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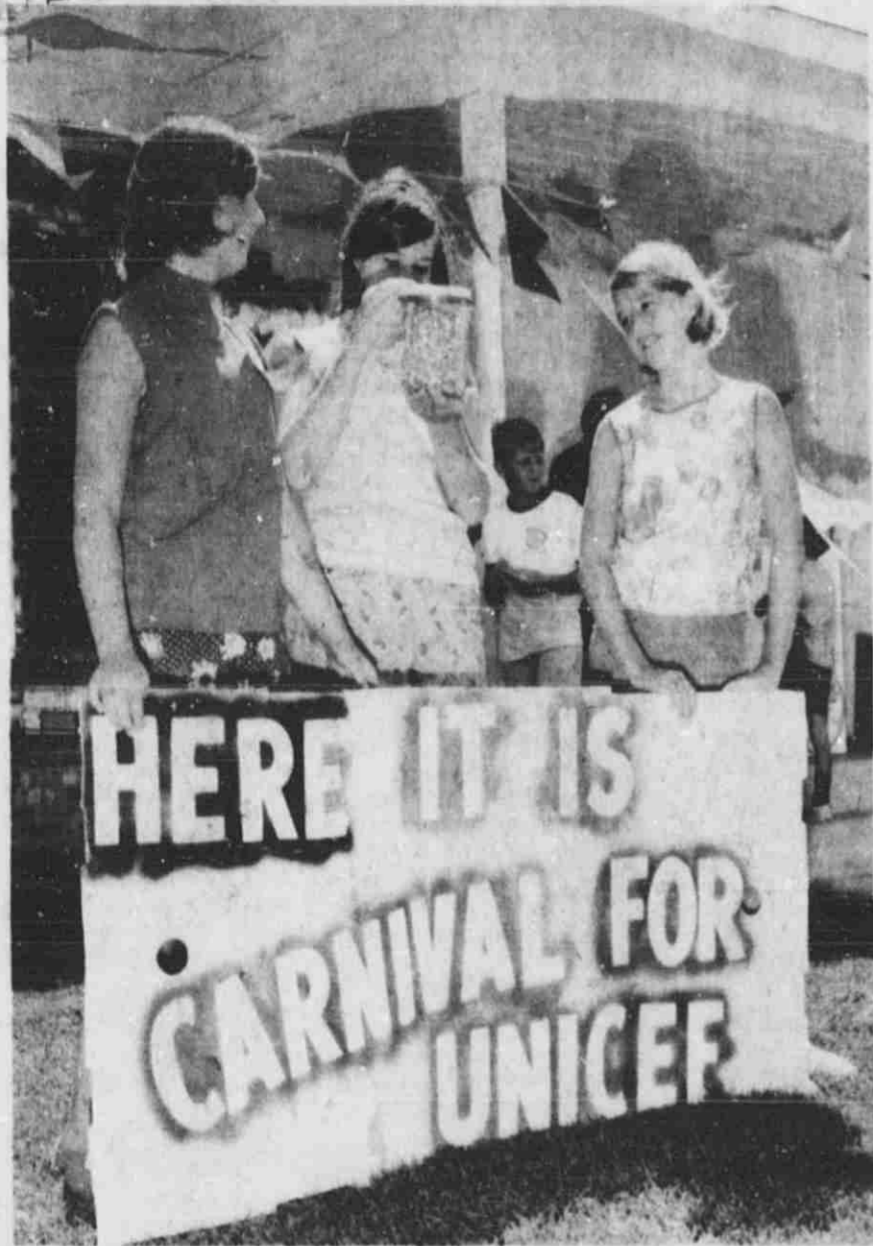
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AID UNICEF — A one-day carnival was held at 1114 Foxchase Lane on Tuesday as youngsters in the Paradise Lake Area of Ada sought to raise money for UNICEF. Shown at the penny-counting booth are Lori Mantyla, Katie Doyle and Karen Zollinger. The carnival was started by Mrs. Howard Zollinger, who raised \$23 for Muscular Dystrophy with a similar event last year in Buffalo, N.Y. It appeared the local show would do as well.

Storm Threat Touches Off 'Red Alert'

A "red alert" was sounded Monday throughout the area as a series of storms bearing the threat of tornadoes swept across Kent County.

All of eastern Kent went under the alert following unconfirmed sightings of twisters in the vicinity of the Kent County Jail and at 64th and Kalamazoo.

Summer classes and driver education instruction were called off at noon by Forest Hills School officials.

A mid-day downpour left some streets flooded in Lowell. However, no damage was reported in the city.



I don't know how the rest of you may feel, but whenever there's a tornado threat in the area I start looking around the closest spot to duck into should one of them decide to come my way.

In my few years on this old earth, I have been witness to at least four twisters ... and I heard another one go by on a night that would have served as a perfect setting for a horror movie.

No. 3 son Kevin was born on the night that the killer tornado flattened half of the outskirts of Flint back in 1953.

The worst looking tornado I have ever seen was viewed from a bus while heading into Detroit from St. Clair Shores back in 1946. Luckily, it touched down in the Detroit River, then headed into Windsor, Ontario ... where thousands of dead fish were found the next day!

I was less than a mile away when that one went by.

Sometime back in 1960 or '61, I saw a twister from a distance of some 20 to 25 miles. That one later raised havoc in Port Huron.

When I was just a kid, we had one touch down about three miles from my house ... and though it tore up a gas station and a nearby home, no one got hurt. That one looked like a big black snake.

Then, last summer, I saw the tail end of that twister which skirted around the airport and touched down in various parts of Cascade Township.

I didn't see the killer that literally exploded a stretch of about five miles along Lake St. Clair four of five years ago ... but I did hear it go by and I did see the damage created.

They're still fishing things out of the water at distances of more than a mile from shore.

Tornadoes can be exceptionally capricious as you may have read. The last twister I referred to was on a collision course with a marina housing about a million dollars worth of boats and equipment when, for some unknown reason, it veered away.

I might add that there were about 30 homes in the immediate vicinity ... and all of them escaped without damage ... as did a complete housing project two miles down the road where more than 60 youngsters were playing when the storm roared through one corner of the project.

ROSIE DRIVE INN — This week's special: Hamburgers - 19 cents (catsup & mustard only). c-17

LOWELL BEER STORE — Open every day and evening until 10 p.m. Sunday until 9 p.m. c-17



Union Bank Names Doyle to V-P Post

Promotion of William S. Doyle to the position of vice president in the correspondent bank and business development services department has been announced by James W. Carpenter, president of Union Bank and Trust Company, N.A.

Doyle, a native of Lowell, has been with Union Bank since 1967. He and his family reside on Hillside Court.

A graduate of Duke University, Doyle has been active in community activities, serving as a member of the Lowell Planning Commission and as president of Lowell Showboat, Inc.

Union Bank also announced that it had risen from 218th place among the nation's 14,000 banks to the 212th position in deposits with \$239,780,837.30 as of June 30, an increase of 10.3 percent in one year. Total resources at the end of the same reporting period were listed at \$268,105,491.30, according to Carpenter.

Area Students Attend WMU Orientation

Five Lowell freshman candidates and two from Forest Hills have completed their three-day orientation course at Western Michigan University.

Lowell students include Carol Clemenz, 830 West Main; Curt Fonger, 430 N. Monroe; Barbara Kelly, Route 3; Diane Nordhoff, Route 2; and Sally Roth, Route 2.

Robert H. Sullivan, Jr., of 7130 Windcrest Drive SE, and Kevin J. Gary of 303 Honey Creek Drive, Ada, also attended the course that was designed to acquaint students with the WMU campus and facilities, to take a battery of tests, meet with their counselors and to register for the fall semester.

TOUGH ON HOODS

Big shots of the underworld deal in cash, so they find bills of large denomination very handy—but now the U. S. government will discontinue printing bills of any denomination higher than \$100. It's hoped this will make it just a little tougher to run organized crime.



TOOT! The good ship Robert E. Lee XXXVII, which sailed some rough seas toward the end of its week-long cruise, stands barren of its Showboat finery today.

The job of decorating the boat was expertly handled by Bev Holst and a dozen members of Al Eckman's Junior Hi-Y group.

TOOT! When Friday's performance was postponed due to a second cloudburst just a few moments after the show started it marked just the fifth time that weather has disrupted the Showboat schedule ... which must be a record of some sort.

For a short time Sunday, it appeared the re-scheduled performance might have to be cancelled.

TOOT! The annual Rotary luncheon at Runciman School again produced a capacity crowd for headliners in the cast ... and Milton Berle may have found his match in Showboat veteran John Roth.

John, who was a member of the famed Endmen for 11 years, serves as sergeant-at-arms for the Rotary Club and was among the last to sit down to his lunch.

He was still eating when Uncle Miltie started the special show ... and continued to eat throughout much of the routine, despite efforts by Berle to distract him.

Each time that Berle reproached him, John continued to munch away ... or ignore the star later in the show ... much to the complete delight of Rotarians and their guests ... and Berle himself!

TOOT! Acting Chief of Police James Hutson credits the Lowell Police Reserves with expert traffic control that led to minimum confusion for drivers during the entire week.

Kent County deputies and a special detail from the Michigan State Police post at Rockford also assisted during the week.

TOOT! Milton Berle was forced to cancel a scheduled rehearsal for an upcoming Lucille Ball show because of Sunday night's show. He was due in Hollywood Monday morning ... called Lucy to say he would be delayed.

TOOT! Singer Ann Hilton did miss the final performance. She left Sunday for rehearsals for her engagement in the famed Persian Room of the Plaza Hotel. Trumpeter Leonard Sues filled in with a few vicals.

TOOT! There is much accounting still to be done, but sources close to the operation feel this year's production may go well into the red. No one is speaking for the record at this early date.

TOOT! The advertising staff of Showboat would appreciate any assistance in locating special signs taken from the side of the official cars. They can be returned to Larry Wittenbach at Wittenbach Sales & Service, which donated use of the cars ... but not the signs!

TOOT! Uncle Miltie probably will incorporate more than a few jokes about Lowell into his future routines. One thing is for certain, there won't be many times that his act will be interrupted by ducks waddling across the stage!

TOOT! There were two unexpected dunkings, neither of which resulted in harm or damage.

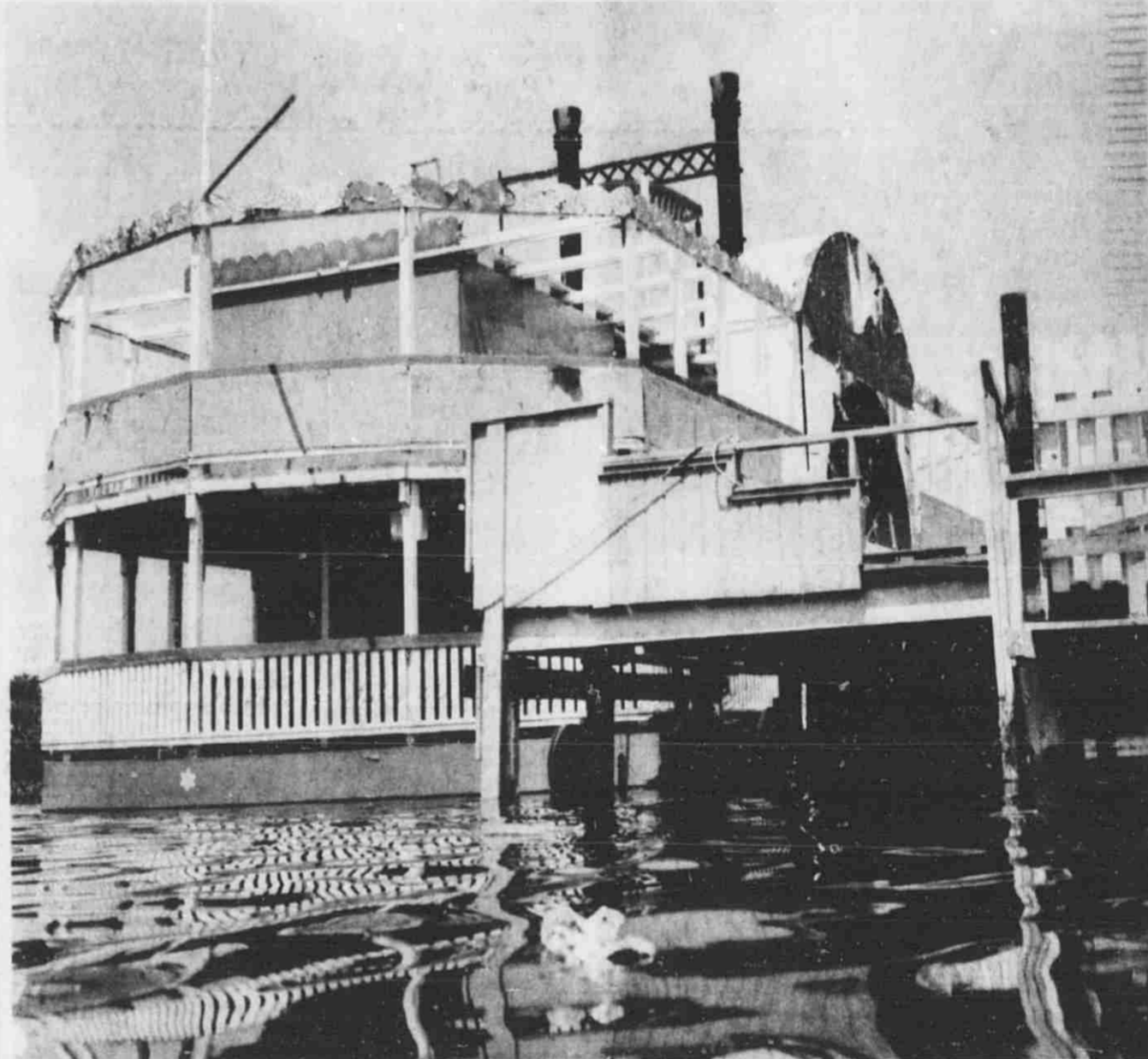
Tom Donald, a member of the Dixieland band, was pulled from the Flat River when the pin on a loading gate accidentally released on the down-bound trip Saturday night.

Jerry Thompson alertly jumped in to assist the musician until members of the always-attentive Kent County Sheriff's Department Marine Division could maneuver in for the rescue.

A book of music for Max Barnes' orchestra also fell overboard (or off the stage, as the case may have been) and a cry for help went out. Kevin Smith leaped into the river to effect the rescue ... and received a small gratuity for his gallant effort.

AIR-SUPPORTED ROOF!
The United States is planning a pavilion with a huge, air-supported steel-cable roof at the World's Fair in Osaka, Japan, which opens March 15, 1970. Officials of this Expo '70 expect at least 40 million visitors.

I-94 Rates High
One of the longest toll-free interstate highways in the nation is I-94, extending 275 miles between Port Huron and New Buffalo, Michigan.



GLITTER'S GONE — The Lowell Showboat has been stripped of its glittering decor for another year and now sits silently on the banks of the Flat River ... awaiting its next run 'round Cat-tail Bend some 51 weeks away.

Celebrates 88th Year .. Watching TV

By Patt Bambrick

A man who once sat at his grandmothers knee listening to tales of the long and arduous trek from New York state to Saranac, and of days when trading with the Indians was an event of everyday life, never dreamed that he would one day spend his birthday watching three men depart for the moon.

Three Guy Monks, who was 88 years young on July 21, did just that. Born in Saranac, he has lived in the Lowell area all of his life and recalls the days when he and his family were active in the logging industry. Much of his property borders on the Grand River, and for years there were camps up and down the river from Saranac to Ada, which residents used to travel via log rafts.

The octogenarian has four daughters, Mrs. Marion Rutherford, Mrs. Robert (Norma) Hemingsen and Mrs. Lester Antonides, all of this area, and Mrs. Arnold Fairchild of Fallbrook, California.

This spry gentleman lives by himself on the farm in Lowell, and boasts a hearty appetite. Every morning he fixes a man-sized breakfast, and for dinner, pancakes, soup, and boiled dinners are listed as favorites.

Among his activities is the raising of Shetland ponies (there are 20) which he keeps for the pure joy of having them. He also picks enough black raspberries during the season to keep himself and family members well supplied with pies and other dishes.

On July 20, several family members and friends gathered to celebrate his birthday. On the next day, when he officially turned 88, this man who saw the birth of the car, the telephone, the refrigerator and other now-common modern appliances, the airplane and the jet, witnessed the ascent of Apollo 11 on its way to the moon.

Kids Fishing Derby Aug. 9; Register Now

Registrations for the annual Lowell Moose Fishing Derby for boys and girls aged six to 12 are now being accepted, according to Civic Affairs Chairman LaVerne (Red) Baker.

The event is scheduled on Saturday, August 9, at VanderVeen Lake. Contestants will be transported to the lake by bus departing from the Lowell Moose Lodge at 9 a. m. that morning.

Eligible boys and girls are urged to register before August 8 at Jackson Motor Sales, 930 West Main.

DANCE — Thursday, August 7, 8:00 til 12:00 in the C.H. Runciman Building. c-17



GUY MONKS

Lowell Twp. Considers New Codes

Lowell Township officials will act on adoption of several amendments to the township's zoning ordinance following apparent public approval at a special hearing Monday night.

There was practically no dissent from any of the 33 residents who turned out for the hearing, designed to acquaint citizens with new codes involving trailer parks, lagoon-type sewage systems and swimming pools.

Under the proposed new regulations, sewage systems calling for lagoons will be barred on all properties in the township zoned for residential or commercial use.

Another amendment would limit the size of all future mobile home parks to a maximum of 90 units.

The swimming pool amendment is intended to clarify the meaning of the word "permanent" as it applies to either inground or above-the-ground pools. A permit would be required for a permanent installation.

Permanent pools also must be enclosed by a four-foot fence with lock-type gate latches and must conform to all regulations set forth by the Kent County Health Department.

SET AID PAYMENT

Lowell Area Schools will receive a state aid payment of \$169,360 on August 1, according to a list of aid payments made available by State Representative Stanley M. Powell of Ionia through the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Bogus Check Artist Sought by Police

Lowell police are working with law enforcement agencies in the Midwest in an effort to capture a man sought on a check forgery warrant.

According to Sgt. James Hutson, acting chief of the Lowell force, two checks were passed in Lowell last week and single checks were passed in Ionia and Montcalm counties.

Michigan State Police crime laboratory technicians verified that the checks were bogus following investigation of the checks at East Lansing.

Sgt. Hutson said that it is believed the man is in either Indianapolis or Cincinnati.

A Lowell man was scheduled to appear before 63rd District Judge Joseph White on Wednesday to answer a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Police arrested Benjamin W. Ayers, 54, of 640 Grindle Drive Sunday. Ayers was released on bond.

Four area residents were injured Saturday night when the car in which they were riding reportedly missed a turn near Forest Hills and Wayside and struck a tree head-on.

Kentwood police listed the occupants as Douglas Bartolotti, 16, of 5755 28th Street SE, the driver; Debbie Ladehoff, also 16, of 940 Thornapple River Drive; and two 14-year-olds, Dan Schaik of 3336 Kraft, and Kathy VanBuren of 5876 52nd Street. Miss Ladehoff was reportedly taken to Osteopathic Hospital and placed in intensive care.

Vacant Grattan Position Filled by Mrs. Nugent

Mrs. Liguri (Lucille) Nugent has been named to fill the unexpired term of her late husband as Grattan Township treasurer.

Mr. Nugent was killed in an automobile accident near Sparta on June 17.

The appointment of Mrs. Nugent to the vacancy was made formal by action of the township board at its recent monthly meeting.

Youth Killed by Auto in Kansas Mishap

A rural Alto youth was accidentally killed Sunday while hitchhiking near Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear in the mishap was Sidney B. Temple, 17, son of Mrs. Burton Temple of Route No. 2, Alto. He was a student at Caledonia High School.

He had been visiting a brother, Donald, in Oregon and was en route to Denver when the accident occurred.

