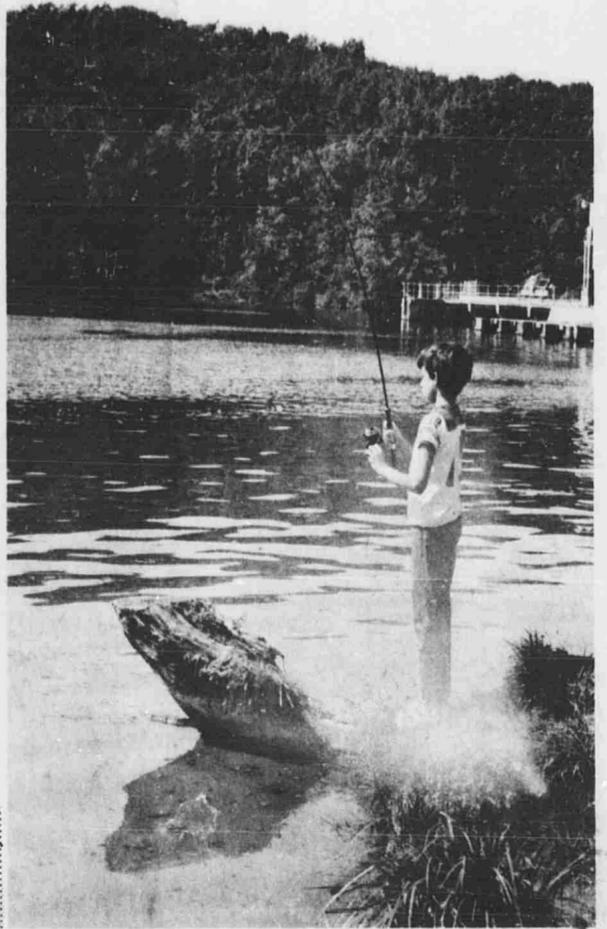


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## ...and Then There Were None

The glorious days of summer belong primarily to youth . . . and summer traditionally ends with the advent of classes after Labor Day. Staff Photographer Kevin Smith went searching for typical end-of-vacation pictures and came up with the young lady in quest of butterflies (left), a pair of canoeists (above) and a busy, though apparently unsuccessful, fisherman (right). And with that, the photographer packed his cameras and gear and he, too, retired to the important business of getting an education.



Seems there has been some conversation of recent date, including a few words from a former employee, that this publication will cease to do what it was established to do; namely, to publish each week.

I'll admit that all isn't as rosy as it should be . . . but there is no intent now nor in the foreseeable future to go out of business.

So like it or not, you're going to be treated to more of this weekly nonsense . . . starting right now. Nuff said?

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Ben Smith, candidate for Ada Township supervisor, is no different than any other seeker of political office when it comes to looking for free publicity.

Thus, we received a note in which the aspirant to the No. 1 township job points out that he has been checking a number of fiscal facts and finds that Lowell Area Schools have asked for 1 1/2 mills less than granted by voters in last spring's millage election.

That's true, Mr. Candidate, and only proves that the Board of Education is sticking to the pledge that readers of this newspaper saw numerous times in pre-millage vote stories.

This was one case where there was no need, as the commercial says, to "get it in writing." By having it published here . . . in the one and only newspaper servicing this area properly . . . the B. of E. did, in effect, put it in writing.

Nuff said!

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Holy cow! Dennis Dale McLain just seems to pop from the frying pan into the fire with his shenanigans, none of which pleases his bosses or the commissioner of the great sport of baseball.

There has never been an inclination on my part to defend Mr. McLain. I am not one of his ardent fans, mainly because I've seen his likes before . . . only they were wearing basketball uniforms.

Methinks that if Denny wants to pursue a career in baseball, he had best plan to move to Mexico or Japan. Providing either of them wants him, that is.

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I hate to see this time of the year. Too little time left for golf. And we're about to dismantle the swimming pool in order to renovate it completely this winter.

But more than anything else, I'm forced into finally cleaning out the garage in preparation for those frosty mornings immediately ahead.

After these many weeks of requesting that it be done, Good Friend Wife will certainly be happy to hear this.

OK. Nuff said!!!!

## Congressman Ford Announces Service Academy Openings

Congressman Gerald R. Ford has announced two openings at the service academies for interested young men from the Fifth Congressional District. One with the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and the other with the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs are being offered to high school seniors who are U. S. citizens, under 22 years of age, never married, and able to pass the physical and scholastic requirements of the respective academies.

Applications for these positions can be obtained from Jerry Ford's office at 425 Cherry Street, S.E. in Grand Rapids (telephone 456-9747) and from his Washington, D. C. office. The deadline for filing the applications is September 25.

Ford suggested that boys interested in the Naval Academy also fill out applications in the event openings develop.

Out of six openings which developed at the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies, nine candidates from Kent and Ionia Counties entered Academy classes this year. The three additional candidates obtained appointments as a result of national selection among qualified alternates.

Appointments are also available to the Merchant Marine and Coast Guard Academies, but the selection to those institutions is not limited to a Congressional district. Michigan Congressmen may nominate up to ten candidates for the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York to compete state-wide for 12 available scholarships. The Coast Guard makes its own selection of cadets to attend the Academy at New London, Connecticut from a nation-wide competition.

Selection of Fifth District candidates is based on the results of an open, competitive Civil Service Examination. This examination will be given on Saturday, October 3, in Grand Rapids and other cities throughout the nation. Make-up tests for those candidates unable to attend the October 3 examination will be given on Tuesday, November 3. Such applications will be accepted as late as October 30.

These all-expense college scholarships at the Academies lead to a bachelor's degree in science and a commission in one

## Bell Gets Approved for Rate Increase

By a vote of 2-1, the Public Service Commission of the Michigan Department of Commerce has approved a \$14,799,000 rate increase for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

The 3.1 percent rate increase, the first general increase the utility has received since 1960, will be spread among Michigan Bell's 2.4 million customers in 76 Michigan counties.

The increased cost of borrowing money to finance improvements and expansion of its facilities, higher construction costs and increased wages for Michigan Bell's 31,000 employees were the major factors in the Commission's decision to grant a rate increase.

## Union Bank Announces New Branch Office

Union Bank announced plans today to construct its 26th office on the northwest corner of Breton Road and Burton Street. Senior vice president Richard C. Simkins said work will begin in about two weeks and the new office will be completed in early spring of 1971.

Simkins added: "The Breton Village shopping area and surrounding residential tracts are a growing market. The construction of an office at this location will provide more convenient banking services for our customers." Simkins said the new office will be of colonial red brick and will be a full-service banking facility including three drive-ins.

of the Services. "These appointments offer a wonderful educational opportunity and an honorable career in the service of our country," Ford said. "At the present time we have at the academies thirteen young men from Grand Rapids, three from Ionia, two each from Cedar Springs and Wyoming, and one each from Ada, Comstock Park, Dutton, and Grandville."

## Screening Detects Diabetes

Final figures on the 1969 diabetes detection program of the Michigan Diabetes Association (MDA), a United Fund service, have been released.

Of the 14,004 persons tested in blood-screening programs, 2,041 were referred to their physician for further evaluation. Of these, 230 were found to have diabetes, 176 were listed by their physician as being potentially diabetic, and 1,064 were listed as non-diabetic. Another 198 were known to be diabetic previously and 373 did not reply.

According to Dr. James J. Aiuto, chairman of the MDA's Diabetes Detection Committee, future testing programs will be aimed at locating the high-risk segment of the population.

"We are interested," he said, "in especially testing those persons who are over forty years old, overweight, blood relatives of diabetics, and mothers who have given birth to babies weighing more than nine pounds. These people are the ones most likely to have diabetes and we want to find them."

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This week's special: French Fries, 23 cents. c22

## MSHD Appeals: 'Please Save Trees'

The Department of State Highways has appealed to property owners whose land is to be purchased for highway right-of-way to leave trees intact.

Since timber is a compensable item, timbered land will bring a higher price under Departmental appraisal procedures than barren land.

The Highway Department cuts only those trees necessary for actual highway construction. Remaining trees will be preserved for both scenic and ecological values to the area.

The Department's appeal was prompted by the action of some property-owners in the path of US-31 Freeway, particularly in Oceana County, who cut standing timber in the belief its value would be lost in the sale to the Highway Department.

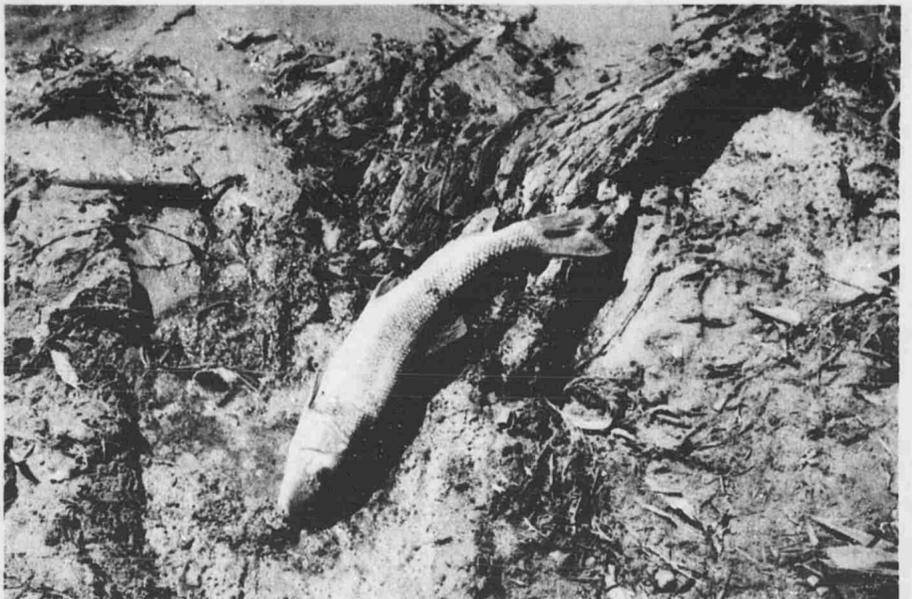
The value of marketable timber can be paid to the owner, thereby conserving much on roadsides and medians as a valuable natural asset, the Department said.

## Page One Laughs

A young miss was walking down the street sporting one of those wildly up-swept hairdos. As she passed two men, one of them turned to the other and muttered:

"Looks like her reprieve came through just as the warden pulled the switch."

ROSIE DRIVE INN—Now featuring steak and eggs for breakfast, \$1.25. c22



VICTIM OF PROGRESS — This fish, found on the shores of the Grand River where M-21 cuts across it in Ada, seems symbolic of the controversy currently occurring in eastern Kent County over the pollution of our skies and waters.

## Plan Benefits to Aid Bieri Fund

Benefits to help raise funds for the Kenneth Bieri Kidney Machine Fund have been scheduled by two local groups.

Members of the Lydia Circle of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell have scheduled a luncheon for September 17 (Thursday). The benefit will be held in the church basement, with serving from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. Funds received will also be used for the National Conference of Family Life.

On Saturday, September 22, the Lowell Lions will sponsor a pancake supper. This is scheduled to be held at the Lowell High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Lions Club.

## MODERATES WORKSHOP

Councilman Herb Reynolds of Lowell is scheduled to serve as moderator of a workshop session this Thursday during the 72nd annual convention of the Michigan Municipal League in Detroit. Subject of the workshop will be "The Challenge for Smaller Cities and Villages."

## Just Great! Road Deaths On Decline

Michigan traffic deaths numbered 191 in August, a reduction of 63 or about 25 percent compared with the record high of 254 set for that month last year, according to State Police traffic division provisional figures.

The August toll marked the seventh month in a row this year to show a decrease compared with corresponding months in 1969. Average for August was 220 in the five years, 1965-69. The month's low was 67 in wartime 1943.

The deaths brought Michigan's accumulated road toll for the first eight months to 1413, which was 170 or about 10 percent fewer than 1583 recorded in the same period last year.

Reports of delayed deaths charged to accidents in August will increase slightly the totals for August and the year to date.

## HANDLES CAMPAIGN

William S. Farr, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Republican candidate for Attorney General, has named State Representative Michael A. Dively of Traverse City as campaign manager.

### SNOW AREA Mrs. S. P. Reynolds

Thursday night callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bertran were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gauger and son of Dearborn; Sunday evening supper guests at the Bertran home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Idema of Cobb Lake.

Elmer Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tusing of Flint were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchilds of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stowell of Muskegon were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Cole.

Jay Chapin and Mrs. Janice Schindler of Sanford spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra and Sunday they all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dalstra.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Champion of Petoskey, spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion.

Mrs. Jean Bertran and her father, Peter Fisher, attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Sickle of Vermontville.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Bauman, of Cascade and Mrs. Cassie McClellan were dinner guests Monday of Mrs. Bethel Clark of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Schroeder had a picnic supper with the McClellan family at the latter's home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blanding and sons spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blanding of Cedar Springs.

David Blanding entered Osteopathic Hospital today for surgery on his back.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Champion spent the weekend with a church group at Parkwood near Campau Lake.

### ELMDALE Mrs. Sargeant 693-2242

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McClure are happy to announce the birth of another granddaughter, Misty Dawn, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory McClure of Lowell, Wednesday, August 26, at St. Mary's Hospital. The new arrival tipping the scales at 9 lbs., 2 oz.

Mrs. Pearl Roth, who had an auction sale last Thursday, is now nicely settled in an apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Harwood of Morrison Lake where she will reside until near the holidays when she will move to Lake Odessa.

Mrs. Roger Weeks was at the Ionia Memorial Hospital several days the latter part of the week, returning home Sunday.

Over fifty from Hope Church of the Brethren attended one or more of the sessions of the District Conference at Carson City last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Weaver family reunion was held Saturday at Hope Church of the Brethren. They considered themselves as very fortunate in having such a good place to meet, as the rain was really coming down in the forenoon.

Kelly Stahl attended a slumber party Friday night at Alicea Justices.

Callers of Mrs. Ira Sargeant, the past week were Mrs. Orlow Hostetter, Alto; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Felyke, Grand Ledge and Mrs. Horace Myers, local.

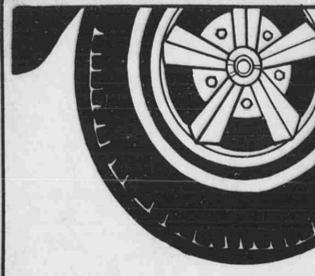
Dean Stahl attended the Ionia County Sheriff's posse meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. Pearl Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walters, Homer Walter and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hazel enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hazel of Lansing and assisted little Miss Amy to celebrate her first birthday, having so many grandparents and great-grandparents with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Harwood went Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayven Neller of Portland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Geldersma accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dorlan Edred and family to the York reunion at Little White Fish Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heaven and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Geldersmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Watson and daughters, Mabel A. Wood and Marie E. Metzger, spent over Labor Day with Mr. Olive Mosbeck at Clearwater, Fla. Mrs. Wood will remain for an indefinite time at Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denning were dinner guests of their daughter and son-in-law, the Michael Dodds of Muskegon, on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Slater spent the weekend at Eight Point Lake at Lyle Broadbent's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Watts have returned from Brockport, New York, where they spent a week with their son Ronald.

Richard Wieland, of Long Island, New York, was a weekend guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wieland. He was enroute to Los Angeles. Walter Wieland accompanied him for a week's visit.

Alvin and Mabel Bergy and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lunford and Janet and friend Bonnie Van Laan of Dutton enjoyed dinner at Granny's Kitchen on Sunday. Janet was soloist at Bowtie Center Methodist Church Sunday morning, and Miss Van Laan was her accompanist. Both girls are students at Junior College, majoring in music. Late afternoon Sunday Mabel called on her aunt, Miss Frances Porritt, at the Shoebridge Nursing home near Freeport.

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson were accompanied by Mabel Bergy to the home of Mrs. Richardson's niece, Mrs. Milo Brown, where they picked blueberries. They also called on Mrs. Richardson's sister, Mrs. Melvin Shermont of Caledonia, on the way home.

Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ashley of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchild, in honor of September birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Karcher were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fairchild.

### PLEASANT VALLEY Mrs. Bert Blank 993-3494

Funeral services were held Thursday for Jay Wing, well known resident of Freeport. He was famous as the oldest twin in the nation. His twin brother, Fay of Woodland, died in 1969. He and his brother sang together at many gatherings here, and his surviving wife was the former Mrs. Mildred Messer.

The September meeting of the W.M.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Blank on September 10, Thursday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Zora Carpenter of Ithaca will be here. The ladies are cordially invited for this party.

Ronald Bjork came home from Pennek Hospital at Hastings, Friday, after a tonsillectomy.

The Weaver Reunion was held at the Hope Church of the Brethren, Saturday, and an attendance of 103 was present from places as far away as California.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brake and Mr. and Mrs. John Deal Stadel spent last week in Canada and enjoyed a vacation trip to see cousins around Gowans town, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark are new grandparents. A daughter, Debby Lynn, was born August 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wehbe of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray of Clarksville were Friday evening visitors of mother, Mrs. Ethel Blank.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thompson and family have returned from an extensive western trip and into western Canada. They called to see Robert Owens at Calaha, Calif. He was a former resident and old neighbor to all of us.

The Russell Dingerons also returned from a western vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Farris and family spent last week at Fort Wayne, Indiana with his brother and family, the Ray Farris family, who also were guests at the home of their sister, the Floyd Oaklans. Ray and wife are missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Swernore (Karon Thompson) just returned from a three-week trip to Quito, Ecuador, South America, traveling throughout Ecuador with the Jungle Mission Posts and Bible Translator Fellowship. They enjoyed the trip very much but not too impressed about accepting a position there two years.

Mrs. Ethel Blank was in Hastings, Tuesday on business and also called to see patients at the Provincial House. Charles Marvin and Mrs. Effie Parker are patients there. A new Provincial House is being built and in Freeport a new apartment house has been started.

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BY CECILE CRONINGER 897-8597

Of Readers' Comment

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### NO ITEMS CALLED

Two long-time friends, Mrs. Ivan Denise (Clara), of Caledonia, and Miss Marion Denison of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday afternoon with me.

Marion's mother was a close friend of my mother and helped with the preparations for my home wedding, May 1, 1915, while Marion helped up my hair.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Aveya of Scottville were Saturday evening visitors at Mrs. June Fahmi's and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ritterger of Greenville were overnight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson of Lowell were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Wilbur Young home and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Condon and family.

Reverend Beulah Poe of Alto called on Mrs. Myrtle Klahn Tuesday last week, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Dyke of Jenison spent Thursday there.

Quite a number from here attended open house at Lowell Sunday, August 30th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wittenbach's 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. June Fahmi and Carol have been to Pennsylvania to attend the funeral of Wm. Bray, father of Mrs. Roger Coles. They were accompanied by relatives from Detroit.

Wallace Gillett is building a new house on US-16 on what was the George Thurlby place, now owned by Walter Bergy.

Miss Frances Linscott is employed at the animal hospital in Cascade.

The Jolly Neighbors Farm Bureau Group will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stuart Friday evening, September 11.

### MOTHER'S VOICE

Years have passed since you left us, Mother. The time has seemed so long. Yet we're glad to know, dear Mother, you're in that Realm of Song.

I see your face, dear Mother, In every passing cloud, Till the Master's Hand erases And again the mistiest enshroud.

I hear your voice in every song That comes to us on the air; And I know you are singing, Mother, With the fairest of the fair.

With morning sun and evening star Your sweet voice calls to me; And I long for the time, Dear Mother, When I shall answer to thee.

### SOCIAL NOTES

The Herbert Dawson family had their 30th reunion at Fallsburg Park on Labor Day. Sixty-nine were present to partake of a beautiful potluck dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sabie Baker spent Wednesday at the home of her son, Lyle Baker and family, of Ionia. Their daughter, Susan Southland of Chicago, has been spending a week with her parents, and the occasion enabled Mrs. Baker to see her great-granddaughter for the first time.

Mrs. Hazel Day had as her weekend guests Attorney and Mrs. Fred Althaus and family of Michigan City, Indiana; and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shepard from Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Murray Lake joined them Saturday evening to celebrate Mrs. Day's birthday.

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### SOUTH BOSTON Mrs. Belle Young

Elizabeth Dawson met with painful injuries last week when she fell from a motor bike. She was taken to Ionia Co. Memorial Hospital where she was a patient for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dykema of Kyster Rd. report the birth of a son, Aaron John, on August 16.

Ronald Mick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mick, has completed his service in the Army, and will attend Junior College in Grand Rapids when the fall term opens.

Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fahmi of Lowell were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Blahnik of New Buffalo, Mrs. June Fahmi and Carol and Mrs. Rose Tallant.

Several from here attended the Freeport homecoming. Frances Linscott and Mark Hendon took part in the tractor pulling contest.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gary David Jacques, who were married Saturday, August 22 in St. Anthony's Church, Saranac. Mrs. Jacques is the former Julie Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tucker.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Bonn of Bell Road have returned from their vacation.

Mrs. June Fahmi, Miss Carol Fahmi, Neil McCaul and Yvonne Slowinski spent Sunday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardner entertained friends from Pennsylvania recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tucker and Johanne are home from Drummond Island where they spent the summer.

Bert and Mae Klahn have gone to the Mayo Brother's Clinic where Bert will undergo surgery.

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### Diphtheria Outbreak Brings Warning

Recent outbreaks of diphtheria in Texas, Arizona and Illinois demonstrates what can happen when the immunization level of an area drops, according to Dr. W. B. Frothro, Director of Kent County Health Department.

"Until about 40 years ago diphtheria was a major killer. Discovery of a vaccine for it at that time worked wonders. Within a 30-year-period the disease almost disappeared. Since diphtheria is a little more than a name to younger generations, and since its danger no longer is so apparent, people have grown careless. Consequently, diphtheria is beginning to sneak back," Dr. Frothro said.

He warned that the microscopic organisms which cause such dreaded diseases as diphtheria, smallpox, polio, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, and tetanus (lockjaw) are ever present, unseen, and posing a constant silent threat to our children, and adults.

He said that although the immunization level is good in Kent County, we have to work at keeping the level up. "Too many children, and some adults, still remain unprotected," he continued.

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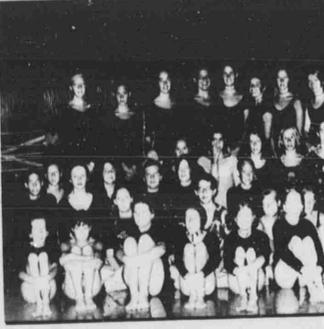
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Members of the Lowell YMCA beginning and advanced synchronized clubs ended the swim season of the Y pool recently with the 3rd Annual Water Show. The club number 41 girls in all. Highlights of the evening included solo performances by Louise Doyle and Perri Eickhoff.

### Important Role in U.S. Future

Life insurance companies will play an increasingly important role in the overall economy of the United States as population and the standard of living continue to rise, an insurance executive predicts.

Norman T. Carson, chairman of Swift & Company's insurance group, said the nation's life insurers not only provide protection for families, but also "are a major source of the capital required by our economy."

Based on total U.S. population, life insurance in force per family more than doubled over the last 10 years, reaching \$19,500 in 1969, the Swift executive said. Disposable income for the year was \$9,500 per family, compared with \$5,900 in 1959. By 1978 there will be 17.3 million males between 25 and 34 in the prime income-buying age bracket — contrasting with 11.2 million in 1966, he said.

### Veterans' Aid Boosted 12 Percent

The Veterans Administration reported today that a bill signed by the President on August 12 will increase monthly compensation payments for most of two million veterans who incurred disabilities during military service.

Robert M. FitzGerald, director of the Detroit regional office, stressed that since the increase in payments are automatic, veterans need not contact the VA to receive them.

He said veterans will receive their regular monthly checks for August on September 1, computed at the old rate. In early September, most veterans will receive another check which will reflect the retroactive increases for July and August. The following month regular checks will include the increases.

He said the 12 percent increase goes to totally disabled veterans, including those who also receive additional compensation for such disabilities as deafness, blindness, and the loss of — or loss of use of — arms and feet.

Under the new rates, compensation to veterans with a 100 percent disability rating will be raised from \$400 to \$450 a month.

Those with a 90 percent rating will be increased from \$226 to \$250 a month; 80 percent disability, \$201 to \$223; 70 percent, \$174 to \$195; 60 percent, \$147 to \$163; and 50 percent, \$122 to \$135. (The additional allowances for dependents of veterans rated 50 percent or more, also are being increased.)

**FINES DOWN, SUSPENSIONS UP**

Although fines for violating state liquor laws were down during the first six months of 1970, license revocations and suspensions were up, the Liquor Control Commission of the Michigan Department of Commerce reports.

The Commission said it ordered fines totaling \$66,869 between Jan. 1 and June 30 compared to \$79,940 during the same period last year.

The Commission, however, revoked two licenses during the first six months this year and ordered six others revoked unless transferred compared to no revocations during the first half of 1969 and four ordered revoked unless sold.

The Commission also ordered 73 establishments to suspend sale of alcoholic beverages for a total of 1,102 during the first six months this year compared to 70 establishments that received suspensions totaling 674 days in the same period last year.

**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Kyle Lee, born September 1. Kyle weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

A daughter, Andrea Joy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, 923 Washington Street, Lowell, at Butterworth Hospital on Monday, August 31.

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### Nursery School Reopens

One of the most popular of the Lowell Y's programs, Nursery School, began on September 8 at the Kindergarten House of the Lowell Methodist Church. The program for pre-schoolers meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. during the school year. Activities are geared to prepare the pre-schoolers for kindergarten and include arts and crafts, story telling, painting, holiday parties, and special movies.

As in the past, the Nursery School program is under the capable leadership of Mrs. Adlene Schwacha and Mrs. Kay Blouin.

There are still a few openings available. Interested parents may call the YMCA at 897-7315 for details.



### Learn Speech Skills

Eddie has problems producing the right sounds for the words he wants to use. (Car becomes "tu," school becomes "kool" and girl comes out "dirl.")

Lynda can only say a handful of words and depends mainly on gestures to communicate her thought and needs.

Both Lynda and Eddie are receiving speech therapy regularly at the United Fund supported Hearing and Speech Center on Cherry Street in Grand Rapids. As pictured here, special head sets are used to amplify sounds and draw attention to what is being heard. Testing and diagnosis services, as well as speech and hearing therapy, training in lip reading, and help in the evaluation and proper use of hearing aids are available. For more information about the Hearing and Speech Center of any of the more than sixty other United Fund supported services, phone 459-4537.

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## 'Meet the Team' Scheduled for Sept. 10

Interested football fans will have an opportunity to see Lowell High School's varsity squad in a special "Meet the Team" night on Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at Recreation Park. Head coach Al Rowe will introduce members of the team individually. Later they will have a brief inter-squad scrimmage. Everyone is invited. There is no admission.

On Friday, September 9, Lowell will take on Belding in a pre-season scrimmage. This will be at Recreation Park also at 7 p.m.

Lowell opens the regular season September 18 at Ionia.

### BOND SAVERS BENEFIT

Al F. Davis, Kent county chairman for U. S. savings bonds, reports that the 1/2-percent bonus just approved by President Nixon means that savings bond owners can realize 5 1/2 percent annual interest on their holdings.

The bonus applies both to bonds purchased on and after June 1, 1970, and those bought before, and still outstanding. There'll be no need to redeem any bonds to benefit from the new rate.

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## Area Cage Fans Can See Pistons

High-scoring Dave Bing is approaching two Detroit Piston offensive milestones, both should be achieved during the 1970-71 season in the National Basketball Association.

The all-time Piston individual scoring title and leadership in the all important assists department are well in reach for the former Syracuse University All-American cager.

Bing and the Pistons will be in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Sept. 30, to engage the Baltimore Bullets in an exhibition contest at Calvin College Fieldhouse starting at 8 p.m.

Last year Bing was unable to perform before Furniture City fans against the New York Knickerbockers because of an ankle injury, but he reported for practice several weeks ago ready for the 11-game pre-season exhibition slate.

Although now fifth on the Pistons' all-time individual scoring list, Bing should have no trouble in eclipsing the total of 8,182 points Bailey Howell fashioned in his five years as a Detroit performer.

In four years as the heralded ace of the Pistons, Bing has been the leading scorer each season, firing in 7,147 points. Last year, despite his injury and playing full steam after mid-December, Dave averaged 24.8 points per contest.

While Bing's main exploits have been producing points, his ability to feed off to team members has been very instrumental. In his short NBA career, Dave has fed off for 1,803 baskets and trails ex-Piston great Gene Shue (now Baltimore Bullets coach) by 128 in the department.

Bing has averaged 4, 1, 6.4, 7.1 and 6.0 assists in four seasons with the Pistons. He smashed one-season high—another old Shue standard—by collecting 546 during the 1968-69 campaign.

The Detroit-Baltimore exhibition is sponsored by Calvin College's athletic department. Advance tickets may be purchased at Knollcrest Fieldhouse. Ticket prices range from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

## 'Y' Euchre Tournament To Get Underway

The Lowell YMCA is accepting registrations for the 1970-71 Euchre Club. The couples tournament, (husband and wife) will begin the last week of September and conclude the first week of April. Couples play in each other's homes every two weeks.

Highlights of the tournament are two parties held at Runciman School after the Christmas season and at the conclusion of the tournament in April.

Couples wishing to participate in this year's tournament should call the Lowell YMCA to register before Tuesday, September 22, at 5:00 p.m. All information will be sent to participants by September 25.

## Sign Up Early for 'Y' Bridge Tournament

Lowell area bridge players are urged to find a partner and call the Lowell YMCA by Monday noon (September 14) to sign up for the YMCA ladies bridge tournament.

Rounds of play are scheduled to begin September 21 and end the last week of April or the first week of May. Rounds will be played every two weeks.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the YMCA and the Lowell swim team. This year the group was able to purchase a new starter gun for swim meets and lane markers for the pool.

Interested ladies are urged to sign up early. This may be done by contacting the "Y" at 897-7375 or Mary Ann Gwatkins at 897-7394, Clara Callier at 897-7798 or Barb Curtis at 897-8170.

## With Our Servicemen

Army Private First Class Edward B. Crofoot, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crofoot, 850 Sisson Road, Freeport, Mich., recently received the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam.

He received the award for distinguishing himself by valorous actions. The Bronze Star Medal, adopted in 1944, recognizes acts of heroism performed in ground combat against an armed hostile force.

Pfc. Crofoot received the award while assigned as a rifleman in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam.

Specialist Four Steven G. Rider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Oliver, Route 1, Freeport, recently received the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam.

He was presented the Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. The medal, adopted in 1944, recognizes outstanding achievement.

Specialist Rider received the award while assigned as a track commander with Company E, 65th Engineer Battalion, of the 25th Infantry Division near Cu Chi, Vietnam.

## Enters Air Force Academy

Steven S. Forberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar A. Forberg of 1405 Pinecrest, Grand Rapids, Mich., is one of 1410 freshman cadets who have entered the U. S. Air Force Academy class of 1974.

Cadet Forberg was accepted into the cadet wing after completing seven weeks of basic training, including field training at a simulated frontline combat base near the academy, strenuous physical conditioning and survival instruction.

Cadet Forberg is a 1970 graduate of East Grand Rapids High School.

## VA Notes Increase In Educated GI's

Current G. I. Bill trainees are more likely to be enrolled at the college level than were their counterparts under the World War II and Korean Conflict G. I. Bills, according to the Veterans Administration.

Commenting on a recent VA study of the education level of the nation's veterans, Robert M. FitzGerald, director of VA's regional office in Detroit, said only 54 percent of the 7,800,000 World War II veterans who trained under the original G.I. Bill, had completed high school prior to military service.

This compares with 56 percent of the Korean conflict veterans (service between June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955) and 70 percent of the Vietnam era veterans (service after August 4, 1964) who were high school graduates when they entered service.

FitzGerald said more recent statistics show an even larger percentage of recently separated Vietnam veterans had completed high school at the time of their separation—over 80 percent for those separated in the past two years.

Another comparison, he said, revealed that about 66 percent of the current G.I. Bill trainees were high school graduates when they entered training, and another 11 percent had completed four or more years of college.

The VA Director also pointed out that although 53 percent of the current G.I. Bill trainees had dependents, only about 39 percent were drawing additional allowances for them.

## COMING EVENTS

### FIRDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 Order of the Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting Friday, September 11, at 8 p.m. This meeting will be Memorial Service and The Initiation Ceremony. Hope to see many of our members there to get the fall season started.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Calvinettes of the Cascade Christian Reformed Church are planning a Car Wash and Bake Goods Sale, Saturday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parking lot. In case of rain it will be held the following Saturday.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club will meet Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. A planned potluck supper at Attwood Park. Mrs. Clark Fletcher will have the program on the "Flower Show."

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold their first meeting of the year at 8 o'clock Monday evening, September 14 at the home of Mrs. Lylia Johnson. All members are requested to be present as important issues are to be discussed.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

To the members of the Island City Rebekah Lodge No. 282 of Lowell: Our first meeting will be Tuesday night, September 15, at 8 o'clock.

South Boston Extension group will meet with Mrs. Clyde Thomas on Tuesday, September 15, at 1 o'clock. Each member please bring a birthday gift as this is our Birthday Month.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Lydia Circle of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will sponsor a benefit luncheon Thursday, September 17, for the Kenneth Bieri Kidney Machine Fund and the National Conference of Family Life. Serving from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. in the church basement. All donations will be appreciated. Any-one wishing to donate food call Mrs. Edith Mullins, 897-8474.

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