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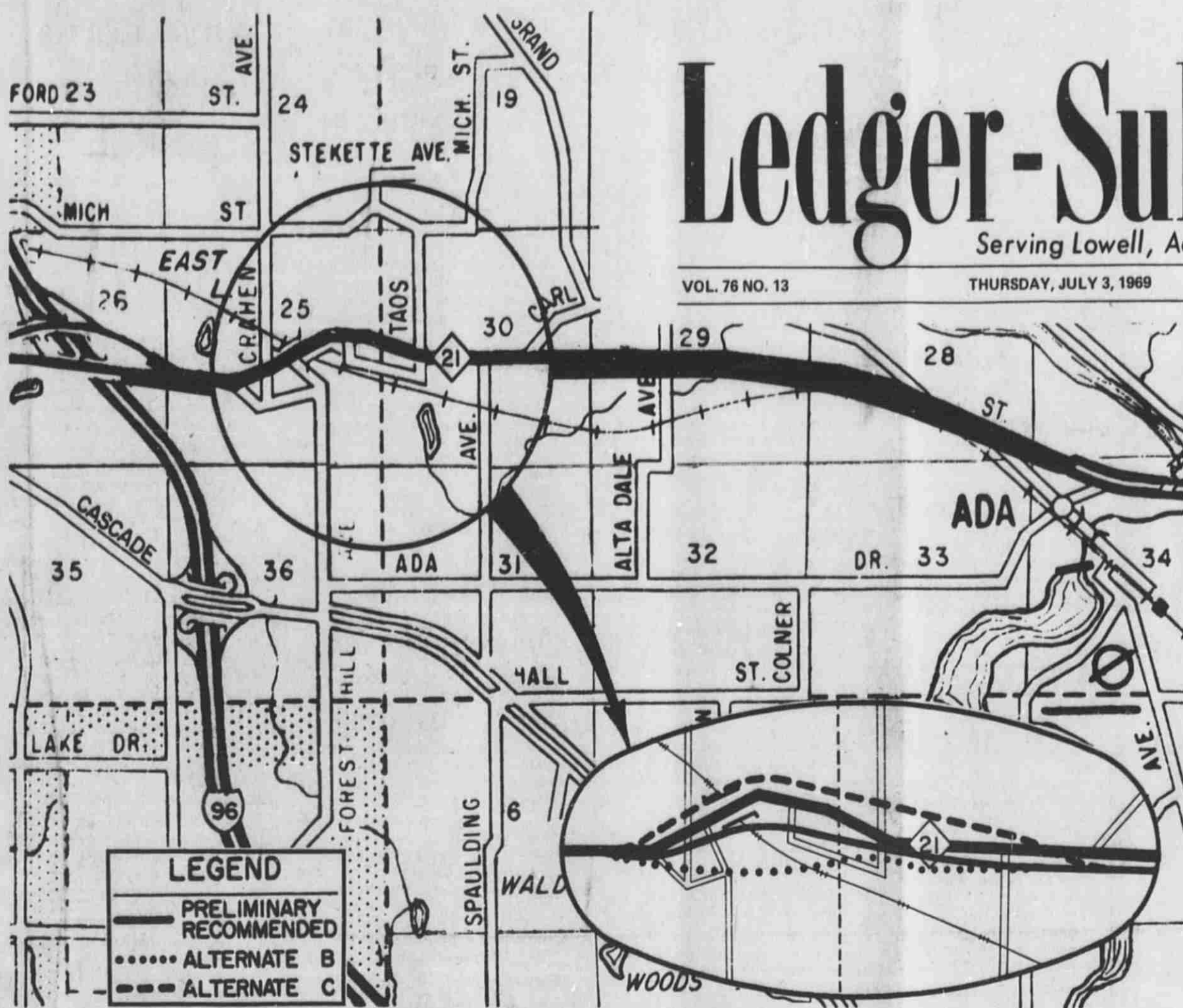
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DETAILED MAP SHOWING PROPOSED ROUTE OF WIDENED M-21 BETWEEN I-96 AND ADA

Reveal List of Chairmen for Showboat

Appointment of committee chairmen for the 1969 version of Lowell Showboat was announced today by William Doyle, president of Showboat, Inc.

General tickets sales will be conducted under the auspices of Lowell Rotary Club with Jerry Roth serving as chairman. Stanley Gardner, newly-elected Rotary president, is in charge of the ticket booth on Main Street.

Talent Search and Amateur Night, culminating on July 12 with the finals, are being conducted by the Lions Club with Dr. Clark Vredenberg serving as chairman.

Concessions will be handled by the Lowell YMCA again and will be under the supervision of chairman Terry Bambrick while parking is managed by the VFW Post, Fred Phelps serving as chairman.

The annual Trailer Rally, which attracts many visitors to the city during showboat week, is a project of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and will be headed by Edwin Steffens.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster William Nowak, will handle rental of seat cushions.

Other committee chairmen are:

Beverly Holst, decorations; Herbert Elzinga, gate; Clara Callier, make-up; Sgt. James Hutson, police and first aid; Jack Kennedy, reception and special nights; Mark Burdick, construction; Tony Bancroft, electrical; Gerald DeForest, ushers; Bob Steward, lighting and sound.

Other organizations assisting in the July 21-26 presentation are Showboat Garden Club, brochure mailings; Lowell Police Reserves, traffic control; Harry Symes Agency, advertising and publicity; Reginald Voorheis of Chicago, professional talent; and Western Michigan Sound Company of Muskegon, sound system and lighting.

Perrin Resigns from City Force

Patrolman Robert Perrin, a member of the Lowell Police force since April, 1968, has submitted his resignation to acting city manager Tom Ford, effective July 11.

Perrin said in his letter of resignation that wages was a primary reason for leaving the department.

He has accepted a position as railroad detective with the C & O Railroad and will assume his duties at New Buffalo in mid-July.

HEADS IONIA POST

Lawrence Roe has been promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant and named commander of the Ionia Post of the Michigan State Police. Roe had previously been assigned to the Brighton post.

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This week's special: Good old fashioned price - Grape drink or Pink Lemonade, 5 cents. c-13

New State Troopers Were Schoolboy Pals

Two boyhood chums, whose families have been next-door neighbors for 10 years, today had begun careers with the Michigan State Police.

Graduated last week from the MSP's seventy-fifth recruit school were Douglas D. Stiles and Timothy J. Baker.

Stiles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris D. Stiles of 3168 Jeanlin Drive SE and Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy of 3160 Jeanlin Drive SE.

The pair had played football on Forest Hills High's first championship team in 1961. Doug as quarterback and Tim as an end. . . and were graduated in the spring of 1962. They attended Ferris State College for a year and were, quite naturally, roommates.

After Tim entered service, however, the pair went their separate ways until three months ago. Quite by coincidence, each had applied for positions with the State Police and were accepted for the same class.

Stiles, who has been living at 8924 - 28th Street, SE, Ada, with his wife, Carol, and two children, has been assigned to the Erie post south of Detroit. Baker, and his wife, Carol, reside in East Lansing, where he has made his home since studying police administration at Michigan State University.

The two first met as students at Forest Hills High. During a conversation one day, Tim confided that his parents were seeking a home. Doug suggested that they check out a home next door that his father was building.

"The Murphys bought the house," explained Doug's mother, "and we have been friends and neighbors ever since."

Doug's interest in police work dates back to association with law enforcement as a Boy Scout (he achieved Eagle Scout rank) and later as a member of the Kent County Sheriff's Department, for which he has worked for the past two years.

Stiles and Baker were two of 16 candidates who took the oath as probationary troopers in ceremonies at Lansing.



CRAIG NIEDENTHAL

Tom Sawyer Winner Bids for Top Prize

An expense-paid trip to Hannibal, Mo., via jet to boyhood home of Mark Twain is scheduled this weekend for Craig Niedenthal, 13, of 632 Duxbury Court.

Craig emerged as winner of the third annual Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Contest, held in Adacraft Commons last Saturday. He was judged on costume and speed and quality of painting in topping eight other contestants.

As local winner, Craig will compete against state finalists from throughout the United States in the national finals at Hannibal this Saturday. He and his father, William, are scheduled to depart for the historic Missouri city Saturday from Kent County Airport.

In added competition this year, Michelle Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Mitchell of 6416 Adacraft Drive won a \$25 prize in the Becky Thatcher Blueberry Pie Baking Contest.

Limited Mail Service on 4th

Regular holiday schedules will be observed by area post offices this Friday, July 4.

No window service, city or rural delivery services, except special delivery, will be provided.

Mail will be picked up from deposit points on normal holiday schedules.



TROOPER STILES



TROOPER BAKER

Hearing Scheduled July 10:

Outline Plans to Widen M-21

Widening of M-21 from Interstate 96 to existing improvements in Ada will be the subject of a public hearing by the Michigan Department of State Highways on July 10.

The hearing will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. in Collins Elementary School, 4358 Heather Lane, and will be presided over by G. Robert Adams, public hearing officer for the highway department.

Adams said that testimony will be taken at the hearing concerning the social, environmental and economic impact of the proposed alternatives and that information concerning the department's relocation assistance program will be made available to affected property owners.

Pertinent information about the project is available for public inspection at the U.S. Post Office in Ada or at the highway department's district office at 1420 Front NW in Grand Rapids.

Work on the project, which proposes to create a five-lane roadway for 2.2 miles and a four-lane divided highway for 2.5 miles, would begin sometime in mid-1972.

Expected cost of the project, including right-of-way and relocation costs involving 69 residential parcels of land and three commercial parcels, has been set at \$3,021,000.

This figure represents the least expensive of three alternate plans and is the one favored by highway officials.

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Highway officials point out that long-range planning requires a major traffic artery to be located somewhere between

Storm Rips Trees Along Area Roads

A number of large trees were blown down, several of them toppling on busy area roadways, during storms last week.

County road crews were called out to remove fallen trees on M-21 and on Grand River Drive following a storm that raked the area on June 23.

Several minor accidents were reported by local police.

Grand Rapids police recovered a car stolen from Tanzy Ayers of 218 S. Hudson, Lowell, on the I-96 freeway about 10 hours after the owner reportedly noticed it was missing.

Lowell police theorized that the car was stolen by escapees from the Ionia State Prison.

Gerald Edwards of 430 East Main, Lowell, was handed a 90-day sentence in the Kent County jail and ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$108 after he pleaded guilty on June 25 before District Judge Edward J. Kehoe to a charge of furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. He was arrested by Kent County Sheriff's deputies.

A nine-year-old Lowell girl, Frances Musick of 311 North Street was treated for abrasions and cuts of the leg after the bicycle she was riding on North Monroe in Lowell collided with an automobile driven by Anna Precious of 2956 Segwum.



DISTINGUISHED AWARD - Plant manager Roger Roberts (right) accepts painting from David Lewis, representing H. D. Hudson Company of Chicago, a principal customer of Root-Lowell Manufacturing. The presentation was a highlight of open house activities at the company's employee open house last Saturday.



Last week, we wrote a column that never saw the light of day owing to the amount of live news filling the editorial columns of the weekly effort.

It may be just as well that it wasn't printed.

What we started to say was phooey.

Phooey on the weather Bureau. Phooey on weather broadcasters (well, maybe not Buck, who lives out on this side of town). And phooey on Good Friend Witz, who wouldn't agree to move to the Golden West in our early years of marriage.

All this because the weather was putrid and indications were that it wouldn't improve too rapidly.

Then, lo and behold, the cold spell broke and it was practically like mid-August.

By the time this material is printed, all may be changed again. But in the meantime, hooray for the weather bureau . . . keep up the good work, Buck . . . and thanks, GFW, for keeping me here so I can enjoy our Michigan weather, for what it may be worth at any given moment!

This is the week of the year when we leave the cares of the editorial department and turn our talents to assisting the press operation at the Buick Open at Warwick Hill G & CC near Flint.

This is always a pleasurable week for me, though the hours are long and the work (!) sometimes tedious.

What makes it all so nice is that we get paid for doing something that others actually pay to see . . . and have the chance to renew acquaintances with some of the nicest guys in the world.

Reports have filtered down from Silver Lake that a well-known postmaster with the initials CRD (as in Charles Richard Doyle) did everything but lay that golf course to waste in one day last week.

According to our informant, Charley will probably never become known as "Sweet Swinger" or "Straight-Down-The-Middle Doyle". Matter of fact, except for one swing he might have come away with the nickname of "Par-less Pete".

The one good stroke? A line-drive wedge shot from 30 yards that somehow found its way to the cup for a par on the 175-yard 13th.

I have generously offered to give CRD lessons. You see, I'm all heart. And, besides, I'd like to get some of my football and euchre losses back!

Credit Don McPherson with creating a new word.

Describing a recent report at Rotary Club, Don noted in "The Paddle Wheel" that help was needed to bring "the dream into factuality".

There is such a word as "actuality" and there's a "factual". But "factuality"? Never!

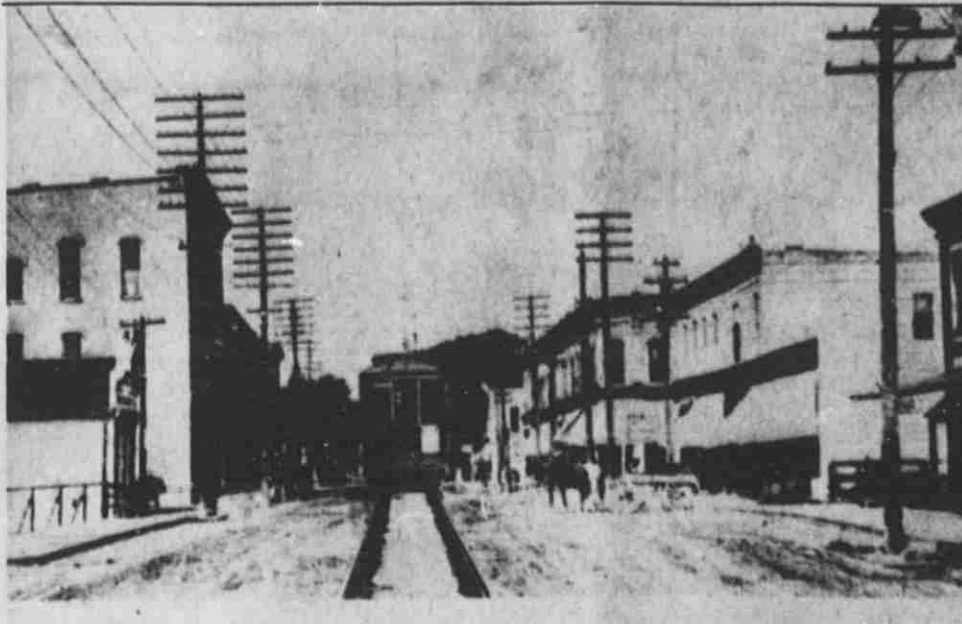
And, finally, it only figured that someone would come up with the line that "Lowell has brought home the bacon" in designating its new city manager.

The new C. M. is Blaine Bacon. Author of the line was Harold Jeffries, who headed immediately upon uttering it to his retreat at Torch Lake.

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WHERE AND WHEN? This scene was taken in Lowell, probably around the turn of the century. The picture was taken from a postcard owned by Jurden Moore of Riviera Beach, Fla. Do you know the year?

Snow Area

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Rev. Ralph M. Tweedy closed his ministry at Snow Church Sunday, June 15. Sidney Boarda, a former pastor of this church and now a pastor at Belding, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday, June 22. Mrs. Don Post entertained the following for a Father's Day dinner at her home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Plaller and son of Kingsley and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole. Don Post is still in Ferguson's Hospital and doing as well as can be expected.

Community Calendar

Monday, July 7: 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, July 8: Grattan Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall. Saddle Club Lists Dates for Horse Shows. Kenowa Saddle-ite Horse Club has horse shows set for the following dates: June 21, July 19, and August 9. Shows start at 12 noon, and all the events are to be judged. The show grounds are located on 14th Ave. off Lake Michigan Drive (M-45), two miles west of Standale.

Ada's 4th: Fun, Frolic, Fireworks!

Photographers should have a field day in Ada this Fourth of July as they catch the wonder in a child's eyes during the colorful parade, the delight of a young teen as he views the ball game or the power exerted by the canoe racers as they pull paddles through the water in a close finish.

Booths full of games and foods will add to the shouts of glee as neighbor meets neighbor and strangers become part of the anniversary rededication. History in the making should provide some scenes to be burned on film when Ada's recently acquired 'metal sculpture' is received in a formal ceremony at the ball park following the traditional parade.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first and second place in six categories of the parade: Best performing group, most unique and original costume, best decorated car, best decorated bike (motorbike to tricycle), best decorated horse, and best float. Those wishing information should call parade chairman Lenny Washburn at 676-1163. Union Bank will begin serving free hot dogs and pop on the bank's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. in honor of the dedication ceremonies of the "sculpture." The parade will form at noon across the street at Ada Shopper's Square. Here is the schedule: 12:00 p.m. - Parade. 1:00 p.m. - Booths open at ball park. 1:30 p.m. - Penny scramble for younger children; other games for those between 8-12 years old. 2:30 p.m. - Water ball fight between Ada and Cascade fire departments at Ada Leonard ball field. 3:30 p.m. - Greased pig scramble for 12 and under. The winner will walk off with a choice of the pig or \$10.00. 4:00 p.m. - Ada Recreational League softball game. 5:00 p.m. - Dinner break...chicken dinners being served all day (starting at 11 a.m.) at the Ada Masonic Temple on Ada Drive. 7:30 p.m. - Championship softball game between Amway and Ada Valley merchants.

Raise Minimum on Parcel Post, P.O. Announces

The parcel post weight limit was raised to 40 pounds for shipments between first-class post offices on July 1, according to Postmaster Charles R. Doyle of Lowell. The maximum parcel post weight limit will be increased from 30 pounds on shipments between the larger post offices in the third through eighth parcel post zones. (More than 150 miles.) On packages sent locally and to offices in parcel post zones one and two, the ceiling has been 40 pounds. The maximum size of packages sent between all first-class offices remains 72 inches in combined length and girth. The size limit on parcels sent to or from smaller offices, rural or star routes, military post offices, and all Alaskan and Hawaiian post offices stays at 70 pounds, with a combined length and girth of 100 inches. Public Law 89-593, enacted September 20, 1966, authorized the postal service to increase weight and size limits on shipments between larger cities. On July 1 of the next two years, the length and girth limits are scheduled to rise to 78 and 84 inches, respectively, on shipments between first-class post offices.

Amway Names Preston to Key Sales Position

Randall Preston has been named as Director of Distributor Services, it was announced by Richard DeVos, president of Amway Corporation. Until recently in charge of the Canadian branch of the Amway Corporation, Preston will take over management of the Sales Division, now renamed Distributor Services, replacing H. O. Stanford. A resident of the Forest Hills area and active in the civic and social life of the community, Preston and his family live at 747 Greenbrier Drive SE. Historical Spot Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, established in 1668, is the oldest town between the Alleghenies and the Rockies. At dusk or the conclusion of the ball game the giant display of fireworks will be held. (Thanks to the Ada firemen's successful auction, they will be more spectacular than ever.) Any additional information regarding the full day's activities should be directed to Tom Bogard (676-2627) treasurer of the Ada Athletic Association.

'King' Earns Plaudits in Brief Run

Delighted with public reaction of their second production, "The King and I", the board of directors of the Thornapple Community Theatre indicated Saturday that there will be a limited run of the musical in the near future due to popular demand. "The King and I" played to enthusiastic audiences Thursday and Friday evening at Pioneer Auditorium in East Grand Rapids. Dates of future performances are not yet confirmed. Those who attended saw a polished performance by seventy enthusiastic players and dancers. The entire show had a sense of style and finish unusual in family-type theatre. This was only the second production of this group, which last year produced "The Sound of Music."

Elaborate Costuming, Dedicated Ballet and Music of High Caliber Gave the Theatre a Glow of Professionalism.

Local individuals and families who were part of the performance either on stage or behind the scenes included: Jim and Lori Marin; Doug and Diane Dalrymple; Bruce and Judy Kennedy; Barb Reynolds; Mae, Kim, and Lynn Preston; Jon, Jane, and Marian Belding; Bill, Jack, and Jane Breidenfeld; Jack Brien; Stephanie, Susanne, and Dr. Edward Jones; Doug Dykhouse; Mrs. Hugh Weaver and Cindy; Mrs. Jack Zimmer and Karen; Mrs. Kathryn Hiltrey and Marie. Also Mrs. Robert Van Slysters and Craig; Gary Kolkamp; Cindy, Ann, and Tina Afendoules; Millie and Bob Gaskell; Sally Silver; Nola Dalek; Pam Shildroff; Bob, Jerri, and Tim Hanes; and Rich Kahn. BATTLE MEASLES Government funds may fuel a nationwide drive to inoculate all children between the ages of two and 12 with the new German measles vaccine. The National Communicable Disease Center hopes to inject nearly 10 million dollars in the project for 1969-70, and about \$16 million the following year. CARNAGE CONTINUES Auto traffic deaths for the first two months of 1969 were four percent higher across the nation than in 1968—7,470 compared to 7,160. Deaths in the first month, numbering 3,860, were the highest for any January in history.

Area Students on Dean's Lists at 3 Schools

A number of area students have been named to dean's honor lists at colleges in Michigan. Selected to the honor list at Ferris State College were David J. Armstrong, Peter J. Osborn and Brenda B. Anderson, all of Lowell; William J. Myers, James R. Parrich and Frank W. Zaldel, all of Ada; Douglas J. Baines of Forest Hills; and Susan K. Pratt of Saranac. Joanne Myers of Lowell achieved an average of 3.3 or better to gain the Dean's List at Apon College and James M. Aert of Ada was similarly honored at Hope College.

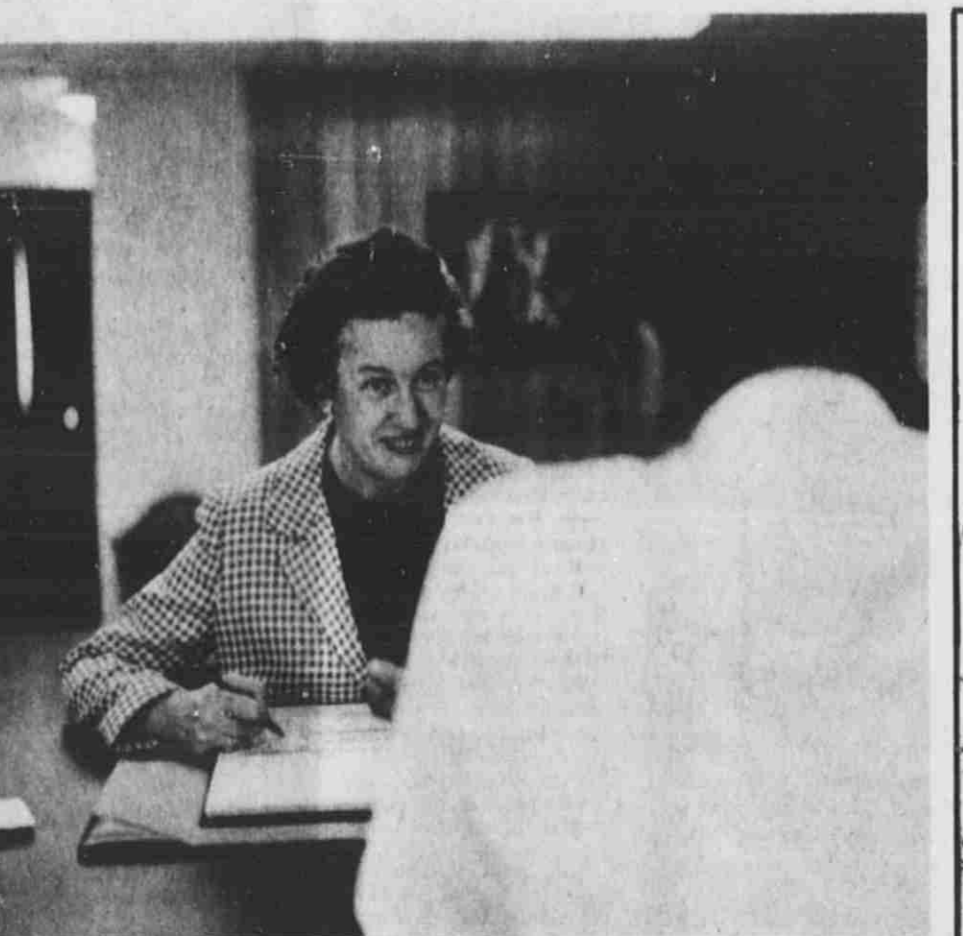
Poll Reflects Revolt by Weary Taxpayers

A substantial majority of those balloting in the community opinion poll for May feel taxpayers revolts have become reality. A whopping 73 percent of the 1,468 who balloted in the Union Bank poll felt such negative reaction has set in and is bound to continue "unless spending is reduced in areas where so much waste is exhibited." Young people under 20 years of age didn't feel taxpayers would revolt but a typical comment of many was "we are being taxed above and beyond what we are able to pay." The same percentage feel our educational system needs an overhaul...not necessarily complete change but definite reconstruction. Public funds should not be given to church schools according to 65 percent of those participating in the poll. Most commented that public schools should be funded first before any consideration is given to private or parochial institutions. Others commented that they pay taxes like everyone else but receive no benefits since their children do not attend public schools. Results mirrored accurately the division of feeling which continues to plague the Michigan State Legislature.



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ON THE JOB - Cascade Township residents visiting the township hall are greeted by Mrs. Mary Timmons, recently named to serve as deputy clerk and receptionist in the fast-growing township.

'New Girl Friday' Is Model of Versatility

For the last few months, a new personality has been greeting the public at Cascade Township Hall. She is Mrs. James (Mary) Timmons of Thornapple River Drive who, in addition to acting as receptionist, has been doing general secretarial work and taking care of a great deal of paper work for the officers. Within a brief half hour, recently Mrs. Timmons registered two new residents of the township, located an area on a Kentwood (?) map for a prospective land purchaser, discussed the intricacies of an electric typewriter with a repair man, tabulated some forms for the clerk, and poured coffee for citizens waiting to see the treasurer. All of this saves time and stress that used to fall on the township officers, but Mrs. Timmons continues to smile through every moment. She is on duty for four days a week from 1-5 p.m. Each afternoon that she is present, an officer may attend meetings without the fear of leaving the office empty. Mrs. Timmons has long had an interest in government at various levels and once served as a precinct delegate. She recently returned from Washington, D. C. where she attended several workshops with cabinet members as featured speakers. Cascade's new deputy clerk, sworn in so that she could take voter registrations, was graduated from Ottawa Hills High School and attended Hillsdale during her college years. Mrs. Timmons, who says that she "grew up in law offices," has worked in 14 law firms for many years and as office manager in the 5th District Republican Headquarters for the last ten years. Although Mrs. Timmons claims an interest in government as a priority hobby, she also enjoys cooking for herself, her husband, and all of their friends. An imaginative party is a delight, according to the woman who is called "most competent" by the Cascade officials. She will share duties in family living education with Mrs. Margaret Lane Szymanski, headquarters in Grand Haven, and Mrs. Alreda McGuire, in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Hamman will make her headquarters at the county building in Allegan. She will share duties in family living education with Mrs. Margaret Lane Szymanski, headquarters in Grand Haven, and Mrs. Alreda McGuire, in Grand Rapids.

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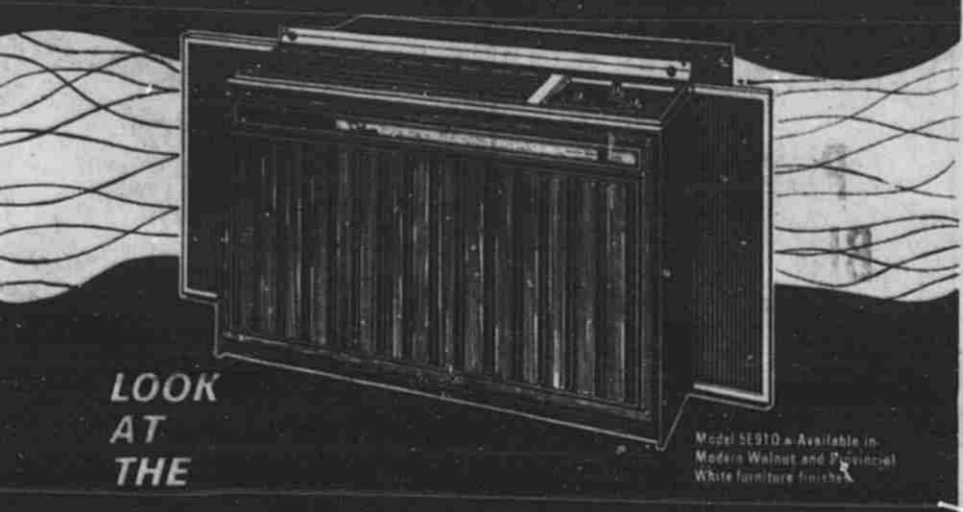
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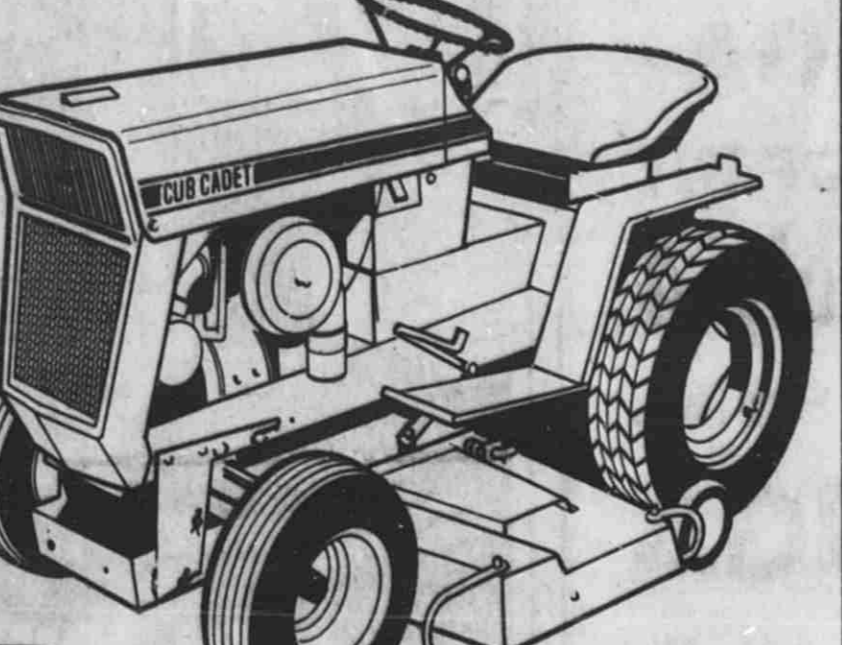
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Stat Corners

Mr. Ida Fox of South Boston was a dinner guest of her son, Carl and family, Sunday, June 22. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fox and daughter of Pleasant Valley were Sunday evening lunch guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fingleton and family of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Mr. and Mrs. Don McNeiche and baby of Orleans, Mich., were dinner and after-

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CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL — Four residents of Saranac are shown in century-old apparel as the Ionia village prepares to mark its centennial celebration with a number of events continuing through July 19. Included is a Queen's Ball on July 12. Pictured above (from left) are Sheila Patrick, Mrs. Colin Williams, Jennifer Patrick and Mrs. Bernard Adgate.

Lake all enjoyed dinner at Bill Knapp's in Grand Rapids on June 22 in honor of Mrs. Lloyd Miller's birthday. Mrs. Clair Kaufman called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Life and daughter at Clarksville on Tuesday.

Lloyd Stahl of Clarksville called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seese and family Wednesday evening. Mrs. Freeman Hoffman and Mrs. Mrs. Lloyd Miller and daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Miller of Morrison

Antique Style Show Centennial Feature

An original antique style show has been scheduled as a highlight for Ladies Day, July 18, during the Saranac Area Centennial.

The show will be held between 2 and 4 p. m. at the elementary school gymnasium and will feature costumes dating back to 1920 and earlier.

All area residents are invited to participate in modeling such clothing. The application forms may be obtained at the Saranac Library and returned to the committee not later than Friday, July 11.

Committee members include Mrs. Paul Cahoon, Jane Kirby, Helen Sykes, Shirley Cahoon, Doris Betakema, Joan McDonald and Mildred Singh.

One of the highlights of last week's activities was an historical tour of the centennial homes. This was followed by a garden party held on the lawns of the Ed Roetman and Bernard Adgate homes on Mill Street.

Another highlight of the weeklong celebration (July 12-19) will be the crowning of

Seek Answers to Nation's Buying Habits

Households in this area will be included in a nationwide survey of consumer buying and home improvement expectations during July. Director Robert A. Yerkes of the Census Bureau's regional office in Detroit announced today.

Householders will be asked whether they expect to buy a house, car or major appliances during the next year and whether they have made recent purchases of these items. Homeowners will be asked about home improvements and repairs during the last three months and any planned for the future.

The survey is taken quarterly throughout the nation to gather information that will guide Federal agencies and other groups with programs based on consumer spending patterns.

In the most recent survey of the series taken in April U. S. families indicated that their plans for buying houses and cars were at about the same level as a year earlier but on the average they expect to buy more household appliances and furnishings.

Households included in the July survey will not be identified. All answers are kept confidential by the Census Bureau and information obtained in the survey will be used only for statistical purposes.



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Schedules Set for Check-ups

Parents of children who will be starting school in September are urged to have their children's eyes and ears checked before school starts, according to Dr. W. B. Prothro, Kent County Health Officer.

The Kent County Health Department will be conducting vision and hearing programs throughout the county during July. Pre-school children who are not tested by their family physician, or the head start program in Grand Rapids, are eligible.

Currently, state law requires the immunizations against pertussis (whooping cough), smallpox, diphtheria, measles, polio-myelitis and tuberculosis skin test for children before entering school, private or public. Next year, vision testing will be included in the requirement.

"The early detection of vision and hearing defects are very important," Dr. Prothro said. "This is truly a case of where an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," he continued.

"Extending vision screening to pre-school children," Dr. Prothro said, "Does not mean we can stop screening school-age children. What it does mean is that we will be doing a better job of vision screening."

The eyes of growing children should be tested periodically throughout life. But, the tests are especially important in young children because the eyes change rapidly with growth.

The testing program will be conducted at the Health Department, 1619 Walker, N.W., starting Monday, June 30th through August 1st between 8:30 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. and from 12:30 p. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Other centers in the Kent County area are also scheduled at the same time as the above and will be held in the following locations:

- Sparta, Kent City, Cedar Springs Area—June 30, July 1st and July 2nd, to be held at the Sparta Central School, 208 Alma Street.
- Wyoming, Grandville and Byron Center Area—July 1st through July 11th—Southwest Elementary School, 434 Byron Center, S.W.

North Kent Area—July 14th through July 16th—Rockford Crestwood Elementary School, 659 Courtland Drive.

East Kent Area—July 17th through July 20th—Ada Elementary School, 731 Ada Dr.

South Kent Area—July 24th through July 30th—Hamilton School, 3303 Breton Road, S.E.

Appointments for all testing locations may be made by calling the Health Department, 456-3416.

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A RARE VIEW OF LOWELL is shown in this aerial photograph taken recently by Ledger Suburban Life staff photographer Scot Jefferies. New residential and commercial development on the city's west side is clearly visible. Leonard Jackson piloted the aircraft from which the picture was taken.

NOTES AND NOBSENSE FROM "WINDY NOB"

Well, good old "Windy Nob" sure was windy this past Thursday evening. There's always a gentle breeze whispering through the pines up here, and anything more than a gentle breeze means everything has to be fastened down or put away.

So Thursday I bought the kids the tent they've wanted for so long. Yep! You guessed it. They wanted to sleep in it that night. Like, oh boy! Have you ever tried to pitch a tent in a high wind? Well, it can be done.

I'm just glad it wasn't any larger. Friend husband was a big help. He held the sheet of instructions so it wouldn't blow away. I'm still wondering about that grin he was wearing. And once he muttered something about charging admission the next time.

Friday morning the kids wanted me to put up their pool. I flatly refused until the wind quit blowing. For heaven sakes if the wind ever

Alto Party Line

The 53rd reunion of the Smilers Club, class of 1916 was held on Tuesday, June 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Val Watts. The club was organized when members were juniors in high school.

Those present were Mrs. Warren Aldrich of San Antonio, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Baum of Royal Oak, Mich., Dr. Herman Speerstra of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dolph and Miss Margaret Gougherty of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardner, Mrs. Leo Denny, Mrs. Mable Scott, all of Lowell, and Mrs. Wm. Watson of Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Huey of Livonia were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stauffer. Mrs. Huey is the former Maxine Worden of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green spent the weekend camping out at Mullet Lake near Cheboygan. They returned home on Monday.

The "Six Seesies" of "Windy Nob" spent Saturday night and Sunday camping out at Deep Lake with the Murrays, who had been there since Tuesday night.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

The principal water course in the town is Coldwater Creek (or Little Thorn Apple), which enters the southeast corner of the town and flows west across the town, keeping within the south line of the town. In the eastern part of the town is Duck Creek and in the western is Harris Creek, both tributaries of the Cold Water, and both rapid little mill streams. There are about a dozen small lakes in the town, some of them perhaps over half a mile in length, while there are numerous swamps, some of them of considerable size.

In the eastern and northern part of the town timbered lands, clothed with beech, maple, bass-wood, ash, etc. prevail, and some of the surface is quite level, while in the southern and western parts it is frequently very rolling, and some oak openings are found. The soil of the town is generally esteemed as being very fertile.

Next week I will continue the history of Bowne Township with growth and present state, and the patrons' directory.

From time to time, I would like to do an article on a prominent person from the area. Any suggestions would be welcome.

SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Mr. Jonathan Thomas, of New York, purchased land in this township in 1836, and came to it with his family, accompanied by Frederick Thompson, Israel Graves and William Woolley, and their families, during the year 1837, and built the first house in the town. Prior to the organization of the township, which took place in 1848, James H. Traux, Jared Miller, William Stewart, Daniel C. McVean, Abraham Lowe, a Mr. White, and a Mr. Cobb, William Gibson, Salmon E. Platt, Henry C. Foster, John Underwood, Abijah Poole, and John A. Cambie and others, had made the township their homes.

The first township officers, elected in 1848, seem to have been: Supervisor: Rowell C. Tyler; Clerk: Daniel C. McVean; Treasurer, Justus G. Beach; Justices: Fred Miller, Norman Foster; Commissioners of highways, Loren B. Tyler, James H. Traux, Asa R. Tyler; and School Inspectors, Jared Miller, William Gibson.

The following are the principal township officers for 1875 and 1876:

Supervisor, W. T. Remington; Clerk, Frank Cuykendall; Treasurer, Edwin Bunker; Justices, John P. Myers, Stephen Johnson.

Last week I gave you one of two recipes. This week, if you want, I'll give you the other one.

Glazed Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Luscious spring dessert: Serve pie warm with sour cream spread on top.

Pastry for 2 crust pie, 1 1/4 Cup sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, one-third cup flour, 2 cup fresh strawberries, 2 cup (1 1/2 pices) fresh rhubarb, 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, 1 tbsp. sugar.

Combine first three. Arrange half of berries and rhubarb in pastry-lined pan. Sprinkle with half of the sugar mixture. Repeat with remaining fruit and sugar mixture; dot fluted edges. Brush top with cold water and sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. sugar. Cut steam vents. Bake at 425 degree 40 to 50 minutes or until rhubarb is tender and crust is browned.

Alto News

On Tuesday evening June 24, the ladies of the Elm Dale Nazarene Church gave a bridal shower for Miss Jacqueline Craig. Mrs. Elouise Courter, at whose home the shower was held, and Mrs. Hardyman baked and decorated a beautiful three tier wedding cake to complete with bride & groom.

Mrs. Ruth Hoag was in charge of cakes after which the bride-to-be opened her many lovey gifts. A dainty luncheon completed an enjoyable evening for the 25 ladies.

Hugh Bitter was a caller at the Duane Krauss home on Monday and on Thursday Miss Joyce Brouwer was an overnight guest of Miss Sue Krauss.

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With Our Servicemen

Fireman Barry W. Fahrni, USN, son of Mrs. Jean L. Fahrni of Clarksville, was aboard the USS Barney visiting Portsmouth, England.

The ship was among 64 reviewed by her majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England, in Portsmouth Harbor to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Army Specialist Four Douglas K. Sandy, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Sandy, 3611 Hilton, Lowell, was assigned June 12 to the 52nd Artillery Group in Vietnam, as a cannoneer. His wife, Janet, lives at 1054 Sibley, Grand Rapids.

MSU FINE ARTS FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The 10th annual Fine Arts Festival will be held on the Michigan State University campus July 13-17. The summer event will feature lectures and discussions by artists, a series of American experimental films of the 1960s, as well as programs of music and dance.

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SEEK NEW MEMBERS - The Scarlet Troubadours Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Lowell are seeking to become a full-fledged organization capable of competing in state and midwest events. Uniforms and instruments are furnished by the corps. Monthly dues are \$1. Information may be secured by contacting Donald Lehigh at 897-8310. Shown above (left) are members of the Color Guard . . . Dennis Bender, Denise Bender, Diane Willard and Don Green. In the center, Mrs. Richard Willard adjusts daughter Diane's uniform. The big and small of it are shown at right. That's Bill Green with the bass drum and Dennis Bender with the soprano bugle. The Troubadours perform at many functions throughout the area.

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Summer Library Activities

The Lowell Public Library, in cooperation with the Lowell Elementary Schools, has announced a special summer reading program designed in the most part for children in the first through fourth grades.

Aimed at promoting summertime reading, the program includes an incentive plan. A set of pictures are available, which must be colored. As a child completes each book, he is allowed to color in one section of the picture. Each picture is completed with the reading of ten books. The pictures will be on display in the child's room at school next fall.

Other summer activities announced by the Lowell Library are:

July 24, 10 a. m., a feature on Children of Courage, with readings from "Call it Courage" and the "School with a Difference."

August 7, 12:30 p. m., puppet show: "Stick With Me" and "Beauty and The Beast."

August 15, Kent County Library Day at the Children's Theatre, John Ball Park.

August 21, 10 a. m., a film "The Golden Fish."

Further information on all the programs may be obtained by calling the library.

Read the Want Ads



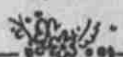
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Fair 'Season' Opens July 3 at Lake Odessa

The Lake Odessa Fair, Michigan's first fair of the year, will be held July 3-6 opening with a grand parade to the fair grounds.

This year's fair will feature three days of harness racing with over \$20,000 in purses, light weight horsepulling and pony pulling, Michigan Demolition Derby appearing in Lake Odessa for the first time, modern amusement rides & shows.

In addition to the new covered grandstand, a new judges stand has been completed and a parking lot directly opposite the main entrance has been acquired.

This year's fair will show an increase in livestock entries as well as boys and girls exhibits, open to all 4-H home Economics and Industrial Art Students in the youth building.

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Clinton E. Meadows says the whole approach to herd improvement is constantly replacing poorest producing cows in the herd with cows that, on the basis of their parent's record, will do better.

Every dairyman must remember he is in the meat producing business, also. Keeping a cow in the herd when she is not producing enough milk to pay for her feed and care is a big mistake when cull cow prices are high at the stockyards, Meadows says.

PSYCHEDELIC SCENERY

Instead of the usual scenery, psychedelic light film will be projected behind the performers when the opera "Turandot" is presented in Seattle next season.

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