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Flush Mains

The Water Department for the City of Lowell will commence flushing the city's water mains 2 days, Thurs. & Fri., August 24 & 25. As the flushing sometimes causes rusty water to develop, residents are reminded to alter their washing schedules, etc., accordingly. The flushing will start at 8 a.m.



Twelve flavors of old-fashioned ice cream is being offered in a three day special at Rosie Drive Inn on West Main Street. The special features cones for only 5 cents.

The mobile home park on West Main Street, Valley Vista Village, is open for rentals. The park has a play area for children, pool, sauna, laundry, natural gas and Central TV.

A strong armed robbery at the Lowell Light and Power Company Sunday night is under investigation by the Lowell Police Department. Two young subjects entered the plant, beat up the operator Bob Havey of Smyrna and made a quick get-away. They left Havey with multiple bruises and broken glasses. They took his wallet, which was empty.

Jim Artz has joined the staff of Reedy Real Estate Company on West Main Street as sales associate. Artz, who has over ten years in sales experience, resides in Lowell. Another recent addition to the Reedy staff is Mrs. Larry (Cheryl) Butcher of Morrison Lake.

Richard Carey of Lowell was arrested by Lowell Police August 12 for being drunk and disorderly, and taken to the Kent County Jail. He appeared before Judge Joseph White in the 63rd District Court, entering a plea of guilty. He paid \$34 in fines and costs.

Every Wednesday night around half after seven o'clock the atmosphere at Pete's Tavern on East Main Street hits the blender with a tinge of women's lib! Come in and watch the fun as the ladies participate in their weekly pool tournament, or better yet, ladies, join the club.

Charles McCormick will be the man to see at the new Kirby sales and service office located in the Lowell Professional Building at 1125 West Main Street.

The Kirby office will be open Monday through Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Money in a small container, next to a telephone, was reported stolen from the Lowell Cafe on West Main Street, August 18. Dortha Norris, proprietor, who discovered the larceny of money, reported the container held about \$25. The complaint is being investigated by the Lowell Police Department.

Two female runaways from Elkhorn, Nebraska, were arrested by Lowell Police August 17. The parents were notified, and the girls were taken to the Kent County Juvenile Home, to await their arrival.

Vandalism

School vandalism has been steadily increasing in recent months. Broken windows are most often the only property damaged, although extensive damage is sometimes reported with some school buildings. Officials believe most damage is caused by otherwise "good" kids in good neighborhoods, not the problem youngsters.

Some school systems are researching alarm devices to curb vandalism but these devices are expensive. Parents should be aware of the activities of their youngsters. Senseless destruction is costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars.



Fatal Accident Takes 16-Year-Old

A mishap Friday night claimed the life of a 16-year-old boy as he was pushing his motorcycle on Burton Street near San Marie Drive. Kyle Scott Pincelli, of 6072 Del Cano S.E., died one hour after the accident despite efforts of an intern and doctor at the scene to save him.

Dale VanderVeen, 18, of 2630 Kraft, was unable to see the youngster as he pushed his motorcycle on the traveled portion of the road. Evidently the lack of lights or reflectors kept VanderVeen from seeing the boy until he was too close to avoid the accident. He stated that he was traveling between 35 and 40 MPH when he hit the youngster and motorcycle.

Pincelli died of neck fracture and head and chest injuries at 9:40 Friday night. Scott was to have been a junior at Forest Hills High School.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Pincelli; two brothers, Frank of Door, and Daniel, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Connie Cline of Lansing and Mrs. Linda Hall of Guatemala City, Guatemala; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Rockford. Interment in Rockford.

New Dump Site

Residents residing within the Township of Lowell will have to travel to the Kentwood Landfill to get rid of their trash, etc.

The new area dump site is located at 4900 Walma Avenue, 1/4 mile south of 44th Street. It is open six days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to reports, a fee is charged for dumping.

Humidity Is High!



Oh, My, It's Muggy—Periods of thunderstorms and the sighting of one tornado last week, southwest of Lowell, has prompted area residents to seek the cooler side of life, as the humidity continues to make life just plain miserable. Friday night's storm saw several trees fallen, people left without electricity, and many taking shelter in their basements.

Friday afternoon a tornado was sighted over Campau Lake, south of Alto, with other areas reporting heavy rains and hail.



MEET JAMES E. GOBER, JR. — New manager of ERB Lumber Company on West Main Street. Currently residing in Lansing, Jim and his family have purchased a home in Lowell, and will be moving here soon. He started his lumbering career in 1952, when he went to work for his father. He attended Michigan State University where he majored in History Education and minored in business.

Currently remodeling some of the facilities at the former Walter's Lumber Mart, Jim has put out the welcome mat, hoping that everyone will stop in and browse around, say hello, and get acquainted.

Jabber . . . by Jane

The late Eleanor Roosevelt once had a syndicated newspaper column called "My Day" in which she wrote about many interesting and exciting experiences which would occur in the course of her daily life.

Now, I would not presume to compare this column with Eleanor's "My Day," or the interesting days in her life with the usual events in my days.

A good day is waking up in the morning and finding the sun is shining—an exciting day might be, after a second look, discovering the horses have broken out and are quietly munching their breakfast in the yard. It makes a nice pastoral scene—but at 6 o'clock in the morning!!!

However, every once in a while and when you least expect it, the unusual does happen.

On a Friday, I learned that a Mr. Robert Carroll, Jr., a writer for the "Lucy" show starring Lucille Ball, was here visiting relatives in the area. The "Boss" said, "Why don't you talk to him—even if it's only by 'phone.'"

Which sounded like a fine idea, as I had just washed my hair and had a head full of curlers. Several telephone calls later, I was able to reach Mr. Carroll and he graciously offered to meet with me the next week.

Carroll is married to the former Norma Jean Haglund of Lowell and he and daughter, Chris, were visit-

ing Norma's mother, Mrs. Orma Barber of Lowell, and her sister, Mrs. Fred (Lorraine) Stover of Grand Rapids.

My two acquaintances with celebrities of any calibre consist of Jack Paar's autograph on a paper napkin and being in Grand Rapids the same day that Richard Nixon was there—I didn't see him—but we were both there!

In anticipation of interviewing Mr. Carroll, I began to think of questions I might want to ask—and frankly, just how did one conduct an interview?—being the some kind of sub-cub reporter that I am.

Sunday dawned warm and sunny. A good day. I decided I had better, again do something about my hair. The humidity had created a disaster in that area. So, it was up with the curlers once more.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, my hair in curlers, dressed in faded shorts and barefooted, I saw approaching a strange gentleman in a bright red shirt making his way through the dogs and cats across the lawn.

Some premonition told me this was Mr. Carroll and I dashed quickly upstairs and was frantically removing curlers when a family member informed me that what I feared was true. It was, indeed, Mr. Carroll. However, calm was restored when he sent a message telling me not to worry about the curlers and, besides, "he had already used the 'caught with the curler' bit in five epi-

Robert Carroll, Makes My Day

sodes of "Lucy" already."

Around the kitchen table, Robert Carroll and I had our "interview." An assortment of people kept coming in and out but mostly they remained to listen as we were given a sometimes serious, but more often humorous, key-hole view of what writing for television is really like.

With a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, wavy reddish grey hair and a well-trimmed beard to match—an interesting face—but also the face of a man who has suffered. Stricken with osteomyelitis of the hip at the age of twelve, he had spent much time in bed over a period of years and during which time he underwent thirty operations on his hip. He started writing to while away the hours spent in bed. Now, apparently cured, the slight limp that remains only adds to a certain uniqueness of character.

Carroll's wife, Norma, was at one time a secretary for Paul Henning, creator of the "Beverly Hillbillies," and the first "Bob Cummings" show. She later became a publicist.

Carroll's first job was as an usher at CBS before the start of his writing career.

He writes with a partner, Madelyn Davis, with whom he has been associated for 25 years. Together they have written 752 scripts for both radio and television.

When asked about the mechanics of writing, he said, "We sit at our desks facing each other—hoping for an idea—you get up and walk around the room, look at your watch—and hope it's lunch time."

"It takes about two days to write a script and you always try for a laugh in the third or fourth line. And sometimes it may take three days to get that funny line." He also noted that names, addresses and phone numbers must always be fictitious.

There are 24 episodes of the "Lucy" show with three groups of two writers—each group writing eight or nine episodes. All scripts must be submitted to Lucille Ball for her approval. They shot for four weeks and then a week off, completing about March or April.

Mondays take up writing and re-writing — Tuesdays, a full dress rehearsal with costumes and props and Thursday is filming day.

Carroll has the highest regard for Gale Gordon who plays "Harry" on the "Lucy" show and who, he says, is the greatest comic reactor in the world.

Only three episodes of next season's Lucy Show had been filmed when Lucy broke her leg. The accident presented a problem for the writers, for as he said, "What are you going to do for 30 minutes with Lucy in a cast—in bed?"

Carroll has also written for Dinah Shore Specials and for the Debbie Reynolds Show—"until it folded," he said, raising those expressive shaggy brows, which could say more than words.

A writer is never really away from his work for there is the never-ending search for new ideas and new situa-

tions, whether he's in California or Switzerland, a place he loves.

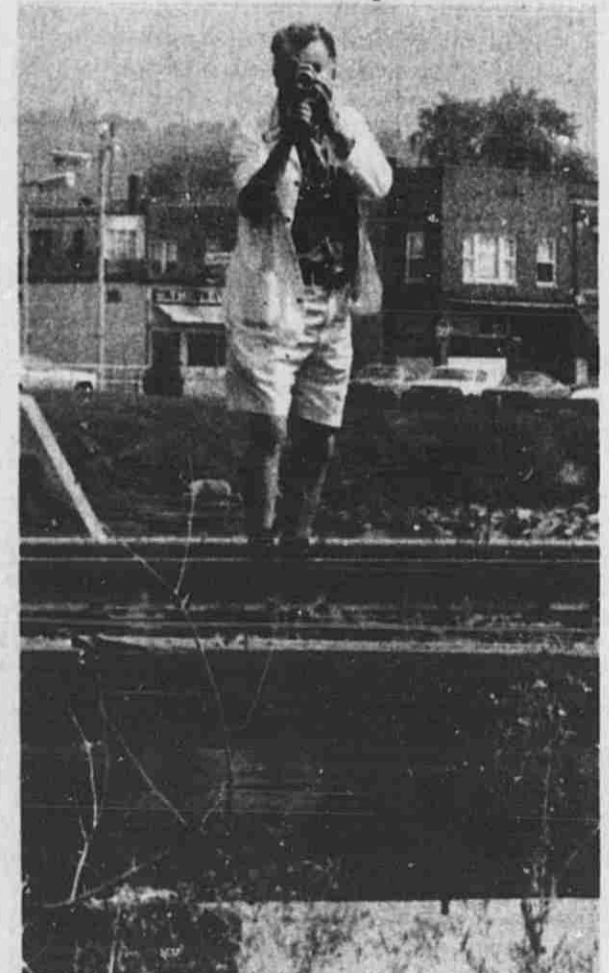
"Though Madelyn and I have more fun working than any people I know, I think my ultimate reward would be to be able to live six months in Switzerland and six months in the Caribbean when I retire—in a few years—hopefully. In the meantime I'll just enjoy every minute of every day."

The interview was over but before he departed I received a kiss on both cheeks and on the hand—a memory I shall tuck away along with Jack Paar's autograph.

I waved good-bye wondering how I could wash the dishes without getting my right hand wet.

AND THAT WAS MY DAY.

Writer Of 'Lucy Show'



On the railroad trestle, south of Main Street, Carroll's movie camera catches the scenic beauty of the area where his wife, spent her playful youth.



Claiming he's the third greatest 'tin whistle' player in the United States, Carroll demonstrates his abilities by serenading the gals at the Ledger office—Pat, Marie and Maggie.

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Judith Kennedy Remains In Critical Condition

Bainard Sheller, 37, of 1855 Junewood Ct., Lowell, was slightly injured following a mishap on M-21 near Watrous Avenue.

Judith Kennedy, of 7352 Driftwood Drive, SE, remained in critical condition Monday with broken ribs and lacerations suffered in the accident. Judith's husband, Bruce, was unable to avoid the Sheller vehicle which swerved over the center line as it rounded a sharp turn.

Heather, 9, daughter of the Kennedy's, was treated and released with minor injuries.

Two doctors were summoned to the accident and treated the victims on the way to Blodgett Hospital.

Summer Milk Squeeze

Soft drinks tend to squeeze milk out of children's diet during the summer, and this can be harmful. When other drinks replace milk, diets lose their best source of calcium as well as some high quality protein and important vitamins.

To work calcium back into the diet serve cottage cheese on fruit salads, for example. One and one-third cups of cottage cheese supplies about the same amount of calcium as one cup of milk.

Or serve cheeseburgers instead of plain hamburgers. One and one-third ounces of American cheese or one ounce of Swiss cheese can substitute for a cup of milk with regard to calcium.

Chilled milk soups, milk shakes, and milk puddings are other good substitutes. Somewhat less caloric than milk shakes and pudding, but comparable in calcium, are yogurt and buttermilk. A cup of either provides the same amount of calcium as a cup of milk.

Eggnogs or milk shakes with scoops of ice cream are other easy ways to include milk during the summer. One and one-half cups of ice cream have the same amount of calcium as a glass of milk.

International Turbo Sparks Demo




Denzy and Steve Wittenbach make a final inspection of the International Turbo before it was demonstrated last Friday during a field demonstration at the Martin Alderink farm on Cascade Road. The demo, sponsored by Wittenbach Sales and Service, gave area farmers a look at what International has to offer in meeting their future farming needs.

School Board Agenda

Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet Tuesday, August 29, in the Senior High School Library at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda will include:

1. Opening of bids on milk, gasoline, motor oil and fuel oil.
2. Building Use Policy.
3. Tax levies.
4. Adoption of Budget.
5. Ratification of Bus Driver's Contract.
6. Ratification of personal leave agreement.



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From my hometown of Rio with a population of 4 1/2 million people to another state of Minas Gerais, where my brother, Paulo and I spent a few days in the city of Pocos Oe Caldas.

School is about to begin and they decided for one last "Get-Away From it all!" This time we went to Gruta do Presidente (Petropolis-city) - (Rio-state).

We got to Petropolis at 8 where we had a big 4-hour journey to walk. It was a dirt winding road with adobe homes along the way. Then we had a little hill climbing; and the brush, etc., was taller than us, but we walked on. Many times I grew tired and wanted to stop and turn back, but the place we spent five days at was "Breath-taking."

A huge cave in which we slept, and flat ladened rocks in which many small falls flowed; mountains surrounded us, mountains so big that clouds came in contact with them. Miles of the most beautiful creations of nature, vines covered the trees, making them look as one huge tree from the top of the cave.

I sat for hours on the top of this cave just looking at

the land and its beauty.

My time here is growing short, but I try to put it in the back of my mind—and enjoy every second I can where I am here. I think this is the most wonderful thing I could ever do in my life. I am so happy to have these people I meet and the places I have been fill a very special time in my life. Memories and a family I will keep forever.

I will be coming home August 21. See you all then.

Amor
Vickie Roth
Rio-Brazil

Barrett Promoted To Management Position

Lowell resident Merrill C. Barrett, of 10655 Grand River Avenue has been promoted to the position of sales manager with Combined Insurance Company of America.

Lloyd Royer, regional sales manager for Michigan in announcing the promotion said that Barrett will now be responsible for a group of representatives servicing the needs of Combined's policyholders.

Combined specializes in non-cancellable accident and health income-protection for approximately 5,400,000 policyholders. Last year it paid benefits in excess of \$47,000,000. The company is unique in that the needs of its customers are under constant review with representatives calling personally on policyholders at least every six months to provide individual service.

Barrett in 1972, joined Combined as a representative and his work in service to policyholders earned him his promotion. He is also a member and award winner in the W. Clement Stone International Sales and Management Achievement Club. The honorary club is named after the company's founder and board chairman.

Grudzinkas Is Commissioned Ensign

Charles R. Grudzinkas, a 1971 graduate of Michigan State University, was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserves, during ceremonies at Newport, Rhode Island on June 30.

He is now on active duty at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He has completed instructor's training and is an instructor at the Service School Commission.

Ensign Grudzinkas and his wife, the former Windy Craig of Clarksville are residing in Waukegan, Illinois.

Mini Bike Driver Is Traffic Fatality

Ionia County recorded its eighth highway fatality of the year, and a passenger was seriously injured Saturday afternoon around two o'clock.

State Police of the Ionia Post said the mini-bike collided with a passenger car at the intersection of Petrie and Clarksville Roads. Taken to a Lansing Hospital was Mark Allen, 13, of Portland. He died of his injuries at 5:25 that afternoon.

Riding on the bike, as a passenger was Ronald Smith, 15, of Portland. He was hospitalized in a Lansing hospital in serious condition.

Investigating officers said the two boys were riding the mini bike on Petrie Road when they struck a car in the left front, which was traveling east on Clarksville Rd.

Driver of the car was William McClure, 31, of Elmdale. Riding with him were Jim Allen of Portland and David Evans of Alto.

According to police there was a yield right-of-way sign on Petrie Road, at the intersection. The driver of the bike was thrown approximately 50 feet after the impact.



Debra Baker, 14-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Sabie Baker of Lowell, won two grand champion ribbons at the Ionia Free Fair with her Hereford-Shorthorn crossbreed; one for the crossbreed category and the second as grand champion in all breeds of steers. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker of Ionia, she also took the 1971 grand championship with her shorthorn steer.

Stationed In Hawaii

Sgt. James Meeuwsen, a fire protection specialist, has been stationed at Wheeler Air Force Base in Hawaii. Jim, his wife, Sally and daughter, Sheryl would like to hear from their Lowell friends. Their address is: 102 F. Kilea Pl., Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786.

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