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New Township Patrols . . .

Speeders beware! Last Monday marked the first week of the new township patrols in the area. Cooperating with Sheriff Ronald Parsons, of the Kent County Sheriff's Department, eleven townships paid approximately \$70,000 for seven new patrol cars. These new cars will provide additional protection for the participating townships.

Funds from the Emergency Employment Act (EEA) provided the Sheriff's Department with money to hire new men. Funds for new patrol cars, however, were not available. Turning to the townships, Parsons sought a way to hire the new men and get them into patrol cars in areas where they were desperately needed. The townships could have extra protection if they paid for the cars. The reaction from the participating townships was overwhelming.

The need for greater protection in certain townships arose when increasing population demanded more than regular patrols could provide. According to Undersheriff Robert Hill who lives in Ada Township, "Effective patrol is protection." The new patrols will be policing problem traffic areas, school bus routes, and investigating vandalism and break-ins.

The township patrols will be on duty around-the-clock except in Lowell, Bowne, and Tyrone townships where manpower was not available. These townships will receive 16-hour service. Townships sharing a patrol car are Ada and Cascade, Lowell and Bowne, Gaines and Caledonia, Grand Rapids and Plainfield, and Plainfield and Alpine. Byron and Tyrone townships each bought a car for their township. During a disaster or crisis these cars will leave the bounds of their townships to assist other officers.

Monthly reports will be sent to the townships from the Sheriff's Department. These reports will give an hourly breakdown on the activities of the patrol cars. Township officials believe this will help give them a better understanding of crime in their respective townships.

Over 300 applicants were interviewed but only 31 were hired to fill the new positions made available by the township cars. When the program is reviewed in September, Undersheriff Hill hopes that EEA funds will be available to expand the project.

It is early to determine the effect these new patrol cars will have on the townships but officials are optimistic.



Sherm Coryell, Ada Supervisor, Ronald Parsons, Kent County Sheriff, and Lee Patterson, Cascade Supervisor, chat with the driver of Patrol Car No. 7, before it begins to cover Ada-Cascade Townships.

Operation Identification

MORE POWERFUL THAN A GUN

In Preventing Home Burglaries

It's been nearly two months now, since looters have taken their toll from homes in the Lowell and surrounding areas . . . leaving a lot of families a little less fortunate than they were the day before.

In seeing a need to combat the high crime rate and offer more protection for the homeowner, Dale Johnson of Alto, Farm Bureau Insurance group representative, approached Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons with an idea—"Operation Identification."

Both agreed that the facts of the problem speak eloquently enough—a ten percent annual increase in crime, with daytime residential burglaries up 286 percent in the last ten years. Nearly two million burglaries in 1969 alone amounted to a loss of \$363 million in property.

Johnson's plan, "Operation Identification," a protective measure being introduced to Lowell by the Farm Bureau, in cooperation with local police, is one practical solution.

The idea began in Monterey Park, California, in 1963, when homeowners responded to a police department circular and began engraving their driver's license number on all their valuable possessions to identify them if stolen. Since then, only three burglaries have occurred in over 4,000 participating households. By contrast, over 1,800 burglaries have been committed in 7,000 non-participating households during the same period. That's less than 1/10 percent for participants versus over 25 percent for non-participants in the number of burglaries.

In cutting down area burglaries, the Vibro-Graver, an electric pen, is mightier than the gun (or in Lincoln's word, the sword); and will play the most important role in the Operation Identification program.

The local "OI" program is encouraging citizens to properly identify all valuable items in their home—such as clocks, radios, tape recorders, TV sets, record players, cameras, bicycles, power mowers, and other items that appeal to would-be thieves—by engraving their license number on them.

"This makes all stolen valuables immediately traceable to their owner," Emmons revealed. "The identity of the licensee and his correct address is available to any law enforcement agency immediately upon request via teletype or telephone. A thief, therefore, cannot claim stolen property as his own if apprehended."

To make the program workable in this area, Johnson and Emmons have enlisted the help of the local Boy Scouts, who will play the second important

role in the program.

Johnson, who has access to five engravers, with more coming, is offering the service free to residents of the area. To take advantage of the program is basically simple.

All you have to do is fill your name, address and telephone number on the form below and mail it to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office at 101 West Main Street, Lowell, slip it in the mail slot of the Chamber's offices; or by calling 897-8545, indicating your interest.

The Boy Scouts will then appear at your home, at your convenience, properly engrave the items that you have. Behind the leadership of Bill Nowak, the Scouts are holding practice sessions to learn the handling of the engravers that etch readily on metal, glass, ceramics, plastics, and wood surfaces.

Each citizen who participates will be given a window sticker proclaiming, "all items of value on these premises have been marked for ready identification by law enforcement agencies."

"The window sticker also acts as a preventive measure," states Johnson. "Once a burglar knows that the items in a house are marked and can be easily traced, he is likely to think twice about breaking in. In addition, the middleman or 'fence' who buys and sells stolen goods is wary of items that can be traced. If a 'fence' won't buy the item, the thief has lost his market."

"There are no catches involved in this program," Johnson added, myself and the Farm Bureau are offering the engravers to the public at no charge. However, if the residents would like to give the Scouts a donation for their services, it would be kind of a "thank you" on their part."

Protect yourself today, for tomorrow it may be gone . . . take advantage of this program by mailing in this coupon, calling the Chamber office, or dropping a card in the mail . . . the valuables you save may be your own.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____



Johnson demonstrates the use of the Vibro-Graver to Edil Nowak, Scoutmaster, and Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons.

Mailbox Vandals Take Their Toll

Last week, vandals went on the rampage, knocking down a number of mailboxes along Conservation Rd., Ada. They continued their destructive ways by reappearing and getting the balance of the boxes along a mile stretch.

As the Postal Laws state, this action is against the law, and prosecution measures are tough. In whole, the law reads:

Whoever willfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letterbox or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt or delivery of mail or any mail route, or breaks open the same or willfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three (3) years.

You, who are guilty, think twice the next time before tampering with government property . . . you might be behind bars the next time.



Movers work diligently to get Lowell Automotive into their new headquarters on North Lafayette Street before their Wednesday opening.

Completion Date Set

The Michigan State Waterways Commission has announced plans for development of a Public Access Site on the Grand River, Ada Township in Kent County. This site is located 10 miles southeast of Grand Rapids and is designed to meet Coho fishing pressures in the area.

The development will include two concrete launching ramps, parking area for 50 cars and trailers and toilet facilities. The work will be performed by the Waterways Commission's construction crew and should be completed for use by October 30, 1972.

All funds for this project are derived exclusively from taxes paid by recreational boat owners and are appropriated by the Michigan Legislature.

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McQueen's Motor Sales on West Main Street has been sold. The final sales transaction Tuesday afternoon changed the firm name to Imperial Motors—Lowell, Inc. Frank Caughy will be the new manager . . . they're looking for an experienced parts man . . . need a job?

They'll be back at it again this week . . . the Lowell City Water Department will continue to flush the city's water mains again this week. Starting Tuesday morning, they will end their operation on Friday. So, continue to beware of rusty water.

May 15, the Lowell City Council will present their budget for the fiscal year at the regular meeting of the council in City Hall. Take an interest, be there, at 8 p.m.

This Friday is your last chance to register for the Lowell Area School's regular election to be held in June. Be sure to vote! Voters will go to the polls next Tuesday in Michigan's Presidential Primary election . . . if you have a preference make sure your vote is cast.

Lowell Police arrested Ronald LeMayne Chesebro for contributing to the delinquency of a minor on April 28. He was arraigned and plead guilty. He was ordered to pay a \$129 fine, and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

Everyday is "Mother's Day," but, this Sunday national recognition is paid to the dedicated housekeepers, wives, friends in need and all around "girl Friday." A little remembrance from you could and would make her job just a little easier.

Two bags of padding used for the pole vaulters at the high school track in Recreation park were damaged recently, when vandals cut holes in the bags. Lowell Police have the matter under investigation.

Lowell Police were called to investigate a personal injury accident in the 500 block of West Main Street Monday. A car driven by Richard Bruce Payne struck a light pole and sheared it off. Payne was indicated at fault for failure to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

David Bruce Anderson was arraigned Monday in front of Judge Edward Kahoe for driving under the influence of liquor and also for driving on a suspended license. Following his arrest by Lowell Police on May 7, he was lodged in the Kent County Jail.

Troy Gayle Hinkle forced a Lowell Police car off the road, and was chased in hot pursuit before being caught near Ada. Arrested May 6 for reckless driving, he was lodged in the Kent County Jail. He also faces charges of driving an auto with no registration plates on it.

A package of smoked ham, valued at \$1.39 was shoplifted from the Lowell Kroger Store on West Main Street, May 2, but the would-be eater wasn't so lucky. He got caught. Jamie Gonzalez was lodged in the Kent County Jail after being arrested by the Lowell Police. He plead guilty and was given one day in jail and fined \$25.

Next weekend, May 18, 19, and 20, the Clark-Ellis American Legion Post and V.F.W. Post 8303 and their auxiliaries will be holding their annual "Poppy Days." Honor the dead, and the veterans by supporting their programs . . . Buy a Poppy.

DELICIOUS CHICKEN & SHRIMP—Liquor by the Glass. Riverview Inn, just outside East City Limits, Lowell. c40-1f

Competition Grows As Pageant Nears

Three more contestants have entered the Lowell Area Jaycee's beauty pageant which will select "Miss Lowell Showboat of 1972" on June 3.

Angie Lynn Swan and Shirley Mary Daller of Belding and Deborah Lee DeVries of Ada, filled out their entry forms this week to bring the candidates to a total of seven.

Tickets for the pageant went on sale this week; they can be purchased at either Lippert's Pharmacy or the Debonaire Shop, or from any Jaycee member. The pageant will start at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Senior High School auditorium.

Ticket chairman, Larry Keiser, reports that seating is at a premium in the auditorium, and urged an early purchase. Tickets to the Miss Michigan contest later in June at Muskegon will also be on sale.

Miss Pamela Murray, winner of last year's Jaycee sponsored Showboat pageant will represent the Showboat and the entire community of Lowell at this event.



SHIRLEY MARY DALLER

A hair styling demonstration will be the talent presentation of Miss Daller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Daller, 3286 Miriam Road, Belding.

She plans on attending Chic University of Cosmetology after her graduation this June from Belding High School, where she is involved in the Shared-Time program.

Besides earning several honors in 4-H, Miss Daller sings in the church choir, is a member of the FBLA Club and enjoys cooking, sewing and hair styling.

Amway Offers Scholarships

Three all-expense paid scholarships to "Operation Enterprise," a summer camp two-week program of leadership training for high school students, are being offered by Amway Corporation. One will be awarded to a child, stepchild or grandchild of a fulltime Amway employee. Two will be awarded on the same basis to relatives of independent Amway distributors throughout the United States. This is the first time such an opportunity has been offered by the Ada-based manufacturing firm.

The camp is located near Hamilton, New York, approximately 260 miles northwest of New York City. It is operated by the American Management Association. In addition to leadership, self-development and career-choice programs, the camp offers extensive recreation facilities.

In announcing the scholarships, Jay VanAndel and Richard DeVos, founders and chief executive officers of the thirteen-year-old firm, noted that any student qualifying for consideration must have a good academic background and must have completed either his junior or senior year of high school in 1972. In addition, the young man or woman applying must be interested in a career in business management. He or she must also provide a letter of recommendation from the high school principal or guidance counselor.

A panel of judges for selection of scholarship winners is made up of representatives of Amway, James Dielman, Director of Grand Rapids Junior Achievement, and Walter Bass, Executive Director of the Amway Distributors Association.

The Seminar at Camp Enterprise will run from July 30 through August 11.



DEBBIE DeVRIES

Miss DeVries, a senior at Lowell High School plans to further her education at Davenport College of Business in Grand Rapids. She is a versatile musician playing the piano, organ and clarinet. A past honored queen of Job's Daughters, she enjoys skiing and swimming.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William DeVries, Jr., 4210 Honeycreek Road, Ada, she will play the organ in the talent segment of the program.



ANGIE LYNNE SWAN

A busy senior at Belding High School, Miss Swan is a member of the annual staff, president of the future Business Leaders, in the Pep Club and Shared-Time program.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitney of 617 South Broas, Belding, she hopes to continue her education at Lenn J. School of Beauty in Grand Rapids.

Miss Swan lists as her special interests, cooking, sewing and cosmetology. Singing will be her talent.

Week Set Aside To Improve Mailboxes

National "Mailbox Improvement Week" will be observed by the Postal Service from May 15 to 20, Lowell Postmaster Charles Doyle announced.

The Postal Service designates a week during May each year when customers on rural, city motorized, and contract delivery routes are encouraged to examine and improve, where necessary, the appearance of their mailboxes. The week of May 15-20 has been selected this year. The purpose of Mailbox Improvement Week is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles which are designed to protect the mail from the weather and are neat in appearance, conveniently located, and safe to use.

Michigan Week Proclamation

Mayor Carlen Anderson has proclaimed the week of May 20 through May 27, 1972, as Michigan Week.

His proclamation reads as follows:

"We anticipate observing the 19th annual Michigan Week in the City of Lowell and throughout the state during the third week of May. This will once again be an opportunity for us to show our pride in our community and in Michigan itself.

"Michigan Week is unique because we, the people, can enter into this volunteer program so wholeheartedly, because we fashion our local programs to fit the interests of our own community. Michigan Week is essentially an educational program, not only because our schools utilize it so well, but because we all continue to learn more about our state and community by working together in these endeavors.

"Michigan Week embraces eight days, each day giving special emphasis to an important part of life in Michigan: Saturday, May 20, Community Pride Day; Sunday, May 21, Spiritual Foundations Day; Monday, May 22, Government Day; Tuesday, May 23, Heritage Day; Wednesday, May 24, Livelihood Day; Thursday, May 25, Education Day; Friday, May 26, Hospitality Day; Saturday, May 27, Youth Day.

"Michigan—Land of Hospitality" is the Michigan Week theme, and it behooves each Michigan citizen to do his or her part each week of the year toward making that theme an effective one.

"Therefore, I, Carlen Anderson, Mayor of the City of Lowell do hereby proclaim the week of May 20 through 27, 1972, as Michigan Week, and call on local citizens to demonstrate their pride in their home state."

Frederick In Sicily

Navy Chief Petty Officer John R. Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Frederick of Route 3, Lowell, is in Sigonella, Sicily, with the airborne submarine hunters of Patrol Squadron Five.

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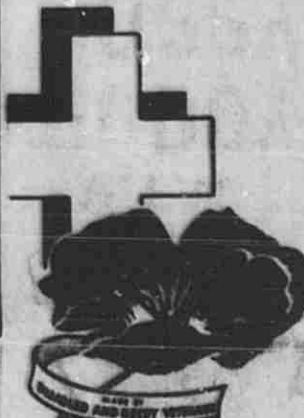
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So, over a period of the next three to four (3-4) weeks, there will be short periods of electrical interruptions in homes and business places.

When possible, all concerned will be notified and Lowell Light and Power will do their best to keep outage times at a minimum and cooperate with all concerned.

Thank You

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