconsin.

Blake Johnson, a 1968 graduate from Forest Hills High, has been honored as first recipient of the Frank Atherton Certificate of Award.

The citation, named in memory of the veteran Cascade Township fireman, was presented to Johnson by Lou Zeek, past president of the Kent County Sheriff's First Aid Unit.

Atherton was fatally stricken last summer while on duty at the scene of a drowning below the Cascade Dam. Johnson sought, unsuccessfully, to rescue the drowning victim.

A total of 30 volunteer members of the First Aid Unit are scheduled to be on duty over the holiday weekend to assist during the heavy traffic period.

Map Plans
 A meeting of the Cascade Fourth of July committee to outline plans for the 1969 event is scheduled next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the old township hall on Thornapple River Drive.

General chairman for the holiday festivities is Al Malley, who invites all residents interested in participating to attend the meeting.

Highlights on this year's schedule include sky diving, parade and the traditional waterball fight between firemen from Cascade and Ada.

DEMS SCHEDULE PICNIC
 The annual Fifth Congressional District Democratic Party picnic will be held on Saturday, June 7, at Fallsburg Park north of Lowell from noon to 6 p.m.

Good Going, Old Bean!
 Michigan grows almost all of the country's navy beans.



FILL NEW POSTS: Howard Dalman (seated) has been named assistant superintendent for the Forest Hills Public School District after five years as high school principal. The latter position will be filled by William DeJonge (standing), who has assisted Dalman during the same period of time.

Outstanding Wood Works on Display

Outstanding term projects in advanced machine woodwork at Lowell High will be on display until next Wednesday at Beauchamp's Furniture in Lowell.

The students are members of a class instructed by Gary Rivers.

Cited for their efforts (with products listed parenthetically) are: Dan Nugent (stereo cabinet), Ken Wosinski (dry sink hatch), Richard Kropf (gun cabinet), Doug Wilbur (gun cabinet), Doug Wilbur and Gary Callahan (nut bowls and Izzy Susans), Jim Craig (fork and spoon set) and Dan Bergy (swivel chair and desk lamp).

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Community Calendar

Monday, June 2:
 Cascade Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.
 Lowell Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.
 City of Lowell council meeting, 8 p.m., city hall.
 Vergennes Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.

Tuesday, June 3:
 G. R. Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

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Area Servicemen Scattered Throughout The World



SGT. STANLEY
 Sgt. Victor Stanley will be arriving home on leave on June 24 prior to leaving for duty in Vietnam.

Sgt. Stanley completed his basic training in armor school at Fort Knox and upon graduation was put into non-commissioned officer's candidate school where he was graduated on April 15th as a sergeant. He has been instructing classes since that time.

He will depart for overseas duty on July 14th.

A citation signed by Lt. General H.S. Buse, Jr., Commanding General of the U. S. Marine Corps in the Pacific states that Lance Corporal Jones "as a Combat Loudspeaker Operator, a billet normally assigned to a Marine of high rank, displayed outstanding professionalism and initiative despite extremely adverse conditions and the difficulties of a combat environment."

Craig Walter, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walter, was recently inducted into the armed forces at Detroit.

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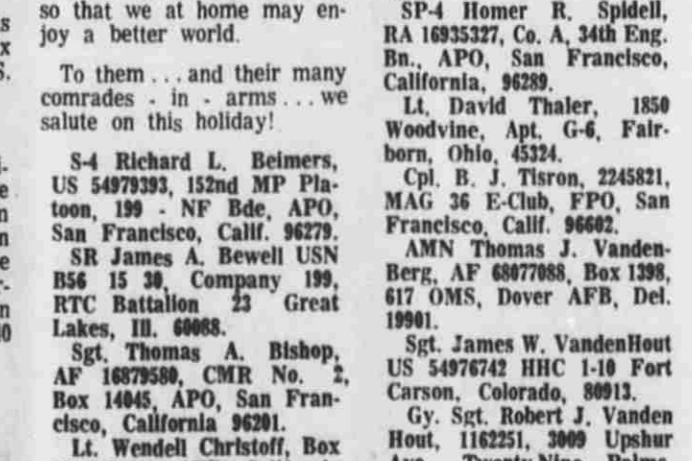
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LT. WALTER
 1st Lt. Gilbert Gene Walter has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding service in Vietnam.

PVT. VIDEAN
 A new address for Dennis E. Videan has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Videan, Sr., of Ada.

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UNITED METHODIST The study class of Sermon On The Mountain will meet every Wednesday until finished, at 8 p. m. at the W.S.C.S. Hall at Bowen Center.

R.L.D.S. ALASKA Sunday, June 1, Church School, 9:45 a. m. Communion Worship, 7 p. m.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN REF. Sunday, June 1, 10 a. m. worship, Sunday School, 11:20 a. m.

RECEIVES DEGREE Reverend Raymond Gaylord, pastor of Cascade Christian Church, received a degree as Master of Christian Education from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, on May 25.

Pleasant Valley

Mr. Bert Blank 674-3421 The Christian Inevitable Convention was held at Clear Lake over last weekend with the banquet on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Friend Jr. of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests for a belated Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Larson of Hastings were Sunday dinner guests of the John Larson's.

Obituary

HAROLD L. BARGWELL Harold L. Bargwell of 156 Otilla S.E. passed away unexpectedly at his home Friday afternoon at the age of 66.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox called on Mr. and Mrs. John Overholt of Clarksville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy LaMar and Mrs. Joyce Asspy of Reed City called at the Dennett home Sunday evening.

Snow Area

Deu Post underwent intestinal surgery last Tuesday and is recovering nicely at Ferguson's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

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Forest Hills School News

Results of the recent election of class officers for next year at Forest Hills High School show that Steve Shuster will be the president of the 10th grade.

Senior class officers next year will be: president, Craig VanSlyvers; vice president, James Eardley; secretary, John Herry; and treasurer, Howard Stovall.

The 12th grade will send Bob Smith, James Meier, Robert Charters, and Joe Pinell as its representatives.

Star Corners

Mrs. Francis Shaffer and Mrs. Roger Heasley of Grand Rapids called on Mr. Alfred Pierson at Lowell Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Francis Shaffer called on Mrs. Grace Craig near Elm Dale Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Krebs attended a bridal shower for Miss Sherry Oesch and Miss Mary Lou

Five Area Students to Graduate

Among the record 259 students to receive Associate in Science degrees and diplomas from the Davenport College of Business this year are five area students.

They are Janet Boyd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boyd 28th St., Lowell; Patricia Ellis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis, 2118 Howell, Lowell; Connie Froese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Froese, 9425 28th St., Ada; Donald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith, Route 1, Lowell; and Thomas Sysma, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sysma, 574 Ada Dr., Ada.

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Elmdale

It's about time that we let you know that we are back to our Michigan home again. Had a six a. m. breakfast with our daughter and family at Alhambra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sargeant received the news Thursday of the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Arvilla Sargeant of near Pinhook who passed away at her home some time Wednesday.

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Promotions Listed for State Police

Promotion of two Michigan State Police officers and the transfer of a third effective May 25 is announced by Col. Fredrick E. Davids, Department Director.

Det. Robert S. Huddy, of the fire marshal division at Rockford, is advanced to detective sergeant, remaining at his present location. He succeeds Det. Sgt. Clyde A. Marquardt who retired recently.

Tpr. Frederick C. Wille, of the Flint post, is promoted to detective and assigned to the fire marshal division at the post.

Det. John E. Slattery, of the division at Flint, is transferred to the division at Rockford.

Huddy joined the department in 1955, Wille and Slattery in 1956.

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Coming Events

Annual Memorial Day Service will be held at South Boston Bible Church on Friday, May 30, at 9:30 a. m. Pastor Joe Everett will be the speaker.

The Women's Relief Corps regular meeting May 4th, Potluck dinner at 6:30 in American Legion Hall.

Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary No. 152 will hold a special meeting next Tuesday, June 3, at 2 p. m. at the American Legion Hall.

The Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet June 5th at the home of Freda McKinnie. Harriette Fansler will serve as co-hostess. Program: Thelma Hahn will present a book review.

Gain Tops

Economic gains in Michigan outpaced the national economy in 1968, the Michigan Department of Commerce reports in its economic review of the year past.

Michigan citizens' personal income jumped 10.3 percent the previous year.

Gross state product is estimated at \$40 billion, a sharp 11.1 percent higher than 1967. Gross national product rose only 8.9 percent in the same period.

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Michigan's senior citizens—65 years and older—have by far the best safe driving record of any other age group in the state.

And women hold an appreciable lead over men as safe drivers, both in the senior citizen and in all other age brackets in general.

A survey of more than 1-million driver records by the Driver and Vehicle Services Division, and covering a two-year period, shows that less than 10 percent of drivers on the far side of 65 had been convicted of a motor vehicle law violation in that time, according to Secretary of State

James M. Hare. "On the other hand," Hare commented, "36 percent of drivers in the 20-25 year category had been convicted at least once."

The next highest age group in percentage of convictions was the 25-30 year class, with 30 percent. Above 30, the percentage of convictions declined steadily until it reached the senior citizen's low level.

Accident records revealed that only about 4.5 percent of women drivers in the oldest age groups had been involved in an accident during the two-year period,

as compared with about 6.8 percent for the men.

"These figures," Hare said, "tend to dispel the often-heard notion that many of our older drivers are not safe drivers. This survey seems to prove that highway safety wisdom improves with age. Years spent behind the wheel bring a greater regard for our traffic laws and for the need to think safety at all times."

"I wish there was some way to combine this cool-headed experience with the sharp reflexes of youth. Perhaps our senior citizens should be encouraged to take a more active role in helping to educate our younger drivers."

Must Obtain Permits for Fireworks

With the public fireworks display season beginning in Michigan, organizations and communities interested in these exhibitions are reminded by the State Police that certain applications and permits for them must be cleared first.

Forms for applications and permits concerning public display and storage of fireworks may be obtained at any State Police post. This is according to a 1968 amendment of the fireworks law.

Councils or commissions of cities and villages and township boards are the only units of government which may legally accept applications for fireworks displays and issue permits.

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June Bowman spent the weekend at home and with her parents and friend, Candy House of Caledonia, attended Wayland Calvary Church Sunday evening. Gale Bowman is a member of the Honor's Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Howard and family of Detroit spent the weekend at the Geo. Howard home. It was young Charles Edward's first visit to see grandpa and grandma. Charles is just seven weeks old.

A very pretty wedding occurred at St. Patrick's Church Saturday morning when Rose Marie Metternick of Alto became the bride of William J. Bruinsma of rand Rapids. Rev. Leo Malinowski performed the very impressive ceremony. Rev. Fr. Wilson of Marywood presided in the Sanctuary. A reception immediately following the ceremony was held at Cecil's Ranch House, Belmont. A number of friends from this vicinity attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowman attended the York Chapter at the Masonic Temple Thursday evening. On Wednesday evening they attended the Honor's Choir Banquet at the Sweden House.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pitsch and daughters were Sunday afternoon callers at the Leon Anderson home.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson and Bobby spent Sunday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowman attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCaul at their home in Caledonia Sunday afternoon. They also called on Arthur Wentzloff who is very sick following a serious operation recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson called on Theresa Miller at her home Sunday afternoon last week. She is gaining slowly.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

We now read where an organization calling themselves the National Black Economic Development Conference has presented the Churches of America with a Black manifesto demanding \$500,000,000 in reparations for past grievances (real or imaginary).

The decision of how to spend their billions of un-taxed dollars should be up to the churches and their congregations and it would be a noble gesture if much of it were used for some form of charity, but to pay this amount in what is obviously blackmail to any organization would seem quite inappropriate even though many of the clergy have spent much of their time in recent years encouraging black people to believe all they have to do is demand anything and it would be theirs.

One wonders just what the function of the clergy has become now when many of them spent their time leading demonstrators in civil disobedience while making their demands, but where were they when what many people think of as a senile Supreme Court was taking prayer out of the school house?

In demanding reparations, it should be remembered that while white Europeans were selling slaves from Africa, they were buying them from black African rulers for rum and rubles. Many of the clergy, many intellectuals, psychologists and sociologists are preaching and teaching the doctrine that white people should feel guilty for being white while others are black.

I find it impossible to feel guilty about this as I am sure this was something beyond our control.

I never owned any slaves, neither did my father or grandfather, but my great-grandfather was killed in the Civil War while in the Union Army. You can't help but wonder if he were here today and

could see our churches being blackmailed, our universities being destroyed and our policemen being shot down without warning, if he might not wonder if he had fought on the wrong side.

I believe there were more Americans killed in the Civil War than the total killed in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Somehow this seemed to make a hero of our president at that time.

Perhaps their descendants should demand reparations from the church or government. When the clergy, the intellectuals, the psychologists and the sociologists are finally able to persuade the white people they should give the black people everything they demand, I feel sure it won't be long that instead of feeling guilty about being white, we may all jolly well wish we were black.

H. Gibbs,
Lowell

VA Requires College Data from Veterans

The Veterans Administration today urged the more than 300,000 veterans and servicemen now enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities under the post-Korean G. I. Bill to complete and return VA certification of attendance cards as soon as possible.

Now sent to college-level trainees only once during each enrollment period, the certification was formerly required monthly in order for the veteran or serviceman to be paid his monthly VA educational assistance allowance.

The veteran or serviceman is asked to indicate if there has been a change in his enrollment as shown on the card, or if he terminated enrollment.

To help the VA anticipate his future educational assistance needs, he is also asked to check whether he will enroll in the same program and school for the next period.

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