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## Council Weighs Traffic Plan

At the regular meeting of the Lowell City Council Monday night, council members were presented an updated proposal to facilitate the flow of traffic on M-21 within the City.

City Manager Blaine Bacon said the proposal had been submitted by Mike Jones, traffic engineer for the State Highway Department as the result of a Department study of traffic problems on all of M-21 in this district.

The plan calls for the elimination of parking on the south side of Main Street the entire length of multiple lanes and providing a center lane for turning movements only.

The Highway Department traffic study reveals that Lowell has the highest accident rate on the entire length of M-21 from Saranac to Holland. Manager Bacon stated he had also been told by Michigan State Police Traffic Engineers that Lowell had the second worst accident rate in the State.

A heavy flow for narrow intersecting streets and the narrow pavement on the west end along with perhaps not writing enough tickets for violations were cited as some probable causes for the high accident rate.

Bacon reported that Chief of Police Barry Emmons had suggested that perhaps traffic reporting procedures had helped Lowell attain its unenviable position, citing the fact that Lowell reports every traffic accident, while other communities may not.

Whatever the reasons, the fact remains that Lowell does have traffic problems and council members will now have to decide whether to accept or reject the proposed plan. Similar plans have been reported as successful in Cedar Springs, Big Rapids and St. Johns.

### Bids Opened

Bids were opened quoting cost for the purchase of a new pick-up truck. No action was taken to give the City manager and mechanic time to review bidding and report back at the next council meeting.

### Complaints Received

M-21 has a heavy traffic problem but with the opening of school, there will be another traffic problem at the corner of Suffolk and Amity at the East entrance to the High School. The combination of cars and kids in the roadway, at the same time, has proven a problem in past years. There have been many complaints about the loitering of the large groups of students who create traffic problems by their reluctance to move out of the way.

Reports have been received that traffic signs have been deliberately knocked down or removed—which is a misdemeanor. Police Chief Barry Emmons stated he would have the area patrolled at critical times and was sure that school authorities would cooperate in trying to alleviate the problem.

### Rooms Redecorated

The Council room and City offices are now sporting fresh coats of paint in bright and cheery colors which should have the psychological effect of raising everyone's morale at City Hall, where now all complaints should be received with a smile. Stop by someday and see the zany green and orange of the curtains against green and orange walls. It must be seen to be appreciated. It may make you feel so good, that if you had a complaint, you may forget it.

## Highway Funds Are Distributed

Second quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections are being distributed to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages, the State Highway Commission reported today.

State Highway Director John P. Woodford said net receipts of the Highway Fund during April, May and June of 1973 amounted to \$123,144,453, an increase of \$23,444,938, or 23.5 percent, over the same period of 1972. Most of the increase was attributed to a two-cent-a-gallon increase in the gasoline tax, effective last February 1. The diesel fuel tax did not go up.

Kent County's share totaled \$1,714,626 for the second quarter of 1973, while area municipalities received:

	1973 2nd Quarter	1972 2nd Quarter
Belding	\$24,793	\$20,433
Caledonia	3,588	2,954
Lowell	15,290	12,542

Second quarter distribution amounts to cities and villages in Ionia County, which received \$320,369, were:

Clarksville	\$2,316	\$2,906
City of Ionia	24,423	20,103
Saranac	6,239	5,136

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and license plate fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Before distribution is made, collection costs are deducted along with 1.5 percent of the total for the Waterways Commission, and one-half cent of the gas tax for the new General Transportation Fund. During the second quarter only, \$1 million is set aside for a newly established "critical bridge" fund.

The Department of State Highways receives 44.5 percent of the remainder, the 83 counties receive 35.7 percent and the 531 incorporated cities and villages 19.8 percent.

Under this formula, the Highway Department will receive \$54,799,281 as its share of second quarter collections. The counties will receive \$43,962,569 and the cities and villages \$24,382,601.

## New Director



Under the direction of Lowell's new band director, Robert Rice, band members begin to tune up early in preparation for the year ahead.



### TRAFFIC DIVERTERS...

The new traffic diverters on Lincoln Lake Avenue are a part of the City's master plan and are designed to relieve traffic on a residential street forcing traffic onto the wider Hudson Street-M-91.

### CANNED SLUDGE...

Residents on the east side of the City were either without water or were finding something resembling mud coming through their faucets last Monday. It was reported the City's water reservoir had been allowed to get too low. It was also reported there was a broken fire hydrant. Councilman Jim Hall on Washington Street canned some and brought it to Council meeting Monday night. Looked like a large jar of peanut butter.

### A QUESTION FOR KIDS...

Wonder how many times kids are being asked these days, "well, are you anxious to go back to school?"

### BOUNDARY COMMISSION TO MEET...

The State Boundary Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the transference of Lowell Township property to the City of Lowell on Tuesday, August 28 at the new Middle School on Foreman Road.

### FIRE CALLS...

Recent fire calls to which Lowell firemen have responded included one that destroyed a brand new travel trailer belonging to Max Keech on Kissing Rock Road. The combustible combination of gasoline and a hot light bulb was reported as the cause. Fire in a gasoline can at the James Guber residence on Beckwith, two brush fires on Lincoln Lake Avenue, two calls to Attwood Brass, one a false alarm and an overheated car in the parking lot behind the Library YMCA building were other fire calls summoning Lowell's volunteer firemen.

### SUMMER'S ENDING...

Though the summer is drawing to a close, at least we know we've had summer this year. So many lovely summer evenings to remember come January.

## Terry Buck Cuts Record

Terry Buck, Lowell Showboat endman, who made such a hit with Showboat audiences this year with his rendition of "The Auctioneer" song has made a 45 lp recording with producer and arranger, Tom Hagen, of Saranac.

On the flip side Terry has recorded "Rock 'n Auction."

An ANR Production release, the recording will be available locally at Lippert's Pharmacy and at Rosie Drive Inn, beginning next week.

ROSIE DRIVE INN—This week's special: Clam & Fries, 90¢. c20

"CINDERELLA" & "CHARLIE AND THE ANGEL"—Coming to the Strand Theatre soon. c20-21

STYLE SHOW—Fox Head Inn, Ada, Monday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Deb Shop, Lowell. c20



## Win A Subscription!

Last week's mystery picture of Lyle Covert was identified by Mrs. Wesley Clemenz of 610 N. Jefferson.

Win a subscription by being the first person to call 897-9261, promptly at noon on Friday, and name the persons in this photo.

## Students, Parents To Tour New Middle School

The Lowell Middle School invites all fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their parents to a tour of the new building.

We are not quite finished and some furniture isn't here, but we are hoping you can come and see the building, find your room and the teachers to whom you will be assigned.

Please come one of the following two dates; Tuesday, August 28th, or Wednesday, August 29th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This meeting is for student's orientation. An open house dedication is being planned for October.

### 16TH ANNUAL BRIDGE WALK

More than 25,000 persons are expected to participate in the 16th Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk on Labor Day morning, Monday, September 3, 1973.

## 57 Youth To Go Fishing Saturday

As of Monday a.m., Moose Fishing Derby chairman Jim Timmons counted 57 entries in this year's annual contest to be held Saturday, August 25, at Smit's Pond.

The derby, sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Transportation to the fishing site is provided, leaving the Moose Lodge on East Main Street at nine o'clock.

First to sign up for this year's derby last Saturday were three members of the Hotchkiss family, LeRoy, Tim and Arthur.

Each angler will be given a time schedule in which they will have the fun of trying to catch the most fish, the biggest fish, and the smallest.

After the judging, with prizes going to the luckiest anglers, the fishermen will be treated by the Moose Chuck Wagon, before being returned to the Moose Lodge.

## Thelma Is Retiring

After operating the Levee Restaurant on Main Street, Lowell, for the past eighteen years, Thelma (Cookie) Roth will be serving her last customers on Sunday, August 26th.

Thelma states she has enjoyed the years mainly because of the many friends she has made "not only the customers who have patronized the Levee, but also because of my association with the many wonderful fel-



low business people in our city. I know I'm going to miss them all—and I hope the feeling will be mutual."

There will be many who will miss the good home cooking, especially those delicious pies for which Thelma became famous through the years.

The Ledger takes this opportunity to wish her well for all her many friends.

## Fashion Show



Margi displays just one of the "must be seen to be appreciated" "lovelies," to be modeled at the Style Show at the Fox Head Inn next Monday.

## Area Students Receive BA Degrees At WMU

More than 2600 diplomas were awarded at the summer commencement ceremonies at Western Michigan University's Read Field House Friday, August 17.

The graduates included 1,700 bachelors degrees, 867 masters, 21 doctorates and 27 specialists (6th year). Both the doctoral and specialist degrees represent record numbers for WMU.

Area graduates included J. R. Scott Weaver, BA; Linda C. Parrish, BA; and James K. Schlosser, BBA, all of Ada.

Christine M. Porritt, BS, Alto; Diane L. Nordhof, BA, Lowell; and Velda Gardner, GS, and Ronnie Smith, BS, both of Saranac.

## Freshman Must Take Physicals

All Lowell Senior High School Freshmen are reminded they are required to have a physical examination before entering school in September.









### Thompson In Crystal Action

Lowell's Jim Thompson brought home third and fifth place finishes from Crystal Speedway Saturday night.

In the third heat won by Jack Hosner, Thompson who made several lead position challenges, crossed the finish line behind second place holder Roger Sawles.

Phil Hanus, Crystal's 1972 overall champ, set a new track record in qualifying, 17.95, which led to an action-packed feature.

It was nip and tuck all the way as Bill Lebaron out-drove a top field of contenders for the checkered flag. Bill Massuch was second; Jack Caswell, third; Bob Nie-man, fourth, and Jim Thompson, fifth.

There will be a special benefit race Saturday night, September 1, to benefit the family of race car driver Erwin Williams.

Races this Saturday night will start at eight o'clock; time trials at 6:30.

### Girls Enroll In Twirling Classes

Two Lowell High School girls were among the participants in the Second Annual Twirling and Cheerleading Clinic at Siena Heights College campus in Adrian, Michigan.

Taking baton twirling and majorette classes were Lori Canfield, Lincoln Lake Avenue, Route 1, and Kathy Irwin, 10696 East Fulton Road.

The clinic, conducted by Mary Evelyn Thurman, was held August 20 through 23. The event is sanctioned by the National Baton Twirling Association, International Cheerleader's Association and the National Junior Cheerleader's Association.

The girls enrolled in a course which cover all phases of baton twirling and majorette work.

### Area Students To Graduate From Junior College

Grand Rapids Junior College will award degrees to local students who completed requirements for Associate Degree programs this summer.

Over 100 students are graduating this summer. This represents a record for students completing their degree requirements during the summer semester.

The local graduates are Daniel Jay Averill, Wendell St. S.E., Marvin Jay Doezema, Leonard N.E., and Steven Arthur Roobol, 3130 Wildridge N.E.

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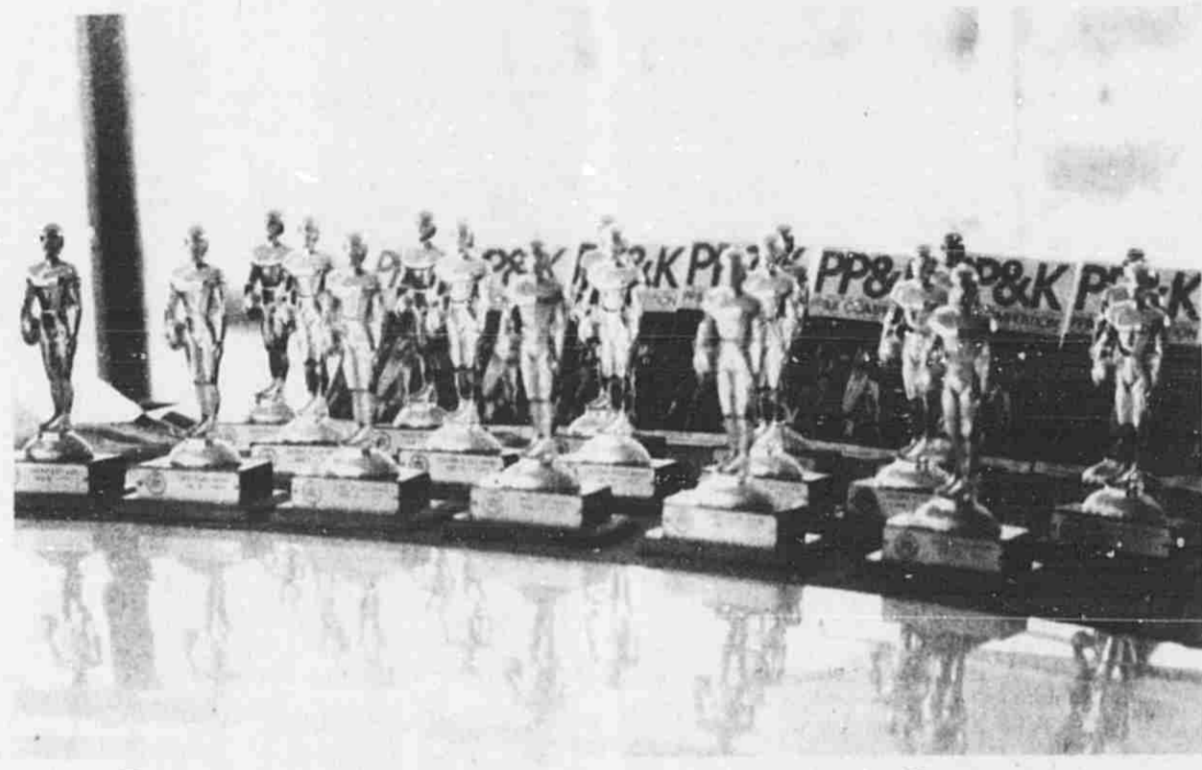
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Physical examinations were given to prospective Fall sports candidates at Lowell Senior High School last Tuesday. Dr. Donald Gerard had the tedious task of processing over 60 athletes.



### Registrations Open For PPK Contest

Area boys between the ages of eight and 13 will have a chance to win one of three trophies being awarded this year in Punt, Pass and Kick contest.

Cosponsored by the Royce Ford Agency and the Lowell Area Ycees, registrations for the event are now being taken at the Ford showroom on East Fulton.

Deadline for entries will be September 28, with competition being held September 29 at the Lowell football field at Recreation Park at a time to be announced.

All first place winners will advance to regional competition.

Locally, first, second and third place trophies will be awarded in every age group, for a total of eighteen to be given away.

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1 (ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY)	\$ 5907	100%	10 MULTI PURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$	%	%	%
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	%	11 EDUCATION	\$	%	%	%
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	%	12 HEALTH	\$	%	%	%
4 HEALTH	\$	%	13 TRANSPORTATION	\$	%	%	%
5 RECREATION	\$	%	14 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%
6 LIBRARIES	\$	%	15 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED & POOR	\$	%	16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	%	17 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	\$	%	%	%
9 TOTAL ACTUAL OPERATING MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	\$ 5907		18 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	%	%	%
10 OTHER/Specify			19 RECREATION CULTURE	\$	%	%	%
20 OTHER/Specify			20 OTHER/Specify	\$	%	%	%
21 OTHER/Specify			21 OTHER/Specify	\$	%	%	%
22 OTHER/Specify			22 OTHER/Specify	\$	%	%	%
23 TOTAL ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$		23 TOTAL ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$	%	%	%

(N) CERTIFICATION (Please Read Instruction F)  
The news media have been advised that a complete copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public and news media scrutiny.

Additionally, I certify that I am the chief executive officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.

(O) TRUST FUND REPORT

Revenue Sharing Funds Received Thru June 30, 1973	\$ 5,907.
Interest Earned	\$ -0-
Total Funds Available	\$ 5,907.
Amount Expended	\$ 5,907.00
Balance	\$ -0-

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: **Carl Knoff**  
NAME & TITLE PLEASE PRINT: **Lowell Ledger**  
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## City of Lowell Council Proceedings

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.  
Regular Meeting of August 6, 1973.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was given and an Invocation by Mayor Anderson.  
The Meeting was then called to order by the Mayor at 8:00 P.M. and the Roll was called.  
Present: Councilmen, Hall, Jefferies, Mueller and Anderson.  
Absent: McCambridge.  
IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the minutes of the July 23 meeting be approved by adding "west of Amity Street" on page 3 paragraph 4 to read, "Manager Bacon recommended that Elm Street, west of Amity Street be paved and curb and gutter installed with the Storm Sewer Project.", supported by Councilman Jefferies.  
Carried by members present voting yes.  
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Mueller that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Hall.  
Yes: Hall, Jefferies, Mueller and Anderson.  
No: None.  
Absent: McCambridge.  
BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
General Fund \$186,282.20  
Equipment Fund 1,037.37  
Local Street Fund 37,796  
Major Street Fund 37.97  
Sewer Fund 785.46  
Water Fund 1,803.13  
Storm Sewer Fund 100,000.00  
Mayor Anderson then opened the Public Hearing on the James Street Sanitary Sewer Extension Special Assessment Roll.  
Manager Bacon explained that two property owners only had requested the extension. The extension will run 150 feet up James from Main Street. The two parcels, owned by James Briggs and Lorna Franks, will be assessed \$1,908.00 each over a 10 year period at a rate of 6% interest per year, as District No. 17.  
IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Hall that the City proceed with construction, supported by Councilman Mueller.  
Yes: Hall, Jefferies, Mueller and Anderson.  
No: None.  
Absent: McCambridge.  
Manager Bacon then stated that the proposed sidewalk on Foreman Street would be of more benefit to the City at large residents than the individual property owners and recommended that the City at large pay the cost of installing said sidewalk, from Lincoln Lake Avenue west to the new Middle School.  
A discussion followed.  
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the Manager's recommendation that the City at large pay for construction of sidewalk on Foreman Street from Lincoln Lake Avenue west to the High School, supported by Councilman Mueller.  
Yes: Hall, Jefferies, Mueller and Anderson.  
No: None.  
Absent: McCambridge.  
The Manager's Report, the Fire Department Report and the Police Department Report for the month of July were read.  
A recommendation from the Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Committee to the City Council, to rezone portions of Lot 53 and 54, Sweet and Smith's Addition, owned by Jackson Motor Sales, from A-2 Residential, to C-3 Highway Commercial, on a request of Mr. Leonard Jackson was presented.  
A discussion followed.  
IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Jefferies that the Regular Meeting of September 4 be set as a Public Hearing for consideration of the request of Leonard Jackson for rezoning of portions of Lots 53 and 54, Sweet and Smith's Addition, supported by Councilman Hall.  
Yes: Hall, Jefferies, Mueller and Anderson.  
No: None.  
Absent: McCambridge.  
Under remarks from Council, there was a discussion about buildings used by the 4-H Association, licensing of cats, and fires being set by trains being billed to the railroad companies, and also setting up another meeting with Williams and Works on the water and sewer rate study findings.  
IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Jefferies to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.  
Approved: August 20, 1973.  
CARLEN E. ANDERSON, Mayor  
BLAINE E. BACON, City Clerk

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Telesopic observations of the moon, Jupiter, Venus, and other sky objects will be conducted when the sky is clear. An audio-visual presentation entitled "A Night on Kissing Rock Hill" will also be shown periodically throughout each evening, with inspection of equipment if clouds interfere with actual observations.

The observatory is located off Kissing Rock Avenue, southeast of Lowell, off 36th Street.



Dear Editor,  
I am writing to you in regards to the Lowell Showboat.  
There are two questions I would like to have answered.  
The first question deals with safety. If I am correct there is a Michigan law which requires a boat to have one life preserver per person. The question I would like to have answered is, "If this is true, does the Showboat meet the requirement, and if not how does it get around a very important life saving law?"  
The second question is, "Since the Showboat organization spent so much money to rebuild the Showboat a few years back, how come they don't spend some money to moor the boat during the winter instead of it sitting in the water and ice of the Flat River all winter long where it rots and usually breaks away from shore?"  
I think you will be more than willing to supply me with the answers.  
Thank you,  
Germaine R. Thompson  
15 Holland N.E.  
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A \$25-million convention center slated for construction this fall will more than double Kansas City's current \$30-million-a-year convention business volume by 1976. Mayor Charles Wheeler has announced.

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### Engagement Told



MARY MARGARET STEVENS  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Lowell wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret, to Kevin L. Vezina.  
The bridegroom-to-be, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vezino of Lowell, is a 1973 graduate of Lowell Senior High School and will enter the U. S. Navy in September.  
Miss Stevens will graduate in June of 1974 from Lowell. The couple are tentatively planning to be married in August, 1974.

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**ANGUS BULLS FEATURED ON POSTAGE STAMP**

Angus Bulls with Longhorn cows are featured on a single commemorative 8¢ postage stamp which will be issued in St. Joseph, Missouri, October 5, 1973, Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary of the American Angus Association reports. The stamp, according to an announcement by the U. S. Postal Service, is the first in a series honoring aspects of life in Rural America.

**Heckman Moved Into Management Position**

A Lowell man, Charles J. Heckman, has moved into a management position with the TransAmerican Freight Lines, Inc. TransAmerican, a multi-million dollar motor common carrier based in Detroit, will move its entire general office to Grand Rapids this fall.

Heckman, who lives at 10921 Woodbush Drive, is Director of Claims. Prior to joining TransAm he had 20 years experience in the transportation industry including billing, rating, dispatch, warehouse and OS&D claim adjustment.

TransAmerican was recently purchased by the GransAm Investment Co. headed by Stanley J. Auwers and Richard E. Bennett. Auwers, a Grand Rapids man, is the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Trans-American. Other area men named to the management team are Rob-



Auwers

ert Goodheart, Executive Vice-President; Claude J. Travis, Jr., Vice President Equipment & Maintenance; Tony Van Bokkem, Senior Vice President Operational Planning; Gordon J. Wolters, Director of Marketing; Richard Goward, Director of Revenue Accounting; Kenneth Munson, Director of Insurance & General Office Manager; Ronald M. Garstka, Director of Information Systems.

The new headquarters will be the Kraft View Office Building, 5650 Foremost Dr., S.E. The company will begin occupancy of the 24,000 sq. ft. building as of October 1. Mort Binder of R. J. Ide Co. handled the transaction.

Approximately 100 people will be employed there; 30 of them moving from Detroit. The TransAmerican operating authority presently serves 37 states with 33 General Commodity terminals, 26 Steel Division and 21 Perishable Division facilities. This authority covers most cities between Omaha, Boston, Dallas and Atlanta with 2,000 employees.

Based on current sales the projection at the end of the year is \$69 million with a five-year revenue projection of \$140 million. Growth plans include the opening of 30 additional General Commodity terminals in 1974 and a multimillion dollar investment in an equipment modernization program.



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**Couple Will Reside At Fort Hood, Texas**

Miss Mary Beth Morse, daughter of Mrs. Vern Morse and the late Mr. Morse of Cascade Road, S.E. and Spec. 4 James Mulvaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mulvaney of Hamilton, N.W., Grand Rapids, were married August 3rd at Ft. Hood, Texas where he is stationed.

They will be living at Ft. Hood.

**REPORTS FOR DUTY**

Marine Pvt. Larry E. Maddox, son of Mrs. Gladys O. Harris of 1211 Sigsbee SE, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Base at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

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