

Council Request Prompts City Manager's Resignation

Almost as a matter of routine business, the Lowell City Council accepted the resignation of City Manager Blaine Bacon at the conclusion of Monday night's Regular Council meeting. The announcement was made in a formal letter of resignation read by the City Manager, effective in thirty days.

No reasons for the sudden decision to resign the position he has held for the past six years were stated in the letter.

Mayor Carlen Anderson offered some words of appreciation for Bacon's service to the City and noted the difficulties inherent in the position as City Manager, but did not elucidate other than to state, in answer to a question from a spectator, "that the City feels they would like a change."

It is reported the decision to request the resignation was made last week by the Council at an executive session. Rumors of personnel conflict at City Hall were denied by a City spokesman.

Public Hearing Set

A request to establish an Industrial Development District has been made by King Milling Company. The local grain firm will be the City's second industry to avail itself of certain tax advantages for business and industry expansion. The legislation permitting govern-

mental units to grant such tax incentives has no effect on present plant and equipment, but pertains only to future development. A request by Attwood Corporation was granted last March.

A Public Hearing is required and has been set for the next regular meeting on Monday, September 8.

Bids Accepted

Council accepted several bids for the purchase of new equipment. Council members approved the City Manager's recommendation to accept the bid of \$1,681 for a dump truck body from Allied Truck Equipment Company; low bid of \$7,350 for a truck underbody scraper, hydraulic system and snow plow from Shultz Equipment. The estimated bid of \$2,600 from Shepard Tree and Landscaping of Ithaca was accepted, for tree trimming, tree removal, and stump chipping. Also approved was the purchase of two Victor electronic calculators at a cost of \$445.50 each.

Applies For HUD Money

It appears the City's chances for receiving some of those federal dollars through the Community Development Act are not entirely dead—just slightly dormant. The City was informed by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) that it may now make "full" application for Community Development Funds. According to Mayor Anderson, the City has a "pretty good chance of receiving around \$75,000 to be used for renovation and repair for low and moderate income housing. The money could be used for a new roof, heating equipment or similar renovations.

Whether the funds would be dispersed as outright grants or as low interest loans to qualified residents would be up to the Council to decide, Anderson said. The application was signed Monday.

City Manager Bacon reported test wells are showing a high quality of water and that tests to determine quantity are showing good results.

Dean Collins and Larry Keiser, candidates for seats on the City Council, were present at Monday night's meeting. Keiser thanked the City for the Street work done during the night, causing no business interruption at Keiser's Kitchen.

Second Quarter Highway Funds Are Distributed

Fuel tax revenues increased slightly but weight tax proceeds were down in the three-month period ended June 30, the State Highway Commission has reported. Net receipts for the second quarter of 1975 amounted to \$124,183,521, a decrease of \$2,352,428, or 1.9 percent, compared to the same period of 1974.

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and license plate fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for distribution to the Department of State Highways and Transportation, the 83 counties and 531 incorporated cities and villages.

Fuel taxes in the April-June quarter increased by nearly \$900,000 to \$96.4 million. License plate fees declined by nearly \$1.8 million to \$30.9 million. Officials attributed the decrease mainly to reductions in sales of new cars during the period and increased sales of lighter-weight vehicles.

Costs of collection by the Departments of State and Treasury and grants to various funds, as required by law, were up for the quarter. Proceeds are distributed after deduction of collection costs, the State Highways Commission's share (14 percent of gas taxes), the General Transportation Fund's share (1/18 of gas taxes) and other grants.

The Department of State Highways and Transportation will receive \$55,261,667 as its 44.5 percent share of net proceeds; the counties \$44,333,517 as their 35.7 percent share and the incorporated municipalities \$24,588,337 as their 19.8 percent share.

Second Quarter Distribution amounts to Counties compared to the same period of 1974, are as follows:

	1975	1974
Barry	300,678	300,462
Ionia	320,771	323,692
Kent	1,763,105	1,800,694
Montcalm	356,761	358,799

Second Quarter Distribution amounts to Cities and Villages, compared to the same period of 1974:

	1975	1974
Belding	24,359	25,181
Caledonia	3,565	3,645
Clarksville	2,303	2,351
Ionia	24,314	24,830
Lowell	16,165	16,169
Saranac	6,199	6,338

Trees And Mail Boxes Are Hazards

by: Dave Barnes

The Kent County Road Commission has approved two plans to make county roads safer, including those in the Lowell area—removal of trees on the right-of-way and within 10 feet of the roadway; and a request for replacement of hazardous mailbox posts.

Donald R. Schofield, KCRC engineer-manager, says a survey of county roads showed 966 trees are a hazard to drivers and would be removed by June, 1977. Owners of dangerous mailbox stands will be requested by a letter from the road commission to replace them with safe ones.

Both plans follow the 1973 Federal Highway Safety Act taking in different categories many of which the KCRC has put into effect, says Schofield.

The cost of removal of the 966 trees is set at \$144,365, with the federal government paying 90 percent and the road commission 10 percent. Schofield is making application for the funds from the Federal Highway Administration via the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation. The MDHT is a liaison between the KCRC and the federal agency.

Schofield says he hopes the federal funds will be received in the fall so the tree-removal program can be started in the winter. The trees vary in size, age and type.

He adds that a report last year showed that 4,313 traffic accidents in Kent County were off-roadway mishaps killing 22 and injuring 1,191.

A "Roadside Obstacles" survey by the KCRC revealed that 1,794 mailbox posts of such construction as to be a hazard to traffic and the policy to request property owners to replace their stands with safe ones was approved.

Schofield says some mailboxes are accidentally knocked down during the plowing of snow and these are replaced by the road commission at no cost to the property owner. He adds that replacement is built of a 4 x 4-inch wood post, a safe type recommended by postal authorities.

Schofield observes it is questionable if the road commission is liable for mailbox replacement, but the road commission has replaced damaged posts and mailboxes at its own cost purely for good public relations.

"Odd" and dangerous supports for mailboxes include iron farm implements, brick pillars, 10 x 10-inch wood posts, welded chains, wagon wheels and concrete-filled milk cans, the KCRC survey also showed.



ALL GIRL basketball players are to report to Coach Sue Meisner at the Lowell Senior High School gymnasium on Monday, August 25, at 2 p.m. . . .

KITS & KRAFTS Hobby Shop at 119 East Main will hold a special class in "Country Painting," for both men and women, starting Thursday, September 4. Those interested in enrolling should call 897-8595 or inquire at the store. . . .

NATURAL RIVER status for the Flat River will be considered at a public meeting this Thursday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall at 301 East Main Street.

Sponsors of the meeting, the Grand River Watershed Council, says the designation of a stream under the Natural Rivers Act of 1970 is a method of preserving and protecting what is considered natural values.

A 1972 DNR survey identifies the Flat River as one of the state's outstanding streams. . . .

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Lowell's Zoning Board of Appeals Monday, August 25, to consider the requests of King Milling Company for heights, front, side and rear variances to the Zoning Code.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall's Council room at 301 East Main. . . .

WEPMAN'S CLOTHING and Shoe Store on East Main Street will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a gigantic sale of values, featuring many back-to-school buys, until August 30. . . .

GRAND OPENING festivities of the All-American Ice Cream parlor at 1400 W. Main, last weekend, were enjoyed by ice cream lovers, with many winning door prizes.

Besides 'real' ice cream, the parlor owned and operated by Ron Harper, will also be featuring soft ice cream, plus a limited variety for diabetics. . . .

FOR THOSE who may be purchasing fireplace wood, this fall it might be well to remember the definition of a 'cord' and 'rick' of wood. A 'cord' is generally measured as 8 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. A 'rick' is a stack or pile and can be any size. So, wood advertised by the rick at a cheaper price than for a cord may not necessarily be the better buy.

Lowell Grad On Newspaper

Suzanne Thaler Jentoft, a 1965 graduate of Lowell High School, has been named copy-editor of People, a weekly supplement to the Mining Journal in Marquette. The paper serves a three-county area and is the largest daily in the Upper Peninsula.

Her primary duties will include editing all copy for the eight-page tabloid, writing at least one feature-length story per issue, taking pictures, writing headlines and planning the page layouts.

Another phase of her job will be to act as a liaison between the Mining Journal and area high school students who will be writing columns for the paper beginning in the fall. She and the editor-in-chief will conduct workshops in journalism as well as help the students set up news bureaus in their schools.



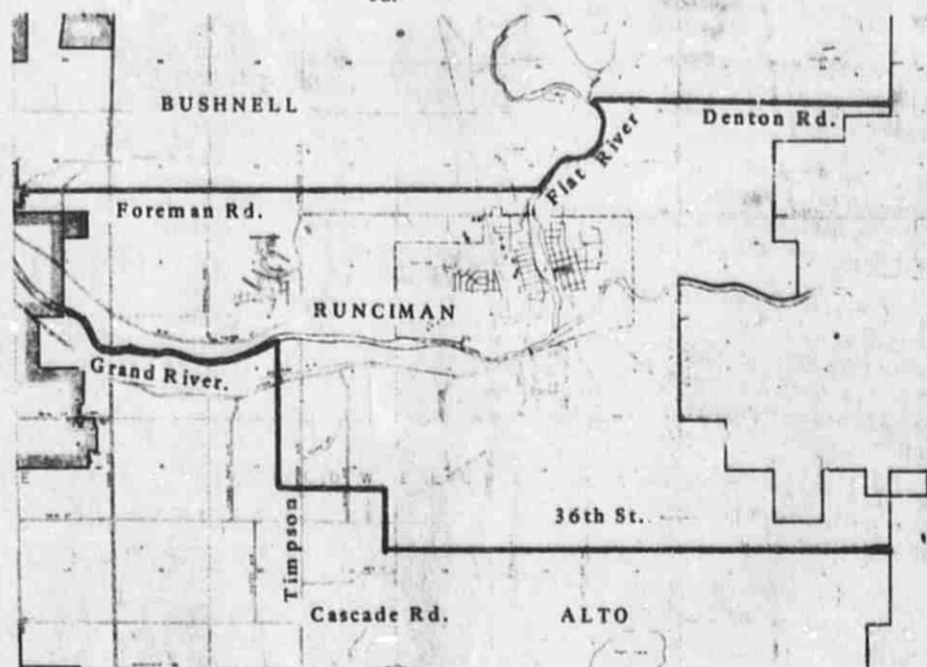
Mrs. Jentoft plans also to assist the 13 area schools in improving their newspapers, as she has had several years' experience with a school newspaper which won three consecutive Quill and Scroll first place awards.

She has taught English and journalism at Durand High School for five and a half years and advised the school paper for all but one of those. She and her husband, Adrian, moved to Marquette in January of this year when he became regional lands supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources.

From Michigan State University she received both her B.A. in English and her M.A. in English and journalism. She has written free-lance articles for the Mining Journal; State News, East Lansing; and Durand Express, Durand.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler, 12920-36th Street, Lowell.

New Service Area Plan



Recently, the Lowell Area School's Board of Education adopted a plan to gradually move into an elementary school service area plan. This is not completely new in that they have had a designated area of attendance for the Alto Elementary School since its inception.

With the opening of the Bushnell and Alto additions this fall, all of the fifth graders will be attending elementary buildings. This then became a logical time to move into such a plan.

Basically, the plan will not affect town or walking children at all. When the plan is in total effect, bus riders who live north of the Alto service area (Grand River - Timpson - 36th St. - and south of Denton and east of the Flat River) will attend the Runciman Elementary School. All elementary children north of this line will attend the Bushnell Elementary School. Alto routes will remain the same.

For the 1975-76 school year, all elementary children that attended schools last year will continue to attend the school that they attended in 1974-75. New enrollees, kindergartners, and fifth graders will attend either Alto, Bushnell, or Runciman according to the newly designated service areas.

Parents of kindergartners may request to have older children changed to the building where the kindergartners attend if they so desire.

Each year hereafter, another grade will enter the plan. Some of the advantages to be gained from this move are:

1. Children will attend school with their friends from the neighborhood where they live.
 2. When the plan is in complete effect, there will be a substantial dollar savings in transportation costs.
 3. It will be alleviating a great deal of bus traffic congestion in town at busy times—a significant safety factor to everyone.
- Questions relative to school assignment are welcome.

BAMBI—At the Strand Theatre, Lowell, Aug. 22-25. c19

by the building principals at the following telephones: Alto, Wm. Kirby, 868-6111; Bushnell, David Burdette, 897-8471; and Runciman, Dirk Vennema, 897-9257. All elementary buildings are now open daily, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., until school opens.

Alto Welcomes New Librarian

The Alto Library, member of the Kent County Library System, welcomes a new librarian as of August 19. Linda Tilma, librarian for the past three years, is leaving to be married and will move to Ann Arbor.

The new librarian is Mrs. Vivian Mulder, a former teacher, who has been a librarian in the Kent County Library System for nearly nine years, most recently as a member of the Kentwood Library staff.

Mrs. Mulder brings with her, among her other abilities, a knowledge of adult fiction that will assure satisfaction to the readers with an interest in this area. If you haven't been in the Alto Library for some time, stop in and meet Mrs. Mulder and get acquainted with the many books and services available there.

The hours are: Tuesdays, 1-8 p.m.; Fridays, 1-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-12. The phone number is 868-4031.

VETERAN'S DAY BILL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has accepted and approved a bill as reported by the Senate, S.331, returning the observance of Veteran's Day to Nov. 11 each year instead of the fourth Monday in October. The bill, if approved by the House, would be effective in 1978.

Under a 1968 law, the holiday was moved to the fourth Monday in October, but 45 states have already returned Veteran's Day to Nov. 11.

Bambi Coloring Contest Winners

Judging was no easy task in the Dot-To-Dot Enchanting "Bambi" coloring contest co-sponsored by the Lowell Ledger and the Strand Theatre of Lowell.

The contest, open to aspiring young artists ages 6 through 12, drew entries from Lowell, Ada, Alto, Rockford and Saranac, and were so good, that two days of judging were necessary to determine the final winners.

Free tickets to the "Bambi" film to be shown at the Strand Theatre, Lowell, August 22-25, were given to the winners in each age bracket, with the second place winner awarded a certificate worth fifty cents at the theatre's pop corn stand.

The winners of free tickets were: six-year-old Peggy Eickhoff; seven-year-old, David W. Stiles, jr.; eight-year-old, Kim Schneider; nine-year-old, Daniel W. Stiles; ten-year-old, Tina Franks; eleven-year-old, Barb Snay; and twelve-year-old, Tina Zywicki.

Certificate winners included Laura Gilbert, Traci Stark, Lisa Lawrence, Jill Yurkinas, Chris Egan, Sally Kooiman, Paul Baerwalde and Dori Hall.

Those not contacted by mail due to inavailability of addresses, can pick up their tickets and certificates at the Strand Theatre Box Office.

BOOK SALE—All Books in Store—25¢ each. Limited time. Stock up for fall reading. Anderson's Paperback Exchange, 100 Main, Lowell. c20

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Church Class To Hold Car Wash

The Junior Class of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alaska, will be holding a car wash on Saturday, August 23, from 9-12 at the church.

Toni Thorne Engaged To Michael K. Blough



Miss Toni Elizabeth Thorne and Michael K. Blough are engaged and planning a February wedding.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - The Garden Love Club will meet with Mrs. Overway...
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - GO WITH US TO INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY...
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 - The Fallsburg Fall Festival will be Saturday and Sunday...

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Area Deaths . . .

Bill Vickers, aged 52, of 4664 Remembrance Road, NW, passed away Wednesday at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor. Surviving are his wife, Darlene; his children, Mr. and Mrs. Craig (Cathy) Simons of Holland, Denis Vickers of Kankakee, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Rachel) Vickers of Grand Rapids and Cheri Vickers at home; three grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Vickers of Spring Lake; three brothers, Jack Vickers of Colorado, Thomas Vickers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and James Vickers of Sawyer, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Joyce Garner of Florida; and his father-in-law, Mr. Byron Weeks of Lowell; several nieces and nephews.

Madalen Rose Hillen, aged 13, of 8263-92nd St., Alto, passed away Friday afternoon, August 15, in Blodgett Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Edmund and Felicia; three sisters, Mrs. Michael (Kathleen) Conroy of Indiana, Mary and Anne Hillen at home, two brothers, Jim and Tom Hillen at home; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Isadore Staskiewicz of Grand Rapids; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Con-celebrated Mass was offered Monday at 10 a.m. in Holy Family Church, Caledonia.

Memorials to the Cancer Research c/o Butterworth Hospital.

STAUFFER FAMILY REUNION

The Stauffer family reunion will be held Sunday, August 24, at Fallsburg Park beginning at 1 p.m.

SIGNS OF HEALTH . . .

"Milk Drinkers Make Better Lovers" is a popular bumper sticker. But the San Diego County Heart Association has topped it with stickers saying: "Skim-Milk Drinkers Love Longer."

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Former Pupils Honor Ruby Avery

On Saturday, August 2nd, former pupils of Ruby Willette Avery, when she taught the Star School in Bowne Township from September 1913 through May 1916, returned to the home of Lawrence and Olive Bieri for the fourth time to exchange greetings and relate memories of their school days.

Rotarians Honor George R. Cook

Wednesday, August 13, "George R. Cook Day" was observed by the Lowell Rotary Club. Held at the lovely and spacious home of Norm Borgerson, some 111 Rotarians and guests had a delightful evening in honor of Mr. Cook's appointment as a Kent County Circuit Judge.

School Board Agenda

- The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will meet Monday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Choir room. Five main items have been placed on the meeting's agenda. They are: 1. Policy on early graduation 2. Use of high school by Lowell Assembly of God Church...

TIME FOR A LAUGH . . . Business executive to colleague in room full of computers: "I miss everybody butting me up."

TV announcer: "For those of you who sneaked into the kitchen during the sponsor's message, I'll repeat it now . . ."

Come to Church. Ada Christian Reformed Church, First Baptist Church - Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Snow United Methodist Church, Ada Community Reformed Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Forest Hills Community Reformed Church, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCA), Alto - Bowne Center United Methodist Churches, Eastmont Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bethany Bible Church, First Baptist Church - Alto, Church of The Nazarene - Lowell, Vergennes United Methodist.

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Notice To The Citizens Of Grattan Township And The Public. A public hearing of the Grattan Township Board of Appeals will be held at the Township Hall, Grattan, Michigan, on the 2nd day of September, 1975, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of hearing the request of Carl Rasch for a Variance to build an 18 ft. addition on front of the existing building.

The property to be considered is described as: Com 33 Ft. N of S Line of SEC AND W LINE OF P.M.R.R. RT. OF WAY TH W 95 FT. TH N 42 FT. TH N 36 DEGREES 30' E 247 FT. TH E 126.5 FT. TO W LINE OF R.R. TH SWLY ALONG R.R. 300 FT. TO BEG. SEC 35 T8N R9W .89A Dated: August 18, 1975 Harriet Kramer Secretary, Board of Appeals

Yoder Trucking Team League Winners

Yoder Trucking Team No. 11 of Alto, won the "B" League Championship in the Lakewood Community Education Men's Softball League, and were the runners-up in the double elimination tournament held recently.

Playing for the "B" League champs were: Steve Shetter, Stacey Bosworth, Darrel Desgranges, Lindsey Welch, Tony Curtis, Gil VanNeste, Jay Kimble, Darris Desgranges, Tom Johnson, Dave Galaviz, Mark McCartney, Mike O'Mara, Tim Goodmeet, Steve Barbour and Steve Shellenbarger.

The team was managed by Bill Yoder.

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Mod Fellow to girl friend: "Norma, I think you're the prettiest girl in our whole ethnic subculture."

Host to dinner guests: "I'll say this steak is rare! We can only afford it once a month."

Man with fishing pole to wife rowing boat: "Isn't this better than giving the reducing salon all that money?"

Mother, with teen-age daughter, to husband: "Stephanie wants to know if she can hitchhike to Seattle, hire out on an iron-ore boat, go through the Panama Canal, back up to New York, then work as a go-go dancer instead of completing her sophomore year of high school. I told her we'd ask you."

THE KEY WORD...

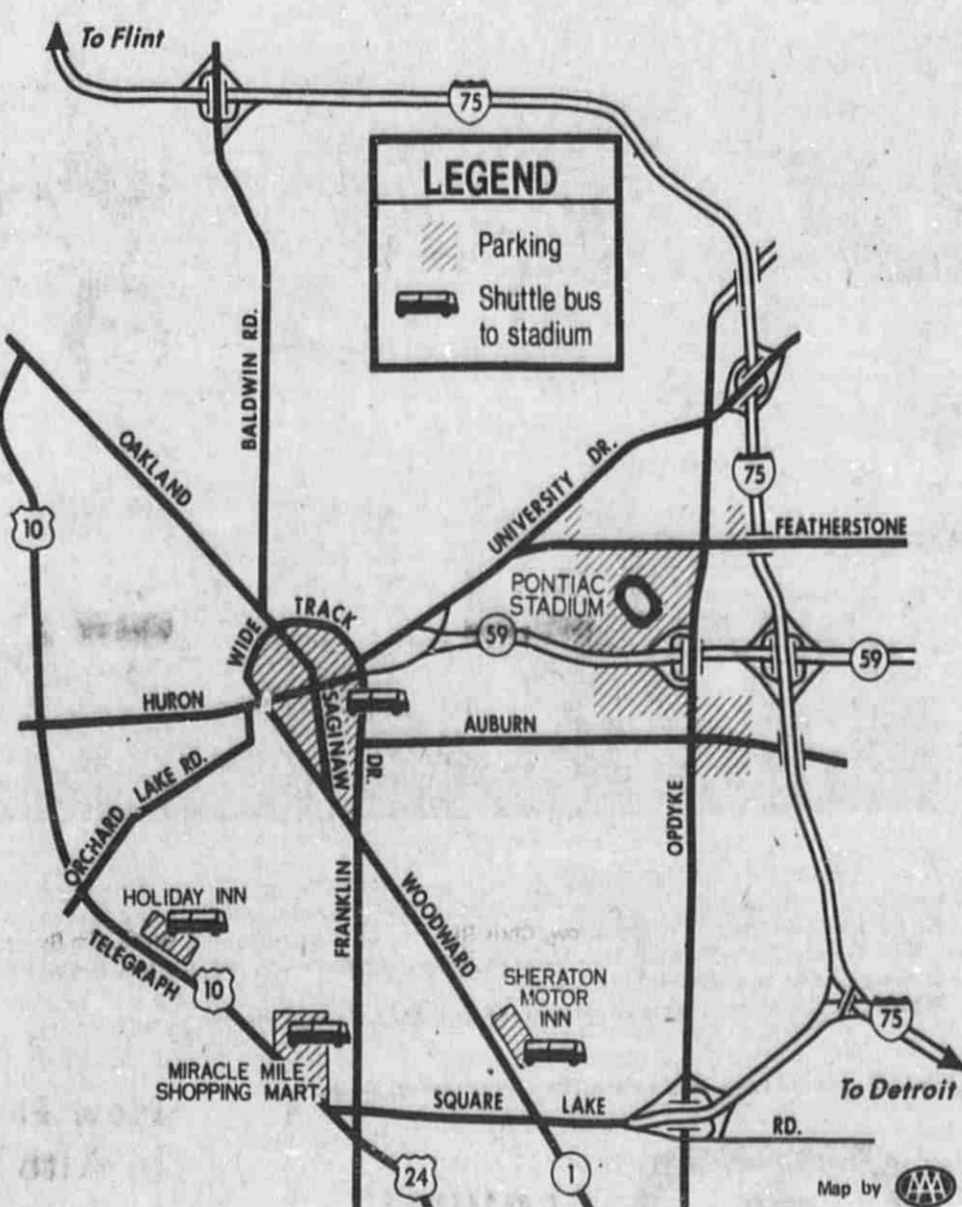
My sister called her supermarket to complain that a roast she had just brought home was spoiled, and to demand immediate replacement. The butcher agreed, on condition that she would bring it back. Muttering that she had no car but would see a neighbor, my sister hung up.

Shortly afterward, she was surprised to see a car drive up, and the store manager got out. He came to the door, apologized and handed her another package of meat. She thanked him, adding that her neighbor would have driven her back to the store. "Neighbor!" the manager exclaimed. "I thought you said 'Nader!'"

A DOCTOR'S DILEMMA...

Two doctors decided to play golf and one said, "I'll have to call my office and cancel my afternoon appointments." Ten minutes later he hung up in frustration: "It's no use. All I get is my own voice telling me I'm not in."

Pontiac Stadium Routes, Parking



Pre-Season Game At New Pontiac Stadium

Football fans attending the August 23 pre-season game between the Detroit Lions and Kansas City Chiefs at the new Pontiac Stadium should plan on arriving at the facility a minimum two hours before the 1 p.m. kickoff, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Serious traffic tieups could occur on major arteries leading to the Oakland County stadium if the expected crowd of at least 55,000 persons starts arriving less than an hour before the game," explained Arthur C. Gibson, manager of Auto Club's Safety and Traffic Engineering Department.

"The roads leading to the stadium are not equipped to handle the heavy volume of traffic expected for the game," said Gibson, adding that:

"Motorists attempting to reach the stadium area just before kickoff could find themselves part of a massive traffic jam."

The new stadium, which is completed except for the domed roof, is located at the intersection of M-59 and Opyke Road, just west of the I-75 Freeway. Only three major arteries—M-59, Opyke and Featherstone—lead directly to the stadium.

"While these roadways are at least two lanes each direction and portions of Featherstone and Opyke will be changed to one-way before and after the game, ramps connecting the roads are single lanes in several locations," Gibson said. "This could lead to long backups of cars."

Featherstone will be one-way eastbound from University Drive to Opyke at least two hours before the game and one-way westbound following it. Opyke will be one-way northbound from Auburn Road to Featherstone before kickoff and one-way southbound after the game.

To help reduce the traffic congestion around the stadium, 100 buses have been leased from the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) to shuttle motorists from four separate locations in the Pontiac area.

The buses will begin running at 9:45 a.m. October 23 from nine locations off Wide Track Drive in the City of Pontiac, the Cider Mill Village in Miracle Mile Shopping Center on Telegraph and Square Lake roads, the nearby Holiday Inn of Pontiac on Telegraph and the Sheraton Motor Inn at 1001 Woodward. Bus tickets will be 50 cents each way, and they will be sold at all pickup locations.

There are approximately 11,000 parking spaces within walking distance of the stadium. However, parking rates have not been established. Parking at the stadium is \$3 per vehicle.

To encourage motorists to arrive early for the first event ever to be held in the \$55-million complex, there will be entertainment after the game.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SPUDS

Scottish-Irish settlers in Londonderry, N.H., were the first to cultivate potatoes in the American colonies. Although spuds originated in the New World, they weren't grown in the United States until 1719.

MORE FROM LESS

U.S. farm population, now estimated at about 10 million, has dwindled to approximately the same as it was in 1820. But farm output per man has nearly doubled since 1960.

FOR THE RECORD

Published records show that pesticides are responsible for only 1% to 3% of unnatural fish kills. Municipal and industrial wastes, on the other hand, account for over 70% of such kills each year.

HELP WANTED

Commercial acreage of strawberries in Michigan has declined 60% in the last 13 years because of a lack of hand labor for harvesting.

CHANGING TIMES

At the time of the Revolutionary War, the average U.S. farmer used most of the same tools and followed many of the same practices that were in use during Biblical times.

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Mary Moore
Dan Gargler
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Fred Watson
Robbie Yeiter
- AUGUST 24
Joseph Tworek
- AUGUST 25
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Misty McClure
Charles Thaison
Nancy Doyle
Larry Wittenbach
Emma Miller
Wade Free
Dan Phillips
- AUGUST 26
Esther Mingos
Gary Buche
Kellie Nelson
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'A' League Men's Softball Champs



A team sponsored by the Deer Run Golf Course of Lowell won the "A" League as well as the double elimination tournament in the Lakewood Community Education Men's Softball League.

On the team were, from left, front row, Chris Rickerts, Bud Sampson, Mike Meade, Jim Byrne, Middle row, Mike Booker, Terry Wieland, Tom Hazel, Gary Kimball, Back row, Bob Wieland, Larry (Sugar Bear) Lenz, Craig Hoefler, and Gunther Mittelstaedt.

Missing from the picture: Steve Garlinger, Fred Garlinger and Chuck Haney.

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New Face In Alto



William (Bill) Kirby has taken over the principalship of the Alto Elementary School.

Prior to joining the Lowell Area School system, Mr. Kirby graduated from Missouri University and taught in Battle Creek before serving as principal in the Bellevue School system.

Mr. Kirby is married and has two children, and has recently purchased a home in the Alto area.

August Showers Increase Mosquito Brood Numbers

Many Michigan residents attending outdoor activities such as fairs this month, may have the bite put on them in more ways than one.

Expect onslaughts of *Aedes vexans*, a tough mosquito capable of flying up to a mile, attracted by bright lights and prospects of a free meal.

"They may become serious pests of humans and animals at local fairs or other outside activities scheduled the rest of this summer," says Dr. H. Don Newson, Michigan State University entomologist.

He says that heavy local thundershowers occurring in many parts of the state the last two or three weeks have produced large broods of this particular mosquito.

The vexans differs from the woodland mosquito, usually most intense during early summer months, in its short maturing cycle.

"The vexans is a flood water mosquito that lays eggs in almost any moist or water-filled depression. Where the woodland mosquito requires several weeks from egg to flying adult, the vexans, when weather conditions are suitable, can hatch within 8 to 10 days," Newson says.

Their flying ability and resting habits usually make spraying of the immediate grounds of a public area unsatisfactory. "They rest in high grass, in tall vegetation and wooded areas during the day, becoming active at dusk and continue biting through the night," Newson says.

He suggests use of Malathion, Dursban, Dibrom or Fenitrothion when used as a fog application. For ultra-low volume (ULV) equipment spraying, Dursban, Malathion or Dibrom may be used. Only the latter two may be used in aerial applications.

"Whatever materials are used, care should be taken to treat all high vegetation and shrubbery in the area to be controlled, and treatment of all likely mosquito resting areas should be extended as far as is practical outside the area," Newson says.

He warns that ULV equipment must be in good working order and manufacturers' directions be followed carefully.

"Malfunctioning equipment or improper application can damage car paint. If aerial ULV applications are made, parking lot overlights should be avoided," Newson says.

If areas outside public gathering sites are not sprayed, but the only personal protection is use of an insect repellent containing di-ethyltoluamide. Carefully check labels when purchasing a repellent.

Around the home, Malathion may be used to spray shrubbery and tall grasses. However, neighborhood-wide spraying will be more effective because of the mosquito's flight range. Indoors, Dichlorvos "pest strips" or Pyrethrum used according to instruction may be effective.

There are other preventive measures to use around the home:

- Get ride of all trash items in your yard which can hold water—they are ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes.
- Empty children's plastic wading pool at least weekly and store the pool indoors when not in use.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets and move drain hoses frequently enough to prevent water ponding.
- Change bird bath water daily and scrub the bowl at least weekly.
- Fill in low yard areas or install drainage tile to prevent water ponding.
- Stock ornamental ponds with fish or drain the ponds at least once a week during the spring, summer and fall.
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Jane Salzwedel, 18, of 625 Ellery S.E., Ada, won first place in a pull-up contest sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps.

The contest, held at the Ionia Free Fair, focuses on the Marine Corps belief that young people must be physically as well as mentally prepared for the future.

A total of 50 young people participated in the contest.

Jane, a student at Forest Hills Central, did 8 pull-ups to take first place for the women and win fifty dollars in prizes donated by area businessmen.

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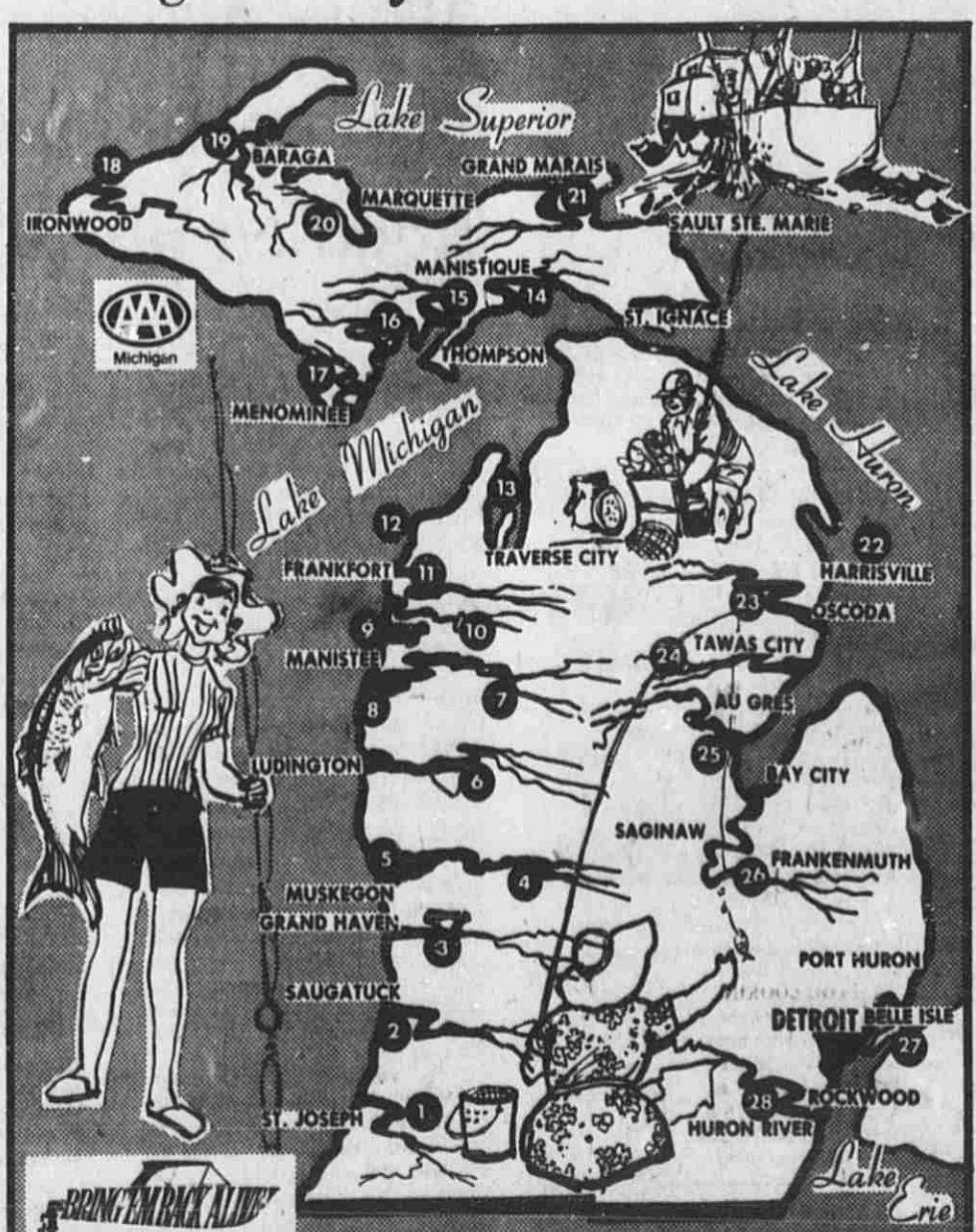
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Michigan's Major 1975 Salmon Runs



THIS FALL'S SALMON HOTSPOTS Table with columns for Lake Michigan, Coho, Chinook, Lake Superior, and Chinook, listing specific rivers and their status.

Salmon Anglers To Be Surrounded By Fish

Michigan salmon anglers will literally be surrounded by coho and chinook this fall as more than two million mature fish darken the waters at 28 sites on state lakes and rivers, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

areas of some streams may be kept, Auto Club advised. The Au Sable should be one of those streams. "Mature salmon also will return to the Detroit River near Belle Isle, where more than 800,000 chinook have been planted since 1973," Ratke said.

Personal Larceny, Single Most Prevalent Crime In Citizen Rip-Off

There were 37 million victims of crime in America in 1973, according to the Justice Department. A survey released recently said 40 percent of them were robbed and that incidents of rape, robbery, assault and burglary were three times higher than those reported to police.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT IN RE: THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THE NORMAL LEVEL OF MYERS LAKES (BIG AND LITTLE)

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CHILD CARE COUNCIL

Special Classes For Parents

"Parents are blamed but not trained." This fall the Lowell Community Schools will offer two special classes for parents.

Parent-Child Living was a success last semester and is being offered again for parents and pre-school children, 2 1/2-5 years old, for eight weeks on Monday and Wednesday mornings beginning September 8.

Mrs. Kathy Kemp and Mrs. Delores Alexander plan a variety of pre-school experiences for the youngsters. The early autumn weather will lend itself to outdoor exploration and plan.

The children will also have art, music, stories, and of course snacks.

Mrs. Shirley Moeckel has lined up several speakers, films and discussion topics for the parents. Class members will make play materials and work with the children as well as explore four aspects of child growth,

family communication and discipline problems. Effective Parenting Skills, a new course this fall, will use Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Training book along with some paperback books. Class members will learn communication techniques that foster respect and understanding between parents and children. The class will deal with behavior and development of school age and adolescent children on Thursday evenings for eight weeks. These two classes are free to those taking high school completion and are for a minimal charge to others. Call 897-5164 for information. Registration is September 2-5.

Camp Fire Girl's Annual Cook-Out

The annual Camp Fire Girls cook-out will be held on Tuesday, September 30, at the Boy Scout cabin. Camp Fire Girls in grades 4, 5 and 6 will plan their menu at their group meeting. The event will be 3:30-7:30.

The girls will be earning honors while having fun. The evening will end with an informal council fire and singing around the camp fire.

Blue Birds will have their get-together on Monday, October 6, at the Boy Scout cabin when they will enjoy a hot dog roast. Activities, which will include games and singing, will get underway at 3:30 and end at 6 p.m. This will be for all Blue Birds in 2nd and 3rd grade.

Any second grade girl who would like to be a Blue Bird but did not sign up last spring, can call Marilyn Keim, 897-9886.

Groups are available for all ages, second grade thru high school.

Injured in Two Car Collision

Frank E. DeKamp, 68, of 10644 Cascade Road, SE, Lowell, is reported in fair condition at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids with a crushed chest, suffered in a two-car collision a half-mile north of Greenville last Wednesday evening at 10:22 p.m.

Montcalm County sheriff's deputies said Mr. DeKamp was going south on M-91 when he struck the rear of a car driven by William Ward, 19, of Belding, who was trying to make a left turn into a private drive. Officers said DeKamp's car skidded 231 feet and struck the Rural Bottled Gas building owned by Sidney Gallagher of Greenville.

Ward suffered a neck injury and is listed in good condition at Greenville's United Memorial Hospital. Passengers in both cars suffered only minor injuries.

Michigan Corn Prices May Be Up This Fall

Michigan's corn prices may be up this fall if current U.S. production estimates materialize, says a Michigan State University agricultural economist.

"Seasonal price patterns may be similar to the 1974-75 crop year, tending to peak early in the year as the market sorts out the true supply and demand situation. Continued uncertainty about the impact of weather on yield on an international basis, will have a buoyant impact on price levels," says Dr. Roy Black.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Aug. 1 estimate for corn production was 5.85 billion bushels—down 1.15 billion bushels from month-ago expectations.

The Iowa crop is estimated to average 91 bushels to the acre, which is down 15 bushels from earlier predictions. The Minnesota yield is pegged at an average of 82 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels per acre. Crop estimates for Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Ne-

braska continue to look good. "But weather conditions in Iowa and Minnesota since Aug. 1 suggest further deterioration in the national crop—perhaps to 5.7 to 5.75 billion bushels," Black believes.

The futures market, to a large extent, has already reflected this. But for the next month there may be room for higher prices as a result of uncertainty about supply and export demand.

"The next impact on the recent price run-up on the amount of feed grains that will be demanded is starting to become apparent. The price increase will reduce the rate at which expansion in hog, beef and poultry feeding takes place," Black says.

He thinks the U.S. corn crop yield could drop slightly below 5.7 bushels this fall and still permit a 1976 national corn inventory similar to this year's if exports are held under 1.3 billion bushels.

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