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FIERY REFLECTION — A truck parked near the aerosol division of Amway Corporation is shown as it is consumed by flames in Friday's fire at the Ada Plant. (Photo courtesy Amway Corporation).

Seek Amway Blast Origin

Fire officials continued to sift through charred remains early this week to determine the cause of an explosion and blaze that caused damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000 at Amway Corporation in Ada.

The spectacular blaze sent nine persons to the hospital, two of them to the University of Michigan Burn Center in Ann Arbor with critical burns.

Quick work by firemen from Ada, Cascade, Lowell and other nearby communities, plus special safety valves that shut off the supply of chemicals from the affected area, combined to minimize damage to the sprawling home products manufacturing concern.

Primary damage was to the aerosol division, located in the east wing. However, only 14,400 square feet of the plant's 450,000 square-foot capacity was destroyed by flames.

Company officials were concerned soon after the Friday night blast that a nearby "tank farm" used for storage of hydrocarbons for the production of aerosol-charged

products was in danger, but the fire was quelled before it could spread to this area.

Listed in critical condition at the U. of Michigan Burn Center was Norbert Buzun of Grand Rapids. In fair condition in the same facility was John Thomasma, also of Grand Rapids. Both are Amway employees.

Listed in good condition at Butterworth Hospital were David Evans of 8080 68th Street, Alto, and Walter Powell of Saranac. They also are Amway employees.

Three college girls working at the plant on temporary assignment by Manpower, Inc., were taken to Blodgett Hospital where their condition was listed as good. They were Linda Conchran of Saranac, Sandra Shepard of Grand Rapids and Joy Lillie of Coopersville.

Ten other employees were treated for minor injuries at area hospitals and released. The damage estimate was made by Jay

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Death Stills Voice of 'Hello Girl'

The voice of Lowell's "Hello Girl" has been stilled forever.

Death came Monday evening, at age 92, to Miss Mary Agnes Perry, the last remaining descendant of a once-prominent Lowell family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Grace Katherine and Martha.

During her lifelong residency, Miss Perry provided a great service to Lowell. The second girl ever to work for the Lowell Telephone Company, and then only as a temporary employee, she remained with the company for 42 years as operator and instructor of new employees.

Fellow telephone workers and students gathered each year, following her retirement at age 65, to honor Miss Perry on her birthday.

Though suffering from a lingering illness, Miss Perry remained a spry, alert person in her later years. She required the aid of a magnifying glass to read, but kept abreast of current events with avid reading.

Services were held from Roth Funeral Home Wednesday with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

In accordance with her wishes, friends were requested not to send flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell.



TOOT! Representative Gerald Ford hurried back to Washington following his annual visit to Showboat Monday night . . . for a breakfast conference scheduled Tuesday with President Richard Nixon . . . no doubt to begin assessment of the United States' role in space exploration.

TOOT! Veteran observers claim that Monday's opening show was the smoothest . . . and best received . . . in history.

TOOT! The crowd Monday was estimated at 3,500 . . . with many Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Brownies and Cub Scouts from the area on hand . . . along with representatives from Maple Grove Medical Care Facility, Camp O'Malley and the Grand Rapids Handicapped.

Tuesday's crowd included guests of Showboat management from Mary Free Bed Hospital, VFW Children's Home in Eaton Rapids, Pine Rest Christian Home, Grand Rapids Veteran's Facility, Easter Seal Society of Kent County and Goodwill Industries.

TOOT! Wittenbach Sales & Service provided automobiles for transportation of Milton Berle and his entourage during the week.

TOOT! Ushers would be well-advised to minimize the amount of foot traffic in front of the stage. It is disconcerting to the entertainers . . . and annoying to those seated in the front rows!

TOOT! Milton Berle borrowed a bug sprayer, supposedly to kill off some of the flying insects that zoom in from all over when the floodlights go on. Actually, it wouldn't hurt a fly . . . that's water he is spraying!

TOOT! Uncle Milty's bag of jokes contained two exceptionally good ones:

"The fastest way to end the Viet Nam War is to put it on ABC. Then it will be finished in 13 weeks."

"I tried to get booked on Showboat some years ago . . . and they told me then I'd get the date when man set foot on the moon!"

TOOT! Trumpet impersonations by Leonard Sues include all the greats except one . . . his own! He's good enough to be in a class by himself.

TOOT! The Robert E. Lee XXXVII's trip down the Flat River and 'round Cattail Bend was extremely smooth and without incident . . . though there was a decided hush in the stands when it got near the Lowell Light & Power lines.

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SHOW BIZ 'YOUNGSTERS' — Milton Berle and Lowell Showboat Endman Forest Buck are pictured prior to Monday's opening of the 1969 production. Berle has been in show business a half-century and Buck is a veteran of 34 years behind the scenes or in front of the Showboat footlights.

'Uncle Milty' Wows 'Em on '69 Showboat Stage

The man who delighted audiences in the millions during the pioneer days of television provided the Lowell Showboat with some of its most memorable moments this week.

Milton Berle gave 3,500 opening night fans a rousing send-off to the six-night performance of Showboat, which concludes with 8:30 p.m. shows Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Tickets remain available for all three performances, but were expected to be in short supply as word of Berle's extraordinary stage wizardry spreads across the area.

The veteran entertainer thoroughly enchanted a mixed crowd of youngsters and oldsters with a running barrage of jokes, buffoonery and up-staging of his fellow performers . . . all of them members of the Berle company, by the way.

"This is the only kind of show business for me," said the 61-year-old comedian

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following Monday's performance. "I feel more at home in front of real, live audiences where the tick of a clock doesn't cramp your style . . . and where folks respond to a good effort on the part of the entertainers."

With Berle on the professional end of the program are trumpet player Leonard Sues, songstress Ann Hilton and the Amin Brothers, whose acrobatic antics get things going with a bang.

There were few rough spots at the opening performance as Berle took over center stage and dominated the show . . . without objection from the audience . . . for about 70 minutes.

The only change scheduled to be made was in the selection of songs for Miss Hilton.

"We're going to give her a few more of the rock-em, sock-em songs to sing," said Berle. "Those she sang tonight (Monday) were just fine for an intimate type nightclub . . . but not out here in the open air."

Berle is no stranger to working on an outdoor stage, but admits this is his first performance in a long time on a showboat. "This is really unique," he declared.

Sues provides a highlight of the evening with impersonations of famed trumpet players such as Herb Alpert, Harry James, Clyde McCoy, Louis Armstrong and Bunny Berrigan, among others.

He and Berle, who have worked together for about 18 years, also have an excellent comedy routine that, in part, appears to be wholly unrehearsed.

Berle also gets in on the Amin Brothers' act, much to the delight of those in the audience who like slapstick comedy. The Amins have been with Berle for eight years.

Of the locally-produced talent, the imitable Endmen have come up with some new jokes that breathe life into the early part of the performance.

Two Grand Rapids singing groups . . . the Creston Madrigals and the Nu-Comers . . . offer "Hootenanny" and "This Is My Country, respectively, with better-than-average results.

Interspersed are dance routines by the Gordon Raynor Dancers from the Academy of the Dance in Cascade and by winners of the Talent Search competition.

Clues Sought in B&E Cases

Lowell police today are investigating two breaking-and-entering cases reported by local business concerns.

Thieves smashed open doors of vending machines located at Sortex Corporation and Newell Manufacturing and removed an undetermined amount of money.

A Lowell man is scheduled for arraignment before 63rd District Court Judge Joseph White on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

Leslie Porter, 45, of Donna Street was charged with the offense last Friday in Lowell. He was released from Kent County Jail on bond.



The man on the idiot's lantern . . . which most of us watched with consuming interest over this past monumental weekend . . . said he was speechless and it's fair to assume that most of us felt the same way when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin touched down on the Moon late Sunday night.

For my part, the moment that caused the old ticker to flutter was when Houston controllers, quite matter-of-factly it seemed, ordered the Lunar Module back into space.

What, I thought, if that engine didn't start! Or suppose it fired, but didn't generate enough power to get Armstrong and Aldrin into a high enough orbit of the Moon to make contact with the command ship racing by some 70 miles high. What then?

This, then, was the high spot for me in a journey that makes everything else that has gone before look like child's play.

In many ways, the entire mission was about as cool as the outer space in which it was enacted. There isn't much doubt but that those who remained back on earth worked up all the sweat. The astronauts? Too busy working to get excited.

Now the merry-go-round that is in Washington will get going on whether the United States should or should not proceed with further space exploration.

In my mind, to stop now would be a travesty. By journeying farther into space, man should unlock more of the mysteries that confront him about the earth, its beginnings and its neighbors.

If there was one thing that disturbed me more than anything else during reports of the Apollo flight, it came on those occasions where the cost of the U. S. space program was broached.

Let us remember several things. The money spent was not just poured down an over-sized drain. It was used to employ people . . . and much of the money found its way back to Washington in the form of taxes.

Secondly, and probably much more importantly, the amount of research and development that went into sending our men to the Moon . . . and for creating the necessary machines to send them still further . . . could never have been duplicated under what might be termed "normal" conditions.

Laboratories that were created for specific phases of the space program would be little more than artist's sketches on a drawing board . . . and machines developed to solve the specific problems created by these laboratories would not have been produced by men with lesser vision.

The question, therefore, boils down to just how much good has come of the program and how much more will be done to benefit mankind as a direct result of the space effort.

In my estimation, the limits are as boundless as the space we intend to explore.

A publication such as ours is devoted to gathering details of local events . . . and leaving the big stories, such as the moon probe, to the experts of newspapers, radio and TV.

Yet, after years of reporting for dailies, there is always that tendency on my part to write the "lead" . . . at least in my own mind . . . of many stories.

I might have written it like this:

"The National Aeronautics and Space Administration gave television viewers its own version of Mission Impossible on a Sunday night when all other regular programming was cancelled for the historic moon walk of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin."

I was more than a little dismayed that President Nixon . . . and a number of public officials who followed in sheep-like fashion . . . decided to declare Monday as a "Day of Participation" in honor of the pioneer moonmen.

I am not opposed to honoring these brave men. But I believe we should do so when they will be around to participate with the rest of us.

To do otherwise is kind of like putting the cart before the horse.

In answer to several of our more critical readers . . . I invite you to come in and inspect back issues of the newspaper. If you still disagree with our format and philosophy of coverage, the next year's subscription is on the house!

CHICKEN B-B-Q - Saturday afternoon at the Fairgrounds. Start serving at 4 p.m. Sponsored by 4-H leaders club. Everyone Welcome. Adults \$1.75, children under 12, \$1. c-16

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CHARRED REMAINS — This was the scene as viewed by Staff Photographer Scot Jefferies during an aerial inspection of fire damage at the Amway Corporation in Ada. Fire units from throughout the area brought the blaze under control before it reached the "tank farm" located only a few hundred feet away (lower left). (Aerial transportation courtesy Leonard Jackson).

Pool Party, Dance for Teens Friday

A teenage pool party and dance for members of the Forest Hills Community Park Association (fresh through the twelfth grade) and their guests will be held at the Forest Hills pool this Friday (July 25) from 9 to 12 p.m. Highlighting the party will be the music of the Phileasians.

General chairman of the party is Debbie DeVieger. Ticket chairman is Mary Jo VanKeulen, assisted by Paula Elliot. Larry Diegel is chairman of publicity, and Mark Anderson and Ted Wietke are handling refreshments. Nicki Beemsterboer is in charge of music, and Steve Shuster heads the chaperone committee.

Chaperones for the party are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. William Orr, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Urbanski. Members of the Forest Hills Swim Club Boosters who are helping with arrangements are Mrs. George Yankevich, Mrs. John Bazzini, Mrs. Charles Vandenberg, president of the Boosters, Mrs. Thomas Horning, and Mrs. Donald Griffith.

Tickets will be limited in number and should be purchased in advance. Call 949-6541 or 949-3427. In case of rain, the party will be held at the Grand Rapids Ski Club, 4147 Leonard N.E.

Local Girl Takes Part in 4-H Course

A Lowell 4-H'er will be among 12 Kent County teens participating in a 4-H Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D. C. next week.

Mary Wittenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wittenbach, Farnell Ave., Lowell, will take part in the course designed to help participants develop a greater understanding and appreciation of American Heritage, learn basic functions of the national government, gain an appreciation and understanding of international aspects of citizenship, develop their commitment to the democratic way of life, and develop skills for practicing and teaching citizenship in local 4-H clubs.

Visits to many historic shrines and points of interest will be on the itinerary for the group, including the Capitol, Supreme Court, White House and the National Archives.

Girl Scout NEWS

WANTED — Young ladies who are interested in finding adventure, making new friends and learning new skills. Active community service, outdoor camping and sports are just a few of the opportunities available for those interested in senior scouting.

For further information regarding YOUR participation in an exciting community project call 676-9317 NOW! Be included in the "Green Power Movement."

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gilbert (nee Sheila Craig) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Jo, on July 5 at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Orison Abel are the proud parents of a daughter, Vicki Ellen, born Thursday, July 17, Vicki weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 1/2 ozs.

Civic Calendar

Monday, July 28:
Ada Township board meeting, 7:30 p. m., township hall.
City of Lowell planning commission, 8 p. m., city hall.
Open house announcements for all occasions. See our many samples. Ledger office.

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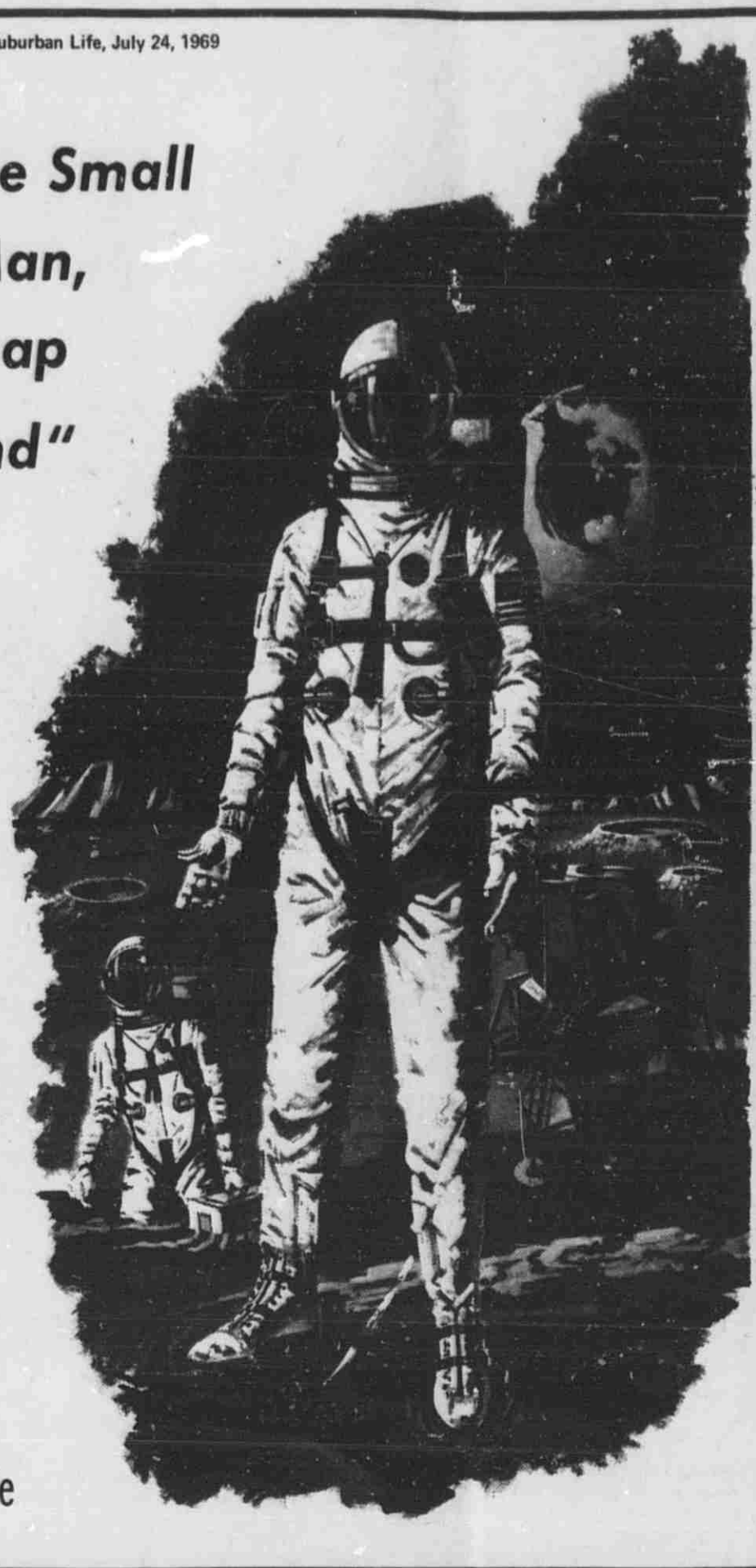
THE MOON,

JULY 20, 1969

Best Wishes

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The Subscribers and Advertisers of The Ledger-Suburban Life



FAIR HEADLINERS — Brenda Lee and Gordon McRae will be featured in the grandstand evening show at the Ionia Free Fair. Miss Lee headlines the program August 4-6 and McRae will be on stage August 7-9.

State Fair Announces Change in Cattle Show

An important change in the showing of beef cattle at the Michigan State Fair is described in the Premium Book now being distributed.

August 1 is the deadline for all entries for the State Fair which will be held in Detroit Friday, August 22, through Labor Day (September 1).

E. J. (Jeff) Keirns, general manager, points out that, for the first time, beef cattle are being split into two divisions. In the first division (Aug. 22-26), Angus, Polled Hereford, Michigan, 8200. Exhibitors should indicate which section is desired. ONE OF LARGEST The Ionia Free Fair is one of the 25 largest fairs in North America. Keirns said the split would

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Amway

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VanAndel, chairman of the board, and Richard DeVos, company president, following an on-the-scene inspection of the building.

A company spokesman said that reconstruction of the building was expected to commence at once and that shipment of products would not be seriously disrupted due to the fact that supplies for immediate needs were stored in Amway facilities across the country and in Canada.

The spectacular fire was kept alive throughout much of Friday night by gas from a tank to which a connecting line had been severed. During the fire, escaping gas from this line ignited and caused a 100-foot wide fireball to explode into the night sky.

Residents from miles around were attracted to the blaze, creating a temporary traffic jam. Police agencies quickly restored order, however.

Whistleblots

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TOOT! Uncle Mity and members of the visiting cast were overwhelmed by the congeniality of Lowell residents. "I'm not saying this just to make small talk," said Berle. "I just don't ever recall getting a warmer welcome than what we've been given here."

TOOT! The Amin Brothers were unable to perform difficult head-stand to their satisfaction Monday night... mainly because they lacked depth perception that comes with working in an open sky.

"They need a spot on a ceiling to work with," says Milton Berle, who had had them as part of his act for eight years.

TOOT! The Showboat Chorus was introduced as a 90-voice unit... and that included the Creston Madrigals and the Nu-Corners, both from Grand Rapids. It appears the chorus needs a spot-in-the-arm if it is to remain a vital part of the Showboat production.

TOOT! A visitor to the premiere performance of Showboat '69 was newly-appointed city manager Blain Bacon, who takes over the vacant desk at Lowell City Hall on August 18.

Formal Opening of 'Estates' Near

Formal opening of the Cumberland Leisure Estates, a new mobile home development on M-21 west of Lowell, is scheduled within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, reservations for the 95-unit installation are now being accepted, according to secretary-treasurer Gow Ramjed.

Located on a 100-acre site, the project features full underground facilities, two spring-fed ponds, and a tornado and fallout shelter located in the recreation-laundry center facility.

Harold J. Engelhardt of Lowell is president of the company and Winston G. Setchfield of Grand Rapids is vice president.

Select Area Girls on 4-H Queen's Court

Susan Fales of Sparta has been selected to preside over the annual Kent County 4-H Youth Fair to be held August 11-15 at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

Also honored are Jackie Shade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shade, 4706 Segway, Lowell, and Sharon VanderBoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John VanderBoon, 1240 Grand River Dr., N.E., Ada, who will serve on the Queen's Court.

Lowell Zoning Hearing Slated

A public hearing is scheduled next Monday night in Lowell Township Hall at 7:30 on proposed changes of the township's zoning ordinance.

Among the ordinance regulations under consideration for change are those dealing with lagoon-type sewage disposal systems, trailers, swimming pools and methods of applying for building permits.

OOPS! WE SLIPPED
The dividend rate for the six-month period ended June 30 for Lowell Savings and Loan Association should have been 6 1/2 percent, not 6 percent as erroneously reported in the July 10 edition.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of State Savings Bank

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ASSETS	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 807,233.05
U. S. Treasury securities	1,924,351.92
Securities of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	92,500.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,429,041.92
Other securities (including \$18,000 corporate stocks)	15,000.00
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	300,000.00
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	5,300,831.93
Other assets	150,443.04
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,120,356.82
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$2,066,734.67
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	5,786,009.18
Deposits of United States Government	110,012.68
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	979,016.05
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	121,644.25
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$9,063,406.83
(a) Total demand deposits	\$2,588,659.58
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$6,474,747.25
Other liabilities	259,553.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9,322,959.90
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans	\$ 88,204.37
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Equity capital, total	\$ 700,192.55
Common stock—total par value	\$ 250,000.00
No. shares authorized—2,500	No. shares outstanding—2,500
Surplus	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits	\$ 100,192.55
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 700,192.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
	\$10,120,356.82
MEMORANDA	
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$5,976,667.35
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$6,641,708.47
Deposits of the State of Michigan	189,183.43

SHOWBOAT PARTY — A cool summer evening greeted several hundred guests for the annual Lowell Showboat lawn party Monday evening. The affair was attended by numerous national, state and local dignitaries as well as members of the Showboat cast.

Special Tax Form Useful for Mistakes

Taxpayers who forgot to include all their income, deductions or credits when they filed their 1968 Federal income tax returns can correct these mistakes by filing Form 1040X.

A. M. Stoeppler, District Director of Internal Revenue for Michigan, said that taxpayers using Form 1040X need only enter the information required to correct the mistake made on the original Form 1040 or 1040A. Another complete tax return does not have to be filed.

Errors in arithmetic will be corrected by Internal Revenue Service and an amended return should not be filed.

About 150,000 taxpayers used Form 1040X last year when it was first introduced. The form makes it easier for taxpayers to amend returns previously filed and speeds the processing of any additional refund that may be due.

Stoeppler said a taxpayer generally has up to three years after the deadline for filing a return to claim a refund.

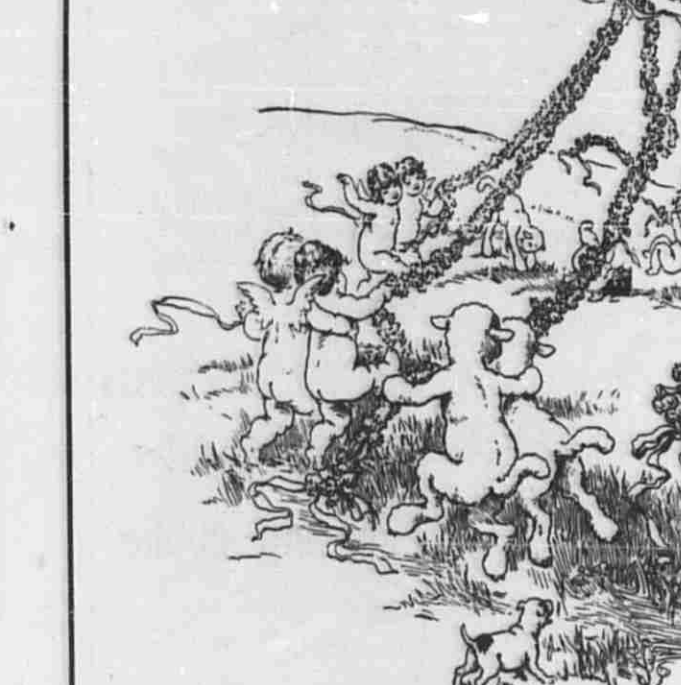
Copies of Form 1040X and instructions for filing it out are available at local IRS offices.

Attend Church this Sunday

State of Michigan, County of Kent: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 1969.

Laura Shepard, Notary Public

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Star Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Seese, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fox, Philip and Lois and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seese and family enjoyed a potluck dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meyers at Freepport, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bickert of Keene, Mrs. Gladys Clemenz and daughter Carol and Mrs. Fred Kroff of Lowell were Sunday afternoon visitors of Fred Fuss and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharon Hoffman Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and daughters, with Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Miller, enjoyed chicken barbecue dinner at Carkeville Saturday evening, July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs, Mrs. Russ Swanson and son Jeffrey enjoyed a Sunday picnic dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oesch and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henney, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Beland, at the Harris Creek Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Roth of Allen Nash Avenue were Saturday evening guests of Fred Fuss and sisters.

The Roths had pictures taken while on their trip to Switzerland and told of the many places of interest they visited known to the Fuss'.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wingeier were Friday dinner guests of her sister Mrs. Roy Bloomer and husband at McCords.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vander Mey and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dickerson and daughter, and friends of Grand Rapids were Monday evening callers at the Ira Bloughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahl were Sunday afternoon and lunch guests of their son, Verle and family.

Mrs. Freeman Hoffman visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson at Lowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burkhardt of Dorris were Monday afternoon and supper guests at the Harold Seese home.

The Star Farm Bureau spent the weekend at the Perry Cottage at Murray Lake at Harris Creek Park Tuesday evening.

KREBS FAMILY REUNION

The Krebs family reunion was held Sunday, July 20, 1969 at the Kings Center, W.S.C.S. Hall. Potluck dinner enjoyed at noon. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John DeBarns showed pictures of several former reunions, then ice cream and cake was served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Johnson of Fairwell, Michigan. Fifty-three guests were present from Eastmont, Grand Rapids, Belmont, Dearborn, Fairwell, Lowell, Freepport and Alto. After a very enjoyable day all returned to

their homes, hoping to meet again in the year 1970.

Other News

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoffman and daughters of Westland, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and daughters were Sunday evening lunch guests of their mother, Mrs. Freeman Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaffer attended the Nazarene Church Assembly at Indian Lake near Vicksburg Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wingeier, Sharon and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wingeier of Kalamazoo attended the Grassy Family reunion at Goodfield, Ill. Sunday, July 13th. Mrs. Wingeier and Sharon stayed over and visited friends and relatives in Chicago and other places last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller attended the Young People's Class Party at Ovi Miller's home at Morrison Lake Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wingeier and daughter of South Bozette were Thursday evening guests at Alex Wingeier's home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Watson of Alto were Friday morning visitors of Alex Wingeier's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stahl and son, Donald, were Sunday evening visitors at Carl Krafft's home.

Mrs. Alex McPherson and son, Bob of Flint, Scott and Timmy Wingeier of Alto and Carolyn Wingeier were Thursday dinner and afternoon guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wingeier. Owen Steckle of Freepport was a caller also.

Mrs. Leslie Morrison of Saranac and mother, Mrs. Stephen Miller, were Friday afternoon callers at Ira Bloughs.

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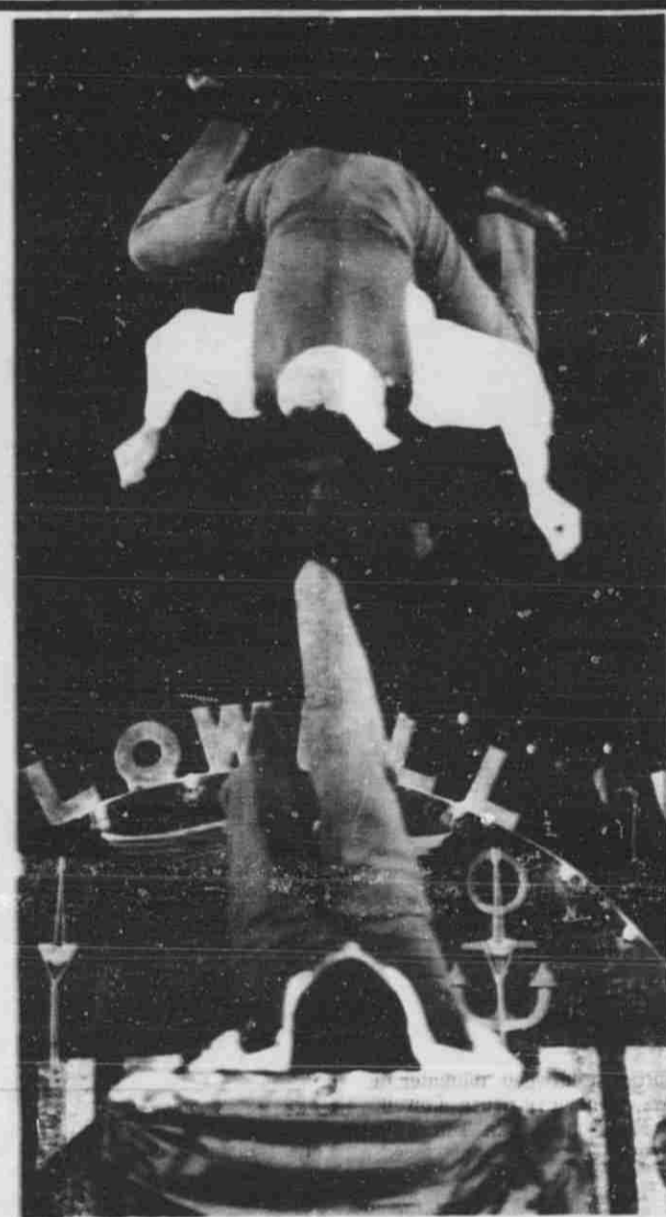
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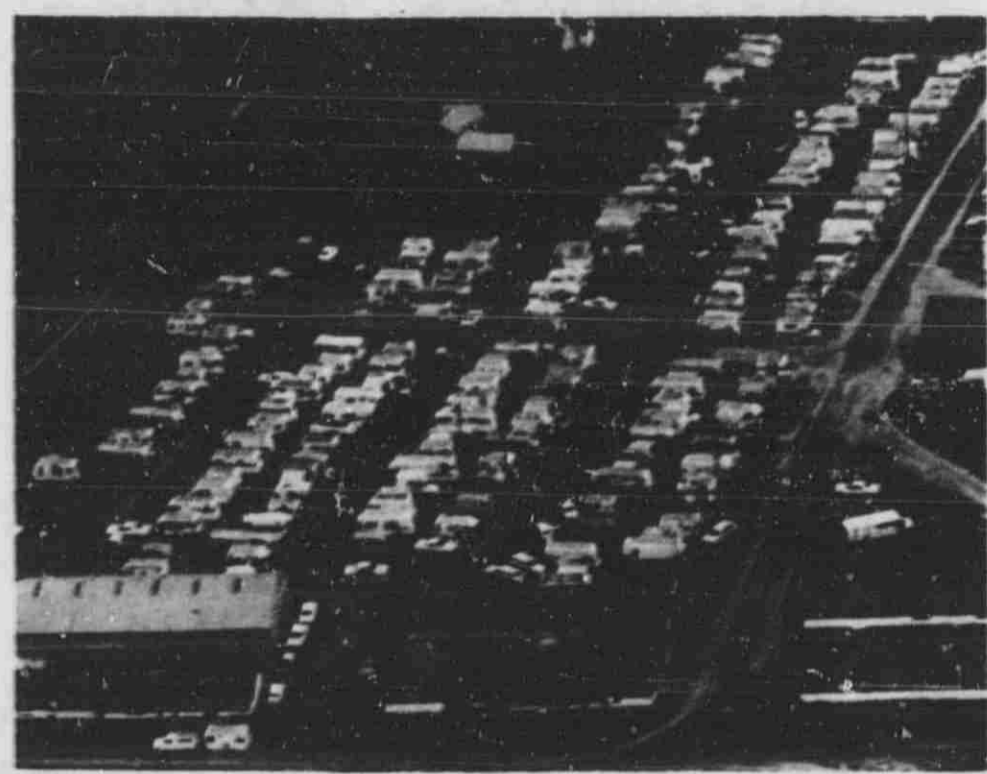
You will not find their names in any guidebooks, but Mervin Morrow and his friend Hector should be mentioned as one of the attractions of historic Mackinac Island. Morrow is the only hostler employed by the Department of State Highways. Hector is his horse, the last vestige of a highway maintenance force that relied heavily on horse power in its literal sense when the automotive age was just beginning.

Autos are banned on Mackinac Island, a refuge of peace and quiet far from the din of the cities. There's a need, nonetheless, for a highway to accommodate the hordes of vacationers who walk, pedal bicycles or ride in horse-drawn carriages around the eight-mile circumference of the island.

This highway (M-185) is the only one in the state that excludes motor vehicles, and therefore the only one not maintained with gas & weight taxes. The narrow, blacktop road is important enough to tourism, Michigan's No. 2 industry, to rate the modest expense it requires. Every day during the tourist season, Morrow and Hector require washouts and picks up trash, manure and stones, piling them onto the rubber-tired wagon drawn by Hector.

When the work was done and quiet returned, only Morrow and Hector remained as the department's maintenance force on M-185.

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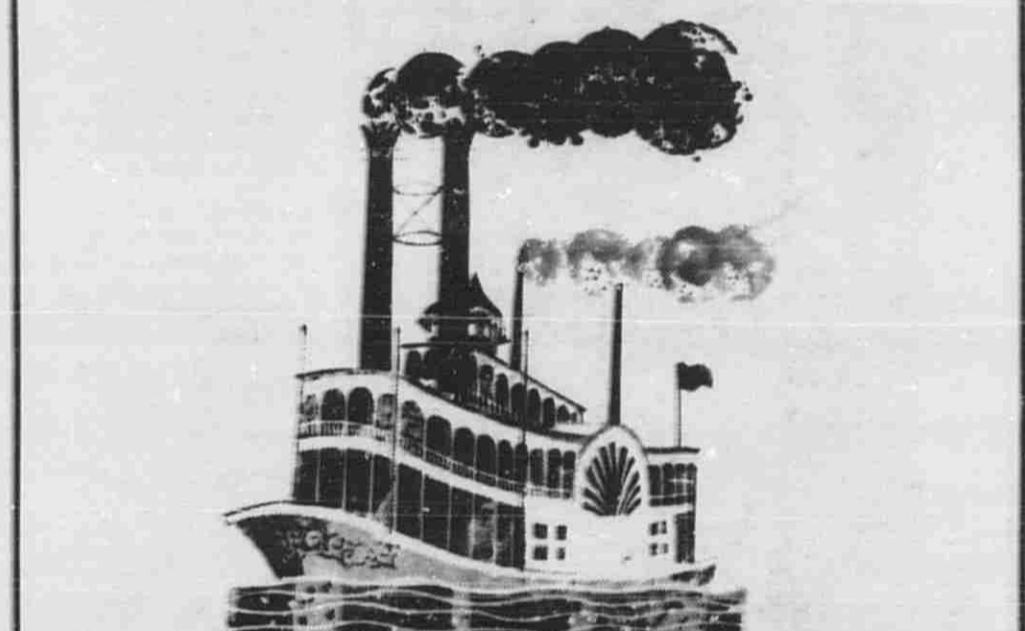
Driver License Suspensions Doubled Under New Law

The Michigan Department of State is shattering all previous records in suspending and otherwise disciplining errant drivers, but Secretary of State James M. Hare is not too happy with the situation. "We may well double our totals of 40,520 driver improvement activities from last year, such as suspensions and revocations, and we can attribute most of the hike to a very punitive new law... P. A. 332... which forces our Department to suspend drivers if they do not take care of their tickets within 40 days," said Hare.

Through the first half of 1969, more than 21,000 drivers had already had varying types of driver improvement activities taken against their driving records. This was four months ahead of the record pace of 1968.

Public Act 332 has accounted for more than 17,000 suspensions. "The pace is picking up," said Hare. "We started rather slowly with only 12 suspensions in February. In March 1,143 Michigan drivers were 'dry-docked.' In April, 4,900 lost their driving privileges. In May, the total was down somewhat to 4,198. But in June, we hit our peak of 6,818 suspensions. Based on this, we should have well over 50,000 suspensions by the end of the year."

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Tradition Marks Cascade Wedding

Cascade Christian Church was the setting for the marriage of Miss Cheryl Janine Crum to Robert John Winters on Friday (July 18). Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Crum, Cascade, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Winters, East Beltline NE.

The bride wore a lovely gown of silk over satin, hand made by her mother, of Victorian style with fitted waist. The below sleeves, bodice and train were made of French imported lace. Her veil of silk illusion was held by a band of pearls.

Miss Nancy Krebs served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Winters of Grand Rapids, Miss Maureen Fleming of Merrill and Mrs. James (Diane) Stutsman of Owosso. Lori Crum was her sister's flower girl.

The brides attendants were gowns of silk over tulle in pastel shades, also made by the bride's mother, and carried baskets of white daisies with carnations tipped to match each one's dress.

Groomsmen were Terrence Simon, best man, of Eastmont, Michael Lennon of Grand Rapids, Charles Garber of Grand Rapids, and James Stutsman of Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krebs, assisted by Mrs. David (Anne) Terrel, presided as host and hostess at the wedding and reception.

Following a honeymoon trip to Mackinac City and Island, the couple plan to reside at the Eastlake apartments.



MRS. ROBERT WINTERS

The Strand Theatre Will Be Closed Until July 31

Delightful weather greeted several hundred guests who turned out for the annual Showboat lawn party. Included among the honored guests was Representative Gerald Ford, who left a busy office in Washington to attend the opening night's performance.

Blain Bacon and his wife, Florence, were on hand. He's the new city manager of Lowell.

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Engaged

The betrothal of Miss Sally Myers to Airman James R. Meeuwzen has been announced by her parents, Mrs. Delores Myers 1071 Beach Drive, Lowell, and Mr. Bruce Myers of Grand Rapids.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeuwzen, Grand Rapids Drive, Lowell.

The couple are graduates of Lowell High School. Miss Myers plans to attend Grand Rapids Junior College in the fall. Airman Meeuwzen is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, at present.

A May wedding is planned. Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Beachum, Beach Street, Lowell, announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to David F. Baldus, Mr. Baldus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baldus of Coopersville.

Miss Beachum is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Junior College School of Practical Nursing. Her fiancé is a senior at Grand Valley State College.

No wedding date has been set. Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. McPherson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marjory Ann to Norman Roger Velquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Velquette of Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Both are graduates of Michigan State University and have participated in the I.F.F.E. program. Miss McPherson is a Neapol and her fiancé in Brazil. She has a major in textiles and is now with Herold Shimer's Executive Training Program.

The prospective bridegroom is a member of Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity and Farm Home Fraternity. An August 10 wedding is planned.

Jean Battjes Wedding Announced

The marriage of Miss Jean Battjes, Kentwood, daughter of Mrs. Genevieve Wert, Lowell, to Mr. Donald Van Turner of Wyoming, has been announced.

The couple were wed in a civil ceremony on Saturday (July 19).

Honor attendants were Ardyth and Clyde Thomas. The couple plans to reside at 2828 Michale SW, Wyoming, following the ceremony.

George, with sons, Bruce and Gene, and daughter-in-law Susie, is enjoying the Alabama sun this week. George is originally from Alabama, and they have all come down to visit her brother, L. C. E. Peterson, who has recently returned from Viet Nam.

Mrs. Ray Parker entertained out-of-town visitors during the week, among whom were Joe Parker from Warren and Wally Parker of Livonia. Mrs. George Franks, a neighbor, spent Monday afternoon chatting and enjoying the sunshine with Mrs. Parker in the Park-er garden.

E-S Stephen T. Koss and wife (Alice Tower), are home with relatives in Saranac and Lowell until they return to Gulfport, Mississippi in August.

Barb and Dick Curtis and the Beachums were among the Lowellites who travelled to North Carolina to attend the wedding of Sarah

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Forest Hills Hi-Lites

The Bill Somers of Dayton, Ohio are the house guests of Jack and Dede Ziemer, although that is almost a misnomer. They have spent most of their time out-of-doors either playing golf or depicting Hess Lake of its blue gills.

A delicate and charming Sweet Sixteen luncheon was the surprise awaiting Lucy Strong on Tuesday when her mother and her two aunts, Annette Chambers and Muriel Read, took her to the WCC. There were sixteen at the table and every young lady received a pastel nosegay of sweetpeas and roses.

Tennis anyone? Now you can take lessons on a clay court in the shade. Doug Schaeffer will be giving lessons for the rest of the summer. He is an experienced player and hopes to teach younger children who may one day qualify for the high school team. His number is 684-4777.

Those delicious aromas wafting from the grill of John Riedel indicate that he is out there doing his best to tantalize the taste buds of all those summer guests that descend when the weather is great. Marilyn consistently comes up with the epitome in cold-slaw and cherry pie to go along with anything from hamburgers to grilling to ribs all done to perfection outside in the summer breezes. They had thirty-four from John's office last weekend.

Did you know that most of the sayings of John Riedel, on the side of Suburban Cleaners, are written by Jim Robbins? Darned clever, these dry cleaners. If you have any gaudies to offer him, he'll listen. How's about this Jim? "Chases adobe, Sam, it's raining."

A gang of the regulars down at the 82nd Coffee Cup get together to make the 81st birthday of Miss Meda Ferguson a special event.

In addition to the small party held in her honor Pat O'Neill presented her with a gown service-station wagon to aid her in getting around.

Several friends gathered to honor Mrs. Jennie Hubel on the occasion of her 93rd birthday on Sunday (July 13). Mrs. Hubel is the mother of Mrs. George Veneman, Burger Dr., where the potluck picnic was held.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. George Deveraux, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Frazer of Portland, Mrs. Leda Blair, Mrs. Janice Durling, Mrs. Lauree Pettit, Mrs. E. La Smither, Hattie Uerre of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair Jr. of Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Yenneman of Caledonia, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hancock of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Anne Vaughn, Gerrit Hideriak, Mrs. Elma Deveraux, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Herington of Belmont.

The bride wore an empire gown of organza and beaded lace appliques. Her veil was secured by a matching head-piece.

Assisting the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Douglas Tassel. Mrs. Terry L. Hall, Mrs. Harold P. VanderMolen and the Misses Marion Amonte and Linda Spuyde were the bridesmaids.

Terry L. Hall was best man. Seating the guests were Harold V. VanderMolen, John P. Amonte, Harold W. Hall Jr., and Ronald Messer.

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Area Players Compete in State Finals

Three area boys are members of the Connie Mack Baseball League district championship team that will play in the state finals at Jackson this weekend.

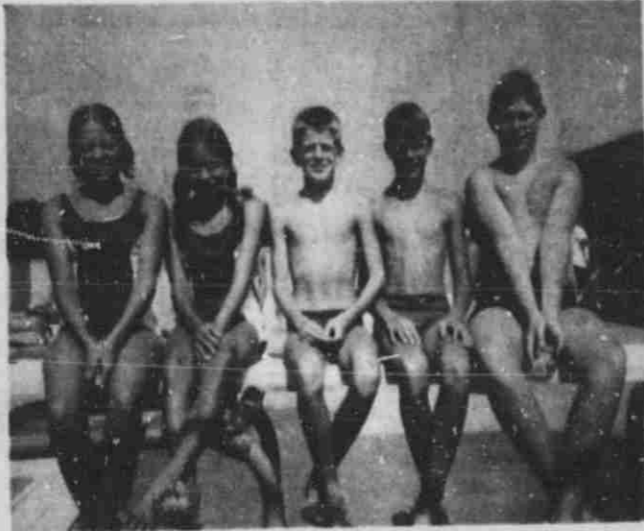
Left fielder Rob McCormick, right fielder Tom Dygert and third baseman Stan Grochowski played with the Apex Polishing team that scored 6-2 and 6-0 wins over Folland All Stars to win the best-of-three district playoff this week.

RATE 64 PERCENT OF HIGHWAYS 'POOR'

Every mile of state highway in Michigan is inspected annually by the Department of State Highways and given a rating which indicates its physical condition and ability to carry traffic. The latest rating shows that nearly 5,900 miles—64 percent of the total—are in poor condition for today's traffic.

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SEEK STATE TITLES — Among members of the Forest Hills Swim Team who will compete for state titles on August 2 are (from left) Kim Preston, Martha Griffith, David Boersma, Bob VandenBerge and Brad Bazuin.

Records Fall Again in FH Swim Win

A home meet is scheduled this Thursday afternoon for the Forest Hills Swim Team as it plays host to Dolphin Club at the community pool.

Last week, Coach Gary VanderLende's natators set several records en route to a 34-1-287 victory in the home pool over Grandville. The win evened the team's record for the season at 1-1.

Triple first-place winners for Forest Hills were Warren Veltman, Tammy Johnson, Lyn

Preston, Marty Beemsterboer, Brad Bazuin, Kim Preston and Dave VanKulen.

Chalking up double wins were Becky Kress, Kim Wietke, Laurie Slaughter, Martha Griffith, Diane Schelling, Bob VandenBerge, Tom Rens, Karl Horning, Tom Frost, Bill Orr, and Bob Bommelje.

In the city finals last Saturday, Forest Hills swimmers qualified more five contenders for title honors in the state finals at Flint on August 2.

Brad Bazuin took first in boys 11-12 backstroke and Kim Preston, previously a winner in diving, won the girls 13-14 individual medley crown.

Martha Griffith took second in girls 11-12 butterfly. David Boersma, competing in boys 10-under, took second in the breast stroke and fourth in backstroke and Bob VandenBerge, entered in boys 11-12, took second in the breast stroke and fourth in butterfly.

4-H DAY AT STADIUM

4-H members from all parts of Michigan are expected to attend 4-H Day at Tiger Stadium on July 26 to see the Detroit Tigers play the Kansas City Royals.

Belding '9' to Enter State Meet

Northern Division title-winning Belding will be among the top-rated sandlot baseball teams in action this weekend during the Michigan National Baseball Congress tournament in Grand Rapids.

In all nine teams will compete in the double-elimination event, including the defending champion Sullivan's of Grand Rapids and powerful Harper Sports of Detroit.

The winner earns \$1,000 and the right to enter the national finals in Wichita.

Belding clinched at least a share of the Northern Division championship of the Tri-County League over the weekend as pitcher Dave Mahar stretched his personal league win streak to 22 games in a 15-3 rout of Lakeview.

Pewamo remained a half-game in front of Portland in the Southern Division by downing Hubbardston. Portland took a 4-2 decision from Sidney.

Third-place Lowell fell two full games off the pace when its game with Vermontville was cancelled because of wet grounds.

NORTHERN DIVISION	
W	L
Belding	9 0
Sidney	5 4
Perrinton	5 4
Lakeview	3 5
Sheridan	1 8
SOUTHERN DIVISION	
W	L
Pewamo	6 2
Portland	6 3
Lowell	4 4
Vermontville	3 5
Hubbardston	1 8

LIST TOUR 'BARGAINS'

Middle-class tourists, one survey shows, spend only \$10.70 a day for living costs in Greece; the next-best bargain is Spain, at \$14.21 a day, while France is most expensive at \$24.48, topping the U.S.A., at \$24.13.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Female horse
- Merry
- Winter vehicle
- Baking chamber
- Monkey
- Marco
- Loaned
- Feasible
- Roundated
- Squeeze
- Contended
- Color
- Inadequate
- Male child
- Fresh
- Top of head
- Moisture
- Greek letter
- Exist
- Obtained
- Started
- Drinking cup
- Tissue: anat.
- Urns
- Swindler
- Prelude
- Exhaust
- Row
- Wicked
- Reverse
- Current
- Female sheep
- Disavow
- In what way?
- Spring
- Automobile
- Harden
- No
- Greek letter
- Pale
- Canine
- Not early enough
- Wind blast
- Insect
- Joyous
- Not here
- Ballot
- Eager
- Germ-cell
- Black bird
- Ireland: poet.
- Depend
- Indian

DOWN

- Shape
- Declare
- Renew
- Interlace
- Stared
- Having no feet
- Affirmative
- Steeple
- Ear part
- Building wings
- Performs
- Whirled
- Seine

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Mare, 2. Merry, 3. Snowmobile, 4. Oven, 5. Monkey, 6. Marco, 7. Loan, 8. Feasible, 9. Roundabout, 10. Squeeze, 11. Contended, 12. Color, 13. Inadequate, 14. Male child, 15. Fresh, 16. Top of head, 17. Moisture, 18. Greek letter, 19. Exist, 20. Obtained, 21. Started, 22. Drinking cup, 23. Tissue: anat., 24. Urns, 25. Swindler, 26. Prelude, 27. Exhaust, 28. Row, 29. Wicked, 30. Reverse, 31. Current, 32. Female sheep, 33. Disavow, 34. In what way?, 35. Spring, 36. Automobile, 37. Harden, 38. No, 39. Greek letter, 40. Pale, 41. Canine, 42. Not early enough, 43. Wind blast, 44. Insect, 45. Joyous, 46. Not here, 47. Ballot, 48. Eager, 49. Germ-cell, 50. Black bird, 51. Ireland: poet., 52. Depend, 53. Indian.

DOWN: 1. Shape, 2. Declare, 3. Renew, 4. Interlace, 5. Stared, 6. Having no feet, 7. Affirmative, 8. Steeple, 9. Ear part, 10. Building wings, 11. Performs, 12. Whirled, 13. Seine.

Ada Softball

The battle for championship honors in the American League remained nip-and-tuck during the past week as both Banfields and runner-up Pfeifers posted victories.

Banfields scored two runs in the fifth inning after spotting Frolic a 1-0 lead and hung on for a 2-1 triumph while Pfeifers produced two runs in the fourth frame to overcome Lowell's 2-1 margin en route to a 7-2 victory.

Amway fell a full game behind the circuit leaders in a 7-4 loss to St. Johns in which Bill Wright homered for the winners.

In the National League, Longcleres kept its record untarnished with a 5-1 triumph over Steelcase.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Banfield	6	2
Pfeifers	5	2
Amway	4	3
St. Johns	4	4
Frolic No. 1	3	5
Lowell Moose	1	7

RESULTS

St. Johns 7, Amway 4
Pfeifers 7, Lowell Moose 2
Banfields 2, Frolic No. 1 1

State Polo Title Series at Kentree

Two games are scheduled this weekend at Kentree Polo Club as the host teams meet Orchard Lake in the annual Michigan Championships.

The Orchard Lake "B" squad will meet Kentree's "B" unit at 3 p. m. Saturday while the "A" squads collide Sunday, also at 3. Kentree won last year by a score of 7-5 as Dale Hill scored four goals and Dr. Larry Allaban connected for three tallies.

Joining Hill and Dr. Allaban on this year's Kentree squad will be Joe Hill, Gene Gilmour and Maurie Houseman.

Last Sunday, Dale Hill's 3-goal effort paced the Kentree youngsters to a 9-5 win over Oldtimers in the special Goodwill Industries benefit game.

Maurie Houseman scored 3 goals and Lew Withey added two to the Oldtimers' final count.

The annual round-robin tournament for the Bob Bond Challenge Trophy, won in 1968 by Barrington, Ill., will get underway at Kentree on August 24.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Langcleres	7	0
Pioneer Barbershop	5	1
Sparks Belting	3	4
Hubs	3	4
Ada Valley	2	5
Steelcase	1	7

RESULTS

Langcleres 5, Steelcase 1

The Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life Classified Advertising Deadline, Tuesday 12 Noon.

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Sports

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Comeback Highlights 'Y' Swim Team Win

The Lowell YMCA Swim Team notched its first win of the summer season with a thrilling 281-275 come-from-behind conquest of the Holland Community team last Saturday.

The local swimmers came up with clutch performances in the final tense freestyle relay events to overtake the host Dutchmen and bring home the hard-earned victory.

In other action last week, the Lowell youngsters battled a strong Northville Park swim team before bowing, 360-252, despite many outstanding individual performances for the Lowell squad.

Rusty Steffens again showed why he is one of the outstanding young swimmers in West Michigan as he blasted to a pair of team and pool records in the 11-and-12 boys age group. Rusty churned the 50-yard freestyle event in 27.2 seconds, clipping nearly three seconds from his old record, and splashed the backstroke in a fine 36.2 clocking.

For the girls, Margo Norton, swimming in the 13-and-14 division, charged to records of 34.6 for 50 yards backstroke, and 34.1 for 50 yards butterfly.

Triple winners for Lowell, in one or both of the meets, were Peggy Reagan, David Christenson, Becky Gerard, Rusty Steffens, Sally Doyle, Margo Norton, and Patty Curtis.

Lowell swimmers will battle Mid-Michigan League foe Jolly

Roger Swim Club of Grand Rapids this Thursday at 1:00 p. m. at the Lowell pool, and next Tuesday afternoon they will play host to the defending conference champions from Holland's South Side Swim Club.

Lowell is coached by Terry Bambrick and Maridel Paine, and has a special need for boy swimmers of all ages to join the team. Candidates may sign up at the pool anytime.

SEE RECORD FIELD FOR IONIA RACING

Harry Johnson of Belding, superintendent of speed at the Ionia Free Fair, reports that harness racing at the fair should have the largest number of entries in years.

Trotters and pacers will be vying for \$17,000 in purses and trophies. They will also be shooting for the mile record of 2:03 set by The Big Bear in 1966.

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STATION WAGON

from **JACKSON MOTORS**

- 1969 Dodge Polara 9-Passenger
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- 1966 Rambler 770 6-Passenger
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- 1963 Plymouth Belvedere 6-Passenger
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OPEN MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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LOWELL SHOWBOAT SERVICE DIRECTORY

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Chicken and Ribs!
Hot and Ready to Eat
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B & O Grocery

200 West Main, Lowell
897-9628

Ada IGA

Shepper's Square
Ada Drive

Complete Food and
Beverage Line

SUNDAY 10-7
Mon., Tues., Wed., 9-7
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... with the finest music
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SAT. 10-2

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Your Hosts—Loyal, Doodle and Dick

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LOCATED DIRECTLY BEHIND
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—Front and Rear Entrance—

COLD BEER AND WINE TO GO

OPEN: Mon. thru Thurs., 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
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Complete Line of Baked Goods

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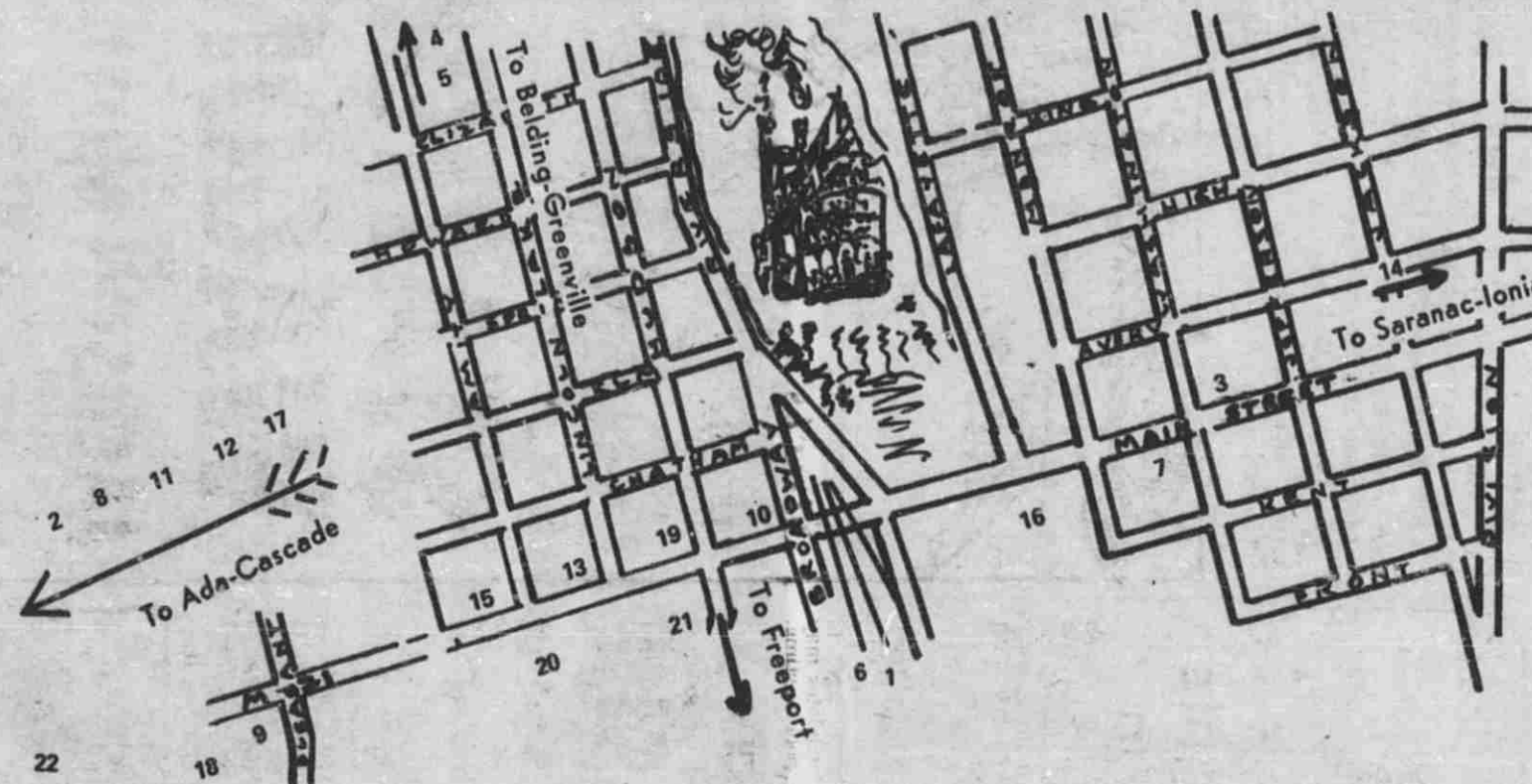
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OR6-4811

PHONE 676-4811



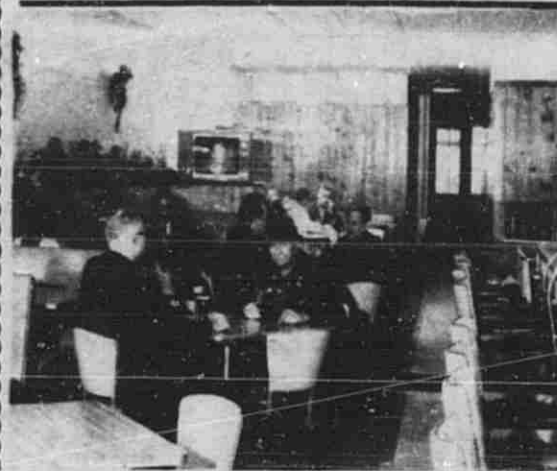
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10 Air Conditioned
Showboat Specials

YOUR CHOICE Chicken

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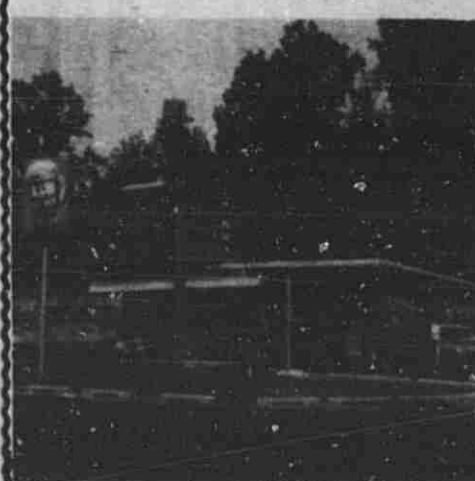
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KITCHEN**

521 West Main Street, Lowell

13 BREAKFAST - DINNERS -
LUNCHES

AIR CONDITIONED

Fast Service for Busy People



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Drive-In

Featuring...

HAM & CHEESE SIZZLETES

With

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82c

Open Every Night After
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Featuring Our Famous
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Open 7 Days a Week

11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Take Out Orders -
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Pick-Up Service at:

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LOWELL

15

Phone 897-9362

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BARBERSHOP**

4608 Cascade Rd.

Eastmont

Phone 949-0140

**Barber
Shops**

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Barber Shop**

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King**

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- Complete Pharmaceutical Service
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- Gifts • Photo Developing • Stationery Supplies

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Lowell

Obituaries
AGNES M. PERRY
Agnes M. Perry, aged 92 of Lowell, passed away last Monday evening at her home.

Howard W. LITE
Howard W. Lite, aged 57, of Clarksville, passed away last Thursday evening in Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy, three daughters, Mrs. Keith Palford of Hastings, Mrs. James Henry of Marshall, and Meredith Hill of Clarksville. Over 70 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Hesco Custer of Sunfield, two nieces and one nephew.

Space Flight: NY-to-Tokyo
A flight from New York to Tokyo in less than an hour would be possible several years from now if reusable "space taxis" now in the planning stage, are adapted for earth transportation.

These are the so-called space shuttle vehicles which would be used as a space taxi service between the earth and the moon or to earth-orbiting space stations. They wouldn't use the costly and expendable giant launching rockets but could boost themselves into orbit and return to earth at a regular airport.



THE YMCA in its 125th Year!
TODAY 900 YMCAs CONDUCT CAMPS PROGRAMS FOR 500,000 PEOPLE.

CHURCH SERVICES
FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF ALTO
The swimming party Thursday night to be held at the pool has been canceled.

COME TO CHURCH
First United Methodist Church
Eastmont Baptist Church
Calvary Memorial Assembly of God

Eastmont Reformed Church
Cor. Ada Dr. & Forest Hills
Parsonage 4877 Ada Dr.

Ada Community Reformed Church
7227 Thornapple River Drive
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Ada Christian Reformed Church
7153 Bradford
Rev. Ralph Braxton, Pastor

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2865 Weyhill Dr., S. E.
The Rev. John Stanley, Jr., Vicar

West Lowell United Brethren Church
West Grand River Drive
Rev. Lloyd Dawson

First Baptist Church of Lowell
2275 W. Main Street
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Alton Bible Church
3-Mile & Lincoln Lake Rd.
Garry R. Foster, Pastor

Calvary Church CHRISTIAN REFORMED
1151 W. Main St.
Rev. Bernard Fynaardt, Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church (C.A.)
2700 E. Fulton Road
Sunday Services

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LEGAL NOTICES
VanderVeen, Frelhofer & Cook
1125 W. Main St.
Lowell, Michigan 49331

ROWLAND T. FORD
Deceased
IT IS ORDERED that on July 31, 1969, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Fred W. Ford, Executor, for allowance of his Final Account.

GEORGE H. SMITH
COURTROOM
1125 W. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331

IT IS ORDERED that on Sept. 24, 1969, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held at which a will is to be admitted to probate, and the executor is to be appointed.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.
IN THE MATTER OF SHEREE ANNE VREELAND, Change of Name

IT IS ORDERED that on August 6, 1969, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Doris Louise Bobdyk, mother, for the change of name of her daughter, for the change of the name of Sherree Anne Vreeland to Sherree Anne Bobdyk.

VanderVeen, Frelhofer & Cook
1125 W. Main St.
Lowell, Michigan 49331
PUBLICATION ORDER

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.
ESTATE OF JENNE K. BERRY, Deceased

VanderVeen, Frelhofer & Cook
1125 W. Main St.
Lowell, Michigan 49331
PUBLICATION ORDER

WINS TOP AWARD AT COMPANY MEETING
Robert M. Den Boer, 591 Alden Nash, Lowell, was cited for outstanding sales performance during a recent meeting of Mutual of New York's national sales leaders in New York City.

School Board
Board of Education Organizational Meeting July 14, 1969.
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p. m.

Organization of the Board
1. Motion by Rivette and second by Siegle that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for all officers to retain the same offices they held during the 1968-69 school year.

2. Motion by Rivette and second by Siegle to accept the resignation of Mr. Dale Shade, Secretary, Mr. Harold Metternick, Treasurer, Dr. Donald Gerard, Superintendent.

3. Motion by Rivette and second by Siegle to accept the resignation of Mr. Harry Penta, Superintendent. He would like to take a position at Pewamo-Westphalia.

4. Motion by Rivette and second by Siegle to accept the resignation of Mr. Frank Bouma, Kent County Drain Commissioner, his resignation of the Lowell Area Schools to pay a new assessment of \$320.00 rather than the original \$1,200.00.

5. Motion by Siegle and second by Rivette to accept the resignation of Mr. Harold Metternick, Superintendent. He would like to take a position at Pewamo-Westphalia.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended to us at the death of our infant son, brother, grandson and nephew, John Matthew Metternick.

Notice
TO THE PEOPLE OF LOWELL TOWNSHIP:
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PERSONALS
PAINTING - Interior, exterior. No job too small. 949-0526. c2-f4

FOR SALE
GARAGE SALE - Antiques, lamps, doors, chests, coffee grinder, monkey cage, dishes, trunks, mirrors, cream cans, milk cans, piano stool, rockers, beds, crocks, jugs, snow blower, lawn mower, Edison records, seven-year-old 8665 28th Street, between Buttrick and Snow. c1-f

YOUR PONTIAC-OLDS Representative in the Forest Hills Area
JOE JAGER
1186 ARGO-949-9546

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Compose your own classified ad and order it by mail. The chart below gives the cost

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CASH RATE
WANT ADS: 15 words or less, 75c each insertion, additional words 4c each. If not paid on or before 10 days after insertion, a bookkeeping charge of the bill will be added.

SEWING MACHINE - 1969
White zig zag. Built-in control to monogram. Sew on buttons, buttonholes, darts, blind hems. Will sell for \$35.00 or monthly payments of \$3.00. Call Capital Sewing collect till 9 p.m. 363-8614. c1-f4

SPINET PIANO
May be had by assuming small monthly payments. Beautiful finish. See it locally. Write Credit Dept., P.O. Box 12, Mishawaka, Ind. c1-f4

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BLUEBERRIES - Pick your own. Ward's Blueberry Farm, 7457 to Walker Lake Rd. 1/2 mile east of Lowell. 1/2 mile east. Bring containers. Open 7 days. Picking starts July 28. No children under 12. c1-f19

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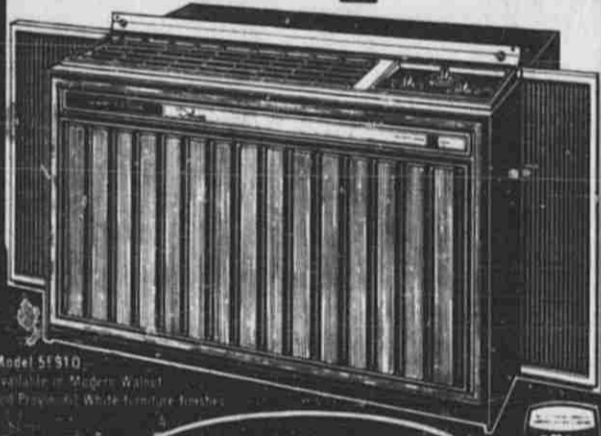
The annual Sweet School Reunion will be held Sunday, August 3, at the Sweet School grounds. Dinner will be served at 1 p. m. potluck style. For further information contact Mrs. Walter Wieland 868-6163.

The annual meeting of the Alton Cemetery Association is to be held at the Alton Church on Tuesday evening, August 5 at 8 o'clock.

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DELUXE Room Air Conditioner

- Quiet Running
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Easy Time Payment Plans

YOUNG?

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A State Savings Bank checking account is tailored to you. It gives you a certain dignity and an air of stability to pay by check. It gives you an important record of payment, too.

OLDER?

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A State Savings Bank checking account makes life so much easier. No need to run around paying bills... your postman can make your payments.

APPLICATION FOR CHECKING ACCOUNT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

Serving You from Two Convenient Locations

STATE SAVINGS BANK OF LOWELL

DOWNTOWN OFFICE AND THE WESTOWN BRANCH
MEMBER F.D.I.C.



Alto Party Line

MRS. ORTON (Wanda) SEESE
868-4321

NOTES AND NONSENSE FROM "WINDY NOB"

As I sit here, writing this fine Monday morning, I feel very humble and very insignificant indeed. And I might add, rather sleepy. I had no doubt about the outcome of this moon landing. But, like the many millions of people in this world, I sat glued to the T.V. set. When I finally did go to bed, in the early hours of this morning, I found I couldn't sleep. There are many things, I should say thoughts, chasing each other around and around in this weary head. I keep thinking back to some 30 years ago, when as a young girl I read all the comic books my cousins, and neighbor kids, had finished. There were pictures of stream-lined cars, ultra-modern trains, jet planes, and space ships. At that time

it was just something for a kid like me to dream about. But in the past 30 years or so, this has all come to pass.

With a deep sigh, a sip of coffee and a bite of sandwich, I'll get on with the conclusion of the history of Bowne.

PATRONS' DIRECTORY OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP (Conclusion)

Johnson, Stephen — Bowne; Sec. 22; farmer and justice of peace; native of New York; settled in county in 1864.

Karcher, Geo. — Bowne; Sec. 26; farmer; native of Germany; settled in county in 1866.

Leese, Ferdinand — Bowne; Sec. 11; farmer; native of England; settled in county in 1857.

Lind, Geo. — Alaska; Sec. 6; farmer; native of Barry County, Mich.; settled in county in 1849.

Livingston, Chas — Harris Creek; Sec. 17; farmer; native of Scotland; settled in county in 1859.

Livingston, Moses — Lowell; Sec. 3; farmer; native of Pennsylvania; settled in county in 1866.

Morgan, J. W. — Bowne; Sec. 15; farmer; native of New York; settled in county in 1871.

McNaughton, J. J. — Bowne; Sec. 21; farmer; native of Kent Co., Michigan; settled in county in 1842.

McDiarmid, A. — Bowne; Sec. 15; farmer; native of Kent Co., Mich.; settled in county in 1843.

Myers, Henry — Bowne; Sec. 9; blacksmith and carpenter; native of Stark Co., Ohio; settled in county in 1859.

Myers, J. P. — Alto; Sec. 3; farmer and carpenter; native of Germany; settled in county in 1858.

Miller, W. P. — Alto; Sec. 5; farmer; native of Mich.; settled in county in 1855.

McWhiney, D. H. — Harris Creek; Sec. 31; farmer; native of Genesee Co., N.Y.; settled in county in 1867.

McArthur, Robert — Harris Creek; Sec. 19; farmer; native of Scotland; settled in county in 1851.

Miller, D. H. — Harris Creek; Sec. 35; farmer; native of Brantford, Canada; settled in county in 1866.

McDonald, James — Harris Creek; Sec. 32; farmer; native of New York City; settled in county in 1866.

Manchester, M. — Alaska; Sec. 18; farmer; native of New York; settled in county in 1858.

McCarthy, John — Harris Creek; Sec. 32; farmer; native of Ireland; settled in

county in 1864.

Pardee, J. W. — Bowne; Sec. 24; farmer; native of Madison Co., N. Y. settled in county in 1856.

Smith, Russell — Bowne; Sec. 14; stock and produce farmer; native of Massachusetts; settled in county in 1855.

Sinclair, Peter J. — Bowne; Sec. 29; farmer; native of Kent Co., Mich. settled in county in 1847.

Smith, John — Bowne; Sec. 15; farmer; native of Chautauqua Co., N. Y. settled in county in 1865.

Stewart, W. H. — Alto; Sec. 5; farmer; native of N. Y.; settled in county in 1848.

Stevens, Robert — Alaska; Sec. 7; farmer; native of England; settled in county in 1854.

Thompson, J. R. — Bowne; Sec. 28; farmer; native of Vermont; settled in county in 1849.

Timpon, J. — Alto; Sec. 9; farmer; native of Canada; settled in county in 1855.

Vandorne, E. J. — Bowne; Sec. 23; farmer; native of New Jersey; settled in county in 1873.

Watts, William — Bowne; Sec. 21; farmer; native of Ireland; settled in county in 1856.

CONVALESCENT, SICK LIST

Paul Yeiter was in Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids last week.

Pauline Bryant was in Blodgett Hospital last week.

Mrs. Flossie Blocher is still in Blodgett Hospital but expects to get out this week.

Marguerite Porritt is home after having had tests in Butterworth Hospital. She will undergo surgery in the future.

Mrs. "Mac" Watson is also on the recuperating list.

Mr. Earl McDiarmid came home from the hospital Monday and is still quite weak.

Floyd Seese, one of the Six Seeses of Windy Nob had to have 4 stitches in his leg on Thursday morning.

Here's wishing everyone a very speedy recovery!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations were in order this past Thursday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Loveland gave a small reception in honor of their son, Fred and his new bride, June. There were 21 guests present. The happy couple was married on June the 9th.

Other News

Mrs. Hulda Bell Duncan of Ferndale has been visiting the Carlon Fairbrothers this week.

Mrs. Donna Blocher called on Mrs. Flossie Blocher at the Blodgett Hospital several times this week.

On Saturday the Paul Blocher family called on the Bud Muma family of Grand Rapids and were evening lunch guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kauffman are in Ohio visiting their daughters.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Carrie Weir and two daughters, Orcellia, and Lila and son Larry Lambert, called on Mrs. Glenn Layer. On Thursday night a cousin, Mrs. Beuna Bailey of Cedar Springs spent the night. Mrs. Bailey has been studying and writing the history of Sand Lake and is the author of the book "The Sand Lake Story."

Roger and Jim Peet of Cincinnati, Ohio were weekend guests of the Jim Greens. The Robert Grummett family were Saturday evening dinner guests and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Schantz and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schantz of Hastings were Saturday evening guests. The Dennis Hawks were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Helen Kuiper, Randy and Pam, of Grand Rapids were Saturday afternoon and evening guests at Windy Nob. In the early evening, Mrs. Seese went with Mrs. Kuiper to visit the latter's father, "Stub" Bryant and found him feeling pretty good.

Mrs. Mildred Potter, Mrs. Vera Rulason, the Harry Frazer family, the Calvin Potter family and Jim Potter had a combination birthday and farewell picnic on Sunday, celebrating the birthdays of Calvin Potter and David Frazer. Jim, who has been home on leave, for 19 days, had to return to duty on the 22nd.

APPROPRIATION BRINGS BRIDGE FARE SLASH

Fares on Mackinac Bridge linking Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas were slashed 60 percent on Jan. 1, 1969. The cuts were possible because of a \$3.5 million annual appropriation from the state's Motor Vehicle Fund to help pay for the bridge.

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NAVY MAN CITED — Edward T. Mooney of Ada receives the Navy Achievement and Purple Heart medals from Capt. A.W. Price, Jr., commander of the River Patrol Force, during ceremonies at Binh Thuy in the Mekong Delta. (U.S. NAVY PHOTO)

A Navy man from Ada has been awarded the Navy Achievement and Purple Heart medals for service with the River Patrol Force in the Mekong Delta.

Engineer Third Class Edward T. Mooney of 4720 Gavin Lake Ave., was presented the medals by Capt. A. W. Price, Jr., USN, commander of the River Patrol Force, during ceremonies in Viet Nam recently.

Mooney, assigned to River Division 574, was cited for the contributions he and his fellow river patrol boat (PBR) crewman made while participating in the Navy's Operation Giant Slingshot. Especially significant was an engagement with the enemy on the night of April 5, when his patrol thwarted a Viet Cong attempt to transport communist personnel and supplies across the Vam Co Dong River, northwest of Saigon.

The PBRs are 31-foot fiberglass boats built on a pleasure craft hull and propelled by water jets driven by two diesel engines. The water jet principle allows them to operate in less than a foot of water, an often vital factor in the shallow canals where the Viet Cong travel in small sampans.

They are manned by four men with an enlisted boat captain and armament consisting of three .50-caliber machine guns, an M-60 machine gun, an automatic grenade launcher, and frequently—a Mark 60 mortar.

Daily routine for the PBR sailors involves stopping and checking boat traffic on the Delta waterways to prevent passage of enemy supplies and personnel.



LANCE CPL. AITCHISON

Lance Cpl. Joseph E. Aitchison, son of Mrs. Fred A. Cox, 6735 28th St. SE., was home on leave for 5 days before returning to Camp Pendleton for staging battalion.

A 1968 graduate of Forest Hills High School, Joe entered the U. S. Marine Corps July 1, 1968. He completed his basic training at Camp Pendleton, California. Following 18 weeks at Naval Aviation School in Jacksonville, Florida, he completed his last 13 weeks of schooling at El Toro Air Force Base, Santa Anna, California.

He is awaiting duty in Viet Nam at Camp Pendleton.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Walter Kropf, who so vividly described the old inter-urban car, in his letter last week, was always a very imaginative joker. This time I believe his imagination ran away with his veracity.

However, I heartily concur in his evaluation of the paper. The name Lowell might as well be stricken from the title. It's hard to find it anywhere else in the paper.

Contributions of Lowell readers are generally ignored. Maybe, in time, they'll print a compendium of all our works for the edification of posterity.

Mrs. Cecile B. Croninger
165 Valley Vista Drive

To The Editor:

Subject: Is Little League for all boys?

When I entered Little League, I was told that all boys were supposed to have a chance to play. And play in all games in the YMCA Little League.

One night last week, my team played their hearts out, to come out losers by reason a coach called the game under protest.

It seems like some ANTI-QUATED rule that a player taken out cannot re-enter the game. Not all boys can play as well. Some are better or

more experienced, so we start the game with the ones with skill, and then we enter the ones who need the experience. Then we re-enter the ones who could carry us on to a victory. The rule is discriminating against the small or the boys who lack the experience. How can they get experience if they cannot play?

Protest was called on the rule and they won at the expense of my team.

Therefore no team cooperation or support of each other can exist unless all can play in every game.

With fourteen boys, the rule must be challenged, or just a select few will have a chance to play.

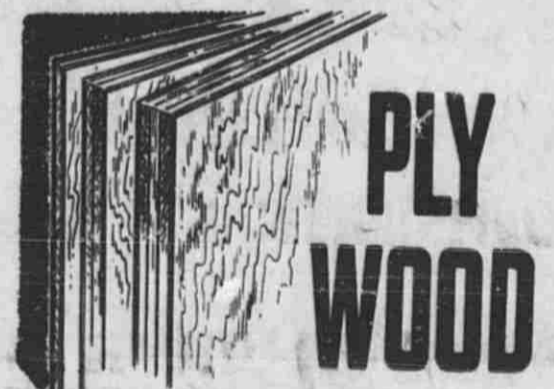
What should we do? Hang up our gloves and let only the best play? This is discriminating against the small and the ones who cannot gain the experience. He might be your son. DO YOU WANT HIM TO SIT ON THE BENCH FOR THE LACK OF EXPERIENCE?

Every boy should have a chance to play and to sit on the bench then to play again. THIS BUILDS COOPERATION

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