



Time certainly has a nasty habit of erasing memories from one's mind . . . and it really gets bad when one has a short memory in the first place.

This reference to our added state of mind comes after glancing back through the 1968 files of the Ledger-Suburban Life in research of election material.

The edition of March 28 that year carried four front-page pictures on the late-winter storm that put this area under a solid blanket of snow.

Nothing like last week's howler, of course. But bad enough to inconvenience folks for a day or two.

This most recent whimsy of Mother Nature probably will leave traces of snow on the ground for at least another 10 days . . . and maybe longer in shady spots.

I'm here to tell you, folks, that this is ridiculous. How did a young (!) fellow like me with a penchant for warm weather activities like golf and swimming ever get bogged down in a part of the country where, if you don't like the weather all you have to do is wait a few minutes?

I lodged this form of complaint several times while languishing indoors over the weekend and Good Friend Wife tried to keep my spirits up by pointing out how healthful cold weather is.

Nuts! You don't hear of too many folks dropping dead from mowing the lawn. But shoveling snow is a horse of a different color.

Like Mac Fonger, who authored a sure-fire way to kill flies, often says:

"If you didn't have bad luck, you wouldn't have any luck at all!"

Another friend, Detroit TV commentator Dave Diles, had the Smyth pegged, too. He used to tell me that I had two chances for success . . . slim and none.

And to borrow still another cliché . . . with friends like those, who needs enemies.

Last week's snow caused more than a few headaches for Lowell City Manager Blaine Bacon, who had hoped to get a water main flushing program started this week.

Now it's been set off until next week . . . and the good C.M. fully expects to have the telephone at City Hall jumping off the hook.

The new schedule is listed elsewhere on this page, gals.

Another sign of spring! A huge flock of Canadian "honkers" headed north to Hudson Bay. Silly geese.

I seldom get involved editorially with the many problems confronting our society in an era of sweeping social reform . . . but I'm more than a little irked at what's happening at the University of Michigan these days.

To seek a settlement with a militant minority group and a number of supporters, indications are that enrollment of black students commencing in several years will be set at 10 percent . . . with no apparent regard to scholastic qualifications and, in some cases, tuition free.

This is nonsense of the first degree. And I suggest that our legislators get to the heart of the matter at once . . . before the taxpayers get to the heart of the legislators and kick them all out of office!

The day this state and nation begins educating its young . . . and hiring its employees . . . and assigning government jobs on the basis of population ratio, then the day will have arrived, too, when all taxes must be computed and shared on an exact percentage ratio.

Report Rash of Accidents on Area Roads

Several area accidents over the past weekend sent injured victims to hospitals, according to the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Willard Marks, 56, of 7213 Bronson, Ada, was driving north on Thornapple River Drive near Cascade Road when his car struck Peter Campau, 11, of Thornapple River Drive. Peter was standing in the road looking away from the on-coming traffic. It was reported. He was taken to Blodgett Hospital by his parents.

At the intersection of Cascade Road and Kraft Avenues, Lydia E. Molander, 7237 Cascade S.E., was the victim of a one-car accident as she left the road. She was taken to Blodgett Hospital by ambulance.

Gregory P. Williams, 19, of 1649 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W. was driving south on the East Belt Line when he swerved to avoid another car in trouble and struck the auto of Charles O. Johnson, 1235 Regina, N.E., who was northbound. Both were taken to Blodgett Hospital.

On East Paris Ave. approximately one-quarter of a mile north of Lake Drive, a car driven by Lena Johnson, 9564 E. Fulton Ave., Ada, struck an automobile driven by Theofiel Waem, 1043 Chapman, N.W. Waem was attempting to make a right turn when the accident occurred. Passengers in the Johnson vehicle were Lelinda Johnson, 16; William Johnson, 13; Angena Regan, 4; and Ralph Regan, 2.

At Caledonia on M-37, a truck belonging to Park Chapman Industries and driven by Fred Hyatt, 715 Johnson, Owood was traveling north just south of 84th street. The driver claimed that a Kent County Road Commission truck forced him off the road and the truck jack-knifed. Hyatt was not taken to a hospital.

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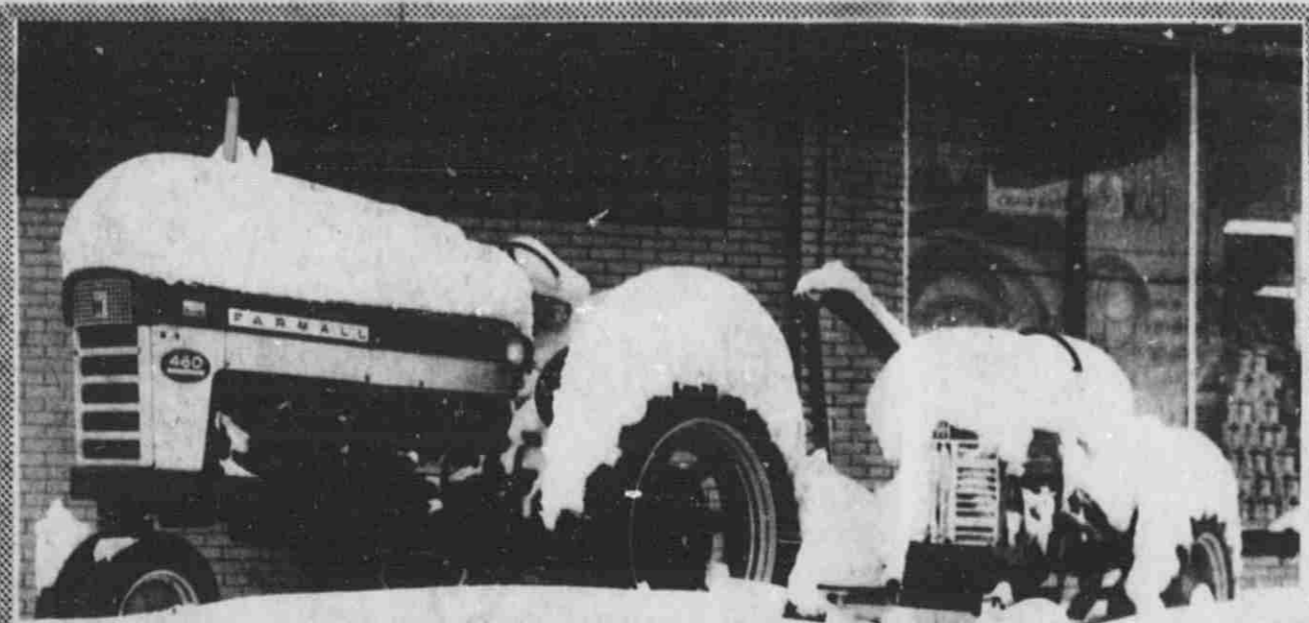
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THIS IS SPRING!

An unseasonal snowstorm clobbered the area last Thursday . . . resulting in a photographer's dream for staffer Kevin Smith, who called these productions "No Sale" (above), "Single or Double Dip" (left) and "Marooned" (below).

Battle for Mayor's Post Expected Following Monday's Spring Election

Next Monday's general city election is not expected to produce any unusual developments . . . but the annual organizational meeting that follows could bring about some fireworks.

This was the consensus of most veteran political observers who anticipate that newcomer Dr. Herbert R. Mueller will join incumbents Carlen Anderson and Mrs. Virginia Myers in filling three available seats on the city council.

Anderson led a field of seven candidates in the February 16 primary with 249 votes, 13 more than garnered by Dr. Mueller in a strong showing and 16 more than received by Mrs. Myers.

Avery W. Block, Herbert Raymond "Ray" Jones and Alice Rittersdorf round out the field of six challengers seeking voter approval.

Polling places at City Hall, now mechanized with voting machines, will be open

from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All voters in line at the closing hour are eligible to vote.

Newly-elected council members are scheduled to meet within a day or two of the election to select from among their ranks the next mayor . . . and this is where a split in the council may become apparent.

Councilman Herbert Reynolds, who is serving the second of a two-year term along with Harold Jefferies, has served as mayor pro-tem for several years under Mayor Arnold Wittenbach and has been looked upon in most quarters as "heir-apparent" to the title.

Wittenbach, who served as mayor the last six of his eight years on the council, did not seek re-election this year.

Several sources indicate that Anderson, if returned to office for a third time, may actively seek the mayoralty and that Jefferies might accept the position as a possible compromise candidate.

The top two vote-getters in Monday's balloting will win two-year terms at the council table and the No. 3 choice of voters will sit at the council for one year.

A thumbnail sketch of each candidate, listed below alphabetically, follows:

CARLEN ANDERSON - Completing two-year term in office after election in 1967 to one-year term; Lowell resident for 18 years; employed as engineer with Kent County Road Commission. A 1953 graduate of Lowell High School, he attended Wayne State University. Member of Lowell Lions Club. Lives with wife and family at 705 North Monroe.

AVERY W. BLOCK - Seeking first political office. Served with Lowell police department eight years, the last 6½ as Chief of Police. A resident of Lowell for nine years, he is a native of Morley, Michigan, and was graduated from Freepoint High School. A veteran of World War II, he is a member of the American Legion and Loyal Order of Moose. Lives with wife and family at 1301 Sibley Drive.

HERBERT R. JONES - A lifelong resident of Lowell area, he was graduated from Lowell High School in 1959. Attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Aquinas where he studied chemistry. Employed as technical service representative for Chemtron Corporation. Member of American Electroplate Society. Formerly employed at Root-Lowell Corporation and Attwood Corporation. Lives with wife and family at 826 East Main.

DR. HERBERT R. MUELLER - Resident of Lowell for past 14 years, during which time he has practiced optometry in the city. Graduate of Cass Technical High in Detroit, he attended Wayne State University and received O.D. degree from Illinois College of Optometry in 1950, graduating cum laude. Former president of Lowell Lions Club, has served in past as board member of Lowell Chamber of Commerce and Board of Zoning Appeals for city. Numerous positions with optometric professional organizations. Lives with wife and family at 216 Riverside Drive.

VIRGINIA MYERS - Seeking second consecutive term in office, Mrs. Myers had served earlier term on council before election in 1968 to two-year term. Owns and operates antique shop and restaurant in Lowell. Mrs. Myers has been active in civic and political life, serving as president of the League of Women Voters and as a member of the executive board and chairman of the department of Christian Life of the Kent County Council of Churches. Member of the Lowell Women's Club. Lives with husband, Dr. Harold Myers, and family at 407 North Division.

ALICE RITTERSDORF - A lifelong resident of Lowell, she was graduated from Lowell High School in 1941 and later attended Davenport College. Employed with U. S. Postal Service in Lowell for the past 3½ years. Formerly employed with Lowell Stamping Corporation and Root-Lowell Corporation. Member of the Women of the Moose, Lowell Lodge. Mother of four boys, two girls, resides with family at 415 Hunt Street.

Goals Set for Drive

A goal of 383 youth, family, adult and sustaining memberships and \$3,300 in dues and fees has been set by the Lowell branch of YMCA in its 1970 Membership Drive.

Stanley Gardner and Mrs. Orloe Gwatin are heading up the campaign, which concludes with a combined victory dinner and annual meeting on Thursday, April 16, at First Methodist Church in Lowell.

Mrs. Gerald Smith and Mrs. Frank Smith emerged as winners of weekly prizes offered during the drive when they reported receipts of \$76 and \$34, respectively, for the first week following the annual Kick-Off Dinner served by Ladies of the First Congregational Church.

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Find Stolen Guns in Thornapple

Scuba divers from the Kent County Sheriff's Department recovered two rifles and a pistol from the Thornapple River late Tuesday and were scheduled to return in search of additional stolen weapons Wednesday.

Detective Richard Williams said the guns reportedly were taken from the Chas. Kay residence on Thornapple River Drive late last fall and dumped into the river at 48th Street near Whitneyville Road. Deputies John Goodspeed and John Verike retrieved the guns.

Williams said that suspects in the case have been released on bond pending arraignment.

Storm Delays Flushing of City's Mains

Heavy snows late last week caused postponement of classes in Forest Hills schools and snarled air, bus, train and mail service throughout the area.

Almost 15 inches of snow fell between Wednesday night and Sunday morning, according to Weather Bureau statistics.

The unseasonal winter storm also put a crimp in plans to flush out "red water" conditions in Lowell's water mains, scheduled to get underway this week.

City Manager Blaine Bacon announced Tuesday that the flushing program will begin next Tuesday, April 7, and continue on Wednesday and Friday, April 8 and 10.

Residents are urged to be careful in their use of water during the flushing period, especially for washing.

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Budgets Top Agenda at Town Meets

Budgets for the coming fiscal year will be discussed at annual townships meetings scheduled throughout the area this Saturday.

Residents in several townships are expected to be approached by their board of officials for pay increases.

Of primary importance at most annual meetings will be discussions of road improvement programs for 1970. A cut in maximum matching funds from Kent County from \$10,000 to \$7,500 is expected to impede a number of scheduled projects.

Lowell Township officials also are expected to discuss petitions seeking asphalt surfacing of Alden Nash north of M-21. The road serves as a boundary between Lowell and Lowell Township and a number of petitioners reportedly are city residents.

In bustling Cascade Township, much of Saturday's meeting will be confined to reports of progress on numerous projects, including water and sewer installations.

Grand Rapids Township officials this Friday will let bids on sewer and water installations authorized by special assessment districts. Similar installations on Cascade Road, Glen Drive, Golf Drive, Ashton Road and Shatterly Avenue were approved last week with Bultema Brothers the successful bidders.

License Sales Far Off as Deadline Passes

An estimated 500 motorists who customarily purchase auto licenses at the Secretary of State's office in Lowell either are without their tags today or bought them at other outlets.

This was the opinion of Carl Smith, manager of the outlet located at the Western Auto Store, as Tuesday's midnight deadline neared.

"And 500 may be a conservative number," Smith said. "It might be closer to 700 if registrations increased this year as they have in recent years."

Smith said that less than 4,800 motorists had purchased licenses late Tuesday afternoon compared to more than 5,300 who acquired plates at the office a year ago.

Police officials throughout the area indicated they will crack down on any motorist venturing onto the highways with out-dated plates. A state offense, the violation calls for a fine of \$13 including fees and costs.

MEETING DELAYED

The regular meeting of the Caledonia Community Schools Board of Education, scheduled for Monday, April 13, has been postponed one week to April 20 at 8 p.m., according to Superintendent Harold Whipple.

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This week's special: Luau Burgers. Hamburger treat with pineapple. 53 cents.

Seek Three Council Seats in City Vote



CARLEN ANDERSON

AVERY W. BLOCK

HERBERT R. JONES

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VIRGINIA MYERS

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CIVIC CALENDAR

Monday, April 6:
 Cascade Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.
 Lowell Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.
 Vergennes Township board meeting, 8 p.m., township hall.

Tuesday, April 7:
 City of Lowell Council meeting, 8 p.m., city hall.
 Grand Rapids Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

Name Label Assists Income Tax Processing

Income tax refunds can be processed quicker if taxpayers put the pre-addressed name label that came on their 1040 tax package on the return they file, Thomas A. Cardoza, district director of Internal Revenue for Michigan, said today.

Use of the name label will eliminate many errors in name and Social Security numbers that held up refunds for 57,472 taxpayers in Michigan last year, Cardoza says.

Returns filed before April 1 using the name label can usually be processed and the refund issued in five to six weeks. Taxpayers who find an error in their name label should correct the label and use it on their return.

When a return is prepared by someone else, the taxpayer should remember to put the name label on the form he actually files, Cardoza says. Taxpayers should either give the tax preparer the form with the name label attached or attach the name label themselves when the completed form is returned to them for signing.

The name label is sometimes called the "piggyback label" because a carbon copy of the information appears beneath the label. If you do not file the return mailed you, the top label can thus be lifted off and put on the return you do file.

Cardoza said taxpayers required to file estimated tax declarations, should use the pre-addressed form sent them by IRS.

LOWELL DAIRYMAN HONORED

Elmer Wittenbach of Route No. 1, Lowell, was honored last week with 19 other Michigan dairy farmers for having 35 years or more of membership in the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

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Another in a Series Explain Operation of Treatment Plant

(Another in a series of informational articles about Lowell's city government, its departments and programs.)

One of the most recently added facilities in the city is the wastewater treatment plant, placed in operation in 1967.

In August, 1964, the residents of Lowell voted approval of a bond issue in the amount of \$217,000 for construction of the facility. The bonds were approved by a 5-1 majority. Construction began in 1966. The plant is operated by a state-licensed operator who has a part-time employee, who also works for the water department.

The operator, in addition to maintaining the plant and two lift stations, maintains a modern laboratory where he constantly tests the quality of the discharge to the stream in order to help control the pollution of the stream.

The composition of sewage is dependent on its source. Domestic sewage is made up of used water containing human excreta. Industrial waste is composed of all the liquid wastes resulting from operation of various manufacturing enterprises. When untreated, sewage is harmful to public health and pollution of water supplies by sewage may result in epidemics of various kinds, such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid fever, or hepatitis. It is, therefore, necessary to treat sewage and to properly dispose of it. It is estimated that in urban areas, sewage amounts to 45 tons of solid matter per 1,000 population annually.

The main objectives of waste water treatment are:

- (1) To substantially remove settleable and suspended solids;
- (2) The chemical conversion of putrefactive dissolved solids into harmless substance; and
- (3) The reduction of the bacteria present.

Powell Will Seek Re-Election

State Representative Stanley M. Powell of Ionia declared today that he will enter the August primary election in a bid to continue representing the 89th legislative district which consists of Ionia County, the nine northeast townships of Barry County and the four southeast townships of Kent County.

Representative Powell is seeking a fourth consecutive term in the Michigan House. He was elected in 1964, 1966 and 1968. Prior to that he helped draft Michigan's Constitution as a delegate to the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention.

During the six preceding years, Powell has become recognized as a leading legislative spokesman for rural communities. His efforts were recognized earlier this year when he was selected for the top legislative award of the Michigan Agricultural Conference, an association of farm-oriented groups. He was the only House member given the award this year.

In addition to his work for local government and agriculture, Powell has campaigned against abuse of authority by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. While Powell supports the need for such an agency, he has opposed requirements on employers he believes unreasonable, such as "reverse discrimination" through unofficial racial hiring quotas. He has also charged that the commission is initiating its own complaints, while legitimate complaints from private citizens do not receive proper attention.

Powell's attendance and voting record are outstanding. During the 1969 session, for example, his voting record placed him fifth among 110 representatives. Of the 1,364 record roll call votes, Powell was present and was recorded on all but 18, a remarkable frequency count of 98.7 percent.

Even on the few votes missed, Powell was absent from the House chamber for official business, such as testimony on one of his bills before a committee hearing. His attendance at House committee meetings has been no less faithful. He has not missed a single committee meeting, except when two of his committees had simultaneous meetings scheduled.

Powell's nearly perfect attendance record contains one more interesting fact... he never had an absence due to health or personal reasons.

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It should be noted that a displaced spinal segment might irritate a spinal nerve and cause little or no pain at the point of irritation and still cause severe symptoms in that part of the body supplied by the injured nerve. This is not a strange pain mechanism for anyone who has ever struck the nerve at the elbow (funny bone or crazy bone) and felt the nerve pain and tingling in the hand supplied by the injured nerve.

The nerves which pass through a single nerve opening between adjacent spinal segments may supply vital energy to many muscles and vital organs... hence the displacement of a single spinal segment may cause many symptoms and indeed undermine the total health of the individual. If the injured nerve supplies primarily the leg, the victim may suffer primarily from sciatica. If it supplies the scalp, headache is the result.

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Area Census Leaders Named

Appointment of crew leaders for the 1970 Census of Population and Housing in this area was announced today by Betty Walker, manager of the Census Bureau's temporary census office in Grand Rapids.

Each crew leader will supervise 15 to 20 enumerators in the big nationwide census that begins Wednesday (April 1). Crew leader training is now underway. Topics being covered in the training sessions include procedures for recruiting census enumerators, training, canvassing methods, preparation and submission of reports, and supervision of enumerators to insure a complete and accurate count.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the 1970 census. It is his responsibility to recruit and train the enumerators; to assign each one to an enumeration district.

Area residents listed as crew leaders include Marion Paulson of 3210 Emery Dr., Lowell, and Ruth Fongers of 3349 Chevy Chase NE.

Only wages paid by an employer or net income from self-employment are counted toward the \$1,680 earnings. Generally speaking, income from interest, dividends, rent, or other persons do not count.

Failure to file an annual report on time can result in a costly penalty.

If you have any questions regarding filing your annual report, call at the Grand Rapids Social Security office, 60 N. Division Avenue, or phone 456-241. The office is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Mondays until 9 p.m.

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Open Search for County's Top Product

The annual search for Kent County's "Product of the Year" is underway under the direction of Lowell resident William Doyle, a vice president of Union Bank and Trust in Grand Rapids.

One of the major events held in connection with Michigan Week, products entered in the competition are manufactured items which are judged on the basis of job production, community promotion and company progress.

County firms have until next Monday, April 6, to notify Doyle of intent to enter this year's judging, which will take place on April 10. The best products from Kent, Ottawa, Montcalm, Barry and Allegan counties will then compete in regional judging on April 24.

Michigan Week this year will be celebrated May 16-23.

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Famed Area Horseman Dies

An internationally-known horseman from Ada, Alex C. Banks, died suddenly last week in Blodgett Hospital at the age of 69. Cremation followed.

Memorial services were held Tuesday for Mr. Banks, who resided at 5931 Ada Drive SE. He had been a resident of the area since the 1920s.

A native of Toronto, Canada, he was well known in riding circles and had garnered many honors in national horse shows in New York's Madison Square Garden, the Toronto Royal Winter Fair and the Chicago National. He came to Grand Rapids as manager and trainer for the John Blodgett Sr. stables.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Winnifred Banks; a son, Alex; a daughter, Mrs. Penni Marvel of Sierra Madre, Calif.; one grandson; and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Ball of Toronto.



Students Skip Vacation to Aid Registrations

Four students from Forest Hills have picked a worthwhile project on which to concentrate during the school's Easter vacation; namely, encouraging district residents to register for upcoming elections.

After discussing the proposal with township officials, the four - Sarah Seidman, Katie Shepard, Ann Buekema and Lisa Noren - discovered that at least several hundred residents in key growth areas had not yet registered.

Enlisting the services of another 20 students, the group launched an all-out "Get Registered" campaign on a door-to-door basis in newly-platted areas of Cascade, Ada and Grand Rapids townships.

Usually working in groups of two, the volunteers have knocked on doors throughout this past week. Their story is simple: if you haven't registered, it is later than you think. There are four upcoming elections to be considered: The May 4 school nuisance election, the June school board election, the August primary and the regular November election.

When a resident was found not to be registered, he was encouraged to see his township clerk and information was given regarding business hours in the township offices.

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THORNAPPLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TO MEET

On April 14, Tuesday, a general informational meeting and election of officers will be held for the Thornapple River Association, Inc. at the Old Township Hall in Cascade at 7:30 p.m. A financial report and discussion of the Fourth of July parade will be featured.

MILLAGE TO BE TOPIC AT FH JR. HIGH

On Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. the Forest Hills Junior High citizens informational meeting will be held. Discussion of the school millage will be the main concern. All interested voters in the district are invited to participate.

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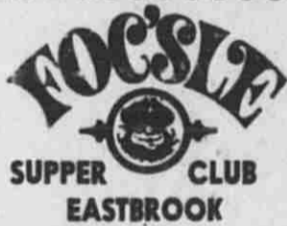
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WEEK NIGHTS



AWARD WINNERS
Two United Air Line's employees at Kent County Airport have received United's coveted "Award of Merit" for maintenance efforts which resulted in considerable savings of time and money in the repair of ground equipment used at the airport. Louis C. King, of 6400 Grand River Drive, Ada, and Warren E. Masterbrook, of 7388 Kilmer S.E. receive congratulations from sales-services manager Tom Powers (seated) and Great Lakes regional vice president William E. McGarry (standing) during the annual awards banquet in Pittsburgh.

Litter Pick-Up Plagues State Highway Crews

It's spring cleaning time for the Department of State Highways and maintenance workers throughout Michigan are poised with shovels, forks and tar pots to restore 9,222 miles of state highways beaten by winter... and littered by motorists.

Unusually penetrating frosts were unkind to highways last winter, said Paul J. Marek, the department's engineer of maintenance. Pavements heaved and popped more than in most winters creating dangerous potholes and cracks.

To restore damaged road surfaces, Marek said, the department has ordered 8,260 tons of "cold patch" material and 605,000 gallons of asphalt emulsion.

More than \$1 million is earmarked this year for trash pick-up along state highways. About \$600,000 of the total will be

spent for collection of bottles, cans, paper and other litter discarded by "throw and go" motorists.

Victor J. Haueter, foreman at the department's maintenance garage in Grand Ledge, reported an annoying trend among litterbugs.

"We're finding cans and bottles farther away from the highways now than we did five years ago," he said, "People must be throwing harder or throwing downwind."

"Whatever the reason," he said, "litterbugs are nuisances and it's getting more expensive and time-consuming to pick up after them."

Haueter noted that winter snows and grass hide litter. Hence, the order for trash pick-up does not go out "until we can see the whites of paper and the shines on bottles."

In addition to pavement patching and pick-up, hundreds of signs begrimed by winter's dirt and air pollutants must be washed and painted to restore them to original visibility. Drains must be unplugged, washouts filled, stripes repainted on pavements and fallen trees and limbs dragged off.

There's seeding, sowing, planting and fertilizer to be spread along with cattail killer to keep drains and culverts open.

Four thousand picnic tables, varnished and polished during the winter, will be set out in 100 roadside parks, 56 freeway rest areas, nine travel information centers and more than 1,000 roadside picnic sites. With them will go hundreds of well-marked litter barrels.

When the spring cleanup is over, state highways will be ready for the annual warm-weather invasion of tourists and other travelers.

New Social Security Benefits Due Soon

As the well-known newscaster Gabriel Heatter used to say, "there's good news tonight."

Shortly before recessing for his Christmas vacation, Congress passed a 15% increase in Social Security payments for the nation's twenty-five million-plus Social Security recipients.

The bill was signed into law by President Nixon in early January.

The 15% across-the-board increase is effective January 1, but will not be received by the Social Security beneficiary until the first week in April. It is particularly important to note that the check received on or about April 3, will reflect the increase for March 1970, only and that a second check will be forthcoming approximately on April 23, to cover the retroactive raise for January and February.

The increase in benefits means that the average monthly benefit paid to a retired worker would be raised from about \$100 to \$116; the average monthly benefit paid to an elderly couple would be raised from approximately \$170 to \$196 per month; and the average benefit paid to an aged widow would be increased from \$88 to \$100 per month, depending on individual circumstances.

The minimum Social Security retirement payment at age 65 would not be less than \$64 and the special payment for persons 72 and older, not fully qualified under Social Security, would go from \$40 to \$46.

People who get benefits will get the increase AUTOMATICALLY. They DO NOT have to take any action themselves.

The Grand Rapids Social Security office, located at 60 N. Division Avenue, is open daily Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Phone 456-2241.

Peg Auto Accident Cost at \$16.5-Billion!

The economic cost of automobile accidents during 1969 in the United States soared to a staggering \$16,582,000,000, the Insurance Institute reported.

Contributing factors in the record amount—a rise of \$2.3 billion over the 1968 figure—were increases in traffic fatalities, injuries and accidents.

The grim traffic statistics show 56,400 persons killed, 5,010,000 persons injured, and 22,025,000 accidents.

The tragic toll of death, injury and destruction on the nation's streets and highways represents an economic loss averaging \$328 for every family in the country, the Institute noted.

HAVING A PARTY? Going on a trip? Have a funny for the paper? In Forest Hills call Shirley Dygert, 676-3721; in Lowell call the LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE office, 897-9261.

COMING EVEN

Thursday, April 2

The Vergennes Club will meet April 2 at the home of Gertrude Ryder with Mona Kooiman as co-hostess. Program chairman, Marian Yates.

Saturday, April 4

A Fish and Ham Supper will be served by the Clarksville Masons on Saturday, April 4 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. The public is invited.

Tuesday, April 7

The Island City Rebekah Lodge No. 282 of Lowell will meet Tuesday, April 7, at 8 p.m. All members please plan to attend.

Expect 3,000 Delegates to TOPS Convention

More than 3,000 members from the 650 Michigan chapters of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will attend the annual convention April 3 and 4 in Grand Rapids, according to Mrs. Philip Van Dyke, chairman. It is expected to be the largest TOPS convention ever held in Michigan.

Friday afternoon events include speakers James T. Chandler, chief psychologist, Kent Oaks Hospital and Clinic, and Edna Thomas, a TOPS member from Indiana who has spoken at many state and national conventions.

Fun Night is Friday with entertainment including the Donald Battjes puppets and group singing. There will also be a Big Losers Parade for those who have lost fifty pounds or over.

Saturday there will be a KOPS graduation (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) for those who have reached their goal and held it for three months, a Banner Parade which will be judged by the nine supervisors in Michigan and the Leaders Parade in which all club leaders and club queens will participate. A club queen is the member who has lost the most weight in 1969.

The highlight of the convention will be the crowning of a King and a Queen on Saturday afternoon. At this same time, the Century Medallion Award and the State Plaque will also be presented.

Mrs. Van Dyke is being assisted by members of TOPS Clubs in the Grand Rapids area. Anyone interested in joining TOPS may call Mrs. Fred (Anne) Laurn at 241-4088.

BOOSTERS TO MEET COACHES

Continuing a program of introducing coaches of various sports at the Forest Hills Athletic Boosters Association, the meeting on Tuesday, April 7, will feature Dan Pupel, golfing coach, and Elliot Pearce, tennis coach. The meeting will open at 8 p.m. in the high school teachers lounge.

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