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PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



Unintentional, but careless horseplay by two Lowell girls in the outer lobby of the Strand Theatre on West Main Street, Monday night, resulted in a broken front window.

The owners of the Strand, Tuesday morning, expressed their thanks to the unidentified gentleman who gave assistance in directing the people out of the theatre when the show was over.

Lowell firemen were called out early Monday evening to a grass fire on Cumberland Avenue, north of Woodbush Drive.

The volunteer unit was also called to the scene of the fiery one-car crash early Monday morning at Fallsburg Park in which a Muskegon County man lost his life.

The winner of the CB radio drawing held at the Harold Zeigler Ford Agency, 11979 East Fulton, Lowell, was Lorenzo Johnson of Grand Rapids. The drawing was held Saturday, July 3.

Anne Homrich and Kathy Langan were the lucky winners of the two bicycles given away during the Bicentennial "Spittsville USA" celebration at Ball's Softice Creme on East Main Street.

John W. Fisher has been appointed a special agent in western Michigan for Auto-Owners Insurance of Lansing. He will be servicing two agencies in this area—the Speerstra Agency, 115 West Main Street, Lowell, and the Downs Agency, 79 Bridge Street, Saranac.

Fisher, a native of Grand Rapids, is new to Auto-Owners, but has spent six years in the insurance industry as a commercial lines underwriter-field representative. He is a business administration graduate of Ferris State College.

The East-Kent Community Center has purchased a new facility that is large enough to house all existing services, and still have room for more.

Located at 508 West Main Street, Lowell, the building formerly housed the Home Center. The East-Kent Center currently operates two outlets—one on Grand River Drive, S. E. and one in the American Legion hall on Lowell's East Main Street.

It is hoped that the Center's staff and other agency people will be able to move into their new quarters by September of this year.

A public hearing scheduled to discuss the designation of several roads in Lowell Township as Natural Beauty Roads has been temporarily cancelled by the Kent County Road Commission.

According to Mrs. Carol Wells, Lowell Township Clerk, the meeting was originally scheduled to be held Tuesday, July 20, at the Township Hall.

Mrs. Wells added that a future meeting date will be established, and all interested persons should watch the forthcoming editions of the Grand Valley Ledger for official notification for the exact date and time.

The Saginaw Drum and Bugle Corps of Saginaw, instructed by Michael Clark and Robert Rice, Lowell High School teachers, will be practicing this Friday afternoon, July 16, between the hours and one and four at Burch Field in Lowell's Recreation Park.

Clark, in making the announcement of the Lowell practice season, cordially invites all area residents to view the Corps in action, before they appear at the Godwin Heights Athletic Field that evening in American Legion State Championship competition.

Two children of the Alcide Baker family of Lowell were injured at Wyoming's July 4th celebration, July 5, at Lamar Park when an aerial bomb exploded on the blanket they were sitting on.

Hospitalized was Steven Baker, 12, with facial lacerations and damage to his hearing. His sister, Terri, 15, was treated at Butterworth Hospital for minor burns.

At the Lowell fireworks display on Sunday, July 4, a Saranac youth was slightly injured when one aerial unit misfired.

Taken into custody for larceny under \$100 was Earnest Blanchard. The arrest by Lowell Police was made upon a shoplifting complaint from Lippert's Pharmacy on East Main Street, June 30. Disposition is pending.

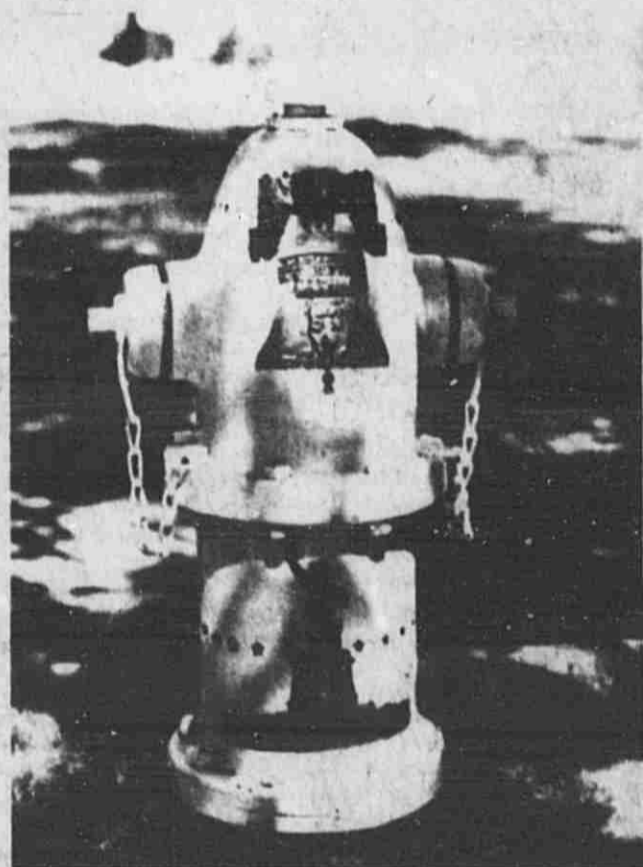
Warrants were issued for Terry Eickhoff and Jeff Rittersdorf for aggravated assault upon Michael Davies. The youths, all from Lowell, were involved in an incident recently at the Tiny Giant Store on West Main Street.

The breaking and entering of a private dwelling on Forest River Drive, Friday, was solved when the Lowell Police arrested Myron Prynchynsher and one juvenile subject.

While undergoing questioning, Prynchynsher also confessed to shooting at the Lowell Police Department building, late last fall.

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Winners Announced In Hydrant Contest



Norman Weemhoff's first place hydrant had a very historic theme with pictures of flags, The Statue of Liberty and The Liberty Bell. The hydrant is located at 632 N. Lafayette.

The top three winners in the Fire Plug Painting contest, sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce were Norman Weemhoff, Sally Bieri and Vicky Roth.

Each winner received a savings bond donated by the State Savings Bank of Lowell, the Lowell Savings and Loan Association, and the Chamber. The top three also were given tickets to the 1976 "minstrel show under the stars" by the Lowell Showboat.

Gift certificate winners were Jan Johnson, Jason Barber, Troy Hall, Kirk Haybarker, Kim Osterburg, Jan Sampson, Vicki Austin, Amy Steward, Charlie Doyle, Y Pool Staff, Fluger grandchildren, Jeana VanderKieft, Phyllis Courser, Gene Sturgeon, Susan VanderKieft and the Reagans.

The certificates were donated by Captain's Korner's, Anderson Shoe Store, Lippert's Pharmacy, Lowell Cut Rate Market, D & C Craft Shoppe, Vanity Hair Fashions, J & B Bakery, Western Auto, Paul's Showboat Restaurant, Man's World, Hahn's Hardware and the Lowell Beer Store.

The committee and the Cham-



Sally Bieri's second place "Uncle Sam," is located in front of the library.

Vicky Roth's "Pink Panther" was awarded third place and is located at the corner of Monroe and Pine Streets.

Police Identify Crash Victim

A Muskegon County man was killed instantly early Monday morning in a fiery one-car accident in Fallsburg Park, north of Lowell, which left another man in serious condition.

The victim, David Taylor, was pronounced dead by Kent County Medical Examiner Ramon B. Lang, M.D. of head injuries and multiple fractures. A positive identification of the body was not made until late Monday night.

The injured man, Thaddeus J. Tylak of Ypsilanti remains in serious condition in Blodgett Memorial Hospital's Medical Center with multiple injuries and burns.

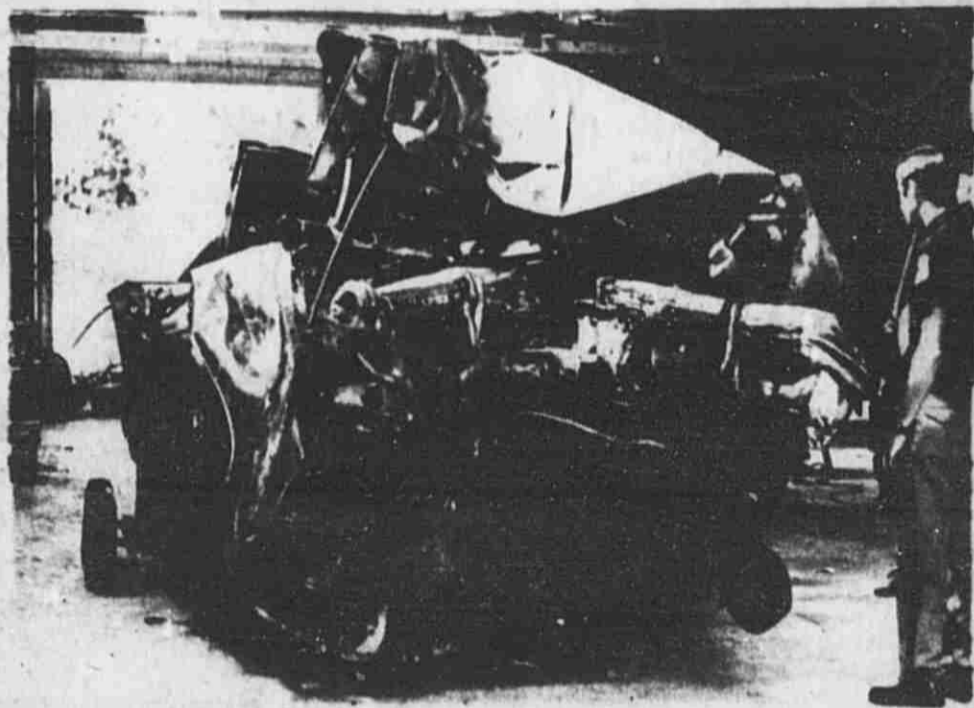
According to reports, the car driven by Taylor was traveling at a high rate of speed through the park on Fallsburg Park Drive, around 12:45 p.m., when it struck the stone-pillared archway leading to the main pavilion.

On impact, the archway fell onto the vehicle which burst into flames. A passing motorist pulled Tylak from the burning vehicle and summoned the authorities.

The accident, deemed the worst in this area for many years, is still under investigation by the Kent County Sheriff's Department. The 1975 Oldsmobile was registered to a Lowell resident.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL—At Rosie Drive Inn, 800 W. Main, Lowell. Ruben Burgers, 45c, Small Malts, 19c, Pitcher of Pop \$1.00. Tuesday Night Burger Night, Wednesday Night, Chicken Night, Saturday Night, Sizzler Night. New Summer Hours: Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

VOTE FOR DORIS BOYD — Treasurer of Lowell Township in the August 3rd Primary Election. p35-36

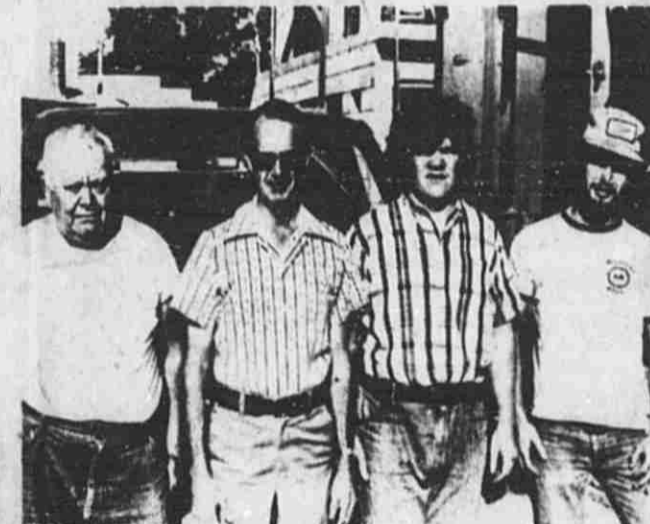


This burned out hulk is the remains of the 1975 Oldsmobile involved in the early Monday morning crash at Fallsburg Park.



Above, what is left of the historic "Falls Arch" at Fallsburg Park. The arch, erected in 1930, was completely demolished when the auto in the top photo impacted with it at an apparent high rate of speed.

First Load Of Wheat At King Milling



From left, in the above photo are Jim Cowles, owner of the first load of wheat; King Doyle, president of King Milling Company; Eddie Cowles, who harvested the wheat for his grandfather; and Brian Doyle, King's son, who unloaded the wheat.

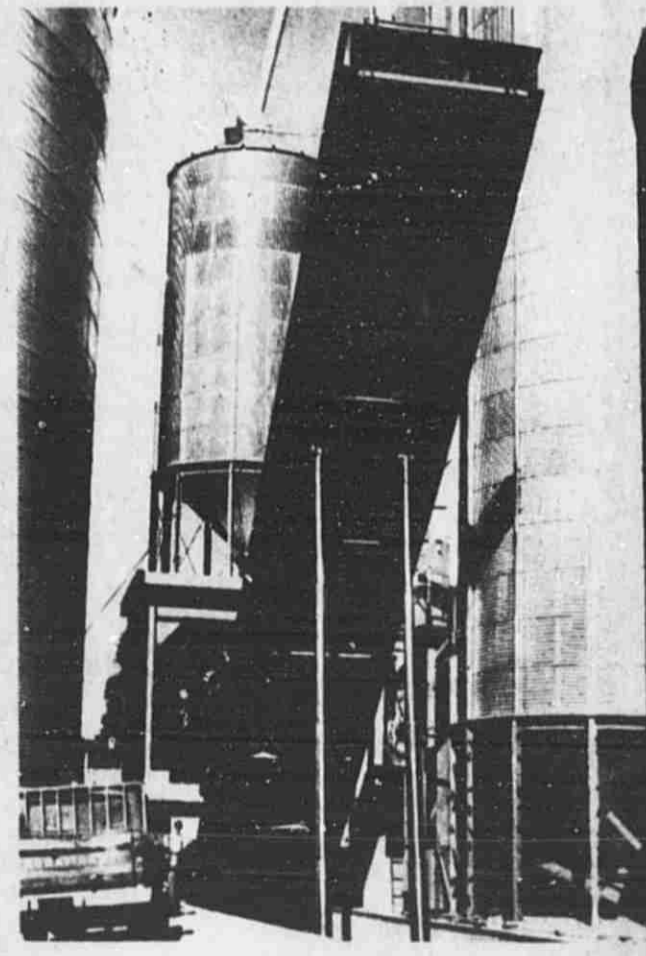
King Milling Company of Lowell, received its first load of wheat Monday, July 12, at about 8 a.m. The load was brought in by Jim Cowles of Route 2, Belding, and his grandson, Eddie Cowles, 13. Eddie harvested the wheat on July 10th.

King Doyle of the King Milling Company explained that the wheat is a new variety called "Tecumseh," developed at Michigan State University, which matures earlier than other varieties.

Doyle went on to explain the functions of some of the new facilities that are being used for the first time this season at the milling company.

A new 67 foot hoist that, when raised by its two hydraulic cylinders can dump an entire semi trailer of grain and has a lift capacity of 200,000 pounds.

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Shown above is King Milling Company's new 67 foot hoist used for huge semi trailers of grain. The hoist is shown in its maximum raised position.

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Air-Conditioned
STRAND Theatre
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Playing Tonight
For 7 Big Nights

ONE SHOW EACH
NIGHT AT 8 P.M.
WED., JULY 14 THRU
TUES., JULY 20

'Against A Crooked Sky'
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Monday is
Dollar Night

Main Street Cont'd.

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Injured on South Hudson Street, Monday, was Patricia Baldwin and her ten-year-old passenger, when the vehicle they were riding in was hit from behind by a vehicle driven by Michael Hullberger of Belding.

Uninjured in a single car accident on West Main, near Amity was Chris Wolfe who lost control of the vehicle when a bee stung him on the leg and the auto hit a railroad sign.

Lowell Police officers investigated 13 accident complaints inside the city limits during the month of June; three involved personal injuries. This made June the lowest accident month, thus far, for 1976.

On the opening night of the Lowell Showboat, July 26, the patients from the Michigan Veteran's Facility and the children from the National Home will see the show compliments of the Lowell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8303.

Wednesday night of Showboat, July 28, is V.F.W. Night, and all VFW members wishing to attend should call either 897-5811 or 897-8649.

On Thursday a steak dinner, open to the public between 6 and 9 p.m. will be served at the Lowell Post on East Main Street by the Spirit of '76 and Pup Tent 14, MOC.

Patrons and employees at the Riverview Inn on the east city limits of Lowell were taken by surprise early Monday morning, around 1:45 a.m. when several rounds of shots came buzzing through the windows.

Investigating officers found some eight rounds of shots made at the building, and will continue their search for the suspect.

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Lowell Celebrates Nation's Birthday

The "Day" — July 4, 1976, is now history! Preparation and planning for the commemoration of our nation's 200th birthday anniversary involved so much time and effort by those who provided something for all to remember.

It is hoped that those Lowellites who stayed in town, participated or joined the activities as spectators feel a special satisfaction that we celebrated in a meaningful way.

The Bi-Centennial parade was a huge success—beginning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist Church, the procession was led west on Main Street and north on Hudson Street to Richard's Park.

Although several participants were not registered in advance they were welcome and easily included.

The ball game at Recreation Park between the Chamber of Commerce members and the City Employees was again one of the highlights of the celebration.

On Sunday morning the various churches observed a bicentennial theme in their worship services. The Lowell Wesleyan Church held their services out of doors and invited the VFW Honor Guard to attend.

At 2 p.m. the many church bells were rung in unison with bells all over America. A great surge of pride and joy accompanied them in every part of our land.

Sunday afternoon a dress rehearsal for the pageant took place at the Showboat Amphitheatre and at 8:30 p.m. the pageant that had been put together, rehearsed and reorganized in some of the most intense sunshine—rained out once—was portrayed by a fine group of children and parents with dedication and enthusiasm.

Rommie Moore, chairman of the Pageant Committee, narrator Garry Miller and Leonora Tower helped narrate and write most of the script.

Doris Myers assisted with the directing and appropriating costumes and properties as well as publicity. Lois Finkler helped with publicity and made several Indian costumes and helped in other ways.



Photo by Modern Photographics

Acting Lowell City Clerk Nancy Wood takes a swing at the plate during the softball game between the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Lowell employees. Not much has been said about the final score, as both teams thought they had the final edge.



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Dick McNeal at the keyboard of the Lowell Showboat callopo was roving around the streets of Lowell adding a different tune to the 2-day celebration promoted by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

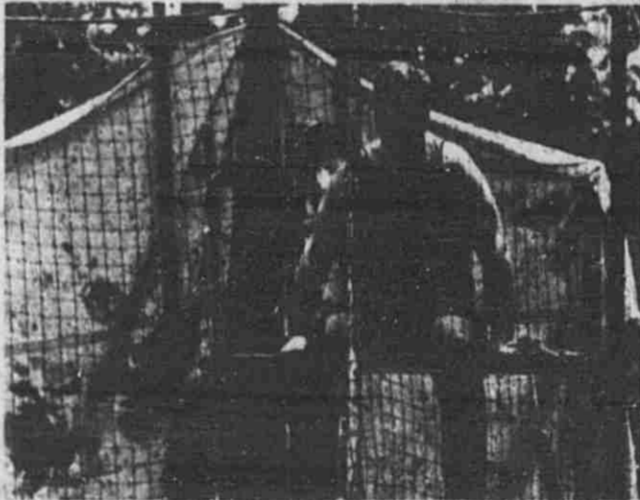


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Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons took his turn in the "junk tank" operated by the Lowell Area Jaycees during the bicentennial Fourth of July festivities at Richard's Park.

Dick Bryan and Art Warning handled the P.A. system and others on equipment included Dale Finkler, Tony Myers, Garry Miller, Evelyn Roudabush, and Fran Wallings.

Baerwalde, Kim Strause, Andy Stormzand.

Many hours of work was deemed very worth while when the pageant concluded with the music by Dick McNeal and the singing of America by the entire cast and audience.

Fur Traders—Dorothy Burton; Rix Robinson, Deb Stinson; Cob-Moo-Say and Dan Marsac; Terry Abel and Tom Alexander; Laura Dey, Madame LaFramboise; Nancy Roudabush, Jacques Marcotte (her husband); Murder (Indian) Negat, Allison Althaus; Priest, Sue Boerwalde.

A tribute to the late Norm Borgerson by Rommie Moore was an appropriate ending for the pageant in lieu of his life of good citizenship and association with the history of the Lowell Showboat.

School teacher, Lori McMahon; School children, Frank and Karen Smith, Angie and Vicki Abel, Mindy and Edward Walling, Sherry Finkler, Lorraine Althaus, Roxanne Starkweather, Amy Smith, Terry Watson, Amy Rexford, Toni Martin, Dawn Finkler, Meredith Sharmayne, Allison and Jayne Althaus, Carole and Chris Shimmel.

The pageant cast included: Directors, Leonora Tower and Doris Myers; Committee members, Robert C. Kyser, Garry Miller; Scene designers, Carole Alexander, Lori McMahon and Dorothy Burton.

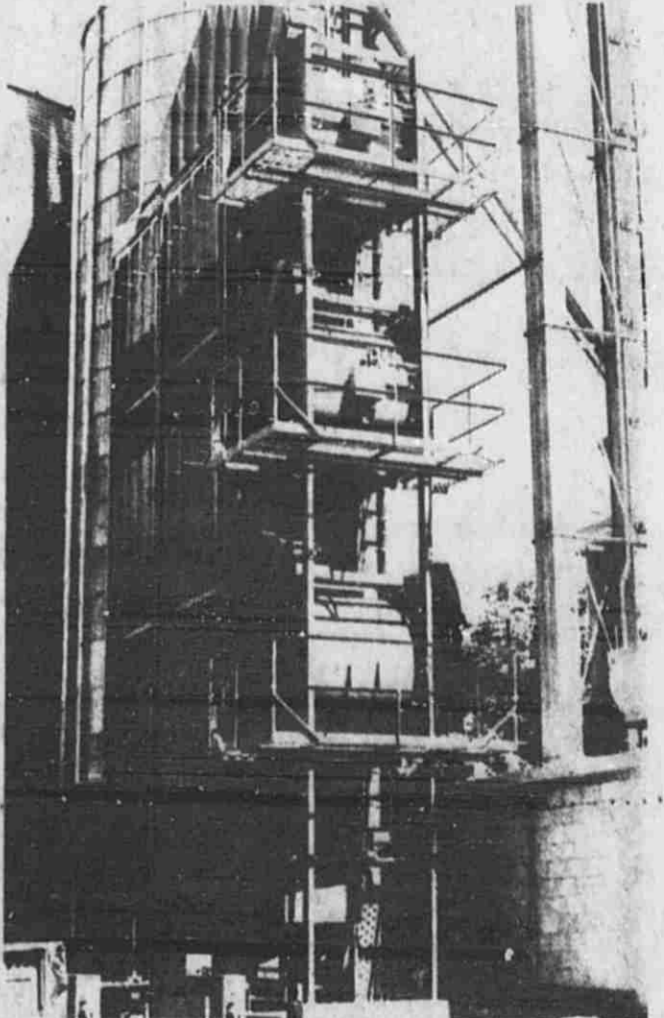
Pioneer Women, Evelyn Briggs, Delores Laux, Doris Myers and Leonora Tower.

Indians—Sona Everett, Amy Rexford, Jayne Althaus, Meredith Althaus, Carole Shimmel, Shelly Wolfe, Kathe Dey, Nancy

Juvenile delinquency is the result of parents trying to train children without starting out at the bottom."

King Milling Continued

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In the above photo is King Milling Company's new 2,000 bushel per hour grain dryer.

The hoist also has an electronic read-out scale incorporated into it so that when the load to be dumped is driven on is weighed and a three part slip showing the date, time, gross weight, and the net weight after the load is dumped, is printed automatically. The unloading operation has a 10,000 bushel per hour capacity.

After the load is dumped the grain then is automatically channeled to one of the several storage bins owned by the company. If the grain needs to be dried it can also be channeled to the new 2,000 bushel per hour grain dryer.

Also new this year, is 320,000 bushels of additional grain storage.



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County Commissioner

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HAWAIIAN PUNCH 4.12 OZ CAN 46¢	ORANGE JUICE 4.12 OZ CAN 18¢
Peanut Butter 17.8 OZ \$1.78	Design Towels 48 OZ WT 48¢
Crisco Shortening 48 OZ WT \$1.19	Ajax Liquid Detergent 32 FL. OZ 48¢

OVER FRESH - 20 OZ WT Lumberjack Bread 49¢ **SPARTAN REGULAR Marshmallows 16 OZ WT 47¢** **COUNTRY LAKE Ice Cream GAL \$1.39** **GREAT AMERICAN POPS 12 PK. 49¢**

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