

## 'Garden Graffiti' Flower Show Opens Friday



Mrs. William Cook, left, Staging Committee Chairman and Mrs. Robert Rittenger seem very pleased with the old fashioned garden scene plans for the Lowell Showboat Garden Club flower show to be held at the Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27.

Pick up a schedule, fill out an entry tag and join in the beauty of the show which will be held from 4 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Entry tags for this year's show "Garden Graffiti," may be picked up in advance at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office or the Lowell Public Library, both on West Main Street.

## Visiting Mayor Honored At Luncheon



As per the expressed desire of South Haven's Mayor, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Lowell City officials waited until 'Showboat Week' to complete Lowell's part in the Mayors' Exchange Day program held earlier in the Spring.

Mayor Davis, and South Haven's council members and guests were taken on a tour of Lowell industries, the new Middle School and the City's Water Treatment Plant among a round of the day's planned activities. A luncheon at the Masonic Temple was followed by an airplane ride, piloted by veteran pilot, Leonard Jackson.

A dinner at Deer Run Golf Club preceded attendance at the opening night of Showboat.

## New Students Required To Have Vision Screening Tests

Children starting school for the first time in September must have a vision screening test, immunizations and a tuberculin skin test under Michigan law, according to Dr. W.B. Prothro, Kent County Health Department Director.

The importance of these requirements should not be underestimated, according to Dr. Prothro. "The microscopic organisms which cause such diseases as diphtheria, polio whooping cough, tetanus, rubella, measles and tuberculosis are ever present and pose a constant threat, especially when community immunization levels drop below 85 percent."

"A recent survey of the immunization status of preschool-age children in Kent County showed that they fell short of the 85 percent goal. For example, 75 percent of the children had completed their polio series, 76 percent had received rubella protection, 78 percent had received measles immunization and 83 percent had completed the diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (whooping cough) series," Dr. Prothro said.

"Vision testing of young children is especially important, because eyes change rapidly with growth, plus early detection of vision defects in children can prevent blindness in later life," he continued.

The law requires that the parents or guardian of children entering public, private, parochial, or denominational schools in Michigan for the first time shall submit one of the following: (1) a statement signed by

a physician that the required immunizations have been completed, also a statement signed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician or a licensed optometrist or a certified public health technician that the child has been vision tested, or (2) a statement to the effect that the child has not been immunized or tested because of religious convictions, or other objections, or (3) a request signed by the parent or guardian that the local health department give the needed protective injections and diagnostic tests.

Dr. Prothro urges parents to see their physician and/or optometrist as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush, or attend one of the health department clinics as soon as possible.

Preschool vision testing is conducted at the Health Department, 1619 Walker, N.W., daily, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling 456-3444.

A Health Department Immunization Clinic in this area is conducted at the East Kent Community Center, the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### HITS PARKED CAR

Roberta Mae Hagen, 24, of Saranac lost control of her car as she attempted a left turn onto Main Street from Monroe Street Monday night, hitting a parked car and crashing into the Superior Furniture Company, causing considerable damage. She was cited for failure to stop in the "assured clear distance."

WALT DISNEY'S "World's Greatest Athlete" and "Snowball Express"—double feature will be playing one full week at the Strand Theatre in Lowell, Wednesday, August 7 thru August 13. c16-17

"AMERICAN GRAFFITI" — will be playing for 9 days at the Strand Theatre in Lowell, Wednesday, August 14 thru August 22. c16-18

A "Meet The Candidate Meeting"—featuring Paul Goebel, Jr. and Charles Wiersma, Republican candidates for the 5th Congressional District on Tuesday, July 30, at 8 p.m. at 1625 Alpine N.W. (M-37, just north of Seven Mile Road). Sponsored by the Kent County Farm Bureau. c16

## A Great Opener!

# Ford Dedicates Amphitheatre Kirby Keeps Crowd Laughing

The new Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre with a seating capacity of over 4,000, erected by the O.E. Bieri Brothers of Lowell in just 89 days, was officially dedicated last Thursday night by the Vice-President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford.

Making his 26th yearly appearance at the "minstrel show under the stars," Ford was accompanied to Lowell by a throng of Secret Service Men, who fledged the City before Ford's initial arrival shortly before the Showboat sailed down the Flat River on its maiden voyage to the new amphitheatre.

Greeting the crowd with his wife and daughter, Ford spoke briefly about his love for Showboat and paid high tribute to the City of Lowell and its many residents.

Before Ford cut the red ribbon of dedication, he was presented the first gold stock certificate for his financial support of the community project. Ford then reassured the audience that his donation to Showboat had been cleared through Washington investigators as being legitimate.

Also introduced from the Showboat stage was Mrs. Elizabeth Davis visiting Mayor from the City of South Haven, Richard DeVos and Jay VanAndel and their wives, from Amway Corp., Carlen Anderson, Lowell's

mayor, and the Lowell Showboat queen, Leisa Von-Ehr (better late than never) and her court, Teresa Ryan and Theresa McMahon.

With the introduction of Mr. Interlocutor, Gordon Gould, the 1974 show was off and running at a smooth pace, even though the colorful craft had minor difficulties maneuvering the new Cattail bend channel.

The six zany endmen, Forrest Buck, Jim Piper, Terry Fenech, Terry Buck, Joe Vezino and Jerry Meredith, with a new line of chatter, which was met with mixed emotions from the crowd, were very musically inclined this year; each doing a superb job with their individual numbers.

Although somewhat small in number, the Showboat Chorus, under the leadership of Art Brown, sounded strong as they sang "Camptown Races" and "Great Day," plus providing background harmony for the endmen.

The two amateur acts, The Parade of Clowns and ventriloquist, Jimmy Still, both of Grand Rapids, fit well into the opening night performance, each showing a hint of experience on the stage.

Dancing and singing their way through songs old and new, the fabulous Dazzlers of Detroit added a touch of glamour to the setting. They moved fast, danced hard and sang loud and long.

This all led to the headline act—comedian, dancer, singer and impressionist, George Kirby, who was truly great in bringing the audience to the edge of their seats with laughter.

He mixed his jokes with impressions; at one time taking you to the battlefields of World War II, where you felt a part of the action; made you look to the sky as a jet liner took off and had you driving down the Los Angeles freeway.

### Gets Lost . . .

On his second trip to Showboat Friday night, Kirby was nearly an hour and forty-five minutes late arriving—causing sheer panic by Showboat officials.

Kirby, staying in Grand Rapids during his visit here, took the wrong route out of the big city, ending up in Lamont. A quick call for help, found Kirby headed back towards the Showboat City under the escort of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

Research has it that they also by-passed Lowell, and Kirby was eventually rescued by the Lowell Police Department. Despite all, he made it on stage at the right time.

### Boat Crippled

In years past, the weather has always been the main concern of Showboat officials, but this season they were too wrapped up with other minor problems to give the weather a first thought.

Saturday night's voyage to center stage by the side-wheeler was made under the tow of Sheriff's patrol boats, when a mechanical failure crippled the Robert E. Lee. But, all went well.

### Good Job . . .

While it would take a thousand words to individually thank everyone who worked so hard to make the new amphitheatre a reality, all should be complimented for the intricate parts they played.

Especially noted for their work are Ed Kiel and his ticket booth gals; Bev Holst and her workers for the boat decorations; Ivan Blough and George Dey for a superior ushering squad; Ron Holst and his stage crew; the light and sound crews; Barb Brown, publicity; and many, many more.

To you all, it's great, and this weekend's show, starring The New Christy Minstrels and magician, Karrell Fox, July 25, 26 and 27, should be even greater.

There are still good seats left for this week's show. All seats, which are very comfortable, with lots of leg room, are all reserved for \$3, \$4, or \$5.

Telephone orders can be made by calling the ticket office at 897-9237.

See you at the show!



**OOPS!—CORRECTION . . .** In the article concerning Bert Kent furthering his training in police security work. The last sentence should have read "Mr. Kent's wife, Agnes, owns the Beauty Box beauty salon on West Main Street in Lowell." . . .

**THREE LOWELL JUVENILES**—were released to the custody of their parents after they were caught shoplifting last Tuesday at Eberhard's on West Main Street. According to the arresting officer, the youths are subject to pending action by the Juvenile Court. . . .

**ONE JUVENILE**—Was detained late last Thursday evening after State Police and Lowell officers observed him smoking marijuana in the City parking lot during Showboat. The case, which also involved five other juveniles has been turned over to the Juvenile Court authorities. . . .

**DURING THE THREE DAYS**—of Showboat last week, five flags were taken from Along Main Street. Also, between Thursday afternoon and Friday morning a battery was stolen from a U.S. Mail truck, parked next to the Lowell Post Office. . . .

**ABOUT \$800**—worth of first aid equipment was recovered this week by the Lowell Police Department. A three-week investigation culminated in the recovery of the equipment belonging to the Attwood Corporation. . . .

**A REMINDER**—The officials of Lowell Township will host an open house at their new township hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, south of Lowell, between 1 and 4 p.m. this Saturday. The public is cordially invited to attend. . . .

**GREAT THINGS**—are being planned for the Village of Alto on August 17. There'll be a tractor pulling contest, a drawing, and a street dance. Watch next week's paper for more detailed information. . . .

**MAIN STREET MERCHANTS**—are busily preparing for their annual Sidewalk Sale which is slated to be held on August 2 and 3. . . .

**THE KENT COUNTY 4-H—Youth Fair**, held yearly at the fairgrounds in Lowell will open August 5 and run through August 10. . . .

**SHOPLIFTERS**—Lowell merchants together with other stores across the country are continually being subjected to the crime of shoplifting resulting in millions of dollars of loss each year to the retailers.

Lippert's Pharmacy in Lowell reports the store experiences, on the average, five to ten shoplifters a week. However, through some in-store training sessions, Lippert's have made their employees to become constantly on the look-out for shoplifters.

Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons gave high praise to Lippert employees, Fran Powell and Doris Slattery, who apprehended Norman Sweet, 20, of Ware Road, Lowell, as he was about to leave with a carton of cigarettes.

Sweet pleaded guilty Tuesday morning and was turned over to Grand Rapids Police who had a warrant for his arrest on another charge.

Emmons reported Tuesday afternoon the apprehension of a juvenile caught shoplifting—again at Lippert's.

Lippert's Doris Slattery stated the store policy is to inform the police even on small 2¢ articles by a youngster—feeling it to be as much for the benefit of the child as for the store. She also said there is usually good cooperation from parents after they have been made aware of a shoplifting incident.

The penalties for shoplifting can be severe and parents should inform their children of the damaged lives that may result from a two-minute spree.

**ROSIE DRIVE INN**—Special This Week: Chef's Salads, Ham or Turkey, 89¢. c-16

## First Wheat of '74



For the second consecutive year, the first load of Michigan Soft White Wheat was brought into the King Milling Company of Lowell by the same Belding man.

Arriving at the mill last Thursday was Elwood Hart, who reveals that the crop this year is showing a very good yield, despite the variation in weather conditions that have prevailed.

The wheat, tested by Mike Doyle at the mill, showed only a 16 percent moisture content, and test weighed at 58 pounds per bushel.

Last year, Hart arrived with his first load on July 13.

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Merchants 'Welcome' Ford



FORD IS NO. 1 WELCOME MR. V.P.



Taking a eliminating swing at the obnoxious weeds along Main Street, in preparation for Vice-President Ford's visit is Ledger employee Sue Malcolm.



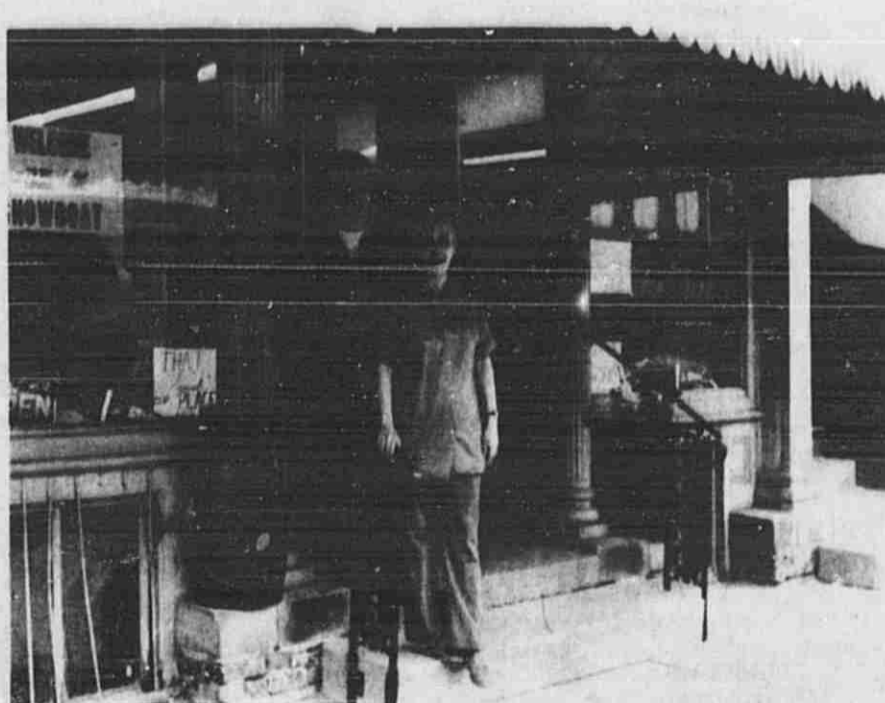
George Scheck, Radio Service on East Main, was one of the earlier businessmen to spruce-up his building's exterior.



Rosie Fonger of Rosie Drive inn on West Main has new animated figurines on the restaurant's freshly painted exterior.



Terry Raab of the Home Center applied Showboat ship's wheels to their newly decorated front.



Dode Dey and Shiri Smith of that "Special" Place added new wrought iron railings, painted their awning and planted petunias in matching barrels.

Summer Library Program Is Interesting

Ronald Moore is pictured showing his replica of the Loch Ness Monster to Tricia Wittenbach, Paula Doyle and Gail Dawson, at one of the Library summer programs.

July 29th program promises to be just as interesting when Mrs. Frances VanderWeel will tell the fascinating story of "Jimmy Standby". The story is about a brave boy in our country's fight for liberty.



YMCA BALL BITS

Table with sportsman's league and pony league standings. Columns include team name, wins, losses, and games played.

Suzanne Thaler Becomes Mrs. Adrian Jentoft



The Horticultural Gardens at Michigan State University, East Lansing, was the setting for the wedding of the former Suzanne Thaler and Adrian R. Jentoft on the morning of June 29.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Orion J. Thaler of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Alf A. Jentoft of L'Anse.

Elizabethan music was arranged and played by Steve Yankee on guitar and he was assisted on the mandolin by Jeff Purdy, both of Durand.

A wedding breakfast was held at the Pretzel Bell in East Lansing following the ceremony, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Thaler of Ann Arbor, brother and sister-in-law of the bride.

Following a honeymoon around Lake Superior, the couple will make their home in East Lansing. Mr. Jentoft is a land appraiser for the Department of Natural Resources in Lansing and Mrs. Jentoft will return to her teaching job at Durand High School in the fall.

GOEBEL ENDORSES CAMPAIGN REFORM AT OPENING

A strong endorsement of campaign reform by Paul Goebel Jr. kicked off his candidacy in the race for the Fifth District Congressional seat held by Democrat Richard VanderVeen.

A 21-year-old Lowell man accused of statutory rape has demanded examination in Kent County's 63rd District Court at Rockford.

A 15-year-old Grand Rapids girl told a Kent County Sheriff's policewoman that she was hitchhiking in Lowell about noon when a man, whom she later identified as Luke, picked her up.

Classes For 'All' Ages



Some 25 mothers are taking a YMCA Learn to Swim Class along with their young pre-school children. This YMCA class helps the mothers learn more about helping their children to swim and, through this shared activity, the mother and child develop a closer fellowship together.



Jean Boyd, Mary Rottier, Renee Prissler, Lou Jean Dykstra, Ruth Wood, Rosalyn Wright and Jeanette Gaylord, enrolled in the adult swim classes, sponsored by the Lowell YMCA, get a few tips on water safety from their instructor, Sally Doyle.

Hear The Views

Fifth Congressional District residents will have the opportunity to hear the views of the two Republican candidates from that district who will be running against the present Democratic Representative, Richard VanderVeen in the August 6 primary election.

Promote Holbrook

Two of outstate Michigan's most respected citizens, Steve S. Nisbet of Fremont, former vice-president for Public Relations for Gerber Products and Charles L. Anspach of Mt. Pleasant, President emeritus of Central Michigan University, have been named as co-chairmen of the State Committee to elect Donald E. Holbrook, Jr., to the Third District Court of Appeals.



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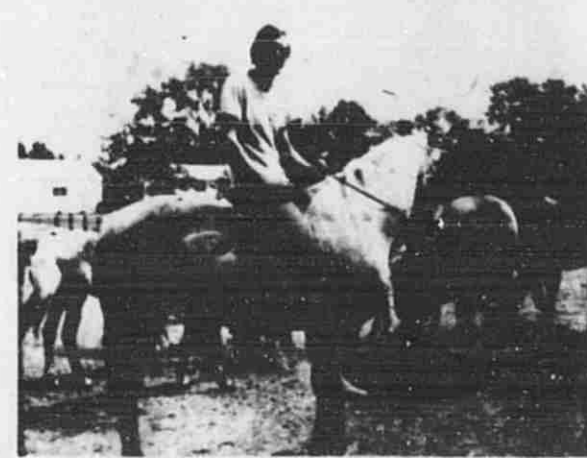
- Happy Birthday. JULY 25: Dot McCaul, Louis Harrison, Robert McWhinney, James Bewell, Chris Bieri, Valerie Johnson, Alfred Pratt. JULY 26: Anne Borgerson, Evelyn Briggs, John Lasby, Elaine Stormzand, Julie Rowe.

Congratulations LOWELL SHOWBOAT on completion of the new amphitheatre. Let's all show our enthusiasm by seeing THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS July 25-27. State Savings Bank.

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**Expert Horseman**

Experienced horseman, Ron Goodyke, will be in charge of the YMCA Horseback Riding at Camp Manitou-Lin, August 3. Mr. Goodyke is a teacher at Forest Hills High School.

Other activities will include boating and swimming. The Lowell YMCA Bus will take the King Memorial Pool for Camp Manitou-Lin at 9 a.m., returning around 2:30 p.m.

Youth must be at least eight years old to sign up. Bring sack lunch and swim suit.

**4-H YOUTHS ARE SEARCHING FOR MICHIGAN'S HERITAGE**

4-H youths and adults are helping rediscover historical Michigan folk art pieces and paintings for a 1976 Bicentennial exhibition.

The search for paintings by artists in Michigan prior to 1914 and handmade goods, such as quilts, woven coverlets, toys, hooked rugs, samplers, or carvings made prior to 1930, is a worthwhile and educational project for all 4-H participants.

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**AROUND the AREA**

Retired Lowell business woman, Hazel Hoag, will celebrate her 84th birthday on July 21. Cards and letters can be directed to her at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home, 350 N. Center, Lowell.

It's anniversary time for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas LaDue (their 35th), July 26; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Meredith, July 30; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McDonough, July 31.

Jack Stevens is recuperating at home after undergoing major back surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Sherrill of Holland announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to David B. Reynhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Reynhout of Ada. The couple is planning a fall wedding.

Albert Towne and his son, Rusty, both of Lowell, entered Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids as patients, both on the same day. They have been released, and both are recuperating at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tesch, sr., of 4824 Segwun Avenue, S.E., Lowell, have sold their farm and are now residing at 905 West Main Street, Lowell.

Fred LaPreze, 75, of Muskegon, passed away July 19 at the Christian Home. Among his survivors is a brother, Tom, of Lowell.

The Three M's of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell held their annual picnic Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jessup, 721 North Jefferson St.

Charles R. Grudzinkas was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant J.G. at morning ceremonies of the Navy Astronautics Group of Point Mugu, California. Assisting Captain Lebert with the traditional pinning was Grudzinkas' wife, Wendy and son, C.J. Lt. J.G. Grudzinkas' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Grudzinkas of Ada.

Richard M. DeVos, president of Amway Corporation, Ada, has been named to serve as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Direct Selling Association (DSA), a national organization representing over 100 manufacturers and distributors of products sold directly to the consumer in the home.

S. A. Homer J. Provoche III, son of Homer J. Provoche Jr. of 8791 Bailey Drive, Ada, Mich., graduated Seaman Apprentice from a 10 week basic training course on July 3rd from the United States Coast Guard training center at Cape May, New Jersey. He was also a member of the training center band.

After 10 days leave at home, he has reported back for his first assignment on July 16, aboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter "The Durable" at Brownsville, Texas.

Miss Pam Burns is recuperating at home following difficult bone surgery at Blodgett Hospital.

Peter Suttrop of Grand Rapids passed away Sunday at Kent Community Hospital. He was 86 years old. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Ida Wissman of Lowell.

All items for Around the Area can be submitted by calling 897-9261, dropping the item in our front door mail slot, stopping in to see us at 105 N. Broadway, or writing to us. We love to hear from everyone—all items welcomed.

**Bridge Winners**

The YMCA Ladies Bridge Tournament concluded their playing year July 16. They enjoyed luncheon at the Candlestone Inn and then returned to the home of Vi Murray for an afternoon of bridge.

Shown with their trophies are first place winners (from left) Gerry Davis and Linda Springer, Olive Coarser and Ruth Ward were the winners of the second place trophies.

The YMCA Ladies Bridge Tournament is formed early in the fall and play goes on through the year. If interested in next fall's league, call YMCA Office, 897-7375 to sign up.

**Linda Poort Weds Stephen J. Thaler**



First Baptist Church of Muskegon was the setting Saturday evening for the wedding of Miss Linda Kay Poort and Stephen J. Thaler. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Clement M. Poort of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Orion J. Thaler of Lowell.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore an organza and re-embroidered Alencon lace floor-length dress with a high scoop neckline, shepherdess sleeves, and detachable train. A lace Camelot cap secured her shoulder-length veil and she carried a basket of blue daisies, white roses, and lily of the valley.

Mrs. Marvin Patterson, Jr., was the matron of honor and bridesmaids were the Misses Janet and Loretta Poort and Miss Sharon Weida of Kent City. They wore long dresses of light blue dotted Swiss with white picture hats and carried lighted tapers.

Best man was Gerald Thaler of Midland, and groomsmen were Larry Smith of Caro, Marvin Patterson, Jr. of Muskegon, and Richard Lyons of Lowell. Ushering were Craig Charland of Montague and David Thaler of Nashville, Tennessee.

Soloist was Miss Nancy Fohlbrook of Muskegon who sang "For All We Know" and "A Time for Us," accompanying herself on the guitar.

Following the ceremony, a buffet reception for the 300 guests was held at the Pulaski Lodge in Muskegon. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kwiecien served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

The couple left on a two-week honeymoon to Florida and will live in Sparta, returning to their teaching jobs at Kent City Junior High School in September.

**Services Thursday For Mrs. Nina Kaufman**

Mrs. Nina Louise Kaufman, aged 81, of 1152 Flat River Dr., Lowell, passed away Monday morning at Butterworth Hospital and was taken to the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. She is survived by two sons, Ernie Kaufman and James Roberts; one brother, Ray Fullington, all of Lowell; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Kaufman was a member of the Clark Ellis American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the chapel, the Rev. W. E. Holcomb officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. The family will meet friends Tuesday 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Kaufman reposes at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

**Mass Said For Leo T. Bird**

Leo T. Bird, Sr., aged 87, of 157 Prospect NE, Grand Rapids, formerly of Ada Township, passed away July 18 in the Beacon Life Christian Nursing Home.

He is survived by his children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Bird, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Kenneth Bird of Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Bird, Jr., of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald G. Bird of Marne; 27 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; his sister, Mrs. George (Agnes) Pheny, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Knapp (Nellie) Lamphear of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was offered Monday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Alphonsus church. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Farmell.

**Frances Bowers Passes**

Mrs. Frances Bowers, aged 84, of 9560—36th St., SE, Lowell, passed away July 17.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Catherine L. Healy and Mrs. Nora O'Driscoll both of Lowell; one brother, Daniel Lordan of Ireland; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass was said Saturday morning at Lowell's St. Mary's Church with Father Thomas Nedziewicki Celebrant. Interment and Committal services at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Detroit.

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**Letters to the Editor**

To the Editor (but meant for Mrs. Francis and anyone who smiled and said "that's telling em!!")

It is written—all men are created equal. If you concede to this, then why, madam, do you think you are better than I?

If you are late for an appointment and blame it on the minute you had to wait behind a bike rider, then you're just looking for an escape goat.

I was not cheering on any bicyclist who abused his rights on the road, nor anyone that is not courteous enough to allow a car to pass.

As for your manslaughter cases, you weren't specific enough. If these persons were at fault by sounding his horn because he couldn't just grit his teeth and wait till he could pass, then he deserved what he got. On the other hand, if the child was riding in the middle of the road, on a curve at the bottom of a hill, the kid was asking for it.

Throughout your letter you have referred to me as being stupid, a selfish clod, discourteous, foolish, thoughtless, and a—hold up bandit???

Come on, the world is full of these kind. When you catch me being stupid, selfish, discourteous, etc., if it makes you feel better, then by all means, shout it for the world to hear.

Until then,  
No longer dishonored to sign,  
Kathie E. Irwin

**Bonjour Mes Amis,**

This is just a quick note to acquaint everyone with my whereabouts and to thank everyone who helped support "Youth For Understanding" throughout the year.

I'm living in France and loving it. I live in the Central region in a town of 8,000 inhabitants named Amberg. It is located in the beautiful mountains with many green forests, running mountain streams and the charming winding roads.

The mountainsides are decorated with the many sections of various fields and pastures of the farmers. Most every farmer is having now, raking their fields by hand, pitching it up to an open wagon to be stored in a loose fashion. A few elderly people carry the hay in bundles to sell at the open market. One could buy most anything from fresh meats, fruits and vegetables to shoes, dresses and hand-made items there. There are always many kinds and varieties of everything, especially cheese.

I live now with a young family in a four-level house. The daughter is 14 years old and there is a younger son. Before this family, I stayed with an exciting family that spoke some English. They had two daughters, one 12 and one 17, which were very entertaining. Everyone here has been so kind.

It is comfortably hot here, around 80 degrees to 85 degrees, with a cooling breeze always. It is seldom cloudy or rains. Everything is so perfect that one could easily be satisfied just to look at the countryside, but the French people here are very active. There are always the markets in the morning, the fantastic meals, visiting everyone and all nearby cities. All is very satisfying.

If you wish, I'd enjoy hearing from you. Send your letters (airmail) to: Jane Rivette, Chez M. et Mme. Richard Avenue de la poe, Amberg 63600 France. I will live here until August.

I hope you are having a happy and full summer in the United States.

Mes regards,  
Jane Rivette

**Services Tuesday For Mrs. Sylvia Ward, 87**

Mrs. Sylvia I. Ward, aged 87, of Lowell, passed away Sunday morning, July 21.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Leland (Marion) Ralston of Lake Odessa; one brother, Stephen Watkins of Sparta; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday with the Rev. Stephen J. Beach officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

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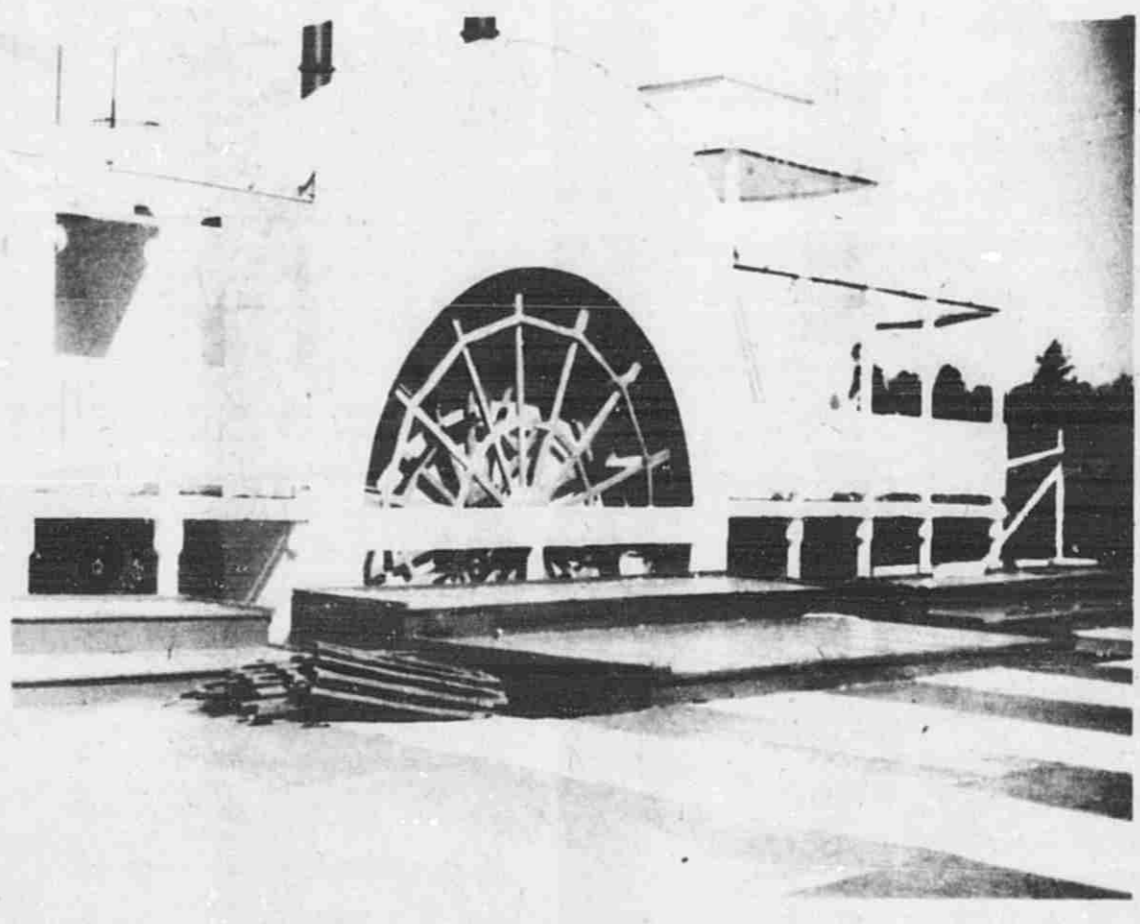
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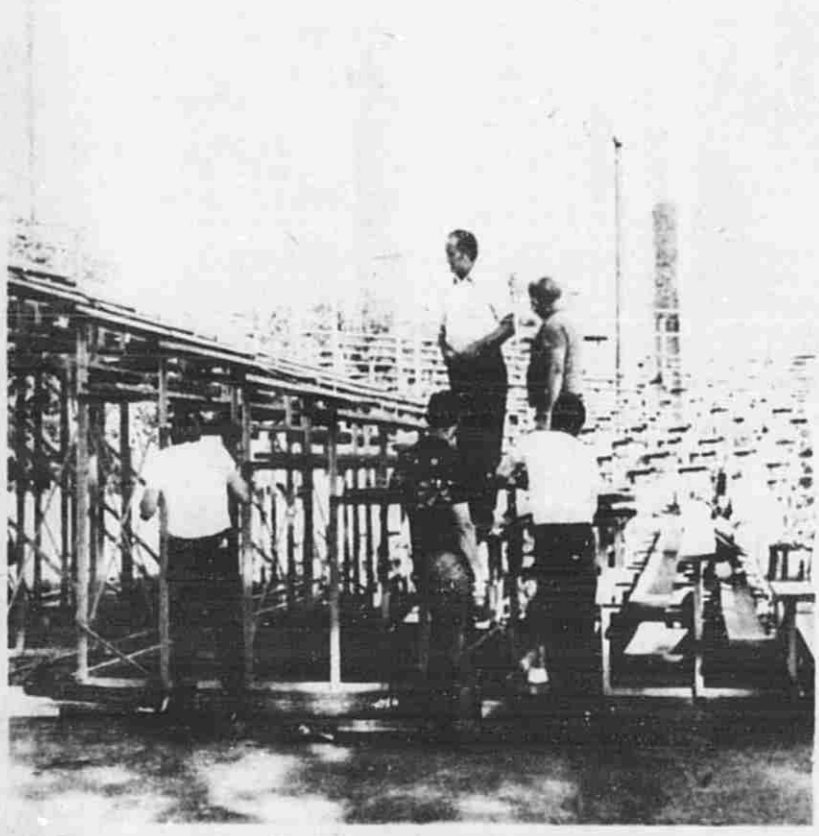
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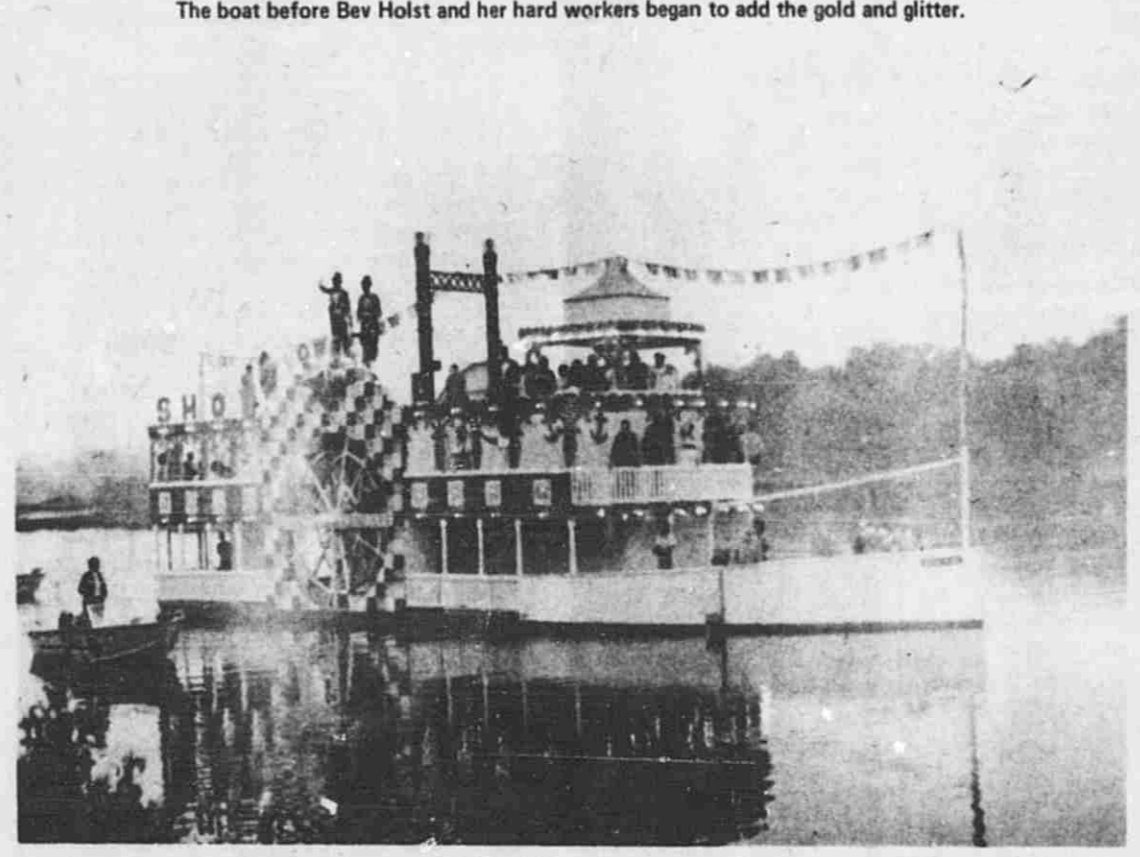
**The 42nd Annual Lowell Showboat**



The boat before Bev Holst and her hard workers began to add the gold and glitter.



Members of Lowell Moose Lodge 809 bolt the new amphitheatre seats into place.



Moving slowly down the Flat River: the 42nd annual Showboat heads for the new amphitheatre.



The Ford family enjoys the show.



A quick chat with the star, George Kirby.



Surrounded by secret service men and fans, the Fords stroll down Riverside Drive.



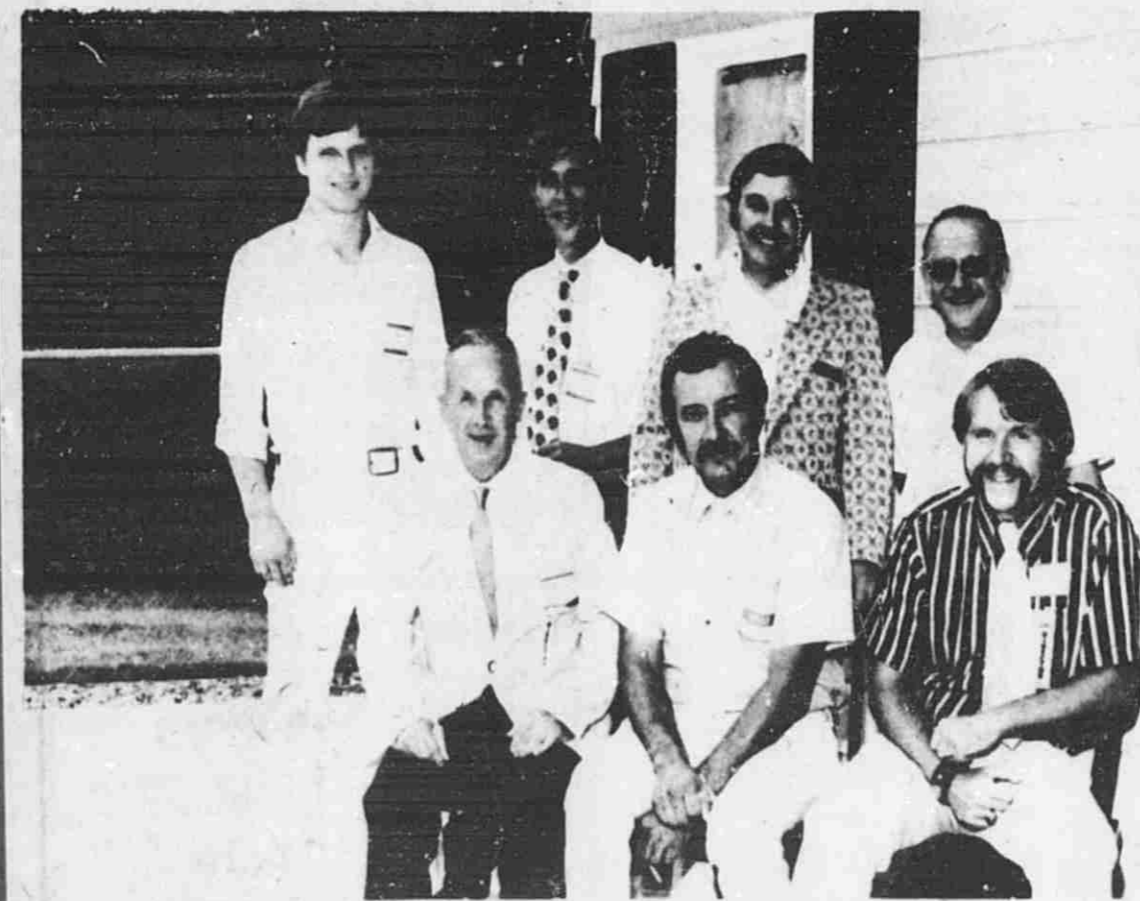
Touching a note of seriousness, Kirby revealed he thought the Showboat was a 'great thing' and hoped he'd be invited to return some day.



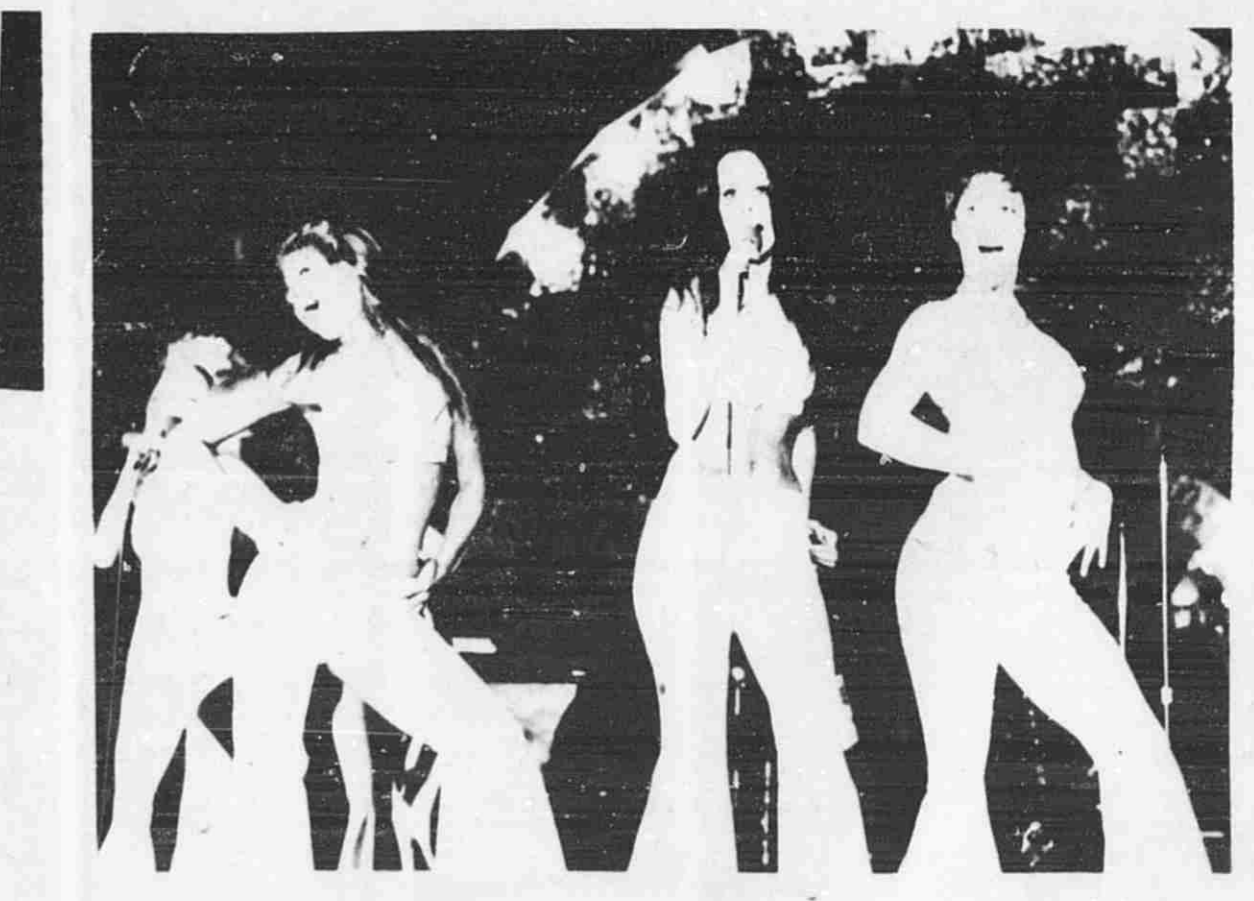
Ford's cut of the red ribbon dedicates Lowell's new \$100,000 amphitheatre. Beaming with pride are Charles Lippert and Vince McCambridge.



Before boarding the boat, the vice-president pauses to chat with a Showboat veteran Norm Borgerson.



Out of costume, the endmen for the 42nd annual Showboat are: standing, John Piper, Terry Buck, Terry Fenech, Joe Vezino. Seated, Forest Buck, Jerry Meredith and Mr. Interlocutor, Gordon Gould.



The Dazzlers dazzled with their wiggly routines.

Photographs by Cathy Yurkinas, Barb Brown and Lowell McCoy.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 27, 28**  
Saturday and Sunday, July 27, 28, Rally Day Weekend at the Lowell Wesleyan church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Road. The "Gospel Way" and "Superior" quartets—the "Gospel Way" on July 27 at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 28, "Gospel Way" and "Superior" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come one, come all. Transportation available. Call 897-5498 or 897-8304.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**  
The Vergennes Co-Operative Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edna Overway for a potluck picnic on Thursday, August 1, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Stella Bradshaw is co-hostess and Mrs. Olive Bieri, program chairwoman. Each member is requested to bring one (or more) prizes for the bingo games to be played after the business meeting. Please bring your own table service.

**FRI., SAT., SUN., AUGUST 2, 3, 4**  
Rally Day Weekend at Lowell Wesleyan Church—Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 2, 3, 4. The "Over-holt Quartet" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday—Sunday at the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services. For transportation, call 897-5498 or 897-8304.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**  
Saturday, August 3, from 2-6 p.m. Kent County Masonic picnic at the pavilion at Fallsburg Park. Bring your table service and a dish to pass. All Masons, Eastern Stars and their families invited.

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- Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 897-8485
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- PROJECT REHAB—Every Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING—Every Thursday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.—IMMUNIZATIONS—2nd & 4th Monday of the Month, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICE—Caseworker, In Service Workers Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.
- FOOD STAMP CERTIFIER—1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM —Job Counseling, Training and Placement. Call Center for appointment 897-8485 or stop in anytime, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- GVSC COUNSELOR—Every Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### Celebrate Birthdays

### Four Complete LPN Courses

Four girl students from Lowell and the Forest Hills area will be capped at the annual Grand Rapids Junior College's Practical Nursing graduation ceremonies July 31 at Fountain Street Church.

**Hears Ford's Aide**  
In tune with the spirit of Vice-President Gerald Ford's visit to the Lowell Showboat, Lowell Rotary sang "The Showboat Song" and heard a member of Mr. Ford's Staff speak at their meeting July 17.

**Vote August 6 for Arnold Wittenbach**  
If you plan on being on vacation or out-of-town on August 6, please plan to get your absentee Voter's Ballot for the August Primary from your Township or City Clerk.

### Sweet School Reunion

The 43rd Annual Sweet School Reunion will be held in the Sweet School yard Sunday, August 4, 1974, with a potluck dinner at one o'clock.

### Lowell Ladies To Tour Clark Home

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell will go to the Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids this Thursday, July 25, for a tour of the home and a picnic.

### Annual Open House

The James C. Veen Observatory on Kissing Rock Road, Lowell, will be open to the public without charge from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, August 10 and Monday through Friday, August 26-30 as part of the annual "open house week."

### BIGGEST LETTUCE SLICE GOES TO RETAILERS

Letuce doesn't put as much green stuff in the farmer's pocket as it does in other people's. A recent study, done by USDA's Economic Research Service at the request of Congress, gives a breakdown of what the consumer's food dollar goes for.

### Vacation Church School at Methodist Church

The Vacation Church School, sponsored jointly by the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and the First Congregational Church of Lowell will be held Monday through Friday, July 29 through August 2.

### Kathe's Kid Kolumn

Hi! Did you go to the Showboat when the Vice-President was there? I did. First, the boat got stuck, then the second night George Kirby took a wrong turn and ended up in Lamont and last, but not least, the third night the boat couldn't go down the river because something was wrong, so they just got it to the old dock and started from there. The police boats had to pull them to the new dock.

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### Welcome To SARANAC

### Warrant is Issued in Traffic Death

A warrant was issued July 15 by the Ionia County Prosecutor's office against Gerald Forrest Rose, 18, 2355 Hawley Highway, Saranac, charging him with involuntary manslaughter in the traffic death of Richard Binner, 50, of Lake Odessa.

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### Engaged To Wed



Mrs. and Mrs. Jack W. Stevens of Lowell wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Specialist Five Michael J. Heiman.

### Eberhard's Adopts New Duo Pricing

Eberhard's Super Markets, who maintain a store on Lowell's West Main Street, have announced they will follow the nation's largest grocer, Safeway, in duo marking of packaged and canned goods on the shelves.

Eberhard's will sell grocery items at two prices while they last and will continue weekly specials. Price changes on the package will not be necessary for these sale items. Price reductions will be noted on shelf markers.

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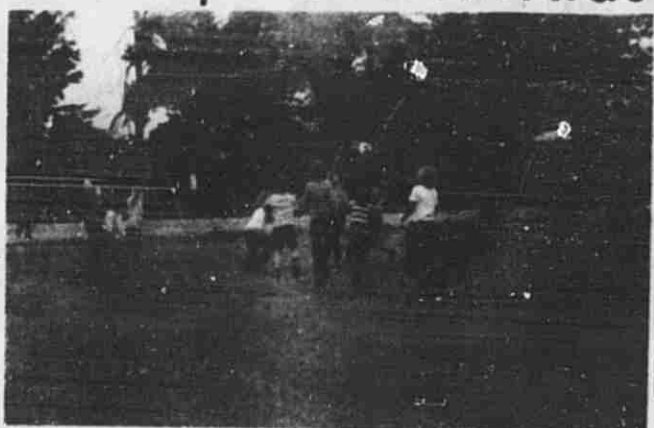
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## Come to Church

<b>Ada Christian Reformed Church</b> 7152 Bradford St., S.E. - 676-1698 REV. ANGUS M. MACLEOD 676-1698 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	<b>Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell</b> 1151 W. MAIN STREET 897-8841 REV. BERNARD FYNAAARD Worship Services 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. SUPERVISED NURSERY DURING ALL SERVICES WELCOME FRIENDS!	<b>First Congregational Church of Lowell</b> (Member United Church of Christ) NORTH HUDSON AT SPRING STREET, LOWELL Morning Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Richard Greenwood (CRIBBERY AND NURSERY PROVIDED) "THINK NOW"	<b>Snow United Methodist Church</b> 3189 SNOW AVENUE between 38th and 36th Streets, East STEVE BEACH - PASTOR - 897-8008 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages) 11:00 a.m. Youth Group 3:00 p.m.
<b>Ada Community Reformed Church</b> 7227 THORNAPPLE RIVER DRIVE - 676-1032 REV. WILFRED FIET Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Summer activities program every Thursday, starting June 20th, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Reception & Crafts WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME WELCOME TO ALL!	<b>Eastmont Baptist Church</b> 5038 CASCADE ROAD, S.E. REV. ROBERT MCCARTHY Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.	<b>Forest Hills Community Reformed Church</b> CORNER ADA DRIVE AND FOREST HILLS AVENUE Parsonage: 4637 Ada Drive - 949-1372 Worship 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. REV. SIMON NAGEL "THE CHURCH WHERE THERE ARE NO STRANGERS" WELCOMES YOU	<b>St. Matthew Lutheran Church</b> 5125 CASCADE ROAD, S.E. "Where Worship Is A Family Affair" Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. NURSERY PROVIDED REV. JAMES E. HENNING Phone - 942-9091
<b>Alto - Bowne Center United Methodist Churches</b> 11363 - 60TH STREET - ALTO - 868-3131 DR. JOHN EVERSOLE, MINISTER ALTO - Corner Kirby and Harrison Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. BOWNE CENTER - 84th Street & M-50 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m.	<b>First Baptist Church - Alto</b> CORNER OF 60TH STREET & BANCROFT AVENUE Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Telephone - 868-3011	<b>First United Methodist Church of Lowell</b> 621 EAST MAIN STREET 897-7514 "The Rich Fool" Luke 12:13-21 Worship 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. NURSERY DURING BOTH SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL Dean Bailey, Minister - Ken Hepper, Associate Minister	<b>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA)</b> 2700 EAST FULTON ROAD Summer Worship Service 9:30 a.m. NURSERY PROVIDED PASTORS RAYMOND A. HEINE, JOHN D. BLAKEMORE
<b>Bethany Bible Church</b> 3900 EAST FULTON REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning Worship 9:50 a.m. (Broadcast 10 a.m. WMAX 1480) Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.	<b>First Baptist Church - Lowell</b> 2275 WEST MAIN STREET Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Services 7:00 p.m. Word of Life 8:15 p.m. Wednesday Training Hour 7:30 p.m. REV. EARL DECKER - 897-8835	<b>Church of The Nazarene - Lowell</b> 201 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET REV. W. E. HOLCOMB Church School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Jrs., Teas, Adults 6:45 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service (Wednesday) 7:30 p.m. NURSERY PROVIDED - COME & WORSHIP WITH US	<b>Vergennes United Methodist</b> CORNER OF PARNELL AVE. & BAILEY DR. THE REV. PHILIP CARPENTER Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m.

Summer Park Program Popular With Kids

The East Kent Community Center is sponsoring a Summer Park Program for all Lowell and surrounding area children. The program started July 22, and will run until August 16.



Qualified Park Supervisors will coordinate daily activities and supervise the additional staff that will be working with the children. We urge all area children to take part in this program.

It is the first free Park Program to be held in the Lowell area. Sports, games, arts and crafts are just a few of the many activities scheduled. In case of bad weather, indoor facilities will be available.

Through efforts of the Kent CAP's Concentrated Employment Program High School and College youth from the area were hired to co-ordinate and supervise daily activities.

The Park's Staff and the Director of East Kent Community Center would like to thank the following establishments for their contributions of materials for this program:

Annies Yarn Shop, That Special Place, Lowell Cut Rate Market, Eberhards, Beachum's Furniture, Superior Furniture, Cary's, ERB Lumber, Lowell Bakery, Mejer's Thrift...

Door prizes went to Winnie Snider, Ginny Will, Gib Snider, and Dobie Will. Congratulations to David Adriano, Dan, Bill, and Victor Shepard, the club is proud of you and your beautiful bowling trophies.

Ada Softball League Action

Table showing league action for Thornapple and American teams with columns for W, L, and games played.

Table showing league action for National teams with columns for W, L, and games played.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION To the Qualified Electors: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS LISTED BELOW County of Kent, State of Michigan TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1974

At the Place or Places of holding the election in said Townships FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN NOMINATION BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATING THEREIN, CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ: STATE Governor CONGRESSIONAL Representative in Congress LEGISLATIVE State Senator, Representative COUNTY County Commissioner TOWNSHIP Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee(s), Constable(s).

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN NOMINATION, CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN A NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ: Judges Of The Court Of Appeals Regular Term-New Term Judges Of The Circuit Court Judges Of The District Court And For The Purpose Of Electing Delegates to the County Convention of each Political Party

Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls ELECTION LAW, ACT 116, P.A. 1954 SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls of said townships shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

Table listing election locations for Ada, Grattan, Lowell, Bowne, and Vergennes Townships with precinct numbers and clerk names.

ACTUAL USE REPORT for ADA TOWNSHIP showing actual expenditures and revenue for categories like Public Safety, Environmental Protection, Health, etc.

KILLMASTER Ford advertisement featuring the Ford Maverick, highlighting fuel economy (26.7 miles per gallon) and listing features like independent test results and NADA Guide Book National Average figures.

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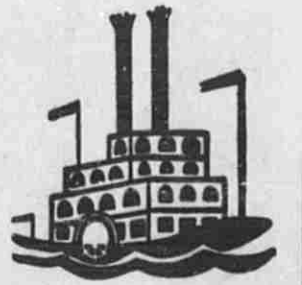
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## WHISTLE TOOTS

Vice-President Gerald R. Ford, who dedicated the new Showboat amphitheatre last Thursday, is the front-runner among members of his party and independents for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination, the latest Gallup Poll shows.

The poll was based on the responses of 1,509 persons 18-years or older.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle on Lincoln Lake Avenue will be the scene of a pre-show press reception Saturday night for Fifth District Congressman Richard VanderVeen.

Former Lowell Showboat queens and members of their courts will be the guests at Ambassador Night Friday night.

Prior to being introduced to the Showboat audience, the royalty will be honored at a get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wingier.

Persons purchasing 12 or more tickets for this Thursday night's show starring the New Christy Minstrels, will get a reduced rate on their tickets. More information on the 'savings' can be secured by calling the Showboat ticket office at 897-9237. The second week-end opener has been designated Senior Citizens' Night.

A crowd pleaser at last Thursday night's opener was Jimmy Still, a ventriloquist from Grand Rapids.

Unbeknown to most viewers, the amateur performer, only 13 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Still, from Jimmy's Grill, southeast of Lowell.

The water skiers and colorful square dancers have been entertaining early Showboat arrivals before the Robert E. Lee paddles its way down the Flat River.

Lowell City Mayor Carlen Anderson, speaking briefly at the amphitheatre dedication last Thursday night, biblically referred to Lowell Showboat president Charles Lippert as the "Moses of Lowell."

Quote: "And he parteth the Flat River and lo and behold, not wide enough for Showboat to get through."

Lippert, in-turn, when announcing Gerald R. Ford said that he must remind the man that he was about to introduce that he is the president (of Showboat) and he (Ford) is still the vice-president.

A 16-year-old Danish girl, visiting the Robert Courser family in Lowell, is a member of the Showboat Chorus.

For Ulla Goldberg, this will be her first experience at wearing make-up and a long dress, since both are rarely seen in her home town of Faaborg.

A note wishing success for the 1974 Showboat was received this week from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grudzinskas of Pt. Mugu, California.

The Mobile Home unit parked near the Showboat Amphitheatre last week was provided for George Kirby's use thru the courtesy of B&B Camper Sales of Alto.

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## Arnie's Gals Are 5 and 0



Coach Terry Smith receives congratulations from sponsor, Arnie DeLoof.

A full week of softball produced two more wins for Arnie's Standard of Lowell. The ladies were victorious over Wilson's Harley Davidson of Grand Rapids and Parnell. They were defeated for the first time by the Swat Golf Club.

On Monday, July 15, Arnie's raised their win-loss record in Rockford League play to 5 and 0 after a game with Wilson's Harley Davidson. The score was 13 to 2 as they played at River Valley Ball Park in Rockford.

Tuesday, July 16, Arnie's squeaked by the Parnell gals at Parkside Ball Park 4 to 3. This playoff game pushed Arnie's in the final match that determines who will go to the Michigan Mid-Summer Olympics later this month in Alma.

Thursday, July 18, the game Arnie's had anticipated from the start of their ball season was at hand. Having defeated Swat Golf in a scrimmage earlier in the season, they were anxious to make the win official.

Members from other league teams and spectators cheered Arnie's team as they played inning after inning keeping the score tied only to lose in the final inning 7-6. Coach Terry Smith was extremely pleased with all her players and with the caliber of ball they played.

Arnie's next game is Wednesday, July 24, at 6:30. They will play the House of Flavors at River Valley Ball Park in Rockford.

### BEST BALL TOURNEY . . .

Morrison Lake Golf Club will host their annual Best Ball tournament August 8, with a \$250 first place prize to be given. Tee off times between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All entries must be signed up by July 29. A dinner for the players will be served in the evening.

## Cascade Library To Host 'Monster Mashers'

The "Monster Mashers" from the Kent County Library System will arrive at the Cascade Library Tuesday, July 30, at 3 p.m.

The "Monster Mashers" is the name of the story theatre featuring skits and stories for children from kindergarten through third grade, one of the three programs presented by KCL as part of the "Summer Squash" series for its member libraries.

Betty Garver, Earlene Jordan, Pat Holwerda and Rita Simons, all KCL headquarters staff members, will take part in the program where props will be minimal and children's imagination maximal.

Skits will be performed from the books "Nothing Ever Happens on My Block" by Ellen Raskin, "The Little Brute Family" by Russell Hoban, "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" by Mercer Mayer and an original skit by Charles Roberson called "Ms. Moppet and the Spider."

The Cascade Library, one of the 20 members of the Kent County Library System, is located at 2839 Thornapple River Dr., Grand Rapids. Call 949-3130 for further information.

## Class Of '59 Plans 15th Annual Reunion

The Lowell High School Class of 1959 will hold their 15th annual reunion on Saturday, August 17 at Shady Acres farm, north of Lowell on Bailey Drive.

Reservations for the event must be submitted to Mrs. Garry McWhinney, 812 East Main Street, Lowell, on or before July 31.

On the agenda for the get-together, which will be kicked off with a cocktail hour, will be a dinner, hours of reminiscing and a dance.

All members of the Class are urged to get their reservations in before the deadline, so more definite plans can be made for the activities to be scheduled.



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